Humphreys Didn't Believe

"I heard the stories about the scouts and Wayne's arm," remarked Humphreys after Saturday's game with Western Carolina was rained out. "I heard about it but I don't believe it. What they might have seen was a slow release and that was true but Wayne has been improving. The kid has played a lot of baseball but he never had the good competition and he never had to release the ball quickly. He is now.

"He's not a complete catcher yet and he has a long way to go but he's improving. I'd take him over any catcher we faced this year and we've seen some good ones."

Started With Hot Bat

Shelton started the season with a hot bat, hitting over .400 for the first several weeks before starting to tail off. "Wayne went into a hitting slump and it affected the rest of his game," explained Humphreys. "That's not unusual but he pulled himself out of the slump and he's been finishing strong."

Going into the final game, Shelton was hitting .308 with 10 doubles, one triple and six home runs. His most recent home run came in the Howard University game and broke a window in the gym, about fifty feet beyond the left field fence.

Techmen Busy

Tech took a 26-10 record into the final game, needing a victory to equal the all-time record at the school, a 27-7 record in 1969. The Gobblers also played the busiest schedule in history, with 14 games rained out and not rescheduled.

Despite the impressive record, coming back from a 13-13 mark in Humphreys’ first year, Tech was not considered for an NCAA postseason berth.

Tech had the misfortune of playing in the same region with four independents that ranked among the top ten in the nation, including No. 1 Florida State, No. 4 South Carolina, No. 7 Miami and No. 9 South Alabama, all with better than 50 wins.

Look But Don't Touch

But Humphreys has a young team and the 19-year-old Shelton could have the scouts taking a second look before he's finished at Tech. "They can look," added Humphreys, "but they can't talk to him until he's 21."