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## Enough blame to go around

You can take all the shots you want at Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder. You can make all kinds of jokes about his professional demise.

The truth is, his firing was laced through and through with hypocrisy. It was Al Campanis all over again.

Not that Snyder didn't deserve a spanking for some of the more uninformed notions he set forth on Martin Luther King's birthday.

The outrage, on the other hand, is misdirected.

Campanis lost his job as vice president of the Dodgers for appearing on "Nightline" and spewing nonsense into Ted Koppel's earpiece — saying blacks "lack the necessities" to hold management positions in major league baseball.

But while everyone was tsk-tsking benighted old Al, it was business as

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usual in the rest of the baseline-white front offices of the big leagues. Campanis was found guilty of saying what everyone else was doing.

And now comes 70-year-old Jimmy the Greek, the newest national joke. In his 13 years on "NFL Today" the Greek always did make a good punching bag.

Not only did he lack polish, on-air warmth and a trendy hairdo, but he also left something to be desired as a master prognosticator. Yet he wasn't dismissed over the weekend for his lukewarm record and his know-it-all posturing. He was fired for expressing a few unschooled and unfounded ideas on the forbidden subject of race.

Not hateful, vindictive ideas, mind you. Just unschooled and unfounded. If the self-righteous bigwigs at CBS were so concerned with clean living and moral purity, maybe they

shouldn't have hired an odds-maker in the first place. But they did because the Greek is a

romantic figure who looks as if he was born on a blackjack table. Last weekend, he sounded a little eccentric, too. In fairness, only one of his suppositions was completely with-

out basis. His thoughts on the breeding practices of slave owners are not supported by scientific evidence. Said Snyder: It "goes all the way to the Civil War when, during the slave trading, the owner, the slave owner,

would breed his big black with his big woman so that he would have a big black kid." And, as nine out of 10 physiologists

will tell you, there is no clinical proof for Snyder's observations on "higher thigh muscles."

Like Campanis before him, he simply waded in over his head. The Giants, not genetic engineering, were his area of expertise.

But after examining the whole of Snyder's rambling soliloquy, I say he can defend most of what he said.

"There are 10 players on a basketball court - if you find two whites, you're lucky," he said. "... Now that's because they practice and they play and they practice and play. They're not lazy like the white athlete."

Admittedly, lazy is an unfortunate choice of words. I took him to mean the black athlete, coming from an underprivileged socioeconomic group, is hungrier for success.

Researchers far more learned than the Greek often cite environment to explain the disproportionate number of blacks playing professional basketball and football.

Alas, he didn't stop there. About blacks in coaching Snyder said: "Well, they've got everything. If they take over coaching like everybody wants them to, there's not going to be anything left for white people."

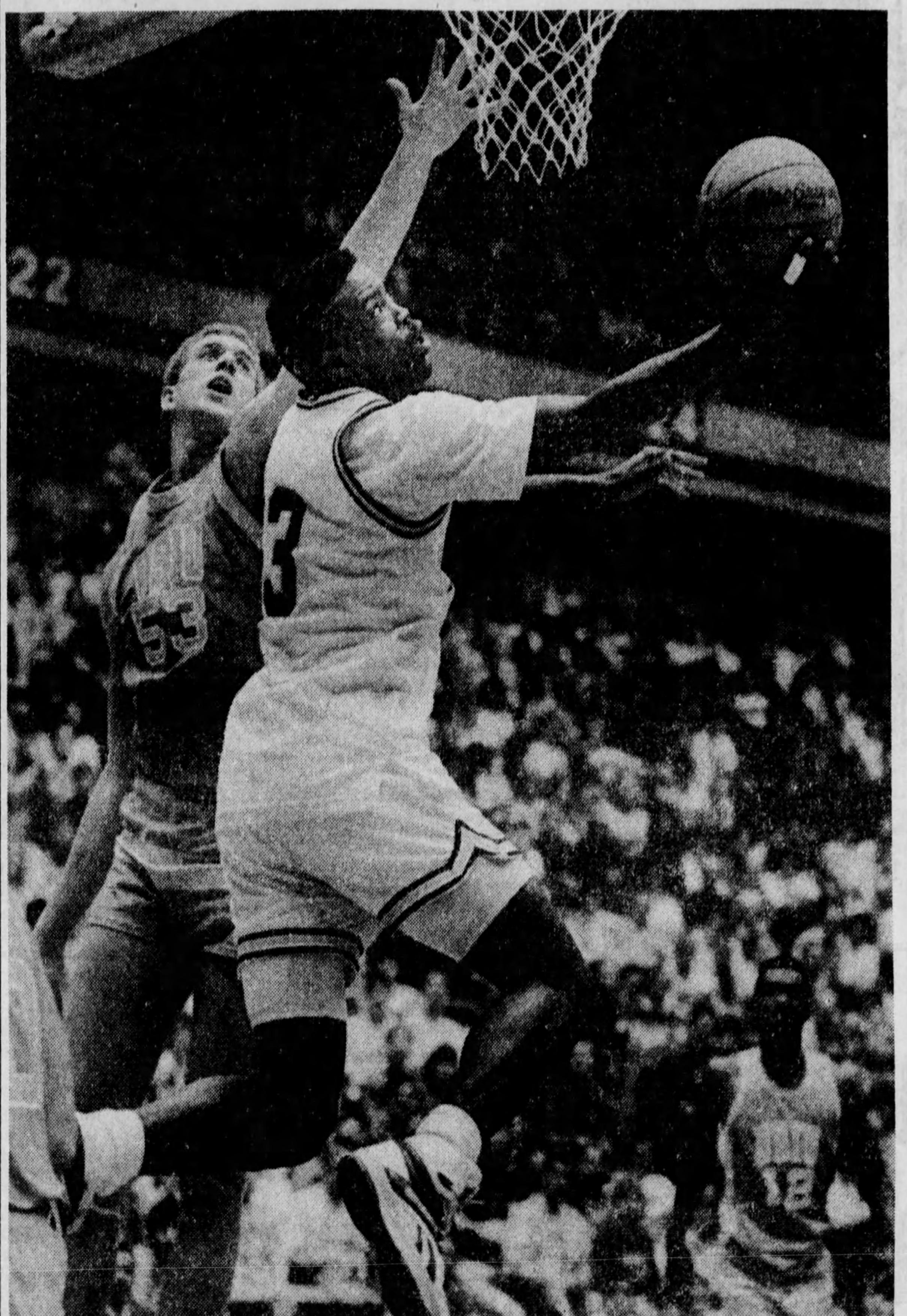
Snyder grinned there because he was exaggerating for effect. Remarking on the pervasiveness of the black athlete, he was trying to be complimentary not insulting. He wasn't saying blacks should be denied MORNING REPORT coaching jobs.

No, far more troubling than Jimmy the Greek's flapping jaw is the lack of head coaches in the NFL. Or the paucity of blacks in the top sportscasting positions: Unless you're an ex-jock, you're not on the air. The same goes for newspapers and the dearth of black sports columnists.

If anything, Jimmy the Greek is guilty of trying to be glib and coming off ignorant instead. The sophisticates who run the networks and hire the play-by-play voices may be glib,

but they are anything but ignorant. They are shrewd and slick. Much too slick to say anything as outrageous as Jimmy the Greek did. But

far more dangerous.



Iowa State's Gary Thompkins, who leads the team in assists, has been one of the reasons the Cyclones have vaulted to 10th in the Associated Press basketball poll. It's the highest ranking for Iowa State since 1957.

# 15-2 Iowa State is 10th in ratings; highest since '57

By RON MALY Register Staff Writer

For the first time since 1957, Iowa State's basketball team is ranked among the nation's top 10 teams in the Associated Press poll.

The Cyclones, off to the best start in school history with a 15-2 record, are No. 10 in this week's poll of sportswriters and broadcasters. They were 14th last week.

"How about that?" Coach Johnny Orr said when told of the new ranking. "I'm proud for my team and happy for Iowa State.

"I realize the rankings don't really mean anything, but they do create interest throughout the season. The players like it, and I hope they play up to it this week."

The Cyclones meet Nebraska at Hilton Coliseum in Ames on Wednesday night, then play at Missouri on Saturday afternoon. Arizona remained the No. 1 team in

the poll. Iowa dropped two spots from 17th to 19th - the lowest the Hawkeyes have been rated in Tom Davis' two years as coach. Iowa State made its big jump in the

rankings after opening its Big Eight Conference season with an 88-78 victory over Kansas, then hammering U.S. International, 123-92, last week.

The last time an Iowa State team was in the top 10 was when Coach Bill Strannigan's squad moved into ninth place on Feb. 19, 1957. The highest ranking ever for an Iowa State team was when the Cyclones were No. 3 on Jan. 22, 1957. That team finished with a 16-7 record.

Although this is the highest Iowa State has ever been ranked under Orr, the coach is an old hand at being in the top 10. "My Michigan teams were No. 1

top at the end of the regular season in Arizona stayed on top of this week's

several times," he said. "We were on

The Top 20 . Arizona (45) (16-1) North Carolina (10) (13-3. Temple (5) (12-0) 4. Kentucky (1) (12-1) 5. Purdue (15-1) ... . Pittsburgh (13-1) Michigan (14-1) 8. Nevada-Las Vegas (14-1 9. Duke (10-2) 10. lowa State (15-2) 11. Oklahoma (14-2) 12. Brigham Young (12-0) 13. Illinois (13-3). 14. Syracuse (12-4), 15. Georgetown (11-3) 16. Kansas (12-4)

20. North Carolina State (10-2) Others receiving votes - Auburn 138, Florida 96. New Mexico 91, Villanova 74, Southern Mississippi 55, Bradley 48, Maryland 41, Georgia Tech 27, Kansas State 13, Indiana 11, Boise State 10, DePaul 10,-Georgia 10, Arkansas 7, Richmond 7, Old Dominion 5, land 4. Virginia Tech 4, Memphis State 3, South Carolina 2, Southern Methodist 2, Utah 2, Louisville 1, Loyola, Calif. 1, Xavier (Ohio) 1.

17. Wyoming (12-3)

19. lowa (11-5) ..

18. Texas-El Paso (15-2)

poll with 45 first-place votes and 1,202 points. North Carolina remained second with 10 first-place votes and 1,147 points.

Temple improved one place to third with five first-place votes and 1,047 points, 29 more than Kentucky, which also improved one place and got the remaining first-place vote. Purdue jumped from eighth to fifth

with 963 points, 18 more than Pittsburgh, which remained sixth. Michigan went from 10th to seventh with 857 points, and Nevada-Las Vegas moved up five spots to eighth with 706 points.

Oklahoma, which was third last week before losing on the road to Louisiana State and Kansas State, was ranked 11th.

Brigham Young, one of two undefeated major college teams, moved into the top 20 for the first time all season by going to the No. 12 spot.

## No. 1 ISU wrestlers face Northern lowa

By DAN McCOOL Register Correspondent

CEDAR FALLS, IA. - Top-ranked Iowa State, upset by fourth-rated Iowa on Saturday, faces another tough task tonight with a dual wrestling meet against No. 5 Northern

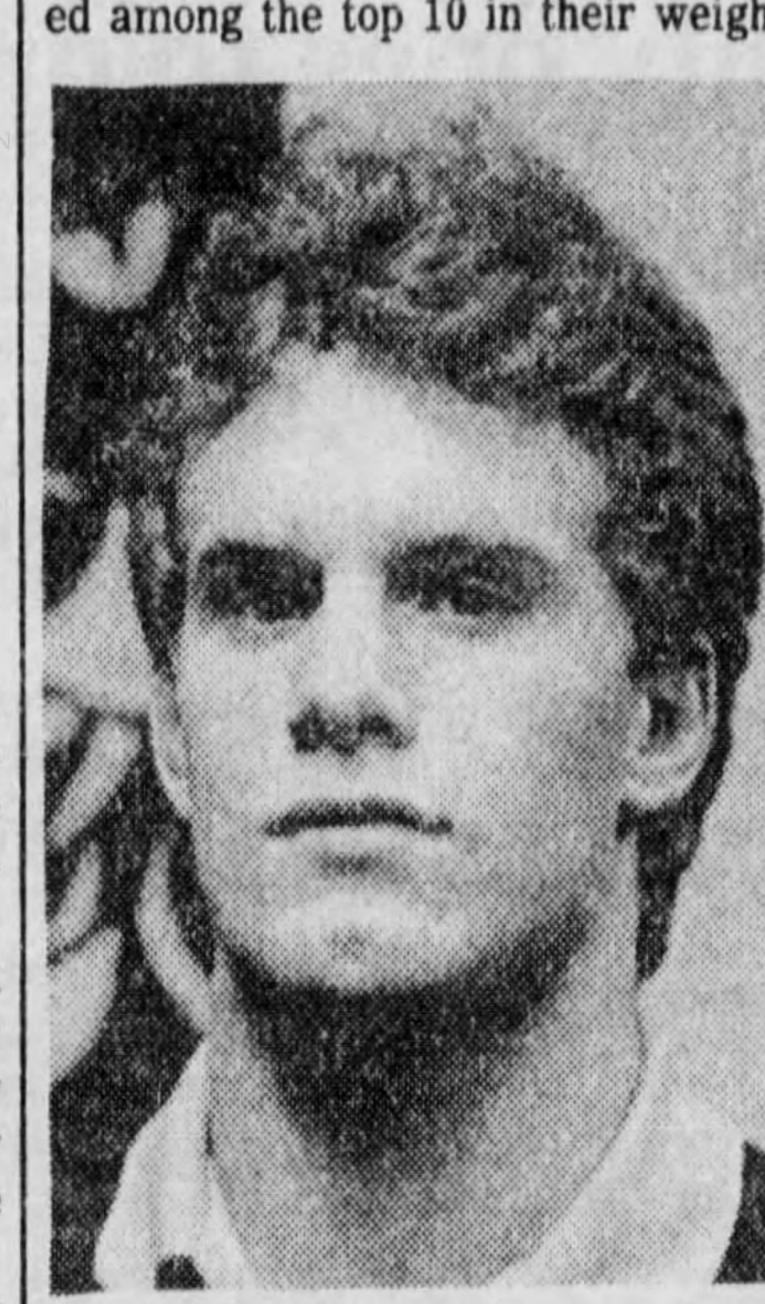
The Panthers have been idle since finishing third in the Virginia Duals on Jan. 2. The Cyclones climbed into the No. 1 ranking after winning that tournament.

"It's a strong challenge. It's going to be challenging for us to go up there and do well," Iowa State Coach Jim Gibbons said.

The meet is scheduled to start at 8 p.m. at the UNI-Dome with a showdown between two wrestlers who won four Iowa high school championships apiece - Iowa State's Dan Knight of Clinton and Northern Iowa's Mark Schwab of Osage.

Then Knight's brother, Steve, will face Schwab's brother, Mike, in the second match.

Each team has four wrestlers ranked among the top 10 in their weight



Mark Schwab Top-ranked at 118 pounds

Probable Lineups

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D. Knight (10-11)	118	Ma. Schwab (12-0-2)
S. Knight (15-4-0)		Mi. Schwab (24-4-0)
Gibbons (15-1-3)	. 134	
Anderson (11-5-0)	. 142	Shedenhelm (24-0-1)
Krieger (13-0-0)	150	
Tate (11-7-0)	158	Lembeck (17-2-1)
Kelly (3-1-0)	. 167	Massey (14-9-0)
Van Arsdale (16-2-0)	177	
Voelker (19-3-0)	. 190	Llewellyn (9-10-0)
Cope (12-8-4)	HWT.	Greenlee (19-3-2)
Time and place - 8	p.m., l	UNI-Dome, Cedar Falls.

Mark Schwab is top-ranked at 118 pounds, Joel Greenlee is rated second at heavyweight, Mike Schwab is third at 126 and Kurt Shedenhelm is third

Television -- Iowa Public Television (delayed, 9:30

For the Cyclones, Tim Krieger is the top-ranked wrestler at 150 pounds, Eric Voelker is ranked No. 1 at 190 pounds, Mike VanArsdale is second at 177 and Jeff Gibbons is fourth at 134. Krieger and Voelker won NCAA championships last p.m.

By The Associated Press

ketball poll Monday.

first-place vote.

ed Michigan State.

Ohio State.

Undefeated Iowa

retained the top spot in the Associ-

ated Press women's college bas-

place votes from last week, but

were still comfortably ahead of

Louisiana Tech in the poll of 64

Louisiana Tech, also unde-

feated, received five first-place

votes while Auburn got the other

same as last week - Tennessee,

Texas, Mississippi, Virginia and

The Buckeyes held the No. 8

spot despite a 74-66 loss to unrank-

The next five teams were the

women's basketball coaches.

The Hawkeyes lost two first-

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The Cyclones will be without 142pounder Joe Ghezzi, who is resting an injured knee. Murray Anderson will take his place in the lineup.

Gibbons said that seeing how his team responds after the loss to Iowa will help give him an idea of what to expect in the NCAA tournament.

"It's a good test for us," he said.

Northern Iowa Coach Don Briggs said he's not sure if the Cyclones will be depressed after losing to the Hawkeyes, or if they will be looking for revenge. "Having the time off has helped us

get rid of aches and pains," Briggs said. "I see our guys mentally up and ready to go for this meet."

The meet is the second of a high school-college doubleheader - Cedar Falls and Charles City square off at 6

AP Women's Top 20

(First-place votes in parentheses with record,

total points and last week's position)

Others receiving votes-James Madison 50, Loui-

siana State 37. Stephen F. Austin 28. New Orleans 26,

LaSalle 17, Oklahoma State 17, Nebraska 16, DePaul

11. Michigan State 11. Georgia Tech 4, Houston 4.

Notre Dame 3, Bowling Green 2, Old Dominion 2, San

Diego State 2, Tennessee-Chattanooga 2, Appala-

chian State 1. George Washington 1. Illinois State 1

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4. Tennessee (12-2) .

6. Mississippi (14-0).

7. Virginia (13-1)...

10. Rutgers (9-3)

13. Duke (13-2)

11. Stanford (14-1)

14. Maryland (11-3)

18. Montana (13-0).

New Mexico State 1.

20. Wake Forest (13-1)

15. Georgia (12-4)

12. Washington (11-2)

8. Ohio State (10-3)

9. Long Beach State (8-3)

16. Southern California (9-3)

7. Western Kentucky (12-3)

19. Nevada-Las Vegas (11-3)

Texas (14-2)

2. Louisiana Tech (5) (13-0)

## wille quits after NCAA investigation

CHAMPAIGN, ILL. (AP) - Illinois football Coach Mike White, whose teams twice were punished during eight years with the Illini, resigned Monday after an NCAA investigation into alleged recruiting violations, a university spokesman said.

for public affairs, said one of the allegations involved payment for lodging to a prospective athlete by an assistant coach about three years ago. Rowan said the athlete enrolled at

Judith Rowan, associate chancellor

another university and the assistant coach was no longer at Illinois. She declined to identify either of them.

Rowan said the December letter from the NCAA mentioned three alleged infractions, two of which the NCAA said did not appear to be seri-

In addition, she said that in the

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## nee: nepraska is underdog in Hilton's 'magic'

By RON MALY Register Staff Writer

The magic of Hilton Coliseum in Ames seems to be getting more impressive all the time. Danny Nee says his Nebraska bas-

ketball team should be a 10- to 15point underdog Wednesday when it plays Iowa State at sold-out Hilton. The 10th-ranked Cyclones have a 9-0 record at home, and Big Eight teams have a 6-0 home mark in conference games. For the season, Big Eight teams are 45-7 at home.

Nebraska, which upset Missouri, 70-68, last Saturday, has a 9-7 record. "I like Iowa State's team," Nee

said Monday. "Jeff Grayer and Lafester Rhodes are instant offense. I'm really impressed with Rhodes. Any guy who can score 54 points [against Iowa] can really put the ball in the

"When I see Iowa State Coach Johnny Orr, I want to ask him why Rhodes didn't play last year."

NO COMPLACENCY. Jim Hallihan, the top assistant to Orr, said there's no danger Iowa State's players will become complacent this season.

"If you're a team that's won 25 games every year, you might be a bit spoiled," Hallihan said, "but we're still hungry. We came back from last year trying to play a little harder because we had a disappointing [13-15] season.

"We still have a lot of basketball to play. We have to play some teams we didn't do so well against last year, and our guys want to make up for

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FIGHTING WORDS. Michael Nunn, formerly of Davenport, will put his 28-0 record and his North American Boxing Federation middleweight championship on the line March 19 when he meets Doug DeWitt at Ceasar's Palace in Las Vegas. DeWitt is 29-5-3 and holds the United States Boxing Association middleweight title. Promoters hope to make the bout a double title fight.

GREEK WAS RIGHT. Roy Innis, chairman of the Congress of Racial Equality, said Monday Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder was simply telling the truth when he made controversial racial remarks last week that led to his firing from CBS. Snyder said in a television interview that during the slave period, "the slave owner would

breed his big black with his big woman so that he could have a big black kid - that's where it all started." Innis said Monday: "We were bred like cattle. It's wrong that they did that to us but it's not wrong to talk about history."

FOSTER HOME. Seven-foot center Greg Foster says he will transfer from UCLA to Texas-El Paso. He plans to enroll this week and will be eligible to play for the Miners after the fall 1988 semester.

BLOOM TO SQUEAL? The Atlanta Constitution has reported that U.S. Attorney Howard Pearl in Chicago has offered sports agent Lloyd Bloom a deal carrying a 16-month prison term to testify against fellow agent Norby Walters.

Bloom was told that the government would not pursue other possible charges against him if he testifies against Walters and pleads guilty to one count of mail fraud, the newspaper said.

Mike White

HE STILL LOVES N.Y. Free agent pitcher John Candelaria signed a one-year contract with the New York Yankees Monday after rejecting a similar deal 10 days ago to re-sign with the New York Mets.

CAR KIDNAPPED. The 18th stage of the Paris-Dakar Rally was delayed two hours Monday after rally leader Ari Vatanen's car was stolen and held for \$91,000 ransom in Bamako, Mali. Jean Todt, director of Vatanen's team, received a call at his hotel room about 7:15 a.m.

demanding the money. "They asked me to come in a taxi with the ransom to a place that I did not understand the name of," he said. The police were notified and found the car shortly before noon. It was not clear whether any money had been paid.

MR. NICE GUY. Indiana Coach Bob Knight was recognized again Monday for pulling his basketball team off the court in an exhibition game against the Soviet Union. TV Guide magazine bestowed its 1987 "Mr. Nice Guy" award to the coach for taking his team with him Nov. 21 when he was ejected from the game. The New York Mets' Darryl Strawberry was runner-up; tennis player John McEnroe finished third.