

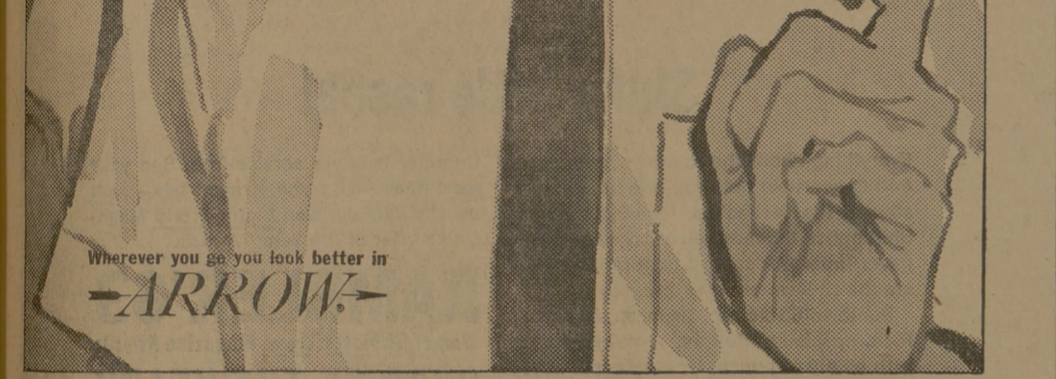
# English Fraternity Doubles Members

Aggies in beginning Russian language classes think the Soviets keep their alphabet. No one wants it. The Russian letters in script or in printed form differ considerably from our alphabet. The letter "m" in handwritten English, for example, is a "u" in Russian. "But once the student learns to write the Russian language, it's almost phonetic," Dr. John M. Skrivanev of the Department of Modern Languages faculty, said. "After a few weeks, most of the students write it pretty well."

Last summer Skrivanev was in the New York-New Jersey area to contact Russian speakers with a native-born command of the language. Twenty natives of Russia taped recordings for use in conjunction with the textbook by himself and Fedor S. Mansvetov, who has headed the Russian language program in the Pentagon.

"We feel we are performing a national service by teaching the Russian language," Skrivanev said. He explains an effective way to keep track of the Communists is to understand their technical publications.

"I've read that the Russians, not because they have any love for us, have 25 million people studying English," he said.



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Twice as many Aggies are charter members of the new A&M chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, national English honorary fraternity, as there were English majors at A&M in post-World War II days, Dr. John Q. Anderson, head of the Department of English reports.

This underlines the growing role of English studies on the A&M campus, Anderson said.

"This semester 95 students are majoring in English and approximately 100 list English as a minor," he commented.

INVITATION TO membership in Sigma Tau Delta is based primarily upon superior academic achievement, but character, initiative and leadership ability are considered, too," Dr. Roy I. Cain, faculty advisor, said.

Among the charter members are five graduate students, seven seniors, nine juniors and three sophomores.

Graduate studies in English are in their second year at A&M with 10 regular graduate enrollees. Gordon Reynolds who last summer received the college's first M.A. degree in English now is studying for his Ph.D. at the University of Texas.

ANDERSON SAID other Aggies who had completed undergraduate studies in English the last five

## Doctor To Discuss Food Supplements At Lecture Here

Dr. William J. McGanity of the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston will speak Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Biological Science Building Lecture Room.

Professor and chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Galveston school, McGanity will discuss "The Use and Misuse of Food Supplements."

McGanity was born in Canada and has practiced medicine in Canada, Tennessee and Texas. He has conducted research in various phases of human nutrition and has written more than two dozen medical and scientific publications.

Earlier Wednesday, McGanity will address Human Nutrition Workshop participants on calcium and trace elements.

## Ag Players Slate Show

Acts featuring dancers, a magician, vocalists and "pickers, fiddlers and thumpers" will be featured in the Aggie Players "fun show" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, in Guion Hall.

Director C. K. Esten said the 12 entre-acts and the melodrama "He Done Her Wrong, Or Wedded But No Wife" promises "fun for all."

The scene will be the main street of a western town with Col. Nuggett and his "renowned company of superlative players" presenting the melodrama.

Tickets will be priced at 75-cents for the Friday night performance and \$1 for the Saturday night show.

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Robert R. Minor of Corpus Christi and Alex H. Treadway of Dallas were first place winners in the annual Freshmen and Sophomore Mathematics Contest.

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