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NLU a big exception to media guide rule

KEN SURY Sports Viewpoint

Heh, heh, heh.

Oh, excuse me. I was just flip-ping through the '85 Northeast Louisiana University media guide. You know, the Indians — the football team Texas A&M plays Saturday.

It's funny. The media guide,

NLU's version is a lot like other media guides with upbeat profiles on the players and coaches, alltime records and lots of statistics and interesting facts. But, it's also comical — and I don't think it was intended to be.

Case in point: 'There's a player profile on Mike Turner, NLU's free safety.

The profile begins like this: "Tina Turner (no relation) may be the Queen of Rock, but at Northeast, Mike Turner is the King of Sock. His tackles have the numbing power of a Sonny Holmes punch . .

That's all well and good, but, who was, or is, Sonny Holmes?

But let's not stop there. Another case in point (I feel like Rod Serling) is this excerpt from NLU running back Jimmy Harris' profile: "Harris is not super fast - he has run the 40 in 4.66 - but when it comes to get-ting to the hole in a hurry, he is King of the Road.

Country-western singer Roger Miller might take offense to that Even the headlines above the profiles deserve a chuckle.

The headline above Harris' profile reads: "Man in a Hurry." That sounds like a new skit on NBC's Late Night with David Let-terman to replace "Mr. Curious." But I really like the headline for the profile on 6-foot-5 Will



NLU's 1985 media guide

INDIAN PROFILES



Johnson, a NLU defensive end. It bills Johnson as the "Tower of Power

Ooooh, that gives me the shiv-ers. Why don't they just go ahead and call him the "Master of Disaster? I shouldn't kid around like that

- they may use that next year.

Georgian Astro rips Braves

Associated Press

ATLANTA - Houston first baseman Glenn Davis says that even when he was growing up in Georgia, he was not a fan of the Atlanta



Maybe I'm being too hard on the NLU media guide. After all, most fans look up to football play-ers and like to know interesting tidbits about them. A media guide should cater to what fans want to know. So maybe it's okay to extol the athletes' virtues and put guys like the "King of Sock" and the "Tower of Power" on a pedestal.

Nah, let's find something else to laugh about.

Here's a good one — page 32. At the top of the page 52. At the top of the page is the headline, "In-season birthdays." Great, let's send the guy a card — a Hallmark, maybe? No Ziggy cards, unless the Indians go undefeated.

Even better is the listing of Even better is the isting of players by their major at the bot-tom of the page. Of the 72 play-ers listed, 37 are general studies majors. Now, there's nothing wrong with that, I was in general studies for two years until I en-ured incomplements and the boxing 37 tered journalism. But having 37 players' names in big black print. under General Studies doesn't do much to dispel the "dumb jock"

Bubby?

ter. Jus O'Reilly.

fool you. Brister threw for 333 yards and three touchdowns Saturday in a victory over Delta State

There's also Vincent "Buggs" Lewis, and David "Bo" Swilley, to round out the "Killer B's" for NLU.

Heh, heh, heh.

stigma. Oh yeah, I can't forget some of these NLU players *real* nicknames. How about NLU's starting quarterback, "Bubby" Brister?

Well his first name is . . . Wal-r. Just like Walter "Radar"

But don't let a name like that

NEW LOOK NLU, despite I-AA ranking (continued from page 14) ext to Lub "He finally signed with Alabama

before signing a baseball contract and spending a couple of years in the minor leagues. He played at Tu-lane and started for them before transferring to Northeast. You just don't see very many players of his type playing at small colleges any-

"Anytime you've got a quar-terback, you've got a chance to win, and they've got a quarterback."

The man of the hour is a 6-foot-3, 190-pounder named Walter "Bub-by" Brister. "He's a definite proprospect," Collins said.

"We're gonna try and throw the ball, but with the speed and pursuit A&M has in its linebackers, we'll try a little of both (running and passing)

Sherrill said, "We're going to have to put a lot of pressure on Brister. They won't drop him back in the pocket. He's going to roll out all night long.

Sherrill was equally concerned with a unique 4-2-5 defensive align-ment used by the Indians that doesn't quite live up to it's billing.

"They can call it (the 4-2-5 defense) whatever they want to, but what they actually play is an eight or nine-man front," Sherrill said. "They run some sort of blitz or line stunt on every play.

"You know that there's going to be gaps in the defense and we could bust a play for 60 or 70 yards, but that's the gamble they play. They've been very successful with it in the past.

[•]Two of the reasons for this success are Mike Turner and Will Johnson.

Johnson, a 6-5, 225-pound junior defensive end, was recruited by the Aggies three years ago. Turner, a 6-2, 197-pound senior rover, "will have an opportunity to play in the NFL," according to Sherrill.

"We're going to attack them," Sherrill concluded. "We've got to make them defend against the pass and the run.

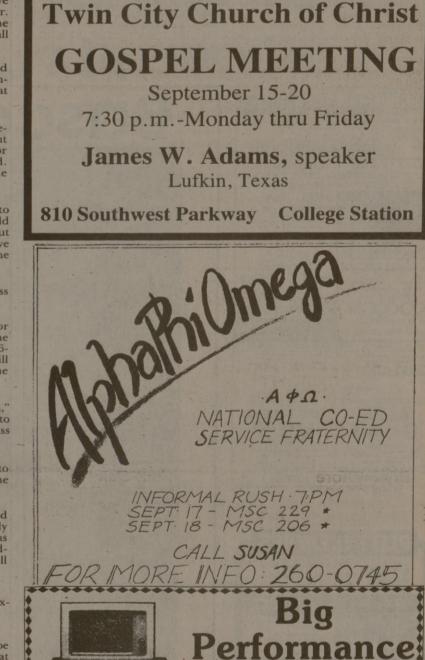
Collins added another factor to his team's "defend against" list — the A&M crowd.

"This will be the largest crowd we've ever played against, not only for the players but for the coach as well," Collins said. "We're contending not only with a great football team, but a great football crowd."

Sherrill disagreed to a certain extent.

"There are a few crowds, maybe 10 or 12 in the whole country, that really know what they're doing," Sherrill said. "The Alabama crowd is like that. The Florida State crowd is like that — we lost a national championship down there when I was at Pitt. The Texas crowd can be tough.





Based on his action in the Astros'

10-6 victory over the Braves Tues-day night, he hasn't changed. Davis, who grew up in Columbus, Ga, and later played baseball for the University of Georgia, said he never saw the Braves play as a youngster. "The first major league game I ever saw, I played," Davis said.

With his Korea-native mother-inhave in the stands watching the first baseball game of her life, Davis drove in three runs, the first two with a double in the third and a solohome run in the fifth.

The other RBI was more difficult. It came when he was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the sixth, leading Davis to kick dirt in anger and gesture menacingly at pitcher Rick Camp.

"He hit me in the elbow and it hurt, but I'm sure now he didn't nean to," Davis said.

Houston scored three runs in three different innings and held on for their seventh straight victory.

Frank DiPino (3-6) who relieved Charlie Kerfeld in the fourth, got credit for the victory. Zane Smith (7-10) was the loser.

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Twins 7, Rangers 2 MINNEAPOLIS — Frank Viola has struggled this season, but Minnesota manager Ray Miller still rates him among the best left-handers in

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'That's the Frankie I know," said. Miller after Viola fired a four-hitter in the Twins 7-2 victory over the Texas Rangers Saturday night.

together." Viola (15-14) struck out six and walked one in his sixth complete game. He retired the last 11 batters

rm, he is going to be one of them.

He was overpowering tonight. That's the first time he's had his fast-

ball and curve ball over consistently

Viola got the first pitch over for a strike against 21 of the 32 batters he faced. Nineteen of those 21 resulted in outs. Only the Rangers Pete O'Brien was able to beat Viola.

"He had pretty good velocity and good control," said O'Brien, who hit a two-run homer in the sixth inning, his 18th of the year. "He shut us down.

The pennant race is over for the Twins, but Viola is hoping to build his confidence heading into next season

season. "It doesn't feel good not being in the pennant race, but it does get your confidence back up," Viola said. "For a good part of the year, I was putting too much pressure on much fee the ord the person of the search of t myself to try and throw as well as I did last year.

The Twins won their fourth in a row

Brunansky and Roy Smalley drove in two runs each. Brunansky hit his 26th homer in the third and doubled in a run in the sixth. Smalley doubled in two runs in the fifth.

Dave Schmidt (5-5) was knocked out in the fifth inning and took the

"If you go out in the world Mark Salas started the Twins two-looking for a left-hander with a good run second inning with a double.

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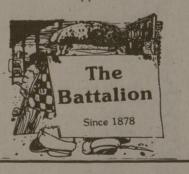
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"Those crowds just don't let you get a call off when you get near the goal-line. Whatever play you call in the huddle is the one you have to run because it's too loud to try and change it at the line of scrimmage.

"Our crowd isn't that way. I wish they were, but they're not. Maybe they need a red light and a green light to tell them when it's okay to make noise.

Sherrill said with a laugh, "Our crowd yells more when we're on the field than our opponents."





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