

Dr. Robert Cochran

Prominent Atomic Engineer To Direct New Department

Dr. Robert G. Cochran, a nuclear engineer of national prominence, became head of the new Department of Nuclear Engineering Monday, Sept. 7, Dean of Engineering Fred J. Benson announced. The new department was authorized by the Texas Commission on Higher Education for the training of nuclear engineers at the graduate level. Cochran's role at College Station will be a dual one in that he will also head the Nuclear Science Center of the Texas Engineering

Experiment Station. For the past five years he has been associated with Pennsylvania State University where he has been professor of nuclear engineering and director of the university's research reactor facility. He assisted in the design and construction of the research reactor facility at Pennsylvania State University and was responsible for training and developing a staff to operate the facility, developing research programs using the facility and teaching courses in nuclear engineering. Cochran is a technical consultant to the Division of Licensing and Regulations, U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, the Research Division of Curtiss-Wright Corporation, and to Nephiman Company, Ltd., Tokyo, Japan. He recently placed a five megawatt reactor in operation for Industrial Research Laboratories, Inc., Plainsboro, N. J. A native of Indianapolis, Ind., Cochran was a nuclear physicist at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory for four years prior to joining the staff of Pennsylvania State University in 1954. At Oak Ridge, he was in charge of the swimming pool reactor facility and conducted research in neutron detection devices, neutron and gamma ray spectroscopy, nuclear reactions induced by neutrons, reactor shielding and reactor design. He has written extensively on nuclear reactor research results and on other phases of the nuclear engineering field. Cochran received his A.B. and M.S. degrees in physics from Indiana University and his Ph.D. degree in physics from Pennsylvania State University. He was a research assistant at Indiana University for three years. The new A&M staff member has membership in a number of professional organizations, including the American Physical Society and the American Nuclear Society. He is a member of the National Research Council's sub-committee on research reactors. Cochran and his wife are the parents of one son.

Wainerdi Becomes Assistant to Dean

Dr. Richard E. Wainerdi, head of the Nuclear Science Center of the Texas Engineering Experiment Station, has accepted a change in assignment to become assistant to the dean of engineering.

Dean of Engineering Fred J. Benson said that Dr. Wainerdi will be engaged principally as a counselor for students in the School of Engineering but will continue his research studies in the field of nuclear engineering.

Wainerdi came to College Station in 1957 as associate professor of nuclear engineering, and head of the Nuclear Science Center.

A native of New York City, he graduated from the University of Oklahoma with distinction in 1952, receiving a B.S. degree in petroleum engineering. He received his M.S. degree in nuclear engineering from Pennsylvania State University in 1958.

In 1954, he was one of a few students chosen from throughout the United States to attend the radioisotopes handling course at the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies. The following year he was selected to attend the Oak Ridge School of Reactor Technology. His attendance was sponsored by the Atomic Energy Commission.

Since coming to A&M from a position as coordinator of nuclear activities for Dresser Industries, Inc., Dallas, Wainerdi has served as supervisor of the college's AGN-201 nuclear training reactor facility and has been chairman of the Radiological Safety Committee for the A&M System. He is a member of numerous

honorary and professional societies including Sigma Xi, Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Tau, Pi Epsilon Tau, Phi Eta Sigma, American Nuclear Society, Society of Nuclear Medicine, American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineering and the Southwestern Society of Nuclear Medicine. He is a registered professional engineer.

USTINOV PLANS REVISION

NEW YORK (AP)—Peter Ustinov, English actor-author, may perform in one of his 12-year-old scripts—if he can rewrite it satisfactorily.

Invited to appear in a London production of "Paris Not So Gay," the star who is appearing here in another of his plays, "Romanoff and Juliet," reread the older piece. He said he experienced a feeling of awe, but decided that his dramatic technique at 37 is different from what it was at 25.

"I'm redoing the whole thing," he said.

CALENDAR

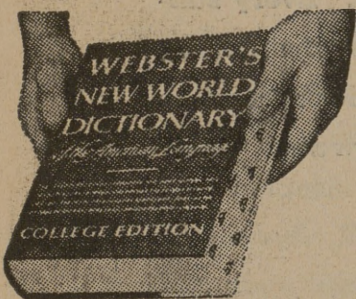
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APRIL

- 1 Texas Baseball Here, Newman Club State Convention, Southwest Intercollegiate Photo Salon
- 2 A.V.M.A. Banquet and Ball, Newman Club State Convention, Church of Christ Banquet, Southwest Intercollegiate Photo Salon
- 3 Newman Club State Convention
- 4 Mid-Semester Grades, Engineer's Council, Arts and Science Council, Alpha Zeta, Southwest Intercollegiate Photo Salon
- 5 Baylor Baseball at Waco, Spring Initiation — Phi Eta Sigma, Southwest Intercollegiate Photo Salon
- 6 Southwest Intercollegiate Phonon, Run-off Class Elections
- 7 Student Senate, Southwest Intercollegiate Photo Salon, Rice Baseball Here
- 8 Cotton Pageant and Ball, Eta Kappa Nu
- 9 Rice Baseball Here, Hillel Banquet and Ball, Singing Cadets Banquet
- 11 M.S.C. Council, Agriculture Council
- 13 Begin Spring Recess 5:00 p.m.
- 14 Holiday
- 15 Holiday, M.S.C. Art Show Begins
- 16 Holiday
- 17 Holiday
- 18 Holiday
- 19 End of Spring Recess 8 a.m., P.E. Wives Club
- 20 Begin Filing — General Elections
- 21 Aggie Muster, Student Senate, T.C.U. Baseball—Here
- 22 M.S.C. Directorate and Council Banquet, T.C.U. Baseball—Here
- 23 B.S.U. Installation of Officers, Fish-Sophomore Judging Contest
- 25 M.S.C. Bowling Committee
- 26 Town Hall Staff Steak Fry, Phi Eta Sigma Spring Barbecue
- 27 Close Filing — General Elections, All College Calendar Meeting, Tau Beta Pi Banquet
- 28 N.I.R.A. Rodeo, R. V. Ball and Banquet, Spring Dairy Show, Invitational Bowling Tournament
- 30 Café Tropical

MAY

- 1 Invitational Bowling Tournament, M.S.C. Art Show Begins
- 2 Arts and Science Council, Engineer's Council, M.S.C. Council, Alpha Zeta
- 3 General Elections
- 4 Begin Filing Student Senate School Elections, Athletic Officers Barbecue
- 5 Student Senate Banquet



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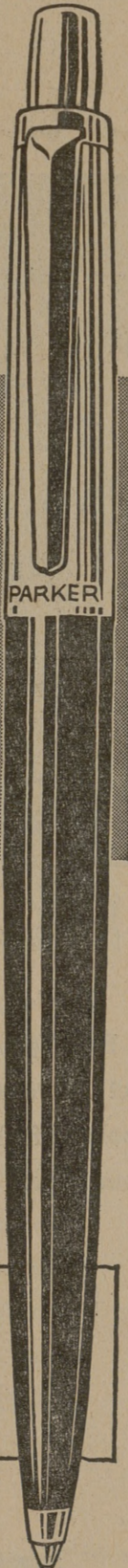
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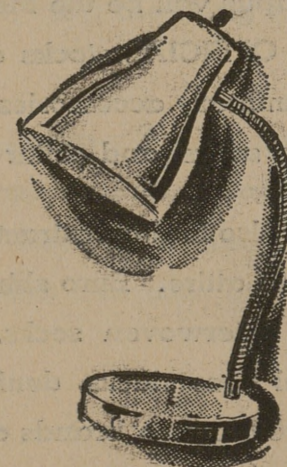
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