BLACK COLLEGE REPORT

yards his senior year and Keys caught 43 passes for an average of 24 per catch. He also tied a national record with five touchdowns in one game ....

• North Carolina Central is inducting seven people into its Sports Hall of Fame this month. They include Winston-Salem State Coach **Bill Hayes** (football), St. Augustine's Coach **Harvey Heartley** (basketball), former NCCU Coach **George L. Quiett** (football), former football stars **Paul Winslow** and **Herman Mathews** and pioneer women's coach **Katie Kelly Martin** ....

• Alabama A&M's **Patrice Jackson**, who finished her basketball career with more than 2,000 points, has been named women's college division Player of the Year by black college sports information directors. She averaged 18.5 points and 7.6 assists as a senior. Howard's **Darlene Beale** (18 points, 15 rebounds) was university division Player of the Year. Mississippi Valley's **Patricia Hoskins** (25 points, 14 rebounds) was Rookie of the Year ....

• **John Eisenberg** of the *Baltimore Sun* was honored recently by the Associated Press Sports Editors for his five-part series on black college football that appeared last November. Eisenberg took third place in the Best Enterprise Story category ....

• **Chris Fisher** of North Carolina Central has been named the winner of the first Cal Jacox-Champ Clark Award as the Black College Sports Information Director of the Year. The award is given by the National Black College Sports Information Directors' Association ....

• Howard University is considering a proposal for a 32,000-seat domed stadium as part of a $150 million development on land in Washington, D.C. Construction could begin within the next year.

Devilish good time

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much poorer than most Division I schools, learned to respect a high-rent opponent without being in awe.

A lot of people had not given the underdogs much of a chance. The odds were 100,000 to 1 against a MVSU win, according to *USA Today*.

"I knew we were the underdog, but some people were trying to put me under the underdog," Stribling said. "But I knew we'd present Duke some problems.

"Everybody expected a whipping. But I didn't want you to write that Duke whipped a tramp."

Stribling had proven his outfit was more than the pauper getting a rare chance to encounter the prince.

And what about next time?

"You should see me when I really get my act together," Stribling said.

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If things don't change and change soon, people won't have to worry about Vitale making disparaging remarks about Valley or any other historically black school during the NCAA Tournament. None will be in the field.

Don't think it can't happen because it can. Look at the women's tournament. No black schools have been involved in it for the past three years.

"In due time, they will say we keep bringing this conference in and they haven't won a game," said Prophet. "If we don't hurry up and win a game, they're going to say we need to look at this automatic qualifier. They'll do like they did our women. They say our schedule is not strong enough. But we play the same schedule as the women."

Alcorn State is the only historically black school to win a game in NCAA Tournament play. The Braves are 3-4 and have never lost by more than 10 points, even though they've had to play LSU, Georgetown, Kansas and Houston.

As a result of Alcorn's showing in tournament play, the NCAA looks upon the Braves differently than it does other black schools. They are an exception.

It would be interesting to know how many members of the NCAA Tournament committee have seen a Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference game or a Southwestern Athletic Conference game. The smart money says few, if any at all.

"They don't give the SWAC respect but they give us (Alcorn) respect," said Whitney. "Valley gained some respect but they have to be consistent. That's what they (the NCAA) told us when we first started. It's going to take time."

And in the meantime?

"You go in as a tremendous underdog, don't think about it and try to beat the hell out of them," said Whitney. "You have to think positively. It seems hopeless. But you have to think positively. You can't go out there in dispair, thinking you're beaten before you start. That upset is going to come. When and where, and if it'll be in my lifetime, I can't say."

That's a long time to keep beating your head against a brick wall.

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Totten: Snubbed?

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Fourth, Totten also has been criticized for his performance in last winter's Blue/Gray Classic. "You have three days or a week to get ready for that game," Cooley said. "You work with all-new receivers. Things you've been doing for three years, the coaches try to change in three days. All of a sudden, Totten's performance is a total destruction (to the pro scouts). What quarterback plays well in all-star games?"

Said Totten: "It's the life of a quarterback to have a poor performance. It was cold (during the Blue/Gray game). I never got into the flow (of the game). I've played in cold weather, but not like that. The wind was blowing 25 or 30 miles an hour, and it was 25 below.

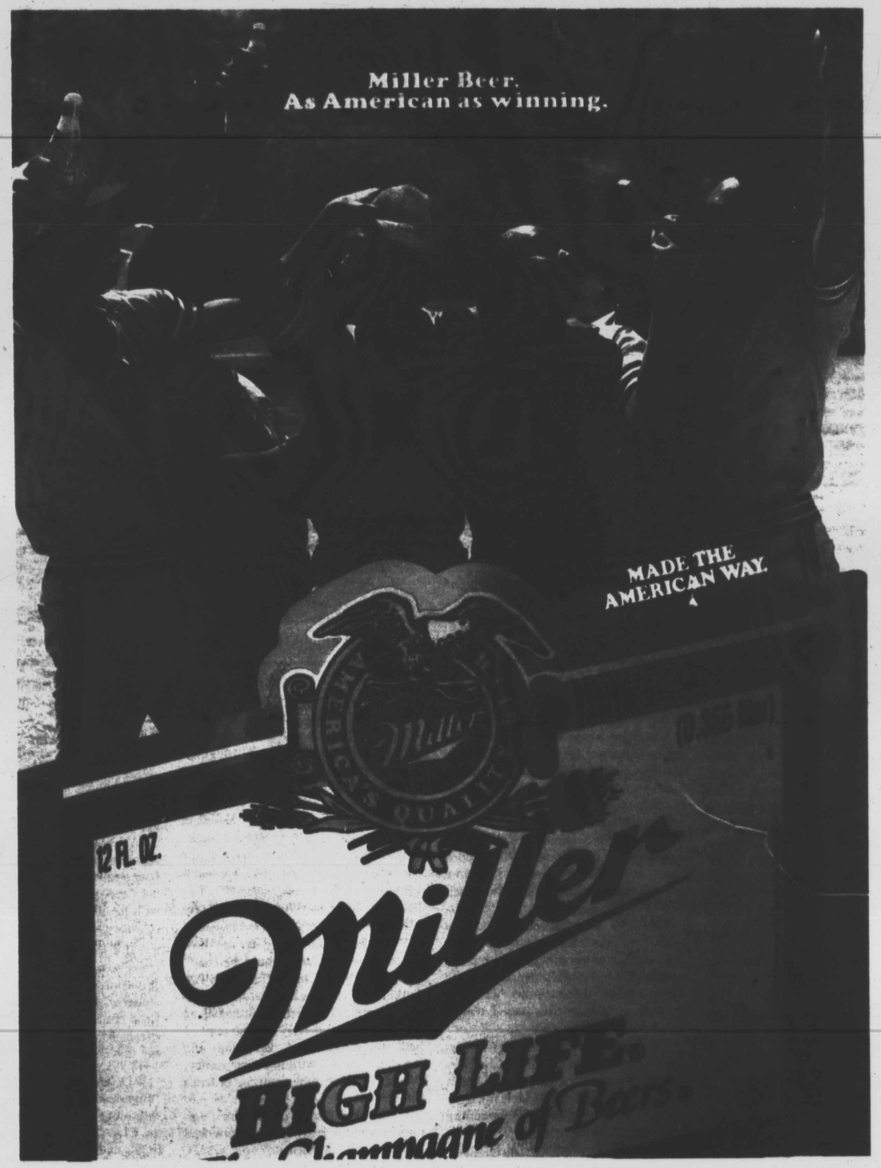
"Going into the game, I was a passing quarterback. Ken (Karcher of Tulane) was a running, controlled-passing quarterback. But in the game it was just the opposite. I was handing off, and he was throwing. He threw the ball something like 30-some times; I threw it maybe half that. I never could understand the logic behind that.

"But I can adjust. It really didn't bother me."

Fifth, Totten has been criticized for his throwing motion. He often throws sidearmed, but experts believe he should throw overhand, from behind the ear. Totten says he can throw both ways, and his motion depends on the distance of the pass route. Following the Blue/Gray game, it was said the coaches tried to change his motion during the pregame practices. "Since I played so poorly," Totten said, "I guess that rumor started. No one ever told me about changing my style. That's another rumor. I guess it started because I played a poor game, and people hadn't seen me play that bad. They had to blame it on something."

But there is one thing in Totten's favor: Many teams need starting or backup quarterbacks, among them the Washington Redskins, Los Angeles Raiders, New Orleans Saints and Buffalo Bills.

"I feel very pleased about the draft," Totten said. "All I want is the opportunity to prove myself. I got to get there first. Hey, if I get drafted in the sixth round, I'll be happy. What else can I do? I'll be disappointed in a way, but I won't say I won't play because I was drafted in the sixth round. What else can I do?"

Totten has been timed at 4.71 in the 40-yard dash, which may be the only non-criticism of him. His ability to read defenses and his throwing motion were questioned in Kiper's draft report. Plus, the rumor mill says his arm is suspect (although it was rated excellent in Kiper's draft report). And now the biggest rumor, and the most damaging, focuses on a supposed attitude problem.

So what will happen next? Tune in on Draft Day.