

VMI May Reach Stride In '50 Instead Of '51

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Lexington, Va. — (Special)—In less than two weeks Southern Conference football talent will be in the league's 16 camps, and a VMI there should be plenty of talent on hand.

Head Coach Tom Nugent says, "Many observers feel that 1951 will be VMI's big year, but don't sell 1950 short. We could reach our stride before '51." The Keydet coaches face their 1950 schedule with confidence, looking forward to the return of 27 lettermen, a dozen experienced reservists from the '49 campaign, and 19 sophomores who were the nucleus of last year's "Rat" squad, a total roster of 58.

Nugent, having little use for the "crying towel" employed by many other members of his profession, feels that VMI will be stronger this year. "We will be bigger, from tackle to tackle, than any VMI

team since before the war," the head man claims, "and could be as much as 15 pounds per man heavier there."

He adds, "We will have more depth in the line positions and in the backfield than this school has had in many years. We lack depth at end, and might feel a lack of depth at quarterback should any of those men be injured. But right now the picture is brighter."

Won 3, Lost 5

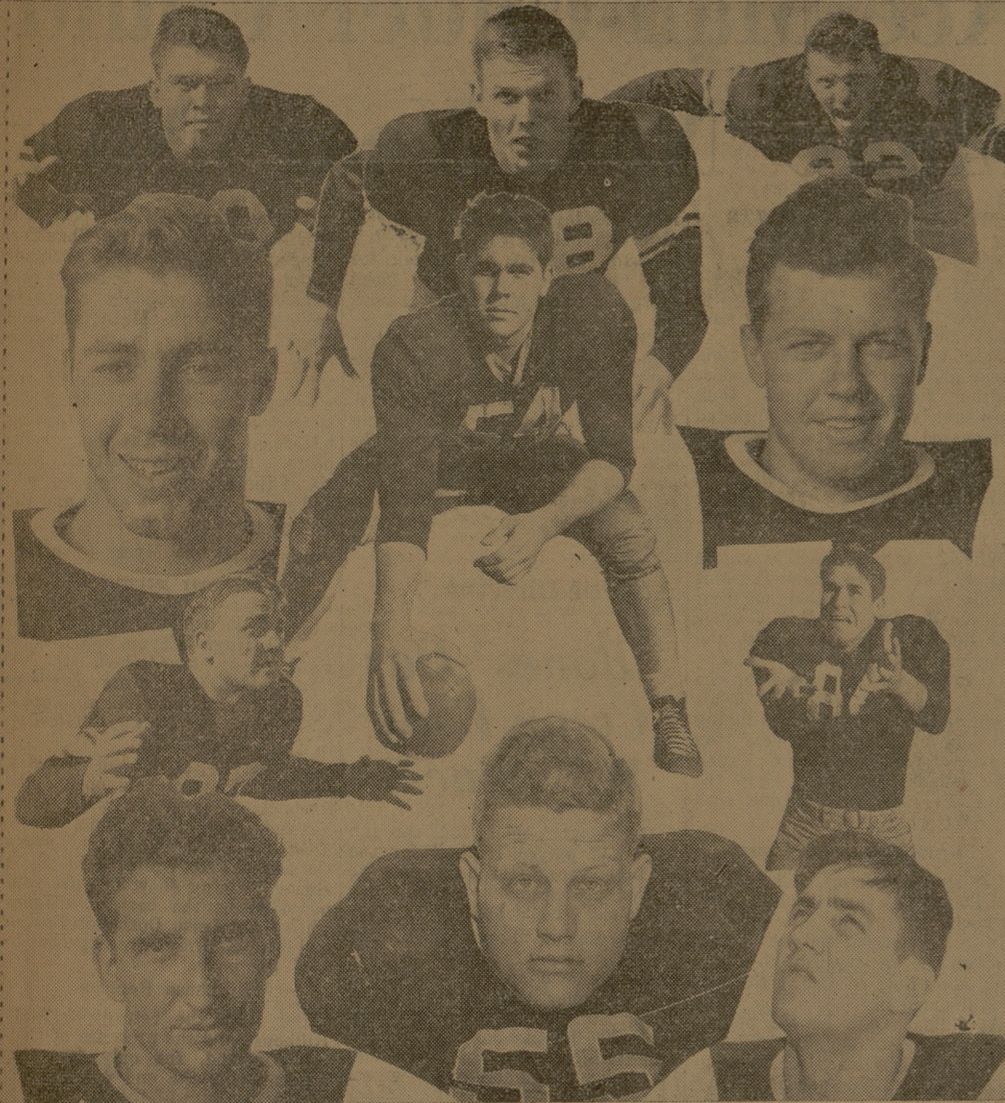
Last season's Flying Squadron was able to win only three while dropping five and closing with a 28-28 thriller against Virginia Tech. That tie and two of the losses could have been, with a few breaks, turned into victories. Quantico took a tough 14-7 win from the Cadets and The Citadel upset them by 19-14.

In '50 the VMI men open with strong William and Mary in Roanoke, and last year the Tribe massacred the Red, White and Yellow, 54-6. After the Indians come

George Washington, another improved club, and then the University of Richmond Spiders. The latter two teams bowed to the Keydets by identical 14-7 scores in '49. With Texas A&M, Virginia, Catawba, Davidson, Georgia Tech, The Citadel and VPI rounding out the slate in that order, the Cadets are sure to have their hands full this fall. They are, right now, rated no better than a tossup with any team on the card, excepting Catawba.

Nugent Feels Stronger

In spite of last year's record and the schedule facing him, Nugent feels that VMI will be considerably stronger and will post a better record in the grid wars of '50. Highest among the problems he faces is that of developing a quarterback replacement for graduated Joe Veltri. The race is now neck-and-neck between Jimmy Coley, best of the squad's passers, (See VMI, Page 8)



Members of the Texas Aggie line who are veterans and will probably start against Nevada, Sept. 23, are, top row, left to right, Guard Max Greiner, Tackle Russ Hudeck, Defensive End Dorbandt Barton; second row, Tackle Tuck Chapin, Center

Hugh Meyer, Offensive End Andy Hillhouse; third row, Guard Carl Molberg, Offensive and Defensive End Cedric Copeland; bottom row, Tackle Dwayne Tucker, Linebacker Jimmy Flowers, and Linebacker Bob Bates.

A&M Athletic Council Has Big Responsibility

By RAY HOLBROOK

Governing all athletics at A&M, the Athletic Council has just recently come into the public eye for the tremendous amount of work and responsibility heaped upon it by the recently expanded program undertaken by the athletic department.

Prior to 1947 when the first students became council members, very few people knew the functions or even existence of the Athletic Council.

However, now under the revised organization which consists of four faculty members, two former students, and two students as voting members with, of course, the athletic director and business manager present at all meetings, the council has become widely known as the driving force behind all of A&M's many intercollegiate sports.

Faculty members of the council for the year 1950-51 include D. W. Williams, Vice-Chancellor for Agriculture and President of the Southwest Conference; Dr. I. B. Boughton, Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine; Dr. G. W. Schlesselman, Head of the Geo-

graphy Department; and H. C. Dillingham of the electrical engineering department.

The former student members are E. B. Darby of Pharr, Tex., and F. T. "Tuffy" Smith of Houston. Dave Elston, veterinary medicine junior is the non-corps representative and Carl Molberg, who is well known for his football ability and as captain of A Athletics, is the corps representative.

Barlow "Bones" Irvin, athletic director, attends the meetings to make recommendations for the council's approval or non-approval as does C. D. Ownby, who also keeps minutes of the meetings. Ownby is the athletic department's business manager.

The athletic director recommends all staff members to be hired by the council as well as major improvements or repairs. The annual budget is also submitted for acceptance by this method.

Thus, the Athletic Council is the policy director and head of the athletic department and responsible to the President of the College. It differs, however, from any other department in that it is financially self-sufficient and uses no college funds.

Bears Face Re-Building

By FRANK GREASY
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Waco (Special)—A herculean re-building task faces Coach George Sauer as he prepares the Baylor Bears for his first season in the Southwest Conference. Twenty-two seniors on the 1949 aggregation left gaping holes that are to be filled by inexperienced squadmen and sophomores.

Sizing up the strength of the Bears or picking a starting line-up for 1950 isn't any easy matter. With only four 1949 "first stringers" returning, every spot is wide open, and there are three or four top candidates bidding for each position.

Team Captain Frank Boydston at fullback, Stan Williams, at left end, Walter Bates, offensive guard, and Steve Dowden, offensive tackle, are regular starting hold-overs. Including Harold Parker, a 1949 halfback who may not don a

grid uniform this year, there are 20 lettermen among the 72 on the Bruin roster.

20 Doesn't Classify

As a rule, a nucleus of 20 lettermen doesn't classify a team as inexperienced. However, looking over the monogram wearers: Riley has been out for a year and remains on the question mark; Parker is doubtful of participation; Hank Diekerson qualified by extra-point specialization; Johnny Curtis was docketed for defensive half-back assignments last year and

then awarded a letter when benched with a fractured ankle.

Centers Danny Cochrane and Glen Taylor both met the minimum requirements on defense, completing the question marks on the Bears squad which leaves 14 returners who can be considered solid working blocks.

Losing Adrian Burk's quarterbacking and passing wizardry and having no visible replacements, necessitates a divided running and passing attack from the T formation. Using spring practice as a

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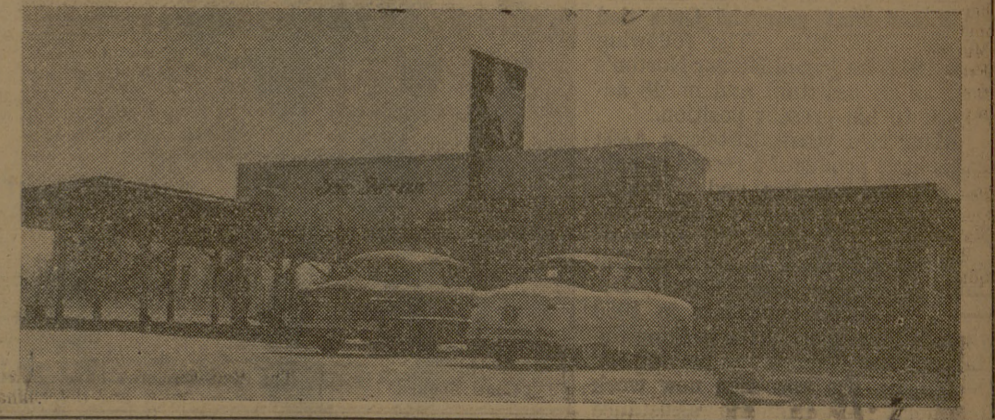
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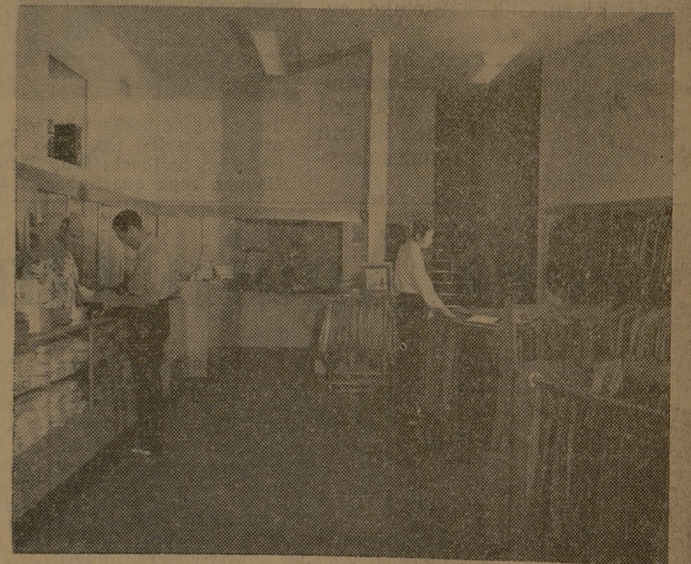
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