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Editor: deborah lawson '92

Emergency Alert!!

The Association of Former Students has approved the formation of the CyFair A&M Club and is in the process of determining which zip codes will make up CyFair. The zip codes that may be affected include:

77040, 77041, 77064, 77065, 77066, 77069, 77070, 77084, 77092, 77095, 77410, 77429, 77433, 77449

If you live in one of these zip codes, you may be automatically dropped from the Houston A&M Club's mailing list without further notice.

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- go to www.HoustonAgs.org and click on "I live in CyFair,"
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Cy-Fair Aggies





Send us your Good Bull photos and maybe you'll be featured in an upcoming issue of the Houston Aggie!

In the 1st Quarter 2012 issue, we introduced you to Andy Duffie '78's Aggie Century Tree Project. Ross Volunteer David Eisenlohr '78 of Dallas (center, wearing striped tie) donated one of the 530 seedlings from the original project to Governor Perry, who planted it in the governor's mansion's garden. As Perry left office, he dedicated that sapling:

To Honor the Service of All Aggies: Past, Present, and future.

Outside the governor's mansion, there is now a little plaque beside an oak tree. "I planted it there a year ago. . . . It is happy! It will be there for a hundred plus years. And it is the progeny of the Century Oak from Texas A&M University." ~Rick Perry





As Rick Perry prepared to leave office after 14 years, he left behind a little bit of Good Bull. Like many Aggies, Rick Perry is proud to wear the Aggie Ring. In fact, he's worn three. His second was lost, and then found, was in his pocket for each inauguration, went into space,

was "dunked" in holy water, and has survived fourteen years in the governor's office. On January 13th, Perry's second Aggie Ring joined the collection of gubernatorial memorabilia housed at the mansion, "so that no matter who comes through there, they will know that after 150+ years, there has been an Aggie governor."



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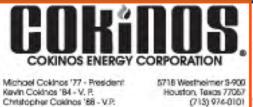




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Thanks to Coach Jeff Banks, Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends, and his Assistant Coach Jeremy Springer for joining the Houston Aggies at Recruiting Party. Coach Banks shared his thoughts on the future of Texas A&M Football and the newest recruits. Special thanks, too, to Ivan Licon, Aggie Football's Director of Creative Media, for putting together the awesome footage of our new recruits. We can't wait to see them on the field.



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Giving Back the C.A.M.P. Way

In 2005, a dedicated group of Aggie volunteers founded C.A.M.P., the Caring Aggie Mentoring

Project, a group dedicated to men-

toring children as they develop through school and inspiring them to pursue higher education by reinforcing excellent academic standards; building confidence and leadership skills; providing fun, life-enriching experiences; and role modeling qualities of success.

C.A.M.P. is not intended to tutor students, but rather provides one fun weekend activity each month during the school year, ranging from attend-



ing professional sports games, to trips to the zoo or the beach, campus visits to Texas A&M, and the ever popular visit to a working ranch.

Each month, about twenty volunteers host each of C.A.M.P.'s classes. New volunteers are assigned to a third grade class and, if all goes as planned, they'll stay with those students until they graduate. This year C.A.M.P.'s volunteers

are mentoring students from third through eleventh grade, and volunteers are working hard to keep the ideas new and fresh. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit www.HoustonAgs.org for more information and upcoming orientations.

C.A.M.P.'s founders felt that the Aggie tradition of community service, offered an opportunity for Houston area Aggies to make some major changes in the lives of a large group of youngsters and their families. "We try to teach them that to give

back does not mean you have to have financial means. You can give back in the form of your time and your labor. They did that and their pay back was almost instantaneous," remembers Freddie Wong '69.



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C.A.M.P.'s ultimate goal is to become a statewide program, supporting Texas A&M's Vision 2020 Strategic Imperative to achieve student diversity reflecting college-bound Texas high school graduates. With the inaugural class set to graduate next year, all eyes are to the future and the possibilities that were once only a dream.

with Elves & More

For years, the C.A.M.P. 4th Graders have partnered with Elves & More, volunteering every December to change lives – one bike at a time. It's a way that our students can "give back" without financial means. Elves & More provides bicycles to under privileged children, allowing them to get to after school events, tutors, mentors, and jobs. But, alas, for some reason, the children of the C.A.M.P. program weren't eligible for the

some reason, the children of the C.A.M.P. program weren't very bikes they were assembling.



Enter the TAMU Industrial Engineering Class, who adopted Elves & More as its class project, streamlining the assembly process

for more speed and efficiency. As a way to thank the Aggies, Elves & More finally agreed to donate bikes to the C.A.M.P. 4th Graders.

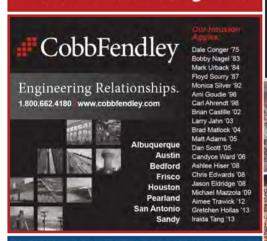
Now the only obstacle was how to get the bikes to the kids.

Hello Comfow Mechanical! Comflow stepped in with some muscle, a truck, and more heart than anyone expected, and delivered the bikes to the waiting students, making this new tradition an annual reality. Their only thanks, the smiles on the children's faces when they see their first bike and say to the volunteers: "C.A.M.P. is awesome!"



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Thanks to our members' generosity, the Houston A&M Club awards 25 Top Kick and Opportunity Awards to students from the Houston area.

The students' thanks are posted on the website at www.HoustonAgs.org.



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Our Texas A&M Roster:

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Joe Swinbank '74

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Rex Walker '84

Josh Noworatzky '07

Clayton Smith '07

Travis Ponder '11

Matt Strickland '02

Dustin Brokmeyer '12











THINK YOU'RE RED Ass?

These Aggies might have you beat. Phil Demoes, Ron Latta Jr. and Eric Ford, all Class of '87, flew out to Cleveland to help Johnny Manziel BTHO his first NFL Start for the Browns.

"For my father, the receiving of this scholarship is also a sign that his child is doing well, so this letter contains gratitude from myself

and father."

"I will continue to work hard to show my appreciation and one day I hope to help others prosper

like you have helped me."

"Thank you for believing in me and helping to jump start my future." "Though I love being a current student, I cannot wait to give back to the student body when I am a former student – just as you have kindly done for me."

Howdy from the President!

As we begin a new year, I am fortunate to lead the Houston A&M Club as the 2015 President. The Aggie Network is a welcoming community wherever I find myself, and I have greatly appreciated the friendships that I have built through Club networking opportunities and special events.

Since graduating in 2004, I have had the pleasure of

participating in three Aggie Clubs. While earning my MBA at the University of Central Florida, I served two years as President of the Northeast Florida A&M Club in Jacksonville, before joining the Central Florida A&M Club in Orlando for another two years: first as Muster Chair, then as President. When I returned to Texas in 2012, I intended to enjoy my leisure time as a regular member of the HAMC. Instead, I attended the Cypress Happy Hour, where I was quickly invited to help with upcoming events. My first year, I leapt from Crawfish Boil Chair to back-to-back Coach's Nights to President-Elect, helping to grow the current leadership team and develop a jam-packed schedule of events.

As your President, I encourage you to participate in a variety of this year's regular and special events, joining the numerous valued volunteers who make the time to promote the Aggie Spirit here in Houston. Our calendar of events can be found on our website at www.HoustonAgs.org. We are constantly working to provide events that interest all our members, and encourage feedback and new ideas on ways to continue and improve our service to the community.

I would like to thank Clint Smith '78 for his service to the Houston A&M Club. His leadership and support have helped provide guidance for success in our mission. I hope to continue and grow his legacy during my term as President. Along with Amy Blaase '03, our new President-Elect, and our newly elected Officers and Directors, I am enthusiastic about what lies ahead. I encourage everyone to become involved with the HAMC, even if it's just to attend our monthly leadership meetings to share ideas. There are so many opportunities to share and lead. We welcome your active participation.





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WICTORY FORMATION

A&M Hires Tea-sip Dean!

No...It's Not an Aggie Joke...

Have you heard? Texas A&M bought a law school. And this Fall, the first class of students who actually chose to be Aggies became 1Ls. (Graduating as Aggies came as an unexpected surprise to the first two graduating classes who expected to graduate from Texas Weslevan.) We can't be more proud of these three classes for starting a tradition of excellence in the legal profession: "To develop leaders of character dedicated to serving the greater good."

Located in the heart of Fort Worth, Texas A&M University School of

Law accepts 200 students each fall, with a primary focus, not surprisingly, on **Intellectual Property** Law. This specialty allows A&M to focus on real-world experience from day one, with close ties to the College Station engineering

departments. IP Law is one of the fastest growing legal specialties and the Patent Bar Exam requires a technical undergrad; combined with A&M's ties to the energy and oil & gas sectors, especially here in Houston, preparing students to practice copyrights, patents, trademarks, and trade secrets

makes sense.

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Jimmy Graves '77

"I wasn't smart enough to go to Texas A&M, but I was smart enough to marry an Aggie!"

Dean Andrew P. Morriss earned his J.D. from that little

school in Austin,

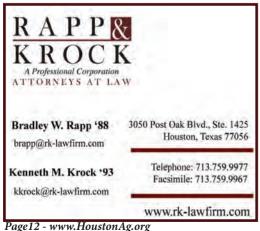
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opportunity heading A&M's

law school presented.

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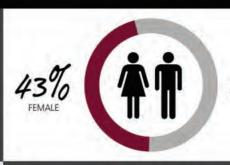
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FINANCE

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STATISTICAL PROFILE

MEDIAN

GPA

LSAT

154

25^{TH%} GPA/LSAT: 2.93/152
75^{TH%} GPA/LSAT: 3.41/156

THE 6 MOST REPRESENTED UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

BUSINESS

PSYCHOLOGY

POLITICAL
SCIENCE

HISTORY

As A&M's law school grows, they will continue to focus on stronger recruiting, attracting more Aggie caliber faculty, and building a bigger and better facility to hold the awesomeness that will be Aggie Lawyers. In an

unprecedented first, the ABA recently granted A&M Law special permission to accept 10% of their incoming class from Texas A&M graduates with a 3.5 or higher GPA and NO LSAT required. You heard that right Aggie lawyers! Do you still

have nightmares about the LSAT? What would you have given to avoid that exam? Not that a 3.5 engineering undergrad is a walk in the park....

But the Law School needs support from the thousands of Aggie Lawyers who graduated from other institutions, but still identify closest with the Aggies. Of course, there is no better time to support the school financially. Thanks to a 1 to 1 matching program, a \$25,000 gift over 5 years

allows an Aggie to endow a \$50,000 permanent scholarship that pays approximately \$2000 a year. But we can give back in non-financial ways, too, by volunteering to speak at the law school, hiring an Aggie intern, or better yet, hiring an Aggie lawyer.

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More Info: www.Reveille.org





Tuesday, April 21st Bayou City Events Center Doors Open at 5:30pm Program at 7pm

Guest Speaker Samuel "Sammy" Williams '68

CALENDAR

APRIL

Wednesday 4/1
Downtown Lunch

Thursday 4/2 Reveille Breakfast

College Night

Monday 4/6 Traditions Lunch HAMC Leadership Meeting

Thursday 4/9 Reveille Breakfast The Woodlands Happy Hour

Saturday 4/11 Backyard Breakfast Club

Monday 4/13
Traditions Lunch
HAMC Board Meeting

Tuesday 4/14 Houston Aggie Women

Wednesday 4/15
The Woodlands Meet & Greet
Lunch
Cypress Happy Hour

Thursday 4/16
Reveille Breakfast

Monday 4/20 Traditions Lunch

Tuesday 4/21

Aggie Muster

Thursday 4/23
Reveille Breakfast

Monday 4/27
Traditions Lunch

Reveille Golf Tournament

Thursday 4/30 Reveille Breakfast Howdy Happy Hour

MAY

Saturday 5/2 Backyard Breakfast Club

Monday 5/4
Traditions Lunch
HAMC Leadership Meeting

Wednesday 5/6
Downtown Lunch

Thursday 5/7
Reveille Breakfast

Monday 5/11
Traditions Lunch

Tuesday 5/12 Houston Aggie Women

Wednesday 5/13 Wh30p Houston!

Thursday 5/14
Reveille Breakfast

Ring Dunk Reunion in The Woodlands

Monday 5/18
Traditions Lunch

Wednesday 5/20
The Woodlands Meet & Greet
Lunch
Cypress Happy Hour

Thursday 5/21 Reveille Breakfast

Monday 5/25
Traditions Lunch

Thursday 5/28 Reveille Breakfast Howdy Happy Hour

JUNE

Monday 6/1
Traditions Lunch
HAMC Leadership Meeting

Wednesday 6/3
Downtown Lunch

Thursday 6/4
Reveille Breakfast

Saturday 6/6 Backyard Breakfast Club

Monday 6/8
Traditions Lunch
HAMC Board Meeting

Tuesday 6/9 Houston Aggie Women

Thursday 6/11 Reveille Breakfast The Woodlands Happy Hour

Monday 6/15
Traditions Lunch

Wednesday 6/17
The Woodlands Meet & Greet
Lunch
Cypress Happy Hour

Thursday 6/18 Reveille Breakfast

Monday 6/22 Traditions Lunch

Thursday 6/25 Reveille Breakfast Howdy Happy Hour

Monday 6/29
Traditions Lunch

JULY

Wednesday 7/1
Downtown Lunch

Thursday 7/2 Reveille Breakfast

Monday 7/6 Traditions Lunch HAMC Leadership Meeting

Wednesday 7/8 Wh30p Houston!

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Monday 7/13 Traditions Lunch

Tuesday 7/14 Houston Aggie Women

Wednesday 7/15
The Woodlands Meet & Greet
Lunch
Cypress Happy Hour

Thursday 7/16 Reveille Breakfast

Sunday 7/19

Coach's Night

Monday 7/20 Traditions Lunch

Thursday 7/23
Reveille Breakfast

Monday 7/27
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Thursday 7/30 Reveille Breakfast Howdy Happy Hour

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