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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 quickly, and when the freshmen began to arrive, there were railroad flares and torpedoes stuck in flower pots around the YMCA building to light the area. The first Midnight Yell had begun!

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 ever livin’ 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.

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. More Aggies were commissioned and fought in World War II than men from West Point or Annapolis.

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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The Writing Center hosts a podcast entitled “In a Word” on our local public radio station, KAMU-FM.

It airs every Wednesday morning at 8:30 am and provides short tips on writing and speaking.

You can also listen to the podcast online!

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"Make your life a mission, not an intermission."
~ Arnold H. Glasgow
STUDENT PRODUCTIVITY:
HOW TO BUILD YOUR FALL SEMESTER STUDY CALENDAR

Break it Down
Okay first things first–mark all the dates of your upcoming projects, presentations, and tests on your calendar. It sounds simplistic but you'd be surprised how quickly things pile up when you're not expecting them. Then make those days clearly visible on your calendar by making them a different, bright color.

“Guesstimate” Your Work Load
Did your middle school teachers use that word as much as mine did?

Sorry, off topic. What I mean is try to guess how much time it will take you to get your studying/work/research done for each of the items you just wrote down, add two to four hours for interruptions, and WRITE DOWN YOUR GUESSTIMATED TIME. Otherwise you will forget.

**TIP: If you're doing a project with someone else, I would add a considerable amount of extra time, like a few hours, to your guesstimate. Group projects often put more weight on the hard workers, and if you're making a study calendar, that means you're it. So save your grade and give yourself some leeway.

Schedule Your Time
Now that you've got your time guesstimates and your due dates, it's time to mark out your work time. If you start now you should be early enough to spread out study for finals and get projects done without a lot of cramming and brain-numbing textbook skimming.

Start by spreading out your subjects based on:

1.) What is due first, and

2.) Which will take the most work.

Obviously these two criteria will determine which things come first, but this is basically up to your discretion–you know how you work best and what takes you longest. Make sure you spread out your work, though, so you don't end up cramming for any one thing at the end OR suffer from subject burnout.

**TIP: When you schedule your work blocks in each calendar square, schedule play blocks, too, and stick to both. You need both work and play to feel accomplished and human when life gets hectic!

Re-schedule Your Time
You might choose to do this every day or every week, but make a regular habit of sitting down and revising your calendar. Maybe you finish a project early–use the leftover time to get a jump on something else. Took longer than you thought to write that French paper? Better allot some extra study time to your Chem class in next week's schedule.

Cross off Your Finished Work!

Retrieved and adapted from Surviving College Life: http://www.survivingcollegelife.com/2008/11/17/student-productivity-how-to-build-your-fall-semester-study-calendar/
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