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"Regardless of how we feel

tonight, we will be right up there with the top eight right away next year," said Harris, whose Rockets will have two of the first

three picks in the upcoming NBA college draft, which will include Virginia's Ralph

"The actual future of the

Free, playing with a sore left heel, topped all scorers with 28

points and dished out five assists, while Geoff Huston added 14 points for the Cavs. Bailey's 22 points paced the

franchise is tremendous."

UNDERGRADUATES' SOUNDS MUCH BETTER, TANK. AS IF THE AVERAGE SCHOLARSHIP JOCK'S DROPPING OUT WERE ACTUALLY

coring 18 po a 37-16 f and the Pacers Flowers' efforts lead Cavs' victory, 102-95

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United Press International points to pace the Cavs to a 50-RICHFIELD, Ohio — Bruce 39 halftime. Flowers had something to

owers had something to one field goal in the first half, team in San Diego during the poured in 20 second-half points, deem myself and get back at including a jumper from the top finished with a 15-67 slate. 9-2 burst 10 8 Balley)," said Flowers after scoring all 9 of his points in the lish added 10 burth period Wednesday night

A basket by Flowers, a layup uinn Bucker to spark the Cleveland Cavaliers off a rebound by Cliff Robinson and a driving layup by rookie Herb Will Rockets.

Off a rebound by Cliff Robinson and a driving layup by rookie John Bagley in the next 90

"I just had to do something seconds gave the Cavs six unanswered points and the Rock-ets couldn't catch up.

"Bailey started pointing his finger at me, it got me," added flowers, a rookie from Notre "Bailey is coming," said Houston coach Del Harris. "He is only 25 years old and since I made 03, Philade

135-124 and the floor and was called for a bounds. It has been a productive foul at 7:50 of the final period move." with the Cavs leading 83-75. The Rockets, who have the Bailey's Thirteen seconds later, Flowers NBA's worst record at 13-60, Rockets. sank an 8-foot hook shot, and 37 econds later, dropped in a 12-ooter from the left baseline.

"I was boxing Bailey out when etcl he fouled me. Bailey told (Cleveland forward Darren) Tillis 'the ext guy who hits me will get it, nd I guess I was that guy," said Flowers. "This is my first year and I'm just doing the best I

> Flowers logged only four miutes of action in the first half as World B. Free tossed in 15

d there is Borg still alive and winning w materia

n's campu United Press International MONTE CARLO, Monaço ome the Bjorn Borg has the chance ro footballa Thursday to extend his farewell arty another day and reach the ." — En quarterfinals of his last Grand resident of Prix tennis tournament, the \$275,000 Monte Carlo Open. Foundate The 26-year-old Swede, who Ivancement will retire after this tournament, oset Iose-Luis Clerc of Argena Wednesday, eliminating the ird seed 6-1 6-3 in the first

Borg, who resides in Monte arlo, will face 19-year-old up their eligit french Davis Cup star Henri ting them to Leconte, a player whose temperto make acade ament is similar to Clerc's. The gentine admitted to pressure

omething displaying Borg. ut college ... "It was more than just a simersity-owned ple tennis match," Clerc said afon recruits and ler a nervous performance.

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also something. With a partisan center court at a university trowd behind the Swede and a neg to his publication of television crews and elines and photographers recording the anguage and occasion, Clerc's edginess pre-ented him finding any rhythm Boyer said. and he went down to a decisive

Boyer said.
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tion wonders defeat.
"I was a little surprised how day it was," Borg said. "I said defore the tournament I didn't to much of myself, but ed that scand expect too much of myself, but tics have been clerc was so nervous in the first forms propose few games he never got into the years. Yet

Borg plays Leconte in the third center court match on Thursday's program. The Freneral, he appla American Chip Hooper 6-2, 6-3 approved in Wednesday's first round.

approved to battle ndards for Borg, but he will have to conrigid recruit the stemperament if he is to be the player who ends Borg's tournament career. and tinkering

yer said.

Borg, despite declaring he on of sports of the sport of th nation sweeps against Leconte. A victory would we the former world No. 1 the time has player a quaterfinal berth at universition - Mats Wilander or Henrik g-time athleto Sundstrom, who clash in ay of protest another second-round match. only three seeds remain in the tournament after the first

he tournament after the first egrity is lost vors an iron een serious and second-seed Guillermo nen serious all Vilas of Argentina plays e discovered. Czechoslovakia's Tomas Smid in Thursday's opening center on should be court match, followed by No. 5 seed Yannick Noah of France against Poland's Wojtek Fibak.

NBA talks 'encouragin

NEW YORK — The NBA Board of Governors is schethe NBA have virtually reached agreement to avert a

'something" to the board.

"The last conversation I had, cent for the strike. The players all the elements of the deal were hopefully have given a little and not finalized, but they were com- we feel the owners can see our

ing close," Schulman said.

Greg Ballard, player representative of the Washington

side a bit also."

The players had threater to walk out Saturday night.

duled to meet today and it Bullets, also sounded encourappears the Players Association aged by the latest round of talks. '(General Counsel Larry) Fleisher and the officers of the Players Association have been Sam Schulman, owner of the Seattle SuperSonics, said Wednesday the Labor Commitation at the Labo tee was ready to recommend weekend. I would say it's 80 percent against the strike, 20 per-

It appears the parties have reached several points of compromise to ensure that playoff action will go on as scheduled. The reported compromises

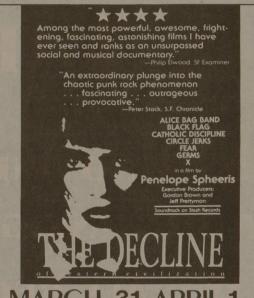
— A maximum annual salary cap per team that would be between \$3.5 and \$3.7 million.

The players had threatened between \$3.2 and \$3.5 million

per team. Teams would be able to match free agent offers made to their own players by other clubs without having the contract figure affect their salary cap.

Bargaining for the players were Fleisher and players Bob Lanier, Steve Mix and Junior

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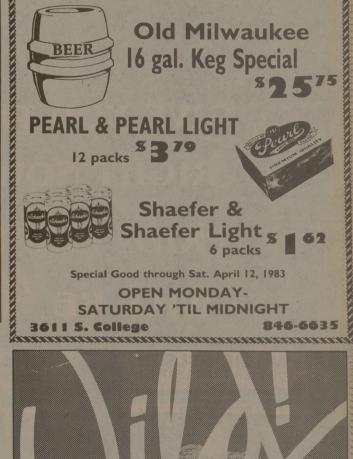
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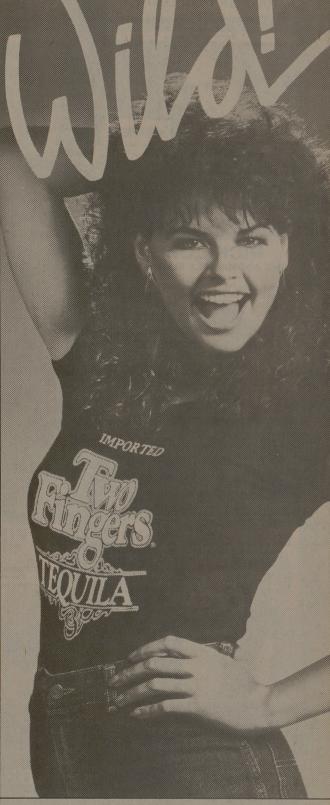
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