Gobblers Face
Sixth Setback

Virginia Tech, still hunting for its first win of the season, will take on the nationally-ranked Houston Cougars tonight at the Astrodome, and it probably won't be a lot of fun for the Gobblers.

Houston, 4-0 and fourth in the nation in total offense, features the well-known Veer option offense. Tech is 0-5, mainly because of a porous defense which has given up more than 2,000 yards.

Houston, averaging 356 yards a game rushing, is led by fullback Leonard Parker, who boosted his team-high rushing yardage to 445 with 136 yards last week against San Diego State.

Reggie Cherry and Marshall Johnson also gained more than 100 yards each against San Diego, although the Cougars ranked 14th and 13th in the polls, barely managed a 14-9 win.

The Gobblers will counter with sophomore Phil Rogers and senior James Barber (498 and 396 yards, respectively), plus sophomore wide receiver and return specialist Billy Harris, the team's leading touchdown maker four.

Offense, generally, has not been the Tech problem this season. It has been on defense that the Gobblers have been suffering. Against South Carolina last week, for instance, almost 500 yards were yielded to the Gamecocks' version of the veer.