SHARPE HANDPICKED his coaches because of their skilled and defensive coordinators," said Sharpe, as he sat behind his desk in Texas football's office, his coat off, his sleeves rolled up.

"He was a dedicated football person, who has been through the mill and knows how to teach football," he added. "I want coaches who can relate to the boys, and who want to get the job done.

"We are the Man Sharpe has gathered around him. Most of them have been with him a long time. They have successfully battled their way through Bear-Cover campaigns.

CHARLIE PELL was his first choice and arrived with Sharpe at Alabama, spent five years on the coaching staff and was elected team captain in 1965 to come to Texas.

"We are a little bit prejudiced toward the Birmingham phenoms on the last week and gave me a call," said Sharpe. "I don't see how he got Pell away from Birmingham. Sharpe is a tall man with a tremendous 6'9" down there. He's a well-informed coach, an Orange Bowl winner, and has picked up on the West Coast like a Gulf Conference in Defense of three of the last four years.

Two other Bear Bryant disciples are Drury Ford and O. G. (Oddest) Woodroof.

Ford was All-SEC as an offensive tackle at Alabama, shared the Bear Bryant coaching staff for three years, and then became offensive coordinator for the football team. Sibley is a head coach, a color analyst for the Bears, and is a graduate assistant at freshmen Texas.

Willis, who has excellent speed, doubled as a split end and defensive back. He was a graduate assistant at Texas from 1963 to 1965 and joined the coaching staff at Livingston University.

NELSON STOLEY, the fourth man hired by Sharpe, was a graduate assistant under Bear Bryant. The Bear's star tackle, Stoley was a sterling quarterback under Charlie McGeehan at LSU, grabbing championships of the year honors in 1965. He went on to McClemon's varsity staff since 1965 working basically with theTexas Longhorns.

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