

# The Horns bring the best

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defeat Arkansas and Notre Dame, earning their place at the top of the final 1969 polls.

Now, eight years later, the Longhorns prepare once again to get on a bus and travel to College Station. They are presently rated number one in the nation. Only A&M and Notre Dame stand between the Horns and a national championship (they have already defeated Arkansas this year).

The obvious difference between the Longhorns of 1969 and the Longhorns of 1977 will be the names of the players that get off that bus Saturday: Campbell, Jones, Ingraham, Shearer, Jackson, Erxleben and others, all led by a new coach

who is making a name for himself at Texas — Akers.

Winning is nothing new to Longhorn head coach Fred Akers. He was a member of Darrell Royal's coaching staff during the 1969 championship season. Akers returned to Texas this year from Wyoming where he led the Cowboys to a Western Athletic Conference co-championship last year.

One of Akers' first moves as Longhorn head coach was to scrap the wishbone offense. His team now runs out of the veer and the I formations, much to the delight of Texas fans who longed for the opportunity to "unleash Earl."

Earl, of course, is Texas halfback Earl Campbell. The facts on

Campbell speak for themselves. The Heisman Trophy candidate has rushed for 1,522 yards this season, a school record. He has rushed for over 100 yards in nine games this season. He has scored 15 touchdowns this year and 37 touchdowns in his collegiate career. Enough said.

While defenses are keying on Campbell, which they understandably tend to do, the Longhorn quarterbacks can give the ball to Johnny "Ham" Jones who has rushed for 439 yards and five touchdowns this season.

The Horns have two excellent pass receivers in Johnny "Lam" Jones, who has caught 19 passes for 463 yards and six touchdowns, and Alfred Jackson, who has 449 yards and two touchdowns on 16 receptions.

Texas' injury-plagued quarterback list has not seemed to deter the Horns in their quest for the championship. Randy McEachern is scheduled to start against the Aggies.

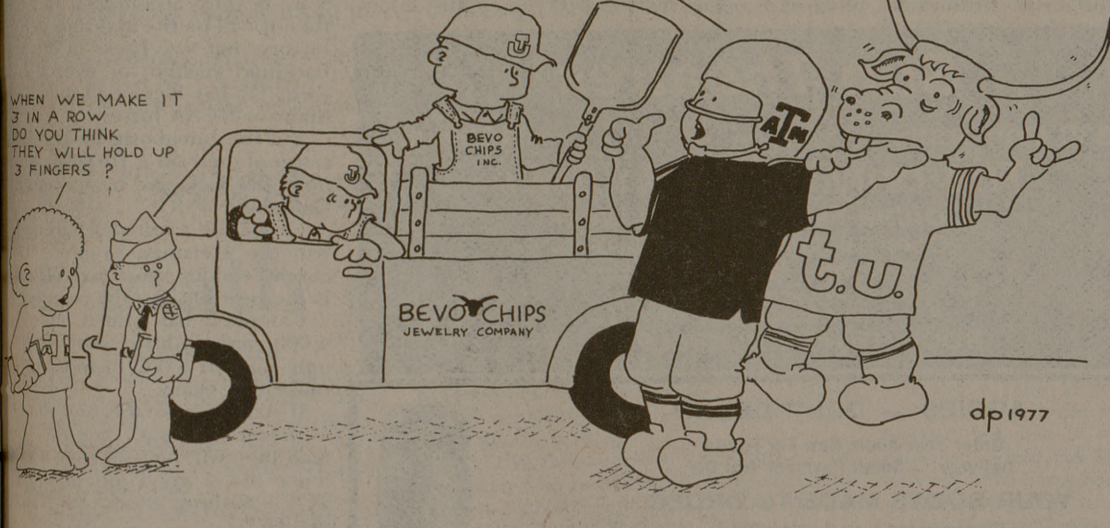
Russell Erxleben, Texas' record-holding place kicker, is a doubtful starter Saturday. He has injured a leg muscle and was on crutches last week at the Texas-Baylor game.

The Texas defense, led by the likes of Brad Shearer, Tim Campbell and Johnnie Johnson, have allowed only 8.6 points per game, with three shut-outs.

A winning Texas team is nothing new to Aggie head coach Emory Bellard, either. He was also a member of the 1969 Longhorn coaching staff. Saturday, his team has the chance to spoil Texas' unblemished record as the Aggies and the Longhorns renew their rivalry that goes back to 1894.

In late November of 1969, a chartered bus pulled into College Station, coming to a halt at Kyle Field. Inside the bus were the Texas Longhorns, the team that was to become the nation's number one football team that year. Players with names like Street, Erxleben, Worster, Speyrer and Miller filed off of that bus and into the locker room. They were led by a man with a name that has become synonymous with Longhorn football—Royal. The Texas Longhorns left Kyle Field that day 49-12 victors over their Aggie hosts, and went on to

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## Basketball coach at TCU resigns

United Press International  
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The timing of this decision was planned, said Swaim, who will be replaced by his assistant, Tim Merville, 32.

But when I reached the decision in my mind that I had lost my enthusiasm for coaching, I felt it was better that I resign before the season starts. Swaim had spent 22 years as assistant and head coach for the Horned Frogs and during his 10-year tenure as head coach, TCU had twice won the Southwest Conference championships.

But last season, with a team beset by internal problems, TCU went 13-17. They have not won a game since last Dec. 7.

A lot of little things have built up to have brought about this," said Swaim, 48.

I guess I just got tired of smell-sweaty jockey straps and hear-basketballs bounce.

Last season had something to do with this, but not as much as some might think. I thought when I got started again this year, I would get the old enthusiasm back. We've been at it a month and it's there."

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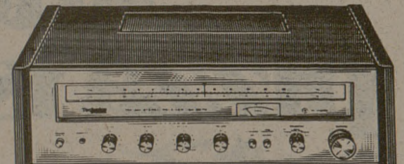
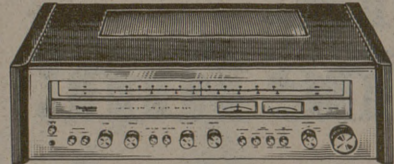
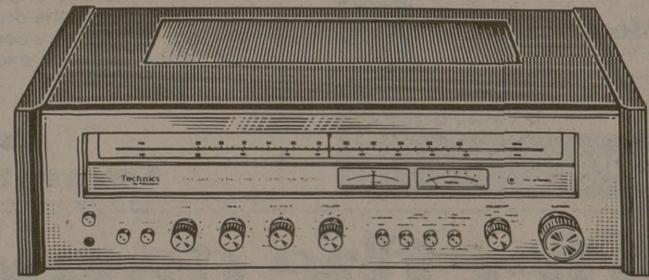
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