

# Aggie Football At A Glance

**CHIEF LOSSES**—The Aggies lost 16 lettermen off the 1964 squad and all 16 held starting roles at one time or another. Two of them—tackle Ray Gene Hinze and defensive halfback Mike Pitman—made the all-SWC team. Eleven of the 16 won three varsity letters, thus a lot of playing experience departed.

**TOP 1965 PROSPECTS**—Linebacker Joe Wellborn, split end Dude McLean, defensive end Jerry Kachtik and halfback Jim Stabler appear to be the most likely candidates as best A&M players. Safety Jerry Nichols, linebacker Robert Cortez, guard Tom Murrah, tackle John Nilson and end John Poss are capable of blossoming into that category. Two players who missed most of spring training, defensive end Ed Breding (broken ankle) and halfback Lloyd Curington (mononucleosis) could come on strong this fall.

**TOP SOPHOMORES**—The list is small but there are a few who will play. Tackle Howard Van Loon and linebacker Robert Cortez could be defensive starters. Harry Ledbetter is involved in the quarterback fight with junior Eddie McKaughan. Other sophomores who caught the coaches' eyes during the spring were end Grady Allen, and halfbacks Bill Sallee and Rusty Harris. Some others could develop in the fall.

**SIZE**—The Aggies may field one of the lightest teams in major collegiate football. The possible depth chart shows an offensive line that averages 197 pounds and that includes tackle Jack Pyburn who weighs 225. Five of the seven possible starters are under 200. The five-man defensive front averages 210, very small for major college football these days.

**KICKING**—One of the few bright spots with Phil Scoggin on hand to do the punting. He could be one of the best in the nation. Glynn Lindsey, who will handle the extra point and field gold kicking, improved some during the spring.

**PASSING**—Nothing to brag about but both Eddie McKaughan and Harry Ledbetter worked hard on their throwing in the spring and should improve this fall.

**RECEIVING**—Also could stand a lot of improvement. Split end Dude McLean appears to be the best while strong-side end John Poss and halfbacks Jim Stabler and Dan West-erfield improved some during the spring.

**SUM UP**—The Aggies will play on guts, gumption and gung-ho spirit because they won't out-personnel any of their foes.



**NEW AGGIE GRID STAFF**

New head coach Gene Stallings (right) and assistant coach Elmer Smith rest on one knee with the rest of the new staff in the background. From left, they are: Jack Pardee, Dee Powell, Don Watson, Bud Moore, Lloyd Taylor, Jack Hurlbut, and Ralph Smith. Recently hired freshman coach J. W. Helms is not shown.

## New Coaching Staff Accented By Youth

The new grid coaching staff at A&M is one of the youngest in the country with only two members over 31 years old among the ten-man delegation.

Six of the staff members are A&M graduates themselves. The individual breakdown:

### GENE STALLINGS

Head Coach Gene Stallings, a native of Paris, Texas, played three years at A&M in the mid-50's under Bear Bryant. He was an all-conference end his junior year and was elected tri-captain during his senior season.

He coached at A&M the first year after his playing career ended and then moved to the University of Alabama where he served until Bryant as an assistant until being hired for the A&M post in December, 1964. The 30-year-old Stallings replaces Hank Foldberg, who had held the job for three years.

### ELMER SMITH

Elmer Smith, assistant head coach at A&M, joined the Aggie staff in 1954 under Bryant and has remained here under the three succeeding mentors.

Included in his 31 years of coaching have been stints at Hamburg High, Ark., Hendrix

College, Centenary, and Southern State in Arkansas. He recruits in northeast Texas.

### JACK PARDEE

Jack Pardee, and All-American fullback at A&M in 1956, is returning after eight seasons of pro ball with the Los Angeles Rams. The Christoval native works with the defensive ends and linebackers and recruits in West Texas.

### DEE POWELL

Dee Powell, a Lockhart native, played center and guard for the Aggies in 1954-55-56. He spent five years in the Air Force as a jet pilot and was hired away from the Alabama staff by Stallings. He works with A&M's defensive line and recruits in the immediate area.

### LLOYD TAYLOR

Lloyd Taylor was a halfback at Aggieland from 1955 through '57, playing opposite John Crow. The Roswell, N. M. native has coached in high school and at Oklahoma State. He works with the offensive backs and recruits in North Central Texas.

### DON WATSON

Don Watson graduated from A&M in 1956 after a three-year

career at halfback. He has since coached at Houston, Tulane and most recently South Carolina. He works with the Aggie quarterbacks and recruits in South Texas.

### RALPH SMITH

Ralph Smith is a 1960 graduate of A&M who played end in college. He has coached at Orange and Odessa high schools. Smith works with the ends and recruits in the Panhandle.

### J. W. HELMS

J. W. Helms is a 17-year-old veteran of South Texas high school coaching who will handle the A&M freshmen. His most recent post was at Uvalde.

### BUD MOORE

Bud Moore is a 1961 graduate of Alabama where he lettered three seasons. He came to A&M from the University of Kentucky staff. He works with the offensive line and recruits in South Central Texas.

### JACK HURLBUT

Jack Hurlbut is a '64 grad of Alabama who coached at Galveston Ball last season. He works with the Aggie defensive secondary and recruits in Southeast Texas.

## A&M Grid History Began In 1893, Includes 8 Titles

A&M football began in 1893 when the Aggies 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 first undefeated season was in 1902, a year in which the Cadets won seven and tied two. A&M also was 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 loss to Kansas State.

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 University, Texas Tech and Baylor.

Texas Tech became the eighth member of the Southwest Conference in 1956 and began participation for the football championship in 1960.

The Aggies have won the SWU Championship eight times outright and tied with SMU another A&M won the title in 1917, 1919, 1921, 1925, 1927, 1939, tied in 1940, won again in 1941 and 1964. The 1939 Aggie team was National Champions and defeated Tulane in the Sugar Bowl Classic.

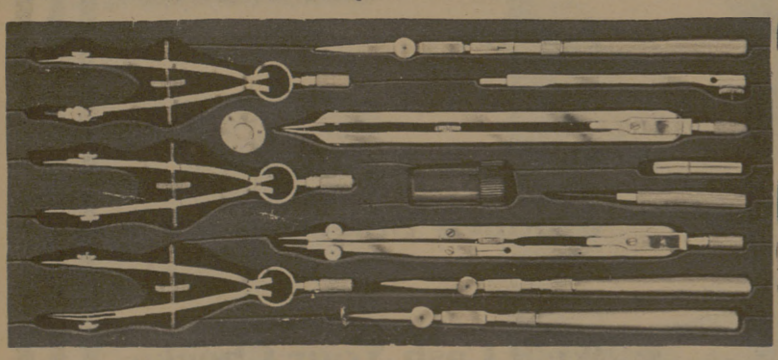
### Fish Schedule

DATE	GAME	SITE
Oct. 7	TCU	Here
Oct. 21	Baylor	Here
Nov. 4	Rice	There
Nov. 13	Tex. Tech	Neutral
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