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Knight," said Kurt Zorn, a professor

in the School of Public and Environ-

mental Affairs. "He wants to show

a lot of people, whether true or not,

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Buy me some crowd control

By JOE SEXTON

© 1988 New York Times NEW YORK, N.Y. — Major-league baseball executives, concerned and confused by an ugly episode last month at Riverfront Stadium in Cincinnati, maintain that ballparks are safer than in recent years.

and anecdotal. But these officials argue that a heightened public awareness of misbehavior and violence, combined with stringent alcohol policies, have reduced the fights, profanity and substance abuse.

bers that would show an exponential decrease in the number of incidents," said Ed Durso, executive vice president for Major League Baseball. "But I think we've accomplished a great

Trips to Shea left their shirts soaked and ears stinging.

deal. There have been conscious decisions made. We have caused every club to go back and rethink their alcohol and stadium control policies."

Durso and others do not pretend they have solved the problem. What happened April 30 in Cincinnati — an umpire forced to flee the field while the stadium was converted into a garbage dump — humbled them again.

'I consider what happened a setback," said A. Bartlett Giamatti, president of the National League, who made improvement of stadia environments a priority.

"It's not something, however, that's going to be moralistically or legislatively put out of existence," said Giamatti. "This is not something that is going to submit to memo, fiat, mandate and legislation. But a growing level of awareness and expressed concern is, by definition, an improvement. There is that, and that's how it begins to get better."

Joe Jannicelli is not optimistic. Jannicelli said he was embarrassed and afraid last year after several trips to Shea Stadium in New York with his children left their shirts soaked with beer and their ears stinging from profanity.

"You get great seats and maybe you are OK," he said. "You sit with John Q. Public, and you don't know what will happen. They can limit the beer, say what they want, but I don't think we'll ever escape the possibility of something unfortunate."

In St. Louis, Fred Kuhlmann, chief operating officer of the Cardinals, says things have improved at Busch Stadium because video cameras monitor the crowd.

"I don't know that it's even known from the Chicago Cubs. "But potential problems are reported and acted on. It looks like it has the potential to do what we want it to."

In New York, sales and consumption of alcohol would be prohibited in at least 6 percent of the seats under a bill agreed to by state legislators. The Senate passed the measure earlier this week, and the Assembly is expected to approve it. The bill would also ban vending — but not consumption - of alcohol in an additional 15 percent of the seats.

At Yankee Stadium, the policy of reserving 1,000 seats a game for an alcohol-free section is in its second season, and security has been increased from 95 guards to 145. Nearly two dozen ushers have also been replaced by trained security personnel. In an effort to monitor vendors, stadium managers employ teen-agers who try to buy beer illegally.

In San Francisco, Corey Busch and other Giants officials decided they no longer wanted beer sold in the stands.

"We went out on a limb, not only risking offending people, but knowing it could hurt our revenues," said Busch, who estimated the drop cost ourselves on our backs. Reports, ejections, all of it was way down."

The incident at Riverfront, where crowds carried a reputation of civility, befuddled baseball officials.

Tim O'Connell, director of Riverfront operations whose workers cleaned up the mess, maintained the incident was not prompted solely by drunken fans.

Bob Mandt, the vice president for operations for the Mets, is worried about the rush to blame alcohol.

"Who was the person most out of control in Cincinnati?" asked Mandt, who contends that it was Reds Manager Pete Rose. "And how much did

he have to drink?" Marc Hansen is on vacation

Knight says Indiana people not forcing him out

BLOOMINGTON, IND. (AP) — Indiana Coach Bob Knight moved Friday to defuse the appearance of a rift with Thomas Ehrlich, the president of the university, saying if he decides to go to New Mexico it will not be because of people now at Indiana.

Ehrlich, completing his first year as president, has become the target of many Knight supporters since it became known that Knight was considering the coaching job at the University of New Mexico.

Knight has said one reason he is considering the New Mexico job is because of changes at Indiana. He has not specifically mentioned Ehrlich.

"Any decision that I would make to

leave Indiana or to get out of coaching would not be made because of people now at Indiana," Knight said Friday before leaving on a weekend trip to New Orleans, La., for a coaching clinic. "It would be because I feel that's just the best thing for me to

Knight also said he probably would not make a decision until next week. Ehrlich, appearing in Muncie at a

meeting of the Indiana Commission on Higher Education, said he was disappointed with the criticism directed

"I think I'm doing everything that I can to urge that Coach Knight stay in Indiana. Of course I don't like it, the

suggestion that I'm not doing all that I can to see to it that he stays at Indiana University," he said.

Asked if he felt he was being made into as a scapegoat, Ehrlich replied, 'We can't tell about that, but in all events I'll do my best to keep urging him to stay."

A rally of Knight supporters turned into an anti-Ehrlich demonstration on Thursday with a car caravan going to the president's residence to show support for Knight.

Last fall, Knight was publicly reprimanded by Ehrlich after the coach yanked his team off the court during an exhibition game with the Soviet Union at Assembly Hall. Ehrlich also

called Knight's comments about rape in a nationally televised program 'coarse' and said Knight did not speak for the university.

The Albuquerque Tribune reported Friday that Dave Bliss of Southern Methodist University said he believes Knight will accept the New Mexico

"From what I've been told, he's going to take the job," said Bliss, who spent six seasons as Knight's assistant at Army and Indiana.

Bliss, who remains a close friend of Knight, said they had talked Thursday morning but not about the job.

The Tribune also reported that the school has given Knight until Tuesday

that Ehrlich rode him out of town for lack of confidence," Zorn said. "If Knight stays, there will be a group of people who think Ehrlich is not strong enough to control Knight. They'll believe Knight will be the king of the university."

Their data, they say, are incomplete, somewhat difficult to interpret Gase against rofanity and substance abuse. "I wish I could hand you the num-

Out-of-court settlement eyed by Walters, school

TUSCALOOSA, ALA. (AP) - A judge granted a mistrial Friday so lawyers can attempt to settle a case against Norby Walters, a New York sports agent charged in his dealings with two University of Alabama basketball players.

At the request of both sides, Circuit Judge John Karrh declared the mistrial. Attorneys for the state and Walters have been working to settle the case out of court.

Walters is charged with commercial bribery, violation of deceptive trade law and tampering with sports

The university had to forfeit \$250,000 in NCAA tournament playoff revenues because of Walters' dealings with Derrick McKey in 1987. After disclosure that McKey received money from Walters during the 1986-87 season, the NCAA ruled McKey ineligible for 1987-88, his senior season.

Walters was accused of similar dealings with Terry Coner, who finished his eligibility in 1987.

Should Walters go to trial and be convicted, he could be sentenced to one year in prison and fined \$2,000 on each count. But the mistrial indicated attor-

neys hope to avoid a trial by reaching a settlement. Terms of the settlement will take time to be completed, said William

Wasden, assistant state attorney general. He would not elaborate. Wasden said that by the defense joining in the mistrial motion, Walters waived his right to a double jeopardy claim and may be brought

reached. "Both sides are talking in this situation," Alabama assistant attorney general Don Valeska said.

to trial again if a settlement is not



Chicago's Michael Jordan (left), in action in a playoff game against Detroit Thursday night, was named the Na-

tional Basketball Association's top defensive player on Friday. He leads the league in steals and blocked shots.

NBA cites Jordan for top defense

CHICAGO, ILL. (AP) — Chicago's Michael Jordan, the National Basketball Association's top offensive player for the past two seasons, was named the league's top defensive player on Friday.

Jordan, who averaged 35 points a game but also led the league in steals and blocked 131 shots, was a runaway winner in the voting by a nationwide media panel. He earned 37 points to nine for Utah's Mark Eaton.

Jordan said being cited for his defensive play was gratifying.

"It shows the versatility of a player, being able to play both ends of the court," he said. "It's one of the goals I set for myself."

Chicago Coach Doug Collins has

said Jordan's defensive work often is overshadowed by his scoring.

"It's not always points that determine how you're playing," Collins said recently. "People forget that we that we led the league in defense and rebounding."

Jordan and teammate Charles Oakley, who led the league with 1,066 rebounds, helped Chicago hold opponents to a league-low of 101.6 points a game during the season.

Jordan also led the league in scoring for the second straight season while improving his field-goal accuracy to 53 percent. He scored more than 50 points in Chicago's first two playoff games and set a record for

scoring in a five-game series with 226 points as Chicago beat Cleveland.

Chicago plays host to Detroit today in the third game of their best-ofseven Eastern Conference semifinal series. Chicago evened the series, 1-1 by winning at Detroit on Thursday, 105-95. Jordan scored 36 points.

But Jordan took on another role in that game - that of a mentor. He talked to guard Sam Vincent before the game, telling Vincent he could break out of his shooting slump.

"I just talked to him ... told him, 'Hey, we need you to come out and play relaxed, don't let any pressure get to you," Jordan said.

Baltimore homers stop A's, Stewart

Murray, Lynn blasts propel Orioles, 4-1

BALTIMORE, MD. (AP) - Eddie Murray and Fred Lynn hit consecutive two-out home runs in the fourth inning and Baltimore handed Oakland's Dave Stewart his first loss in nine games, 4-1, Friday night.

Stewart had allowed only six runs in his previous 40 innings. He pitched a complete game, allowing eight hits. The Orioles won for only the fifth time in 34 games and snapped a fourgame losing streak.

The Athletics have lost three in a row after winning 14 straight, the longest winning streak in the major leagues since 1977.

Baltimore starter Jay Tibbs scattered nine hits in 71/3 innings to earn the victory. He struck out three and walked two. Tom Niedenfuer pitched the final 1% innings for his first save.

With Oakland leading, 1-0, in the fourth inning, Murray and Lynn each hit 1-0 pitches from Stewart over the right-field fence to put Baltimore in front. It was the first time this season the Orioles hit two home runs in an inning and only the second time they hit two in a game.

Stewart had not allowed a home run in 571/3 innings before Murray hit his fourth of the season. Lynn's homer was his third.

The Orioles made it 3-1 in the fifth when Pete Stanicek walked with two out, stole second and scored on a infield single by Keith Hughes. Hughes' grounder caromed off Stewart's left leg, high in the air toward the firstbase line. Instead of playing the ball, Stewart let Hughes run past him. First baseman Mark McGwire's throw home was late.

Baltimore struck again with two out in the eighth when Lynn doubled

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Screaming showdown the cameras, a technique borrowed from the Chicago Cubs. "But poten-

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. (AP) Mario Andretti and Rick Mears showed Friday they are ready for an unprecedented battle of speed today during qualifications for the Indianapolis 500.

The two former Indy winners turned in laps of 221.456 mph on Friday, setting the stage for a battle today for the pole position on the first of four days of time trials at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Andretti, hoping for a second Indy victory that has eluded him for 18 years, is given a slight edge on the basis of a 221.565 mph lap Wednesday. It was the fastest lap in the history of the 21/2-mile track.

But while Andretti ran his lap Friday at 1:30 p.m., Mears' effort Wednesday came at 3:30 p.m., at the height of the heat.

"That was very impressive be-

cause the sun was out," Andretti said of Mears' run. "He's ready." But Andretti also appeared to be

"I take the pole here very seriously," he said. "I think it's really worth going for."

Andretti, who won the pole last year with a four-lap average of 215.390 mph, has consistently driven over 218 mph in his Chevroletpowered Lola this week.

"This is what it's all about," Andretti said. "It's the payoff for all the hard work. We've been striving for exactly this."

But Mears is conceding nothing to Andretti. The two-time Indy winner has been right behind Andretti throughout seven days of practice. He

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Row with umpire terminates rivalry

TEMPE, ARIZ. (AP) - Arizona State Coach Jim Brock says his Sun Devils won't play next season's road series at Nevada-Las Vegas because of an altercation between an umpire and UNLV Coach Fred Dallimore.

In the second game of a doubleheader sweep by Arizona State, Dallimore was ejected for bumping and shoving third-base umpire Steve Clark.

Dallimore had to be led off the field by a member of the Packard Stadium security force.

Afterward, Dallimore told reporters that the umpiring in Tempe always has been slanted toward the Sun Devils.

"I don't regret anything," Dallimore said. "This guy was totally incompetent. All I'm doing is fighting for my team."

Kansas' standout takes Big Eight decathlon lead

By BUCK TURNBULL Register Staff Writer

AMES, IA. - After surviving a scare in the high jump, Craig Branstrom of Kansas grabbed the decathlon lead Friday to open the Big Eight Conference track and field meet.

Branstrom almost failed to clear 6 feet 2 inches in the high jump, making it on his third and last try, and went on to place second among the eight competitors at 6-83/4.

"Normally, I don't even start until 6-6," said Branstrom, who won the recent Kansas Relays decathlon. "But I really struggled at 6-2, because I had some trouble getting used to the takeoff area."

Branstrom totaled 3,897 points and was comfortably ahead of lowa State's Ron McPhee, who was in second place with 3,724.

Teri LaBlanc of Missouri held the

first-day lead in the women's heptathlon, winning two of the first four events. She had 3,388 points to hold a 135-point lead over Ann O'Connor of Kansas.

Branstrom led the decathlon field in both the 100 and 400 meters. He was second in the other three events.

The decathlon and heptathlon competition will conclude today, starting at 9:30 a.m., and the remainder of the three-day meet will get under way at

Preliminaries in the running events are scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. There are only three running finals today - the women's 3,000 me-

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MORNING REPORT

7-FOR-7. Former Northern Iowa baseball player Jeff Ogden of Des Moines collected an the club \$500,000 last season. "But by NAIA record seven hits Friday for Peru State the end of the season, we were patting against Wayne State. Several players had made six hits in a game. In seven at-bats, Ogden, who is batting .521, had one double and six singles. Peru won, 13-9, in 11 innings.

> FREED TO BE CYCLONE. Southern California released defensive back Levin White from a national letter of intent and he will enroll at lower State next fall. Iowa State officials are awaiting word from the NCAA on whether White, a 6-foot 1-inch, 195-pounder from Alta Loma, Calif., will be eligible in 1988. White played at Montclair (Calif.) High School, and spent two seasons at San Bernardino (Calif.) Community College.

> **JOHNSON FALLS.** In his first outdoor competition this season, 100-meter record-holder Ben Johnson dropped out midway through the event Friday at a meet in Tokyo after feeling a leg twinge. Johnson declined to elaborate on his inju

ry. Marty Krulee of the United States won in 10.32 seconds.

CBA SAGA. Cedar Rapids may yet get a Continental Basketball Association franchise next season, but not from the people who have made the most noise about it. Saying there wasn't enough time to get moving on season ticket sales and contracts, businessman David Brownworth has postponed plans to try to buy into the league. But Bill Krause, a Hampton businessman who purchased the Cincinnati Slammers two weeks ago, said he is looking at Cedar Rapids as a possible site to move the team.

DRAFT FOR CHAPMAN. It was business, Kentucky sophomore guard Rex Chapman said "There is only one reason to enter the NBA draft early," Chapman said, "... because I feel I have the talent and the ability to utilize that talent, and the maturity that is needed." He left out another reason: money. As a probable first-round draft

choice, he could command a stratospheric salary for someone who hasn't graduated college.

FINE VICTORY. Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference officials warned Alabama A&M track coach Walter Tullis he would be fined if his team participated in the conference track meet after he missed the deadline to officially enter his team. The Bulldogs competed — and won — and Tullis was fined \$1,000. League commissioner Howard Davis said the Bulldogs won't be stripped of the title, the school's first.

LIVIN' IN THE U.S. Heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson said he was only fooling about trading his U.S. citizenship to live in Monaco, which has no income tax. Tyson told an Alba-Friday of his decision to enter the NBA draft. ny (N.Y.) television station, in part: "It's always sometimes nice to have a place that's kind of exotic and is far away from home and you can go there and be welcomed. . . . I'm thinking of going there to live." Said his manager, Bill Cayton, told him he should be proud to pay taxes."

TV Today

12 p.m. (5) Auto Racing Indianapolis 500 Time Trials: Pole-Position Qualifying. (Live)

12 p.m. 8 Pro Basketball NBA Playoffs: Detroit at Chicago, game three. (Live)

12:15 p.m. (13) Baseball Chicago at Houston. (Live) 2 p.m. (5) Golf GTE Byron Nelson Classic. (Live)

2:30 p.m. (8) Pro Basketball Denver at Dallas, game three. (Live)

3 p.m. (13) Baseball Minnesota at Detroit (Live) 3:30 p.m. (5) Wide World of Sports (Live). 3:30 p.m. (ESN) Golf Senior PGA Classic. (Live)

6:30 p.m. (ESN) Hockey Wales Conference Final, New

Jersey at Boston, game seven. (Live) 7 p.m. (TBS) Baseball Atlanta at St. Louis. (Live)

Quote of the Day "It's frightening."—Chris Mears, wife of Indy car driver Rick Mears, of the weeklong battle between Mears and Mario Andretti for the practice days' top speed.