

Chapel Business To Rise As Wedding Season Nears

The aisle of the All-Faiths Chapel will become busier the next two months as "the marrying business" picks up for an August peak.

A&M's "wedding director," J. Gordon Gay, reports an average of two student marriages a month. YMCA general secretary since 1928, Gay serves as religious coordinator and administrator of the chapel scene of campus nuptials.

Though he has been "stood up" a couple of times, Gay takes wed-

dings calmly and offers several services to young lovers.

"I take them right down to the minister," he explained. The dean of YMCA student service (40 years) in the United States schedules a rehearsal for each ceremony. Gay will arrange for organists, seating, flowers, photographer, soloist and perform other services.

"We prefer the traditional ceremony," he commented, "but will make any arrangements." The 212-capacity chapel has been the scene of military weddings, civil marriages, ceremonies in German and virtually all religious faiths.

Students, former students, coaches, professors and even a University of Texas student have wed in the scenic chapel, constructed by the Association of Former Students for \$300,000. Any connection with A&M, such

as a faculty family-member, allows an expense-free wedding in the glass-walled, garden-surrounded building.

"Other persons are welcome to use the chapel for weddings," Gay noted. Usually they make a contribution, such as a book to the library.

Although 277 weddings have been performed in the shell limestone building since May 31, 1957, other events are in the majority. Religious services and a variety of other events have been held in the tree-encircled edifice.

It provides students a place for quiet and meditation. The building consists of an auditorium, library, waiting room, meditation room and administrative office. The exterior is floodlighted at night.

Gay has three rules concerning weddings. The bride must be pleased with plans, an ordained minister is preferred and nuptials may be scheduled no closer than an hour-and-a-half.

Three weddings in one day is not unusual for the chapel. Two were held last Thanksgiving day. Gay's chief concern is seeing that young couples have a Christian start in marriage. Some planned weddings have fallen through.

"One couple planned a late June wedding in 1958, but failed to show," Gay remarked. "I've never heard from them."

Another couple canceled June, 1957, plans.

"We decided we couldn't wait and were married in San Antonio a week ago," they reported.

June didn't catch another student unaware.

The marrying month was three years away when he walked into Gay's office to make a wedding reservation in the chapel.

"Are you sure you'll still want to marry the girl then?" the YMCA general secretary and religious life coordinator asked. "Do you even have a girl?"

"Yes sir," the Aggie replied. "We'll be there."

They were.



WEDDING REMINISCENCES

The All-Faiths Chapel provides an idyllic setting for a wedding, and also for recalling the happy day. Sondra Skaggs, secretary in the Department of Education and Psychology and wife of fifth-year architecture major Ronald Skaggs, renewed acquaintance with the glass-walled, garden-surrounded chapel. The Skaggs are from Dallas.

Watch, Cash Prizes Slated For Math Contest Winners

A wrist watch and cash prizes of \$10 and \$15 will be awarded to freshmen and sophomore students who place in the annual Mathematics contest examinations April 26.

Assoc. Prof. Roger McGee said freshmen enrolled in Math 104 and sophomores taking Math 210 are eligible to compete, provided that they have not repeated any math course.

He added that students entering their own class exam must not have been above their particular classification as of September 1965 to participate in the contest.

Freshman two-hour exam will include questions pertaining to algebra, trigonometry, analytic geometry and calculus as high as the Math 121 level. The sophomore exam will be comprised of questions to the Math 307 level.

All freshmen awards and second (\$15) and third (\$10) sophomore awards are provided by the Robert F. Smith Memorial Fund, established for Smith by the late John W. Mitchell, originator of the contest.

First prize (watch) for sophomores is furnished by the Halperin Award Fund, established through the estate of the late Prof. H. Halperin. Smith, Mitchell and Halperin were all staff members in the Department of Mathematics.

McGee announced that the freshman exam will be in Room 223 and the sophomore quiz will be in Room 225 of the Academic Building from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Civil Defense Groups Battle Bad Weather

The Brazos Area CB Club, Brazos County Civil Defense office and the Department of Meteorology coordinated a "callout" Monday to set radio defense against severe weather.

Dispatched from the radar room at A&M, 29 club citizen band units were assigned in three semicircles southwest of College Station. Responding units represented 94 per cent of the club.

The "callout" began at 7:02 p.m. and all assigned units were in place by 8 p.m., club president DeWayne Jernigan said. John E. Honea, 105 East Carson, reached location at Tunis 21 minutes after radio contact, 45 minutes following callout announcement by Dr. Vance Moyer of A&M.

Mobile CD units were sent to Caldwell, Wellborn, Wilcox, Somerville and intermediate points.

"You will be a mobile backup to our regular, 24-hour information lines," Brazos CD director Jake Canglose told the club. "We'll call you in bad weather to fill blind spots left by the Weather Bureau, Department of Public Safety units, police and our spotter system. We may call on you for damage and reconnaissance reports during or after a storm passes through. Information will be of benefit to area communities."

Moyer, professor of meteorology, explained storm systems movement to the amateur radio-men.

"Storms move along lines from southwest to northeast," he said. "It may be a squall line not associated with a front. Severe weather pockets are in cells along the line, and these cells tend to move 'downhill' toward low pressure areas, or to the northeast. Occasionally, they move the opposite direction."

"The resultant of cells moving with the line and flowing northeast along it is the information we seek," he said.

Moyer noted three lines of observers. The outer line outside Brazos County, will be stationed in advance of weather moving in to report gusting winds, hail, heavy rain that leads to local flooding and funnel clouds or any peculiar cloud formations touching ground.

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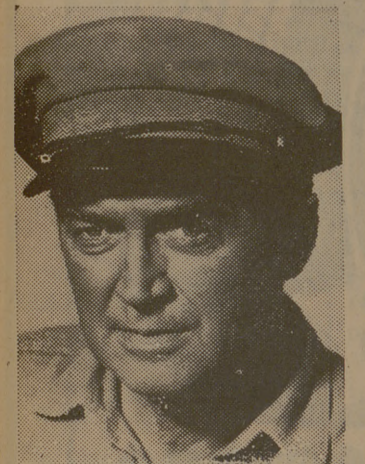
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Players To Host One-Act Contest

Texas A&M hosts the Region III AA Interscholastic League One-act Play Contest Thursday under the Aggie Players' sponsorship for the sixth consecutive year.

Presenting plays during the afternoon session of the contest will be high schools from Katy, Hamshire-Fannett, Rockdale and Madisonville. The afternoon session begins at 1:30 p.m. in Guion Hall.

Participating in the 6 p.m. evening session will be Luling, Taylor, S. F. Austin of Port Arthur and Sweeny.

Admission for each session will be 50 cents.

Critic Judge for the event is Dr. Loren Winship, head of the Department of Drama at the University of Texas.

Members of the Aggie Players serving as production crew for the event are Robert Wenck, Frances Flynn, Jan Gannaway, Dick Gustafson, Randy Davis and Tim E. Lane.

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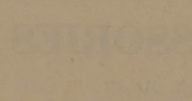
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