

Basketball: Fenlon fights to make school a priority

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a diet. I know I'm not supposed to eat the candy, and I say to you that I'm not going to eat the damn candy, but you please make sure that I don't."

Thompson and Fenlon often haggle over how players should divide their time between schoolwork and practice. On more than one occasion, Thompson has been riled when Fenlon nixed a suggested practice time because too many of her students — she does not call them "players" — would have to miss class.

Thompson is a strict disciplinarian, but he frequently finds he can't start practice on time because Fenlon will be in her office counseling some of the guys.

In the end, it's all fine with Thompson.

"I told her, 'Don't you ever

make me compromise,'" Thompson said. "That's why she can be very firm. When she says that I fired her several times, that's what she means, because I'll get mad. I'll get mad if a big ball game is coming up and she's fussing and saying 'Well, we got to do so-and-so,' and I say I don't give a damn, I'm going to go out here and play. And then I think about it and say, 'Hey, OK, you're right.'"

Potential Georgetown recruits get to know Fenlon right away. Thompson is allowed to take only one assistant along when he visits a player's home, and Fenlon is the chosen one.

"When I first met her, she told me when I came here it was going to be school and then basketball," Iverson said. "I didn't have any problems with that."

Other players didn't get along so well with Fenlon. Within the

department, Fenlon's strong will and temper are legendary, and not every freshman appreciates her efforts right away. Thompson says Alonzo Mourning, a 1992 graduate now with the Miami Heat, once considered leaving Georgetown because of Fenlon.

"She gave Alonzo the blues," Thompson said. "And I watched that relationship and at times it scared me. But there was nothing more meaningful to me, by the time of the end of his junior year, to watch how close they had become, because she jumped on his case going and coming. She did not let him go. And the reason she didn't let him go is because she always told him he had a great mind and didn't appreciate it, and she stayed on his case."

"It was a beautiful thing because she didn't compromise.

She didn't care whether he could play basketball or whether he was going to be in the NBA."

Thompson says Fenlon's No. 1 attribute is that she "never sacrificed love and affection for education."

But while she doesn't necessarily set out to become the players' friend, it usually ends up that way. She maintains regular contact with many former players, sometimes showing up at NBA games with Thompson to watch her former charges.

But Fenlon also keeps in touch with those who didn't go on to become NBA superstars.

"You don't have to be Patrick Ewing scoring 50 points in one night to receive a note," said Michael Jackson, a 1986 graduate who now works for Turner Sports. "It makes you feel good when you get praise from someone you respect."

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off before it will travel to Arizona to take on Arizona and Arizona State beginning March 15. Head coach Wade Judy thinks that the week off will do nothing but help his team.

"It will be good to get some work in during practice," Judy said. "We have been on the road a lot and it will be nice to be home for a week and be able to catch up academically."

Both Arizona and Arizona State are in the top 10 in the nation, but that is motivation for Judy.

"It is nice to get some easy wins, but what we want to do now is knock off a highly ranked team," Judy said. "I want to go down there compete well and get some respect."

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FOR Thursday, March 7, 1996

ARIES

(March 21 to April 19)

Your major concern is on a personal matter. This leads to carelessness on the job if you're not careful. At night, take a break from all the worry.

TAURUS

(April 20 to May 20)

Shopping is favored, particularly if you're looking for a birthday gift for that special someone. A loved one is a font of wisdom concerning a career matter. Listen carefully.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

You are attracted by all the sale brochures you receive, but watch those prices. They can be misleading. At night, speak with a loved one about a new career plan.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

It's time to forgive and forget. That remark you took exception to was not intentional. Once you clear this air, your friendship is happily restored.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)

This is not the day to lose your temper with those credit cards. You're tempted to spend, spend, spend. However, you're not in a position to take on more debt.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

You are hellbent on having a good time, even if it means neglecting important obligations. Resist this temptation. You don't have the time or the money to indulge these wishes.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

It seems you're the only one concerned with getting to the bottom of a domestic problem. Try to enlist the cooperation of those around you. You can't accomplish everything by yourself.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Look over that contract before signing on the dotted line. There could be some messy strings attached. Another deal you're working on has far-reaching consequences.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

This is a good time to take advantage of your creative powers. A log-wig extends a social invitation, but it's not the time to mix business with pleasure.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

If possible, take some time to kick back and relax. If you can do so, you can come up with new business ideas. A friend becomes an important ally in business matters.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

You are too involved with the problems of a friend and it's getting you depressed. Put this in perspective. There is only so much you can do to help a person; the rest is up to him.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to March 20)

A business partner has some good news concerning a mutual investment. Listen to your intuition when it comes to relationship problems. At night, you're tempted to overindulge in food or drink.

YOU BORN TODAY have a sparkling personality that is attractive to those around you. Bubbly and outgoing, you are always sought after for your companionship. Despite having average grades, you can achieve much in life with your willingness to work hard and go the extra mile. You enjoy nature and would love any career that requires you to be outdoors. You are also an animal lover and could explore a career relating to wildlife.

Birthdate of Ivan Lendl, tennis player; Joe Carter, baseball player; Luther Burbank, botanist.

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