MISTAKES COST V.P.I. BIG LEAP FORWARD
College football defenses and offenses are designed to be perfect, but they never are... Errors of omission and commission haunt coaches just as walks are the bane of a baseball manager’s life, which is just another way of saying Virginia Tech’s football program might have moved ahead one year except for last-quarter lapses against Houston...

Most upsetting in the resultant 27-27 deadlock that should have been a victory by at least one touchdown is that, while Houston’s errors largely could be traced to 13 sophomores, the critical Tech misplays were chargeable to seasoned grid- ders... Especially vulnerable were the secondary defenders against split screen aerials...

It’s not too late for the Gobblers’ hopes to be made highly buoyant again... maybe something like a 7-3-1 season, but that means the Oklahoma State team which buffalooed high-ranked Colorado would have to be upset this weekend... It could be done with another super aerial show by Don Strock, but who ever heard of 527-yard performances back to back?....

TECH’S OVERALL PLANT HIGH-RATED
If Virginia Tech fandom finds last Saturday’s tie is no more exhilarating than “kissing your sister,” as the old saying goes, some fringe benefits derived... Houston’s modest press-radio entourage rated Tech’s location in Blacksburg as “refreshing” and eye-appealing, and raved about the athletic and press facilities...

The Cougars of Coach Bill Yeoman, by the way, are one of college football history’s most striking examples of the tough road which faces an institution making the transition from an independent (Southwest) conference status... Scheduling not only is tough, but Houston isn’t eligible for an SWC championship until 1976!...

Still, the progress of Yeoman and the Cougars continues apace... Besides the 13 sophs exposed to rigorous battle-testing this year and having a record which easily could have been 4-0 instead of 1-2-1, Yeoman gets back next season quarterback D. C. Nobles, who picked Tech air defenses apart in the stretch, and has the son of Oklahoma Coach Chuck Fairbanks waiting in the wings...