

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 1, 2014

TO: Bill Jentsch '80
Class Agent

FROM: Ryan Trantham '15, MSC President
Kyle Kelly '14, Student Body President

SUBJECT: E. King Gill Statue Relocation

Recently, student leaders were approached to share our opinions regarding the relocation of the E. King Gill statue necessitated by ongoing redevelopment efforts of Kyle Field and the surrounding area. Ryan Trantham '15, the 65th MSC President, served as the student point-of-contact for the Class of '80, who donated the statue as a class gift.

As student leaders, we believe that it is of utmost importance that the new location of the E. King Gill statue be a place where Aggies and visitors to our campus will have a chance to interact with this representation of the Twelfth Man. This statue is a valuable piece of Texas A&M's history because it highlights the Aggie Core Values of Selfless Service and Loyalty to one's team, community, and country. As such, we would like to express our desire to keep the statue in a visible, prominent location on campus such as the MSC or Rudder Plaza rather than in a location removed from the daily life of an Aggie, such as in a museum hall or art gallery. Furthermore, if the statue is placed in such a location, it would have the opportunity to be showcased on campus tours or in the media during campus coverage.

The role of the 12th Man extends beyond Kyle Field. Aggies have a history of serving our country and community and have demonstrated time and time again that we look out for one another and provide assistance to those in need. This statue serves as a visual reminder of these values. Although our individual preferred locations for the statue may vary from person to person or from current to former students, we all agree that keeping the statue near the heart of campus would help to maintain the connection between E. King Gill's legacy and the values that each Aggie is asked to embody every day.

We thank you for this opportunity to provide our input. Please let us know if there is any way we can assist you in this or any future projects affecting our campus and students.

Sincere thanks and Gig 'em!



Kyle Kelly '14
Student Body President



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MSC President