



THE AGGIE MOMS' CONNECTION

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President's Message:

April 13, 2006

A home for the soul is not a final destination. It is a process of self-discovery that deepens over time. We may seek a dwelling place where stability and contentment are attained once and for all, but this does not seem to be the nature of a soulful life. As soon as one goal is achieved, a fresh desire arises. The pleasure of the soul appears to be found in the journey of discovery, the unfolding revelation of expanded insight and experience.

(A Home For The Soul by Anthony Lawlor)

What a fantastic stop on my journey through this gift called life. I am so grateful to all of you for taking the time to cross my path and share in the adventure!

Our San Antonio Aggie Moms' Club was so blessed to have such a giving Executive Board that always worked with its focus on the ultimate big picture. . .serving our Aggie students and Texas A&M University. These ladies put in long hours with open minds and open hearts and because of their combined efforts moved this organization forward and beyond its goals. To all those ladies my most heartfelt gratitude for leaving the security of their personal comfort zones and putting themselves out front to lead! To their families my **SINCEREST THANK YOU** for sharing them with us!

My challenge to the General Membership. . .reach out and bring a new or renewed member into the circle of the Aggie Family. Share with them the beauty and strength of the Aggie Legacy and the Aggie Tradition. Teach them about our 80 years of history and the passion of that history that will live on well beyond us! Lead by example and mentor them into positions of leadership just as their students and your students are being mentored by "the other education" on campus.

Again, thank you for a memorable year and for trusting the 2005-2006 Executive Board in the service of our San Antonio Aggie Moms' Club and all our Bexar County Aggie students. To Daryl and the 2006-2007 Executive Board, I extend my support and best wishes. God Bless and Gig' Em!

Respectfully Passing Down,

Cynthia I. Aguirre

President 2005-2006

Thanks from the Social Committee!

A big Aggie thanks and hug to each of you who helped in any way with the Social Committee this year!

Faye Haby and Lois Smith

Aggie Brags

A Salute to Our Students' Achievements

Ryall Meyer '05, son of Don and Carol Meyer, will graduate in May with a degree in Aerospace Engineering. Ryall was a drummer in the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band and a member of A-Battery. He has taken a contract with the U. S. Air Force and will be commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant after graduation. Last year Ryall was one of 14 out of 43 selected to go into the Air Force pilot training program. He will report to Maxwell AFB in Alabama for officer training. He will then report to Holliman AFB in New Mexico where he will stay until April 2007. At that time he will report to Laughlin AFB in Del Rio to start pilot training.

Stephanie McKinley '07, daughter of Elaine and Bob McKinley, is graduating in May '06, a year early. A Magna Cum Laude graduate, she has been accepted into Texas A&M's College of Veterinary Medicine.

Sarah Pieniazek '08 will serve as a Fish Camp counselor for Aqua Camp Group E in August '06. The daughter of Pat Pieniazek, she will study abroad during the fall '06 semester.

Samantha Price, daughter of Kathy and Sam Price, will be a Fish Camp counselor for the second year. She will work in Camp Kelly.

Becky Rawlins '09 is a member of the Club Tennis Team which beat tu in the Regional Finals. The team will play in Austin April 20-22 in the National Team Tennis Tournament. Becky is the daughter of Beth Rawlins.

Cullen P. McGehee '09 is on the Texas A&M Lacrosse team. He made the "traveling" team and during April he played in California in San Francisco, Sonoma and Santa Clara. He is the son of Dolores and Glenn McGehee.

Jacqueline E. McGehee '06 is one of five students (two from Texas A&M) chosen to work with a scientist in Plant Pathology at the A&M Dallas Research and Extension Center for the summer internship program. This type of internship is a requirement for her major, Bioenvironmental Science. She is the daughter of Delores and Glenn McGehee.

Matt Cummins '07, son of Sunny Jenkins, is Gunny with E-2 Company and Squad Leader with Ross Volunteers. He is also a member of the Parsons Mounted Cavalry.

Kathryn Stribley '06 is graduating with a degree from the Biomedical Science Department. She is the daughter of Dick and Diane Stribley.

Chelsey Irwin '06, daughter of Pat '71 and Darlene Irwin, will graduate in December. She is a member of Squadron 8 and has completed four years in the Corps of Cadets.

Justin Vohs will receive his Aggie Ring on Ring Day, April 27, 2006. He has been accepted to travel to East Asia with Campus Crusade for Christ May 21-July 2. He, along with 11 other Texas A&M students, will work with university students there. Justin is the son of Sara Lopez.

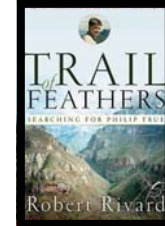
Joshua T. Hawke, son of Nancy K. Hawke, has accepted an offer from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Undergraduate Research Program for the summer of 2006. He will work under Mentors at NASA Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, CA in Electronics Engineering/Computer Science Engineering. His projects include Gene-SAT and Lunar Reconnaissance Secondary Payload.

Robert Rivard Guest Speaker for May 2 General Meeting

When a reporter disappears in Huichol Indian territory in Mexico's forbidding Sierra Madre, newspaper editor Robert Rivard goes on his own long journey to discover what happened to him-and why. Mr. Rivard, San Antonio Express-News editor and author of



Trail of Feathers
Searching for Phillip True.
will be the featured speaker
at the May General Meeting
of the San Antonio Aggie Moms' Club.
The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 2 at Aggie Park.



Book purchases \$18.00 plus tax. Credit cards and checks accepted.

*To place advanced book orders, please email mcouch@express-news.net
or call 210-250-3118. Proceeds from book sales benefit the Philip True Education Trust
for the slain reporter's 7-year-old son .*



Aggie Ring Reunion Story

In response to a request for Aggie stories, Aggie Mom Deborah Stevenson sent the following Aggie Ring reunion story that appeared in the Corpus Christi Caller Times on December 23, 1964.

Ring Gone 20 Years Recovered

A Texas A&M class ring stolen 20 years ago from the OSO Golf Course Club House was returned to its rightful owner last night. It belongs to Charles Stevenson of 517 Monette. According to Chief Deputy Lee Brown, the story goes like this:

One Aggie met another man who had on an Aggie class ring. The Aggie asked about it, and became suspicious of the wearer when he gave vague answers. He looked at the ring and made notes of its date and numbers.

The Aggie contacted Constable John Haynes who began to investigate the case. Haynes' investigation disclosed it was the ring stolen from the club house 20 years ago. He then contacted the 20-year-old man who had it and questioned him. The man said that he bought it at a bar near Padre for \$5.00.

Brown said the man had no previous record of any sort, and was probably telling the truth.

Activities in Review

Aggie Moms supported the club's annual benefit Garage Sale held March 25 at Aggie Park. Proceeds from the sale help fund scholarships for Bexar County students at Texas A&M in College Station.



Members of the planning committee for the "Celebrate the Human Spirit" fundraiser were recognized during the April General Meeting. Each received a personalized copy of the cover of Dat Nguyen's book autographed by him.



President Cynthia Aguirre and President-Elect Daryl Johanson with April speakers Dr. Buster Woytek, DVM of the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine and Dr. Henry Presnal, DVM, director of the Stevenson Companion Animal Life Care Center.

Campus Events & Important Dates

April 18-19: Stuff and deliver Cares Bags for spring semester

April 21: Muster—Campus Ceremony

May 2: Aggie Moms' General Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Aggie Park. Featured speaker: Robert Rivard, editor of the San Antonio Express-News

May 2: Last day of spring semester classes

May 3-4: Reading days, no classes

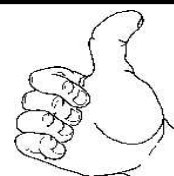
May 4: Aggie Moms' Board—Passdown meeting Time and place to be announced.

May 5, 8-10: Spring semester final examinations for all students

May 12-13: Commencement, Commissioning and Final Review

May 30: First day of first term and 10-week semester summer classes.

Congratulations to Aggie Mom Shannon Bryson who recently passed her Nursing Board exams!



Membership Information

Please be sure to keep your membership profile current so Aggie Moms can keep in touch and provide timely information about events and other Club news. If you have changes, please notify Sandy Wier at the monthly meetings or send the updates via e-mail to aggiemom2@satx.rr.com.

ATTENTION AGGIE MOMS!

If you have a business you would like to promote to other Aggie Moms, we may have an answer for you. Sign up now for one of our Craft/Aggie Mom Business tables at our monthly meetings. Bring your wares to show and/or sell. You can help the Aggie Moms by letting us help you. Tables are 8 ft. long and cost \$10.00 each.

Contact Marla Ripps by calling 210-627-2169 or emailing quiltingaggie@ev1.net to reserve your table today.

Find us on the Web:
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