

In Days When YMCA Was Campus Center

# Casey's Was Campus Hangout

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During the so-called "OI' Army Days," the YMCA was the Memorial Student Center of the campus.

The whole ground floor housed everything from Casey's Confectionery to a bowling alley to a swimming pool and a barber shop. However, the YMCA is best known by "OI' Army" Aggies because of the confectionery.

Casey's Confectionery was the central hangout on the campus for 35-odd years. Aggies went there to buy fountain drinks, cigars and cigarettes or just to chat with their friend Jesse Casey, better known as just plain Casey.

W. M. Sparks, Casey's partner for 36 years, describes Casey by saying, "There was never a man who walked the A&M Campus who was more popular than Jesse Casey."

Casey's Confectionery was located where The Battalion and Office of Student Publications is now.

Casey opened his confectionery a couple of years after the YMCA was built and right off the bat his

place became the Aggie hangout. In a few years Casey's Confectionery became famous. Up until Casey's death a couple of years ago, former students drove back to A&M just to chat with him.

The confectionery doors were opened early in the morning and remained open until Call to Quarters (CQ). Many Aggies made a mad dash for Casey's before the confectionery closed to get foun-

tain drinks and candy to eat and drink during CQ.

Sparks said one of the most important things the partners did while running the confectionery was the selling of boxes of candy to

the students who sent them to their girls and parents.

Casey's was the wholesale outlet and students served as retailers in the dormitories. Each salesman had his own floor to service. Casey sold the candy to them and they marked the goods up so they could make a profit—and keep themselves in school.

Each year about 30 to 40 students were able to go to college who would not have otherwise gone if it had not been for Casey.

Sparks recalled that one year during the three days prior to Valentine's Day three pickup truck loads of candy were sold.

Casey's Confectionery also served as a student loan agency.

Before each Corps trip, students swarmed Casey's to write checks and borrow money. Sparks said, since the confectionery did not keep large amounts of cash on hand, "I had to go to the bank sometimes three or four times a day to get more money."

Casey had a system of collecting his loans that made the students want to pay up. When a student's loan expiration date came around Casey posted the borrower's name on the front of his cash register, and at the top of the list he wrote "Come A Running."

Students almost broke their necks to get to Casey's to scratch their names from the list.

Students liked the place so much that it was common to hear, "I'll meet you at Casey's."

Casey went on a tour of the YMCA just before his death and was amazed at its look. As he rode down the elevator and entered the ground floor he remarked, "Gosh, where am I?"



**CAMPUS**  
TODAY THRU SATURDAY  
"THAT NAUGHTY GIRL"  
Brigitte Bardot

**Gulton Hall THEATRE**  
THURSDAY & FRIDAY  
**WAR of the SATELLITES**  
AN ALLIED ARTISTS PICTURE  
Plus  
**ATTACK OF THE 50 FT. WOMAN**  
AN ALLIED ARTISTS PICTURE

**CSC Meets Tonight To Plan 'Weekend'**

With the glow of Civilian Week-end, March 21, in their eyes, members of the Civilian Student Council will meet tonight at 7:15 in the Senate Chamber of the Memorial Student Center.

Prior to the meeting the councilmen will have their pictures made for the Aggieband '59 in the Main Lobby of the MSC.

Discussion on the Civilian Week-end, including various reports from the weekend committees, will headline the night's topics.

Pennsylvania's 1958 football schedule includes the same nine rivals the Red and Blue faced in 1956 and 1957.

**SKYWAY DRIVE IN THEATRE**  
THURSDAY & FRIDAY  
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6-Oz. Jars—Maryland Club  
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Ritz Crackers ..... pkg 28c  
No. 2 Cans—Libbys  
Pineapple Juice ..... 2 cans 29c  
No. 1 Flat Cans—Libbys  
Sliced Pineapple ..... 2 cans 35c  
No. 2 1/2 Cans—Libbys  
Fruit Cocktail ..... can 39c  
No. 303 Cans—Libbys Golden  
Cream Style Corn ..... 2 cans 35c  
Maryland Club  
COFFEE ..... 1-lb. can 75c  
300 Size Cans—Alma Brand  
Fresh Cream Peas ..... 2 cans 27c  
300 Size Cans—Alma Brand  
Fresh Blackeye Peas .... 2 cans 25c  
14-Oz. Bottles  
Hunts Catsup ..... 2 bottles 37c  
300 Size Cans—Hunts  
Solid Pack Tomatoes .... 2 cans 27c  
3-lb. Can  
CRISCO ..... can 89c  
300 Size Cans—Kimbells  
Pork & Beans ..... 3 cans 28c  
303 Size Cans—Diamond Brand  
Cut Green Beans ..... 2 cans 25c

**-FROZEN FOODS-**  
Beef, Chicken or Turkey  
Complete Dinners ..... each 69c  
Beef, Chicken or Turkey  
Pot Pies ..... each 29c  
Cut Broccoli, Green Peas,  
Peas & Carrots, Spinach .. pkg. 18c

**-MARKET-**  
Swifts Premium  
Sliced Bacon ..... 1-lb. 55c  
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All Meat Franks ..... 1-lb. 55c  
Deckers—Tall Korn  
Sliced Bacon ..... 1-lb. 45c  
Round Steak ..... 1-lb. 89c  
Loin Steak ..... 1-lb. 89c  
Meaty Short Ribs ..... 1-lb. 55c

BORDENS MILK  
2 Half Gallon Cartons ..... 89c  
Gallon Jug ..... 85c

**-PRODUCE-**  
Russet  
POTATOES ..... 10-lbs. 39c  
LETTUCE ..... head 10c  
AVACADOS ..... each 10c  
GRAPEFRUIT ..... 5-lb. bag 31c

SPECIALS FOR THUR. AFTERNOON, FRI. & SAT.—MAR. 12-13-14  
**CHARLIE'S** FOOD MARKET  
NORTH GATE —WE DELIVER— COLLEGE STATION

**PALACE**  
STARTS TODAY  
KEENAN WYNN • ELAINE STITCH  
LES TREMAYNE MARCEL DALIO  
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DOUBLE FEATURE  
"David & Bathsheba"  
& "Wolf Larsen"

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LINDA CRISTAL

**QUEEN**  
DOUBLE FEATURE  
"David & Bathsheba"  
& "Wolf Larsen"

**CHS Junior Class To Present Play**

The junior class of A&M Consolidated High School will present "January Thaw", an unsophisticated comedy, in the school auditorium March 24 at 8 p. m.

The play, under the direction of Mrs. Ermine Worrell, is a Michael Todd production and has appeared on Broadway in the last several years.

Members of the cast in order of appearance are: Janis Gard, Judy Rasmussen, Yvonne Parker, Kelly Parker, Ann Elkins, Dorothy Berry, Dee Smith, Ben Jackson, Ann Rudder, Brenner Sayers, Joel Mills, Larry Godfrey and Jimmy Holland.

**Safety Equipment Lecture Scheduled**

Gary Scott, representative of the Mines Safety Appliance Co., will speak to the Industrial Education Club and safety class on the topic "Personal Protective Equipment and the Uses of Each" Tuesday.

He will lecture in the Biological Science lecture room at 7:30 p. m.

The talk will include the demonstration and use of instruments to measure air contamination, explosive meters, resuscitators and general facial protective devices.

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