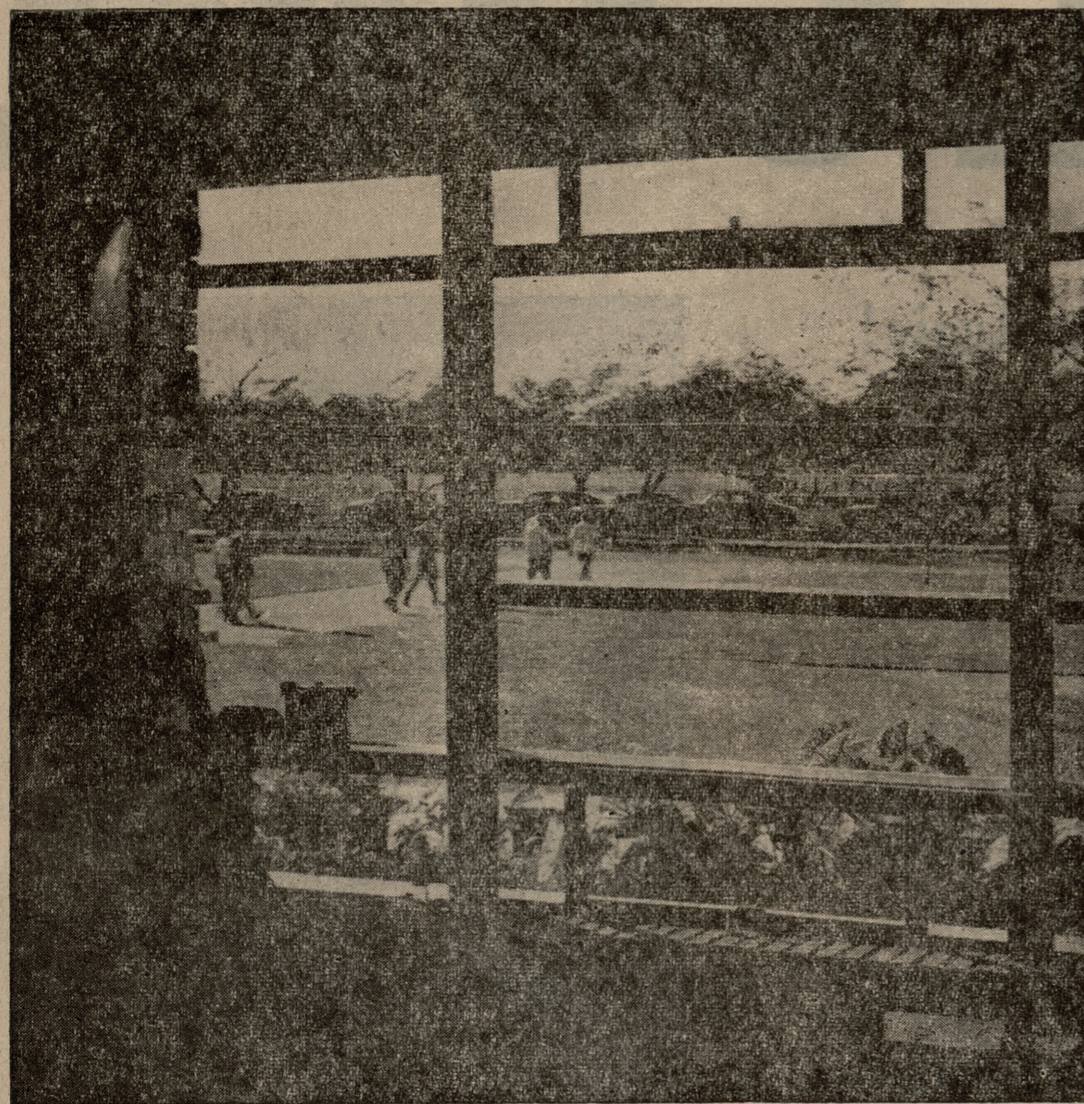




'Living Room of the Campus'



1500 Get Acquainted

Memorial Student Center Opens Doors to Freshmen

The Memorial Student Center opened its doors Sunday afternoon to 1500 new students in an informal open house with local girls acting as hostesses.

The theme of the gathering was "get acquainted with your MSC," said Wayne Stark, director of the Center. Exhibits from every committee in the MSC were displayed throughout the corridors and rooms of the huge Student Center from 2 until 5 p.m.

New students were given the chance to join any of the committees in which they may be interested.

This open house program was calculated to acquaint the new student thoroughly with all phases of the MSC. Members of the MSC Council, a group of students who help guide the policies of the Center have been on the campus for several days working out plans for the coming year and preparing for the open house.

Sunday afternoon's program was the largest in the history of the MSC since it began operations in September, 1950.

"We want to stress to all the new students that the MSC doors are open to them just as other students," said John Samuels, president of the MSC Council.

Samuels said in the past a few upperclassmen have attempted to

prevent freshmen from using the MSC facilities by declaring that this was an upperclassmen's privilege.

To Orientate Freshmen

"That is one of the main reasons we have held this open house, so that the first year students could come in and look over our various facilities," Samuels said.

Music Committee members furnished organ music for the afternoon in the Main Lounge of the Center.

House Committee members of the MSC were responsible for handling the informal reception with a roster for those people serving. The Reception Committee, which is a part of the House Committee, provided the welcome for Dean Bertrand and his staff as well as other honored guests.

Some of these guests included Col. Joe E. Davis, commandant of the school of military science, Lt. Col. Taylor Wilkins, assistant commandant, and W. B. Penberthy, dean of men.

The Art Gallery Committee offered a public exhibit, and opened the Art Gallery for freshmen to inspect.

The Browsing Library Committee members held the presentation of their area (and maintained an exhibit in the library during the afternoon.

The Dance Committee also held a presentation of its area. This is the committee which stages "Rue Pinalle," an Aggieldand version of a French night club.

"Rue Pinalle" is staged during the semester on the Friday night preceding a football game. Last year the club became so popular that it was in operation nearly every week when a special event was held on the campus.

The Camera Club and Radio Club of the Center offered exhibits Sunday afternoon with a receptionist on hand to greet the freshmen and show them the equipment used.

Crafts Committee

Crafts Committee members kept their shop open and held demonstrations of their equipment.

Forum Committee and Junto Committee members maintained booths throughout the three hour period to sign up any interested freshmen.

These committees are of the discussion type. They hold regular meetings and talk over various current topics.

Games Committee members kept the table tennis area open.

Members of the MSC Council offered an exhibit in the president's office with a picture display of the council.

Film Society To Schedule Movies Soon

The A&M Film Society will again offer an outstanding program of films selected to provide a maximum of entertainment at a minimum cost, Jerry Bennett, film society president, has announced.

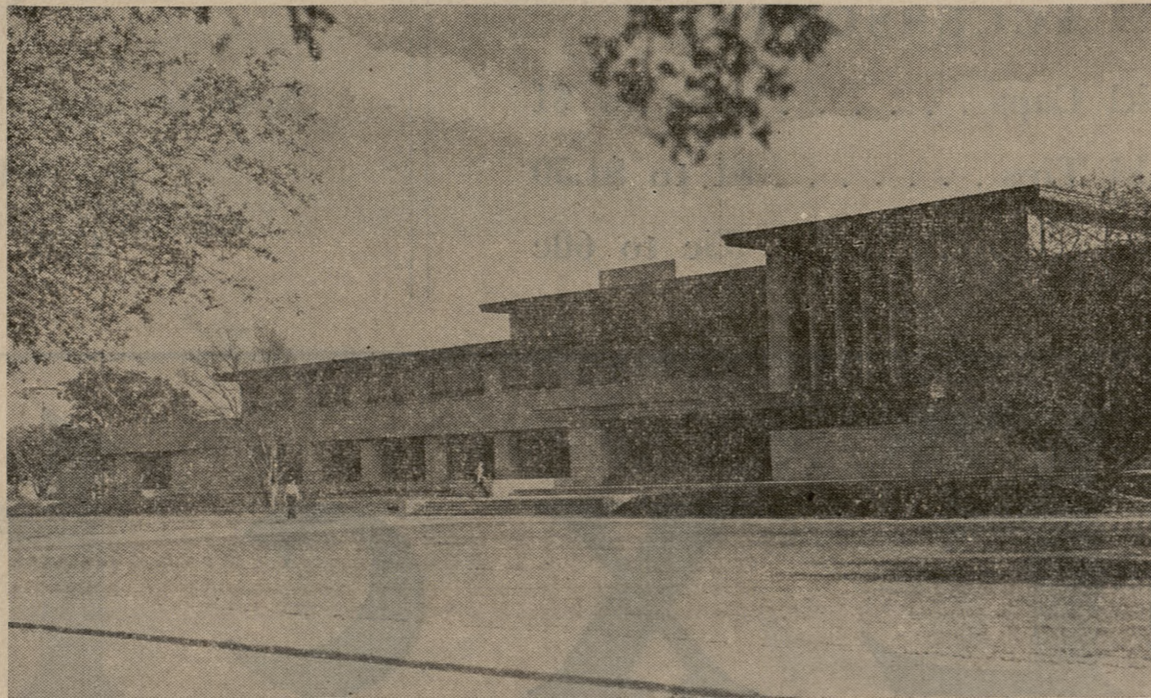
Included in the series to be shown will be at least four foreign and eight Hollywood films.

Encouraged by the response to the summer program, Bennett said every effort would be made to provide films that should prove popular with the greatest number of patrons.

Admission will be by season ticket only, which will sell for one dollar.

Tickets may be purchased at the Student Activities Office and at the Main Desk of the MSC, as soon as the schedule has been completed.

Film Society officials will be Bennett, president; Bob Hendry, vice-president; Bob Boriskie, secretary; and Ed Holder, treasurer.



PREPARATIONS FOR FRESHMEN—The Memorial Student Center staff and various student leaders have been working for the past week in preparation for the big Open House which was held in honor of the first-year men from 2 till 5 p.m. Sunday afternoon. The affair was informal and Johnny Samuels, president of the MSC Council extended the welcome to all freshmen to "drop by and get acquainted with their MSC."

Laughton Will Star In Town Hall Show

Gershwin Concert To Finish Series

By JERRY BENNETT
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Town Hall, A&M's annual concert series, this year will present a dramatic show for the first time in addition to its regular musical programs.

Actor Charles Laughton, whose screen portrayal of Henry VIII almost put Elizabethian table manners back into the etiquette books, will offer one of the most unusual and popular shows now touring the country.

Laughton will read to the Town Hall audience. He will take selections ranging from Mark Twain to the Diciples. His readings have come into such great demand that Life Magazine predicts he has set a new trend in entertainment.

The programs are backed by Paul Gregory, former concert manager of a talent agency, who hit upon the idea of the reading tour, after seeing the actor do a similar program on television.

The show is scheduled for Dec. 7. In addition to the sophisticated growls of Charles Laughton, Town Hall will present radio's popular "The American Album of Familiar Music," Nov. 17; the songs of Peggy Lee backed by Jan Garber's orchestra, Dec. 14; The San Antonio Symphony Orchestra, Jan. 7; The Westminster Choir, Feb. 4 and The Gershwin Festival, Feb. 25.

Under the direction of Gustave Haenschen, "The American Album of Familiar Music" has long been one of radio's most popular musical shows. The program is now in its 19th year on the air.

The show is noted for its variety of music, ranging from classical to popular, which is performed by single vocalists, chorus and straight orchestras.

Peggy Lee had already made a hit with pop fans with such numbers as "Golden Earrings" and "Manana" when she recorded "Love" (Lee LAUGHTON, p. 4, Sec. III)

Town Hall Will Play In New Gym

Town Hall programs will be held this year in the new Physical Education Building when it is completed instead of Guion Hall.

Since more seating is available in the new building, no reserved seat tickets will be sold. Concerts will be on a first come-first serve basis.

Students will receive their Town Hall tickets upon paying the student activity fee. Those not paying the fee will be charged \$2 for each show. Non-student season tickets cost \$6.50.

All tickets go on sale Sept. 11 at registration. They will be sold in the Office of Student Activities starting Sept. 14.

Question Mark Vocalist Will Sing Sept. 28

Joni James, the little brunette who sang questions to the top of the nation's record sales will give A&M a chance to answer Sept. 28.

Backed by Buddy Morrow's trombone and orchestra, the 26 year old vocalist will sing the popular "Why Don't You Believe Me?" and "Have You Heard?" at a special concert.

Morrow band vocalists Frankie Lester and Jean Terry will add other songs to the show.

The performance will start at 8 p.m. Student tickets will sell for one dollar and non-student's for \$1.50.

Morrow and Miss James are both recent hits in the music world. Morrow's band has become one of the top musical groups with dance fans. His RCA records are favorites with many disk jockeys and record buyers alike.

Miss James, who gave up a dancing career to sing, is one of MGM Record's top recording stars.

Singing Cadets Schedule Sites Of Spring Tour

The Singing Cadets, a 55 voice choir, are tentatively scheduled to visit Dallas, Fort Worth, Denton, Brownsville, New London, and Baytown during their spring tour, Bill Turner, director, has announced.

The group is a student organization created to build up and support musical interest on the campus, and to furnish music for the college assemblies, religious services, club meetings and special occasions.

During the past year, the Singing Cadets presented concerts for high schools, civic clubs, and A&M clubs at different cities throughout the state.

The membership is made up of students who like to sing and enjoy the fellowship which singing affords, and who have decided to make the Singing Cadets one of their extra-curricular activities.

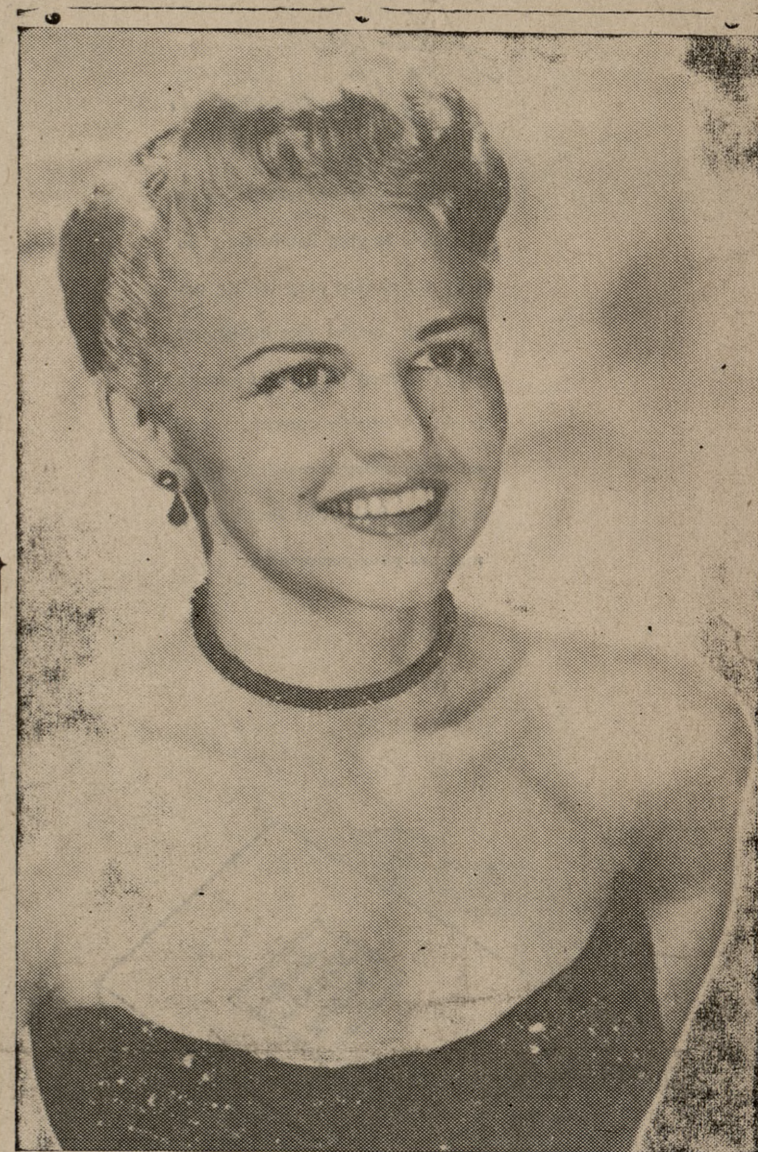
Rehearsals are held four times a week, from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Music Hall, Monday through Thursday, and Turner stressed the fact that music reading is not essential in order to participate.

Everyone who likes to sing is urged to attend the rehearsals, he said.

Recreation Council Teaches Athletics

The College Station Recreational Council offers a varied program of social and athletic activities for the benefit of people of all ages.

Sponsored by the city, the council gives free instruction in all its activities, and carries on its program throughout the year.



LOVER—Peggy Lee, pretty blonde vocalist who has scored record hits with such hits as "Manana" and "Lover," will be one of Town Hall's feature attractions for the coming season.

'Fish' Registration Begins Big Year

The Aggie "fish" started this year's college activities this morning as they filed into Sbis Hall for registration. A full first semester is set up for students.

The semester's activities will be:

- September:
- 12—Registration for old students.
- 14—Classes Begin, All College Night, Agricultural Council, MSC Council.
- 17—Intramural Athletic Officers, Employees Dinner Dance Club.
- 19—Last Day for Enrolling or Adding New Courses, University of Kentucky Football Game at Lexington, Ky.
- 21—Entries Close—Table Tennis, Basketball, and Swimming, MSC Directorate, Engineers Council, Senior Class.
- 22—Intramural Athletic Officers' Bar-B-Que.
- 23—Entries Close—Football, Horse-shoes, Bowling.
- 24—Student Senate, Quarterback Club.
- 25—MSC Rue Pinalle.
- 26—Last Day for Dropping Courses, University of Houston Football Game (here, night), MSC After Game Dance.
- 28—Joan James and Buddy Morrow Orchestra (tentatively scheduled), Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Week begins, Intramural Swim Meet.
- 29—Quarterback Club.
- 30—Entries Close for Open Handball.

October:

- 1—Tarleton-Fish Football Game Here, Student Senate.
- 3—University of Georgia Football game (Dallas, night).
- 5—Arts and Science Council, Alpha Zeta, Engineers Council.
- 6—Quarterback Club.
- 8—Baylor-Fish Football Game (Here).
- 10—Texas Tech Football Game (Lubbock, night).
- 12—Agricultural Council, MSC Council, Basic Division Council.
- 13—Quarterback Club.
- 15—TCU-Fish Football Game (Here) Student Senate,

- 16—Deadline on Subsistence Payment.
- 17—Holiday, TCU Football Game at Ft. Worth. (Corps Trip).
- 19—Alpha Zeta, Student Life Committee, MSC Directorate.
- 22—Employees Dinner Dance Club, Quarterback Club.
- 23—Aggie Rodeo, Service or First Regimental Ball, MSC Rue Pinalle, Deadline on Club Aid Requests.
- 24—Baylor University Football Game (Here), Aggie Rodeo All College Dance, "Tex" Ben-eke (tentatively scheduled).
- 26—Senior Class, Basic Division Council.
- 29—Quarterback Club.
- 31—University of Arkansas Football Game at Little Rock, Ark.

Korean Veterans' Certificates Due

All students who are attending A&M under the Korean GI Bill should submit their Certificate of Education to the veterans' advisor in Room 102 of Goodwin Hall and complete registration forms before registration day.

Bennie A. Zinn, veterans' advisor, will be available for conferences pertaining to any GI Bill problems or regulations.

Students who do not have the certificates now should submit them to Zinn as soon as they are received.