

Places For Worship Offered

A student has the opportunity to worship while at A&M and most find that his faith has a church within distance of the campus. Many churches in College Station have student centers for Aggies. Here the student can take part in activities ranging from tennis to friendly discussions.

Chaplains Are Eager To Help With Problems

(Editor's Note: The following is a statement prepared by A&M student chaplains for incoming freshmen.)

"If any one would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." This is the position of student chaplains at Texas A&M University — servant of every student of the campus. Chaplains are available to students by time, day or night.

Many of you are leaving home for the first time. You are going to be faced with problems that you never thought would exist. We are here to help you solve some of your problems, spiritual or otherwise. We want to try to make your stay at A&M as pleasant as possible.

We don't profess to know the answer to all questions and problems that you might have, but we can find a person who does.

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but every thought that proceeds from the mouth of man." We do not wish to deny the religious convictions of anyone, Christian or non-Christian, but we feel that everyone needs to have his spiritual needs filled.

Some of you for various reasons will not be able to attend a place of worship regularly. We hope that we can enrich your spiritual lives of filling in the gap between you and your place of worship.

Spirit Glows Each Year At Thanksgiving

The glowing symbol of the renowned Aggie spirit is the massive bonfire ignited each year just before the annual Thanksgiving football game between A&M and the University of Texas.

According to the tradition this year's will be "your" bonfire as incoming freshmen. Each class goes back on the fire built its human year and knows for sure it was the biggest and best in the history.

The bonfire is the culmination of the hard hours in the woods surrounding College Station—long hours of stacking logs at the behind Duncan Dining Hall.

About one week before Thanksgiving each year Aggies invade the landowner's oak forest to cut the logs and place them on trucks for the stacking area. When the stack is ready, it is soaked in oil and highly-flammable aviation fuel.

When the big moment arrives the leaders heave torches on the stack and crowds shrink at the intense heat as it flares.

The largest yell practice of the year is then held to prepare for the most serious football business of the year.

Some student centers have planned socials or outings during the year.

ON WEDNESDAY and Sunday nights, studying time is delayed until 8:30 so cadets can attend church.

During the spring semester, usually in February, the university sponsors Religious Emphasis Week. Church leaders of different faiths are invited to hold nightly discussions with students in dormitory lounges. Each morning during the week guest speakers talk to the student body.

The All-Faiths Chapel was erected on the campus in 1957 at a cost of \$257,000 to provide students of all religions a place for individual worship and meditation. Special services are held there many times during the year.

INCLUDED AMONG the churches of 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, Christian Science Society, B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation of Texas A&M and Unitarian Fellowship.

Churches not 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 near the campus.

Three student centers provide recreational facilities and social programs for Aggies in addition to regular worship services.

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.

A&M Presbyterian Church, A&M Christian Church, B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation of Texas A&M and A&M Church of Christ.

SOME OF the facilities available at the various student centers are recreation rooms for playing table tennis, checkers, dominoes and other similar games. Television sets, libraries are rooms for study, meditation or Bible reading are also available.

Aggies, Dates Enjoy Many Dances Held During Year

Several weekends during the year, Aggies bring their dates to the campus, dress in their finest, and attend the various balls held in Sbis Dining Hall.

Each class has its own ball during the year. The Fish Ball is usually held just after the beginning of the spring semester. It is an occasion when the freshman dons his best Class A uniform and prepares for the brightest weekend of his fish year.

Other dances which freshmen may attend are the Cotton Ball and all dances held for the student body in the Memorial Student Center basement and Ballroom.

Army cadets of all classes don their best fatigues for the Combat

Ball, another annual dance feature. The setting for this dance is usually some historic combat zone, as well as faculty and staff attending, dress accordingly.

Programs for the Aggies are weekly or monthly meetings which may include vesper services, discussions sessions, cost suppers, programs of various types or fellowship meetings.

Pre-school retreats for study and relaxation are held by some of the churches before the fall semester begins. Exchange meetings with similar groups from nearby colleges are also sponsored by some student centers.

MANY AGGIES take part in their churches' regular worship as ushers or choir members.



All-Faiths Chapel

Erected by the Association of Former Students in 1957, this \$257,000 building serves as a place for Aggies of all religions to worship. Special services are often held in the chapel.

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*And So It Goes —
Father to Son
Brother to Brother
and Friend to Friend*

*23 July 63
Austin, Texas*

*Dear Lou,
I have a brother planning to come to A&M this fall as a fish. I wonder if you would send him a campusology book and all the other "hot poop".*

Seriously, you have done damn well by me and I wonder if you couldn't help get him started out on the right foot.

*His address is:
(name and address available at Loupot's)*

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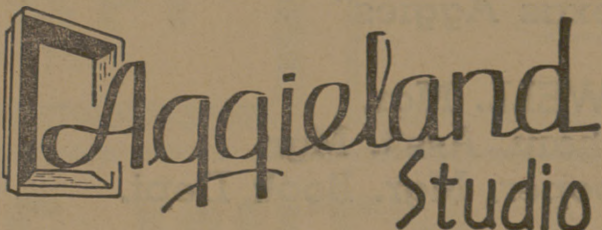
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