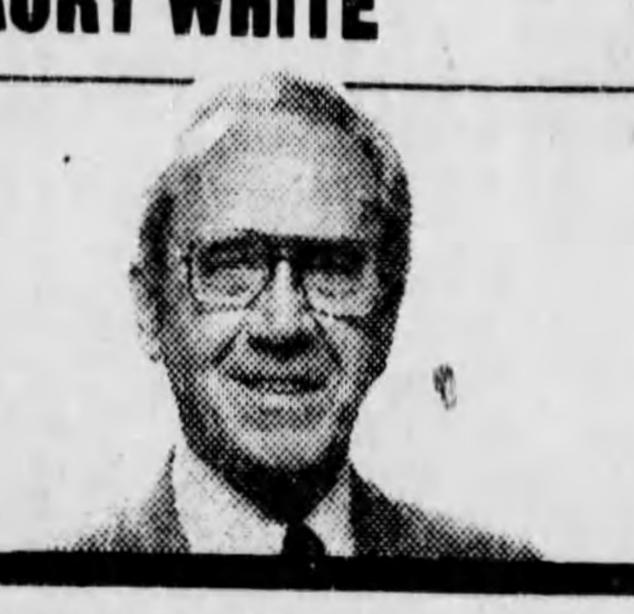
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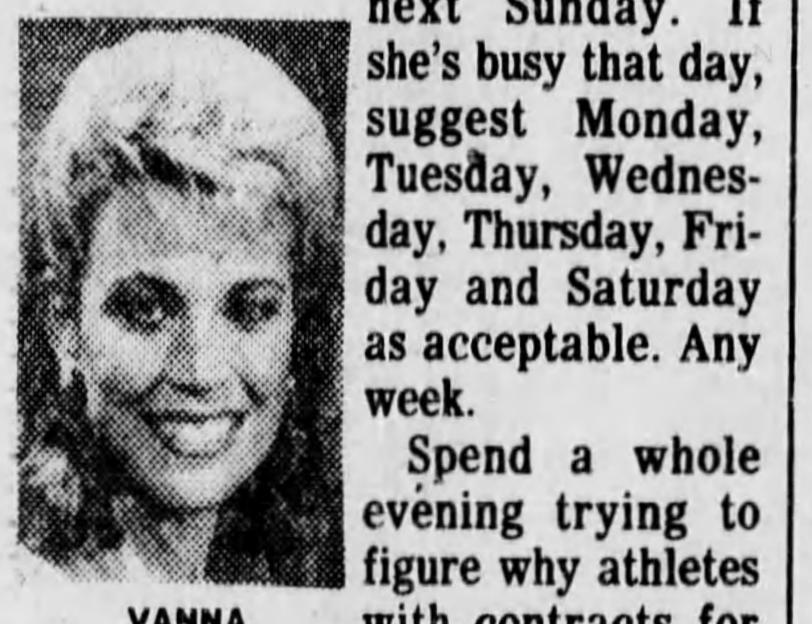
MAURY WHITE



Things to do while waiting for Sugar Ray Leonard and Marvelous Marvin Hagler to call a news conference and jointly announce they are now too filthy rich to consider sweating through one more fight, even if offered \$22,222,222.50 each:

Push through legislation in which, for a reason that escapes me at the moment, the dandelion is declared the nation's most beautiful and desirable flower. Once everyone wants the little yellow fellows, they will lose their magic power to grow through cracks in the concrete and die if not given tender loving care. Which I will not give, finally ridding my lawn of dandelions forever.

next Sunday. If



day, Thursday, Friay and Saturday as acceptable. Any Spend a whole evening trying to

figure why athletes with contracts for \$1.5 million a year, give or take a few grand, should have incentive clauses calling for, say, \$100,000, for making the league allstar team. For that kind of a salary,

wouldn't it be more logical to deduct \$100,000 if a player didn't play well enough to be chosen an all-star? Write the commissioner of the and suggest a new statistic: Most Steps Taken Prior to a Slam Dank Without Traveling Being Called. Officials making the winning effort possible would be given free

eye examinations, plus brush-up

courses in counting on fingers.

POLL THE PEOPLE in your neighborhood to see if they'd like to have a three-point field goal written into the football rules, too. It could be made from distances of 40 yards or more only by a native American who had previously played three snaps in the game at any position other than

kicking specialist or holder. Write to Dr. Tom Davis, the Iowa basketball coach, and tell him you can hardly wait for the improvement in the season's record next year when the Hawkeye players have become even more acclimated to his style and personality.

Meditate on the timeless tip from the late and great baseball pitcher, Leroy "Satchel" Paige: "If your stomach disputes you, lie down and

pacify it with cool thoughts." Check the cost of renting a billboard. If the price seems reasonable, put up a message proudly pointing out that the Iowa Cubs have won just as many World Series titles in the last 74 years as the Chicago Cubs.

Figure out how many new basketballs Indiana University could have been purchased for the \$10,000 it was fined because of Coach Bobby Knight's unknightly (King Arthur's code) conduct during an NCAA tournament game.

Send another invitation to Vanna, in case the first got lost in the mail.

CONTACT THE BUREAU of Infernal Affairs to find out if there is one recorded case in history after a child announced having misplaced something when a parent didn't inquire, "Where did you lose it?"

While you still have the BIA on the phone, ask if peanut butter and grape jelly sandwiches are the sandwiches eaten the most by doctors who eat sandwiches.

Think back to see if you can recall a more delightful needling of self than the one in 1970 when Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dandy Don Meredith was speculating on his future as a movie actor: "I'd play the pilot in a war film who dropped his first bomb and it was incomplete. Or, more likely, intercepted."

Take a memory course that will forever remove the need for mental stuttering in instantly recalling whether Whigs or Tories, Know Nothings or Know Somethings, contras or Sandinistas are the good guys. (Columnist's note: Democrats and Republicans should be considered individually, rather than by group.)

Start a rumor that Jim McMahon is forming a syndicate that will buy the Chicago Bears. His partners will be all the other quarterbacks currently, or soon to be, under contract to the

Chicago Bears. Kick off a campaign for a new game called Guts Tennis, using fiveperson teams of specialists. One person will handle all the serving, another all service returns, the third will hit all other shots requiring backspin and the fourth all volleys and smashes. The fifth will be a paramedic, trained to properly administer

after violent collisions. Practice keeping a secret by not letting anyone else know Vanna will appear until she actually does.

Oklahoma denies a rumor it's leaving Big Eight

By TOM WITOSKY Register Staff Writer

consideration.

A top University of Oklahoma athletic official said Tuesday that contrary to reports, the school has no plans to pull out of the Big Eight Conference, nor has such a move been under

"This is the first I've heard anything like that," Oklahoma athletic director Donnie Duncan said in a telephone interview. "The University of Oklahoma believes its membership within the Big Eight Conference is something we are satisfied with."

A television report Monday night said Oklahoma officials were rumored to be considering withdrawing from the Big Eight Conference for financial reasons and to boost its individual television contracts. The report, on Cable News Network, also said the University of Nebraska

would follow Oklahoma if officials in Norman decided to withdraw.

But Duncan said Oklahoma officials are quite satisfied with the school's membership in the Big Eight Conference, even though some members, such as Iowa State and Missouri, are having budget problems.

Meanwhile, John Mahlstede, Iowa State's faculty representative to the Big Eight, said such rumors about Oklahoma and Nebraska surface from time to time, usually without substance.

"It's been quite some time since I've heard that one," Mahlstede said. "There has been no hint of any dissatisfaction in our most recent conference meetings."

Duncan also said that Oklahoma officials were not upset that conference members decided not to seek a supplemental television contract for broadcast of Big Eight football games during 1987.

"We have an \$11 million budget here for our sports program, and the supplemental contract for the Big Eight would have meant only about \$100,000 for each school," Duncan said. "For us, that is a pittance and we just weren't interested in getting involved with it."

Duncan said many Big Eight officials also didn't believe the compensation out of a supplemental television package would be worth the growing inconvenience for conference fans.

"Many of the schools were having to reschedule games that began in the morning or would be played late in the season, and we just didn't think that was worth it anymore," Duncan said. He added that the Big Eight could have signed a supplemental contract, but simply declined to sign one.

"Sure we could have gotten on television, but it wasn't worth it for us or any of the other

schools," Duncan said. Duncan said that all major college athletic departments, even the most successful, are faced with financial constraints. "We are not without our constraints on spending like any

He also said all eight schools within the Big Eight have been competitive nationally in sports other than football.

other school," he said.

"In basketball, four schools went to the national tournament and just about every school has done well in one sport or another," he said. "I just think we have excellent compatibility within the conference not only athletically, but philosophically."

Statements

by coaches

irk Knicks

Nelson, Brown set rules

The New York Knicks are still in a

quandary about their new coach after

statements Tuesday by two of their

leading candidates to succeed fired

son said he didn't want to be consid-

ered for the Knicks job if it meant the

Bucks had to give up draft choices or

players to get him. And Larry Brown

said he wants to stay as coach of the

University of Kansas, but the decision

to stay or go depends on the universi-

Nelson, who reportedly has had dis-

agreements with Bucks owner Herb

Kohl, hinted to the Milwaukee Jour-

nal on Tuesday that he wouldn't be

to be back," he said. "I don't know if I

could be very productive or be able to

function very well in my job without

my pride. There have been a lot of

ments, Kohl confirmed that the Bucks

would not accept cash to buy out Nel-

son's contract and would have to get

substantial compensation in players

He said there has been no contact

between the Bucks and Knicks about

Nelson, and he hasn't discussed the

matter with Nelson. Jack Loftus, a

spokesman for Knicks ownership,

said the team would have no com-

Nelson and the Bucks began their

Eastern Conference semifinal playoff

series against the Boston Celtics in

In Lawrence, Kan., Brown issued a

statement that read: "Given that a

new athletic director is being chosen,

I have postponed my decision until a

successor to Monte Johnson is named.

Once that happens, I will address the

situation at KU and hopefully contin-

The statement was prompted by a

report in Tuesday's New York Daily

News that Brown would take himself

out of the running for the job unless

set the deadline because he wants to

be fair to all-America forward Danny

Manning, who has until midnight Fri-

day to decide if he wants to play his

Manning and his father, Kansas as-

sistant coach Ed Manning, have been

quoted as saying the player is leaning

toward staying at Kansas. Tuesday,

however, Kansas sports information

director Doug Vance said Manning

had made no public announcement of

The Kansas City Star reported

Tuesday that Brown's deadline to the

Knicks was more of a warning to

Kansas athletic officials to make a

"It's scary for me here in Kansas

decision on a new athletic director.

because my A.D., Monte Johnson,

quit," the Star quoted Brown as say-

ing. "They are hiring a new A.D. and

that's a lot like hiring a new G.M.

senior year in college or turn pro.

Brown told the newspaper that he

he receives a firm offer by Friday.

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Boston Tuesday night.

Questioned about Nelson's com-

"I'd have to swallow a lot of pride

ty's choice for athletic director.

back in Milwaukee next season.

Milwaukee Bucks Coach Don Nel-

in search for new coach

By The Associated Press

Bob Hill.

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Hang some big E's, I's, O's and Z's in your recreation room and invite Vanna White to come turn the letters as NGAA chief

Indiana president, SEC commissioner also named

KANSAS CITY, MO. (AP) - A college president, an athletic director, a conference commissioner and a former NCAA president were named as the finalists Tuesday in the NCAA's search for a new executive director to succeed Walter Byers. They are:

• Dick Schultz, 58, Virginia athletic director and chairman of the selection committee for the men's basketball tournament. Schultz was once the basketball coach at Iowa.

• John W. Ryan, 58, president of Indiana University and past chairman of the NCAA Presidents Com-

 Harvey W. Schiller, 47, commissioner of the Southeastern Confer-

 Jack Davis, 59, long-time faculty representative from Oregon State and immediate past president of the

"We agree unanimously as a committee that these are the individuals most highly qualified for the position," said Will Bailey, chairman of the search committee.

A decision, Bailey said, will be made by mid-June,

"We hope to administer interviews in late May," said NCAA Secretary-Treasurer Tom Frericks, who will head the selection committee. "We hope to have an individual appointed by mid-June."

Byers is retiring after 36 years as head of the governing body for college athletics and will work with his successor for perhaps a year before stepping down.

The search committee had tried to maintain strict confidentiality during the preliminary process.

"But we decided at this stage that it would be impossible to keep the finalists a secret," Bailey said. We had the approval of all four individuals in making their names public."

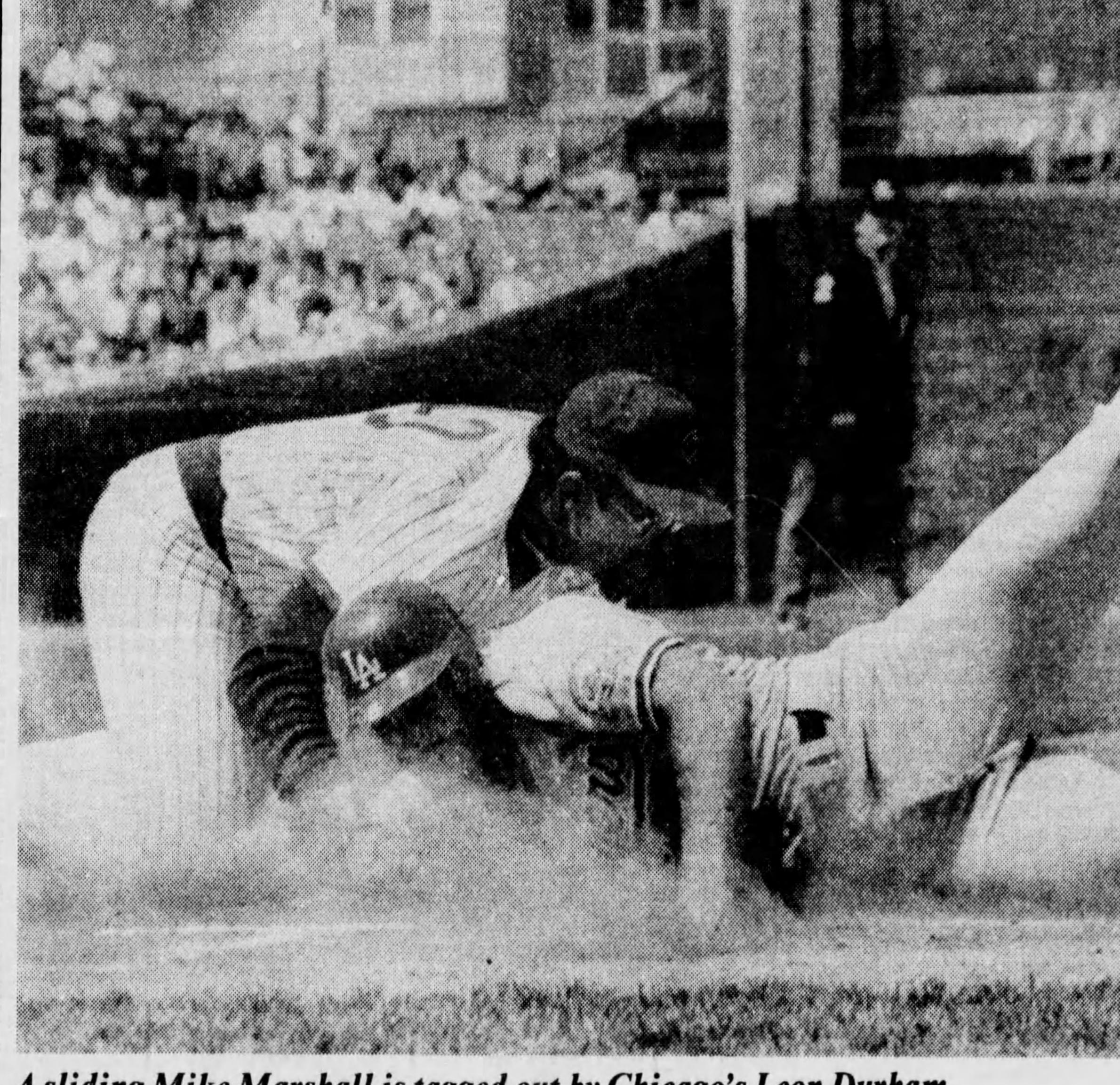
The final decision will be made by the Executive Committee in consultation with the NCAA Council. But the Presidents Commission, under a rule passed at January's NCAA convention, has veto power.

known of the four finalists because of his work with the basketball tournament. He was head basketball coach at Iowa from 1970 to 1974 and has extensive radio and television experience. He was named chairman of the basketball committee in 1985 and also chaired the committee that negotiated a new three-year basketball contract with CBS. He became athlet-

ic director at Virginia in 1981. Davis has been a member of the Oregon State faculty since 1971, first as head of the department of agricultural engineering. He was NCAA president from 1985 until succeeded by Bailey this year.

Ryan has been Indiana University's president since 1971 and was thrust into prominence in college athletics in 1984 as first chairman of the newly former Presidents Commission.

Schiller was named commissioner of the Southeastern Conference in 1986 after serving 24 years as an Air Force officer.



A sliding Mike Marshall is tagged out by Chicago's Leon Durham

Welch stays hot, cools Cubs, 3-1

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CHICAGO, ILL. — Bob Welch continued his impressive 1987 start, pitching the Los Angeles Dodgers to a 3-1 win that snapped the Cubs fourgame winning streak before 18,021 fans at Wrigley Field.

Welch took a shutout to the eighth inning before pinch hitter Jerry Mumphrey singled in Shawon Dunston, who had tripled. That ended Welch's string of 34 innings without allowing an earned run and 23 innings without allowing a run. In his last five starts he has an earned-run average of 0.68.

He struck out a season-high nine

batters, walked one, allowed seven hits, raised his record to 4-1 and lowered his ERA to 1.99.

Welch got support from a Dodger lineup that went as expected for the first time this season. Third baseman Bill Madlock re-

turned to the lineup for the first time since his April 10 arthroscopic shoulder surgery and celebrated by hitting a solo home run off Jamie Moyer (2-2) in the eighth. "This was the first time we'd had

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Pro tennis stars expected Schultz is perhaps the most widely nown of the four finalists because of the four finalists beca

ISTANBUL, TURKEY (AP) -Giving pro tennis stars a chance for Olympic gold and reviewing ticket sales for the 1988 Winter Games are among the items for discussion at a week of International Olympic Committee meetings beginning today.

Opening the meetings are reports by a panel looking into new ways to finance the committee's activities. The executive board begins two days of talks on Thursday, and the committee's 92nd session starts a four-day run on Saturday.

The meetings are not expected to produce much drama.

The biggest news probably will come on what is expected to be a formality, approval by the full session of a plan to allow millionaire tennis players into the 1988 Olympics on an experimental basis. The plan, drawn up by the Interna-

tional Tennis Federation and approved unanimously by the executive board last February, would allow professionals to compete in the Olympic tennis tournament in Seoul, South Korea, if they agree to drop most money-making aspects during practice and the Games themselves.

The players would not be allowed to accept money for their Olympic feats, nor carry many of the advertising logos that bring them fat pay-The proposal is expected to pass

Both the executive board and the full session are scheduled to hear from the organizing committee of the Winter Games in Calgary, Alberta, about the state of preparations. The

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lowa seeks Big Ten title this weekend

By WAYNE GRETT Register Staff Writer

The University of Iowa baseball team will be seeking its first Big Ten Western Division championship when it meets division leader Minnesota in doubleheaders Friday and Saturday in Iowa City. Minnesota has a 9-3 league record

while second-place Iowa is 8-4. Iowa must win three of the four weekend games to gain the title. The top two teams in each divisions

will advance to the playoffs May 15-16, which will likely be held at Michigan, the Eastern Division leader. The Hawks are 27-21 overall after

splitting a doubleheader at Northern Iowa Tuesday. Meanwhile Iowa State, coming off

BASEBALL [general manager] in the pros. I don't

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his plans.

MORNING REPORT

IOWANS SIGN. Four Iowa junior college players have selected colleges. Napoleon Petteway, a 6-foot 7-inch forward who averaged 15.8 points for Ellsworth of Iowa Falls, and Frank Molak, a 6-1 point guard from Iowa Lakes of Estherville who averaged 11.8 points, will attend Missouri-Kansas City, which is moving from NAIA to NCAA Division I next season. Former Iowa State assistant Steve Antrim, now head coach at Milwaukee-Wisconsin, signed Ellsworth guard Clarence Wright, who averaged 14.3 points. And forward Caldrin Rogers has signed with San Diego State.

BACK TO SCHOOL. Charles Barkley, the 76ers' forward who left Auburn following his sophomore year to pursue a pro basketball

career, will return to the school this summer to earn credits towards a degree in business management. But he's not happy about it. "I don't see why anybody earning \$2 million a year has to go back to school," he fumed. So why is he going? "Because my grandma said I have to."

☐ DRUG TESTS. Mario Andretti has called for voluntary submission to drug tests by auto racers and revealed he has scheduled a meeting of Indianapolis 500 drivers tonight to ask fellow drivers to comply.

STEROID ADMISSION. Nebraska defensive tackle Danny Noonan, Dallas' No. 1 draft choice, says he used steroids for several days to help him regain 15 pounds lost after getting sick in Japan, where he appeared in a Jan. 11 all-star game. Noonan was among 20 players who tested positive for anabolic steroids at the NFL scouting combine in January, officials said. "I had never tried them before," Noonan said. "I was weighing about 260 after the Japan Bowl and tried to build back up for the combine. The combine is a really important thing. So I used steroids."

STAR WARS. Agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom are suing Reggie Rogers of Washington, Detroit's No. 1 1987 draft choice, for breach of contract. Walters and Bloom have filed a similar suit against former Iowa running back Ronnie Harmon, now playing for Buffalo. Jerry Vainisi, the Lions' attorney, said Walters

and Bloom had given Rogers a check for \$15,000, but Rogers returned the check, with interest, when he agreed to use Steve Zucker of Chicago to represent him.

SAXTON SIGNS. One of the state's top prep heavyweights, Dave Saxton of Emmetsburg, has signed a letter-of-intent to attend Northern Iowa. Saxton (60-9) was the state Class 2-A super-heavyweight champ in his junior year, runner-up at heavyweight in his sophomore year and finished third in the heavyweight division in March.

☐ TO NATIONALS. ACCO Sports of Des Moines has qualified for the United States Volleyball Association tourney May 25-30.