SGA IN ACTION

ARC brings the 90’s back

The Aggie Recruitment Committee successfully coordinated the Seniors Experiencing AggieLife Conference during November 16-18, 2012. With about 100 high school senior in attendance, ARC was working hard to recruit new students to join the Aggie Family.

The theme this year was "Aggieland's All That" where the committee and participants were able to dance to 90s grooves, and remember the decade they were born in. The participants watched as we BTHO Sam Houston State, attended a class, bumped it at Midnight Yell and experienced all that Aggieland has to offer.

Thanks you Traditions Council for all your hard work in planning and coordinating Bonfire Remembrance!

SGA Staff Takes 1st Place Again!

The SGA staff took first place for the second year in a row during the Student Activities Halloween Costume competition. This year we dressed as Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory!
COSGA turns passion into action

The Conference on Student Government Association (COSGA) is the largest student-run conference on student government in the nation. Each year student government leaders come together to exchange ideas, learn how to initiate programs on their campus, network with other leaders, and acquire ways on how to make their campus better. The conference will be held on February 23rd-26th.

The theme for this year's conference is, “Enthusiasm in Leadership: From Passion to Action.” The four-day conference includes three keynote speakers that expound on the central theme of the conference. Roundtable sessions consist of about 12 delegates getting together to exchange ideas and possible solutions to problems that they face on their respective campuses. Networking with other schools, as well as Texas A&M organizations, to discuss prevalent topics or ideas. Nightlife socials occur each night of conference around College Station.

Our committee and executive team have done a phenomenal job on creating new ideas to empower student leaders. We have made huge strides to continue improving the conference such as: updating and streamlining the website, utilizing the MSC, finding motivating speakers, expanding our reach to international schools, and creating a hospitable Texas A&M environment through networking and nightlife socials.

Our mission statement is, "We at COSGA 2013 will passionately serve a community of students leaders who strive for professional growth. We commit to leadership and our mission: to achieve the highest quality student government conference in the world.” Throughout the semester, our committee focuses on planning the conference, as well as being trained on what the conference entails. Our subcommittees are Programming, Operations, Transportation, Committee Development, Promotions and Hospitality. In November, we received COSGA Hosts. Hosts help out at conference and are vital to the success of conference. At the conference, both Committee members and Hosts are in charge of transporting the delegates around College Station, facilitating roundtable discussions, introducing workshop presenters, and attending nightlife socials.

We cannot wait for the delegates to come to Texas A&M and learn how to effectively improve their campus. We are thrilled for COSGA 2013! For more information about our conference, visit cosga.tamu.edu!

Meet Your Advisor

Name: Tim Sweeney

Organizations I advise: Traditions Council and emergency ad hoc groups that are created in response to relief efforts

How long I’ve been at TAMU: I arrived on campus on August 1, 1980 and worked in the Department of Residence Life till 1985 when I joined the Department of Student Activities.

Favorite Aggie Tradition: Silver Taps. My group hosts the families at this event.

Favorite part of my job: Working with students. Their energy, compassion, curiosity and intelligence keeps the job an adventure!

Favorite local restaurant: "Republic Steakhouse" for special events (birthdays, anniversaries, etc.). "On the Border" for every week!

Where are you from: I am originally from the Home of O’Reilly Automotive and Bass Pro Shop, the "Heart of the Ozarks"; Springfield, Missouri.

Favorite vacation spot: Ah! Toss up: Lake Tahoe for the outdoor activities: snow skiing, hiking, water sports and the mountains. Also, San Francisco. Lombard Avenue is a thrill ride and there is so much to do around there: Carmel, Pebble Beach, Napa Valley, Monterey, Alcatraz, Sausalito and of course “Sweeney Ridge.”

Something we wouldn’t know about you by looking at you: Two things: I was a club DJ in the days of disco in the 70’s and later in the early 80’s here at A&M in the "Urban Cowboy" days. I also competed in several club disco dance competitions (I was much thinner then!) with a partner. (She kept the trophies.)

Other things you are involved in: Challenger Little League for kids with physical and mental challenges (16 years). Currently I am President.

Favorite Quote: I suppose this one comes to mind because of my recent life events and that this is the remembrance week for the bonfire tragedy in ’99. “Tragedy is a tool for the living to gain wisdom, not a guide by which to live” - Robert F. Kennedy
The Development Commission exists to serve you! This commission strives to build our SGA endowment in order use the collected funds to appropriate to the committees, thus relieving us of our dependency on student fees. The Commission currently is working on two main projects:

**PATH TO SUCCESS BRICK CAMPAIGN:** This campaign was initiated to ensure the longevity of organizations by providing additional finances for current programs, traditions, and new initiatives. The bricks, ranging in size from 4x8 to 8x8, make excellent gifts for graduation, birthdays, holidays, or even as a way to commemorate achievements and legacies! The Path to Success is prominently located on the plaza in front of the Koldus Student Services Building next to Kyle Field. To purchase a brick with your own customized inscription, please visit bricks.tamu.edu.

**TEE UP WITH SGA GOLF TOURNAMENT:** This was SGA’s second golf tournament! We are inviting old Ags and current students and staff to come play a round of golf and learn about what makes SGA special. To sign up for the tournament or for more information, please visit: http://sgadevelopment.tamu.edu/golftournament.

Our university uses a lot of energy in its daily operations. We can help lessen our carbon footprint in two simple ways:

*Please turn off your computer monitor at your cube before you leave each day. This small action will conserve energy!*

*Eliminate paper waste by turning off the “banner sheet” on the printer when you print. Just go to the Start Menu, click on Printers, and change the SGA printer properties on your computer. Need help? Come ask any SGA staff member to help!*

Thank you for caring for our world!

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**Who:** Replant  
**What:** Profit-Share  
**When:** December 5th, 5-8pm  
**Where:** Chik-Fil-A

**Who:** COSGA  
**What:** Profit-Share  
**When:** December 5th, 8-10pm  
**Where:** Grub Burger

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