

Cadet Gridsters in Final Preparation for LSU Tilt

Enrollment Of 6000 Is Expected

1794 New Students Already Admitted; 1448 Are Freshmen

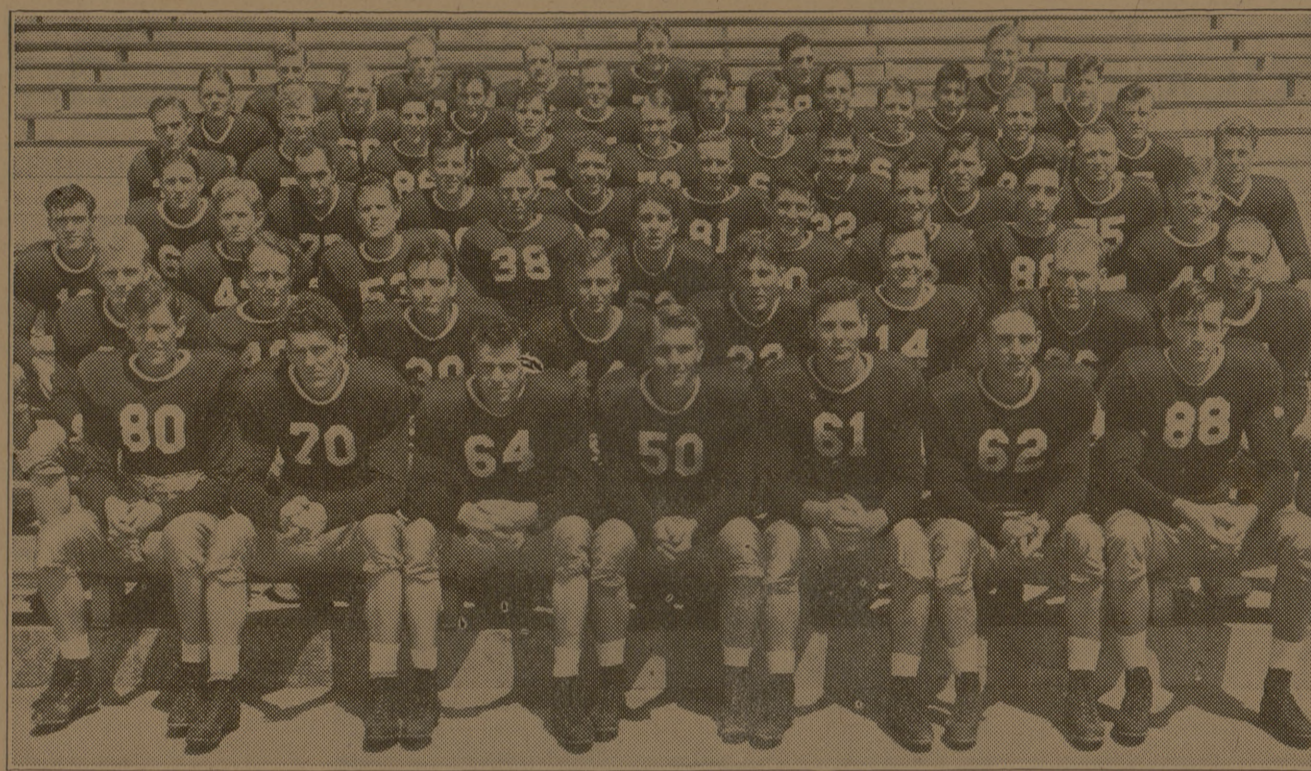
Approximately six thousand students are expected to enroll for the sixty-seventh session starting this week, states H. L. Heaton, acting registrar of the college.

To date 1794 applications for admission to the college for the fall term have been accepted. Out of these 346 are transfers from other schools, making a total of 1448 scholastic freshmen already admitted. Applications are still being accepted and the present figure will probably be greatly increased, stated Heaton.

Housing the Cadets this year is expected to be a major problem of officials since the navy and marines occupy six of the largest dormitories.

A plan has been submitted for housing the overflow from the regular dormitories in private homes of the community around the college.

The 1942 Texas Aggie Football Squad



Front Row, left to right—Henry Foldberg, Dallas; Don Luethy, Monahan; Felix Bucek, Schulenberg; Bill Sibley, Abilene; Ray Mulhollan, Belton; Weldon Maples, Fort Worth; Bill Henderson, Houston.

Second Row—Ed Sturcken, San Antonio; Bobby Williams, Eldorado; Jake Webster, Sweetwater; Leo Daniels, Bryan; Willie Zapalac, Bellville; Cullen Rogers, Mart; Jim Montgomery, Moran; Wayne Cure, Gilliland.

Third Row—George Wilde, Graham; Ed McMullen, Lufkin; Fred Walker, Houston; Ranza Adams, Pearsall; Damon Tassos, San Antonio; Jennings Anderson, San Antonio; Vernon Bellville, Yoakum; J. T. Sample, Dallas; Barney Welch, Stephenville.

Fourth Row—Walter Steyman, Bastrop; Leonard Joeris, Abilene; Bill Thomas, Sweetwater; Floyd Hand, Pasadena; Bill Redus, Amarillo; Ed Dusek, Temple; Lawrence Payne, Fort Worth; Ben Stout, Dallas; Owen Moore, Amarillo.

Fifth Row—John Whitacre, Stephenville; Jim Wilson, Dallas; Dan Levy, Corsicana; Fred Page, Amarillo; Dick Hill, Amarillo; Norman Brown, Corpus Christi; Jerry Sparkman, Houston; Jamie Dawson, Crockett; Truman Cox, Donna.

Sixth Row—Arthur Mercer, Temple; Dickie Haas, Corpus Christi; Louis Buck, Mathis; Laddie Liska, Runge; Melchor Gonzales, San Antonio; Pete Slaughter, Houston. Joe Biry, D'Annis; Bill Compton, Austin; Bill Andrews, Amarillo; Ed Ogden, San Benito; John Stout, Handley.

Henderson May Not See Service Because of Injury

Tackle Situation Still Obscure; Aggies To Leave For Baton Rouge Thursday Morn

By Mike Haikin
Battalion Sports Editor

The Texas Aggies, after an intensive training of three weeks, will taper off with light exercises the next few days as they make final preparation for their opening clash with the L.S.U. Tigers Saturday night at Baton Rouge.

Coach Homer Norton has been giving his charges plenty of work these past few days in a feverish attempt to have his gridsters ready for their stiff test to come. Most of the squad is in good shape, with injuries, however, still popping up here and there.

Bill Henderson, the Aggie pass-snatching wingmen is still a question mark for Saturday since his back injury a few days ago is only in the recovery stage. Norton however has indicated that he will start the tree-top Houston sensation. If, by some unforeseen circumstances, Henderson should be laid low by his injury, Henry Foldberg, sophomore prospect will probably take over the flank position. Foldberg has been the starting end ever since Henderson's mishap.

Another question mark for the coming Saturday fray is the tackle slot. Since Don Luethy's collarbone injury, Norton and Line-coach Bill James have been in a dither as to who would play the tackle slot come the L. S. U. game. Weldon Maples, husky 195 lb. guard and Wayne Cure, burly 208 lb. guard, have been alternating at the tackle berth with good results and both may get the starting call. Ben Stout, great sophomore tackle prospect, is another candidate for the job and may start should he shake off his injuries. Stout has been out with carbuncles for two weeks but is slowly rounding back into shape. Bill Andrews, Jim Montgomery, Leonard Joeris and Harold Attaway are other gridsters fighting it out for a tackle post.

Should Maples be moved to tackle, Felix Bucek, the lad who scored that \$50,000 touchdown against Arkansas last year, will move into the starting guard position to go along with Ray Mulhollan.

All-Conference Bill Sibley will be at his customary post at center.

Sibley has been looking as good as ever since the first day of practice, and upon his shoulders rests the defensive tactics of the Aggies.

The backfield will be composed of Cullen Rogers at the wingback post and calling signals; Leo Daniels, tailback; Willie Zapalac, blocking back; and sure-toed Jake Webster at fullback. Bobby Williams, versatile backfield star; Ed Sturcken, flashy all-around back; Jennings Anderson, sophomore wingback; and George Wilde, triple-threat sophomore start are others expected to see plenty of service.

Leaving Thursday morning at 2 o'clock, the Ags will arrive in Baton Rouge Friday at which time they will take a short workout at the L.S.U. field.

First Group of Freshmen Gridsters Report To Lil Dimmitt; To Scrimmage Varsity Tues

The first group of an expected 80-man freshman team reported to Coach Lil Dimmitt Saturday afternoon. No workout was held but uniforms and all other formality was attended to before the prospective gridsters were finally released.

They will begin practice Monday, cooperating with the varsity in scrimmage sessions and other incidentals.

Among those present were the two aces of high school football, Marion Flanagan, Sweetwater back and Beryl Baty, flashy Paris backfield star.

Odd-1000 Football Minded Cadets To Make Long Trek to LSU Fray Saturday

A crowd of 100 Aggies will accompany the Aggie football team when it goes to Baton Rouge for the first game with the L. S. U. Tigers. The "Twelfth Man" will travel the customary way as they

hang out their thumbs and hitchhike to the game, in cooperation with the Office of Defense Transportation by not using the trains or busses.

Already Aggies have begun to campaign to educate the people of Louisiana as to the Aggie hitchhike science by sending stories to papers in the towns they will pass. Curley Brient has already put in a good word via the Fitch Band Wagon broadcast.

The uniform for the game which all Aggies should wear is the number two uniform. Walter Cardwell, cadet colonel, and Rocky Sutherland, president of the Senior class, have requested that this

uniform be worn to and from the game.

Many Aggies will make a real vacation of the first corps trip as plans are being made by many to visit important spots in Louisiana as they will have a week's lapse between terms.

Most Aggies will hit the road between Monday and Friday, and by Saturday morning the invasion of Baton Rouge will be a fore-gone conclusion.

Lightnin' Leo Daniels Brightest Ag Prospect Since Dick Todd Era

By Dillard Spriggs

He's not big and he's not little; he's just middle-sized, but he's a whole of a football player. That's right we're talking about Leo Daniels, better known as Lightnin' or maybe Lopin', and even sometimes Piano Legs. This is the boy that the Aggie hopes for a 1942 championship depend upon.

Leo hails from nearby Bryan and in his high school days he was one of the state's best prep school backs, receiving numerous mention for a position on the all-state team in his senior year. Few teams were able to stop him and against the 1939 Waco high school team, which went to the state finals, he took the opening kickoff and returned it some ninety yards for a touchdown. Also in the same year Leo played in the Texas state North-South all-star high school game and amazed the spectators with his elusive running and his passing accuracy.

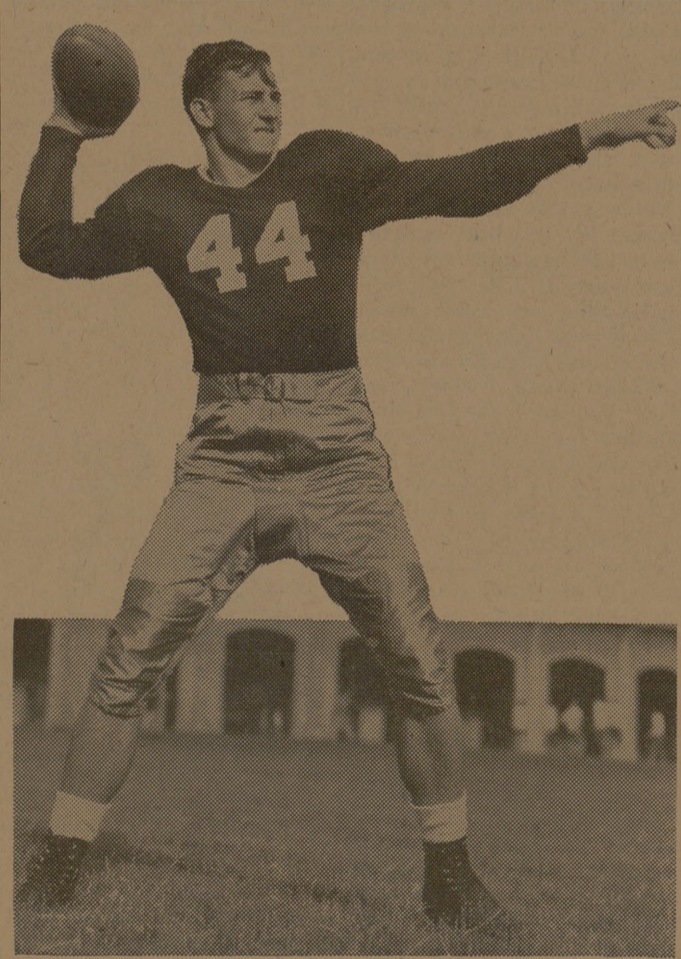
In his freshman year here at Texas A. & M. the first squad's offensive attack was built around Lightnin' Leo. The idea proved successful because the fish won their share of the games that year.

It was last year that Leo showed the Southwest what a good player he really is. Playing behind the conference's most valuable backfield man, Derace Moser, he was voted the outstanding sophomore in the Southwest during the 1941 season. This year the Aggies are counting on him to be one of the most brilliant backs in the nation.

Daniels possesses all the qualities of a top notch triple threat backfield ace—he's a speedy and shifty runner, a better than average punter, and he's exceptionally ac-

curate with his aerials. Leo will not be the chief signal caller—that's Cullen Rogers' job—but he is a smart field general, and will be able to carry on when Rogers

447 yards for the Aggies. In the punting department he ranked as one of the best kickers in the league with an average of 38.4 yards in 16 kicks. As a ball carrier he



Daniels

isn't in the game. Despite the fact that he wasn't a regular in 1941, Leo completed 36 passes out 73 attempts; gaining

picked up 70 yards in 39 carries, however losses on attempts to pass lowered his average. Leo lived up (See DANIELS, Page 12)

Ags Hold 6-3 Lead in LSU Series; Last Game In 1926

When the Texas Aggies take on the L. S. U. Tigers at Baton Rouge next Saturday, it will be the first meeting of the two teams since 1926 when the Maroon and White triumphed 28-0.

Both teams have tangled 11 times with the Aggies holding the long end of the margin. They have won six, lost three, while the other two battles ended in ties.

Much, however, has been changed since those days and this year's tilt, the season's opener for both, promises to be among the toughest on either schedule. Far from a warm-up the game is more likely to be a bitter battle between two of the nation's top rated elevens.

Here is the all-time record of the Aggie—L.S.U. series:

| Year | AGGIES | L. S. U. |
|------|--------|----------|
| 1906 | 22 | 12 |
| 1907 | 11 | 5 |
| 1908 | 0 | 26 |
| 1913 | 7 | 7 |
| 1914 | 63 | 0 |
| 1916 | 0 | 13 |
| 1917 | 27 | 0 |
| 1920 | 0 | 0 |
| 1921 | 0 | 6 |
| 1922 | 46 | 0 |
| 1926 | 28 | 0 |

Just to Get Somebody Straight!

Not TCU or Texas But Aggies Invent the Traditional 12th Man

There is hardly a college anywhere but what is steeped in traditions of one sort or another, but so far as research can determine, no college in the United States has a "twelfth man" on their football team, but that is what the Texas Aggies have.

The entire student body of nearly 7,000 young men all under military training and discipline and all wearing regular army type of uniform, have come to be known by the appellation of the "twelfth man" and here is how it happened.

In 1922

Back in 1922 the Texas Aggie team of 1921 was playing a post-season football game in Dallas, Texas, on New Year's Day, with the Praying Colonels of Centre College. The game was one of those rough and tumble affairs and finally Coach Dana X. Bible, then at Texas A.&M. College, realized that one more injury would leave him without another back to send into the game.

Maj. S. King Gill, M. C., a physician of Corpus Christi, Texas, had been a member of the squad that year but lacking the experience and ability of the others, he had not been taken on the trip with the team. However, like all Texas Aggies, he made the trip at his own expense and had seen Bible

before the game and jokingly had told the coach he would be in the stands if he were needed.

Gill Goes In

Bible remembered that statement and sent one of the yell leaders into the stands to find Gill and tell him to come to the dressing room and suit up so he could be used if needed. Gill responded but all available records fail to show that he played in that game. However, records show that he did win two football letters, two in basketball and three in baseball before rounding out his career at Aggieland.

Since that day the Aggies have stood the full length of every football game so that they will be on their feet and ready should the coach ever call upon them to respond with another player, as they did with Gill back in 1922. So strong is this tradition that in 1940 when the Aggies played U.S.L.A. in Los Angeles, about 200 Aggies made the trip and had seats in the fifty-yard line section. True to tradition, they stood up when the game started but when the other fans made a cry about them standing all the time, they vacated those prized seats and all went into the end zone where they could still stand without annoyance to the other fans.

The next time that a coach invoked

his prerogative to call upon the "twelfth man" for help was in 1930 when Coach Matty Bell, who, by the way, had played for Centre in that 1922 game, when they lost 22-14 to the Aggies, and then coach at Texas A. & M., found himself short a center and asked the "twelfth man" to produce one. Again they responded with Lt. Joe Love, a former freshman center, who is now on active duty with the U. S. Army, as is Dr. Gill. Love did not letter in that year but before he hung up his cleats, he had won two varsity football letters despite the fact that he weighed but 155 pounds and stood only five feet, nine inches.

Same Spot in '41

In 1941 Coach Homer Norton found himself in the same spot that Matty Bell was so he broadcast his plea to the "twelfth man" and again they responded with nine candidates, but a shift of Maurice Williams from end to center solved the problem and the "twelfth man" candidates went back into the stands to await another call.

Who can say now what one of those boys might carve himself a niche in the Aggie list of Aggie "greats" before he is thru? And once again the Texas Aggie tradition of the "twelfth man" has been re-affirmed.