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Texas will still see Earl Campbell

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After six years of reading about Earl Campbell, from his days at Tyler High School through his stint at the University of Texas, the people of Texas can look forward to continued reading about the Tyler Rose.

Much to the displeasure of the Pittsburgh Steelers, the Cincinnati Bengals and Cleveland Browns, Campbell will become a Houston Oiler next Tuesday.

But the most disappointed team has to be the Los Angeles Rams. The Rams had been trying for the

past two weeks to swing a deal with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for the rights to this year's first round draft pick. And until Monday it looked like the deal would be finalized.

The Rams were prepared to offer tight end Pat Nelson, two offensive linemen and their first- and second-round draft choices this year for the rights to Campbell.

But Tampa Bay head coach John McKay examined game films this weekend and rated Houston's second-year tight end Jimmy Giles ahead of Nelson. So the bargaining turned to the Oilers.

The Oilers threw in their first-

and second-round draft choices this year and their third- and fifth-round draft choices next year, along with Giles, for the rights to Campbell and the deal was finalized.

"We needed a big, strong tight end to fit into our offense and now we've got him," said Tampa Bay's McKay. "Giles isn't a polished player, but we think he'll be the kind of tight end that will be worth a No. 1 draft pick."

"We didn't want to give up Giles because he's both a good football player and a good kid," said Oiler head coach Bum Phillips. "But this

is the trade that this club needed. We've always needed a strong power back and now we're going to get him.

"This trade is our commitment to excellence."

But the Oilers won't get the services of the Heisman Trophy winner cheap. Mike Trope, Campbell's agent, is already talking in terms of a contract well over \$1 million.

The man who everybody is talking about isn't doing much talking on the subject of money. Campbell isn't letting the dollar figures affect him.

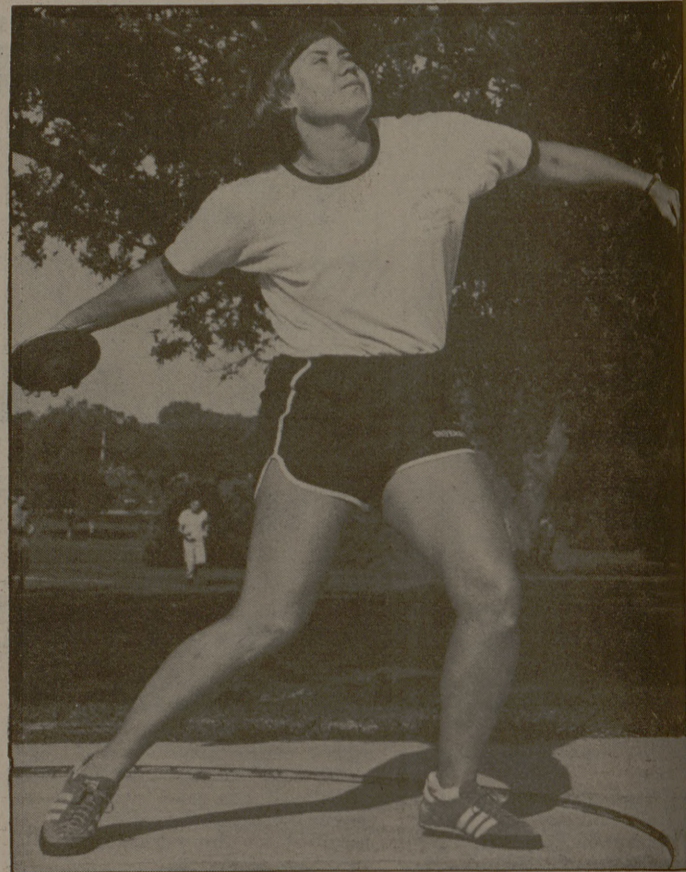
"We ain't gonna talk about money," said Campbell when asked about his possible future salary. "That's not my job. I pay for somebody to look out for that."

"I'd play for \$50. Not many people get to play close to their home for their entire career. I feel real fortunate to do so."

But even though excitement and money is swirling around Earl Campbell's head, the man hasn't lost sight of his main goal in life.

"I think everybody can tell you all I've ever really wanted to do in my life since I started playing football was someday to make it so I can build my mother a house."

"Right now, my mother is right in the middle of picking out where she wants it and how she wants it, and I'm supposed to pay for it."



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Practice makes perfect

Sandra Lyman, senior P.E. major, is one of four discus throwers for the Texas A&M women's track team. Texas A&M will host the TAIAW state track meet Friday and Saturday at Kyle Field.

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Jesus Alou realizes his con...
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minimal this season. But afte...
two-year layoff from the M...
Leagues, he already has helpe...
club in several ways.

"I am so very happy just to...
here. If they want me to pinch...
and nothing more I am othe...
happy to do it," Alou said.

He has done more than...
three hits in four at-bats and...
game-winning RBI. Alou has...
the Astros' young players, the...
relegated to pinch-hitting...
choice, to excel at that...
appreciated skill.

Said Dennis Walling, an...
rookie and the team's fifth...
"Jesus has been a big influen...
me and the other young gu...
pointed out to us the small...
like knowing where your ba...
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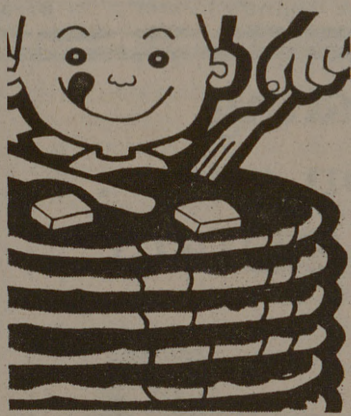
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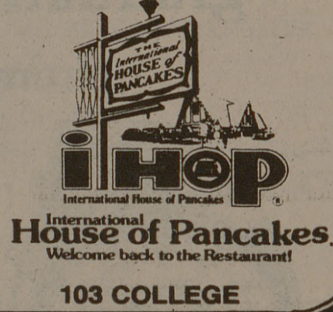
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