Sports agents wrap up their defense at trial

By STEVE FIFFER

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CHICAGO, ILL. - Defense testimony in the trial of agents Norby Thursday without either of the defendants taking the stand.

Walters and Bloom are accused of mail fraud and racketeering in connection with their representation of several athletes.

Michael Feldberg, a trial attorney with a New York law firm, testified that he told Walters and Bloom in 1986 that he did not believe they had broken any law when they signed college athletes to contracts and loaned them money before their college eligibility expired.

But under cross-examination by prosecutor Anton Valukas, Feldberg tion. acknowledged that he told a grand jury in 1988 that when he gave the advice he was not aware that the agents had used postdated contracts the inquiry. to sign the athletes.

Feldberg also acknowledged that he was not aware that the agents may have advised athletes to lie to their universities about their dealings with the agents or that the agents themselves may have lied to universities inquiring about their representation of athletes. The defense has contended that Walters and Bloom believed their actions were legal and thus did not have the requisite state of mind to commit fraud.

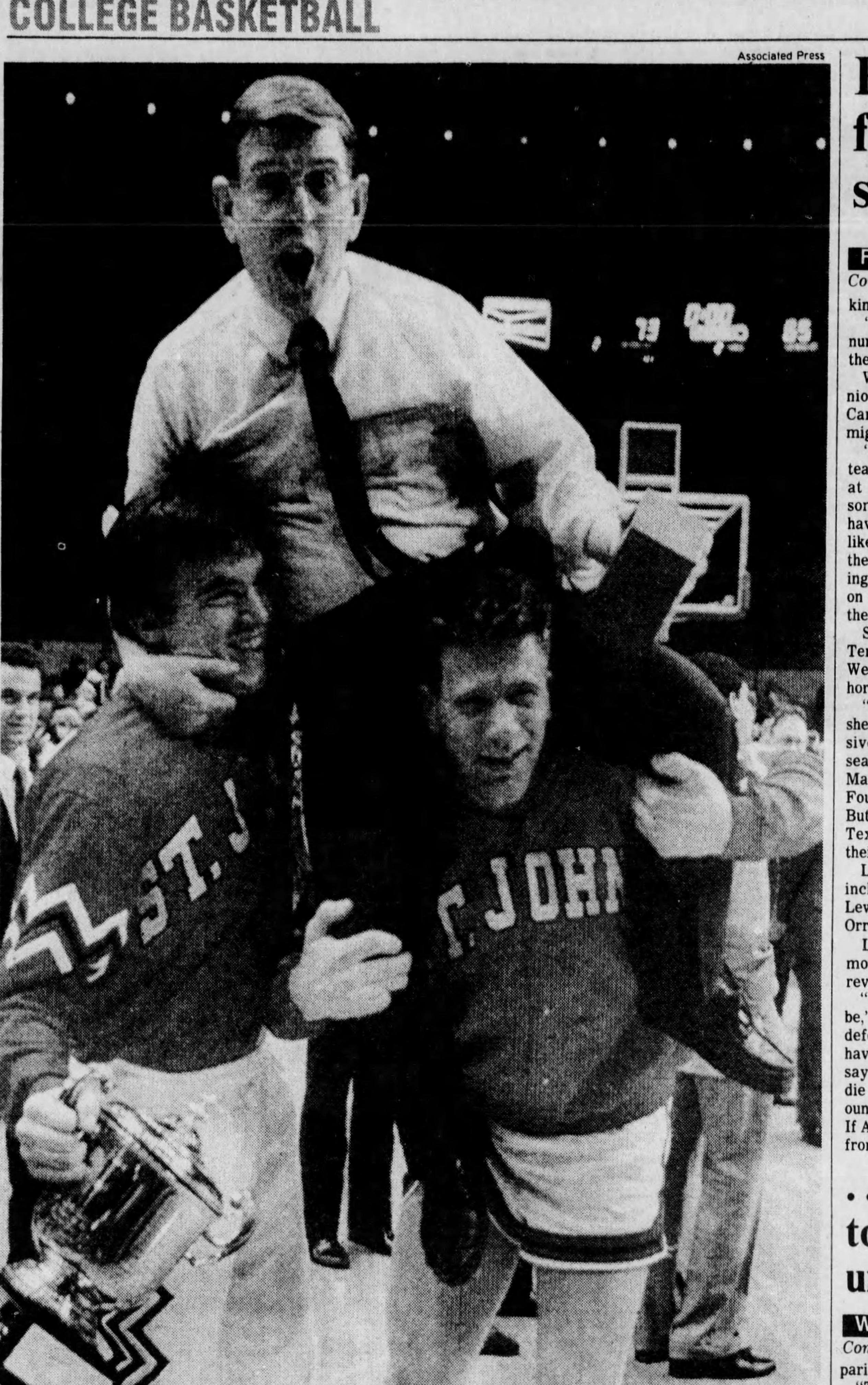
Feldberg testified on Wednesday that he filed several suits on behalf of Walters and Lloyd Bloom ended Walters and Bloom against athletes who reportedly breached agreements by allowing other sports agents to negotiate their National Football League contracts.

But U.S. District Judge George M. Marovich refused Thursday to let Va-The final witness for the defense, lukas establish that Walters and loom had not won any of the suits.

> While defense attorneys noted that it was after these suits were filed and received publicity that the government began its investigation, Valukas, in a conference with the judge outside the presence of the jury, asserted that the lawsuits did not precipitate the government's investiga-

> Rather, the prosecutor said, the March 1987 beating of Kathy Clements, a Chicago sports agent, started

Valukas said he was prepared to link that beating to Walters and Bloom, but the judge refused to permit him to do so with Feldberg, who had no knowledge of the events.



Final Four field looks strong...

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kind of exposure.

"We've been competitive a great number of years but we've never won the whole thing," Weller said.

With Bullett and a backcourt of senior Deanna Tate and sophomore Carla Holmes, the coach says this might be the Terrapins' year.

"I think this is one of our better teams and I think we have a good shot at it," Weller said. "Our team is somewhat on a mission because we have been overlooked and we would like to correct that. If we can get to the next step, that might be the turning point for some of the individuals on our team as well as the future of the program."

Summitt watched last week as the Terrapins beat Texas, 79-71, in the West Regional final on the Longhorns' home court. "They are extremely impressive," she said. "They are as balanced offensively as anyone we've played all season. I told my team you can say Maryland hasn't been to the Final Four much and their bench is suspect. But, in all honesty, they've played at Texas with tremendous poise and their bench didn't hurt them." Louisiana Tech is led by 6-foot 4inch Venus Lacy and 6-foot Nora Lewis. Auburn's top player is Vickie Orr, who had knee surgery last year. Louisiana Tech Coach Leon Barmore is concerned about Auburn's revenge motive. "It's big on their list and it should be," he said. "At the same time, we're defending national champions. We have a sign in our dressing room. It says 'Champions die hard - if they die at all.' We're going to put every ounce of energy we have in this game. If Auburn wins, they'll have to take it from us.'

Clements was an associate of the agent Steve Zucker, whose agency had signed athletes previously represented by Walters and Bloom.

The government began a rebuttal case that is expected to last through Monday. The case is expected to go to the jury on Wednesday.

Osage star reaches goal in winning 400 By DAN McCOOL

Register Correspondent

heavy training schedule this week, dy. Susan Helfter of Osage realized her at the UNI-Dome.

Helfter, a two-time state champion in the 400, said she wanted to be close 3,000," she said. to the 1-minute mark. She ran the City by nearly 1 second.

her time in the 400 that made her happy, especially after "a few too many workouts this week," she said.

The senior, who would like to attend Stanford University, said she is now aiming at an improvement over the 561/2-second effort she had in

CEDAR FALLS, IA. - Despite a el Nixon from Cedar Rapids Kenne-

After a good start at indoor meets goal in her first 400-meter dash of the at Graceland College and at Des season Thursday at the Girls' Dickin- Moines, where she won both distance son Invitational track and field meet races, Barnes has big plans for the state meet.

"I want to win the 1,500 and the

Dyan Fluhrer of Charles City won race in 1 minute, .04 seconds, beating the long jump and the 55 meters and runner-up Dyan Fluhrer of Charles placed second in the 400. Fluhrer also ran a leg of the distance medley, in Helfter also won the 800, but it was which the Comettes placed second.

The Results

Shot put-1. Pam Emberton, Independence, 36-5; 2. Kim Wedeking, Charles City, 36-5; 3. Melinda Madison, Southeast Polk, 36-01/2.

Long jump-1.Dyan Fluhrer, Charles City, 16-4; Earlene Johnson, Cedar Rapids Jefferson, 15-10;

3. Polly Jensen, Charles City, 15-91/2. High jump-1. Nicole Harker, Clarion, 5-3; 2. Kris Bouman, Dike, 5-0;3. Cheri Poock, Waverly-

1,500-1. Nikole Hennigan, Southeast Polk, 4:54.0; 2. Holly Barnes, Eddyville, 4:57.3; 3. Heather

St. John's Coach Lou Carnesecca takes a victory ride Wednesday with the help of Kevin Fitzpatrick (left) and Tournament with a 73-65 victory against St. Louis.

Matt Brust after the Redmen won the National Invitation

... But has tourney been unexciting?

WOMEN'S TOURNEY

Continued from Page One parity and geographic imbalance.

"The Southeastern Conference is by far the strongest conference," Holland said. "From there, though, it's just a team here and a team there. It's

winning last year's event in Des Moines.

"If I can get down around 54 seconds, I'd be looking at college money," Helfter said.

Freshman Nikole Hennigan of Southeast Polk won the 1,500 to keep another standout, Holly Barnes of Eddyville, from a possible sweep of the distance events.

Barnes, a two-time cross-country champion, finished second in the 1,500 after a strong final-lap sprint by Hennigan.

Running with a pulled stomach muscle, Barnes, a sophomore, was ahead throughout the 3,000 and finished nearly 1 minute ahead of Mich-

Top wrestling award at Iowa to Melchiore

The Register's Iowa News Service

MANCHESTER, IA. - Joe Melchiore, who finished third in the NCAA championships earlier this month, was named the winner of the 1989 Mike Howard Most Valuable Wrestler award at the University of Iowa's annual awards ceremony Thursday

Melchiore, a senior 134-pounder from Blenheim, N.J., pinned Michigan's John Fisher to finish higher than any other Iowa wrestler in the national tournament. Fisher had beaten Melchiore three times previArnundson, Northwood-Kensett, 5:06.4. 400-1. Susan Helfter, Osage, 1:00.41; 2. Dyan hrer, Charles City, 1:01.35; 3. Karl Hennigan,

Southeast Polk, 1:03.3 Two-mile relay-1. Bondurant-Farrar (Kelly Van DePol, Shonda Carney, Paula Stanley, Leslie Stanley) 10:43.2; 2. Oelwein 10:47.0; 3. Wapsie Val-

ley 10:53.8. Mile relay-1. Cedar Rapids Jefferson (Earlene Johnson, Alisha Williams, Nicki Jacobson, Jill Clarke) 1:55.6; 2. Ballard (Huxley) 1:56.0; 3. New Hartford 1:56.7.

3,000-1. Holly Barnes, Eddyville, 10:56.5; 2 Michel Nixon, Cedar Rapids Kennedy, 11:54.5; 3 Laurie Johnson, Northwood-Kensett, 12:08.0.

55-hurdles-1. Heidi Butz, Cedar Rapids Jefferson, 8.44; 2. Rhonda Gardemann, Cedar Rapids Kennedy, 8.69; 3. Angle Rogers, Osage, 8.72.

55-dash-1. Dyan Fluhrer, Charles City, 7.29; 2 Juli Murra, Waverly-Shell Rock, time unavailable, 3. Zandra Hayes, Cedar Rapids Kennedy, 7.55.

Medley relay-1. Southeast Polk (Mandy All-sup, Becky Nau, Kari Hennigan, Nikole Hennigan) 4:25.3; 2. Charles City 4:35.4; 3. Bondurant-Farrar

800-1. Sue Helfter, Osage, 2:27.9; 2. Heather Amundson, Northwood-Kensett, 2:34.9; 3. Leslie Stanley, Bondurant-Farrar, 2:36.6.

Mile relay-1. New Hartford (Karen Dove, Trisha Maas, Amy Joblinske, Dawn Miller) 4:21.8; 2. Southeast Polk 4:25.4; 3. Cedar Rapids Kenneuy



Joe Melchiore Started at Oklahoma

Future bright for young St. John's

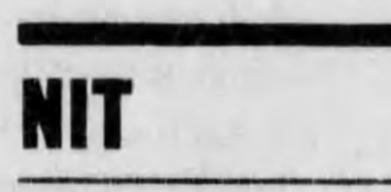
By The Associated Press

NEW YORK, N.Y. - His most valuable player award in the National Invitation Tournament has Jayson Williams looking ahead to a brighter future, for himself and St. John's.

"This was definitely my best game, but it won't be by the time I'm finished," Williams, a junior, said after he had 28 point and 18 rebounds in a 73-65 victory over St. Louis in the final on Wednesday night.

Williams said St. John's, which won five NIT games to finish with a 20-13 record, can't allow a repeat of what happened to Big East rival Connecticut, last year's NIT winner.

The Huskies won the NIT last year and had high expectations for this season with most of their players back. But despite being ranked 18th at one point this season, they faded,



failed to make the NCAA tournament and lost in the NIT quarterfinals.

"We can't do like Connecticut," Williams said. "We have to build on this victory."

A lot will be expected next year from the Redmen, who started three freshmen Monday night. Of the top eight players, they lose only starting guard Matt Brust.

"I've had some fine victories, but I think this is the sweetest," Coach Lou Carnesecca said Wednesday night. "These kids were ugly ducklings, but they never gave me the idea they were giving up."

St. Louis, which finished with a 27-10 record, got 21 points from Roland Gray but couldn't overcome trouble with fouls and free throws.

The Billikens missed 12 of their first 17 free throws, and Monroe Douglass, who scored 25 points in their semifinal against Michigan State, played only 16 minutes because of foul trouble and had two points.

ST. LOUIS (65) Bonner 5-9 1-6 11, Gray 8-10 2-6 21, Ivester 2-4 0-0 4, Newberry 3-6 3-4 9, Douglass 0-4 2-2 2, Luechtefeld 4-13 1-1 13, Tadysak 0-1 0-0 0, Smith 2-6 0-1 5, Braun 0-0 0-0 0, Starks 0-0 0-0 0, Duff 0-0 0-0 0, Jones 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-53 9-21. ST. JOHN'S (73)

Sealy 4-8 3-6 11, Williams 12-18 4-8 28, Wer-dann 0-1 0-0 0, Brust 2-11 1-2 5, Buchanan 7-9 7-12 21, Muto 1-2 0-0 2, Singleton 1-1 3-4 5. Totals 27-50

Halftime-St. John's 34, St. Louis 28. Three-point goals-Luechtefeld 4, Gray 3, Smith, Brust. Fouled out-Newberry, Douglass, Werdann. Rebounds-St. Louis 30 (Bonner 11), St. John's 41 (Williams 18). Assists-St. Louis 15 (Bonner 5), St. John's 16 (Brust 8). Total fouls-St. Louis 28, St. John's 16. Technical-Brust. A-12,511.

disturbing to us."

One-eighth of this year's tournament field - six teams - are from the 10-team Southeastern Conference. Four reached the final 16, three the final eight, and two - Tennessee and Auburn - are in the Final Four for the second year in a row.

During a speech today before more than 1,000 members of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association, Holland expects to touch on several subjects she considers pertinent to the future of women's basketball.

One of the subjects is television, which Holland says is crucial to the development of women's basketball. She will discuss whether to increase the number of automatic NCAA tournament bids for conference champions. Nineteen league champions, out of 30 leagues, were automatically in the 48-team field this year.

Holland will also discuss a possible move from a two-person officiating crew to a three-person crew and the use of home courts as sites for tournament games.

She says she will suggest identifying two sites in each region for firstand second-round games to be played Thursday and Saturday.

Auburn woman honored for third straight year

Special Dispatch to The Register

TACOMA, WASH. - Auburn's Vicki Orr was selected to the Kodak women's all-American basketball team for the third straight year Thursday.

Three other players on the 10member all-star team were named for the second time, Bridgette Gordon of Tennessee, Penny Toler of Long Beach State and Clarissa Davis of Texas. Gordon and Toler were on the squad last year and Davis was a se-Others named to this year's team were Jennifer Azzi of Stanford, Vicky Bullet and Deanna Tate of Maryland, Nora Lewis of Louisiana Tech, Nikita Lowry of Ohio State and Chana Perry of San Diego State.

Final Four teams make class act

From Register Wire Services College basketball's Final Four teams have been successful in the classroom, too.

A USA Today survey of the NCAA men's and women's semifinalists shows most players who enrolled at the schools in recent years and have used up their eligibility graduated or are on schedule to graduate.

Schools were asked for graduation



Hall, 32 players have passed through or are still in the program. Twelve have graduated, 12 are enrolled in school, five transferred and three left without graduating after completing eligibility.

ment twice.

CHANGE IN WORKS? A committee of college coaches will propose pushing the three-point line back 9 inches this weekend at the coaches' convention in Seattle.

"Nothing has been passed or will be passed until the NÇAA Rules Committee meets Sunday," said Notre Dame Coach Digger Phelps, chairman of the National Association of Basketball Coaches' rules committee. "The board wished to move the line to the international distance. We'll lection in 1987. bring it up Saturday at the rules discussion before the entire convention and that includes all divisions." The current three-point distance in the NCAA is 19 feet, 9 inches. Edward S. Steitz, national rules editor of the NCAA Rules Committee who is credited with putting the Ineligible recruit three-point line into college play, said there's no need to make a change. During the regular season, college teams made 37.6 percent of their at-1986-87, the first season it was used in | dropped out of school. all games.

to the National Invitation Tournament once and to the NCAA tourna-

ously.

Melchiore started his college career at Oklahoma and finished fourth and seventh in the NCAA tournament in 1985 and 1986. He dropped out of Oklahoma and spent a year in a junior college before enrolling at owa in time for the 1988 season. He had a career record of 107-31, including 32-7 this season.

Senior John Heffernan, a 167pounder from North Olmstead, Ohio, was named winner of the Michael

McGivern Most Courageous Wrestler award. Heffernan entered this year's NCAA meet with injuries to both knees and did not place. Freshman Tom Brands of Sheldon received his awards as the Big Ten

outstanding wrestler for 1989 and the Big Ten's freshman of the year. He finished fourth in the NCAA tournament at 126 pounds and had a 32-4-2 season record.

lowa swimmer sets NGAA mark

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. (AP) Freshman Artur Wojdat of Iowa set an NCAA and U.S. Open record in the 500-yard freestyle at the NCAA swimming and diving championships Thursday.

Wojdat, the Olympic bronze medalist in the 400-meter freestyle, trailed Arizona freshman Mariusz Podkoscielny, a teammate on the Polish Olympic team last year, for most of the race. He passed Podkoscielny in_ the final 100 yards to win in 4 minutes 12.24 seconds.

American, U.S. Open and meet mark of 4:13.06 set by Southern California's Michael O'Brien in 1985. O'Brien will medley.

retain the American mark since only an American can set it.

Sean Killion of California was third in 4:15.45 and defending champion John Witchel of Stanford finished fourth at 4:15.63.

"I really didn't expect to go that fast," said Wojdat, who sprained an ankle about a month ago when he slipped on some ice in Iowa City. "I thought I could win, but deep in my soul I thought Mariusz would win it."

Sophomore David Wharton of Podkoscielny finished second at Southern California set an American, :13.08 - slightly slower than the U.S. Open and NCAA record of 1:44.70 in successfully defending his championship in the 200-yard individual

information beginning with players who enrolled in the 1979-80 school year. Some said they were unable to provide the information from that long ago. No information on academic progress was available from women's semifinalist Maryland. Among the men:

 Since 1979, 34 players have enrolled at Michigan, 22 have graduated, five have transferred to other schools and seven have dropped out.

Of the five transfers, three graduated from other schools. All seven dropouts are playing pro basketball, either in Europe or the NBA, and two are continuing to take classes.

• Duke has had 29 scholarship players between 1979 and 1988. Twenty-seven graduated from Duke. The two players who transferred graduated from their new schools. The three members of this year's senior class - Quin Snyder, Danny Ferry and John Smith - are scheduled to graduate this spring.

"The players should graduate. We owe them that," Duke Coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "But it's also their responsibility. When they reach that second semester of their senior year, then it has to be their choice. There isn't anything a coach can do."

• Since the 1982-83 season, P.J. Carlesimo's first as coach at Seton

Center Ramon Ramos, an accounting major, was chosen the Big East Conference men's scholar-athlete of the year.

• At Illinois, 36 players have enrolled in the last 10 years. Ten graduated, 15 are still in school, four transferred and seven dropped out. Of the four who transferred, three graduated from other schools.

Among the women:

 Tennessee supplied figures from the start of its program in 1974. Of 66 players who have completed four years of eligibility, 49 have graduated. Nine transferred.

 Twelve of the 16 players to enter Louisiana Tech since 1980 and complete four years of eligibility have graduated. Six players left school without degrees in that time, and three have transferred.

• Since 1983, four of the five players who entered Auburn and completed their eligibility have graduated. Seven players have transferred.

JOB-SHOPPING. Florida State basketball coach Pat Kennedy has been given permission to talk with **Tennessee Athletic Director Doug** Dickey about the Volunteers' head coaching job. Kennedy, 37, has a 60-30 record in three seasons at Florida State. He has taken the Seminoles

Ex-Nebraska Wesleyan basketball coach dies

LINCOLN, NEB. (AP) - Former Nebraska Wesleyan basketball coach Irvin L. Peterson died Wednesday of a heart attack after undergoing surgery for cancer of the esophagus. He was 69. Peterson coached the Plainsmen for more than 25 years before stepping down in 1980.

drops out at Iowa

IOWA CITY, IA. (AP) - Yolanda tempts from behind the three-point | Griffith, a women's basketball reline, down from 38.35 percent in the cruit who never played at Iowa 1987-88 season and 38.5 percent in because of academic difficulties, has

> Griffith withdrew from the school Jan. 14, a spokesman in the registrar's office said.

Griffith, a 6-foot 4-inch standout at Carver High School in Chicago, failed to meet academic requirements for freshmen and never played for the Hawkeyes. Christine Grant, the women's athletic director at the school, said Griffith chose to leave.

Griffith averaged 35 points and 17 rebounds a game in her senior year in high school.