Underdogs get ready to pull out all the stops in Southeast

EAST REGIONAL

Complete coverage, Page 4F By Mark Bradley Staff Writer

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The NCAA Tournament starts today, with the emphasis in the Southeast Regional on stopping. Can Auburn stop Bradley's Hersey Hawkins, the nation's leading scorer, with zone defense? Can 16th-seeded UT-Chattanooga stop Oklahoma with anything short of heavy artillery? Can Brigham Young stop its slide? And will Louisville ever stop talking about last year's NCAA

For answers, tune in today — all day. First-round games begin at The Omni with Auburn-Bradley at 12:07 p.m. At 2:37 p.m., Oklahoma plays UT-C. At 7:07 p.m., BYU faces UNC-Charlotte. Louisville meets Oregon State at 9:37 p.m.

The opener figures to be one of the closest first-round matches in the tourna-

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| 7:07 p.m. | Temple vs. Lehigh | ESPN | 8:07 p.m. N.C. State vs. Murray St. |
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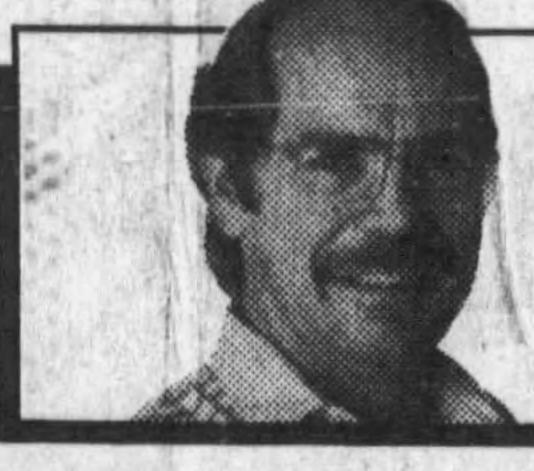
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Said Hawkins: "I think Auburn will play

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Crass commercialism of SEC

As far as I know, the Southeastern Conference does not have an official oyster, but it does have an official fish.

It's a catfish.

It ought to be a shark.

Tell you what. Don't drop a nickel on the floor. These SEC guys will run you over to get at it.

I spent two days at the SEC's basketball tournament last week. It felt like two weeks chained to a water pipe in front of a TV blaring commercials. It's one thing for corporate sponsors to hang

banners and stamp their names on everything. We don't have to read the stuff. It becomes part of the scenery, unnoticed, unobtrusive. But the SEC's deal with sponsors must have called

for the public address announcer at courtside to announce the sponsors' names during games. So I learned that the SEC now has an official rim.

The p.a. announcer said, "Blah blah blah, the official rim of the Southeastern Conference basketball tournament." Lord help us, I thought. An official rim. Surely this

is the end of civilization. Little did I know that the SEC merchants had only started. I should have suspected. The SEC invited a beer

company to send over a free-throw shooter who goes around the country to perform at halftimes. I saw the guy outside the building. I ignored him. He's scenery. He wouldn't be part of the SEC tournament, would he? It would be hypocritical to have a beer pitchman involved in college athletics when the NCAA

kicks kids out if they test positive for drugs. Alcohol is

And let's not forget those catfish farmers

a drug.

Next to the beer man was a 20-foot-high inflated shoe. Well, the shoe gimmick gave me no pause, either. Shoe deals now are six-figure bores. Coaches get rich, kids get shoes. Same old NCAA plantation.

But once I sat at courtside for basketball, the last thing I expected was a series of commercials pounded into my head by a loudspeaker in the arena. The p.a. man must have been an FM deejay. Or else he worked one of those I'm-so-lonely 976 phone services. So

He told us about the official rim of the SEC tournament.

Then the official shoe of the SEC tournament. Take your date, Mr. Sincere said, to a "worldfamous restaurant," which turned out to be a grease-andfatburger joint.

We heard about the official coffee of the SEC tournament. And the official cellular phone. And potato

I am not making this up. Video stores. Car dealers. A soft drink. A television network. A fried chicken place. The SEC must think it's not enough for customers

to pay top dollar for tickets. They then have to endure a fool FM deejay selling potato chips. "The Catfish Farmers of Louisiana are an official sponsor of the Southeastern Conference basketball tournament," the hired fool said.

Mixed messages for already mixed-up players

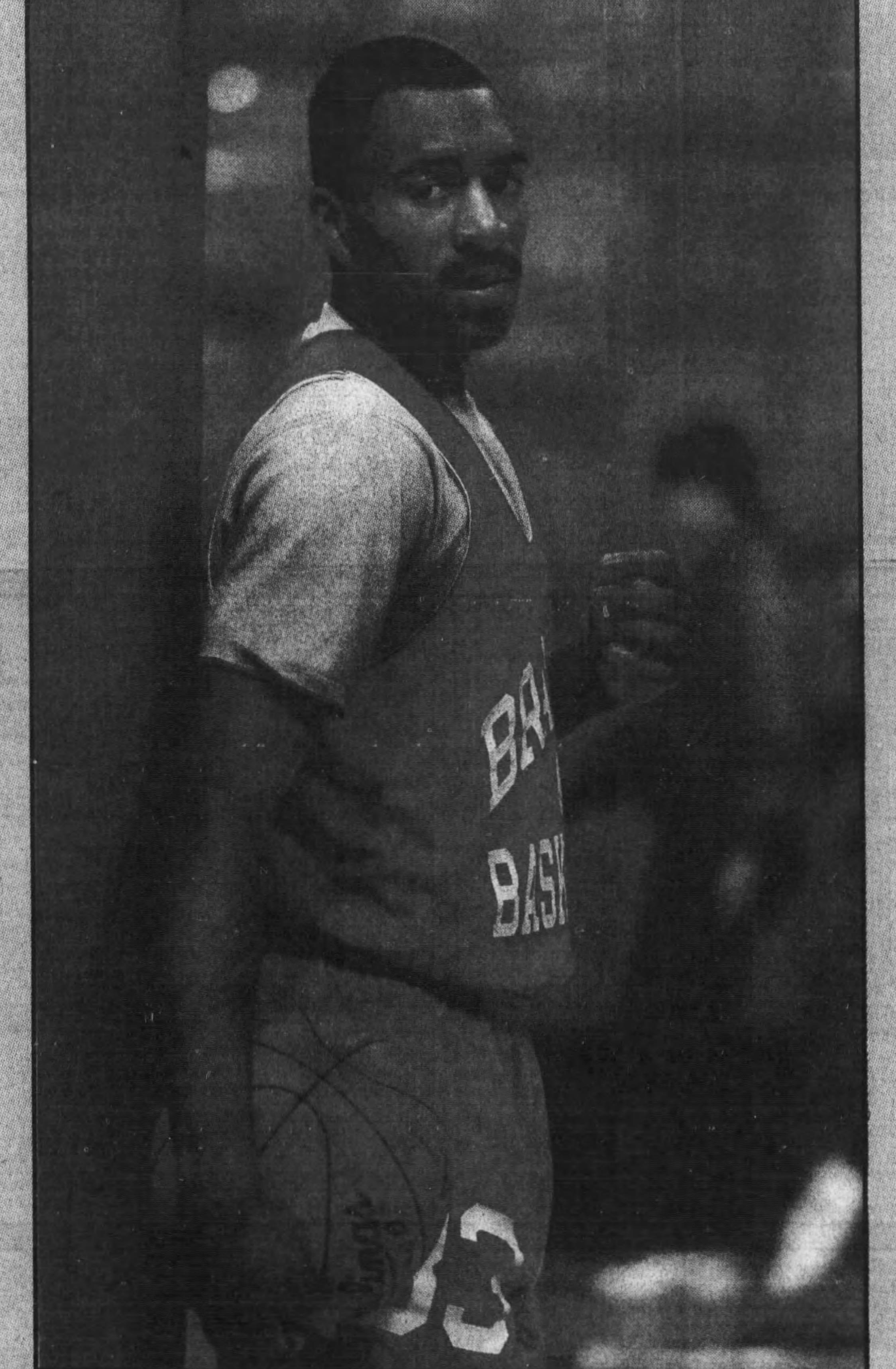
And next thing I know, there's the beer company pitchman — in the arena, on the court, shooting free throws. I hear the beer company is "a proud sponsor" of the SEC tournament.

And we wonder why kids are mixed up. College. athletes are told not to drink beer. They have to urinate in a bottle to prove they don't drink beer. Yet the SEC takes the beer folks in warm embrace in exchange for a few bucks. And speaking of a few bucks, the athletes also must sign a piece of paper promising poverty, saying they haven't taken money from an agent. This while the SEC works as a shameless huckster groveling for nickels from catfish farmers. SEC commissioner Harvey Schiller did say that the league has no plans to sell the tournament's name, making it, for instance, the Barney Fife & Opie Taylor Amalgamated Union of Chiropractors Southeastern Conference Basketball Tournament. Which means, I figure, Barney and Opie haven't come up with enough bucks yet.

There was, at one point in the tournament, real news involving the SEC. Trying to break up a fight, a referee body-slammed a Georgia player. He might have seriously injured the athlete, bouncing his head off the hardwood. An explanation was called for.

But Schiller made the referee off-limits to the media. It was as if Schiller didn't care what the public thought. But then, we already knew that. Or else he wouldn't have hired an FM deejay to tell us about catfish.

NATION'S TOP GUN



WILLIAM BERRY/Staff

Bradley's Hersey Hawkins leads the nation in scoring with a 36-point average.

Bradley's Hawkins aims to prove himself in NCAA

By Bud Shaw Staff Writer

Here's Hersey Hawkins, who already has a postcard proclaiming him "The Best Player in the Nation," who only needs 10 points to pass Oscar Robertson in conference history and who averages a tidy 36 points, saying that as of 12:07 p.m. today at The Omni he must get serious and prove himself.

"I want to show I can play with some of these other guys in the country," Hawkins, Bradley's senior All-American, said Wednesday. "I think there's probably some doubt in people's minds."

Hawkins is a 6-foot-3, 190-pound guard who leads the country in scoring and his

team in rebounding. Only teammate Anthony Manuel, a point guard, has more assists. Let's see: points, rebounds, assists. Not a bad basketball trilogy, especially considering major colleges passed on Hawkins as a high-school prospect in Chicago. Something about him not shooting well enough to play guard.

And now, here's Stan Albeck, his coach, saying that if Hawkins were two inches taller he'd have impact like Magic Johnson and Larry Bird in the NBA. "He's totally unflappable," said Albeck, whose big criticism of

Hawkins is that he doesn't shoot enough. This does not sound like the resume of

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Alabama will 'track down' agent Bloom

By Chris Mortensen

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Sports agent Lloyd Bloom failed to appear for his criminal arraignment here Wednesday, and Alabama Assistant Attorney General Donald Valeska gave him one week to "turn himself in, or we will track him down."

"We are going to track down Mr. Bloom, he is going to be arrested, and he will be here," said Valeska. "We are going to swear out an arrest warrant in every state

in this country. He'll be here. I'll guarantee it. We will track him to all ends of the world."

om also did not enter a written plea on the indictments against him and former associate Norby Walers for their dealings with former University of Alabasketball Derrick player



Alabama Attorney General Don Siegelman, who was present at Wednesday's arraignment, said, "If he (Bloom) doesn't come of his own accord, he will be brought back in handcuffs."

Valeska agreed to give Bloom another week because he had mistakenly understood that the agent was still being represented by Walters' attorney, Robert Gold of New York. As a result, neither Bloom nor Mike Trope, his California-based attorney, has received a formal copy of the indictments, which Valeska said he was forwarding immediately.

Valeska said Trope asked if the state would provide a court-appointed local attorney because Bloom

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NFL fine tunes instant replay

Walsh denies Montana being shopped, Page 9F Marshall deal worries NFL officials, Page 9F

By Glenn Sheeley

PHOENIX - Pittsburgh Steelers president Dan Rooney saved the NFL's instant-replay system for another season Wednesday by proposing that all replay officials become part of the regular officiating crew and not members of the league office staff.

Without the modifications, instant replay would have been voted down "on the first vote," according to Tex Schramm, the NFL Competition Committee chairman and Dallas Cowboys general manager. With the change, the proposal passed 23-5, with Cincinnati, Kansas City, the New York Giants, Buffalo and Phoenix voting against.

At least 21 votes in favor of replay, representing a three-quarters majority, was necessary for passage.

"Our big concern was not having 'big brother' watching," said Rooney, referring to influence by the league office, which previously had six people from supervisor of officials Art McNally's staff alternating with 13 former officials in the replay booth. "This way it's one of their peers."

"In a certain fashion, it's an eighth official," said Schramm. "Danny (Rooney) was one of those who felt the field officials were hesitant because the 'eye in the sky' was going to correct them. I think he felt that this way they would work as a team. If this man travels with the crew and is part of them, then it becomes a

team with the responsibility to get it right." The replay, which had passed for the 1987 season by the minimum 21-7 vote, was in jeopardy of returning for a third season. However, with the momentum started by Rooney, four opposed teams - Chicago, Minnesota, San Diego and the New York Jets — swung

to the affirmative side.

Woman in California lands world's second-largest bass

By Charles Salter Staff Writer

A woman fishing with a plastic worm in a Southern California lake has caught a 21-pound, 10-ounce largemouth bass, the biggest bass landed in 56 years.

The world record still belongs to the late George W. Perry, who -caught a 22-pound, 4-ounce largemouth bass on June 2, 1932, in Montgomery Lake, off the Ocmulgee River, near Lumber City and Helena, Ga. Perry's monster bass was 321/2 inches long and had a 281/2-inch

Sandy DeFresco, 47, was fishing in Lake Miramar at San Diego, Calif., last Monday when the giant black bass struck an 8-inch black Gillraker plastic worm, made by Zetabait Inc. of Jacksonville, Fla., according to Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (BASS).

The fish was identified as a female Florida largemouth bass. A BASS spokesman said the bass was 27.9 inches long and had a 25-inch girth. Thousands of Florida largemouth fingerlings, baby fish less than 2 inches long, have been flown. to Southern California since the early 1970s and stocked in numerous lakes, where they have exhibit-

ed rapid growth rates and, in sever- Monday and hooked the bass al instances, reached line-class, world-record weights.

DeFresco was fishing with an Ambassadeur reel, a custom-made rod, and 10-pound-test Maxima line, when the fish struck at a depth between 20 and 30 feet, according to

Doug Hannon of Odessa, Fla., one of America's foremost authorities on largemouth bass, said, "Classically, the biggest bass are caught in the summer, not the spring. The all-tackle, world-record largemouth bass was caught in June, and the record smallmouth bass in July.

"Most people think bass are the heaviest when they are carrying eggs in February or March. The eggs may represent a pound or less of weight. But the bass actually weigh the most with summer fat reserves. If that 21-pound, 10-ounce bass had been caught in Lake Miramar in June or July, it may have been bigger than George Perry's 22-

pound, 4-ounce, world-record bass." Jim Ising of Jacksonville, Zetabait's vice president of marketing and sales, was told that DeFresco operates the concession on Lake Miramar and goes fishing two or three times a week.

"She started fishing about 6 a.m.

around 6:25 a.m.," he said. "She had fished about 15 feet along the bank before this strike. I understand she was alone in the boat. She was very excited when we talked on the

"The lake is crystal clear with probably 30-foot to 40-foot visibility," Ising said. "The Gillraker worm resembles a siren, water dog or salamander family member. Some other plastic worms have a single arc in the tail. The Gillraker has a double arc in the tail that adds a dimension of action. It has two distinct vibrations in the tail, and the design makes the tail float higher and look more natural in the

The International Game Fish Association does not have a 10pound-line class in the world records, therefore, DeFresco's fish likely will be considered for the 12pound-line class.

Before DeFresco's catch on Monday, the second-biggest largemouth bass in history was the 21pound, 3-ounce bass caught March 4, 1980, by Raymond D. Easley in Oakview, Calif. That fish was recognized as a world record in the 8pound-line class by the IGFA in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Hawkins

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an unknown who needs to prove his worth. He may not play in the nation's most revered basketball conference. But nobody's asking if he's Hersey Hawkins from Bradley or Hersey Bradley from Hawkins. The fact the Bradley Braves were on probation last year and out of mind doesn't mean Hawkins wasn't appreciated for his 27.2 scoring average.

Auburn coach Sonny Smith, who gets to devise some defensive scheme short of Star Wars to stop Hawkins in the first round of the NCAAs today at The Omni, isn't sure such a strategy exists.

"West Virginia tried a triangleand-two, then a diamond-and-one," said Smith. "Other people have doubled him every time he went left. I don't believe a trick defense of any kind makes much difference. We just won't guard him at all. That's about what we do anyway. He probably hasn't faced that defense before."

It's not that Hawkins is shy or modest to a fault, but his first comment on what the tournament means to him was that it represented a "chance to meet other players." That sounds a little like he's trying to win the congeniality award

in a pageant. Actually, Hawkins is bold, selfassured and quite deadly with a basketball in his hands. Asked what he'd average if he shot as often as Albeck wanted, Hawkins smiled and said, "about 45."

Is he the best college basketball player in all the land? Hawkins pauses. "I'd have to say one of the best. Danny Manning (Kansas), Danny Ferry (Duke) and Gary Grant (Michigan) would have to be up

What Hawkins wants to prove is that he's no gunner. The word suggests a ball hog with terminal shooter's elbow. Gunners don't shoot better than 50 percent. Gunners take more than 23 shots per game, which is Hawkins' average.

"We kid Hersey about icing down his elbow after some games, like when he scored 63 (against Detroit)," said teammate Donald Powell. "But it's only kidding. He doesn't need 30 shots a game to score. He shoots when he's open. He's got to be everybody's player of



WILLIAM BERRY/Staff

Bradley guard Hersey Hawkins works on his shooting touch during the Braves' practice Wednesday at The Omni.

the year. It's been an incredible season for him."

Hawkins took 28 shots in his 63point game, hitting 21. He started the season by blitzing New Orleans for 42, Colorado for 44. Three games later, he dumped 51 on defenseless California-Irvine. It could have been more if he hadn't sat on the bench in early foul trouble. Bradley scored 98 against UNC-Charlotte. Hawkins had 49. So he isn't the whole team. But half?

Bradley (26-4), No. 11 in the nation, has the record and the ranking now partly because Albeck talked Hawkins out of transferring to Villanova two seasons ago. Bradley coach Dick Versace was leaving to join the NBA and leaving the Braves on a one-year probation.

When Albeck went to Peoria, he dropped a few names on Hawkins: George Gervin, Otis Birdsong, Michael Jordan. Albeck coached all three at various NBA stops and promised Hawkins he'd create an offense for him just as he had for

"I don't know what would've happened if I'd gone to Villanova," Hawkins said. "But I don't think would've gone there and averaged so many points."

In Albeck's offense, picks are set low on either side of the lane. Hawkins splits them and turns out to meet the ball. If he's not open, he circles and tries again. "A man in constant motion," is the way Smith described him.

It's a grueling way to make a living, both for the runner and the teammates setting picks. Illinois State switched instead of fighting through picks and had some success. But teams haven't done the job an entire game. Hawkins generally has better second halves when defenders wear down, down, down.

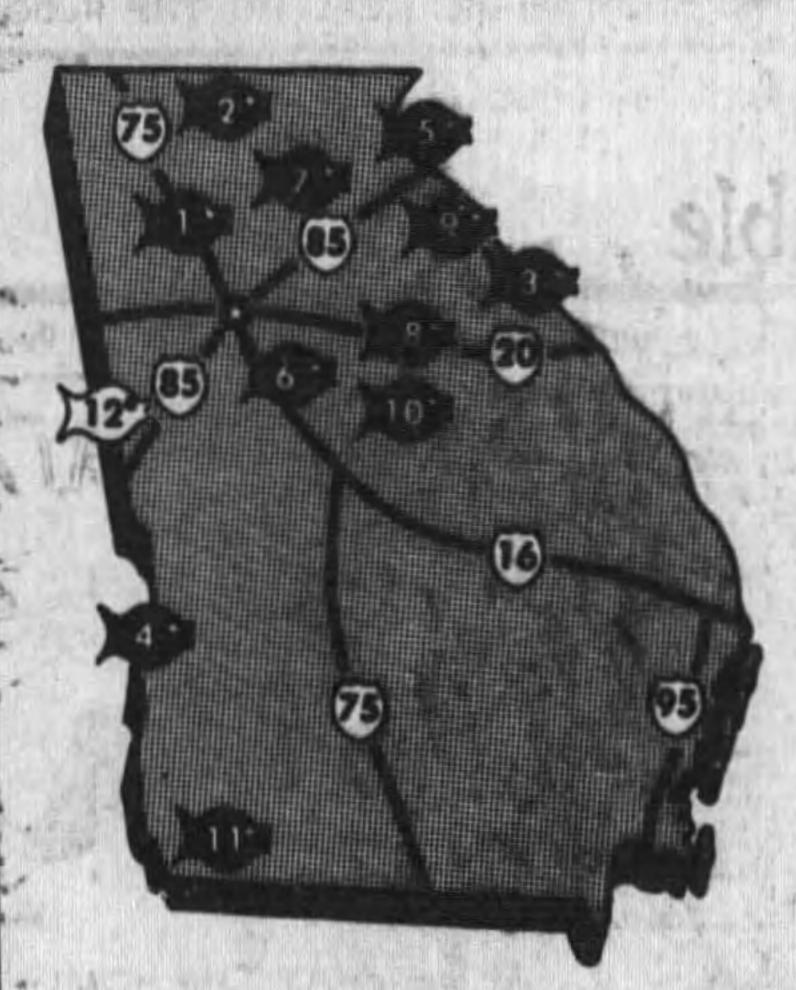
"People don't see the elbows guys shoot Hersey," said Powell. "They don't see him get held and grabbed off the picks. A lot of that doesn't get called. So they keep holding and grabbing. We keep setting picks. Hersey keeps running off them. And we keep winning. So who can complain?"

Smith says Auburn will play zone defense as it always does, and he promises a few twists for Hawkins. Like not guarding him at all?

"I hope they do that," Hawkins said, eyes gleaming. "I hope they do

GEORGIA'S FISHING FORECAST

| Map Lake no. | Bass | Crapple | Striper | White Bass |
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| 1. Allatoona | F | G | P | P |
| 2. Carters | F | F | NR | P |
| 3. Clarks Hill | G | G | P | P |
| 4. Walter F. George | G | G | P | P |
| 5. Hartwell | G | G | F | P |
| 6. Jackson | G | G | P | P |
| 7. Lanier | G | F | NR | P |
| 8. Oconee | F | G | P | P |
| 9. Russell | F | F | NR | P |
| 10. Sinclair | G | G | P | P |
| 11. Seminole | G | G | P | P |
| 12. West Point | G | G | P | P |
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WEST POINT: Last weekend, surface temperatures were 52 to 57 degrees. Bass in shallow areas and on main points struck Bagley DB 3's, chrome Rat-L-Traps, spinnerbaits, and jig and pork baits. Many chunky 21/2 to 6-pound fish and some 7to 10-pound, 7-ounce lunkers were boated. Weights of several strings of bigmouths ranged from 35 to 53 pounds. Crappie fishing was good with minnows and trolled jig flies in several creeks. Many crappie were in the slab class.

LAKE AND RIVER REPORT

HARTWELL: Rick Garrett of White's Fishing Center near Greenville, S.C., is trying to locate the Georgia fisherman who had a 56-pound striped bass weighed on scales at his store. The man caught the fish on a live blueback herring, and several persons witnessed the weighing. "The man left before anybody got his name and phone number," Garrett said. "That fish would be a new South Carolina

state record for striped bass. LANIER: Surface temperature was 51 degrees Sunday, but cold weather this week will put it back in the upper 40s. During the mild spell, spotted bass weighing 1 to 5 pounds struck pumpkin Zoom worms, Creepy Crawlers, pig and jig, Red's green shrimp

worms and Savage worms. ALLATOONA: The surface temperature was 51 degrees before cold weather returned Sunday night. Wayne Rosser of Cartersville, fishing with a Rat-L-Trap, caught a 101/2-pound large mouth bass. Last weekend, a 91/4pound bass and a 7-pounder were taken on pumpkin-seed pattern Creepy

BLACKSHEAR: Campers' Haven reported that crappie fishing was good in shallow areas before temperatures dropped again, but few bass were hooked last weekend.

SINCLAIR: Last weekend, surface temperatures were 58 to 61 degrees Crappie fishing improved with minnows and Hal Fly, Betts and Canyon jig flies. Bass in less than 10 feet of water struck Bomber Model A's, 7-centimeter Shad Raps and half-ounce chrome Rat-L-Traps.

Major game and fish feeding periods begin at the times shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours. Minor periods are of somewhat shorter duration.

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| Sun | 7:00 | 12:50 | 7:35 | 1:20 |
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| Tue. | 8:55 | 2:45 | 9:25 | 3:10 |
| -Wed. | 9:55 | 3:45 | 10:25 | 4:10 |
| Thur. | 10:50 | 4:40 | 11:25 | 5:05 |
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OCONEE: Large numbers of crappie in 5 to 15 feet of water were caught on minnows and trolled jig flies in creeks last week and during the week-

end. Bass, found at depths of 8 to 12

feet, struck medium to deep-diving

crankbaits. GEORGE: Crappie fishing was good with minnows last weekend. Largemouth bass in shallow areas were caught on spinnerbaits and rattling crankbaits. Lake Walter F. George is expected to yield a lot of 5- to 8pound bass this spring.

CLARKS HILL: Last weekend, before the cold weather returned, crapple fishing was good with minnows at depths of 7 to 10 feet. Crappie were moving into shallower water just before the cold wave hit. Bass fishing was good at 3 to 7 feet with Shad Raps, Rat-L-Traps, Balsa Blitz lures and pumpkin Creepy Crawlers.

JACKSON: Bass fishing ranged from fair to good last weekend, and the hottest lures were the pig and jig. Shad Rap and Rat-L-Trap. Marina operator Van Kersey said a couple of 10pound bass were caught and released Thursday. He weighed several 7- and

8-pound largemouths. RUSSELL: In weekend fishing, anglers hooked fat crappie, many weighing a pound, at depths of 4 to 8 feet. Largemouth bass struck shad pattern crankbaits and Little Georges on

SEMINOLE: Dwayne Brock of Bainbridge caught 43 pounds, 9 ounces of bass in two days to win the Shriners' bass tournament held to raise funds for the Shrine crippled children's hospital. He was presented a bass boat worth \$10,000.

CARTERS: Surface temperatures were 53 degrees last weekend. Jeff Land said bass in brush at 5 to 10 feet struck black jig and pork baits and catalpa-core-pattern Red's worms. A 5pound, 12-ounce spotted bass was landed Saturday.

WEISS: Numerous limits of crappie were taken on minnows and trolled jigs last weekend. Jack Jones of Centre, Ala., said some crappie weighed 2 to 21/2 pounds each. This northeast Alabama reservoir should offer outstanding crappie fishing during the spring.

—Compiled by Charles Salter

RV exhibit offers help

By Kent Mitchell Staff Writer

Of the many families attending the Atlanta Camping & Recreational Vehicle Show at the Georgia World Congress Center, hundreds are potential first-time buyers trying to decide which type of camper is right for them.

The show, which began Wednesday, will run through Sunday. Show hours are noon-10 p.m. through Saturday and noon-6 p.m Sunday. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children 12 and under and senior citizens. Children under five are admitted free. Scouts in uniform accompanied by their leaders also are admitted free.

Many first-time buyers will feel a sense of panic even before they descend the escalator to the showroom floor, because they will get a quick peek from above and see hundreds of campers spread out. "Where do I start?" is the usual

The question is legitimate. There is such a variety. There are luxury, class A, motorhomes, which are rolling homes with accessories such as television sets, microwave ovens, refrigerators, power generators, air conditioning, even jacuzzis. The travel trailers are almost as luxurious as motorhomes, but with what some think is a built-in advantage — you can unhitch it and drive around without it.

This year, the camping show features an innovation to help answer questions. The Michigan Association of Recreational Vehicles and Campgrounds (MARVAC) has put together an educational video

The video gives useful, basic information. It describes the various types of campers with their carrycapacities, costs

for prospective first-time buyers.

accessories. It also gives an idea of the costs of a camping vacation vs. the same vacation at a motel or hotel as well as some ways a camper can be put to use, other than strictly for

vacations. The buyers guide will be shown at 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. through Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Besides the huge display of campers, which even includes one houseboat (for "camping" on lakes), the show also has a section for tent camping.

There are family tents and backpacking tents, plus accessories. Representatives are there from state parks and campgrounds around the Southeast.

There also will be numerous door prizes, including a pop-top valued at \$4,595 as the grand prize. Two awnings and a car carrier will also be given away.

Each night through Friday, the first 100 families will be given camper vacations at Lake Lanier Islands and Stone Mountain Park. For more information, call 252Southeast

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regular man-to-man." Auburn seldom plays man-to-man. Told this, Hawkins shrugged. "Oh, well," he said. "Their regular zone, then. I've seen 'em all. If they play zone, should be able to hit some outside

According to Auburn coach Sonny Smith, there's no "if" about it "We'll play zone," he said. "We al ways play zone." Then, kidding: "Maybe we just won't guard (Hawkins). That's worked real good for

That said, Auburn left The Omni to hold a closed practice at Oglethorpe College. To install a secret defense? "Naw," Smith said. "We don't put in the other team's offense and defense until the day before the game. Otherwise I'm afraid we'll

forget everything."

Before heading for Oglethorpe, Smith was asked if he had any advice for UT-C coach Mack McCarthy, long Smith's assistant at Auburn. "Yeah," he said. "Don't get too long a motel reservation."

Someone relayed Smith's counsel to McCarthy, who laughed and said: "Look, if Auburn beats Bradley and we pull a miracle and beat Oklahoma, I know I can outcoach

McCarthy's team, Whether which finished 8-8 in Southern Conference games but upset Marshall in the league tournament, can stay with fleet Oklahoma is another matter. The Sooners, ranked No. 4 in the final polls and seeded first in the Southeast, average 104.8 points, second to Loyola-Marymount among

Division I teams. "I've read about Oklahoma running up the score," McCarthy said. "But they're so daggone good I don't know how you could help it. (Being

embarrassed) is a real concern of

Fourth-seeded BYU has lost five of its last 13 games. The Cougars were 17-0 and ranked No. 3 before losing to Alabama-Birmingham on Jan. 30. Asked why his team cooled off, BYU forward Michael Smith said: "I guess that's one way to put it. We only won eight of 12 after winning 17 of 18. But winning eight of 12 — losing four games by a total of 10 points with three overtimes involved — against our schedule is formidable."

Oregon State has legitimate worries about Louisville's size. The tallest Beaver starter, 6-foot-6 Bill Sherwood, played two seasons at Oglethorpe before walking on at Oregon State. Sherwood averages but 3.3 rebounds. Felton Spencer, a Louisville reserve, averages 4.1.

"Overconfident?" said Sherwood, speaking of Louisville. "If I were them and I saw me starting at center, I'd be overconfident, too."

Bloom

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could not afford to hire one. Trope also asked Valeska if the state would pay for Bloom's traveling and incidental expenses to attend the arraignment, the pre-trial hearing and the trial itself.

"We'll accommodate him with a lawyer," said Valeska. "As far as expenses, we'll have to see. The main thing is, I let him know that we would do everything in our power to get Lloyd Bloom before a judge and jury."

Trope said Bloom will take into consideration his legal options before making a decision next week to arraignment.

"At the present time, Lloy Bloom is not a fugitive from justice," said Trope. "It is premature to speculate what Lloyd is going to do. Inflammatory comments by the individuals (Valeska and Siegel- extradition procedures immediateman) will not determine Lloyd's de- ly," said Valeska. "Don Siegelman cision. If he does decide to come

have no bearing." charges — tampering with a sports crime. contest, commercial bribery and de-Judge John M. Karrh set a trial date for May 9 at Tuscaloosa County Court House. Walters was released after posting a \$1,000 bond.

Walters refused to comment.

indictments on the same three charges against Walters and Bloom for their dealings with McKey's former Tide teammate, Terry Coner.

Siegelman said he will ask the court to consolidate the indictments so the agents will be tried on their dealings with both players on May 9. Walters also pleaded not guilty to the charges involving Coner.

Siegelman said if Walters and Bloom are convicted, the state would ask a jury to order the agents to make restitution to the University of Alabama, which lost \$250,000 n NCAA tournament money because McKey and Coner played after signing with the agents.

Trope said that to his knowledge the state of California, where Bloom lives, has never extradited one of its residents for a misdemeanor charge. Valeska said he would attempt to talk to Trope by telephone no later than today and give Bloom "one last chance" to appear in Alabama for arraignment.

"If we do not get an immediate favorable response, we will begin will go to the governor of California down there, those comments will personally and ask him to extradite Mr. Bloom because of the impor-Walters pleaded not guilty tance of this issue. And Governor Wednesday to three misdemeanor [George] Deukmejian is tough on

"I assume he [Deukmejian] ceptive trade practice. Circuit Court knows that the state of California asks the state of Alabama to send them people all the time, and we comply. Mr. Siegelman would expect the same cooperation."

Valeska said if California does Siegelman also notified Walters not extradite Bloom, Siegelman will and his attorneys, Gold and Donald ask Illinois law enforcement offi-Stewart of Anniston, Ala., that a cials to cooperate if Bloom is indictstate grand jury has returned new ed on federal charges by a Chicago

grand jury looking into his activities.

Valeska said McKey would testify for the state at the May 9 trial, a day on which McKey's current team, the Seattle SuperSonics of the NBA, is scheduled to play in Sacramento. The SuperSonics had sent a letter to Siegelman, stating that McKey could be cleared to testify April 11

or April 18. "The later date could present some problems for McKey, but I can assure you he will be here," said Valeska. "Every state has signed the Out-of-State Witness Act, and Mr. Siegelman will make sure McKey is here. Besides, you saw what the one juror told the newspaper last

Valeska said he was referring to an Atlanta Journal-Constitution story in which one juror said Porter could have been tried and convicted on the same charges as Abernethy.

"I bet that got the athletes' attention," said Valeska. "We don't intend to prosecute the athletes, but we do expect cooperation."

Walters formed his sports agency, World Sports and Entertainment, three years ago and hired Bloom as vice president. No longer partners, they signed more than 50 college athletes — in violation of NCAA rules — including Coner and McKey, the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year as a junior during the 1986-87 season.

McKey played out his junior season before his dealings with Walters and Bloom were exposed. He lost his senior year of eligibility and became a first-round draft pick of the SuperSonics. Coner, a senior in the 1986-87 season, was drafted and cut by the Atlanta Hawks.