

**Council Decided?**

**Mike Ready If Offered It**

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Today we see the first strong indication that after long weeks of squabbling, bickering, bad publicity and a generally fouled up situation, the athletic council and board of directors might agree on a man for A&M's head coach vacancy.

This morning the athletic council holed itself up in another of its closed sessions, the doors clanging shut at 10 a.m. Yesterday afternoon the system information office announced that a meeting of the board of directors had been called for 2 p.m. today.

That is a fair indication that the recommendation of the athletic council is already decided, and the board is wasting no time in making a decision on it. Whatever the decision will be, it should be announced before the day is over.

Mike Michalske is the only candidate remaining from an original list of 45 for the Aggie coaching job. Reports have it that Mike has been O.K.'d by the athletic council on two occasions, but that the directors, the group with the final say, have turned him down both times.

Yesterday it was implied over a Dallas radio station that Kentucky coach Paul (Bear) Bryant is a top contender for the job. Just how he stands in the race isn't known for sure.

Asked yesterday how he felt about the whole situation, Michalske said, "I should feel

hurt, but I don't." He said that the council has been "very decent and considerate with me, and our relations have been on the best of terms. I've already been before them two times and have told them everything they might want to know about me. I don't expect to be interviewed in tomorrow's (today's) meeting."

Concerning the contract that will be involved if he gets the job, Michalske said that "it will be a longer contract than the ones customarily awarded coaches here in the past. Maybe a three or four year deal."

**Michalske Has 'Open Mind'**

"I have an open mind toward the situation," said Michalske when asked if he would stay on as line coach should some other candidate receive the head post. "I've been approached by representatives of other schools, but all before Coach George resigned. I'm still under an A&M contract and have no plans for leaving, regardless of the decision reached by the council and board."

As to his opinion of Barlow (Bones) Irvin as an athletic director, Michalske said he wasn't sure just how one would define a "good" athletic director.

"If his job is to get the athletic department out of the red financially, then he has done an exceptionally fine job. I've never known definitely just what all is involved in the athletic director's job. One thing is certain, and you can quote me on it—My relationship with Mr. Irvin has been wonderful, and we've always understood one another perfectly."

**'I'm Not Mad'**

Asked for an opinion on the way in which A&M's athletic program is conducted, Michalske said, "I'm not mad. That's one thing a coach learns early in this business." To this statement he added the words now famous around the athletic department: "I am not dis-

satisfied in any way, and have no complaints or gripes."

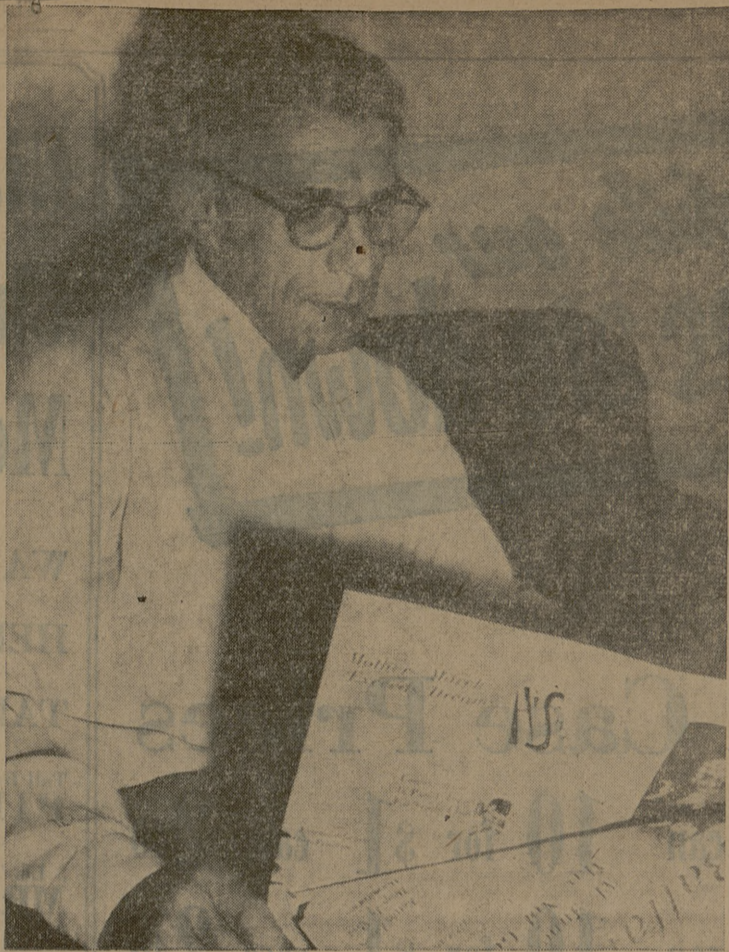
Michalske expressed no doubt that evidently there are those on the athletic council who oppose his being recommended for the head coach job. He says, however, that he does not know who these individuals are, and that apparently those favoring him are in the majority, since it is now public knowledge that he has twice been recommended by the council.

From this indication, only the board of directors stands in the way of his landing the job. Whether they will back down and accept Michalske if he is again recommended by the council is not known, but so far as is evident at present, the directors still want a big name coach.

"If the board again refuses the athletic council's recommendation, then the resulting fireworks will probably rock the MSC right off its foundation. The council and nearly everyone else interested in the situation wants a coach right now, be he Earl Blaik of Army or 'Weepy' Jones of Yippy-Hoopy U."

**Spring 'Mural Setup To Be Discussed Today**

Entry forms for spring sports will be discussed at today's meeting of intramural athletic officers in room 301, Goodwin hall. The meeting starts at 5 p. m. Unit intramural rankings also will be announced.



Mike Michalske

**Boring May Start at Guard Before Home Town Fans**

Guard Joe Boring has improved so much within the last few weeks that he probably will start against SMU in Dallas Saturday night, said Coach John Floyd yesterday. Boring will replace either Joe Hardgrove or Pat McCrory. He was a star high school athlete at Dal-

las Sunset. Floyd will start John Fortenberry and James Addison at forwards and Roy Martin at center. Martin worked out yesterday with a leg bruise but is expected to be ready for the Mustangs.

Harry Hearne, 6-7 sophomore center who recently joined the team, has been showing lots of improvement over his performances on last season's freshman team, said Floyd.

Tuesday night the Mustangs were virtually eliminated from SWC title contention by Texas. The loss gives SMU a 2-3 conference record and a 9-6 season record.

SMU will take a 75.5 per game scoring average into the contest, considerably higher than the Aggie average of 51.4. And the Mustangs have four top-notch scoring aces in Derrell Murphy, Ronnie Morris, Art Barnes and Tom Miller.

The Aggies will be making their sixth try for their first conference victory.

A&M's Fish will meet Allen Academy in Bryan Friday night. The Freshmen beat the Ramblers earlier in the season in DeWane field house.

**Varsity Swimmers Lose Two in Florida**

The A&M varsity swimming team lost to Florida State, 51-33, in Tallahassee Tuesday night, after a 56-28 loss to the University of Florida in Gainesville Monday.

Florida State won 8 of the 10 events and set new pool records in the 220 yard backstroke and the 200 yard breaststroke.

Last week the Cadets outpointed Georgia Tech and Emory university in Georgia.

Aggie Don Horne won the 100 yard freestyle in both Florida meets, covering the distance in 55.3 seconds at Gainesville. The only other event A&M won against Florida State was the 400 yard freestyle relay.

Gayle Kipple won the 150 yard individual medley and the 440 yard freestyle in the University of Florida meet. He also won the medley in the Georgia Tech and Emory meets and the freestyle against Tech.

**A&M-Florida Summary**  
300 yard medley—1. Florida; 2. A&M 3:11.3.  
220 yard freestyle—1. Bennett, Florida; 2. Child, Florida; 3. Speich, A&M—2:25.2.  
50 yard freestyle—1. Fisher, Florida; 2. Read, Florida; 3. Koegl, A&M—25.0.  
150 yard individual medley—1. Kipple, A&M; 2. Hungerford, Florida; 3. Devenport, A&M—1:41.3.  
Diving—1. Rowland, Florida; 2. Patrick, Florida; 3. Tutor, A&M—91 points.  
100 yard freestyle—1. Horne, A&M; 2. Read, Florida; 3. Koegl, A&M—55.3.  
200 yard backstroke—1. Duganard, Florida; 2. Devenport, A&M; 3. Maynard, A&M—2:31.5.  
200 yard breaststroke—1. Nedy, Florida; 2. Snell, A&M; 3. Palmer, Florida—2:52.3.  
440 yard freestyle—1. Kipple, A&M; 2. Hungerford, Florida; 3. Gajewsky, A&M—5:24.4.  
400 yard relay—1. Florida; 2. A&M—3:43.9.

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