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AMES, IA. - Gertrude Stein never realized she had so many readers among the football fan population.

After Iowa State's 20-17 victory over Vanderbilt Saturday, Cyclone supporters set the world record for repeating, "A win is a win is a win."

They were only paraphrasing the late, great Gertie, of course, and right-

The victory certainly wasn't a rose.

Is a rose is a rose. As usual, the Iowa State defense

was dreamy. The offense was simply asleep. While the defenders were early to

rise, the offenders slept (and played)

like logs until the last few minutes of the game when the alarm went off and they suddenly realized they were late for work. THEY WERE almost too late. The

game almost ended in a tie, and Jim Criner, the Iowa State coach, saw two of those a year ago, or enough to last him a lifetime.

Tying Vandy would have been far worse than sister kissing. It would have been like kissing the president of the National Honor Society.

Not that Vanderbilt, one of about three or four self-anointed Harvards of South, are a bunch of nerds running around with bad complexions, high-water pants and a handful of pens stuffed into their shirt pockets.

But close to it.

The Commodores — the team, not the singing group — have two tackles, two guards and a tight end the equal of any two tackles, two guards and tight end on the Cyclones' schedule. For that you have the word of Criner.

And he might be right. The fact is, though. Vanderbilt specializes in sheepskin, not pigskin.

Diplomas and football titles aren't mutually exclusive, of course.

Then again, in major college football, scholar (I'm talking true scholar) plus athlete usually equals something like a 2-9 record.

Put another way, scholar plus athlete usually equals something like Northwestern.

NORTHWESTERN is a fine school, just a lousy football school. Vanderbilt wears the same horn-rimmed glasses.

For those scoring at home, all of the Vandy football team's 23 seniors graduated last year. This season, the former National Honor Society members outnumber the high school all-Americans maybe 10-1.

Vandy's favorite initials are MBA not NBA; CPA not NFL.

To put it bluntly, the Commodores are a mediocre Division I football team, and the Cyclones nearly lost to a mediocre team.

Don't believe it? Kansas piled up 651 yards against Vandy and won 42-16. Put that next to Iowa State's 190 total yards. Maybe it's merely a matter of style, not quality.

"Kansas has the kind of offense | and found Gantt. Everybody did a that's hard to defend against," said George MacIntyre, the Vandy coach. "Iowa State has such a good defense. They attempt to control the ball and not make many mistakes."

The Cyclones didn't control the ball, but they won anyway. And, as any ISU fan will tell you, a win is a win is a win.

ISU should be credited with turning a bad situation into a good one. You know something's wrong when the fans start leaving with 21/2

minutes left in the third quarter . . when the offense is running onto the APPARENTLY, they wanted to see whether the defense could get some

points on the board. Strange. The basehall equivalent would be heading to the washroom when your team comes If Rick Frank's game-winning 34yard field goal is any indication, how-

ever, the kicking troubles, which have plagued Iowa State since Marc Bachrodt beat Kansas two years ago with a 47-yard field goal, are over. Last year the Cyclone kicking was a

pox on their season. Criner even said futile kicking cost him five games last year. This year, thanks to Frank, the Cyclones are plus one. Gloomy sorts who figured Iowa

State for the bottom of the Big Eight barrel lost sight of the Cyclones' four important strengths.

They entered the season with a strong defense, a good kicking game, an advantageous schedule and a fine quarterback. After two games, onlookers are waiting for the emergence of that fine quarterback.

Witnesses wondering whether the Cyclones were saving their real offense for Iowa next week were informed by Criner that this wasn't the

Alex Espinoza, the man in question, called his performance "depressing" Saturday. Misfiring on 14 consecutive passes will do that every time.

It wasn't all his fault. Receivers turned left instead of right. The offensive line was big and bad - in the pejorative sense - and the running

backs were running on empty. Criner termed the problem a failure of execution. If it doesn't improve in time for the Hawkeyes, execution will be the appropriate word.

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3 seconds left when Frank hits

Cyclones 2-0 after kick edges Vanderbilt, 20-17

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First downs		11			
Rushes-yards	47-1	40-95			
Passing yards	1	95			
Return yards		125			
Passes	13-29	8-28-2			
Punts	9-	10-34			
Fumbles-lost	3	3-1			
Penalties-yards	7-	7-75			
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Vanderbilt	0	7 3	7-17		
Iowa State	7	0 3	10-20		

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- FG 34 Frank A -- 44,025

By BOB DYER Register Staff Writer

AMES, IA. — Sept. 21 was the date of Iowa State's 20-17 victory over Vanderbilt, but the game might well have been won the day junior college place-kicker Rick Frank decided to enroll heres The left-footed Frank booted a 34-

yard field goal Saturday with 3 seconds remaining to keep the Cyclones unbeaten in two starts. That field goal, Frank's second of

the game, capped a 66-yard drive in the final 2 minutes 11 seconds before a crowd of 44,025 at Cyclone Stadium. "It was the biggest kick of my life,"

said Frank, a transfer from Fullerton (Calif.) Junior College. "I knew it was good when I made contact." Saturday's triumph allows Iowa

State to match last season's victory total, when the Cyclones finished 2-7-2 and lost several close encounters because of an inability to kick mediumrange field goals. It also avenged a loss to Vanderbilt two years ago when the Commodores

marched 88 yards in six plays late in the game to get the winning touchdown in defeating Iowa State 29-26. "The players did what they had to do and we got another big W," low: State Coach Jim Criner said. "The of-

fense wasn't pretty, but we got a big play from Alex Espinoza at the end. We were confident Rick [Frank] could win it for us." Frank's game-winner was set up by a 40-yard completion from quarter-

back Espinoza to flanker Danny "It was a play-action pass," Espinoza said. "I had to scramble a little

good job on the play." That completion gave the Cyclones the ball on the Vanderbilt 27-yard line. After 5-yard gains by fullback Kirk Thomas and tailback Al Watson,

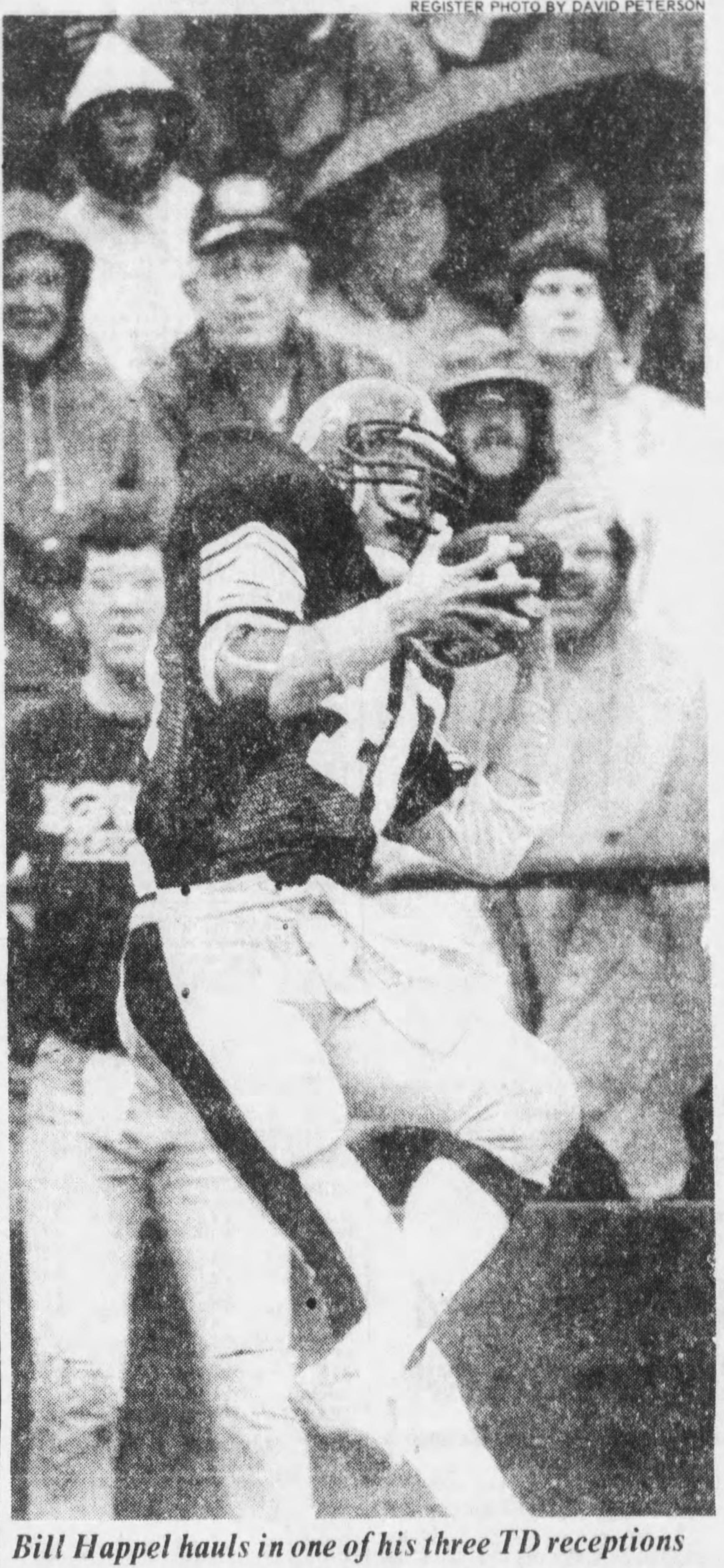
Frank was brought in. Iowa State had called a time out to stop the clock and Vanderbilt then did likewise to make Frank sweat a little longer.

"It didn't bother me," Frank said. "I had everything blocked out. I just concentrated on the kick."

Frank was short on a 45-yarder ear-

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Record day for Happel in 48-20 Iowa air attack

By RON MALY

Register Staff Writer IOWA CITY, IA. - Another brilliant air raid by quarterback Chuck Long inserted split end Billy Happel into the record book Saturday as fourth-ranked Iowa crushed Northern Illinois, 48-20, in the rain at Kinnick Stadium.

"I was the lucky guy today," Happel said modestly after grabbing nine passes for a record 207 yards and three touchdowns.

The 207 yards wiped out the old Iowa mark of 192 by Dave Moritz

Maury White on the Hawks and the weather: 11D against Indiana in 1983, and the Kin-

nick Stadium record of 197 by Duane Gunn of the Hoosiers in 1981. Happel's three scoring receptions

tied the school record set by Irwin Prasse against Indiana in 1939, and equaled by Emlen Tunnel against Indiana in 1947, and Robert Smith against Purdue in 1984.

In all, Long and No. 2 quarterback Mark Vlasic fired six touchdown aerials before a crowd of 66,104.

That tied a school record set just last December when Long launched a half-dozen scoring passes in a 55-17 victory over Texas in the Freedom Bowl, and wiped out the stadium record of five set by Fred Riddle against Indiana in 1963.

Five TD Passes for Long

Long connected on five of the scoring tosses Saturday, Vlasic one. Long's touchdown passes to Happel were for 36, 39 and 12 yards. He also hit Smith on an 8-yarder and Quinn Early on a 15-yarder.

Vlasic finished the Hawkeye scoring with a 16-yard touchdown pass to Jim Mauro, a non-scholarship junior wide receiver from Des Moines.

It wasn't all a bed of roses for Long. He was intercepted three times and sacked three times while completing 18 of 28 passes. The fifth-year senior closed with 270 yards through the air.

"I never dreamed we'd be this good this early," said Iowa Coach Hayden Fry, whose team will take a 2-0 record into a game Saturday at Iowa State. "We've scored more points and

Statistics First downs Rushes-yards Passing yards Return yards Fumbles-lost Penalties-yards

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N -- Gerin 22 pass from Genatempo (Forsester kick) A - 66,104

played better defense than I thought we would at this point in the season.

"I realize, though, we haven't played some of the great teams we opened up with in the past. "We should get better and better."

Iowa's Defense Shines The Hawkeyes wound up with 347

yards passing and 187 rushing. They have piled up 106 points in their first two games, and their defensive showing has also been outstanding. After holding Drake to minus 36

yards rushing a week earlier, Iowa limited Northern Illinois (1-2) to 16 Saturday. The Huskies had a total offense of just 85 yards, and first-year Coach

Jerry Pettibone was awe-struck by

"I just finished telling our players I felt we had played one of the really great teams in the country," said Pettibone. "I can't remember another team with so many players who can beat you with so many weapons.

"Iowa has such great speed at so many positions. I knew Smith was very fast. I saw him running by our

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Illini get 'humiliated' by Nebraska, 52-25

By BUCK TURNBULL

Register Staff Writer LINCOLN, NEB. - Nebraska beat what is supposed to be a strong Illinois football team every which way imaginable Saturday, turning Doug DuBose loose for three touchdowns and romp-

ing to an easy 52-25 victory. The Cornhuskers made life miserable for the Illini star, Jack Trudeau, intercepting four of his passes - duplicating what Southern California did when Illinois lost its opener, 20-10.

Two of the steals were turned into touchdowns by safety Chris Carr, who raced 56 yards for his score early in the game, and defensive tackle Chris Spachman, who rambled 38 yards to complete the rout.

Illinois is the team that the Big Ten Skywriters picked to win the conference championship this year, and Coach Mike White said he is mystified as to what has gone wrong.

"We got a taste of big-time football

against USC and Nebraska and failed as convincingly as a team can fail," said the dejected White.

"Right now our program is at a low

ebb. We've been humiliated . . . embar-

rassed. USC and Nebraska just kicked the tar out of us - both of them - and we're in shambles." That's not a very pleasing situation for a title favorite that opens the Big Ten season with a key game at home

against Ohio State in two weeks. The Illini have an open date this Saturday. DuBose, a junior I-back who led the Big Eight in rushing last season, treated the usual sellout throng of 76,149 in Nebraska's Memorial Stadi-

um to his career high, rushing for 191 yards in 26 carries. The Huskers also unveiled a new starting quarterback on the gloomy, overcast afternoon, and while sophomore McCathorn Clayton of Orlando,

Fla., may need some work on his pass-

ing, he has a pair of shifty feet that make up for that deficiency.

Clayton ran for 69 yards in 17 carries, many on option plays when his speed left frustrated Illini tacklers in his wake. He seems to be the perfect partner for DuBose. The Huskers, bouncing back from

an opening loss to Florida State two weeks ago, stunned Illinois with two touchdowns in the first 5 minutes. They took the opening kickoff and

rolled 73 yards to score in eight rushing plays, including one 25-yard burst by DuBose. He went the final yard. Trudeau's problems began almost immediately. Carr got his interception

on the fifth Illini play and the score quickly became 14-0, with the two touchdowns coming only 2 minutes After Craig Schnitzler's 35-yard field goal hiked the count to 17-0, Illi-

nois slowly got back into the game in

the second quarter. Chris White, son of

the coach, booted a 42-yard field goal - it hit the cross bar and bounced over -- and Trudeau tossed a fiveyard touchdown pass to Cap Boso.

But in the final minute of the half, Clayton hooked up with Rob Schnitzler on a 64-yard bomb for his only pass completion, setting up a DuBose scoring plunge to make it 24-10 at the intermission.

Nebraska then riddled the Illini with a three-touchdown barrage in the third quarter. DuBose thundered 49 yards for one, Von Sheppard darted 12 yards to score on a wingback reverse, and reserve quarterback Travis Turner's nine-yard pitch to Rob Schnitzler ballooned the margin to 45-10.

Meanwhile, Illinois could not manage so much as a first down in the third period, netting only nine yards in

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Clark's shot fuels Cards in comeback

ST. LOUIS, MO. (AP) — Jack Clark couldn't have picked a better spot to break out of a home-run slump for St.

"In that spot, I'm just going to take my chances and try to hit a home run." said Clark after his two-run homer in the seventh inning gave St. Louis a 7-6 victory over Montreal Saturday. "Whether I do [or not], that's what I'm supposed to do. I don't want to put the bat off on somebody that's behind

Clark, just before smashing his first home run since Aug. 16, feared briefly he had reinjured pulled muscles to his left side that had sidelined him for 28

"I took my chances and just decided to try to make contact and hit the ball. When I swing and miss the ball, it hurts most," Clark said. "I didn't hit the ball good, but I had a good backswing. I'm used to hitting the ball better than that, but it went out."

Clark downplayed his role in capping a comeback that kept the Cardinals two games ahead in the National League East.

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Doctor HR "That was a hit to get us a win, but

Dwight Gooden, the 'Dr. K' of the New York Mets, gets congratulations after hitting a three-run homer in the first inning Saturday. Gooden also pitched a four-hitter as the Mets walloped Pittsburgh, 12-1. STORY: Page 2S.

Fall softball takes back seat to volleyball

By RANDY PETERSON Register Staff Writer

Roland-Story is a softball school. It has won state softball championships, its coach ranks second nationally in victories and it was one of the pio-

the 1950s. But that was B.V. - before volley-

neers in the fall softball program in

Now, instead of learning to bunt runners into scoring position, spiking a ball over the net is the skill being taught at most Iowa high schools, including Roland-Story, in the autumn.

The state's volleyball program, which started with 26 schools in the 1969-70 school year, has blossomed to 408 this year. At the same time, fall softball has

withered. Because of school consolidations and volleyball, the number of schools playing fall softball has dwindled from around 400 to 82. Officials of Iowa boys athletic programs have noticed a similar drop in interest in fall baseball. In fact, the future of the fall baseball tournament for the 28 schools still playing is expected to be discussed at the Iowa High School Athletic Association's meeting later this

For the girls, the growth of volleyball programs and shrinking of fall

softball teams is expected to continue. "A combination of things has led to

the growth in volleyball," said Jackie Wilde, who led Fort Dodge to last fall's Class 2-A state volleyball title. "The publicity volleyball gets at the collegiate level helps, as well as the fact that it has become a very popular sport in the Olympics. Those all have done a lot for its growth. "I think it's also a great spectator

sport, probably second only to soccer. I think the people are just starting to discover that in Iowa." Yet, there is no movement to do

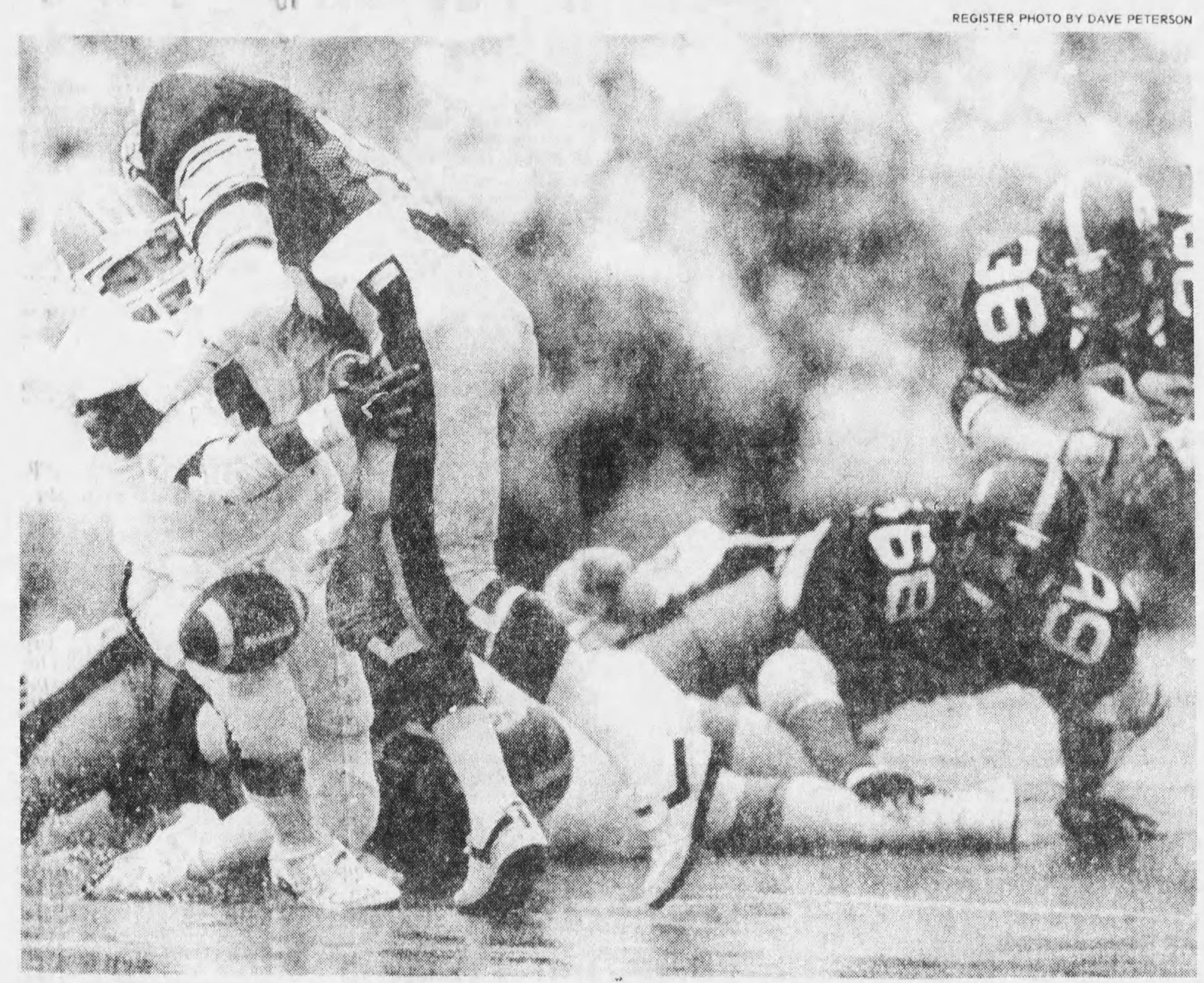
away with the fall softball programs, officials say.

"Our board of directors has given no thought to abandoning fall softball," said Wayne Cooley, the executive secretary of the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union. "Personally, I am very concerned about the students being inside a gymnasium from the last week of August until basketball ends in March. The students should be outside when we have this beautiful fall weather. The boy gets football, but the girls are abandoning the outside for the inside."

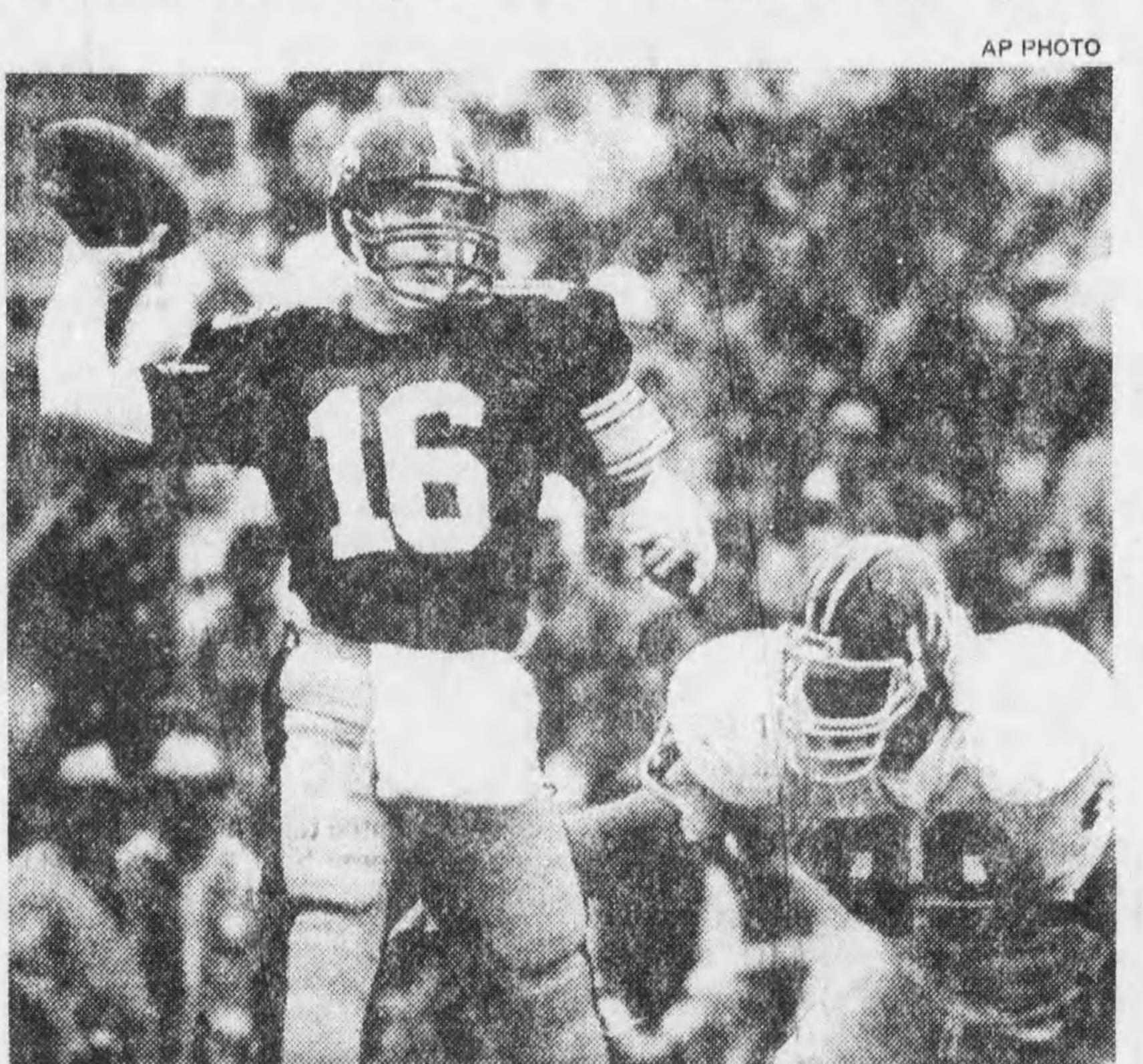
That will be the case at Roland-Story next fall. The school now offers

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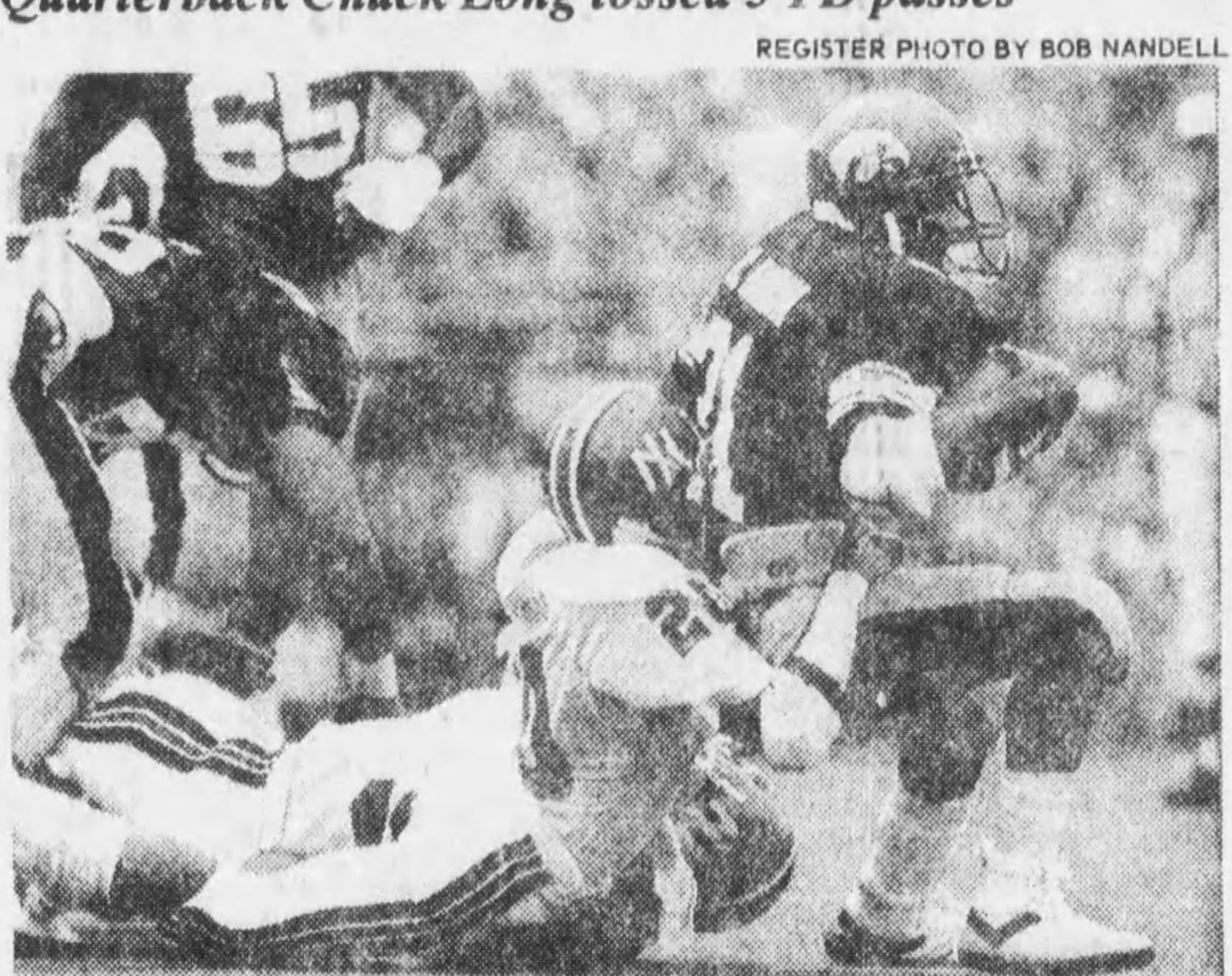
Cold rain at Kinnick doesn't stop Happel



Northern Illinois' quarterback Marshall Taylor fumbles after a crunching hit by Iowa's Doug Burrell



Quarterback Chuck Long tossed 5 TD passes



lowa's Ronnie Harmon gains some of his 92 yards



REGISTER PHOTO BY DAVE PETERSON

Iowa's squeegee team takes rain off the carpet



Hawkeyes Hap Peterson (50) and Tyrone Berrie (48) get a toehold on Darryl Richardson

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corners, and wasn't too surprised.
Then I turned around and Early was running past our corners, too. I didn't even know who he was."

lowa's defense rose to the occasion late in the second quarter when it kept Northern Illinois out of the end zone from the 1. On fourth down, the Huskies were offside, and a 23-yard field-goal attempt by Bob Forester failed because of a poor snap from center.

Pettibone, who was an assistant under Fry at Southern Methodist in 1971, said he feels "Iowa has all the ingredients to go as as far as a good football team can go.

"I appreciate what Fry did by substituting key players in the third quarter. That showed a lot of class."

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Fry admitted he didn't know how to evaluate the game.

"It was a good game, we didn't get anybody hurt, and we got to play a lot of people," he said. "I was extremely pleased that we got to play so many of our young guys.

"These first two games amounted to a good start, but now we have to get serious."

Following the game at Iowa State, the Hawkeyes open their Big Ten season here Oct. 5 against Michigan State.

34-7 Iowa Lead at Half

Iowa jumped to a 14-0 first-quarter lead, and was in front, 34-7, at half-time.

The Hawkeyes got field goals of 50 and 41 yards from Rob Houghtlin.

Houghtlin was even sent in to try an incredible 71-yarder with time running out in the first half, but his attempt fell far short.

"I've kicked a 65-yarder in practice," said Houghtlin, a transfer from Miami of Ohio. "When I went in for the 71-yarder, I figured there was nothing to lose if I missed."

Houghtlin handled all of Iowa's punting in this game because Gary Kostrubala was injured. He did well there, too, averaging 48 yards, with a long kick of 65 that was downed on the Northern Illinois 1.

Houghtlin, who is from Glenview, Ill., had kicked against Northern Illinois once before in his brief career at Miami.

"I didn't get a chance to show my ability at Miami," he said. "So I left. I came here because Iowa has always given walk-ons a chance."

The big question of the day was whether the students would chant the profane words they used during the Drake game. They didn't.

They did the "Tastes great, less filling" chant, but nothing else. Indeed, many of the students left the stadium early in the last half because of the weather conditions.

Cold Drizzle

"This was the worst rain I've ever played in — even worse than the Freedom Bowl," said Long. "The field just kept getting wetter and wetter today.

"At the Freedom Bowl, it was a lot warmer. Today, it was a cold drizzle. I'd rather play on grass than artificial turf on a day like today.

Individual Statistics

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Hawks, Spartans on CBS

IOWA CITY, IA. (AP) — University of Iowa officials said Saturday that the Hawkeyes' Big Ten football opener against Michigan State Oct. 5 will be televised regionally by CBS Sports.

The starting time at Kinnick Stadium will be moved from 1:05 to 1:30 p.m., officials said.

"On my interceptions, I should have eaten the ball. I misread the defense."
Happel admitted it gave him plea-

sure to set a record, but said he feels the mark could be bettered by an Iowa receiver before the season ends. "I'm very happy," he said. "I was open today. Going into the game, I

never felt a wet field benefited a receiver, but now I'm starting to believe it."

Happel said he didn't know he was

"When we were aware Billy was close to a record," said Long, "Fry wanted to get him a few more passes."

close to a record until Fry mentioned

Happel's father, Bill Sr., missed the game. He is a former Iowa running back who now lives in Naples, Fla.

"He'll be back for the Iowa State game, and possibly Michigan State," said Billy.

Wooldridge TD Catch

Andy Wooldridge, a senior tight end from Center Point, Ia., caught a 21yard pass for Northern Illinois' first touchdown. "I've always been an lowa fan,"

dorf Junior College. "But I wasn't recruited by either Iowa or Iowa State.
"I had plenty of fans here, maybe 30

"I had plenty of fans here, maybe 30 or 40. It was a great feeling to score that touchdown."

Northern Illinois' other touchdowns

were scored by freshman quarterback Marshall Taylor on a 1-yard run and Virgil Gerin on a 22-yard pass from No. 2 quarterback Pete Genatempo.

Obscene chants go by wayside at Hawks' game

By JOHN GALARDI

IOWA CITY, IA. — The controversy over obscene chants from the crowds in Kinnick Stadium was temporarily banished during Iowa's victory over Northern Illinois on Saturday. Only three times did the student sections break out into yells of "taste's great" against "less filling."

But University of Iowa officials will have to wait until the next home game to be sure that the obscene chants do not return. The student section of the bleachers was not filled to capacity Saturday, plus the inclement weather put a damper on tailgate parties.

"I'm glad the fans didn't break out into the obscene cheers, we don't need them for our school reputation," Iowa cheerleader Brad Haimbaugh said. "The cheers should be positive and fun. They just reflect badly on the school."

Iowa Coach Hayden Fry wouldn't even comment on George Millett's performance Saturday — not because he didn't want to, but because he couldn't.

"I'm almost afraid to say anything,

I'm superstitious to talk about him,"
Fry said. "This is his second consecutive game he's played without getting

The defensive end from Brockton, Mass., hasn't had the best of luck in his four years at Iowa. He was injured his freshman and sophomore seasons, and was injured on the first play of the Iowa State game last season. Millett is ready to show Fry what he can do, since Richard Pryor and Bruce Grear, the starting ends, are both sidelined with injuries. He did that by pouncing on a fumble in the third quarter that led to one of Bill Happel's touchdowns.

"I saw Coach Fry after the game and he asked me if I was healthy," Millett said, "and I said I was feeling great. He said, 'Good, I don't even want to look at you.'

"It's been a long time since I've really played," Millett said. "That ball felt good on the fumble. Last week against Drake it went through me two times. Doug Burrell made the hit, I just hopped on it. It was the best feeling of my life. I didn't want to give it to the referee. I wanted to keep it and send it to my mother and father."

Higgs keys Kentucky over Tulane, 16-11

LEXINGTON, KY. (AP) — Sophomore Mark Higgs rushed for 1.40 touchdowns, including the gamewinner late in the fourth quarter, to lift Kentucky to a 16-11 victory over Tulane Saturday.

Tulane took an 11-10 lead when Ken Karcher connected on a 6-yard touchdown pass to Troy Wright and a two-point conversion to Mitch Doze with 3 minutes 43 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter.

Bill Ransdell then took Kentucky 71 yards on four plays.

Rich Sandy Bowl

Bowl won Friday's \$354,553 Breeners
Crown Aged Trot at Sportsman's
Park, becoming the second winningest
trotter in harness racing history.

Halloran makes Flutie-like play as Boston tips Pitt

PITTSBURGH, PA. (AP) — Shawn Halloran threw for 400 yards and lofted a 51-yard, fourth-down scoring pass to Kelvin Martin with 1 minute 21 seconds to play as Boston College recovered from a frantic second-half Pittsburgh rally to surprise the Panthers, 29-22, Saturday.

Halloran threw two touchdown passes, both to Martin, and set up a pair of Jim Bell scoring runs by completing 25 of 33 passes as the Eagles surged into a 21-3 lead.

But Pitt, behind the running of freshman Brian Davis, rallied for three touchdowns in a span of just over 13 minutes to take a 22-21 lead with 4:11 remaining when John Congemi lofted a 20-yard touchdown pass to a leaping Chuck Scales.