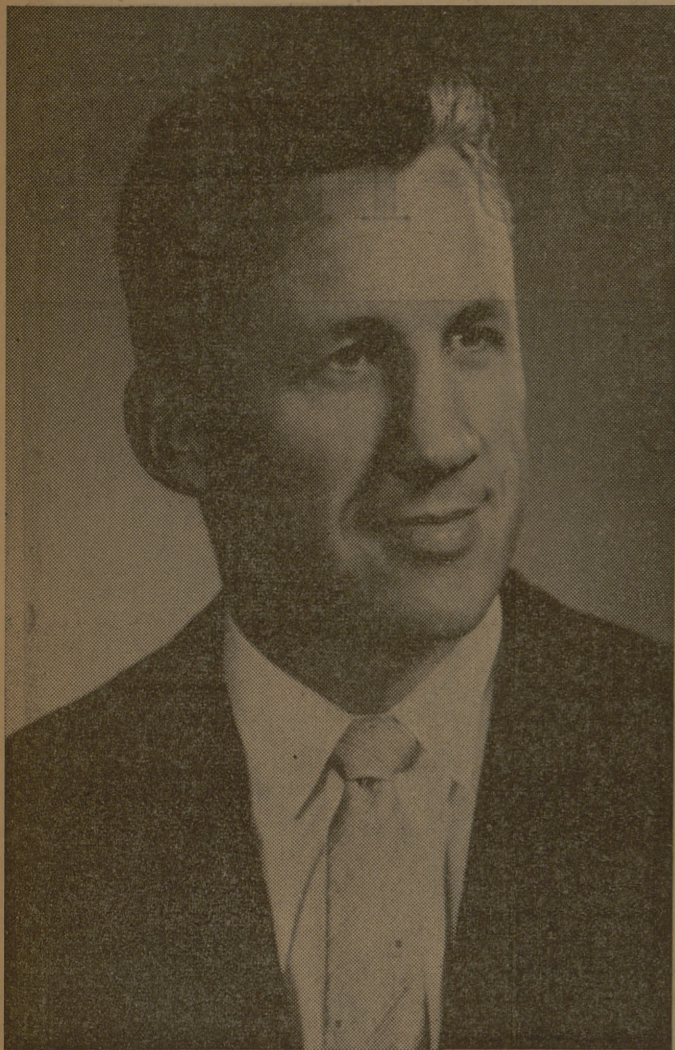


# Myers Heads Ag Football Coaching Staff



Jim Myers ... starts third year as coach

Jim Myers, head football coach and athletic director at Texas A&M, came to Aggieland in February, 1958 after a one-year tenure as head coach at Iowa State. Previously, he served eight years as top assistant to Red Sanders at UCLA.

In the two years at A&M Myers has developed a well-rounded athletic program and he has in his department one of the finest staffs in the nation.

Myers was born 38 years ago in Madison, West Virginia. Following graduation from Scott High School in Madison, where he was a prep star, the Aggies coach enrolled at the University of Tennessee. He played freshman football for the Vols in 1940 and was a member of John Barnhill's teams in 1941 and 1942 before entering the Marine Corps.

After serving three years in the Marines, Myers returned to Tennessee for his senior year, playing the 1946 season under Gen. Bob Neyland. Myers played one season at Duke in the Marine V-12 program, then served overseas. He attained the rank of captain.

Following graduation from Tennessee in 1947 Myers served as an assistant at Wofford College before becoming an aide to Sanders at Vanderbilt in 1948. He moved to UCLA with Sanders in 1949 and was named head coach at Iowa State in 1957.

He is married to the former Carolyn Agee, whom he met at College. The couple has three daughters: Susan, 13; Kathy, 10

and Carol, 9.

## WILLIE ZAPALAC Assistant Coach

A native Texan, and an A&M graduate, Willie Zapalac is in charge of the A&M defense and works with defensive ends and linebackers.

A Bellville product, Zapalac scored a record 245 points his senior year at Bellville High in 1938, then enrolled at A&M where he played varsity ball under Homer Norton in 1941, 1942 and 1946.

Following graduation in 1947 Zapalac played one year of professional football with the Pittsburgh Steelers before beginning his successful coaching career in 1948.

Zapalac coached at John Tarleton State College, Hillsboro High School and Arlington State before joining the A&M staff in 1953.

Zapalac served 36 months in the Air Corps during World War II, reaching the rank of captain. Willie played in the 1942 Cotton Bowl game, two East-West all-star games and in two Colleg All-Star Games at Chicago.

He is married and has three children—Billy, 12; Jeff, 10 and Jill, 7. His wife's name is Dorothy.

## ELMER SMITH Assistant Coach

Elmer Smith, one of two hold-over coaches on the Myers staff, works with the offensive guards and center at A&M.

One of the all-time great athletes at Hendrix College, Smith came to A&M in 1954, after a successful tenure at Southern Arkansas State College in Mag-

noia. His Magnolia teams in eight seasons compiled 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, Conway, Ark. He is a 1931 graduate.

Smith was an outstanding catcher in organized baseball until a football injury forced his retirement. When Smith was a regular catcher for New Orleans in the Southern Association, Hall of Fame Catcher Bill Dickey of the New York Yankees was his substitute.

Smith was an assistant at Hendrix until 1936 when he went to Centenary College, Shreveport, in a similar capacity. He served in the Navy during World War II and reached the rank of lieutenant commander.

Smith and his wife, Sybil, who teaches in the Bryan school system, have no children.

## MATT LAIR Assistant Coach

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

Lair joined the Aggie staff in February, 1959.

Lair developed some outstanding linemen while at Kentucky, latest being Lou Michaels, all-America star of 1957 who teamed with A&M's Charlie Krueger in helping the College All-Stars down the Detroit Lions in August of 1958.

Before joining the Kentucky staff of Blanton Collier in 1953,

Lair had high school coaching experience at Selma, Ala., Louisville, Ky., and Montgomery, Ala.

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 master's 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.

## TOM ELLIS Assistant Coach

Tom Ellis, head coach at McMurry College the past four years, came to A&M before spring practice in 1960. He will help with the defense and backfield.

A native of Cleveland, Tenn., where he played at Bradley High School, Ellis played his collegiate ball at McMurry in Abilene in 1942, 1946 and 1947.

Following graduation he served as assistant coach at Winters High for two years and from 1950 through the 1954 season was line coach and head basketball coach at Merkel.

He came to McMurry as line coach in 1955 and was named head coach the following year. His teams won 24 and lost 16, including an 8-2 season in 1959. He developed Charlie Davis, little All-America guard, in 1958 and has had several others drafted by pro clubs.

Ellis served three years as a

radio operator in the 14th Air Force with duty in China. He was a staff sergeant.

He and his wife, Billie, have a 9-year-old daughter, Deborah, and two sons, Bill, 4 and Mike, 2.

## TRAVIS (SHORTY) HUGHES Assistant Coach

Travis (Shorty) Hughes, recent successful coach at Deer Park High School, will work with the Aggie freshmen and also help with the offense.

Hughes, who Deer Park teams lost but one district game in eight years, served the Texas High School Coaches Association as vice president and would have been president next year. His Deer Park teams won state titles in 1954 and 1955 and won 45 consecutive games.

Prior to coaching at Deer Park, Hughes served three years at Humble High School following graduation from Sam Houston State College in 1949. At Sam Houston Hughes was a blocking back.

Hughes, who served in the Marines three years during World War II, is married and has two daughters, Kay 11, and Sue, 9. His wife's name is Florence.

## BOBBY DRAKE KEITH Assistant Coach

One of two former A&M students on the coaching staff, Bobby Drake Keith works with offensive ends and tackles. He joins Willie Zapalac as the only A&M alumni on the staff.

Keith, a native of Breckenridge, was recruited to A&M by Zapalac in 1953. He was a halfback and

end at Breckenridge and played halfback on the 1953 Aggie Fish team.

He continued as halfback in 1954, but was moved to end in 1955 and 1956. He served as a student coach in 1957, then joined Paul Bryant on the Alabama staff for the 1958-59 seasons. He returned to A&M and Coach Jim Myers' staff prior to spring training in 1960.

Keith was a starting end on the 1956 championship club until suffering a broken jaw mid-way in the season.

Keith's wife, Margaret, is a native of Monahan.

## CHARLES E. HARPER Athletic Trainer

Veteran trainer at A&M is Charles E. (Smokey) Harper, who came to A&M in 1954 from Kentucky. Smokey has been in the business 34 years and has worked at Clemson, Vanderbilt, Florida, Alabama, UCLA and Kentucky prior to coming to A&M. He is a native of Milledgeville, Ga., and a graduate of Mercer College in Macon, Ga.

## S. M. MEEKS

S. M. Meeks took over the important position of handling the A&M athletic equipment in 1958. He was former in the sporting goods business in San Antonio. He has two sons who were great athletes—Charley, formerly of the University of Texas track team, and S. M., Jr., a former halfback at the University of Houston. He and Mrs. Meeks have a third son, Tommy, who is a senior in Stephen F. Austin High School in Bryan.

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