HICAGO (AP) — Tony Woods, a former University of Pittsburgh linebacker, testified Tuesday that he felt threatened by Norby Walters because of comments the sports agent made after Woods fired him.

A tape recording of a conversation between the two was played at the agent's Federal court trial, and Walters was heard saying he didn't want "to be a rat" and cause problems over being replaced by another agent.

The recording of their 1987 conversation was made by Woods, now with the Seattle Seahawks, after he was sued for \$500,000 by Walters for breaking their contract.

Valters, 58, and co-defendant Lloyd Bloom, 29, are

charged with racketeering, fraud and extortion. Woods said he signed a contract with Walters and Bloom in February 1986, when he was a junior at Pitt. He testified he accepted about \$10,000 in loans from the agents, plus plane tickets for himself and his younger brother, also a Pitt football player.

NCAA rules forbid an athlete signing with an agent or accepting any payments until after the final year of college eligibility is completed.

rs also lent \$6,000 to Woods' parents, who own a house-cleaning business in South Orange, N.J.

In December 1986, Woods fired Walters and Bloom and hired agent Bruce Allen of Phoenix to represent him in NFL negotiations, prompting Walters' filing of a \$500,000 breachof-contract lawsuit against the linebacker.

"I was hearing a lot during the course of the season." Woods said in explaining his decision to fire the pair, adding that unsavory rumors about organized crime involvement and drugs made him want to distance himself.

Walters called to complain that when Woods let him go, six other football players followed suit.

"Never once did I act like a cutie pie, a big shot, a wise guy. Then you drop the bomb," Walters said in the taperecorded conversation played in U.S. District Court. "I don't want to be a rat, create problems for Pittsburgh,

create problems for the Woods family," the agent said. Walters told Woods in the conversation to fire Allen as his agent immediately and return to World Sports and

Entertainment of New York, run by Walters and Bloom. "Tell Bruce you don't need a major league law battle with Norby Walters," Walters advised.

Woods said he interpreted Walters' comments as threats to make financial trouble for him and his parents, and to see to it that the NCAA put Pitt on probation and stripped his brother of his college football eligibility.

The linebacker admitted under cross-examination that he hadn't paid back a cent of the money lent to him by the sports agents, despite a \$350,000 signing bonus from Seattle in 1987.

Defense lawyer Dan K. Webb said checks sent by Woods' parents to repay their loan from Walters bounced because of insufficient funds.

The government claims the agents defrauded seven universities by signing student athletes to professional representation contracts before their eligibility had expired. Walters and Bloom also are accused of using cash to

persuade the athletes to sign, and of threatening players with physical harm if they tried to back out of the deals. Defense attorneys have countered by arguing that the agents were the victims of money-hungry athletes, and have

attempted to put the collegiate athletic system on trial. Walters was in court with his right arm in a sling, the

result of an accident in an elevator Monday which caused a one-day recess.

Streaking Phillies win 7th straight

Associated Press

The Philadelphia Phillies, who started spring training with a 10-game winless streak, are now streaking in the other direction.

Ken Howell, Alex Madrid and Greg Harris combined on a three-hitter Tuesday as the Phillies won their seventh straight game, 7-2 over the Atlanta Braves.

Howell allowed three hits and two runs in six innings. Madrid pitched two perfect innings and Harris retired the Braves in order in the ninth.

Bobby Dernier doubled off Bruce Sutter in the seventh to drive in the go-ahead run.

Reds 7, Cardinals 2

Cincinnati scored all of its runs off rookie Cris Carpenter in the first four innings. Eric Davis' two-run triple highlighted a fourrun, third inning for the Reds. Cincinnati scored two more runs in the fourth on a double by Jeff Reed and singles by Manny Trillo, Ron

Browning, who picked up the win, pitched

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six innings and allowed only two hits. Ozzie Smith had three hits for St. Louis.

Royals 9, Astros 1

Pat Tabler and Bob Boone each drove in two runs for the Royals.

The Royals scored five runs in the seventh inning. Astros rookie Anthony Kelley gave up three singles, a double to Willie Wilson and walked two before leaving. Royals rookie Kevin Appier pitched three innings of scoreless relief for the win.

Mariners 9, Cubs 2

Greg Briley and Dave Valle drove in two runs each for the Mariners.

Briley hit a two-run triple in the fifth off Cubs starter Rick Sutcliffe for a 2-1 lead. Mariners starter Bill Swift pitched six innings, allowing two runs and four hits. Ryne

Sandberg drove in the only Chicago runs with a single in the fourth and a homer in the sixth.

Padres 7, Brewers 4

John Kruk and Mark Parent hit two-run homers and Walt Terrell held Milwaukee to five hits in seven innings.

The homers came off losing pitcher Chris Bosio. Kruk's two-run homer in the fifth inning followed a two-out triple by Roberto Alomar and put the Padres ahead 5-4. Parent's homer in the sixth followed a single by Randell Byers.

Twins 7, Blue Jays 6

John Christensen capped a four-hit day with a leadoff homer in the 12th inning off Mark Eichhorn.

The Blue Jays had rallied to tie the game in the top of the ninth on a two-run homer by Sal Butera and a three-run blast by Junior Felix. Greg Gagne hit a three-run homer in the third. Randy Bush had a solo shot in the fourth. Starter Frank Viola went 5% innings, giving up two hits and striking out six.

ROSE: Alleged to have betted on baseball

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pleading guilty in January to a charge of evading taxes on income from the sale of steroids.

Oester and Tom Browning.

The magazine, citing an unidentified source with knowledge of Janszen's dealings with federal investigators, said "while in the dugout at Riverfront Stadium, Rose exchanged signals somehow relating to baseball betting with Janzsen, who was in the stands."

Sports Illustrated said that another weightlifter, who was not identified, told the magazine that he had placed bets on baseball games that he understood to be from Rose, using a telephone at Gold's Gym in suburban Cincinna-

In the GQ story, Karolyn Rose is quoted as saying her former husband once refused to acknowledge a gambling debt and later received a dead fish in the mail.

"He said he was Pete Rose, and he didn't have to pay no gambling debts," GQ quoted her as saying. But she told The Associated

Press, "That was a misquote."

In the GQ piece, written by Pat Jordan, Rose's daughter, Fawn, said she didn't understand why her father never had time for his family.

"We didn't expect anything from him, except to just like us. All we ever did was love him and want him to love us back," she said.

Rose's son, Pete Jr., also described his father as distant.

"We're not alike," said Rose Jr., a third baseman in the Baltimore Orioles' minor league system. "I never hugged or kissed my dad. If

I did, he'd think I was a sissy. You know, queer. My relationship with him is more player-manager. Sometimes he gives me a high

Rose, who was suspended 30 days last year for bumping an umpire, ducked questions Tuesday about the commissioner's investigation.

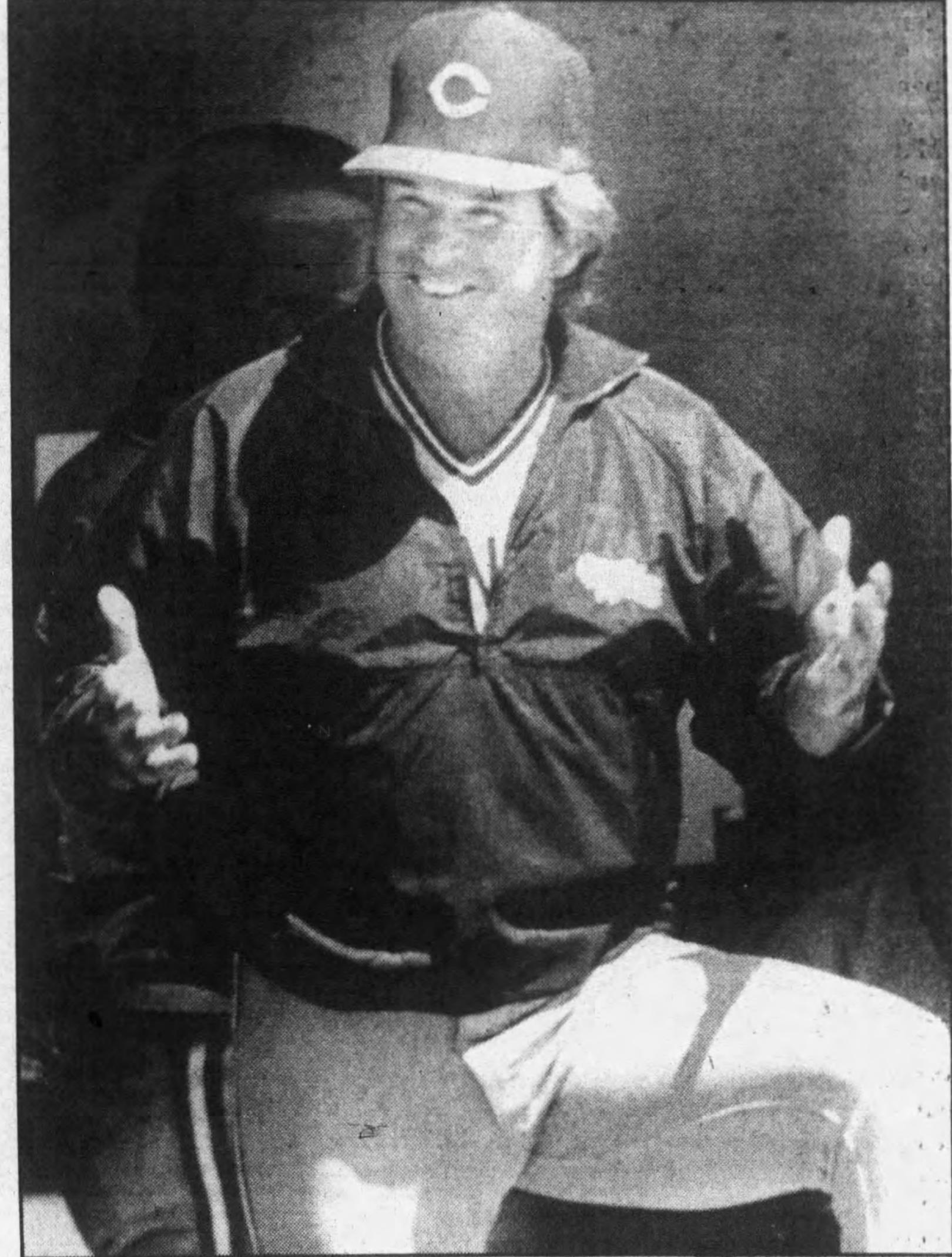
There was World Series-type security at Al Lang Stadium in St. Petersburg, Fla. Rose arrived about an hour before the Reds' exhibition game against the St. Louis Cardinals, walked briskly through two dozen reporters and photographers, and remained in his office, where an armed, uniformed guard stood watch.

Rose gave his usual pregame radio interview to Reds radio broadcaster Marty Brennaman, but shed no light on the investiga-

"Well, Marty, all I can tell you is we are cooperating with the commissioner's office, and we hope that it gets taken care of real fast, before opening day, so we can get down to business," Rose said. "And business is winning the National League West. That's all I'd like to say about that."

While the media waited for Rose, players worked out on the field, sneaking looks at the reporters. They had to pick their way through the crowd to get to the bat rack.

"I couldn't get my bat. Everybody was in the way," second baseman Ron Oester said. He added, "It's only a distraction if you let it be."



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Cincinnati Reds manager Pete Rose gestures to the St. Louis' Cardinals dugout during an exhibition game Tuesday in St. Petersburg, Fla. Rose is under investigation by the commissioner's office involving "serious allegations."

DeVoe 'resigns' post as Tennessee coach

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) -Tennessee basketball coach Don DeVoe quit Tuesday amid reports he was about to be fired after 11

years on the job. Athletic director Doug Dickey announced the acceptance of De-Voe's "negotiated resignation."

DeVoe's letter of resignation said he was leaving "in an effort to stop the persistent rumors surrounding my status."

"Don and I have been talking for several days now," Dickey said. "We've discussed the varmight go with our program, and he came to the conclusion that he would submit his resignation today, and we have accepted it."

Dickey demurred when asked if DeVoe would have been fired had he not resigned.

"I think all of the circumstances that surround our program have brought both Don and I to the position where I think where we

are is in the best interests of both of us," Dickey replied.

"I think Don takes a lot of credibility to a new job opportunity somewhere. He is interested in staying in coaching. We wish him well," Dickey said.

DeVoe guided Tennessee to a 19-11 record and NCAA tournament berth this season, the most victories for the Vols since 1985 and the first NCAA bid since

Dickey said he had to consider "the circumstances that surround ious possibilities of where we the program over a longer period of time than one season."

"I think there are no particular incidents or circumstances I would point out," Dickey said.

DeVoe's departure was presaged by successive losing seasons earlier this decade, a disappointing mark this year with a senior squad, and pressure of trying to fill the new, 24,535-seat Thompson-Boling Arena.

Driscol fans 15 OOOPS! DID

DELAND, Fla. — Robert Driscol struck out 15 and allowed just five hits as Iowa improved to 4-0 on its spring trip with a 6-1 college baseball victory over Massachusetts Tuesday.

Driscol (1-0), who played at Kirkwood Community College before transferring to Iowa, went the distance, allowing no walks over the nine-inning game.

The Hawkeyes (6-4) broke a 1-1 tie in the eighth inning when Tim Costo walked with the bases loaded, driving home Mike Bradley. In the ninth, Iowa tallied four runs, highlighted by Keith Noreen's two-run double.

Iowa plays Dartmouth today in a single game at Orlando, Fla. Monday at Lakeland, Fla., Iowa downed Wright State, 3-1, behind Mike Bradley's two-run home run and the pitching of John DeJarld.

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