

viewpoint

By Mark Patterson

'Woo' has returned but time's almost up

and, living on a diet of boiled shrimp and diet soda, shed his pounds. When he reported for practice at the end of the summer he had met Wilson's challenge; he weighed an unrecognizable 248. He was given his old No. 33.

But expected problems set in. After the long period of inactivity, Woodard's knee swelled and became sore after each practice. On Monday he would be fine but by Friday he would be too sore to run.

Last week Woodard made it through a week of practice sessions without pain. Wilson felt Woodard was ready, both physically and mentally, to play against Houston.

"There's no one who's more tickled to see him back than I am," Wilson said Wednesday. "It's been amazing to see how far he's come back since his injury."

Against Houston last week, it was obvious that he isn't what he was before his injury. His timing and quickness isn't what it used to be. But it's been a long time since he's been in a football game and he's a little rusty.

It remains to be seen if Woodard can capture the attention and command the respect he drew in his first three seasons as an Aggie. His chances to prove himself are numbered. In 12 rushing attempts this

season he's gained 43 yards. Five games remain in his college career.

"Right now, there are people that are more deserving to play the position," Wilson said. "David Hill (a sophomore) has performed well for us this season. And we're very excited about Ronnie James. He's only a freshman and he hasn't gotten in a game at fullback for us."

"That's the problem that we're facing. We have a lot of people to play the position and we haven't been able to give everyone enough playing time."

During his college career Woodard has gained 2,907 yards, second on A&M's all-time rushing list. But the clock is running. The big fullback is running out of time.

"There's a place in my heart for someone who's done what George has done, to sacrifice like he's sacrificed," Wilson said. "But half of our season is over. We're going to have to start seeing some results and start making some decisions."

Woodard made the decision to play college football after his injury. He made the sacrifice. Now it's up to him to prove the decision he made was the right one and all the pain was worth it. All he needs is the chance.

Pirates win World Series

The Pittsburgh Pirates, led by Willie "Pops" Stargell's two-run home run, became the 1979 World Series champions defeating the Baltimore Orioles, 4-1 in the seventh game in Baltimore.

It was a storybook finish for the Pirates as Stargell, the team's elder statesman and leader, was named the Most Valuable Player of the Series after hitting three home runs in the Series and knocking in and scoring the winning run in the final game. Jim Bibby got the win for the Pirates and Kent Tekulve got the save.

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When No. 33 for Texas A&M ran to the field last Saturday, early in the first quarter against Houston, I almost broke that rule. I wanted to stand up and join the other 59,000 people at Kyle Field in welcoming George Woodard back to football at Texas A&M. I couldn't. I just smiled. It wasn't his first appearance of the year at fullback for the Aggies, having carried the ball six times against the Redskins in the second game of the season. But this was his first game in the front of the home folks, in his stadium. It was his chance to show the non-believers that he had made the trip back.

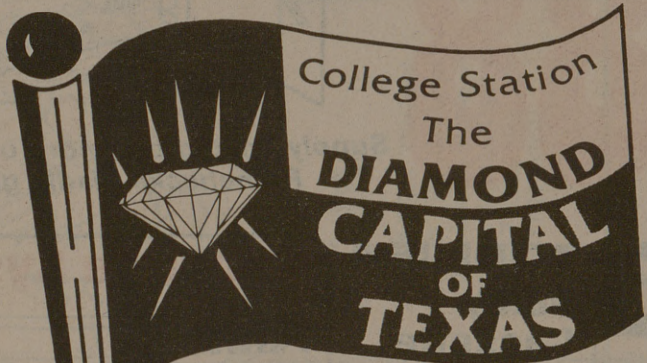
On his second carry in the Houston game, Woodard broke up the middle into the open field and rambled 18 yards before Cougar safety Elvis Bradley tackled him by cutting his legs out from under him.

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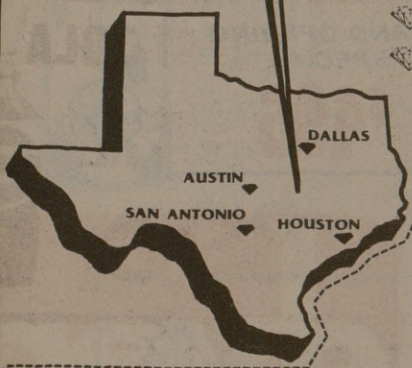
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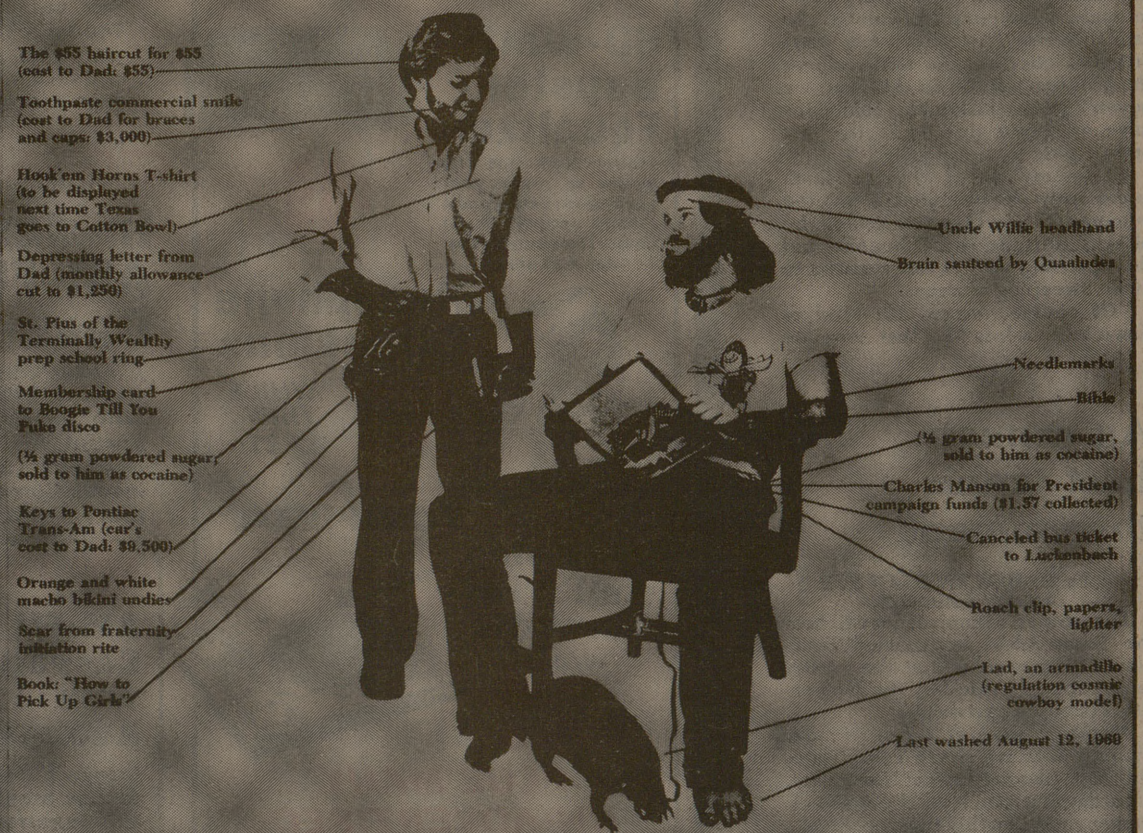
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