



'Junction Boy' Named New Coach; Foldberg Becomes Athletic Director

Gene Stallings Takes Grid Job

Gene Stallings was named head football coach at A&M Monday afternoon. He replaces Hank Foldberg, who will become full-time athletic director.

For the past six years Stallings has served as assistant under Paul (Bear) Bryant at Alabama. He was Bryant's top assistant this year on the Crimson Tide team which won the National Championship.

The new Aggie grid mentor was graduated from A&M in 1957. He was an All-Southwest Conference end and tri-captain on the 1956 Aggie eleven which was coached by Bryant.

"Gene Stallings is the top young collegiate coaching prospect in America," Bryant said.

Stallings at 29 is the SWC's youngest head coach. He was one of the famous "Junction Boys" on Bryant's first Cadet squad. A three-year letterman, Stallings coached the A&M freshman team the year after his graduation.

The following season he rejoined Bryant at Alabama where he has been ever since.

Both Stallings and Foldberg received four-year contracts. Stallings flew back to Tuscaloosa, Ala., Monday evening to straighten out his personal affairs. He will assume his new duties Monday.

"I'm thrilled at the chance and the challenge to coach at A&M. I'm looking forward to working for Hank Foldberg and I appreciate the confidence he and the board have shown in me," Stallings said.

The native of Paris, Texas, indicated that he would wait a few days before announcing his coaching staff.

"I'll have to have some of them here soon, however, to get to work on recruiting," he declared.

The selection of Stallings will mean a return to the Bear Bryant style of football which produced a 25-14-2 record during Bryant's four years at A&M. Bryant-coached teams are noted for their superb physical condition, soundness in fundamentals, and solid defensive play.

Stallings met with the 1965 A&M football squad briefly Monday afternoon in the lobby of Henderson Hall.

Dr. Chris H. Groneman, chairman of the Athletic Council, recommended Foldberg for the post of full-time athletic director. Foldberg immediately recommended Stallings for the head football coaching position.

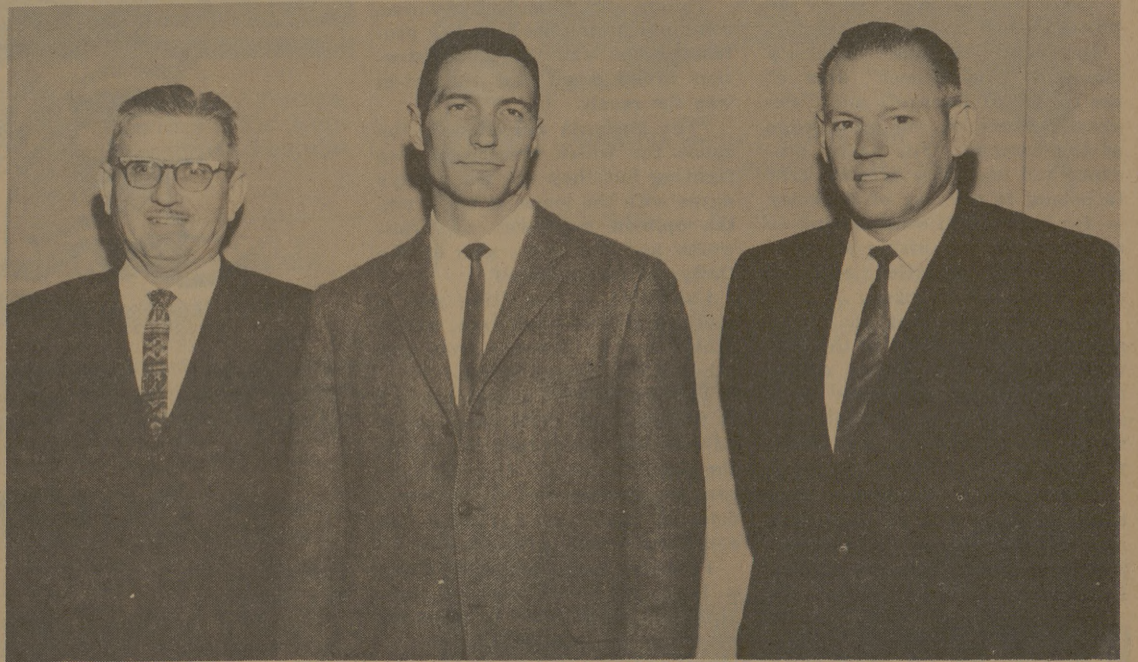
Both recommendations were approved by President Earl Rudder and the Board of Regents.

Groneman said, "A full-time athletic director is a necessity at Texas A&M, as we take another step forward in striving for excellence in all phases of our athletic program.

"Foldberg's outstanding administrative ability has been evident during his tenure here, and we feel he is the man to lead our athletic department."

Foldberg termed the hiring of Stallings "a real stride forward. We are fortunate to get a real outstanding young coach like Gene Stallings to head our football program.

"I'm confident he'll do the type of job that will make all Aggies proud."



ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT SHAKEUP
... Groneman, Stallings, Foldberg after decision made.

Student Opinion Poll Favors Coaching Change

By TOMMY DeFRANK
Staff Writer

Student reaction was divided over Monday's shakeup in the athletic department, but more than 80 percent of those interviewed by The Battalion favored the retention of Henry C. (Hank) Foldberg in the capacity of athletic director.

Eighty-four percent approved the decision to oust Foldberg as head football coach, 10 percent felt that he should have been allowed to continue in the dual capacity of head coach and athletic director, and six percent felt he should have been relieved of both jobs in favor of Eugene Stallings, announced as the new head coach by the Athletic Council Monday.

Those favoring the keeping of

Foldberg as athletic director also felt that Stallings, a 1957 A&M graduate and assistant to Paul (Bear) Bryant at the University of Alabama, would reverse the Aggie football tailspin of recent years while Foldberg would continue to improve the overall program of athletics.

"Foldberg has done an outstanding job as athletic director and he deserves to stay on, but with competition in the conference getting rougher and rougher every year, our football program needs to go forward instead of standing still. I think Stallings will do a good job," one student said.

"It was obvious that we needed a change and it's good that the new coach is a Bryant man. I

hope that he can raise Aggie football back to where it was when Bryant was here," another said.

Some students felt that Foldberg's three losing seasons since taking over in 1962 made the change necessary.

"Our won-lost record the last three years speaks for itself. It's true that the athletic program has improved but football is still king around here, and with our record these three years a change was needed," one said.

Students disapproving of the action maintained that Foldberg would have been given another year to come up with a winner, and one student felt that others were to blame for the lack of gridiron success.



NEW AGGIE GRID COACH
... was All-SWC end here in 1956.

Folk Singing Group Wins Talent Show

The Coachmen, a folk song quartet composed of Glyn Barrows, Pat McKinnis, Steve Schiamo and Fred Barr, took first place honors and \$25 in the Aggie Talent Show Friday night in Guion Hall.

Bernest Evans singing "Summertime" and "Come All You Fair and Tender Maidens" placed second. He was awarded \$15.

The Warfarers, consisting of George Clark, Bill Sturgeon and Ben Ghorntley took third place and \$10.

Richard Conner, chairman of the talent committee estimated 300 spectators witnessed the 15 persons and nine acts of the show. The show is sponsored annually by the Memorial Student Center Talent Committee.

Conner said the first place winner usually represents A&M in the Intercollegiate Talent Show held here in the spring.

"This year the show will be held March 5 and we have begun auditions on other campuses and universities for top talent," added Conner. Twelve acts will be selected from such schools as Baylor, LSU and Tulane plus other schools from Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma.

The judges for the show were Dr. J. F. Cooper, Frank Coulter and Jim Austin, all of whom have had experience in the art world.



Air Force Sweetheart
Miss Carole Ashcraft of Houston was crowned Air Force Sweetheart Saturday night at the annual Air Force Ball. Miss Ashcraft won over four other finalists and was presented with a bouquet of roses and a bracelet.

SCONA Opens Tenth Session Wednesday

Mexican Groups To Stop Here

SCONA X this week will only be the first stop for two Mexican groups sponsored by The Experiment in International Living.

Each group consists of 10 participants and one leader. They come from all parts of Mexico, are of both sexes, and range in age from 19 to 29 years of age.

The first group, traveling by train and bus, was to arrive in Bryan Tuesday morning. This group consists of five girls and five boys. The second group traveling by plane and bus will arrive in College Station Wednesday afternoon at 2:37. The two groups will be met by a welcoming committee from SCONA.

Upon their completion of participation in SCONA, the first group will leave for Endwell, New York, their homestay for three and one-half weeks. On their way there, and on the return to Mexico on February 6 the group will go through such cities and places as Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Colby College, Waterville, Maine; New York City, Washington, D.C., and New Orleans.

The second group which is from the National University of Mexico has only one girl. All of this group are third year economics majors. The university with 60,000 students is the largest in North America.

The group will fly to Fallsington, Pa., their homestay for three and one-half weeks immediately after SCONA ends. Before returning to Mexico on January 28.

Student Leadership Held Key To Success

By IDA BRYANT
Special Writer

A&M's Student Conference on National Affairs is one of the best of its kind, according to Garry Tisdale, student chairman of SCONA.

Hard work and responsible leadership by students were credited by Tisdale as the basis for SCONA's success.

"Students are running the conference and the students will be profiting by it," Tisdale said. "The 12 SCONA committee chairmen and the vice chairman are each student leaders in their own rights, yet they are willing to give their civic time for this project."

The magnitude of the conference is illustrated by the high caliber of speakers and round-

table chairmen obtained, the extensive participation of colleges throughout the Western Hemisphere, the national recognition given the conference by other schools who have used SCONA as a model, and the increase in appropriations from \$3,000 for

SCONA I to \$20,000 for SCONA X.

"Student work on the conference is a continual process," Tisdale said.

"The executive committee meets before Easter each year to elect a new student chairman and a

Delegates Come From Far, Wide

Delegates forms from students of approximately 70 colleges and universities have been received by SCONA X officials.

These students are from 23 states and 14 countries.

Countries represented are Argentina, Bolivia, Canada, Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, India, Mexico, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Venezuela and the West Indies.

Colleges and universities represented are: Abilene Christian College, Arkansas State College, Arlington State College, Austin College, Baylor University, Centenary College in Louisiana, Davidson College in North Carolina, East Texas Baptist College in Marshall, East Texas State College, Florida State University, Francis T. Nicholls State College in Louisiana, Georgia Institute of Technology and Hardin-Simmons University.

Other include Howard Payne College, Harding College in Arkansas, Incarnate Word in San Antonio, Lamar Tech, Louisiana Col-

lege, LSU, Mary-Hardin Baylor, McMurry College in Abilene, Mississippi State University, National Student Association in Paraguay, National University in Mexico, New Mexico State University, North Texas State University, Oklahoma State University. Our Lady of the Lake College in San Antonio Tex., Prairie View A&M, Principia College in Illinois, Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, Rice University, Sam Houston State, SMU, Southern State College in Arkansas, Southwest Texas State College, Southwestern University in Georgetown.

St. Edwards University in Austin, Stephens College in Missouri, Sul Ross, Tarleton, Texas A&I, A&M, TCU, Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, Texas Maritime Academy, Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas Tech, Texas Wesleyan College in Ft. Worth, Texas Woman's University, Trinity University in San Antonio.

Tisdale said that the finance committee is responsible for im-

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Wednesday's Schedule

Wednesday's schedule for A&M's Student Conference on National Affairs:

8 a.m.-noon: Registration of faculty and conferees, assignment of living quarters.

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.: Orientation luncheon for roundtable co-chairmen and recorders.

2-4:15 p.m.: First general session.

4:15-5:15 p.m.: Roundtable orientation meeting.

6-7:30 p.m.: Smorgasbord for delegates.

8-10 p.m.: General Session. Reception following address in Assembly and Birch Rooms.

Non-Delegates Invited Also

Non-delegates are invited to attend the tenth Student Conference on National Affairs as observers, said J. Wayne Stark, director of the Memorial Student Center.

Although non-delegates will not be able to take part in the discussion or question and answer groups, they are urged to attend and to listen to the fine speeches by nationally known speakers, Stark said.

SCONA, working with the Great Issues Committee, will present five lectures, costing from \$2,000 to \$4,000 to produce, Stark said. Eight student roundtable discussion groups will also be held, Stark said, adding that the conference will not be a success if Aggies and townspeople who are not delegates fail to attend.

Stark said that the attendance of non-delegates as observers at the eight roundtable discussion groups is greatly desired. Five of the discussion groups will be held in the MSC, two in G. Rollie White Coliseum, and one in the Military Science Annex, Stark said. The discussion groups will be held from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m. Thursday and Friday, from 1:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. Thursday, from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, and from 8:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Saturday, said Mrs. Judy Rieves, Stark's secretary. Non-delegates are invited to visit each group, moving from one to the other.

Aggies and community people are especially invited to the Conference Round-up Luncheon and the round-up speech given by Jules DuBois, Stark said.