

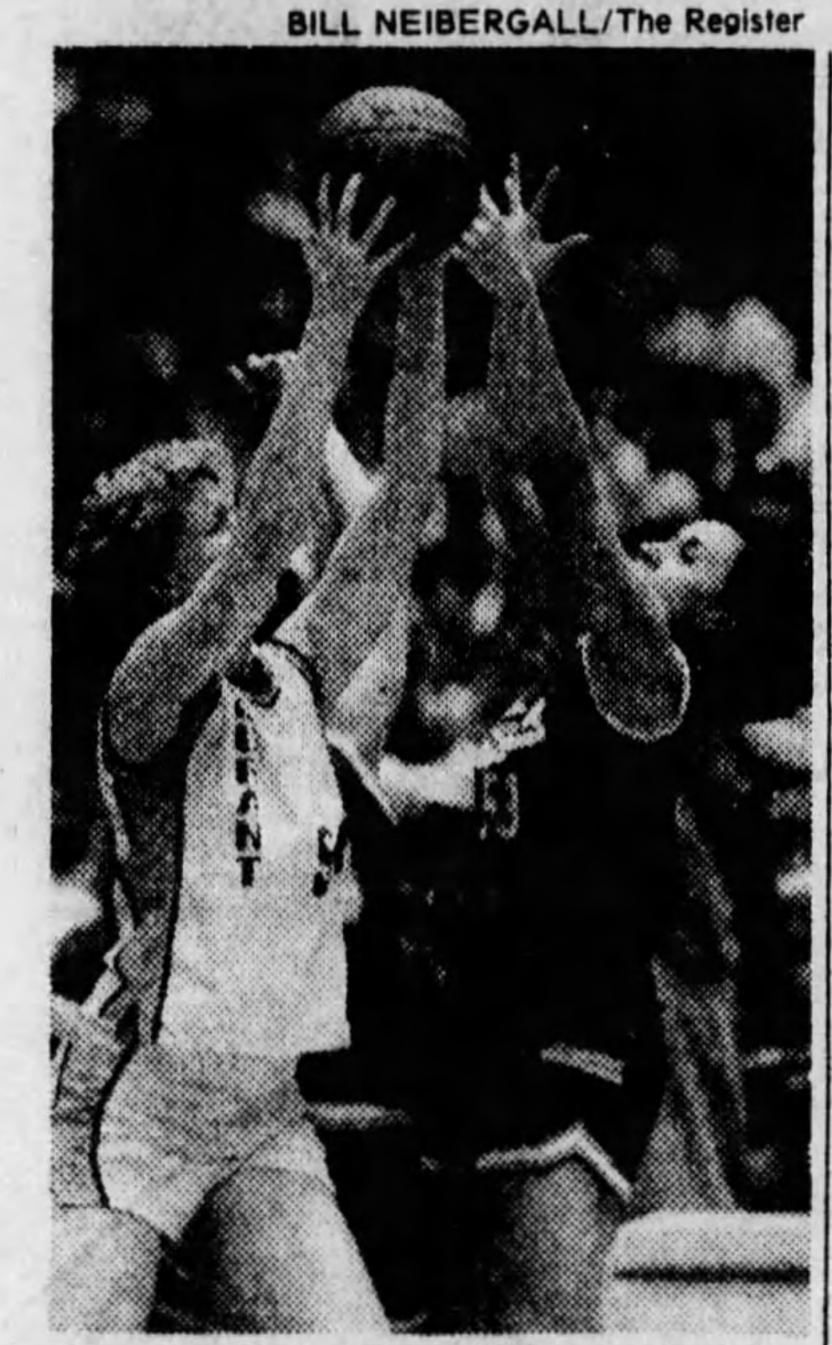
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## Cheney noted for intellect, popularity

By RAY MOSELEY © 1989 Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Dick Cheney is not an expert on the nation's military programs. But, like John Tower, he is smart, "a genuine intellectual" in the words of one of his

Unlike Tower, he is highly popular in Congress. And, as far as anyone knows, he is a man with no question marks in his personal life.

Cheney's friends and associates say those last two qualities explain why President Bush, moving quickly to rescue his administration from the debacle of Tower's rejection as secretary of defense, chose Wyoming's 48year-old Republican congressman on Friday to fill the job.

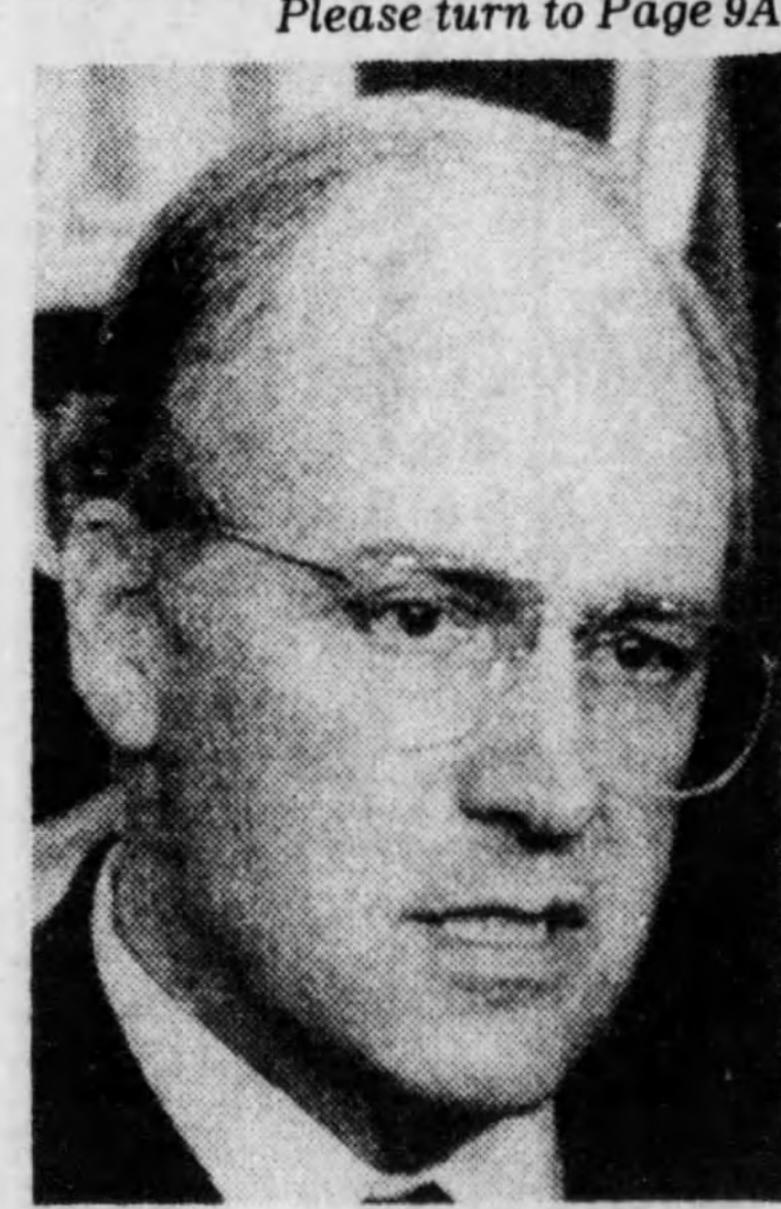
Cheney, who did not serve in the armed forces, "is not a defense expert, but most of our defense secretaries have not been," said a House staff member who deals with military issues. "He was chosen not because of his mastery of the issues, but because of his political acumen.

"A noticeable difference between Tower and Cheney is that Cheney understands politics is the art of compromise. He is able to work with people with widely divergent views. You don't mind when he disagrees with you. He has a bedside manner that medical schools wish they could teach."

The Senate's confirmation of Cheney, barring some compromising revelations, is considered assured. Democrats, after a battle with Bush that bruised both sides, are likely to prove eager to demonstrate a willingness to work with the president and approve a nominee whose personal and professional life does not give them pause.

Cheney, unlike Tower, has never worked as a military consultant, so questions of conflict of interests do not arise. His job record is non-controversial: History and government professor at the University of Wyoming, government bureaucrat, White House staff assistant, White House chief of staff under President Gerald

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Dick Cheney Chosen for "political acumen"

## Democrats favor Miller tor governor

Attorney general trails Branstad in early poll

By KENNETH PINS Register Staff Writer

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Attorney General Thomas J. Miller has a strong lead in the early stages of the race to become the Democratic Party's nominee for governor.

In the first Iowa Poll on the 1990 race for governor, Miller is the first choice of 38 percent of Democrats.

Miller also runs the best of any Democrat in a test race against incumbent Republican Gov. Terry Branstad, although Branstad beats him, too. Miller is also relatively well-known and well-liked across the

No one else in the probable Democratic field is close at this stage.

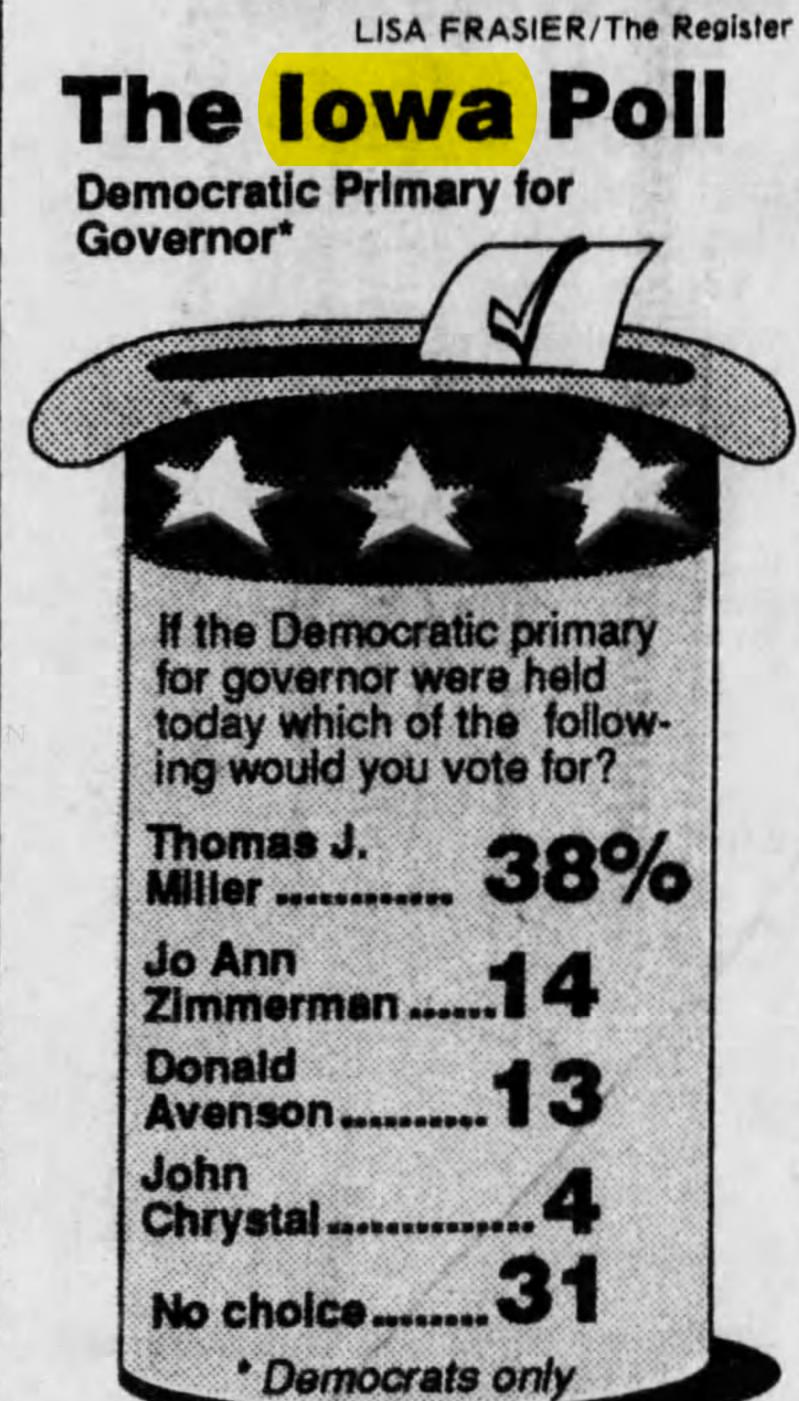
The second choice of Democrats is Lt. Gov. Jo Ann Zimmerman, with the support of 14 percent of Democrats, followed by Iowa House Speaker Donald Avenson with 13 percent.

Well back is Des Moines banker and Soviet expert John Chrystal, the first choice of 4 percent of Demo-

Twenty-five percent of Democrats say they are not sure whom they would support if the primary election were held today; another 6 percent

say they would not vote. This is early in the game — about 15 months before primary election day — and primary election battles have been known to change dramati-

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## U of I called 'plantation' that exploits black players

By JOHN CARLSON

Of The Register's Iowa City Bureau

IOWA CITY, IA. — The University of Iowa is a typical college athletic power that has established a "plantation" system of exploiting black football and basketball players, an advocate for black athletes charged last

Harry Edwards, a professor of sociology at the University of California at Berkeley and a consultant to Major League Baseball, said testimony in the Chicago trial of sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom is evidence that the U of I uses its black athletes to enrich the athletic department while accepting no responsibility in providing them an edu-

"It is a systematic rip-off," said Edwards, who is widely viewed as the nation's pre-eminent spokesman on the issue of blacks in athletics. "This nation's Division I schools, including the University of Iowa, basically don't give a damn about these kids. They have absolutely no conscience in terms of their unethical behavior.

"Because of the big money involved in athletics today, they have set up plantations on the campuses of our major universities. The only difference is that instead of having cotton fields they've moved them onto the football field."

Former U of I football players Ronnie Harmon and Devon Mitchell - Agents, universities 'on trial': 1D

testified in the agents' trial last week that they made little or no progress in working toward college degrees in their years on the Iowa City campus.

Harmon's transcript showed he took courses such as billiards, bowling, soccer, watercolor painting and fundamental military organization to remain eligible to play football. Harmon testified that in three years he took one course toward his major area of study.

Mitchell testified he came to the U of I primarily to play football and went to class only to remain eligible

Both men, who now are professional football players, admit they improperly signed contracts and received money from Bloom and Walters before their college careers U of I officials insist the athletes

were eligible to play under the academic performance rules of the Big Ten Conference and the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Edwards, who has spent much of the past 20 years speaking out about blacks in higher education and athlet ics, said some young blacks do take UNIVERSITY

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# Limited selection, high prices are costs

By CHARLES BULLARD

Register Staff Writer Dismantling Iowa's retail liquor monopoly has left the state with a bad hangover.

In the two years since Iowa closed

its 219 state liquor stores: Liquor prices have gone up. Liquor selection has gone down,

especially in rural areas. Bootlegging has become commonplace as Iowans breach the state's borders to buy cheaper liquor in neighboring states. (It is illegal for

Iowans to bring more than a quart of liquor into the state.) Twenty-five percent of the private liquor outlets that opened on March 1, 1987, when the liquor monopoly was dismantled, have failed,

As distressing as Iowa's experience with the private sale of liquor has been, the private sale of wine, which went into effect in 1985, has been an even bigger disappointment. Wine prices are higher, fine wine generally is available only in urban areas, and wine shops are scarcer than bottles of Dom Perignon champagne.

and many others are struggling.

#### Missing Millions of Dollars

Despite one of the highest wine taxes in the nation, the state treasury is missing out on millions of dollars a year because optimistic revenue projections by wine-industry lobbyists have failed to materialize.

Owners of restaurants and country clubs in rural Iowa often have to break the law to keep their wine cellars stocked, because some private wine wholesalers serve only the state's population centers.

Critics say Iowans are paying a high price for the convenience of being able to buy liquor and wine from private retailers. But lawmakers say the Legislature will not resurrect the old state liquor store system.

"The old system did things better," said Representative Roger Halvorson, a Monona Republican. "You hear the complaints, you hear the disgruntled people out there, and you hear all the arguments about why we shouldn't have done it.

"But I don't see any turning it around at this stage."

**More Convenient** 

It is more convenient for Iowans to buy liquor and wine now. The state has twice as many private liquor outlets - 443 - as it had state liquor stores, although many are concentrated in cities. The private retailers are open longer and some are open on Sundays.

To hold down liquor consumption,

TERRY FARRIS/The Register

stores and the stores were closed on Sundays. Most private sellers accept personal checks and many accept credit cards. The state stores required cash, again to control consumption. Although rural Iowans find it more convenient to buy liquor and wine

hours were restricted at the state

now, they frequently find steeper prices and fewer brands.

"Beverage alcohol in Iowa is dramatically more expensive than it is in other states," said Jack Goldenberg, president of Quality Wine Co., one of the largest wine wholesalers in Iowa and also a major liquor and wine

LIQUOR

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## Why Iowa brothers are suing PCA

By NORM BREWER Of The Register's Washington Bureau

out of business.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA. - Glen Waters says it took him more than a year to realize that the applications he was filling out for farm loans sometimes using false information were helping to put fellow farmers

Income was exaggerated on the applications. If a hog farmer needed to have his sows farrow an average of 18 pigs a year to make a loan "cashflow," 18 it was, regardless of his past experience, Waters said.

Family living expenses were minimized. Expenses that had been \$20,000 a year were put down as \$12,000. And, Waters said, he declared that machinery he had never seen was in "excellent condition."

Waters said ways of falsifying guarantee applications were openly discussed in the Tipton office of the former Eastern Iowa Production Credit Association, where he went to work as a loan officer in February

"Prioritize"

There was a feeling, he said, that getting loans guaranteed not only would help struggling farmers but also would help the association as land values continued to slide, and that, anyway, things were going to get better and the loans would be re-

Larry Henson, the PCA's president, "told us to prioritize and guarantee the worst [loans] first," Waters recalled. And, he said, when Tipton branch manager Steve Thayer said to "produce a cash flow for FmHA that works," loan officers did.

Many of those guarantees passed muster in the spring of 1985. Within months, the PCA, using dramatically different appraisals, had cut off financing to many Cedar County farmers and liquidated their hold-

By early 1986, the PCA - then merged into the Production Credit Association of the Midlands, which operates in 37 counties in eastern Iowa - was collecting taxpayer-financed guarantee money from the Farmers Home Administration.

Internal Memos

In the coming months, Waters' attitude would change as he came across internal memos. They convinced him that "when we were putting on the guarantees ... we at the grunt level weren't aware that ... the management level had already made a decision to collect them," he said.

Such charges are believed central to a federal grand jury investigation of the PCA that could include questioning 20 to 30 of its employees and former employees. Waters has received immunity from prosecution for his cooperation with the grand

The charges also are central to a civil lawsuit Waters and two brothers, Lyle and George, who farm in partnership near West Branch,

# Donations help family of hospitalized baby

By KEN FUSON Register Staff Writer

From buttons and banners to pictures and posters, all the tools of a political campaign are stashed in Ann Ketch's garage in Des Moines.

But Ketch directs a campaign for money, not votes, and it is being waged for a brown-eyed, chubbycheeked Urbandale girl who will celebrate her first birthday Saturday in a hospital room at the University of

Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. Jennifer Nichols received a liver transplant Dec. 13. Thanks to Ketch and her crew, almost \$25,000 has been raised for the girl's family, benefits are held nearly every weekend, and Jennifer's plight has captured the

attention of central Iowa. All of which has left her parents, John and Joyce Nichols, feeling plenty blessed and slightly awkward.

Like other families of transplant patients, they were forced to choose between keeping their affairs private and going broke or asking strangers for money to defray the cost of medical care and living expenses.

"I think it was very hard for them," says Mary Alice Connolly, John's mother. "Joyce told me, 'You can't imagine what it's like to go into the grocery store and see your daughter's picture on a can asking for dona-

Such cans are becoming an increas-

ing part of the grocery-store, classroom and tavern scenery in Iowa as the latest medical miracles strain the ability of families to pay for them. The number of transplants is in-

creasing yearly. According to the United Network for Organ Sharing, 11,750 kidney, heart, liver, pancreas and heart-lung transplants were performed in 1987, the latest year for which figures are available. About 125 transplants were performed at hospitals in Iowa last year.

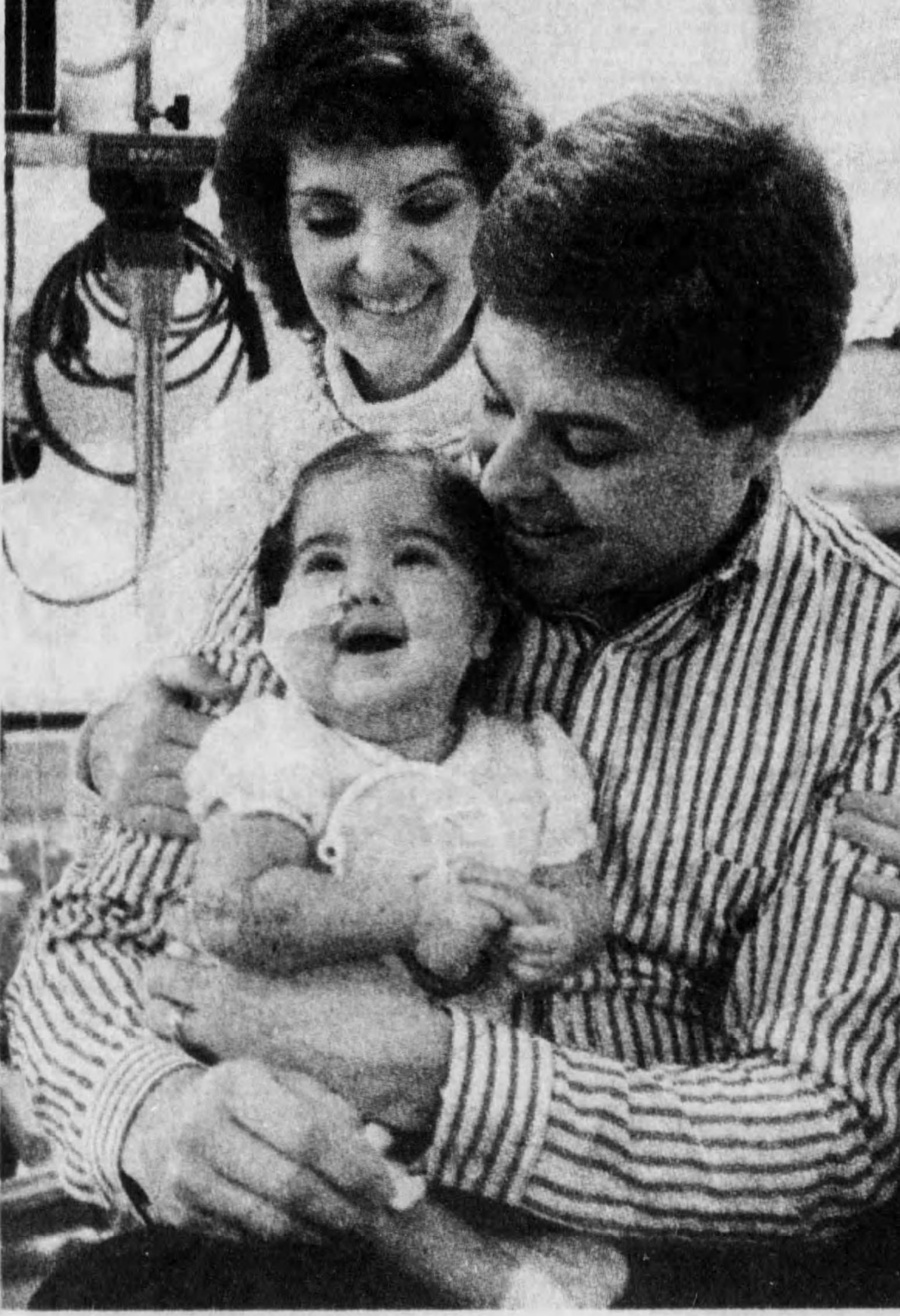
Liver transplants are among the most complicated and expensive.

"Almost everyone has to do some kind of fund-raising," says Lynn McMahon, a spokeswoman at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh, where 600 liver transplants have been performed since 1981.

When John and Joyce Nichols took their daughter to the University of Nebraska Medical Center the day after Thanksgiving, a social worker gave them a list of money-raising tips as part of their hospital orientation. A booklet produced by the American Council on Transplantation also tells families how to raise money.

"It's an incredibly difficult situation," says Julie French, an official

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Joyce and John Nichols of Urbandale hold their daughter, Jennifer.

## U of I accused of exploiting black athletes

UNIVERSITY

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advantage of the educational opportunities offered them. But he said a large number see college as little more than a ticket to professional sports, an attitude that is encouraged by college officials. He called the U of I's actions surrounding Harmon's and Mitchell's academic careers "shameful."

"I have no doubt the university stayed within the rules," Edwards said. "But the NCAA makes those rules and schools such as the University of Iowa make up the NCAA. The guidelines are written so these institutions can be utterly and unconscionably unethical and remain within the rules.

"Then, after these kinds of things come out in the open, after these kids testify in some trial, the university officials stand around and say, 'Hey, it's not our fault. It's the kids' fault.' It reminds me of Nixon saying he wasn't a crook. Yeah, but he sure was unethical."

Edwards gained international attention during the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City when he was instrumental in arranging the controversial protest by U.S. athletes who raised their fists during a medal awards ceremony. He speaks on some 75 college campuses each year and consults with colleges on fair treatment of blacks.

Last year he was hired by Major League Baseball as a consultant to help bring blacks into management.

He calls the situation of young blacks being turned away from professional sports careers and ending up with worthless college transcripts a modern American tragedy.

#### "We Do Care"

U of I officials said they are sensitive to Edwards' criticisms.

"We do care if our athletes graduate," said Ann Rhodes, an assistant U of I vice president and the administration's liaison to the Department of Athletics. "We have a better graduation rate among student athletes than the entire student body. We do the very best we can in a highly competitive situation.

"It is our opinion that every student athlete ought to graduate. Mr. Edwards is correct in that. We shouldn't just use them for entertainment purposes and let them go. But if a student does not want to receive an education, there is very little we can do to force him."

Rhodes said some U of I athletes may have been steered by coaches to courses she said were "less rigorous" than others.

"I'm not saying it is a good thing," she said. "I'm saying it probably happens from time to time."

#### "They Can't Read"

Edwards calls such manipulation a classic example what he says is the exploitation of the athletes.

"People used to talk so much about

twisting professors' arms to change grades," said Edwards. "They don't have to do that any more. They load these kids up with Mickey Mouse courses like watercolor so they get by. They can't graduate but they stay eligible. It demonstrates an absolute lack of educational integrity.

"There have been athletes at

Berkeley who not only can't pass the tests, they can't read the tests. And they continue to bring them in here to play football and basketball. In this nation, 65 percent to 75 percent of black athletes who attend Division I schools on scholarship do not graduate."

The U of I maintains no records on graduation rates of its students according to race.

Payoffs

Edwards cites multimillion-dollar athletic programs as the single greatest reason for recruiting black athletes who in many cases are clearly unprepared for college classwork. Teams that are successful on the field

## Beirut airport ordered closed

BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) — The Christian Cabinet ordered Beirut's airport closed Saturday after Druse militiamen shelled the city's port and the Defense Ministry compound. Police said at least six people died in the latest violence.

As thunderous explosions echoed around the city, the Cabinet headed by army commander Gen. Michel Aoun ordered the closure because of "threats to civil aviation safety."

But Moslem officials running the airport on Beirut's southern edge said they would not comply.

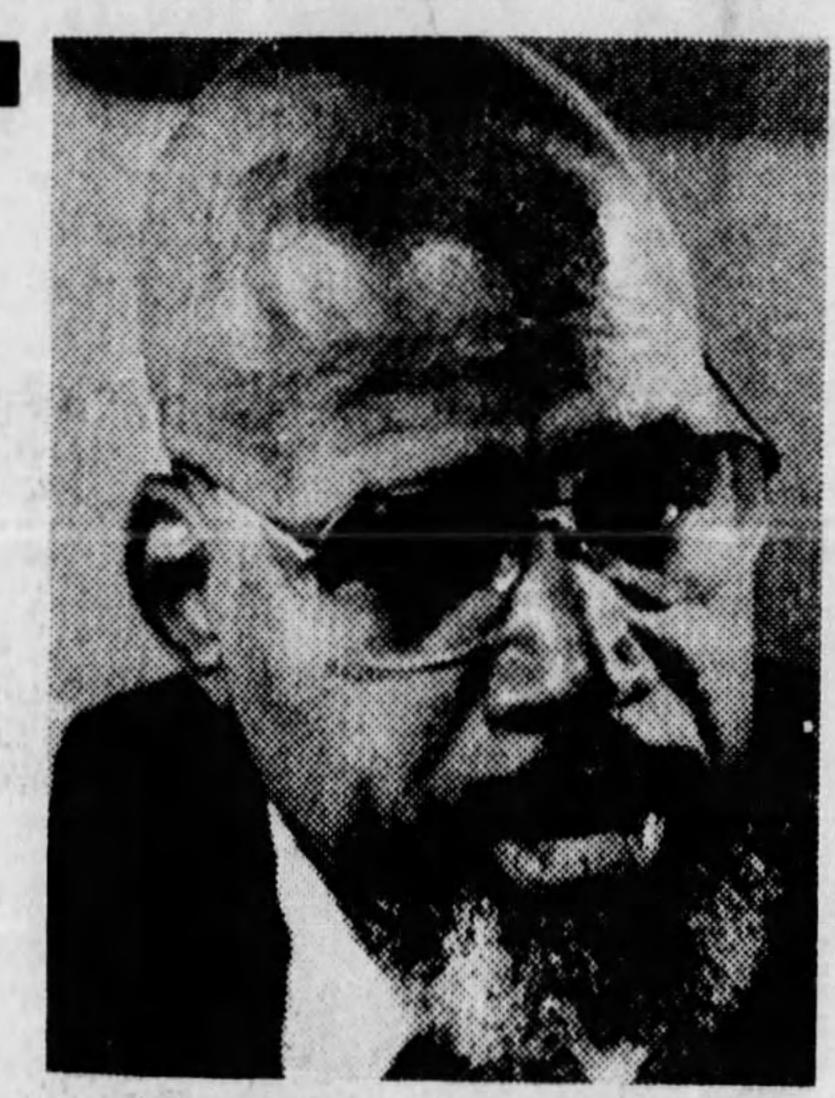
One official, Rida Fawli, said the airport — Lebanon's only civil aviation facility — "will remain open and functioning."

# Swedish official says phones tapped

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN (AP) — Foreign Minister Sten Andersson said Saturday he believes his telephone has been tapped, and he expressed fears that phones of other senior officials also have been bugged.

Speaking in a Swedish radio interview, Andersson answered with a decisive "yes" when asked whether he thought he had been bugged. He declined to identify suspects, saying he

Parliament speaker Thage G.
Peterson told the radio there is no proof that phones in the Parliament building have been bugged.



Harry Edwards
Spokesman for black athletics

receive big television contracts and payoffs from post-season champion-ship play.

"Major institutions, and the University of Iowa falls in this category, have degenerated to the point that athletics and the multimillion-dollar payoff that comes with success is the pre-eminent priority," Edwards said. "The black kids are the major money players. They want them. They need them if they want to win, and they'll do anything to keep them."

Edwards saves his harshest criticisms for some black administrators and coaches, who he says encourage the problem.

"A lot of these schools have black people in positions as assistant administrators or athletic directors," he said. "In fact, they are nothing more than Negroes in charge of Negro affairs. That is their reason for being there.

"They go into our black communities, pull out the kids, use them up, abuse them, dump them and stand up and defend themselves as being proper. The fact is, their only job is to cover up the corpses of these kids who are strewn all along the path to athletic glory."

#### Social Problems

One result, he said, is the failure of some athletes to adapt to a campus social scene. The result can be tragic, he said.

"They show up and are just fine on the playing field," he said. "But after practice they are completely lost intellectually and culturally in many of these communities and they have difficulties. Many times that includes their moral deportment as well.

"What the schools don't realize or won't face is that they are recruiting more than football players and basketball players. They are getting the complete human being and all the baggage they bring with them. That leads in some instances to drug use, violence and complete and utter failure in the classroom."

Rhodes did not take issue with Edwards' indictment of major-college athletics. But she defended the U of I as committed to giving athletes every assistance possible.

"We're certainly not perfect, but we do a much better job than a lot of places," Rhodes said.

"We have programs in place to help them while they are playing. But [Assistant Athletic Director] Fred Mims has helped put together programs to help them after their athletic eligibility has expired. Fifth-year aid is available to them, and if their aid has expired we help them find part-time jobs while they finish up their degrees."

"But if they don't want it, there's nothing we can do," Rhodes said.

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## Bursting her bubble

Julie Rasmussen, daughter of Ankeny High School coach Dick Rasmus- around, the two Ankeny fans enjoyed some round ball during the Girls' sen, tries to pop the bubble of friend Susan Thompson. While not horsing State basketball tournament Thursday at Vets Auditorium in Des Moines.

#### NEWSMAKER

### Harmon testifies

He may have helped lead the University of Iowa to a Big Ten championship in 1985, but Ronnie Harmon was not headed for his degree at the time.

Testifying in the Chicago trial of his former agents, Harmon said he had a 1.69 grade point average at the end of his junior year - before he got a "D" in a summer watercolor class.

Evidence in the trial suggested that two U of I professors allowed him to drop classes in his major during his senior year.

Harmon also said he knew he was breaking NCAA rules when he accepted cash from agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom.



RONNIE HARMON

#### QUOTE

66 I adopted the young man when he was 2 months old, and I used to love him dearly. But I don't love him anymore. 99

Larry Carson of Centerville, whose son is accused of tying up. beating and robbing his disabled father and taking his car.

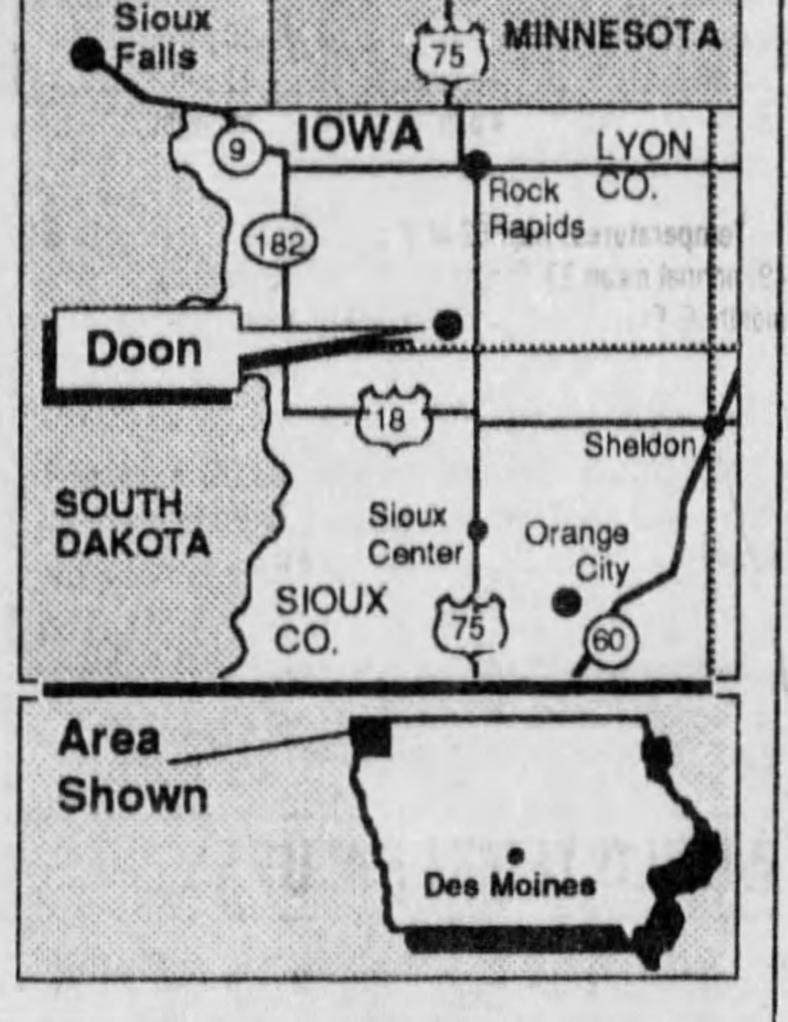
#### FOLLOW-UP

## Doon's deer-dog duo is OK

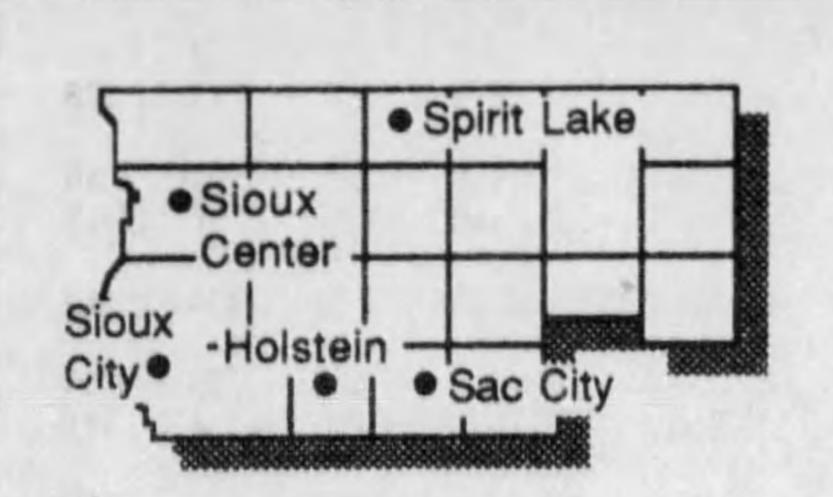
Bambi is alive and well in Doon. Last June, the 2-year-old deer made friends with Bullet, a German shepherd. The two have become inseparable and even share meals - dog food out of a dog dish.

"During the hunting season the owner painted the deer's back so no one would shoot it," said neighbor Scott Mandel. "They protect each other."

Said Winifred Van Veldhuizen, whose family owns Bullet: "When they go down the driveway - we live on blacktop and it's a busy road - Bullet will keep Bambi off the road and in the ditch 'til it's clear. We're all one big happy family around here."



NORTHWEST



#### Spirit Lake

OUTGROWN ITSELF — The Dickinson County Historical Society has announced a \$125,000 expansion of the Dickinson County Museum.

Host to 3,000 visitors last year, the museum is located in what used to be the depot for the old Milwaukee Road. The 100-year-old depot was transformed in 1972, when the railroad came to the end of the line. Since then, the museum's huge collection of railroad memorabilia and other historic items has outgrown the depot itself.

So Dickinson County history buffs spurred by the re-issue of "White Men Follow After," a 1946 account of the area's history — have rolled up their sleeves and begun a fund-raising drive to pay for the expansion.

#### Sac City

DIET CHALLENGE — It isn't exactly "Late Night With David Letterman," but Sac County residents are bound to make the most of their appearance in the "Diet America Challenge" special, to be aired on CBS later this year. The production crew will be there this week to film Sacians slimming down and shaping up as part of a national fitness contest. Last year, 1,200 county residents traveled more than 186,000 miles, lost 6,438 pounds and felt a lot better.

#### Sioux Center

WORLD PLAYERS - The concert band at Dordt College in Sioux Center has been having a busy year — and it's only

The 40 students in the band - including Leanne Meadows, daughter of Gary and Delores Meadows of Des Moines spent 10 days in January playing in Korea and Russia. They also had concert dates in Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and California. The group, directed by Henry Duitman, ended the tour with a home concert in Sioux Center.

But even though their world travels have ended, they haven't let up. The concert band starts its spring concert with a new program Friday in the Dordt College chapel.

#### Sioux City

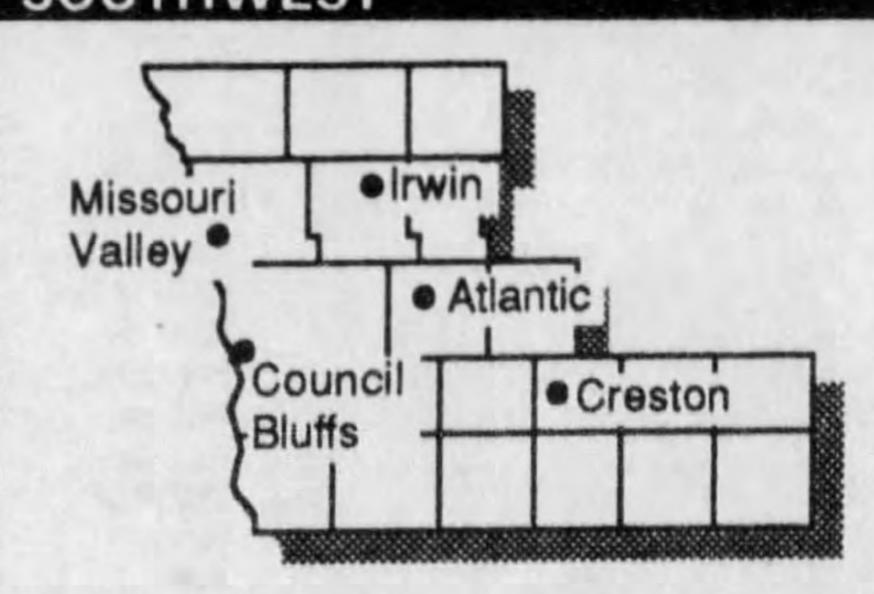
BACK HOME - A graduate of the University of Iowa medical school is coming home to Iowa.

Larry Sellers, a native of Chariton who has been in private practice in San Raphael, Calif., for the past seven years, has joined Internal Medicine-Sioux City. He's also been chief of internal medicine at the United States Public Health Hospital at the University of California in San Francisco and chief of internal medicine at Ross General Hospital in Ross, Calif. He joined the Internal Medicine-Sioux City staff Feb. 1.

#### Holstein

GETTING IN STEP - Iowa's governor will be in Holstein later this month to help the town get "in STEP." The STEP program - Shaping Tomorrow's Economic Progress — is a call to action for citizens to step forward, organize and assume leadership roles in the future of their community. Terry Branstad will be in Holstein March 27, along with representatives from various state agencies who will explain an array of state programs.

#### SOUTHWEST



#### Creston

SING ALONG WITH EMMA — Residents of the Crest Haven Care Center can "sing along with Emma" March 21 as they usually do on Sunday afternoons. But this time, they might want to "sing happy 100th birthday to Emma." Emma Brooks, the care center's organist, is a human hymn jukebox. She has 100 hymns committed to memory. "All I need is the title of the hymn, and I entertain here at Crest Haven on Sunday afternoons from 3 to 4:30 p.m." Brooks, who has lived in Creston most of her life, composed and copyrighted "The Garland Waltz" when she was 16, and attended Drake University in Des Moines 80 years ago.

#### Missouri Valley

WELCOME SIGN — The Harrison County Historical Museum is still under construction, but the staff received a good sign recently when a robin arrived on the scene. She's Robin Buthmann, the Welcome Center coordinator. Officials at the Harrison County Conservation Board, which runs the museum, hope to have the facility open by May, thanks to the Heritage Tree, a fund-raising scheme whereby \$100 donations are represented as "leaves." Buthmann is developing an Iowa Products Shop and rounding up volunteer help. And the "tree" continues to grow. Now if they can only keep Robin from going south next fall.

#### Irwin

SHE'S COME A LONG WAY -- Leona Weise has come a long way from white middy blouses and black sateen bl — all the way to the Iowa Girls' High School Basketball Hall of Fame. Weise. 81, the leading scorer for the Irwin High School girls' team from 1920-24, was inducted into the hallowed hall Saturday at the Girls' State tournament. She scored 218 points her senior year. Basketball was a little different then, Weise says and it wasn't just the uniforms. Teams used three courts: guards played one end, forwards the other, and in between were a jumping center and a running center. And the scores were lower. Weise recalls a 1923 match-up with Manilla in which the final score was a nail-biting 8-4.

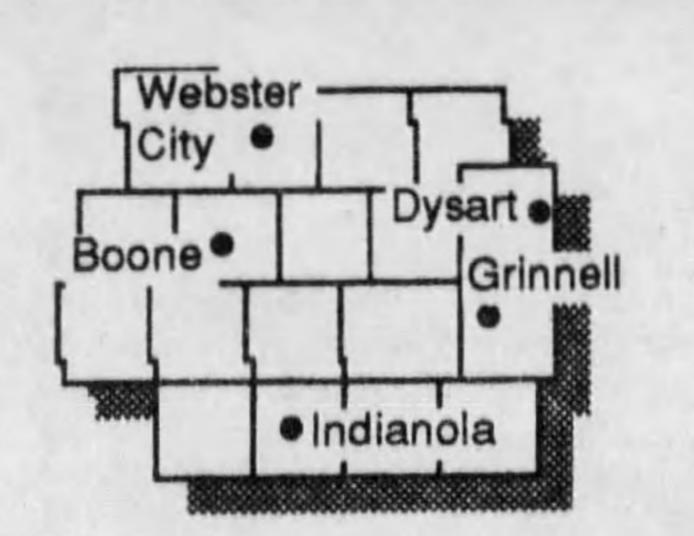
#### Atlantic

THE WAIT IS OVER — Today is the day Atlantic senior citizens have been waiting for. The new Atlantic Community Senior Citizens Center has its grand opening from 1 to 4 p.m. The center, which has been on the drawing board for more than two years, is located in a former Studebaker garage. Public Works director Bill Retz says remodeling the old garage cost about \$85,000, and all but \$27,000 of that was put up by the senior citizens through fund-raising projects and donations. "The building was just a shell," said Mayor Tim Teig, adding that efforts took a lot of cooperation and hard work to see the project to completion.

#### Council Bluffs

PUBLISHED - The coordinator of nursing at the Council Bluffs campus of Iowa Western Community College has co-authored a nursing textbook. Yvonne Stock, who was been with Iowa Western for 17 years, co-authored the eighth and ninth editions of "Basic Pharmacology for Nurses" with professor Bruce Clayton of the University of Arkansas.

#### CENTRAL



#### Grinnell

IT'S ALL CHINESE — The Feng Memorial Collection of more than 1,000 books written in Chinese was dedicated in memory of Yu-kuei Feng in Burling Library at Grinnell College last month. The collection includes encyclopedias, dictionaries, classics, dynastic histories and general literary works. All of the works in the collection, made possible by donations from friends and family of the late Yu-kuei Feng, were selected and purchased by Feng's son, Andrew Hsieh, a professor of history at Grinnell College and head of the Cowles-Kruidenier Program in Chinese Studies.

#### Boone

DELIVERING THE NEWS — While most newspaper carriers tend to be preteens peddling for comic book or Barbie doll money, the Boone News-Republican likes to hire "older" kids — say, 85 or 86. Esther Warren, 85, and Alitha Stewart, 86, deliver the daily news to the 175 residents of the Eastern Star Masonic Home. Stewart says she volunteered for duty to "keep my legs going" and to ward off the effects of arthritis. Warren has been packing papers for 12 years now and she's all business, never stopping to chat with residents for long because she knows that old news is no news.

#### Dysart

ON THE GO - Donna Zeien is a 25year-old artist who works for Congdon Printing in Cedar Falls, free-lances artwork in a variety of mediums and designed the logo for the Master Clipper hair salon in Dysart. Donna Zeien is successful. She's also deaf, and has been since a bout with meningitis when she was 2. But Zeien set goals for herself, like studying graphic arts at Iowa Western Community College in Council Bluffs; entering — and winning — a Miss Deaf contest; and accepting a training position at a local fashion store. Now she has new goals: lose 25 pounds, get married and get some more cats to keep Trouble and Rolo company. And to think that some people let a headache slow them down.

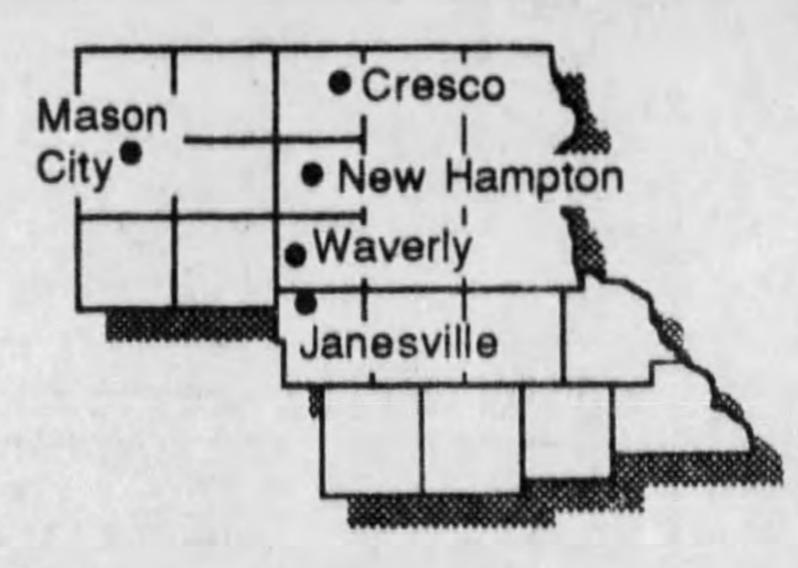
#### Webster City

IN TUNE — Drop by Everett Ludley's house and you'll likely find him tuning in and turning on. The radio, we mean. The 82-year-old retired high school and community college physics instructor has a collection of 75 or so vintage radios. He had about a hundred a while back, but he's sold a few, "especially the heavy ones," he says. He put two in the mail Friday to a buyer in Japan. The appeal of radio began when his boyhood scoutmaster taught him how to make a crystal set. "Radio and I sort of grew up together," Ludley says.

#### Indianola

GRAND-PRIZE WINNER — There were six winners in the Coors Original Classics sweepstakes, a nationwide contest sponsored by the Adolph Coors Co., and only one of them lives east of the Missouri River. Glenda Starr Strable of Indianola, who entered the contest at the Hy-Vee Food Store here, recently picked up the keys to her '65 Pontiac GTO. The other winners — four from the West Coast and a fifth from Louisiana — took home '56 and '57 Chevys, a '57 Thunderbird, a '59 Cadillac and a '66 Mustang.

#### NORTHEAST



#### New Hampton

IT WORKED — When 7 inches of snow fell in New Hampton, city snow removal crews stood poised to find out how successful a new ordinance would be. If it worked, the crews wouldn't have to. The City Council warned residents in January they would be charged \$30 an hour to remove snow from their sidewalks. Councilman Bill Weigel says the city was trying to price itself out of the snow-removal business. It worked. When a heavy cover of snow blanketed the city, New Hamptonians were out in force. Weigel says no one had to pay through the snows. It's the first time he's ever been happy about a main street business going under.

#### Waverly

CARTWHEEL TIME — When 216 teen-agers from 46 states descend on Louisville, Ky., this weekend to stretch their vocal cords in the National Junior High Honors Choir, it should be noted that six are Iowans. And four are from the same school. Eighth-grader Molly Kirkpatrick, along with ninth-graders Chris Eggers, Marc Hemmers and Mike Van Laningham, will represent Waverly-Shell Rock among the cream of the crop of scholastic songbirds. They follow a long line of honored singers, most of whom have studied under Ed Van Hemert, who promises a round of cartwheels for each student who makes the choir. They'd better keep an eye on him, lest he tumble his way to an Olympic medal.

#### Janesville

CUTTING BACK — Maybe we should send Pat Boeck to Washington, D.C. She'd be able to look a pay raise in the face and say "no thanks." Saying property tax rates for Janesville's 840 residents are the highest in Bremer County, the councilwoman recommended paying \$25 for each meeting they attend, instead of the usual \$100 a month. The heated debate resulted in a similar proposal from councilwoman Barb Reid, calling for a 50 percent cut in the monthly rate. That proposal passed. "I consider working on the council to be a public service," says Boeck. "At the wages we were getting, it was more like a second job." The rates go into effect Jan. 1, 1990.

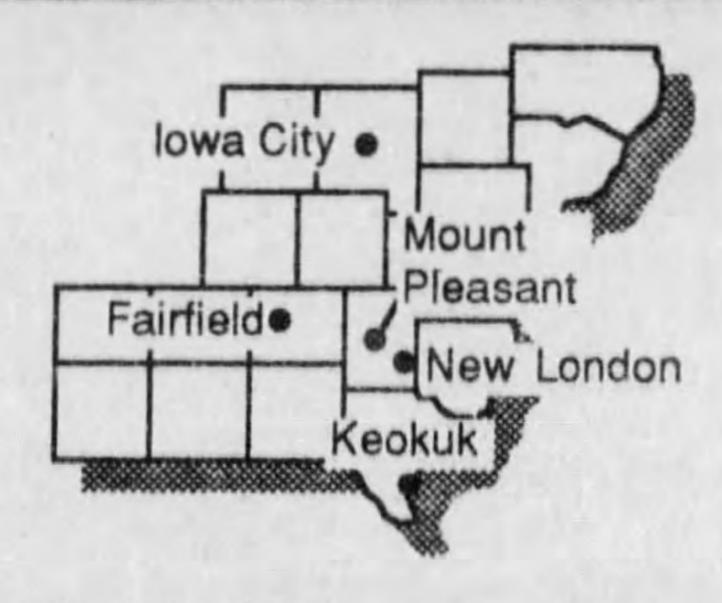
#### Cresco

IN TUNE — Dianna Best is trying to tune out the jitters and "hope for the best" at the National Concerto Competition this week at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. The Cresco High School junior is one of nine clarinetists chosen to compete in the program sponsored by Seventeen magazine and General Motors. She stands to win a \$5,000 scholarship.

#### Mason City

RUNWAY SNACKS - If your flight is delayed at the Mason City Airport, and you want a little snack to tide you over, just head over to "The Runway." Joseph Rottinghaus of Clear Lake has signed a three-year lease with the airport to operate the restaurant, formerly known as "Orville and Wilbur's." That restaurant was grounded in October. Rottinghaus, a food broker, stepped in to fill the void. Passenger traffic increased by more than 20 percent last year, and that alone should result in a few more overbooked flights and a few more hungry flyers.

#### SOUTHEAST



#### Fairfield

CHUGGING AWAY — Fairfield's middle-schoolers are milking their conservationist consciences by chugging away at jug-collecting. Since the first of the year, 400 students have collected 25,450 plastic milk jugs to be sent to Polymer Products in Iowa Falls for recycling. Life sciences teacher Rosalie Cochran says they're trying to "make a positive environmental action." After grinding, the collection of jugs weighs about a ton and a half. Math classes have been number-crunching to figure out how many cubic yards of space have been saved in the landfill. "It's really been a marvelous experience," says Cochran. "They can hardly wait to think what they'll do next year."

#### New London

TRANSPLANT HOPES — Jessie Miller has Hurler's syndrome, an enzyme deficiency characterized by mental retardation; dwarfness; facial, skeletal and joint deformities; clouded corneas, and enlarged organs. Later this month, the 2year-old and parents David and Hazel Miller will travel from their New London home to University Hospitals in Iowa City so the boy can get a bone marrow transplant. Although Hurler's patients usually don't live past age 8, the Millers hope the transplant will slow down the disease. In the meantime, Jessie is like other kids his age. "He plays quite a little bit," says his grandmother, Doris Miller. "He's a fairly active little boy."

#### Mount Pleasant

TAKING SHAPE — The cleanup and restoration following the Jan. 22 fire at Old Main at Iowa Wesleyan College is starting to take shape. By March 20, classes will resume on the first and second floors, which had only smoke and water damage. Robert J. Prins, Iowa Wesleyan president, said inspectors found no major structural damage and only minor exterior damage. Insurance will cover the full cost of restoration. Local citizens raised \$5,000 for a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the fire. Meanwhile, the investigation into the cause continues.

#### Keokuk

NEW SUPER — The instructional services director for the Keokuk Community School District will soon be the district's superintendent. After a nationwide search, John Gallacher, 42, was offered the job last month by the district's board of directors. He has been with the Keokuk Community schools since 1979 and has been an elementary principal for six years. He starts his new job April 20. Before he came to Keokuk, he was an elementary principal at Panora-Linden and a sixth-grade teacher in Elmhurst, Ill.

#### lowa City

CHANGES - Iowa's largest college newspaper has selected its editor-in-chief for the 1989-90 school year. Jay Casini, a University of Iowa junior currently serving The Daily Iowan as free-lance editor, will take over the 20,000 circulation morning newspaper in June. "I think we had a good field of candidates and will have a good paper under Jay's leadership," Daily Iowan publisher William Casey said. Casini was selected by an 11member board of U of I students, faculty and administrators.

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#### THE REGISTER'S EDITORIALS

### A broken-field contract

The University of Iowa surely didn't live up to its side of the bargain. So maybe Ronnie Harmon and Devon Mitchell were smart to take the money. The former Hawkeye football stars turned pro players owed the University of Iowa exactly nothing. They'd been promised a college education and, bottom line, the university had given them exactly nothing.

So no wonder they grabbed it when Lloyd Bloom and Norby Walters waved some cash in their

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faces. It was their only guarantee of walking away from the institution with something of value.

Walters and Bloom were charged with mail fraud and racke teering and the trial started in Chicago last week. Thus far, though, the only defendant has been bigtime athletics as practiced at the University of Iowa.

Harmon and Mitchell told a federal court jury of how they waltzed through their college careers in Iowa City taking courses in billiards, jogging (Mitchell dropped that one), techniques of coaching, watercolor painting (where Har mon pulled down a D) and Fundamental Military Organization.

They also took a few traditional courses - rhetoric, Western civilization and the like - but left behind a trail of withdrawals and incompletes on their transcripts. All of that, apparently accomplished with the advice and consent of their coaches and faculty advisers, allowed the players to magically maintain a C average and their eligibility.

The two left town after playing their final football game. Each spent four years on campus and didn't come close to earning any kind of a degree.

The university insists the two players were academically eligible and were making progress toward attaining their degrees.

An academic adviser did de-

The whipsaw technique the

truckers used to push double-

bottoms onto mid-American high-

ways is now being used on behalf

of triple-bottom trucks - 110-

foot-long rigs consisting of a trac-

Triple-bottoms are legal in 12 of

17 states west of Iowa. The excep-

tions are Washington, California,

Wyoming, New Mexico and Texas.

Wyoming joined Minnesota ear-

lier this month in saying no, but the

truck lobby isn't easing up, point-

ing to the "enlightened" stance of

The push apparently hasn't

reached Iowa yet. State Represen-

tative Mike Connolly, chairman of

the House Transportation Com-

mittee, said the subject has not

The American Automobile Asso-

ciation is opposed. Federal high-

way officials say safety of the big

The tag-along trailer tends to

of Transportation found that the

sway. The California Department

third trailer sways even on straight

highways at turnpike speeds. The

Insurance Institute for Highway

The Iowa Legislature has a his-

toric opportunity to protect con-

sumers from unfair pricing by utili-

ty companies. All it takes is a "yes"

vote on a bill that would prevent

regulated utilities from passing to

customers the costs of their unre-

The bill, which passed the Sen-

ate Environment and Energy Com-

mittee on a 7-2 vote, would require

regulated gas and electric compa-

nies to maintain separate offices,

separate bookkeeping and sepa-

rate corporate names from their

gulated business affiliates.

Utilities' unfair pricing

rigs is uncertain, the AAA warns.

tor and three trailers.

their neighbors.

come up this session.

Three-trailer trucks

scribe Harmon's classroom performance as "a disaster" and reported that he was making no progress. But the poor kid took one course in his major area of study in three years.

University officials say they followed the rules to the letter.

That may be, but testimony in the Bloom-Walters trial shows the athletic department to be just one more meat grinder of 20-year-old athletes. It shows, too, that the university broke its contract with these young men. Its representatives promised them and their parents they would receive an education. It didn't happen.

What's more, the university looked the other way when it was obvious the students didn't know enough to care. Instead of being told to hit the books, Harmon and Mitchell were told to hit the football field.

It isn't the kind of thing that a university voluntarily moves to clean up publicly. It was a violation of NCCA rules and — except for a technicality — might have caused the university heavy grief at the hands of the Big Ten and NCAA.

President Hunter Rawlings has taken the first step in investigating the matter but he didn't go far enough. He should promptly appoint a committee of faculty members and academic advisers to review the transcripts of every student who was recruited on scholarship by the athletic department. It makes sense to check the transcripts of the walk-ons, too.

If they find evidence of a Harmon-Mitchell-like record on any transcript, the student-athlete should be removed from the academic guidance of the athletic department and placed in a legitimate academic program.

That means a program with legitimacy and credibility of oversight. The wayward students should be placed on academic probation, pointed in the right direction and be given a new chance.

The university should ensure that these young people have a future - beyond the unlikely dream of professional athletics — and not fret about the future of those who misled the Harmons and Mitchells.

There is a place for them in college athletics.

Safety reports that double-bottom

trucks are far more likely than

single-bottoms to be involved in

accidents, and the third trailer in-

evitably makes things worse. The

long rigs have a hard time bending

Every ill that the freeway be-

hemoths impose by virtue of their

size is exacerbated as that size is

Triple bottoms? Why not put the

Special construction could con-

trucks on their own roadbeds rath-

er than requiring that they share

trol the swaying in those trailers

following far behind the power

unit. They could ride by the dozens

on steel ribbons affixed to solid an-

chors. Those ribbons could be pro-

grammed, with the help of

"switches," to route them to their

proper destinations with a mini-

That's how it was for most

freight and a lot of passenger trav-

el in the memories of those who

still fondly recall "railroads" - the

most efficient form of land trans-

portation known. Too bad they

allowed to increase.

the Interstates with cars?

to fit the curves in freeway ramps.

It's called Norman, Okla.

#### GEORGE WILL

## Administrative disarray



dlers as much as he disdains them, deepens suspicions he sought to allay when he bounded, yet again, into the press room and quickly found himself denying that his administration is in disarray. It does him no good to give the country more exposure to himself than he can fill with interesting or merely plausible things to say, so he should

go to earth for awhile. The substantive thinness of his presidency was guaranteed by his way of winning it - "no new taxes" and the thinness was proclaimed as policy in his inaugural address: "We have more will than wallet."

Today's \$5 trillion economy is 75-percent larger (40-percent bigger per capita) in real terms than in 1967 when Bush became a congressman. The nation's wallet is remarkably thick. The government's wallet is thin by political choice and will be kept so by Bush's policy.

Hence the imaginative energies of the political class are increasingly squandered on intellectual dishones ties to justify evasions of the deficit problem. And the centrality of that problem guarantees a Bush presidency hollow at its moral center.

In "The Public Interest," Joseph Wright and Aaron Wildavsky denounce, with passionate disgust, the stultification of political debate by the deficit, which, like anti-communism in the 1950s and civil rights in the 1960s, has been the issue shaping debate on all other issues, from aid to friendly governments to help for the homeless. The Bush administration looks bewildered because its goals number 2,3,4,5 through the full list all are nullified by goal No. 1: keeping the government's wallet thin — "no new taxes."

This guarantees more governmental monomania. Washington usually has at most a one-track mind and Bush's taxophobia guarantees that the deficit will stifle rational debate about choices for the public household. And such debate as there is, about meeting Gramm-Rudman deficit-reduction requirements, is surreal. Bush's economic forecasts incorporate GNPgrowth assumptions wildly incompatible with Federal Reserve policies that are necessary to achieve Bush's projected inflation rate (1.7 percent by 1994).

Interest rates are ever-larger levers on events in a nation addicted to debt. Total debt - government, business, household — has risen 200 percent in a decade, and much of it is pegged to the prime rate. In this decade interest, not defense, has been the fastest growing portion of the federal budget. Rising rates make that portion grow faster while the consequence

President Bush, who needs han- of rising rates — slower GNP growth — causes revenues to grow slower than Bush's budget presupposes.

Compounded intellectual incompatibilities — administration assumptions incompatible with one another, and with predictable Federal Reserve policy are by now a Republican ritual. This is an odd ritual for a party that advertises its realism as an alternative to Democratic wishful thinking.

The Reagan administration's first forecasts, made in March 1981, assumed that between 1980 and 1986 there would be a rate of GNP growth (25 percent) and a decline in unemployment (from 7.2 percent to 5.6 percent) and a balanced budget (by 1984, no less). These forecasts were utterly incompatible with the monetary policies that would be necessary to achieve serious progress toward the Reagan administration's most serious goal, reduction of inflation from 13.5 percent to 1.9 percent.

As things turned out, by 1986 real GNP growth had been just 16.5 percent, unemployment was not much below the 1980 level (6.9 percent) and the 1984 budget had been \$185 billion dollars out of balance.

The problem was that the Fed had practiced what Reagan preached, emphasizing the primary goal of suppressing inflation.

And today? There they go again, those Republicans. The administration projects declining interest rates. They are rising. Even if they remain where they were when the administration made its projections, the deficit-reduction projection would be \$9 billion off because rates did not decline. The administration projects 3.5 percent real growth in GNP for five years.

Fed chairman Alan Greenspan says such growth 'presupposes an increase in productivity which could conceivably happen but is quite unlikely."

Bush wants America to think beyond quarterly reports and annual budgets, to the long term. Good idea. Let's start.

The deficit, which today is larger as a percentage of GNP than ever before in peacetime when unemployment was this low, is sopping up in government borrowing a debilitating share of domestic savings. America's savings rate has fallen substantially, from an already alarmingly low base, in the 1980s. Hence investment has been inadequate. Hence productivity growth has been too slow: The growth of output per hour has been at half the 1960s rate.

Because of investment neglected and growth foregone, Herbert Stein says: "For every \$100 billion of deficit we run, we reduce national income by \$15 billion a year forever."

Forever. That is the long term.

George Will writes a syndicated column.



## Puritanism returns?

S THE TOWER affair a sign of reborn McCarthyism? Or does it signal a new round of Puritanism? I'd like to think Puritanism, I guess. The United States has become a terribly corrupt place, and I'd like to see Washington begin to deal with it.

But opponents of John Tower's nomination for secretary of defense edged awfully close to McCarthyism, toward giving us more of the ugly cynicism that commands, "Ready, fire, aim."

They barely debated Tower's real sin. Armed with all kinds of inside and secret information, he'd jumped in bed with the defense contractors to consult and advise. But rather than deal with that, they instead mostly focused on his jumping into other beds - or trying to jump into other beds - sometimes drunk and sometimes sober.

It's kind of a disgusting story. But it's pale against the obscenities that we so blithely accept or ignore. I take the lack of challenge of Tower's main defense as proof. Everybody's doing it, he said, or has done it.

That explanation hardly ever works — and shouldn't work here — but the truth of it should not be papered over.

We've come to regard government as a place where a selected few are entitled to enrich themselves - so long as they don't step over some very broad lines. The revolving door between the defense industry

and government is merely the tip of the iceberg. We've set up a system where the various interests can legally bribe - through honoraria and campaign contributions - the folks in Congress. We just seem

to accept it as God-given that various industries con-

trol the agencies that were created to regulate them. We learn of a secret government within governmen -flinging millions around to who knows where and act like it's almost an everyday thing where the most-important aspect is analyzing Oliver North's

The founders, I believe, provided for a free press so that the people could learn of these kinds of excesses and deal with them.

But there's a revolving door there, too, along with some other unsavory schemes, and the result is a garbled message, at best.

Pat Buchanan goes from writing a column to the White House to writing a column. George Will coaches a presidential candidate for a debate. Evans and Novak run business seminars in which the drawing cards are the people they're supposed to be cover-

It goes across the spectrum right to left. Jody Powell left the Carter White House to write a syndicated column - he's now a Washington consultant. Chris Matthew is a syndicated columnist after years in Demo-

cratic ranks. And on and on. Hundred of Washington reporters and columnists have been paid by the U.S. Informa-

#### JAMES FLANSBURG



tion Agency to do television and radio broadcasts

Washington Post columnist Richard Cohen tells of some interest group offering him a \$5,000 speech fee with one catch: He'd have to take a certain position on a public issue.

I suspect that Cohen and his colleague David Broder are very unpopular with some of their peers nowadays because they are among the few who've denounced this corruption.

So I think the message from Washington has been garbled and that lots of people in the provinces have taken the wrong lesson from it.

Here in Iowa, hardly anyone, it seemed to me, was particularly disturbed to learn that the Iowa Senate's majority leader had used campaign contributions to buy himself a VCR and a bunch of other things.

In the legislative lobby, the heavy hitters are former big-shot legislators. Most people yawn when they hear a story about legislative leaders demanding contributions from lobbyists or refusing to talk to a lobbyist unless he's in the company of another lobbyist from the right party.

We think it's a cute little human interest story rather than anything else — when we hear of some county official putting himself through law school at the same time he's supposed to be working full-time for the county.

Somehow, we find reason in a police chief saying that he fired an officer for reporting that she heard something.

Washington's not much deeper in the muck than we are; it's just that the dollar figures are bigger and some of the players are smarter.

Dodd's devotion

ONNECTICUT Senator Christopher Dodd's vote to confirm John Tower can be construed as payment for Tower being one of only five senators to vote against censuring Dodd's father for the misuse of campaign money 22 years ago.

That inspiring bit of filial devotion fits in the Tower story because everything else in it is also - James Flansburg upside down.

#### POTOMAC FEVER



#### Tauke-Harkin 'war' rages on

OCK THE doors, lay low and put your hands over the kids' ears. The Tauke-Harkin wars are raging all over the landscape, and any innocent could be caught in the cross fire.

It started with Senator Tom Harkin's first major fund-raising letter, which is being mailed out in waves across the country. The letter doesn't mention Congressman Tom Tauke but instead pinpoints Lee Atwater as the real problem in the 1990 Senate race in Iowa

"Lee Atwater, Bush's campaign manager notorious for his negative sleaze tactics in this last election, is taking over the leadership of the Republican National Campaign Committee," Harkin says in the letter.

"You can be sure Atwater will help the Iowa GOP use the same kinds of lies and distortions against me . . . have no doubt [the GOP] will try to paint me as 'too liberal' for Iowa — the same shameless tactics Lee Atwater and the Bush campaign used against Mike Dukakis."

Given that this missive was reprinted in part in a column in The Washington Post, it has drawn a little attention.

The National Republican Senatorial Committee responded with a press release issued from the Ronald Reagan Republican Center in Washington. The release used the word "liberal" or a derivative 12 times in six paragraphs.

"The invective contained in the [Harkin] letter — itself surprisingly harsh and defensive for so early in the election cycle — seems to conceal a concern that the GOP may be on to something," Republicans wrote.

Harkin's liberalism, they continued, "is a reflection of a deep-seated personal philosophy, rather than a reflection of the views of the lowans he claims to represent."

Communications Director Wendy DeMocker said: "We're going to make certain that, by election day, the people of Iowa know who Tom Harkin is and what he stands for - an unabashed commitment to the failed liberal policies of the past."

Senator Don Nickles is the chairman of the committee. In 1986 he very effectively used the L-word to defeat his Democratic opponent, former Con-

gressman Jim Jones, according to the . Almanac of American Politics. Nickles ran an ad featuring a farmer who said, "You know, Jim, if you talk like a liberal, and act like a liberal, and

vote like a liberal, you're a liberal." Phil Roeder, Harkin's campaign operative in Iowa, professed to be flattered to be noticed by the big guns in Washington. "It's interesting. They think the dirty 'L' word is 'liberal' and in fact, to us, the dirty 'L' word is 'Lee'

Brace yourselves. We have 20 months of this yet to come.

Atwater," said Roeder.

OK, SOME FACTS: In the latest ratings by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, Harkin gets 36 percent and Tauke gets 85 percent. The American Conservative Union gives Harkin a zero and Tauke 67 percent.

Americans for Democratic Action give Harkin 95 percent and Tauke 45 percent. The AFL-CIO gives Harkin 92 percent and Tauke 23 percent.

As The Congressional Quarterly observes, "The ratings provide a simple way to judge where members . . . stood last year. But . . . the ratings oversimplify differences - and occasionally imply non-existent similarities - of opinion and voting behavior."

**CONGRESSMAN FRED** Grandy is losing press secretary Rich Myers to the Atwater outfit.

Myers, a former Sioux City broadcaster who has worked for Grandy since he first ran in 1986, is moving on to a communications job with the RNC. He will work on races in the northeast region of the country.

Also, Grandy has picked up and moved his offices from the Longworth Building to 418 Cannon. The ceilings are higher there.

CONGRESSMAN JIM Leach recently was saluted for his efforts to increase the number of Peace Corps volunteers to 10,000. The corps' director presented him with a "Leader for Peace" award at a Capitol reception.

A JOVIAL mood prevailed among members of the Iowa delegation at a lunch last week with Iowa State President Gordon Eaton and his sidekick Mike Crow, where they chewed on dry little "finger sandwiches," pieces of cheese and grapes.

After they discussed their plans for a variety of new centers for the university, Leach departed with this shot: "Don't forget a rainmaking center."

Congressman David Nagle wondered whether Neal Smith "could find it in his heart and the appropriations committee . . . to come up with a little money so Iowa State could buy us a de-

cent lunch when they come to town.' Crow replied: "Everything you have eaten today is experimental. I won't tell you what those grapes once were."

THE MID-WEEK JOKE: Did you know John Tower thought he had 90

votes in the Senate? He was seeing double.

— Jane Norman

unregulated subsidiaries.

It would also give the Iowa Utilities Board the authority to audit unregulated affiliates to ensure they are not passing expenses on

mum of mishaps.

didn't catch on.

to energy consumers. The proposal comes at a perfect time. In the last five years, five of the nine gas and electric utilities in wa have become holding companies, investing in everything from

Lear Jets to real estate. Consumers need legal protection to ensure they are not picking up the tab for these services.

Concern about the extent of the problem has prompted the Utilities Board to launch an investigation of the holding companies, and results are due later this month.

lowa legislators shouldn't wait. They should seize the chance to protect constituents from existing or potential hidden price gouging in the already high cost of energy.

# Muscatine rebuffs Durant for state crown

By RANDY PETERSON

Register Staff Writer Second-ranked Muscatine made its first venture into the Girls' State high school basketball tournament a successful one Saturday night with a 52-45 victory over Durant for the five-player championship.

Senior Marivel Rivera led the Muskies (25-0) with 17 points. Freshman Jenny Noll followed with 14 and Barb Cole had 11.

Noll, a reserve, scored 12 points and grabbed nine rebounds in leading Muscatine to a 26-16 lead at halftime. The 6-foot 2-inch, 15-year-old entered the game midway through the first quarter, then scored all but two of the Muskies' 12 second-quarter points, all from offensive rebounds.

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Five players scored at least two points in the first quarter as Muscatine jumped to a 14-8 lead.

After Durant's Becky Schoenig scored the opening basket, the Muskies scored eight consecutive points, four by Taura Drake.

Durant crept to within one point twice in the third quarter, 28-27 with 3 minutes 20 seconds left in the period and 30-29 with 2:41 to go. Muscatine led at the end of the third quarter,

The Wildcats did it with full-court pressure that caused seven Muscatine

turnovers in the third quarter. Also during the period, Noll collected her fourth foul.

A basket by Kristie Langbehn from just inside the three-point arc brought Durant to within a point, 40-39, with 5:06 to play in the game. Muscatine countered with two free throws by Noll with 4:38 to go to give the Muskies a 42-39 advantage.

3:54 to go in the game and her two free throws brought Durant back to within 43-41. Muscatine rebuilt its lead to six points on consecutive baskets by

Drake and Rivera with 2:07 to play,

then baskets by Langbehn and Stacy

Schoenig drew Noll's fifth foul with

GIRLS' STATE PAIRINGS

SIX-PLAYER

SATURDAY'S THIRD-PLACE GAME Elk Horn-Kimballton 84, Ventura 80 SATURDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP N — Ankeny (25-1) vs. Atlantic (24-2)

FIVE-PLAYER SATURDAY'S THIRD-PLACE GAME

Muscatine 52, Durant 45

Cedar Rapids Regis 87, Dubuque Senior 85 (OT) SATURDAY'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Makoben brought Durant to within 47-45 with 1:26 remaining.

Rivera followed her missed shot with a basket with 1:06 to play to give Muscatine a 49-45 lead.



Durant's Stacy Makoben knocks the ball away from Muscatine's Jenny Noll.

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MARC HANSEN

## Hanged by a frozen rope

KANSAS CITY, MO. - The only three-point basket Oklahoma made all day wasn't a beautiful rainbow, but the pot of gold was still waiting at the end.

As line drives go, Wade Boggs doesn't hit them any more straight. The baseball term for Tyrone Jones' winner Saturday is a "frozen rope."

The shot that beat Iowa State in the semifinals of the Big Eight Conference basketball tournament was no high-flying parabola. It was so flat UPS could have slipped it under the Cyclones' door.

But it was also perfect, splashing through the net, barely hitting the rim if it touched it at all, and beating Iowa State, 76-74.

"I'll say one thing," said Oklahoma Coach Billy Tubbs, a man who seldom stops at one. "That thing went down about as quickly as any shot I've ever

The mortally wounded Cyclones

followed. "We outplayed them for 39 minutes and 52 seconds," Mike Born said afterward, "but you gotta play 40."

So much happened in those last 8 seconds. The clock started ticking down on the Cyclones' tournament

#### It isn't every day a team comes 8 seconds from a victory over a team humility sometimes forgets.

when Victor Alexander's free throw bounced out with the Cyclones leading by a point.

William Davis grabbed the rebound, flipped it to Mookie Blaylock, who found Jones on the left side. Born did everything except sign Jones' dance card, but it didn't matter.

Before that, with Alexander on the line, Iowa State had called its last timeout. If Victor makes both, the coaching staff instructed, foul the Sooners before they have a chance to tie the game with a three-pointer. If he misses, switch from zone defense to man-to-man.

The coaching staff called time out to make sure everybody understood.

Avoiding confusion and chaos was the intent. The catch was, Oklahoma also wanted a timeout, mostly to distract Alexander.

Both teams asked for time, and Iowa State got it. Too bad for the Cyclones. Rather than gambling that Oklahoma would make the request a pretty fair bet - the Cyclones used their last.

With 2 seconds remaining after Jones' basket, that final timeout would have come in handy. Chances are Iowa State wouldn't have hit the winning or tying basket, but it beat the alternative:

The Cyclones were smacked with a technical for calling a timeout they didn't have. Without hesitating, Orr surrendered to the scorer's table and the game was over.

"I think we have a good shot at the NCAA tournament," Born said, a bandage obscuring the stitches earned the day before against Oklahoma State, "but I've never been so disappointed in my whole life. We had

They did. Only Oklahoma State has held the Sooners to fewer points this season. But that was in Stillwater; this game was played at Kemper

Arena, a neutral court. Counting just the games the Sooners have won, it was their lowest

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# Orr sees NGAA bid despite 76-74 loss



## Oklahoma 3-pointer at end wins

By BUCK TURNBULL

Register Staff Writer

KANSAS CITY, MO. - Mike Born said there wasn't anything else he could possibly have done to deny Oklahoma its winning shot Saturday short of fouling Tyrone Jones.

The Iowa State co-captain had a hand in Jones' face and forced him to shoot a line drive from the corner.

It was from three-point range, about 20 feet away, and it had to be perfect with that trajectory, or it wouldn't have gone in.

But it was a swisher with just 2 seconds left, giving second-ranked Oklahoma a 76-74 victory in the semifinals of the Big Eight Conference tournament.

other semifinal, 88-83, and will play the Sooners for the title today. Born tried to explain why he played

Missouri beat Kansas State in the

the shot the way he did. "In the first place," he said, "I

didn't think Oklahoma would try a three-pointer, because they were only down by one point. "And I was surprised that Mookie Blaylock wasn't the guy who took the

shot. Blaylock had the ball coming down the floor, but he passed it off. "I couldn't have guarded Jones any better than I did, short of fouling him. The shot was flat as an arrow - !

couldn't believe he made it." The basket was Oklahoma's only three-pointer after 10 misses, and the final score was only the third time the

Sooners had led throughout the tension-packed contest. But Iowa State Coach Johnny Orr didn't get down on Born, or any other

of his players. "I'm just as proud of my team now

as I was yesterday when we beat Oklahoma State," said Orr, who expects the Cyclones to be one of the 64

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## Colleges are on trial with sports agents

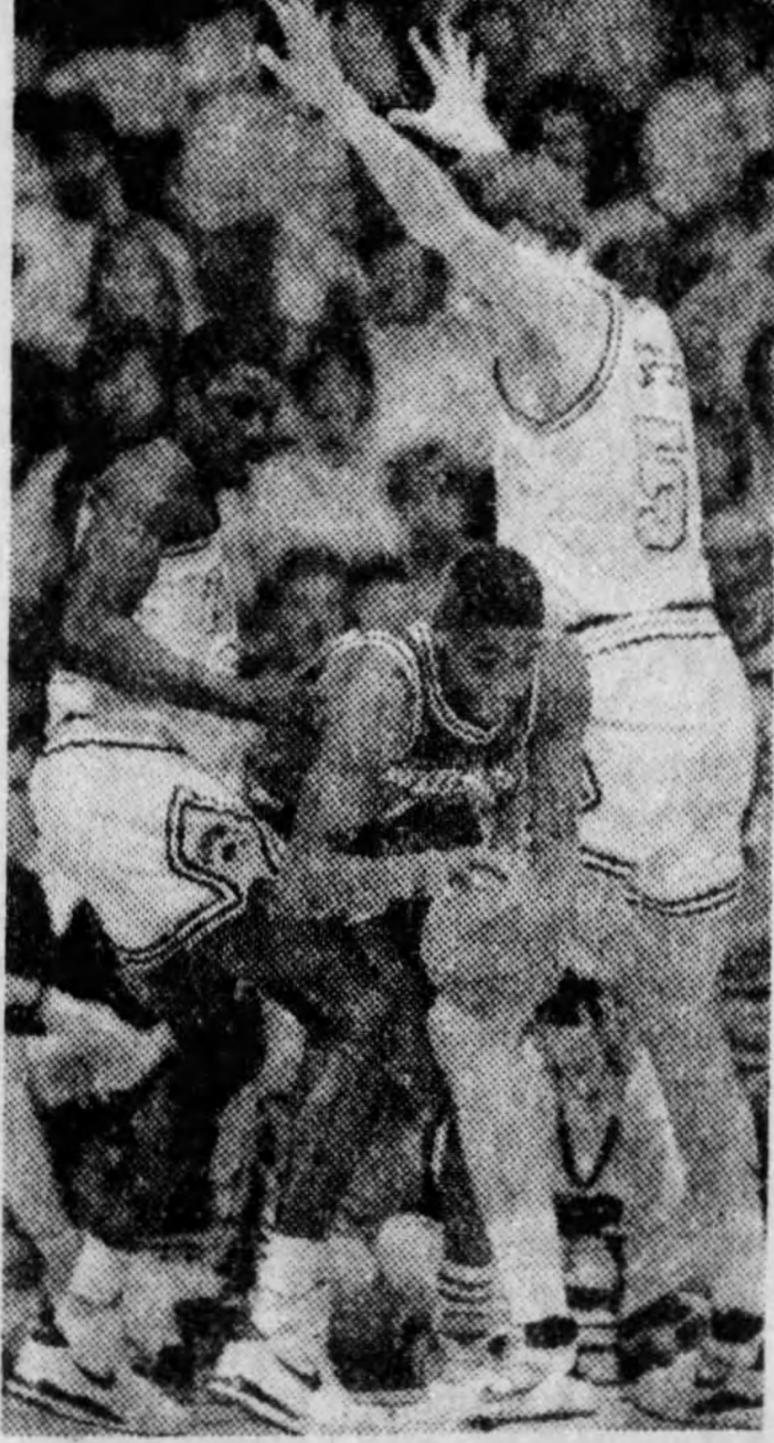
By TOM WITOSKY Register Staff Writer

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Indiana's Mark Robinson shall not pass between Iowa's Ray Thompson (left) and Les Jepsen.

#### By RICK BROWN Register Staff Writer IOWA CITY, IA. - Who said Bob Knight is a bad guy? With the Big Ten Conference basketball title safely tucked in his back pocket, the Indiana University coach rested four of his starters against an Iowa team that desperately needed a victory. The Hawkeyes got one, 87-70, Saturday afternoon in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Guard Jay Edwards, named the

injury.

an earlier victory over the Hawkeyes, watched Saturday's action in street clothes. A statement from Indiana issued before the game said Edwards had a back strain and muscle spasms and

center Todd Jadlow, who had scored

32 points and grabbed 13 rebounds in

"Even if this game was for the conference championship, Edwards and

Jadlow had an ankle sprain and thigh

Jadlow couldn't have played, period," Knight said.

lowa beats folks in Indiana uniforms

Jones Just a Reserve

Indiana center Eric Anderson, selected the Big Ten's Freshman of the Year, and guard Joe Hillman were in

uniform, but didn't play. "If I'm not going to play Edwards and Jadlow; I'm not going to have Anderson and Hillman bust their - for 40 minutes," Knight said. The fifth starter, Lyndon Jones, Big Ten's Player of the Year, and

played 21 minutes as a reserve.

"Indiana is truly a championship team, and, obviously, we didn't see that team here today," said Iowa Coach Tom Davis, whose team snapped a three-game losing streak. "It's an advantage Indiana earned because of clinching the title Thursday night.

"It was meaningless, other than I'm sure Bob wanted them to play well and be consistent. But it meant a lot to us. It will give us a boost, mentally and emotionally, heading into next week."

The sixth-ranked Hoosiers, whose only two previous league losses were to Illinois, finished the year 15-3 in conference play and 25-7 overall. No. 15 Iowa ended the regular season 10-8 in the league and 22-9 overall. Both teams should receive bids to the NCAA tournament today.

"No Exhibition"

Knight brushed off suggestions the game carried no importance to him. "Winning a game has never been secondary," said the man who has won the most Big Ten games of any coach. "It sure wasn't meaningless to me. I was sweating. If it was meaningless, I'd have been in Columbus, Ind., watching my kid [Patrick] play."

Indiana senior forward Kreigh Smith said the Hoosiers didn't look on

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Team	How Team Fared	Next Foe
1. Arizona (26-3)	beat Oregon State, 98-87	Stanford or UCLA
2. Oklahoma (28-4)	beat Iowa State, 76-74	Missouri
3. Georgetown (25-4)	beat Pittsburgh, 85-62	Syracuse
4. Illinois (27-4)	beat Michigan, 89-73	end of regular season
5. Syracuse (27-6)	beat Seton Hall, 81-78	Georgetown
6. Indiana (25-7)	lost at lowa, 87-70	end of regular season
7. Duke (24-6)	beat Virginia, 69-58	North Carolina
8. Michigan (24-7)	lost to Illinois, 89-73	end of regular season
9. North Carolina (26-7)	beat Maryland, 88-58	Duke
10. Missouri (26-7)	beat Kansas State, 88-83	Oklahoma

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11. Seton Hall (26-6)	lost to Syracuse, 81-78	end of regular season
12. Stanford (25-5)	Played UCLA	Pac-10 tournament
13. West Virginia (25-4)	finished regular season	
14. Florida State (22-6)	beat South Carolina, 80-63	Louisville
15. lowa (22-9)	beat Indiana, 87-70	end of regular season
16. Louisville (21-8)	beat Memphis State, 71-70	Florida State
17. North Carolina St. (20-7)	finished regular season	end of regular season
18. Nevada-Las Vegas (25-7)	played New Mexico State	end of regular season
19. Ball State (26-2)	played Eastern/Michigan	end of regular season
20. St. Mary's (Calif.) (25-4)	finished regular season,	

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Some are convinced both agents and college athletics are on trial in U.S. District Judge George Marovich's courtroom. The Wednesday editions of the Chicago Tribune said as much when its trial story was splashed across the front page under the headline: "Sports agents case puts lowa on trial, too."

#### Lawyers' Strategy

Bloom's lawyers — a squad of six high-priced defense attorneys from Chicago and New York City, including several former federal prosecutors — apparently intend to do.

"I thought this week went very well," the accused agent Walters said with a sly smile tugging at the corners of his mouth. "I think the jury got a good feel for what this is all about."

The trial, which could last two months, will resume Monday, but much of the script written by the prosecution and defense is likely to follow the pattern of the explosive first week of testimony.

What it showed was a willing conspiracy between the two agents and some of the nation's top college athletes of the mid-1980s to cut themselves into big-time money and fame of professional athletics while the players were still in college.

#### Sold on Secrecy

"As long as no one was going to tell the University of Iowa, I could sign early," said former Hawkeye running back Ronnie Harmon, who ultimately received more than \$54,000 from the agents. "Norby said if we kept it a secret, no one would find out."

Former Purdue defensive back Rod Woodson and former Michigan running back Robert Perryman told much the same story.

"I never would have signed if Purdue was going to find out about it. I told them I would sign a contract as long as no one found out," said Woodson, who received more than \$21,000. "Norby said it would be safe."

While still a member of the Wolverine team, Perryman received \$2,500 in cash in his first meeting with the agents, as well as \$250 a month, a down payment on a Camaro and monthly car payments. "When I went to New York I had a pretty good idea I would sign," he said. "I needed the money to help support my daugh-

For the prosecution, those admissions of guilt in the conspiracy—elicited from the athletes under the threat of prosecution for defrauding their universities—are what the trial is about.

#### Accused of Fraud

Prosecutors say Walters, 59, and Bloom, 29, are guilty of fraud because they signed the athletes to representation contracts, which immediately made the players ineligible for competition under NCAA rules and would have permitted school officials to cancel the athletes' athletic scholarships.

In addition, the two agents are accused of using reputed New York City mobster Michael Franzese to provide necessary threats and muscle to keep athletes in line when they tried to bolt Walters' and Bloom's firm, World Sports Entertainment Inc. Franzese is now serving time in a California federal prison.

With four former top Big Ten football players — Iowa's Harmon and Devon Mitchell, Michigan's Perryman and Purdue's Woodson — on the stand, U.S. Attorney Anton Valukas and Howard Pearl took each one through the process of how they signed with the two agents, knowing they were placing their college careers in jeopardy at the same time.

#### Agents' Meetings

In all cases, the agents either met the athletes at Walters' Manhattan offices or visited the athletes in their parents' homes.

During the meetings, Walters, a sharp-talking huckster with a Brooklyn accent and a full head of silver hair in a shag cut, would tell the players he was only one who could help black athletes make the big time.

"You ask anybody who's knowledgeable if there's anybody they know in the entertainment world and you say the name Norby Walters and they'd say he's number one," Walters said in his meeting with Harmon. "I feel I'm the number one deal-maker.

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After all, I make deals every couple of months. I make multi-, multi-, megamillion-dollar deals."

As he spoke, Walters would haul out from \$2,000 to \$4,000 in cash, lay it out bill by bill on a table and tell the athlete it was his for the taking and his signature on a postdated representation contract.

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- Norby Walters

No one would ever find out, Walters promised, unless the athlete flaunted his new-found wealth.

College officials and prosecutors say such an arrangement is fraudu-

"I think it is clear that if you take money under false pretenses, there is a possible criminal injury and it should be prosecuted," said Byron Gregory, a lawyer for the Big Ten Conference, which is cooperating with the government's case.

But defense lawyers dispute that claim. "It is our contention there just is no crime here," Dan Webb, one of Bloom's lawyers, argued.

In cross-examination, Webb and other defense lawyers got the players to concede they never thought such activity was criminal until prosecutors threatened them with indictment on fraud charges. Prosecutors then offered the players a deal to keep them from being indicted on the promise they would testify against the agents.

"You never thought you really broke any laws did you?" Walters' lawyer Ethan Levin-Epstein asked Perryman, who is now a running back with New England Patriots.

"I didn't do anything criminal except break NCAA rules," Perryman responded.

#### Players Attacked

At the same time, defense lawyers were mounting a furious attack on some of the players by trying to portray them as a bunch of selfish, greedy liars who only wanted to take money from Walters and Bloom.

One of the defense's best moments was an exchange between Bloom's lawyer Webb and Harmon over the former Iowa running back's decision to drop the agents within days of signing a \$1.3 million contract with the Buffalo Bills. At the time of signing, Walters and Bloom would have been entitled to 10 percent of the contract,

or \$130,000.

Webb: "Of the \$54,000 you received from Walters and Bloom before you signed, how much of that have they received back?

Harmon: "They got the \$2,500 loan and about \$3,000 for their services."
Webb: "So you took the famous Norby Walters to the cleaners?"

Harmon: "No, how could I take him to the cleaners? It was an investment for them. He said he was gambling on

Webb: "You stiffed Walters for more than \$49,000 didn't you?"

Harmon: "I don't think I stiffed him."

him."
Webb: "You wound up with \$49,000 didn't you?"

Harmon: "Yes."

For the University of Iowa, Harmon's testimony and that of Mitchell, a former Hawkeye defensive back, was particularly devastating to the

In cross-examination, the two members of Iowa's last Big Ten championship football team disclosed they had academic problems in programs that appeared more focused on keeping them eligible for competition

Courses taken in watercolor painting, ancient athletics, jogging, fundamentals of military organization, coaching and advanced slow pitch softball, as well as credit received for playing their sport, brought smiles

Prosecution attorneys tried to keep such testimony from being submitted. Judge Marovich has allowed it because the defense contends university officials violated NCAA rules by not forcing the athletes to be seeking

"If the defense has evidence that athletes were allowed to compete when they should have been declared ineligible, that is relevant to this case and the jury should hear it," Marov-

Iowa officials immediately rejected any claims they allowed athletes to play when they should have been declared academically ineligible. Fred Mims, assistant athletic director, denied the school bent any rules to allow athletes to compete. He said Harmon and Mitchell were academi-

## Official Denies Harm

Gregory, who is monitoring the trial for the Big Ten, said defense lawyers simply were taking information from Harmon's and Mitchell's transcripts out of context.

At the same time, Gregory said the schools can withstand the bad publicity simply because the disclosures "are hurtful only if the schools intentionally committed any violations. But if they didn't, I don't see how it can be hurtful at all," Gregory said.

Yet Gregory conceded he is worried that if Walters and Bloom are found innocent, it might set off another round of improper under-the-table

"That is a very good question,"
Gregory said. "It is something we have to be concerned about."



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