As Football Coach

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MIDDLETOWN -Two familiar faces will assume head football coaching roles at St. Andrew's School in the fall.

Robert Marshall Colburn, an

end coach for 10 years at the school, has been named varsity coach, to succeed departing Webb Reyner, while Chip Burton, one of the school's most outstanding all-time athletes, returns as head junior varsity coach.

Colburn, 33, a native of Wellesley, Mass., and a graduate of Haverford College has been a faculty member at St. Andrew's for 11 years, during which time he has also served as head baseball coach.

COLBURN, a chemistry and earth science teacher, said he'll continue as baseball coach, in addition to his new role as top football man.

He noted that he has been too busy with baseball coaching and too involved with school affairs to make any football evaluations for next fall.

"At this time, I'd say we'll stick basically to the same program as in the past — wing T offense and Oklahoma-type de-

Colburn said he'll be leaving the latter part of June for a summer job at a boys' camp in

"I'LL have time there to think and concentrate on football," he explained.

Colburn foresees a big football rebuilding job at St. Andrew's, which loses eight offensive starters from its 4-3 team of last fall.

'There's no doubt about the fact that we'll be in the process

of rebuilding," he said.

Married to a former Bryn Mawr College student whom he affectionaly describes as "a very avid sports fan," Colburn is the father of three children -Robert 9, Bruce 6 and Clair 2.

HE succeeds his former boss Webb Reyner. Reyner, 37, who also had served as the school's athletic director, resigned to accept the position of assistant headmaster at St. Paul's Day School in Springhill, Ala.

Colburn said veteran backfield

coach Dave Washburn will be retained in the same capacity, with Dennis Madigan, who succeeds Reyner as athletic director, being the new aide -"probably handling backs or lineback-

Junior varsity skipper Burton starred in baseball, basketball and football at St. Andrew's before going on to four years of study and varsity football at Swarthmore College.

He captained St. Andrew's 1965 football team that won the Independent Conference championship. He also was a football captain in his senior year at Swarthmore.

Burton, 23, will teach mathematics.

St. Andrew's Needs Valliant Effort to W

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MIDDLETOWN - Tackle Bruce Valliant at 5-feet-11, 175, is the giant of the St. Andrew's School line.

That should help explain the situation confronting new head coach Bob Colburn.

In addition to lacking size, the Cardinals lack experience, speed and a passer.

THIS showed up vividly in last Saturday's opener, a crushing 52-0 defeat at the hands of Episcopal Academy of Philadelphia's Interacademic League.

Still ahead are six more games, including Saturday's test at St. Paul's in Baltimore, Md.

It could be a year that the Cardinals make an ulcer patient out of Colburn, who succeeded Webb Reyner. Colburn was an end coach for 11 years under Reyner, now an assistant headmaster at a private school in Alabama.

"Before, my chief concern was in preparing the ends," winced Colburn, "Now, in addition to coaching the line, there is a lot of organization work to be handled. As head coach I can't just concentrate on one phase of the game. I have to be involved in all aspects.'

COLBURN, a graduate of Haverford College, inherited a team that lost 11 starters from last year's 4-3 club. The only bonafide starters back are guard Brian Scripture (5-feet-10, 165) and left halfback Tyrone Rice (5-11, 160). Center Jim

Govatos (6-feet, 155) started occasionally.

Rice is again in the starting backfield, joined by quarterback Joe Moss (5-10, 155), right halfback Everett McNair (6-1, 180) and fullback Phil Hoon (5-8, 145).

The starting offensive line has Mike Jones (6-1, 160) and

Dick Poole (5-10,150) at end, Valliant and Andy Worthington (5-9, 165), pushed by Coates Simons (6-feet, 170) at tackle. Scripture and Gregg Kesterson (5-11, 165) at guard and Govatos at center.

Worthington, Scripture, Kesterson, Govatos, Rice. McNair and Hoon also start on defense. Other defensive starters include ends Ian Brownlee (6-feet, 165) and John Higgins (5-10, 159), and halfback Frank Elliott (5-11, 155).

"WE'RE starting nine new people on offense this year and seven new people on defense," noted Colburn. "The kids have done everything we've asked them to do. They'll make some progress during the course of the season. They're willing to learn, willing to work.

'We look to win a few games."

Unless some sort of miracle develops, this figures to be a

long, long season for the Cardinals.
"We're not setting any particular goals to shoot at right now. We're going to take each game as it comes." said Colburn. He summed up the situation succinctly with . . . "we're sort of out-classed right now."