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Yule Activities Continue; Holiday Break Approaches

Reorganization Study Seen For Council, Directorate

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A study of the organization and workings of the Memorial Student Center Council and Directorate will be conducted next semester by the Student Senate upon recommendation of A&M President Earl Rudder, according to Bennie Sims, Council and Directorate president.

ninety percent of the student programs were operated through the YMCA," Hannigan said. Many of the YMCA duties were moved to the MSC when it became the hub of campus life in the 1950's. Dean Hannigan explained that the planned expansion of the MSC will present a similar opportunity for consolidation of student programs. "The expansion will just about double the size of the MSC. The new MSC will need a larger staff and perhaps a different distribution of responsibility," he remarked.

"I welcome this (the study); any organization needs this and I think it will be beneficial," Sims remarked. "In my opinion the Student Senate is going to study this and whatever they decide, President Rudder is going to buy. "I'm not worried about it right now," he emphasized. Sims said he does not expect the study to be completed before March or April, at the earliest.

YMCA Schedules Program Tonight

By TIM SEARSON
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As Aggies prepare to return home for the holidays, Christmas activities cram the schedule for both campus and community.

Holiday spirit officially descended on the A&M campus Wednesday with the annual Christmas dinners held in Sbis and Duncan Dining Halls. TO COINCIDE with the dinners, the Student Senate held a fruit drive for 400 needy Bryan Boys Club members. Students from dining halls donated 40 boxes of oranges, apples and bananas from their own tables. Charles Hoffman and Jim Stephenson, who were in charge of the drive, said that due to the success more money could be spent buying toys.

The "Campus - Community Christmas" program will be held Thursday at 8 p.m. in front of the Systems Administration Building. YMCA cabinet officers decorated two 30-foot pines in preparation for the singing program. THE SCHOOL of Architecture is having its annual Christmas party Thursday afternoon for members of the faculty and their families. The different class sections have decorated the interior of the building with many Christmas trees, each trimmed distinctively.

faculty members will make their way through a maze of gigantic Christmas packages, at the end of which will be trees decorated with candy.

THE MEMORIAL Student Center bowling and billiards area will remain open during the holidays, except for Dec. 24-25. The only doors open in the MSC will be those in the Post Office, the ones next to the gift shop, and the doors in the bowling-billiards area.

The Western Union office and the travel services will also be open except on weekends, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. The west front door will be open for access to these offices. ALL REGULAR services of the MSC will be open after Dec. 30, except for the barber shop and fountain room. Dormitories and dining halls will close at 6 p.m. Friday, with the exception of Schumacher and Hotard Halls. Students wishing to stay on campus may live in Schumacher if written permission is granted by all room occupants and turned in to the housing office by 5 p.m. Friday.

Residence halls will open at 1 p. m., Jan. 5. Duncan and Sbis will reopen Jan. 6. Despite an error in the MSC calendar, Aggies are reminded that classes will start at 8 a.m. Jan. 6.

Season Marks Peak Of Activity For A&M's 262 Hometown Clubs

Attendance at hometown club meetings here reaches an annual peak this week.

Clubs encompassing students from Abilene to Wise County are completing on-campus plans for Christmas gatherings back home during the two-week holiday period beginning Friday.

BACK-HOME dinner parties, dances, barbecues and the like are usually much better attended than club meetings on campus. The socials are often sponsored or partially supported by city and county A&M clubs, organizations of Aggie exes and university friends.

Elaborateness of the annual gatherings varies widely, from Dutch-treat dinner of a few students and their dates to country club-leasing shindigs involving a full-course feast and live band dances requiring considerable planning and preparation.

MORE THAN 200 hometown Christmas parties will probably be scheduled around the state. There are 262 hometown clubs registered with the student finance office at the Memorial Student Center and MSC officials figure others have not been officially recognized by the university.

"About 150 to 200 clubs remain consistently active year to year," commented Jo Scanlin, assistant building cashier. "Some are off now, on later, I suppose, due to the number of students enrolled from a given city or geographical area." Organization and leadership also determine activeness.

ORGANIZED to promote previous friendships, hometown clubs also carry out recruiting programs at home and host groups of high school students at A&M for functions such as career day and Future Farmers of America meetings.

Socials, however, remain a club's primary means of maintaining membership interest and participating. The spirit catches in early December, when a student may be looking for a ride home and the chance to buy tickets to the party.

"This time of year really brings out the members," one student remarked. "I met two fellows last Thursday I didn't even know were Aggies. We attended the same high school."

Rites Held Here For Laundry Exec

Services for Roy N. (Pete) Miller, who died Tuesday in a Marlin hospital, were to be conducted this morning in the Hillier Funeral Home chapel.

Miller, 57, of 1320 Antone in Bryan, was assistant manager of the Texas A&M laundry. Prior to joining the university in March, he served as a salesman here for Humble Oil & Refining Co.

Burial was to be in Bryan City Cemetery. Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Edna Miller; two sons, Kenneth and Jim, both of Bryan; two sisters, Mrs. W. F. Davis of Bryan and Mrs. Fannie Mae Cooke of Houston; and one brother, W. F. Miller of Houston.

WEATHER

Friday - Cloudy, intermittent rain; southerly winds, 5-10; low 41°, high 56°. Saturday - Cloudy, northerly winds, 5-10; low 42°, high 58°.

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ANNELLA WRIGHT

Sweetheart Asks Gifts For Aggies

Dear Santa,
Although it's only Dec. 19, I've been celebrating "Christmas" for two months! I do hope you understand, because I have 13,000 other "Santas." They're all wonderful! From them I receive letters, cards and Howdys—warm, sincere, distinctive of the Aggies of Texas A&M. Because they've been so good, would you bring them some special gifts for Christmas?

First of all, please bring them unity; in athletics, in student-faculty-administration relationships, and in cooperation with one another.

For the Twelfth Man, an increasing abundance of spirit and pride with which to follow the finest team in the Southwest Conference. For the athletes, good health, tremendous enthusiasm and cooperation for the yell leaders.

Please stop in Oklahoma to give Carla (the Aggie adopted her) a happy Christmas with her mother. From there, would you go to the Faith Home in Houston and take a Merry Christmas to the young men there?

To the seniors of 1969, bring the promise of next year. Fill their stockings with time to think, to recall, and to look ahead.

Finally, carry courage, and the confidence that Aggie buddies at home support them, to Aggie exes in service away from home this Christmas, especially the men in Vietnam.

Please bring to every Aggie a strong feeling for the meaning of Christmas, a safe, pleasant trip home, a warm reception by families and friends, and many happy memories to bring to school with them.

They're wonderful people, Santa, so please don't overlook a single one. I hope that you, too, have a safe trip, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Love,
Annela

P.S. Can I go with you when you visit all the Aggies? Oh dear!! They'll be asleep, won't they? Instead, I'll make a 110 percent effort to meet each one in 1969 and to repay them—howdy for howdy—for their friendliness and generosity to me. I owe them so much!

Deadline Nears For Registering For Grad School Language Test

Registration for the Graduate School's required foreign language tests to be given in mid-February must be completed by Jan. 15, university officials have announced.

The Feb. 15 tests will be administered in Room 108 of the Academic Building by Counseling and Testing Center personnel.

"Graduate students who want to take one of the tests on that date must complete registration within eight days following the Christmas holidays," noted Austin Kerley, center director.

A receipt for payment of the \$6 fee at the Fiscal Office should be presented at the center before 5 p.m. Jan. 15. A booklet describing the tests will be available at registration. Questions will be answered at the center.

Last Batt Today

This issue marks the last edition of The Battalion for 1968. The Battalion staff wishes all a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a safe trip home.

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On the side of Texas A&M.
—Adv.



SANTA'S SAIGON STAFF

Air Force and Army personnel work fast to keep up with the deluge of mail at Saigon's air mail terminal as the letters, cards and packages pour in from the states. The terminal is now handling about a million pounds of mail a day and officers expect this to increase to a million and a half by the week before Christmas. (AP Wirephoto)

Aggies' Shout: 'One More Day And We'll Be Out!'