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**Owls Entertain TCU Tonight**

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Southwest Conference basketball play moves into its last hectic week of play with Rice fighting to rise out of the cellar.

Rice makes its all-or-nothing bid against fellow basement competitor TCU Friday night in the Rice Gym.

TCU, which leads Rice by a game with three to play, defeated the Owls soundly in Fort Worth but Rice has improved greatly since that contest. With Mike Maroney beginning to reach the scoring potential expected of him, the Owls have given SMU a pair of scares and toppled Baylor since the TCU clash.

Roland Burris, who came off the bench to hit eight field goals in the second half against Arkansas, could give the Owls better scoring punch. The mainstay of the Owl attack, and at times the entire Owl attack, is still David “Butch” Craig who is averaging better than seventeen points per game for his season’s work.

After the TCU clash, Rice takes on perhaps the most unwelcome assignment in the Southwest Conference — playing Texas in Austin. The powerful Longhorns, virtually unbeatable in Gregory Gym, have beaten down all challengers to hold a commanding position in the conference race. Although the Steers are tied with SMU, they stopped the Ponies twice, giving the Longhorns the right to advance to the NCAA playoffs in case of a tie.

**Finale With Tech**

Thursday night the Owls return home to end their season against Texas-Tech, the same club which sent the Owls down to defeat in the first conference game in January. Losing 71-64 to the Red Raiders in Lubbock, the Owls will have the home court advantage aiding them in their attempt to end a miserable season on a happy note.