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Dr. Gustav M. Watkins
... new Dean of Agriculture

Watkins to Replace Miller as Ag Dean

Dr. Gustav M. Watkins, head of the Department of Plant Physiology and Pathology since 1950, has been named Dean of the School of Agriculture, effective July 1, President M. T. Harrington announced yesterday.

The new agriculture dean will replace J. C. Miller in that position. Miller resigned effective June 30 to take a similar job at Oregon State University.

Watkins joined the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Staff as a research worker in plant pathology in 1935, leaving in 1941 to accept a position as associate professor at Sam Houston State College in Huntsville. Watkins joined the United States Department

of Agriculture as plant pathologist in 1943. He left the department in 1945 to enlist in the navy. Until 1949 he was mycologist at the U. S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory. In 1950 he returned to A&M.

He graduated from the University of Texas in 1929 with a B.A. degree in botany and received his M.S. in botany from U T in 1930. Watkins was awarded a Ph.D. degree in plant cytology from Columbia University in 1935.

As a result of his studies of cotton root rot, Watkins received a National Research Fellowship in 1939.

He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Botanical Society of America, the American Physiological Society and the Society of American Plant Physiologists.

Aggies to Attend Dallas Meeting On Advertising

Ten Aggies and one faculty member will leave the campus Sunday afternoon to attend an annual function of the Dallas Advertising League to be held in Dallas May 4-6.

Nine journalism majors and one business administration student, all specializing in advertising, and W. D. Calvert, assistant journalism professor, will be taken on a tour of advertising establishments in Dallas.

Festivities will begin with a buffet in the Adolphus Hotel Sunday evening and will get into full swing Monday morning.

The group will tour the advertising department of Sanger's, Titcher-Goettinger and Neiman-Marcus department stores and eight advertising agencies. A tour will be made of the Dallas Morning News, WFAA-TV, KRLD-TV, the new Dallas Federal Savings and Loan Assn., several paper companies and printing and engraving plants.

Students who will make the trip are Jim Baytes, Bob Kerr, John DiBattista, Toby Mattox, Jim Moore, Gary Rollins, Dave McLain, Jim Coston, Bob Weekley and Bill Reed.

Board of Directors Pick System Banks

The Bank of the Southwest, of Houston, and The First National and Republic National banks, both of Dallas, were named depository banks for the A&M College System by the Board of Directors Saturday.

President M. T. Harrington was authorized to negotiate a depository agreement with the banks. All funds under the control of the Board of Directors are kept on deposit in these officially designated depositories, with interest being paid by the banks on time deposits.

Engineers' Society Adds 58 Members

A&M's chapter of Tau Beta Phi, national scholastic society for engineers, initiated 17 seniors, 35 juniors and 6 alumni members at its spring initiation exercises in the Memorial Student Center Assembly Room yesterday.

The spring banquet was held in the MSC Ballroom last night.

H. W. Sindt, president of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers, delivered the principal address.

Annual Ag Rodeo Opens Thursday

The select, six-man Aggie Rodeo team will move onto the local rodeo arena tomorrow night at 8 as A&M Rodeo Club stages its ninth annual National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association show.

The rodeo will run for three nights—May 1, 2 and 3. A matinee performance will get under way at 2 p.m. on May 3.

The Aggie team, now in second place in the Southern Region of N.I.R.A., was selected from membership of the rodeo club on the basis of outstanding performance.

Teams from 16 schools in the Southern Region will be represented in the rodeo, which will offer eight competitive events and a cutting horse contest. The events are bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, bull-dogging, calf tie-down roping, ribbon roping and two events for girl entries, barrel racing and goat tying.

Don Bissett will handle the announcing for the affair, while Royce Hudson, Eddie Farris and Tinker Clift handle roles as clowns.

The members of the team are J. C. Dishman of Beaumont, Eddie Farris of Llano, Phillip Cox of Baytown, Doyle McSpadden of Rottan, Kenneth Beasley of Freeport and Rodney Butler of Sulphur, La. Tickets are now on sale for 50 cents and may be purchased from any member of the rodeo club. The price of the tickets will be raised to 60 cents at the gate. Corps members may attend the rodeo non-reg.

News of the World

First Republican Files for Senate

Roy Whittenburg, prominent Texas Panhandle businessman and civic leader, announced his candidacy in Amarillo Tuesday for the Republican nomination for the U. S. Senate. He was the first Republican to file for the office now held by Ralph Yarborough.

Gromyko Attacks Ike's Plan

Andrei Gromyko lashed out Tuesday in Moscow against President Eisenhower's proposal for international inspection of the Arctic, charging it is a bid for intelligence data on Soviet territory.

Senate Approves Pay Raise

The Senate passed by an 87-0 vote Tuesday in Washington a bill providing for a general pay raise for the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Unemployment Declines

April unemployment declined 78,000 according to figures released by the government Tuesday. The new figure of unemployed is now 5,120,000 and is the first time the figure has decreased from one month to the next since last October.

Solon Attacks Plan For Defense Change

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rep Kilday D-Tex said today that President Eisenhower's plan to revamp the armed forces could lead to a military organization more powerful than the old German General Staff.

Third Straight A&M Victory

James R. Cox, senior electrical engineering major, added another award to his record when he won the student paper contest of 7th District of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers last week at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

Cox's Paper Wins Interstate Contest

Cox's paper, entitled "Grid Current Measurements with A.D.C. Analog Computer", was judged best of the 19 papers in the contest. Papers were presented by students from 19 of the 22 schools in the 7th District. The district includes all schools with AIEE student branches in New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and western Louisiana.

Students to Receive Journalism Awards

Several journalism scholarship winners will be announced at the second annual Journalism Awards Banquet at Del Marmol's Restaurant in Bryan Friday night, Gayle McNutt, president-elect of Sigma Delta Chi, said yesterday.

'Y' Cabinet Names Coffman President

Rob Coffman, junior from Fort Worth, took over the reins as president of the YMCA Cabinet last night as "Y" members installed next year's officers at a steak fry in Hensel Park last night.

Arts & Sciences Awards Winners

Arts & Sciences Awards winners were announced at a banquet Monday night at the Southwestern IRE Conference in San Antonio and the IRE contest between the University of Houston, A&M and Rice Institute sponsored by the Houston section of the IRE at A&M.

Class Work Eyed To Aid Education

The Board of Directors Saturday adopted an amendment to replace the 1.0 grade point ratio requirement to remain in the Corps. The 1.0 provision was included in the order passed by the board last fall establishing compulsory military training.

Ag Mental State Alleged 'Strong' By Psychologist

A&M students probably have fewer serious mental disturbances percentage-wise than most other colleges, Dr. Warren Bonney, clinical psychologist on the college hospital staff told College Station Kiwanians yesterday.

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Students entering A&M next fall (see BOARD page 4)

James Sarran To Be Honored By '58 Seniors

The Class of '58 met last night in the Business Administration Building and voted in favor of leaving a class gift of \$2,000 in memory of James Sarran toward the installation of an underground sprinkler system for the drill field.

Sarran, '58, was killed during Bonfire Week in 1955. He was crushed between a truck and a car as he served coffee to Ags guarding the bonfire. Sarran pushed two other Aggies from the car's path before he was hit. The annual Thanksgiving Day game, 1955, was dedicated to Sarran, who died the night of the game.

It was also announced that Boyce House, columnist and famed "Texas Brags" author, will be the speaker at the Senior Banquet in Duncan Hall, May 17.

Banquet tickets must be purchased from the Student Activities Office before May 7.

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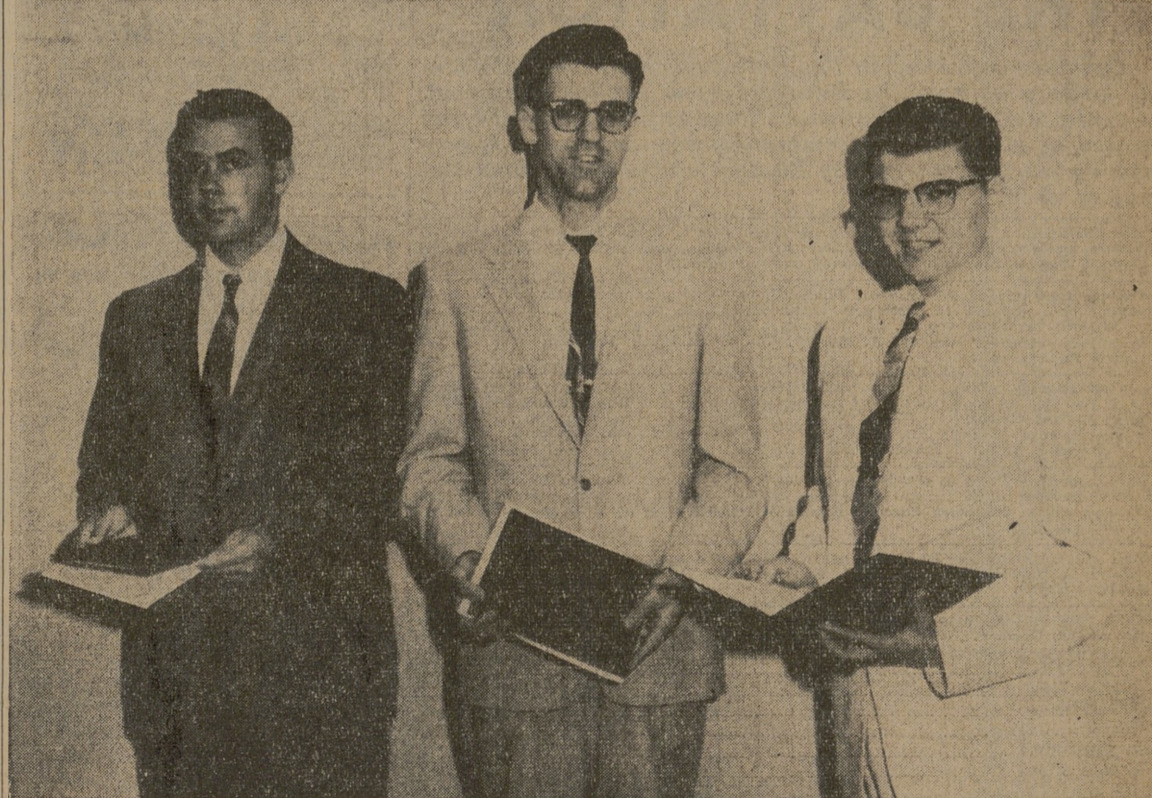
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Along with the naming of scholarship winners, outstanding student publication workers and top journalism students from each class will be named.



Arts & Sciences Awards Winners
... left to right, Robert J. Ring Jr., Stanley L. Barnes, Pete Dominic Ghilgieri.