

THE LATERAL

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often in the Wishbone, the quarterback will run around end and move upfield with a trailing running back. When a defensive player converges, the quarterback makes a lateral pass to the trailing running back, who moves further upfield. Hence, rushing yardage must be given to two players.

Pity those statisticians who had to determine who ran for what yardage on that five-lateral pass kickoff return last season on the West Coast.

Do you recall the "flea-flicker" pass? That, too, is not in use as much these days as it was in the 1960s and the early 1970s. But it remains a deadly weapon when the proper surprise element is used. On that play, the quarterback makes a forward pass to a receiver, who in turn makes a lateral pass to a teammate running behind him, ala the Illinois play from 1910. The "flea-flicker" pass first earned fame in 1965 on national television. A forward pass was made to the tight end, who in turn made the lateral pass to a running back. After that 18-17 upset, the "flea-flicker" became known in the Deep South as "the Georgia play."

Football is not rugby, only the result of

that sport, but the mass of lateral passes used today make it appear similar to that style of the game at times. There are times when lateral passes are even made to husky, surprised linemen, at which time a scrum in forward (slow) motion develops. For the most part, however, zip is associated with lateral passes—the quarterback to a running back, the quarterback to a split end (a pitching and catching variation to the Statue of Liberty play), and the quarterback to a running back, who returns the football to the quarterback, usually by way of a handoff, who passes it forward to a receiver running downfield. Fans go nuts when a play like the latter is a success and absolutely crazy when the pass receiver makes a lateral pass to another teammate trailing him.

How valuable is the lateral pass to an offense? To a man, several coaches say it has both a basic value and a surprise value. Everybody uses a pitchout from time to time, but not everybody uses three pitchouts on one play.

"Lateral passing causes defenses a lot of headaches, not to speak of hours of preparation," said a respected defensive coordinator from a southern school. "If an op-

posing team is adept at running the option play, well, the headaches are more severe. You can never tell who the next pitch might be going to.

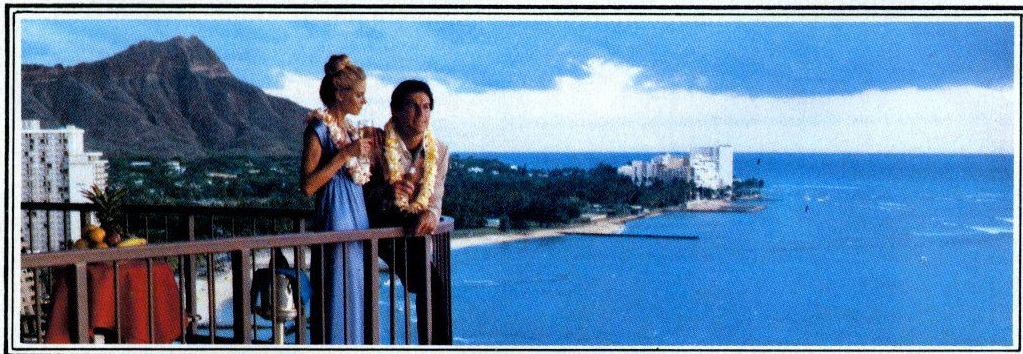
"The lateral pass forces you to use all kinds of defenders against it. Ends obviously have to be concerned with it, as well as linebackers. What a lot of people fail to realize is that defensive halfbacks and safeties must be conscious of it, too. I really hate to face an option quarterback, who can pass on the run. That can drive defensive halfbacks and safeties up a wall, particularly if you try to play man-to-man pass defense. When that happens, a halfback or safety must run with the receiver assigned to him. What happens if the quarterback pitches the ball to a trailing back, instead of passing it?

"When you play a team prone to make a lot of lateral passes—an option team—you have to teach the defenders to play a cat-and-mouse game. They have to give the appearance of going in one direction, when they really have intentions of going in another direction. Sometimes, the defense has to fool the offense to keep it from fooling the defense with a lateral pass."

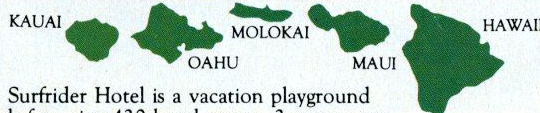
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TAMALE-CHILI CASSEROLE 6 Servings
Mix, bake, and serve this attractive casserole in the same dish.

1 can (15 ounces) chili with beans
1 can (15 ounces) tamales
3 tablespoons chopped onion
½ cup grated Cheddar cheese
Spread chili in 11x17-inch baking pan. Remove paper from tamales; place tamales on chili. Sprinkle with onion and cheese. Bake in 350°F oven 30 minutes. Cover cas-

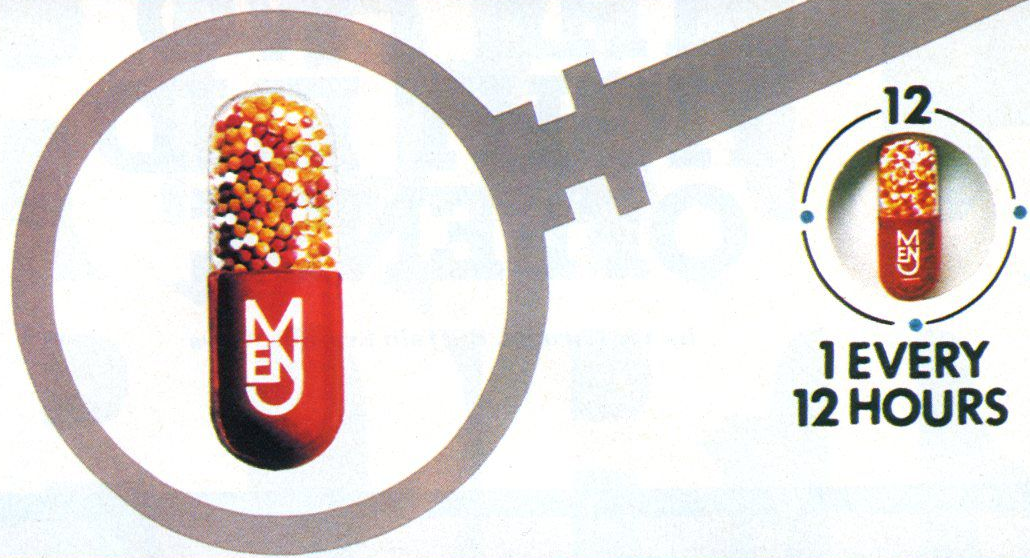
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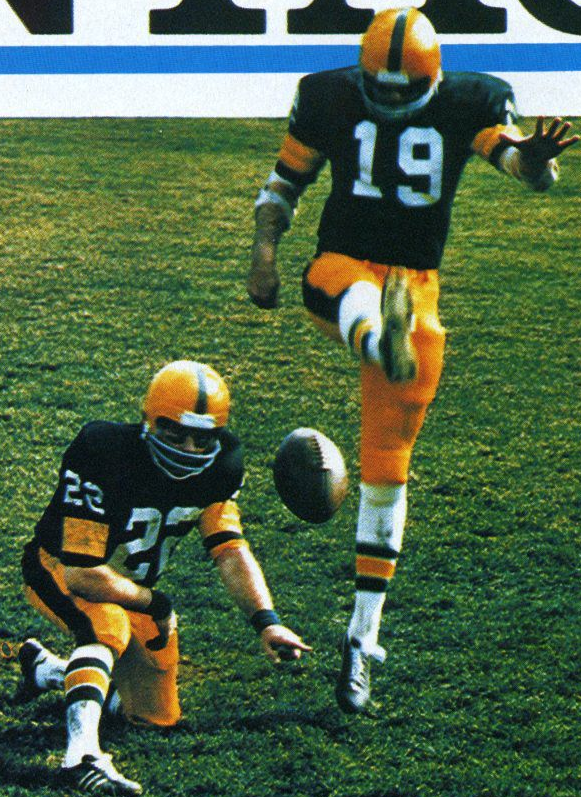
1 can (6¾ ounces) chunk chicken, drained and flaked
1 cup seedless grapes
½ cup chopped celery
¼ cup chopped green pepper
2 tablespoons slivered almonds
¼ cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons dairy sour cream
1 teaspoon lemon juice
¼ teaspoon salt
Pepper to taste
Lettuce leaves
1 tomato, cut in wedges
Combine chicken with grapes, celery, green pepper, and almonds. Mix mayonnaise, sour cream, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Just before serving, toss dressing with chicken mixture. Mound chicken salad on lettuce leaves; add tomato wedges.

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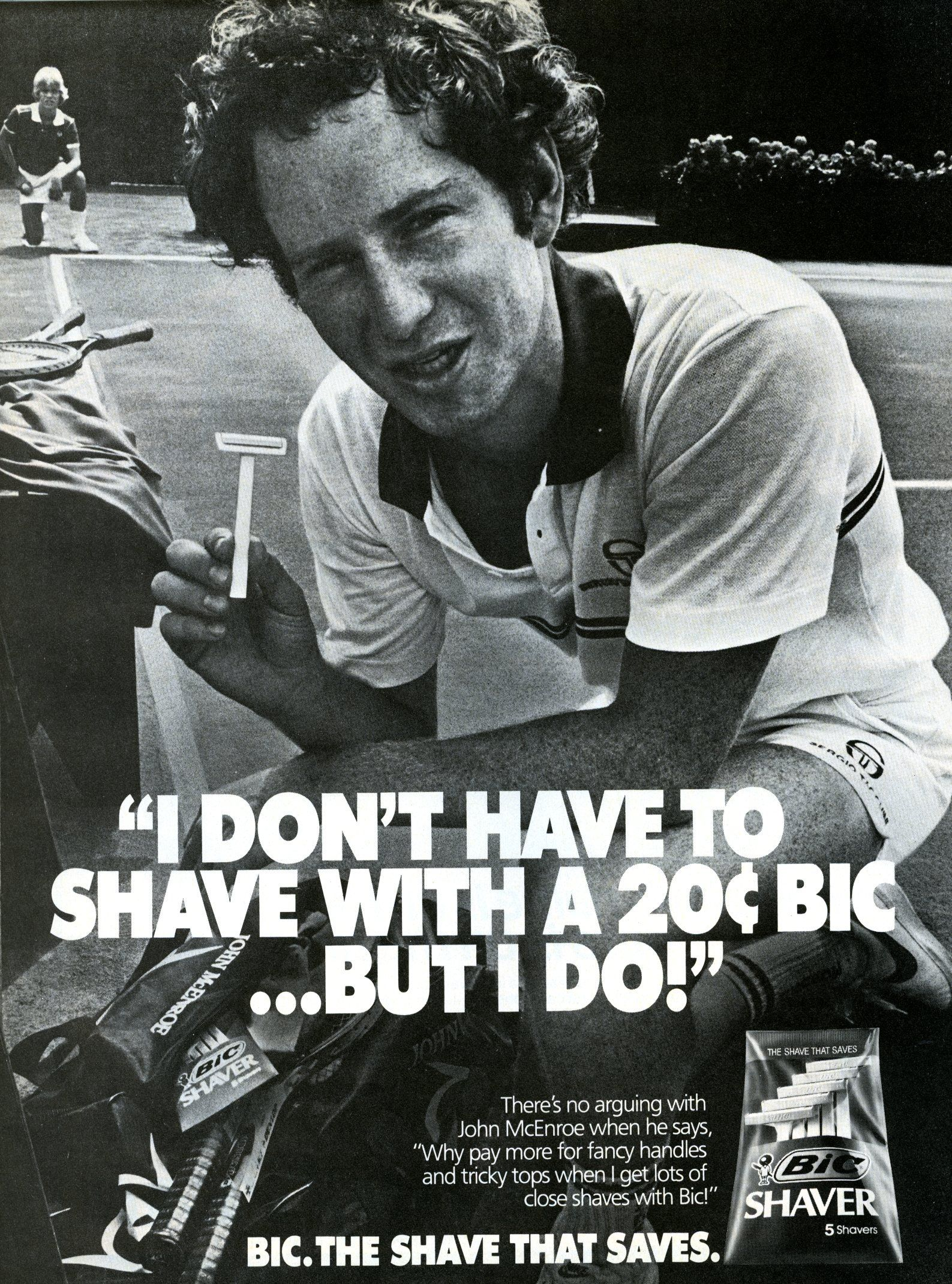


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TWO TIGHT END OFFENSE

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tention focused on the run. But how often you see it really depends on who's running the offense.

There are two ways the two tight end offense can be used. One is with two running backs and a flanker (the second tight end taking the place of the other receiver); the other is with one running back and two wide receivers (the second tight end taking the place of the other back).

By keeping the backfield intact, a team maintains its ability to mask its intentions with misdirection plays. On the other hand, it loses a deep threat, so most of its passing is of the ball-control variety—delays, short hooks, short crossing patterns. Not that that makes life any easier for the defense.

With two tight ends and two wide receivers, a team has the ability to attack the entire field with its passing game and the defense is forced into sideline-to-sideline coverage.

"You can take away wide receivers with a double-zone coverage," one coach said. "But it's hard to double-cover backs and it's almost impossible to double-cover two tight ends."

"You can play everybody man-to-man across the board and bring both safeties closer to the line," another coach said. "But when you do that, you're leaving the middle of the field open to the wide receivers."

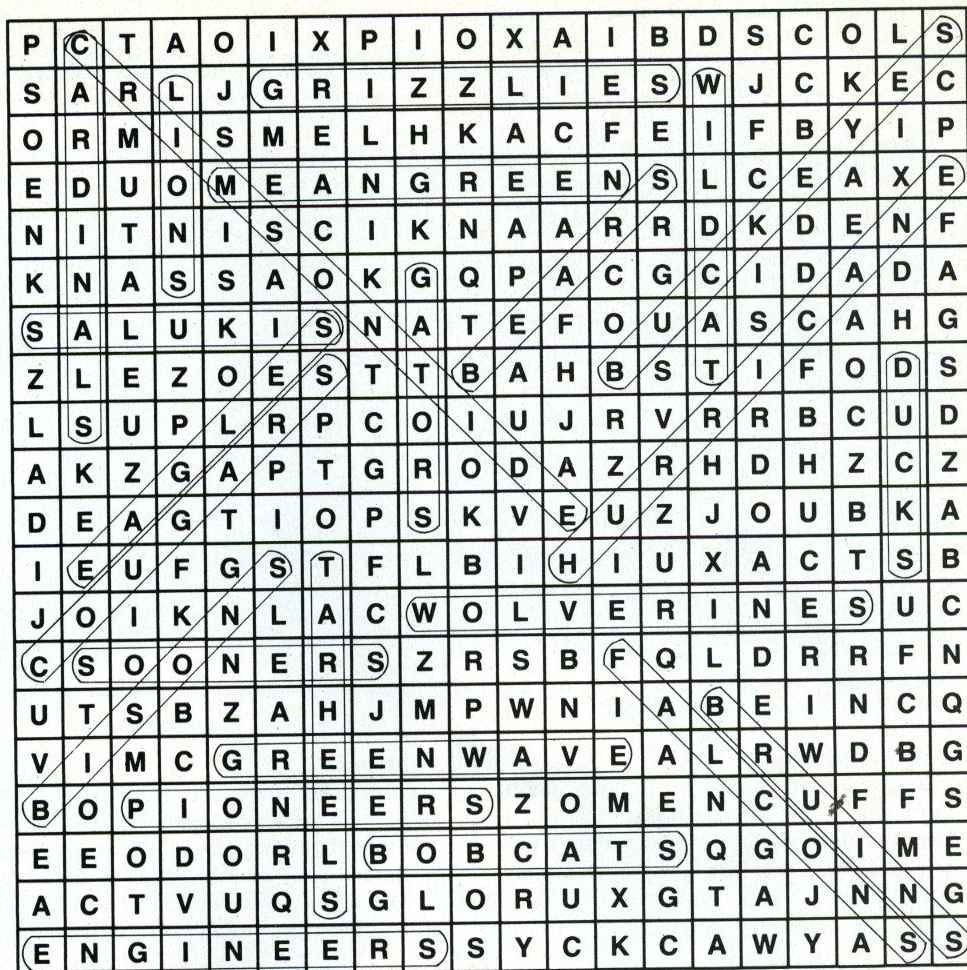
The most important man in the two tight end offense with one running back is the running back. He must be part jukebox, part cheetah. The offensive load sits on his shoulders, and should it fall off, the formation's punch becomes a half-hearted pinch.

Some coaches believe it is the ease with which contemporary defenses can make wide receivers seem invisible that led to the origin of the two tight end offense. Others feel it is a spinoff of formations in which a running back is positioned near or on the line of scrimmage. Somebody had the brilliance to realize that a tight end—with his blocking and receiving skills—would be more effective in that role.

In any event, the trend has had a major influence on recruiting. Coaches now find themselves searching for two and even three quality tight ends, when, realistically, they know they'll be lucky if they can land just one.

"That's one of the toughest positions to recruit," one coach noted. "An exceptional tight end has to be able to block, run pass routes, catch passes . . . everything. He has to be a very versatile guy, and he just

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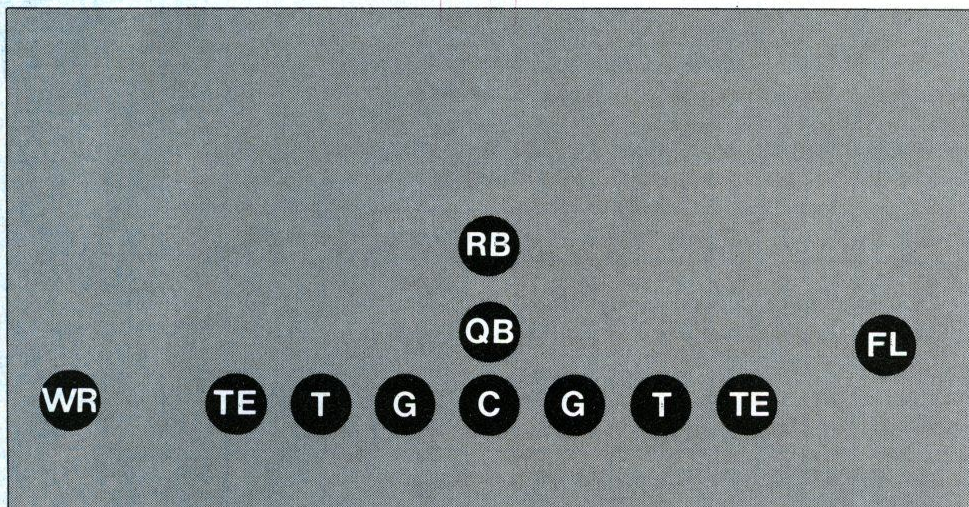
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isn't easy to find."

The problem with having only one good tight end in the two tight end offense is that the defense can quickly determine which side of the formation is stronger, thus making it only slightly more effective than an unbalanced line with one

tight end.

Of course, there are times when both tight ends are able to give the defense fits without throwing blocks or running pass patterns. They do it by going in motion.

"You can go from a balanced line to an unbalanced line, with both tight ends on

the same side," one coach said. "Or you can go from an unbalanced line to a balanced line. Or you can have them start in one direction, then turn around and go back the other way."

That kind of motion may cause a defense or two to scratch its head, and, if any appreciable yardage is gained, curse.

"Everything in defense is specialized these days," one coach said. "You've got the Nickel, the Dime. Depending on the down and distance, you're going to have specialists on the field. And now it looks like the offenses are doing the same thing."

But there is reason to believe coaches throughout the country eventually will devise better ways of handling the two tight end offense, that they'll get it to the point where defenses can be just as dishonest as always. For now, the only known way to combat it is with execution.

"Using two tight ends is like telling the defense, 'My guys are better than your guys, and we're going to prove it,'" one coach explained. "That's what it boils down to.

"Who knows? Maybe it's just a fad that will go out of style."

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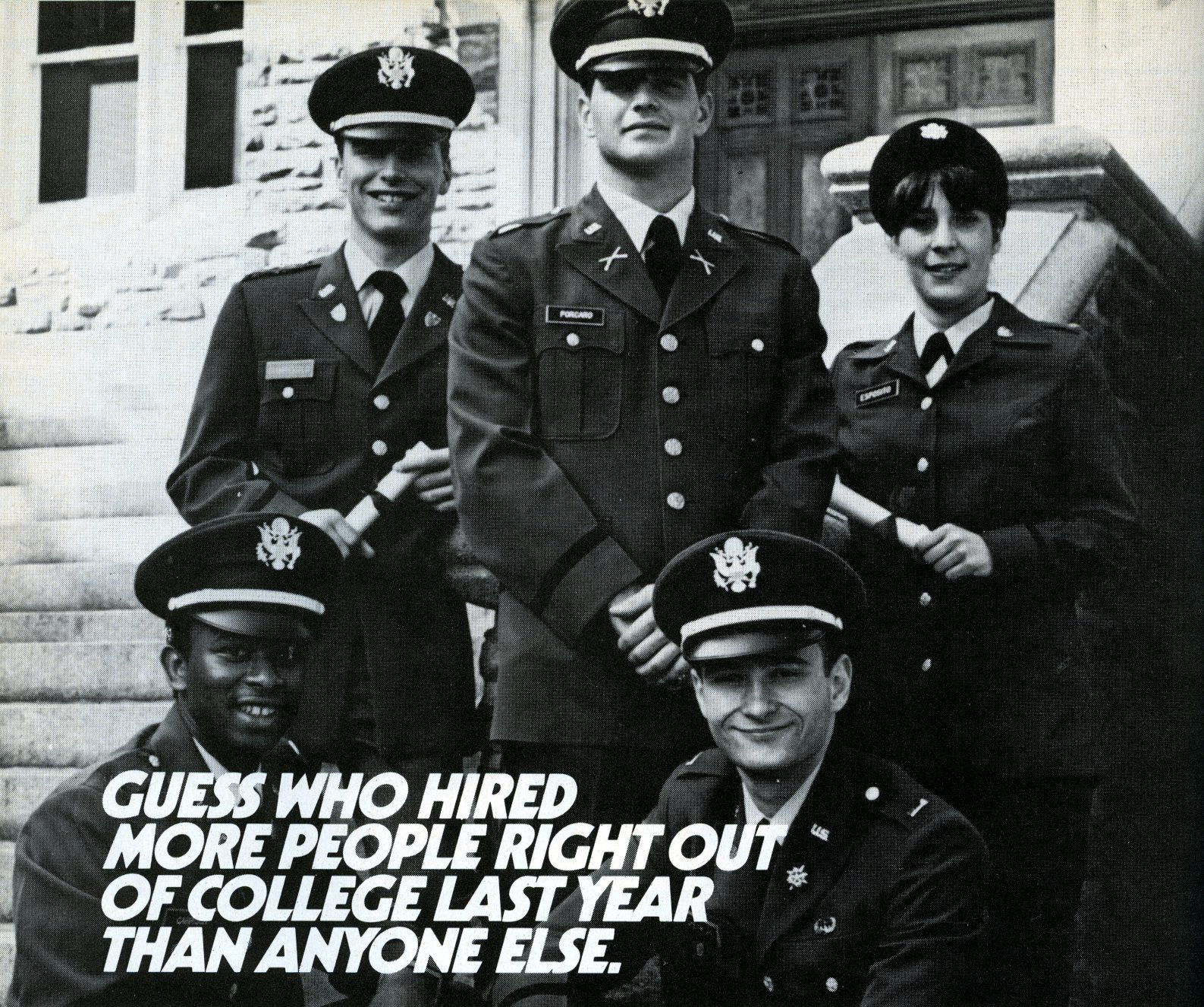
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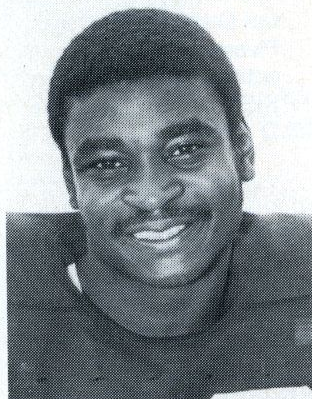
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Former OU Braves football standout, Hercules Stancil, made a bid for a position on the Pittsburgh Steelers roster this summer. Stancil, a 6' 2", 193 pound receiver, made it to the final cut of the NFL organization. Prior to the cut, Stancil was competing with ten-year veteran John Stallworth, former Kansas University star Wayne Capers, four-year pro Calvin Sweeney, and three other prospects for the four wide receiver spots.



Stancil was a four-year starter at OU, where he caught 91 career passes for a total 2,165 yards. As a senior, Stancil had 42 receptions for 1,019 yards and seven touchdowns. He tied an NAIA record with a 99-yard touchdown catch against Hastings College last year. In that game he also had 89 and 47 yard touchdown catches and finished the day with four catches for 235 yards. The Bradley, Florida native, led the KCAC with a 24.9 yards per catch average and was named NAIA Division II All-American in 1982.

Prior to the Steelers final cut, Stancil was the only remaining free agent at wide receiver. After being at the Steelers' camp this summer, Stancil felt he could play in the NFL, either by being picked up by another team or by being called up by Steelers if any injuries occur.



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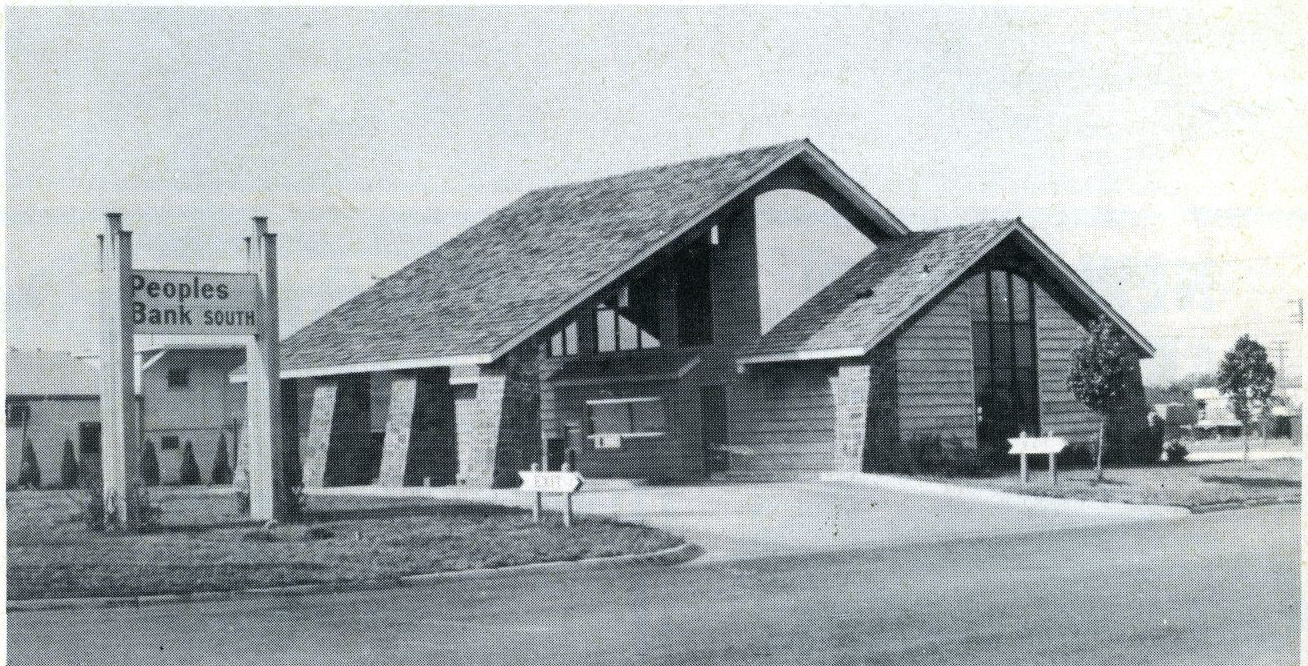
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