

# Student Activities Dept. Completes College Life

A&M's Student Activities Department, headed by W. L. Penberthy, is concerned with almost everything that happens on the campus that doesn't involve books. All clubs, military units, dormitories and classes plan their activities with the help of this department.

The department also sponsors Town Hall, the theater program that brings classical, semi-classical and popular programs to the campus; Guion Hall, which shows first-rate movies at low prices; concessions, which operates candy and soft drink machines in the dormitories; and intramural athletics, which give all students a chance to play their favorite sports.

A tentative schedule for this year's Town Hall offers the Robert Shaw Chorale, Stan Kenton and his

orchestra, the Four Freshmen, the Philharmonic Piano Quartet, "Don Juan in Hell," "Fiesta Mexicana," the Air Force Band and Singing Sergeants, the San Antonio Symphony Orchestra and a bonus attraction.

To make it easier and cheaper for the student to participate in these activities, all of them, except organizational dances, are included in a student activity fee.

The fee is \$21.90 a semester, payable when you register. The fee is optional, but if you buy separate tickets for each event the cost is more than double.

The student who pays the fee gets an athletics ticket, the Aggieland yearbook, a subscription to The Battalion, choice of Student Publications magazine, a Town Hall pass and tickets to the Great

Issues and Recital Series.

The Great Issues series is a lecture series which brings big-name speakers to the campus. The Recital Series features programs in classical music. Both are sponsored by the Memorial Student Center.

In the athletic ticket are included all intercollegiate athletic contests sponsored by the Athletic Department.

## Holds Freshman Camp

## YMCA Guides Students

An example of the college YMCA's service to A&M students, particularly freshmen, is the freshman camp to be held Sept. 6 through 9 at Fort Parker, near Mexia.

The camp's main purpose is to help bridge the gap between high school and college life. Talks by student leaders, group discussions, worship, recreation and fellowship are included in the program.

The YMCA's activities are centered in the "Y" building, a four-story structure in the center of the campus.

Its facilities include lounges, TV sets, writing tables, an information desk, meeting rooms, sign materials, movie equipment, game tables, bowling alleys and table tennis.

The YMCA operates Cashion's Cabin, located in Hensel Park, where churches and other organizations can hold social activities.

Also sponsored by the YMCA are freshman councils. Through these councils new students are able to become acquainted with

No one can look down on the boys who are working their way through school at A&M; there are too many of them doing it.

To make it easier for students to get jobs, the college operates the Office of Student Employment and Loans, which is a part of the Placement Office and is directed by Col. Edward F. Sauer.

If you are interested in earning part of your expenses, write the Office now for information. The address is Office of Student Employment, Texas A&M College, College Station. Get your application in early—the jobs go fast.

Most of the student labor positions are on the campus, for

there are no big industries or other labor markets around Bryan and College Station.

There are many types of work open to students. Just a few are clerical, stenographic and library work; library assistantships; metal and wood shop work; farm work and livestock handling; janitor work; landscape gardening; drafting; and compiling of reports and statistical data. And of course there are the famous "Sbisa volunteers," the student dining hall waiters.

The usual student wage is about 75 cents an hour, but a student with a special skill can get the

prevailing wage in that field. Waiters in the dining halls "sing—or work—for their supper."

But heed this word of warning: The college discourages students from trying to take too much part-time work their first year.

This doesn't mean that they won't help you get a job. They just know that during your first year you are going to need more time to study and adjust yourself to college life.

The college also suggests that no one try to earn more than half his expenses. After all, getting a college education is a full-time job.

Students have to be in good scholastic standing to get student labor jobs, and ordinarily only those students who actually need help in getting through school are considered for positions.

But as the name of the Office implies, student labor is only half of its work. The other half is hand-

ing student loans. The purpose of the Office is not to lend money to students to get them through school, but to supply them with small amounts when an emergency arises. These are strictly "honor loans;" no collateral is required.

The maximum amount that can be loaned is \$50, and loans must be repaid within 30 days.

Last year over 5,800 loans were made to students; in all about \$90,000 was lent. At present the Office has \$9,000 in capital, which comes from six separate loan funds.

"Practically all the money loaned to students is returned," says W. R. Horsley, head of the Placement Office, "but there are some 'dead-heads' who apparently don't take their honor very seriously. If they would pay up their loans, we would have more on hand to lend to boys who need it."

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