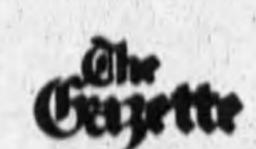
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Rawlings no longer Hunted

AN DIEGO — Out here, University of Iowa President Hunter Rawlings is easy to find these days.

If Rawlings isn't at an Iowa Department of Economic Development breakfast, he's on an aircraft carrier with the Hawkeye football team. If he isn't meeting with local education reporters, he's at an Iowa function watching a satellite feed of an Iowa men's basketball game in Florida.

This is the man who many Hawkeye fans considered the biggest threat to their teams?

Many yahoos went yipping in 1989 when Rawlings called for freshmen to be athletically ineligible and said Iowa would would pioneer that change if necessary. Since the president had been on the job less than a year, a lot of outsiders and some insiders felt Rawlings was out to pillage men's and women's athletic programs that had been lifted among the nation's best.

Perhaps Rawlings' freshmen idea wasn't totally on target, especially since no conclusive evidence has shown frosh do better in school by missing a year of sports.

The president eventually modified his position on that particular item, but kept his intent lost amidst the howling of the hyenas — to bring an infusion of academic integrity into college sports.

In the 21/2 years that passed since Rawlings got on his pulpit, many of his fellow university presidents have joined him.

"What I've seen since then is real progress in the NCAA," Rawlings said Friday before speaking at the annual Kiwanis Holiday Bowl Luncheon at the San Diego Convention Center.

"Finally, finally, after many, many years of neglect, the presidents have decided to make this a priority issue and they have begun to draft good legislation. Most importantly, they have begun to get the votes out to support that legislation.

"The NCAA indeed becomes our organization. The NCAA is the schools. It is not some isolated body, it is the members."

In the spring of 1989, Iowa football coach Hayden Fry let it be known in loud, understandable terms how he interpreted Rawlings' call for freshmen ineligibility. If there wasn't unanimous support from other schools, Fry said, Iowa would be at a terrible competitive disadvantage. Fry all but said the Hawkeyes would be doomed.

It was then widely assumed Fry and Rawlings were on opposite sides of the philosophical fence. As time passed, though, Fry and Rawlings seemed to gravitate towards each other as

Maybe Fry needed to learn what Rawlings was all about, and vice versa.

"It was clear to me even before coming to Iowa that Hayden was an institution within itself because of his record and because he has built pride," Rawlings said. "And, he has developed that through a number of years of patiently building a

program the right way. "I think he has instilled a real sense of academic priority in his players, and you can see that in our graduation rates, which are very good. Last year it was close to 100 percent. That tells me it's a well-balanced program."

An insecure person might have hesitated to become president of a university where someone else is such a dynamic, revered personality. Rawlings claimed to have no such fear, saying he has depended on many university fixtures like several deans, U of I Hospitals and Clinics Director John Colloton, and yes, Fry.

Most non-lowans don't fully comprehend many Iowans' attachments to the Hawks until they spend some time in the state.

"I think I was aware, number one," Rawlings said, "that Iowans have always supported education, that education is a major value in Iowa. That, I knew

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Smith's return sparks Hawks to romp past Butler

Smith mean to the Iowa men's basketball

Plenty if Friday night's 114-92 whipping round of the Tampa Tribune Holiday Tournament is any indication.

Smith, Iowa's sophomore point guard who missed the Hawks' first seven games because of academic problems, came off the bench to score eight points. But more importantly, he passed out seven assists as Iowa set a tournament record for points.

"With the break going everybody wants

to get out and run," said Iowa center Acie Skinner finished with seven points, TAMPA, Fla. — How much does Kevin Earl, who scored a game-high 31 points. Barnes 12. All 13 Hawkeyes that played "Kevin pushed the ball up the court. He's a good addition to our team."

"(Smith) gives us a burst of speed down of highly-regarded Butler in the first the court that we were missing," said Iowa Coach Tom Davis.

Davis changed his lineup for the game, moving Troy Skinner in to the starting lineup at point guard and putting Val Barnes on the bench behind James Moses at the second guard.

"I thought (Smith) made Skinner a better player last year," said Davis. "This helped at both positions. Moving Val gives us better second guard depth."

Michael Wilson led Butler with 26

Iowa (7-1) advances to play South Florida in tonight's championship game, scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. (Iowa time). The Bulls (7-1) whipped Northeastern Illinois, 96-77, in Friday's tourney opener. Butler (8-3) meets Northeastern Illinois (3-7) in tonight's consolation game.

Iowa broke the game open midway through the first half, running off 16 unanswered points to erase a five-point defi-

Earl's leaning layin from under the basket made the run 7-0 and gave Iowa a lead it did not relinquish, 30-28.

Following Earl's basket, as Butler was bringing the ball upcourt, Bulldogs Coach Barry Collier was tagged with two technical fouls and ejected from the game.

"I got a little overemphatic with what I perceived to be missed calls and, bangbang, came the technicals," said Collier.

Iowa's Barnes cashed in by making three of four free throws and then popping in a jumper for a five-point play. Consecutive layins by Wade Lookingbill

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HOLIDAY BOWL



Gazette photo by Todd McInturf

lowa's Lew Montgomery busts through the Michigan line earlier this season. Montgomery does it all

lowa fullback runs, catches, blocks, even holds chapel services

By Jim Ecker Gazette sportswriter

SAN DIEGO — Lew Montgomery will do year. anything to help the Iowa football team. He'll run, block, catch passes, you name it. He even led chapel services for the Hawk-

eyes on road trips this season. Montgomery said attendance at the voluntary sessions grew each week, with upwards

of 40 Hawks attending at year's end. "That was a big inspiration to me," he remarked. "Like I said, I'm a very, very team-oriented person. If it's helping the team

then I'm willing to do it." Merton Hanks, now with the San Francisco 49ers, led the chapel services last season,

Fry, Rawlings like NCAA proposals, 2C

and when the U of I campus leader for Athletes in Action went looking for a replacement, Montgomery happily stepped forward. Montgomery, a communications major,

has thought about being a minister. "Whatever God puts on my heart. If He wants me to do that, then I'm willing to do it," he said. "Whatever the case may be, He's going to be No. 1, whether I'm preaching services or playing ball or in the classroom.

"He's definitely one of the best, with the potential of maybe becoming the best next

> Hayden Fry lowa football coach

Whatever He wants me to do is what I'll do with my life."

Aside from chapel services, Montgomery also speaks to school groups in Waterloo, his home town, about the evils of drugs and the

importance of staying in school. "I hope to give something back to the community of Waterloo as well as the state," he said. "I want to be a role model for the youngsters. Hopefully they can stay away from drugs and do things the correct way

and work hard and do things honestly." That formula has worked for Montgomery, a 6-foot, 212-pound junior who starts at fullback for the Hawkeyes. He ranks second on the team in rushing (463 yards), second in receiving (34 catches for 267 yards) and third in scoring (eight touchdowns) heading into Monday night's Holiday Bowl against BYU.

Roger Kittleson, his coach at Waterloo

East High School, knew Montgomery would

be successful at Iowa.

"No. 1, he was an extremely hard worker, said Kittleson, "and I would credit that to his dad and his family. He just knew what it took to be successful and he went at it."

Lew's dad, Willie Montgomery, works the p.m. to midnight shift at the Carnation plant in Waverly, and Lew credits his parents and older brothers with steering him in the right direction.

"They've worked so hard for so many years, especially my dad, just so we could have some of the finer things in life and live comfortably," he said.

All the Montgomery brothers played football at Waterloo East. Lew's younger sister, Christy, is a sophomore at East and a mem-

ber of the basketball and track teams. His brother Norm, 35, works for the department of correctional services in Waterloo and is an assistant coach at East. Willie, 34, works for the Internal Revenue Service in Georgia. Cornelius, 33, is in the Air Force. And Carl, 26, works for Phillips Junior College in California.

Lew is especially close to Carl, who played football at Wartburg College.

"He was the one who kept me motivated at all times," said Montgomery. "We'd work out together, we'd run together. Even today, he calls me once or twice a week. You know,

'Lew, how you doing? Everything OK?" Everything is very much OK.

fumbles legit: Fry

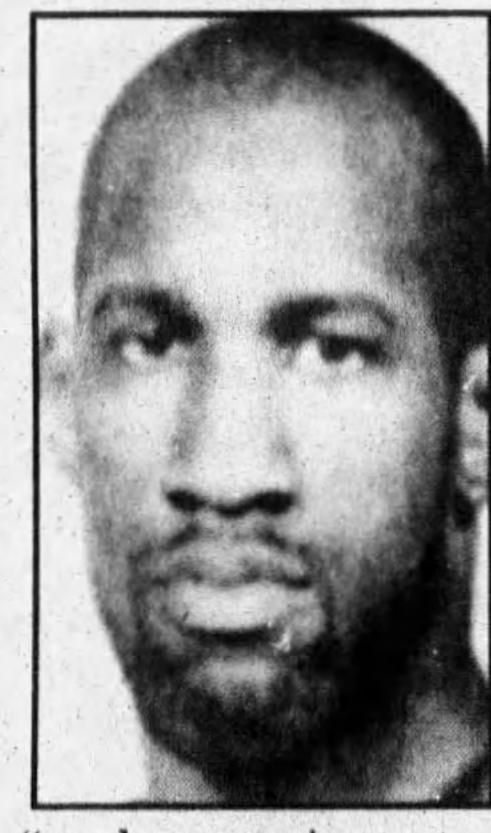
By Jim Ecker

SAN DIEGO — Iowa football fans weren't the only ones who thought there was something fishy when Ronnie Harmon fumbled four times in the 1986 Rose

Iowa Coach Hayden Fry and members of his staff also had their doubts about the Hawkeye All-American that day.

"We all had the same idea: What's going on?" Fry revealed Friday as he met with reporters here for the Holiday Bowl.

Fry said he and his coaches looked at the Rose Bowl film



Ronnie Harmon

"under a microscope" after the game to see if they could detect anything unusual. They didn't.

"Every one of his fumbles was legitimate," said Fry.

Iowa lost to UCLA in the 1986 Rose Bowl, 45-28. Harmon, who hadn't fumbled much all season, also dropped a touchdown pass in that game.

It wasn't known at the time of the Rose Bowl, but Harmon had signed with agents and was receiving payments while competing for the Hawkeyes, in violation of NCAA rules.

The agents, Norby Walters and loyd Bloom, were suspected of having ties to organized crime, and a theory developed that Harmon might have "thrown" the Rose Bowl due to his connections with unsavory characters.

Fry said federal authorities investigated Harmon and the '86 Rose Bowl. "We had it from the most authoritative source that looked at it: Everything was above-board," he said.

"Every bit of that was explored," said Fry. "I don't know of anything that was left unturn-

Aside from his illegal involvement with agents, Harmon further embarrassed Iowa when a transcript of his poor academic work was revealed during a trial of Walters and Bloom.

Harmon, who was named MVP for the San Diego Chargers this season, apologized to Fry more than two years ago, and Thursday he was welcomed as a guest at a U of I practice as the Hawks prepared for Monday's Holiday Please turn to 2C: Montgomery Bowl against BYU.

Busy day for grid coaches

Football coaches were busy Friday with firings, hirings and retirements.

In the pro ranks, Seattle Seahawks Coach Chuck Knox resigned and Tampa Bay fired Richard Williamson. In Cincinnati, the Bengals named David Shula, son of Miami Dolpins Coach Don Shula, head

Colleges also got in the swing of things with the University of Minnesota naming Jim Wacker as its head football coach.

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Thigpen, Bayless lead Cyclones to victory Special to The Gazette SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Justus Thigpen scored 22 points and Fred Hoiberg and Ron Bayless

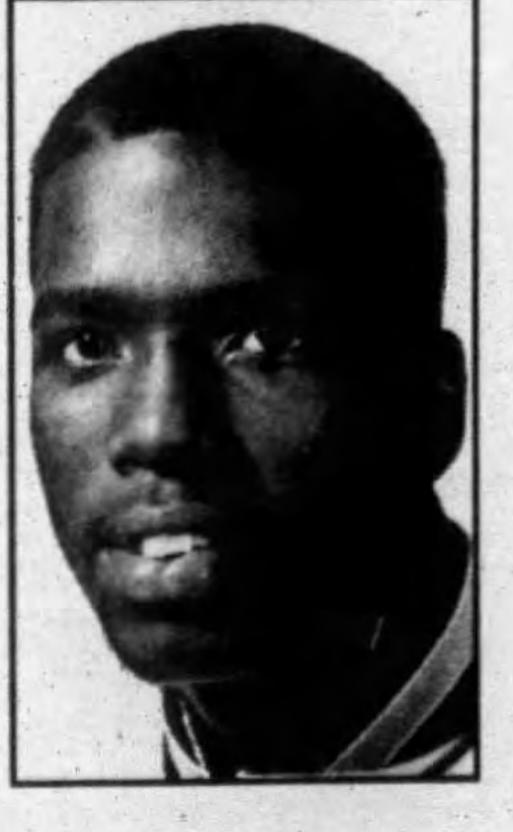
thrashed Fairfield, 92-59, Friday night in the first round of the Naismith Holiday Classic. Iowa State (8-1) faces host Massachusetts (9-2) tonight for the championship. Tipoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. and the

each added 19 as Iowa State

game will will be televised by KCRG (Channel 9). Massachusetts routed Harvard, 98-63, in its opening round

game. Iowa State Coach Johnny Orr began his college coching career at Massachusetts.

Iowa State led Fairfield from start to finish. Behind Hoiberg's



into the game. Fairfield was nev-

er closer than 10 points the re-

Behind 53.1 percent shooting,

mainder of the game.

Thigpen

by halftime. Thigpen had 12 points, Bayless 11 and Hoiberg 10 in the first half. Fairfield scored the first five points of the second half to pull

> within 42-28. It was as close as the Stags got. Drew Henderson led Fairfield (1-5) with 14 points and 10 re-

bounds. Kris Steele and Craig Martin added 12. Howard Eaton added 11 points

and six rebounds for Iowa State. Iowa State shot 54.8 percent for the game and held Fairfield 10 points, the Cyclones bolted to to 41.2 percent shooting. a 19-6 lead barely eight minutes

The Cyclones made the most of 20 Fairfield turnovers, converting them into 33 points. Iowa State turned the ball over 12 times, Fairfield picking up eight

the Cyclones forged a 42-23 lead points.

Iowa State also drained 16 of 20 free throws. Fairfield was 6 of 13 from the free-throw line.

JEREMY MALLOY scored 19 points to lead six Massachusetts players in double figures in the

first game. The Minutemen used a fullcourt press to devastate the Crimson in the second half, and reeled off 12 consecutive points during a game-breaking 22-4 run midway through the period to

ice the game. Massachusetts scored 37 points off Harvard's 26 turn-

Harvard was within a point at 24-23 late in the first half after an 8-0 run.