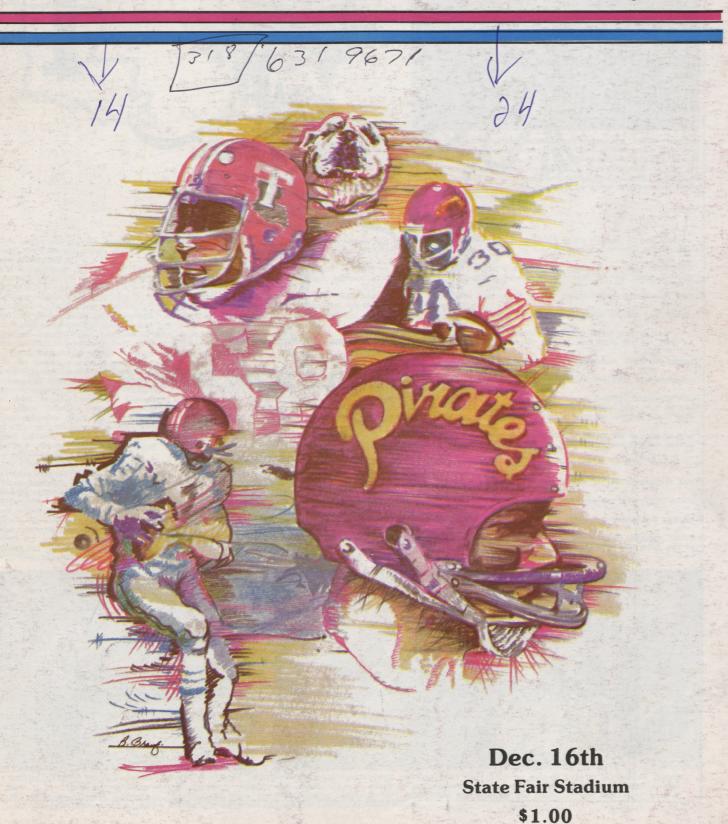
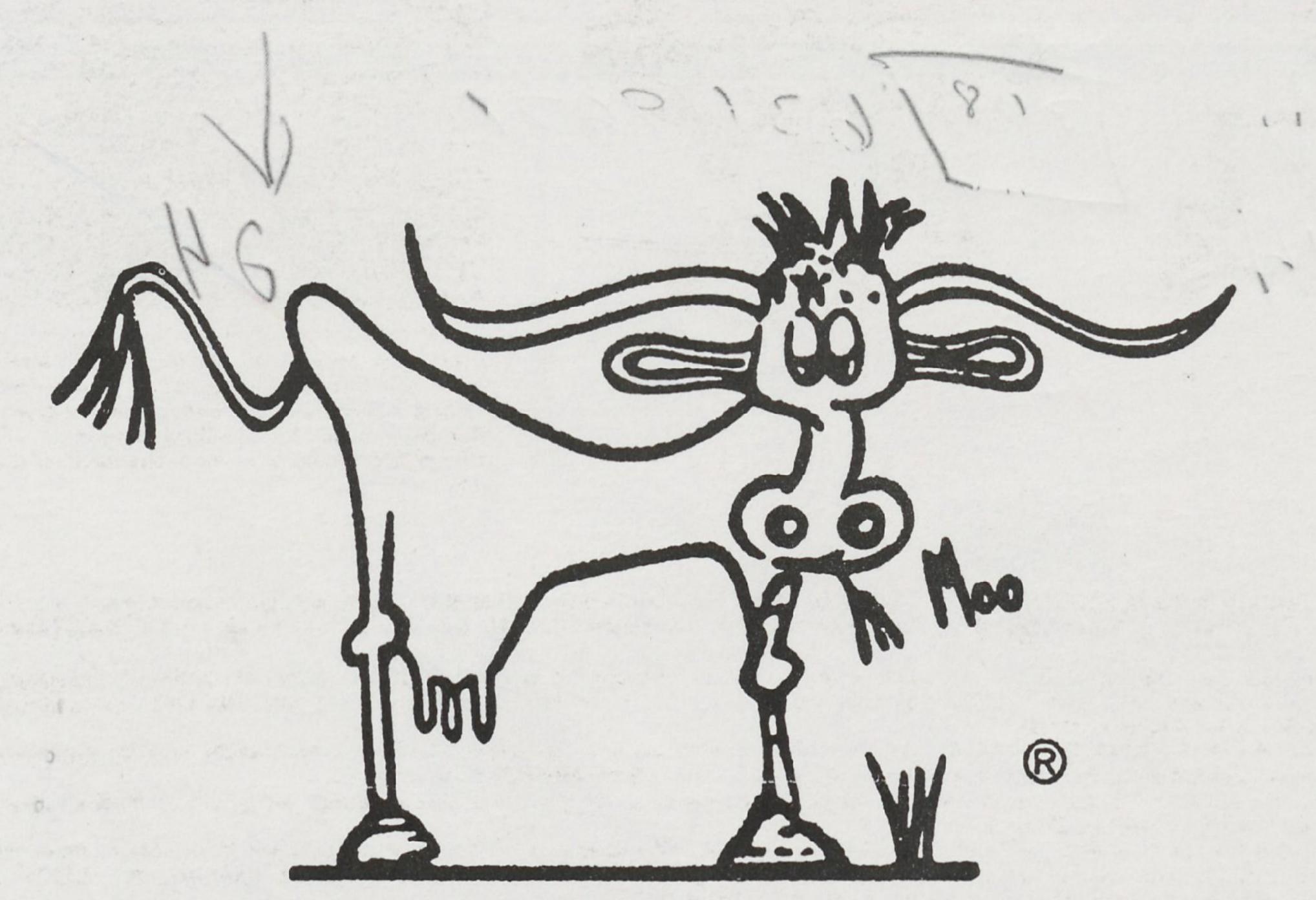
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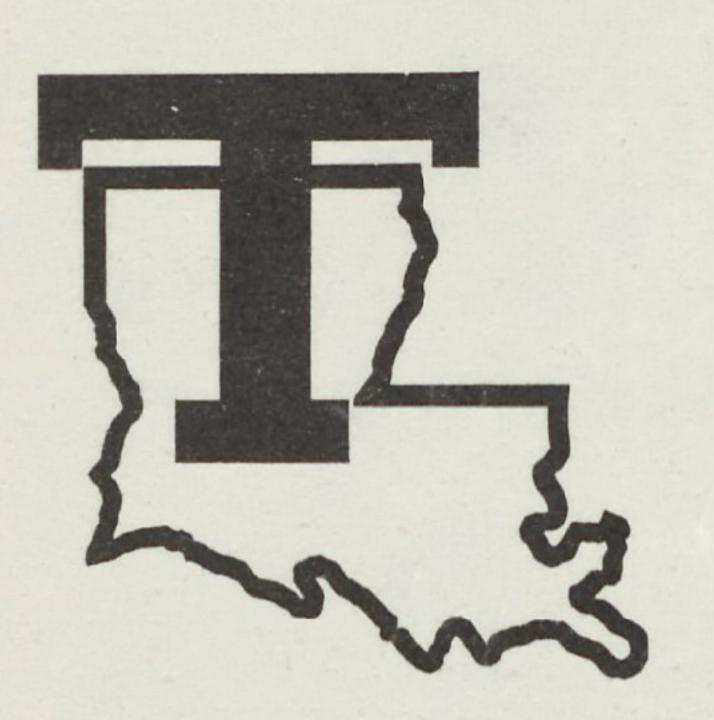
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THREE STRAIGHT-----Only country-western superstar Charley Pride has made more trips to the Independence Bowl in Shreveport than Louisiana Tech University. Pride, one of country-western music's most accomplished singers and performers, is back this afternoon to sing our National Anthem for the third consecutive time, making him one of only a few people who have attended all three Independence Bowls in an official game capacity.

Ten games and a sixth Southland Conference championship after Louisiana Tech University manhandled the University of Louisville in the Second Annual Independence Bowl last December, the Bulldogs have returned to Shreveport to face the potent East Carolina University Pirates in the 1978 edition of this NCAA post-season bowl game.

The Bulldogs ran and passed their way to a sixth SLC championship in eight seasons as a member of the league in earning the repeat trip to this afternoon's Independence Bowl, but the road was by no means an easy one, and Tech suffered a few key injuries along the way that must heal for the 'Dogs to keep alive the SLC's unbeaten tradition in this December classic.

Arkansas State University shared the 1978 Southland Conference crown with Tech but, by virtue of a 24-10 hard-fought win in head-to-head confrontation with the Indians of ASU, Tech earned a bowl bid with a 4-1 conference mark and a 6-4 season slate. A-State also finished 4-1 in the SLC.

In their final season game, however, the Bulldogs suffered a rash of injuries that, coupled with those already being prominently displayed on the LTU bench, could have a deciding effect on Tech's play here this afternoon.

Tailback George Yates, offensive linemen Rodney Jones and James Stephens, all starters, and backup tailback Bryan Leviston all went down with injuries in a season-ending 18-0 loss by Tech to rival Northeast Louisiana and, with starting quarterback Keith Thibodeaux having been on and off the injury list for most of the season, the Bulldogs could face a real challange offensively against the tough ECU defense.

On the defensive side of the field, however the 'Dogs are still one of the SLC's and the nations stinglest clubs, having recorded a tremendous 123 traps behind the line of scrimmage in 1978 for a minus 705 yards to the opposition.

Noseguard Ardis McCan, who with Arkansas State's Wesley Williams has been named the Southland Conference's Co-Defensive Player of the Year, has been the season-long leader of that charge, amassing 31 traps himself for a minus 203 yards, easily the team leader, and possibly the national leader, as well.

In total, seven All-Southland Conference performers will lead Tech against the Pirates this afternoon, with McCann and Yates, if he is healthy, headlining that elite group. Offensive lineman C.J. Lottinger at center and defenders Johnny Robinson in the line, Jimmy Blachshire at a linebacking position and Jean Dornier in the defensive secondary are among Tech's other all-league selections, as is wide receiver-return specialist Scooter Spruiell, whose returning abilities could also play a big role in the outcome of this afternoon's contest.

East Carolina, which finished 8-3 for the season and very familiar with the style of play in the Southland Conference---having included among its conquests wins over SLC members Texas-Arlington and Southwestern Louisiana---will counter the swarming Louisiana Tech defense with a wishbone offense, as well as the second best defensive unit in the NCAA.

The Pirates, under head coach Pat Dye, have allowed opponents just 204.8 yards per game this fall, which ranks behind only Penn State in total defense in the NCAA, while the ECU secondary has also achieved national prominence with a second-place rating of 76.1 yards allowed per game.

Those statistics, given Louisiana Tech's proven ability (185.0 yards per game) to throw the football and be successful at it, could provide the highlight of this

afternoon's game and will doubtlessly be one of the deciding factors, if not the deciding factor, in the game's outcome.

Offensively, the Pirates rally behind running back Eddie Hicks, who has rushed for more than 2,000 yards in a Pirate uniform and who has 515 yards to his

credit in 1978 despite being sidelined much of the year with nagging injuries.

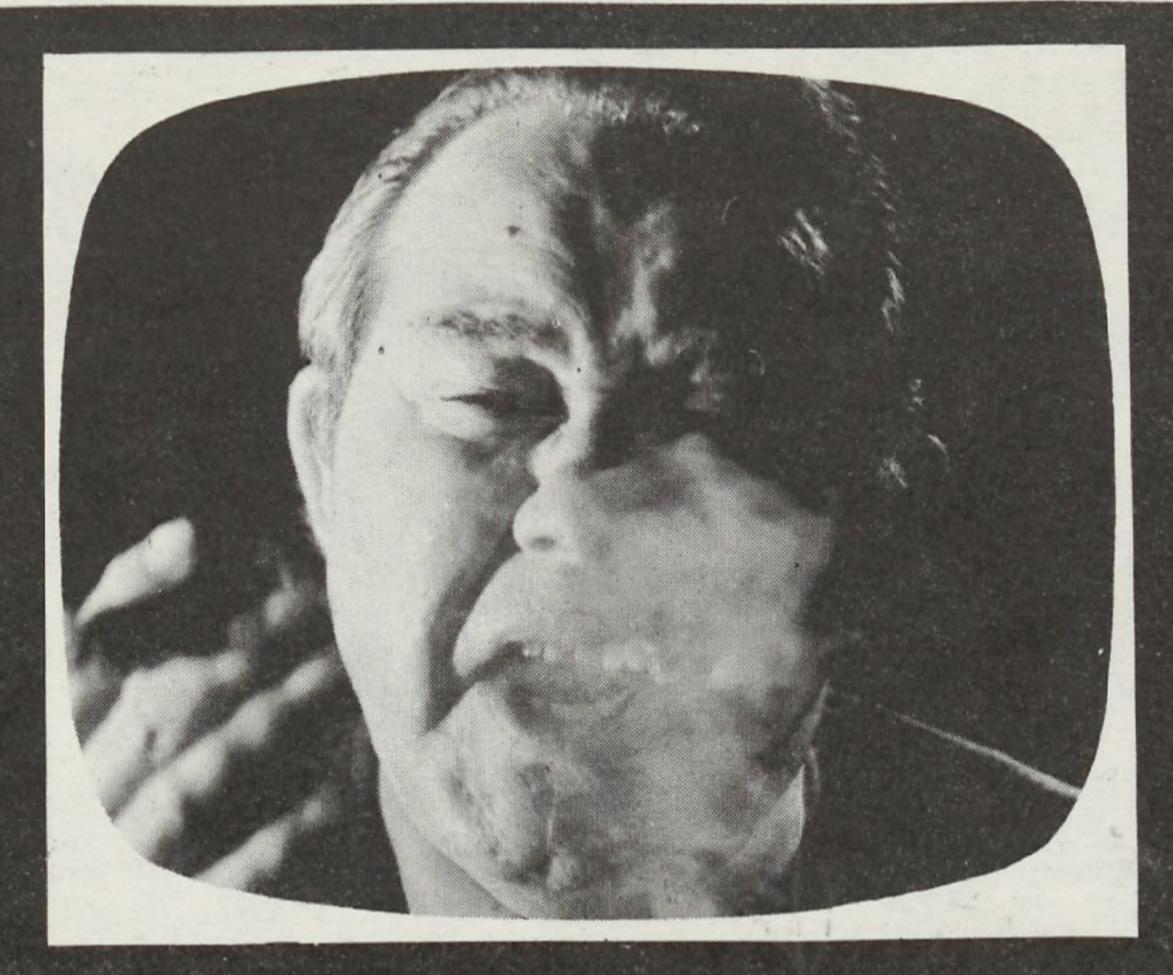
ECU's top rusher this fall is Theodore Sutton, a bullish-type fullback who has 621 yards. Halfback Anthony Collins has added 479 yards and quarterback Leander Green has maneuvered another 307 yards out of the Pirate's triple-option attack.

With the potency of East Carolina's offense a proven factor in the Pirates' favor, and the ECU defense holding those two second-place national rankings, Tech's growing list of "walking wounded" must be both physically and mentally ready for the challenge this afternoon, and Tech's stubborn defensive unit must rise to the occasion to give its ailing offense the field position it needs to keep the Southland Conference's unbeaten streak in the Independence Bowl alive today.





GOOD DEFENSE EQUALS CHAMPIONSHIPS...Louisiana Tech University head coach Maxie Lambright has long been an avowed believer in defense, having used it to shut down the University of Louisville's stubborn and potent offensive attack in last December's Independence Bowl (left). As a result of that fine defensive showing, Lambright's troops carted home the championship trophy in 1977 (right), and the Bulldogs are hoping to use that same type of swarming defense this afternoon against another potent offensive club, the East Carolina University Pirates.



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The Independence Bowl

In just two short years, the Southland Conference's Independence Bowl has proven itself to be annually among the National Collegiate Athletic Association's finest post-season extravaganzas.

From an auspicious beginning with 1976 SLC champion McNeese State University's rousing 20-16 upset win over the highly-favored University of Tulsa, to 1977 league titlist Louisiana Tech University's 24-14 drubbing of the University of Louisville, the Independence Bowl has been consistently one of the NCAA's most exciting post-season games from start to finish.

In the inaugural outing, it took Cowboy halfback Oliver Hadnot's 25-yard scamper with just 37 seconds remaining on the fourth quarter clock to push McNeese State past Tulsa in front of 15,542 fans at Shreveport, Louisiana's, State Fair Stadium, giving the Cowboys and the SLC a fitting end to a spectacular season on a rainy, windy evening with chilly temperatures.

Then, last December on a bright and sunny afternoon, Louisiana Tech's Keith Thibodeaux dazzled both Louisville's Cardinals and a crowd of 22,223 that included General of the Army Omar N. Bradley with the same type of passing that had secured him a place on the All-Southland Conference team as a sophomore, leading the Bulldogs to an easier-than-expected win over their Kentucky visitors.

Established in time for the 1976 season, the Independence Bowl annually calls upon the regular season football champion of the Southland Conference, composed of Arkansas State, Lamar, Louisiana Tech, McNeese State, the University of Southwestern Louisiana and the University of Texas at Arlington, to defend its honor against a selected major college opponent.

It seemed only fitting, too, that the first Independence Bowl was to be held in America's Bicentennial year, and it was only natural that the SLC occupy the host team position.

After spending 12 seasons without an annual post-season football tie-in, the Southland Conference's dreams of the early Seventies became a reality when the NCAA Extra Events Committee sanctioned its first post-season bowl addition since 1970.

And, there could have been no other unaligned conference more befitting of a bowl game than the Southland, which had amassed a 54 percent winning quota against outside competition and which had boasted four undefeated teams in its short existence.

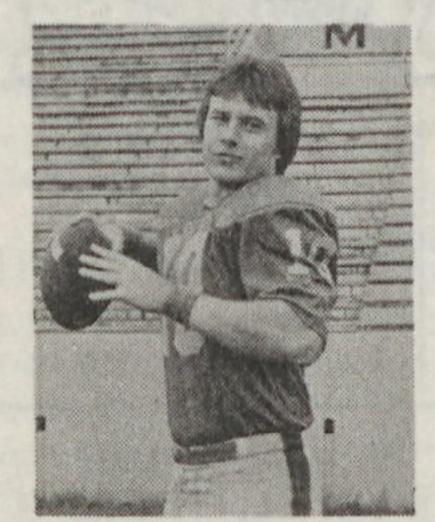
Now, the Independence Bowl has established a tradition that will annually provide just one extra incentive for Southland Conference football. And, for the team that makes it to Shreveport in December, one of keeping alive the SLC's impressive win streak.

Most Valuable Players

1977 - OFFENSE - Keith Thibodeaux, Louisiana Tech DEFENSE - Otis Wilson, Louisville

1976 - OFFENSE - Terry McFarland, McNeese State

DEFENSE - Terry Clark, Tulsa



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KEITH THIBODEAUX



Bowl Records

TEAM

OFFENSE

Most Passes Attempted: 39 by Louisiana Tech, 1977 Most Passes Completed: 19 by Louisiana Tech, 1977 Most Yards Passing: 287 by Louisiana Tech, 1977 Most TD Passes: 2 by Louisiana Tech, 1977

Best Completion Percentage: 48.7% by Louisiana Tech, 1977

Most Rush and Pass Plays: 83 by Louisiana Tech, 1977 Total Offense: 335 by Louisiana Tech, 1977

Most Punt Returns: 5 by Louisiana Tech, 1977

Most Yards on Punt Returns: 67 by Louisville, 1977

Most Yards on Kickoff Returns: 93 by Louisville, 1977

Most Points Scored: 24 by Louisiana Tech, 1977
Most TD's Scored: 3 by Louisiana Tech, 1977

Most PATs by Kick: 2 by Louisville, 1977

Most First Downs: 25 by Louisiana Tech, 1977

Most First Downs Rushing: 8 by Louisiana Tech, 1977

Most First Downs Passing: 14 by Louisiana Tech, 1977

Most First Downs Penalty: 3 by Louisiana Tech, 1977

Most Fumbles: 8 by Louisville (lost 3)

DEFENSE

Fewest Points Allowed: 14 by Louisiana Tech, 1977

Fewest First Downs Allowed: 11 by both Tulsa, 1976 and Louisiana Tech, 1977

Fewest Yards Allowed Rushing: 48 by Louisville, 1977

Fewest Yards Allowed Total Offense: 161 by Louisiana Tech, 1977

Most Interceptions: 2 by Louisville, 1977

Most Fumbles Recovered: 3 by McNeese, 1976; Louisiana Tech, 1977; Louisville, 1977

INDIVIDUAL

Most Rushes: 17 by Terry McFarland, McNeese, 1976; Charlie Lewis, Louisiana Tech, 1977, Nathan Poole, Louisville, 1977

Most TD's Rushing: 1 each by Thomas Bailey, Tulsa; Mike McArthur and Oliver Hadnot, McNeese, 1976; Charlie Lewis, Louisiana Tech; Kevin Miller, Louisville, 1977

Most Passes Attempted: 39 by Keith Thibodeaux, Louisiana Tech, 1977
Most Passes Completed: 19 by Keith Thibodeaux, Louisiana Tech, 1977
Most Passes Had Intercepted: 2 by Keith Thibodeaux, Louisiana Tech,
1977

Most Yards Passing: 287 by Keith Thibodeaux, Louisiana Tech, 1977

Most TD Passes: 2 by Keith Thibodeaux, Louisiana Tech, 1977

Longest Pass: 41 yards, Keith Thibodeaux to George Pree, Louisiana

Tech, 1977 (for TD)

Most Pass Receptions: 5 by Larry McCartney, Louisiana Tech, 1977 Most Yards Receiving: 78 by Rod Foppe, Louisiana Tech, 1977

Most TD Receptions: 1 by both George Pree and Larry McCartney,
Louisiana Tech, 1977

Most Rushing and Passing Plays: 45 by Keith Thibodeaux, Louisiana Tech, 1977

Most Yards Total Offense: 229 by Keith Thibodeaux, Louisiana Tech, 1977

Most Interceptions: 1 each by Charles Jefferson, McNeese and Terry Clark, Tulsa, 1976; Bill Schneider, Louisiana Tech; Zarko Ellis and Danny Simpson, Louisville, 1977

Most Punt Returns: 5 by Larry Anderson, Louisiana Tech, 1977 Most Punt Return Yardage: 67 by Kevin Miller, Louisville, 1977

Longest Punt Return: 60 yards by Kevin Miller, Louisville, 1977 (for TD)

Most Kickoff Returns: 2 by Mike McArthur, McNeese, 1976; Larry

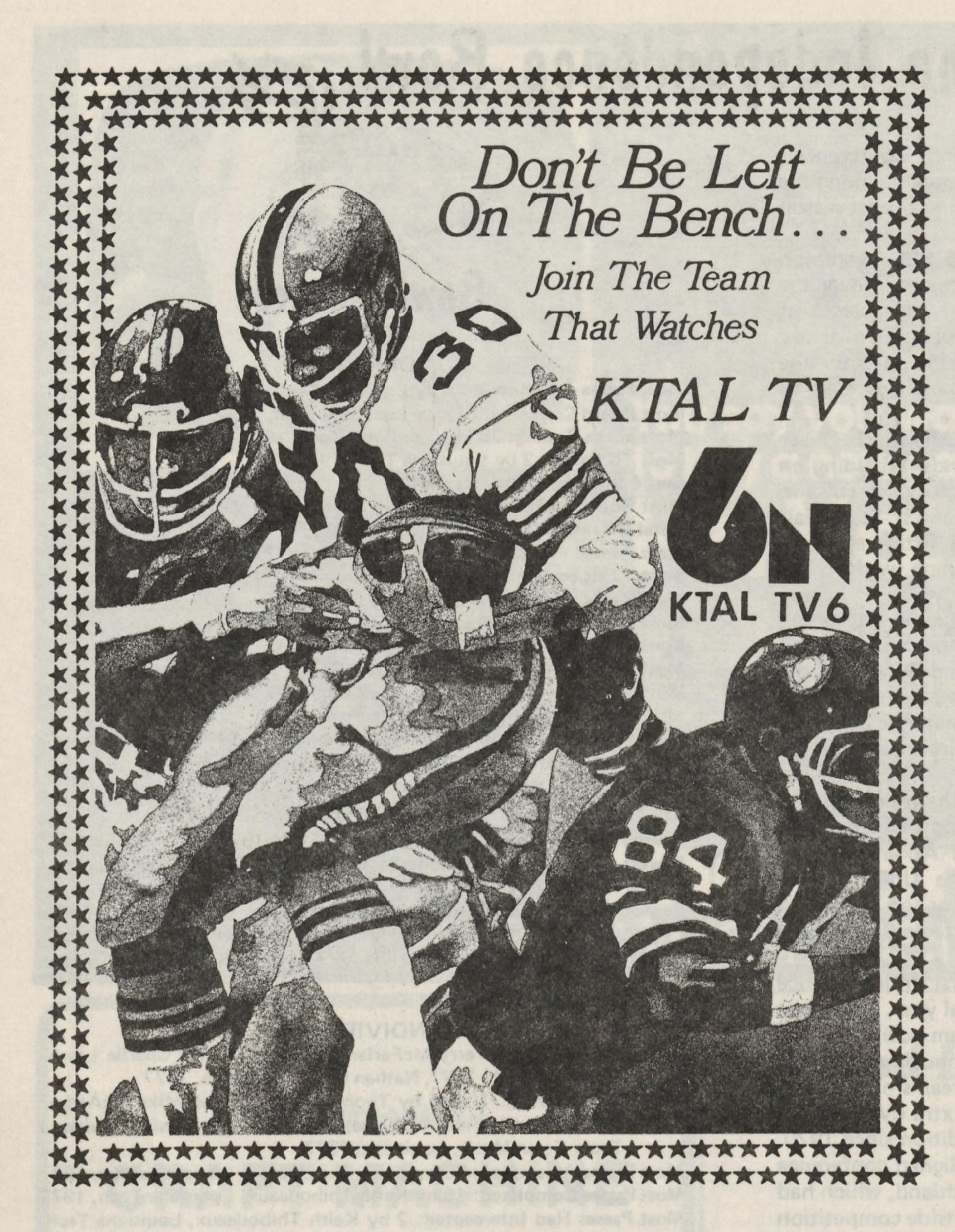
Anderson, Louisiana Tech; Calvin Prince, Louisville, 1977

Most Kickoff Return Yards: 72 by Calvin Prince, Louisville, 1977 Longest Kickoff Return: 42 yards by Calvin Prince, Louisville, 1977

Most Points Scored: 12 by Kevin Miller, Louisville, 1977 Most TD's Scored: 2 by Kevin Miller, Louisville, 1977

Most PAT Kicks Attempted: 2 by Steve Cox, Tulsa, 1976; Keith Swilley, Louisiana Tech; Pedro Posadas, Louisville, 1977

Most PAT Kicks Made: 2 by Pedro Posadas, Louisville, 1977





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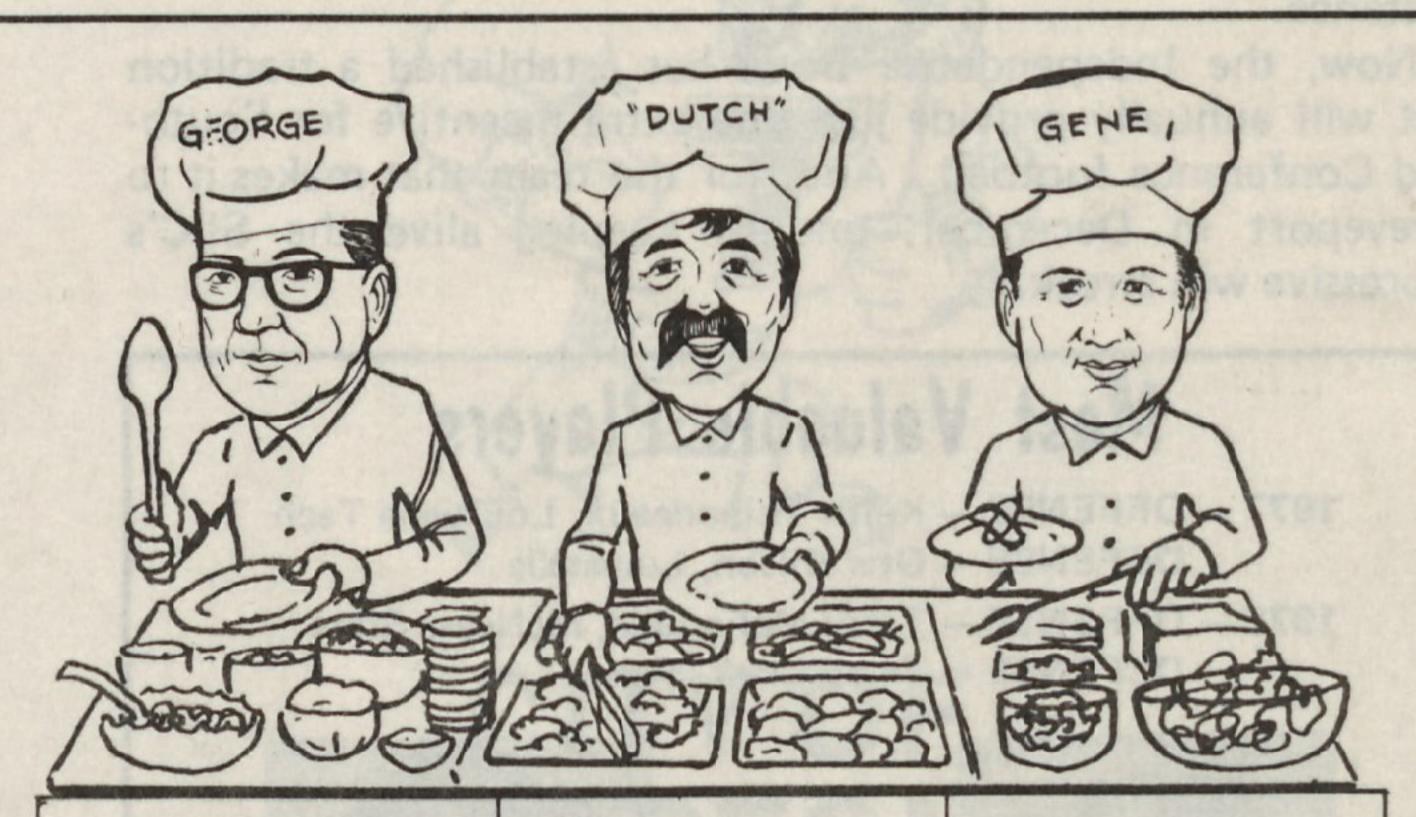
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The Southland Conference

Both on and off the fields of athletic competition, traditions of excellence and outstanding talent have become trademarks of the Southland Conference. With the 1978 football season winding to a close this afternoon, the SLC has entered its 16th year as the newest of National Collegiate Athletic Association major conferences, and those traditions continue to build respect for this up-and-coming sextet of Southern colleges and universities.

Currently, Arkansas State University, Lamar University, Louisiana Tech University, McNeese State University, the University of Southwestern Louisiana and the University of Texas at Arlington comprise the SLC, with annual competition being staged

in seven sports---football, cross country, basketball, track and field, baseball, golf and tennis.

Through the years, the Southland Conference has produced national championship teams and individuals in a variety of sports, including both Louisiana Tech University and Arkansas State University in football. In 1970, ASU's Indians climaxed a perfect 11-0-0 season with top rankings in both the Associated Press and United Press International small college polls, while the Bulldogs matched that feat four years later with a victory in the NCAA Division II national championship game and a national title in an 11-1-0 campaign.

Individually, athletes of the caliber of former Trinity University (which was a member of the SLC during its early years) tennis aces Dick Stockton and Brian Gottfried, both now well represented on the professional tour, former Arkansas State University track and field world record holders Earl Bell in the pole vault and Thomas Hill in the 110-meter high hurdles, Southwestern Louisiana's legendary Dwight "Bo" Lamar in basketball, and a host of professional football standouts that includes Bill Bergey, Calvin Harrell, Leroy Harris and Joe Hollimon of Arkansas State, Roger Carr, Pat Tilley, Mike Barber, Billy Ryckman, Fred Dean, Roland Harper and Larry Anderson of Louisiana Tech, Rafael Septien of Southwestern Louisiana and Dexter Bussy of Texas-Arlington, have graduated from Southland Conference competition to excel at their respective sports on the professional level.

In its 16 years of existance, the Southland Conference has produced a total of five U.S. Davis Cup tennis players, seven U.S. Olympic basketball representatives, three Olympians in track and field, and gold medal winners in both Olympic and Pan American Games swimming, as well as in Pan American Games track and field, along with the afore-mentioned

numerous professional standouts in football, basketball and tennis.

Off the athletic field, as well, the Southland Conference has rewarded excellence among its student-athletes by annually presenting the F.L. McDonald Scholarship award for graduate study to the highest ranking senior student-athlete in the SLC, based on grade point averages. During the 11 years in which this award has been presented, the SLC has rewarded the efforts of student-athletes in five of its seven sports, with the latest honoree being possibly the SLC's most well-known recipient of the award---1976 consensus football All-American T.J. Humphreys of Arkansas State University, now a medical student at the University of Arkansas Medical School.

The SLC at a glance...

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

LOCATED AT Jonesboro, Arkansas ... enrollment is 7,200 ... president Carl Whillock ... teams are nicknamed "Indians" ... athletic director is R. Dean Pryor ... sports information director is Jerry Schaeffer ... SLC faculty representative is Sam Gennuso ... colors are scarlet and black ... home stadium is Indian (17,080)

LAMAR UNIVERSITY

located at Beaumont, Texas ... enrollment is 12,723 ... president is Dr. Bob Kemble ... teams are nicknamed "Cardinals" ... atheletic director is J.B. Higgins... sports information director is Joe Lee Smith ... SLC faculty representative is H.D. Eveland ... colors are red and white ... Home stadium is Cardinal (17,150)

LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY

located at Ruston, Louisiana ... enrollment is 9,053 ... president is Dr. F. Jay Taylor ... teams are nicknamed "Bulldogs" ... athletic director is Maxie Lambright ... sports information director is Keith Prince ... SLC faculty representative is Harold J. Smolinski ... colors are red and blue ... home stadium is Aillet (23,318)

McNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY

located at Lake Charles, Louisiana ... enrollment is 6,013 ... president is Dr. Thomas S. Leary ... teams are nicknamed "Cowboys" ... athletic director is Jack Doland ... sports information director is Louis Bonnette ... SLC faculty representative is Charley W. Sparks ... colors are blue and gold ... home stadium is Cowboy (20,000)

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

located at Lafayette, Louisiana ... enrollment is 13,500 ... president is Dr. Ray Authement ... teams are nicknamed "Ragin' Cajuns" ... athletic director is Dan Roy ... sports information director is George Foster ... SLC faculty representative is Gerard St. Martin ... colors are Vermillion red and white ... home stadium is Cajun Field (26,000)

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

located at Arlington, Texas ... enrollment is 17,000 ... president is Dr. Wendell Nedderman ... teams are nicknamed "Mavericks" ... athletic director is Dr. Bill Reeves ... sports information director is Jim Patterson ... SLC faculty representative is Emory D. Estes ... colors are royal blue and white ... home stadium is Cravens Field (temporary facility, 9,000)

Additionally, academic All-Southland Conference teams are chosen in both football and basketball, and given like recognition as their counterparts on the athletic All-SLC squads.

Possibly the greatest milestone involving the Southland Conference, though, culminated in the summer of 1975, when those members of the league still in the NCAA's Division II were elevated to Division I status, thereby giving the Conference full rights and privileges as a member of the nation's highest athletic collegiate classification, to which it still is responsible today.

That giant step forward, together with the inception of the Independence Bowl one year later, has maintained old traditions and begun new areas of excellence that will surely keep the Southland Conference and its six member institutions on the national athletic scene for years to come.

And even today, as SLC football champion Louisiana Tech returns to State Fair Stadium to defend its IndependenceBowl championship of a year ago, all six Southland Conference schools are well into their respective basketball seasons, having already played four of the Nation's top twenty teams of 1977-78 and having proven once again that nowhere in America does better athletic competition take place than within the schedules of the six members of the NCAA's fastest-growing league---the Southland Conference.





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The award, commissioned by The Independence Bowl Association and The Minutemen Club, honors the spirit of freedom and independence typified by Gen. Bradley, "Gl's general's" lifelong dedication

to America and the minutemen spirit.

Mr. Wayne is the second recipient of the sculptured bust created by Frank Eliscu, the man commissioned in 1934 to design the Heisman Trophy. The award is a bronze bust of the first recipient, General Bradley, mounted on a base of black Belgium marble. The first "Omar N. Bradley Spirit of Independence Award," will be displayed at the United States Military Academy at West Point in honor of General Bradley.

Mr. Wayne, known to millions of movie goers as "Duke", was selected for this year's award by The Independence Bowl Association and The Minutemen Club because of his movie roles and personal contributions to our nation's defense efforts and morale. While General Bradley was leading the largest assembly of American troops in Europe during World War II, Mr. Wayne was leading the homefront

morale with movies exemplifying the fighting effort.

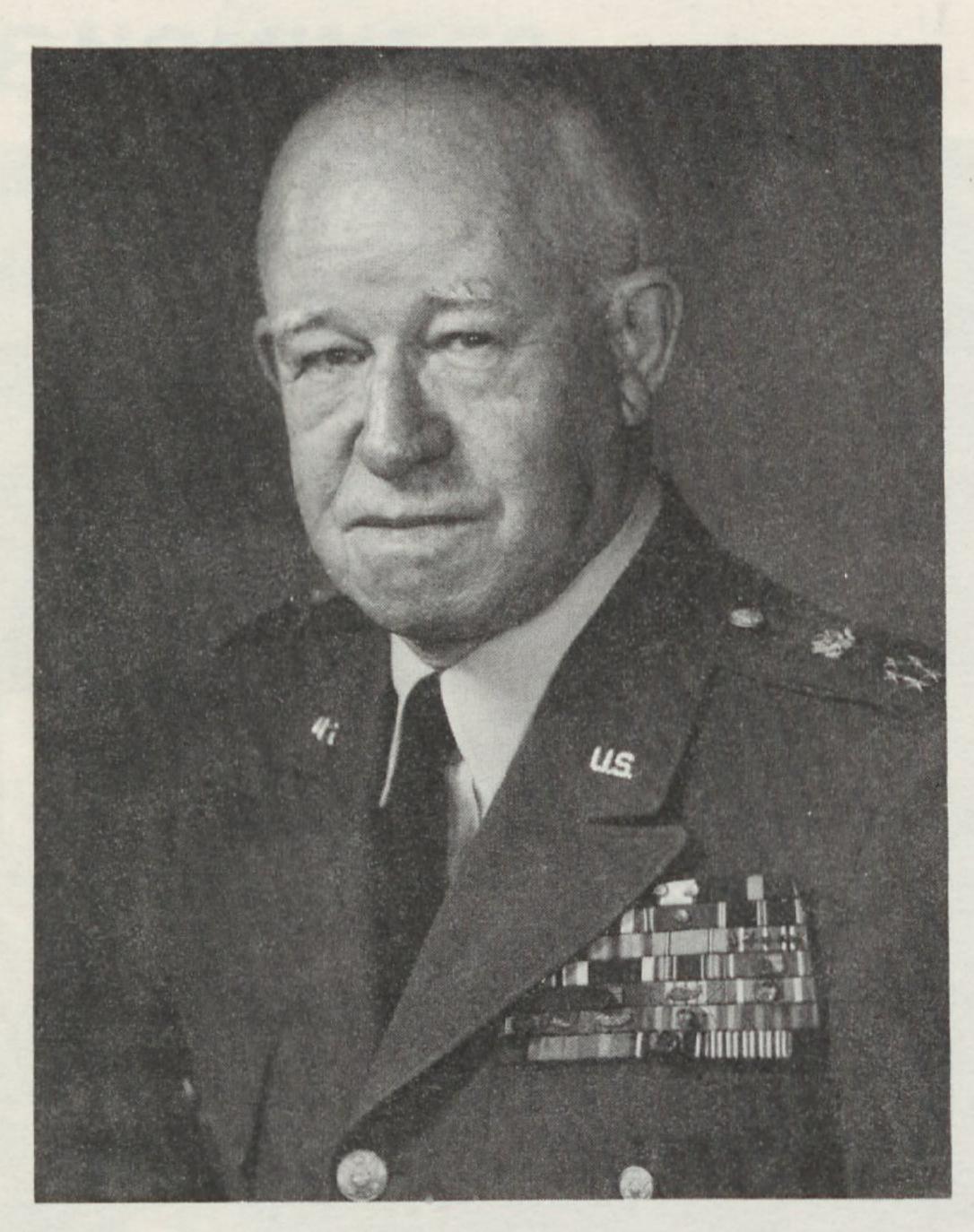
To date Mr. Wayne has starred in some 150 movies and is the undisputed boxoffice champion of all time. His films have a combined gross of nearly \$700 million which has placed him as the

only current star to be on the top money making list for the past 20 years.

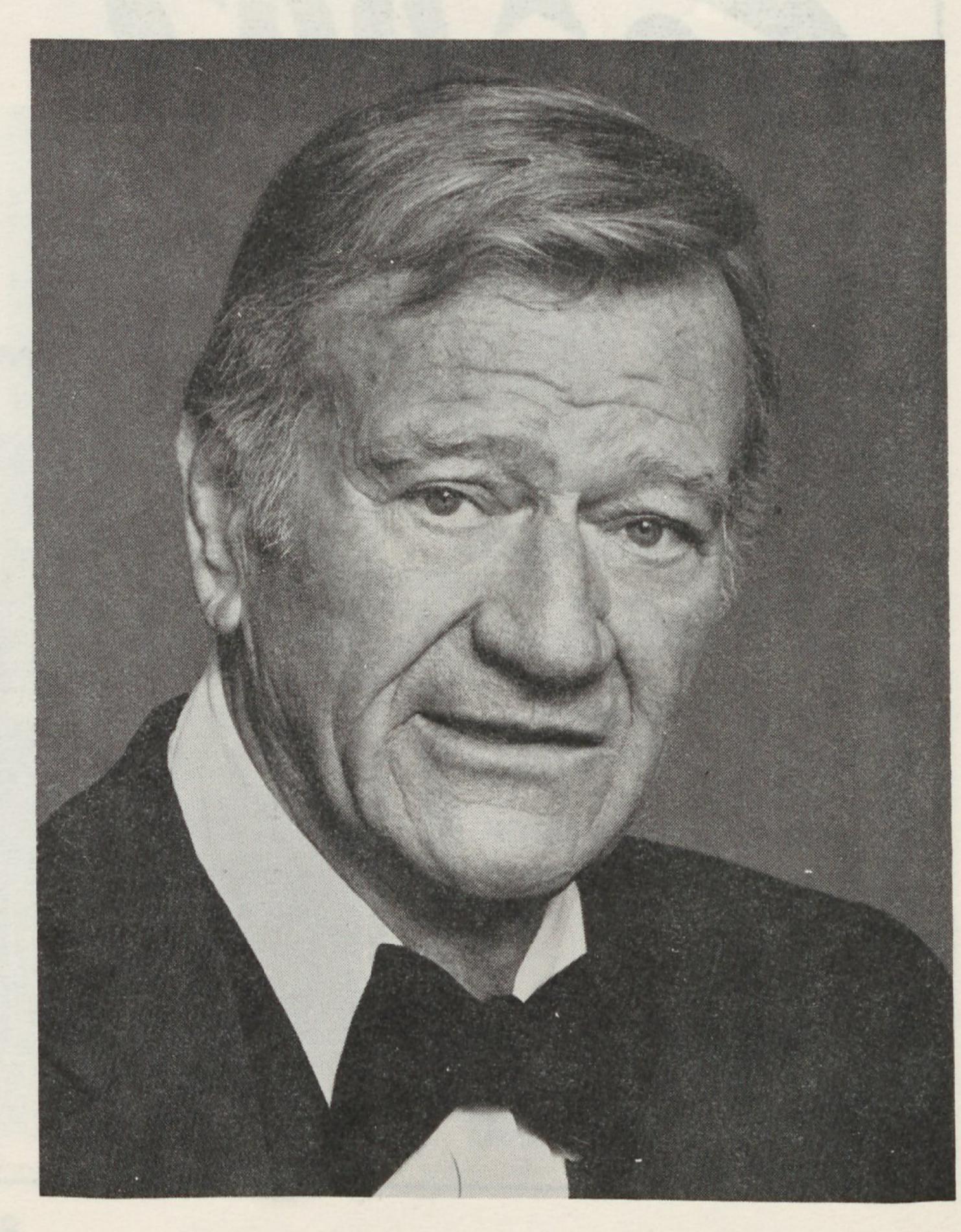
Mr. Wayne began his movie career during the depression and has since become a stalwart of American tradition. With such films as "The Flying Tigers", "The Green Berets", The Fighting Seabees", "Back to Bataan", "The Longest Day", and "In Harm's Way", Mr. Wayne has become a symbol to millions of Americans of the inner strength and sacrifice that is called for during times of trial. His masterful portrayals in such epic films as "Stagecoach", "Rio Bravo", "The War Wagon", and "True Grit" personifies the character of Americans who struggled in the early West.

General Bradley, the only living five star general, will present the "Omar N. Bradley Spirit of Independence Award" to Mr. Wayne during half-time ceremonies at which time the Minutemen Club will also present two \$500.00 scholarships, in the name of General Bradley and Mr. Wayne to East Carolina

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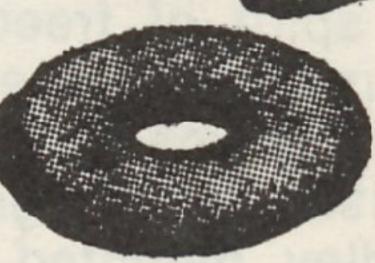
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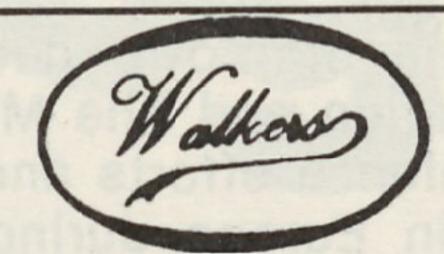
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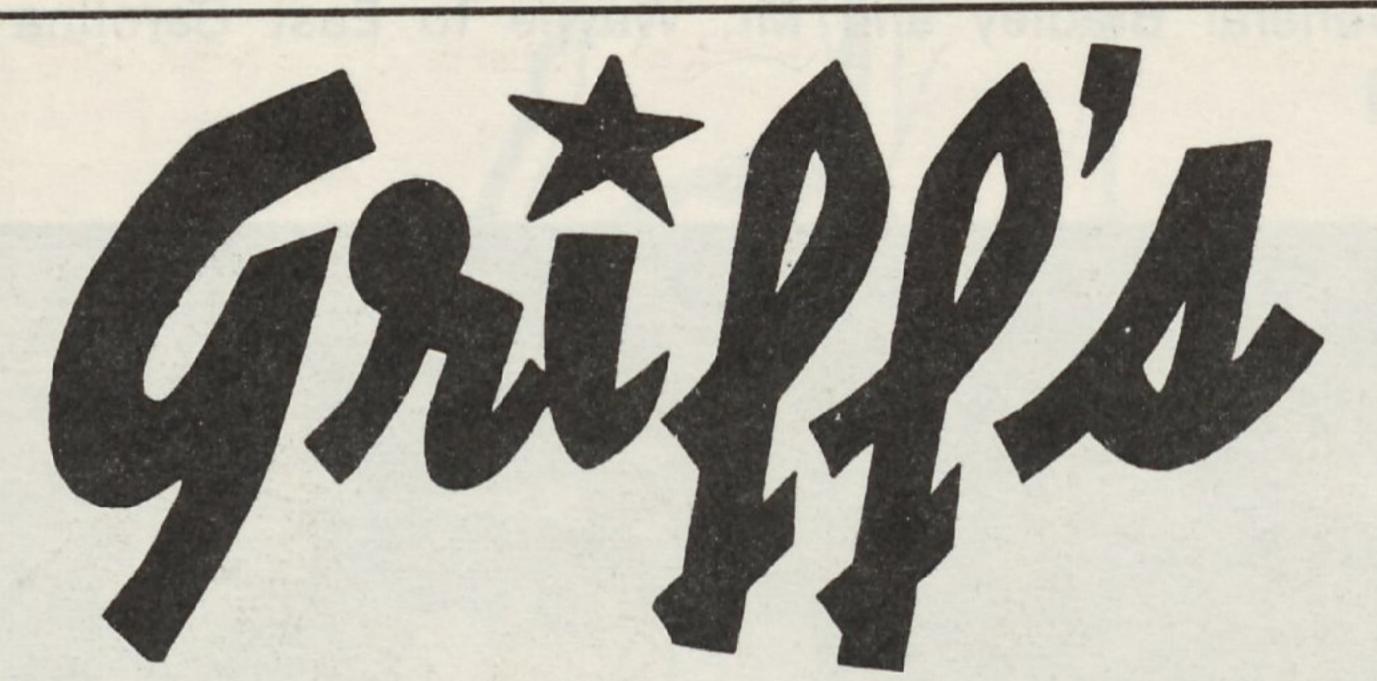
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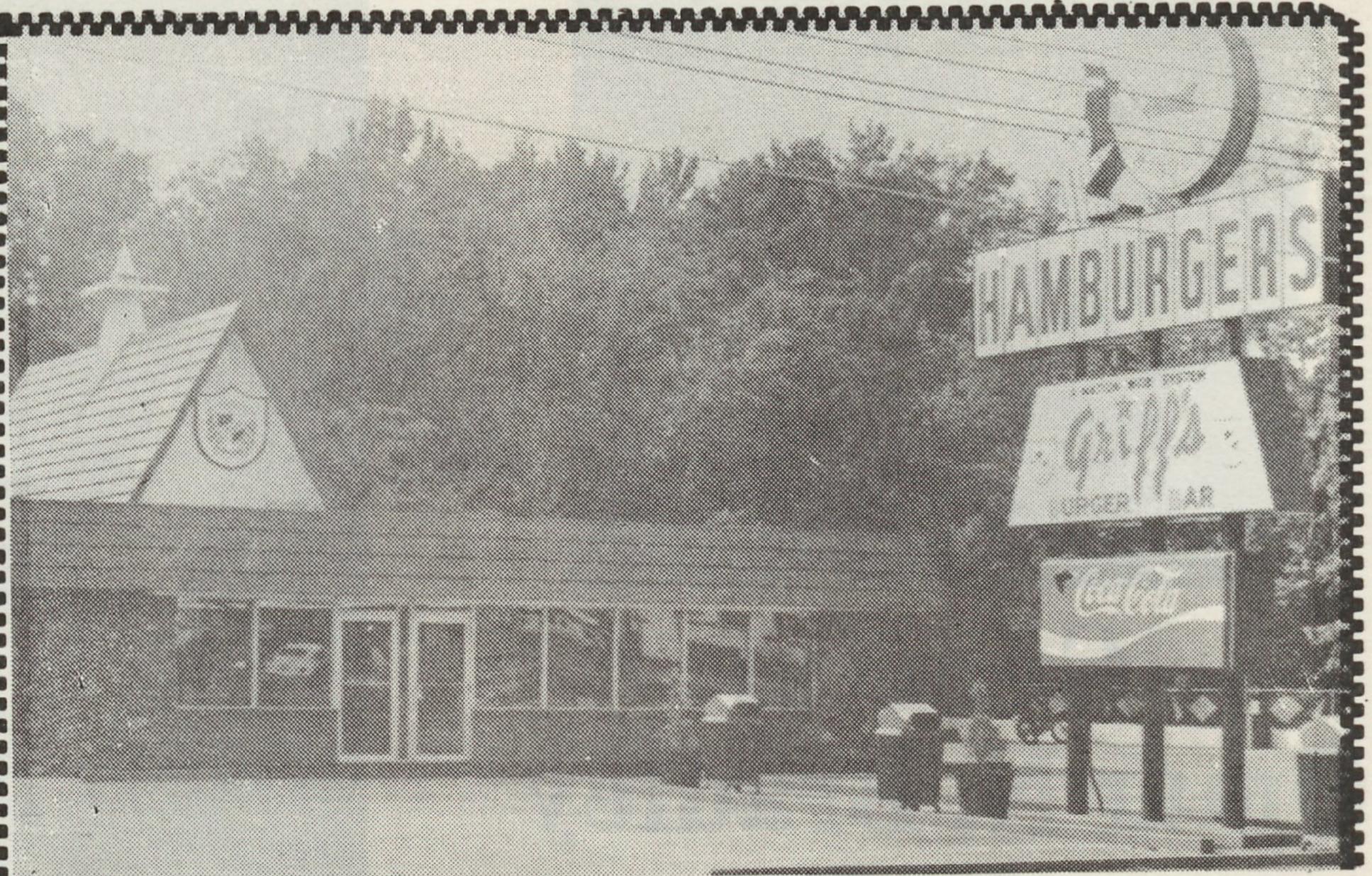
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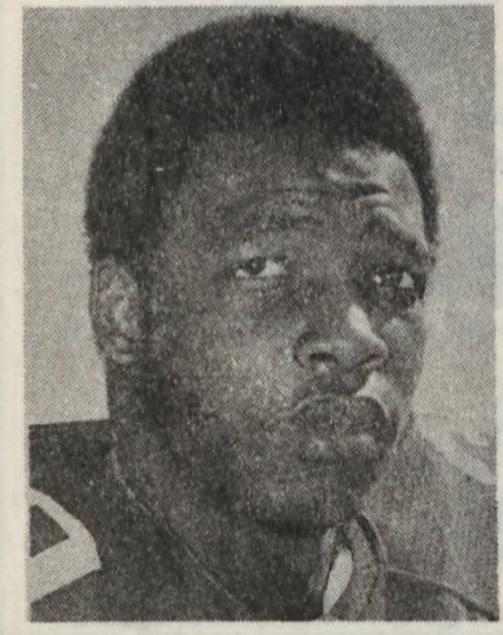
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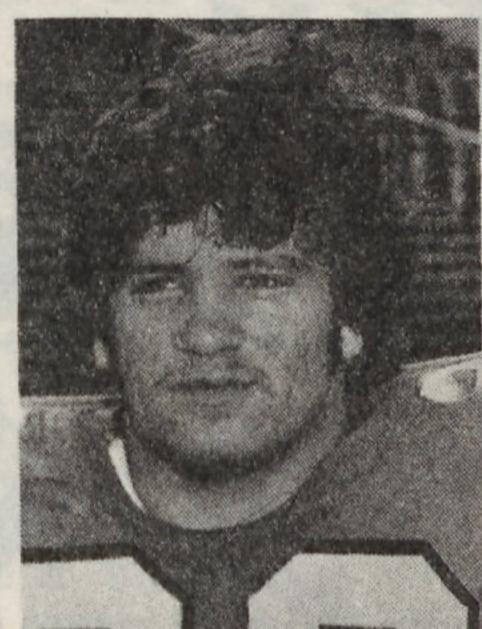
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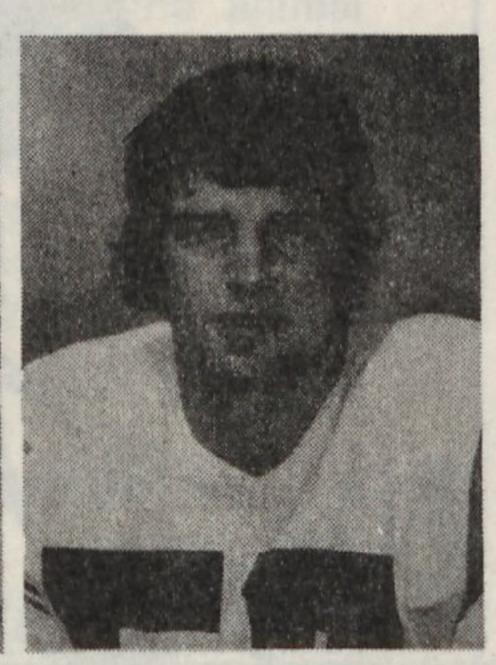
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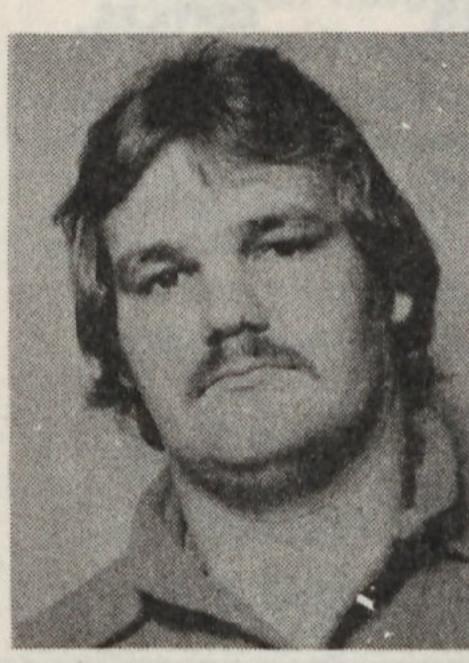
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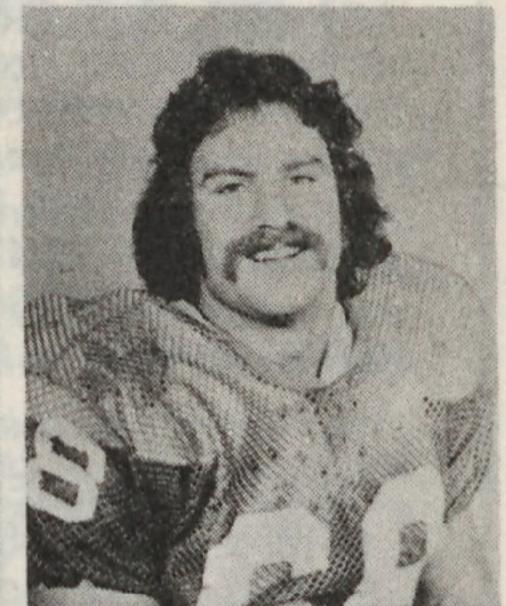
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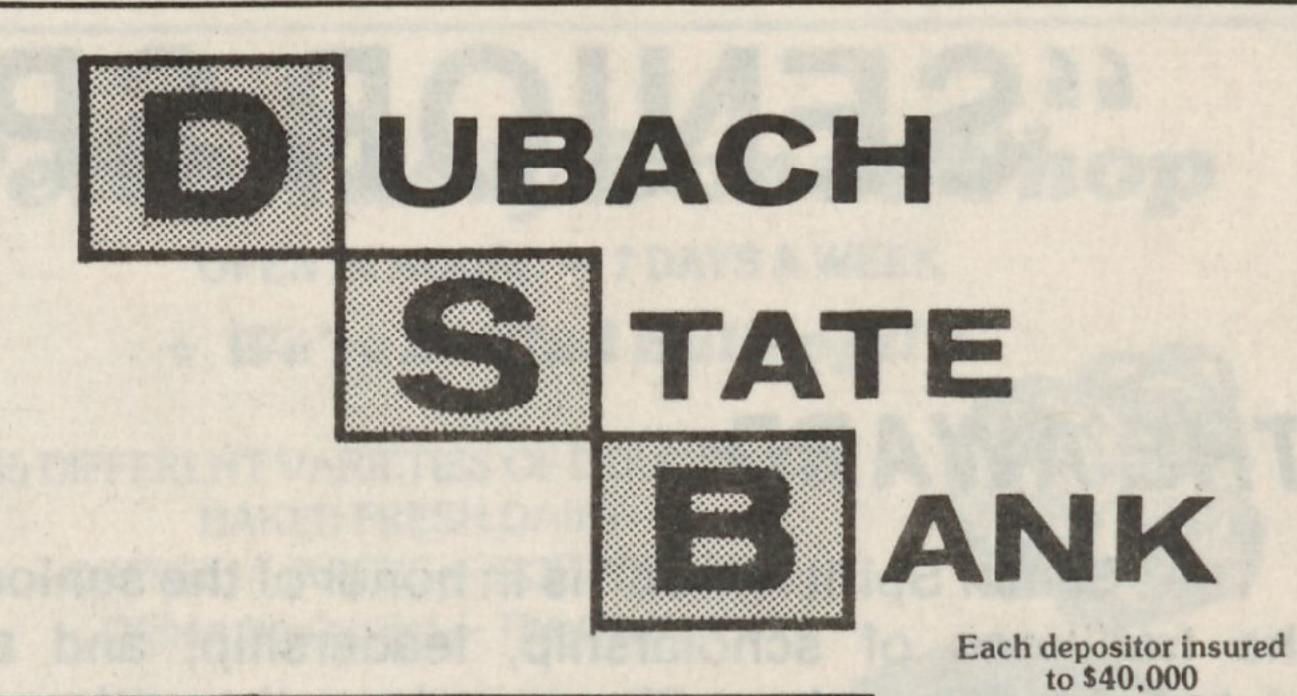
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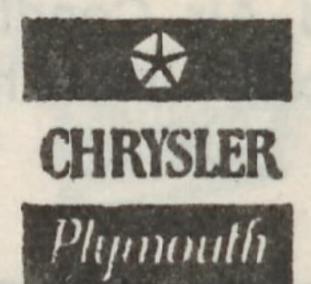
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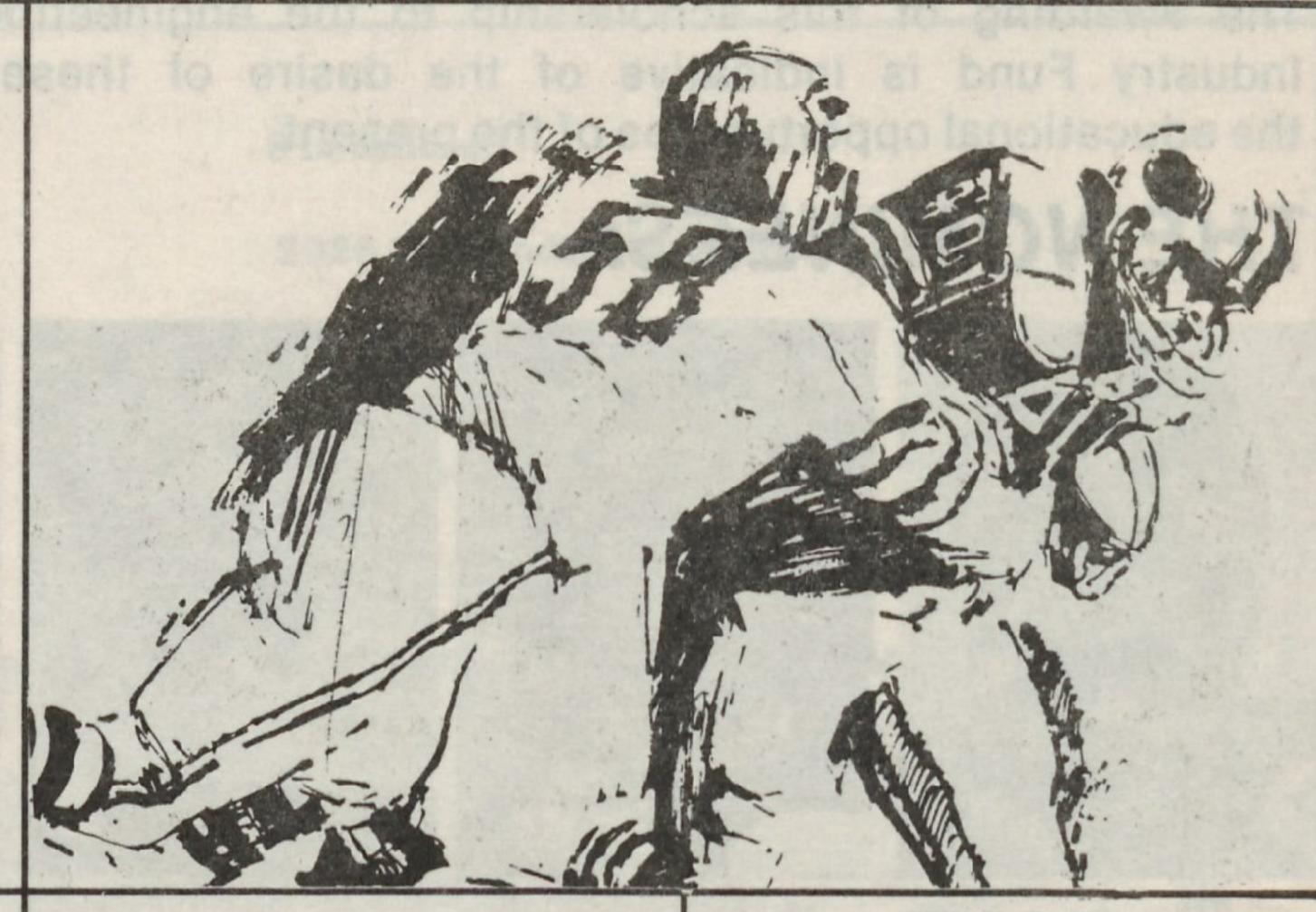
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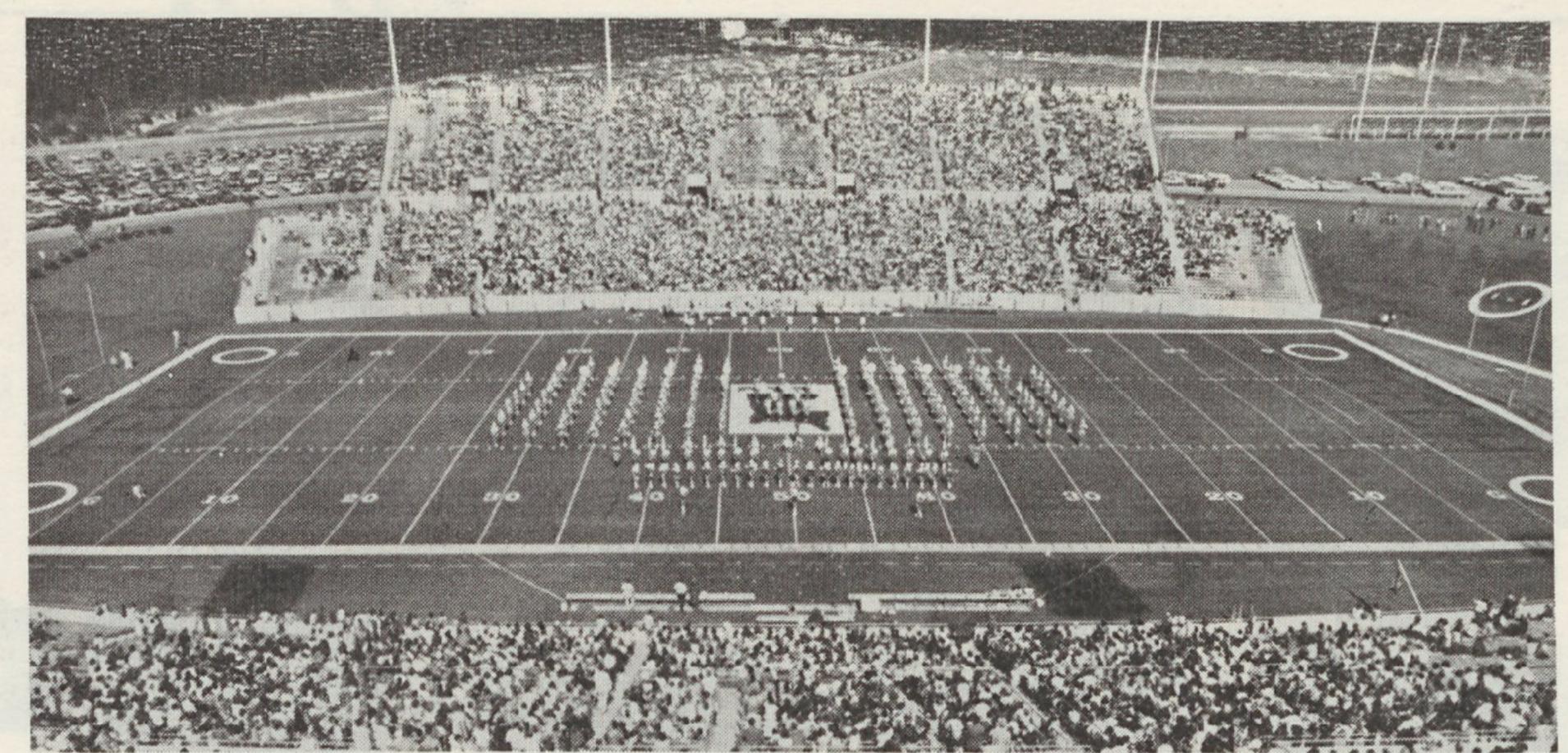
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Louisiana Tech is not getting older -- it's getting better. Well, it IS in its 83rd year, but the university is alive and well and never felt better in its academic life. That's one area where age is a blessing.

Yes, Tech has matured gracefully, It's no longer the Industrial Institute and College of Louisiana which first opened in 1895 with one building, six faculty members, 202 students and a 20-acre plot of land.

And it's not even Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, which it became in 1921 under the administration of J.E. Keeny. By that time, the school had acquired two more buildings and 18 additional faculty and had dept about the same number of students.

But today the school is Louisiana Tech University, under the direction of its 12th president, Dr. F. Jay Taylor a sprawling "multiversity" of more than 9,000 students and about 110 buildings.

The original 20 acres has multiplied to 235 on the main campus, 472 at the demonstration farm, 94 acres of forest land in Webster Parish, 150 acres and a few miles west of Ruston and five acres of Lake D'Arbonne. And, in addition, Tech leases four acres for a forestry camp on Corney Lake and 352 acres of farm and pasture land for the animal production unit.

But acreage, numbers and names aren't the only way Tech has changed. Its whole concept of education has evolved over the years, modified as the needs of its students shifted.

Plus, its landscape—and even skyline—has been transformed in recent years. The 16 story Wyly Tower, opened in 1972, stands tall as a symbol of expansion.

Tech Athletics — A Proud Tradition

Athletics have done their share of growing, too, at Louisiana Tech and today finds its entire program listed among the Division I major college ranks.

Tech took its initial step into the "major" category three

years ago and this year has been listed prominently among NCAA statistical leaders all season.

Prior to the move into the Division I ranks, the Bulldogs completely dominated college division II football during the early 1970's. Beginning in 1971 Tech went 9-2, 12-0 in 1972, 12-1 in 1973 and 11-1 in 1974 while winning an assortment of national championships along the way.

The biggest catch of all was probably the 1973 adventure when the NCAA began a Playoff Series among the nation's finest division II teams to determine a national championship. Louisiana Tech won that first NCAA "on-the-field" title, defeating Western Illinois, Boise State and Western Kentucky for the titles.

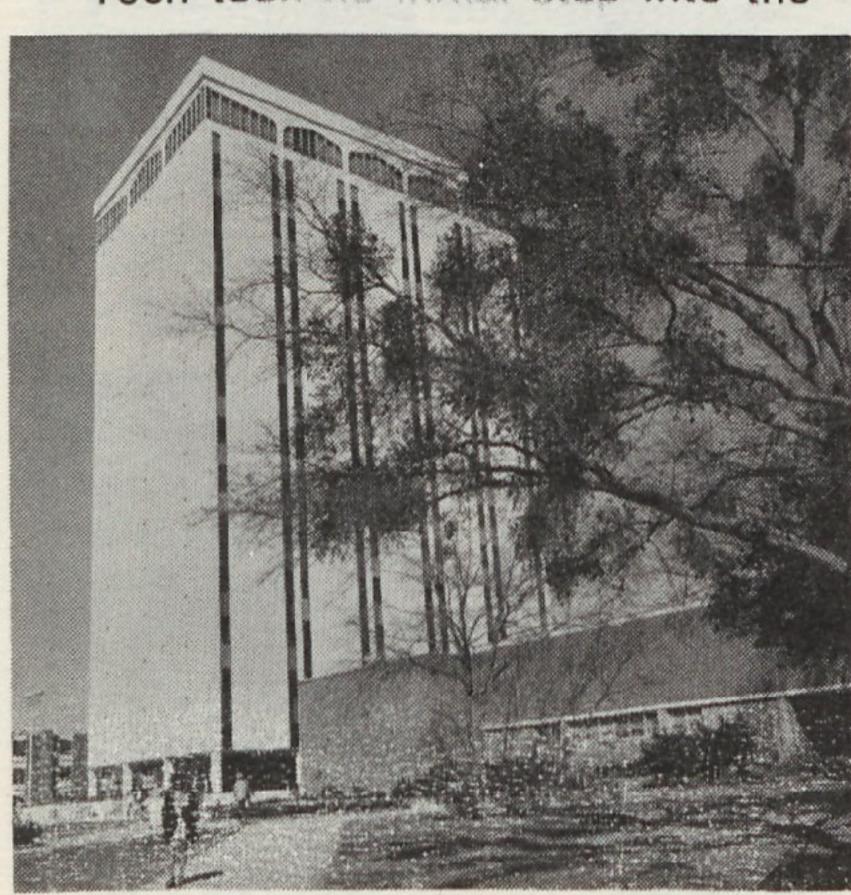
Beginning in that 1973 season, Tech put together a 23 game winning streak before finally losing in the 12th game of the 1974 campaign in the semi-finals of that same NCAA playoff series.

Tech also won four straight Southland Conference championships beginning in 1971 when it joined the league — winning 19 straight games against SLC foes before finally losing one in 1975 —and now has tacked on a sixth league crown this season.

The pros have noticed Tech's athletic success story, too. Right now there are nine former Bulldogs active in professional football. Heading the list is Pittsburgh Steelers quarter-back Terry Bradshaw, the NFL's No. 1 draft choice in 1970.

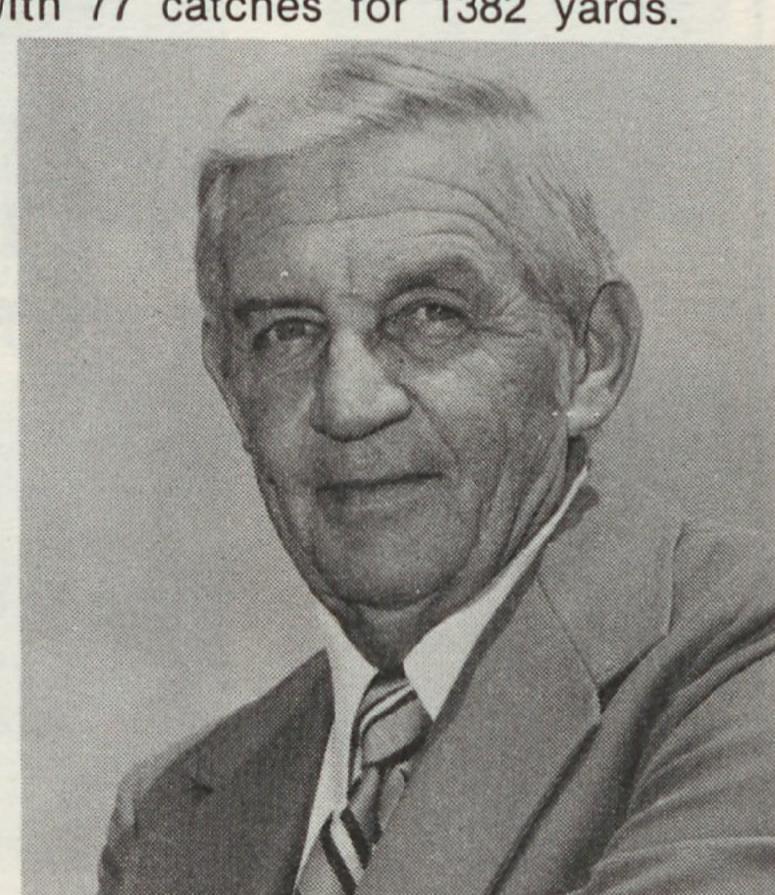
Also, all-pro wide receiver Roger Carr and punter David Lee perform for the Baltimore Colts, Roland Harper has been a three year regular with the Chicago Bears at fullback, Fred Dean starts at defensive end for the San Diego Chargers and Mike Barber is a regular at tight end with the Houston Oilers.

And, Pat Tilley is in his third year as a wide receiver with the St. Louis Cardinals, Robert Brunet has been a running back and specialty teams leader for 10 years with the Washington Redskins and wide receiver Billy Rykman is with the Atlanta Falcons after leading the nation in pass receiving at Tech in 1976 with 77 catches for 1382 yards.



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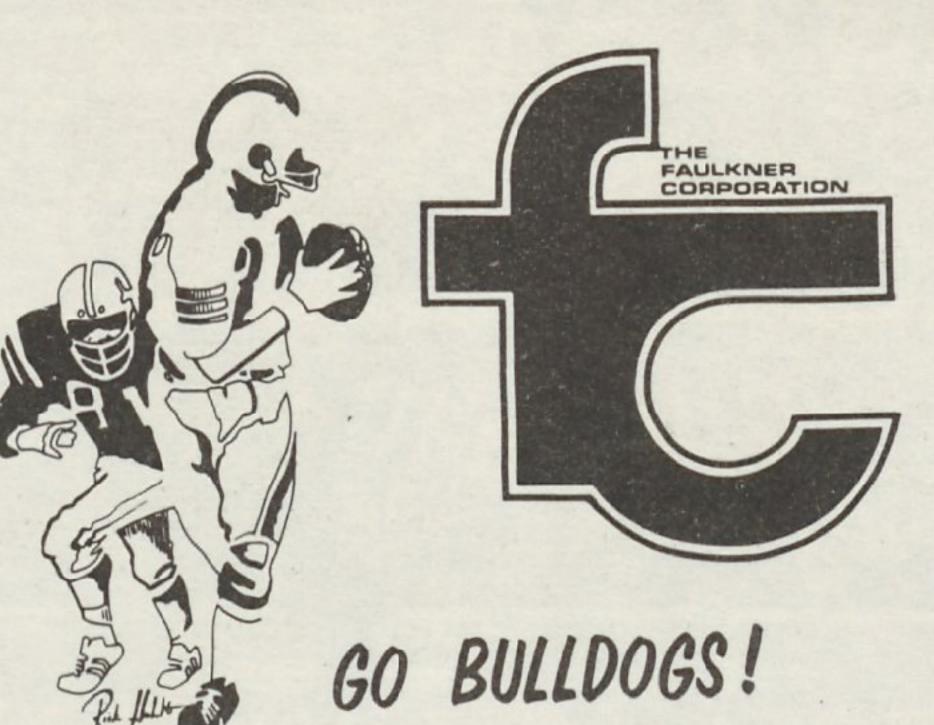
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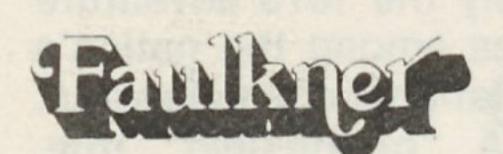


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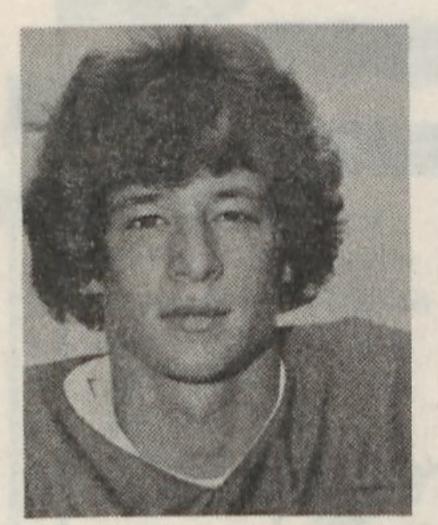


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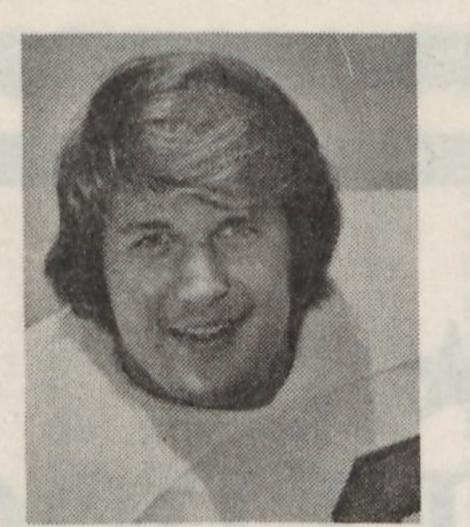
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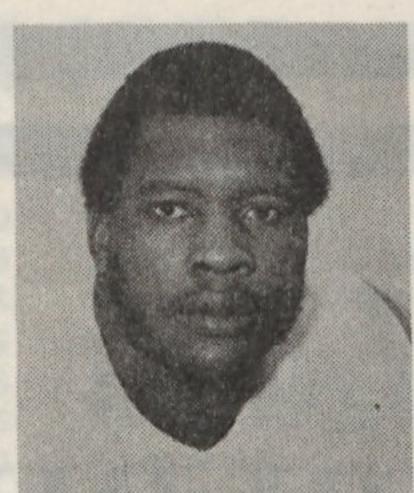
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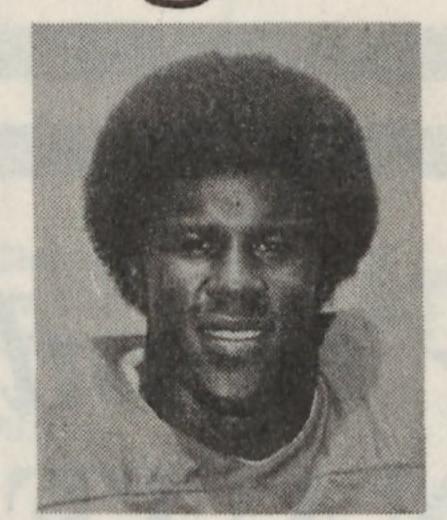
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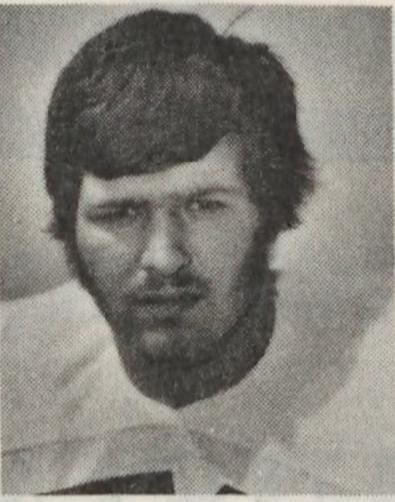
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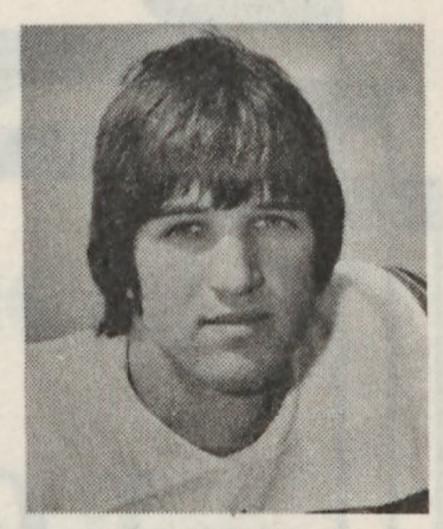
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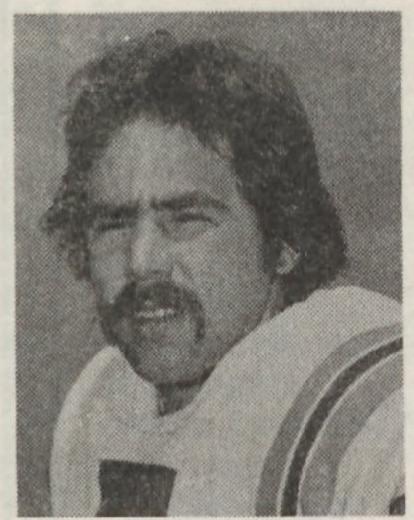
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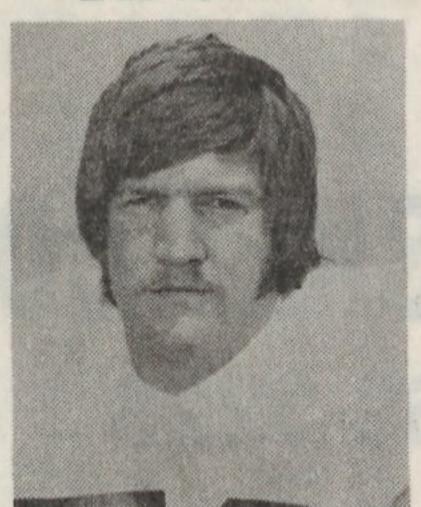
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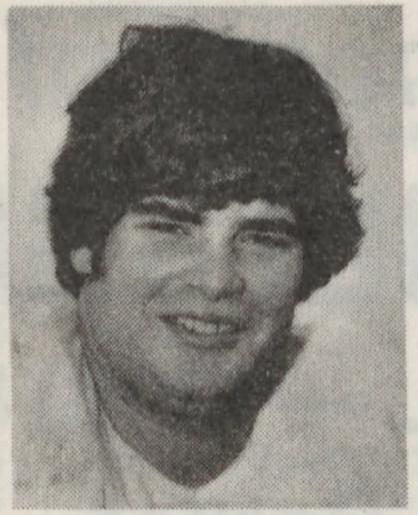
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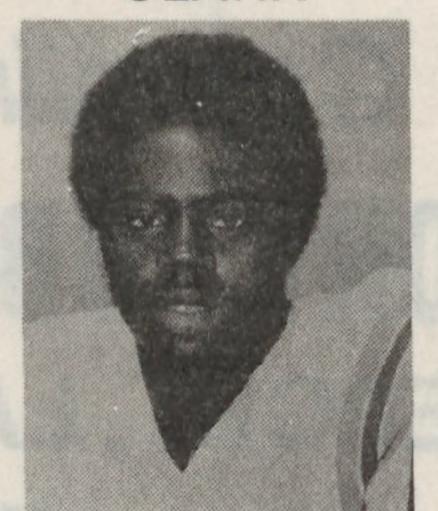
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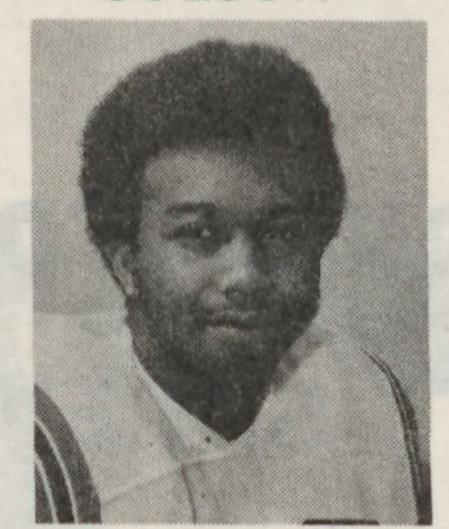
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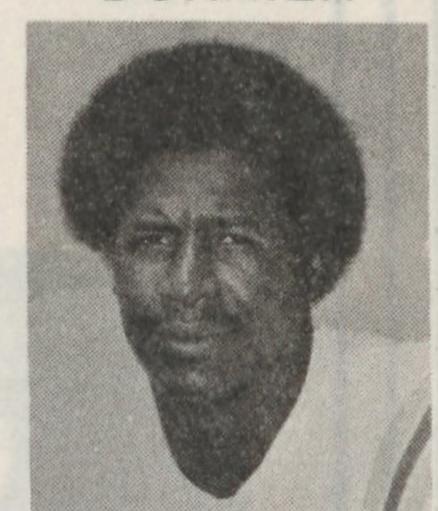
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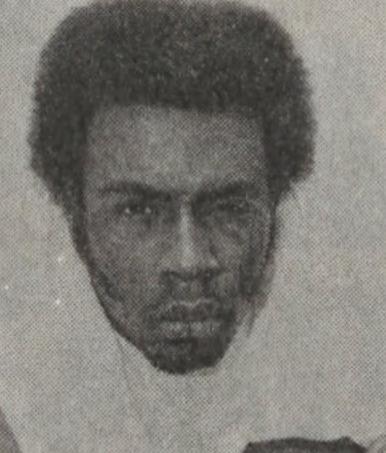
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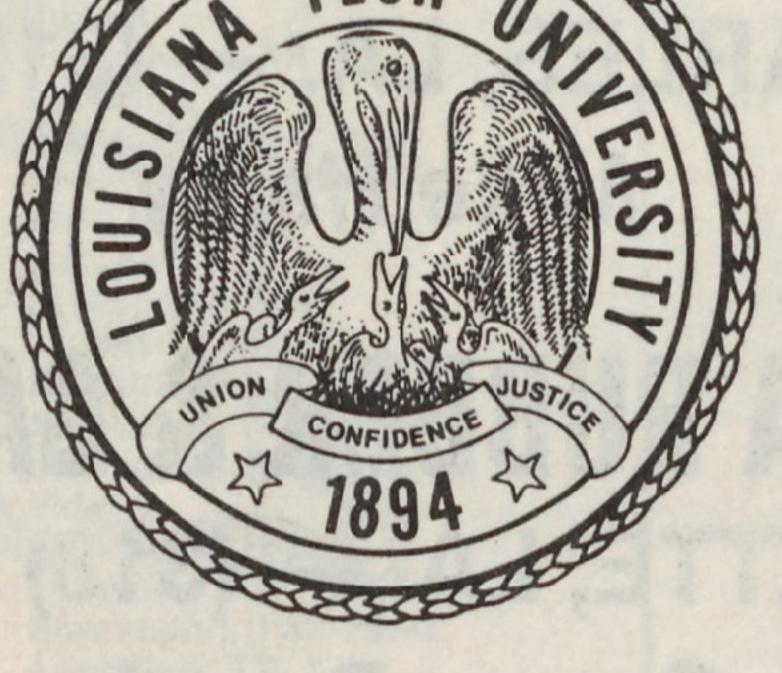
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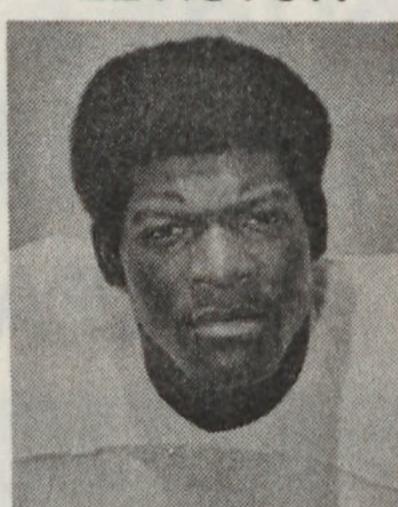


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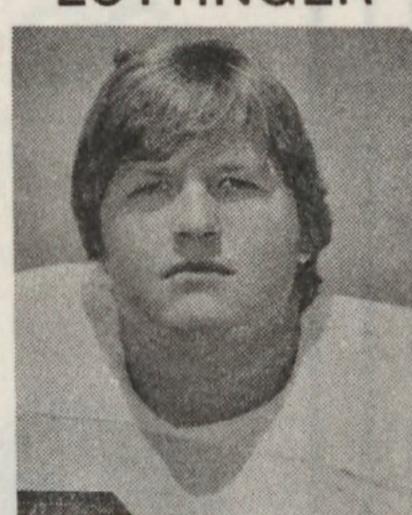


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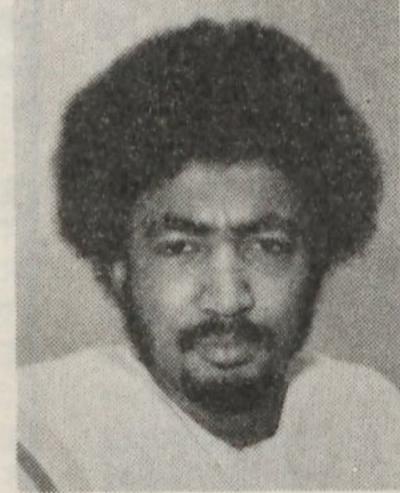




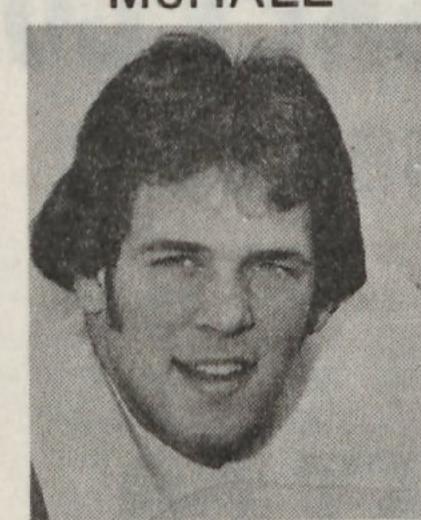
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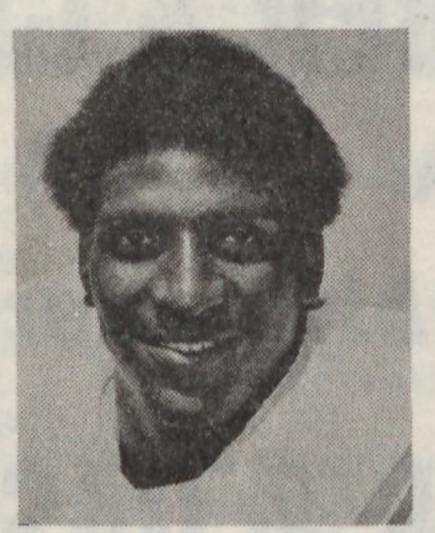
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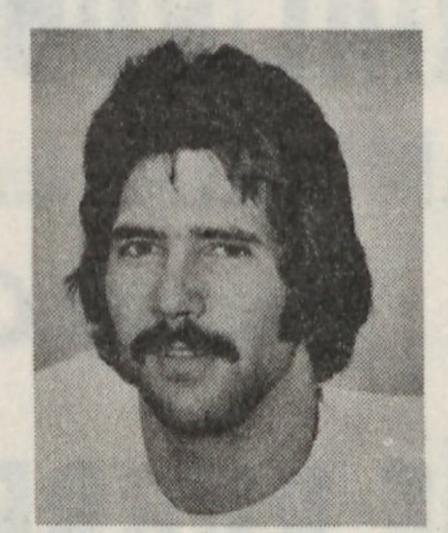
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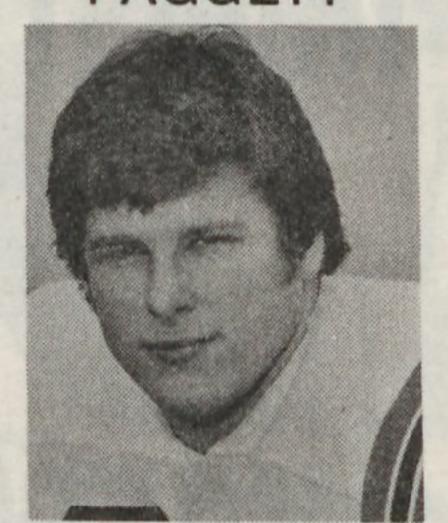
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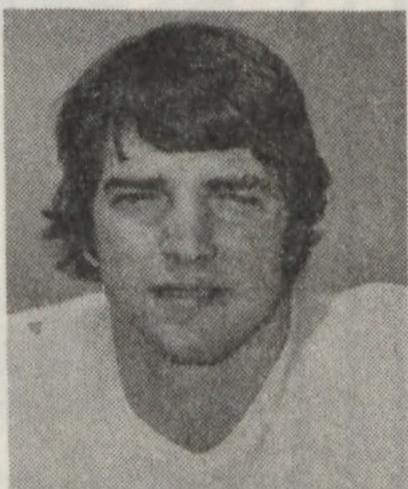
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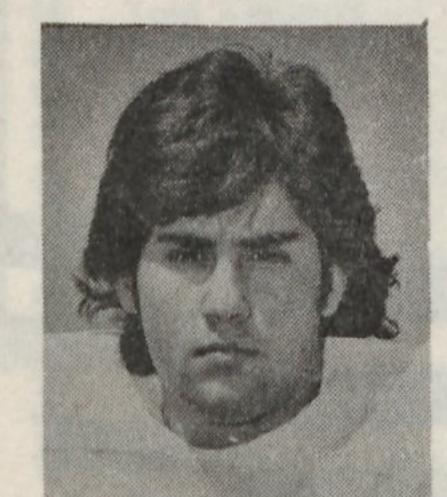
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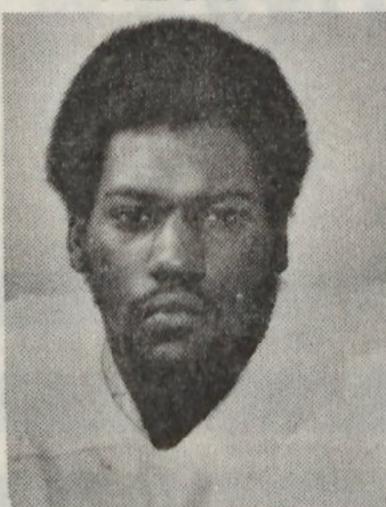
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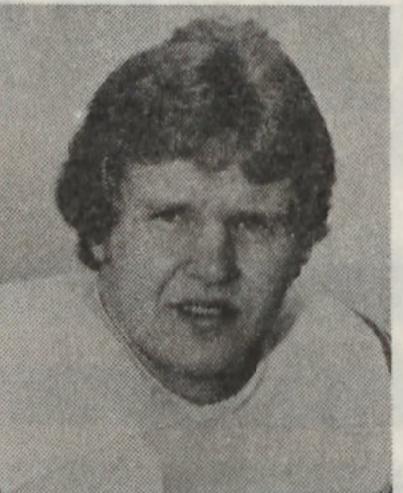
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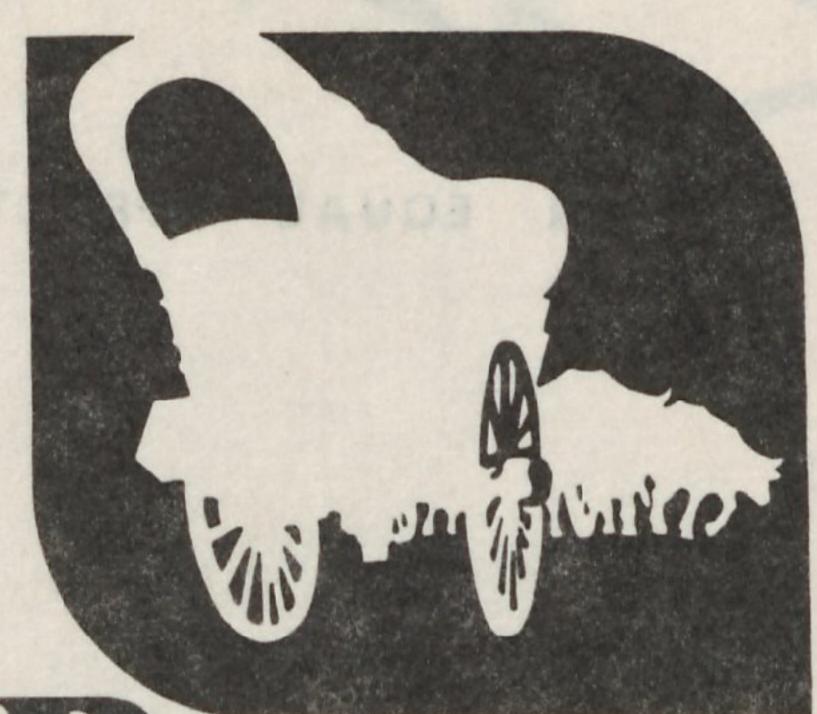
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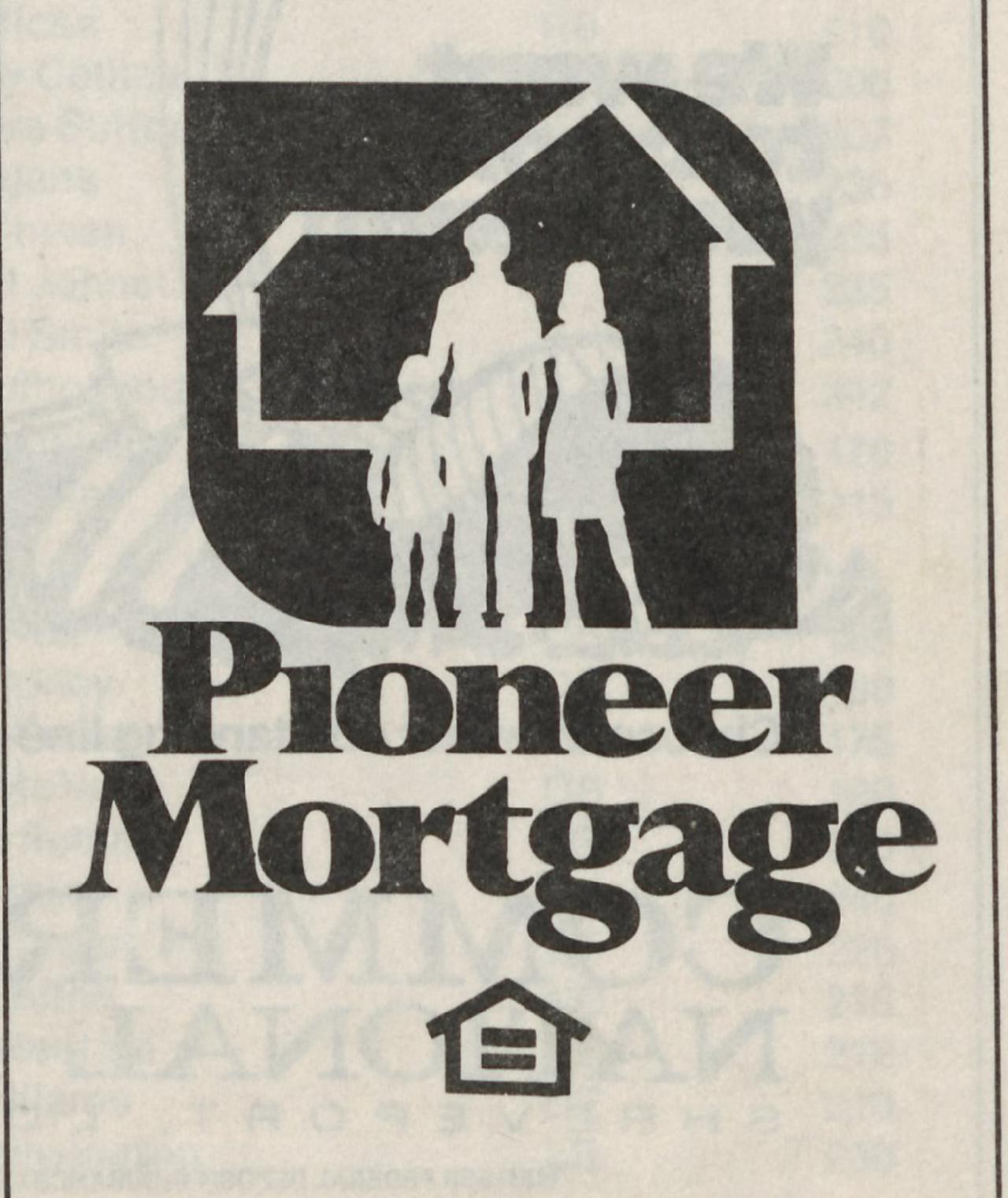
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No.	Name	Pos.			CI.	Exp.	Hometown (High School)
5	George Pree Richard Barrios	WR WR	5-6 5-11		Sr. Jr.	3L SQ	Texarkana, AR Covington
7	Johnny Giordano	WR	5-10		Fr.	RS	Lake Charles (Lake Charles)
8 9	Wayne Williamson Havwood Dejean	DB DB	5-11		Fr. Fr.	RS HS	Alexandria (Alexandria Sr.) Lake Charles (Lake Charles)
10	Jeff Dozier	P	6-3	195	Sr.	HS	Waco, TX (Midway)
11	Eric Barkley Ahmad Farahani	QB	5-11		Fr. Fr.	HS HS	Shreveport (Fair Park) Farmerville
14	Mark Buchanan	QB	6-2		So.	1L	Bryant, AR
15	Kevin Kalmus	QB	6-31/2		Fr.	RS	Kilgore, TX
16 17	Keith Thibodeaux Keith Swilley	QB K	6-0		Jr. Sr.	2L 1L	Opelousas Pensacola, FL (Escambia)
18	Steve Treadway	TE	6-11/2	220	Fr.	HS	Jonesboro
19	Bill Schneider Bryan Leviston	S RB	6-1 5-10	185 178	Sr. Sr.	3L 1L	Ruston Shreveport (Capt. Shreve)
21	Scooter Spruiell	WR	5-11	170	Sr.	3L	Baton Rouge (Tara)
22	Lynn Bankston Pap Watson	DB DB	5-9 5-11	175	Fr. Fr.	RS HS	Winnfield Marshall, TX
24	Huey Sloan	S	6-0		So.	SQ	Shreveport (Fair Park)
25	Jean Dornier	P-DE		185	Jr.	1L HS	Gramercy (Lutcher) Jonesboro
26 27	Rickey Johnson Zack Jones	RB CB	5-11	175	Fr. Jr.	2L	Texarkana, TX
28	Leland Padgett	WR	5-61/2	162	Fr.	HS	Lafayette
29 30	Clay Lee Ron Vernasco	DB RB	6-1 5-10	185	Fr.	RS HS	Monroe (Ouachita) Fort Wayne, IN (Snider)
31	Max Ray Davenport	CB	5-10	SHOP	Sr.	1L	Shreveport (Capt. Shreve)
32	George Yates Jimmy Blackshire	RB LB	6-1	190	So.	1L 2L	Baton Rouge (Lee) Bossier City (Bossier)
34	Joe Singleton	FB	6-2	225	Sr.	2L	Winnsboro
35	Greg Goben	FB	6-0	205	Fr.	HS	Shreveport (Trinity Heights)
36 37	Scott Coates Rick Reggio	WR LB	5-10 5-9	170	So.	SQ 1L	New Orleans (Holy Cross)
38	David Cotton	WR	5-10	160	Fr.	HS	Bossier City (Parkway)
39	Joe Mack Johnson Lavon James	FB	6-0	185	Jr. Jr.	2L 2L	Timpson, TX Cotton Valley (Plain Dealing)
41	Terry Peel	DB	5-11	170	Fr.	HS	Jefferson, TX
42	Jessie Clark	FB	6-0	210	Fr.	HS	Crossett, AR
43	Phillip Passon Tommy Havenstrite	LB	5-10	215	So. Fr.	SQ	Ruston Russellville, AR
45	Larry Gideon	S	6-0	185	So.	SQ	Hallsville, TX
47	Mike McHale George McCain	DE	6-2 5-11	184	So.	SQ	Ruston (Cedar Creek) Keithville (Southwood)
49	Andre Young	LB	6-0	190	Fr.	HS	West Monroe
50	Leonard McAngus	DE-LB	6-2	205	Fr. So.	HS 1L	Marshall, TX Jacksonville, AR
51 52	Tony Tademy Chuck Edwards	NG	6-0	225	So.	iL	Jonesville (Block)
53	Chip Helton	C	6-1	215	Sr.	3L	Shrayapart (Southwood)
54 55	Ken Serpas C. J. Lottinger	C	6-0	215	Sr. Sr.	1L 2L	Shreveport (Southwood) Shreveport (Woodlawn)
56	Lee Bailey	LB	6-1	212	So.	1L	Vidalia (Pound)
57 58	Bill Smith Rodney Jones	ОТ	6-0	210	Sr. Jr.	2L 2L	Shreveport (Byrd) Longview, TX
59	Ardis McCann	NG	5-10	215	Sr.	2L	Shreveport (Fair Park)
60	James Stephens Roger Green	OG OG	6-0 5-10	215	Sr. Fr.	3L HS	Longview, TX Baton Rouge (Broadmoor)
62	Ronnie Paggett	DT	6-21/2	222	Sr.	3L	Jonesboro
63	Jim McDearmont	DT	6-0	234	Fr.	HS	Shreveport (Woodlawn) Oceola, AR
64	Heath Holthouse Doug Boulware	OG	6-2	220	Jr.	1L	Shreveport (Woodlawn)
66	Britt Choate	OG	6-0	210	Fr.	RS	Shreveport (Huntington) Mansfield
67 68	Ed Jackson Ricky Hinton	LB	6-4 5-11	225	Fr. So.	RS 1L	Springhill
69	David Powell	DT	6-0	225	Sr.	2L	Hallsville, TX
70 71	David Colbert Todd Smith	OT	6-1	230	Fr.	HS	Little Rock, AR (Parkview) Arp, TX
72	Mike Taliaferro	ОТ	6-1	215	Fr.	RS	Kilgore, TX
73	Rickey Grigsby Carl Bellotti	NG DT	6-1	240	Jr. So.	1L SQ	Ruston Port Neches, TX (Pt. NGroves)
74 75	John Ward	DT	6-4	230		2L	Baton Rouge (Lee)
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77 78	Joey Colson	OT	6-1	240 255			Oak Ridge (Delta)
79	Calvin Beasley	ОТ	6-3	257			Shreveport (Capt. Shreve)
80 81	John Rodgers Paul Sheridan	TE	6-2	210 194			Daingerfield, TX Cabot, AR
82	Tom Kiggans	WR		188	Fr.	RS	Baton Rouge (Broadmoor)
83	Sam Mangum	DT	6-2	220			San Antonio, TX (Holmes) Baton Rouge (Lee)
84 85	Adam Short Fred Brown	WR					Winnsboro
86	Johnny Robinson	DE	6-2	245			Ruston Blanchard (Northwood)
88	Sammy Willis Darrin Washington	WR	6-2	175			Ruston
90	Joe Richardson	NG	5-11	190	Fr.	HS	Shreveport (Byrd)
91 92	Dan Devine Tommy Chandler	LB RB	5-11	205 188			New Orleans (Sam Barthe) Shreveport (Shreve Christian)
93	Miek Sorensen	LB	6-0	200	Fr.	HS	Alexandria (Alexandria Sr.)
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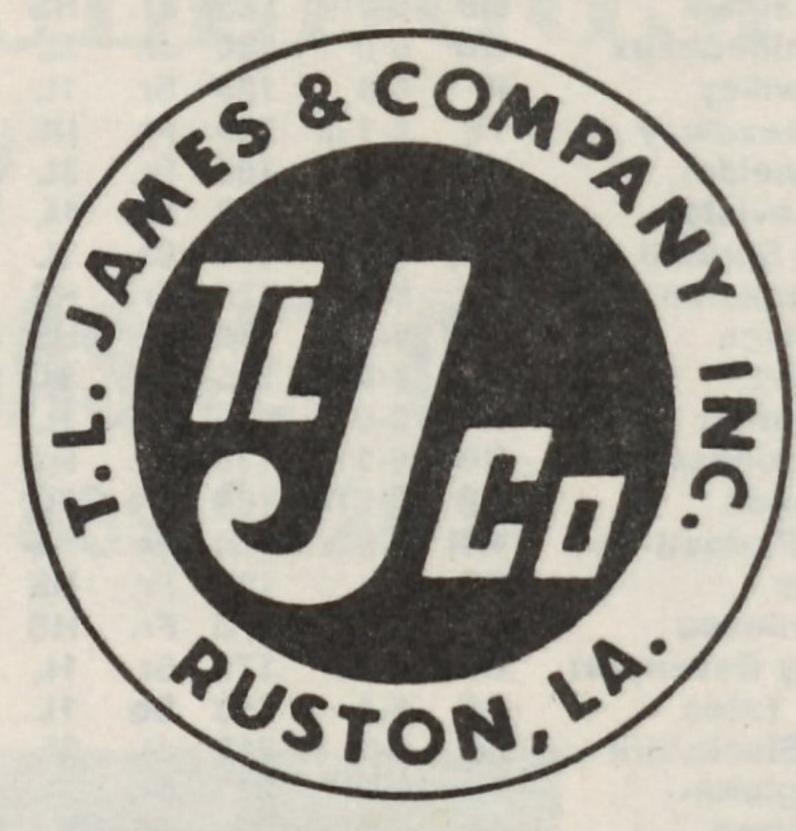
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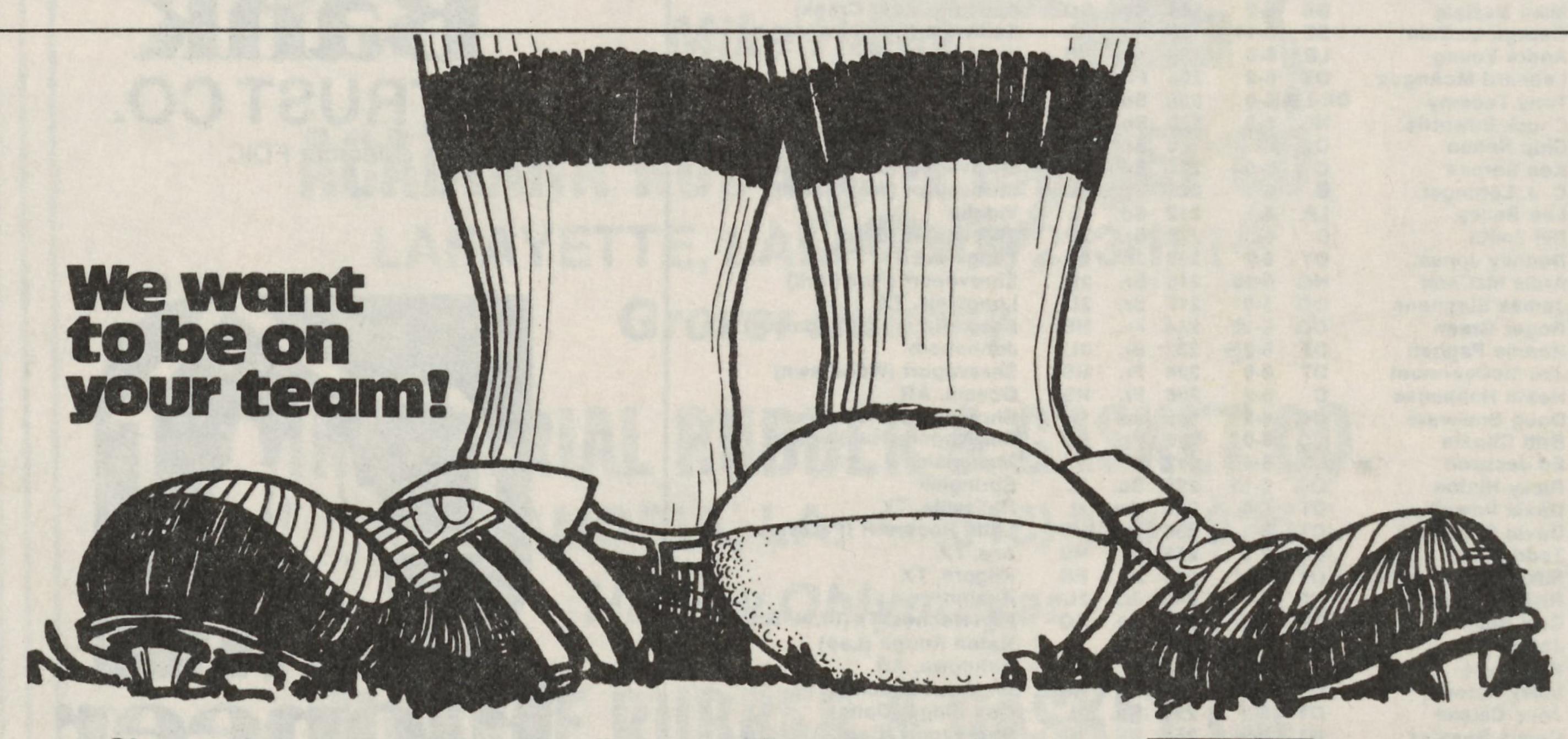




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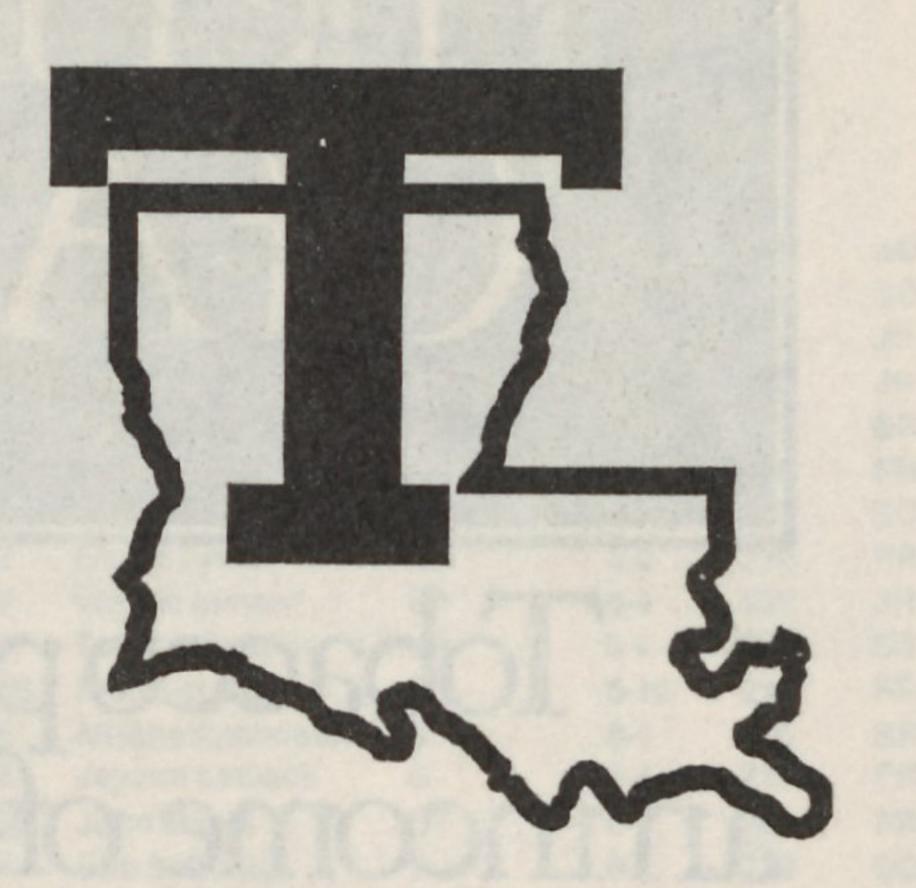
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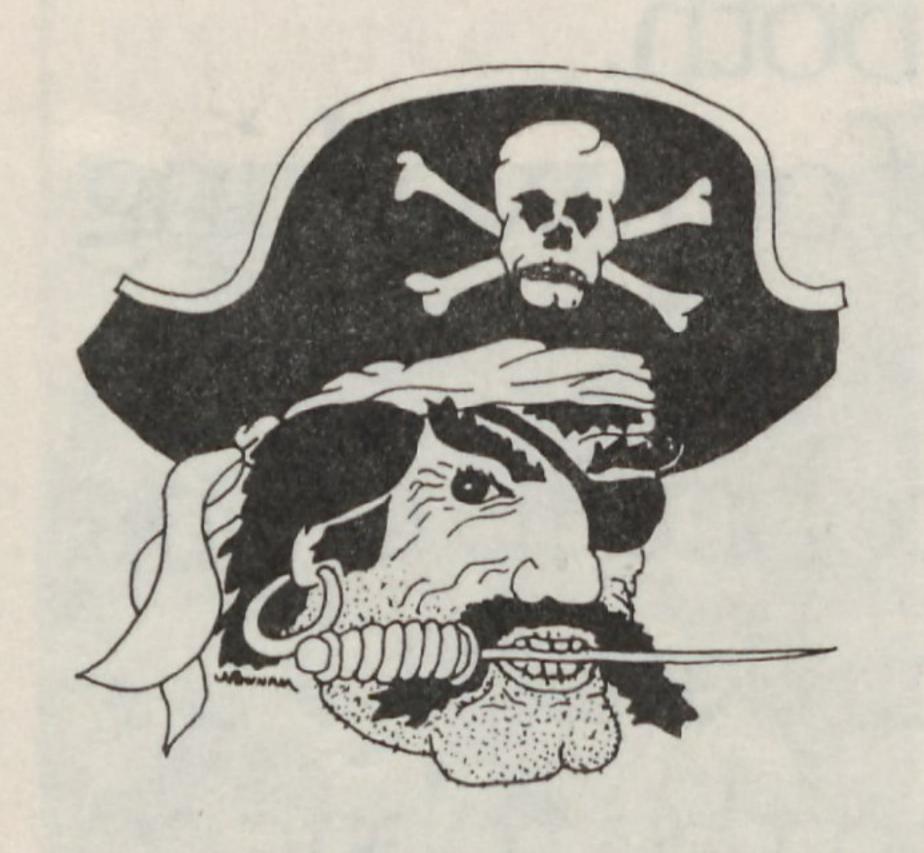


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	55	C.J. Lottinger	C	225
田	58	Rodney Jones	RG	238
	77	Larry Aston	RT	240
SN	84	Adam Short	TE	205
8	7	Johnny Giordano	FL	160
FE	16	Keith Thibodeaux	QB	180
OF	42	Jessie Clark	FB	210
0	20	Bryan Leviston	TB	178
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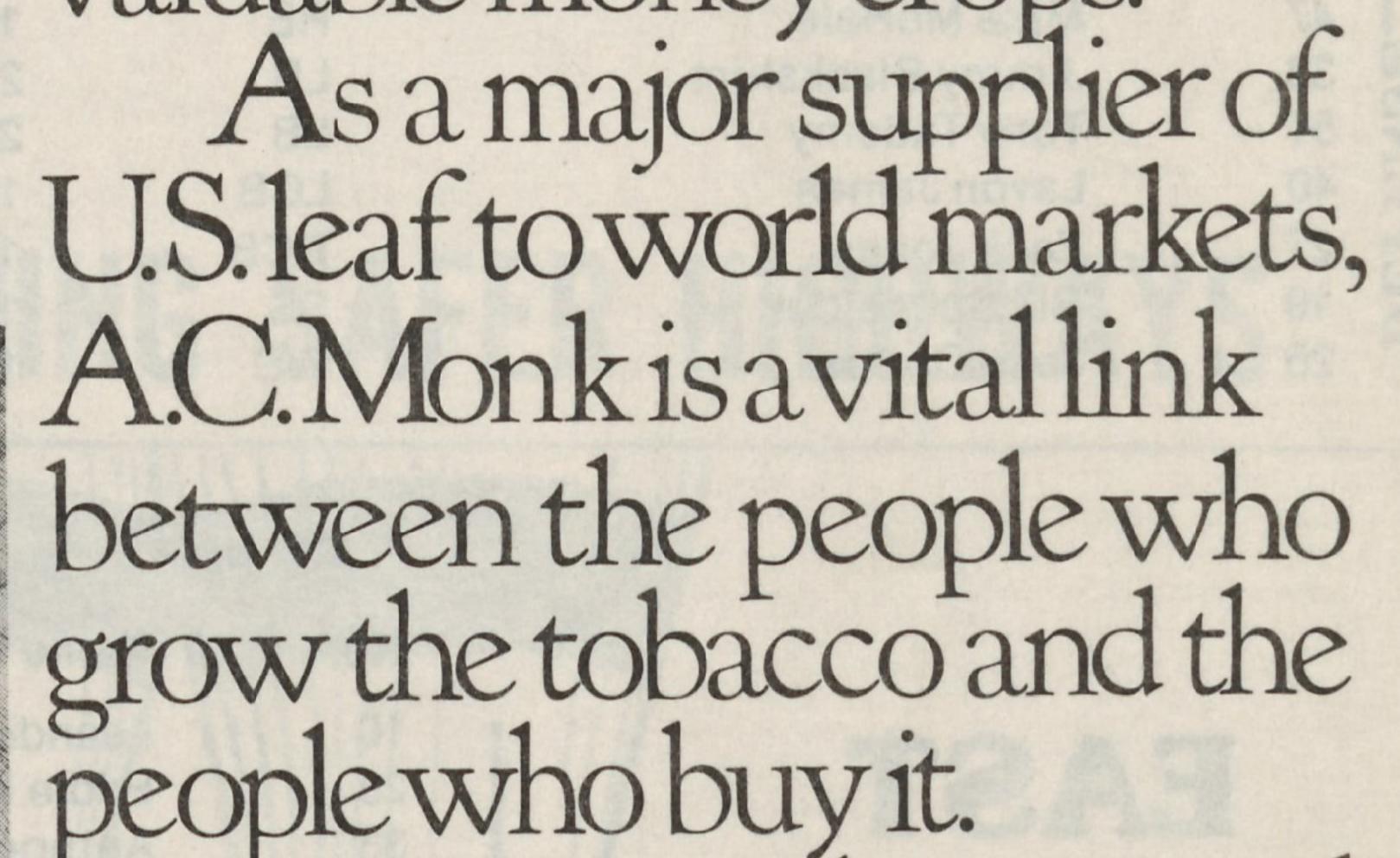
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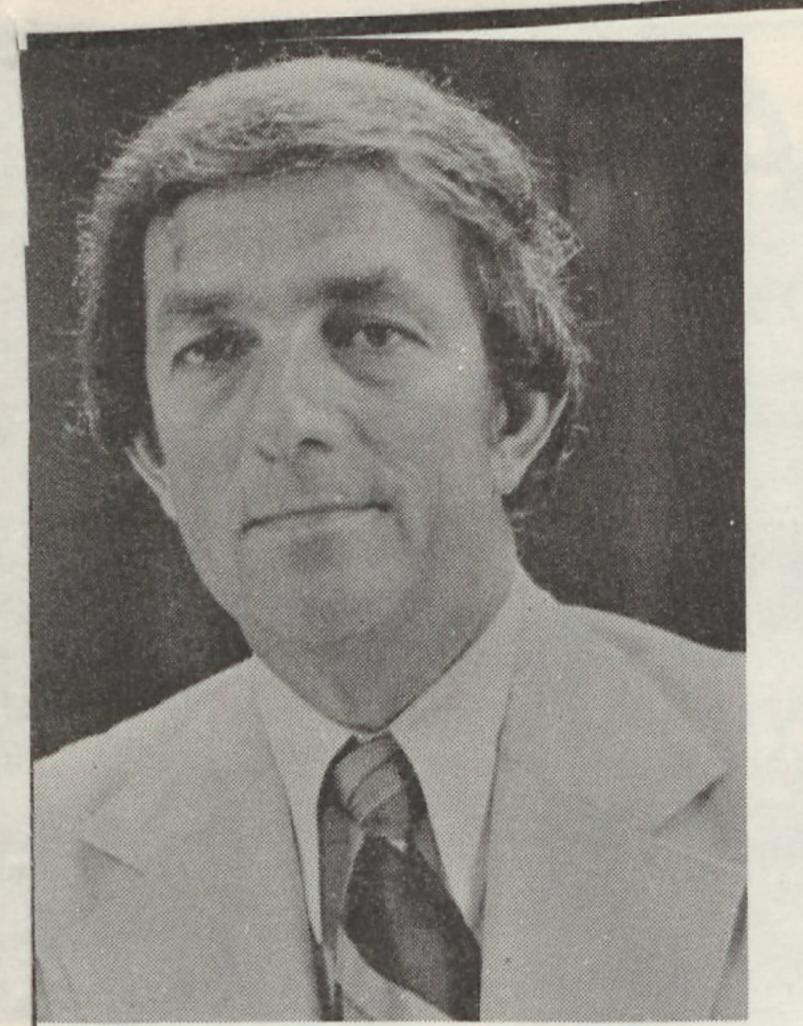
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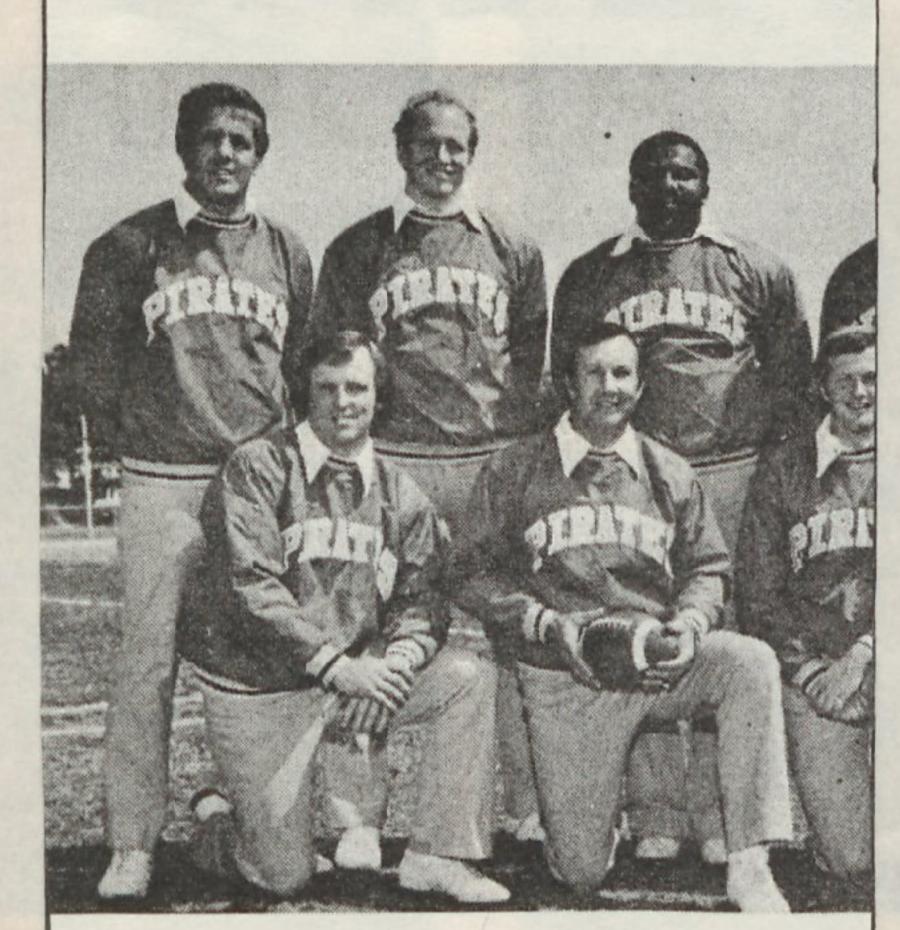
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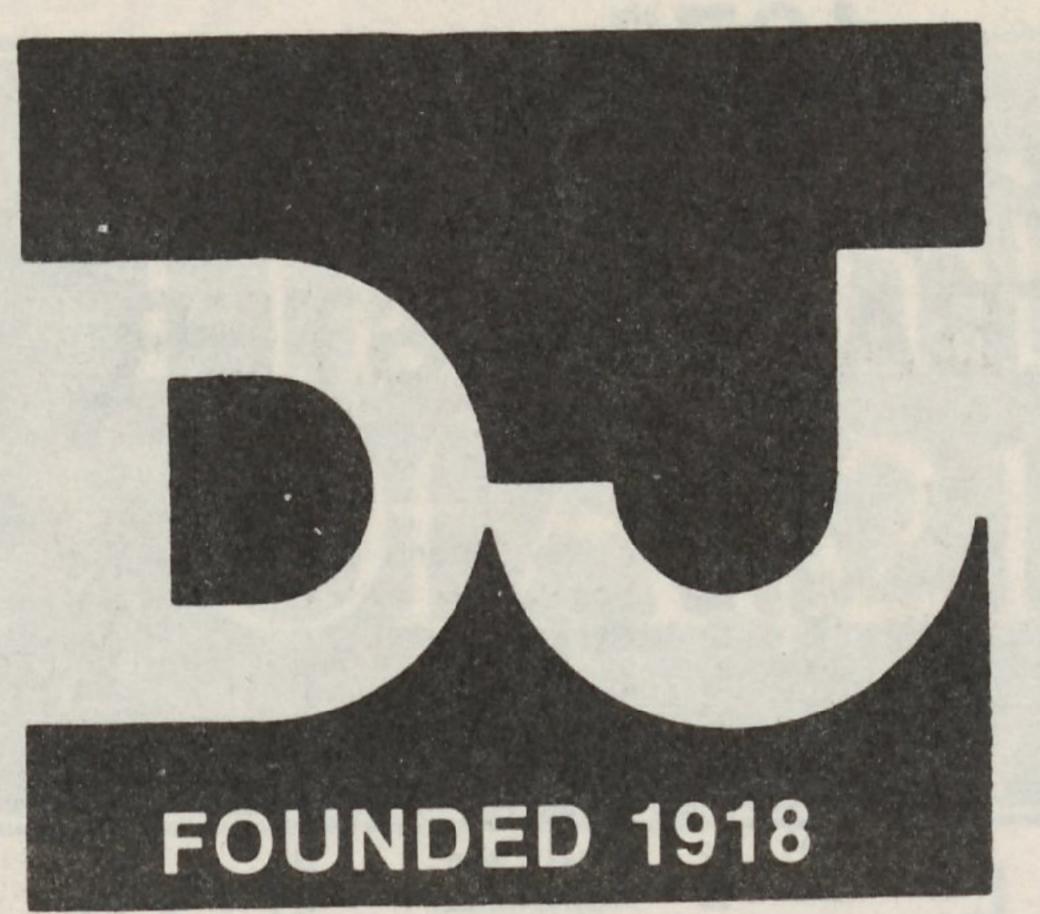


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2	Rodney Allen*	P	6-1	185	JR	55	Ron Headley	C	6-3	210	SO
3	Jess Eberdt	QB	6-0	163	FR	56	Gene Winters**	C	5-11	205	JR
5	Bill Lamm	K	5-11	180	JR	57	Jeff Hagans*	C	6-1	235	JR
6	Vern Davenport	SE-K	6-3	195	JR	60	John Maness	C	5-11	215	SR
7	Mickey Bentley David Kauffman	QB-K	6-3	180	FR	61	Ernest Bayne	DT-NG	6-3	225	FR
75		SF	6-1	186	FR	618	Dwight Tart	T	6-5	235	so
8	Tyronne Spellman Steve Greer	DB	6-4	187	SO	62	Oscar Tyson	G	6-0	230	FR
9	Aaron Stewart	QB QB	6-1	180	SR	63	Wayne Inman*	G	6-4	235	JR
10	Leander Green*		5-10	168	FR	64	Tommy Summer**	LB	6-1	215	SR
11	Gerald Hall**	QB DB	5-8	170	JR	645	Fletcher Baker	G	5-10	218	FR
12	Jim Renuart	SE	5-10	185	SR	65	Mitchell Johnston*	G	6-4	235	SR
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13	Gerald Sykes	DB	5-10	180	FR	66S	John Cross	DT	6-1	205	FR
14	Jessy Cainion	SE	5-9	170	FR	67	Bub LaCock	T	6-2	230	SO
15	Danny Safrit	DB	5-8	158	FR	70	D.T. Joyner	DT	6-0	240	SR
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17	Henry Trevathan	QB	5-10	170	JR	71	Robert Boykins	T	6-4	195	SO
19	Mark Hoffman	K	5-8	165	SO	72	George Crump	DT	6-3	215	FR
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25	Sam Harrell*	RB	6-2	205	SR	78	Mitchell Smith**	Ī	6-3	240	SR
26	Nate Adams	RB /	5-10	180	JR	79	Matt Mulholland**		6-0	242	SR
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29	Mike Hawkins	RB	5-9	183	so	81	Terry Gallaher***	TE	6-2	245	JR
30	Bill Pinkney*	DB /	5-10	168	so	82	Jason Harrell	SE DE-P	5-9	170	SR
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36	Theodore Sutton*	FB	5-9	207	JR		ton*	SE	6-1	195	JR
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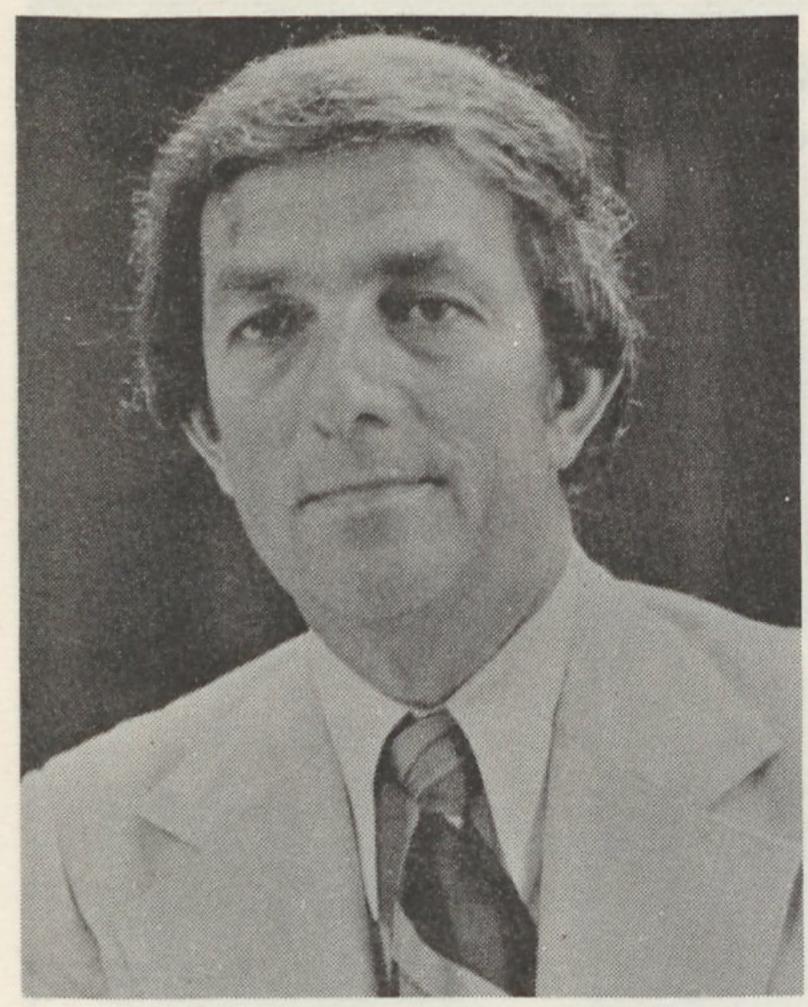
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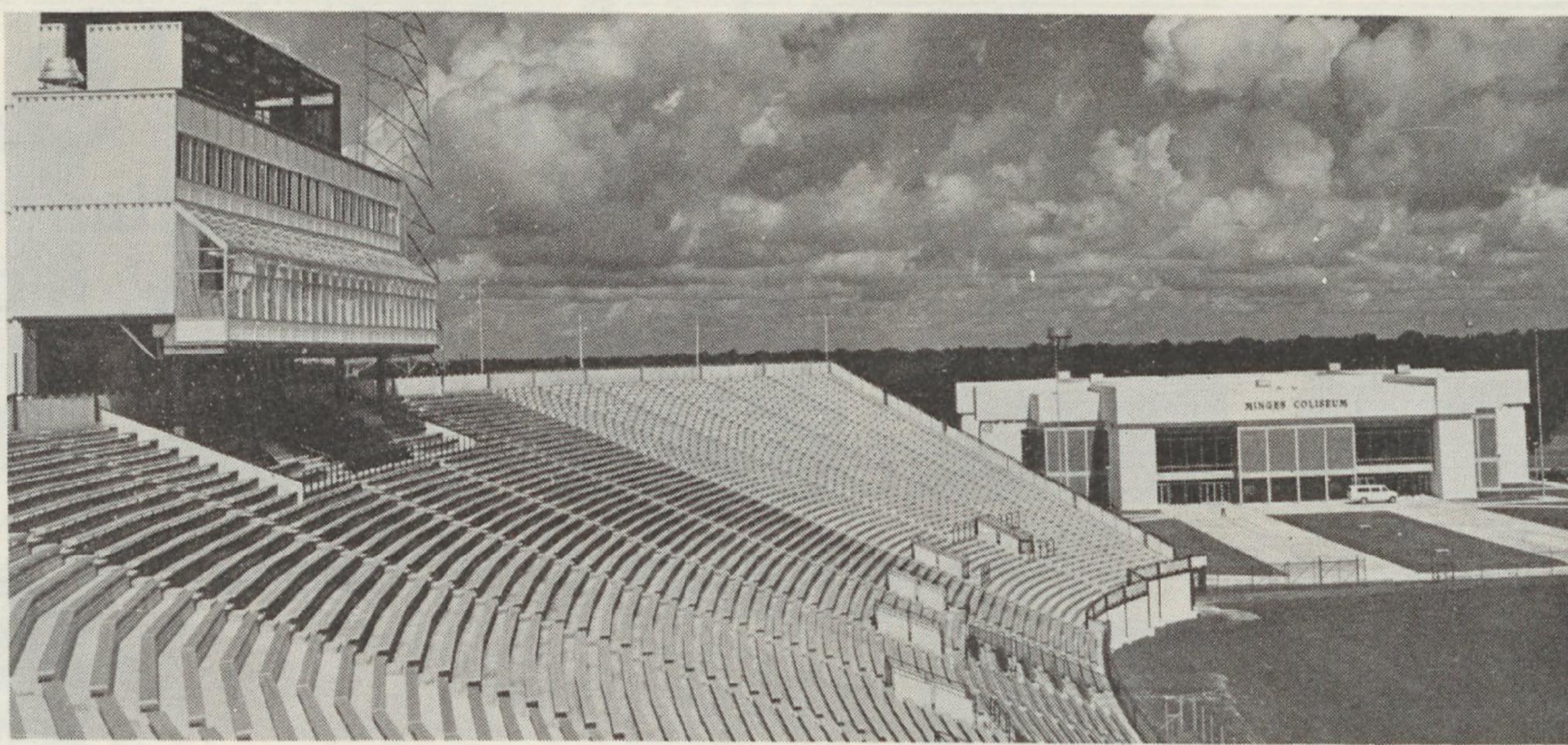


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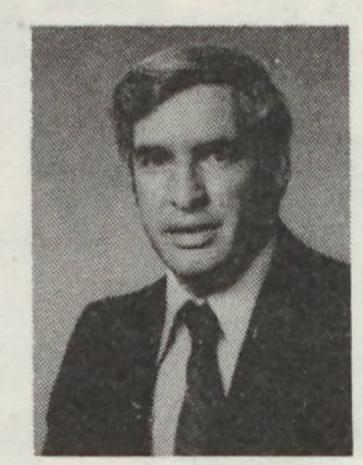
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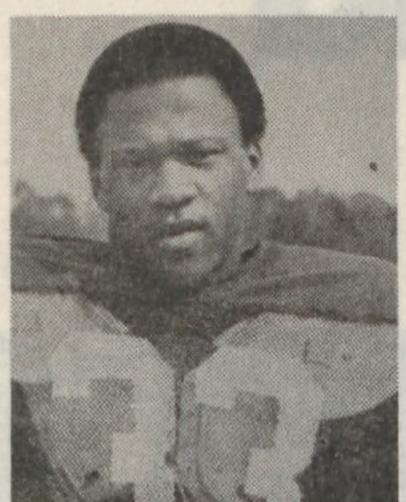
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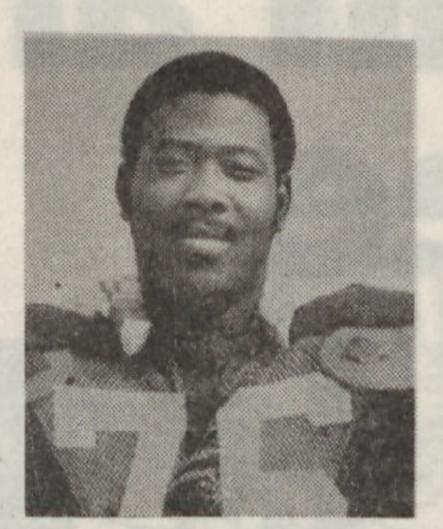
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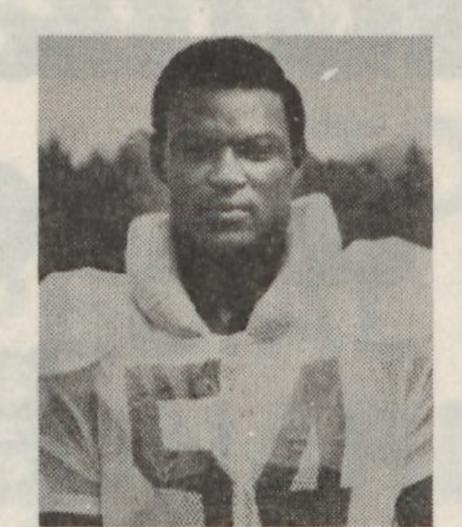
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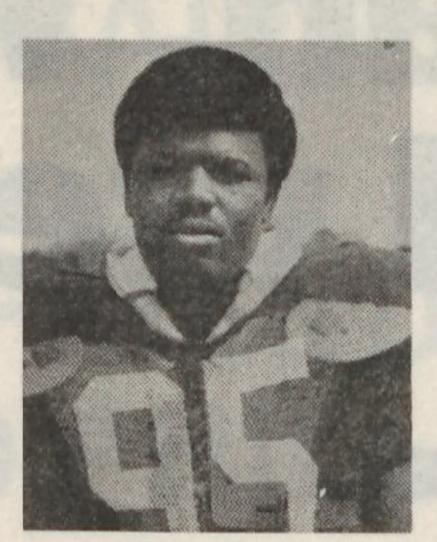
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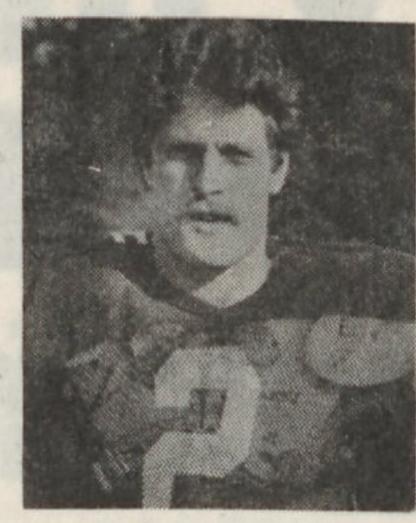
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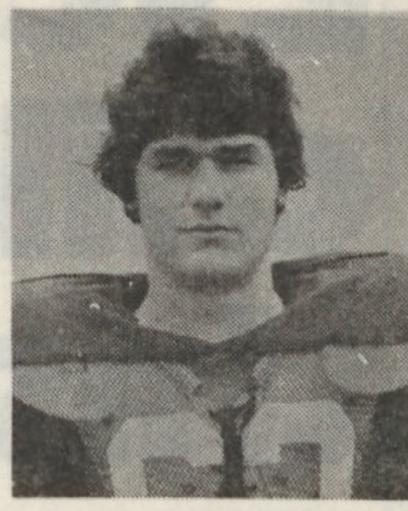
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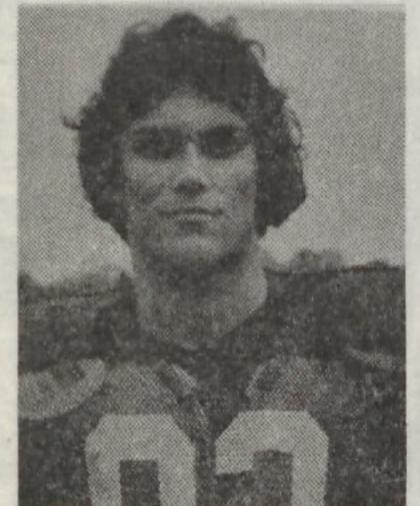
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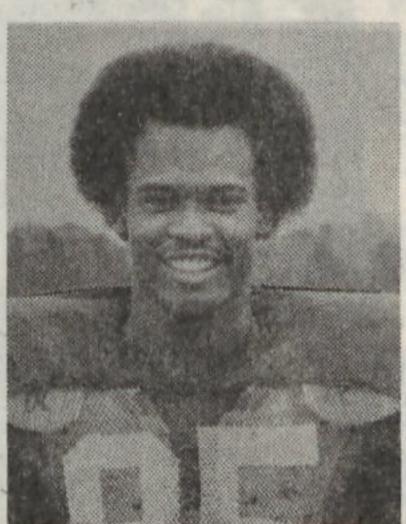
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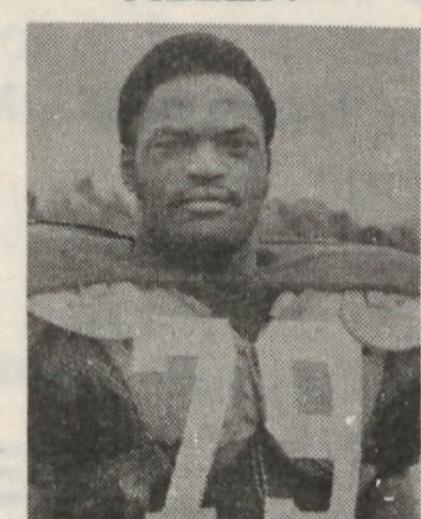
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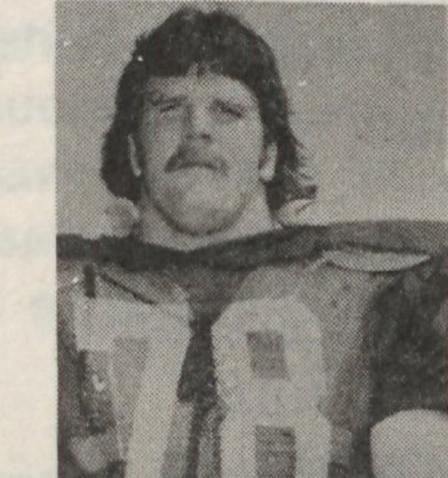
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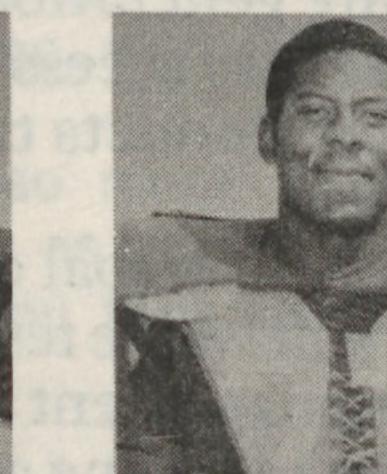
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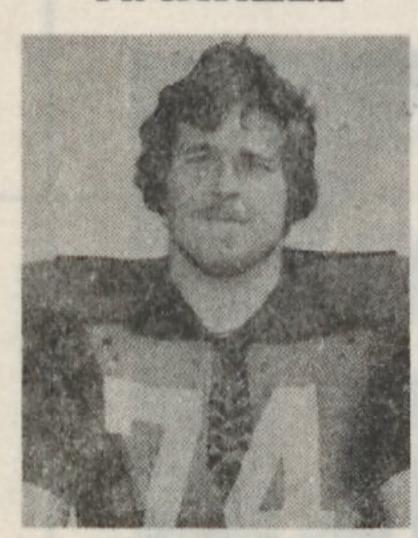
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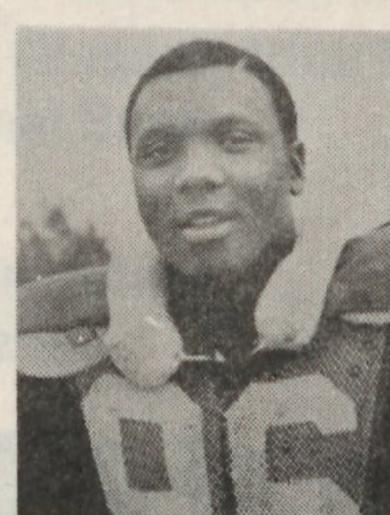
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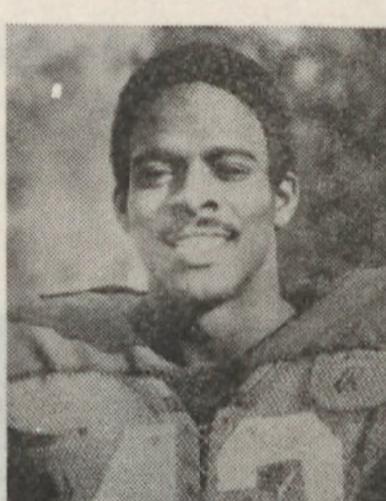
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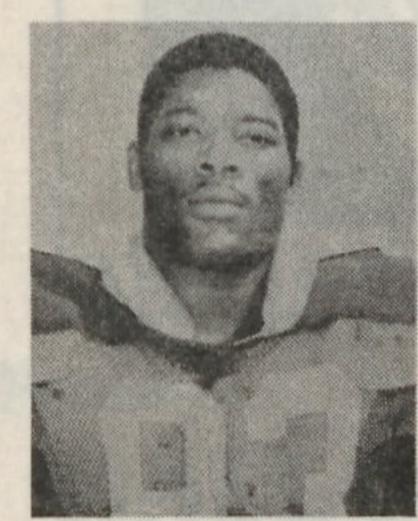
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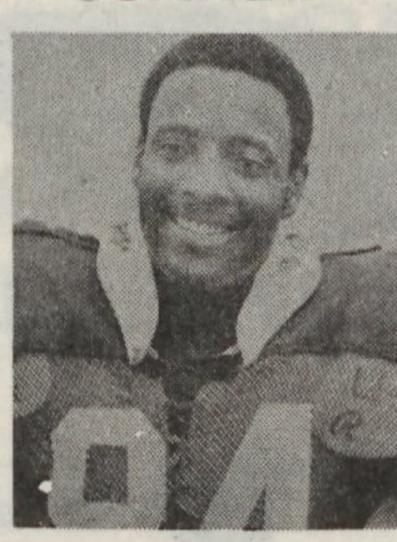
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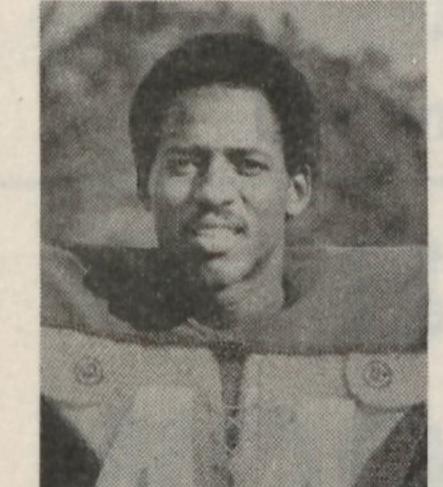
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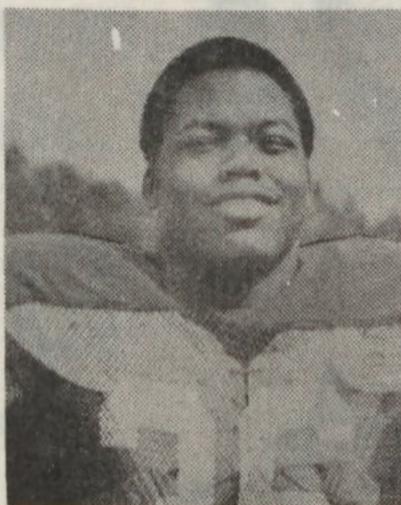
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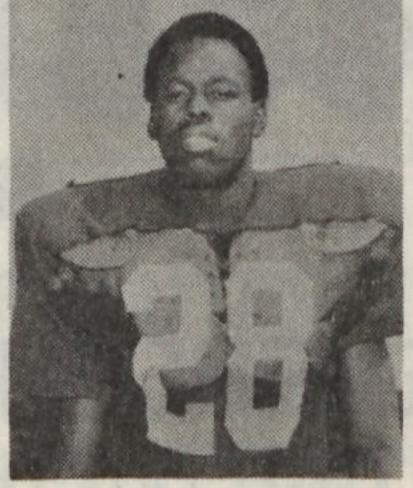
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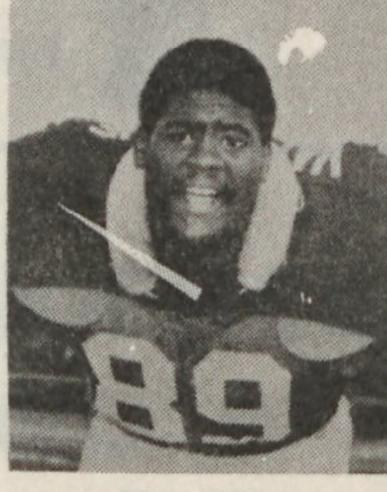
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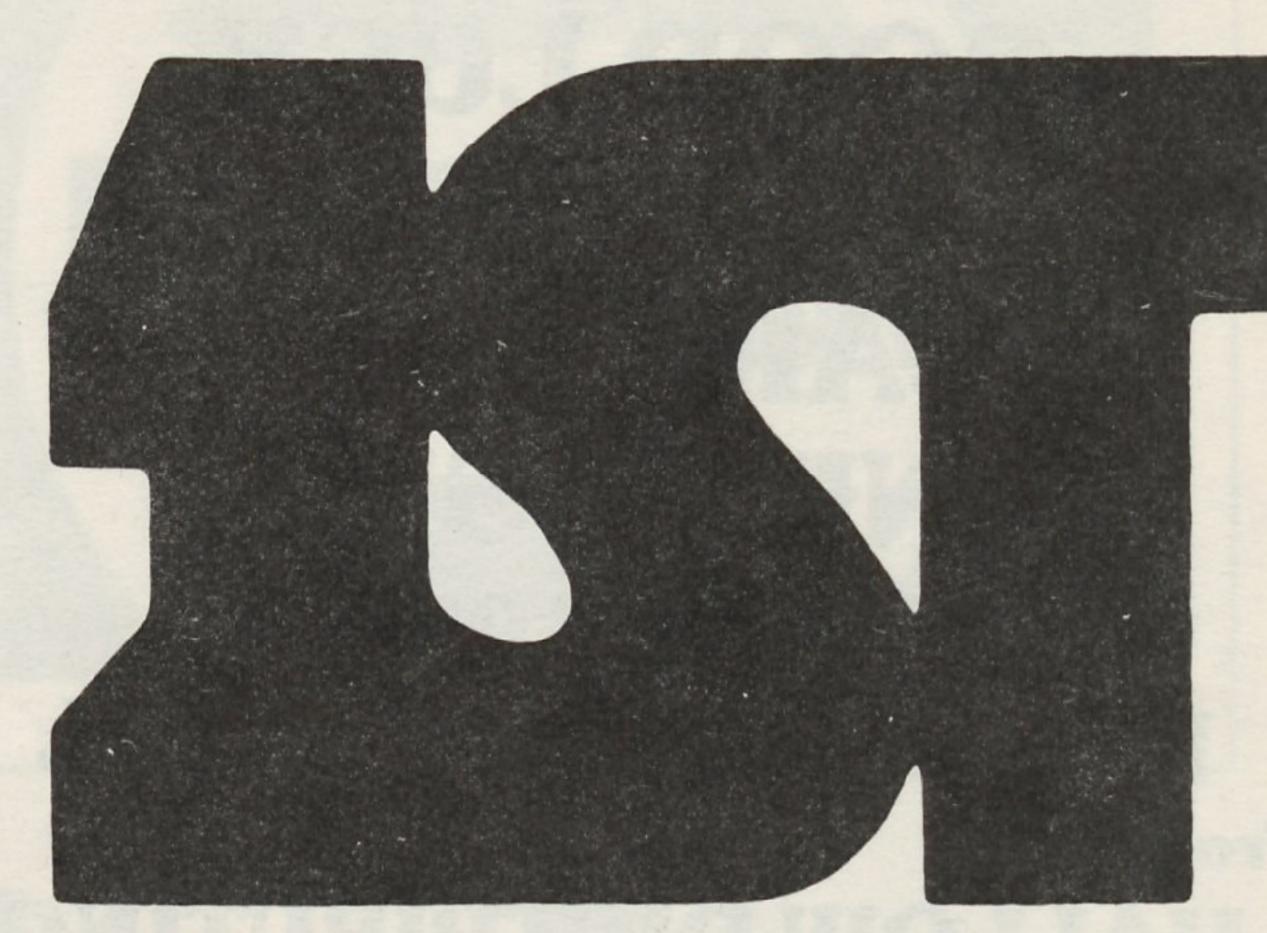
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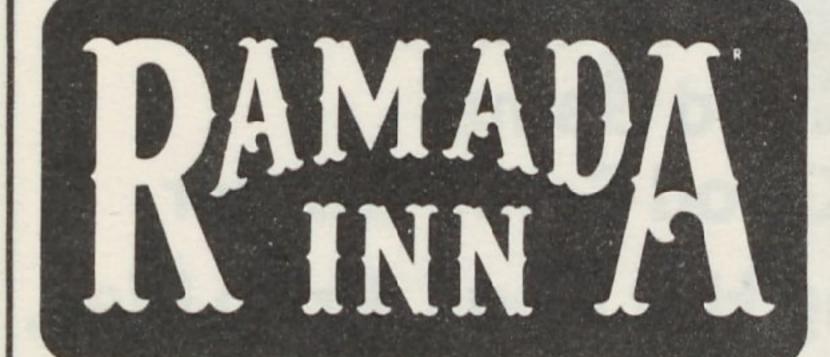
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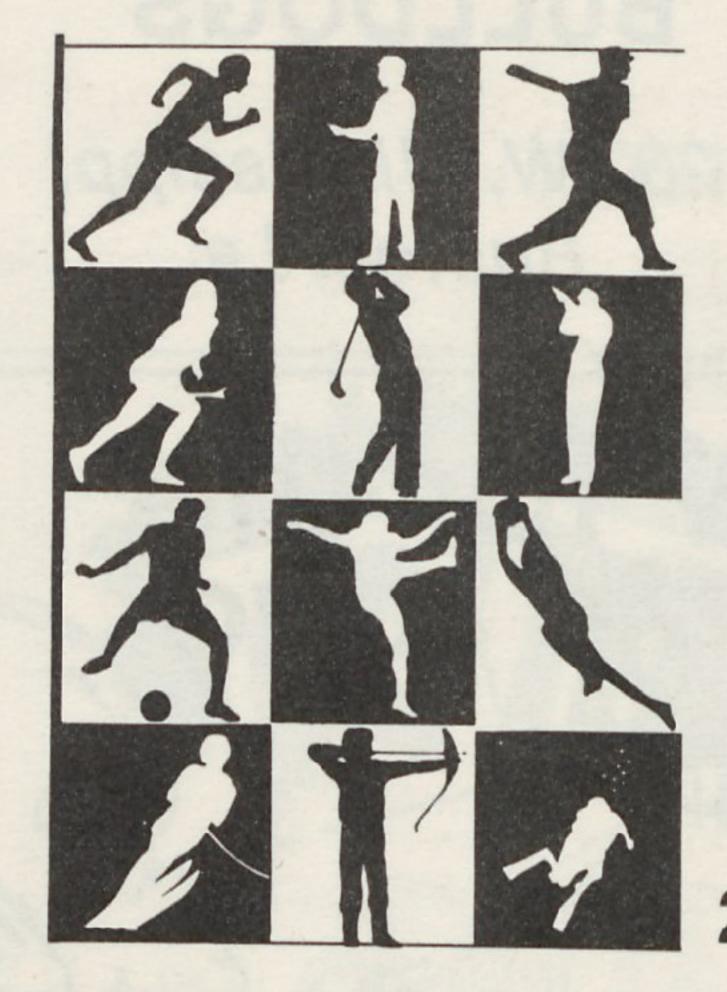


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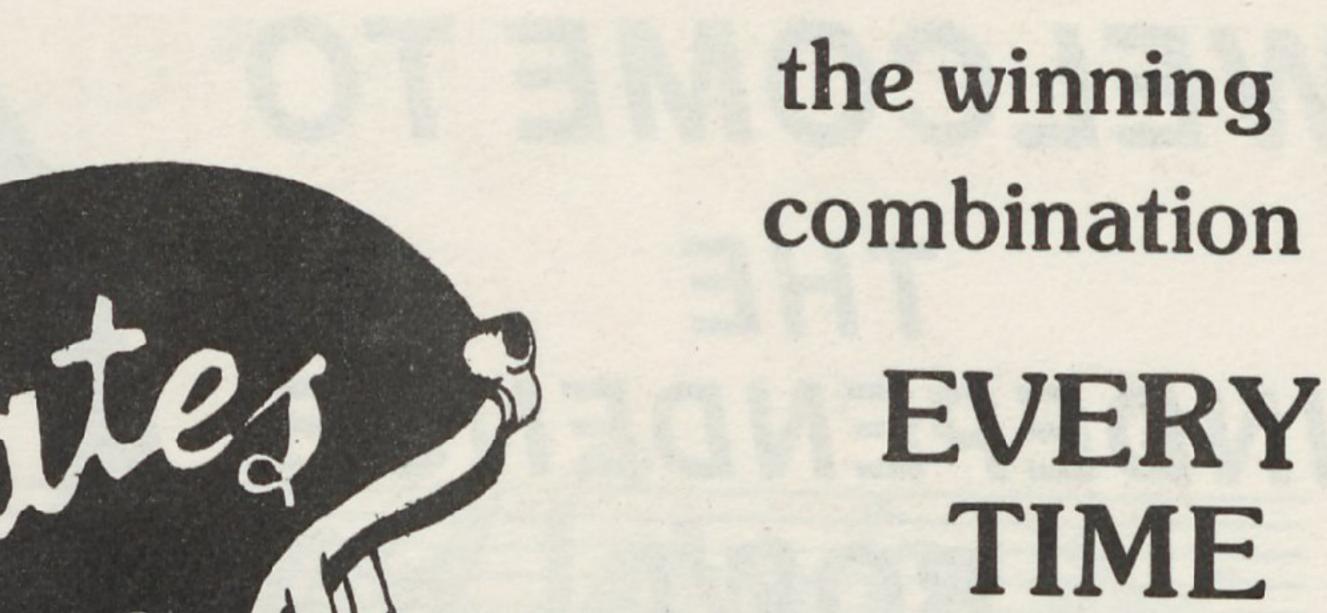
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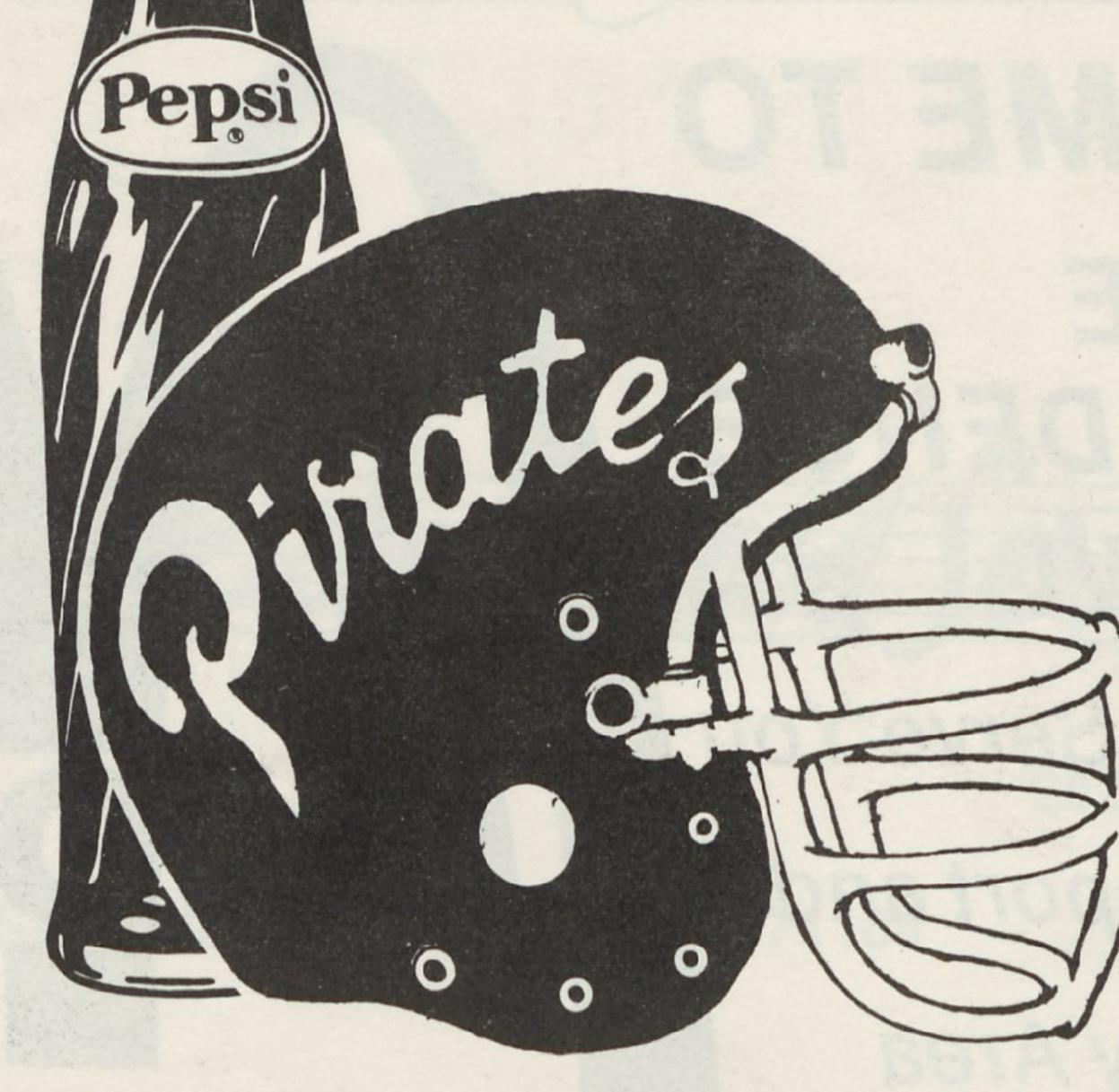
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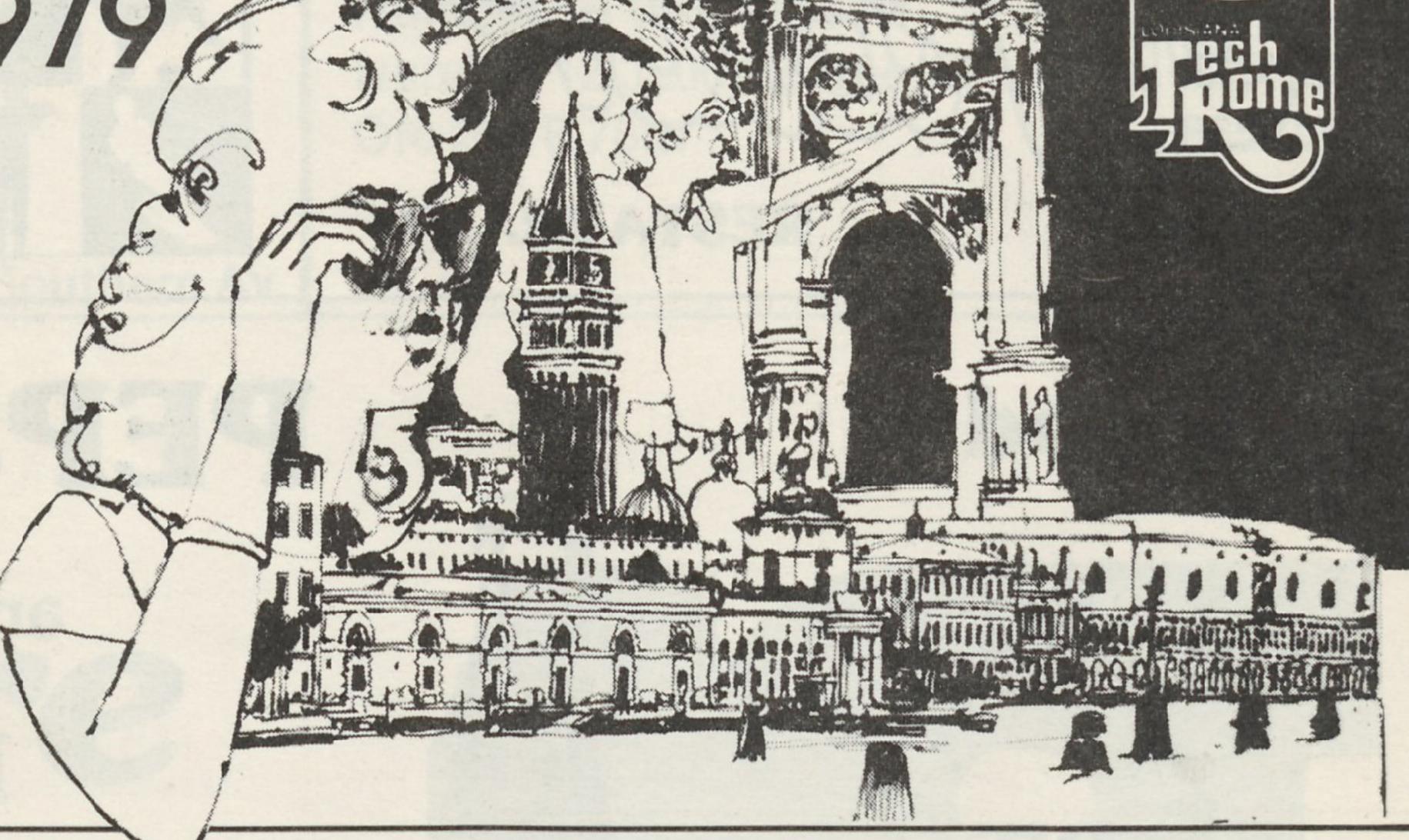
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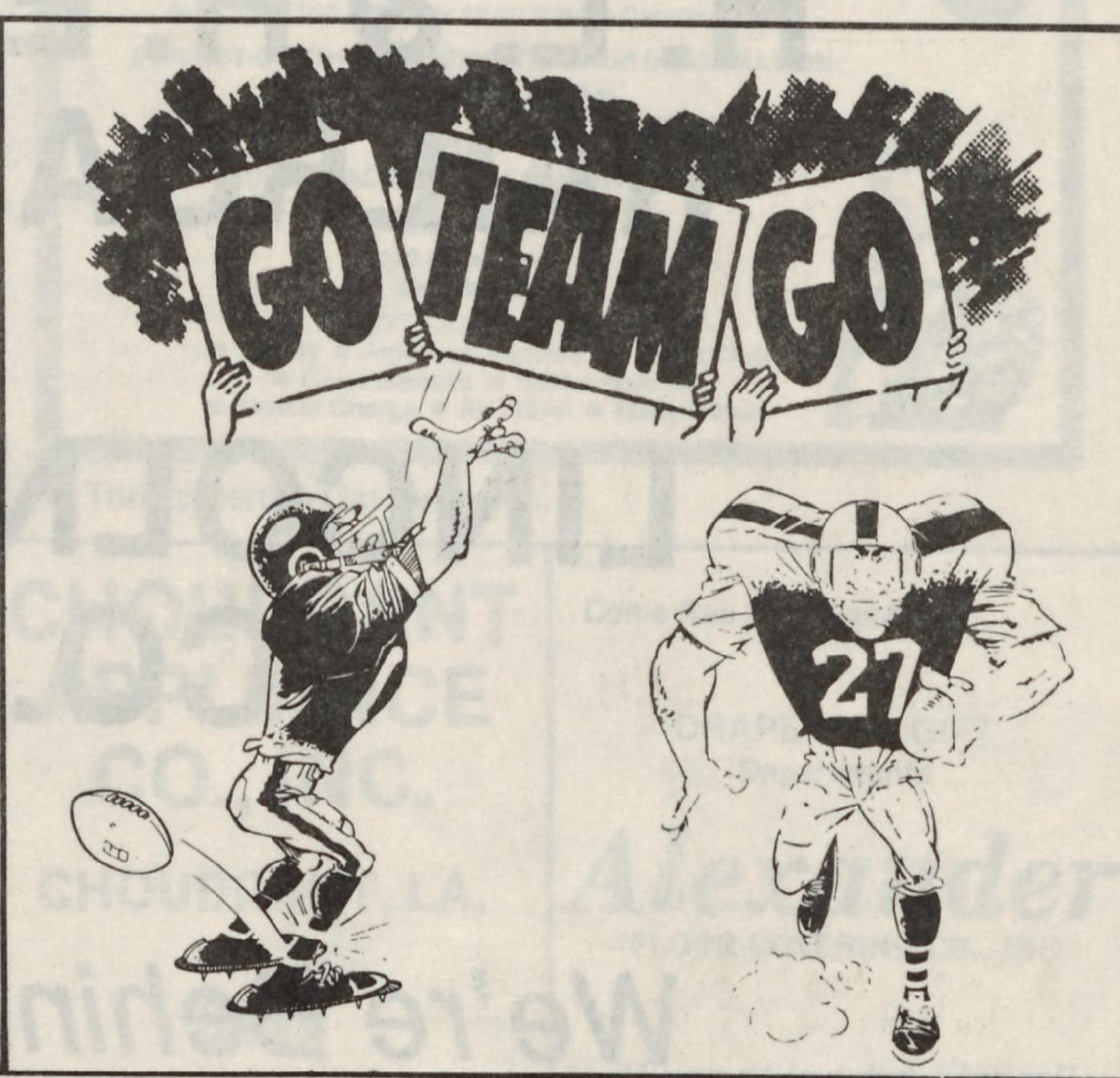
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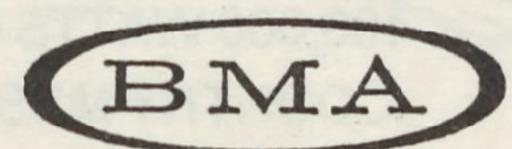
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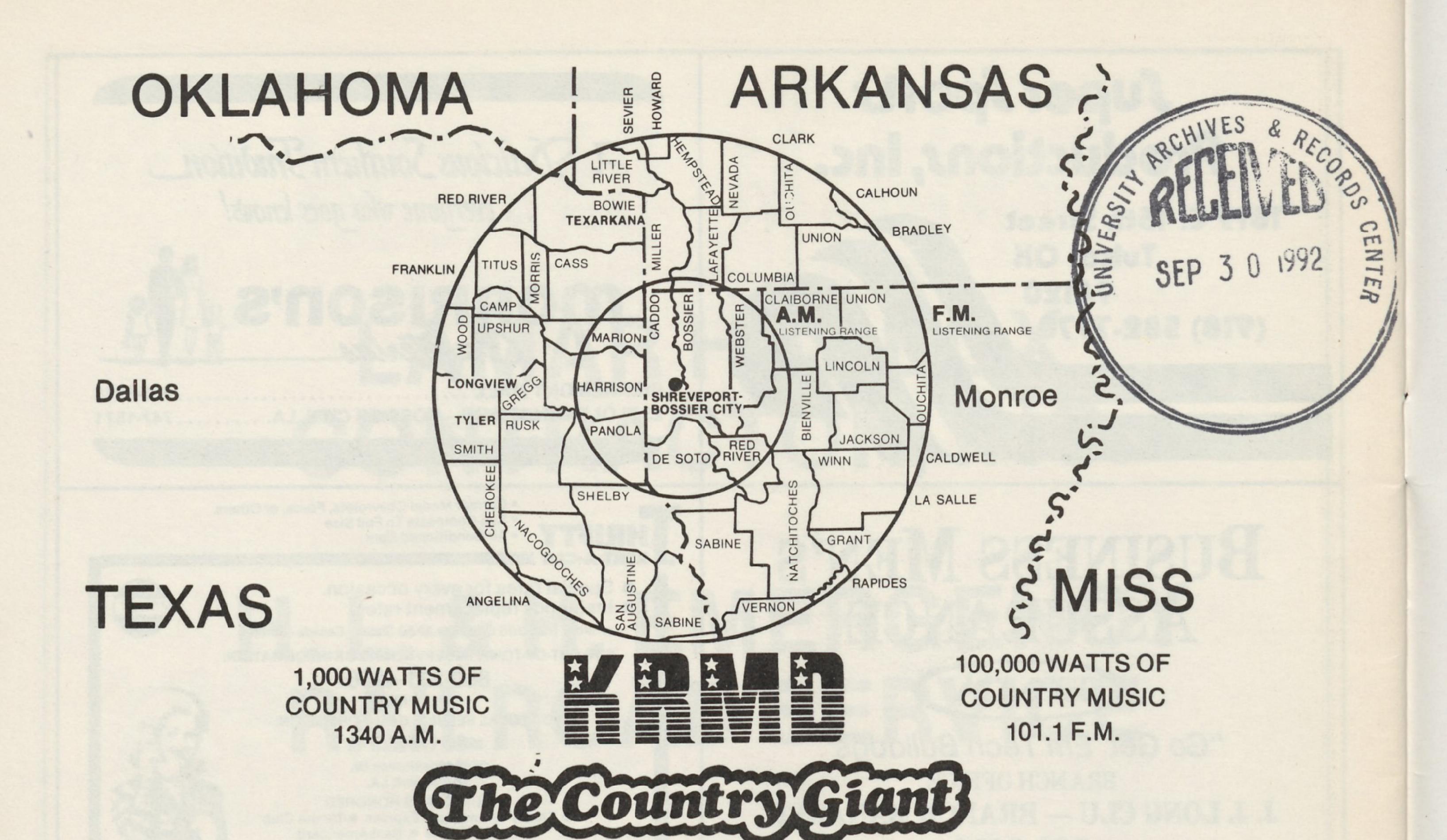
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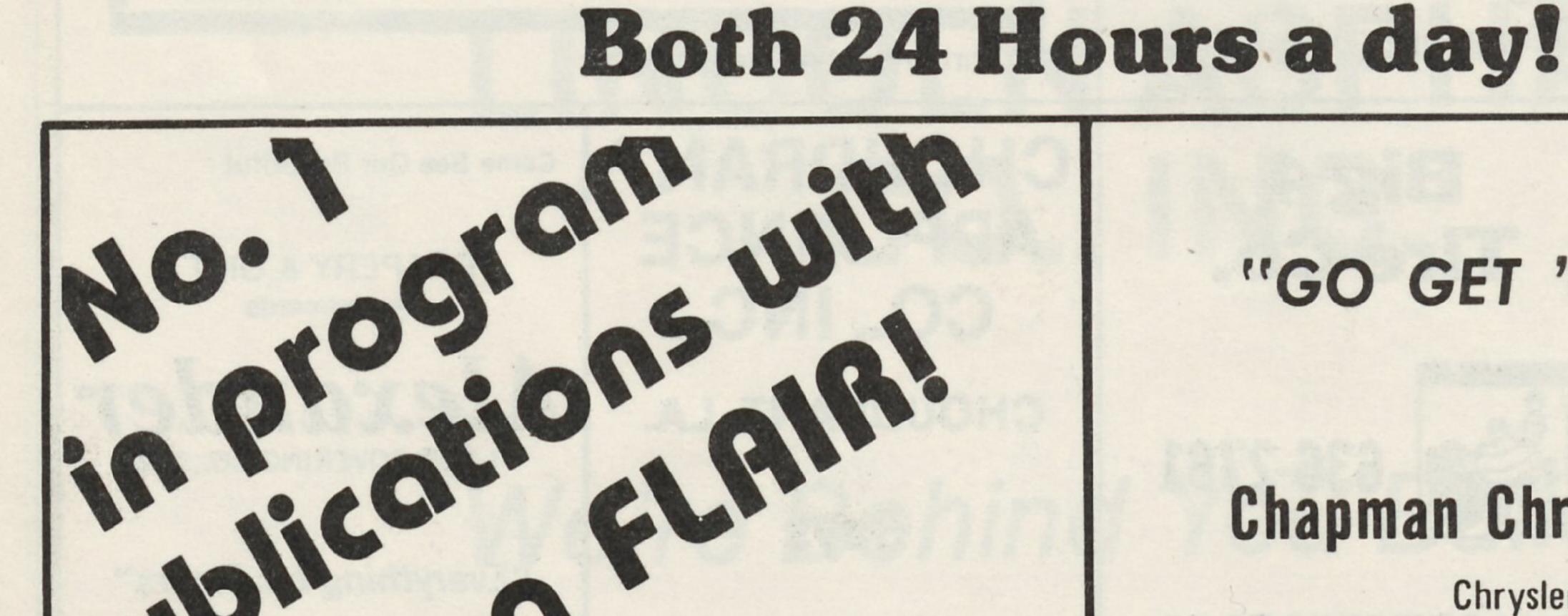
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