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Selecting the Winners of Who's Who Awards . . .

Thirty-one men were named to Who's Who at A&M Wednesday. Their selection was the climax of several weeks of investigation, study, and comparison by the Student Life Committee which every year is charged with the responsibility of choosing Who's Who.

Each man considered for the award—and there were almost a hundred—was judged on his scholarship, leadership, participation in extra-curricular activities, and popularity.

Suggested candidates for Who's Who came to members of the Student Life Committee from many sources. The majority were submitted by students, many were from department heads and teachers, and quite a few came from members of the college staff other than teachers. Every man submitted was considered.

Two special sub-committees handled all the Who's Who nominee records until they were presented to Student Life. One was composed of all non-military members of the Student Life Committee, and the other was made up of all the cadets on the committee.

Corps members of the sub-committee were the colonel of the corps, president of the Senior Class, president of the Junior Class, a cadet student senator, and the corps editor of The Battalion. Non-military members of the sub-committee included three men elected at large by non-military students, three student senators, and the non-military Battalion editor.

Each of these sub-committees requested a written summary of activities from every Who's Who candidate. All men whose grade point ratios were not 1.5 or better were dropped from consideration. This is required by the constitution

of the Student Life Committee as approved by the Academic Council. The list was reduced to between 65 and 70 men because of the grade point ratio requirements.

The names of all eligible candidates were then presented, one at a time, to the Student Life Committee. As each man's name was announced, his activity summary was read by the chairman of the committee, and he was discussed by members of the committee. After each discussion, a vote was taken.

A three-fourths majority of all committee members automatically gave the man being voted upon a Who's Who award. A simple majority but less than a three fourths majority made a candidate eligible for further consideration. Any nominee who failed to receive a simple majority vote was dropped.

At the conclusion of the first round of voting on all eligible candidates, the entire procedure was again gone through, using all men who had been placed in the group for further consideration.

During each of a total of three runoff ballots using the group eligible for further consideration, the activities of the candidates were again reviewed and one or more committee members elaborated on each man's qualifications.

The voting procedure took more than four hours before all final selections were made.

Everyone should know how Who's Who winners are chosen, for this activity, like all others on the campus, is the concern of every person connected with the college. For that reason, we have devoted a portion of this column to detailing Wednesday night's activities of the Student Life Committee.

A Successful Special Session . . .

Actions taken by the Texas legislature during their special session throughout last month should remedy this state's deficiencies in state-operated mental, tubercular, prison, and eleemosinary institutions.

Until the special session, Texas-supported institutions listed above were sadly neglected by legislators who felt other state services more important. The result of this neglect was the degeneration of state services in the forms of hospitals, schools of correction, and prisons to the point where this state ranked among the nation's worst.

Governor Shivers, after investigating conditions in these state institutions called legislature into special session. Legislators worked through the month of February on legislation designed to improve conditions and facilities within these deficient state institutions. With business-like procedure (in spite of a few ridiculous resolutions) the legislators tackled

the business brought before them by the governor, and came up with what sounds like a satisfactory solution. The additional tax measures are not burdensome, and no one can claim discrimination.

In addition to their efforts to solve the problems posed by the governor, the legislators also passed laws tightening sex crime statutes, appropriated more money for cancer research, and faced the task of providing equal facilities for whites and negroes in state parks. Numerous special resolutions and local laws were passed that members considered important enough to be introduced.

This special session of the legislature is an encouraging sign that government on a state level is not outmoded. State problems were met head on, discussed, and solutions offered.

The just-completed special session of the Texas legislature has done much to raise the legislature's stature in the eyes of the people of this state.

Beaumont—(AP)—Mayor Otho Plummer was surprised to find a red parking violation tag on his automobile at his private stall in the City Hall parking lot.

The reason: Police failure to keep posted on current events. They didn't know the mayor has a brand-new car.

The Battalion

"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"
Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

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Truman Asked to Stop Cold War With Letter

Washington, March 3—(AP)—Senator Wherry of Nebraska, Republican leader of the Senate, today called upon President Truman to start an exchange of open letters with Premier Stalin to end the cold war.

Wherry said Mr. Truman should "get off dead center—get off his treadmill—and make a forthright effort toward resolving the issues between the United States and Soviet Russia."

The Nebraska lawmaker said in a statement the cause of peace would be served if the president directed a note to Premier Stalin "detailing America's position on issues in conflict."

Let Statement Be Open to World
Then, he said, let Stalin answer, and "his statement be open to the world."

Wherry, a critic of administration foreign policies, said "nothing would be lost" by his plan. He added:

"And if there be an exchange of two, three, four or even 10 letters, people all over the world then will have an official record. There is no power on earth that can withstand the pressure of public opinion."

Letters To The Editor

(All letters to the editor which are signed by a student or employee of the college and which do not contain obscene or libelous material will be published. Persons wishing to have their names withheld from publication may request such action and these names will not, without the consent of the writer, be divulged to any person other than the editors.)

WANTS PEN PAL

Editors, The Battalion:
I am anxious and have a very keen desire for some reliable penpals in U.S.A. Your address was given to me by my friend as a faithful and trustworthy publisher who can satisfy my needs. I think you will waste no time in publishing my needs in your World Wide newspaper for correspondence.
My hobbies are swimming and carving. I am ready to trade and exchange American goods with African goods like ebony and ivory carvings and leather items.
I am collecting belts, wallets, chains, stationaries and towels. I will be happy to pay all the remittance after publication. I will like you to publish my friends name and address.
Malieb Adelabs,
28, Isale-Agbede Street
Lages, Nigeria, B. W. A.
I wish you a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to you. I am yours truly,
Hameed Balegun
23, Isale-Agbede St.
Lages, Nigeria, B. W. A.

THANK YOU NOTE

W. L. Penberthy
Dean of Men
(The following letter is an excerpt from a letter of Dr. Crane's written to Dean Penberthy.)
I don't know when I've ever faced a more responsive, eager, generous and attentive audience than those God-blessed Aggies that come day after day and contribute so rich a deposit to my own life. I hope you'll thank them all for me—heartily, emphatically, and enthusiastically.
Henry H. Crane

Opportunity Award Applications Sent

Announcements and application forms for the 1950 Opportunity Awards scholarship competition at A&M were mailed to all Texas high school principals, according to W. B. Clements of the Information Department.
Four year scholarships paying the winners \$200 to \$400 each year are available. They are designed to make a college education available for boys of outstanding ability who require financial assistance.

Bible Verse

Friday, March 3, 1950
For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?
Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
—St. Mark 8: 36-37.

Branch Selection Set for Tuesday

Cadets of the Freshman Regiment will meet in the gym Tuesday at 6:45 p. m. to select the branch of service they wish to enter next year, Major H. B. Greer, PMS&T of the Annex, announced. Freshmen will be called on to choose branches in the order of their academic standing. Major Greer said.
Major Greer pointed out the fact that Freshmen will choose only the branch they wish to enter and not the particular unit in that branch.
The method of determining assignments to particular units in a branch will be announced at a later date by the office of the commandant, Major Greer added.

Official Notice

Students due a copy of "Biochemical Preparations—Volume I" contact Mrs. Suffer at the library.

SENIORS
Seniors graduating in June, July, or August, 1950, who plan to order a set of personnel leaflets must order these leaflets by the deadline of March 4th. Orders for leaflets will not be taken after March 4th, until September, 1950.
Cost of leaflets—\$3.00 plus glossy application size photograph.
Where to Order—Placement Office, Room 230, Administration Building.
W. E. Hordley
Director

CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES: Any student who normally expects to complete all the requirements for a degree by the end of the current semester should call by the Registrar's Office NOW and make formal application for a degree.
MARCH 1st is the deadline for filing applications for degrees to be conferred at the end of the current semester. This deadline applies to both graduate and undergraduate students. Those students who have not already done so should make oral application to the Registrar's Office immediately.
H. L. Heaton
Registrar

Better Homes For Better Records

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Chatanooga Shoe Shine Boy
Bag Mop
Dear Hearts and Gentle People
There's No Tomorrow
Music! Music! Music!
The Cry of the Wild Goose
I Can Dream Can't I
The Old Master Painter
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45 R.P.M. Records
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69c - \$1.05 - \$2.10 - \$2.85
\$3.85 & \$4.85
45 R.P.M. Albums & 78 R.P.M. Albums
RECORDS REDUCED
10c 25c 50c
Better Homes
314 N. Main Bryan

The Night Owl . . . Beginning Today: A Helpful Guide To Texas' Hottest Night Spots

By Herman C. Gollob

It is common knowledge that a week-end spent at College Station is an exciting and uplifting as a taffy pull. Without the spiritual solace offered us by the movies and Uncle Ed's, the termination of the week would bring dark gloom and gray boredom—unless, of course, the wild goose calls you to faraway places, where wine, women, and song abound in equally generous proportions.

Which brings us to the purpose of this column, a new feature in this receptacle of yellow journalism of noble and helpful herat, a 20th century good samaritan, we propose to point out each Friday the Texas night spots vagabond Aggies can best cleanse their systems of the foul propaganda pounded into them all week by profs, textbooks, and bulls.

And we also intend to make public, via this column, the shenanigans of week-ending kaydets. Anytime you feel the urge to let the world know that your roommate was arrested in Houston for disturbing the peace, drop up to the office and whisper it in our ear.

Women's Social Club Chooses Cotton Duchess

The February meeting of the College Women's Social Club which met last Friday, featured a review of a play by George Dillavou and a Washington's birthday tea, according to Mrs. H. E. Hierth, reporter.
Mrs. J. C. Miller, president of the club, presided over the meeting.

Mrs. C. C. Doak reported that the "calling committee" of which she is chairman, has made calls on eighty-six of the ninety-nine newcomers. Further calls will be made or attempted until all are visited, she said.

The members of her committee are Mesdames C. W. Burchard, T. W. Leland, J. A. Orr, S. S. Morgan, Howard Gravett, E. B. Middleton, H. P. Smith, Henry Ross, M. K. Thornton, Tad Moses, M. P. Holliman, Norman Rode, E. B. McQuillen, E. L. Williams, C. B. Godbey, and L. P. Gabbard, Jr.
The president appointed the following members to serve as a nominating committee: Mrs. D. B. Coffey, chairman; Mrs. Walter Delaplans, Mrs. J. W. Potts, Mrs. A. E. Salis, and Mrs. Frank R. Swoger. Their report is due at the next meeting.

The club voted to select a duchess for the Cotton Pageant by drawing the names of eligible daughters of members. The first name drawn was that of Miss Martha Miller, who will represent the club. Miss Gail Crawford and Miss Rene Haupt are the first and second alternates.

Mr. George Dillavou of the A&M English department was introduced by Mrs. Bass as the afternoon's speaker. Mr. Dillavou reviewed the play "The Death of a Salesman" by Arthur Miller.

Before starting, we wish to thank Sam Molinary, Batt photographer, for the terrifically realistic picture he took of us.
On with the show—

Houston

Plantation—9101 South Main. Manager Arthur Long has announced a new policy for the "Plant", one of Houston's best dining and dancing establishments. It will be used exclusively for private parties during the week, opening for the general public on Fridays and Saturdays. The \$1.65 per person cover charge entitles you to all the set-ups your kidneys can stand, plus dancing to the music of Nick Stuart, who has just opened his engagement.

Trion—3820 Old Spanish Trail. Don't let the modest cover charge—35¢ a head—fool you. Rainbow lights melt softly on the heads of couples dancing to the best music on records or sitting at tables laughing at off-color jokes. Great spot for outfit get-togethers.

Catalina Lounge—1905 Blodgett. Now here is a place suited for the less active among us—those who hate to waste time dancing. Hard lights, plenty of cigarette smoke, merrily, unreserved chatter—the Catalina has some of the best entertainers in town. At present, Helen Savage is giving out with her saucy, sophisticated songs. Cover charge is governed by the quality of the act, stands now at a buck.

Dallas

Abe's Colony Club—1322 1/2 Commerce. Bill Tieber and his orchestra are currently playing at the Colony Club, where Saturday night couples squander \$1.50 per person to shuffle their feet to Tieber's accompaniment and watch a floor-show highlighted by emcee Billy Grant and dancer Jennie Lee, who prarts with a few garments before her act is over. Tarrif on week-nights is \$1.20.

Lou-Anns—Greenville and Lovell Lane. Like Houston's Trion, Lou-Anns pipes juke box music to its habitués who have paid a 75¢ cover charge to dance and drink amid the pine-knoted walls.

The Chatelet—6400 Gaston Ave. One of Dallas' coziest and swank-

iest spots, the Chatelet nevertheless boasts unbelievably reasonable prices. In its romantic, Swiss hunting lodge atmosphere, guests may dance to the wistfully chanting rhythm of the Leonard Ohlson trio for a \$1.50 cover charge (\$1 on week days), which is deductible from the steak dinner (\$2.50-\$5.50).

San Antonio

Club Sevencocks—5000 Austin Highway. "San Antonio's Most Beautiful Night Club" is also one of its most inexpensive, in view of "what you get for what you pay". A buck ninety-five entitles you to dinner and dancing, with Cliff Gillette and his band providing the music. Good deal of the week: parties of 10 or more pay 75¢ each and get as many set-ups as they want.

Kit Kat Klub—3500 Fredericksburg. Everything from "horse-racing" to a supervised nursery is to be found at the Kit Kat, San Antonio's zingiest night spot. No orchestra, but who cares? There are more than 20,000 records to choose from at the Music Bar. And the \$1.20 per person cover charge includes dancing and set-ups. Buy a steak dinner and there's no cover charge. In the summer the Twin Out-Door Dance Pavilion and Barbecue Bar is open. More fun for your money here than almost any place in Texas.

(Next week—News about entertainment in Ft. Worth, Austin, Waco as well as the cities we've already mentioned, plus a "Fool's Names, Fool's Faces . . ." addition.)

Exes Monopolize Two Time Covers

Aggie-exes held a two weeks monopoly on the cover of Time magazine recently.
Oil-man Glenn H. McCarthy, '31, was pictured on the cover of the February 13 issue, and educator E. K. Oberholzer, '28, was on the front piece of the February 26 issue.

McCarthy, who made fabulous discoveries in oil, is owner of Houston's famed Shamrock Hotel. Oberholzer, holder of a master of science in agriculture from A&M is now a Colorado school authority.

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ALL THE KINGS MEN
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PREVIEW SATURDAY 11 P.M.
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QUEEN

TUESDAY TO THE RESCUE!
A CAPTURED THRU PRINCESS!
FARZAN TRUMPHS
WHISMILLER
WRAPPED IN GUNSMOKE!
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MAYO
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