

Darrell G. Lester

Class of 1932

Lester was the first Southwest Conference football player to be chosen All-American for two consecutive years. While playing for the Horned Frogs, Lester served as team's captain in 1935; was a unanimous selection for All Southwest Conference Football Team, received the Dan D., Rodgers Trophy for Most Valuable Player of the Year; and inducted into the Helms Football Hall of Fame. Lester was also elected to four other Hall of Fame – JHS, TCU Lettermen's, Texas Sports, and National Collegiate Football Foundation. He is the only Southwest Conference player accorded the honor of being selected Captain by his All-American peers on the All-America Board of Football. Lester also, the first two times Consensus All-American from the Southwest Conference.

In 1942, Lester joined the Army-Air corps and was the Director of Physical Training at Newport, Arkansas Army Corps Base. He was player/coach for Eastern Flying Training Command.

While attending the Air Corps Officer Candidate School, he made a motion picture with Clark Gable and Robert Preston, which was about the Candidate School. Lester was discharged from the Air Corps with the rank of Captain.