

CSC Governs Civilian Students

The policy making body for civilian students attending A&M is the Civilian Student Council. This council, chosen by civilian students, represents them in any important business which may affect civilian students. This council was organized in 1954. Before this time civilian students had no organized group to represent them in any important business concerning civilian students. The Council has 21 members, chosen to equally represent all civilian students attending A&M. Two members are elected from the College View Apartments, one from the Project Apartments and one from each of the civilian dormitories. Each class and The Battalion is represented by one civilian student. One civilian yell leader, a chaplain and an assistant chaplain are also members. The only non-civilian member is a representative from the Corps who is appointed by the Cadet Colonel of the Corps. R. O. Murry is the council sponsor. Besides being a policy making body the Civilian Student Council is also responsible for seating arrangements for civilian students at football games, civilian parking on the campus and other such activities. President of the council is Mike Carlo; vice president is Lee A. Griggs; secretary, Jim Beal; treasurer, John Garner; and parliamentarian, Philip Johnson.



All-Faiths Chapel

Located on the A&M campus is the All-Faiths Chapel, built with money donated by the Association of Former Students. The chapel was opened in the 1957-58 school year. It serves as a place of meditation for students and for student weddings during the year. J. Gordon Gay, coordinator of religious life on the campus and general secretary of the YMCA, is in charge of the chapel.

Most Have Student Centers

College Station, Bryan Provide Many Churches

A student has the opportunity to worship his confession of faith while at A&M and will probably find his faith has a church in College Station or Bryan.

Many churches in College Station have student centers for their students. Here the student can take part in activities such as ping-pong or friendly discussions. Some student centers have planned socials or outings during the year.

Studying Delayed
On Wednesday and Sunday nights, studying time is delayed until 8:30 so cadets can attend church.

During the year, usually in February, the college sponsors Religious Education Week. Church leaders of different faiths are invited to hold nightly discussions with students in the dorms and in the mornings the guest speaker talks to the student body.

Special services are held in the All-Faiths Chapel on the campus. Included in the churches in College Station are the A&M Methodist Church, the A&M Presbyterian Church, the Assembly of God Church, the A&M Church of Christ, the A&M Christian Church, the First Baptist Church, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, St. Mary's Catholic Chapel, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Chris-

tian Science Society, B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation of Texas A&M and Unitarian Fellowship.

Others in Bryan
Churches not found in College Station but in Bryan are Church of the Nazarene, Bethel Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod), Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Faith Church United Church of Christ, Faith Evangelical and Reformed Church and United Pentecostal Church.

Student centers are maintained by nine churches around the campus.

Provide Recreation
These student centers provide recreational facilities and social programs for the Aggies in addition to regular worship services conducted by the churches.

Church groups that sponsor student centers or who have personnel available for student work are the First Baptist Church, St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Thomas Episcopal Chapel, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, A&M Methodist Church, and A&M Presbyterian Church. The A&M Christian Church, the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation of Texas A&M and the A&M Church of Christ also maintain student centers or campus workers.

Full Religious Development Goal of YMCA, Gay Explains

A full development of a student's religious life and to sponsor a number of religious activities for students are the aims of the Young Men's Christian Asso. at A&M, says J. Gordon Gay, coordinator of religious life and general secretary of the YMCA.

Chief aims of the YMCA regarding the student religious life are to lead young men to faith in God through Jesus Christ, to lead them into membership and service in a Christian church, to promote their growth in Christian faith and character and influencing the students to devote themselves in united effort with all Christians, to make the will of God effective in human society, says Gay.

He also stated, the YMCA is not a church, but a lay movement to direct students to their own churches.

For the incoming freshmen, there are a number of activities sponsored by the YMCA for their benefit. Discussion groups, which are held at intervals during the year, take up topics and problems vital to the freshman student.

YMCA Cabinet
The Freshman YMCA Cabinet will give new students a chance to participate in program planning, fellowship and an opportunity to develop leadership qualities.

Freshman Camp is another activity, that the YMCA offers for freshmen. The purposes, states Gay, of the camp are to give incoming freshman a chance to gain information about life at A&M and to help the student develop in his role as a Christian leader on the campus.

Conferences
YMCA intercollegiate conferences, where students become acquainted with outstanding student leaders from other colleges are held in the fall and spring, according to Gay. Any student can attend and will be helped by seeing how these leaders solve problems similar to the students own problems.

R. E. Week
Religious Emphasis Week, co-sponsored by the YMCA, is where outstanding religious leaders are secured to emphasize religion. In addition, forums and discussion groups are held with outstanding ministers and laymen conducting these groups, states Gay.

The YMCA Building also offers many services to students. Comfortable lounges, an information desk with campus information, telephone service and rooms for conferences and club parties are

among some of these services, Gay said.

"We are concerned with the incoming freshman students welfare and are eager for them to come by the YMCA and get acquainted with us, said Gay.

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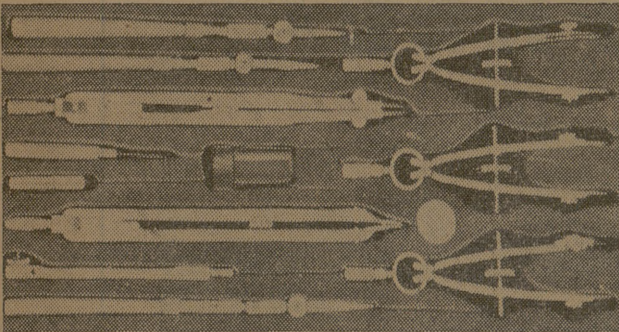
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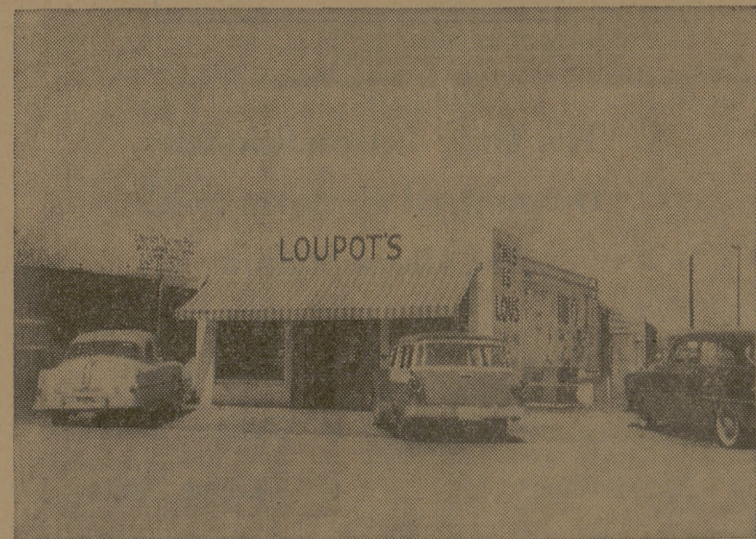
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