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Any class can be difficult

At stake in the trial of agents Walters and Bloom isn't the integrity of major college football.

That was smashed to pieces a long time ago.

It isn't the image of the noble scholar-athlete who balances football and classes without bobbling either.

That was deemed mythology a while back.

It isn't the reputation of Ronnie Harmon, the Iowa running back who broke NCAA rules by accepting "loans" worth \$54,000 while in school.

Forget those four fumbles at the Rose Bowl. Harmon showed considerable gumption, for want of a better

I'm worried about the reputation of watercolor painting.

word, by stiffing Norby Walters when it was time to pay back the money. That takes courage, or something.

No, I'm not worried about the integrity of major college football or Harmon or Walters or any other dubious cause.

Aside from the priorities at Iowa, I'm worried about the reputation of watercolor painting.

In testimony Tuesday it was revealed that Harmon received a D in watercolors, a course that was supposed to help pull him out of academic purgatory.

That set off a chorus of wisecracks. What happened, he forgot to add water? He couldn't hang onto the brush?

Wait a minute, I say. Walters and Bloom are on trial here, not watercolor painting.

I am told by two reliable art-world sources that this delicate medium is one of the more difficult forms to master. Much tougher, for instance, than oil.

Picture the crisp, crystalline work of Frank Miller. Such purity of tone doesn't come easily. Amateurs who try to blend colors or brush over mistakes as they would in oil end up with

a muddy football field for a painting. Throw Harmon in with a bunch of tough-minded, hungry art majors who want it more than he does and you have the mismatch of the century. You have Oklahoma against Kansas State.

Harmon also took billiards, bowling, coaching football and soccer. It's hard to believe he was out of his element here.

Teammate Devon Mitchell, up to his chin strap in karate, billiards, bowling, jogging and tennis, barely came out alive: three Fs, a D and a C.

He must have been a lot like my college roommate, the one with the tennis course. We never forgave him for dragging a yellow pen through the passage in his textbook that said, "Doubles is a game of four players."

Good thing he and Mitchell stayed away from watercolor painting. As for Iowa, the university says it

was not at fault. School representatives say they played by the rules all the way. They say Harmon was eligible to compete under league and NCAA guidelines. They say Harmon left town with a 2.0 grade average.

All the same, I'll feel a little better about the situation when the university stops splitting hairs and acknowledges the existence of a problem. I'm waiting for someone to say:

"Yes, something's wrong here. Like everyone else in big-time college sports, we're caught between a rock and a hard place. Ronnie Harmon didn't belong in college. He never showed an interest in his studies. Making the NFL was all he cared about.

"Our main concern was keeping him in uniform. We let him drop courses to stay eligible and we're not proud of it. But what's a school to do? "This is a business. If you have a

chance to take someone of Harmon's ability you better do it - or somebody else will. And that somebody might end up beating you with him.

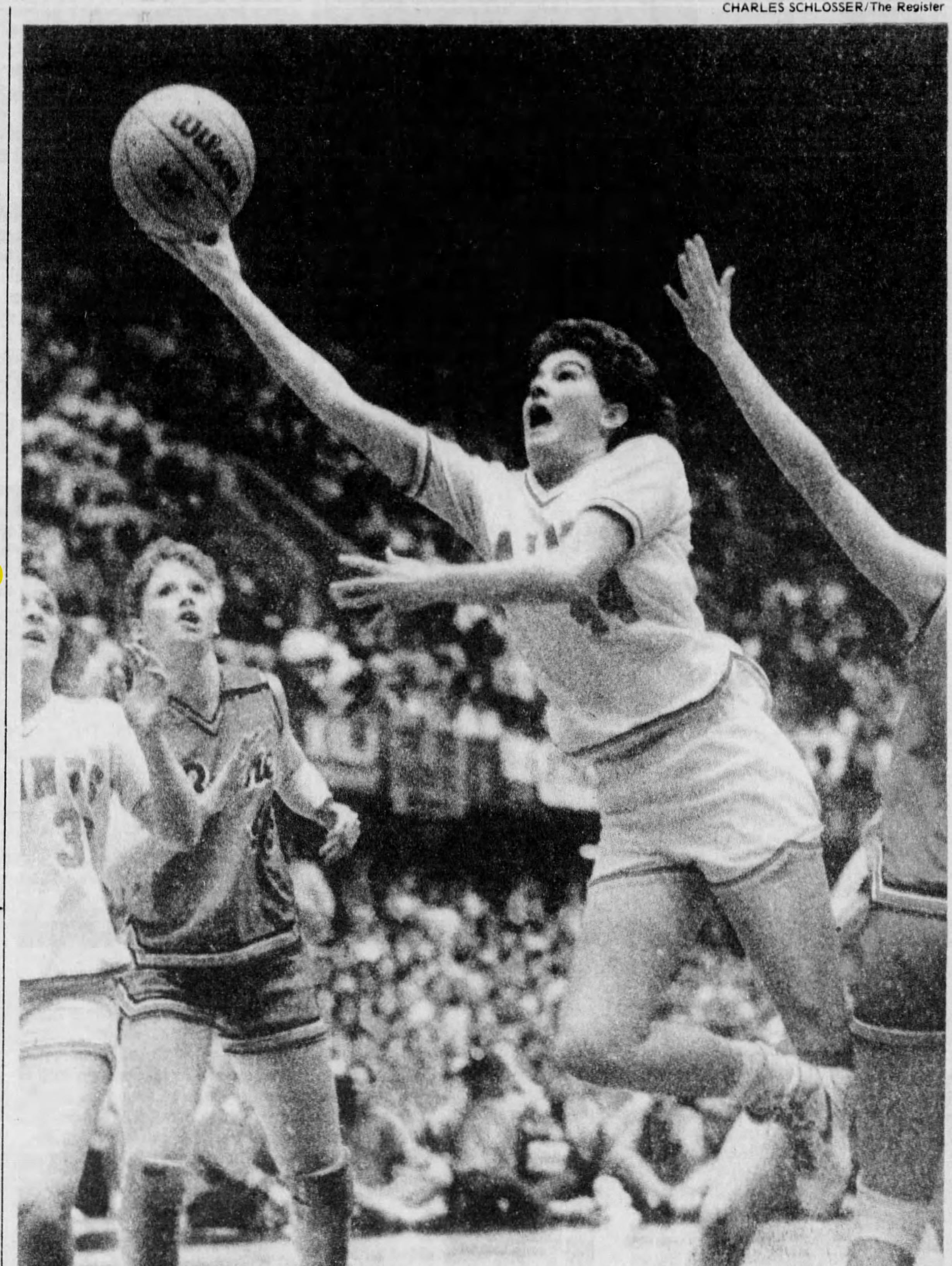
"Yes, we take chances with kids and sometimes we end up lowering university standards and looking foolish. But keep in mind, if it weren't for players like Harmon, the athletic department never would have been in a position to donate \$500,000 to the uni-

versity library. "No, that doesn't make it all better. We know it's an unsavory situation,

but we're working on a solution." Instead, we get, "We've done noth-

ing wrong." You wonder. Asked by U.S. Attorney Howard Pearl whether he thought his education at Iowa was a

joke, Harmon said no. A humorous anecdote, perhaps.



St. Ansgar's Ann Miller scores against Boone, but the Toreadors won the Girls' State tournament game, 59-58.

Ventura routs first-round foe, 88-55

By RANDY PETERSON Register Staff Writer

Steph Anderson, Kelly Smillie and Shelley Quinn were sophomores when Lynne Lorenzen was leading Ventura to the six-player Girls' State basketball tournament title in 1987.

Lorenzen is at Iowa State. Anderson, Smillie and Quinn are continuing the tradition.

That senior trio was largely responsible for Ventura advancing in the first-round Wednesday with an 88-55 victory over Moravia.

The other big news of the day was the success of the Central Iowa Conference connection — Boone joined league rivals Ankeny and South Tama in the first-round victory circle with a 59-58 victory over St. Ansgar.

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Also advancing was Atlantic, which defeated Buffalo Center-Rake-Lakota, 67-56, and West Central of Maynard, a 66-65 winner over Midland of Wyoming.

Anderson led Ventura with 34 points and Smillie followed with 28, 10 above her average.

Anderson and Quinn were sophomore starters when Lorenzen became the nation's high school career scoring leader in 1987 prior to leading her team to the title. Smillie was the first forward off the bench.

"We're in the process of burying a

lot of ghosts," Ventura second-year Coach Kent Mick said. "We got beat last year in the district final by Buffalo Center-Rake-Lakota. There were some people, non-fans, who said we couldn't win the big one without Lynne. We'd like to prove that

wrong." Boone Coach Dennis Etringer sat in the stands as Ankeny and South Tama won Tuesday night. He talked to both coaches - Ankeny's Dick Rasmussen and South Tama's Ken Sutten — later in the evening.

"The only thing they told me was

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Edwards, Rice, Horton lead all-Big Ten team

CHICAGO, ILL. (AP) - Jay Edwards of Indiana and two-time scoring champion Glen Rice of Michigan were unanimous choices Wednesday on the 1989 Associated Press all-Big Ten basketball team.

Ed Horton of Iowa missed being a unanimous selection by one vote.

Edwards, a sophomore from Marion, Ind., and Rice, a senior from Flint, Mich., were named by all 19 sportswriters and sportscasters who

They also were the only ones to get votes for Big Ten Player of the Year, with Edwards edging Rice, 10-9.

Other first-teamers were Ohio State's Jay Burson and Nick Anderson of Illinois, which played Iowa Thursday. B.J. Armstrong of Iowa topped the

second team, where he placed for the second consecutive year. Iowa's Roy Marble was honorable mention. Players received two points for a

first-team vote and one point for a second-team vote. The selection of Indiana's Eric Anderson as Freshman of the Year was

one for Iowa's Ray Thompson. Edwards was the winner last year, giving Indiana the freshman award for two consecutive years.

all but unanimous. He won 18 votes to

Rice is a repeater from last season's all-Big Ten team and will capture his second straight Big Ten scoring title with a 25-point plus average. He is one of the nation's leading long-range shooters in fieldgoal percentage.

Edwards, also a top long-range shooter, will finish second to Rice in scoring with an average of 23 points per game.

Horton averages slightly less than 20 points per game, but he leads the Big Ten in rebounding, averaging almost 11 a game. Burson was one of the league's

leading scorers until his neck was in-

Ed Horton Nearly unanimous

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jured, ending his college career. With Burson out, Ohio State went on a losing streak and disappeared from the national rankings.

Anderson, a junior and the only other underclassman named to the team besides Edwards, has been Illinois' leading scorer and rebounder, the key in a well-balanced attack.

Joining Armstrong on the second team were Willie Burton of Minnesota, Danny Jones and Trent Jackson of Wisconsin and Ken Battle of Illinois.

FIRST TEAM Jay Edwards, Indiana, 6-4, Soph., Marion, Ind. Glen Rice, Michigan, 6-7, Sr., Flint, Mich. Ed Horton, Iowa, 6-8, Sr., Springfield, III. Jay Burson, Ohio State, 6-0, Sr., New Con-Nick Anderson, Illinois, 6-5, Jr., Chicago.

SECOND TEAM B. J. Armstrong, Iowa, 6-2, Sr., Detroit. Willie Burton, Minnesota, 6-7, Jr., Detroit. Danny Jones, Wisconsin, 6-6, Jr., Rockford, III. Trent Jackson, Wisconsin, 6-1, Sr., Boling-

Ken Battle, Illinois, 6-6, Sr., Aurora, III.

Long struggle, transfer pay off for ISU's Born

By BUCK TURNBULL Register Staff Writer

AMES, IA. - Sometimes, Mike Born has to pinch himself just to make sure he's not living in a basketball dream world.

It's been a long and enjoyable ride from the seventh-grade Little Tigers in West Des Moines to being co-captain at Iowa State this season.

"Just about everything that's happened here was unexpected," Born said Wednesday. "I never really imagined I'd be part of an Iowa State team, let alone play for Iowa State, let alone start, let alone be the cap-

The 6-foot 1-inch senior guard is a good example for young athletes that diligence and dedication have their rewards.

Coming out of Valley High School in West Des Moines, teammates such as Matt Bullard and Grant Goodman were the big names heading toward college scholarships.

Born was an all-stater on the 1984 Valley team that finished runner-up in the Class 4-A state tournament, suffering its only loss of the season in the championship game, but he was not considered major-college material - unlike Bullard, a junior who would go to Colorado before transferring to Iowa, and Goodman, who was recruited by Iowa to play football.

Born settled for a scholarship from Nebraska-Omaha, and while he proved to be an instant success at that level, scoring 566 points in two years, he was never really happy there.

The basketball was all right, he said, and he couldn't fault the education. But socially, he felt he was missing something by attending what is basically a community college.

"My parents had always told me

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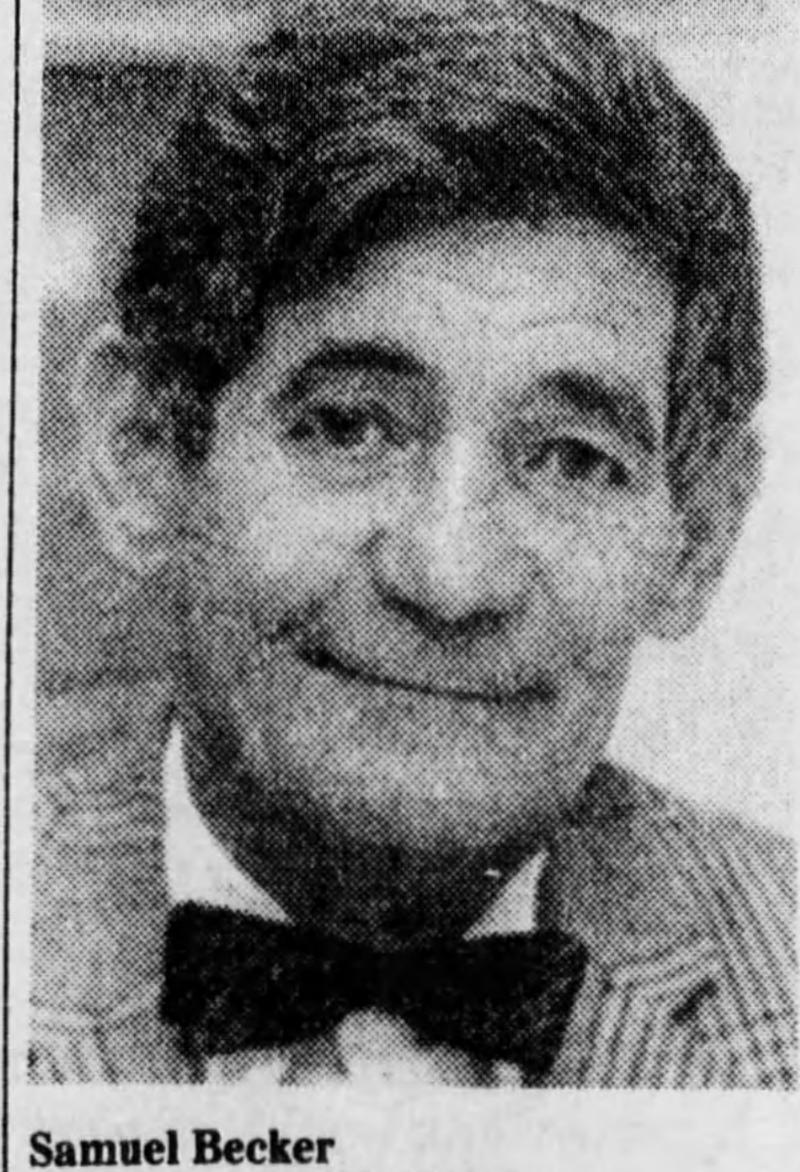
Dowling coach Darrah takes job at Simpson

By DAN McCOOL Register Correspondent

Bob Darrah was introduced Wednesday as the new wrestling coach at Simpson College in Indianola, and he said he was looking forward to a new challenge after 27 years at the high school level, the last 20 at Dowling in West Des Moines.

"I've lived on challenges all my life and this is going to be a great challenge," Darrah said. "I think I've paid my dues, and I'm really excited about

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Key prof knew Harmon graduation unlikely By TOM WITOSKY

Register Staff Writer

CHICAGO, ILL. - Former Iowa running back Ronnie Harmon was still not working toward a degree in 1985 though he was in his senior year and had been declared academically eligible for competition just weeks before, a school document says.

The document indicates that in his first semester of his senior year, Harmon also was allowed, with the approval of two faculty members, to drop a number of courses necessary to obtain a degree in communication studies.

Those faculty members included. Samuel Becker, a professor of communication studies and Iowa's faculty representative to the Big Ten and the NCAA.

The note reads: "Still not working

toward degree - no 100 level this semester. He dropped all, Sam Becker and Miriam Gelfan (sic) signed his slips. Encouraged him to take 100 level next semester. This semester is a disaster. Stamped his drop slip for Mass media, he has never attended the class."

The second faculty member named is believed to be Mariam Gelfand, now an assistant professor of Russian, who was assistant dean in the college of liberal arts in 1985. The notation is found in a log of

comments from more than three years of meetings and telephone conversations between Harmon and a member of the university's athletic academic advising office.

The log was entered Wednesday as evidence in the extortion, racketeering and fraud trial of New York City sports agents Norby Walters and Walters, 59, and Bloom, 29, are ac-

cused of federal law violations in connection with their scheme from 1984 to 1986 to sign top college football stars to representation contracts before the athletes' collegiate eligibility ended. The two men face up to 70 years in

prison and \$2 million in fines.

According to the log, the key entry HARMON

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SW Missouri 73 III.-Chicago 67 at Vancouver Winnipeg **ALLEN REPRIMANDED.** Northern Iowa football Coach Terry Allen received a letter of reprimand as a result of his arrest Saturday for driving while intoxicated, Northern Iowa Athletic Director Bob Bowlsby said Wednesday. Bowlsby said a rumor that Allen, who was named to replace Earle Bruce in January, would be fired is not true. Allen will be responsible for paying all fines and also be available to help community service

groups regarding all matters pertaining to alcohol, especially drinking drivers, Bowlsby added.

COURT DATE OF ANOTHER TYPE. North Carolina basketball coach Dean Smith's court appearance on a reckless driving charge, originally scheduled for Thursday, has been postponed until June 13. Margaret Burks, clerk of Amherst County General District Court, said Smith's lawyer sought the continuance by telephone last Friday "because the date that it was set was not convenient for either one of them."

SOVIET SKATER BANNED. Soviet speedskater Ludmila Filimonova has been banned for 15 months after failing a drug test taken at the European Championships in January, an International Skating Union official said Wednesday. Beat Haesler, secretary-general of the union, said Filimonova failed a drug test during the all-around European Championships in Berlin in mid-January. A second test also produced a positive result.

KIEV GETS OFFER. The executive board of the World University Games' governing body has offered its summer games to Kiev and will announce a decision by March 22 after consulting Soviet authorities.

TV Today

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onship game: McNeese State vs. North Texas (R).

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4 p.m. (ESN) College Basketball Trans America Athletic Conference Tournament, championship game: Houston Baptist-Centenary semifinal winner vs. Arkansas-Little Rock.

6:30 p.m. (ESN) College Basketball Ohio Valley Conference Tournament, championship game: Austin Peay vs. Eastern Kentucky-Middle Tennessee State semifinal winner.

8:30 p.m. (ESN) College Basketball Atlantic 10 Conference Tournament, championship game: Penn State at Rutgers. 11 p.m. (ESN) Women's College Basketball Southern California at Stanford.

Quote of the Day

"After what's happened to me ... my life is more important than any bleeping home run. People look at you and say, 'Oh, you poor guy.' For a home run?" - Oakland relief pitcher Dennis Eckersley, a recovering alcholic, who says dealing with the last inning to Los Angeles in the opening game of the World Series was a lot easier than dealing with alcoholism.

Gophers extend home success in 77-61 victory

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. (AP) -Willie Burton scored seven of his 22 points during a 17-4 spurt that put Minnesota in command Wednesday. and the Gophers claimed a 77-61 Big Ten victory over Michigan State.

Minnesota improved its record to 16-11 overall and 8-9 in the conference. The Gophers, hoping for their first NCAA tournament berth since 1982, close the regular season Saturday at Ohio State.

Michigan State dropped to 14-13 overall and 5-11 in the Big Ten.

In winning for the 14th time in 16 home games, the Gophers controlled the tempo throughout but were unable to put away the Spartans until the decisive run.

Minnesota led, 43-36, when Ray Gaffney hit two jumpers. Kevin Lynch and Jim Shikenjanski also scored as the Gophers opened a 51-38

With 101/2 minutes to play, Burton put in a resounding dunk, was fouled and hit the free throw.

Minnesota led, 56-40, when Michigan State Coach Jud Heathcote was assessed a technical foul. Burton hit both free throws and then scored on a rebound to put the Gophers ahead by 20 points and the Spartans never threatened.

Melvin Newbern added 17 points. including three of Minnesota's first four second-half baskets. Newbern. the Big Ten's steals leader, had eight Wednesday. Gaffney scored 15 points and Shikenjanski 11.

Steve Smith had 20 points and Kirk Manns 17 for Michigan State, which never led in the game and trailed. 35-27, at halftime.

Thomas tops Big Tem all-decade team

CHICAGO, ILL. (AP) - Big Ten officials have announced Islah Thomas as the player of the decade.

Iowa's Ronnie Lester was named to the third team.

First Team

Isiah Thomas, Indiana: Steve Alford, Indiana: Kevin McHale, Minnesota: Joe Barry Carroll, Purdue: Scott Skiles, Michigan State. Second Team

Gary Grant, Michigan; Glen Rice, Michigan; Mike McGee, Michigan; Dennis Hopson, Ohio State: Clark Kellogg, Ohio State.

Third Team

Roy Tarpley, Michigan; Ronnie Lester, Iowa; Jay Vincent, Michigan State; Herb Williams, Ohio State: Derek Harper, Illinois.

SW Missouri wins, 73-67, gets NCAA berth

SPRINGFIELD, MO. (AP) -Hubert Henderson scored 27 points and Southwest Missouri State earned its third straight NCAA basketball tournament berth by defeating Illinois-Chicago, 73-67, Wednesday in the championship game of the Mid-Continent Conference tournament.

Henderson, a 6-foot 10-inch senior forward who made all three of his three-point tries, was named the tournament's most valuable player.

Kelby Stuckey added 18 points for the Bears (21-9), who also won the conference regular-season title.

lowa women. start final trip at Michigan

Special Dispatch to The Register ANN ARBOR, MICH. — The Iowa women's basketball team begins its final run for at least a share of the Big Ten championship tonight when it

plays last-place Michigan. As Coach C. Vivian Stringer says, the eighth-ranked Hawkeyes cannot blink. Iowa, tied with Ohio State at 14-2 in league play, closes the regular season at Michigan State on Satur-

The Buckeyes played at Wisconsin Wednesday night and close at Northwestern Saturday.

"I'm a little uncomfortable finishing the season on the road," Stringer said. "We want to make a good showing because that may have some effect on the NCAA picks on Sunday."

Stringer expects Michigan to try to slow down the game with a zone defense - not the best kind of game to show you at your best.

"They will want to control the boards and slow us down," she said. "When we played before Iowa won, 82-42, in Iowa City on Jan. 6], they tried to zone us, but we ran away from them. That forced them to play man-to-man against us, and they weren't comfortable with it."

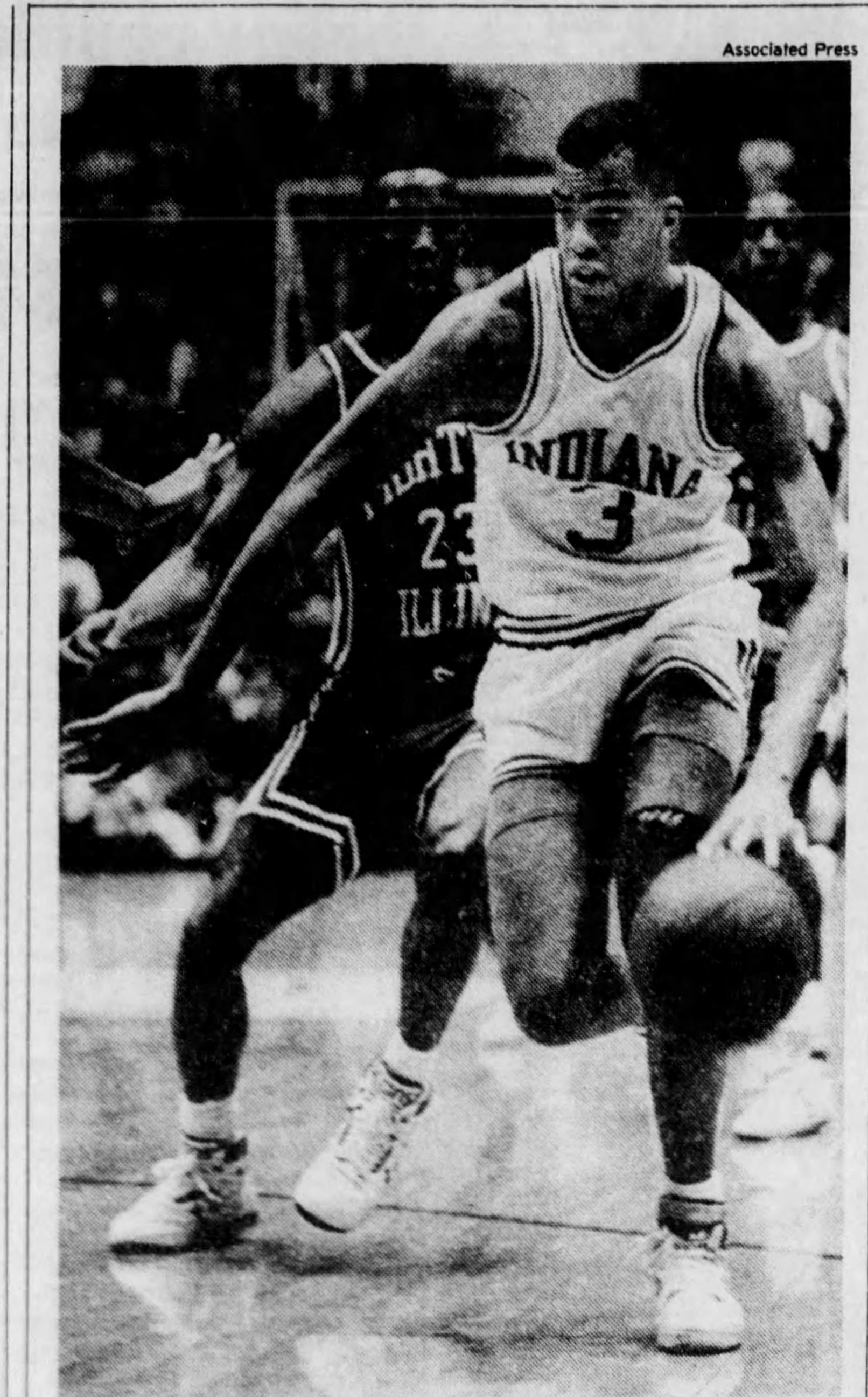
Iowa leads the series, 12-2, and is 10-1 against the Wolverines under Stringer.

Probable Lineups

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After failing a drug test last fall, Jay Edwards has turned his career around. The Indiana sophomore is the Big Ten Player of the Year.

Edwards emerges trom controversy as Indiana's leader

By STAN SUTTON

1989 Gannett News Service BLOOMINGTON, IND. - In public, at least, player Jay Edwards and Indiana University basketball coach Bob Knight have gone through this season as though nothing happened.

Edwards shows no scars from his troubles nearly five months ago, when he tested positive in a school drug test. His scholarship - taken away by Knight last summer after Edwards ignored some campus fines - has been restored. His poise, shooting touch, work ethic and the other

ingredients of a 20.6-point scoring average never were missing. Edwards, a sophomore, has been voted Player of the Year in the Big Ten Conference by a panel of 19 sportswriters and sportscasters. He has helped lead the Hoosiers to a 24-6 record. They play host to Wisconsin

tonight and close the season at Iowa Saturday. Neither Knight nor Edwards is talking about the positive drug test, nor the brief rehabilitation program that followed. Although Edwards sometimes is available for brief questioning after games, the university has spurned media requests for in-depth interviews with the Big Ten's

second-leading scorer. "You people will never understand - because I haven't talked about it and I won't - how far Edwards has come in so many ways," Knight

Indiana guard Lyndon Jones, who with Edwards led Marion, Ind., to three state high school championships, says Edwards is back on the right

"Yes, I think he's straightened a lot of his life out," Jones said. "He's

matured more. He's a different Jay now." Chants of "Just say no" rang through opposing arenas early in the season but have faded lately. Displaying a coolness that amazes even his teammates, Edwards seems as immune to scorn as he is to the pressure of a 15-foot jump shot in a tie game.

Jones has the same demeanor. "Nerves of steel, I guess," senior Brian Sloan said. "It's amazing to me. I don't know where they get it from, but obviously they didn't win three state championships in high school without abilities like that."

Sloan said Edwards has taken on a leadership role on the team. "Not by what he says, but he just goes out and gets the job done," he

said. "He's improved in all facets of his game. "He doesn't show a lot of emotion, but he's really shown a lot of character. Every time somebody taunts him, he can block it all out."

Knight was criticized in October for keeping Edwards on the team, albeit on day-to-day probation. He restored the player's scholarship at the semester break, after Edwards had made passing grades the first term. As a freshman Edwards had been suspended about a month while getting his academics in order.

Knight, said senior Joe Hillman, "wasn't going to quit on the guy just because he made mistakes. I think he said, 'He's made a mistake. Now let's correct it and go on."

Besides re-evaluating his lifestyle, Edwards has had to adjust his game. While averaging 22.7 points a game in Indiana's final 13 games last season, Edwards scored most of his points on 20-foot shots. Last season, he led the Big Ten in three-point and free-throw shooting.

But much like former Indiana star Steve Alford, Edwards found his sophomore year more difficult. His resurgence after a shooting slump last month has been noteworthy.

"He's playing much different," Jones said. "In high school he didn't come off screens or move without the ball. Basically, I threw him the ball, and he shot over everyone. Now he's playing the whole game. He's doing everything much better."

Alford had an outstanding 1983-84 freshman season, followed by an Olympic gold medal, but defenses came at him much harder as a sopho-

"I don't know what they're saying when they're preparing to play Indiana," Knight said. "I don't know what's going through their minds, but I would think that they would talk about Edwards first. I'm sure they talked about Alford first then."

Sixteen games into this season, Edwards' shooting accuracy was 43 percent. He had shot 3-for-15 against Notre Dame, 4-for-12 against Utah State and 5-for-13 against Purdue. His season three-point accuracy

dipped as low as 38 percent. Edwards has gotten the message. He is hitting 47 percent from the

field and 44 percent on three-point goals.

N. Illinois fires Rosborough

DEKALB, ILL. (AP) - Northern Illinois basketball coach Jim Rosborough and his staff were fired Wednesday after three losing seasons.

Rosborough, a former Iowa assistant, had a 28-56 record, including 11-17 in the 1988-89 season that ended Monday with a 68-63 victory over

Chicago State. "Throughout his tenure at Northern Illinois, Jim and his people have represented this institution with integrity and class," said Athletic Director Gerald O'Dell. "My major con-

cern is with the long-term growth and

stability in our men's basketball pro-

Rosborough's fortunes at Northern Illinois, an independent that left the Mid-American Conference three years ago, began to plummet when Kenny Battle decided to transfer to Illinois after the 1985-86 season.

Until someone is found, assistant Bob Collins, 41, will serve as interim head coach.

Rosborough, 44, served as an assistant under Lute Olson at Iowa from 1974 to 1983.

Struggles for Born

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that there is more to college than just a book education," Born said. "Nebraska-Omaha is a big school, but it's like a DMACC situation with no oncampus housing. I felt I was missing the social atmosphere."

After his sophomore season, Born discussed the possibility of transferring with his father, John, a former Drake football player and co-captain of the 1966 Bulldogs.

At that stage in a player's career, however, many Division I coaches aren't too interested in accepting a transfer - as Born was to discover. "I tried to talk to a lot of people," he said, "and everybody seemed to be

pushing me away." About the only one who didn't was

Cyclone Coach Johnny Orr. "I called Coach Orr and asked him about walking on at Iowa State," Born said. "I wanted to know if I'd get an opportunity to play. He told me to come up and we'd talk about it.

"When I did, he was real positive with me. He told me I'd have to work my butt off, because there were some great players here, but he said: 'We'll give you the chance.' That's all I needed to hear."

Born's play in practice was so impressive during the season he sat out to regain his eligibility, 1986-87, he received a scholarship at mid-season.

As a sixth man last season, he set a Cyclone record for three-point baskets. This winter, he's topped that with 38 in 84 attempts, and along the way he also established a school mark by making 21 consecutive free

"Mike is an extremely hard worker - one of the hardest I've ever coached," Orr said. "He knows he's not quite the athlete some of the others are, but he makes up for it with his work ethic.

"He's always been a good shooter, but he's become a much better ballhandler, and he's a good rebounder. If he were 6-5, he'd be a dynamo."

Born said if he could leave one legacy to such talented Cyclone underclassmen as sophomores Victor Alexander, Mark Baugh and Sam Mack, it would be for them to push themselves as hard as he has.

"I don't have their ability," he said, "but I try to set an example by working hard. Hopefully, they'll think, 'If I do the same, I can be that much better.'

Born said a sore foot that has bothered him recently is much improved this week, and he's ready for an allout effort Friday when Iowa State plays Oklahoma State in the first round of the Big Eight tournament in Kansas City. The winner will probably lock up a bid to the NCAA tourna-

"It's an on-the-line thing for both of us," said Born. "Going to the NCAA last year was something special the highlight of my career - and I'd sure like to do it again."

Oklahoma star is suspended tor one game

NORMAN, OKLA. (AP) - University of Oklahoma officials suspended starting guard Mookie Blaylock for one game Wednesday after reviewing details of his arrest by Norman police early Sunday.

Hours before the suspension was announced, Blaylock entered a no contest plea to an amended charge of disturbing the peace. He originally was arrested on a complaint of public intoxication after police answered a call from a convenience store clerk about an argument.

"This type of conduct will not be condoned," Oklahoma's interim president David Swank and athletic director Donnie Duncan said in a joint statement Wednesday.

Blaylock will miss the Sooners' opening-round game against Colorado Friday at the Big Eight's postseason tournament at Kansas City, Mo.

"Despite being suspended for the Colorado game, I have confidence in Mookie Blaylock both as a person and a player," Coach Billy Tubbs said in a statement. "Mookie Blaylock is a good person and I am proud that he has been at the University of Oklahoma. He is still a member of our basketball family and, even though everyone concerned has learned a valuable lesson, we support him

Municipal Judge Ted Roberts imposed a six-month deferred sentence for Blaylock and ordered him to pay a \$50 administrative fee and \$19 in court costs.

Reporters vote Tubbs Big Eight's top coach

KANSAS CITY, MO. (AP) - Billy Tubbs, who coached Oklahoma to its fourth league championship in the last six years, was named Associated Press Big Eight Coach of the Year on Wednesday.

It's the second straight year the AP media panel judged him top coach. Tubbs drew 12 votes while Kansas State's Lon Kruger and Iowa State's Johnny Orr got two each.

Harmon got OK to drop key courses

HARMON

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was made Sept. 20, 1985, a week after the Hawkeye football season had begun and a month after school officials certified their eligibility lists to the NCAA and the Big Ten.

The author of the log is not identified on all pages, but one page lists the name Gregory Zieren as Harmon's adviser. In 1985, Zieren was a visiting assistant professor in the school's academic advising center.

Becker told The Des Moines Register on Wednesday that the lack of 100-level courses would make it difficult for Harmon to graduate with a general studies degree.

"He would need those courses to get close to graduating," Becker said. Becker said he could not recall the circumstances behind the signing of the drop slips but suggested it was because Harmon wanted to change his major a third time, from communication studies to general studies.

"If he wasn't a communications major, then I wouldn't have been allowed to sign any drop slips," Becker said. "At the same time, he couldn't have been a communications major for long."

His Eligibility Defended

Byron Gregory, a spokesman for the Big Ten Conference, said Wednesday that defense lawyers' broad suggestions that Iowa officials permitted Harmon to play while academically ineligible were inaccurate.

"It simply is not true and it is a misrepresentation of the facts to say so," Gregory said.

Gregory said there is no evidence Harmon's participation was improper under the Big Ten Conference

Ann M. Rhodes, assistant vice president for finance and university services at Iowa, released a statement to the same effect Wednesday.

"At all times during his participation in football at the University of Iowa, Ronnie Harmon was eligible under both Big Ten and NCAA academic progress rules," Rhodes said.

On Tuesday, Harmon conceded he was placed on academic probation after having a bad second semester his junior year. That probation continued after Harmon received a D in a summer-school class in watercolor painting, but Harmon was permitted

"It simply was a matter that Ronnie had one bad semester, not a bad overall cumulative grade point," Gregory, the Big Ten spokesman,

Iowa Official Agrees

Though declining to disclose Harmon's transcript, Gregory said Harmon, now a running back with Buffalo of the NFL, earned a cumuluative grade-point average of 2.037 his freshman year, 1.96 his second year and 1.91 his third year.

Fred Mims, assistant athletic director in charge of student services, testified Wednesday that Harmon never had grades bad enough to be declared ineligible for competition. In addition, Mims steadfastly de-

school officials bent their academic eligibility rules to keep athletes "I can say that never has happened," Mims said during defense lawyer Dan Webb's cross-examina-

nied defense lawyers' assertions that

tion. "At all times, the players were eligible academically to compete." Mims said the Sept. 20 notations in the log concerning Harmon's lack of progress toward a degree shouldn't

be interpreted as a failure to comply

with NCAA or Big Ten rules. "That is more our department's insistence that our athletes try to do more than the minimum," Mims said. "Ronnie was always above the mini-

But in cross-examination, Mims conceded that Harmon, who initially had chosen computer science as a major, attended school for three years and took only one introductory course in the field.

Mims said Harmon changed his major to communication studies during his third year but apparently was



Ronnie Harmon An A in football

Fry says Harmon wasn't ineligible

© 1989 Knight-Ridder/Tribune News Service CHICAGO, ILL. - Iowa football coach Hayden Fry vehemently denied that running back Rol nie Harmon ever played while academically ineligible.

Harmon testified Tuesday in the trial of New York sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom that he played football his senior year even though he was on academic probation, and that he believed he was in violation of

NCAA regulations. "A lot of guys are on academic probation from semester to semester, but they are still eligible," Fry told the Chicago Tribune. "It depends on what the cumulative [grade-point] total is; it depends on how much a 'D' would bring it down. It might still

be enough to be eligible. "There hasn't been anyone who's ever played here who was academically ineligible by NCAA rules. No one at the university would permit that."

not taking all the courses he needed to

graduate. Mims also defended the athletic department's academic integrity by noting that the graduation rate of athletes is higher than that of all stu-

sports.

An A in Football At the same time, Mims also said the school gives academic credit to athletes for their participation in

Mims said Harmon and former defensive back Devon Mitchell received A's for their play in each of their four years of eligibility.

"That is just like the fact we give credit to dance students or band members or chorus members for participation," Mims said. In redirect examination on Tues-

day, Harmon had said he was required to attend class and to attend study hall as part of the requirements of belonging to the team. But the log directly contradicts that by pointing out that Harmon had

not attended any class in the mass

media course during the first semester of his senior year and dropped it as a result. Harmon's and Mitchell's academic performance at Iowa was the center of much of the attention as the agents'

trial went into its third day.

Money for Mitchell As on Tuesday, both sides concentrated their efforts Wednesday on the activities of Walters and Bloom among Iowa players during 1985 and

On Tuesday, Harmon testified he received more than \$54,000 from Bloom and Walters in 1985 and 1986 after he agreed to become their client in March 1985 before his senior year.

On Wednesday, Mitchell, now a defensive back for the Detroit Lions, testified he agreed to sign with Walters and Bloom after meeting in his home with the two men in June

Mitchell said he received \$2,000 for signing and additional \$200 monthly payments for seven months while he was still playing for the Hawkeyes.

"As long it was kept confidential, I was going to sign," Mitchell said. In redirect examination on Tues-

day, Harmon repeated his admission that he broke NCAA and Big Ten rules by signing early with the agents.

BUILIARA PIRIC BIRACA dies during spring workout

From Register Wire Services

FORT COLLINS, COLO. - Colorado State University's second-string place-kicker collapsed and died Tuesday during the seventh day of a grueling workout program under Coach Earle Bruce.

Mark Andrew Tyler, 20, of Woodburn, Ore., was running backward during agility training Bruce called "The County Fair" when he fell dead. The team was practicing inside the intramural gym on campus.

his first season as football coach at Colorado State. He was coach at Northern Iowa last season. death apparently was cardiac arrest,

Bruce is training his athletes for

but an autopsy was to be performed to confirm that. Coaches and teammates said that Tyler appeared to be in good physical

condition and that they were at a loss to explain his death.

orado football and Colorado State University," Bruce said at a news conference Tuesday night at Lory Student Center. Bruce said he originally thought

ankle or something because he started down." The coach said he then saw in Tyler's eyes the problem was much

Tyler had "tripped and sprained his

more critical. Trainer Fred Oglesby was one of the first to reach Tyler after he fell. He found the junior mathematics ma-

jor not breathing and without a pulse. Paramedics were called, but Hospital officials said the cause of efforts to revive Tyler were discontinued at Poudre Valley Hospital.

> "The County Fair" workout is part of Bruce's intense training program.

"It's not something new. It's a way to condition the legs and the body," he said. "As it goes on you get in better condition and it gets easier. That's "This is kind of a tragic day for Colwhat conditioning is all about."