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TAMUG observes Muster



Photo provided by Sean Chavez, '24

By Gail Lonngi, '24

Every year on April 21, Aggies all over the world hold hundreds of Aggie Musters. Each Muster is unique to different Aggies, but it is regarded and revered as among the most, if not the most, sacred of Aggie traditions.

This year, TAMUG's ceremony took place on the second floor of ASEC at 7:30 p.m.

The Muster Address was given by guest speaker Captain Michael Mansfield, '97, current director and commanding officer of the INDOPACOM Army, Navy Airforce, and Marine forces in Quantico, VA, and Fort Worth and San Antonio, TX.

Through his Muster address, Captain Mansfield shared his experiences with the A&M university, most especially at the TAMUG campus, expressing his gratitude for how far the university has helped him venture and encouraging all Aggies and Aggie families

to "take pride in their school". Through his speech, he testified to the unshakeable sense of support that exists between the Aggie community, which makes traditions like Muster possible.

A former TAMUG MARA major, Captain Mansfield has an extensive and still active military career including experience in intelligence, naval special warfare, special operations, targeting, expeditionary warfare, and Crisis Action. Captain Mansfield has recently returned to Galveston, continuing to expand his civilian career and his inspiration to others in multiple industries.

What is Muster?

Muster is a time in which all Aggies that have departed within the last year are mourned, remembered, and celebrated between the Aggies they've left behind, along with their friends and families. Traditionally, as has been encouraged by Aggies since 1923, even for Aggies who are not on or close to an A&M campus, if there is another Aggie within a

radius of 100 miles, that they meet up, share food, and reminisce about their college experiences and time they spent on their own campuses.

The choice of April 21st as the annual date for Muster is meant to be symbolic of Texas Independence, as a group of 1800s cadets elected to hold their Muster celebration on San Jacinto Day, celebrating Texas' victory against the Mexican Army and the state's Independence from Mexico, and expressing their gratitude for those who gave their lives before them.

Muster as the memorial ceremony we know it to be today, however, became popular and conventional during the time of the World Wars, as a memorial ceremony for Aggies who lost their lives. The first Muster was held in Guinon Hall at College Station in 1924.

At TAMUG, as seen at this year's Muster, once students, family, alumni, staff, and faculty have gathered, the William C. Hearn Honor Guard receives the individuals leading the campus Muster with a saber salute, followed by the presentation of colors led by the TAMUG Drill Team and the TAMUG Choir and Sea Aggie Band.

In his campus greeting, Colonel Michael Fossum, '80, ensures to thank all the those who unite to make Muster possible every year, announcing to the community that regardless of whether they were ever enrolled as A&M students or not, all in attendance at Muster during this night of remembrance are welcomed as Aggies.

Much of TAMUG's Muster ceremony consists of the reading

of Aggie poetry and the singing and playing of Aggie music, led by student groups like the TAMUG Yell Leaders, this year's being Jett Taylor '25 and Vincent Garcia '24; TAMUG Choir and Sea Aggie Band, and volunteer student leaders.

But the most vital part of every Aggie Muster is the Roll Call for the Absent. This is when a call for attendance is made for all departed Aggies by name, and all those celebrating Muster answer "Here" for every name called, signifying that though their fellow Aggies may be absent, those Aggies still among the living will continue to carry them in their hearts.

A candle is lit in memory of every Aggie called, by volunteer candle lighters consisting of students, staff, faculty, and Aggie friends and family members. At the conclusion of the call, the TAMUG Drill Team of cadets exits the room and fires a rifle salute for the departed, followed by the traditional playing of Silver Taps by the TAMUG Student Buglers and the reading of the Silver Taps poem, given this year by Paige Franklin, '26.

To conclude the TAMUG Muster ceremony, before all in attendance disperse for the night, everyone in the room bands together as Aggies to sing the traditional War Hymn and celebrate the Aggie spirit, led by the TAMUG Yell Leaders and Sea Aggie Band.

The next Muster is set for Monday, April 21, 2025.

Eight TAMUG Aggies win Buck Weirus Spirit Awards

By Melton "Bubba" Nelson, '25

Texas A&M University at Galveston boasted 8 recipients at the Buck Weirus Spirit Award ceremony in College Station on April 14th.

The Buck Weirus Award is given to just 65 of the 77,000 students enrolled at A&M who represent the best of what A&M has to offer through their involvement and representation of the Aggie Core Values of Respect, Excellence, Leadership, Loyalty, Integrity, and Selfless Service. The award is representative of the best among A&M students.

TAMUG has been able to compose a high proportion of those students who truly embrace school spirit, despite being a population of slightly less than 3,000 of those 77,000 A&M students when comparing campus populations.

The full list of TAMUG recipients of the Texas A&M 2024 Buck Weirus Spirit Award were Melton "Bubba" Nelson '25; Yell leaders Tre Higgenbotham '24, Jett Taylor '25, and Vincent Garcia '24; SBVP Abigail

McKenna '25; Marisa Gonzalez '24; Julian Sanchez '24; and Diya Rauser '26 (originally from TAMUG before transferring to CSTAT).

Last year, TAMUG had a record number of Buck Weirus Spirit Award Recipients, with 11 students bestowed the honor of wearing the Buck Weirus Spirit Award Watch.

This year, the recipients enjoyed a full ceremony, which was different from the previous year's, with the President and CEO of the Association of Former Students, Porter Garner '79, and the Vice President for Student Affairs in College Station, Joe Ramirez '79.

The ceremony this year had detailed speeches about what the award represents and who Richard "Buck" Weirus was as a mentor and role model Aggie, serving as the Executive Director of the Association of Former Students from 1964-1980.

Each recipient was given a PowerPoint slide dedicated to their accomplishments and involvement as an Aggie that was read aloud as they walked across the stage to collect their award.

Congrats to all the recipients and we urge all student leaders to apply next year!

SGA Updates for End of Semester

By Melton "Bubba" Nelson, '25 and Gail Lonngi, '24

As the semester draws near its conclusion, the Student Government Association (SGA) has been discussing project and university progress updates, recent feedback on campus events, and future campus and organization plans. Throughout the semester, SGA and the campus as a whole has significantly strengthened its connections to the Galveston community at large and has been met with multiple opportunities for student and Student Government involvement.

Recently, Kimberly Denisi, the CEO of the Galveston Park Board of Trustees came to speak with and educate SGA members on committees and internship opportunities in the city of Galveston. There are also now multiple internship opportunities working with Galveston city officials opening up for TAMUG students. Additionally, SGA is now a member of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce and the Student Body President and Vice President will serve on it. This makes TAMUG's SGA the only Student Government organization in the TAMU system that is affiliated with any Chamber of Commerce.

The campus also received Galveston's 2022 mayoral candidates

Craig Brown, Roger "Bo" Quiroga, and Benjamin Herndon for their mayoral debate.

New Speakers Announced

On April 16, new SGA speakers were announced during the weekly meeting. The new speakers were announced as Speaker of the Senate Lily Chabot, '26, and Speaker Pro Tempore Paul Guardiola, '26.

New Resolutions

The first resolution announced the evening of April 16 that the William Paul Ricker Fund is now divided to provide the Deputy Corps Commander and Student Body Vice President positions a scholarship that is 40 percent of the previous position holders' scholarships.

The second resolution established in the course of the meeting was that the Food Service Committee and the Student Development Committee are now merged into the Campus Living Committee as a whole entity.

Issues Discussed

SGA members reflected on this semester's Chemistry Symposium, held on April 16, the same date as Ring Day. It was agreed that the learning

experience from the poster symposium was overall positive but there are numerous complaints.

Freshman and sophomores found it significantly challenging to fit it into their schedules and to create their projects because it was a leap forward in difficulty, although it still provided a good learning experience. It is speculated that holding the symposium and making the poster a mandatory project every year for every chemistry course would likely be too frequently difficult and demanding for students.

Possible solutions discussed were: not making the symposium mandatory, or only mandating it for chemistry-focused science major students. For instance, it should be considered to only mandate this event and project for organic chemistry students, or only doing it for CHEM 119 and 120 and Honors chemistry.

It is a general consensus that engineering majors do not necessarily benefit greatly from the poster symposium, especially having it set annually for four years. But the experience does have much more to offer for Honors and organic chemistry students to benefit from. Focusing this symposium as a requirement for 119 and 120 and Honors classes, therefore, would likely be most beneficial to all involved students who had to undertake this semester's symposium.

Additionally, it was addressed at the meeting that only four of the 18 emergency blue phones on campus were functioning properly, with the other 16 urgently needing repair.

Campus Progress and Future Plans

Hall Olympics—RHA's Annual Event of Games, Competition, and Participation

By Isabella Chan Tack, '27 and Quinton Young-Rittenhouse, '25

Every spring semester, residence halls create teams to battle against each other in the Hall Olympics, an event hosted by the Residence Hall Association (RHA) where residents of TAMUG participate in various events and games to earn points for their respective teams. There are three teams who participate in the events, Team HOP (Hullabaloo, Oceans, and Pacific), Team APA (Atlantic, Polaris, and Albatros), and Team TAMMAH.

When it comes to participation, RHA has created several events for students to partake in. Ranging from laid-back activities such as trivia night and art contests to highly active games like dodgeball and kickball, the events catered to a wide audience.

This year's Hall Olympics set a record for the longest and most "eventful" Hall Olympics, lasting ten days. There were more events in this year's Hall Olympics than any of the previous years.

Game night was the first event to have a higher turn out. The competition was held between two halls, Hullabaloo and Albatross, each side getting within one point of each other by the end. The winners were Hullabaloo Hall, the team grabbing victory with their knowledge of retro video games. Albatross nearly claimed the prize, getting a surprising amount of show quotes and song questions correct.

There were also more events besides Game Club's Trivia Night

During their meetings throughout this month, SGA discussed progress being made on future plans and changes at TAMUG. For one, the campus's new and officiated name, College of Marine Sciences and Maritime Studies, is now being publicly announced.

There is also currently ongoing discussion regarding plans and aspirations to construct a new student center on campus years from now, which would act as a combination of a library and "simulation center" for exploring and utilizing new technologies.

Mayoral Council Candidates to visit Monday 4/29

Jeff Ehrich and Bob Brown are both running for City Council District 3 and came to visit the Student Government Association and advocate for their campaign. The two candidates talked about their strengths and views on what Galveston should be working towards. Jeff Erich mentioned his position on beautifying Galveston and improving the quality of the sidewalks, roads, building, and fauna by using his business mindset and experience. Bob Brown wants to preserve the historical nature of Galveston and its nature while ensuring that everything is well planned for the future from his experience being involved with the upkeep of the master plan of UTMB and architect for Galveston. Both candidates mentioned the upcoming flyover bridge from 61st onto 45 to relieve traffic, especially for hurricanes. They both mentioned increasing hurricane resiliency. In addition to the Council Candidates having come on 4/23, the Mayoral Candidates will be visiting on Monday 4/29 in ASEC at 7PM.

that continued to have good turnouts, such as the Where Is Mr. Bear hunt which never lost steam. For all 10 days students could shout out where they found the beloved stuffed animal on the TAMUG app, and every day there were students posting their discovery and scoring major points for their hall.

Another notable event was Baking Club's baking competition where participants formed teams of bakers to make pastries that would be judged based on taste and presentation.

When asked about their Hall Olympics experience, several participants commented on how the event has helped to foster community and competition between students. "It's brought a lot of healthy competition because we compete but we have fun doing it," mentioned Tisha Mariyam, '27.

The community-building and connection in Hall Olympics is most seen through the event's bringing several orgs together in collaboration. "My favorite part always with things like this is how it connects so many orgs together" mentioned the president of Baking Club, Alex Pena, '26.

The events hosted by RHA's Hall Olympics provides students with several opportunities to get involved on campus in fun and sociable ways.

Mar Carranza, '24, and one of the officers of RHA, recommended students take part in Hall Olympics, saying, "I think it is a good idea to just kind of get involved. Even if you don't participate, it's still a really fun community-type event."

Overall, the Hall Olympics had a successful turnout with students participating in several of the events, getting to learn about different orgs, and fostering connections with other Sea Aggies.

Lt. Cmdr. Cade Evans, '24 on Leadership in the Honor Guard

A Highlight on the Texas A&M Maritime Academy's Elite Organization

By Gail Lonngi, '24 and Sean Chavez, '24

How does one cultivate leadership in others? "Pushing people to develop is a very rewarding experience for me, and I hope to continue this as I get older," says senior cadet and first-generation Aggie Cade Evans, '24, the current lieutenant commander of TAMUG's William C.

Hearn Honor Guard.

Originally from Wayne, PA., during his time as a Corps and Honor Guard leader at TAMUG, Evans has found not only inspiration and fulfillment in his role but also a means of self-improvement and community.

The Honor Guard is a major representation of the TAMUG campus exclusively composed of Maritime Academy trained cadets. The organization carries the responsibility of exemplifying the Aggie qualities of leadership, discipline, and respect at every event in which they are present, on or off campus grounds.

Members are equipped with ceremonial saber swords for important occasions and serve the university, campus, and Galveston



Photo By Sean Chavez, '24

community by receiving officials on campus and providing a university and military presence at events like Muster, Silver Taps, and marches at

Galveston celebrations.

In and out of the Maritime Academy, students will likely learn at some point that wanting to see others succeed is a valuable quality in a leader, as it encourages and enables a team to perform to the best of its capabilities, which the Honor Guard is meant to epitomize.

As a leader, Evans demonstrates that there are different leadership styles within Corps companies. His preferred style of leadership toward his organization attests that there is more to leading than giving orders and reprimands. "For the Honor Guard I try to be a mentor to younger students," says Evans, "really push them to be better leaders, better citizens and better people. That's really what I'm looking for. I don't like to yell, to scream, there's no need for that kind of stuff."

There are also a few prerequisites cadets must meet, though the strictest one is regarding cadets' year classification. "Honor guard is sophomores and up," says Evans. "That is really the strictest criteria that we have. You must be a second year. Usually by that point, people have calmed down, they've had a year of college. I can have more of a conversation with the group of people that I have."

A graduating senior, Evans will require a replacement soon. Regarding qualities he seeks in a replacement, he expresses a wish for the Honor Guard to continue growing and extending their presence.

"I look for someone who wants the team to succeed as much as I do," he says, "and wants to expand Honor Guard outside the events that we have been a part of for the past several years and do more events on campus, so we are visible to the student body. So that the Honor Guard can have more of a presence so that there is a dialogue of interpersonal relationships, so the campus understands who we are, and that we provide something more."

Chemistry Research Symposium Applying Chemistry and Research to Real-World Issues

By Jason Osburn, '26

On April 12, 2024 in the ASEC Ballroom, organic and first-year chemistry students presented various informational posters, ranging from medicinal chemistry to nuclear chemistry, for the TAMUG Chemistry Research Symposium.

One student, Brian Larson, '27# regarding his group presentation on "Methanol, Alternative Fuel for Ships" said, "Heavy fuel oils are a huge pollutant in our oceans. And we believe a greener fuel alternative is methanol. Our research is to look at the pros and cons of a ship fueled by methanol and what the processes would be like."

Throughout the day-long event, each group presented in front of a professional in their specific chemistry field for rating based on: their ability to interpret information, the display of their poster presentation, and their knowledge of the content, as well as its authenticity.

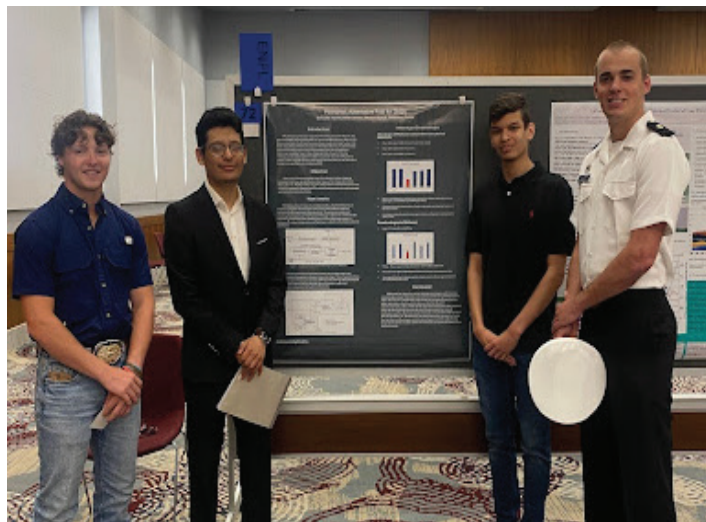


Photo by Jason Osburn. Left to right: Weston Roach 27', Sebastian Pulido 27', Salvador Aguilar 27', and Brian Larson 27'.

Local Business Highlight: Galveston Arts Center

By April Garza, '25

Tucked into the corner of The Strand and 22nd, once the location of Galveston's First National Bank, now stands the Galveston Arts Center. This non-profit 501(c)(3) organization seeks to bring various exhibits, art education, events, and public festivals to the community.

Admission is free and their hours of operation are 12 to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday, with the exception of federal holidays.

This two-story building currently houses two exhibits: Tourist, Tour-est by Annie Arnold, and THE WILD NEARBY by Elizabeth Chile.

Tourist, Tour-est features embroidered works that reflect on

social media and the way our "attention economy" affects how people document and share their travel experiences.

THE WILD NEARBY exhibit explores the power of plants. The pieces of this series depict and celebrate plantlife's push against the ever-encroaching concrete jungle of city life, while highlighting the way plants and humans interact with and shape each other.

Both of these exhibits are on display until May 26.

For readers who are 21 and over, attached to the Arts Center is a FlorVino Winery, specializing in wine crafted from Texas wildflower nectar. A free wine tasting is given upon request. The winery has 6 different wines to offer visitors, either by the bottle or by the cup.

June Beetles Arrive Early

By Joaquin Perucho, '25

Have you noticed the buzz of insects showing up around campus in the evening lately? If you've got the jitters around them, there is no need to worry. It might not be very clear upon first glance, but, thankfully, they are not cockroaches.

These little guys are June beetles, specifically Phyllophaga Crinita. This particular type of June beetle is the most commonly found variation in Texas. Typically, congregations of these bugs give their presence away in the evenings with a hissing sound. They have been visiting and getting cozy around Pelican Island.

As the name may give away, it's odd to be seeing them in the area during the months of March and April. This has not gone unnoticed. Octavia Johnson explains the bugs' unexpected influx in a Mar. 7 story in the Houston Chronicle.

Why so early?

It is generally agreed that the early emergence of these insects is likely brought on by increasingly high spring temperatures. This may also apply to other insect migrations and appearances arriving earlier than usual, including crane flies and monarch butterflies. The unusually early arrival of June beetle swarms have many wondering whether these creatures are outright bad or merely benign.

The answer may be both. June beetles may look disconcerting and they populate quickly, but Galvestonians can rest assured these bugs do not sting or transmit diseases to humans and they are unlikely to bite. The worst these bugs can do is accidentally fly in your direction.

So they're harmless, right?

Not quite. June beetles are known plant eaters. They may form large groups and infest lawns. These grubs can damage lawns, plants, gardens, and the like, either directly through feeding on them or indirectly by attracting larger predators.

Those in the TAMUG and Galveston community with plants, especially outdoor plants, should beware. Many pesticides for June beetle infestations may catch your plants in the crossfire, so take preventative measures by keeping your lawn neat and maintained and your plant bedding clean.

Aside from this, however, June beetles are completely benign. They are likely just coming in early to take advantage of warming temperatures and rising humidity due to, you know, global warming—but aside from that, nothing to worry about!

Johnson's Mar. 7 story can be found at <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/trending/article/june-beetles-houston-texas-18707037.php>

Bubba's Bites: Maceo's Spice and Import Co.

By Melton "Bubba" Nelson, '25 and Quinton Young-Rittenhouse, '25 with Mar Carranza, '24

This month saw a historic trip for Bubba's Bites. We were transported back in time to 1944, when Rosario Maceo of the Maceo Syndicate Family opened the spice company "Maceo Spice & Import Co.", which was originally a strictly commercial business that only had familial ties to that of the Balinese room as they wanted to put their crime-filled past behind them.

Maceo Spice & Import Co. is located on 2706 Market St. right next to Freckleberry. The rustic building had shelves upon shelves of spices, wine, and homemade products for purchase. So if you like something on a sandwich, you can probably buy it in a jar! In addition to importing and selling spices inspired by the Maceos' Italian heritage, Rosario Maceo happened to help make and sell Muffalettas in New Orleans when he was just 8 years old, creating a famous family recipe for their Muffalatta. Today, it's available at this delicious restaurant that's open to the public most days from 11AM - 3PM for food, with the spice shop open from 10AM - 5PM.

First, I had the Muffaletta, which was as delicious as everyone has told me. The olive salad that came on it was just to die for. It was not too strong of an olive taste and added the perfect slightly acidic flavors to compliment the delicious salami and ham topped with provolone. It was juicy and delicious. Not only is the recipe for the Muffaletta itself a family recipe, but so is the bread. Even the bread on this sandwich is just absolutely amazing. It goes together so well and is well priced for how filling it is. \$10.95 for half of a full Muffaletta may sound like a scam at first. But if you have ever had a one before, you know that they are huge, and a half is just about the perfect size for a filling lunch.

Aside from the Muffaletta, which is a must-have in my book, I also tried the Katbird and the NOLA Roast beef sandwich. The Katbird has an amazing po'boy sauce and is another must-have for Maceo's. The NOLA Roast Beef sandwich was very good, but it's hard to compare it to such good sandwiches like the Muffaletta. I won't call it a must-have as it was quite messy, and the Muffaletta and Katbird are just my absolute favorites here. But there really isn't any way you can go wrong on this menu. Just about every item is kept simple, which is another way of saying they absolutely nail it. They know what they are good at, and they do it.

Another reason to not get the full Muffaletta isn't just to save money, if that's your goal, but also to save room for dessert. Maceo's Cannoli is amazing. They hand pipe the cannoli cream into the shell just after you order, and then hand dip it into chocolate, then pistachios, and top it off with powdered sugar. The Cannoli is on my list of must-haves in Galveston too...or maybe I'm just a sucker for sugary foods and pastries.

They also have a Sunday brunch menu that features an entirely new flight of foods. I, personally, have not tried any of it yet. So I can't speak for how good they might be. But a breakfast banana split and chicken and waffles from the best spice shop in Galveston, I have high expectations for it.

Whether it's the ambiance, the old-town vibes, or the delicious foods. Maceo's nails it. Even the basics like french fries are nailed. It



Photo By Melton "Bubba" Nelson, '25

would have been a crime to not season the fries well in a spice shop, luckily, they nail all the small details at Maceo's. I would recommend Maceo's to just about anyone traveling to Galveston and especially to anyone who has never had a Muffaletta before. With a rich history and even richer flavors and spices. Maceo's is a certified Bubba Favorite.

Q's Commentary:

Tagging along on Bubba's Bites to Maceo's, I decided to go with the meatball sub, one of the more accessibly priced items on the menu. Don't be fooled, however, this meatball sub was totally worth more, one of the most well-portioned subs I've eaten on Galveston island, with 2 giant meatballs, the perfect amount of cheese, and topped with tasty creamy pesto. It's the perfect thing for a good, filling bite on a nice day. I left Maceo's wanting to try almost everything on their menu, 10/10 restaurant.

Mar's Menu:

6 And on Mar's Menu: Gumbo! It was remarkable. What hits first is the smell—fresh and fragrant. Made from scratch, this shrimp and crab gumbo is served with white rice and green onion (and magic spice). The small size was served in a cute little cup, perfect for a quick bite but just as filling. The taste itself is wonderfully seasoned

meat and broth with the perfect amount of salt and a hint of heat. It's literally comfort in a cup, and rivals any gumbo on the island. Honestly even better than the Gumbo Diner. 9.5/10. Also pair with an iced peach tea for a delicious weekend treat!

Chemistry Symposium same day as Ring Day? No thank you.

By Gail Lonngi, '24

Getting my Aggie ring had, honestly, not been such a big deal to me for a long time, until last semester. In Fall 2023, my second to last semester before graduation, I was one hour short of receiving my Aggie ring. But I still attended and photographed two ceremonies, since I thought it would be a cool and important thing to cover in the Nautilus paper while I was working there.

I found myself suddenly really wishing I could receive my ring, and that I'd had that one more hour. I think it was because I could finally see the ring not just as a tradition but also as a widely socially recognized signifier of how many accomplishments a student has made and how many academic challenges they've undertaken and overcome during their college careers.

Naturally, when my Ring Day rolled around on Friday, April 12, I was really excited, especially because having both ceremonies back-to-back allowed me to be there for my best friend's Ring Day after class too and they were able to stay for mine. I guess I was really happy to in some way celebrate the fact I've completed over 90 hours of credit to my degree. I've never been really confident in my knowledge of all the Aggie dances, songs, and chants, but I followed the best I could that day to embrace my school spirit.

The Aggie ring waiting for me was the white gold option, which an Aggie alumni recently told me was added in 2000. A truly

underrated ring design, if you ask me, it really is a gorgeously designed ring and I probably couldn't be happier with it.

There is one thing I'd likely change about this particular Ring Day though, given the chance, although I am a little conflicted. With the location being changed to the Waterfront Pavilion, it was really cool to have Ring Day by the water. But the other Ring Day ceremonies I had attended were in ASEC, where I'm certain they have been regularly held for a long while now. And I thought that was the ideal space to have it in simply for the benefits of space and convenience.

Not every student receiving their Ring might be able to say their family and friends showed up for their ceremony, but many students did have the fortune of people showing up for them as well. I think it was much easier to max out and crowd the space at Waterfront Pavilion, as nice as it was to be by the water. I more or less also got the impression that this situation made people a bit more hesitant to engage in the Aggie Yell practice. The availability of space that allows people to spread out and move more freely in ASEC is, to me, much better for situations involving students' families coming to visit for important occasions.

I am surely not alone in feeling frustrated that the Chemistry Symposium not only took place on the same day as Ring Day but also because it took place in ASEC, the usual location for Ring Day. While it was awesome to have Ring Day by the ocean, as an Aggie who loves the ocean, I think the event still benefits from not having to feel so crowded in a tight space.

For future Ring Days, those overseeing the Chemistry Symposium should consider not conflicting with such an important tradition.

Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire Review

Ghostbusters series to continue

By Kameron Looff, '27

Warning: This review may contain spoilers.

The Ghostbusters, new and old, return for another bout of roasting ghosts in Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire. With the original ghostbusters cast, except for the late Harold Ramis who played Egon Spengler, returned to the scene, this one makes for a great movie.

The CGI work was just as one would expect from a ghostbusters movie, and the humor didn't disappoint.

The story picks up where Afterlife left off, with the Spenglers in New York City living out of the old Ghostbusters headquarters. After a bone-chilling first scene hinting at the larger plot, the scene shifts to the ghostbusters in hot pursuit of a massive ghost terrorizing the Big Apple, starting with high levels of action right out the gate. This beginning did, however, set expectations too high for the pacing of the movie.

Until about halfway through, it's a slow watch. With the balance of unique action scenes and enjoyable humor on par with the original Ghostbusters movie and a petrifying antagonist, the whole process is ultimately worthwhile.

What really held the movie back from being even better, though, were the missed opportunities. For instance, at one point, Phoebe Spengler answers the phone while distraught. With some careful placement on the directors' part, the classic line of, "Ghostbusters, whaddya want?" could have been added in as a fun reference to the first movie. In addition, the antagonist of the movie is a being that freezes people out of fear.



Many fans were hoping to hear Phoebe say "I ain't afraid of no ghost!" as she won, referring to the ghostbusters theme song. Sadly, neither of these callbacks were added to the movie. But overall, it was still a good watch. A post-credits scene has been implied to be the setup for a subsequent film, for which the cast and crew of the film has expressed eagerness to

return and encouraged audiences to anticipate much more to come.

I can comfortably give this film a rating of 7/10.



Dear Aggie: A Spoonful of Reflection

Dear Aggie, If you could be any kind of spoon, which one would you be?
LavendarsBlue.

Howdy, LavendarsBlue. Excellent question. Probably the little spoon. Although, honestly, I think I'm more of

a butter knife.

If you're aiming for practicality though, I might recommend being a tablespoon. I think that's a pretty safe spoon to go with. Handy for cooking, I guess all right for eating, perfect for measuring scoops of coffee grounds, and you can eyeball teaspoons of sugar in it with practice. You would never go without a purpose as a tablespoon.

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► Corrections

Jason Osburn, '26 is the correct author of the "Good Dough" review. In the April 20th issue, it the author was incorrectly listed as Melton "Bubba" Nelson, '25 and Quinton Young-Rittenhouse, '25

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