Important Dates

Sept. 7, 2011
Orientation Planning
Board Applications Due
Regents’ Scholars Organization (RSO) Informational

Sept. 12, 2011
Regents’ Scholars Organization (RSO) Meeting

Sept. 23, 2011
Midnight Yell with RSO
11:30pm - 12:30am

Sept. 25, 2011
Holistic Gardens with RSO

REGENTS’ SCHOLARS PROGRAM BLOGGER. WANTED.

Regents’ Scholars Program bloggers will increase the visibility of the Regents’ Scholars Program through the creation and expansion of the Regents’ Scholars Program blogs.

Qualifications?
Regents’ Scholarship recipients preferred.
Undergraduate students preferred.
Ability to effectively manage time;
Ability to work independently;
Minimum GPA of 2.5.

For more information, visit jobsforaggies.tamu.edu

Don’t Forget:
There is plenty of FREE help on-campus as well as several individuals who are here to help you succeed.

- Supplemental Instruction (S.I.) Schedule: http://www.tamu.edu/cae/silist.shtml
- Department of Multicultural Services FREE tutoring: http://tutor.tamu.edu
- University Writing Center: http://uwc.tamu.edu/
- Mathematics Department Help: http://www.math.tamu.edu/teaching/helpsession/
- Study skills and time management workshops: http://www.scs.tamu.edu/academic/
- Student Learning Center Drop-In Tutoring: http://slc.tamu.edu/TutorSchedule.pdf

SEPTEMBER
For the full calendar of events, see page 6.

Gig’Em Gates!

Robert Michael Gates is a first generation student himself who received his bachelor’s degree from the College of William and Mary before earning his master’s degree from Indiana University and finally a PhD from Georgetown University.

He joined the CIA in 1966 and became the only career officer person in their history to rise from an entry-level position to serving as the Director of Central Intelligence. Dr. Gates became the president of Texas A&M University in 2002 and served until 2006, when he was sworn in as the 22nd Secretary of Defense where he currently serves.

Every year the Regents’ Scholars Program recognizes a staff, faculty, advisor or mentor as the recipient of the Dr. Robert M. Gates Inspiration Award. The award is based on nominations received from students and acknowledges outstanding contributions to the program. Nominators share how they were inspired to succeed.

Answer the opinion poll on the top of page 3 to win A&M goodies!
Where’d that tradition come from???

**Midnight Yell**

Yell Practice began as a post dinner activity in early 1900’s, when different corps companies would gather together to “learn heartily the old time pep.” However, it was not until 1931, that Midnight Yell Practice, as it is known today, was held before the t.u. game. It began, when a group of cadets were gathered in Peanut Owen’s dorm room in Puryear Hall. Someone suggested that all of the freshmen should fall out and meet on the steps of the YMCA building at midnight. The cadets notified senior yell leaders Horsefly Berryhill and Two Gun Parker of their intents. Although it could not officially be authorized, they said they may just show up. Needless to say, the word spread that no one feels like a stranger. The exact origin on this tradition is not known.

Today, Midnight Yell is held the night before a home game in Kyle Field and at the Arches on Thursday nights before away games. Also for an away game, a site is designated for a Midnight Yell in the city of our opponent the night before the game. For example, for the t.u. game, it is held at the Texas Capitol in Austin.

For a yell at Kyle Field, yell leaders lead the Fightin’ Texas Aggie Band and the Twelfth Man into the stadium. The yell leaders lead the crowd in old army yells, the school’s songs, and tell fables of how the Aggies are going to beat the everlivin’ hell out of our opponent. Finally, the lights go out, and Aggies kiss their dates. If they don’t have a date, all they have to do is “flick their Bic.” As the story goes, the flames make it easier for two dateless people to find a kiss!

The purpose of Midnight Yell is to pump up the Twelfth Man for the next day’s big game!

**Gig ‘em**

Pinky Downs, class of 1906 and a member of the Board of Regents from 1923 to 1933, is credited with the Gig ‘Em hand sign. At the 1930 Yell Practice before the TCU football game, Downs shouted out, “What are we going to do to those Horned Frogs?” Answering his own question, he replied, “Gig ‘Em, Aggies!” while making a fist with his thumb extended. A “gig” is a spear-like tool used for hunting frogs. The gesture became known as the first hand sign of The Southwest Conference.

**Howdy**

“Howdy” is the official greeting of Texas A&M University. It is our way of ensuring that no one feels like a stranger. The exact origin on this tradition is not known.

**Corps**

Texas A&M was established as a military institution, and the Corps of Cadets has played an important part in its history and development. Although membership in the Corps became voluntary in 1965, Texas A&M historically has produced more military officers than any other institution in the nation, except for the service academies. More than 200 of its graduates have become generals or admirals.

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The Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M is not just another ROTC unit that might be found at most campuses. The 2,200 men and women of the Corps form the largest uniformed body of students outside the U.S. military academies. Although cadets can earn commissions as military officers, membership in the Corps itself carries no military obligation. In fact, only about 30 percent of graduating cadets are commissioned, while the rest pursue civilian careers.

The Corps has more to offer than just military training. It is a tightly-knit group of students that offers camaraderie, as well as leadership training that is useful in all post-college careers.

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**Fish Camp**

Every year nine hundred counselors willingly give up time and effort in order to welcome Texas A&M’s Freshmen Class. Through a 4-day orientation program held in Palestine, TX, freshmen are given the opportunity to learn Aggie Traditions, ease their way into college life, develop leadership skills and create bonds that will last a lifetime.

Adapted from: http://traditions.tamu.edu/traditions
You’re Not In High School Anymore!

After the first round of exams, freshmen begin to grasp the fact that life in college is not the same as life in high school. Many of the differences are easy to adapt to: you are only in class a few hours a day, you can take a nap anywhere on campus, and if you skip class to watch MTV, nobody calls home to your mom! But some adjustments are more complicated.

One of the biggest differences between high school and college is the difference between high school teachers and college professors.

Think about it! In high school, your teachers knew your name, knew what sports you played and what clubs you were in, knew what other classes you were taking, and knew if you had a job outside of school. Personality goes a long way in high school, and probably if your teacher liked you, he or she was willing to give you extra time on a test or overlook some late assignments. Your high school teachers may have also been your athletic coach, band director, or yearbook advisor. Your teachers in high school knew you both inside and outside the classroom.

Now you are in college. A big college. One of the biggest (and best!) universities in the country. The first difference is that in college your teachers are called “Professors.” Your professors probably don’t know your name because you are one of 300 students in the classroom. They don’t know what sports you play, what organizations you are involved in, or where you work part-time. And if you have never gone to visit your professors during office hours, or if you aren’t involved in class discussions, then your professors probably don’t know your personality very well.

But believe this – your professors DO care about you, and they DO want to help you! Your professors want to get to know you as a person, not just as the student in seat 134. Your professors want you to ask questions during class, to visit them during office hours, and to let them know when you are struggling with the material. It is easy to be intimidated by professors! They have Master’s or Doctoral degrees and are experts in their field. They are sometimes very stern and serious, and they always grade tough! But remember that your professors are committed to helping you learn. They want you to succeed in their class and in all of your academic pursuits at Texas A&M University.

Keep in mind, your professors don’t know you as well as your high school teachers did, so it is important that you make a good impression when communicating with your professors. Here are some tips:

- **Be polite** – if you show respect for your professor, then your professor will have respect for you. Address your professor with the appropriate title: “Dr. Jones,” “Mr. Dickens,” or “Ms. Smith.”

- **Be professional** – If you want your professor to treat you like a mature young adult, then you need to act like one! When you email a professor, write in complete sentences and avoid slang. Use grammar check and spell check for EVERY email and assignment. Sign your emails with your first and last name, as well as your UIN.

- **Be prepared** – When you visit a professor during office hours, be prepared with specific questions about the lecture or the chapter. Identify certain concepts or terms that you are having trouble understanding, and ask the professor to explain those terms.

- **Be peaceful** – It is hard not to be angry and disappointed when the grade you get on a test or paper is much lower than you were expecting. However, you can’t always blame the professor for your bad grade. There are many factors that affect a grade. When you are discussing grades with your professor, be calm. Ask the professor what you did wrong and what you need to do to improve on the next test or paper. Ask the professor to suggest resources that might help you. If you remain calm and keep a positive attitude, your professor will be more inspired to help you.

Your professors at Texas A&M University have high expectations for you, and they want you to achieve those expectations. If you are willing to work hard and make the extra effort in class, then you will succeed. Remember, you aren’t in high school anymore. The textbooks are enormous, the reading assignments are long, and the homework is intense. Welcome to college!

And please, don’t skip class to watch MTV!

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**August opinion poll winner!**

My study habits will change dramatically. In high school I was able to not study and still make good grades. However, now that I am an Aggie I will strive to do better than that. As an Aggie you have many opportunity’s to get help, whether it is from teachers or free tutorial sessions, and I plan on using every resource I have available to me. The Evans Library Annex is open 24/7 so there is no excuse of why I cannot get my work done. Flash cards are always helpful, but I will challenge myself to keep up with my reading and frequently ask my teachers questions. I am proud to be an Aggie because I know that if I need help or advice, an upperclassman would be happy to point me to the right direct (like they do when I am lost on campus). -Phyllicia Taylor

**Congratulations Phyllicia!**
Meet the RSO Board Members

Name: Yvette Holguin  
Position on RSO board: Social Coordinator  
Hometown: El Paso, Texas  
College/Major: Civil Engineering  
Class year: 2013  
Career Goals: To work as a civil engineer for the government  
Fave Aggie Tradition and Why: The tradition of whooping, because it makes Texas A&M unique and is earned by the students who are able to make it to that point in their college career.  
Fave quote: “The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”—Martin Luther King Jr.

Name: Maricris Buzzell  
Position on RSO board: Events Director  
Hometown: Haltom City  
College/Major: General Studies  
Class year: 2014  
Career Goals: To work abroad.  
Fave Aggie Tradition and Why: Muster because it gives every Aggie a chance to remember fallen fellow Aggies.  
Fave quote: “...when it comes to proportional statements, the opinions of those who wouldn’t count, shouldn’t count.”-Rodney Stark (from Cities of God).

Name: Joyce Ramirez  
Position on RSO board: Finance Director  
Hometown: Mission, Tx  
College/Major: Agribusiness major in the College of Ag & Life Sciences  
Class year: 2014  
Career Goals: At the moment I’m not sure exactly what job I want but I do know I would like a job that allows me to travel around the world meeting new people.  
Fave Aggie Tradition and Why: Silver Taps & Howdy. Both give a great sense of what the Aggie family really is.  
Fave quote: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but rather by the moments that take our breath away.

Name: Jorge Guerra Jr.  
Position on RSO board: President  
Hometown: El Paso, Texas  
College/Major: Civil Engineering  
Class year: 2013  
Career Goals: I hope to one day partner or solely own my very own civil engineering firm.  
Fave Aggie Tradition and Why: I love all of our Aggie Traditions but my favorite it the Aggie Ring. The Aggie Ring tradition symbolizes so much more than just a beautiful ring, it symbolizes a dream come true, accomplishment, the Aggie network, and determination.  
Fave quote: A ‘No’ uttered from the deepest conviction is better than a ‘Yes’ merely uttered to please, or worse, to avoid trouble. –Mahandas Ghandi

Name: Jennifer D. Suarez  
Position on RSO board: Vice President  
Hometown: Edinburg, TX  
College/Major: College of Natural Sciences/ Biomedical Science  
Class year: 2014  
Career Goals: Orthopedic Surgeon  
Fave Aggie Tradition and Why: The Aggie Ring, Its a symbol of unity among all Aggies that have attended this prestigious university. Aside from being a beautiful piece of jewelry, its a form of commemorating the memories and good times as a student.  
Fave quote: “Peace. It does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble, or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart.” -Anonymous
Hello once again!

I hope you all enjoyed the awesome Orientation that the Orientation Planning Board (OPB) set up. They did it all for you so you would learn something and enjoy it while it happened; if you want to be on the next OPB, just look out for the email from Casey and fill out that application in time. Speaking as a former OPB member, I learned a lot about myself and how I work with others, handle pressure, manage my time and the different ways I lead people. I encourage you to lead yourself through an opportunity of a lifetime and gain knowledge about yourself by filling out and turning in the OPB application. You won’t regret your choices.

Though we all know a little about me from the August Regents’ Review, I have yet to know my new Aggie Family. I took the Orientation as a chance to get to know some of you by asking a few questions. Below are the questions and answers I received:

**How did you like the Orientation?**
The Orientation was great. We get to learn a lot, as well as meet our peers. There is a lot of information we learn — Valerie J.

**What’s your favorite part about your residence hall/dorm?**
My favorite part is the constant company. Living in a dorm allowed me to meet new people, including my roommate who I love already. I never feel lonely here — Victoriana S.

**What’s the first thing you noticed about A&M?**
Even though it’s really big, people go out of the way to make it like a home. A&M is so big I thought I’d get lost in the shuffle but I don’t feel that way — Mallorie W.

**What were you feeling as your parents left on move-in day?**
I felt that it was a new beginning and to be proud as my parents left because they raised me well and I was excited to explore — A’ysa W.

**How do you plan to spend your free time?**
As I plan to spend my free time, I will be considering the amount of study time I need. More than likely, I will be spending lots of time studying over at the Rec Center — Michael H.

**What organizations are you planning on joining?**
Running Club — Kevin

**What’s your favorite tradition?**
Hands down, Yell Practice. It gets everyone pumped up to BTHO whoever we’re playing. Best pep-rally around! — Ian T.

**What sporting events do you plan to attend?**
Football games because I’m in the corps — Dylan P.
Baseball because I went to the College Bowl series last year — Wes C.
Basketball, just because I like basketball — Gustavo C.

**What’s your favorite eating place on campus?**
Sbisa and underground — Robby

**What Stamp Card events do you plan to attend?**
For sures Gig ‘Em Week GatheRing. Seems like a lot of fun — Leslie

**What on-campus resources are you planning to use?**
I plan on using the library of course and the Annex whenever I have the time to do so. — Anonymous

Thank you for participating and I hope to see you all apply for the OPB and/or join the Regents’ Scholars Organization (RSO)! If you enjoyed what the OPB did for you at Orientation, you’ll definitely enjoy what RSO has in store for you throughout the year. From past experience as a member of RSO, I can say that this year will just build on the years past; you will have a blast getting to know other Regents’ Scholars! Come to the RSO Informational on September 7th in Rudder 407 at 9:45pm to find out more about RSO.

Thanks once again and see ya’ll later! Intern out—“Gig ‘em-pound it!”

Asiya Bhura
Regents’ Scholars Intern
Texas A&M University ‘12

If you would like to be featured on the next Regents’ Review, please contact me at abhura@sfamail.tamu.edu
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