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Random ideas of random sport

The NFL needs a new drug education program even more than it needs a new commissioner.

The first lesson, for at least 15 recent offenders (13 for steroids). should be to stop taking illegal substances and hormones a good month before the date of the scheduled, announced testing.

This is a football fundamental every bit as important as no faircatching from inside the 10-yard line but much easier to follow.

The Forgetful Fifteen who were suspended for four weeks make Ben Johnson look like an alchemist. Until the NFL starts giving random, pop drug tests, the 6-foot 1-inch, 285pound lineman lives.

That's just one thought at large as the NFL opens today across the country - in the East, home of the Phoenix Cardinals; in the West, home of the Atlanta Falcons; and in the Central, home of the Tampa Bay Bucs.

Plenty more where they came from. For instance:

• In Chicago, they're saying Jim McMahon has lost his magic. He isn't the player he used to be. His address

The Forgetful Fifteen who were suspended for four weeks make Ben Johnson look like an alchemist.

since the 1985 Super Bowl has been Injury List Lane.

Even before McMahon was traded to San Diego, the Bears moved emotionally from McMahon and gathered in Mike Tomczak's corner.

Still. Bears fans have long memories. If they don't feel uneasy about their team's being left in the hands of two quarterbacks from passing giants Michigan and Ohio State, they should.

While Tomczak and Jim Harbaugh aren't too far behind Bill Wade and Rudy Bukich, to name a pair of decent quarterbacks from the past, McMahon was the Bears' first legitimate star-quality quarterback since,

well, since George Blanda. Could this be a return to the days of Bob Avellini, Vince Evans, Gary Huff, Bobby Douglass, Jack Concannon, Virgil Carter and Larry Rakestraw? Plus they have a brutal schedule. If I were a season ticket-holder, I'd be concerned.

 Particularly about the Vikings. This team, by most accounts, has the most talent in the league. This team is the NFL version of the Toronto Blue Jays. Isn't it about time they lost another Super Bowl? Maybe not.

• The new crowd-noise policy, which penalizes the home team by stealing its timeouts, is sure to touch off a soccer riot in one of the NFL's domed stadiums.

• The "Silver Stretch" offense, recently deployed at Detroit, uses four receivers, one running back and no tight ends. It sounds strange, but not as strange as the Rams' "Eagle" defense, which features two linemen and five linebackers.

• Are the two new geniuses of the NFL named Mouse Davis and Fritz Shurmer? Mouse and Fritz. Remember when the NFL used to be a toughguy league?

• Due to the immutable law of norepeat champions, the 49ers and probably even the Bengals will not be in the Super Bowl. But that's the only reason for their not coming back.

• Is there any team in the AFC besides Buffalo, Cincinnati and Houston that couldn't be mistaken for an Arena Football League team? The AFC West could be worse than the American League East.

Now that Tony Mandarich will be fighting Richard Dent instead of Mike Tyson, I nominate Jose Canseco. But only because baseball players

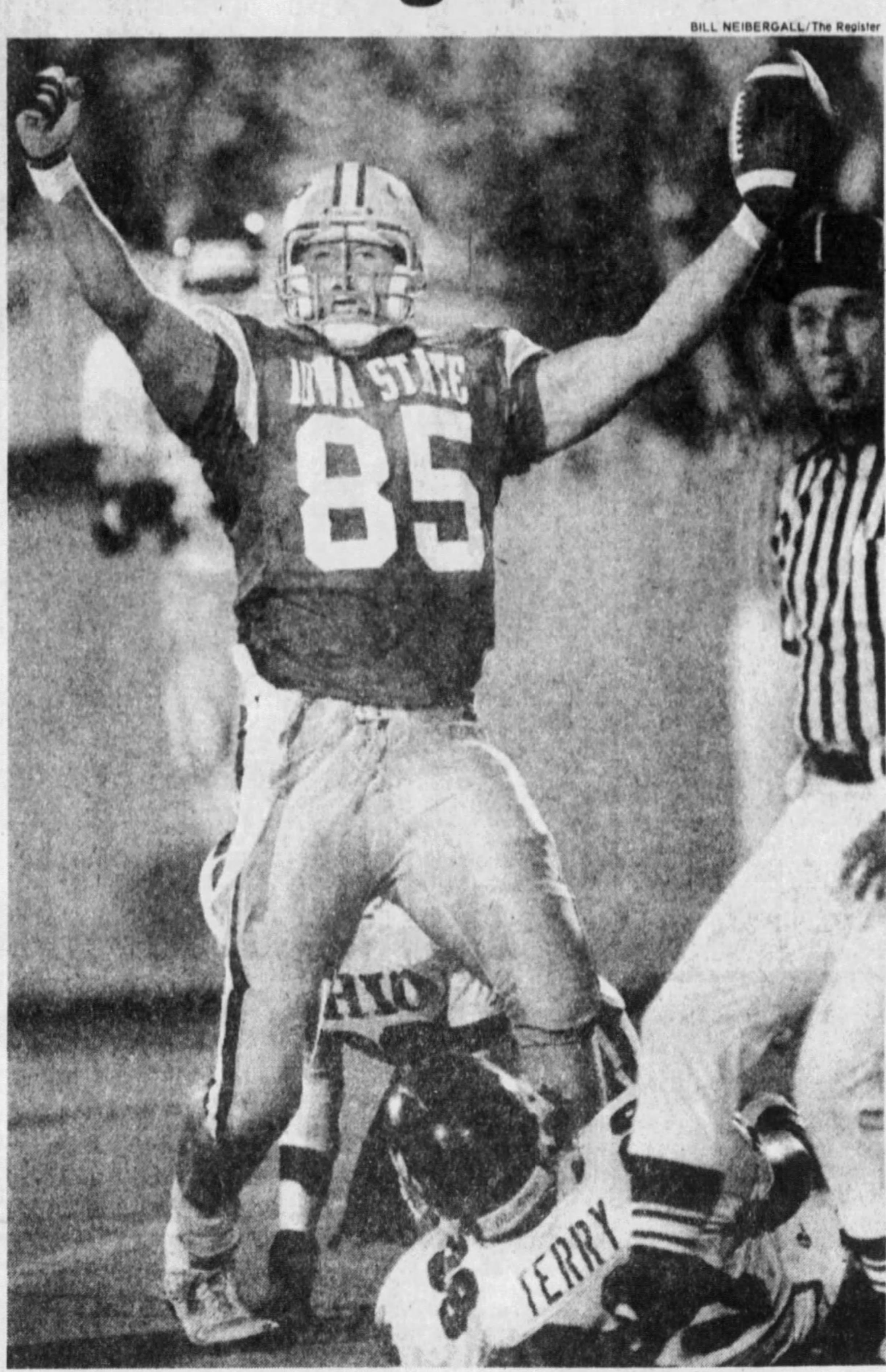
never get mentioned in fantasy fights. • If Randall Cunningham gets hurt, the Eagles are just another rock

• Green Bay could be the most improved team in the NFL. Washington will be the most improved team in the NFL. Cleveland will be the most static.

Jim Finks, don't forget, was a high muckety-muck for the Cubs in the Dallas Green years. If Finks doesn't become NFL commissioner, an appointment that appears increasingly unlikely, he ought to

send his resume to baseball. • The three surest bets for the 1989-90 NFL season. 1) A big game will be decided by an officiating mistake. 2) A contender will be decimated by injuries. 3) Mike Ditka will make a TV commercial.

Blaise brightens ISU opener



Iowa State tight end Mike Busch celebrates his catch for a first-half touchdown against Ohio University.

Parents miss Bryant's big debut

By MARC HANSEN

Register Staff Writer

AMES, IA. - Blaise Bryant didn't look like a normal college student while running for 213 yards in his Iowa State debut Saturday night.

In one respect, though, he was like a lot of college kids everywhere. His parents couldn't be here for his big opening night, he said, because he tapped them out. Apparently, the junior college transfer issued the "send money" distress signal one time too

"They would have been here," he said with a smile after the Cyclones' 28-3 victory over Ohio, "but borrowed too much from them. They gave me a lot of money for my apart-

Bryant did add, however, that his

TOP ISU RUSHING GAMES

271 - Dave Hoppmann vs. Kansas State, 1961 242 - Harold Brown vs. Kent State, 1982

226 - Joe Henderson vs. Kansas, 1987 224 - Dave Hoppmann vs. Detroit, 1960

214 - Dexter Green vs. Missouri, 1976 213 - Blaise Bryant vs Ohio University, 1989

199 - George Amundson vs. Kansas, 1971

198 - Mike Strachan vs. Colorado, 1973 197 - Dave Hoppmann vs. Kansas State, 1960

196 - George Amundson vs. New Mexico, 1971 190 - Joe Henderson vs. Kansas State, 1987

187 - Mike Strachan vs. New Mexico, 1972 father, a vice president at Rio Hondo

try to see three games this season. Dad would have enjoyed this one.

wild before. In Bryant's last game at

out myself." junior college in Whittier, Calif., will If Bryant was hard on himself, Bret Not that he hasn't seen the kid run

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Golden West College in Los Angeles,

he gained 330 yards and scored two

touchdowns in a whopping 46 carries.

prus High in Huntington Beach.

Still, he wasn't satisfied.

He also had a 281-yard game at Cy-

"We made a lot of mistakes to-

night," he said, "and most of them

were mine. I made some wrong cuts.

I put my head down when I should

have been looking. I stopped a few

times when I should have kept going.

Just some little things I need to work

His 213 yards beat Ohio U.

By BUCK TURNBULL Register Staff Writer

AMES, IA. - Blaise Bryant said he wasn't expecting much in his Iowa State football debut Saturday night.

"I just wanted to get my feet wet to make a contribution and help us win the game," Bryant said. The junior college transfer more

than get his feet wet. He had the greatest first game by a running back in the 98-year history of Cyclone foot-Bryant rushed for 213 yards in 27

Steffi Graf reacts to the final point

Saturday that gave her the U.S. Open

championship over Martina Navra-

Sluggish Graf

rallies past

Navratilova

Wins Open final in 3 sets

for 7th Grand Slam title

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Steffi Graf, in

more fragile form than she has dis-

played in recent years, regained her

champion's standards after a puz-

zling start against Martina Navra-

tilova Saturday and successfully de-

fended her U.S. Open title with a 3-6,

umph this year and her seventh

Grand Slam championship in two

When Graf finished off the match

with an ace on her second serve, both

women tossed their racquets into the

air - Navratilova in disgust, Graf,

with her performance anxieties

behind her for the moment, in tri-

come back," said Graf of her inauspi-

to lose it," she said of the semifinal

match against Gabriela Sabatini that

sent her from stadium court con-

"But not today. Today, I just kept

hanging in. I felt very comfortable

that I would win the second set: I told

For Navratilova, making her 17th

appearance at the Open, the match

result marked the end of another dis-

appointing year in which she was

frozen out of the Grand Slam winner's

circle - largely due to Graf's pres-

ence there — for only the second time

"I'll be back again next year," said

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Navratilova, who claimed the first

set and was up 4-3 in the second when

Graf reignited her blistering cross-

blasts colleges,

vulsed by tears and cramps.

myself, 'Just give everything.'"

"I knew it was going to be hard to

"Yesterday, I thought I was going

It was Graf's third Grand Slam tri-

tilova in three sets.

By ROBIN FINN

7-5, 6-1 victory.

cious start.

this decade.

1989 New York Times

carries and scored two touchdowns, leading the Cyclones to a 28-3 victory over Ohio University before a crowd of 41,614. His yardage total was the sixth best

ever by an Iowa State running back. He accounted for half his team's points, also scoring on a two-point conversion run. For Bryant, it was a case of taking

over where he left off last year. He topped the nation's junior college rushers while at Golden West in Los Angeles, Calif., finishing the season with a 330-yard game. "There has been so much talk about Blaise," Cyclone Coach Jim Walden

things that would put too much pressure on him. "I wanted him to come in and show what he can do. Now he's done it and a lot of what he did was because

said, "but I refused to say a lot of

he's come in and worked real hard. "That's probably the first 200-yard maiden voyage I've ever had by a

Bryant scored Iowa State's first touchdown on a 25-yard run in the second quarter, when the Cyclones scored three times to take a 21-3 halftime lead.

running back."

In the final period, he burst into the open on a 56-yard gallop that wound up just shy of the end zone. He was pushed out of bounds at the one, but then scored his other touchdown three plays later.

"Blaise Bryant is an excellent running back," Ohio Coach Cleve Bryant said. "We knew he was a good ball player in junior college. They gave him the ball and he produced.'

Iowa State quarterback Bret Oberg said he was overwhelmed by Bryant's performance.

"We've got ourselves an other Joe Henderson, and I'm honored to play with two players as good as they are, Oberg said. "They are different, but yet they're the same, because they both have a really good work ethic."

Henderson was a 1,000-yard rusher for the Cyclones last year, when he finished as the school's No. 3 career

"What Blaise did was no surprise to me," said Cyclone tight end Mike

Busch. "When you've got the speed and quickness he has, you're going to be good. "The thing about him is, he sees the

hole and he gets there quick."

Oberg and Busch accounted for lowa State's other two touchdowns in the big second quarter.

Charles Vondra's pass interception gave the Cyclones the ball at their 40-yard line, and Oberg's passing put the ball in the end zone in just four Sociologist

One was a 36-yard pass to a wide-

IOWA STATE

Please turn to Page 7D Sports agents By DEBORA WILEY Of The Register's Cedar Rapids Bureau

IOWA CITY, IA. — An athletic system in which football and basketball players have become non-paid slaves has encouraged professional sports agents to engage in fraud, a University of California sociologist said here Saturday.

"This is the dirtiest, slimiest part of the business," Harry Edwards said during a panel discussion on the role of athletics in the Big Ten Conference. "The stuff that's going on would blow your mind." Edwards is a national leader in seeking equality for blacks in athletics and has been an adviser to past baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth.

Addressing an audience of 300 at the first Student Big Ten Conference, he derided the National Collegiate Athletic Association, blaming it for allowing professional agents to use the intercollegiate athletic system for profit.

Agents capitalize on a system in which everyone but the athlete gets paid, Edwards said. He called the work of professional agents "the lowest aspect of the business" that the NCAA "has allowed to evolve."

"I agree there's no way an organization like [the NCAA] can control 900 member institutions, but what it has allowed to evolve into is utterly despicable," he said.

Edwards said agents simply cater to a non-paid athlete who is performing so coaches can get big salaries

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Cubs still looking down on N.L. East after winning in 10

By CARRIE MUSKAT © 1989 Gannett News Service

CHICAGO, ILL. - Jim Frey was

reading a newspaper Saturday, catching up on the late games. The National League standings were just a glance away, and his Chicago Cubs were still in first place in the National League East.

"I check them every 10 minutes," said Frey, Chicago general manager. His Cubs gave him a reason to relax a little on Saturday.

Luis Salazar drove in the tying run with a single in the eighth inning and drove in the winning run with a one-

out double in the 10th to give the Cubs a 3-2 victory against St. Louis. Andre Dawson scored from first base on Salazar's 10th-inning hit as the Cubs extended their lead in the N.L. East to 11/2 games over the Cardinals.

"It's a game and a half, not half a game," said Dwight Smith, who scored the tying run in the eighth, aided by a St. Louis error. "That's how big it is."

The game was a test of resiliency for the Cubs, who wasted a 7-1 lead and lost, 11-8, to St. Louis Friday in

the first game of the weekend showdown. The Cubs are 13-8 in one-run decisions at Wrigley Field, and 6-2 in extra-inning games at home.

37,633 fans who withstood steady drizzle for 10 innings.

close all the way."

The Cubs began their rally in the eighth inning. St. Louis led, 2-1, after run-scoring singles by Tom Brunan-

It also was a test of stamina for the

"We had to come back today," said Salazar, acquired from San Diego on Aug. 30. "This race is going to be

sky and Jose Oquendo in the sixth. Jose DeLeon was two innings shy of his fifth complete game, which would have equalled his career high, but he gave up a single to Dwight Smith to open the eighth.

However, Brunansky fielded the ball and held onto it - and Smith gambled.

"He got the ball, he held the ball and I thought I'd take a chance,'

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HOW THE TOP 25 FARED

Team	How Team Fared	Next Foe at Michigan Notre Dame	
1. Notre Dame (1-0-0)	did not play		
2. Michigan (0-0-0)	did not play		
3. Miami (Fla.) (1-0-0)	beat Wisconsin, 51-3	California	
4. Nebraska (1-0-0)	beat N. Illinois, 48-17	Utah	
5. Auburn (1-0-0)	beat U. of Pacific, 55-0	S. Mississippi	
6. UCLA (0-1-0)	lost to Tennessee, 24-6	at S. Diego State	
7. Arkansas (0-0-0)	did not play	Tulsa	
8. Oklahoma (2-0-0)	beat Baylor, 33-7	at Arizona	
9. Colorado (2-0-0)	beat Colorado State, 45-20	Illinois .	
10. Clemson (2-0-0)	beat Florida St., 34-23	at Virginia Tech	
11. Illinois (1-0-0)	did not play	at Colorado	
12. Penn State (0-1-0)	lost to Virginia, 14-6	Temple	
13. Southern Cal (0-1-0)	did not play	Utah State	

Team	How Team Fared	Next Foe Army	
14. Syracuse (1-0-0)	beat Temple, 43-3		
15. Texas A&M (1-1-0)	lost to Washington, 19-6	at Texas Christian	
16. Florida State (0-2-0)	lost to Clemson, 34-23	at Louisiana State	
17. West Virginia (2-0-0)	beat Maryland, 14-10	South Carolina	
18. S. Mississippi (1-1-0)	lost to Mississippi St., 26-23 at Auburn		
19. Alabama (0-0-0)	did not play	Memphis State	
20. Arizona (1-1-0)	lost to Texas Tech, 24-14	Oklahoma	
21. Louisiana State (0-1-0)	did not play	Florida State	
22. Houston (1-0-0)	did not play	at Arizona State	
23. Pittsburgh (2-0-0)	beat Boston College, 29-10	Syracuse	
24. Brigham Young (1-1-0)	lost to Wash. St., 46-41	at Navy	
25. N.C. State (2-0-0)	beat Georgia Tech, 38-28	at Wake Forest	
Complete list of scores in	Sports Roundup: Page 12D		

MARK MARTURELLO The Register

Hunting foe urges: 'Stand up to hunters'

This fall, millions of Americans dressed in bright orange outfits will take to the woods with their expensive high-powered weaponry to kill, maim, or cripple hundreds of millions of defenseless wild animals. These people call themselves "sportsmen." Some even have the audacity to call themselves "conservationists." They are hunters, and their pastime is centered around their desire to kill something. Anything less is a mere walk in the woods.

These individuals claim that hunting is necessary to keep animal populations in check, something that has been utterly disproved by biologists such as Ron Baker in his book, "The

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American Hunting Myth." Hunting is, as this book shows, an ecological and biological nightmare. Hunters virtually never take the weaker, sicker animals that nature eliminates by itself. This is why so many experts refer to sport hunting as "evolution in reverse"

Some of these "macho" fools prefer "land and shoot" hunting, as is popular in Alaska. The "sport" consists of pursuing a creature such as a wolf by helicopter until it is exhausted, then landing the vehicle and wiping out the animal.

Another barbaric and grotesque method, perhaps the cruelest of all, is bow and arrow hunting. This results, as fish and game officials readily admit, in the animal bleeding to death. Often the deer or other animal winds up getting its throat cut because it is taking so long to die. Some sport!

In the past hundred years, hunters have wiped out so many animals that innumerable laws are now necessary to protect endangered species. Still, taxpayers unknowingly support the manipulation of our land and animal populations (such as those of deer) so that a small minority will have a guaranteed supply of live targets.

Stand up to hunters. Tell them that you are sick and tired of them maiming, hurting and exterminating the precious wildlife that belongs to all of us. Tell them that non-hunters and wildlife have rights too, and you will be going a long way toward ending the suffering and exploitation that Americans have been unnecessarily inflicting for decades. As Cleveland Amory said, "Man has an infinite capacity to rationalize his own cruelty." -Mark Constantine, 21 Therien Rd., Portsmouth, R.I.

I've become quite upset and disappointed about Pete Rose's defrauding baseball. Therefore, I've vowed not to buy the revealing book he'll eventually write until it comes out in paperback. - Mark Gries, 520 Ontario St., Storm Lake.

My psychic told me that there would be a new rule in baseball in 1990. She said it would be made after two players would die while playing baseball. One would be a second baseman who would die after aspirating his chewing gum when he was upended during a double play; and the other would be a batter who died after aspirating his cud of chewing tobacco while trying to duck out of the way of a high and tight pitch.

The new rule will state: Any player on the field of play, a catcher in his box, or a batter in the batter's box with a foreign substance (gum or tobacco) in his mouth, shall be disqualified. -C.W. Maplethorpe Jr., M.D., 115 E. High St., Toledo.

So Ron Berler (Sept. 3) seems to have such a vast knowledge about all the negative aspects about the Chicago Cubs, let me point out a few of the positive points.

Win or lose, the Chicago Cubs have had an outstanding year. How many people coming out of spring training gave the Cubs much of a chance to challenge for the division title in September? They have a fine team, and with the development of Jerome Walton, Mark Grace and Mitch Williams, along with proven veterans, this team seems to have a bright fu-

Let me point out to Mr. Berler the egotistical Whitey Herzog never played on very many winning teams, but look at what he has done as manager of the Royals and Cardinals. Does he fail to realize that Joe Altobelli won a World Series as the manager of the Baltimore Orioles? Is he going to put down the late Charlie Lau who produced some .300 hitters, because as a player he only hit .250. It's not fair that a coaching staff should be judged on how many games they won as players.

I suggest that if Mr. Berler wants to criticize baseball so much in Chicago, go to the other side of Chicago and watch the Sox. -Rick Sumpter, Rt. 1, Searsboro.

Stop the hypocrisy! If this country's institutions of higher learning must be in the entertainment business and be best known for the quality of their athletic teams instead of the quality of their educational programs, then why not adopt the following proposal:

Hire the athletes as full-time employees of the schools, and pay them a competitve salary. There would be no compulsion to attend classes, but, if the employee so desired, he would be encouraged to do so.

I would propose, however, that no special privileges be given to these employees. It should only be necessary to adjust their salaries according to their abilities to draw paying customers into the stadiums and coliseums to see them perform. -Larry Marske, 715 Jefferson St., Boone.

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The birth of football in Iowa

An odd game with strange rules and weird costumes — and Grinnell beat lowa

Dr. George A. Gates, the president of Iowa College of Grinnell, now Grinnell College, chipped in a mere 25 cents in the campaign to help buy the football, although two other faculty members kicked in a buck apiece.

Martin Sampson, the University of Iowa's coach and captain by vote of his teammates, was a "freshman" at that institute of higher learning in Iowa City, but as a rookie teacher rather than a student. He was a full-time professor of English literature.

Each side was required to furnish one of the two officials. The ball could be thrown any direction but forward. It had to be snapped back, by hand or by foot, to the quarterback, who wasn't allowed to run with it and had to dish it off.

If the game held in Grinnell wasn't football as we know it, and it surely wasn't because you could keep possession of the ball by gaining 5 yards in three downs or by losing 20, it was the start of something grand.

On Nov. 16, 1889, for the first time west of the Mississippi River, a pair of teams representing their entire student bodies were matched in football.

The home team won, 24-0, and the victory was no fluke. Grinnell won the 1890 meeting. too, and took the first of two clashes in 1891. But now, let us set the stage a bit more.

On Nov. 6, 1869, Princeton and Rutgers. using 25 players per side, played the first

Beginning Tuesday, The Des Moines Register will take a decade-by-decade look at 100 years of University of Iowa football in a weekly series.

primitive-style American football. By the time Grinnell and Iowa met in our state's first intercollegiate game, many refinements had been made.

The rules now called for 11 per side. A man could run with the ball. And Rule 27 sternly warned that "a player shall be disqualified for unnecessary roughness, hacking, throttling, butting, tripping up, intentional tackling below the knees and striking with closed fist."

Note the phrasing: "intercollegiate game." owans were playing intramural and sandlot versions of tug-and-tussle, sometimes as town teams, as early as 1872. But such competitions gained little more newspaper coverage than mumblety-peg, since sports pages were years in the future.

In late October 1889, though, the Iowa City lads broke into print with: "The State University football team hereby challenges any college or other team in the state to a game of football. American Association Rules." Thanks to Fred Van Gieson and Frank Everest, who had played at a prep school in New Jersey, Grinnell students quickly responded.

Consequently, 20 years and 10 days after this blend of rugby, soccer and American free spirit was first brewed, Iowa's team showed up at Grinnell's old Ward Field, a still-open plot now surrounded by campus buildings.

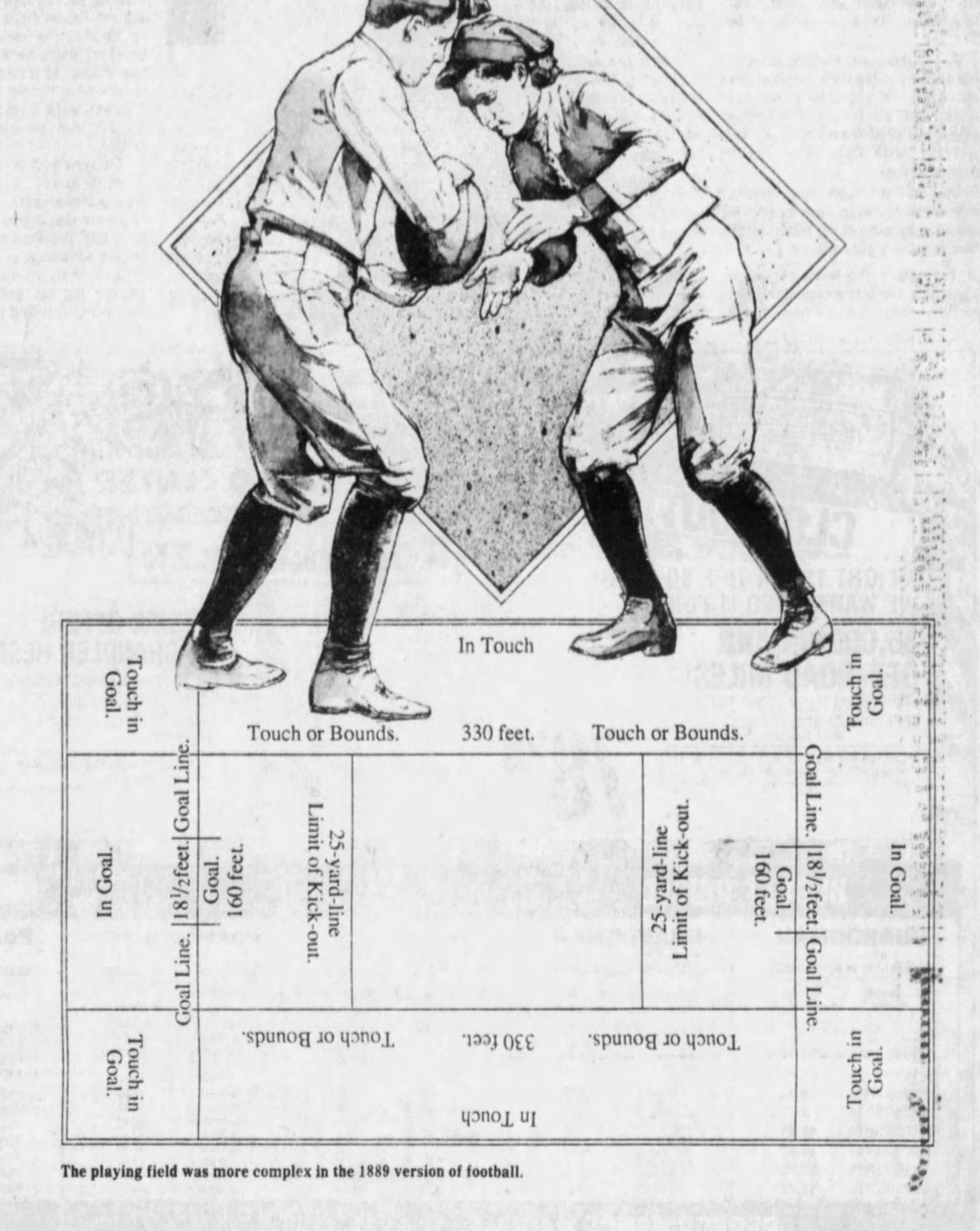
Once the battle was scheduled, Grinnell's players sought donations to buy a football, then practiced for two weeks. Iowa warmed up with a contest against some Iowa City men. What was called Town vs. Gown sports competition in college locales was common back then.

And, oh yes, at their own expense, each Iowa player had a white canvas football outfit made up by a millinery firm that usually dealt in dresses. The Hawkeyes (although that nickname was yet to be adopted for school teams) fairly dazzled the spectators when striding out to play against a rag-tag group.

Only two Grinnell players had regulation football pants. Others wore sweaters, gym suits, bicycle pants or bibbed overalls, of many styles and colors. There were no pads, but some sewed strips of bamboo in their pants to protect thighs. No helmets then either, mind you. A tight-fitting tasseled toboggan cap was the popular head protection, mainly to preserve the ears from being wrenched off in the clawing, struggling massed action.

The game, scheduled for 2:30 p.m., started 30 minutes late because each team wanted to play with its own ball. The compromise was to use one for the first 45-minute half, the other for the second half. Both sidelines were crowded with spectators and the hat was passed before and after, to defray expenses of staging the game. There was a \$10 profit, some of which went to Iowa players to help defray travel expenses. The school was not yet involved in such financing.

No question about it, Iowa badly outdressed Grinnell that day, but the school later to adopt the nickname of Pioneers had more important assets in Van Gieson and Everest having



played under knowledgeable coaching in the East. Up until now, Iowans had mostly stumbled about, trying to figure out the sport by reading the rules, and were woefully lacking in technique, plays, tricks and strategy.

Sampson, a graduate of Cincinnati, never previously played football but had seen two games. It was he who led the move for a team to represent the entire university instead of, as in the past, say, the law school or the medical school. Several Iowa players weren't connected with the school at all, and a couple of Grinnell's were taking only a course or two, not working toward a degree.

Iowa was the bigger team, but speed and savvy carried the day. Game accounts likened Grinnell's "V" formation, with the ball carrier lurking within the wedge, to "a medieval battering ram." The home team's rush line, now known as the defensive line, "stood with locked arms like a stone wall." And "the University were weaker than our eleven in dodging, sprinting, hugging the ball, and team

Van Gieson's "serpentine suit," along with his "birdlike hops," reportedly awed Iowa's rush line in the first half, according to one Grinnell scribe, but the honor of scoring the first touchdown in intercollegiate football west of the Mississippi went to Otto Savage, Grinnell's left guard, who lived up to his last name by furiously fighting his way across the goal line. Touchdowns were worth four points.

Following a safety, halfback Harry

THE FIRST GAME LINEUPS

GRINNELL		IOWA
John Harvey	LE	Edwin Slbin
Sam Pooley		Carl Stutsman
Otto Savage	LG	Edward Lewis
James Allison	C	Arthur Smith
Harry Doremus	RG	Milton Powers
Burt Huntley	RT	Preston Coast
Frank Everest	RE	Frank Pierce
Fred Van Gieson	QB	William Bremner
Harry Macomber	LH	Martin Sampson
Theron Lyman	RH	Arthur Gorrell
Herbert Miller	FB	Fred Neal

Macomber scored for a 10-0 halftime lead. Van Gieson's long punt return set up a short touchdown run by Theron Lyman, who scored again soon after. Van Gieson, hopping along in the shelter of that deadly "V," closed out the scoring.

Iowa's big moment of glory was a 25-yard run by Sampson, who was still playing for the future Hawkeyes the following year. At least two decades would pass before eligibility rules, or university control of sports teams came close to modern times.

The Iowa players not only went home with a loss but it took them 36 years to get their " sweaters. It was that long before the university got around to honoring 87 athletes who had played before the school officially recognized the sports competitions. The living '89ers

were honored at a home game in 1925. Professor Martin Sampson earned varsity letters in both 1889 and 1890. Many twists and turns in football fortunes

came to each school in the next 100 years. Iowa, a longtime member of the Big Ten Conference and currently one of the nation's recognized football powers, is charging \$96 for six home games this year. For the 11th

straight time, Kinnick Stadium, which seats

67,700, has been sold on a season-ticket basis. After keeping up with the big boys for several decades, small Grinnell became consistently overmatched and, in 1939, withdrew from the Missouri Valley Conference, and players returned to playing on a for-fun basis.

Now, as on that memorable day in 1889. Grinnell doesn't charge admission at home football games, or even pass the hat. Matter of fact, before Saturday's season-opening 19-18 victory against Concordia of St. Paul, the school neatly turned the tables by giving souvenir tickets to spectators attending the school's commemoration of the birth of intercollegiate football in our state.

The plaque installed on old Ward Field by the Class of 1940 to commemorate the 1889 meeting with Iowa was moved to Rose Field, as part of a new monument also paid for by the Class of '40. Too bad it doesn't feature a painting of Van Gieson in his serpentine suit," whatever that might have been.

Maury White is a retired Register sports

Sociologist blasts colleges' use of black athletes

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and lump-sum settlements when they leave before their contracts are up.

"And lo and behold if Norby Walters," a noted sports agent tied to a scandal involving U of I football players, "or someone else comes up to you and says, 'You don't have to wait until you graduate, I can get you some clothes now, I can get you into a car, a decent apartment,' the players often succumb,' Edwards said.

Edwards said he had just arrived in Iowa City this week when U of I athletes started telephoning his room.

"They say, 'I want to talk to you about something that's going on.' Everywhere I go it's the same thing: The schools, the alumni are giving kids money. It's not just the one or two that you hear. That's like saying Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker are the only ones working on the evangelicals," Edwards said.

Edwards said college athletes are slaves in a "plantation system" where they are exploited for their ability to bring in money and

then dumped after a disproportionate number fail to graduate.

"I don't care how great a coach Hayden [Fry is, I don't care how great an athletic director [Michigan's] Bo Schembechler is, nobody is going to come to see Bo Schembechler play football," Edwards said.

Edwards tangled briefly with Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany of Chicago for comments Delany made about the beneficial role of sports in society.

"Fraud, drug use, racism, nepotism, hypocrisy and prejudice [exist] in intercollegiate athletics and I would contend they exist to a lesser extent in intercollegiate athletics and sports in general than society at large," Delany said. "Sport has traditionally been on the cutting edge of social change if you look at the history of sports in this country."

Edwards said Delany's assertion that "athletics is more progressive than the rest of society is absolutely ludicrous. Go back and study the history of the evolution of blacks in sports in America and it becomes clear."

Edwards said blacks have merely moved "from the cotton fields to the playing fields." Edwards hammered on a theme that blacks

have been recruited for revenue-producing sports, such as basketball and football, and in track so the United States will compete better in the Olympics, but that blacks are not given incentives to play in other sports such as tennis or golf.

"Where the money is not there, we don't get the scholarships," Edwards said. "If the money is there, they will bring the black athlete even if he can barely read and write."

Albert Witte, president of the NCAA, said the organization is slow to respond to unforeseen problems, such as the use of drugs in ath-

"In 20 years with the NCAA, if there's one principle I've concluded is true, it is that there are not national problems, there are institutional problems," Witte said.

Delores Todd, assistant commissioner of the Atlantic Coast Conference, deplored the lack of women and minorities in athletic administration. She was the first black woman to hold such a post in the NCAA.

In 1988, the Big Ten led the nation in having women and minorities in top jobs, she said.

"Nationally, the picture is not that good," she said. "Almost every school in the country

has a woman in the athletic department in some capacity, but less than 5 percent of athletic departments in the country have minorities, either male or female."

The statistics are even worse in conference offices, she said, with 2 percent or less having . jobs filled by minorities.

When a student from Michigan State in the audience Saturday suggested a student action to protest the lack of good education for athletes, Witte said: "What has stopped Michigan State from instituting such a program? You need someone from a national organization to do something constructive? What's stopping

Edwards responded, saying the NCAA was bypassing its own responsibility.

"Students have a responsibility, but don't let anybody tell you that a national organization . . . doesn't have a responsibility in terms of that kind of thing," he added.

About 170 representatives from Big Ten ! schools and four schools outside the conference and hundreds of students attended the three-day event, which dealt with athletics! and activism. The conference ends, today.