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When Brian Baschnagel was drafted by the Bears in 1976, he couldn't wait to tell the good news to his coach, Woody Hayes. But Hayes, remembering that Baschnagel had once mentioned going to law school, looked the wide receiver in the eye and said: "What are you going to do, Brian?"

"What do you mean, what am I going to do?" Baschnagel wondered.

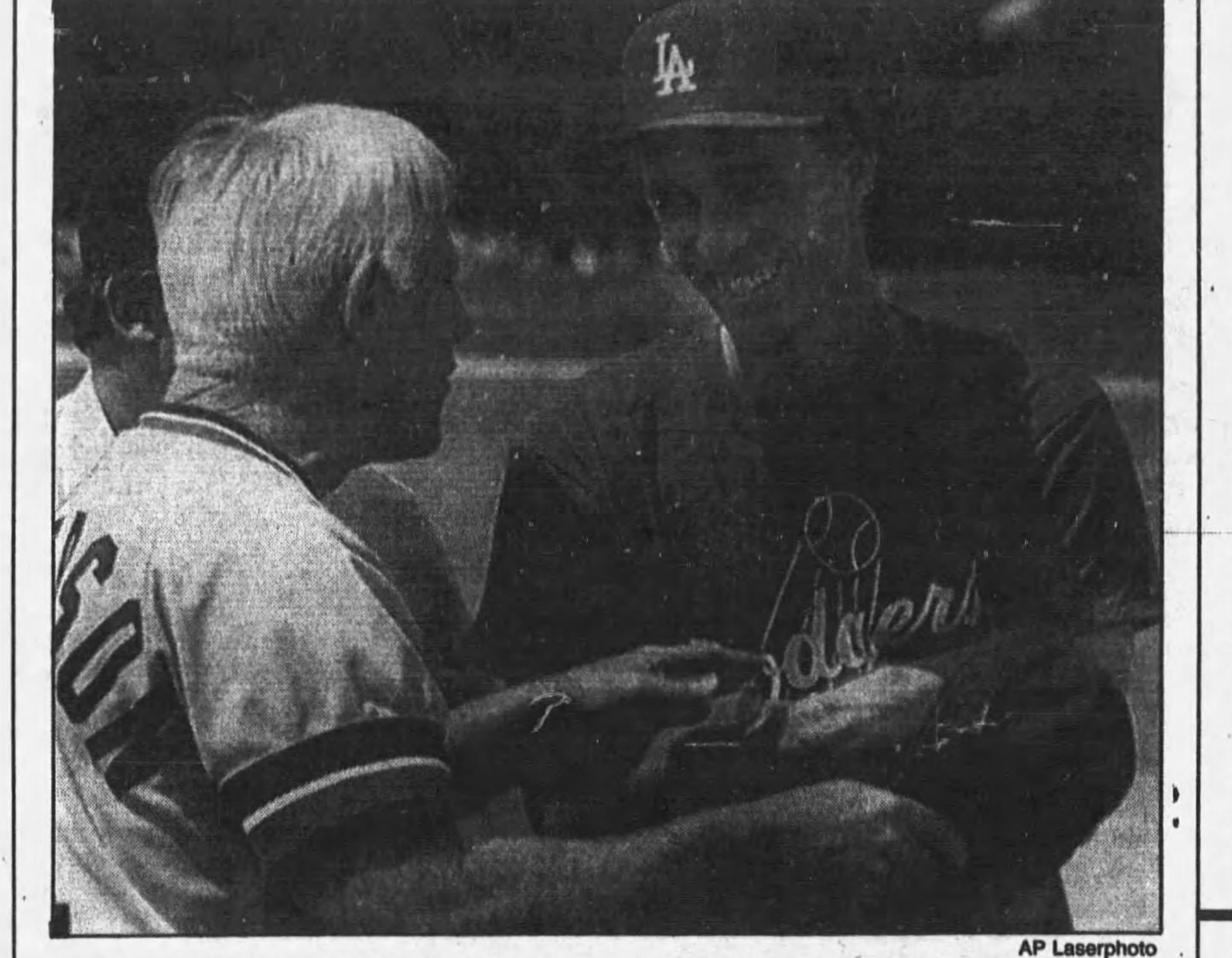
"With your life," Hayes replied.

"The Bears just drafted me," Baschnagel protested.

## So what?

Hayes grabbed his Ohio State cap off his head and threw it on the desk, and then he picked up a book and slammed it down. He was furious with Baschnagel. "What's going to happen to your law degree?" Hayes wanted to know.

"I'll go to law school eventually," said Baschnagel, who was a two-time Academic All-American at Ohio



Tennis star Ivan Lendl, sporting his Los Angeles cap, receives a friendly

## **Ex-Demon on a roll in Vegas**

Former De Paul player Lawrence just 4 points and 2 rebounds in 7 West is happy that his Nevada-Las Vegas team is ranked No. 1 and among the 16 teams left in the NCAA tournament. But he's still mostly looking forward to next season because that, finally, looks like when he'll get a chance to show what he can do on the basketball court.

"Lawrence missed so much time this season and then the guys ahead of him were playing so well that he didn't get a chance," says UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian, "but he could start for us next season."

That, too, is the hope of the former San Diego high school star who spent two frustrating seasons at De Paul before transferring to UNLV.

West, 6 feet, 7 inches and 205 pounds, a terrific leaper and good shooter, was a Street & Smith's and Parade magazine All-America in high school. But he played sparingly for De Paul in 1983-84 and averaged

starts as a sophomore. He transferred to UNLV after that season, but, before becoming eligible, was arrested in a purse-snatching incident in front of a Strip hotel last March.

Because of West's uncertain status, Tarkanian recruited Gerald Paddio, who emerged as a regular and one of UNLV's top three-point shootersthe role West had hoped to assume.

West was convicted last December of one felony count, which was later overturned by Judge John Mendoza on a technicality, clearing the way for West to join the team. But by that time he had missed 10 games.

West averaged 4 points and 2 rebounds while playing in 13 of the 21 games for which he was eligible.

"At first it was hard to accept," West says. "The team was ranked No. 1 and everyone was having fun. But I've kept my head up and worked hard. I'm sticking in there."

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"No, you won't," Hayes told him. "You'll play for 10 years and never go to law school."

#### Sure enough...

"... "He was right," marveled Baschnagel, who was in Columbus, Ohio, this week for a memorial tribute to his former coach. Baschnagel, of course, played a decade for the Bears and retired last year. He is working for North American Paper now. And when he last saw Hayes, over Christmas, the coach had this to say: "I'm still mad at you for not going to law school."

"He knew so many players fall into the trap of football, football, football," Baschnagel mused. "I'm happy with what I'm doing now, and I don't think law school would have been the right choice for me. But Woody was using the law thing as a crutch to motivate me. That example confirmed that Woody was really concerned about me."

#### The tributes...

. . to Hayes continued Wednesday at a memorial service on campus, where the businesses catering to university personnel spelled out the school's collective sorrow on huge marquees. The one at Conrad's College Gifts said: "Woody-A Great Man In Our Time." Another at College Traditions said: "Woodrow 'Woody' Hayes. We Will Miss You." Meanwhile, at homes near the campus, the OSU flag flew from many porches. ... Columbus came to a virtual standstill Tuesday afternoon, when all three network affiliates carried former President Richard Nixon's eulogy and the rest of a memorial service live from the First Community Church. . . . One station told its viewers Tuesday night that although the service had supplanted two of its most popular shows, "Divorce Court" and "Jeopardy!" the station didn't get one phone call in protest. ... The music at that service was hardly funereal. It included a trumpet solo of "Amazing, Grace," a rousing chorus of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and, for the finale, the Ohio State alma mater, "Carmen Ohio." ... Where are they now? Among those attending the services were Howard "Hopalong" Cassady, who lives in Tampa and is a scout and exercise coach for the New York Yankees; Dick Schafrath, who is a Republican state senator from Wooster, Ohio; Glen Mason, the head coach at Kent State; Alex Gibbs, an assistant with the Denver Broncos; and Fred Pagac, a former Bear tight end who is now coaching at OSU.

reception from Detroit Tiger manager Sparky Anderson in Vero Beach, Fla.

## NBA ups the ante for expansion franchises

The National Basketball Association has increased from \$25 million to \$32.5 million the price for each new franchise to be awarded next month, The Orlando Sentinel reported in Wednesday editions.

An unidentified member of the NBA expansion committee told The Sentinel league owners are expected to approve the increase before the scheduled April 22 announcement of which cities will be awarded up to three new teams.

The NBA projected the \$25 million franchise fee last year.

Groups have been seeking franchises for Orlando, Miami, St. Petersburg, Minneapolis, Toronto, Charlotte, N.C., and Anaheim, Calif.

#### Methodists finally get some good news

Methodists have been getting a black eye with the almost daily revelations about improprieties in Southern Methodist University's athletic department.

Finally, here's good news for John Wesley's followers.

The GTE Academic All-American basketball teams have been announced, and schools founded by

Methodists or affiliated with the church are heavily represented.

In the university division, Northwestern placed Shon Morris, and American had Patrick Witting on the first team. The college division featured Illinois Wesleyan's Brian Coderre, Denver's Joe Fisher and Cornell of Iowa's Jeff Fleming on the first team.

#### 'We're out of it, and good riddance.'

-Bill Tatham Jr., Arizona Outlaws' president, upon withdrawing from the USFL and its lawsuit against the NFL.

#### BRIEFS

A Skins Game for golf's senior players, featuring Arnold Palmer, Gary Player and Chi Chi Rodriguez, will be held Jan. 30-31. The three, along with a player to be named, will compete in the two-day, \$360,000 game at a site to be announced. NBC will telecast the game.

Zoran Savic scored three goals and Gary Amlong added two, including the game-winner, as the Louisville Thunder rallied with three unanswered goals late in the third period Wednesday to beat the Shoccers 8-6 at the Pavilion. Mike Lashoff scored twice for the Shoccers, who fell 21/2 games behind Canton in the Northern Division of the American Indoor Soccer Association.

Rumors circulating among North Korean soldiers say "something unusual" might happen to disrupt the 1988 Seoul Olympics, said an army defector from the North. Yoo Chon-soo also told a news conference that North Korea is waging a vigorous publicity campaign against the 1988 Games, saying that Seoul is full of "beggars, hoodlums, pollution and various diseases."

John Hoerster, an assistant coach at Gordon Tech for

#### **Bad News Bees** -Part II?

There may be a sequel to the "Bad News Bees."

San Jose Bees president Harry Steve, who grabbed national headlines last year by filling his minor league roster with notorious ex-big leaguers, says he has decided to resign pitchers Steve Howe and Mike Norris.

"Bad News Bees II" will depend on Steve getting those contracts approved by the presidents of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues and the California League. That may. prove difficult, even though Howe and Norris played for the Class A Bees last season. Both pitchers have a history of cocaine and alcohol abuse, and both were involved last year in highly publicized controversies involving drug allegations. Cal League president Joe Gagliardi said he was against approving the contracts because "I just don't think we need that problem anymore." But he said the final decision belonged to John Johnson, the National Association president. Howe had been trying to gain approval to sign a contract with the Seibu Lions, the club that supplies the Bees with a handful of players each season. But Japanese baseball commissioner Juhei Takeuchi decided Howe's drug history made him unacceptable. Steve said he talked to Howe and that the former Dodger asked if he could return to the Bees. "My answer to him," Steve said, "was, 'Come ahead.' " Howe was suspended twice last season, first by Johnson and then by Gagliardi, but he was reinstated after the first incident and Gagliardi lifted the second suspension at the end of 1986. Both suspensions followed disputed drug tests that reportedly were positive for cocaine use. But Howe denied using the drug. Norris' case differs from Howe's in that he wasn't involved in any new drug-related controversies during the '86 season. But in December, after Steve thought he had arranged the sale of Norris' contract to the New York Yankees, the former A's star was arrested on a drunkendriving charge, and a blood test showed traces of cocaine. Norris recently asked the Yankees for a chance to try out but was turned down. Steve said Norris then asked if he could return to the Bees.

## It's not my party

Keith Ortego didn't feel like celebrating during last month's Mardi Gras festivities in Louisiana. "I just wasn't into it," the Bears' wide receiver told us from his home deep in Cajun territory. Among the reasons Ortego didn't want to party? He'd had arthroscopic surgery on his left shoulder after the Bears' disappointing loss in the playoffs, had to wear a sling for three weeks and had been ordered to take it easy.

#### The recovery

Ortego has been working with a physical therapist since the surgery and last week began working out with weights for the first time since January. In the meantime, he has been doing public relations part time for the First Acadian Bank, where he worked before coming to the Bears. "It's a lot easier this year now that everyone knows who I am," he said with a chuckle. "Now it takes me a lot longer to make a call. I have to stay and talk for an hour. About football, not about the bank."

#### News, notes and nonsense

Normally, Ortego parties in Mamou, La., which is eight miles from his home in Eunice and is one of the towns where Mardi Gras originated. There, traditions are carred on minus the commercialization found in New Orleans. ... For last year's Mardi Gras, Maury Buford traveled to Mamou to join Ortego in revelry. This year, Buford couldn't make it. He was getting married to college sweetheart Dana Gilbert in Houston. ... Ortego says his future after football does not lie in public relations. "I really want to go into law." ... Disney World recently hosted the Goofy Games, and its victory banquet peaked when Big John Studd leveled Herschel Walker and then loudly proclaimed that he could not understand why anyone in the NFL had trouble "tackling this shrimp." This came after Walker, Tony Dorsett, Doug Flutie [representing a Boston station], Emery Moorehead and former Olympian Willye White [both representing WBBM-TV] competed in the Games, which are recapped Saturday night at 6:30 on Channel 2's "Two on 2." And finally, some late-breaking news: Gov. James Thompson has agreed to honor Hulk Hogan and Andre the Giant by proclaiming March 29 Wrestlemania Day. Statewide! Every county! Every city! Can you wait?

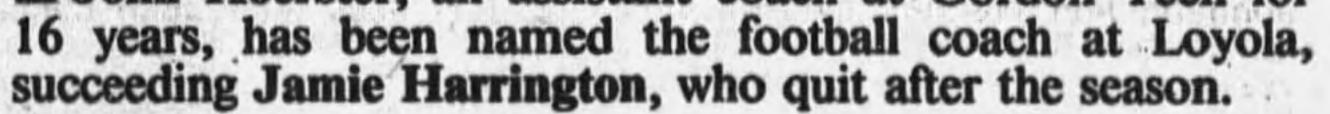


Aaron Herr, 6, shows he's been watching while Daddy, Tommy, and the Cardinals drill in St. Petersburg, Fla.

## Rather, Reagan lose out to Gators

As if CBS News didn't have enough problems. Florida, playing in its first NCAA basketball tournament, will pre-empt both Dan Rather and President Reagan Thursday during the East Regional semifinals.

**CBS** affiliates WTVJ in Miami, WJXT in Jacksonville, WTVT in Tampa and WCPX in Orlando will carry



The Jumbo Elliott Invitational will not be held this year and may have been run for the last time. Unlike other invitationals, the Jumbo Elliott never had the big budget or sponsors that have become essential to attract world-class athletes. The meet has been held a week after the NCAA outdoor championships and two weeks before The Athletics Congress nationals.

An internal investigation has shown Temple running back Paul Palmer didn't accept money from agent Norby Walters while he still had college eligibility, according to Temple athletic director Charles Theokas. Walters said in a story in the Atlanta Constitution last week that he had given money to some college football players while they had eligibility remaining, a violation of NCAA rules. Palmer signed a contract with Walters Jan. 2, after his eligibility had expired.

The St. Louis Cardinals have traded cornerback Lionel Washington to the Los Angeles Raiders for an undisclosed choice in this year's National Football League draft.

**U.S.** Davis Cup players Aaron Krickstein and Robert Seguso, still affected by their team's loss to Paraguay, were upset in first-round play at the Paine Webber Classic in Orlando. Krickstein was defeated by Scott Davis 6-3, 6-0. Seguso fell to Eliot Teltscher 6-1, 4-6, 6-4. ... Pam Shriver defeated Lisa Bonder 6-3, 6-3 and Zina Garrison routed Tina Mochizuki 6-1, 6-2 to reach the quarterfinals in the Virginia Slims of Dallas. Dianne Fromholtz Balestrat ousted Raffaella Reggi 2-6, 6-0, 6-4, and Kate Gompert topped Catherine Tanvier 6-1, 7-6 [7-3] in first-round matches.

Kenny Smith of North Carolina, Steve Alford of Indiana, Reggie Williams of Georgetown, Danny Manning of Kansas and David Robinson of Navy have been named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches Division I All-America first team. Dallas Comegys of De Paul made the second team. Ken Norman of Illinois is on the third team. John Edwards of Southern Illinois-Edwardsville made the Division II third team, and North Park's Michael Starks made the Division III second team. Julius Denton scored 17 points as Kankakee [33-5] eliminated Gloucester [N.J.] [22-5] 100-78 in the national junior college basketball tournament in Hutchinson, Kan. George Yuille led Gloucester with 20 points. Herkimer [N.Y.] [32-2] beat Wabash Valley [Ill.] [30-8] 87-84. Jim Smith scored 31 points, including four free throws in the final 52 seconds, for Herkimer. Allen Jennings had 28 points for Wabash Valley. . . . Lisa Foster scored 16 points to lead John A. Logan [30-3] to a 72-58 victory over Kennedy-King [23-3] in the first round of the National Junior College Association of America women's basketball tournament in Senatobia, Miss. Sabrina Oliphant had 18 points for Kennedy-King.



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the Gators' game against Syracuse live beginning at 6:20 p.m. [local time]. The rest of the nation will see it on a tape-delay basis.

The "CBS Evening News" with Rather comes on at 6:30 p.m., and Reagan has scheduled his news conference for 8:30 p.m.

For the Jacksonville station, the decision to preempt Reagan's news conference came after a long day of negotiations. The policy is to carry presidential speeches live, but station officials decided this time to broadcast the news conference immediately after the game.

The Miami station said that once it was decided to carry the beginning of the game live, it was easy to decide to pre-empt Reagan, whose news conference will begin before the game ends. "It really wasn't that tough a decision," said WTVJ's Alan Perris. "We knew all along that you don't start a game and not show the end."

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