

Youthful Myers Heads Grid Mentors

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 Magnolia. 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 Hen-

drix 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, Svbil, 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.

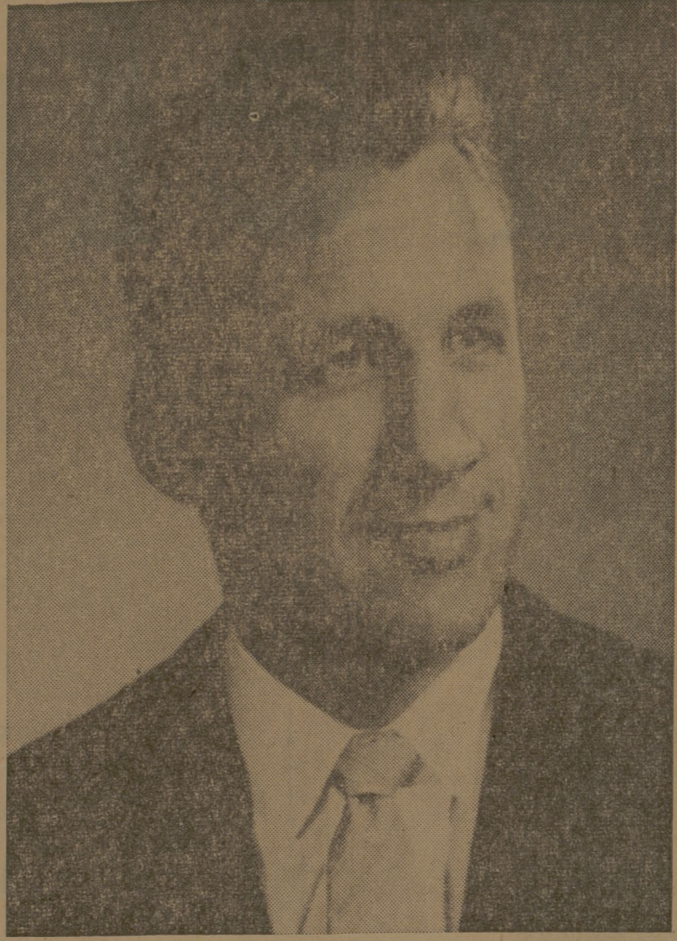
He came to McMurry as line coach in 1955 and was named head coach the following year. His teams won 24 and lost 16, including an 8-2 season in 1959. He developed Charlie Davis, little All-America guard, in 1958 and has had several others drafted by pro clubs.

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



Jim Myers
... starts third year as coach

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 1958. 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

Tankers Took Third Place In SWC Meet

Coach Art Adamson's A&M swimming team placed third in the Southwest Conference last spring behind Champion SMU and runnerup Texas.

Leading swimmers last year were John Harrington of College Station, Orlando Cossani of Uruguay, Oscar Cordon of Guatemala, Ronnie Reitz of Pittsburg, Texas, Charles Teas of Houston, Dieter Ufer of Houston, Dave Woodward of Houston, John McKinney of Houston, Hondo Hernandez of Waco and James CoVan of Bryan.

Members of the frosh team last year included Bill Baker of Houston, Ericson Berg of Alexandria, Va., Henry Eissler of Beeville, Robert Hipp of Houston, Tom Kennerly of Houston, Keith Langford of San Antonio, Charles Seagraves of Houston, Mike Thurman of Baytown, Gray Watts of San Antonio and Walter Windsor of Abilene.

A&M Ranks Second In Football Titles Since SWC Began

The Southwest Conference was organized in 1914 with the first title awarded in 1915. Following are the titles each school has won:

Texas8 5/6*
Texas A&M8 1/2*
TCU7 1/3*
SMU6 1/2*
Rice5
Arkansas3 5/6*
Baylor2 1/2*
Texas Tech0 **

*—Fractions are for sharing conference, both 2-way and 3-way ties.

**—Texas Tech plays for championship first time in 1960.

More Rebuilding Faces Track Team

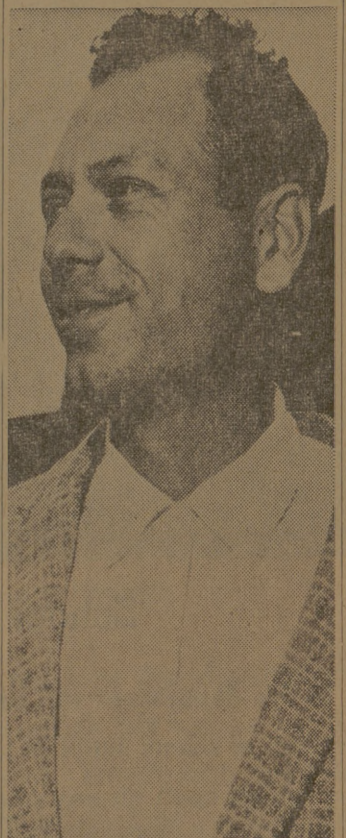
Coach Charley Thomas will begin his third rebuilding season with the Aggie track team next spring. The Aggies placed sixth in the varsity division and third in the freshman meet of the SWC in Fort Worth last May.

Thomas' hopes for the future rest on his freshman team of last year plus a bevy of fine schoolboy prospects he has lined up to begin their frosh year at A&M this fall.

The Aggies have been strong in the field events for several years and short on running but with Thomas, former All-America sprinter at Texas, the Aggies are expected to be back contending in the races in the near future.

Two of the three first places won by Aggies at the Conference meeting were in the field events. Co-Captain Owen Hill completed his collegiate career with a first place in the discus. He was the only first place for the Aggie varsity. In the frosh division Terry Robinson won the discus and E. L. Ener took the mile run.

Top men for the Aggies this coming season include Sprinters Ed Williams, Curt Roberts and Gene Dornak; weight men James Phillips, Charles Hoppe and Robinson; Paul Pirkle, Jerry Hopkins, Herb Schroeder and Jim Brey in the javelin; Don Deavers, James Daniels and Lewis Hamil, high jump; and other runners such as Bobby Clark, Thad Crook, Malcolm Hardee, Thomas Johnston, Bill Brashears, Ed Korenek, Mike Kerley, Ken Patranello, Ken Rippstein and George Tedford.



Charley Thomas
... Ag track coach

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Intramurals Big Part of College

Intramurals, which are a big part of campus activity at A&M, are set up on a competitive basis between Air Force, squadrons, Army outfits and civilian teams under three classes.

The three are class "A" for Corps upperclassmen, class "B" for Corps freshmen and class "C" for civilian teams. This is all under the direction of Barney Welch, former A&M football star, and his staff of student intramural managers.

"The main outcome of this program is students being able to let off steam," said Welch.

The managers referee, umpire and control all intramural sports. They do most of the actual field work and are awarded a sweater at the end of the year. They see that all rules are obeyed, all games are run without mishap and compute each outfit's scores.

Rule books are passed out to each outfit.

The outfits and dorms appoint their own intramural officer who is usually a senior. It is the job of the officer to appoint the teams and see that they get practice and know which days they play. The officer has assistants to help in this work.

All during the school year there are all forms of sports. There are the 15 regular intramural sports. Also there are the open sports which outfits may receive extra points for winning.

Each outfit is required to enter at least 10 of the regular sports. At the end of the year points are compiled and awards are given to the winners of each class.

The sports that can be entered are swimming, wrestling, golf, horseshoes, handball, softball, bowling, rifle, tennis, track, cross country, football, ping pong, basketball, volleyball, open tennis, open golf, open handball and open badminton.

Each outfit receives 50 points for each regular sports it has entered. Extra points are given for winning the finals. For winning league a team receives ten points, five for reaching finals and ten for winning finals.

For every game that is forfeited an outfit is docked 50 points. Thus at the end of the year the outfit with the most points is awarded the year's Intramural Flag, to be carried at Corps reviews.

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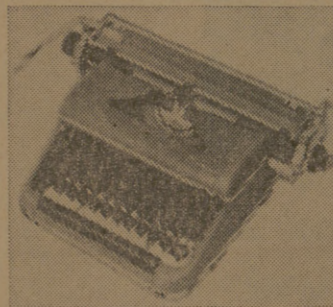
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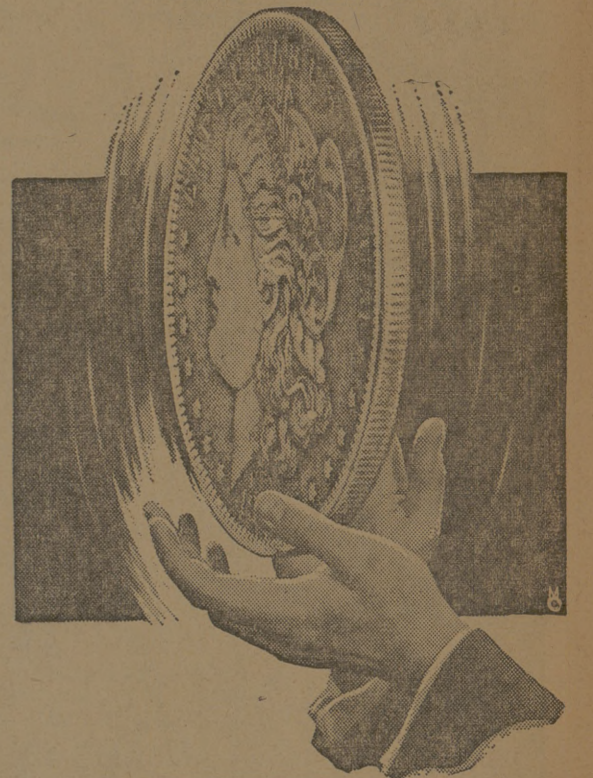
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