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Roberts, 'man upstairs' credited

Sims wins Heisman Trophy

credit for his achievement Tuesday with his roommate and "the man up-

Sims, the third Oklahoma player and sixth junior to win college football's top prize, appeared relaxed and confident before television cameras and reporters at a news conference minutes after his selection

He was wearing jeans, a white OU t-shirt, a red cap with a large B on it, an orange windbreaker and a big smile. He said the B on his cap originally was for the Boston Red Sox, but

"I never thought I was going to in," Sims said. "I thought it was

than 900 sports writers and sportscasters behind Sims and Penn State quarterback Chuck Fusina. Southern California running back Charles White, also a junior, was

Sims said this season he had hoped to win the Heisman and had hoped Oklahoma would win the national championship. But he said obtaining a degree was more important than either goal.

In response to a question, Sims

said his roommate, Outland Award Steve Owens in 1969. winner Greg Roberts, deserved a large share of the trophy.

He can have it all if he wants it, Sims quipped. "I give a lot of credit to our offensive line.

upstairs. He knows best. However, Sims said he didn't "say

his prayers" the night before the voting ended.
"Me and the man upstairs, we've got a good understanding," he said.
Sims said thoughts of the ap-

"I slept like a baby," he said. He said his first thought, upon

learning he was the winner, was, Sims said he does not believe he changed as a person during the football season that led to his selection,

and does not expect to. "But I know Hooks won't be the

same," he said. Hooks is Sims' hometown, in northeast Texas near the Oklahoma

Sims said he plans to go home to

Hooks this weekend to attend a Billy Sims Day celebration Saturday. "They were going to have it anyway," he said.

Sims was the third Oklahoma player to win the Heisman. The others were Billy Vessels in 1952 and

Sims, the nation's leading rusher and scorer with 1,762 yards and 20 touchdowns, said he had no particular goals for next year except to stay healthy, play well and try again to Sims, asked if there was anyone he win the national championship, wanted to thank, replied, "The man He said he was eager for He said he was eager for the

Oklahoma its only los knocked the Sooners fi 1 ranking.

"I love it," he said. "In play tomorrow.

SWC enters find Sims said thoughts of the approaching selection did not cost him football weekens

The strange 1978 Southwest Con-

ference football season has only three games left and it would appear the Houston Cougars are going to win their first undisputed league championship and go to the Cotton Bowl for the second time in three

But it hasn't happened yet. And until it does, it cannot be taken for

If nothing else, this season has demonstrated again and again that the odd is the normal.

So before the final games are played, a review of some of the season's happenings might be in order.

Baylor's Bears, expecting their best team in years, lose their first five games by a total of 22 points, leading in all of them.

—Arkansas, a popular pre-season pick to win it all, struggles against Oklahoma State and Tulsa before losing two in a row.

—Houston is pegged by more than one SWC coach to win the title, but the Cougars lose on opening night to Memphis State, 17-3.

—SMU was thought to be improved, but no one gave the Mustangs a chance against either Penn

State or Ohio State. The Mustangs almost beat the Nittany Lions and tied the Buckeyes.

—Texas Tech, thought to be in turmoil following the resignation of Steve Sloan, scares USC on the

opening weekend and after losing the Astrodome three of four the Red Raiders be come the terror of the league behind SWC leading rusher James Hadnot.

— Arkansas officials and Coach

Lou Holtz carry on a running verbal battle with the SWC heirarchy and Holtz goes so far as to ban game officials from their normal dressing facility in Fayetteville before a game with

-And in College Station, after losing two straight games, Emory Bellard, father of the wishbone, quits as coach and says he did so because he felt he was on the verge of Rice game. It was my fa being fired.

Finally, however, things settled mental frame of mind.

wins, moved to No. 5in rankings and seemed the Cotton Bowl trip

But that's when the set in again. Houston lost to Te Saturday, 22-21, Texas by Baylor, 38-14, TCU beating Texas A&M and week with the Red Rai

ing to hopes for a shar and its first trip ever Bowl as representat defense 'We can't think ab us." Pla Tech Coach Rex Dod done a masterful job team to its current 7-3 eve Bayu

straight triumphs. "All we can do is pla The final weekend season begins Frida 10 Texas Longhorns, and embarassed las Baylor, 38-14, hosting A&M Aggies, who had TCU, 15-7. Alabam

That game will be t tionally and if Texas w So. Cal Oklaho Michiga wind up in a tie for the S

Then, on Saturda travel to Arkansas, whi Georgia Notre I behind to defeat SMU la 27-14, and which also h Arkansa tie for the crown, for an Houston contest. And on Saturd the final game of the SW2 Marylan Houston will host the Ric D. Pittsbur Purdue UCLA (

The only thing that Houston out of the Cot would be for the Cougan the Rice Owls and for I Arkansas. In that case To

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"We had better ge Rice," said Houston Yeoman after his team by Tech's James Had last Saturday. "We wi ference champions we can get it. The ki go into the Tech gam

Holtz and Dick to switch jobs?

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Arkan-sas coach Lou Holtz says he is not cent sure isn't enough concerned about the coaching situation at Florida because Saturday's game against Texas Tech is taking up bizarre switch of he

enough of his time. "We've got a big game up here," Holtz said Monday. "If we win, we can have the second highest number of wins in two years in the school's Broyles the possiblit history. I'm at Arkansas, re-Arkansas in the event history. I'm at Arkansas, remember?"

Rumors have been circulating for weeks that Holtz would replace Doug Dickey as head coach at Florida and Holtz has not denied flatly the possibility he would go.
Orville Henry, sports editor of the

Arkansas Gazette, said in his column today that his "feeling for a long time

An anonymous

Dickey told the Mian ween Arkansas and Flo ble, the Gazette repo that Dickey had di kansas Athletic Di Florida job. Dickey an assistant coach to

Holtz is 8-2 at Arkan and 19-3 in his two y Razorbacks. His first Orange Bowl and this which has one gam Saturday against Te headed to the Fiesta



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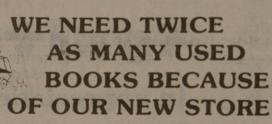
Leach, the Michigan quarterback, finished third in the voting of more



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