

NOTES

and QUOTES

It's doubtful that any college coach meets with the press more than Texas A&M's Gene Stallings.

A&M awards no special gear for " hitters" such as colored helmets, badges, etc., but wearing a maroon jersey in practice signifies first-team status.

Tackle Jack Pyburn says Arkansas' defensive line was the hardest to block last season simply "because they were the quickest." Then he adds, "We're gonna be a lot quicker this year, too."

Tom Murrah isn't the first of his family to play guard for the Aggies. His uncle, W. E. (Cap) Murrah, was an all-SWC guard

at A&M in 1919 and 1920. . . . Phil Scoggin, punting specialist from Denison, played one year of junior college football for Murray Aggies at Tishomingo, Okla., where he was a linebacker. . . .

The Aggies will be well represented at the pre-game coin toss in Baton Rouge Saturday night. Coach Stallings has named all seniors on the starting offensive and defensive units to serve as game captains in the 1965 opener. . . . Basketball John Reynolds of Possum Walk, Tex., isn't the only newcomer to A&M football this year.

Starting tackle John Nilson of El Campo and Pyburn really earned their scholarships at A&M. Nilson arrived without a scholarship and Pyburn, of Shreveport, had a one-year, make-good pact. . . . Asked if there had been any temper displays during practice this year, linebacker Joe Wellborn of Tomball told writers, "Oh, there have been some flare-ups but everyone was too tired to fight."

On moving Eddie McKaughan to defensive halfback, Coach Stallings said, "Ledbetter and McKaughan are two of our better athletes and we didn't want either to be sitting on the bench."

1965 AGGIE FISH GRID SCHEDULE table with columns for date, opponent, and location.

Academics Netted Biggest Gridders

Texas A&M's excellent academic reputation provided the Aggies with their largest football player on the 1965 varsity squad.

He is Jack Pyburn, a six-foot, six-inch, 225-pounder, from Byrd High in Shreveport, La. He'll be at an offensive tackle post Saturday night when the Aggies kick off the 1965 season against the LSU Tigers in Baton Rouge.

"Purely academic," is his two-word explanation. "I wanted to become an architect and A&M had a good architectural school. And, you know, it has become bigger and better since I arrived."



PHIL SCOGGIN The Aggies' top punter figures highly in Coach Gene Stallings' plans for a successful season. He is quicker and is kicking even farther than last year's 39.8 yard average.

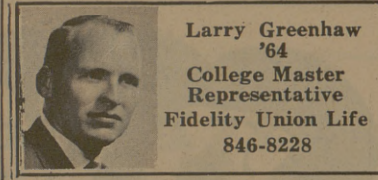
and weight. "I was too heavy for teams my age and too young to play with the older-age teams."

He finally got to play on the junior high team in the ninth grade, was on the high school B-team as a sophomore and was a varsity reserve as a junior.

But, in track, he set a state record with the discus and was better known for that than as a football tackle.

He quickly had that "one-year, make-good" pact changed at A&M by playing first team tackle on the 1963 Fish team that won the SWC frosh title with a 4-1 record.

What about this year? "All I know is that we're a lot quicker than we were and we're gonna get after people this season."



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