

Sound Off

Who's Who Picks Questioned

The Battalion makes public today A&M's selections for Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges for 1961-62. Supposedly each man was nominated, and each recommended by a screening committee of his fellow-students—if a civilian, by a civilian screening committee, and if a cadet, by a corps screening committee; supposedly, too, each was then considered and endorsed by the eight-man selection committee appointed by the dean of students and composed of three college staff members, one faculty member, two civilian students, and two cadets; and each was approved by the national headquarters of Who's Who.

Yet such is not the case for one of the thirty-eight. This student was overwhelmingly disapproved by his screening committee; in order to be as fair as possible, however, and because of the high position this student holds on campus, this screening committee suggested that his case be reviewed by the eight-man selection committee, which has authority to reverse any action taken by the screening committees. His case was consequently considered; yet the outcome remained the same. The selection committee, by an even more overwhelming vote, agreed with its subcommittee that the student did not possess the qualifications demanded of those selected for Who's Who. Thirty-seven other men were selected and their names sent to the national office for final approval.

Meanwhile, the dean of students read the report of the selection committee and realized that this same student, whom he himself had personally nominated, had not been approved by the selection committee. He called the chairman of that committee and had this student's name added to the list, making a total of thirty-eight. Because

A&M's quota was thirty-seven, this necessitated a long distance telephone call to the national headquarters of Who's Who in Alabama in order to secure permission to increase the quota by one. Permission was granted and the student's name approved by the national headquarters. At this point—and not before—were the members of the Who's Who Selection Committee notified, and then only to inform them of the already-completed action.

As a result of the dean's action, two students on the screening committee asked him for his reasons for overruling the decision of their committee as well as that of the selection committee. When asked if he felt that the mere holding of a position, such as president of the student senate, corps commander, or president of the civilian student council, entitled such officeholder to automatic acceptance into Who's Who, his reply was, "Yes, if he has nothing on his official record to warrant dismissal from such a position."

It is the feeling of the undersigned, who are members of either the screening committee or the selection committee, that the dean overstepped his authority in adding this student's name to the list. In so doing, he invalidated the purpose of the entire mechanics for selection to Who's Who. Elaborate machinery is set up for the selection of members of the screening and selection committees with the thought in mind of dispersing the appointive power so that the committees are as representative as possible. Every precaution is taken to insure the same fair and objective consideration of each nominee.

The purpose behind all this, of course, is to eliminate the possibility of any one person's controlling to any significant degree the selection or rejection of Who's Who nominees. It is a safeguard and protection for those selected for Who's Who as well as for those serving on the committees. By overruling

CADET SLOUCH

by Jim Earle Bulletin Board



"... it must be a joke ... but on the other hand we can't take a chance on missing it!"

the system, he destroys the purpose of Who's Who—that of students, faculty, and staff selecting the top seniors on campus. He has proved that one man in the administration is all it takes to make Who's Who—if he's the dean of students. We sincerely regret the dean's action, if for no other reason than for the embarrassing position into which it puts this student; but, more especially, we are deeply concerned at the dangerous precedent this action sets.

As the dean said to the two students as they left his office—and we quote—"Well, let's put it this way. You men selected thirty-seven, and I selected one—over your dead bodies." (End quote).

- Jeff Wentworth '62
- Jim Myers '62
- Ken Dorris '59
- Kent G. Ellis '62
- Patrick K. Crouch '62

Students Urged To File Plans

Industrial education students with 70 or more credit hours are urged to complete their degree plans, Dr. C. H. Groneman, head of the Department of Industrial Education, said Tuesday.

Students may obtain a degree plan card, a curriculum worksheet, and an instruction sheet, "How to Prepare a Degree Plan," from the Industrial Education Office.

The semester-by-semester outline showing when the student intends to enroll for each course in his curriculum should be approved by a departmental faculty member then filed with the office.

Hometown Clubs

These hometown clubs will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Academic Building:

- Beaumont in Room 208; Weatherford in 205; Borger in 411; Abilene in 204; Cen-Tex in 108; Lavaca in 105; Snyder in 207; Fort Worth in 226; Corpus Christi in 224; El Paso in 106, and Laredo at 7:15 p.m. in Room 127.

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- Richardson in Reading Room; Matagorda in Anderson Room, and Spring Branch and Denton in Lobby.

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	17-18	T-V
	18-19	W-Z

meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center. Tyler-Smith County in Main Lounge and Galena Park in Serpentine Lounge. These hometown clubs will

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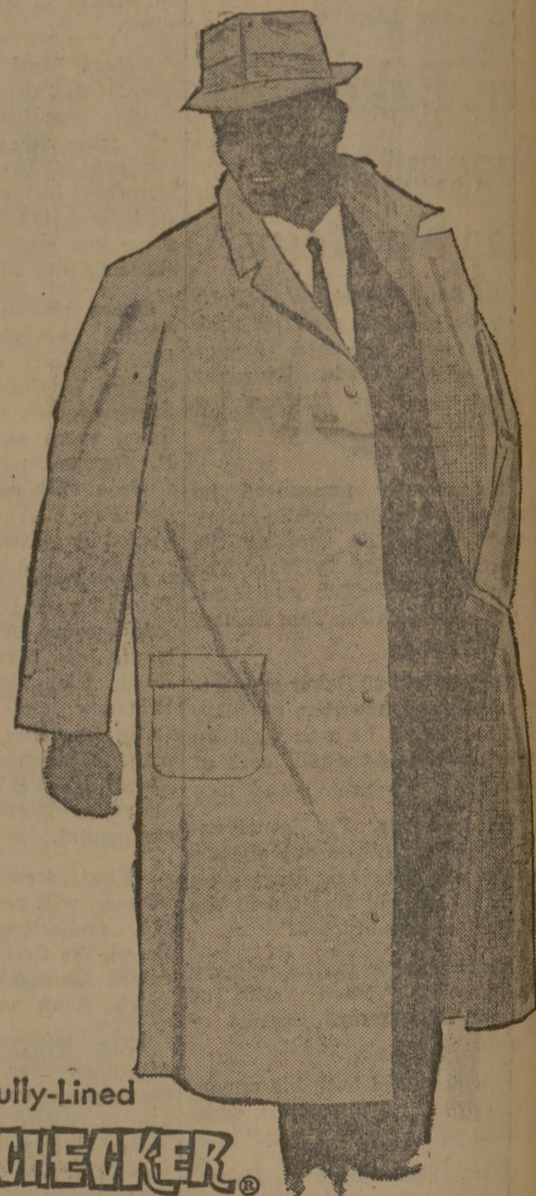
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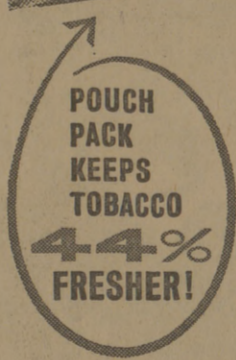
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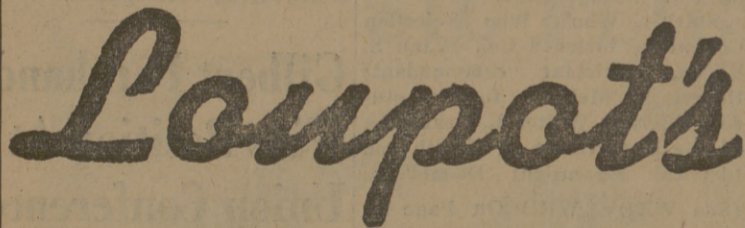
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