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Jim Myers Chosen To Fill Vacancy After 51 Coachless Days at Aggieland

He Was Asked . . .

Coming Soon As
Iowa Snow Melts

. . . And He Came



80-foot Invitation to Aggieland

Gerald Garies, senior in E Infantry, pounds out an 80-foot telegram to Coach Jim Myers from A&M students asking him to reconsider taking the job as head football coach and athletic director, Jim Neighbors, Battalion managing editor holds up part of some 2,292 signatures sent with the telegram.

By the ASSOCIATED PRESS
After 51 days without a coach, A&M yesterday named Jim Myers of Iowa State as head football coach and athletic director.

"He's coming as soon as he can get out of the snow," President M. T. Harrington said in making the announcement.

He said Myers' salary will be \$16,000 a year plus a rent-free house under a four-year contract which becomes effective today.

The A&M board of directors last week had tabled a motion, 5-4, to hire Myers and tried to engage Navy coach Eddie Erdelatz. Myers heard about this move and at that time withdrew from consideration. Erdelatz then got out of the picture as fast as he had entered it.

6,500 Aggies To Register For 2nd Term

Approximately 6,500 students are expected to register Feb. 1, in Sbisa Hall, for the 1958 spring semester, H. L. Heaton, registrar and director of admissions said yesterday.

He said he expected about a 1,000 drop in enrollment from the 7,474 students who had registered for the 1957 fall semester when registration closed last Oct. 15.

Heaton also said that students must pay their first fee installment and present the yellow receipt slip before they can register. Fees are payable at the fiscal office, the first installment \$103.20 or the entire semester payment \$311.95.

Students who register at 7:30 a. m. may pick up their assignment cards on the afternoon of Jan. 31 at the news stand south of Sbisa Hall and avoid standing in line the next morning, Heaton reminded.

Students will register according to the following schedule:

- 7:30-8 a. m.—all whose surnames begin with G, H, I, J, K.
- 8-9 a. m.—all whose surnames begin with A, B.
- 9-10 a. m.—all whose surnames begin with T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z.
- 10-11 a. m.—all whose surnames begin with L, M, N, O.
- 1-2 p. m.—all whose surnames begin with P, Q, R, S.
- 2-3 p. m.—all whose surnames begin with C, D, E, F.



Jim Myers
A&M Athletic Director, Head Coach

Murder Trial At CHS Friday

Did Karen Andre commit a murder or not? That is the question that will be answered by an unrehearsed jury at the Consolidated High School Auditorium tomorrow night.

The curtain rises at 8 p. m. on the murder trial play, "Night of January 16." The unique thing about the play is that no one, not even the cast, will know the verdict until the play ends. The jury is selected, they hear the case and are then left to reach a decision.

Bets on the verdict, although never encouraged, are regular features of performances of "Night of January 16."

Doris Nolan, who played the defendant in the professional production, had a standing wager with Edmund Breese, the prosecuting attorney, that hinged on her ability to "fix" one of the jurors.

At each performance she selected one juror in the box and concentrated on him for the duration of the performance. She caught his eye in the beginning and held it for long periods of time. Her bet with Breese was to the effect that this particular juror would vote "not guilty." She never lost.

Karen Andre, the defendant, is played by Carolyn Wilson. The part of the prosecuting attorney is taken by David McNeely and the defense counsel is John Hamner.

Twenty-one other CHS seniors form the complete cast of the play which will be presented both tomorrow and Saturday night, with a different jury, and possibly a different verdict, each night.

Mrs. Gray One of Many Prospective Girl-Ags

By J. J. BUSER

A fund to defray court costs involved in the possible attempt of Mrs. Myrna Gray to seek judicial help in securing admittance to A&M was started yesterday, under direction of a Bryan newspaper.

One offer of a contribution of \$100 has already come from William Prescott Allen, publisher of the Laredo Times.

Mrs. Gray yesterday conferred with John Barron, Bryan attorney, who said that "legal steps in behalf of the 27 year old wife of an A&M student is being considered."

Mrs. Gray, whose application for admission was turned down Monday, is the latest in a long line of girls who have sought admission to the all male college.

And, although no evidence can be found to prove that the college was ever completely co-educational, girls have attended the school at various times since 1903, and one girl received a degree!

Mrs. Gray said she didn't know about the one girl to receive a degree from A&M, but asked, "How did SHE arrange it?"

As far back as 1903, mention was made of girls attending A&M. Austin Burges in "A Local History of A&M College" said "Misses Mary and Sophie Hutson . . . probably the first girl students to attend A&M . . . were doing senior work in the technical departments of the college and expected to receive certificates at commencement."

No records have yet been found showing that they did receive certificates, but a thorough search of archives for that and other facts on co-eds is being made.

The one woman who definitely received a sheepskin was Mary Evelyn Locke, Nee Crawford. She got a degree in liberal arts in August, 1925.

She attended A&M during the 1924-25 long session, under a temporary condition then existing, allowing the admittance of immediate families of teachers.

She was then living in Bryan with her brother, Charles W. Crawford, now acting associate dean of engineering here.

According to local historians, the diploma was dated on Sunday, and it was presented in a "special ceremony."

NO GIRLS . . . EVER
On Sept. 25, 1925, about a month after Mr. Locke received the degree in English, the Board of Di-

rectors passed a resolution in Houston . . . "that no girls will be admitted to A&M . . . ever." Search of board minutes since then is also being made to determine if other rulings have been made, overruling this proclamation.

Other documents have been found indicating that in 1933 this rule was challenged in District Court in Brazos County. Mrs. W. E. Neely of Bryan sued from a mandamus to force the Directors to admit five Bryan girls.

However, District Judge W. C. Davis rendered judgment without a jury on Jan. 5, 1934, refusing to issue the mandamus. He held that the board clearly had authority to set admission requirements, based on Article 2613, Section 6 of the Acts of 1861, which set up the Board of Directors.

Briefs from the trial included mention of the establishment of the College of Industrial Arts, (Now Texas Woman's University,) under the Acts of 1901. The act reads, in part,

" . . . The fact that there is now no institution for the industrial training of the white girls of Texas . . ." At the time, A&M was 35 years old, being established in 1876.

The briefs also included mention of "four times from 1901 to 1933 when A&M has admitted girls during long sessions . . ." and that they had always attended during the summer sessions.

However, at least once more, girls were admitted to A&M during regular terms. This was in the summer of 1933, when "as a temporary, emergency action," the immediate families were allowed to send girls to A&M for the 1933-34 term. This was probably based on an economic situation, resulting from a 25 per cent cut in staff member salaries.

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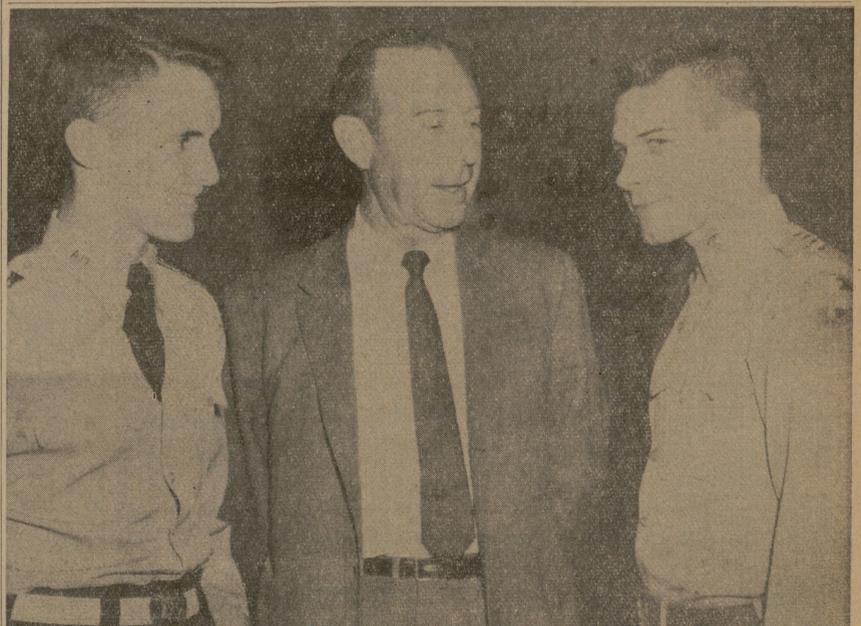
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Weather Today

Cloudy with intermittent rain throughout the day is the forecast for the College Station area. A high of 55 degrees and a low of 38 tonight are expected.

By 8 this morning rainfall totaling .15 inch had been recorded.

Yesterdays high was 62 degrees at 2 p. m. and this morning's low, 45 degrees at 7 a. m.



President Congratulates Rollins, Hagler

President M. T. Harrington congratulates success in influencing Coach Jim Myers to Battalion sports editor Gary Rollins (left) come to A&M as athletic director and head and Corps commander Jon L. Hagler on their football coach.