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Paying respects: Among those planning to attend a memorial service for Woody Hayes in Columbus, Ohio, Tuesday is Richard Nixon. The two met in the 1950s when the then-vice president watched the Buckeyes upset Iowa in Ohio Stadium. "President Nixon was very much a sports nut, and he and Coach Hayes corresponded over the years," Ohio State associate athletic director Jim Jones said Thursday. "When President Nixon campaigned in Ohio, Coach Hayes was always involved. Shortly after Nixon's resignation and his bout with phlebitis, we were at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena and Coach Hayes drove down to San Clemente to see the President."

Contemporaries

Hayes, who died Thursday at 74, was the same age as Nixon, and he described their initial meeting in a book by Robert Vare called "Buckeye." Said Hayes: "I remember he asked me an awful lot of questions about the game and football in general, and I asked him a lot of questions about foreign policy. I'll tell you this much: Back then he knew a helluva lot more about football than he did about foreign policy. But Nixon seems to have learned a lot since then, and I think history is gonna regard him as one of our greatest Presidents, one of our greatest statesmen. You just don't know how important it was to get together with Russia and China. It was one of the greatest achievements in the history of the world."

Chicago cops gun for gold

Here's an arresting situation that a determined group of Chicago policemen would like to halt.

In last year's SAAB/National Police Officers Ski Race in Colorado, the overall team competition was wonsurprise!-by the Boulder [Colo.] PD. Then, at the international competition in Italy, the world title went to a group of Italian skiers who bore striking resemblances to that country's national ski team.

Some Chicago officers who attended the events last year, subsequently formed their own club and racing team. They've entered this year's national competition, scheduled for April 2-5 at Snowmass in Aspen.

"There have always been a number of us in the department who've been interested in skiing, and maybe raced a years we'll compete with the little," said Harold Kunz, president of the Chicago club. In the meantime, it's cer-"We have a couple of guys tain no one is going to stop who I think might do quite these skiers for going too fast. well and perhaps win some

events in Colorado."

At the very least, they'll be part of what is turning into one of the more colorful gatherings in Colorado. Enlivened by the presence of cast members from "Hill Street Blues," the SAAB/National Police Officers Ski Race is expected to bring to Snowmass approximately 300 competitors and about 1,000 interested observers.

A race spokesman said there will be FBI, Secret Service, Canadian mounties, judges and racers from Texas and Florida, who, apparently, have been made aware it's not water skiing.

"We're learning there are more and more persons in the department who can ski well," said Kunz, of his newly formed Chicago club. "It may take us a while to get it all together, but I think in a few



Count on Coach V to liven up tourney

The thought of playing in the National Invitation Tournament inspired North Carolina State to win its last six games and make the NCAA field, Wolfpack forward Bennie Bolton said Thursday.

"We were determined not to go to the NIT. We consider the NIT a losers' tournament," Bolton said.

But N.C. State coach Jim Valvano wasn't about to agree with Bolton. "It's obvious that in this program, the players don't always speak for management," Valvano said. "I love the NIT. I had my bags packed and my reservation for the NIT."

"Maybe it's because Bennie's from DeMatha," said Valvano, referring to the Washington-area high school basketball powerhouse. "DeMatha has turned down about three NIT bids."

Other cracks from Valvano on

In turn ...

... Nixon never kept his admiration for Hayes a secret. While they were stomping Ohio during a presidential campaign, Nixon told the coach at a public gathering: "If you come back in another life, you'd make a very effective Secretary of State."

That opinion ...

... was echoed Thursday when the former president had this to say upon learning of Hayes' death: "Woody Hayes is widely known as one of the greatest football coaches of our time, but I knew him also to be a man who had a remarkable grasp of history and of foreign policy."

Common bond

Hayes was distraught when the Watergate scandal broke, and he identified closely with Nixon during the months that preceeded the President's resignation in 1974. "I know just how Nixon feels," he told Vare at that time, four years before he would encounter his own Watergate and be fired for hitting a player during the Gator Bowl.

Watergate ...

... made America the laughingstock of the world, according to Hayes, who told Vare: "Y'see, when people start laughing at you, that's when you're really in trouble, boy. They tell me that damn show "Laugh-In" went off the air because they just plain ran out of people to make fun of. To me, there's nothing worse than being laughed at. Why, I'd much rather be spit on than laughed at."



Illustration by Rick Tuma

North Park must like its tournament chances—Wartburg and all

Little Wartburg College in Waverly, Ia., making its first NCAA Division III men's basketball tournament appearance since 1975, should enter its quarterfinal game at North Park Saturday night with plenty of trepidation.

The host Vikings, who have won four national titles, are on a roll. They've won 11 consecutive games while wrapping up the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin title and the NCAA regional.

Furthermore, they've won 50 straight at home and they're 10-0 for all playoff contests in their gym at Foster and Kedzie avenues.

If that isn't enough for the Knights to ponder, coach Buzz Levick should remember what happened the last time he was in the NCAAs and faced a CCIW opponent. Augustana eliminated them 62-61 on a 65-foot shot at the buzzer back in 1975.

the eve of his East Regional game Friday against Florida:

On his guard Vinny Del Negro: "My father told me, 'Always have an Italian on your team.' But it's not that easy. It's not bowling I'm coaching."

On his first college coaching job at Johns Hopkins: "I was the tallest person in the program. I put the ophthalmologist in for the pediatrician."

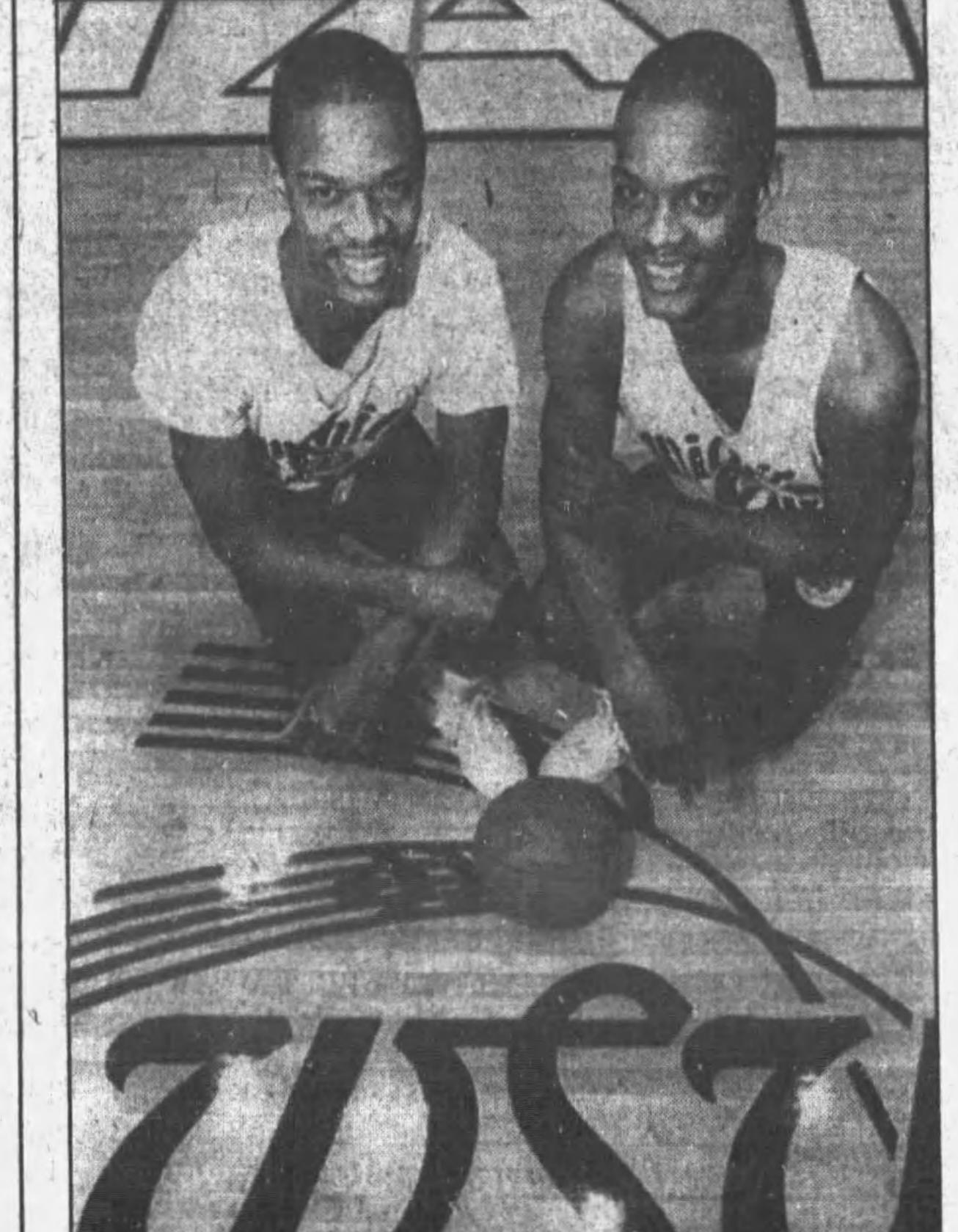
On the NCAA tournament: "A great national event. Ranks right up there with the World Series, the Super Bowl ... or a good Italian wedding."

NCAA drug testers keep the pressure on

"The key is just to relax," said Kansas State guard Lynn Smith. He wasn't talking about hitting free throws, or shooting jumpers. He was talking about what everyone else is talking about in this year's NCAA tournament: urine tests.

Test samples will be taken from players selected randomly throughout the tournament. Players testing positive will be disgualified from the rest of the tournament.

Smith and seven teammates had their numbers called by the NCAA's drug testing task force Thursday in the Kansas State locker room after the Wildcats' victory over Georgia.



BRIEFS

The NFL has reached agreement on the network portion of its new three-year television agreement, according to published reports. Quoting television industry sources, the New York Post said ABC will continue to air "Monday Night Football," but will drop its package of prime-time games on other nights. The New York Times said the new contract would give a cable network at least eight Sunday night games. CBS and NBC will continue to present NFL games as they have in past seasons. ABC, NBC and CBS, in that order, will show the Super Bowl during the three years of the contract. The sources said the new contract is worth approximately 7 percent less per telecast date than the estimated \$455 million the three networks paid for TV rights last season. They lost an estimated \$75 million on the telecasts.

Washington Redskins' defensive end Dexter Manley was released from Georgetown University Hospital Thursday, one day after being admitted by his wife for an alcoholrelated problem. "This is Dexter's first step of his personal commitment toward solving a problem he has with alcohol," Roy Robertson, Manley's agent said.

Few laughed ...

St. at Hayes in Columbus, where he was a beloved figure held in high esteem. Thursday, the flags in the city were at half-mast. His family asked that, in lieu of flowers, contributions be made the Woody Hayes Athletic Fund, which was formed a week before his death with the goal of building an indoor facility at Ohio State. At a dinner last week announcing the fund, speakers included Hayes' former assistants Lou Holtz, Bill Mallory, Bo Schembechler and Earle Bruce, as well as two-time Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin. "Archie and I were talking about that dinner this morning," Jim Jones said Thursday. "We were remembering a remark Coach Hayes made that night. He said, 'I couldn't win a game tomorrow if I had to play one, because I've had too much praise and I'm fatheaded.' Now, that might strike you as funny. Your readers only know Coach Hayes from his incidents. They don't know the number of people he has helped here. Woody gave far more of himself than he ever asked.

The side of Hayes ...

... that few knew was apparently glimpsed by Bears running back Matt Suhey. Gene Caddes, a sportswriters for UPI's Columbus bureau, says Hayes told him confidentially that he had tried to recruit Suhey, and while the player wanted to attend Ohio State, he felt compelled to follow family tradition and enroll at Penn State. Suhey was not happy, Hayes told Caddes, and following his freshman year, he decided to transfer to OSU. First, though, he had to convince his father, a Penn State alum. After an all-night discussion, the elder Suhey reluctantly agreed. The next day, he died of a heart attack.

Nevertheless, Suhey later came to Columbus with his brother to arrange the transfer. Hayes, cognizant of Suhey's father's true feelings, refused. "I'd love to have had him," Hayes told Caddes, "and he really loved it here. But I told him, 'Your dad really didn't want you to transfer. So go back to Penn State and have a great career.' And he did." After he told that story, Hayes warned Caddes not to write it. According to Caddes, the coach didn't want to tarnish his tough-guy image.

After a postgame press conference, the players were ushered by the testers out of the arena and into another building where a testing station had been set up.

"They follow you wherever you go," said guard Will Scott. "It's kind of hard doing it while somebody's standing there watching."

For Smith, it was a strenuous ordeal. Specifically, he was unable to urinate when asked to do so.

"Lynn was joking about it because he couldn't fill up to the line on the jar," said Scott. "He started drinking sodas. Finally, I heard him say, I made the line?"

Hoosier Dome flu strikes legislators

Indiana University's NCAA basketball game Thursday night provided a powerful incentive for Hoosier lawmakers to wrap up their business quickly.

"I have a prayer meeting to go to at 9:37," said Rep. John W. Donaldson [R-Lebanon], citing the Indiana tipoff time as he spoke to the House. On one of the busiest days of the 1987 session, both houses of the state General Assembly adjourned in plenty of time for legislators to watch Indiana play Fairfield in an NCAA game across the street from the Statehouse at the Hoosier Dome. The House raced through 100 bills

in about nine hours Thursday while the Senate processed 21 bills.

AP Laserphote

Sophomore twins Dwight and Dwayne Praylow of Wichita State could have St. John's seeing double during Friday's NCAA Midwest Regional game. Dwight is a guard and Dwayne a forward.

Piccolo award to Anderson

The Bears announced Thursday that running back Neal Anderson has been selected to receive the Brian Piccolo Award, presented annually to the rookie who displays courage, loyalty, teamwork, dedication and a sense of humor.

Anderson, the Bears' 1986 first-round draft pick from Florida, is the 17th recipient of the award given to the team's first-year player who best exemplifies Piccolo's off-field qualities.

Piccolo was in his fourth season with the Bears when he died of cancer on June 16, 1970, at the age of 26.

Anderson will receive the award June 15 at the Cancer Research Golf Tournament at Indian Lakes in Bloomingdale.

The Bears also unveiled their 1987 exhibition season. They open Aug. 16 against the Miami Dolphins at the new 75,000-seat Dolphin Stadium. The preseason schedule also features an Aug. 22 meeting with the Pittsburgh Steelers and an Aug. 29 game against the St. Louis Cardinals-both at Soldier Field-and a Sept. 4 game against the Raiders at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Canadian skiier Liisa Savijarvi, who broke her back in a training run at Vail, Colo., Wednesday, is listed in serious but stable condition at St. Anthony Central Hospital in Denver. Doctors said she has bone fragments in her spinal column but no paralysis.

An investigation has found no evidence that Villanova basketball coach Rollie Massimino or any other school official knew Gary McLain was using and selling drugs while he was a student, university president John Driscoll said.

Ohio State, Auburn and Florida are looking into ties between athletes from their schools and a New York agent, who is being investigated by the NCAA. The Atlanta Constitution, quoting an unidentified source with the NFL Players Association, said the NCAA will investigate whether Ohio State's Cris Carter and Michigan State running back Lorenzo White have jeopardized their senior seasons by entering into an agreement with Norby Walters. Auburn football coach and athletic director Pat Dye is looking into Walters' relationship with running back Brent Fullwood, and Florida is checking Walters' relationship with Adrian White, a Gator defensive back.

A University of Houston advisory committee compiled a list of recommendations for the school's embattled athletic program, but stopped short of calling for a ban on former football coach Bill Yeoman, now a fundraiser for the school. Reports earlier this week revealed Houston boosters raised money so Yeoman allegedly could give up to \$500 cash to some players.

After refusing to do so for almost two years, Southern Methodist University officials released the names of nine boosters banned for varying lengths of time in April, 1985, from associating with the Mustangs' football program. The report also was forwarded to the NCAA. Former SMU star Sherwood Blount was named as one of five boosters banned for life from associating with SMU football. Four other boosters were banned for terms ranging from two to five years. However, the university failed to shed new light on who was behind an estimated \$61,000 paid to SMU players in 1985 and 1986 after SMU was placed on NCAA probation in August, 1985. Those payments resulted in a oneyear ban on SMU's football program. Other boosters banned for life were John Appleton, Ronnie Horowitz, George Owen and William F. Stevens.

And finally ...

Whatever became of Charlie Bauman, the nose tackle from Clemson whom Hayes punched at the Gator Bowl in 1978? "Charlie never liked to talk about the incident," said Bob Bradley, sports information director for Clemson. "Last I heard, he had changed his name to keep people from bothering him about it."

"There is some pressure here to be done on time, as you can imagine," said William Schreiber, staff director for the House Democrats.

Chargers look to brass section for answer to 'Fridge'

The San Diego Chargers have signed Chuck Rogers, a 6-foot-9-inch, 360-pound former tuba player whose football experience totals two years on the New Jersey Oaks semipro team.

"If he makes it, he'll set scouting back 10 years," said Charger scout Ron Nay.

Rogers, 24, of Monroeville, Pa., is 40 pounds

heavier and seven inches taller than Bears' lineman William "Refrigerator" Perry, but did not play football in college or high school.

"When I was playing in our high school band, folks used to point at me and say, 'This is our tuba player; wait until you see the football team,'" said Rogers, who had to pass a Chargers physical and tryout.

The New Jersey Nets signed forward Buck Williams to a multiyear contract that the club said would allow him to finish his career with the Nets. Sources close to the team described the contract as a seven-year, \$10.5 million pact, with the final season an option year.

Bobby Harris had 15 points, all on three-point shots, to lead Auburn-Montgomery [24-7] to an 85-54 romp over Eureka [26-3] in the NAIA tourney in Kansas City, Mo. . . Kankakee beat Vincennes 82-79 in a junior college regional in Kankakee to advance to a Tuesday matchup against Wabash Valley in the national tourney in Hutchison, Kan.

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