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very early," he said. "I might have been fourth down the line somewhere else."

The chance to play tailback wasn't the only reason McCallum — and his father — chose Navy.

"We believe in work," the elder said. "A place of discipline."

The younger McCallum agrees that the strict military life at Navy has helped him. "I owe a lot to Navy," he said. "No way would I be this mature at another college. I'd be wild, running around all the time. I feel a lot better about myself now. In high school, I was so shy I couldn't talk to girls, but now I like expressing myself."

There was another reason McCallum chose Navy. Since he was a young boy, Napoleon always kept scrapbooks of flying and airplanes, hoping that some day he could become an astronaut. But he discovered that being an astronaut would be very difficult, and he would have to take classes such as physics, aerodynamics and aerospace engineering.

"I discovered NASA isn't like Star Trek," McCallum said, explaining why he'll stick to airplanes.

McCallum switched to computer science, where, he said, "I've crammed things into my mind I had no idea I could learn."

McCallum was also learning a lot about football. His freshman season, he gained 335 yards while running behind career Naval Academy rushing leader Eddie Meyers. He began to gain national attention when as a sophomore in 1982 he was fifth in the nation in all-purpose running with an average of 164.4 yards per game and was 11th in the country in punt returns with an 11.8 average. He led Navy that year with 739 yards rushing.

After that season, McCallum had a choice to make: if he stayed at Navy into his junior year, he would be committed to the Navy for five years after graduation from the Academy, five prime and possibly very lucrative years he could spend as a running back in the professional ranks. He chose to remain at the Academy. Does he ever regret that decision?

"You think about the maybes — maybe I'd get hurt somewhere else, maybe things wouldn't go as well in the pros," McCallum said. "This way I've got something I can't lose — an education. Three years ago, I made a commitment

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the ball and he wants to run. I hope we pass a lot, but you've got to realize that a lot of it depends on the game situation.

"When you've got guys like Ethan Horton, Eddie Colson and William Humes, it's tough not to just let those guys have it. If we run the football real well, there's no sense in throwing it."

Anthony also enjoys passing the football, but is very practical in his approach. "I've been pretty pleased by the way things have gone but there's always room for improvement. I need to continue to grow and learn some things."

As passers, the differences are slight. Coach Crum says Anthony has more speed, and Maye the stronger arm. Anthony says he is more of a roll-out quarterback, a la former UNC QB Rod Elkins, while Maye is more in the vein

to this place. I intend to keep it ... you don't hurt the ones you love."

McCallum's decision to remain at Navy didn't surprise anyone who knew him, but his performance on the field surprised a lot of people last year — including himself.

"I never expected to have the season I did," he said. "Especially satisfying was the fact that my performances didn't really drop off even after defenses started keying on me. That's probably more a credit to my offensive line and other teammates than it is to me, though."

After such a grand junior year, what can McCallum do to top it?

"This year I'm shooting for more," he said. "If last season's success has done anything, it has made me that much more motivated."

How motivated?

"I guess if I had to give you some numbers ... somewhere around 1,700 yards, and that on fewer attempts than I had in 1983," he said. "Team-wise, if we can spring a few upsets, a bowl game would be a possibility."

Those numbers, when coming from McCallum, seem almost too small.

McCallum's running style is very deceptive. He rarely takes a full, hard shot. He has retained the quickness and balance of a wrestler, and it lightens the blows he takes. Often he bounces off of two or three would-be tacklers, then slips through a hole and flies toward daylight.

Troy Hill, Pittsburgh's left cornerback and tri-captain, after having played against Kelvin Bryant of North Carolina, Curt Warner of Penn State and Eric Dickerson of Southern Methodist, said, "McCallum is the toughest back, in terms of taking him down, that I've ever faced."

Tranquill said this summer: "I don't know if Napoleon can get much better. He has a running style all his own — it's very subtle. What made him better last year was the strength and power he has. He understands now what it is all about."

What it is all about, in terms of the upcoming season, could very well be Navy's third Heisman Trophy winner. But McCallum, in his cool, modest manner, smiled and said, "The Heisman? That type of stuff usually takes care of itself."

of Stankavage, who was a drop-back passer.

"I'd like to think we're both well-rounded and can do all things," Anthony said, adding that it's good that their styles aren't the same. "Because when the game rolls around, that's more that the defense has to be ready for."

Maye admires the styles of Anthony and Stankavage, and said he is working on developing those same qualities. "Both Scott and Kevin are real comfortable up there at center with the offense. They're kind of keeping their composure. These are things that I try to do more of."

More of is what it's going to take. After all, Maye is the younger of the two. He's still the underdog, and he knows it. So does Anthony.

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spending their M-O-N-E-Y on D-E-F-E-N-S-E.

AFC WEST

LOS ANGELES (11-5) — The Raiders will have some trouble on offense this season, but backup QB Marc Wilson should step in to lead this team into the playoffs once again.

SEATTLE (10-6) — Chuck Knox's Seahawks looked like a great team until running back Curt Warner tore up his knee in the first game. Now they'll probably still make the playoffs thanks to a vastly improved defense.

SAN DIEGO (9-7) — Is Kellen Winslow really retiring? What else could he do but play football? What will the Charger offense be like without him? Is this just a plot by Charger head coach Don Coryell to keep everyone from asking him about his defense?

DENVER (7-9) — Look for Denver's exciting young quarterback John Elway. Not much has been written about him. A real Sleeper.

KANSAS CITY (5-11) — How KC head coach John Mackovic got to be an NFL head coach just a few years after coaching a terrible Wake Forest team is beyond explanation.

NFC EAST

DALLAS (11-5) — The Cowboys' playoff disasters of the last few years should be overlooked — that they have managed to be so consistently strong and dominant is a sign of a remarkable organization — their Super Bowl titles will come.

WASHINGTON (10-6) — A team with some definite question marks: Riggins, Joe Washington, Theismann. Jim Hart is not the answer. But they'll get by this year on the craftiness of head coach Joe Gibbs. Gibbs wins by always outguessing his opponent, which was successful up until the last few seconds of the second quarter of the Super Bowl when....

NEW YORK (9-7) — Phil

State

Milnichik will be joined by senior A.V. Richards (6-4, 270), at tackle. Larry Burnette (6-3, 256), another senior and former walk-on, and junior John Smith (6-4, 250) should man the guard positions. Ron Kosar (6-2, 259), a senior, will start at center.

When it's time to field a defensive team, Reed plans to play five walk-ons, including walk-on strong safety John McRorie (6-0, 187). Although the Pack lost all-conference inside linebackers Vaughan Johnson and Andy Hendel, Reed is confident that the defense has improved at nine positions.

"I think we'll miss them in the middle, but I think the nine other positions are stronger than last year," Reed said. "Our front defensive five is a little small, though."

Reed will go with walk-on Dillard Andrews (6-1, 235), a senior, at middle guard. Junior Raymond Phillips (6-3, 243) returns as a starter at defensive tackle and will be joined by senior Mark Shaw (6-6, 238). Shaw is another walk-on.

Juniors Mark Franklin (6-1, 217) and Pat Teague (6-1, 219)

Simms is back and so is the Giants offense.

ST. LOUIS (9-7) — Slowly and quietly, very slowly and quietly, this is becoming a strong football team. However, placekicker Neil O'Donoghue keeps them two years behind in their progress.

PHILADELPHIA (3-13) — Dick Vermeil should not be a TV commentator.

NFC CENTRAL

DETROIT (10-6) — The Lions are doing their best to regain their animal kingdom from the Tigers.

CHICAGO (9-7) — See above but substitute Bears for Lions and Cubs for Tigers.

GREEN BAY (7-9) — Is Forrest Gregg trying to be football's answer to basketball's carpetbagging coach Larry "Heartbreaker" Brown? Where did Gregg play college football?

TAMPA BAY (7-9) — It's amazing that a team could have such a topsy-turvy history under one head coach. Will the real John McKay please stand up?

MINNESOTA (4-12) — Bud Grant slowly left the Vikings with less and less until they had nothing, and then he left. Good luck, Les Steckel.

NFC WEST

SAN FRANCISCO (11-5) — Bill Walsh and 49ers sure aren't afraid to take chances, but it sure makes them unpredictable.

NEW ORLEANS (10-6) — What is Ken Stabler still doing in this league? Fumbles travel further in the air than some of his passes. As long as Bum keeps Kenny on the bench the Saints should make the playoffs. Finally.

LOS ANGELES (8-8) — Eric Dickerson left, Eric Dickerson right. Why does head coach John Robinson always want one guy to carry his whole team? It can't be done in the NFL.

ATLANTA (6-10) — By the time the Falcons' defense is good again, Steve Bartkowski and the offense will either be lousy or gone.

have the unenviable job of replacing Johnson and Hendel at linebacker. Franklin started at outside linebacker, and Teague was a frequently-used reserve in the middle.

Senior Frank Bush (6-2, 217), a returning outside linebacker, is a potential all-conference choice. Bush is joined by junior walk-on Benny Pegram (6-3, 225), a reserve last season.

McRorie, who had a team-leading six interceptions last season, and senior Dwayne Green (6-1, 197), who claimed three interceptions at free safety, head a strong backfield. Walk-on Jeff Byrd (5-7, 173), a senior who sat out last season with a leg injury, will start at cornerback with junior Nelson Jones (6-1, 194), a returning starter.

Junior Mike Cofer returns as the Wolfpack placekicker.

Although one tends to think that State is hurting for talent due to the emergence of walk-ons, Reed has few qualms about the walk-on starters.

"I think walk-ons add a great dimension to the team," said Reed, who regularly played walk-ons at Miami of Ohio. "They know how to fight."

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"Again, it's a business. I think some of the owners are hoping for a merger. The Stars are worth \$5 million and the Cowboys are worth \$75 million."

Fuller said that comparisons between the two leagues are always going to be there until the teams meet on the same field.

"I wish that eventually we can somehow play each other," he said. "I think we'd be interested in seeing how the stronger teams, like the Stars, would do against some of the NFL's teams. We may not be in the class of the Raiders and Redskins, but we could play with the mediocre teams."

In the end, fruitless comparisons go against Fuller's nature. "Football is football," he said. "They play in the NFL, that's their job; we play in the USFL, that's our job."

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sophomore Mike Junkin (6-4, 205).

In the secondary Duke returns seniors Joby Branion and Darryl Brunson (6-3, 205) at the corners, and junior Howard Woods (5-10, 180) will take over the new rover back position.

The least of Sloan's worries will be the kicking game. It is solid. Junior place-kicker Ken Harper, who has tallied 109 points in the last two years, is back. Also returning is senior punter John Tolish, who was the eighth-rated punter in the nation last year with a 40.8 average.

Considering Sloan's defensive worries, Duke will need to get every possible yard out of Tolish's foot in order to keep the opposition away from paydirt.

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seven starters and should at least work better together. The play of inside linebackers Malcolm Hairston and Tony Scott should be fairly steady, and the secondary returns all four starters.

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N.C. STATE WOLFPACK

1983 record: 3-8

Coach: Tom Reed

Starters returning: Offense (6) — TE Jeff Brown, G Larry Burnette, QB Tim Esposito, FB Rickey Isom, TB Joe McIntosh, F Phil Brothers.

Defense (6) — OLB Frank Bush, T Raymond Phillips, ILB Mark Franklin, SS John McRorie, FS Dwayne Greene, CB Nelson Jones.

Forecast: After Reed's first season at State, the Pack has become accustomed to Reed's style of coaching and will strive for a winning season. Thirty-six lettermen return, including tailback and pre-season All-American nominee Joe McIntosh and record-setting quarterback Tim Esposito. But poor depth and a small defensive front will be costly. Prediction: Sixth in the ACC.