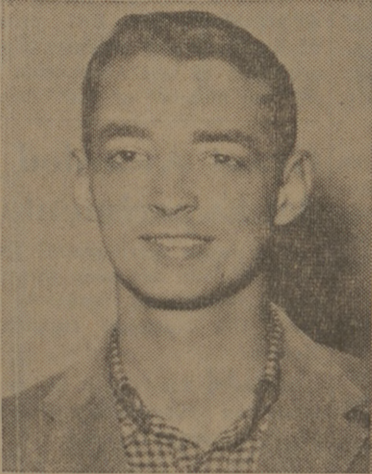


Conservative Club Serves In Educational Capacity

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Editor's note: This is the last in a series of articles concerning political clubs with which students at A&M are affiliated. Having covered the democratic and republican organizations, we turn now to a third group, the A&M Conservative Club.



Doug Cherry
... heads conservatives

Serving completely in an educational capacity, and laying solid foundations in conservative thinking among students, the A&M Conservative Club has been functioning on the campus since the beginning of the fall semester.

Headed by Doug Cherry, its membership is composed of both democratic and republican conservatives. Many of these are also members of their own respective political organizations.

With about 40 members, the club holds meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month in the Memorial Student Center. Meetings include regular business followed by speakers of general interest to the group.

Last week, Dr. Alfred F. Chalk, head of the Department of Economics, spoke on the "Common Market," presenting a philosophical approach to the controversial topic. His address drew approximately 60 students and faculty members.

"The basic difference between our organization and the other two major student political clubs is that they are dedicated to political action, where we are informative in purpose.

"We feel that we can provide a basis of thought for later conservative action, but our present goal is to provide and stimulate conservative thinking," Cherry said.

The conservative club is the first student organization on the campus ever to begin a literary periodical publication, sponsored by private solicitation among inter-

ested contributors within a 300-mile radius of the college.

Entitled "Viewpoint," the first issue will be "off the press" in March, and it is planned that the magazine be published twice a semester. It will contain interpretative political writing by students at A&M and other schools.

For example, the first issue will carry an article by the president of the senior class at Georgia Tech. Other contents will include reprints of conservative thought pieces, cartoons and political satire.

Circulation for "Viewpoint" will encompass 150 colleges in the United States, and it will be circulated in five foreign countries. The magazine will be available on newsstands in the Bryan-College Station area soon after publication.

Other efforts of the A&M Conservative club will be seen in coming weeks with conservative literature made available at Shaffer's Book Store, the Exchange Store and at Loupots. Conservative reading tables will be set up in the Browning Library of the Memorial Student Center, and also

in Cushing Memorial Library.

Making available this literature to students, and encouraging its reading is one way to reach the public with conservative ideals," Cherry said. "We can provide a means by which students who desire supplementary literature on conservative thought can obtain it, through us," he added.

According to Cherry, the A&M Conservative Club "promotes resistance against attack on the American Republic from two fronts; Communism and centralized government."

He continues in a brief outline of the organization's purpose: "Communism threatens to destroy the moral foundations of our great country. The United States is attempting to deal with an immoral group using moral methods. We must wake up and realize that the United States is involved in a war as real as a shooting war. A "no-win" cold war strategy certainly can lead to no more than temporary safety.

"Socialistic trends destroying individual initiative have become evident in the increasing centralization of our federal government. The belief that the constitution is no longer a sound basis for our increasingly complex society is false. Whether men are living in caves or flying jet planes, the same principles of the free market economy, check and balance of power in government, social relationship and morality must prevail, or our civilization will stray from an orderly society regulated by law to a society dependent upon the judgement of whoever is in power.

"As patriotic young Americans, we must recognize our duty to defend our Judeo-Christian ideology presented to us in the Constitution as well as the rights guaranteed us by it. We are slowly losing our freedoms through apathy and complacency."



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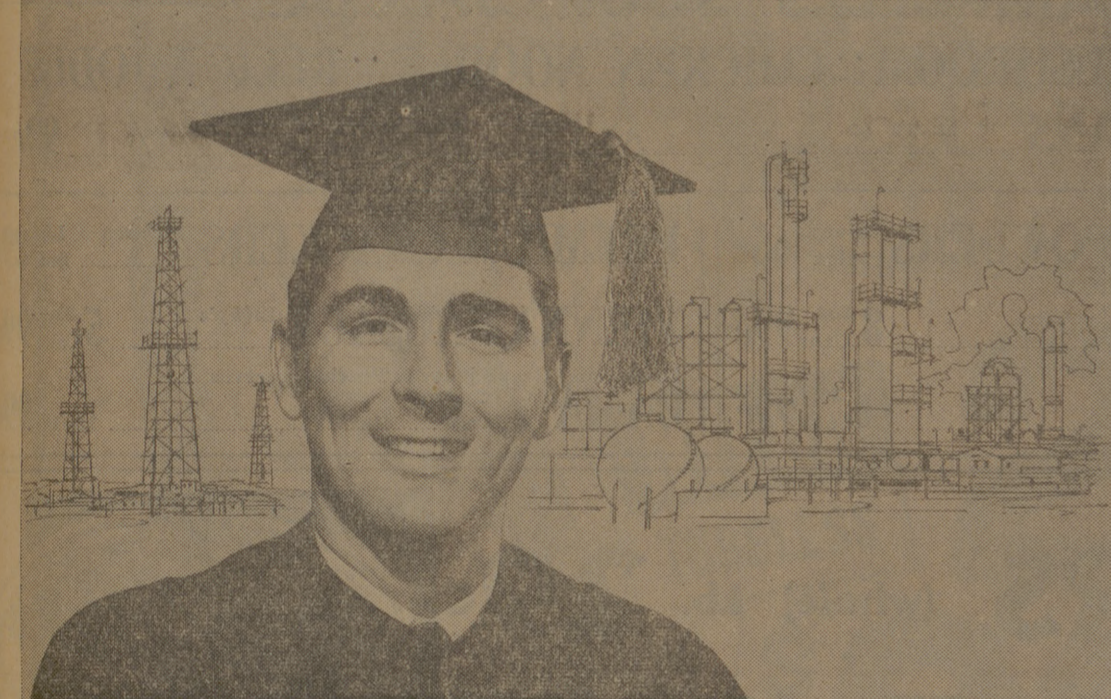
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