Coach Hydrant calls a meeting

Preparing for another year

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Have you ever wondered what goes on in the football coaches' offices after the last snaps are made and the cleats are hung for the last time? Well, I'll tell you what goes on. They prepare for next season, that's all.

That's all? The coaches would probably ask, "Isn't it enough?" Ladies, who besides your husbands or boyfriends eats, sleeps and breathes football six months out of the year? The coaches do, and then they turn around and make preparations to eat, sleep and breathe football during the other six months.

Let's go to Pottawottatomie Tech to see how the average coach (if there is one) plans to conquer the world in the upcoming season. Here we have Coach Bear Hydrant, the man expected to lead the Pink Panthers to bigger and better things. One-arm Abernathy, Hydrant's right hand man, coordinates the offense and Sledge Hammer, a graduate of Baylor, plots the defense, which is nicknamed Heaven's eleven. Spring training is less than a month away, but there are still some minor details that need to be smoothed out before their players strap on their jocks for the spring practice sessions. One is to allocate money to buy jocks. Hydrant calls a meeting and the three begin to lay the foundation for next year's game plan. Let's see if we can get an earful.

Hammer: "This year let's punt on fourth down and 20 to go."

Hydrant: "Yeah, I guess you're right. But, what else can you do when fourth and 20 is the best you do on last down all year?"

Abernathy: "Are you implying that the offense wasn't doing it's job last year?"

Hammer: "Oh? You mean the offense had a job last year? I thought all they were doing was giving the defense a rest."

Abernathy: "Why, you no good —

Hydrant: "Now men, just settle down. Sure the defense was a little overworked last season, but that's all going to change. Hammer, you know One-arm has the best offensive mind in the country. Why, he's got everybody else beat hands down. Oops, sorry Abernathy."

Hammer: "I'll agree with you there. He does have an offensive mind. And that's just the start."

Hydrant: "Let's go on to our next problem. Abernathy, what were you saying about morale?"

Abernathy: "Well, some reporter has come up with the idea that lack of spirit caused the team to play like they did."

Hydrant: "And just where did he say this 'lack of spirit' came from?"

Abernathy: "He mentioned something about you no longer being the fireplug of the team."

Hydrant: "What nonsense. It's amazing what these press people come up with. What's next on the agenda?"

Hammer: "You know we only have a dozen jockstraps to go around. So, whenever the defense comes in to drill we have the offense switch off with them. And vice versa when the offense comes back in."

Hydrant: "So, what's the problem?"

Hammer: "Well, now everybody's got this unidentifiable rash. It's embarassing to have 'em all out there scratching in practice."

Hydrant: "I see what you mean. Abernathy, make a note to get some funds to purchase a couple of cases of Johnson's baby powder."

Abernathy: "Right chief."

Hydrant: "Okay, is there anything else?"

Hammer: "Yeah, we've got this new player who's gonna give us a lot of trouble. Plus, Smith, our safetyman, wants to re-negotiate his scholarship. He says if the Oakland A's can do it so can he."

Hydrant: "Smith wants to re-negotiate his scholarship, huh? Well, tell him that I'm in the fifteenth year of a three-year contract and that he's not about to get any more cash until I do. What about this other player? What's his name?"

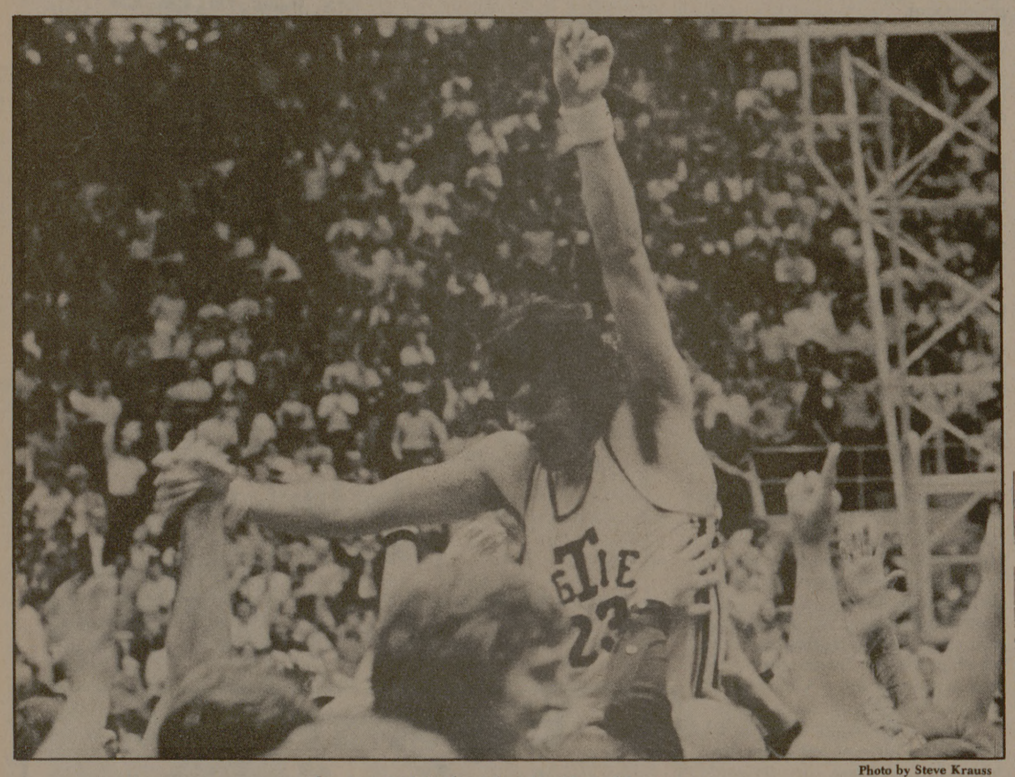
Hammer: "The he is a she coach, named Boom-Boom Brazinski. She wants to play on the team as a center. She says since we can have women yell leaders now we might as well have a woman on the football team."

Hydrant: "Give her one of the jockstraps and tell to go on her way. Anything else?"

Abernathy: "Nothing I can think of."

Hammer: "Me either."

Hydrant: "Well, let's shake hands and adjourn the meeting. Oops, sorry again Abernathy."



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The Aggies' Mike Floyd tells it like it is.

Ag sailing club races Saturday

The Texas A&M Sailing Club is sending a racing team to the Rush Creek Yacht Club to compete on March 8.

The race will be held on Lake Ray Hubbard. The A&M team consists of Akis Procopios (skipper), Parker Booth; and Eric Bauer (skipper) with Mark Bauer.

A&M will go against TCU, Texas-Arlington, SMU, Texas, Rice, Tulane, Southern Louisiana and the University of Houston. The meet is a round robin regatta with A teams in one group and B teams in another.

REPLY

To Carol Hazen: Thank you for the letter. I'm not really the male chauvinist pig you would make me out to be. If you would like to drop by the office sometime I'll discuss the story in more detail with you.

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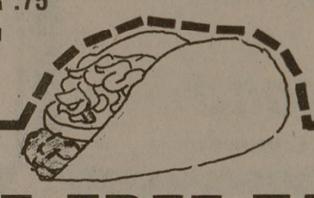

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