TEXAS TECH AGAIN VICTOR IN COLLEGIATE SOIL JUDGING

The traveling triassic trophy, symbolic of national supremacy in collegiate soil judging, has returned to the high plains of Texas for the third time in a decade. It was brought there for a year's repose in late April from the Eastern Shore of Maryland by a team of agronomy students representing Texas Techological University at Lubbock.

Maintaining a reputation of strong contention by Lone Star university teams, the Red Raiders had the second, third and seventh high individuals in the thirteenth annual National Collegiate Soil Judging Contest, held April 26 and 27 in the Kent-Queen Annes County area on Maryland's upper Eastern Shore.

Host school was the University of Maryland at College Park, defending national champion in collegiate soil judging, which was not eligible to compete this year. Texas Tech was runner-up to Maryland in last year's contest, hosted by Virginia Polytechnic Institute of Blacksburg, Virginia.

Penn State squeezed into the runner-up slot this year on the basis of a strong first-place finish in individual standings by Jeff Risser, an agronomy sophomore from Leola, Pa. (Lancaster County).

The University of Tennessee captured the third-place trophy in team competition, and team member Steve Ottinger, an agronomy junior from Greenville, Tenn., placed fourth in individual competition.

The University of Wisconsin at Platteville and Ohio State, respectively, rounded out the top five among 15 competing teams from across the U. S.

Ten other colleges and universities also participated, making this year's National Collegiate Soil Judging Contest the largest ever. All of the partic-