# lowa examines military class

By Dale Kueter Gazette staff writer

Military science is one area of study at the University of Iowa that will be examined for patterns of inflated grades, Professor David Vernon, acting vice president for academic affairs, confirmed Monday.

Former Hawkeye football stars Devon Mitchell and Ronnie Harmon, according to transcripts, received grades of "A" and "B" respectively when they took fundamentals of military organization at the U of I.

Vernon, who headed a special committee investigating athletics and academics, a week ago recommended that the College of Liberal Arts consider the "appropriateness" of academic standards in courses where many "A" and "B" grades are awarded.

Vernon's committee examined transcripts of athletes. "With the grade pattern in that course, it raises a question, yes," said Vernon, referring to military science. "That's the kind

of thing that would cause one to look." Vernon declined to say what other course With the grade pattern in that course, it raises a question, yes. That's the kind of thing that would cause one to look.

David Vernon U of I acting vice president for academic affairs

areas might also qualify for grade inflation study. "I'm going to leave that up to the faculty in the College of Liberal Arts."

Lt. Col. Steven Fredericks, professor of military science, Monday said he welcomed a look at his program. Fredericks said he couldn't comment on the Mitchell and Harmon cases since he arrived on the job after they had been enrolled.

"We do give a lot of A's and B's," said Fredericks, "but there is good reason for that. Ours is a course taught by military officers. We teach skills critical to survival. We teach them exactly what we want them to know. There is no interpretation."

Fredericks said, "It is not a theory course. We teach people skills they need to survive on the battlefield." He said some people do fail the course. But it is not a haven for athletes, he said.

"We don't have any athletes taking the course right now." He said the summer course is no longer offered because of lack of interest.

Mitchell took the military course in the summer of 1982, after his freshman year. Harmon, who enrolled in the fall of 1982, took the course in the summer of 1983, according to information released last week in Chicago at the trial of sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom.

Mitchell and Harmon, while still playing football at Iowa, took payments from Walters, • Please turn to 3C: Class

## I ISU president not ready for frosh ban

AMES (AP) - Iowa State University President Gordon Eaton said Monday he is not ready to put a blanket ban on freshmen playing sports as has been proposed by University of Iowa President Hunter Rawlings.

"I have no reason to think our programs are in trouble," Eaton said by telephone from his office.

"We don't have the data to make us think in those terms at the moment," Eaton said. "I just don't think that we have the data that we have a problem."

Eaton and Rawlings, whose athletic departments have been mired in controversy the past two weeks, are scheduled to discuss athletics this week at the state Board of Regents

meeting. Eaton's report to the board Wednesday will focus on academic performance of athletes and probably will touch on a much-publicized armed robbery of a fast-food restaurant in Ames. Rawlings may discuss his proposal to make freshmen ineligible to participate in Hawkeye sports in three years.

• Please turn to 3C: Eaton

Cedar Rapids Reds pitcher Quinn Marsh, left, and infielder Chris Schnurbusch try to keep warm in the bullpen Monday night in the season-

opener at Memorial Stadium. The Reds lost to the Quad-City Angels, 4-0, and could manage only one hit in the mid-30 degree weather.

Gazette photo by Chris Stewart

### Angels hand Reds cold opening loss By Al Hall

Gazette sportswriter

Quad-City pitcher Mike Erb is accustomed to warmer weather than that at Memorial Stadium Monday night.

But the right-hander from San Diego kept his cool in the cold as the Angels iced the Cedar Rapids Reds, 4-0, in a Midwest League

opener before 332 fans. The temperature at game time was 40 degrees.

"This is basically the coldest stuff I've ever pitched in," Erb said after limiting the Reds to one hit and striking out seven in seven innings of work. "The first five innings were warm because I was sweating. But in the sixth and seventh, I could feel the cold on my face."

Cedar Rapids had just three baserunners and made four errors in the loss. Beban Perez had four hits and scored twice for the Angels.

Erb turned to his own teammates for some advice while shutting down the defending league champion Reds.

"I stuck with my fast ball and wasn't relying on my off-speed pitches," he said. "I was trying to stay in on them. I talked to our hitters and they said they didn't like it inside so that's where I tried to keep it."

Erb pitched no-hit ball for 3%

innings until Cedar Rapids designated hitter Kennedy Infanti singled sharply to right. He retired the Reds in order in the first, third, fifth and seventh innings. Four of the Reds' strikeouts against Erb were on called third

"He was ahead of probably every hitter he faced," Quad-City Manager Eddie Rodrigues said. "He was just outstanding."

"We had one hit," Reds Manager Dave Miley said. "I guess you'd have to say he shut us down." Mark Zappelli closed with two perfect innings for Quad-City.

Quad-City scored single runs in the first, third, sixth and ninth innings. The first two were earned, but three C.R. errors led to the sixth-inning marker and relief pitcher Quinn Marsh's throwing error led to the ninthinning run, also unearned.

"When you get one hit and don't score any runs, you can't give them more than 27 outs," Miley said. "I don't know if it was concentration or what."

Cedar Rapids starter Scott Jeffery (0-1) gave up five hits and struck out six in five innings. Steve Hester allowed two hits and fanned four in three innings and Marsh allowed one hit and struck out one in the ninth.

The teams meet again tonight at 7 at Memorial Stadium.

## Esasky homers, Boddicker wins

Heating up in the bullpen

BOSTON (AP) — Nick Esasky wasn't scared by the "Green

Monster" in his first game at Fenway Park. Esasky homered over the famous left-field wall, doubled off it and had an infield hit Monday as the Boston Red Sox won their home opener 5-2 over the the Cleveland Indians.

Norway native Mike Boddicker (1-0) blanked the Indians on two hits for five innings before giving way to Mike Smithson after Joe Carter's homer in the sixth.

Smithson finished the game to pick up his second save. Cleveland, coming off a three-game sweep of the New York Yankees, snapped Boddicker's scoreless string

against the Indians at 16% innings.

Boddicker, obtained from Baltimore

last July, improved his Fenway Park record to 6-1 with the Red Sox. He is 10-2 lifetime in Boston.

"I told myself not to think about the wall," said Esasky, obtained from Cincinnati in December. "I tried to concentrate on the pitcher and seeing the ball."

Mike Boddicker "It looks like Nick Esasky is adjusting to the wall pretty well," said Carter.

Wade Boggs, a five-time American League batting champion, keyed two Boston rallies with singles. Boggs has been the subject of trade rumors because of revelations about his affair with Margo Adams, but the capacity crowd of 32,909 showed its support by giving him a standing ovation before and during the game.

"I didn't know what to expect," Boggs said. "As I ran out ofthe dugout my goose bumps got bigger and bigger. I was anxious. You don't know what to expect until you meet it face to face, but everything was positive."

The Red Sox, who returned home with a 1-4 record, spoiled the major league debut of Joe Skalski, who allowed three runs on six hits in five innings.

## Malinoski, Hawks take 2 from Indiana

By Jim Ecker

Gazette sportswriter IOWA CITY - Not too many .400 hitters like to bat eighth in

the lineup. Iowa's Chris Malinoski is an exception. For now, anyway. Malinoski was in the right spot

at the right time Monday as the Hawkeyes swept Indiana, 10-6 and 7-3, in Big Ten baseball at Iowa Field.

Malinoski's two-run homer snapped a 3-3 tie in the sixth

inning of the nightcap and sent the Hawkeyes into the early Big Ten lead at 4-0.

At 22-6 overall, Iowa is off to its best start since 1941, according to the school's sports information

Malinoski, a transfer secondbaseman from Des Moines Area Community College, went 7-for-10 with five RBIs in the chilly weekend sweep of the Hoosiers, which included 5-1 and 13-1 wins on Saturday.

That display hiked his average to a healthy .405, giving Malinoski ammunition to pester Coach Duane Banks for a move up in the

"I was thinking about it," said Malinoski. "But I'm happy there now. I struggled hitting second earlier in the season."

With Iowa batting .350 as a team, Coach Banks isn't looking to tinker with success.

"It's nice to get off to a good start," said Banks. "Boy, oh boy.

It's so important. Because we're not going to win them all."

Banks told his team it has 48 hours to relax. Minnesota visits Wednesday for another twin-bill. But sweeping Indiana (24-8, 2-

6) left Banks with a warm feeling on a 40-degree day. "Winning four is a bonus," he

said. "I thought we had a shot at them three times. Winning four is really a bonus."

Malinoski's game-winning hom-• Please turn to 2C: Iowa

## Now, just call him Coach Steve Fisher

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) -Finally, Steve Fisher is just plain coach.

Named as Michigan's interim coach two days before the NCAA tournament, Fisher took the Wolverines to their first national championship, and he was officially rewarded on Monday when the "interim" was removed from his

Fisher, an assistant for seven years, took over on March 15 after Bill Frieder accepted the job at Arizona State and was told he could not finish out the season with Michigan. The Wolverines responded with six victories, including an 80-79 overtime victory over Seton Hall in the title game at Seattle.

"The dream lives on," Fisher,

Majors, AD resign from all-white club



Steve **Fisher** 

44, said at a joint news conference with Bo Schembechler, the football coach who doubles as athletic director. "I said before, 'Pinch me on Tuesday,' but I didn't want to

• Please turn to 2C: Fisher

## Faldo likes his new green jacket

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) - There was the green jacket of a Masters champion in the luggage Nick Faldo loaded into his car at the hotel Monday morning.

It had been around his shoulders until the early morning hours as Faldo basked in the aftermath of his playoff victory over Scott Hoch.

And it served as a prop when he was asked if the meaning of his triumph had really dawned on him.

"Oh, yes," he said, paused and fingered the lapel of the jacket. He smiled, continued to caress the jacket and repeated: "Oh, yes."

Before starting the two-hour drive through a steady rain to Hilton Head, S.C., and this week's Heritage Classic, Faldo considered some of implications, both for himself and for European golf in general.

"It proves we're still on a roll," the man from Surrey, England, said, a reference to the growing dominance of foreign players in world golf.

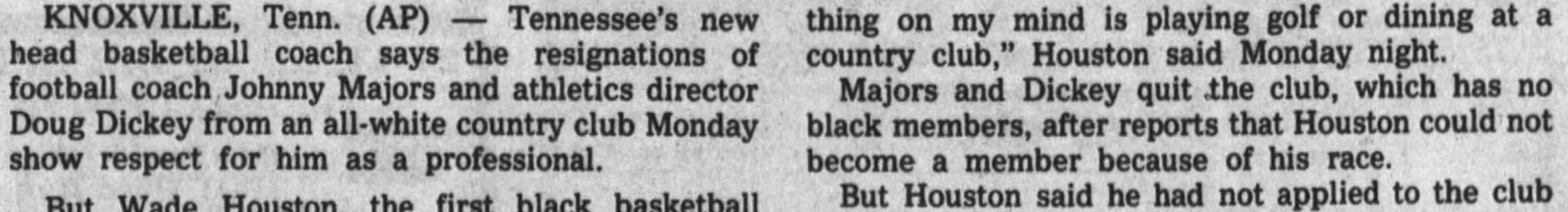
His Masters victory marked the fifth time in the decade of the 1980s that a European player had won a green jacket. An American has not won the British Open in five years. The Europeans won the Ryder Cup competition against America's best the last two times the matches have been held, in 1985 and '87.

"We're slowly proving what we're made of," said Faldo, who won the 1987 British Open, lost the 1988 U.S. Open in a playoff and now is the 1989 Masters winner.

"The world of international golf is very strong now," said Faldo, who holds membership in both the European and American tours.

"I honestly believe there are a half dozen men at the top of the game. I believe I am one of them."

He ticked off the others: Seve Ballesteros of Spain, Greg Norman of Australia, Sandy Lyle of Scotland, Ian Woosnam of Wales and Curtis Strange, the only American on the list.



coach at a Southeastern Conference school, says the whole controversy over Cherokee Country Club caught him off guard.

"I'm so involved in trying to organize the best

thing on my mind is playing golf or dining at a country club," Houston said Monday night.

Majors and Dickey quit the club, which has no black members, after reports that Houston could not become a member because of his race.

and had not really thought about it. "The university cannot be a party to any member-

.... is on a special project. His column will resume next week.

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show respect for him as a professional.

But Wade Houston, the first black basketball

basketball team I can put on the floor, that the last

ship of any organization that even raises the possibility that a white coach can be treated one way and a black coach another," University President Lamar Alexander said.

### Stieb blanks Yanks on 1-hitter

### New York loses for the 6th straight time

Associated Press

NEW YORK - Dave Stieb, who closed last year with consecutive one-hitters, pitched a onehitter in his second start of the season as the Toronto Blue Jays beat New York, 8-0, Monday night, the Yankees' sixth straight

Stieb (1-0) gave up just Jamie Quirk's solid single to center with one out in the fifth. He struck out five and walked four.

Stieb pitched three one-hitters last season, the first one-hitters of his career. He lost no-hitters in his final two starts when he yielded

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singles with two outs in the ninth inning. Stieb got a no-decision in his first game this season, giving up four hits and one run in eight innings at Kansas City.

Jesse Barfield, Fred McGriff and Lloyd Moseby each homered among Toronto's 12 hits against Andy Hawkins and two relievers. Barfield went 4-for-5 and also doubled.

#### Royals 3, Orioles 0

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Bret Saberhagen threw a three-hitter, leading the Kansas City Royals past Baltimore for their 14th consecutive victory over the Ori-

Kansas City hasn't lost to Baltimore since July 26, 1987, when the Orioles beat the Royals and Saberhagen 4-3.

Saberhagen, 3-0 against the Orioles last year, struck out six and walked none in his ninth career shutout.

#### Rangers 6, Brewers 4 ■ MILWAUKEE — Ruben

Sierra doubled in the go-ahead run in the 10th inning as the Texas Rangers spoiled Milwaukee's home opener.

Sierra's hit off Milwaukee reliever Chuck Crim (0-1) followed a walk to Rafael Palmeiro. Cecil Espy singled in the final run for the Rangers, who won for the fifth time in six games.

Padres 5, Braves 2 ■ SAN DIEGO — Bruce Hurst



AP photo

Texas' Rafael Palmeiro, left, scores from second on a double and sneaks by Milwaukee catcher B.J. Surhoff's tag in the 10th inning to put the Rangers ahead of the Brewers, 5-4, at Milwaukee Monday. Texas went on to win, 6-4.

pitched the first one-hitter of his three-run homer highlighted a career and struck out 13 as the

Hurst, who signed as a free Reds. agent for \$5.25 million over three years, lost his debut with the Padres last week. He was 88-73 in nine seasons with the Boston Red

Sox and had two two-hitters. The left-hander's performance was a reversal from his NL debut last Wednesday when he was shelled for nine hits and seven runs in five innings in an 8-3 loss to San Francisco.

Reds 8, Astros 3 ■ HOUSTON — Eric Davis'

four-run, fifth inning and Tom San Diego Padres downed Atlan- Browning won his 18th game in 20 decisions, leading the Cincinnati

Astros left-hander Bob Knepper dropped to 0-2.

#### Phillies 7, Expos 6

■ PHILADELPHIA — Von Hayes led off the bottom of the ninth with his second home run of the game to give the Philadelphia Phillies a victory.

Hayes' homer over the rightfield fence came on the first pitch of the inning by Gene Harris (1-1) to make a winner of reliever Steve Bedrosian (1-0).

### Regardless of verdict, sports agents' trial may bring reforms

CHICAGO (AP) - No matter what verdict is reached in the trial of Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom, it will help clean up the sports agents business, insiders said Monday as jurors deliberated a third day.

"I think the business is really starting to change now, and the indictments are a major reason for this," said Steve Zucker, an agent whose clients include Chicago Bears quarterback Jim McMahon.

Bob Woolf, a Bostonbased sports attorney whose clients include Larry Bird, Joe Montana and Doug Flutie, said he expects the verdict to have "a very positive impact" no matter what

Norby Walters A finding of guilty "would certainly be a sobering message to a lot of people out there . . . to a lot of the unscrupulous agents," he said.

"If they're found innocent," he said, "the message is still out there. That abuses will not be

The case of Walters, 58, and Bloom, 29, went to the jury last Thursday after five weeks of

testimony before U.S. District Judge George Marovich. Jurors took the weekend off before resuming deliberations Monday morning.

The New York-based agents were accused of defrauding six universities and breaking other laws in signing college athletes to secret

contracts before their college eligibility had expired. They also were accused of using threats against some of the ath-

Prosecutors said the agents defrauded the schools - Iowa, Michigan, Michigan State, Notre Dame, Purdue and Temple — of scholarship money by signing the athletes to contracts that violated NCAA rules.

Defense attorneys argued that universities.

often kept athletes in school, despite poor grades, to promote their sports programs. They said Walters and Bloom were the victims of "double-dealing" athletes who took their money and later backed out of deals.

Lloyd Bloom

Attorneys for Walters and Bloom also said the defendants were merely engaging in practices long accepted in the sports world.

## Cyclones get good pitching, heavy hitting in easy victory

AMES — Mike Myers, Shawn Stolte and Dong Wengert combined on a four-hitter and Jeff Grenn drove in four runs as lowe State downed Grand View, 18-2, in college baseball Monday.

ISU is 17-11 and has won 16 of

its last 17 games. Myers (3-2) got the victory, allowing just one hit while fanning four over the first three innings. Stolte, a former prep standout at Clarence-Lowden, went the middle three innings, striking out two and allowing two

Wengert finished up with onehit relief over the final three

Pat Yacinich (1-5) took the loss. with two doubles to pace the Cyclones' 18-hit attack. Mike Busch had three hits, including a his sixth home run of the season, and drove in three runs.

Grand View picked up two runs

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in the fifth inning but only one was earned. Tony Nelson singled to score Todd Roland and Craig Umland scored on an error.

#### UNI 2-8 Illinois-Chicago 4-0

CHICAGO — Southpaw Scott Kaul hurled a two-hitter and junior center fielder John Pratt drove in four runs to lead Northern Iowa to an 8-0 victory over Illinois-Chicago in the nightcap, to earn a split of a double-header.

UNI (7-19) dropped the opener, Green went 3-for-3 at the plate 4-2, but battled back with Kaul (1-4), a junior transfer from Mankato State, striking out four.

Pratt went 2 for 4 at the plate, with a two-run triple in the first inning and a two-run double in the seventh.

Teammate Steve Schmelzer, a junior from Garnavillo, belted his second homer run of the season, a three-run shot in the third.

In the opener, Illinois-Chicago erupted for three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to win. Steve Dreyer took the loss, allowing four earned runs and nine hits in 5% innings.

The Flames' R.C. Lichtenstein scattered five hits in 62/3 innings, striking out seven Panthers.

The Flames' three-run sixth featured four consecutive hits and one hit batsman. Jim Thillos went 3 for 4 with two RBI.

UNI's Mark Vogel was his team's lone offensive star in the opener, knocking a two-run double in the top of the seventh

The Panthers travel to Evanston, Ill., today, to face Northwestern. UNI is at Mount Mercy Wednesday for a double-header beginning at 2 p.m.

### Branstad: Rawlings' freshman plan could prove 'detrimental'

By Rod Boshart

Gazette political writer DES MOINES — Gov. Terry Branstad Monday endorsed University of Iowa President Hunter Rawlings' efforts to boost academic standards for student-athletes, but he said a proposal to end freshmen eligibility only within Hawkeye sports programs without NCAA mandate could be "detrimental."

"We're not living in a vacuum," Branstad said of the freshmen ineligibility rule and Rawlings' decision to implement it within three years at the U of I even if the NCAA and Big Ten Conference do not follow his lead.

"It's something that I don't think the president or the University of Iowa should do alone. think it's something that should be done in conjunction with generally improving the academic requirements for athletes nationwide," the governor said during his weekly news conference. "I think they are emphasizing

education and I agree with all of the steps, but I question whether unilateral action should be taken in terms of saying freshmen should not be eligible if everywhere else in the country they are eligible," he added. Branstad said he hoped Rawl-

ings would consult with a wide range of people within and outside of Iowa before becoming the only university with a major sports program to ban freshman eligibility, and he said the U of I president should not be fired if he refuses to back down.

Also Monday, Sen. Joe Welsh,

"It looks good," Eaton said.

Eaton said he would tell the

"I'm probably not going to take

Regents he is appointing a faculty

committee to look into the aca-

more than 5 minutes," Eaton said

Eaton said he has seen a

preliminary report of athletes'

grade points and is encouraged by

what he has seen. He said the

grade point average of the entire

"I'm positively pleased."

demic progress of athletes.

by telephone Monday.

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EATON: Not ready for frosh ban

D-Dubuque, said the Legislature should not get involved in the controversy surrounding Rawlings' announcement.

Welsh made his comments during a discussion of the U of I initiative on the Iowa Senate floor. Sens. Tom Mann and Elaine Szymoniak, both Des Moines port behind Rawlings, while Sen. Wally Horn, D-Cedar Rapids, urged the U of I president to announce publicly that he did not intend to declare freshmen ineligible until the NCAA and Big Ten adopt such rules.

Horn said the U of I president acted hastily in announcing a position without first consulting with his athletic directors or coaches. Horn also said Rawlings should have waited until after the current recruiting period ended April 15 and the Legislature had finished work on state budgets affecting education.

"I give him credit for taking a bold step to show that the University of Iowa is committed to a strong academic program for athletes as well as other students," said Branstad, who added that Rawlings has brought the issue to the national forefront.

The governor also declined to push the presidents at Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa to adopt Rawlings' stand on freshmen eligibility but he said all Iowa colleges "absolutely" would follow suit if the NCAA voted to ban first-year students from intercollegiate sports competition.

student body at ISU last fall was

"The grade point average for

students, athletes, all teams, men

He said all the Cyclone sports

teams, except one, has a 2.0 grade

point or above. He did not name

"It's not far below and there's

"I frankly was surprised by it,"

some incompletes," Eaton said.

and women, is the same - 2.64,"

Eaton said.

the team.

he said.

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a violation of NCAA rules. They both dropped out of school following the 1986 Rose Bowl game.

Both men were not that far from graduation, U of I officials have maintained. Mitchell was 12 hours shy of upper-level credit, and had he stayed in school could have graduated in the spring of 1986 if his grades were satisfactory. According to the U of I football press guide, Mitchell was seeking a Bachelor of General Studies degree. Harmon at first was Democrats, also threw their sup- enrolled in computer science, changed to general studies in the fall of 1984 and to communications studies in the fall of 1985.

Harmon was 25 to 28 semester hours short of graduation, depending upon the major selected. Figuring the higher number, he could still graduate in a year's time, with 14 hours a semester.

He was in school only 31/2 years. Neither Harmon nor Mitchell had to fulfill general education requirements (GERs) such as math, foreign language, natural and social sciences. It was not until the fall of 1985 that the university modified its Bachelor of General Studies program to require GERs. Rhetoric was the only general education requirement in the BGS program from 1970 to 1985.

"Students who enrolled after the summer session of 1985 were subject to GERs," said Patricia Addis, coordinator for the BGS program. She said the key to the GER mandate is when students enrolled.

Asked specifically if Mitchell and Harmon were exempt from GERs, Addis replied, "That's absolutely correct."

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