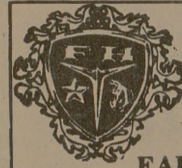


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Stallings Named Athletic Director

An era that began at Texas A&M on Dec. 7, 1964, took on a new dimension over the weekend with the naming of Head Football Coach Gene Stallings as athletic director.

Stallings, who returned to his alma mater to head the fortunes of the Texas Aggie football team, will take over officially today. He will continue to serve as head football coach.

"The athletic council believes that Stallings will show the same determination to excel in all sports that he has demonstrated in football," Chairman O. D. Butler said. "He will continue to improve the well-rounded sports program at Texas A&M."

Butler said departmental responsibilities will be expanded for Marvin Tate, associate athletic director, and Wally Groff, business manager. Both were named to the staff last year.

Stallings, who played end for

the Aggies during the Paul (Bear) Bryant era, succeeds Barlow (Bones) Irvin who is retiring after a student-coach-administrator association with A&M totaling 27 years.

Stallings, 32, is the youngest head football coach in the SWC. He took over the A&M helm in 1965 after serving seven years as an assistant to Bryant at the University of Alabama.

The Paris native won all-Southwest Conference recognition at A&M in 1955 and was tri-captain of the undefeated 1956 team, the Aggies last conference champions before this past season.

After graduating from A&M in 1956, Stallings moved to Alabama after one year as Fish coach. He spent seven years at Tuscaloosa under the man that Stallings has patterned himself after, Paul (Bear) Bryant.

When Stallings came to A&M, Bryant said then that Aggieland was getting the top young coaching prospect in America. In his third season as a head coach, Stallings bore out Bryant's statement.

In his first season, Stallings' team finished at 3-7. In 1966, his second year, the Aggies finished 4-5-1. This season's championship squad finished at 6-4 in regular season play.

Stallings' 1967 Aggies came back from the brink of disaster to defeat six consecutive conference foes and then down Bryant's Alabama squad in the Cotton Bowl.

Hank Foldberg, succeeded as head football coach by Stallings, also served as athletic director. Irvin assistant director, took over as athletic director when Stallings assumed coaching duties.

Tickets On Sale For Irvin Dinner

Tickets for the Barlow (Bones) Irvin "Appreciation Dinner," scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 10, in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom, are on sale now at the A&M Athletic Business Office in G. Rollie White Coliseum.

The tickets are priced at \$4.25 each.

The MSC Ballroom will accommodate in excess of 300 and if ticket sales surpass the maximum, it is likely that the dinner will be shifted to larger Sbis Hall.

The program honoring the retired Athletic Director at A&M will be completed in time for those attending to get to G. Rollie White Coliseum for the Aggie-Texas varsity basketball game at 8 p.m.

Various persons connected with different phases of Irvin's athletic career will make short talks at the Appreciation Dinner.



COACH GENE STALLINGS
A&M's new athletic director.

Forty-Two Named For Grid Letters

Forty-two players have been recommended for varsity football letters by Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Gene Stallings.

Broken down by classes, there are five seniors, 15 juniors and 22 sophomores from the Southwest Conference championship squad that beat Alabama in the 1968 Cotton Bowl Classic.

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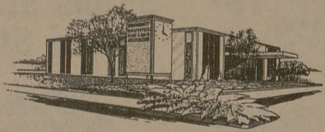
Bob Seagren of the University of Southern California goes up and over the bar in a successful pole vault attempt at 17 feet, 4 1/4 inches to break his own world record for the event. He set the new record in the Millrose Games at New York's Madison Square Garden. (AP Wirephoto)

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