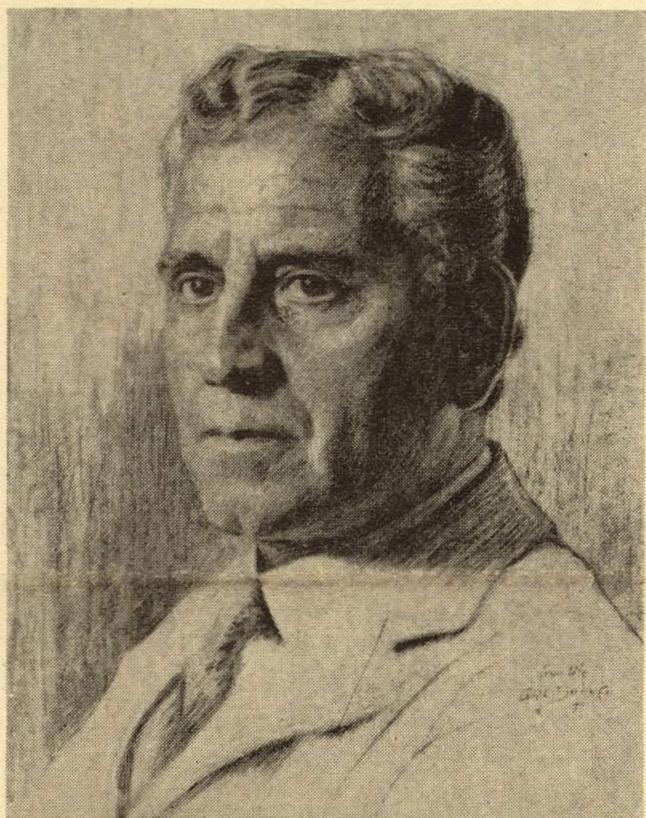


## A. A. Stagg and Springfield End Fiftieth Football Season

**A**MOS ALONZO STAGG '91, the "grand old man" of football will end his fiftieth year as a coach when his College of the Pacific team meets the University of Hawaii at Honolulu on December 16.

The last game of the season with Rutgers University on November 18 also marked the end of the season for Springfield College, for it was here that Coach Stagg organized, captained and coached his first football team in the fall of 1890. After Coach Stagg was graduated from Yale as one of its greatest athletes, he enrolled at Springfield for the two-year training course.

His first team was made up of eight of the 21 students in the physical education school and three students from the other section of the school which was then called the "School for Christian Workers." Although Coach Stagg was the only experienced player on the team and was captain and coach as well, they undertook



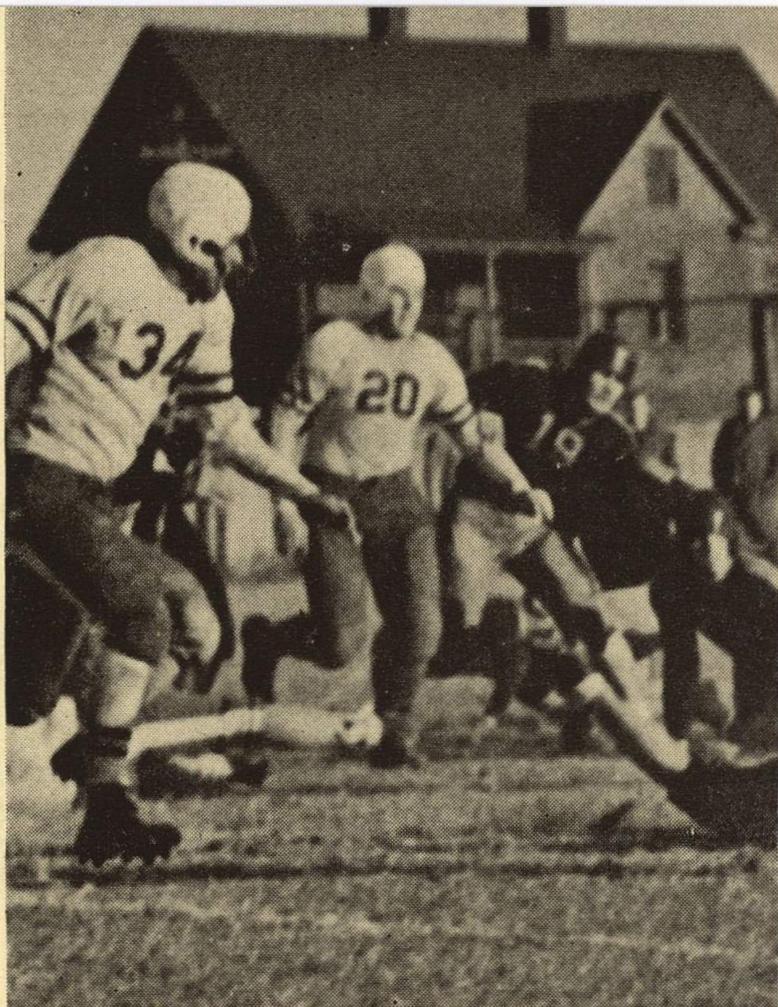
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an ambitious schedule of eight games, five of which were won with scores totaling 148, while the opponents made only 74 points. An upset of that season was the 26-0 win of the newly organized team over Amherst. The first indoor football game was played that fall when the Springfield team met the Yale Consolidated team at Madison Square Garden in New York, which Yale won 16-10.

By the end of the second season the Stagg coached team was called the "Stubby Christians" a name which followed them for many years. Coach Stagg coached the team for two seasons before he left to become director of physical education and football coach at the University of Chicago, where he remained for more than forty years until his retirement in 1933. He went immediately to the College of the Pacific that fall and this year finished his seventh season there.

His team has 12 contests booked this year and their defeat of the University of California by a score of 6-0 on September 30 was one of the early major upsets of the season. To date they have won six games, lost 3 and tied one.

Coach Stagg was awarded an honorary master of physical degree in 1912 by Springfield College; an honorary master of arts degree by Oberlin in 1923; and an LL.D. degree by Wooster (Ohio) College in 1933.



*Captain Dick Redding goes for a touchdown in the final game.*

## Football Team Ends Season With Three Losses and One Tie

**G**ARNERING 71 points to their opponent's 42 on the gridiron this fall the College football team ended the season on November 18 at Rutgers University, with a record of four wins, three losses, and one tie.

The final game was the hardest of the year for the Maroons, and the score of 17-6 in Rutgers favor, does not tell the story of the game, with the Springfield team fighting hard and playing heads up football all the way despite bad breaks. They faced a Rutgers team who had a string of 12 victories behind them before the largest crowd ever to gather in the Rutgers stadium.

On November 18, in their final home game, the Maroons rolled up a score of 26-0 against C.C.N.Y., to thrill alumni at the annual fall Home-Coming.

Fifteen members of the varsity football squad will be graduated next June. They are Captain "Dick" Redding, hard-hitting end from Pittsburgh, Pa; Victor Obeck, tackle, Audubon, N. J., mentioned for the "Little All America" team last year; Tom Johnson, halfback, Camden, N. J., the team's high scoring ace; George Johnson, blocking back, Gardiner, Me., who in the C.C.N.Y. game intercepted a stray pass and galloped for the first touchdown of his three years of collegiate football.

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At the opening game of the College of the Pacific this fall with the University of South Dakota at Sacramento, Calif., Springfield College presented Coach Stagg with a scroll which read:

*"Springfield College pays tribute to Coach Amos Alonzo Stagg, dean of football coaches, who fifty years ago this fall, as a student, organized, coached and captained the first football team at Springfield.*

*"Today after fifty years of continuous contribution, Coach Stagg stands as a symbol of the highest ideals in competitive sport. His name is engraved forever on the rolls of illustrious Springfield Alumni who are serving as outstanding leaders for the Youth of the World."*

## Cross-Country

The College freshman cross-country team won the Connecticut Valley run held on the Springfield course on November 7. They also won from Trinity, Wesleyan, Mass. State and Stockbridge Academy. The Maroon cross country harriers only won one meet, beating Amherst, and losing to Trinity, Wesleyan and Mass. State.