



Reveille II

A&M's colorful mascot is seen here at last spring's Aggie Muster. The 11-year-old shetland shepard was donated to A&M in 1952 by Arthur Weinert, '00, of Seguin when just a pup. She is cared for by Company E-2 of the Corps of Cadets.

SCONA, Great Issues Series Provide Discussion, Learning

A&M's Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA) and Great Issues program gives students opportunities to debate national problems and broaden their education by hearing leading politicians and statesmen.

SCONA's objective is to provide an informal atmosphere for student delegates from across the nation and nearby countries to debate, hear and reject discussion on topics of major importance.

THE CONFERENCE is student planned, financed and operated. From the start of the idea for the next year's conference, the students take over and engineer the complete meeting.

This year's chairman for SCONA IX is Russell Huddleston of San Antonio. He announced earlier this summer that the topic for the December conference will be "The Taxpayer's View of Government Spending."

Committees have been working for months attempting to attract top speakers for the affair. Last year's theme was "Sources of World Tension," and such men as Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, Mason Willrich, former delegate to the 18-nation disarmament talks, spoke to the students.

Other committees work at raising money, sending invitations to other schools for delegates, arranging transportation and lodging for guests, and planning agendas.

The goal of the Great Issues program is to bring speakers to the campus who will broaden students' knowledge. Featured in previous years have been authors, statesmen, diplomats and people in other

fields who can give the student knowledge he may never receive from books.

LAST YEAR one of the speakers was William L. Shirer, author of *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*, *Berlin Diary*, and other well-known books.

Held for the first time last year in conjunction with Great Issues was an A&M Space Fiesta. Its success resulted in plans for another this year.

Wernher von Braun, director of the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, has already been named as one of the top speakers to be heard at this year's Space Fiesta.

College Performers Show Ability Twice During Year

Twice during the school year college talent gets a chance to show its ability in two separate shows presented by the Memorial Student Center Talent Committee.

Coming first on the calendar, the Aggie Talent Show gives students at A&M a chance to perform, with the winner going to the Intercollegiate Talent Show later.

MSC Music Director Robert L. Boone said he believed there was more talent on the A&M campus than ever showed up for auditions.

"I HAVE HEARD, and heard of, singer, dancers and instrumentalists on campus who are as good as any college talent in this area. But they just will not show up for the Aggie show," Boone said.

He urged entering freshmen who possess ability to sing or play some instrument to audition for the Aggie Talent Show this year.

Soon after the local show, the MSC Talent Committee begins a

PROMOTES STUDENT WELFARE

Senate Runs Student Body, Acts As Its Official Voice

The central governing body of students on the A&M campus is the Student Senate.

The Senate is set up to determine and conduct matters of general student concern that arise at various times during the year.

Objectives of the Senate are to act as the official voice of the student body, to promote the student body's general welfare and to provide a liaison between the administration of the university and the students.

THE SENATE also provides opportunity to train students in the responsibilities and mechanics of democratic government and citizenship.

Officers of the Senate are elected by the student body in a general election held at the end of each school year.

A senior, junior and sophomore

representative is elected from each major college of the university at the time officers are elected.

Four freshmen representative will be elected immediately following the mid-semester grade reports and they will take office at that time.

The Senate is divided in to four standing committees:

THE STUDENT LIFE Committee strives to develop healthy student attitudes on such campus problems as an honor system and the purposes of a college education.

The Student Welfare Committee recommends policies or changes concerning the university hospital, dining halls, dormitories and landscaping. It also regulates all student welfare fund drives.

The Issues Committee proposes to the Senate resolutions on state,

national and international issues which affect and interests college students. It also voices opinions on current questions of importance, such as continued foreign aid and academic freedom.

MAIN PURPOSE of this committee is to demonstrate that students, as future leaders, can and should think about the society of which they are a part.

The Public Relations Committee serves to improve relationships with other student bodies and other outside groups through publicity, welcoming and other activities.

An annual Campus Chest Drive is sponsored by the Student Senate. Money collected from this drive goes to various welfare organizations. A substantial portion of the money collected remains on the campus for aid to Aggies.



Voting Machine Explained

For all class and student body elections at A&M voting machines in the Memorial Student Center are used. Voting is supervised by an Election Commission.

Civilian Students Have Own Council

Civilian students at A&M are not without representation in the management of affairs of students. The Civilian Student Council, elected annually by students not in the Corps, is a potent force in a growing A&M.

The Council was established to promote unity of the civilian students, encourage greater participation, and to encourage closer cooperation between the civilian and military student groups.

ITS OBJECTIVES, listed in the council constitution, are:

- 1) Promote student pride and morals
- 2) Improve unity among civilian students
- 3) Improve communications
- 4) Encourage civilian student participation in intramurals
- 5) Increase mutual aid
- 6) Plan social functions and recreation
- 7) Place pictures in the Aggie-land
- 8) Better representation in student government

- 9) Entertain guests
- 10) Improve coordination between civilian students and the Corps of Cadets.

THE COUNCIL consists of 22 members. One member is selected from each of the nine civilian dormitories, two from College View apartments, one from the Project House area, two representatives of Day Students, one from each of the four undergraduate classes, one representative from fifth year or above and graduate students, Civilian Chaplain, a reporter from *The Battalion*, and one representative of the Corps of Cadets.

Each member of the council, excepting the class of '67 representative, was elected at the close of the last school year.

Town Hall Shows Bring Well-Known Performers Here

The Town Hall Series, sponsored by the Memorial Student Center, brings nationally-known entertainers to the campus each year.

Included in the entertainment offered to A&M students and local residents during the 1963-64 Town Hall Series will be The Brothers Four, Benny Goodman and the Norman Luboff Choir.

THIS YEAR's program is probably the most ambitious in the history of the MSC, according to Bob Boone, Town Hall director.

Boone said the student center made a "special effort to produce one of our finest series next year—definitely our most expensive."

Six shows have been scheduled, and Boone hopes that one additional one can be booked.

"The variety of music ranges from classical to pops," Boone pointed out.

The 1963-64 series includes: Oct. 11—The Brothers Four

Nov. 27—The Worlds of Benny Goodman

Dec. 6—Norman Luboff Choir

Feb. 3—San Antonio Symphony

March 20—Leon Bibb, a folk concert singer.

April 3—Marty Robbins



LOUPOT Has Top Standing Among Merchants, Students

A small maroon and white building at the West edge of North Gate has a traditional standing both in the business atmosphere of the A&M College area as well as the personal life of its students.

Inside Loupot's Trading Post, the Aggies will find one of the best friends they can make while at A&M, J. E. Loupot, '32. He is not hard to spot, being a little more than thin, a little lacking in hair, and with an ever-present grin.

Old Army Lou, as many have come to know him, has many ties with A&M, dating back to 1928, when he entered A&M as a fish. After leaving A&M a few years later, he tried business in other parts of the state.

But after a few years, Loupot decided he could do more for the Aggies, and his alma mater, right here in College Station. So he returned and set up a small shop at North Gate.

Determined to make his future here, Loupot moved his business to its present location in a modest brick and stucco building across from the new dormitory area in 1942.

Since that day, Old Army Lou has done as much for the Aggies as its possible for a man of his means to do. A few examples will prove the point.

He sells books on the rental system. A student pays 95 cents to \$1.95 rent, plus a deposit on the book. When brought back to Lou at the end of the semester, the deposit is returned if the book is still on the current book list.

At times, when the need becomes evident, Lou has asked professors to give their time to tutoring students who need help, in order to keep the freshmen at A&M during their hardest year.

Lou considers the freindship of Aggies and the local community one of his best assets.

"This is nothing but good business," said Loupot. "If the Aggies like the way I do business, they will keep coming back. And they will tell their friends about it, too."

Loupot's is probably known best as a book store, where the customers don't have to pay new book prices, but can usually find used books at much better rates. However, all books are University approved.

Aside from the book business, Lou has a complete line of name-brand clothing, both for civilian students and Corps men. A complete line of accessories are also found at Lou's and he will not be beat on prices. He has the brass, belts, shoes, extra uniforms, school supplies, and room furnishings that the beginning Aggie needs.

The reason Lou can offer such low prices is obvious. There are no high overhead costs to pay, no set amount to be given to outside interests.

"I do business to give the Aggies the best value possible," Loupot said. "When an Aggie needs help, I will give it to him individually."

The tradition of Loupot will live as long as Aggies exist. For he has helped them, and they have in turn helped him. A mutual trust and a mutual interest such as this cannot help benefit past, present, and future Aggies.

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