

SPORTS SHORTS

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So now they've finally decided Paul (Bear) Bryant isn't going to Baton Rouge after all, when the principal involved wasn't remotely thinking of such a move.

The whole incident of "The Mass Migration" (Bryant was supposed to take most of his present staff with him) shows how distorted a single rumor can become. Incidentally, the whole thing originated from Austin, more particularly from the University of Texas athletic office, says a reliable source.

After Denial, Reports Continued

After the first report that Bryant was leaving appeared Saturday, he emphatically denied any such intent. Still the reports continued—until Bryant announced that spring training would start this Saturday.

That made it obvious that the only place Bryant and his staff would be going is to the Aggie practice sod behind Kyle field.

The LSU signing yesterday of

He Had To Go There

Louisiana was on the Bryant itinerary Monday, but only because it was necessary in

order to get to Mississippi, Bryant's real destination. He reportedly talked with Darrell Royal, head coach of Mississippi State, about the split-T. Next to Jack Mitchell, new head coach at Arkansas, Royal generally is rated the greatest split-T man under ever at Oklahoma.

(You can also bet that LSU officials wanted to talk to Bryant about Dietzel, a former assistant to him at Kentucky, so Bryant probably had to spend some time in Louisiana after all.)

The whole unfortunate incident might have been an honest mistake that simply got all out of proportion because the name Bryant was involved.

The big guy has fired the imagination of the whole state as few people have been able to do. It wouldn't be surprising if Bryant was the best known public figure in the state, next to the governor of course.

Think of the effect this incident would have had on A&M recruiting of athletes this spring if the LSU announcement hadn't come so soon.

Ag Swimmers Meet Texas

A&M's varsity and freshman swimming teams will be entertained by Texas today in a dual meet at Austin.

The freshmen meet will begin at 3 p.m. and the varsity at 7:30. "We have a well balanced team

this year," said Coach Art Adamson, "and we'll certainly be in the running for the conference championship."

In the conference relay meet at Dallas earlier this year the Aggies finished two points behind first place SMU and two points in front of Texas.

"That's the kind of race we have this year," said Adamson, "no team is a cinch to win."

The Aggies appear strongest in the medley relay so far this year. In a meet with Florida State the Cadets time in the medley was five seconds under the Southwest conference school's football prestige.

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Top Fish swimmers this year include Jose Merino and Jerry Mount in the sprints, Charles Cook and Jimmy Dye, back stroke, and Chuck Price, breast stroke.

'Mural Highlights

Jack Lonquist, Tom Sudderth, Jack Offield and Odes Mattiza paced B anti-aircraft artillery to an easy 24-0 victory over squadron 8 yesterday in upperclassmen intramural football.

Members of the relay team are John Speich, Norman Ufer and Richard Weick.

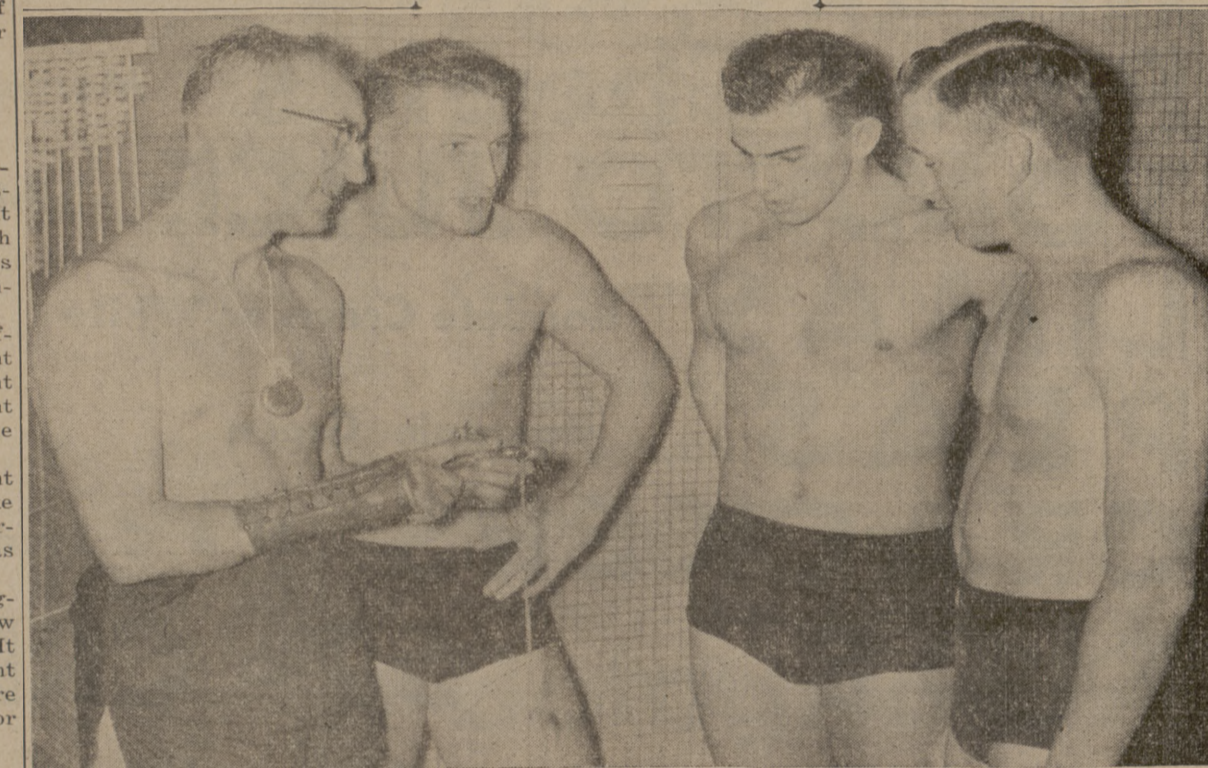
Adamson singled out Ufer and John Devenport as doing "very well" in the back stroke. He also praised Don Horne, Richard Hunkler and Speich in the sprints, and Weick in the breast stroke.

NEW LSU COACH

BATON ROUGE, La., Feb. 16 (P) Louisiana State university yesterday handed youthful Paul F. Dietzel, 30-year-old Army line coach and former assistant to Paul Bryant at Kentucky, the job of rebuilding the Southeastern conference school's football prestige.

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RECORD BREAKERS—Swimming coach Art Adamson checks his stopwatch with (l. to r.) John Speich, Norman Ufer and Dick Weick, his 300-yard medley relay team which set a new pool record here in the Florida State meet. The Aggies swim against University of Texas in Austin tonight.

Dischler Loses; Two Draw Byes

Aggie welterweight F. L. Dischler lost a decision last night in the Fort Worth state Golden Gloves meet, but featherweight Connie Eckhard and lightweight James Earle drew byes and fight tonight.

Dischler lost a unanimous decision to Mickey Brown of Houston, who knocked him down in the first round with a left hook.

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