

# Tech Challenges TU

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Texas Tech's Red Raiders play the big one for them — Saturday night at Austin when they open the Southwest Conference football championship race against Texas.

They will learn in a hurry whether they have reached the stature necessary for conference

football competition. A team must beat Texas to know it has finally arrived.

In five years of trying Tech has had its season ruined by losing to the Longhorns. The nearest they ever have come was 17 points. Most times the margin has been frighteningly wide.

Tech looked good last week in

beating Kansas 26-7 but the Raiders have looked good before only to fall to the power of Texas. Some hint that it's as much psychology as football ability.

Anyway, the Texas-Texas Tech game, with Texas a 13 point favorite, headlines the second week of the conference campaign. In the openers last week the league came off well indeed, winning six of eight inter-sectional games.

There are only six of these games against the outside foes on the card Saturday but the league isn't expected to score as highly, percentage wise, as last week.

Arkansas clashes with Tulsa and the Razorbacks are solid two-touchdown choices.

Baylor meets Washington at Waco and the Bears, who surprised by whipping Auburn 14-8, are mild favorites. In the other four, though, the conference is expected to sink up to its armpits.

Southern Methodist, whose 7-3 victory over Miami last week was as much of an upset as Baylor's triumph, journeys to Urbana, Ill., to meet Illinois. The Methodists will find themselves seven point underdogs, although the Illini started the season last week by losing 12-10 to Oregon State.

Illinois has its 1964 backfield intact, including the great full-back Jim Grabowski.

Rice, which beat Louisiana Tech 14-0 and couldn't get much credit for it, can attain that objective Saturday if it knocks over the opponent of the week — well-rated Louisiana State.

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## SWC Sidelines

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A professional survey reveals that two million people tune into the SWC games brought to them each week by Humble, now in its 32nd year of broadcasting. This total does not include the thousands whose ears are glued to the Arkansas network each week. . . . In the past Rice has utilized a guard to share linebacking duties on a "rover" basis. This year Jess Neely is utilizing an end, normally Bert Barron to add breadth and quickness to the linebacking patrol.

In describing how Texas covered up its mistakes in the inaugural with Tulane, Mickey (Houston Post) Herskowitz observed that the Longhorns "buried their own mistakes, like a doctor." . . . Texas' David Conway hiked his string of extra-point placements to 31 as he ran Texas' game score to that figure in the shutout of Tulane.

An oil portrait of the late Don Pierce has been hung on the north wall of the Kansas Memorial stadium press box that has been named in his memory. . . . Baylor's Harlan Lane caught more passes (9) than any other SWC player ever did in a season inaugural, but he also was conspicuous with his blocking.

In selecting Texas to win the SWC championship, Jim (Fort Worth Press) Browder paid his respect to the Longhorn defense by picking three players to make the all-SWC defensive team and two other defenders for all-Sophomore recognition. Texas did not have an offensive back chosen for either team and only

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## Pro Basketball Set In Lubbock

Texas A&M students who follow their team to Lubbock for the Oct. 2 football battle with Texas Tech's Red Raiders also will have a chance to see another top sports attraction.

At 3 p.m. on that date, the St. Louis Hawks will clash with the Philadelphia 76ers in a pro basketball game at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum. The football game is slated for 7:30 p.m. at nearby Jones Stadium.

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# Ag Guard Excels In Grades, Blocks

Tom Murrah, the Texas Aggie guard from San Antonio, not only may be the lightest starting lineman in the Southwest Conference this season, he also may be the smartest.

Murrah, at 185 pounds, is small by high school standards these days. But, approaching his senior season at Aggieland, he owns two varsity letters and currently holds down a starting defensive guard post.

Murrah has a career academic grade point average of 2.77 out of a possible 3.0 for the past six semesters and has been nominated by Texas A&M for the Academic All-America football team.

The stocky San Antonio lad shrugs off both his lack of heft and his mental prowess. "I don't worry about my size," he says. "I realize I can't overpower anyone so I concentrate on quickness and being in the right position to hit people."

During the past spring semester when he was toiling through a rough spring football session, Murrah carried 21 hours and compiled 60 grade points by posting 6 A's and 1 B.

"I allotted my study time better," he explained. "I knew I had just a certain amount of time for studying and I took advantage of it. I do better when I'm busy, anyway. If I

weren't playing football I'd have time later to do it."

A top military student at Aggieland, Murrah is commanding officer of the athletic company, was sergeant last year and was outstanding military sophomore two years ago.

He faces two years of service in the Army following his graduation but plans to do graduate work in accounting and complete his military tour in 1967.

Murrah was a center-guard at San Antonio Jefferson High School seven of his teammates are foes at other Southwest Conference schools. They are Tommy Nobis, guard, at Phil Harris of Texas; George Gaiser and QB Oeffinger of SMU; tackle Cunningham of Arkansas; Jack Eisenhart of Baylor; linebacker Rick Jones of Tech.

Jefferson advanced to the quarterfinals in 1961, his senior season.

About his senior season at A&M, Murrah says, "I'm looking forward to it. I think gonna surprise a lot of people."

Willie Mays is the only player on the San Francisco roster who moved from New York with the baseball team in 1958.



**SALLEE TO START SATURDAY**  
Bill Sallee, 180-pound halfback from Midland, will start at weakside back against Georgia Tech Saturday afternoon. He and injured Jim Stabler will alternate at the position.

## Murrah Tabbed For All-Academic

DALLAS — Thirty-eight players, including Aggie guard Tom Murrah, have been nominated for the 1965 SWC All-Academic football team that will be selected at the conclusion of the season by a panel of area sportswriters.

Nomination for the team requires a B average or better on optional periods: entire college career, either of the previous two semesters or both. Nominees for 1965 include outstanding scholars who are majoring in such demanding courses as pre-medical, pre-law, mechanical engineering, business, mathematics, pre-dental and chemistry.

Among those achieving the highest marks are Center Randy Stewart of Arkansas, a mechanical engineering major who has compiled a 3.82 grade average of a possible 4.0; Tom Murrah, A&M guard majoring in accounting, who has a 2.77 of a possible 3.0; John Scovell, Tech sophomore quarterback, 3.76 of a possible 4.0 (11 A's and 4 B's as a freshman); Dan Jones, TCU defensive halfback who has a 3.6 of a 4.0 possible in pre-med work.

The nominees are:

ENDS (9) — David Anderson and Paul Becton, Baylor; Terry McWhorter, Tech; Bert Barron, Rice; Sonny Campbell and Ronald McMillon, TCU; Dave Corder and Doug January, SMU; Gilbert Coats, Tech.

TACKLES (4) — Roy Brown, Tech; Mike Moore, SMU; Larry Clore, TCU; Wayne Barginear, Tech.

GUARDS (4) — Tom Murrah, A&M; Jim Swanson, Rice; Gary Cooper, TCU; Benny Brott, Baylor.

CENTERS (3) — Jack Howe, Texas; Randy Stewart, Arkansas; Edwin Blankenship, TCU.

BACKS (15) — Jack Brasuell, Jim Lindsey and Larry Watkins, Arkansas; John Scovell, Tech; Donnie Oeffinger and Ronnie Reel, SMU; Mike Adams, Jimmy Duffey, Dan Jones, Steve Landon and John Richards, TCU; Roger Mike Marshall, Eddie Whiddon and Richard Defee, Baylor; Chuck Latourette, Rice.

LINEBACKERS (3) — E. A. Greshman and Olan Nelson, TCU; James Haney, Tech.

## Wills Stealing Way To Dodger Flag

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The Los Angeles Dodgers have a new streak going — Maury Wills.

He exploded out of a drastic base-stealing slowdown Wednesday night and ran the Dodgers a step nearer the National League lead.

Wills, who had stolen only two bases in 19 previous games this month, stole three and scored after each theft — climaxing his efforts by carrying across the winning run on Lou Johnson's 11th-inning single as the Dodgers overcame the Milwaukee Braves 7-6.

## Cougars Face Undeclared Cincinnati

HOUSTON (AP)—The University of Cincinnati, boasting a five-game winning streak, plays Houston, a team unable to score in its first two games this season, in the Astrodome Friday night.

The Cougars approached the season with considerable fanfare centered on Warren McVea, a 173-pound halfback rated by some as the best broken-field runner in Texas high school history. But the San Antonio Negro, the first of his race to play for a major Texas college, has been unable to get going.

As a result, Houston hasn't scored this season. It was beaten by Tulsa 14-0 and by Mississippi State 36-0. In fact, the Cougars haven't scored since they were beaten by Cincinnati, the Missouri Valley Conference champions, last year 20-6.

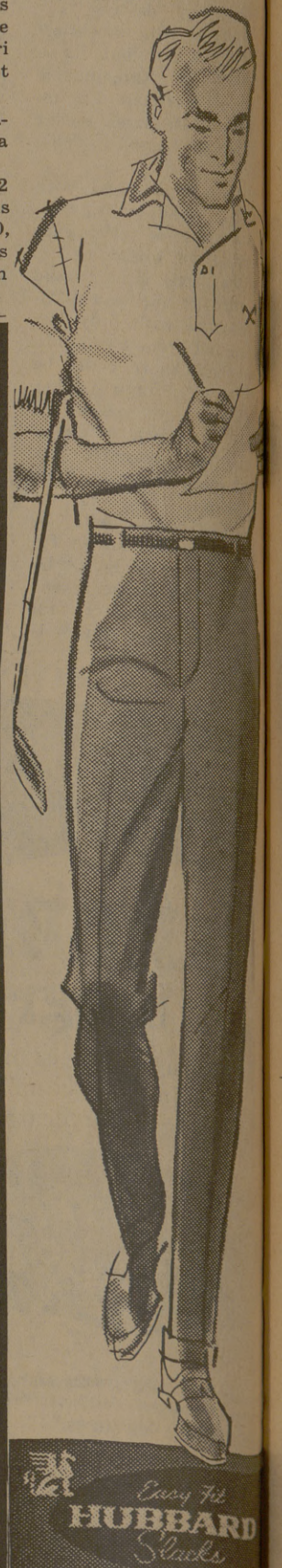
The game is the only one involving major colleges on a sparse Friday night schedule.

Cincinnati compiled an 8-2 record last year and began this season by whipping Dayton 28-0, holding the Flyers to 79 yards total offense and minus one on the ground.

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