at Oilers Luck-y in draft

Quarterback, top lineman selected by Houston

HOUSTON — Houston Oilers officials uted quarterback Oliver Luck of West rginia as having "a lot of Roger Staubach aracteristics," but they denied that his cond-round selection in the NEL dec. ond-round selection in the NFL draft pardized veteran Kenny Stabler's future

Houston took Penn State guard Mike nichak in Tuesday's opening round and en traded backup tight end Mike Barber Los Angeles to obtain Luck as its second

Oiler officials said both players are excted to make contributions to the team xt season, with Munchak bolstering a ittering offense and Luck replacing Stab-

, 36, as the backup quarterback.

Head coach Ed Biles denied that Luck's ction eliminated Stabler from the pic-

"From our standpoint, it's very good to ve Stabler around to work with young arterbacks," said Biles, who last week exsed disappointment that Stabler was not orking out at the Oilers training field this

was not going to pursue his education until after he had completed a career in football. "He's a quality person and very intelli-

Munchak was the eighth player taken in the draft and the Oilers added three more offensive players by selecting Michigan full-back Stan Edwards (5-11, 210) in the third round, Purdue wide receiver Steve Bryant (6-2, 185) in the fourth and Hawaii running bank Gary Allen (5-10, 175) in the sixth. Houston also drafted North Carolina

State linebacker Robert Abraham (6-0, 222) with an additional third-round selection and Tennessee State defensive end Malcolm Taylor (6-6, 250) in the fifth round.

In the Barber trade deal, the Oilers obtained Rams tight end Lewis Gilbert, a second-round draft choice and a third-round selection, while giving up a third-round and an eighth-round choice and With Munchak, the Oilers obtained the rights to a 6-3, 265-pound player who decided to pass up his final season at Penn

Biles said he had debated whether to draft Munchak or his offensive line mate,

"We felt Farrell had better forward move-ment, but Munchak had better balance, bet-ter pulling ability and better change of dire-ction," Biles said.

The Oilers had hoped to draft Ohio State quarterback Art Schlichter in the first round and use him to replace Stabler as a backup to Gifford Nielsen. A trade in the first minutes of the draft, sending Baltimore Colts quarterback Bert Jones to the Los Angeles Rams for the Rams'

first-round choice, undermined the Oilers' bid for Schlichter. The Colts used that selection to pick Schlichter. To take Munchak, the Oilers passed up running backs Marcus Allen—the Heisman Trophy winner from USC — and Baylor's

Walter Abercrombie. Munchak said he had an inkling the Oilers might draft him.

tank menamara

AS HIS AGENT, I'D HAVE THE SAME CARING, CONCERNED INTEREST IN JEROME THAT YOU HAD AS HIS COLLEGE COACH.







by Jeff Millar & Bill Hinds

Sims hopes for perfect fit into Patriots' system

United Press International NEW YORK — Texas All-America Kenneth Sims was formally welcomed into the New England family Tuesday and Patriots' owner Bill Sullivan confided that he had spurned a \$2.5 million offer for the 6-foot-6,

265-pound defensive tackle.
"It's a great way to end my college football career," said Sims after being the first pick in the NFL draft. "From now on I don't have to give a politician's answer when people ask me what team I'm going to be play-

Trophy as the outstanding col- 2-14 season. lege lineman, will be shifted to

speed and quickness there," said Sims, who suffered a fractured fibula in his senior season but passed the Patriots' extensive

physical examination. Sullivan conferred with new coach Ron Meyer immediately after Meyer's appointment Jan. 15 to determine what direction Sims, who won the Lombardi the Patriots would turn after a

ment and looks forward to the new challenge.

"I'm glad to be getting an oportunity to play on the outside—hopefully I can utility to the challenge of trading it?"

(weyer) asked me was how did I feel about our first round choice?" recalled Sullivan. "He asked, 'Have you thought of trading it?" (Meyer) asked me was how did I

"Then he said Ken Sims is the kind of a guy who can make things happen. He put Ken in the same category as an Earl Campbell.

"Washington owner Jack Kent Cook called me after the season about the first pick and said, 'I'd like to talk big dollars.'

Ruhle, Sambito combine for shutout to give Astros second victory in row

ST. LOUIS — The Houston stros seem to have found a way beat the St. Louis Cardinals. They just wish they could apply it to the rest of the National

4 in the League.
"There's no way to explain it" said Astros' catcher Alan Ashby. "It's just the last few days we've finally gotten the kind of pitching that we expect."

For the second straight game, Houston pitchers silenced the St. Louis bats Tuesday night as Vern Ruhle and Joe Sambito combined on a five-hit, 3-0

The victories give the Astros four wins in five games this sea-son against the Cardinals. Against the rest of the National League, Houston is 4-11. Ruhle, who limited the Car-

dinals to four hits over 71/3 innings in winning his first game of the year after two losses, said the secret was getting the ball over the plate and not falling be-

"They've got a great lineup,"

Sebring designers —

Unescorted Ladies

Tap Beer Bar Drinks

or

nd Miller

CARBO

IAS

ES IRD

ounty

_aw

ial law our vo tonight. You know you have to

make good pitches."

Sambito picked up his fourth save by relieving Ruhle in the eighth and holding the Cardinals to one hit in the final 1% innings. He struck out the side in the ninth

"The team is starting to pull together," Ruhle said. "Our pitching has to carry us like it has

in the past."

The Cardinals — who have lost three straight - have scored only four runs in 39 innings against Astro pitching.

Steve Mura scattered six hits and two runs over eight innings. Houston scored on an RBI single by Ray Knight in the first, doubles by Ashby and Phil Gar-ner in the seventh and a solo homer by Jose Cruz in the ninth.

Sambito said it was about time the Houston pitchers started

SEBRING ...

For the cut that falls into place naturally.

full salon service for men and women by certified

846-2924 Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon.-Sat. Next to the Ramada Inn, C.S.

Graham Central

Station

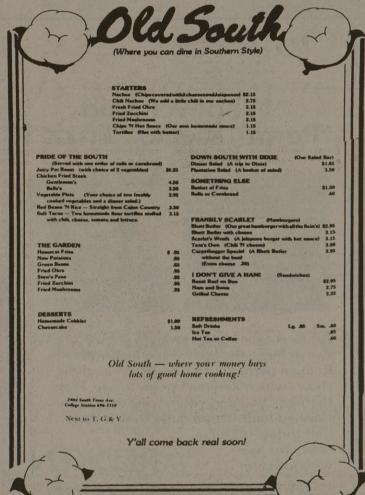
WEDNESDAY

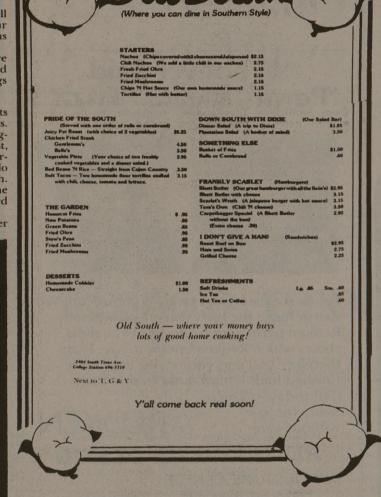
1600B South College Ave. 2.6 Miles North of Texas A&M

performing.
"We all knew we were better

Ruhle said, "especially when than what we showed in the first season. they put eight left-handed batters in there like they did two days have showed what we should the first season. can do and what we will do game and we'll win most of more times than not during the them."

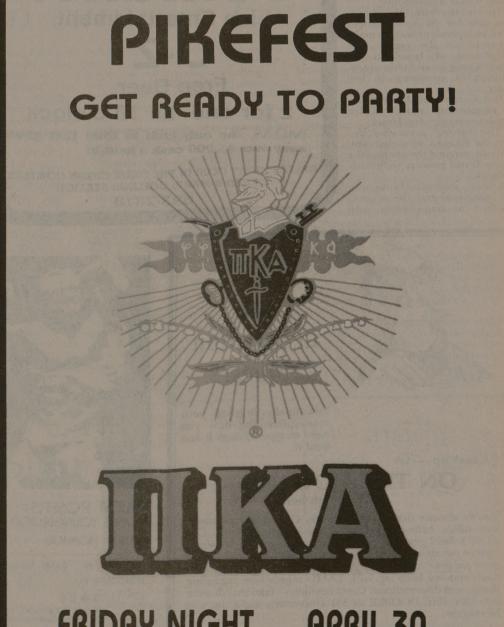
two weeks," he said. "The last two days have showed what we should need three or four runs a











FRIDAY NIGHT — APRIL 30