

Coach 'Bear' Bryant Names Elmer Smith As Assistant

Elmer Smith, head coach at Southern State College of Magnolia, Ark., the past eight years, was named today as an assistant football coach at Texas A&M College.

Paul Bryant, athletic director and head football coach at A&M, said Smith would report for duties Monday, March 8—the opening date of spring football training.

Smith, 46, won 54 games, lost 27 and tied two during his tenure at

Southern State. His teams won the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference championship in 1951 and 1952.

A graduate of Danville, Ark., high school, Smith was a four-letter athlete at Hendrix College, Conway, Ark., graduating in 1931. He was assistant coach at Hendrix until 1936, served as assistant coach at Centenary College from 1936 until 1942 when he entered the navy. He was discharged as a lieutenant commander after serving at Athens, Ga., Jacksonville, Texas and Elizabeth City, N.C.

He has been at Southern State since 1946. He is married and has no children.



NEW ASSISTANT COACH—Elmer Smith will be an assistant to Paul (Bear) Bryant, A&M football coach. Smith will arrive here Monday for spring training.

Senior Sprinter Is Swim Captain

Jimmy Burns, a senior sprinter from Brownsville, was elected the captain of the Texas A. & M. varsity swimming team for this season.

Jimmy placed in the 50 yd. sprint last year and has won the event many times this year. He also swims on the relay team.

Jim is a Floriculture major. He was voted the outstanding student in the Floriculture department this year. He won a scholarship in this department. He plans to go into the nursery business upon completion of his military duties.

The varsity next meet is the conference meet, to be held in Austin the 11th-13th of March.

The next meet for the freshman is the 27th of March, against Highland Park of Dallas.

Oceanographer Receives Award

Dr. Charles C. Bates, who received his Ph.D. in Oceanography last summer at Texas A&M College, has been elected to receive the President's Award of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. Announcement was made by Dr. W. Armstrong Price of the Department of Oceanography, A&M College.

The award was made for Dr. Bates' paper, "A Rational Theory of Delta Formation," judged the best paper of 1953 written by a young geologist and published in the bulletin of the AAPG, according to Dr. Price.

Dr. Bates was a resident student for one year and then made frequent visits to the campus to take his Ph.D.

Two Students Get Study Fellowships

The Danforth Foundation has allotted two 1954 Summer Study Fellowships for outstanding students in agriculture, Charles N. Shepardson, Dean of Agriculture, has announced.

One of these fellowships will be awarded to an outstanding junior and the other to an outstanding freshman. Selection will be based on scholarship, leadership, activities and general culture. A faculty committee will interview candidates on March 17 and choose the winners. The committee will be composed of Professor J. Wheeler Barger, chairman, and Professors G. L. Robertson, R. E. Leighton, R. C. Potts, M. N. Abrams, F. R. Brison, and D. F. Martin.

The Danforth Foundation has allotted again this year a leadership Training Scholarship for the outstanding agricultural freshman in the School of Agriculture of the A&M College of Texas. The stipend covers expenses while attending the American Youth Foundation Leadership Training Camp, at Shelby, Michigan, from August 16 through August 29, 1954.

The preliminary interviews of prospective candidates will be conducted by C. H. Ransdell of the Basic Division. Final selection will be made by an Agricultural Faculty Committee at 4 o'clock Wednesday, March 17, in room 401, Agriculture building. All candidates should report for interview at that time, bringing with them the following: (a) a theme of about 200 words on the subject, "Importance of a Well-Balanced Development—Physical, Mental, Social, and Religious—in Attaining Leadership," (b) an application blank fully filled out to which are attached (1) a small photograph and (2) a statement from the College Physician that the applicant is in good health.

A candidate must meet these requirements: (a) expect to be graduated in 1957 with major work in some department of the School of Agriculture, (b) be under 22 years of age, (c) be single, and

(d) be able to pay his own traveling expenses to and from Shelby, Michigan.

It is a distinct honor to be selected for this award. The inspirational addresses by nationally prominent leaders, the association with outstanding young men from land-grant colleges and universities of all the other states, and the fine recreational program at the camp make the experience one long to be remembered and valued. Jim W. Renick was the freshman winner last year.

The junior winner will join a group of representatives of other land-grant colleges at St. Louis on August 1 for two weeks' study, as guest of the Ralston Purina Mills, of the problems of manufacturing, commercial research, distribution, advertising and personnel. The group will then attend a two weeks' Leadership Training Camp on Lake Michigan which ends on August 29. The stipend covers travel and living expenses.

The freshman will be a member of the group representing all of the forty-eight land-grant colleges in attending a leadership training conference at the American Youth Foundation Camp in Michigan from August 16 to 29. The stipend covers camp expenses only, leaving the winner to pay his own travel expenses.

Juniors who wish to be considered for the awards should call at the office of J. Wheeler Barger, Room 401, Agriculture Building, and freshmen at the office of C. H. Ransdell, Basic Division, for further information and application blanks.

Aggieland Returns Vanity Fair Pix

Vanity Fair contest pictures are being returned to those who presented them, said B. C. (Dutch) Dutcher, co-editor.

They may be picked up in the student activities office in Goodwin hall, he said.

Ag Wrestlers Top T.U. Team

In the inaugural match of the 1954 season, the Texas A. & M. Wrestlers gave Texas University a sound 31-5 beating.

Possibly the most outstanding match of the Saturday performance was between the Aggies' Rudy Henson and Texas' James Rundel. This was a very fast match, and the crowd of approximately 1,000 cheering fans saw Henson flash to an impressive 9-1 win. Lawrence Winkler, the outstanding tackle of last semester's varsity eleven, came from behind to pin Seth Hinkley, Texas University's 235 pound heavyweight, in 2 minutes and 8 seconds in the last match of the afternoon.

Texas failed to show up with a full team, and had to forfeit in two weights. This was rather unfortunate in that the spectators did not get to see William Allen and Dick Cappel, two of the finest wrestlers on the Aggie squad.

By weights, the match progressed as follows:

123—William Allen, A&M, won by forfeit.

130—Robert Blumberg, Texas, pinned Paul Breen, A&M, in 6:28.

137—Dick Cappel, A&M, unopposed, won by forfeit.

147—Rudy Henson, A&M, outpointed C. A. Rundel, Texas, 9-1.

157—Jerry Pyle, A&M, pinned Fred Sewell, Texas, in 2:37.

167—Al Rial, A&M, won over Dave Sweeney, Texas, by score of 7-3.

177—Kenneth Jones, A&M, pinned Richard Fortick, Texas, in 2:18.

Hwt.—Lawrence Winkler, A&M, pinned Seth Hinkley, Texas in 2:03. Final score 31-5.

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