The Story Behind ‘Sit Down, Bus Driver!’

If you’ve ever wondered about the origins of the Aggie jab “Sit down, bus driver,” Hillry Ranson ’60 says he has the answer. Initiated during the 1958-59 Aggie basketball season when the Aggies played the University of Houston, “For all of us who grew up in small towns, it was the norm for the coach to also be the bus driver,” he said. So, when the Aggies took a solid lead, Ranson yelled to the opposing team’s coach, Guy Lewis, that he should “go warm up the bus” because the game was over. The next year Coach Lewis came back to Aggieland, where more bus driver comments were made. Several years later, Ranson was watching a televised Aggie basketball game and heard “an organized yell imploring the Bus Driver to ‘sit down,’” he said. Read his whole story at tx.ag/HRanson60.