The final bows: Doc and the Shoe say so long

Indiana's 'day' honors Counsilman

By Melissa Isaacson Chicago Tribune

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.—It was Doc Counsilman Day in Bloomington, Saturday, but Indiana University's esteemed swimming coach just as easily could have claimed his own month or year or, for that matter, quarter-century.

With one arm around his longtime buddy and former Indiana diving coach Hobie Billingsley, Counsilman, 69, walked off the Royer Pool deck after the last home meet of his 33-year career here—and finally into the historical niche he deserves.

An estimated 800 spectators bid Counsilman farewell with speeches, plaques and cheers. His team gave him a lopsided victory over his alma mater Ohio State. But no measure of gratitude would

have been quite enough.

Throughout the country, there are finer

facilities—Olympic-size pools with diving wells and 10-meter platforms, and enough lanes for the whole team to practice at once. There are numerous universities that don't consider swimming a minor sport and allot enough money for private secretaries and full-time assistant coaches.

But nowhere does a school even approach the past success of Indiana swimming. And nowhere else, is there a Doc Counsilman.

He is every bit as legendary as John Wooden; every bit as innovative as Knute Rockne; and generous enough to share his knowledge with the world. Counsilman's book "The Science of Swimming," defined the most physiologically and biomechanically efficient use of strokes 20 years ago and still is considered a bible of the sport in more than 20 languages.

His team's 20 consecutive Big 10 See Doc, pg. 10



Fellow jockeys give Bill Shoemaker a triumphant ride after his farewell race Saturday.

Jockey great a winner finishing 4th By Dave Surico stood in awe.

Chicago Tribune

ARCADIA, Calif.—It was a moment that stunned all who witnessed it.

A crowd of 64,573 came to Santa Anita Saturday to see the final ride of jockey Bill Shoemaker's storied career hoped to see something special, but few could have expected this.

The staid Shoemaker—"Silent Shoe" he once was called—lost his composure and nearly broke down during a ceremony before the final ride of his 41-year career.

For an instant, the man who achieved legendary status in the sports of kings was overwhelmed.

Standing beside his wife, Cindy, and his daughter, Amanda, Shoemaker listened calmly as the greatest moments of a sterling career were recounted. In the background, the jockey colony of Santa Anita

After receiving several awards and watching a videotape of President Bush, that said of Shoemaker, "You thrilled us all. It's been your drive, energy and spirit that distinguished you," the 58-year-old jockey stepped to the microphone.

"I just tell you that I'm very, very impressed," he said. "I'm glad to hear the President's a horseplayer."

After the laughter died down, he continued: "Anyway, I want to thank all these fellows behind me that I've ridden with all these years. I've had a lot of fun with them. Thank you very much."

Shoemaker backed away from the microphone, choked with emotion. Almost immediately, he regained his com-

"Sorry about that," he said. "I'm going to miss these guys. I'm going to miss the See Shoe, pg. 17



In the wake of the news

Ballplayers 'fear' that briar patch

Suspicion grows that baseball players won't be allowed to do calisthenics in Florida and Arizona later this month. As punishment, this ranks right up there with threatening to remove the alligators from the pool before letting anyone swim.

Yet the players are worried, or, like Br'er Rabbit, are pretending to be.

They need at least three weeks of good sweat, they say, or they can't be ready for Opening Day. This is not the last lie you will hear in this thing.

We recall Tim Raines of Montreal a few years back who, forced to pick his nose during spring training because of some obscure bit of pettiness, stepped into the lineup a month late and had a career day at the plate.

On the other hand, several White Sox I can think of, doomed to the repitition of game after game, have managed to finish a whole season without approaching a single Raines

These are among the charming mysteries that make baseball the enduring fascination that it is.

We might believe that the players care for the ordeal of wind sprints and hitting the cutoff man for hours on end.

Easier to imagine, however, is any one of them happily taking a few cuts in the cage and opening the season at full pay.

Locking them out of practice is the best notion the owners can come up with. They are not used to having their way with ballplayers.

The owners' idea of showing players who's boss is to offer them only \$2 million instead of \$3 million.

When the owners try to ignore the players altogether, the courts reach into their pockets and give the players the money anyhow.

So, what is the coming baseball dispute all about? Greed? Oh, sure. Power? Absolutely. It is about who runs baseball, and since spring training is about the only thing the owners still own, they must work with what weapons are left to them. To clarify the issues, here are summaries of

the basic disagreement between the two sides: Roster size—Players want 25 instead of 24. This is to guarantee that Rick Dempsey always has someplace to play. Owners demand to know if Kirk Gibson counts as one leg or

Free agency—Players want to be able to See Lincicome, pg. 13

Spurs swat struggling Bulls



AP Laserphoto

The Spurs' David Robinson gets clamped between Will Perdue (left) and Michael Jordan.

The Bulls couldn't overcome Robinson's 33 points and 21 rebounds and lost 112-111.

By Sam Smith Chicago Tribune

SAN ANTONIO—Cotton Fitzsimmons, who once coached here, wasn't particularly enamored of this south Texas home of the famous Alamo.

"Those guys in the Alamo didn't know it," Fitzsimmons once said, "but they were lucky when they got killed."

And the same thing is happening these days to guys who come here to play the San Antonio Spurs: They're getting

Saturday, it was the Bulls' turn as the Spurs ran their home record to a league-best 20-1 with a 112-111 victory over the Bulls, Chicago's second straight loss on a six-game road trip.

And even more worrisome for

the Bulls (28-17) was not only their second straight poor performance—they trailed since midway in the first quarter and by 10 with 94 seconds left—but the fact they had to rely so heavily on Michael Jordan, who had 44 points.

"The guys haven't been shooting well and I have, so I had to try to make something happen," said Jordan.

It marked the second straight game Jordan outscored the other four starters combined, all too reminiscent of previous years when Jordan represented the entire offense.

But Jordan wasn't enough to offset David Robinson, who grabbed 21 rebounds, the Spurs outrebounding the Bulls 48-27,

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Mich. St. bursts Purdue's bubble

By Andrew Bagnato Chicago Tribune

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind.— The unheralded Purdue Boilermakers were ready to kiss off the rest of the Big 10. But they puckered up Saturday and became victims of a 64-53 upset by Michigan State.

The stunner in front of 14,123 Boilermaniacs in Mackey Arena left Purdue 8-1 midway through the Big 10 basketball race, with Minnesota, Michigan and Michigan State tied for second at 6-3.

Purdue, which could have all but put the Big 10 on ice with a win, plays at Northwestern on Monday, then journeys to Minnesota next Sunday. Tastes like lemons to coach Gene Keady.

"Now you're starting to get puckered, because you go up to Evanston and lose, then you've got to go up to Minnesota, and it's a new world up there," he said. "Everybody's back in the

Michigan State coach Jud Heathcote wouldn't call the Spartans contenders, but he said:

College basketball

Kansas 85, Oklahoma 74

UCLA 87, De Paul 77

Butler 72, Loyola 67

owa 96, Northwestern 80

Michigan 77, Wisconsin 63 LSU 148, Loyola Marymount 141

Illinois-Chicago 75, Cleveland St. 72 Georgetown 74, St. John's 67 Coverage, Pages 2-5

"If someone wants to hand us the league title, boy, we'd sure take it.

The victory completed an Indiana road sweep for the Spartans, who earlier waxed the Hoosiers in Bloomingtom. "We're trying to schedule more games in Indiana," Heathcote said. "I know that will come back to haunt me."

Purdue came back to earth after flaying Michigan in Ann Arbor last week. The intense emotion of that game never sur-

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Coaching can be hazardous

Former Alabama football coach Bill Curry is among those who have discovered that coaching can have a dark side. Page 16.



Strawberry in alcohol rehab

Darryl Strawberry (left) voluntarily checks into an alcohol rehabilitation clinic in New York. Plus, the latest news with the Cubs, the Sox and the rest of the major-league teams. Pages 12-13.

A wilderness bonanza?

A lodge deep in the Canadian wilderness promising big fish is ready and waiting for its first customers. John Husar, Page 16.

Checking in with NFL, Bears

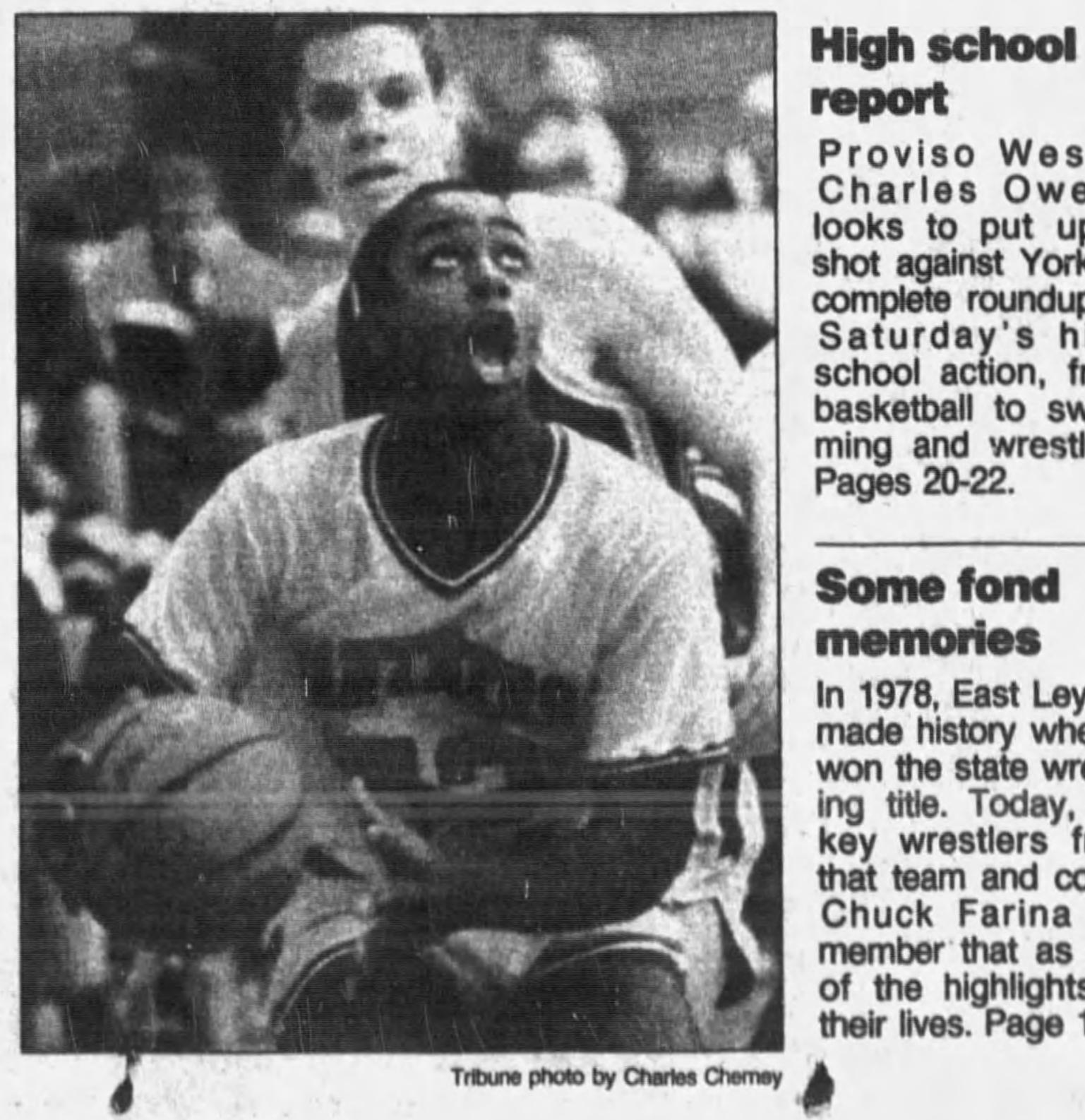
The NFL stages its Pro Bowl Sunday. The Bears discuss draft plans. Pages 14-15.

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looks to put up a shot against York. A complete roundup of Saturday's high school action, from basketball to swimming and wrestling. Pages 20-22. Some fond

Proviso West's

Charles Owens

memories

In 1978, East Leyden made history when it won the state wrestling title. Today, the key wrestlers from that team and coach Chuck Farina remember that as one of the highlights of their lives. Page 19.

Change and controversy double-team the Big 10

By Ed Sherman

Well, at least there aren't as many complaints about the officiating in basketball this year, Jim Delany is told.

"Yes," the Big 10 commissioner says with a laugh. "There's a posi-Delany, though, hasn't been

laughing much of late, and for a simple reason: There have been few positives emanating from the Big It's probably not fair to say that

the conference is in a complete state of turmoil, but the situation hasn't been very tranquil. For the Big 10, this is turning into the winter of its discontent, squared.

Consider the following controversies that have plagued the conference since the beginning of Decem-

The Illinois basketball program is bracing for an NCAA letter of

tions against the school, stemming from recruiting improprieties. The Minnesota athletic department also is awaiting word from the NCAA in the wake of the Luther Darville trial. Darville was found guilty of stealing university funds, which he claims he funneled to Minnesota athletes. Both schools are repeat offenders and could be eligible for the "death penalty." The Big 10 is looking into re-

ports that former Michigan baseball coach Bud Middledaugh made illegal payments to players. If it is found guilty and placed on probation, it will be a first for any sport at Michigan.

Despite objections from Michigan State President John DiBiaggio, the Board of Trustees gave football coach George Perles the athletic director's job, too. Critics of the move—and there were many—cried that this was another case of athletics winning over

Doc

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championships, six straight NCAA titles and 140-dual meet streak are but a framework upon which to begin to understand what James "Doc" Counsilman has meant to Indiana University.

"I don't think there has ever been a coach in any American collegiate sport that has done more for his sport or more thoroughly dominated his sport than Doc Counsilman," says that other wellknown Indiana coach, Bob Knight.

The two have a great respect for one another, though their coaching techniques could not be

any farther apart.

"We have different philosophies," Counsilman agrees, "but if he had to train his athletes 11 months a year, he'd be different. ... If I screamed and hollered at them that much, it would put too much stress on them and me."

Typically situated on a wooden chair beneath the clock at one end of the pool, Counsilman seems so relaxed, you figure he isn't paying attention. Then in the next instant, he is calling out to one of his swimmers, calmly but meticulously pointing out a flaw in tech-

nique.
"You're still pulling your shoulder blades under," he tells one pupil. "Pull your stomach muscles in and keep your shoulder blades at the surface."

And a moment later, "Good boy, much better. Good job."

The swimmer nods and smiles. "I could feel it that time," he says and stays in the pool after the

others have left to perfect the

"Kids are the same as they've always been," Counsilman says. "The youth of America hasn't gone to the dogs. They work harder than they ever have."

If one of Counsilman's swimmers needs to study instead of practice, he studies. If he's sick, he stays home. His low-key approach is not only appreciated, it draws results. His powers of motivation, say his swimmers, are unspoken and unparalleled.

At 58, he became the oldest person to ever swim the English Channel, in part, he says, to be able to understand fully what his athletes went through while they were training.

"When you're in the pool doing anything, Doc could just walk on deck and you get something extra from yourself, just from his presence," says graduate assistant John King, who swam for Counsilman

from 1980-85. "You'd always try harder for Doc."

Each year, Counsilman has what he calls "Jelly Bean Day," during which he sets a specific goal for each swimmer. "He'd have world records broken during practice just for a handful of stupid jelly beans," says Jerry Miller, who swam for Counsilman from 1966 through 1970.

From current women's swim coach Chet Jastremski, who swam for Indiana from 1959 to 1963; to Mark Spitz, Counsilman's greatest swimmer ever, who preceded his seven Olympic gold medals in Munich with eight NCAA titles for the Hoosiers; to current senior co-captain Geof Clippert, all express almost identical sentiments.

Doc Counsilman's career highlights

Won Big 10 and AAU titles in the breaststroke in 1946 and '47 while at Ohio State.

Took over as Indiana's swimming coach in 1958, moving from Cortland State in New York.

Has won 23 Big 10 championships, including 20 in a row from 1961-80. His last league title was in

Won six consecutive NCAA championships, starting in 1969, and has had five second- and three third-place finishes in the NCAA meet.

Coached the U.S. Olympic iren's swimming team in 1964 and 1975. The 1964 team won 7 of 10 gold medals; two of the other three were won by Australian swimmers who attended Indiana. The 1976 team won 12 of 13 gold medals and set 18 world records.

Was named Coach of the Year twice, in 1969 and '70.

Was inducted into the International Swimming and Diving Hall of Fame in

Has had swimmers and divers win 186 Big 10 titles, 74 NCAA titles and 11 Olympic gold medals.

"What Doc had," says Spitz,

currently training for the '92

Olympic trials, "was this great

ability to make you feel like the

most important person in the

pool. Everyone came away with

that feeling, whether he was a

Counsilman still keeps in touch

with Spitz as he does the majority

of his former swimmers. Marge

Counsilman, who is as much a

part of Indiana swimming as her

Mark Spitz or a walk-on."

Produced 59 Olympians.



Won 140 consecutive dual meets from 1966 until 1979 and went undefeated in the Big 10 from 1967 until

Had compiled a 282-33-1 mark in dual meets entering this season. Became the oldest person to swim the English Channel when he accomplished the feat in 1979 at the age of

husband, keeps a computer log of what all are doing.

"The guy is more than a coach," Clippert says. "Yesterday, he was on the phone trying to get me a job. He doesn't use people at all."

When Counsilman informed his team in January that this would be his last season, he broke down. "I tend to be very sentimental, even maudlin," he says.

"We were in the stands and I'll remember it forever," Clippert says. "I was definitely choked up." "We all were," says junior All- taste in my mouth."

America Jim Sweeney. ern-day facility.

a job at the University of Texas in them up." the mid-'70s, that a 50-meter pool would be built; promised again when other schools would inquire about him as they so often did.

But as Counsilman got older and his health worsened, the offers stopped coming. So, too, did the top swimmers and not long after that, the Big 10 titles. Indiana' last was in '85 and many say Counsilman pulled off three of his most brilliant coaching jobs ever from '83 to '85, the Hoosiers' last three Big 10 championships.

"It was never fair to him being the father of modern-day swimming, to be relegated to a secondclass facility," Jastremski says. "The frustration level must be unbelievable."

The lack of a top-notch facility (Indiana is one of only three Big 10 schools without a 50-meter pool.) also put a bigger strain on Counsilman physically.

Because Indiana's pool has just six lanes as opposed to the 22 lanes of today's state-of-the-art pools, Counsilman was forced to split his squad's two workouts a day and spend approximately 71/2 hours on the deck each day.

"This guy should have been paid double because he had to work double," Billingsley says.

Now, Counsilman admits, "It

makes me leave here with a bad

He is not, however, a bitter By virtue of Indiana's efforts, man and if he has but one other Saturday was a fitting end to regret as he prepares to leave Counsilman's last meet in coaching, it is a minor one. Bloomington. What no one could "When we came into this pool (in give him, though, and what he 1961), I counted the places on the wanted so desperately, was a mod- wall for pictures and I said to Hobie, 'There are 24 spots. Be-He was promised, when offered fore I quit, we're going to fill

Across campus at Assembly Hall, hang the team portraits of Counsilman's six NCAA champions. At Royer, the walls are reserved for Big 10 champions.

"Look what's left," he says now, pointing to the lone empty space. "One spot. I didn't quite make the goal of 24."

Counsilman stares at the deck now, as if all of this still hasn't quite sunk in. This is a man, after all, who accomplished one of sport's greatest challenges at an age when some people figured he should have been taking up stamp collecting; a man who plans to swim Alcatraz at some point after surgery on his severely arthritic

"It's only a 45-minute swim, a cinch," he says.

And now, a scant 10 years later, he has to deal with retirement.

"We just missed it by one," he says again, and you start getting depressed, fearing this thing is really going to bother him.

His smile breaks the tension and puts you at ease. You know now what his swimmers are

talking about. "I guess," he says, "that 23 is better than 22."

Big 10

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Speaking of academics, two Iowa basketball starters, Ray Thompson and Brian Garner, were declared academically ineligible for the second semester. The announcement came on the heels of testimony at last spring's trial of agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom that former running back Ronnie Harmon took few required courses during his four years

at Iowa. At Wisconsin, football coach Don Morton felt cheated after he was fired even though he had two years re-

maining on his contract. One of Indiana's top basketball recruits, freshman Lawrence Funderburke, played a couple of games before quitting coach Bob Knight's

party. Even Northwestern couldn't avoid the mess. In the past two weeks, the student newspaper quoted a former football player as saying he saw steroid use during his years with the team. Northwestern Athletic Director Bruce Corrie said the university will investigate the charge.

Only Purdue and Ohio State have steered clear of making headlines the wrong way of late. In this case, they should consider boring to be a bless-

The deluge is more than Delany bargained for in his first season as commissioner. He's still trying to dig out from under the pile of criticism leveled at him by athletic directors, who fumed because they weren't consulted by the conference's presidents in their decision to bring Penn State into the Big 10.

"We're engaged in intercollegiate athletics," Delany said. "We have great universities in this conference, but we're like everyone else. There will be times when we fail. I'm not putting that label on someone who is currently under investigation. But will put it on someone who is guilty.

If a Big 10 school does go on pro- now Delany is realistic. bation, it won't be a first for the conference, Delany said. A former dents. NCAA investigator, Delany believes the organization's current enforce-

ment team is as equipped as it has ever been in its ability to catch violators. He cites recent investigations of Clemson (football), North Carolina State (basketball), Oklahoma (football), Oklahoma State (football) and Florida (football and basketball).

"If it continues at this rate, every major conference will have two to four schools being looked at by the NCAA," Delany said. "If one of our schools has given [the NCAA] reason to be concerned, we need to sort it out. We have to live with the results and then we have to improve."

Delany thinks the conference's recent controversies are a sign of the changing times in intercollegiate athletics. If the Perles case had happened 10 years ago, it probably wouldn't have caused much of an

"Are you telling me if Bear Bryant wanted to become athletic director and the president didn't want him to, that any of this would come out?" Delany said. "It wouldn't have 20

years ago." But it does today. The recent NCAA convention, which pitted the presidents against the athletic directors, only served to call attention to the battle DiBiaggio tried to fight at

Michigan State. Calls for reform underscored the outrage when Harmon's course load at Iowa was revealed. The system is changing, and Delany maintains the Big 10 is feeling the strain, just like

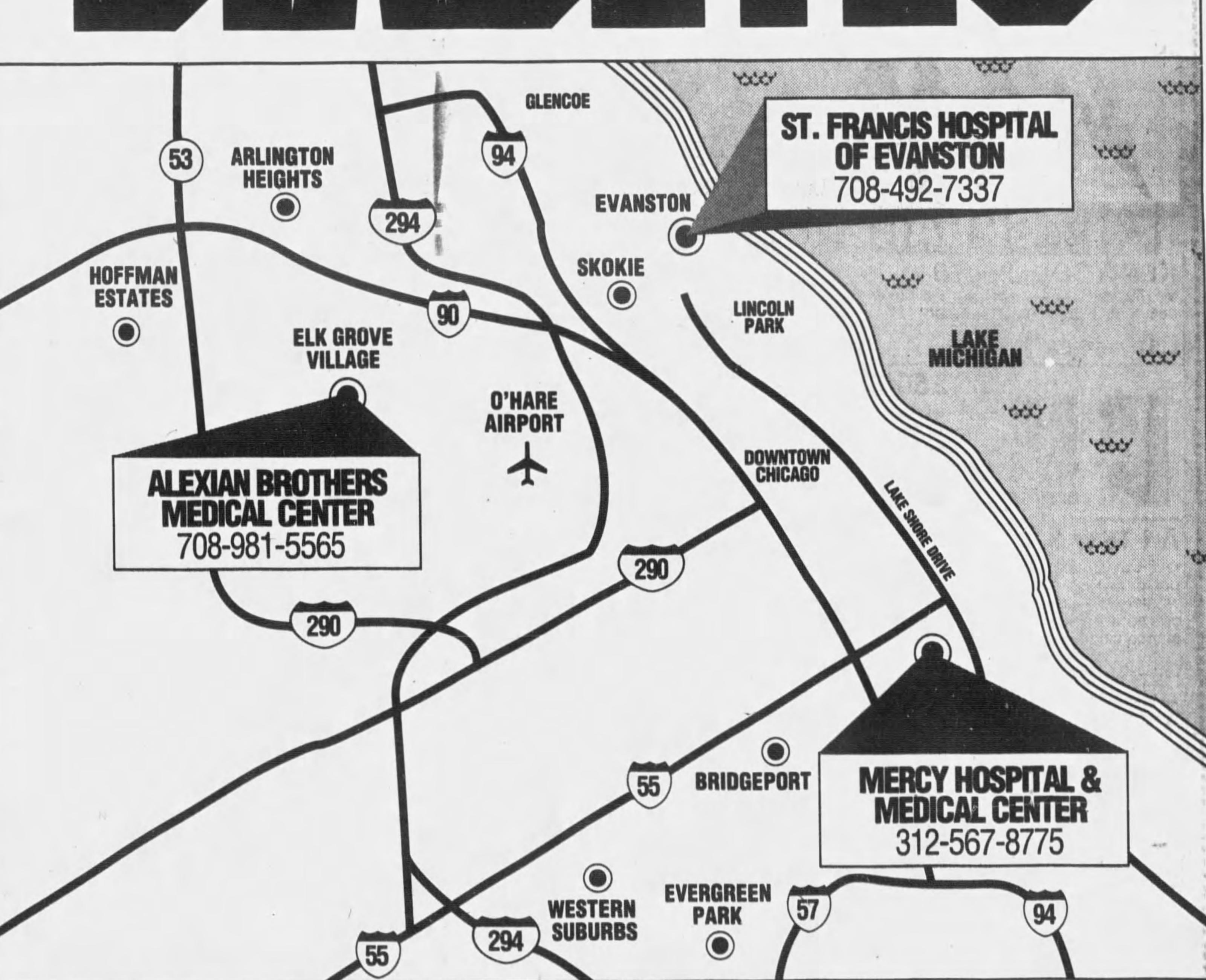
everyone else. "There is a glare of publicity in 1990 that wasn't there in 1970," Delany said. "This is all happening in the context of the public's concern over our ability to manage intercollegiate athletics. The fact that some of these things stand out indicates a desire to go about business in a different way."

Delany and the Big 10 are trying to position the conference at the forefront of the reform movement. That's why Penn State was brought aboard.

Yet the recent period has been extremely unpleasant for a conference that prides itself on academic integri-I think we do things well, but we're ty and compliance. Things move in not perfect." cycles in intercollegiate sports, but for

The Big 10's image has taken a few

"When things go south for a while, you pay the price," he said.



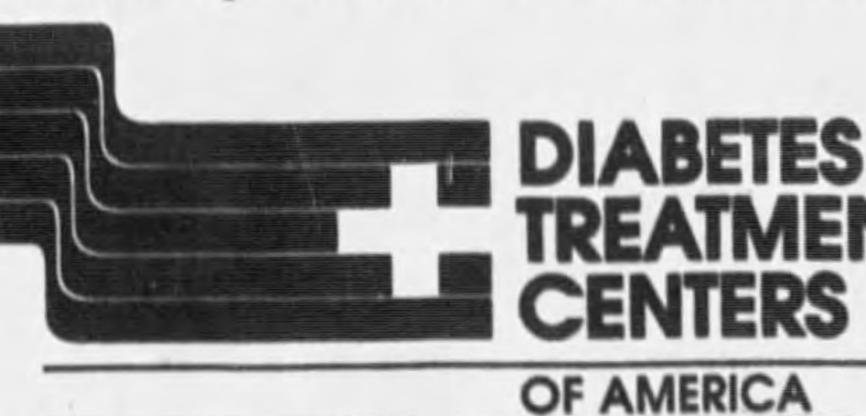
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