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Bleeding Purple Back Then

1995 was a time of cassette tapes, handwritten notes, and Friday night lights—but even then, the spirit was unmistakable. These Plowboys weren't just striking a pose in good humor—they were capturing a moment that reflected the heart of Tarleton. Whether leading the charge at campus events or just sharing a laugh between classes, they embodied a legacy of pride, tradition, and what it truly means to be a Texan. *Photo by Grassburr Archives*



Marching Through Time

In crisp formation, the Wainwright Rifles perform a precision drill during halftime on Homecoming Day, 1962—honoring tradition, discipline, and school spirit before a crowd of cheering fans and proud alumni along the sidelines. *Photo by Grassburr Archives*



From Rifles to Rhythms

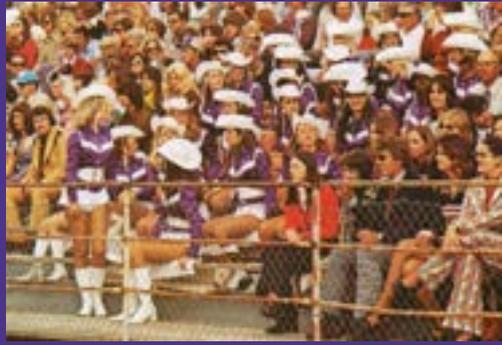
Once marked by military precision, halftime shows have transformed into vibrant displays of musicality, spirit, and synchronized energy, in 2025 performances feature dynamic marching bands, spirited cheer squads, and expressive dance teams. *Photo by Victoria Peterman*



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The Original Crowd Igniters

In 1975, the cheer and dance team brings the energy from the field and stands, decked out with signature cowboy hats and boots. Their presence ignited school pride and united the student body—just one of many organizations that filled the stands. *Photo by Grassburr Archives*



Spirit in the Stands

In the stands of 2025, groups like PANKUS, Plowboys, and the Corps rally the crowd—backing the cheer and dance teams who lead from the sidelines. The Texan Rider moves between the field and the stands, bridging generations of Texans together. *Photo by: Victoria Peterman*

Tradition Lives On

Fast forward 30 years to 2025, and the boots are still touching, spirit remains strong, the smiles just as wide. A new pair of Plowboys strike the same pose, proving that while the years may pass, the heart of Tarleton doesn't miss a beat. The backdrops may change, but the energy, the laughter, and the love for tradition remains untouched. It's more than a photo—it's a legacy of good humor, deep pride, and the unshakable bond of what it means to Bleed Purple. *Photo by Mia Meehan*

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