

Dedicated to WW I, II Dead MSC Is A&M's Living Room

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 MSC Public Relations Committee
 Built in memory of those A&M men who died in World Wars I and II the Memorial Student Center is known as "the living room of Texas A&M College."

Located south of the main drill field the MSC, as it is known on the campus, is a spacious, modern building, housing many facilities for your convenience while a student at A&M.

Operated on the idea of "a home away from home" with all built-in extras the MSC has music rooms, dances, crafts, a library, bowling and game-room and a hotel where you can house your girl.

In addition, two television lounges are located in the building together with a regular dining room and coffee shop just off the main lounge. The Fountain Room, which serves short orders and cold drinks is off the main corridor leading to the bowling alleys.

The Student Center is governed by a Council of eight students, five faculty members and two former students. One student is selected president of the MSC Council; this year's president is Richard M. Wall, '57, and he will be assisted by Dick McGinty '58, vice-president. Faculty members include W. F.

Berndt, E. D. McMurry, O. D. Butler, C. H. Ransdell and P. J. Woods. Former students sitting on the Council are B. H. Dewey, Jr., and Dr. Tyrus Timm.

A chairman is selected to head each of the 16 committees and these, together with the president and vice-president comprise the MSC Directorate, which plans and directs the various activities.

All freshmen are invited to sign up for these committees and activities. There is always something you can do to help and the wide program of the MSC is designed to meet the tastes and interests of everyone.

PERSONNEL BUREAU

A new organization composed of students who will help you find a position which will interest you in the MSC. This committee's job is to keep all standing committees filled up to quota. Robert Glasgow will be in charge of this committee.

HOUSE

Under the direction of Irving Rasower it is the responsibility of the House Committee to sponsor student-faculty coffee hours for various departments of the college. This group decorates the MSC during Christmas holidays, for Mothers' Day and Freshman Open House.

MUSIC

If you don't like the music being played over the loud speaker system in the MSC talk to Dudley Brown, committee chairman. This service is one of the duties they perform during the school year. Selection of records for record-playing rooms and sponsorship of all musical programs for the MSC come under this committee. The Interscholastic Talent Show, held annually, is the highlight of the year for this committee.

ART

David Morris will serve as chairman of this committee. They give free instructions in all types of art to interested students. Instruction is given in various medias-oil, watercolors and sketching. Several Art Displays are held during the year.

BOWLING-TABLE TENNIS

This committee doesn't set the pins in the Bowling Alleys, but it is one of their responsibilities to be sure the pins are in place. Under the direction of John Redden many tournaments are scheduled among the students here on the campus, and with other colleges and universities. Anyone interested in learning how to bowl or anyone wishing to join the MSC - A&M Bowling Team is welcome to become a member of this committee.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Success of all the various activities which take place in, or through the MSC, depend upon this committee. Through this group all radio, newspaper and billboard advertising for the MSC is handled. Roy Davis heads this group in 1956-57.

SPEECHMASTERS

Patterned after Toastmasters International and designed to build a successful foundation for public speaking and communication this group will be under in charge of Frank Jagers. They meet weekly in the MSC at an inexpensive luncheon with every member of the Committee participating in the program.

FILM SOCIETY

Fleming Smith heads this committee which presents films ranging from older classics to more recent movies. These films are presented in the MSC weekly. All phases of these presentations are

handled by members of the committee.

RECITAL SERIES

A sub-committee of the Music Committee this group of students, under direction of Norman Jacobson, presents a program of music recitals for those interested in "long-haired", serious type of entertainment. Artists of regional and national fame are presented throughout the year.

GREAT ISSUES

Jon Hagler and the members of his Great Issues Committee will present nationally and internationally known speakers who provide information on world wide topics of interest. Selection, entertaining and presenting these speakers falls on each member of the committee. In addition, a series of radio broadcasts on controversial issues are presented throughout the year by this group.

STUDENT CONFERENCE ON NATIONAL AFFAIRS (SCONA)

SCONA II will be held during the month of December in the MSC. Last year approximately 50 representatives from as many colleges and universities over the nation attended these lectures and discussions. Eminent leaders in foreign affairs from government, industry and education guide discussion of the delegates. This committee is responsible for publicity, correspondence, research, financing, securing speakers and arrangement of this conference.

STUDENT FORUM

The responsibility of this committee, headed this year by William Tsip, is to bring speakers to the campus to better inform and enable the student body to discuss intelligently current political, social and economic affairs.

JUNTO

Composed of a small group of students under William Meals this committee meets bi-weekly to discuss a wide range of topics. Creative thinking is the main prerequisite toward joining this committee.

DANCE

Boasting one of the most widely-accepted activities on the campus David L. Brothers will head the popular Dance Committee this year. This group makes possible the dance classes held during the semesters. Ballroom dancing is taught and this committee sponsors the popular "Rue Pinale"—A&M's French Nightclub, twice a month and other dances throughout the year.

CRAFTS

Both novice and masters are welcome to join the Crafts Committee and use the facilities of the Craft Shop. Leather work, ceramics, metals, plastics and wood work are some of the various medias with which you can work. Many students find this committee useful to make their own Christmas presents.

CAMERA CLUB

Anyone with the tag of a "shutter-bug" will enjoy this work. The MSC has four completely-equipped darkrooms for your pleasure. Under the direction of John West this group sponsors many photography exhibits through the year. Instruction is available for those who need it.



FRESHMAN OPEN HOUSE-CAMERA CLUB BOOTH—Ron Logan, (white shirt, center) explains the workings of a 35 mm camera to unidentified freshmen at the Freshman Open House held annually in the Memorial Student Center. Here newcomers to the campus see what and how each of the various groups and committees of the MSC work and operate and an opportunity is extended to each one to join.

Voice of the Students

A&M's Student Senate

A&M's student government is composed of the Student Senate. It is the voice of the students at A&M and acts as an executive group for them.

Composed of representatives from each class and dormitory the members are elected in the spring general elections. Both military and civilian students are represented in the group.

Freshmen are represented in this senate by their vice-president, who is elected during the fall semester.

The Student Senate meets monthly for their regular meetings and special sessions may be called by the president of the organization. During regular ses-

sions the senate discusses and votes on matters of student life, campus improvements and other facets of college life.

Action taken by the senate is

passed on as a recommendation to the Dean of Student Affairs who then acts on or passes the recommendation to the proper college officials.

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