

For All Religions

The beautiful All-Faiths chapel is designed to serve students of all faiths and was a gift of the Association of Former Students.

The Chapel is located in the center of the campus and has approximately 9,200 square feet of space. The completely air conditioned building is made of shell limestone and is largely glassed-in, which permits full viewing of the surrounding gardens.

The seating capacity is 212 and the building contains a library, a small lobby, waiting room and a meditation room. The administrative offices of the Chapel are in the South Wing.

The Chapel is not intended to duplicate the facilities of the local churches but rather to supplement with the activities of existing religious organizations.



ALL-FAITHS CHAPEL
... erected in 1957 by the Association of Former Students.

Local Churches Provide Good Christian Leadership

A student has the opportunity to worship while at A&M and most will find a church of his faith within walking distance.

Many churches in College Station have student centers for Aggies. Here the student can take part in activities ranging from table tennis to friendly discussions. 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.

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.

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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 room for study, meditation or Bible reading are also available.

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.

YMCA's Purpose Is Student Service

The Young Men's Christian Association at A&M University does everything in the way of service for students except give S&H Green Stamps.

Some people overlook the work and services that the YMCA offers to the students. A few wonder or have vague ideas of the purpose of the "Y", as many refer to it.

The purpose of the YMCA is to serve. The first question of the "Y" has always been: "How can we best serve?"

The three-story YMCA Building is located in the center of the campus and is open 24 hours a day, 12 months every year to be a home away from home for students and visitors.

J. Gordon Gay, coordinator of religious life and general secretary, directs the activities and programs presented to the students and visitors. Don Warren, senior economic major from Richardson will serve as president of the "Y" during the 1964-65 school year.

The programs provide ample opportunity for religious activity among the young men of many lands and varied beliefs.

A block north of the YMCA is the All-Faiths Chapel, open at all times for prayer and meditation. The Chapel is under the direction of the YMCA.

Activities sponsored by the "Y" include the freshman camp, Bible study, United Nations Club and Fireside Forums.

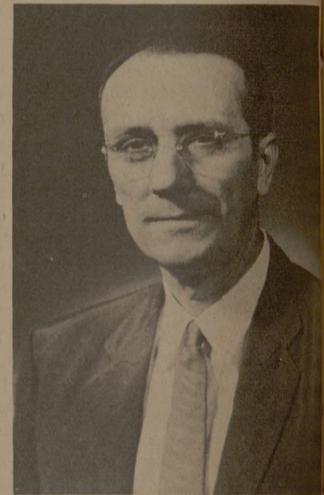
A new program this year is "My Last Lecture" Series which will include four talks by prominent members of the faculty and staff. Each speaker will talk as if this was their last lecture to a group of students.

Other programs include the Marriage Forums during March, Your Manners with a Texas Men's University panel, the Aggie Club presentations and Chapel programs.

Many activities of the "Y" unheard of such as the distribution of freshman handbooks, distribution of denominational preferences of the students to local ministers and Lenten Devotional books, Bible study booklet, Christmas Carol songbooks, wrapping gifts, Christmas and serving coffee and donuts to students working on the bonfire.

Through its weekly programs and various activities, the "Y" stresses Christian leadership by having as many of its responsibilities student-led as possible.

Students are always welcome to the "Y".



J. GORDON GAY

Aggieland's Singing Cadets Perform Throughout Nation

Back in 1906 at Aggieland, ten students got together and organized their own singing group.

Today this group is known as "The Singing Cadets" and consists of more than 50 members. Under the direction of Robert C. Boone, the group gives concerts at schools, colleges and civic organizations throughout the south.

Members of the Singing Cadets come from almost every major area of study on the campus. Both civilians and members of the Corps of Cadets may join.

None of the members of the group in the past have planned to make singing their career. They participate because they enjoy singing and the fellowship.

Dressed in their special uniforms, the Singing Cadets have sung with the Houston Symphony Orchestra and many other organizations. They have traveled to all parts

of Texas and the South to give their concerts.

They practice each day from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Music Hall.

The Singing Cadets have brought choral entertainment that has drawn the plaudits from noted singers and musicians throughout the land.

Their record album has surpassed all other similar college albums in sales—more than 11,000 copies had been sold through the year.

Students interested in joining the Singing Cadets should see Robert C. Boone, music director, at the Memorial Student Center.

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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. Partially destroyed by fire in the fall of 1963, the building has subsequently been remodeled to provide even better service.

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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