Good Bull Story of the Week

There’s a saying in Aggieland that says if something happens twice it’s a coincidence, but if it happens three times it’s a tradition. Texas A&M boasts proudly of its rich history of values and tradition, but all come from humble beginnings. Our now pervasive expression of, “Gig ‘Em,” all started with the hype from a yell leader inspiring our Ags to beat the hell outta TCU horn frogs at a midnight yell; Tossing your Aggie Ring at the bottom of a pitcher was not always a common phenomenon. And the legacy of service for projects such as Big Event all began with the passion of Texas A&M Students.

Out of this passion and strive for service, we find our student body being led in a new tradition—BUILD. Our Good Bull Story of the Week is dedicated to Bryson Sutterfield, one of the co-founders of BUILD. As Reid Joseph said, “BUILD is a project where we as a student body help fundraise and construct a house and then donate it to a deserving family.” But it is also so much more than that. The vision behind BUILD is to, “provide us an opportunity to unite as a student body in the same spirit as Bonfire. In this process, we will be able to come together from all parts of campus and continue in our rich tradition of selfless service,” said Bryson. As the former Deputy Corps Commander, Bryon embarked on the mission to reinvent the role of deputy, and it was his hopes to make it focused on university involvement and bridge the gaps between the quad the rest of the student population. It was a passion for uniting in the efforts of selfless service that led to the very evident need for a way for the campus to unite and, “take the initiative to address issues in a slowly fading spirit and unity across campus,” according to Bryson.

BUILD has undoubtedly taken off with momentum as students from all across campus—Graduate Students, Corps of Cadets, Greek Life, and more—all working together to accomplish this vision. Bryson stated that, “from professors all the way up to Dr. Loftin and Chancellor Sharp, the idea of BUILD has taken a form of its own and students from all areas of campus have taken to it as their own.” It should come as no surprise that when asked what core value resonates most with Bryson, he responded with a simple and resounding, “selfless service.” He continued on saying that, “I had been the recipient of more blessings than even I am aware of and hope to continue as a servant of my God. Remember, regardless of our backgrounds, our passions, beliefs, or our differences, we are all bound by a common bond as Aggies.”

We don’t know what traditions may be established in the next fifty years until we come back and answer, “here,” at Muster; but we salute students such as Bryson for his unwavering passion and dedication to Texas A&M University, its students, and its core values as we strive to unite around new traditions such as BUILD in the spirit of bonfire and of selfless service. Until next time, thanks and gig ‘em!