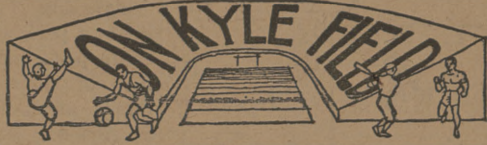


## Denison Called To Naval Air Training

Phillip Edwin Denison, son of Mrs. Laura Pearl Denison of Route 1, Palestine, Texas, has been selected for training as Naval Aviation cadet and will be ordered to active duty shortly.

Denison attended A. & M., receiving his B. A. degree, June 6, 1941.

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By Mike Haikin  
Battalion Sports Editor

## Ag Tackle Weakness Very Much in Evidence; Need Much Work on Blocking and Tackling

Proof that reputation and newspaper clippings have never won a game was not more clearly indicated than Saturday night when the L. S. U. Tigers, a very underrated team, rose up to great heights to defeat a listless Texas Aggie eleven.

Coach Homer Norton's charges came to Baton Rouge touted as

the most powerful team in the Southwest Conference and one of the top eleven of the nation. L. S. U. didn't have a great team—the Ags are going to face tougher foes in future games—but they showed a fighting spirit and an outcharging line that seemed to take all the fire out of the erstwhile Cadets.

The tackle weakness that stood out like a sore thumb during the spring and fall training was much in evidence Saturday night. In fact, 95% of L. S. U.'s plays were either inside or off tackle slants. They opened holes wide enough to drive a truck through and there might as well not have been any tackles the way the Tigers were gaining ground through those particular slots. I'll say this much. Unless Coach Norton plugs up that glaring weakness in a hurry, the Ags are going to find it tough to win a ball game, and that's not merely talk. Even the Aggie men-

tor will agree with me on that.

On and off the campus I heard people commenting on the fact that Lightnin' Leo Daniels had lost his spark and was not the player he was touted to be. Well, I'll tell you, Leo played a good game, a far better game than most people are won't to think. The way that Tiger line was filtering through on Aggie passes and running plays not even John Kimbrough or Sammy Baugh could have helped the Aggies out. Whenever Daniels did make a few yards he did it on his own steam, and, brother he looked mighty good doing it.

If Leo had any kind of protection whatsoever on his arials, the Ags probably would have come out on the long end of the score for the L. S. U. secondary was very much in need of pass defense work.

Of course the Tigers employed the best pass defense there is—that is rushing the passer, but the fact still remains that the Aggie receivers were wide open on every pass pattern.

## Henderson, Bucek and Belville Only Bright Spots in Aggie Lineup Against LSU Saturday

Even in defeat, there were a few Maroon and White gridsters looking exceptionally good. Best defensive man for the Aggies undoubtedly was Bill Henderson, the tree-top Cadet wingman. Henderson, considered only fair defensively, played one of his greatest games and showed the All-American traits that was expected of him this year.

Henderson and before. L.S.U. tried more than once to circle the "Jitterbug's" end but were duly surprised each time. Bill showed that he was spiced with experience as he continually charged in or floated with the play just at the right time.

Felix Bucek, hustling 200 lb. guard, also showed to advantage with his aggressive play. Time after time he broke through the Tiger defenses to smear ball-carriers for losses. He almost became a

hero in the opening quarter when he near intercepted an L. S. U. aerial that would have possibly led to a score. He was so anxious to run with the ball that he finally dropped it.

Best backfield performer for the Cadets was Vernon Belville, cool-headed sophomore, who sparked the Aggies' fourth quarter attack. With the little or no blocking he did receive, Belville did considerable well with his running and passing. Bottled up more than once on his attempted arials, Vernon broke away for sizeable gains on more than one occasion. There's a boy that'll go before he's through with A. & M.



W. Henderson



F. Bucek



V. Belville

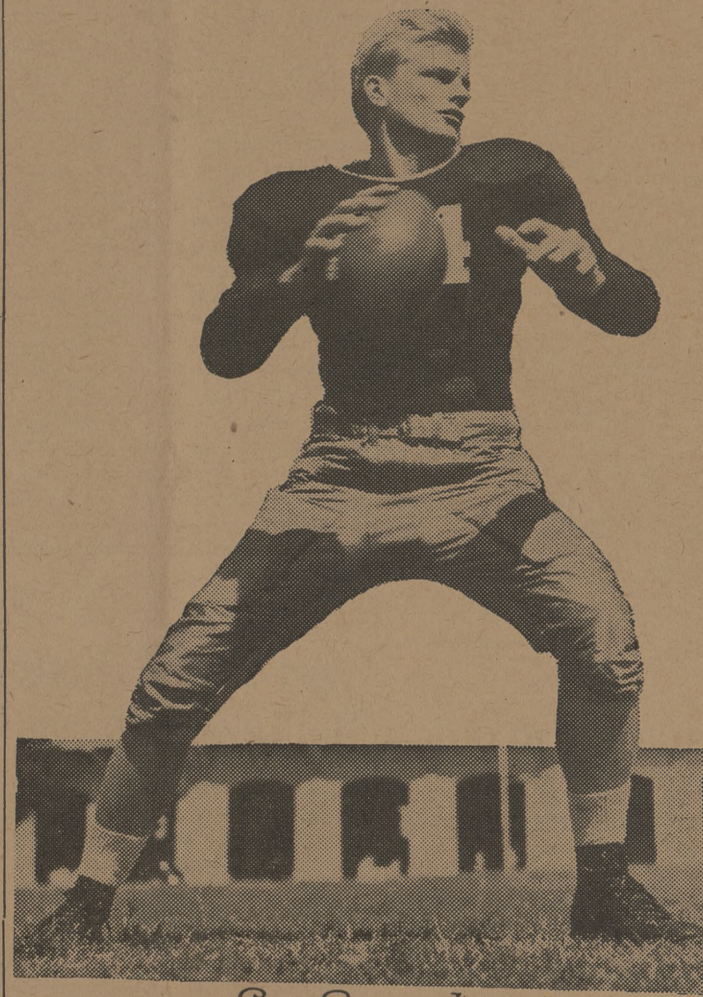
# Sturcken Moved to Tackle Slot

## BATTALION Sports

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### Shifted to Tackle



Ed Sturcken

## Aggies Block and Tackle Hard in Prep for Tex Tech

### LSU Hands Favored Cadets 16-7 Defeat; Raiders Also Win

Like a prizefighter who has been knocked down for a count of nine in the first round, the Texas Aggies picked themselves up off the floor shook their heads and went back to work yesterday in preparation for the second round of the gridiron wars. But it was a different Aggie squad than the one which has been working the past few weeks.

No time was spent in licking the wounds of Saturday's defeat at the hands of L. S. U. For with a grim look in their eye and a bitter lust for vengeance in their hearts, the Aggies spent the day in one of the hardest scrimmages yet seen. Block, block was the cry echoing from the practice field, and tackle, tackle, tackle. For it was apparent in Saturday night's contest that the Aggies were woefully weak in fundamentals.

But the next few days are expected to see some very definite changes. Coach Homer Norton is expected to put his charges thru some gruelling practice sessions before Saturday's contest with the Red Raiders of Texas Tech. The Aggies are out to show the world they can come back, and if hard work and determination can do it, they will.

Meanwhile the Texas Tech Red Raiders are out to prove that they are good enough to be admitted to the Southwest Conference, and they intend to prove it the hard way. (See AGGIES BLOCK, Page 4)

Well, it's Texas Tech next and here's hoping that the Aggies learned their lesson well last Saturday night. If nothing else, that game took the "monkey" off the gridsters' backs and now the boys can go into a fray with the relieved feeling that the are not in the drivers' seat. It may turn out to be the best thing that has ever happened to the Aggies! Here's hopin'.

STAR OF THE WEEK DEPARTMENT. . . To Jackie Field, hard-running Texas university back who scored five touchdowns to lead his team to an astounding 64-0, victory over Kansas State. (Editors note: Every Monday this corner will give the week's outstanding lineman or back in the Southwest Conference games).

## Norton Shifts Hard-Hitting Back In Order to Bolster Weak Aggie Post

In a desperate attempt to bolster the crippling weakness at the Aggie tackles, Coach Homer Norton yesterday announced the shift of big Ed Sturcken from fullback to the tackle post. At the present time, the shift is only temporary, until other arrangements can be worked out, but if Ed comes thru at tackle, the change might be permanent.

"We have a flock of good backs", said Coach Norton when he announced the change, "and as last Saturday's game so definitely proved our tackle situation is desperate. Ed is big, fast, and agile, and he likes to get in there and mix it up, so we will see if this won't remedy the situation at the tackles."

Sturcken is expected to materially strengthen the tackle post, for he has demonstrated his ability to handle himself in scrimmages many times. In spring training last year, Ed was particularly outstanding at backing up the line, and it was this ability that had a powerful influence on Coach Norton's decision to shift him to tackle.

The Aggies are so pitifully weak at tackles that there is absolutely no time to be lost to plug the gap. For it was through the Aggie tackles that L. S. U. found the road to victory, and the remaining Aggie opponents may be expected to do the same thing unless some-

thing is done in a hurry. The coaching staff is having to resort to desperate measures, such as the shift of Sturcken, and some even more drastic steps may have to be taken. Weldon Maples was first shifted to the tackle slot, but Weldon turned out to be just not fitted for this post, and the shift only served to materially weaken the guard position.

So the load now rests on the broad shoulders of Ed Sturcken, and the hope of the coaching staff, the team, and every Aggie is that Ed will make good.

## Aggie Poloists Win One and Lose One On Recent Five-Day Tour

Coach Lt. Bill North's Aggie polo team won their game from Big Springs and lost to the strong San Angelo team in their recent five day tour. The Aggie malletmen took the measure of Big Springs by the score of 8-6 after a hard fought game on Tuesday the 22nd. Next day the Aggies lost for the second time in the season to the San Angelo team which boasts of some of the best players in the nation.

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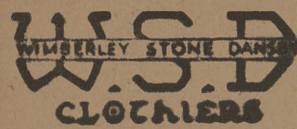
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