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When the Southwest Conference came into being in 1915, Clyde Littlefield of the University of Texas promptly became a first-team allleague selection in football and basketball and set the world record of 15.2 seconds in the 120-yard high hurdles. By the time he finished as a 12letter man, he was the state's athletic equivalent of Davey Crockett.

Only a few years later, in 1921, Littlefield became the Longhorn track

Nunn confident of victory in Davenport tonight

By DAN McCOOL

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DAVENPORT, IA. - Michael Nunn has predicted a victory and promised a surprise tonight in his 10round middleweight boxing match with Cecil Pettigrew at the Palmer Auditorium.

The nine-bout card begins at 7:30 p.m. and Nunn's main event fight is one of those being televised live by ESPN.

It will the first time that the No. 6-

ranked Nunn (22-0, 14 knockouts) has fought as a professional in his hometown. There will also be a family touch to the event as Nunn's cousin, Mickey Bates, makes his professional debut as a bantamweight (118. pounds) against Oney Hellems of St. Louis.

Pettigrew (22-13-2) began his pro career in 1981 and comes into tonight's fight with a three-match los-

ing streak. He lost a 10-round decision to former junior middleweight champion Davey Moore in his last fight March 11. Pettigrew is known for taking fights on short notice. He agreed Monday to fight Nunn after Eddie Hall suffered a cut and withdrew last week.

Nunn's manager, Dan Goossen calls Pettigrew a spoiler because of his wild roundhouse punches, which

can score an upset at any time.

"If he's going to run from us for 10 rounds, they might as well pay [Nunn] now, because we didn't come all this way for a track meet," said Pettigrew's manager, Gary Sievers. "If he wants to stand there and fight, we'll give him all he wants."

Goossen is confident Nunn will beat Pettigrew, and said he'll dictate the fight's tempo from the opening bell.

"They won't have to worry about chasing me all over the ring. He won't like being in there with me," Nunn said.

"I'm going to do what Michael Nunn has to do to win tonight and I

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coach. During this 41-year career in which his legend grew and grew, Clyde set the tone that has come to dominate the Lone Star state: all runners are created equal, but sprinters Preps take

"He never remembered your name



told me. "First thing Mr. Littlebus to go to a meet was, 'Is the sprint relay team here?' If 'Then let's go.' " Charlie Thomas could have been the

former pupil men-FLOYD tioning that, for HEARD Charlie was one of Clyde's best, claiming the national collegiate 220yard title in 1954. Five years later, at the tender age of 26, Thomas took the job he still holds, Texas A & M's head track coach.

Many things have changed since Littlefield retired after the 1961 season, but short-distance speed is still so revered in Texas there's almost a separate sport called sprinting. And these days, as you can note today and Saturday at the Drake Relays, Texas schools are regularly importing human jets to supplement what is usually an annual bumper crop of home-growns.

About 10 years ago, Houston's Tom **Tellez** imported Carl Lewis from New Jersey, causing Arkansas' John **McDonnell and Southern Methodist's** Ted McLaughlin to also get very serious about recruiting afar. Now it's border-to-border and then some for the SWC, and other Texas schools.

unless you ran 9.5 or better for 100 yards," one of his former pupils once field would ask when we got on the meet begins

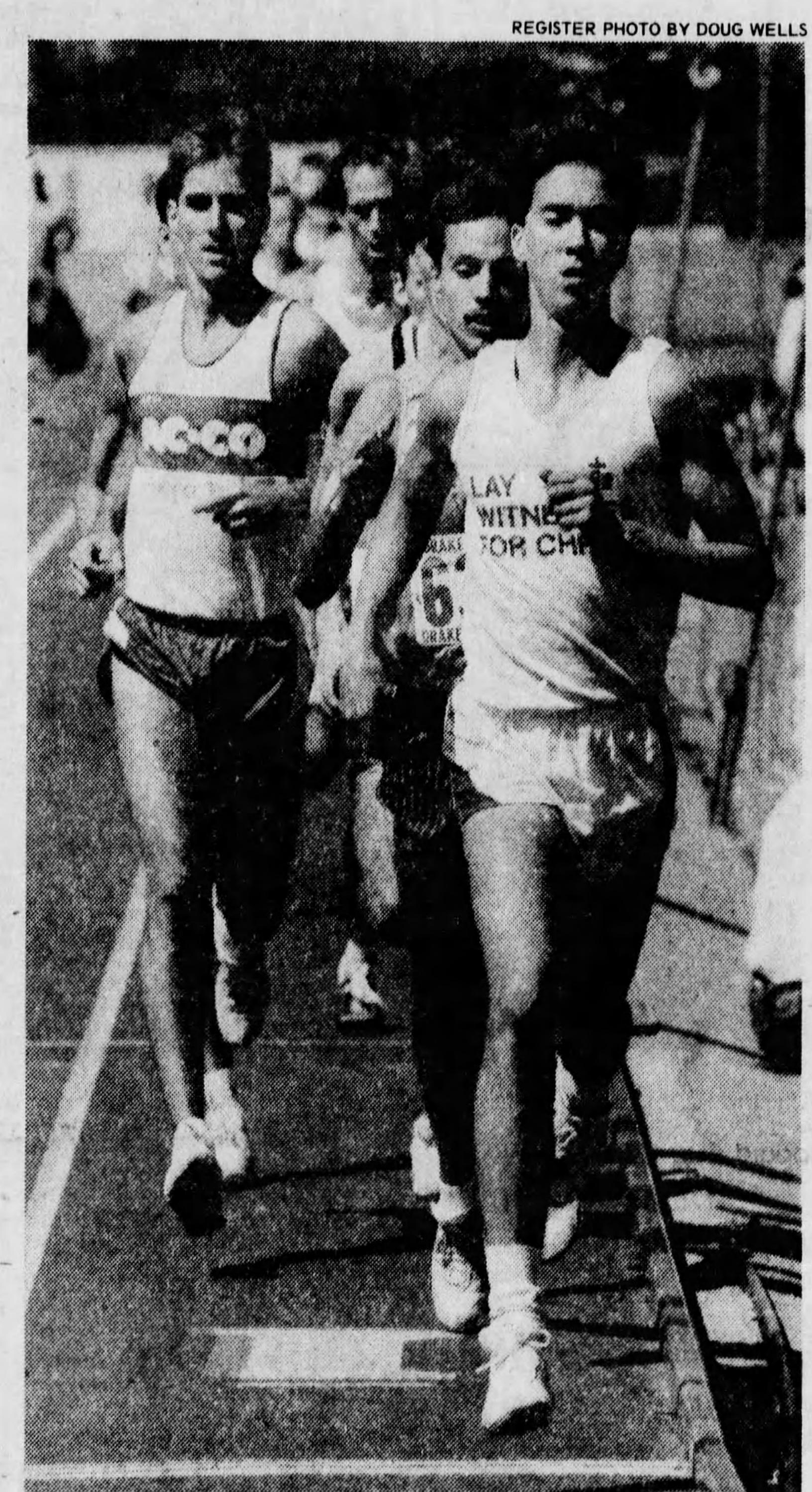
1-class track meet may it was, he'd say, yield numerous records

By DAVE STOCKDALE **Register Staff Writer**

The Drake Relays are the closest thing to a one-class state event offered to Iowa high school athletes, and standout performances usually result when schools of all sizes compete against each other.

This year's prep card, which opens with the boys' 100-meter dash preliminaries at 9:42 a.m. today, is a good bet to provide the usual excitement. Two of last year's individual winners - Pat Conlon of Clarion in the boys' high jump and Janice Turner of Fort Madison in the girls' 800 — will attempt to win championships, but neither has the best performance in the state this season.

Conlon, who will jump at 9 a.m. Saturday, has a best of 6 feet 8 inches this year, but the highest leap in the state was Darwin Vander Hoef of Rock Valley at 6-9. Conlon won the Drake crown last year at 6-9 and claimed the state 2-A championship with a 6-10 leap. Turner, who clocked 2 minutes 17.2 seconds to win the Drake 800 last year, has not run that event so far in good weather. The state leader is West Des Moines Valley sophomore Christa Holms with a 2:20.9. The 800 field, which competes at 4:46 p.m. today, includes several runners who have excelled, including state indoor



ISU Olympians Harris, El Moutawakel in field

By BUCK TURNBULL

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One of the more difficult events in track and field is to run a fast quarter-mile with 10 hurdles blocking your path.

Considering that so few athletes master the precision required to be successful in this particular competition, it seems odd that two of the best in the world have come along at the same time from distant points on the globe and had corresponding careers at Iowa State.

Today, Olympic gold medalist Nawal El Moutawakel of Casablanca, Morocco, and Olympic silver medalist Danny Harris of Perris, Calif., will once again show just how it's done as headliners and defending champions on the opening program of the 78th annual Drake Relays.

The two Cyclones should have ideal conditions to display their talents in 400-meter hurdle special events, because sunny skies and temperatures around 70 degrees are predicted both today and Saturday.

Largest Field

What may be the largest field in history is poised to take part - 4,215 athletes from 484 schools, plus another 348 entries in Sunday's marathon. El Moutawakel, 25, who recently completed her college eligibility, faces a stiff challenge in her vow to win the women's 400-meter race for her mother, a sister and two brothers, who traveled from Morocco to be in the Drake Stadium crowd.

of Texas Southern, won the NCAA outdoor championship a year ago in 55.16. Alabama's Flora Hyacinth and Prairie View's Lavonda Luckett are others entered with good credentials in the race.

Harris is seeking a fourth consecutive hurdles title at Drake, which would put him on a list of the elite. There have been only four winners of four or more championships - Cindy Bremser in the women's 1,500 meters, Al Feuerbach in the shot put, Mel Lattany in the men's 100 and Debbie Esser in the women's 400 hurdles. Lattany was the only one to accomplish the feat as a freshman through his senior year in college in the same event.

Slight Twist

Harris also would be doing it consecutively through his collegiate years, but with a slight twist. He won the university-college 400 hurdles as a freshman, then has been featured in special events the last three years.

Harris' main competitors should be a pair of Nigerians who ran for Missouri, Henry Amike and Daniel Ogidi, and Texas A & M's Craig Calk.

Former Alabama flash Calvin Smith, the world record-holder in the 100-meter dash, also has a chance to join the four-time honor roll. He'll be shooting for his fourth straight 200meter special victory Saturday. As always, younger and faster runners are pressing for attention, which is why multiple winners are so scarce, and why Smith will be an underdog in both the sprint specials. Sophomore Floyd Heard of Texas A & M will go into the 200 invitational

THAT'S WHY Thomas borrowed an overcoat, took out frostbite insurance and came up to Milwaukee three winters ago to check out a sprinter named Floyd Heard. The Floyd Heard, mind you, now rated No. 1 in the world at 200 meters, the modern equivalent of the distance Charlie formerly ran so well.

Thomas' trip north was recommended by Steve Silvey, a native of Des Moines who ran at Des Moines Tech when his father, Chuck Silvey, was the coach. Steve is now the Aggie assistant in charge of tracking down talent worth recruiting.

doors running in tennis shoes on a flat gym floor, he looked like a million bucks. He's looked even better since we got him down in warm weather," says Thomas, speaking of his first big out-of-state sprinting catch.

Last year, as a 20-year-old freshman, Heard led the world with a 20.12 sibility for the club's development. clocking, won most of his races when became the youngest ever awarded the No. 1 200-meter ranking by Track and Field News.

Last year's second-best time in the world of 20.16 was by Roy Martin of SMU, another who will be running bunch of good, young ballplayers." with talented companions in the Relays. As a phenom in Dallas, Martin set the national high school record of 20.13. Last year, he once finished

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Tom Ansberry (right) wins the 10,000 meter event

A comparison of times shows what El Moutawakel is up against. She set the Drake record of 55.37 seconds in 1984, the year she sped to an Olympic mark of 54.61. She won here last year in 55.83.

Her chief challenger, Maria Usifo

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Brewer farm clubs alent worth recruiting. "When I saw Floyd win a 200 in-

By TOM WITOSKY

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The Milwaukee Brewers' recordsetting 13-0 start this season surprised most baseball experts, but not the two men with much of the respon-

"Anytime you accomplish somethe bluest chips were on the line and | thing like a new American League record in consecutive wins from opening day, you have to be proud and excited," said Bruce Manno, the club's farm director. "But we've known for some time that we have a

And Terry Bevington, manager of the Denver Zephyrs, the Brewers' top farm team, added: "To win 13 games straight also takes some luck, but I'm ries Thursday against Iowa at Sec Taylor Stadium. This is the first time the Brewers have had their triple-A team in the American Association.

In recent years, the Brewers' top farm club has featured players such as Juan Nieves, who pitched a no-hitter against Baltimore April 15, and shortstop Dale Sveum, who hit a home run last Sunday against Texas to give the Brewers 12 straight wins and the American League record. In all, 10 members of the current Brewer team played last season on Vancouver of the Pacific Coast League, last year's triple-A team.

"Most of us actually have been to-

McGwire named Hawks' top QB

By DAVE STOCKDALE **Register Staff Writer**

Dan McGwire will be listed as Iowa's No. 1 quarterback heading into fall practices, Coach Hayden Fry said Thursday night.

Fry said McGwire, a 6-foot 8-inch sophomore from Claremont, Calif., gained that position because of his performance in Iowa's spring game last Saturday.

Fry's announcement came in an address to 650 Iowa boosters attending the annual Bud Flood Fighting Hawk banquet in Des Moines.

"The reason I held off until tonight to make the announcement here in Des Moines is because his initials are D.M.," Fry said. "I don't know how good he's going to be, but I know he's



Gubs suffer 5-2 loss as Gox gets off to fast start

ST. LOUIS, MO. (AP) - A freak injury spoiled Danny Cox's 1986 season, but he's making up for it in a hurry.

"Last year I didn't win my first game until June, so I'm way ahead of schedule," said Cox, who raised his record to 3-0 Thursday as St. Louis beat the Chicago Cubs, 5-2. "I'm happy with the results."

Cox, who won 18 games in 1985, started the following season on the 21-day disabled list after breaking a bone in his right ankle jumping off a 3-foot-high sea wall. He had three victories at the All-Star break and fin-

will team with in baton events also can move along, but one won't be	a lot of ability." As a result, the team that won the American League pennant in 1982 but has been dismal ever since, has gone about rebuilding through the classic use of its farm system. "It has always been our philosophy that you build from within," Manno said. "You never know if anyone is going to make it in the majors, but this appears to be the best way to build a contender." It is a system that now includes the Zephyrs, who opened a four-game se-	America magazine as the best in the major leagues. Since 1982, the top Brewer farm club had the best over- all team record in the PCL in 1985 and 1986.	tremely talented, but he's got a lot of learning ahead of him, and he knows that." McGwire, who saw limited action last fall as a freshman behind Mark Vlasic and Tom Poholsky, completed 14 of 21 passes for 192 yards in the spring game. He came to Iowa as one of the top prospects in the nation. Fry made it clear that Tom Pohol-	Bethea dead Larry Bethea, who played football for the Dallas Cowboys and the Michigan Panthers, died Thursday after appar- ently shooting himself in the head within hours after he was identified as the gunman in two robberies. Be- thea, 30, was found in a friend's back- yard in Newport News, Va., with a gunshot wound to his right temple and a .38-caliber automatic pistol	ished with a 12-13 record. His performance Thursday wasn't pretty — the Cubs had 11 hits — but Cox gave up most of the hits with two outs and didn't walk anyone. "Otherwise, I might have spent the whole day pitching from the stretch," said Cox, who also defeated the Cubs April 9. The Cubs scored their runs on an RBI single by Andre Dawson in the third inning and a home run by Keith <u>CARDINALS</u> Please turn to Page 2S	二十二日 四日 四日 四日 四日 四百百百百百百百百百百百百百百百百百百百百百百百百
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national high school 100 mark down to 10.13. He's an Aggie this year, but MORNING REPORT

In the 1970 Drake Relays, four Texas A & M sprinters, including the Mills brothers, Curtis and Marvin, sped to a world record of 1:21.7 in the 880-yard relay. Thomas' team hasn't been a regular at Drake recently, nor has SMU. It's a pleasure having both back in the hunt, along with the usual strong baton entries from Baylor and Rice of the SWC.

not yet scholastically eligible.

Were he still around, Mr. Littlefield would be pleased that human Quarter horses from the Lone Star state figure to be so noticeable this weekend. Which is not to say, mind you, that some might not trail young fellows from other states across various finish lines.

BROOKS TO COACH NORTH STARS. Herb Brooks, who coached the United States to the 1980 Olympic hockey gold medal, was called upon Thursday to turn the Minnesota North Stars back into Stanley Cup contenders. Brooks, 49, was signed to a two-year contract.

NO GUARANTEE. The State Board of Regents voted unanimously Thursday against hearing a Perry man's appeal to preserve his seats at Iowa State's Cyclone Stadium. Without commenting, the regents agreed with a staff recommendation that said James B. Smith's \$600 donation to help build the stadium in the mid-1970s did not assure for life his two seats between the 30- and 40-yard lines. Smith, who also has a suit pending in Polk County District

Court, claimed ISU officials promised him his seats as long as he pays for them.

BACK HOME. Former Drake basketball star Lewis Lloyd has completed drug rehabilitation and has returned to his home in Houston, said Des Moines lawyer Dan Stamatelos, Lloyd's former agent. Lloyd, who was banned January 15 from playing in the NBA for at least two years because of apparent cocaine use, also hopes to play professional basketball in Europe next year, Stamatelos said Thursday.

MILLER OUT. Cheryl Miller, who dominated women's college basketball for four seasons while at the University of Southern California, had knee surgery and will have to miss the Pan-American Games. Miller tore ligaments in her right knee during a scrimmage.

GOING FOR RECORD. Point Park College, an NAIA school that doesn't have its own campus or a home playing field, can set a national collegiate baseball record of 35 consecutive victories if it defeats Waynesburg College on Saturday. Point Park tied the consecutive victories record of 34 set by Texas in 1977 and David Lipscomb College in 1984.

MAT TRIALS IN FLORIDA. Pensacola, Fla., has been named the site for Olympic wrestling trials to select the U.S. team next year.

LEMOND TO MISS TOUR. The father of

cycling star Greg LeMond said Thursday his son, wounded in a hunting accident this week, will not defend his title in the 24-day Tour de France this summer. "The Tour de France is out of the question," Bob LeMond of Reno, Nev., said. "He just won't be able to recover in time."

AGENT WOES FOR CARTER. Butch Carter, an older brother of Ohio State receiver Cris Carter, said the Buckeye star was suspended because another brother, George, works for an agent, Norby Walters of World Sports & Entertainment, Inc. Walters has said he has signed athletes when they were still in college, and NCAA rules forbid underclassmen from signing contracts with or accepting money from player agents.