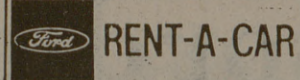
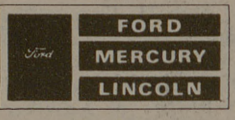


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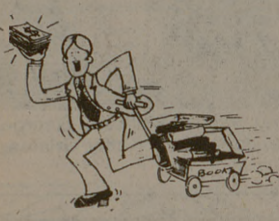


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### Peak load around commencement

# Aggie wedding route familiar path

By PEGGY EMERSON  
From graduation processional and diploma to wedding march and rice. This is the route many Aggies choose.

Graduation time also means wedding time to Col. Logan E. Weston, religious life coordinator and secretary for the Student Y at Texas A&M University.

Weston estimates that he has performed approximately 2,300 weddings since he was ordained by the Congregational Christian Church in 1941. He held about 1,900 of these since he retired from the military and came to Texas A&M in 1968. He has performed weddings at Texas

A&M's All Faiths Chapel for nine years. He usually holds three or four weddings each weekend.

"Peak loads come around commencement time. The second week in December and May are common times to have around 30 weddings in one weekend.

"Around 10 weddings are held each day — Friday, Saturday and Sunday," Weston said. "A lot of these are graduating corps members whose families come from all over the world to see them graduate and commissioned; so it is a good time to plan a wedding."

About 20 marriages are performed each year for faculty and staff members and about 10 percent of the weddings each year are for foreign students, said Weston. "We get quite a few former students, also."

"I perform most of the weddings but if another minister comes I still direct because there are lots of things that can go wrong. I always check

every minute detail," he said.

"Corps men like to play tricks on their buddies. We had a groom whose friends picked him up to give him a ride to the wedding and he arrived three minutes before the ceremony. His friends had stripped him of his hat, tie and belt," Weston said.

Weston checks the soles of the groom's shoes before the ceremony because in the past white tape has been put on them with "HE" written on the left shoe and "LP" written on the right. If the shoes have this on them Weston tells the groom not to kneel for prayer but to remain standing.

"Often someone in the crowd will give an Aggie 'WHOOOP' when the groom kisses the bride. We try to avoid these pranks by warning the groom that these things happen," he said.

Weston coordinates the wedding so everyone will know how they fit into the program. For corps members' weddings he drills saber men in forming the saber arch the bride and groom will walk under.

"Brides frequently choose maroon and white as wedding colors, especially for military weddings," said Weston. "Usually, the groom's cake is chocolate and has maroon icing with white letters and almost always has a TAMU insignia."

Weston said some corps members requested the "Aggie War Hymn" be played as the recessional for their weddings. This is not done because "this is a sacred ordinance and we want it to be held in a proper atmosphere."

Weddings at the All Faiths Chapel

are scheduled on a first come first serve basis and can be scheduled up to 10 months in advance.

When the chapel is reserved, one hour is scheduled for a rehearsal (usually the day before the wedding), and two hours are scheduled for the wedding with the ceremony taking from 15-18 minutes. The bride has 20 minutes to dress, the photographer has 20 minutes to take pictures of the bride and the groom is asked to arrive 20 minutes before the ceremony.

Weston said that it is very important for everyone to know their part in the wedding because sometimes weddings are scheduled 15 minutes apart. This gives florists little time to take down and set up new flower arrangements.

The number of weddings performed at the chapel has increased


each year. Nine years ago approximately 45 weddings were performed. The increase in student enrollment and the fact that the university has gone coed has increased the average number of weddings to 250 per year, said Weston.

"I insist on one or two hours of counseling with the couple before they are married, to discuss physical and mental and physical adjustment they may face," Weston said.

"I only know of four of the marriages that have not stayed together. I do know a lot of them are well."

"More and more infant children for children whose parents are married here are being performed. Parents are bringing them to the place they were married said."

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**Saturday**  
Class of 1942 and 1967 Reunions  
Corps of Cadets Briefing, 10 a.m., Rudder Theater  
Texas A&M vs. Houston, 3:05 p.m., Kyle Field, Corps of Cadet March-In, 1:40 p.m.  
A&M Basketball, A&M women vs. S.F. Austin, 12:30 p.m., G. Rollie White Coliseum. A&M men vs. Houston Baptist, 7:30 p.m., G. Rollie White Coliseum.  
Aggie Cinema, "The Man Who Would Be King," 8 p.m., "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore," 12 midnight, Rudder Auditorium.

**Sunday**  
Travel Committee, "We've Never Licked," 2 p.m., Rudder Auditorium.  
Aggie Cinema, "The Sterile Cuckoo," p.m., 701 Rudder  
Chess Committee, 6 p.m., 302 Rudder

**Monday**  
Search for the Top in Collegiate Year, 8 p.m., Rudder Theater

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couldn't be provided.

In this instance, Tucker said convention was planned November, but with football season and the large number of people in the convention, there was adequate housing for both events.

Olive DeLucia, class program director for the Association of Former Students, said her association also books hotels. She said Ramada Inn is always booked for unions during football season.

Young confirmed that there rarely a room available for any game there because reunions automatically booked with their home games.

The busiest times of the year hotels are football week-end, orientations, new student orientation conferences, Parent's Day weekend, said Virginia Arnold, manager of MSC Guest Rooms. Unlike other hotels, the MSC Guest Rooms do not require a deposit - "most spaces are filled by "walk-ins."

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