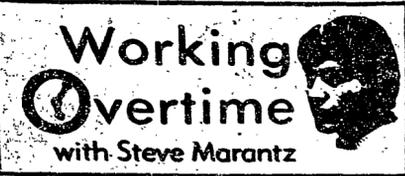


Starting Job Benefits Pankey



Third of a series.

To start on a major college football team is to reach eternal and lasting peace, wisdom, and fulfillment, or so it is written in the Bhagavad Gita, an ancient Indian text. The starter belongs to an elite group, 22 of 100; a group shouldering a large responsibility to the department which feeds, shelters and educates it. Several benefits accrue to the starter. For one, the coaches finally learn his name; for another, the trainer tapes his ankles before the lowly scrubs.

IN THE FALL OF 1972, Bob Pankey earned Missouri's starting safety position, and for the first time in three years, he could relax. Concomitantly, his diary reflected his new status in tone; and with acute perception and a flourishing literary knack, the author recorded the first half of the season.

"Aug. 17, 1972—Well, the 1972 season has begun. The second day we had our usual shots and physicals. That is truly a sight, seeing 100 giants carrying urine-filled glasses around and holding their arms after their flu shots. Big men are the worst shot takers in the world. Steaks for dinner, I'm getting tired of steaks. Lights out at 10:45. Mike Fink just got married and barely made the curfew. Can you imagine being married a week before two-a-days, then having to leave your new wife all alone at nights while you sleep with the guys in the dorm? I bet he's turning up inside."

"Aug. 18—At the meeting coach Kadlec explained the situation about show passes. It seems the Big Eight has restricted all teams from giving out show passes. So, the coaches had a meeting with the owners of the Commonwealth Theaters, and they have decided to have us as guests to their shows up until the 27th of August. The team went nuts. I guess it's a good thing, but I hope it won't violate any rules. We also talked over the training rules and coach Onofrio stressed how important it was for us to abide by them. Also, I was getting my ankle a whirl pool treatment when Kelly Carbow, a big burly tackle walked in and asked what was wrong. I explained, and he said 'too bad it wasn't your neck that was hurt, then we could stick you in that tank head first.'"

"Aug. 19—(Pankey is in the University Clinic with a sore throat) It's funny how I feel. Here it is, 95 degrees outside, my legs are sore, I have a sore throat and a light head, but I would do almost anything to be able to practice. While you are practicing, you catch yourself constantly wondering how great it would be to miss practice, but when you are missing it, you wonder how great it would be to be able to practice."

"Aug. 21—John Lindquist, one of my good friends, who is playing fourth-string defensive end and has been through two redshirt years, is debating the possibility of quitting the team. He isn't on a scholarship, and never has been, but he has stuck it out for four years. I have to admire a guy like him. He's taken more — than any coach could ever dish out. It was hard for me to advise him... but I did tell him to definitely see coach (Vince) Tobin soon."

TWO-A-DAYS, the slow, tortuous prelude to the fall season dragged on for Pankey. A tenuous communication developed between Pankey and secondary coach, Clay Cooper, while Al Onofrio sought to re-install "a winning attitude" at Missouri through a combination of physicality and mental legerdemain. "Play better than you know how," Onofrio would cry, and then dredge an example from the previous decade to amplify.

"Aug. 25—Coach Onofrio gave us a little talk as we sat in the dressing room at the field. He explained that the field that we will be on is sort of sacred. Anybody who sets foot on its grounds should be prepared to play football better than he knows how to. To work as hard as he has ever worked before. And after he leaves that field, he should be able to say to himself that he did his own job the best he possibly could. Talks like that inspire quite a bit."

"Aug. 26—Today I got up and was very sore. I quickly showered then went to church with my roommate. I think religion is a big factor in the life of a college athlete. Many of us are firm believers and I think this is essential for the preservation of a sound mental condition."

"Aug. 28—Coach Cooper had a talk with me during rest period at practice today. He jokingly told me that I had to get quicker, and to reach back in the past to when I had a quick ancestor and find one of those genes, and use it. Now if that doesn't sound weird, I don't know what does."

"Sept. 4—I had two interceptions in the scrimmage today against the Oregon scouting squad, but allowed a tight end to score over me on a short back route. This is one of the worst feelings a defensive back can experience."

"AFTER SATURDAY'S SCRIMMAGE we had a little party at my apartment. We have a training rule on the team that states "no alcoholic beverages", but about 90 per cent of the team can be found either drunk or passed out on any given Saturday after the game. Why is a good question. I would say mostly to relieve pressure. All week you think football, you eat, and sleep football, and after the game, you want to forget football for awhile. So, you get a date, go out and have a few drinks, play kissy face, or make love, and blow your mind. Then, when Sunday comes around, you have the whole day to recuperate."

"Sept. 8—Just one day away from the game. I woke up this morning feeling very uneasy so I called my two morning classes off. (It is custom that Missouri spends Friday nights before home games in Jefferson City. Pankey was roomed with Ken Gregory the night before the season opener against Oregon.) Kenny is a Negro, and from one of the roughest areas of St. Louis. At first, when I met him we really didn't talk to each other too much, but as we grew to know each other, and as we began working together as a unit in the backfield, he and I became fairly close. But still, there are a lot of things that I would like to ask him concerning his race, and how he feels toward certain things, but I can't seem to get up enough nerve. Maybe as the year goes on, we will get to be more open towards one another."

MISSOURI OPENED the '72 season with a last-second 24-22 win over Oregon. Pankey, mentally hyperactive and anxious, spent the day gathering detail for several pages in his diary.

"Sept. 9—The night was the longest I've ever spent. Here I was, a man uncertain of how he would perform, uncertain of what kind of player he would be, and a man uncertain of playing in front of 60 thousand screaming fans. When the dawn broke, I got up, put my clothes on and went for a little walk. Many things were going through my mind, and the pressure was starting to build up inside to the point where I felt like busting open. It was five and one-half hours to game time, and I was in a complete zone."

"After everyone got taped, we had breakfast. This consisted of peaches, cereal, toast and honey, and a half raw steak. I just couldn't get up for lunging through that steak and watching that blood flow through my fork. The coaches might use this method of feeding us before the game so that we can get used to the sight of blood."

GREG HILL'S last second field goal gave rise to wild celebration in Columbia. Among the most joyous participants were the Missouri coaching staff. The win snapped an eight-game losing streak dating back to 1971; the diary describes a tearful Al Onofrio, graciously accepting the game ball afterwards. Two weeks later Baylor humbled the Tigers 27-0.

"Sept. 20—Practice this week seemed to drag on a lot. One could tell that the coaches were showing the pressure they were receiving from the public. Each season, coach Onofrio, and other coaches about the nation are expected to come up with a winning ball club. If the coaches don't succeed, the pressure from the public is so intense, that it makes the coaches want to get out of their profession. It's funny how winning plays such an important role in America today. When we huddled up after practice Wednesday, coach Onofrio explained to us that he has a sick feeling down deep inside him, and the only way he can get rid of this is to have a win. In other words, he feels the only way for him to function properly is to have a win. This is one of the worst aspects of football as far as I'm concerned. Football is a sport, and as we all know, someone has got to lose. But when we lose, it is as if the whole damn world has gone to pot."

"Sept. 29—When you let down coach Onofrio, it is a terrible experience because we all really respect the man, but respect can only go so far. Sometimes I get aggravated at the coach because he lets our team indirectly feel the pressure that is being exerted on him and his staff. As if we are playing for the public, instead of ourselves, and if we don't perform, then all hell breaks loose. I sometimes wonder what it would be like if everyone would lose in athletics, and no one win. Then, I wonder if sports could be harmonized and happy again."

There was a win over California before the roof fell in. An unbelievable eleventh-hour loss to Oklahoma State was followed by an equally incredible 62-0 massacre at Nebraska. Pankey struggled to right himself and the team, and Al Onofrio's second year as head coach threatened to be his last. Missouri prepared half-heartedly for its next game; Notre Dame promised to hammer an abysmal nail to the coffin.

(Saturday: South Bend and the return to normalcy: the beach.)

Missouri Signs Anderson

By Jeff Manzinger
Missourian Sports Writer

When the sometimes-dirty recruiting business got underway a year ago, the contacts were informal.

No personal meetings with coaches, no trips to UCLA or anything like that.

The schools just sent questionnaires at first. Eventually, 105 colleges got in touch with Sedalia's Kim Anderson.

Anderson narrowed the list to ten schools, then whittled it down further to six. Thursday,

it all came to an end when Missouri's athletic department announced that Kim Anderson would play intercollegiate basketball at M.U.

Missouri coach Norm Stewart, whose recruiting efforts finally won out over Memphis State, Vanderbilt, Texas, and the Big Eight's Kansas and Kansas State, said he was "very glad Anderson decided on Missouri."

Unquestionably a good prospect, the 6-8 Anderson led Sedalia's Smith-Cotton Tigers to a co-championship in the

Central Missouri Conference the last two years, and to a third place finish in this year's Class "I" state tournament.

Since the state tournament ended, rumors were flying around that Anderson had decided to attend the Air Force Academy. But Thursday night, Anderson's father, Keith, said Kim "never had any real interest in Air Force."

Keith Anderson said Kim visited all six schools on his final list, and nowhere did he find any trace of a recruiting violation. The recruiting was clean.



Kim Anderson

Football Coach Demoted For Changing Records

GALVESTON, Tex. (UPI) — Former Ball High School head football coach Joe Woolley, who resigned earlier this month because of involvement in changing the school's record of Oklahoma quarterback Kerry Jackson's transcript, has been reassigned to the school district's maintenance department.

Lynn Nix, a former assistant principal who also resigned because of involvement in the incident, has been reassigned to checking textbooks in the district.

School superintendent Eli Douglas said Wednesday both assignments were temporary and must be approved by the school board. He said the board will reassess the situation in June.

Woolley resigned his coaching position May 2 after admitting he altered the school's copy of Jackson's transcript. He said he changed the record to protect Jackson and that he had nothing to do with changing Oklahoma's copy.

Jackson and Mike Phillips, a center, also from Ball, entered Oklahoma after their transcripts were altered in violation of NCAA rules. Jackson played in eight games, including the Sugar Bowl, and Oklahoma later forfeited all eight games.

Douglas said Woolley currently is inspecting all the buildings in the district and will make a report on what is needed this summer in maintenance for each. Nix is checking textbooks at each school and at the district's warehouse and will ship old books back to the state and receive new books.

"It's a relief that this thing is all over now," Keith Anderson said. "And there wasn't one coach that knocked any of the other schools. All the coaches were very ethical in the way they handled things."

Anderson's Sedalia coach, Jim Dinsdale, played basketball at M.U. from 1959-63, but said that had no bearing on Anderson's decision.

"I wanted Kim to make up his own mind," Dinsdale said. "I really had nothing to say about where he went to school."

Anderson scored 1,563 points and pulled down 1,325 rebounds as a center during his three-year high school career. He was all-district and all-state during his junior and senior years, and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Tigers Sign Annise Davis

The pitcher's mound is exactly 60 feet, 6 inches from home plate in organized hardball.



Missouri's athletic department announced Thursday the signing of Annise Davis from East Frarrie, Mo. to a national letter of intent.

Davis, an all-state and all Southeast Missouri Conference choice his last two years, gained 1,175 yards in six games. Davis also lettered three years in basketball and four years in track for his high school.

Davis, who runs the 100-yard dash in 9.8, is expected to add greatly to the depth Missouri possesses in the offensive backfield.

U-High, Evans Compete Saturday for Last Time

By Joe Stebbins
Missourian Sports Writer

University High and Charlie Evans have more in common than the same uniform. Saturday will be the last opportunity either will have to compete in a state track meet.

U-High is closing after this year and Evans is graduating, but Evans has left behind a rich legacy for any high school distance runner. He was beaten only once this year in the two-mile and remains undefeated in the mile and 880.

He will be competing in all of those events at the state meet Saturday at Faurst Field after placing first in all three at the district meet in Macon.

Ken Victor and Brent Weston are the only other U-High entries in individual events. Victor will run the 440 and Weston is entered in the high jump.

The mile relay team, composed of Evans, Victor, Weston and Paul Harris, is the only other Cub entry.

Warrensburg U-High is expected to easily win the Class S division of the meet with individuals entered in all 16 events and a total of 14 boys.

In the Class M division, which will be staged at the same time and place as the Class S finals, there is no clear favorite.

Jack Miles of the Missouri State High School Activities Association, said "there is good overall competition this year and Class M is especially well balanced." Miles said Mt. Vernon, Pembroke-Country Day, Clayton and Warrensburg High School all have a chance for the title.

Preliminaries for both classes in the field events begin at 9:30 a.m. with running preliminaries starting at 10 a.m. Finals begin at 1:30 p.m.

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DALTON MATERIALS Co. OUTDOORS REPORT
by J. F. O'Connor

Fishing in Missouri still is curtailed because of high and muddy water, the State Conservation Department reported today, but many of the larger bodies of water offer fair to good success.

Stream conditions:
Grand — Flooding in the upper part, poor; muddy and high, fishing poor in the lower part.
Chariton — Muddy and high; poor.
Mississippi — Flooded.
Missouri — North central area is muddy and high; poor; northeast district flooded.
Salt — Muddy and high; poor.
Pomme de Terre — Dingy and high; catfish fair in the upper end, carp and crappie good below the dam.
Osage — Muddy and high; snagging buffalo and paddlefish fair; channel cat and catfish on trollines good.
Gasconade — Muddy and high; poor.
Current — Dingy to muddy; high; poor.
Lake conditions:
Bull Shoals — Theodosia arm, clear at Arkansas line; upper end dingy; poor. Forsythe arm, dingy and high; poor.
Taneycomo — Clearing; trout in lower end fair.
Table Rock — Clearing; black bass, crappie fair; flathead catfish and channel cat on trollines are good.
Pomme de Terre — Dingy; black bass and crappie fair to good; channel cat good.
Lake of the Ozarks — Clearing upper ends of the Niangua and Gravois arms, full level; crappie spawning and hitting good to excellent in shallow water and on small white jigs.
Farm ponds and community lakes — Good in the northwest, fair to good for black bass in the north central area.
Trout areas — Bennett Spring, milky and flush, fishing good; Roaring River, clearing and slightly high, fair; Montauk, flushed, fair; Meramec Spring, flushed, fair.

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Pro-Ams Tee Off in Local Action

By Geoff Upward
Missourian Sports Writer

The Columbia Country Club will open its fairways to an entourage of 100 professionals, amateurs and Professional Golf Association officials today in the second annual \$2,500 pro-am golf tournament.

Twenty-five pros from the Eastern Missouri and Midwest PGAs, teamed with 75 amateurs, will give the nine-hole course a workout in the area's only pro event.

Among the 25 shooting for the low-pro prize of \$200 will be Stan Thrask, who led the first round of the 1972 PGA tournament at Oakland Hills C. C. in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. Thrask, club pro at the Kansas City Country Club, is noted for his booming, yet accurate tee shots.

Probably not too far behind Thrask will be E. J. (Dutch) Harrison, a member of the National Golf Hall of Fame.

The 18-hole event will consist of a double best ball, pro-am team competition with one pro accompanying three amateurs. Each team of four will record its two lowest scores for each hole and these will be added for what will amount to a 36-hole total. Amateurs will use handicaps.

The winning team will receive \$400. Amateur shares will be awarded in merchandise. Columbia's club pros, Mike Williams of Forest Hills C. C., Richard Poe of the Country Club of Missouri, and home pro and Tiger golf coach Al Chaudier are entered, and will be shooting at defending champion Vince Bizik.

The national vice president of the Midwest PGA, Ron Fogler, and James Cochran, president of the PGA in St. Louis will be participants from golf's administrative sector.

The amateur partners for each pro were chosen in a blind draw Thursday evening at a pre-tournament dinner party at

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the Columbia Country Club. The players will be divided into two groups to accommodate the large numbers. The first group will tee off at 8:30 a.m., and the second will follow at 1:30. Two current Tiger golfers, Paul Hooser and Terry Campbell, are amateur alternates.

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