# Coach Situation: Still a Big, Secret Mess

By DEAN REED Battalion Managing Editor

A&M's coaching situation is completely "wide open" once more, so far as we can gather. The picture has been changed by the exit of Dick Todd, who prefers to remain official replied. "You've been printing some quite irresponwith the Washington Redskin coaching staff rather than sible stories.' accept the A&M job under the conditions imposed.

These qualifications seem to be as follow: The coach must (1) be from 35 to 40 years old, (2) be willing to accept a one-year contract, (3) preferably, but not necessarily, be a one-year contract, (3) preferably, but not necessarily, be "Then I would suggest you get all of your information a former student of the college, (4) be quite familiar with from that source," the official said. the "T" formation, and (5) know his Southwest Conference

We feel sure that these qualifications can and will be altered to suit the personalities involved, but they have stood the time test with coaches interviewed thus far.

#### Good Coaches Shy Away When . . .

meet, from the candidate's angle. Few coaches want a one-is cleared up."

But from the Athletic Council's point of view, unproven coaches are dangerous choices, and a longer contract would be an outright gamble.

has printed on the coaching situation as designed to hurry the contrary—that Todd was the Athletic Council's number the choice of a new coach. On the contrary, The Battalion one choice and had received the approval of the Board of has requested the officials involved to take plenty of time in Directors. making their selection. We see little need for rushing.

Irvin working day and night contacting candidates.

TT'S GOING to be a memorable Muster.

It will be that day each year when a proud school with a proud history points

with pride to men now gone who have each

done some bit toward shaping that school

fell to enemy hands. The solemn pronounce-

ment of those names will bring back thous-

ands of other Musters all over the worldnot so dramatic perhaps, but none the less sincere tributes to long-remembered men of

And tomorrow will find the people of the

state as well as the students and alumni of

of Texas history who in 1836 proved on the

battlefields of San Jacinto their rights to be

free citizens of a free state.

The reading of the roll of honor—those Aggies who have passed on in the last year—

on Corregidor just before that tiny island make it live.

ing.

and that pride.

Aggieland.

**Battalion** Editorials

For Those Who Gave . . .

"irresponsible stories" Wednesday when he called one of the conversation When a Battalion reporter called D. W. Williams, Athletic went something like this:

"Sir, I'd like to check up on the coaching situation." "Apparently you know more about it than we do," the

all information The Battalion has printed has come from authoritative sources.

#### Good Dodge: "No Comment"

"But I believe our readers and the students in particular would like to hear something definite from the Athletic Council Chairman," the reporter said.

When he was asked if Todd had been definitely dropped from the picture, the Council chairman replied: "I don't One of the requirements seems to be the hardest to think I'll say anything more to you uuntil the whole situation

> "Then you mean you have 'no comment," I suppose?" "No, none at all!"

The Battalion has been sticking to what we know to be Some people have construed the stories The Battalion facts. It is quite true—regardless of what may be said to

But Todd has apparently backed out, although he im-when contacted. But there seems to be a desire within our Athletic De-splied to us by phone early this week that he still wanted it, partment to "just get a coach, any coach." The people with saying the Redskins had not released him. There seem to be Council and its chairman for what we might call "slipping these desires have had Athletic Director Barlow "Bones" other factors, however, like the one-year contract, which around. n working day and night contacting candidates.

A Battalion reporter was accused of having written if he has definitely made it.

> Comments On Five Letters

3. Jimmy Onstott is a snotty-nosed kid, just as he signed his

Bible Verse

THE LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt Him.

Exodus 15:2

Joseph D. Hinton

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 1951

we may learn the fullest enjoyment of the its editors.

So, with these three purposes in mind,

"They say" has ruined many lives.

The trouble with so many presi-

dential polls is that the politicians

of Aggieland whose memories we cherish it mildly.

Tomorrow Aggies of past and present to sons of A&M who have upheld that free- Just a few comments after reading "letters to the editor" on Wed

will pause in the 75th year of A&M's history for a three-fold observance. The significance of that observance will be deep and last-

heritage they gave to us.

will recall past Muster Days such as the one it was built. Ours are the lives that must with his eco book.

dedication of the Memorial Student Center Editor, The Battalion:

These men died that we might live a orite column, namely "letters to freer and fuller life. Now, to always attest the editor."

Amon to Jim Travis' senti-

to their memory, we have a building in which 2. Amen to Jim Travis' senti-ments toward The Battalion and

Council chairman, several weeks ago, Williams evaded answering any questions.

#### How to Play Favorites

The following morning Charlie Burton in his Dallas The reporter became a little ired and told him that Morning News' column quoted his "good friend, Dr. D. W. Williams," in what seemed to be a complete run-down on the oaching situation.

> A couple of other sportswriters over the state seem to have the same benefit. But not The Battalion, which, along with other state papers, seem to get little if any cooperation from the athletic powers that he from the athletic powers-that-be.

Perhaps we're taking our "print-the-news" responsibility a little too seriously. And perhaps the Athletic Council, or at least some members of it, are taking their duties too seriously—so seriously that they must operate in the most extreme secrecy.

This method of operation reminds us of the various 'secret clubs" which were the rage when we attended grade school. They called themselves the "Tough Ten," "Dirty Dozen," and the "Secret Seven."

#### Can't Always Hide Facts

The Battalion has been printing only facts as they develop in the coach hunt. Athletic officials have not denied the facts, but have gone to great lengths to evade the issues

We have been and remain quite critical of the Athletic

It all reminds us of that old Negro spiritual, "There

Ain't No Hiding Place Down There.'

#### Davis and Farmer Receive Top Rate

last week winners in the Second Annual A&M Invitational Debate Tournament, have been notified by the Tournament Director of the Southern Speech Association that they were rated as superior for the Southern Speech Association that they were rated as superior for the second ment. The two men were two out of a total of four debators from 21 schools who were awarded this honor according to H. E. Hierth, they were rated as superior for the second ment.

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When Segovia was a young boy, is father attempted to get him play the piano or violin, but

#### Class Slates Trip In Brush Country

Dr. W. B. Davis, Head of the

class will attend the Texas Herpetological Society tenth annual Field Meeting.

The meet will be held in the Texas Brush Country at the Rocky Regan Ranch between George West and Three Rivers today through April 22.

Registration will cost 50¢ and will be taken upon arrival at Rocky Regan Ranch.

The meet is to be informal.

Object of the event is to become acquainted with the people in the state that are interested in the field of Herpetology and to collect specimens in the area of Liveoak translated into English and pub

### Markness is really making time since he



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#### Finally, this April 21, 1951 will mark the read 'em both ways. The Battalion

## Lawrence Sullivan Ross, Founder of Aggie Traditions

"Soldier, Statesman, Knightly Gentleman"

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Tonight at 8 the curtain on the 1951 version of the Aggie Water Carnival will open on the first of two performances.

The show, lasting an hour and a half, is a circus on water designed for laughts along with expectations. Appearing in the Saturday

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## Guys, Gals, Humor In Water Carnival



Jane Kneip

Appearing in the Saturday night production will be Jane Kneip, young San Antonio swimmer who will present a solo water ballet set to a musical background of "Slaughter on "Tenth Avenue." Jane is well known in state swimming circles, and holds many state records. She is also a frequent vicinity. ords. She is also a frequent visitor to Aggieland.

Providing the laughs of the show will be John Parnell and John David as shipwrecked lovers who learn to swim while reaching dry land; Tommy Comstock, Gayle Klipple, and Bobby Meyer as the

Klipple, and Bobby Meyer as the clown divers.

Carl Maynard and Jimmy Flowers featured in the 100 foot freestyle race of the evening. Water polo, fancy diving, comic lifesaving, and expert swimming exhibitions are also scheduled.

Expert swimming exhibitions will be put on by six local girls. Taking part in this part of the show will be Kay Parnell, Louise Street, Nancy Hale, Ann Copeland, Pam Wilson, and Eleanor Price. These girls will participate in a medley relay.

Emcee forthe show will be Billy Singleton, who is known for the

Emcee forthe show will be Billy Singleton, who is known for the shows he has put on in Guion Hall and the Student Center.

The show will be presented Friday and Saturday nights at the P. L. Downs Natatorium at 8 p. m. Tickets may be brought from inembers of the A&M swimming or water polo teams.

## debt we owe these, our forbears, can be our know you will be reprimanded full and intelligent utilization of the building honoring them. Theirs is the spirit on which 6. Why didn't Clayton Selph and Dave (Who's Who at A&M) Coslett have the usual little caustic remarks after each letter? It couldmay we look to tomorrow and the many tomorrows to come with the same fortitude and forthright goals we honor in those men the students the wrong way, to put

• Two handy pockets!

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