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Iowa's Fry says he may quit University of Iowa football coach Hayden Fry said Tuesday he might resign if adverse publicity surrounding the school's athletic department continues.

Fry also said he cannot support a proposal that would ban freshmen from athletics and athletic practices. Fry lashed out at the media over recent accounts of the academic progress of two former Hawkeye football players. The ensuing furor has led to proposed reforms at the university. The players, Ronnie Harmon and Devon Mitchell testified during the racketeering trial of sports agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom in Chicago, they had taken "fluff" courses while at the school and had not made satisfactory progress toward their degrees.

Fry said he was "mad as hell" at the accounts of how the two athletes had taken courses like water colors and billiards. The Hawkeye coach said the problem was not with the athletic department because the courses were designed by educators.

"I've had it to the nth degree with all the adverse publicity and the negative image cast across the whole United States," Fry said. "The problem that existed is an academic problem set up by academicians. At no time has the coaching staff had anything to do with curriculum."

Arizona's Olson to Kentucky?

Arizona's Lute Olson appears to be the No.1 candidate for Kentucky's vacant basketball coaching job if the price is right. Olson is expected to meet with Kentucky athletic director C.M. Newton this week to discuss details.

"Hopefully, it'll work into that," Newton said of Olson becoming the school's prime candidate to replace Eddie Sutton, who left under fire. "Obviously we're interested and obviously he's

interested." Olson's base salary is reported about \$85,000 to \$95,000 with a total package worth between \$400,000 and \$500,000. The Arizona Republic said one source said the Kentucky package for Olson would be more than \$600,000 per season. The newspaper said another source had said the package would be worth more than \$750,000 each season.

Borg plans final tennis appearance

Five-time Wimbledon champion Bjorn Borg, 32, said he will make his farewell appearance in "any form of tennis event" in four exhibition matches in Asia this week. Borg, in Singapore for the first match with another John McEnroe, said: "There will be no more tennis for me - tournaments or exhibitions. My future involvement in tennis will be strictly in coaching the youth and I will be glad to do it in any part of the world."

Hurdler Campbell accepts suspension

Tonie Campbell, admitting he was wrong to refuse a drug test, says he accepts a 90-day suspension by The Athletics Congress in order to keep other athletes from using his case as a precedent. Campbell, the 1987 world indoor high hurdles champion, decided not to appeal a March 11 ruling by TAC, the national governing body for track and field in the United States. Campbell called the incident "a silly mixup" that stemmed from his refusal to take a drug test after the Mobil One Invitationa l Feb. 5 in Fairfax, Va. He told officials at that time he had only 40 minutes to catch a plane for which he was holding a nonrefundable ticket issued by the meet promoter. He said he left when it couldn't be resolved who would pay the difference for a new ticket.

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