

Aggie Football Practice Clothed In Deep Secrecy

By JERRY GRISHAM

The precautions taken by the Texas Aggies to insure complete privacy for their football workouts would turn a security officer at a missile base green with envy.

To be sure, there have been rumors that CIA agents are now on the coaching staff to thwart would-be football spies. And no one talks about the man in the car with the SMU decal on the rear window. He was found Friday night in the parking lot behind G Rollie White—smothered by a "The Aggies Are Back" bumper sticker over his nose and mouth.

Canvas panels cover the fence surrounding the practice area behind Kyle Field to block prying eyes and student managers and trainers constantly scan the stadium bleachers for intruders.

A guard at the front gate of the stadium turns back all who attempt to enter Kyle Field, the exception being members of the press and construction workers. One of the electricians wasn't allowed on the premises last week because the gatekeeper thought he looked like Hayden Fry.

But on the serious side . . .

Kyle Field Stadium, already sold out for the Thanksgiving Day finale against Texas, will be filled for the Sept. 16 TV opener against defending SWC champion SMU if the Aggie Club has its way . . . To "The Aggies Are Back" slogan, the Aggie Club has added a sequel "Join Em" and is urging former students from all over the Southwest to fill the stadium for the opener. . . A&M doesn't want TV cameras showing any vacant seats that afternoon. The west side of Kyle Field has been second-decked and work is progressing on the east side but likely won't be finished before the season is nearly over. It should be somewhat larger for

each home appearance of the Aggies and, hopefully, finished by Thanksgiving . . . Three Aggie road games are nearing sellouts (LSU in Baton Rouge, Texas Tech in Lubbock and Arkansas in Fayetteville)

The Houston Post's Mickey Herskowitz will MC the Gene Stallings TV Show this fall. The weekly program, slated for some 14 markets, will be produced in color . . . Single-game tickets for A&M's other nine contests (Texas tickets gone) go on sale at G. Rollie White Coliseum, Friday, Sept. 1 . . . A&M's new athletic academic supervisor, Felix Gibson, was coach Gene Stallings' basketball coach back at Paris (Texas) High School . . .

Quarterback Edd Hargett, tackle Maurice Moorman, center Jack Kovar and end Joe Townsend were married this summer . . . Hargett, incidentally, should be well prepared to run the Aggie offense. He's an electrical engineering major . . . QB Charlie Riggs, linebacker Bill Hobbs and linemen Bill Gilliam and Ray Morse will be out to celebrate birthdays early when they clash with SMU Sept. 16. Riggs will be 21 the next day, Hobbs 21 on Sept. 18, while Gilliam will be 20 and Morse 21, both on Sept. 20.

Look Likes Texas, Hogs And Aggies

Look Magazine has picked three Southwest Conference teams to finish in the top 20 of the nation's best football teams.

The University of Texas was picked by the magazine to finish second in the nation behind Notre Dame. According to Look the Longhorns will post a 11-0 season record.

The University of Arkansas is slated to end up in 13th position and Texas A&M is picked to finish 14th with a record of 7-3.

Texas Aggies Ranked 14th

The cover of Sports Illustrated's Special College Football Issue, out this week, pictures Georgia, Notre Dame, Miami and Texas in "The Fight For No. 1." But SI gets down to business in its scouting report section and picks the top 20 teams in the order it expects them to win. Notre Dame is picked to be the national champion, Georgia, Miami and Texas next in that order. The Texas Aggies hold down 14th slot.

SI's "package" for football fans this year leads off with an article on the development of the systems of polls and ratings by Dan Jenkins and a four-color section of pictures which includes Georgia's Kirby Moore, Michigan State's Bob Apisa, Tennessee's Dewey Warren, Nebraska's Dennis Morrison, Texas' Coach Darrell Royal and UCLA's Gary Beban.

Another section features five "sophomores to watch:" Rich Sand of Michigan State, Glen Haisell of Texas, Vince Opalsky of Miami, Don Abbey of Penn State and Joe Tasby of Idaho. And the last feature is a major

SI picks the Top Twenty to win in this order:

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| 1. Notre Dame | 11. Colorado |
| 2. Georgia | 12. Purdue |
| 3. Miami | 13. Nebraska |
| 4. Texas | 14. Texas A&M |
| 5. Alabama | 15. Washington |
| 6. Michigan St. | 16. Houston |
| 7. Tennessee | 17. Ohio State |
| 8. USC | 18. Wyoming |
| 9. Arkansas | 19. Mississippi |
| 10. UCLA | 20. Army |

article by Robert Gantwell, a sociological study of football at Ohio State.

The scouting reports, as is SI's custom, look in depth into the problems and potentials of all the major teams. Special sections give rundowns on all the conferences

and the small colleges to watch. Speaking of the Texas Aggies, SI's scouting report says, "For the first time since Bear Bryant left College Station for Alabama in 1967, the old military school has enough big, rugged players to rate among the top contenders not only in the Southwest Conference, but in the nation." "Texas A&M's strength," continues SI, "is in its offense and its attitude. It is a relatively young team, loaded with juniors and sophomores, and how it fares early will be very important."

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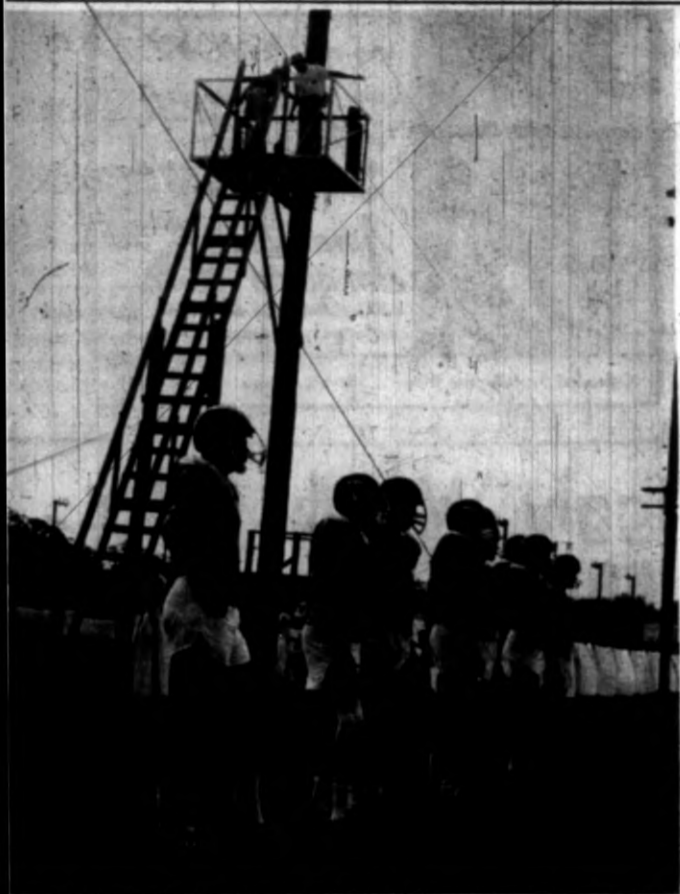
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JUST SPECTATIN'

Aggies in morning workout shorts await signal from Coach Stallings on-platform to join the practice.

Veteran Sportscasters Picked To Broadcast Ag-SMU Tilt

Veteran sportscasters Chris Schenkel and Bill Flemming, along with Bud Wilkinson, former Oklahoma coach whose teams won three national titles, head the team of ABC announcers of the NCAA games for the 1967 college football season, it was announced by Boone Arledge, Vice President and Executive Producer of ABC Sports.

Schenkel, Flemming, and Wilkinson will work all national games. This trio will broadcast the opener on Saturday, Sept. 16, when SMU plays Texas A&M at College Station. The coverage will begin at 3 p.m. The game will be shown in color.

On regional dates, Schenkel and Wilkinson will work as a team. Their first regional assignment will be on Saturday, Sept. 23, when Penn State invades Navy.

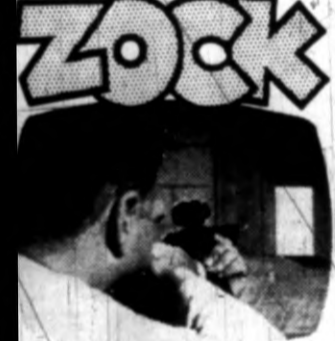
Flemming will work with Terry Brennan, former Notre Dame coach, on regional games. This duo worked as a team in 1966.

Keith Jackson and Jack Jensen, an All-America back at the Uni-

versity of California in the late forties, will again team up on regional weekends.

The fourth team is a new one. Dave Martin, a well-known Chicago sports announcer, and Lee Groskup, an All-America quarterback at Utah, will form the fourth team of ABC announcers.

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