Texas A&M University
Traditions Council
Intro
- Founded 1975
- “To preserve and promote the traditions of Texas A&M through education and awareness.”
- Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas opened its doors October 2, 1876

Howdy

Gig ‘Em
Jargon

- Ol’ Army
- Bad Bull
- Elephant/Zip
- Good Bull
- Horse Laugh
- Wildcat
- Pull-out
- Red Ass
12th Man

- January 2, 1922
- Prayin’ Colonels of Centre College
- E. King Gill went on to hold 8 letters in football, baseball, and basketball
Midnight Yell

- Friday night before a home game
- Yell Leaders walk back and forth because Peanut Owens’ feet were too big to fit on the steps of the YMCA building; walking helped keep his balance
Reveille

- The first name considered for Reveille was “Home Brew”

- There are accounts of over 50 people claiming to have been the one to find Rev, but none have been confirmed
Aggie Ring

- First known white gold ring was issued in 1971
- The Ring’s 1899 redesign lasted 30 years before any change was made
- 1935 was the first year that the Texas and United States flag appeared on the Ring
Bonfire

- Bonfire was lit using the eternal flame from t.u. Members from Walton Hall would run with a torch back to College Station, a relay done in about 11 hours.
Silver Taps

- Silver Taps has been held 3 times for non-current students: Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Pinky Downs, and John F. Kennedy
Muster

- The candle lighting aspect of the ceremony was added by Jack G. Fritts ’53

- David F. Houston was the President who tried to cancel Muster

- “In reunion, we meet and live over again our college days, the victories and defeats won and lost upon the drill ground and classroom. Let every alumni answer at roll call.”
Yell Leaders

- During a football game in 1907, some upperclassmen instructed their fish to entertain them and their dates.

- Eventually the Yell Leaders got popular and became an upperclassman privilege.

- There are 3 senior and 2 junior Yell Leaders.

- Lead Yells at football and basketball games, and are campus-wide spirit leaders.
The Century Tree

- The Century Tree was planted in 1891 as part of an experiment to determine the best tree type for the region.

- It is a very famous place on campus, known for proposals

- A former student harvests acorns from the Tree, develops them into seedlings, and sells them for student scholarships
Thanks and Gig ‘Em!