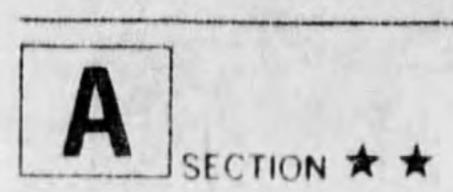


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# Rawlings orders crackdown on Hawk athletics

By JOHN CARLSON and TOM WITOSKY

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IOWA CITY, IA. — University of Iowa President Hunter Rawlings Tuesday ordered administrators to begin making sweeping changes in the school's methods of overseeing the classwork of its athletes.

The new policies, based on a list of 11 recommendations from a U of I investigating committee, are significantly tougher than existing university, Big Ten and National Collegiate Athletic Association requirements for students to maintain eligibility to participate in athletics.

"I believe this will give us one of the most rigorous policies of oversight in the country," Rawlings said in an interview.

He said the tougher standards may harm the university's chances for success on the athletic field. "But the priorities have to be absolutely clear," Rawlings said, "and the priority here is academics. Academics comes

The three-member committee was formed last month to investigate the relationship between academics and athletics at the university. Rawlings created the committee are:

after allegations were made against the university in the trial of sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom.

Testimony in the Chicago courtroom disclosed that former Hawkeye athletes Ronni Harmon and Devon Mitchell took courses primarily to remain academically eligible to play football. The testimony also raised questions about the academic value of a number of courses, such as billiards, bowling and advanced slow-pitch softball.

Among the changes ordered by Rawlings

• Reviewing academic standards in courses in which a high percentage of A and B grades are awarded.

• Limiting the number of courses a student can take on a pass/fail basis instead of the traditional letter grade.

 Ending the practice of giving class credit to students for taking part in athletics.

 Requiring athletes to enroll in courses totaling at least 14 credit hours per semester, including two required general education

Appointing a "well-respected professor"

to work in the university's Office of Academic Affairs and monitor athletes' progress toward

their degrees. Establishing a committee to review athletes' eligibility and their academic progress each year. The committee will have the power to declare athletes ineligible for com-

petition even if they meet Big Ten rules. • Requiring "underprepared" athletes to demonstrate their readiness for college study

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# USDA delays plan to cut

Reopens public hearings over plant inspections

By NORM BREWER

Of The Register's Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture said Tuesday it will delay — apparently until next year - implementing a controversial program calling for less frequent inspection of meat- and poultry-processing plants.

USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service also said it will reopen public hearings on several provisions of so-called "discretionary inspection" that has drawn widespread opposition — from consumer groups to the meat-packing industry.

The key to discretionary or "riskbased inspection" is to inspect problem plants more often while reducing inspections at plants with good records - conceivably to less than once a month. Plants are now inspected continuously or at least daily.

Critics warn that unscrupulous packers would take advantage of infrequent inspection to foist unwholesome meat on the public. Meat industry officials warn that public confidence in their products could be undermined.

"Not Abandoning Concept"

"We're not abandoning the concept, but virtually every detail will be on the table [for public discussion], FSIS administrator Lester Crawford said in an interview. "... Implementation is put off indefinitely." But he also said FSIS will soon



#### Daley wins

Richard M. Daley won election Tuesday as mayor of Chicago. He will assume the office his father held 21 years. Daley easily beat Timothy C. Evans. STORY: 5A.



## Lake City example shows rural hospitals how to do it

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By TOM CARNEY Register Staff Writer

LAKE CITY, IA. - A sign at the town's edge proclaims, "Lake City, Everything but a Lake."

With its flat landscape, it's easy to see there's no lake. And when it comes to health care, the sign is just as accurate.

The 2,000 citizens of Lake City and the residents of Calhoun County and nearby counties seem to have it all: nearly all the health professionals you'd find in a city, plus 10 family physicians, two board-certified surgeons and a range of other part-time specialists, a first-class hospital with a state-of-the-art emergency department, physical therapists, laboratory, X-ray and the latest in diagnostic equipment.

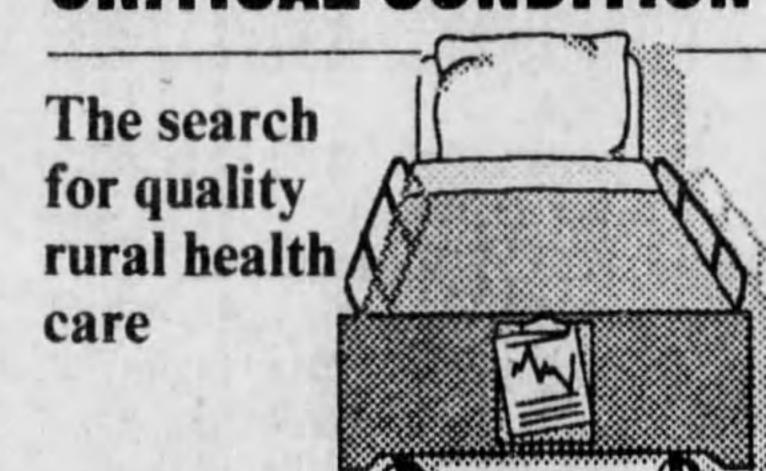
Made a Profit

While 40 percent of Iowa's rural hospitals lost money in 1987, Lake City's Stewart Memorial regularly filled most of its beds and cleared more than \$528,000.

And while other small towns and hospitals struggle to recruit doctors, Stewart has a staff of 19, 12 of whom are members of a physician partnership based in Lake City at the McCrary-Rost Clinic.

Lake City's success in providing a healthy system of medical care is not the norm in rural America. Usually, the presence of a hospital and a clinic

#### CRITICAL CONDITION



One in a series

offering competing services is a formula for endless bickering in a town the size of Lake City.

Not here. Stewart, on the town's west end, and the clinic, a block from the square, are involved in a joint venture that operates clinics in three nearby towns. And in an arrangement guaranteed to reduce conflict, Ed Maahs, administrator of the hospital, also is the clinic's administrator.

The cooperation between hospital and clinic, in fact, goes a long way toward explaining Lake City's success in health-care delivery.

"That's the key," says Maahs. "Our working relationship is unusual." An example was the establishment

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# Young champion plays his cards right

By FRANK SANTIAGO

Register Staff Writer

When Chris Johnson sat down to play, they didn't laugh at the 58th Annual Iowa State Cribbage Tournament in Marshalltown.

They just wondered. Why was the 10-year-old Story City fourth-grader playing with 260 cribbage aficionados, many of whom have played the card game all their adult lives and some of whom have traveled hundreds of miles to compete?

In 31/2 hours, they had the answer. Chris, who learned the game two years ago from his father, won first place in the tournament, the first he has ever entered.

He amassed 1,202 points out of a possible 1,210, leaving the others in the dust, including his father, who finished somewhere around 16th.

"It's kind of amazing that a kid of that age could pull something off like that," said Larry Loupee, a longtime player from Newton and a director of the Hawkeye Cribbage Congress scheduled in Des Moines next month.

There are no records, but Chris may be the youngest to

finish first in the tournament and one of the youngest anywhere to take a top prize in a statewide cribbage contest, Loupee says. Chris' victory, which earned him \$100, drew a round of

cheers from the participants. The youngster, son of Story City farmers Steven and

Marcy Johnson, is taking the victory in stride. "We're really not sure how he does it," said his mother. "He's good in math. He's good with numbers, and he's

competitive." "When you're going up against people who are familiar with the game, there's a certain amount of luck in cards you draw," Loupee said. "Among cribbage players there has always been a big argument about skill and the luck level. This kid knows how to play the game. He's obviously

been playing a lot of cribbage." Chris, who is a student at Roland-Story Community School and plans to be a doctor, said he's going to use his prize money to buy a television for his room.

# Architect of U.S. policy sees end to the Cold War

# no longer foes

By JAMES MCCARTNEY

© 1989 Knight-Ridder/Tribune News Service WASHINGTON, D.C. - George Kennan, one of the nation's premier experts on the Soviet Union, told Congress Tuesday that the Cold War is ending and the Soviets should no longer be considered a possible military opponent.

"What we are witnessing today in Russia is the break-up of much, if not all, of the system of power by which that country has been held together and governed since 1917," Kennan told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The time "has clearly passed," he said, "for regarding the Soviet Union primarily as a possible, if not probable, military opponent."

Kennan, a post-war U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union, gained a place in history in 1947 as the author of the containment policy adopted by administrations of both parties over the last 42 years.

It is a policy of opposing expansionism throughout the world on which huge U.S. military budgets have been built. But Kennan said Tuesday that a new policy now is needed to respond to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

"It ought now to be our purpose," he said "to eliminate as soon as possible . . . by amicable negotiation, the elements of abnormal military tension that have recently dominated Soviet-American relations.

"I feel the Cold War is now ending" and that we "should begin to think about peaceful conversion of our military," he said.

Kennan, 85, is professor emeritus at the Institute of Advanced Study at Princeton University and still active as a Soviet scholar.

Among other major points he

 The Bush administration has been far too slow in responding to peaceful initiatives by Gorbachev, especially an announcement last December that he would unilaterally reduce Soviet military forces in Eastern Europe by 500,000.

 The arsenals of nuclear weapons held by the two superpowers are "vastly redundant" and "essentially useless" because they cannot be fired without destroying modern civilization, but the administration has shown no sense of urgency about getting rid of them.

 More countries that do not yet have nuclear weapons are likely to obtain them in the years immediately ahead, making the world more dangerous, unless the United States and the Soviets succeed in cutting their arsenals substantially.

 Gorbachev's political situation at home is highly volatile, even "precarious," but he has been strengthened by recent Soviet elections. His reform movement has gone so far now, however, that it is "irreversible," regardless of who might come to power.

• Eastern European countries, especially Poland and Hungary, are well on the way to substantial freedom from the Soviets and Soviet intervention is no longer "a realistic option" even if these countries continue to push.

• The Soviet Baltic republics -Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia — may harm their own hopes for new freedoms if they push too hard and embarrass Gorbachev.



Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, in shirtsleeves, works a Cuban crowd; Fidel Castro trails in the background.

## Concern builds over possible ag policy shift

By GEORGE ANTHAN The Register's Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Warnings were being issued here Tuesday over any attempt by the Bush administration to agree to an international "cosmetic" farm trade pact that would limit U.S. ability to set its own agriculture policy through the mid-1990s.

The mounting concern was being expressed as U.S. and European negotiators were meeting in Brussels to try to break a deadlock over long-term government subsidies to

A spokesman for the European Community said Monday that the United States and the EC had reached a "sort of understanding" on a plan that would freeze subsidies and price supports and restrict this country's flexibility in managing supply by taking land out of production.

Dean Kleckner, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, the nation's largest farm organization, said Tuesday the United States must take into account that "key foreign governments remain committed

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# 'zone of peace'

HAVANA, CUBA (AP) - Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev said Tuesday that the superpowers should renounce military intervention in Latin America and the Caribbean and make the region a zone of peace.

Addressing the Cuban National Assembly, he also emphasized that Soviet-style reforms are not a universal remedy for other communist countries, including Cuba.

"We do not regard our approaches and solutions as some universal prescription for all," he said in what appeared an attempt to minimize the difference between Cuba's orthodox communism and Gorbachev's new pragmatism.

Gorbachev said the Soviet Union opposes the "export of revolution or counterrevolution," referring to both Cuban and U.S. policy in Latin Ameri-

But he also reaffirmed that the Soviet Union would continue supplying weaponry to Nicaragua's leftist government as long as the United States continues to arm other Central American countries.

The issue remains a major sore point in relations between Washington and Moscow.

Cuban Debt Issue

There had been speculation that Gorbachev, in a gesture of friendship toward Cuba, might announce forgiveness of part or all of Cuba's debt to the Soviet Union.

But he barely mentioned the topic, merely restating his position that the industrialized nations of the world should try to help ease the burden of debtor nations in the developing

Cuban President Fidel Castro, in a 50-minute introduction that was only three minutes shorter than his guest's address, lambasted the United States in a characteristic diatribe. He blamed his longtime adversary for regional conflicts throughout the world and for "pulling the Third World's leg" by proposing unworkable solutions to the critical problem of Third World debt.

Waving his arms and jabbing his fingers, Castro rejected suggestions of friction in Soviet-Cuban relations. He said he was in full agreement with Gorbachev's contention that each communist country must solve the

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# The, um, necessities of life

© 1989 Gannett News Service DETROIT, MICH. - Microwave ovens and answering machines are

the two "most important lifestyle necessities" among the affluent, according to a Roper survey. The telephone survey covered 600 U.S. households with annual in-

comes of \$100,000 or more. Respondents were given a list of 20 items and asked whether they

think each item a necessity or a luxury. Other items the affluent ranked among the top 10 necessities were: home computers, videocassette recorders, sending their children to elite colleges, sending their children to private schools, personal financial ad-

visers, pay TV, a maid and international pleasure travel. Six percent of those surveyed consider fur coats or flying first class necessary, while 57 percent ranked microwave ovens, 49 percent listed answering machines and 42 percent rated home computers as essentials.

The study showed that "with more and more dual-income households, time is at a premium, and things that may have been novelties or luxuries not that long ago have really become necessities for managing one's time," said Adam Stagliano, an executive vice president with the Doyle Graph and Raj advertising agency, which commissioned the study.

## Lake City sets an example for rural hospitals

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of the satellite clinics. McCrary-Rost doctors knew that to continue to attract doctors to the group, they had to add patients in outlying areas. But that meant present members of the group had to give up some of their own patients in those areas to doctors who would work at the new clinics. Doctors normally aren't eager to give up patients and the income that they generate.

But, says Maahs, the McCrary-Rost doctors placed more value on longterm goals than on short-term revenue, and the clinics were born.

History may play a big part in Lake City's success, too.

Dr. Dale Christensen, a familypractice physician who joined McCrary-Rost in 1958, cites the reputation for quality medicine established by Drs. Warren McCrary and Glenn Rost, who hired him.

"I was impressed with Rost's surgery," says Christensen. "He was an excellent surgeon and anatomist."

With money from a benefactor and a federal grant, a community hospital corporation, whose members made minimum contributions of \$100, built 40-bed Stewart Memorial in 1962. A 20-bed addition was finished in 1975 and another, for outpatient services, was completed in 1982. The membership list now numbers

Through it all, Stewart officials attempted to preserve and promote an image of quality. Stewart may not have the equipment and staff to do organ transplants, its administrators and doctors say, but it excels at the procedures it offers.

Just as Good

"There's an impression in cities that the quality of care in rural hospitals is two or three notches below par," says Maahs. "What we do, we do as good or better than anybody in the

Still, filling beds is what keeps hospitals afloat, and Maahs knows how. Besides traditional acute-care beds, Stewart takes patients needing skilled care, utilizing the "swing-bed" program in which rural hospitals can accept those patients without a change in state licensing.

It also takes patients for "observation," who must be admitted or released within 24 hours. And it provides "hospitality care" to people who may not be sick but need temporary care. They include the elderly living with family members who need a break.

Through an agreement with the county and the city, the hospital operates an ambulance service and has a rooftop heliport complete with an elevator to the emergency room. Specialists in urology, ophthalmology,

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Dr. Dale Christensen, left, stands with Ed Maahs, administrator of Stewart Memorial Hospital and McCrary-Rost Clinic, near the Lake City hospital.

ing two hats."

save it.

City's success, says Christensen, none

is more important than Maahs. "He's

an extremely able leader. He does a

good job walking on eggs while wear-

Maahs has no prescription for rural

"I wish what we have could be du-

hospitals, but he suspects many could

find success with Lake City's model.

plicated everywhere," he says.

"Above all, a cooperative effort is

needed without worrying about who

Nev., may mean hope for rural Amer-

ica. The town's hospital is near the

brink of economic disaster, but a net-

work of "frontier" hospitals may

THURSDAY: Hope in Lovelock,

gets credit and blame."

ear, nose and throat, and radiology make regular visits from nearby lo-

The hospital's auxiliary, whose 2,000 members pay annual dues of \$1 to help buy hospital equipment, is especially near to Maahs' heart. Auxiliary members operate the little coffee shop in the hospital's hotel-like lobby and provide other valuable services without charge.

Unlike some struggling hospitals that try anything to stay afloat, Stewart has been wary of sideline businesses that aren't directly related to health care. It operates retail pharmacies at the hospital and clinics and runs a laboratory service for area

Maahs believes the hospital's success is dependent on public support. So the hospital's educational, meeting and exercise facilities are open to the

Since Lake City has no enclosed shopping mall — whose large open area would provide ample space to walk for exercise for people within range of one - residents walk the hospital's non-patient corridors, helping form a bond between them and the hospital.

Medicare Problems

Stewart, the town's largest single employer, with an annual payroll of \$2.2 million, is not immune to the problem presented by the Medicare payment system. Like all hospitals, it loses on most Medicare patients and profits from a few.

It has had better success than many small hospitals in dealing with other common problems. Stewart has been unusually successful in recruiting staff doctors and has been able to hold other professional staff mem-

But it has had problems recruiting nurses. In response, Stewart offers interest-free student nursing loans to employees and local high school graduates in exchange for two years' work at the hospital.

And Stewart has no dispensation from competition. Though it may be the only hospital in Lake City, two area hospitals, at Sac City and Carroll, are within 25 miles.

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# Crackdown on Hawk athletics ordered

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in order to be admitted.

 Requiring those athletes to make satisfactory academic progress before being allowed to practice or compete in athletics.

 Considering setting fixed terms for the university's faculty representatives to the Big Ten and the NCAA.

Rawlings asked that some of the changes be reviewed by the faculty and administrators of the U of I's College of Liberal Arts before they are put into effect.

Members of the investigating committee declined to characterize as lax the university's past supervision of athletes' academic work. The committee members were David Vernon and Susan Phillips, both of whom are U of I vice presidents, and Annette Fitz, chairwoman of the school's Board in Control of Athletics.

"Quite Well as a Whole"

"I have no doubt the academic situation for student athletes is a very good one as a general proposition,' Vernon told reporters. "If I were to give this school a grade for its handling of academics with its athletes, l would give it an A or A-."

"I'm not saying that everything is OK," he said. "We did find a transcript or two that makes me worry. But as a group, the current athletes are doing quite well."

The committee members' report said they believe that the university's athletics departments functioned

with integrity and that academic advisers in the two departments "deserve their widely recognized reputations for excellence."

The new policies outlined by Rawlings, if carried out fully, are likely to limit the admission of athletes who have little chance of succeeding academically at the U of I and assure that those who do take part in Hawkeye athletic teams are progressing toward earning a degree.

In the interview, Rawlings said: "I just don't think we ought to be giving college credit for 'conditioning' or for participating in sports. This kind of thing needs to be tightened."

"In Academic Hands"

He also said the planning of athletes' academic careers at the university should be "100 percent under academic jurisdiction."

"We have to be totally rigorous and place this fully in the hands of the university's academic officers," he said. "That includes determining a student's eligibility to play, to practice and planning a program that leads toward graduation within five years. Rawlings said the changes he plans

would have been made eventually. But he said school officials were forced to act sooner because of the partial disclosure of Harmon's and Mitchell's grade records during the Chicago trial. Those disclosures have hurt the school's credibility, he said.

"College athletics has a problem with its credibility in this country, and it is clear we do," Rawlings said. "Given the events of the last few

weeks, we have had a tough time, and we must act to retain our credibility."

Several of the changes are likely to be controversial because the school would take steps in directing athletes in their course work instead of allowing them to make their own decisions.

"We have not told students in the past what courses they have to take," Vernon said, "but we are now in some

cases with student-athletes." The committee report added that while such action may be considered unfair, the committee members believed it to be necessary.

"It is not only fair to be more directive in designing the academic programs of student-athletes, anything less would disserve the academic interest of student-athletes," the committee report says.

As a result, athletes in the College of Liberal Arts will be required to take courses totaling 14 hours each semester and will have to include at least two courses required to satisfy their general education requirement. Big Ten and NCAA eligibility rules require students to average 24 credits a year to remain eligible.

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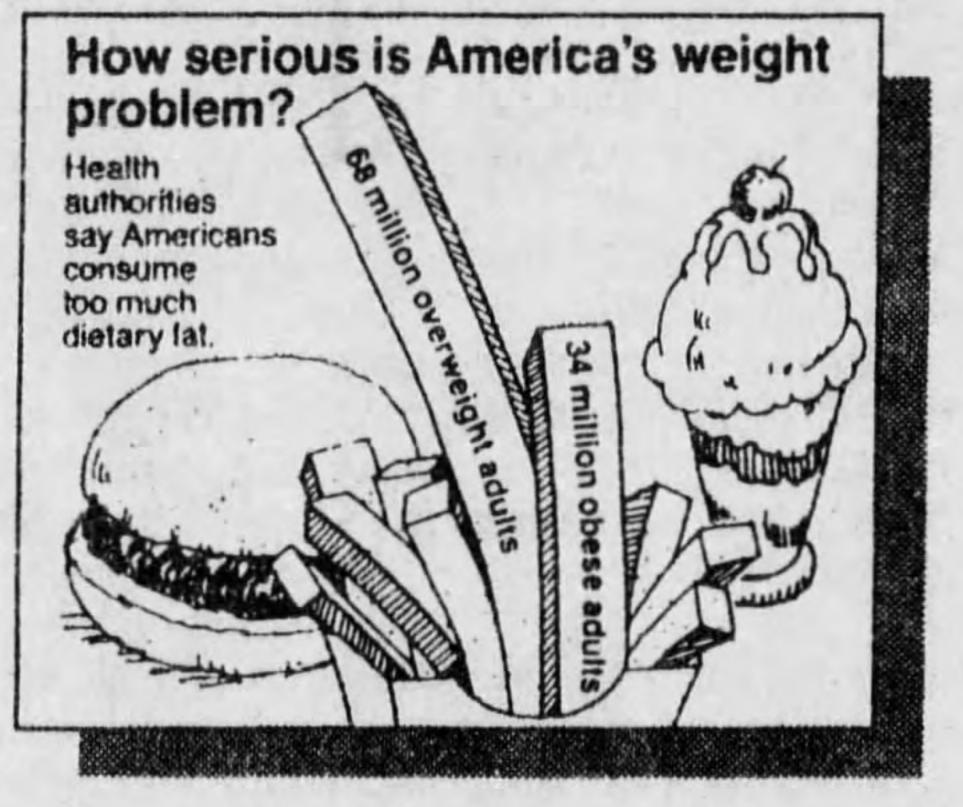
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### Final Four has no match

SEATTLE, WASH. — Traditionally, this is the day college basketball writers sit down to their computer terminals and play a tune called, "Can There Still Be Any Doubt?"

After Michigan's 80-79 victory over Seton Hall, can there still be any doubt that the Final Four is the premier sporting event in the U.S.?

The reporter from Denver who got a \$19 ticket for jay-jogging through downtown Seattle wasn't completely

#### As an athletic amphetamine, the Final Four beats them all.

sold. But he was one of the few voices of dissent.

Only people with four legs prefer the Kentucky Derby.

Wimbledon hasn't been the same since McEnroe and Borg went to the barber.

The Masters is an idyllic stroll through the woods, but so is an idyllic stroll through the woods.

The Indy 500 is a pit stop on Memorial Day weekend.

Every 20 years or so the nation stumbles upon a Super Bowl that isn't an antidote for goose bumps. The 49ers-Bengals game last winter was one for the memory bank. But name another.

The World Series and league playoffs can be thrilling, but not always. Who can forget Kirk Gibson's storybook home run against Dennis Ecker-

sley in Game 1? with red clam sauce on his jersey | Constitution of the United States." waddling hither and yon ... and a couldn't hit.

As an athletic amphetamine, the Final Four beats them all.

Five years ago, Georgetown topped Houston by nine. The other seven title games since 1982 have been decided by an average of two points. Momentous Monday is almost always Ecker-

sley vs. Gibson.

nament-record 355,040 times.

Michigan-Seton Hall was. The season refused to relinquish its hold on us until Rumeal Robinson had deposited two free throws with 3 seconds left in overtime and "Hail to the Victors" had been played a tour-

The season wouldn't let go until Daryll Walker's 24-footer smacked off the glass.

It wouldn't leave us alone until Steve Fisher had improved his head coaching record to 6-0.

"If any of you want to hire me as a ghostwriter," said the first interim coach to reach the Final Four. "I'll retire undefeated and untied."

Three weeks ago he was Bill Frieder's caddie, a career assistant. On March 15 at 7:45 a.m. Fisher was given his own set of clubs. Ten days and 7 hours later, he was lugging them into the Final Four.

"For an observer who didn't care who won," he said of Monday night's classic, "it was a terrific, terrific game."

A terrific, terrific 21/2 weeks, which had their symbolic beginnings n Greensboro, N.C. That's where Siena, a 14th seed, shocked Stanford, a

In college football, there are no Sienas. There are Oklahomas and Miamis and Michigans and Notre Dames. But no Sienas.

And no South Alabamas. On Day 2, we were treated to the Jaguars' lastecond victory over Alabama. The ame ended with Ronnie Arrow leapng and bounding across the floor like coaching Peter Pan.

For South Alabama, the national hampionship was determined on a riday afternoon in Atlanta.

That night, 774 miles north, the 2nd-ranked team in the 64-team ield, was threatening to pull off the iggest upset in college basketball istory. For almost 40 minutes, rinceton led Georgetown.

When computer conjurer Jeff Saarin played out the tournament 4,000 times on his floppy discs, lichigan won 7,719 titles. Only Ariona and Illinois fared better. Seton all won 1,023 times. Iowa won 1,128

mes, Iowa State 86. Princeton was one of three teams South Carolina State and Robert orris were the others - that didn't

in a single time. Yet, on one golden night in Provience, R.I., Pete Carill's Tigers had hn Thompson's Hoyas jumping rough one hoop after another. Like e Final Four, maybe it wasn't the eatest show on earth, but close.

# NFL shuns suit, allows Sanders in

Walsh gives up final year, may throw kink in draft

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NEW YORK, N.Y. — Heisman Trophy winner Barry Sanders stared the NFL's draft eligibility rules right in the eye and defiantly proclaimed: "Ready or not, here I come." And Tuesday, the NFL blinked.

At the same time, University of Miami quarterback Steve Walsh - who will graduate this summer - announced he will pass up his final year of eligibility and enter either the regular NFL draft April 23 or one of two supplemental drafts held in July and September. The "X" factor could be Walsh's former coach, Jimmy Johnson, who now holds the No. 1 pick with the Dallas Cowboys.

It is believed that the Detroit Lions are interested in taking Sanders with the third pick overall in the draft. The 5-foot 9-inch, 183-pound tailback broke or tied 24 NCAA records last year while rushing for 39 touchdowns and 2,628 yards.

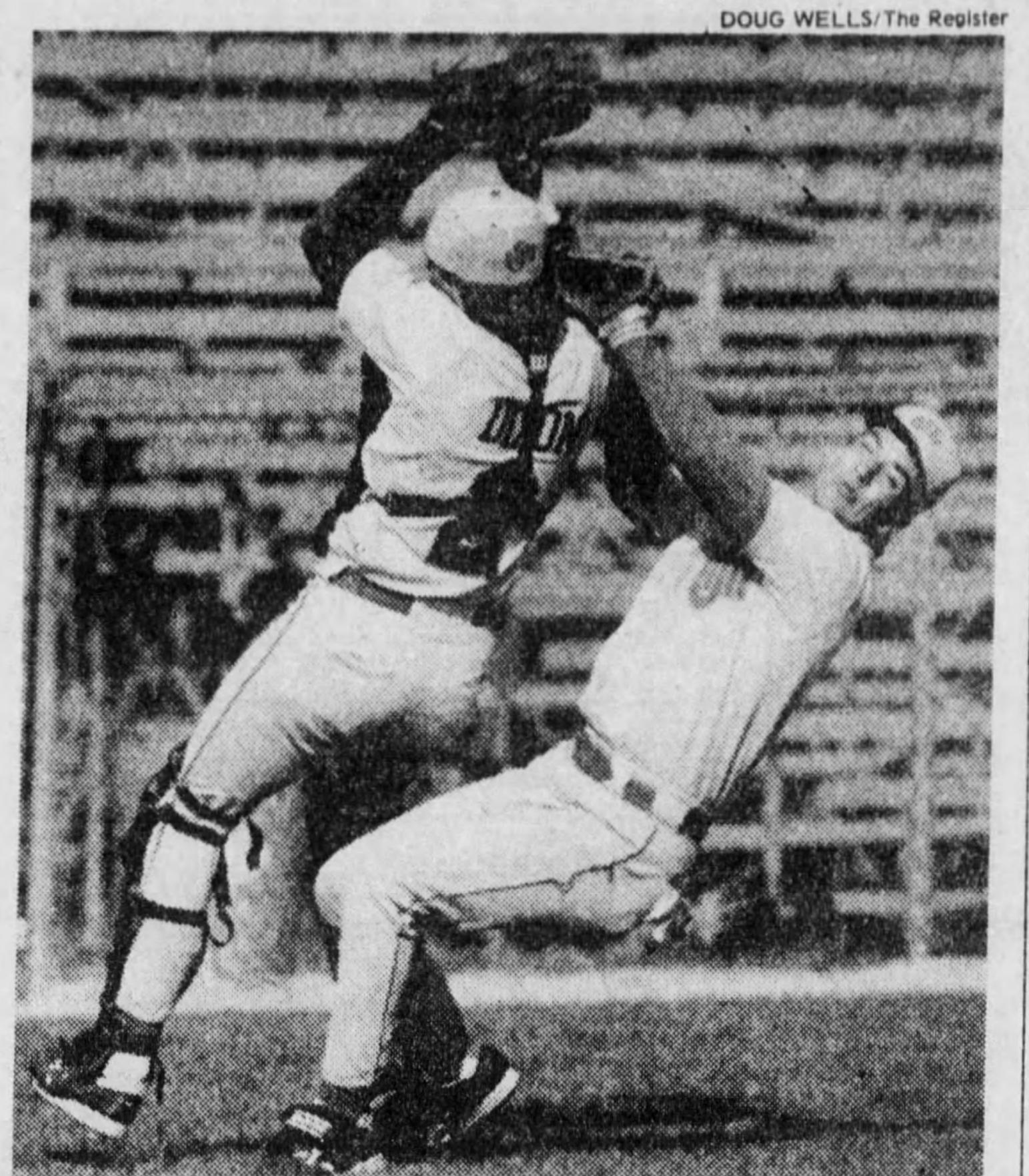
Sanders was granted entrance into the regular draft, the NFL explains, because Oklahoma State is on NCAA probation and both his coach, Pat Jones, and athletic director, Myron Roderick, have given him their blessing. What the NFL isn't saying is that the prospect of Sanders suing the league was too terrifying to chance.

According to league spokesman Joe Browne, the NFL eligibility rules strive "not to disrupt college programs or players' educational opportunities." But in the case of Sanders, Browne said, "an underclassman whose program is under NCAA sanctions decided to turn pro with the full support of his college coach and athletic director."

Under the circumstances, Browne said, "we have no realistic choice but Who can remember anything else | to accept him." But Jones said: "The about the Dodgers' tap dance atop the only extenuating factor with him A's? I seem to recall a little fat man | being able to play in the NFL is the

What is to stop other star underskinny pitcher throwing balls the A's | classmen from seeking entrance into the draft? "It's only a precedent if we're faced with another player under similar circumstances. Browne said.

Lawyer and agent Leigh Steinberg said he thought the NFL's exclusion of underclassmen from its draft has always rested on shaky legal grounds. "It seems to me," he said, "if challenged legally, it would be struck down by the courts. So the NFL has tended, in every case where a player expresses a desire to come out early, to find a reason to waive the rule."







# Smashing success

Northern Iowa third baseman Dan Wirtz (right) tries too late to avoid colliding with catcher Brian Dixon (top) as they pursue a foul ball Tuesday against Iowa State at Ames. Both hit the turf (center), but Dixon held onto the ball for the out (bottom) in ISU's 9-5 victory. STORY: 4S.

# NCAA championship is Fisher Fable

By STEVE KELLEY © 1989 Seattle Times

SEATTLE, WASH. - Terry Mills is wearing a hat that says, "Just Did It," and a smile that says a whole lot more. He is blinking into television Walter Mitty wins cameras and laughing at almost every question.

"It seems like a story," Mills is saying. "It seems like something someone would make up. But it came true for Michigan. You can't tell this story to anyone else. They wouldn't believe

Steve Fisher is fiction. Pure fiction. Bad fiction. Steve Fisher is some made-for-TV movie, starring Robert Urich, with Charles Durning as Bo Schembechler. The Fisher Fable.

Coach Bill Frieder takes the Arizona State job just before the NCAA tournament begins. He offers to continue coaching Michigan, but Schembechler, the athletic director and football coach, tells him to take a hike and gives the job, on an interim basis, to assistant Fisher.

This is fiction. the big one.

under Fisher. They beat Xavier, South Alabama, North Carolina, Virginia, Illinois.

Then, on Monday night, in overtime, in front of the whole hoop world, while Frieder watches in a downtown Seattle hotel, Steve Fisher, an unassuming coach next door, leads Michigan to an 80-79 victory over Seton Hall and the national championship. He wins six postseason games on this magic ride, two more postseason games than the revered Schembechler has won.

Fiction.

"I've never read a book like this, but I'm pretty sure Coach Fisher Once the classic underachievers, could write a book after this year," these Wolverines turn into sharks said senior Glen Rice, tournament

most outstanding player. "It would probably be a best seller. It would seem untrue. But this story is for

Who can believe Steve Fisher? He isn't as funny as Valvano, or as glib as Digger Phelps. In fact, Fisher is so uncharismatic he almost didn't make it into the Kingdome for Monday night's game. He got off the team bus without his coaching credential. A security guard stopped him and had to be told, "Ahem, that's Steve Fisher. He coaches this team."

Steve Fisher. The interim guy. The understated assistant. The coach whose contract was one game at a time. With his future in limbo, he guides the Wolverines through the lush field of 64. He beats the giants. He wins a national championship, something not even Mr. Football, Bo Schembechler, has done. This is fiction. Walter Mitty wins

the big one. Casper Milquetoast be-

pal bookmaker. Although Rose is not referred to by name in the

IRS document, the paper said it was told by federal sources that

CLOSING ARGUMENTS. Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom

the code name "G-1" meant Rose.

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# lose in openers

#### Williams' strikeouts ease Chicago doubts

CHICAGO, ILL. (AP) — Mitch Williams finished the Chicago Cubs' opener Tuesday with a striking performance.

After giving up three singles to load the bases with no outs, Williams struck out Mike Schmidt, Chris James and Mark Ryal to save a 5-4 victory over Philadelphia.

"I had everything happen to me that could happen," Williams said. "It

✓ I-Cubs open tonight: Page 2S meant a lot to me and a lot to the Cubs, but that wasn't exactly the scenario I had drawn up."

The Phillies loaded the bases on singles by Bob Dernier, Tom Herr and Von Hayes. But Williams struck out Schmidt on a full count, then fanned James and Ryal.

"Once I got Schmidt, I got more confident. The adrenaline got going,' said Williams, who was traded in the off-season by Texas. "I love pitching with the bases loaded, but not when it's of my doing."

Williams entered the game in the eighth inning after Schmidt's 543rd career home run pulled the Phillies within one run. Williams' strikeout string spoiled Nick Leyva's managerial debut with the Phillies.

"I liked my chances with Mike Schmidt, Chris James and Ryal coming up in that situation," Leyva said.

Cubs Manager Don Zimmer didn't blame Williams for the bases-loaded situation. "It's not like he got blasted," Zimmer said. "There was a bloop, a line

drive and a squib. He was in trouble, but he's the type of guy who can get out of it." Andre Dawson hit a two-run home run for the Cubs, while Rick Sutcliffe

won his second straight season opener

at Wrigley Field - the first pitcher

to accomplish it since Grover Cleveland Alexander in 1925 and 1926. PHI'DELPHIA abrhbi CHICAGO 5 0 2 0 Walton cf 5 0 1 0 Webster If Dawson rf 0 1 0 Grace 1b 0 0 0 Dunston ss Ga. Harris 0 0 0 Girardi c 0 0 0 Sutcliffe p Daulton o Jordan 1b Bedrosian i Youmans p

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#### Ageless John starts 26th year with victory

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. (AP) -Tommy John, at 45 years old the major leagues' oldest player, allowed two runs in seven innings Tuesday night to lead the New York Yankees past Minnesota, 4-2, in the teams' season opener.

Roberto Kelly went 4-for-4 with a home run to help the Yankees provide Manager Dallas Green with a successful debut.

John, who was given little chance of making the Yankees' roster at the start of spring training, tied a majorleague record when he opened his 26th major-league season. Deacon McGuire also played 26 seasons in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

"He ran it away, sank it away, kept it down and outside," Twins Manager Tom Kelly said. "We got plenty of hits. We just couldn't get any when we needed them. There was a lot of skill involved, a lot of know-how."

Roberto Kelly drove in the tying run and scored the winner in the fifth inning off losing pitcher Frank Viola. In the ninth inning, Kelly hit a home run off Juan Berenguer to make the score 4-2. It was the second straight time the

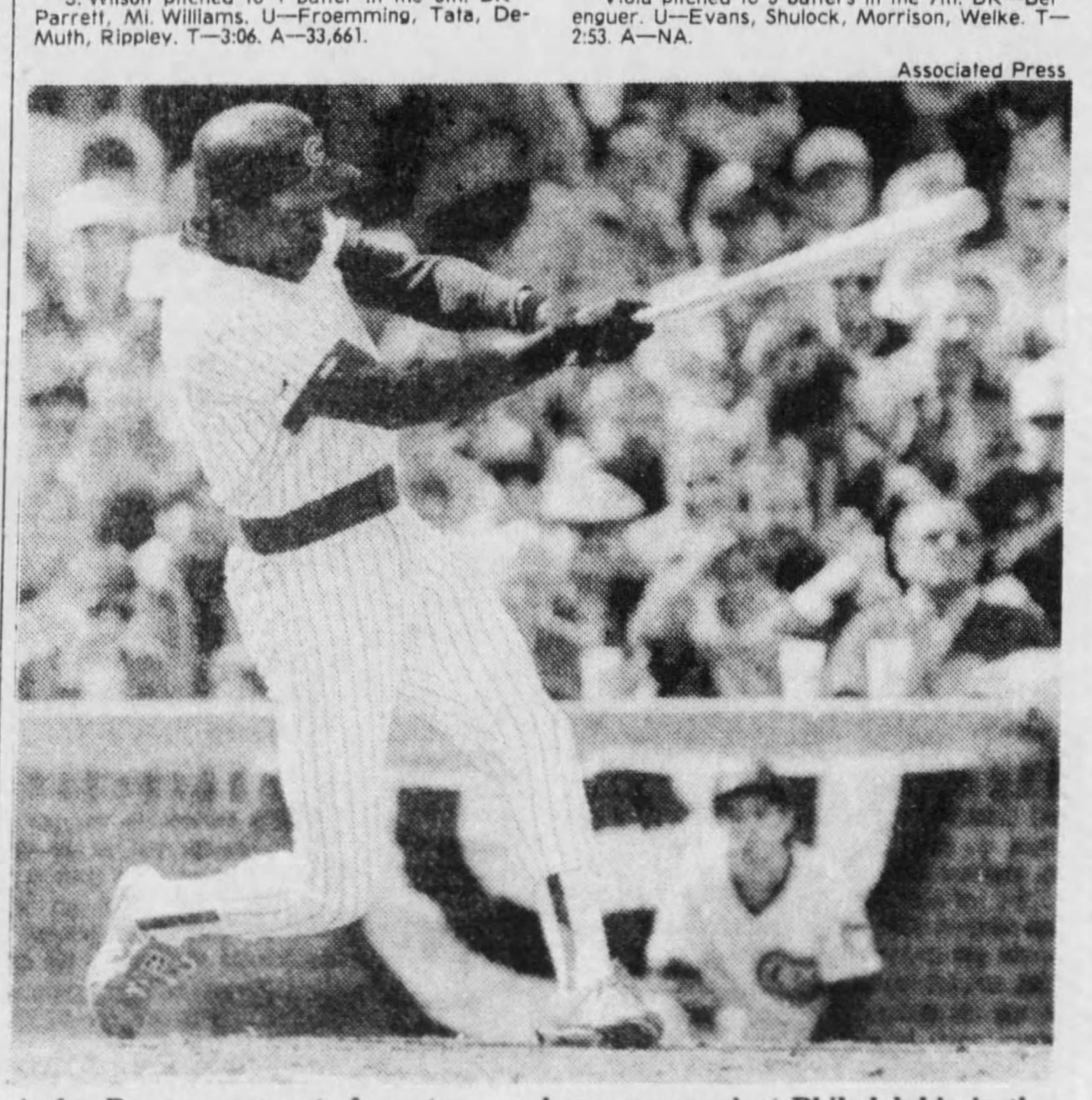
Yankees beat Viola on opening day. John's 287th career victory moved him past Robin Roberts into 20th place on the career list. The lefthander's first season-opening assignment came in his first full big-league season, 1965, when Viola was 4 years old. John's 691st career start moved him past Gaylord Perry into fourth

place on the career list. "People have doubted me since I was 19 years old, saying that I couldn't throw hard or I wouldn't belong in the majors," John said.

Dale Mohorcic pitched the last two innings for the save, allowing no hits. Viola departed with no outs and the bases loaded in the seventh inning. He allowed eight hits and four walks.

The Yankees won their fourth straight opener, playing without injured stars Don Mattingly and Dave Winfield.

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FISHER | Andre Dawson connects for a two-run home run against Philadelphia in the fourth inning Tuesday at Wrigley Field. The homer also scored Ryne Sandberg.

## **MORNING REPORT**

## Baseball

IRS PAPER REPORTS ROSE'S BETTING. Pete Rose bet

between \$8,000 and \$16,000 daily on baseball games in one

stretch of the 1987 season, according to a coded Internal Reve-

nue Service document, the Cleveland Plain Dealer reported

today. The newspaper quoted government informants as saying

the document said the bets were placed through Ron Peters, a

cafe owner in Franklin, Ohio, who has said he was Rose's princi-

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New York	4	Minnesota	2		
Texas	4	Detroit	0		
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Chicago	5	Philadelphia	4		
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#### Basketball

NBA			
Boston	124	L.A. Clippers	108
Chicago	121	Charlotte	101
Cleveland	105	Atlanta	91
Denver	128	Sacramento	124
Houston	90	Indiana	88
L.A. Lakers	115	Seattle	97
Milwaukee	124	Golden State	118
Philadelphia	124	New York	113
Portland	118	Detroit	100
San Antonio	109	Miami	87
Utah	95	Dallas	80

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were described Tuesday by prosecutors as extortionists who preyed on college athletes. But Bloom's lawyer, Dan Webb, argued that NCAA rules are not law and federal prosecutors had

no evidence laws were broken. "Violation of NCAA rules is not a crime," Webb said. "The NCAA is a private club ... they can have any rules they want, but they are not laws." Walters and Bloom are charged with fraud, extortion and racketeering. Lawyers made closing arguments Tuesday in the trial in Chicago. The case is expected to go to jury late today.

MOUT FOR SEASON. Linebacker Curtis Moore, who led Kansas and the Big Eight Conference last season with 170 tackles, will miss the 1989 football season because of a knee injury.

■ EDUCATED UTES. Rick Majerus, who guided Ball State last season to the best NCAA Division I record in the nation. Tuesday was named basketball coach at Utah. "I want them to graduate and to understand the value of an education," he said. "I don't think there's anything like being well-educated."

#### TV Today

12:00 p.m. (ESN) Boxing Adam Garcia vs. Louis Espinoza, featherweights.

6:30 p.m. (WGN) Baseball Philadelphia at Chicago. 7:30 p.m. (TBS) Baseball Atlanta at Houston. 9:00 p.m. (ESN) Bowling LPBT Fort Pierce Classic.

#### game: Harvard vs. Minnesota. (R)

**Quotes of the Day** "For a [U.S.] Open, you may have a committee doing things for the first time ever, and it can be shaky at times. Here, you've got committees that've been doing the same job for 30 years. It's a masterpiece of organization, really." - Paul Latshaw, course superintendent at Augusta National, talking about preparing the fabled golf course for the Masters.

2:00 a.m. (ESN) College Hockey NCAA Division I Tournament, championship

"I told him you go to Seattle first, then hop on Route 80 and turn left at the Atlantic Ocean." - Greg B. Mikalauskas, assistant to the vice chancellor for student affairs at Seton Hall, remembering how he gave an Alaska radio reporter directions to the school in South Orange, N.J.