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the SWAC regular season, finished 23-7 three years and finished the year 22-5. Of course, to advance past the first round, Alabama State must play Mississippi on that team's homecourt, despite Ole Miss having an Politics enter into it some; 18-9 record for the season.

Howard University, regular-season winner of the MEAC, was passed over by the selection committee. Bison Coach A.B. Williamson said he wasn't surprised by the snub but was still disappointed.

"I looked at the standings and saw a lot of teams with records close to ours and I knew it would be tight," he said. Howard finished the year 19-9.

In the 32-team NIT field, 17 of the teams have records that are equal to or worse than the Bison, who

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rightfielder Steve Dominick (.350), Reynolds will have plenty of offensive firepower.

Carl Ely is a human vacuum cleaner at third base and Murray Rudisill has good speed and a deadly arm in right field.

The area of uncertainty for Reynolds is on the mound, where junior righthanders Jeff Shore and Scott O'Neal have good arms but lack experience.

"We have a good hitting and a good defensive team," says Reynolds Coach Tommy Elrod. "But in order for us to make a serious run, our young pitchers have to come through."

North Forsyth will have to rely upon seniors Chris Motsinger, Jeff Kiger and Jeff Doub for leadership if it is to repeat its 15-5 mark of a year ago. Motsinger was the team's leading hitter and best defensive player last season and has the potential to carry the team. Kiger will shoulder most of the pitching load until junior righty Robert Lunsford can come around.

"We may have a better team all around this year and still not be able to contend with East Forsyth, Reynolds and Page," says North Forsyth Coach Fred Parks.

Parkland Coach Jerry Isaacs is optimistic about his team's chances this year, despite last year's 4-11 record. The Mustangs lost seven one- or two-run ball games with a lineup that consisted of 11 juniors.

Heading the list is second baseman Darrell Hicks, who batted a hefty .370 last season. He will get a lot of support from David Corum and Darren Mortensen.

The pitching chores will be split between lefty Chris Sidden and righthander

"I'm very optimistic about our chances," says Isaacs, in his second year at the helm at Parkland. "If our players give 100 percent with the experience they have from a year ago, we will win more than we'll lose."

West Forsyth will sport one of the strongest pitching staffs around. Righthanders Troy Sonafrank and Chuck Vestal and lefthander Mark Blizzard all have a year's experience under their belts. Keith Walker, Tom

Wilson and Blizzard are good hitters, but the problem is on defense, especially in the infield.

"Our pitching will have to do the job until we can strengthen our infield," says West Forsyth Coach William Carr.

ago but failed to get a bid. "I know the committee members go for the bigname conferences and pick those fifth-place finishers. you have to pick some teams that can bring in a dollar. But that's life,"

Williamson concluded. The committee evidently

didn't look at the possibility of picking Howard and raising a few eyebrows by selecting UDC, a Division packed the Capitol Centre. cuse is that UDC is not Division I, but that didn't school. stop sportswriters and

Jones and Michael Britt to their all-America teams.

But then again, how would it look if UDC took II school. They would have the NIT title? Not so good, since the Firebirds are Divi-Of course, the obvious ex- sion II. It would look even worse since they are a black

And the feeling here is that sports publications from the Firebirds would have run naming Firebird stars Earl right through the NIT field.

adverse impact these tests have on opportunities for

minorities. Call upon the NCAA to give appropriate evidence that it will revise Rule 48 as to exclude the SAT, ACT and other testing requirements.

•Ask the counsels of the NAACP, PUSH and other appropriate organizations to join with the NAFEO's counsel in advising about the legal implications of Proposition 48 and advising the NAFEO of the appropriate legal steps to be taken to invalidate the use of standardiz-

It is this columnist's hope that concerned citizens will A&T would be affected by the same rule.

support the NAFEO's efforts, whether by writing letters to newspapers or the NCAA or by contributing money to

To help, write: National Association for Equal Oppdrtunity in Higher Education, 2243 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007. The telephone number is (202). 333-3855.

Remember, if Proposition 48 stands as is, the number of black athletes participating at major colleges could drop by 50 percent. And Division I schools such as black colleges Grambling, Jackson State and North Carolina

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