

# Coaching Staff Directs Ags To Conference Championship

All football warhorses need able yers and such is the case with the Aggies' coaching staff. Through their guidance, the Ags won their first conference championship since 1941. Our coaching staff has been called one of the best in the nation. There are three new faces on the staff this year. They are Carney Laslie, J. T. King and O. A. Phillips.

### Carney Laslie

Laslie, who will be the assistant head coach on Coach Paul Bryant's staff comes to A&M from East Point, where he was line coach for the past five years. He is a native of South Carolina and was a member of Bryant's staff for seven years—in 1955 at Maryland and from 1946 through 1951 at Kentucky before moving to the Army to coach under Earl Blaik. Laslie is a 1934 graduate of Alabama where he played under Coach Frank Thom-

He served as an assistant at Alabama and VMI and was a naval officer in World War II before joining Bryant at Maryland in 1955. While at Kentucky, Laslie coached the Wildcats to four national games. He and his wife, Cec, have one daughter.

### J. T. King

King, an assistant coach here since 1949, has returned to Aggie as an assistant to Bryant after serving as line coach at Kansas since 1950. A native of Hamburg, Ark., King attended Reagan High of

Houston and is a 1938 graduate of Texas where he played his senior year under Coach D. X. Bible. He coached with great success at Kenedy, Tex. and Enid, Okla., high schools and served as assistant to Henry Frnka at Tulane from 1946 through 1948. He served under Harry Stiteler at A&M in 1949 before joining the Texas staff.

King is married and has four children—John, Charles, Robert and Muffett. His wife's name is Beth.

O. A. Phillips, one of the line coaches, joined the Aggie staff in the spring of 1956 after much success as a high school coach at Nederland where his teams won 56 games, lost 15 and tied 1 in six years.

A graduate of French High, Beaumont, Phillips is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin College. He also attended Lamar Tech.

He and his wife, Helen, have three children—Cicely, Susan and Wade.

Elmer Smith, former head coach at Southern Arkansas State College of Magnolia, has been an Aggie assistant since 1954. His Magnolia teams in eight years established a 54-27-2 record and won state titles in 1951 and 1952.

A graduate of Danville, Ark., high school, Smith was a four-year, four-sport letterman at Hendrix College of Conway, Ark., graduating in 1931. He served as assistant at Hendrix until 1936 when he went to Centenary. After serving in the navy during WW II where he reached the rank

of lieutenant commander, Smith moved to Magnolia. Smith and his wife, Sybil, have no children.

Sam Bailey, who works with the Aggie backs, is a native of Houston and played football at Southern State, Magnolia, Ark. He received his masters degree from East Texas State at Commerce, Tex. in 1950. He served as assistant at Southern State from 1950 to 1955 and joined the Aggie Staff just prior to the 1956 season.

Bailey is married and has one child, Darrell. His wife's name is Mildred.

One of the backfield coaches who works with quarterbacks is Phil Cutchin, former quarterback for Kentucky and a member of Bryant's staff since his return from the Korean war in 1951.

Cutchin is a 1943 graduate of Kentucky who served in the infantry during World War II. After playing his final season in 1946, Cutchin was an assistant at Ohio Wesleyan from 1947 until his recall into the service in 1950. He is married and has one daughter, Melinda, 4½.

A former guard at Kentucky, Pat James, helps coach the Aggie line. He works with the guards. James played in the backfield at New Boston, Ohio, high school but at Kentucky he was moved to guard by Bryant.

James was a star of the 1951 Sugar bowl conquest of Oklahoma. The 30-year old James coached high school ball at Danville, Ky., in 1952 before joining Bryant at Kentucky. He is married and has a 2-year-old son, Michael Patrick.

A native Texan, Willie F. Zapalac, former Aggie star and professional player, is a backfield coach at A&M. A Bellville product, Zapalac scored a record 245 points his senior year in high school, then came to Aggieland where he played varsity ball in 1941, 1942 and 1946.

His last season at A&M came after serving 36 months in the Air Corps. He reached the rank of captain. Willie played in the 1932 Cotton Bowl game, two East-West games in 1943 and 1947 and in two college All-Star games at Chicago—1943 and 1947.

After playing pro ball with the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1947, Zapalac coached at John Tarleton, Hillsboro and Arlington State before joining the Aggie staff in 1953. He is married and has three children—Billy 9, Jeff 8 and Jill 5½.

# First Aggie Team Known as Farmers

Aggie football began in 1893, when they fielded a team but played no games with out-of-town teams. In 1894, the Aggies, then known as the Farmers, played road games including the first of the traditional battles with the University of Texas, then known as the Varsity.

The late Dean Emeritus Charles Puryear, who had joined the faculty in 1888, was the first manager and one of those responsible for football being established at the college. A&M played no out-of-town games in 1895, but resumed a schedule in 1896 and have continued to do so ever since.

The Ags' first undefeated season came in 1902, a year in which the Cadets won seven and tied two. A&M also was the champion of Texas in 1909 and 1910, but in 1910 there was a loss to Arkansas, and TCU held the 1909 team to a scoreless tie. The 1912 team was hailed as "Champion of the South" in spite of a 13-10 loss to the Kansas State Wildcats.

A&M was a member of the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association until the Southwest Athletic Conference was formed in 1914 and is a remaining charter member of that organization along with Texas, Arkansas, Rice Institute and Baylor. Southern Methodist was admitted when the Uni-



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## Varsity Cagers' Season Schedule

- Dec. 6 St. Mary's Univ. at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
- Dec. 9 Memphis State at Memphis, 8 p.m.
- Dec. 11 Wake Forest at Winston-Salem, N. C., 8 p.m.
- Dec. 12 Univ. of Richmond at Richmond, Va., 8 p.m.
- Dec. 14 Univ. of Ohio State at Columbus, Ohio, 8 p.m.
- Dec. 17 Temple Univ. at Philadelphia, Pa., 7:45 p.m.
- Dec. 26-27-28 Southwest Conference Tournament, Rice Gymnasium, Houston.
- Jan. 4 TCU at Fort Worth, 8 p.m.
- Jan. 7 Texas at College Station, 8 p.m.
- Jan. 10 Rice at College Station, 8 p.m.
- Jan. 14 Baylor at Waco, 8 p.m.
- Jan. 17 SMU at College Station, 8 p.m.
- Jan. 28 Arkansas at Fayetteville, 8 p.m.
- Feb. 1 Texas Tech at College Station, 8 p.m.
- Feb. 4 Houston at College Station, 8 p.m.
- Feb. 7 Baylor at College Station, 8 p.m.
- Feb. 11 Rice at Houston, 8 p.m.
- Feb. 15 Texas at Austin, 8 p.m.
- Feb. 22 Arkansas at College Station, 8 p.m.
- Feb. 25 Texas Tech at Lubbock, 8 p.m.
- Mar. 1 SMU at Dallas, 8 p.m.
- Mar. 4 TCU at College Station, 8 p.m.

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# Terrapins Begin Year With Aggies

Maryland's once-powerful Terrapins invade the Cotton Bowl Sept. 22 to test the nationally-ranked Aggies in the season opener.

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The Terps won but two games last year, defeating Wake Forest and North Carolina State. However, it should be known that Maryland was plagued with bad luck last season. Shortly before the opening contest with Syracuse, All-American quarterback Frank Tamburello was called into the service. The day before the opener, their first string halfback sensation was stricken with yellow jaundice and lost for the season.

As if this wasn't bad enough, injuries took the toll of the returning 22 lettermen and only five were able to give full-season performance.

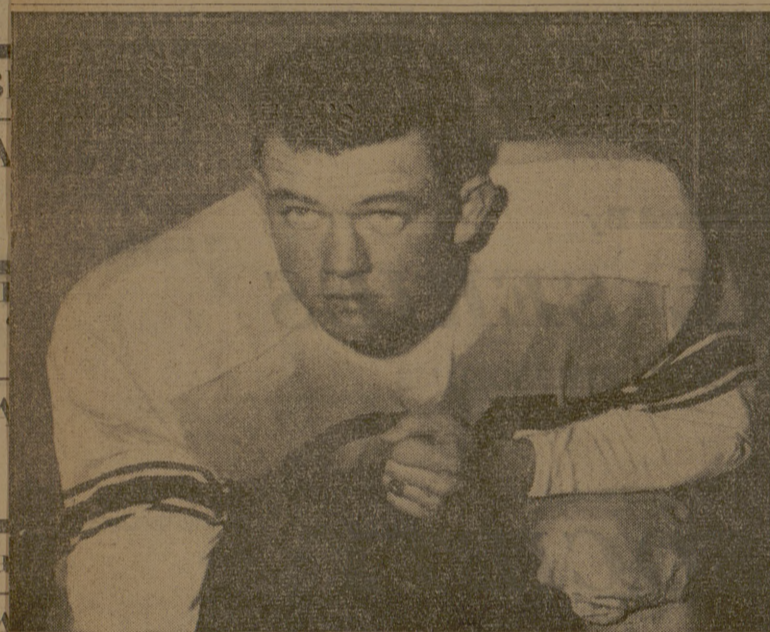
Coch Tommy Mont comments "That kind of luck can't happen to two straight seasons."

The 1957 edition of Maryland's Terrapins is impressive, to say the least. Twenty-nine lettermen are returning and Howie Dare is on active duty again. The forward wall is big, mobile and anchored with veterans.

Their pivot man, Gene Alderton, is a candidate for All-American. Veteran linemen Fred Cole and Paul Tonetti add valuable beef to the Terp forward wall.

The only position that is really in question is the man-under spot. At the end of spring training, Dickie Lewis was leading the pack with John Fritsch and Bob Rusevlyan pushing him for the starting nod.


Over all, the College Park, Md. team is going to be much stronger than last year's team, and an upset over the talented Aggies on national hookup TV would make other elevens on the Eastern seaboard take notice.



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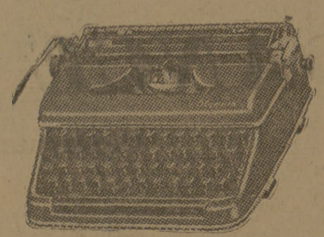
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