Former Plant Head Succeeds Page As Head of the Graduate School

Dr. Wayne C. Hall, head of the Department of Plant Physiology and Pathology, was named Dean of the Graduate School June 30.

Hall came to A&M in 1949 from the University of Kentucky, where he was assistant professor and acting head of the Department of Botany. He came to A&M as an assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in 1951 and was made professor in 1954, and in 1958 became professor and head of the Department of Plant Physiology and Pathology.

He succeeds Dr. J. B. Page as graduate school dean. The position of dean of the college, which was also held by Page, has not been filled. Page will join Iowa State University as dean of the Graduate College.

Committee Worker

Since coming to A&M, Hall has served as a member of the Committee on Graduate Instruction, School of Agriculture; member of the Graduate Council; a research project leader for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station; a collaborator with the Cotton and Cordage Fibers Research Branch and with the Southern Utilization Research Branch of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and in 1955 was recipient of the first Faculty Achievement Award for the Outstanding Teacher doing research.

Hall is 41 years of age. He was born in Montana and was educated in Iowa. He received his B.S. degree from the State University of Iowa in 1941, and did graduate work at the University of Chicago in 1942. However, he received his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the State University of Iowa in 1946 and 1948 respectively, with honors.

From 1942 to 1946 he served with the U. S. Navy, and was discharged to inactive reserve with the rank of Lieutenant Senior Grade (Line). He saw active service in the Atlantic, European-African and Pacific Theaters of Action and received theater ribbons with six battle stars, the Purple Heart and unit citations.

Two Grants

Hall has a five-year grant with the National Institutes of Health and a three-year Atomic Energy Commission research contract.

He is author or co-author of 75 scientific papers, reviews and laboratory manuals in the field of plant physiology or plant biochemistry and consultant to the Division of Experiment Stations, USDA.

The Halls live at 1204 Winding Rd., College Station, and have two children, Janice, 15; and Randy, 13.

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Woods Quits History Post For Tech Job

Dr. Paul J. Woods, a member of the A&M faculty since 1946, and active in Memorial Student Center activities, resigned his associate professorship in the Department of History and Government July 25 to take a similar post at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

A native of Champaign, Ill., Woods joined the faculty of the Department of History and Government in 1946 after his release from active duty with the U. S. Army.

SCONA Chairman

Woods was a round table chairman for Student Conference on National Affairs (SCONA) in 1958 and 1959. He was a member of the Memorial Student Center Council for two years and has been an adviser to the MSC Great Issues Committee for the past four years.

In 1959-60 he was a member of the YMCA advisory board and was faculty adviser to the Maroon Band in 1959-60. He had also served as adviser to the A&M Newman Club.

He received his B.A. degree from the University of Illinois in 1938 and his M.A. in 1940 and his Ph.D. in 1941, both also from the University of Illinois.

Woods is a member of the American Historical Assn., the American Political Science Assn., the Southwestern Social Science Assn. and the A&M chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.

High Awards

In 1958 and in 1960 Woods received the MSC Distinguished Service Award and the Distinguished teacher Award from the Arts and Sciences Council in 1955.

Woods is a lieutenant colonel in the U. S. Army Reserve, 4250 Corps Artillery Headquarters, and taught at the 4th Army Military Intelligence School at Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio for two weeks this summer.

Woods is married and has two children, a boy 8 and a girl 13, and he and his family live at 718 Edgewood in Bryan.

He will assume his new duties as associate professor at Texas Tech Sept. 1.

Center Loses Two Staffers

Two well-known Memorial Student Center staff members resigned during July.

They were John M. Geiger, manager of the Bowling and Games Department, and Mrs. Rosalie Johnson, student program adviser.

Geiger, whose resignation was effective the middle of August, joined the Texas Union in the new and renovated Student Union Building at the University of Texas.

He was made manager of the A&M bowling games area after his graduation from A&M in 1952. His hometown is Branford, Fla.

Mrs. Johnson, wife of Battalion Editor Johnny Johnson, joined the MSC staff in 1957 after graduating from Southern Methodist University with a degree in journalism.

She worked with the entire MSC program, including the MSC Council. At SMU, she was president of the Mortar Board, a national honor society for college women, and was a student leader in other fields.

Stark said no replacements have yet been selected for Geiger or Mrs. Johnson.

Dr. William Turner, music coordinator of the MSC, had announced his resignation earlier to accept a position at Stephen F. Austin College.

MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

"If You Give It to Us, We'll Run It," Rudder

By The Associated Press

AUSTIN—The Legislative Budget Board queried Chancellor M. T. Harrington and President Earl Rudder in July on the proposed establishment of a branch of the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy at College Station and the Department of Oceanography and Meteorology branch at Galveston.

During the last week of July the board directed its staff to study a proposal for a branch of the academy to be operated at A&M's home campus and at Galveston.

Both Harrington and Rudder said it was a matter for the Legislature to decide. Rudder said A&M was not carrying the torch" for the marine industry, but he pointed out that the only marine schools now in existence are on the east and west coasts, despite the growing importance of the Gulf area in shipping circles.

"If you give it to us, we'll run it," Rudder told the board at the time.

If A&M gets the branch, students would take freshman work at A&M and would spend the remaining three years at Galveston, where a wing of one of the buildings of the Department of Oceanography and Meteorology facilities there would house the school and its cadets.

Cadets would be required to take a training cruise each summer.

State Senator-Elect A. R. Schwartz of Galveston and State Rep. Peter La Valle of Texas City appeared in behalf of the school.

Admiral Appears

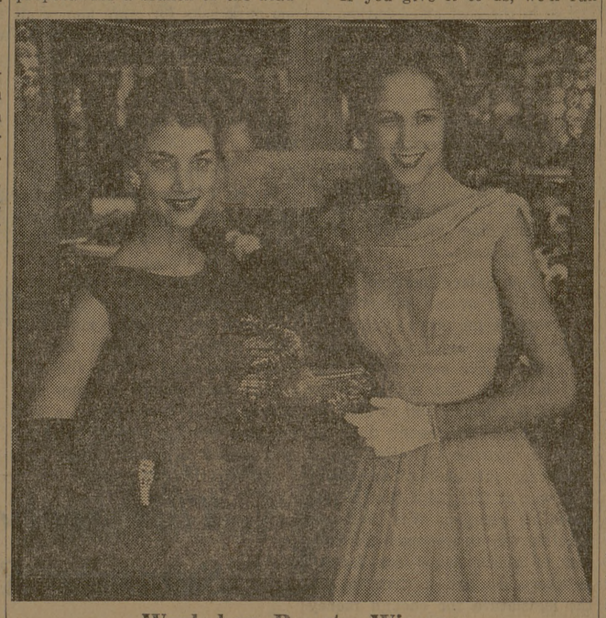
Admiral Sherman B. Wetmore also appeared before the board. Adm. Wetmore said the project would provide education for 200 would-be Merchant Marine officers and the state cost would be $600 per cadet annually.

He said the school could become the "maritime academy of the South" and pointed out that four schools on the East Coast and one on the West Coast are operating similar branches. The U. S. Merchant Marine Academy, located at Kings Point, N. Y., is entirely devoted to such students.

Schwartz said A&M was not opposed to the idea although the state's college presidents had already agreed not to bring up anything new in view of the state's present financial situation.

The Galveston senator-elect said $75,000 in matching federal funds are available for such a school and that cadets in the program would receive $600 annually from the government.

The board July 28 directed its staff to study the proposal and to make a budget recommendation in time for the January session of the Legislature.



Workshop Beauty Winners

Miss Sharon Fleming of Pasadena High School, left, and Miss Kay Holcomb of Paris High School were named most beautiful girls at the second annual High School Publications Workshop held here July 24-29 by the Department of Journalism. Miss Holcomb was named most beautiful girl for the yearbook section and Miss Fleming was most beautiful girl in the newspaper section of the workshop. Baseball Coach Tom Chandler, Aggieland Studio's Gene Sutphen and A&M Photo Shop's Bob Butler were judges for the contest.

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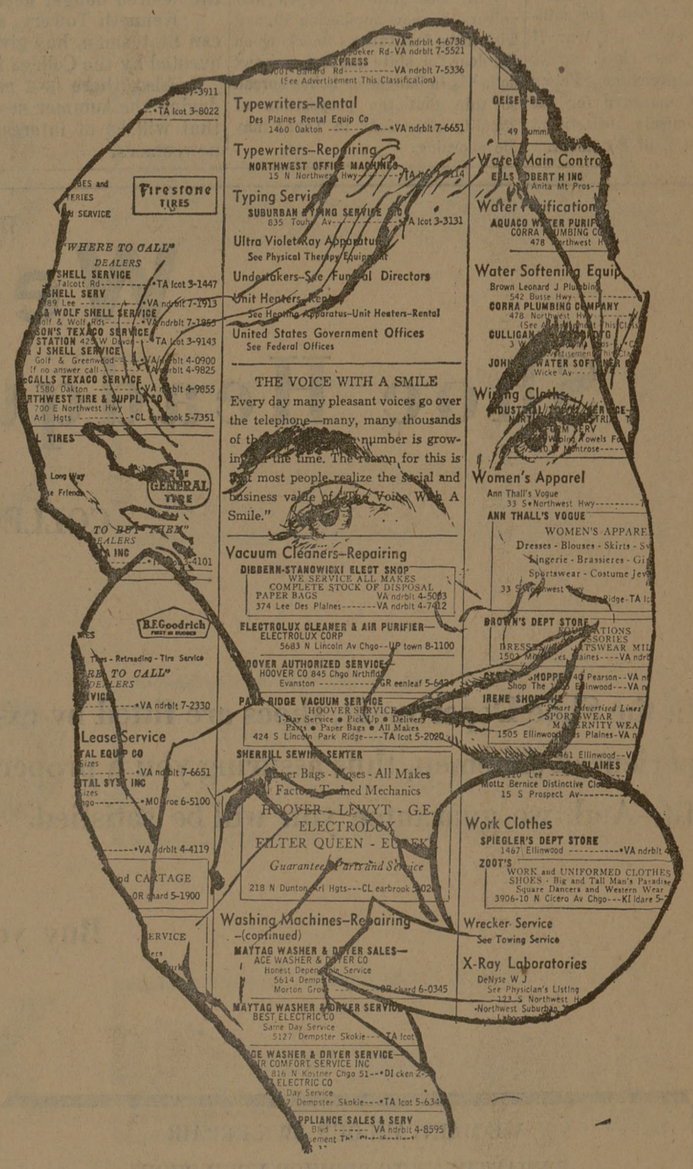

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