

Myers Heads Lineup Of Football Coaches

Jim Myers, head coach and director of athletics at Aggieland, guided the Aggies in 1958 to a 4-6 record in first year at A&M.

Myers' first-year record at A&M was much better than was forecast and his upset victories over Baylor and Rice astounded the Southwest conference.

Myers converted the Aggies from a split-T team to the single wing and the passing from this offense set 15 new school records. Charley Milstead, his junior tailback, led the nation and conference in total offense much of the year and finished high nationally at the end of the year.

James Arthur Myers was born 37 years ago in Madison, W. Va. He played high school ball at Scott High in Madison, graduating in 1940. He played freshman ball at Tennessee in 1940 and varsity in 1941 and 1942 under John Barnhill, now athletic director at Arkansas. He played in the 1943 Sugar Bowl when the Vols defeated Tulsa.

He played in high school at Scott high in Madison and after graduation in 1940, enrolled at the University of Tennessee on a football scholarship. He played freshman ball for the Volunteers in 1940 and varsity ball in 1941 and 1942, all under John Barnhill, now athletic director at Arkansas. He played in the 1943 Sugar bowl game when the Vols defeated Tulsa.

He joined the Marine Corps in 1943 and played football at Duke in the Marine V-12 program. After attaining the rank of captain in the Marines and serving overseas, Myers returned to Tennessee for his senior year in the fall of 1946 and played his final year under Gen. Bob Neyland.

Following graduation in 1947 Myers was assistant coach at Wofford College in 1947 before becoming an assistant to the late Red Sanders at Vanderbilt in 1948. He moved to UCLA with Sanders in 1949 and was No. 1 assistant there until taking the Iowa State job in 1957.

He is married to the former Carolyn Agee, whom he met in college, and the couple has three daughters, 11-year old Susan, Kathy, 8, and Carol, 7.

BUD SHERROD

Top assistant to Head Coach Jim Myers is Bud Sherrod, former all-America end at the University of Tennessee and an assistant at Texas Tech the past five years.

Sherrod, 30, is a native of Knoxville, Tenn., and is a member of the all-time, all-Tennessee grid team.

Following graduation in 1951, Sherrod entered the Air Force and played service ball at Carswell Air Force Base at Fort Worth in 1951 and 1952. He joined the Tech staff in 1953 where he has served until

coming to A&M in 1958. He will work with the ends at Aggieland.

RUSS FAULKINBERRY

Russ Faulkinberry, 29-year old former Vanderbilt star, will coach the tackles.

Faulkinberry was captain and all-Southeastern tackle in 1950, his final season at Vandy. As a freshman and sophomore, Russ played under Jim Myers when the latter was assistant to the late Red Sanders. Faulkinberry was graduated in 1951 with six letters in football and track.

He was born in Murfreesboro, Tenn., and earned 11 letters in football, basketball and track at Baylor prep school.

Following his collegiate career, Faulkinberry coached at Gallatin, Tenn., High School in 1951, then spent four years in the Navy with coaching experience at the San Diego and Long Beach Naval Stations.

WILLIE ZAPALAC

Backfield Coach

A native Texan, Willie Zapalac is the only A&M graduate on the Aggie coaching staff and is one of the two members of the Paul Bryant staff retained by Head Coach Jim Myers.

Zapalac will work with the defensive backs, blocking backs and fullbacks.

A Bellville, Tex., product, Zapalac scored a record 245 points his senior year at Bellville high, then came to A&M where he played varsity ball under Coach Homer Norton in 1941, 1942 and 1946.

Following graduation in 1947 Zapalac played a year of professional ball with the Pittsburgh Steelers before beginning his coaching career. Zapalac served as head coach at John Tarleton, Hillsboro and Arlington State before joining the Aggie staff in 1953.

DOUG BRADLEY

Doug Bradley, 23-year old tailback coach, is the youngest member of Jim Myers' Aggie staff.

Bradley was born in Levelland, Tex., but moved to Los Angeles in his childhood and lettered three years in football at Fremont High at LA before entering UCLA.

He was tailback for the UCLA Bruins in 1954, 1955 and 1956, earning three varsity letters, before beginning his coaching career under Myers at Iowa State in 1957.

ELMER SMITH

Senior member of the Aggie coaching staff is Elmer Smith, one of two members of Paul Bryant's staff retained by Head Coach Jim Myers.

Smith came to A&M with Bryant in 1954 after being head coach for eight years at Southern Arkansas State College at Magnolia.

A graduate of Danville, Ark., high school, Smith was a four-year sport letterman at Hendrix

College at Conway, Ark. He is a 1931 graduate of Hendrix.

Following graduation Smith served as assistant at Hendrix until 1936 when he went to Centenary College at Shreveport as assistant coach.

He served in the Navy during WWII and reached the rank of lieutenant commander.

Elmer's duties at A&M will be to work with centers and linebackers.

MATT LAIR

Matt Lair, defensive line coach the past five years at Kentucky, will be in charge of defensive guards and tackles at A&M this fall.

Lair joined the Aggie staff in February, 1959, and participated in spring practice.

The 34-year old Lair has developed some outstanding linemen while at Kentucky, latest being Lou Michaels, all-American star of 1957 who teamed with A&M's Charley Krueger in helping the College All-Stars down the Detroit Lions last August.

He played four years at Kentucky, graduating in 1948. He was a blocking back under Ab Kirwan in 1941 and 1942 and after serving as a B-17 gunner in Italy during World War II, returned as a guard on Paul Bryant's 1946-47 Kentucky teams. He holds a masters degree from Kentucky.

A native of Paris, Ky., where he played fullback and tailback for Collier in high school, Lair is married to the former Helen Davis of Lexington, Ky. The couple has no children.

BILL JONES

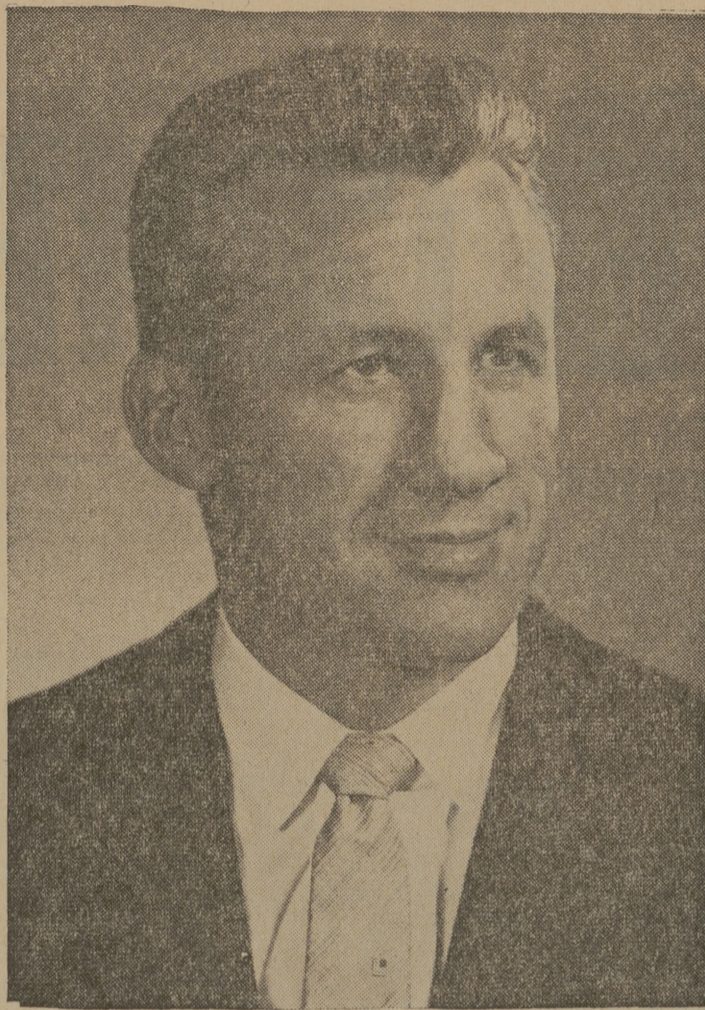
A graduate of Vanderbilt University where he played varsity football with Coach Russ Faulkinberry, Bill Jones is one of the three native Texans on the Aggie staff of Jim Myers.

Jones, 32, is a native of Abilene and attended high school at San Angelo. He played his first collegiate football for San Angelo Junior College in 1946 and 1947 after spending four years in the Navy.

He played for Vanderbilt in 1948 and 1949 and following graduation in 1950 coached the next five seasons at Hillsboro high school in Nashville. He is a brother to Ellis Jones, former all-America guard at Tulsa.

CHARLES E. (Smokey) HARPER

Charles E. (Smokey) Harper, athletic trainer at A&M for the past four years has been in the business since 1926. A graduate of Mercer College in Macon, Ga., Smokey served as trainer at Clemson, Vanderbilt, Florida, Alabama, UCLA and Kentucky before coming to A&M in 1954. He has served as trainer in all of the major bowl games at least once.



Jim Myers

... multiple offense in second year

'Fish' Trackmen Look Promising

With the signing of outstanding high school talent, the 1960 A&M freshman track team looks promising, Cinder Coach Charlie Thomas said recently.

New Mexico State sprint champion, Curtis Roberts, who has burned the century in 9.6 seconds has already signed. El Campo's ace sprinter, Eugene Dornak, who has clocked a 9.7 hundred and an impressive 21.2 220 will also be with the Aggies, Thomas said.

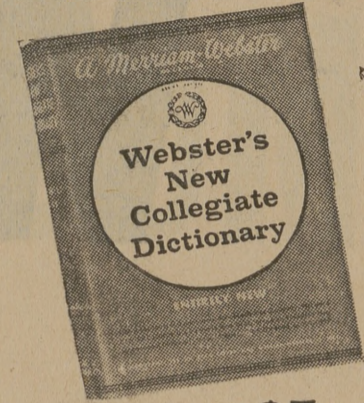
John Kent, Catholic State sprint champion, who will be up on a gridiron scholarship, stated that he also wanted to run track. Kent, too, has hit a 9.7 century.

For the middle distance the Aggies have signed Gerald Jamail from St. Thomas of Houston and Edwin Korenek of El Campo. Both boys have run the 880 below the 1.59 mark.

It is not likely that the traditional Aggie domination of the field events will be broken either. State Champion discus thrower Terry Robinson and Charles Hoppe, the might shot putter from Bay City will supply the muscle power.

"The freshman team looks mighty promising," said Coach Thomas. "Just a few more gaps to fill and we'll be ready to roll next spring."

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