



Governor Mark White flashes the "Hook 'Em Horns" sign after the Texas Longhorns defeated the Oklahoma Sooners Saturday, 28-16.

A classic?

Texas-Oklahoma not all it's cracked up to be

by **Donn Friedman**
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DALLAS — There's Army-Navy. That's rivalry. And then there's Oklahoma versus Texas, that's pageantry and fanfare: Bevo in the Galleria, the opening of the Texas State Fair, a classic football match-up.

When the state fair opens each year, Dallas changes from a sophisticated gray pin-striped city to a city of orange and red confusion.

Normally sedate gentlemen — graduates of THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS or THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA — who work for IBM, or TRW, or Jaworski, Jaworski and Jaworski Inc., try to return to their lost college days, wearing clothes so outrageous they would never have worn them in college and supporting their teams with a fervor that has been unmatched by any society west of Sparta.

The weekend formally begins Friday night as fans of both

schools cruise the streets of downtown Dallas in what is billed as the Oklahoma-Texas pep rally.

Groups of intoxicated Texas fans parade up and down the street in search of Okies, while groups of intoxicated Oklahoma fans parade up and down the street in search of Longhorns.

But both partisans participants are so intoxicated that most of the time they can't distinguish friend from foe. Periods of silence are broken with random cat calls of "OU sucks" or "beat the hell outta Texas." Most of the time the groups seem quite sedate. Only when the camera crews appear and the film begins to roll did the fans become animated.

Game day morning began with a parade through downtown Dallas and then the dreaded trek to the Cotton Bowl.

Along the highways leading

to the general area of the Cotton Bowl, the Texas Highway Patrol erected signs which said, "Follow these signs to state fair grounds and Cotton Bowl." As soon as you were within striking distance of the game, however, the road split in three directions. And the signs disappeared.

After traveling the junket from North Dallas Loop to the area South of the city you finally reach the destination — Fair Park.

Black children line the streets hailing game-goers to park here or there for a four-dollar charge. A Dallas city ordinance requires private parking lots to charge three dollars or less.

No matter. You still hear cries of "Yawanna park?," and the front yards of tenements — converted into parking lots — charge a four dollar parking charge.

And then there's the journey to the gates of the state fair where the gate-keepers tear your ticket, leaving you with a

stub. Through the midway into the Cotton Bowl — game is about to begin.

Both teams shoot off guns and again and again fans made a lot of noise first half, but after UT away to a 21-10 lead the became hushed as if to leave the game to try to Midway rides which loomed the background.

The game ended. Texas won, 28-16. The governor the two states exchanged pleasantries, and trophies Governor of Oklahoma Texas Band in their fight — this year's payment of annual wagers made between governors on the outcome of this game.

The people dressed in joked and smiled and waved Midway.

The people dressed in frowned, and drove home in anger under their breath: vengeance: Dallas 1984.

Softball team finishes third

by **Bob Caster**
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The Texas A&M women's softball team closed their fall season with a third place finish in the All College Classic Saturday in Oklahoma City.

The Aggies finished the tournament with a 3-3 record, beating Oklahoma City, Oklahoma University and Creighton and losing to Oklahoma State, Kansas and Louisiana Tech.

It would seem that with a 13-5

overall record the defending NCAA champions may have lost some of their zip. Not so, according to coach Bob Brock.

"I think the fall season was very exciting," Brock said. "Our record doesn't mean that much to me. We were able to play everyone on the bench — including the walk-ons."

One reason Brock may seem unconcerned with the team's record this fall is because the season is considered a scrimmage

season. He said it gives his new players the opportunity to get some action and also lets him get a good look at some returning players in different positions.

"I was able to work some of the kids at a lot of alternate positions this fall," Brock said.

One position that received a great deal of attention was the pitching slots vacated by Lori Stoll and Shan McDonald last spring. The absence of two key players from last year's team doesn't seem to bother Brock, however.

"I feel real good about our pitching combination this year," he said, referring to freshman Shawn Andaya and Yvette Lopez, a junior college transfer. "As far as pitchers go, I think we'll have the best one-two punch around in the spring. There won't be many teams with a pitching combination as good as ours."

Brock is not quick to predict

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another championship in the spring but says that it is a matter of the question at all. "It is very encouraging to see the team in this direction," he said. "Teams will want to play the best against us but we have the ability to be as strong or stronger than ever this year. I think bench strength over the last few years is the reason we're here. I don't refer to substitutes — they are players."

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