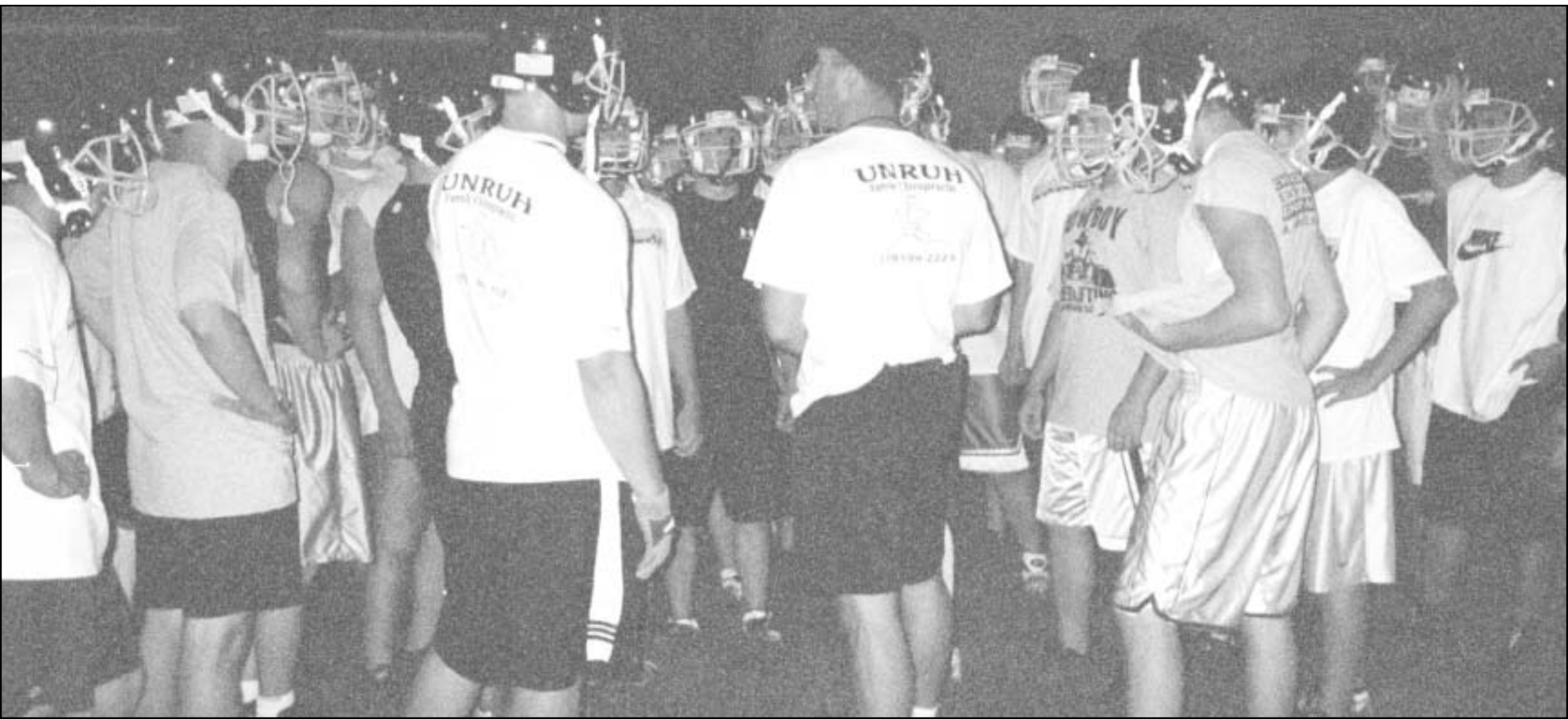


# Cowboys in the night for the first football practice



Cowboy Coach Tony Diehl (above) talked to Goodland High players at the start of the first official practice of the season held at 12:01 a.m. Monday under the lights at Cowboy Stadium. About 45 players attended the first practice, which opened the fall athletic season. The crowd in the stands nearly equal to the number of players as the Cowboys went through their drills. The linemen (below)

got a workout hitting dummies while the running backs and quarterbacks practiced hand-offs and pitches. The wide receivers and tight ends practiced various routes and some down-field blocking.

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## Criminal charges may be erased in battery case

A Goodland man pled "no contest" to a battery charge, reduced from two sexual battery charges, stemming from two incidents in April at the I-70 rest area near mile post 7 in Sherman County.

Don Lee Hall, 62, 6402 Rd 16, allegedly ran his hand between one woman's legs on April 19 and grabbed another's behind and breast on April 20.

He pled "no contest" in exchange for receiving unsupervised probation and counseling as punishment and the possibility of erasing his criminal record.

Complaints in district court files say the first woman reported that Hall ran his hand between her legs and that she told him to stop.

A complaint says that Hall grabbed the other woman's behind and said, "You have a nice tush."

The complaint says she pushed

him away and told him to stop, and Hall then grabbed her breast, and she again told him to stop.

Sherman County Attorney Bonnie J. Selby agreed to recommend that in exchange for his plea, Hall pay court costs of \$117, attorney's fees, serve six months' unsupervised probation and that he enter counseling with High Plains Mental Health and provide proof of successful completion.

Hall pled "no contest" to an amended count of battery against the second woman, and the other count was dismissed. The original charges of sexual battery are Class A person misdemeanors. Battery is a class B person misdemeanor.

If Hall complies with the terms of his punishment, he can file a motion to withdraw his plea and that the state dismiss the charge against him.



## matters of record

### Goodland Police

The following crimes were reported by the Goodland Police Department:

Patrick E. Toland was arrested on a warrant for the department of corrections in Sacramento, CA from 204 West 11th on Aug. 9th.

Robert E. Williams reported criminal damage of a wooden

door totaling \$50 from 1417 Cherry on Aug. 8.

Brandon D. Bolen reported burglary and theft of a stereo taken from a vehicle from the fairgrounds on Aug. 4.

Kathryn R. Miller reported criminal damage to a tire of a 1999 Ford worth \$60 from 615 West 15 on Aug. 7.



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