admits it is embarrassing. He has vowed if it is the last thing he ever does, to do something about it.

Obviously, the situation has depressed part of the point of whether the defensive coaches are good coaches. Who knows, except Colley? The point is, however, that Tech's defense hasn't stopped anybody. There must be some changes made.

It is difficult to explain why, in three years, Tech has not built a sound defense. Instead of getting better, it has gotten worse. The best explanation is that the coaches convinced themselves this was the year and when it didn't happen early, they began doing things they hadn't planned. They made changes in the defensive style, hoping to come up with something which would work and instead of making it better, they made it worse. They coached caution into the defense. Players were afraid of making a mistake, therefore they made twice as many. It became obvious early that (as Jere Chilson used to say) nobody was "getting after the football." But, for a single game, it is over now. The burning question in: what happens now?

"After the season," Colley says, "we'll take everyone off the defensive board. There won't be any starters, there won't be any reserves. We're going to find some people who can play defense. I don't care what it takes, we're going to find them."

Colley is still sold on his program. "If I want it," he says. "I'd get out. And if Tech isn't sold on me, I would expect to get fired. I know I have problems. And I know I have to solve them. The entire thing rests on my shoulders. I either get it done, or I don't."

Although the record is miserable, Colley still feels he can sell players, especially defensive players, on his program. "They have to know they have a great opportunity to play," he says. "I tell you this, they don't have anybody in front of them. It's wide open. The first thing you do is fill the weaknesses in your defense. We have plenty of them to fill."

It sounds good, but, there is still the stopwatch. There are many, many problems to be solved. And the time-limit for solving them is fast expiring.