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## O.J. Simpson liable in double slashing

Civil jury finds actor, former NFL player accountable for \$8.5 million in deaths of ex-wife and her friend

By Linda Deutsch  
Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — A civil jury found O.J. Simpson liable Tuesday for the slashing deaths of his ex-wife and her friend, a moral victory for grieving relatives who felt the football great got away with murder.

The jury ordered Simpson to pay \$8.5 million in compensatory damages and will return Thursday to hear arguments on whether to award millions more in punitive damages.

"Thank God for some justice for Ron and Nicole," said Fred Goldman, the aggrieved father who doggedly pursued Simpson to civil court after denouncing his acquittal. "This is all we ever wanted. We have it."

As the verdict was read, Simpson remained seated and stoic, staring straight ahead.

Across the courtroom, a whoop of joy went up from the relatives of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

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John Smith/Associated Press

The Goldman family celebrates with attorney Daniel Petrocelli, left, after hearing that O.J. Simpson was found liable in the wrongful death civil case against him at Los Angeles County Superior Court in Santa Monica, Calif., Tuesday.

### O.J. Simpson Case Time Line

- 1994:
  - June 12: Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman knifed to death.
  - June 17: After Bronco chase, O.J. Simpson arrested and charged with murder.
  - July 20: Goldman's mother files wrongful-death lawsuit.
  - July 22: Simpson pleads "absolutely, 100 percent not guilty."
  - Sept. 26: Jury selection in criminal case begins.
- 1995:
  - Jan. 24: Opening statements begin.
  - May 4: Goldman family sues.
  - June 12: On anniversary of killings, Brown family sues.
  - Sept. 22: Defense and prosecution rest. Simpson tells judge: "I did not, could not and would not have committed this crime."
  - Oct. 2: After four hours of deliberation, jury reaches verdict. It is sealed.
  - Oct. 3: Simpson acquitted.
- 1996:
  - Sept. 18: Jury selection for civil trial begins.
  - Oct. 23: Opening statements begin. Jury has nine whites, one black, one Hispanic and one person of black and Asian ancestry.
  - Nov. 6: Photographer says he took a picture of Simpson in 1993 wearing what appear to be Bruno Magli shoes of the sort worn by the killer.
  - Nov. 11: Pathologist says gouges on Simpson's hands could have been caused by victims' fingernails.
  - Nov. 19: Secretly taped conversations of Simpson and ex-wife played for jurors. Brown Simpson says Simpson was "animalistic."
  - Nov. 22: Simpson testifies before a jury for first time. Denies killing Brown Simpson and Goldman, but can't explain physical evidence against him.
  - Nov. 25: Simpson calls shoe picture a fraud, says he might have cut hand "rassling" with son.
  - Dec. 4: Volunteer at battered women's shelter describes call from "Nicole" five days before Brown Simpson's slaying.
  - Dec. 5: Judge tells jurors to disregard shelter phone call testimony.
  - Dec. 9: Victim's father, Fred Goldman, testifies. Plaintiffs rest.
  - Dec. 20: Orange County judge awards Simpson custody of children Sydney and Justin.
- 1997:
  - Jan. 6: Jury shown 30 more pictures of Simpson in Bruno Magli shoes.
  - Jan. 9: Defense expert Henry Lee says he found new blood trail.
  - Jan. 10: Simpson takes stand again, describes ex-wife's increasingly erratic behavior.
  - Jan. 13: Simpson denies again he ever wore Bruno Maglis. Jury hears letter written by Brown Simpson claiming Simpson "beat the holy hell out of me."
  - Jan. 14: Defense rests.
  - Jan. 16: Both sides rest after 101 witnesses and 41 days of testimony.
  - Jan. 21: Plaintiffs' closing arguments. Attorney Daniel Petrocelli points at Simpson and says: "There's a killer in this courtroom."
  - Jan. 22: Defense closing arguments. Attorney Robert Baker says: "It's law enforcement vs. O.J. Simpson."
  - Jan. 31: Removal of the juror in Seat 7, a black woman in her 60s. (Jury now nine whites, one Hispanic, one Asian and one person of Asian and black heritage.)
  - Feb. 4: Jury reaches verdict.

Source: Associated Press

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After hearing the news of O.J. Simpson's liability on every count, (from left) Krisa Kamrath, Becky Drum, Sarah Schmid and Heather Schwenzer, all senior dance majors from the University of Nebraska, cheer jubilantly at GA Malone's, 121 Iowa Ave.

## Students, I.C. residents rejoice over verdict

By Jennifer Cassell  
The Daily Iowan

After two and a half years of judicial chaos and racial conflict, the O.J. Simpson trials are finally over — and UI students and Iowa City residents say it's about time.

Simpson was found liable for the deaths of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman, and the civil trial jury ordered him to pay \$8.5 million in compensatory damages. He still may face millions more in punitive damages.

UI senior Todd Barker, who said he wasn't surprised by the verdict,

said he thought the trial was meaningless because Simpson won't face any jail time for the murders.

"They (the jurors) already knew that he did it," Barker said. "I'm surprised it took the jury this long because it was an unanimous decision."

When Simpson was found not guilty in the criminal case on Oct. 2, 1995, UI students flooded the Union, fireworks were set off and local restaurants and bars were packed. Tuesday night, the liable verdict was overshadowed by the Hawkeye men's basketball game

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## Clinton focuses on education

President pledges to 'complete the unfinished business of our country' in State of the Union

By Terence Hunt  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton, declaring that Americans "want us to be partners, not partisans," challenged Congress in his State of the Union address Tuesday night to give the nation's schools a big spending increase while balancing the budget by 2002.

Recycling popular ideas from his campaign, Clinton identified education as the top priority of his second term and said Americans should have "the best education in the world." He challenged communities to measure their students against national standards to lift achievement in math and science.

The president's proposals would

"We can make American education, like America itself, the envy of the world."

President Bill Clinton, on the future of education in the United States

boost education spending by 20 percent, to \$51 billion for fiscal 1998. The increase — including the cost of tax breaks for college — would total 40 percent by 2002.

Two weeks after his second inauguration, the president lectured the Republican-led Congress to "complete the unfinished business of our country" — balancing the budget, enacting long-stalled campaign finance reform and reopening last

themes of returning power to local communities, family values and balancing the federal budget.

"The strength of America is not in Washington," said Watts.

For the moment, at least, Republicans and Democrats alike are stressing bipartisanship and cooperation, although neither side pretends there won't be legislative fights.

Still, there was none of the bitterness and distrust that reigned a year ago after budget battles forced two government shutdowns that outraged Americans and tarred the GOP. Indeed, Clinton accepted an invitation from Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott and Speaker Newt Gingrich to visit Capitol Hill next Tuesday to discuss the legislative agenda.

"We must work together," the president said. "The people of this nation elected us all. They want us to be partners, not partisans. They put us all here in the same boat. They gave us all oars and they told us to row."

Still to come, though, are ethics and legal investigations that could cloud Clinton's administration — and the bipartisanship. The president's vulnerability is mirrored by Gingrich's own ethics problems, and some analysts believe that may prompt both sides to be more conciliatory.

Obligated by the Constitution to report to the nation on its health, Clinton said "the state of our union is strong, but now we must rise to the decisive moment, to make a nation and a world better than any we have ever known."

"We face no imminent threat, but we do have an enemy: The enemy of our time is inaction," Clinton said.

He set a July 4 deadline for Con-



Ron Edmonds/Associated Press

President Clinton begins his State of the Union Address Tuesday at the Capitol. Vice President Al Gore listens from behind.

gress to enact campaign-finance reform, warning that delay "will mean the death of reform."

The president talked at length about national security and foreign policy, devoting more time to it than he ever has in his State of the Union addresses. He said NATO must expand eastward toward Russia by 1999 and said the United States must pursue more dialogue with China — despite his recent acknowledgment that this course has not produced acceptable results.

"An isolated China is not good for America," Clinton said in defense of his policy.

He urged ratification of an international treaty banning chemical weapons, which Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., is delaying.

Education was the centerpiece of Clinton's speech. Promising to use the bully pulpit of the presidency, Clinton said, "We can make Ameri-

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## Report shows UI lags in student-teacher contact

By Laura Heinauer  
The Daily Iowan

UI professors spend less than an average of five hours per week in contact with their students, well below the other state universities in Iowa, a report released Tuesday revealed.

Rep. Chuck Larson, R-Cedar Rapids, said he requested studies in the College of Liberal Arts of the three state universities — the UI, the University of Northern Iowa and Iowa State University — in

response to concerns by his constituents about a diminishing number of professors at public universities.

"I have a serious problem with the fact that professors are making \$80,000 to \$130,000 salaries and are only teaching one course," Larson said.

Something needed to be done to put more professors in the classroom at the UI, he said. The report, submitted by the universities themselves, showed 135 tenured

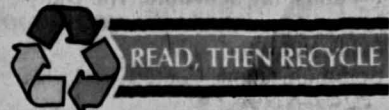
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The flag atop the Old Capitol will fly at half-staff today due to the death of Stanley Van Wey, a custodian in the UI Facilities Services Group.



## Metro & Iowa

# Honors projects boost education, skills

By Will Valet  
The Daily Iowan

UI senior Mickelle Wordehoff's motivation for doing an honors project on violence and women stemmed not from the prestige of graduating "with honors," but from a lack of materials on the subject in UI libraries.

"As a researcher by nature and I always have questions. I couldn't find much information on the topic at the libraries here, and this is a major university," Wordehoff said. "Even if (the project) doesn't get published, it can be used as a resource."

Many UI undergraduates, like Wordehoff, are researching and executing honors projects before graduation. Whether it is for the prestige, the scholarships or the opportunity to do a major research project before graduate school, the number of students doing honors projects rises each year, UI Honors Program Director David Klemm said.

"It means something to graduate with honors, that the degree is higher than a bachelor's degree," he said. "It's an opportunity to get caught up in a research project that

"Every semester we have students integrated into projects. They're not just helping us, they're developing new questions for the overall project."

UI Associate Professor Kelly Cole

interests you wholly."

The process of executing an honors project typically begins around a student's junior or senior year and usually lasts two semesters, Klemm said. During the first semester, the student meets with a departmental adviser to get information on requirements and traditional honors projects within the department. The student then moves to a project supervisor, who schedules weekly meetings with the student and approves research methods.

Dudley Andrew, honors adviser and UI communication studies professor, said he found last year that the planning stage is the most important part of doing an honors project.

"I had a student do a film on the UI residence halls, and even though I'm not a (film) production teacher, I was able to help him start thinking about how to script and organize it," he said. "It was the most interesting

part of the project for me."

During the second semester, students do the brunt of their research and writing, meeting with project supervisors on a regular basis. Upon completion, some departments require students to submit their project to a committee to debate it.

Klemm said he did an honors project as an undergraduate and the main reward it gave him was the confidence to attend graduate school.

"It shows that you can do advanced research work on a sustained basis," he said. "That was very important for me. I really got carried away with my honors project, and it showed I could succeed in graduate school."

After semesters of work, some students see the time and effort pay off. UI senior Michael Ellis, an exercise science major, did a project designed to help elderly people with motor control problems.

Ellis' project was part of a pilot project, UI Associate Professor Kelly Cole said. Cole, who worked with Ellis, now is receiving funding as a result of students' research.

"Every semester we have students integrated into projects," Cole said. "They're not just helping us, they're developing new questions for the overall project."

Other students choose topics for their projects out of curiosity. UI senior Jennifer Cover, who will graduate in May with a double major in art history and business, is studying artistic depictions of mythological figures Cupid and Psyche throughout different artistic periods.

"I'm not planning this to be a stepping stone to a major thesis," she said. "I'm just doing it out of personal interest."

UI senior Lionel Weaver, who is an English major, is doing a research project on beatnik writers in fiction to help him decide whether or not to continue his education.

"Writing is an everyday part of a grad student's classload," he said. "I'm struggling with the idea of going to grad school, and this will help me while exploring something I'm genuinely interested in."



Brian Ray/The Daily Iowan

## Let it snow

UI freshman Jordan Bello walks through a winter wonderland in front of the Chemistry Building Tuesday morning as he and other UI students battled snow and freezing rain on their way to classes. Temperatures stayed near the freezing mark, causing icy road conditions and slippery sidewalks.

## News Brief

### Byrdsong won't face fraud charges

IOWA CITY (AP)— Fraud charges are being dropped against a man who sprayed racial slurs on his car and got his insurance company to pay for repairs.

Assistant Johnson County Attorney Janet Lyness said there's no point in pursuing fraud charges

against DeWayne Byrdsong, 34, because Byrdsong has repaid the insurance company.

The case started in July 1995 when Byrdsong, who is black, claimed vandals had sprayed his car.

The case was handled as a hate crime originally, but police learned he had taken the car to

several body shops first to get estimates for painting the 1993 Mercedes. In June 1996, Byrdsong was convicted of perjury.

Byrdsong has repaid the claim of \$2,842 to Allstate Insurance Corp. Together with punishment for perjury, Byrdsong has paid more than \$4,500 to the company.

## LEGAL MATTERS & CALENDAR

### POLICE

**Nancy K. Stoderl**, 41, 121 N. Van Buren St., Apt. 12, was charged with fifth-degree theft at Hy-Vee Food Store, corner of First and Rochester avenues, on Feb. 4 at 1:50 a.m.

**Robert A. Gallagher**, 20, 715 Walnut St., was charged with possession of a schedule I controlled substance at the corner of Keokuk Street and Pepperwood Lane on Feb. 4 at 2:06 a.m.

**Jerry L. Vrchoticky**, 44, 2801 Highway 6 East, Apt. 244, was charged with driving under suspension at the corner of Highway 6 and Lakeside Drive on Feb. 3 at 9:49 p.m.

**Reggie A. Vermace**, 23, 1958 Broadway, Apt. 6A, was charged with domestic assault causing injury at 1958 Broadway, Apt. 6A, on Feb. 3 at 6:43 p.m.

—Compiled by Jennifer Cassell

### COURTS

#### Magistrate

**DWI**—**Tracy S. Barkalow**, North Liberty, preliminary hearing set for Feb. 24 at 2 p.m.

**Driving while revoked** — **Norman P. McFedries**, Hills, Iowa, preliminary hearing set for Feb. 24 at 2 p.m.

**Driving under suspension** — **Jerry L. Vrchoticky**, 2801 Highway 6 East, Apt. 244, preliminary hearing set for Feb. 24 at 2 p.m.

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—Compiled by Charlotte Eby

### TODAY'S EVENTS

**United Methodist Campus Ministry** will sponsor a discussion titled "A Spiritual Growth Group For Women" at the Wesley Foundation, 120 N. Dubuque St., at 5:30 p.m.

**Districtwide Parents' Organization** will meet in the media center of Regina Elementary School, 2120 Rochester Ave., at 7 p.m.

**United Campus Ministry and United Methodist Campus Ministry** will hold a midweek Worship at the Wesley Foundation, 120 N. Dubuque St., at 9 p.m.

**UI Ski and Snowboard Club** will meet in the Ohio State Room of the Union at 9 p.m.

**Project on Rhetoric of Inquiry (POROI)** will sponsor a rhetoric seminar titled "Putting Rape Into Words" at POROI, Brewery Square, 123 N. Linn St., from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

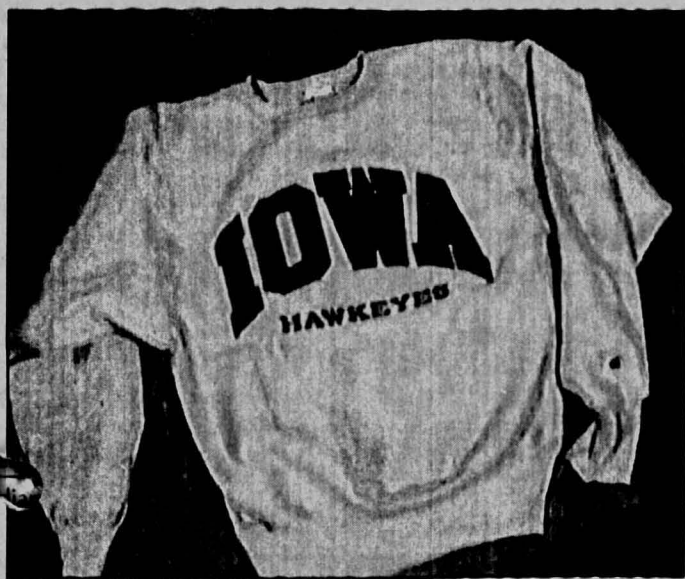
**Iowa International Socialist Organization** will hold a discussion titled "Black and White, Unite and Fight" in Room 315 of Phillips Hall at 7 p.m.

**UI Department of Physics and Astronomy** will sponsor a joint experimental and theoretical seminar titled "Nontrivial Vacuum Structures in Light-Front Field Theory, part III" in Room 309 of Van Allen Hall at 3:30 p.m. and a space physics seminar titled "Why the Sun has a Magnetic Field — the Fast MHD Dynamo Problem" in Room 301 of Van Allen Hall at 3:30 p.m.

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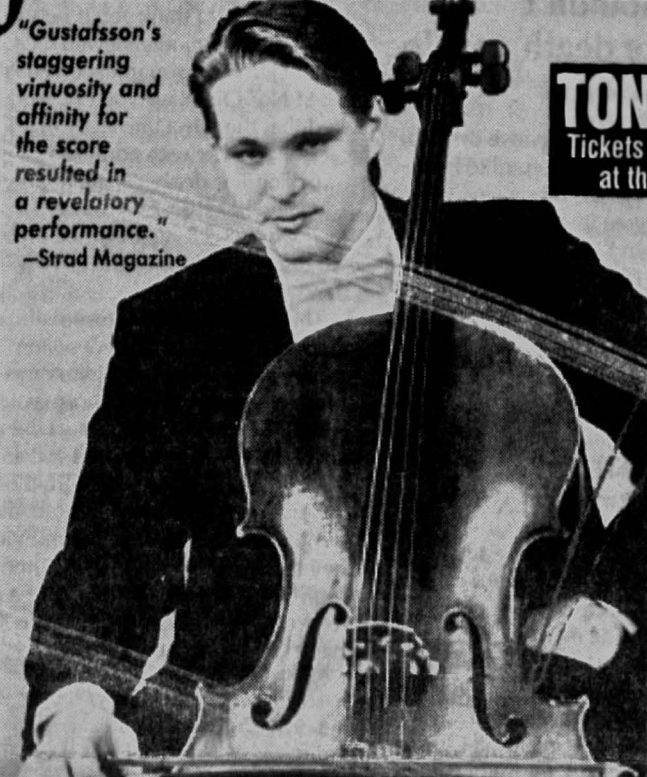
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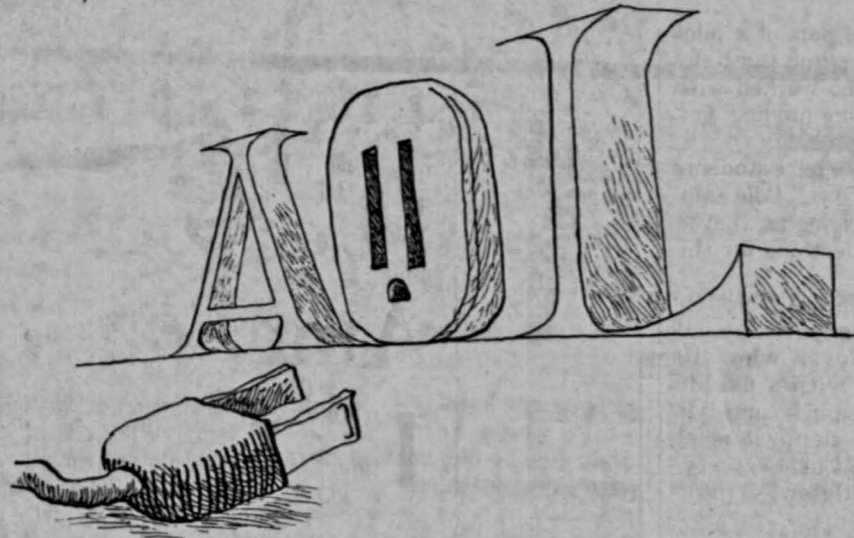
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## Viewpoints

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## Letters to the Editor

### Beauty pageants still promote 'self-fixation'

To the Editor:

I am responding to T.K. Kenyon's editorial concerning JonBenet Ramsey and the grotesque world of adolescent beauty pageants (*DI*, Jan. 30, "Child beauty pageants from the inside"). Kenyon tries to redeem this "pedophilic" practice, but her redeemable qualities, like friendship and good-hearted competition, can be found in more productive activities, for example music lessons or sports teams, which can generate a healthier contribution to society.

Pageants send the message, "I must be beautiful to find friends and acceptance from my peers." It is a disgusting sight to see little girls, such as JonBenet Ramsey, in near prostitute-like dress and pancaked make-up, strutting their prepubescent bodies down a runway, essentially trying to win a contest for their external appearances. Yes, a talent and interview portion of a pageant may be important in the considering for a win, but personality competition is equally pointless.

Yeah, so you are beautiful and nice and can flip a baton into the air while tap-dancing on your head, so what? Beauty pageants produce anorexic, insecure waifs who cannot see past outer beauty. Self-fixation is already a problem that can do without the help of glory parades.

Sharon Bentley  
UI freshman

### It's a student's job to be careful around bridges

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the Feb. 4 article, "Students: Bridge must be safer." Perhaps the story should have been "Students: Be safer."

It is our own responsibility to see that we are not harmed in any way by jumping, climbing or playing on the bridge. It is not the responsibility of the city. As individuals, we are responsible for ourselves and our actions. Why, when someone is injured, do we, as a society, look to lay blame on others? It is not the city's fault that Michael Waytenick had a few shots of liquid courage and then decided to rail-walk the bridge. It is his own fault, plain and simple.

The city doesn't need to spend massive amounts of taxpayer money to

ensure that we will all be safe. We don't need anything between the two bridges; we need people to act responsibly, maturely and realize that the bridge is not a playground or a jungle gym. As a society, let's all quit blaming others and take responsibility for our own actions.

Nick Wagner  
UI senior

### Iowa shouldn't reinstate death penalty

To the Editor:

I am proud to be a native of Iowa, and I am particularly proud to be a graduate of the UI, receiving an undergraduate degree in 1985 and a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning in 1987. However, similar to the Quaker congregation in West Branch (*DI*, Jan. 30), I am extremely concerned about efforts in the state's Legislature to attempt to reinstate capital punishment in Iowa.

I would briefly note that the death penalty, several times the cost of life imprisonment without parole, is not a deterrent to violent crime (note the higher per capita homicide rates in states with the most frequent executions), and is no way to educate the public that killing is wrong. In addition to being contrary to Quaker social teaching, the death penalty violates Catholic social teaching, as well as social teaching of virtually all Christian denominations and, for that matter, other faiths as well. I even sense a hint of racism in the voices of many legislative advocates of capital punishment.

It is my hope that Iowans and their legislators think rationally and reject capital punishment in the upcoming legislative session.

Jeffrey Agee-Aguayo  
UI alumnus  
Resident of Green Bay, Wis.

### COGS member gives Editor writing lessons

To the Editor:

As an active member of COGS, I found Dave Schwartz's recent observations about graduate student teaching bizarre, to say the least (*DI*, Feb. 4, "On cops, COGS and the news biz"). You see, as I read your column, I thought someone needed to "take you to school" about the art and craft of writing a column.

The first rule: Have something to say. You aren't short on opinions, but

in the absence of evidence, your writing comes off like one-half of a bar-room argument. No one is persuaded unless they already agree. That's called rant, not op-ed. And sir, you're no Hunter S. Thompson.

The second rule: Check your facts. Do you have any evidence to corroborate your charge that COGS members are less committed to teaching? Have you compared, for example, the list of Outstanding Teaching Award winners and nominees against the COGS membership roster? I think you'd be surprised. Have you interviewed COGS members? Have you interviewed ANYONE? No? Oh. Have you ever considered that the same university that is sucking you dry with add/drop charges is sucking TAs dry by failing to provide adequate health-care coverage for their workforce? We might be on the same side of this one, Dave. Why don't you look into it?

The final rule: Be professional. Don't whine about your deadline. When you are both the Editor and a regularly scheduled columnist, you are in the BEST position to know when your work is due. You also have an even greater duty to refrain from offering unresearched, disconnected and sloppy prose. The next time the Viewpoints Editor needs a good column from you in under an hour, take a pass — you aren't up to the challenge. Perhaps she should call someone at COGS.

Bridgett Williams-Searle  
UI graduate student

### Web keeps me in touch with my alma mater

To the Editor:

When I received my issue of the *Spectator* today, I found you have a Web site on the Internet. After programming in the Web site, I found I can keep up with the happenings at my alma mater on a daily basis, and this is good news.

I graduated from the College of Business Administration in 1942 and received my Juris Doctor degree from the College of Law in 1949. My wife and I are now retired in the beautiful Rocky Mountains in Estes Park, Colo., where we have owned a home since 1962 and lived permanently since 1981. Here, however, we get very little news about the UI and its activities. Your Web site will cure this problem. Keep up the good work!

Walter Brown  
UI alumnus

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An aggressive, talented individual is sought as editor of The Daily Iowan, Iowa City's largest newspaper, with an editorial staff of more than 60 young professionals, an editorial budget exceeding \$300,000 and circulation of 20,500. The Board of Student Publications incorporated and the publisher of The Daily Iowan will soon interview candidates for the position of editor for the term beginning June 1, 1997 and ending May 31, 1998.

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Mark Wrighton  
Chair

William Casey  
Publisher

Application forms are available at and should be returned to:  
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## The Daily Iowan

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# Viewpoints

## Quotable

"I have a serious problem with the fact that professors are making \$80,000 to \$130,000 salaries and are only teaching one course."  
Rep. Chuck Larson, R-Cedar Rapids, on a report that shows UI professors spend less than an average of five hours a week in contact with students

## For some, military is pride, diversity

"Yes, sir!" and "Yes, ma'am!" are common words to most military brats. Once someone enters the military life, these words become second nature. It is a sign of respect and honor, a sign of wisdom and strength. They are symbols that represent military life.

Recently, there have been serious allegations toward the Marine Corps on hazing incidents. CNN repeatedly has shown an amateur video of several soldiers initiating new recruits in a hazing incident known as being given "Bloodwings." Here, the new recruits line up as the veteran soldiers honor them by pinning wings deep into their skin and chest and then intensifying the pain, driving the pins further into their skin by pounding on them, pushing them in and even punching the chest of the recruits to make sure the situation will be one they'll never forget.

There have been many opinions on this and other hazing incidents and what goes on in the U.S. military branches. Secretary of Defense William Cohen made a public statement on CNN saying he does not condone these actions and will do whatever it takes to prevent further incidents.

Of course, no one will condone any violent acts while they are on television, but whether Cohen and the government likes it or not, people are bound to do things such as hazing anyway. The government only can control the actions of soldiers to some extent. They can threaten them, they can take away their salary or even take away their job, but to some soldiers these rituals help them gain honor and a certain amount of self-respect.

The military may not have the best reputation when it comes to soldier safety. In fact, there are thousands of horror stories that circulate anytime anyone thinks about joining a military branch. Basic training

has been known to rip soldiers to shreds, tearing at their self-esteem, physically pushing them to their breaking points. Drill sergeants are known as uncaring, heartless jerks who get off on watching young soldiers suffer. They can make them drop and do 50 push-ups for breathing wrong. But that's not all the military is about.

The military is something people should be proud of, not afraid of. The commercials that say "Be all that you can be!" have a lot of truth in them. Military soldiers may be pushed around, thrown down and torn apart in basic training, but it is so they can be built back up again. They learn how to respect themselves, and they are taught they can do anything. Soldiers are trained to be strong and independent — to be able to think on their feet and make crucial decisions vital to the safety of their fellow soldiers and their country.

They learn to be team players and to work together, no matter what race, creed or religion a person is. They are taught respect and honor. They are an example of what true Americans should be. According to a University of Michigan study, the least-segregated cities are near military bases. Military families are even exposed to a variety of different cultures. On each military base there are ethnic cultural awareness activities every month. When they send soldiers overseas, they make sure both the soldier and the family learns the language of the country they are sent to and the traditions of that country.

I have been a military brat six years, and I also have lived in the civilian world. The military community offers soldiers and families more than any other city or community I ever have been in. They promote family togetherness and acceptance of all people. There are few companies in this country that are completely non-segregated. In the Army, there are officers and high-ranking officials who are of all ethnic backgrounds and gender.

I'm not saying the military is perfect or it is the best. I don't condone violent actions of hazing or sexual assault in the military, but the military has a lot to offer soldiers and families. I believe people should remember the good the military does and how it benefits the community and not focus on the bad soldiers that tarnish its name.

Amy Valdez's column appears Wednesdays on the Viewpoints Pages.

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RANDOM VIOLENCE IN AMERICA

## The honor in honors projects

Is graduating with honors from the UI more than just a nerdy title?

According to students participating in honors projects, their extra effort comes from a want to distinguish themselves from competition in the job market or graduate school, not because they can't think of anything more fun to do with their time. UI senior Krista Heikes, who is doing her honors project in economics, explained, "Hopefully, it will help me in the future to get into an MBA program. Right now I could think of things I would rather be doing, but in the long term it will pay off."

Doing an honors project means taking on a commitment and following through from start to finish. This takes more than an average dose of initiative and requires the person to set blocks of time aside he or she might normally use for other ventures. UI senior Vijay Tadikonda noted, "I did the bulk of my research last summer. It was hard to go to the library and dig up information while my friends were out messing around in nice weather. Real hard."

In this respect, honors projects are not for everyone, especially

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people who are not accustomed to the stress of heavy-duty research and making time sacrifices for the project.

Differing from the classroom where projects have to be within a narrowly defined subject, honors projects in the UI College of Business Administration are of the students' choosing. Some students even travel outside of their major to find projects that interest them. Whatever the case, students are on their own to define the problem that has to be worked and develop the project.

Lola Lopes, undergraduate associate dean of the College of Business Administration, said, "The independent leadership that is involved in the personal projects is becoming more and more important to recruiters. Honors projects gives students hands-on experience that is not available through the classroom, which helps the students grow academically." In addition, research and writing skills are developed, which many employers are looking for.

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What honors projects are is a student wishing to take a step and get the most out of his or her educational possibilities. Students do this under the notion that their hard work will pay dividends in better jobs and a more rewarding college experience.

Doesn't sound so nerdy anymore, does it?

Craig Stevens is an editorial writer and a UI senior.

## Oh, what a night

What a night. The State of the Union address. Iowa over Indiana 75-67.

O.J. Simpson: \$8.5 million.

Oh, what a night. A thousand thoughts at once. Did the lawyers take their time to get to the courthouse because of Clinton's speech? Why \$8.5 million? What will this mean for race relations, for battered women, for America? What is Bobby Knight thinking right now?

News happens like this, doesn't it? Three front-page stories happen nearly simultaneously. What is a news director in Iowa to do? What is an editor to do?

What does a reader turn to first? What will you look for when you channel surf?

Peter Jennings, after the verdict, said, "I don't quite know what to say now."

We hear you Peter. Back to last year: The Union, in front of the big-screen TV. Students, faculty, professors, citi-

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zens — a busy lunch crowd. A verdict: not guilty. If it doesn't fit, you must acquit.

Black students screaming: "Oh, my God!" Hugging, laughing, crying, dancing. White students yelling, "Get out of the way!" and "Shhh!"

Flash forward to Tuesday night: A reporter describes the crowd reaction as "a cheer if you will" when they flashed a small cardboard square with "\$8.5 million" on it to a world of cameras, people and press.

A talking head expert on ABC or CNN or CBS (does it matter?) says, with grave voice, he thinks this will push America back further in race relations.

Sir, we hear you. By the preponderance of evidence. What does this mean? Legally there is an explanation, but in the minds of Americans every-

where "preponderance of evidence" means the opposite of "not guilty." Two syllables, one word, six letters. Is this fair? Is this right? Is this justice, that a man is found not guilty and forced to pay \$8.5 million? Did he do it or not?

We wait now. For the after-news fury of commentary and analysis, opinion and judgment. We wait for the official comment from President Clinton, from the Goldman family, from Jesse Jackson and Michael Jackson and Shania Twain and Beavis and Butt-Head. We wait for the mini-series. We wait for the merchandise. We wait for the musical.

And we file it away. "You remember where you were when O.J. got it for \$8.5 mil?"

"Yeah. I was at home watching the Hawks and my roommate pissed me off 'cause she kept switching it to Bubba's speech."

"I hear you." Oh, what a night.

Stephanie Wilbur is editor of the Viewpoints Pages.

## No democracy in corporate America

In high-school social studies classes, students are given a whitewashed, picture-perfect image of the federal government in an attempt to instill patriotism and national pride. When students arrive in the real world, they see government corruption, waste, stupid partisan squabbling and disregard for major problems both local and global. None of these problems are new, but they feel like it to a lot of people. The inevitable result is cynicism.

Cynicism seems to be reaching epidemic proportions lately. Hardly anyone votes anymore. Every law passed by Congress has to be interpreted as "Orwellian" by somebody. In the South and the Rocky Mountain West, anti-government sentiment has reached fever pitch. There are currently more than 800 anti-government militia groups. The only states without at least one are South Dakota, Wyoming and Hawaii.

The irony is that in a democracy, a representative institution is whatever we make of it. We own it. It is not "it," but "us." Or, you could be cynical about it and say, "people get the government they deserve."

When conservative politicians like Newt Gingrich say "we need to get government off our backs," no doubt it strikes quite a chord. Yet, this conservative creed applies strictly to businesses. The federal government gets in the way of corporate growth, they say, with restrictions such as environmental laws, the minimum wage, "high" taxes, etc. We should put more faith in the market, they say, and everyone will be better off.

Consider: a corporation works top-down, with all the power concentrated at the top. Orders flow downward toward the bottom, where no decisions are made and no power lies. A corporation is, by its very nature, undemocratic. It has an essentially totalitarian structure. It is completely unaccountable to the people and to its employees. It is only accountable to the government. The only power those on the bottom can possibly have are unions and the laws that protect them.

The government, on the other hand, is completely democratic. Those on the bottom (voters) have a great deal of control. If we don't like the government, a particular political party or an individual politician, we fire them. They work for us. Workers, even heavily unionized workers, cannot remove an incompetent or unethical CEO.

Sure, some corporations are benevolent and treat their workers fairly. Others, however, are virtual horror shows. Unions are busted, wages are lowered, employees are downsized and rehired as temps with low pay and no benefits, pensions are raided and factories are moved overseas where labor is cheap. All this occurs in times of record profits. The gap between the rich and poor is widening for precisely this reason.

Consider: Iowa Beef Processors (IBP) in Storm Lake currently pays \$6 an hour and offers no benefits. Prior to the Reagan era, IBP was unionized and paid employees an average of \$30,000 a year (\$51,000 in today's dollars).

*Fortune* reported "one of the most profitable years ever for American business" while "U.S. household wealth has actually fallen." There is nothing wrong with the rich getting richer, as long as they don't do it at the expense of everyone else.

Those who idolize the market should be careful. The market actually encourages unethical corporate behavior. A company that pays its workers high wages is prone to making less profit than one who downsizes and cuts wages. Social Darwinism affects corporations as well as workers. With all the "hostile takeovers," which occur almost on a weekly basis, more wealth and power is concentrated into fewer and fewer hands. Corporate ethics erode further.

Rep. Dick Armey, R-Texas, says "the market is smart and the government is dumb." Actually, the market is ruthless, amoral and out of our control. The government is whatever we choose to make it.

The Founding Fathers set up the government in order to "establish justice ... insure domestic tranquility ... provide for the common defense" and "promote the general welfare."

Benjamin Barber writes, "To cry 'Give Americans back their hard-earned tax dollars!' is a disingenuous way of saying, 'To hell with establishing justice, promoting welfare and securing the blessings of liberty!' It's nothing more than a cynical bribe to citizens calling on them to give up on each other and go it alone. That may work for the rich and privileged, but it's something most of us can ill afford."

Those who espouse free-wheeling laissez-faire theories, push to shrink the government and unravel the safety net at the same time remind me of the joke about the guy who thinks he can fly. He climbs to the top of this tower, see, and jumps off. Halfway down, he says, "so far, so good."

Michael Totten's column appears Wednesdays on the Viewpoints Pages.

## With which 'Saved by the Bell' character do you identify most?



"Jesse. She's more down-to-earth."  
Shauna Dvorak  
UI senior

"Zach. He's always going for the ladies."  
Andrew Hills  
UI freshman

"A cross between A.C. Slater and Kelly. I'm not a guy, but I'm an athlete."  
Kate McCannon  
UI freshman

"Lisa, because I love to go shopping."  
Josephine Salud  
UI freshman

"Mr. Belding, because I'm a total idiot."  
Tim O'Connell  
UI freshman

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# Toy makers compete for next craze

By Rachel Beck  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — What will be the Tickle Me Elmo of 1997? Toy makers all hope the answer to that question can be found in their new product lines.

The giggling plush doll stole the show last Christmas as parents used guerrilla shopping tactics to capture Elmo for their kids. Now, as toy companies hold Toy Fair, their annual trade expo, everyone is wondering what the next toy sensation will be.

"They only hope that they will capture the market like Elmo," said Jill Krutick, a toy analyst at Smith Barney. "But it's impossible to know."

Tickle Me Elmo was the surprise success of 1996, selling out of stores nationwide well before Christmas. Manufacturer Tyco Toys Inc. had to fly the dolls from factories in China to get them here faster.

Thanks to the Elmo craze, sales of plush dolls climbed 12 percent in 1996, according to The NPD Group, a market research firm.

But an Elmo phenomenon isn't planned in advance, and even the biggest toy companies can't predict what's going to sell. In fact, Mattel and Hasbro, the top U.S. toy makers, passed on the Ninja Turtles idea in the late 1980s, and the fighting figures ended up selling billions.

At the American International Toy Fair, which officially begins Monday, manufacturers will show their 1997 lines and retailers will be scouting around for what may be the industry's next megahit.

Elmo will be back, and Tyco will make some of his Sesame Street pals laugh, too. But the tickling gimmick probably won't generate the same buying excitement as last year.

As usual, manufacturers will depend heavily on licensed toys, linking their products to new Holly-

wood productions. "We're definitely going to see a lot of event-driven products in the marketplace," said Gary Jacobson, an analyst at Jefferies & Co. "Every big movie will have products tied to it."

The frenzy begins this month with the relaunch of the "Star Wars" trilogy, and other upcoming films with toy tie-ins include: the "Jurassic Park" sequel "The Lost World"; "Batman and Robin"; "Hercules"; and "Anastasia."

Toy makers like movie-related paraphernalia because the products are identified with a heavily advertised entertainment package. That reduces the research, development and marketing costs of rolling out a toy.

"While we know there will be more toys this year tied to movie properties, we'll have to wait and see if kids respond to these movies," said Margaret Whitfield, a toy industry analyst at Hancock Institutional Equity.

# Real-life 'Fugitive' may be innocent

By M.R. Kropko  
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — DNA tests on blood found in the home of Dr. Sam Sheppard bolster arguments that someone else killed his wife in the sensational 1954 case that helped inspire "The Fugitive," the family's lawyer said Tuesday.

The test results are not definitive, but suggest Sheppard was telling the truth when he denied the crime, attorney Terry Gilbert said.

"It's totally consistent with what Sam Sheppard said — that there was an intruder," Gilbert said at a news conference.

Dr. Mohammad Tahir, a forensic DNA specialist, released the findings of his nine-month study Tuesday to Cuyahoga County law enforcement officials and Gilbert and others working for Sheppard's son, Sam Reese Sheppard, who is trying to clear his father's name.

by the family, but volunteered his work.

The tests were conducted on dried blood and body fluids found in the couple's home in suburban Bay Village after the murder.

None of the samples matched Marilyn Sheppard's blood, Gilbert and Tahir said. And according to the initial investigation, Sam Sheppard did not bleed at the scene. His DNA could not be tested, however, because no good samples were available.

The tests indicated the dried blood could have been a mixture of two other people's blood, although it was also possible it was one person's blood that became contaminated over the years, Tahir said.

Sheppard's supporters believe the finding would go a long way toward exonerating him in the July 4, 1954, slaying, and help his son's lawsuit against the state alleging his father was wrongfully imprisoned for 10 years.

Common Pleas Judge Ronald Suster, who is handling the civil case, said Tuesday he expects to hold a hearing on the evidence at the end of the month.

The U.S. Supreme Court overturned Sheppard's conviction in a landmark decision that cited the unfair effect of pretrial publicity. In a retrial, Sheppard was acquitted in 1966. The ground-breaking defense helped make Sheppard's lawyer, F. Lee Bailey, famous. Sheppard died in 1970.

Tahir tested five items preserved from the Sheppard crime scene. The tests showed DNA extracted from a vaginal swab indicated the presence of seminal fluid. Such a finding might suggest Marilyn Sheppard was raped.

Tahir said the finding would not rule out convicted killer Richard Eberling as a suspect. Eberling's DNA also was tested, but Tahir declined to say what the chances were he committed the crime.

# Americans want more from their homes

By Calvin Woodward  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The foundation will last longer than it takes some nations to rise and fall. The outside door, properly sheltered, will span a century. Cast-iron waste pipes are for the ages.

Tough things, houses. Move as we must — and Americans move more than most people — some things stand for permanence.

You (or successors) will get 20 years out of a quality chrome faucet and up to 100 from wood siding if it's treated right. The kids can be born and gone before the flames finally die on that gas range.

But garage-door openers beyond 10 years old are cranking on borrowed time. So, too, with carpet,

depending on traffic from the little rug rats.

So says the National Association of Home Builders, reporting on trends and facts in its line of work.

Against that backdrop, the government said Tuesday that last year was the best for home sales in 14 years. Americans bought 756,000 new single-family homes, up more than 13 percent in a year.

The upbeat builders say people are getting more for their money:

- Today's typical new single-family home has 25 percent more living space than 20 years ago.

- The percentage of new homes with central air conditioning, two and a half or more bathrooms, a two-car garage or carport and more than one story has doubled in that time. More than 60 percent have a fireplace, another big jump.

And people want more:

- First-time home buyers want bay windows in the living room and kitchen; move-up buyers want them in the living and dining rooms. Both want cathedral ceilings in the living room and a half wall or no wall between the kitchen and family room.

- Mover-uppers expect everything first-timers want, plus far more space, a fourth bedroom, a bigger garage and a screened rear porch. They are willing to pay nearly \$50,000 extra for all that.

But the story of American housing is still very much an old one. Of houses around today, one in 10 was built before 1920 — twice the number that went up in the first half of this decade.

Three in 10 were built before 1950.

"I am convinced there is something in the female psyche that gets stuck and it just circles in and circles in like a 747 over Chicago, trying to land and can't. We just don't think it's our turn."

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# Israeli helicopter collision kills 70 soldiers

By Dianna Cahn  
Associated Press

SHAAR YESHUV, Israel — Two transport helicopters shuttling elite troops to Lebanon collided Tuesday in fog and rain and crashed in flames into a settlement, killing all of the roughly 70 soldiers aboard. It was Israel's worst military air disaster.

At 7 p.m., a bright, white burst of light illuminated the night sky five miles south of the Lebanon border. One of the two CH-53 Sikorsky helicopters smashed into an empty guest house, which exploded into flames.

"There was a huge explosion," witness Rachel Fromovitz told the AP. "They crashed right above us, and the helicopters came down in

a fiery blaze."

The accident appeared likely to raise new questions about Israel's costly involvement in Lebanon — as well as the decision to send in the troops by helicopters despite the stormy weather. Officials said the helicopters were shuttling soldiers to Lebanon as part of a troop rotation.

Smoke poured from one helicopter as it went down, Yoav Frenkel told Army Radio. "The second helicopter lit up in the air as it fell," he said.

Despite extensive damage in Shaar Yeshuv, a communal settlement in the eastern Galilee, there were no known injuries to anyone on the ground.

Northern commander Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine said about 70 soldiers and officers were killed, and

all of the troops aboard the two helicopters were believed dead.

Convoys carried the dead to a nearby army base for identification. Israel's Channel Two television showed pictures of bodies being carried away from the crash.

Officials said an inquiry into the cause of the crash would begin immediately.

"As far as we know, the weather was not the problem," said Brig. Gen. Oded Ben-Ami, a military spokesperson.

"This is a grave disaster, and a heavy heart goes out to the families of the victims," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a statement. "The entire nation cries today for the loss of our young fighters."

Israel's worst previous military

air accident was a 1977 helicopter crash that killed 54 people.

Tuesday night's crash comes at a time when Israeli politicians are increasingly calling into question the wisdom of Israel's policy in south Lebanon, with some urging that Israel withdraw its troops.

In 1985, Israel established the so-called "security zone" in southern Lebanon to guard northern towns from guerrilla attacks, while pulling its troops out of a larger area of Lebanon that it had occupied.

More than 200 soldiers have died in the security zone since then, mostly in clashes with the Iranian-backed Hezbollah guerrillas. According to army figures, 26 soldiers were killed in south Lebanon last year and four have been killed so far this year.



In this image taken from video, rescue and army personnel examine the site of a crash between two military transport helicopters in heavy fog and rain near Shaar Yeshuv in northern Israel Tuesday.

# Bolivian diplomat's wife anxiously awaits release of husband held in Peru

By Lynn Monahan  
Associated Press

LIMA, Peru — It's a ritual. Every day, Beatriz Gumucio steps onto the 14th-floor balcony of a Lima apartment building to look down at the Japanese ambassador's compound and the mansion where her husband is captive.

In seven weeks of torturous uncertainty since her husband, Bolivian ambassador Jorge Gumucio, and 71 others were taken hostage by leftist Tupac Amaru guerrillas, she has seen the compound's grass wither to a dusty yellow.

"I stare and I pray, and I hope he can feel me," Gumucio said.

"Her nights are fitful, almost sleepless. She listens to the radio and flicks through TV channels,

looking for anything she might not know about the fate of her Jorge.

Her appetite has waned, and she eats lunch only to accommodate house guests. She's smoking again, but hides it from her disapproving teen-age son.

She seeks solace in religion, attending Mass each morning at a church on the same block as the ambassador's residence. She knows as she prays her husband is near, just beyond those walls.

It's always noon Mass on Sundays because that's when the liturgy is celebrated inside the compound. "He knows we are praying at the same time together," she said.

He has written of Christmas as a captive, she said: no shopping, no gifts, just thinking of God, the way it's supposed to be, and the hostages

singing in their "hard voices, men's voices, like Gregorian music."

Besides Ambassador Morihisa Aoki of Japan, Gumucio, 57, is the only ambassador still captive. That's because Bolivia holds four Tupac Amaru rebels on kidnapping charges. Bolivia refuses to free them, and rebel leader Nestor Cerpa, who earlier released most of the more than 500 hostages seized Dec. 17, has told Gumucio he'll be there until the very end.

Gumucio, 54, was glued to the TV when word came recently the rebels were about to release an ill hostage, rumored to be her husband, who suffers from diabetes and hypertension.

"If he's bald, he's mine," she said affectionately.

Hope sank when the hostage, wheeled out on a stretcher, was

seen to have thick, dark hair — an ailing police general.

"I don't want him to come out like that," she consoled herself. "I want him to come out walking."

Her husband's letters show he worries, too.

Trying to ease her burden, he crams household instructions onto the one-page notes he may send through the Red Cross, writing ever smaller as space fills, telling her to remember this, don't forget that.

As lonely as she is, Gumucio said her solitude can't be compared to his. At least she has the couple's four children. She has her friends, the diplomatic aide sent to assist her and the weekly therapy session for the families of the hostages. Cards, letters, faxes and e-mail messages pour in from compatriots back home.

No comparison, she reminds herself, to his almost two months living a prisoner's routine: Get up at 6 a.m., eat a light breakfast, write letters or read, do chores such as scouring bathrooms or carrying trash to the door, eat his Red Cross-supplied, special diabetic lunch and dinner and endure evenings illuminated only by candlelight.

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# Moscow displays best weapons for personal safety

By Maura Reynolds  
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Just past mannequins in camouflage, bulletproof jump suits, a group of Russian men gazed admiringly at a display of automatic rifles. Around a corner, an exhibitor took an ax to a pane of security glass, sending small pieces skittering across the floor.

In the battle between Russia's criminal gangs and authorities, the criminals so far have seemed to have the upper hand. So on Tuesday, Moscow law enforcement and several companies put their best weapons on display.

Under the broad theme of "Security '97," vendors peddled everything from handguns and gas masks to personal bodyguards and the latest computer-security systems. Others simply displayed their armored vehicles for the enjoyment of onlookers at Moscow's most prestigious exhibition hall.

Lydia Yevseyevna promoted a plastic hazardous materials mask with a mouthpiece, hose and filter she said could be used in any home.

"Of course, regular people can use this, too," she said. "Say there is a fire in your apartment. A person could put this on and put out the fire. This is for individuals, too."

Crime has escalated since the fall of the Soviet Union six years ago. And while violent crimes have declined since 1995, the fear remains.

The gear on display Tuesday, however, will do little to stop Russia's most serious criminals — those said to operate in the top spheres of government and finance.

"Of course, all this equipment can't help against organized crime,"

Vladimir Grib, head of the Interior Ministry's organized crime research department, acknowledged at the opening press conference. "Those crimes take place in the financial and economic spheres."

Bribery incidents climbed 11 percent in the first 10 months of 1996, according to ministry figures. At the same time, murder and attempted murder fell more than 6 percent and robbery dropped more than 14 percent.

In Moscow, the murder rate fell 9.2 percent from 1995, down to 1,538 murders last year in a city of 10 million. In comparison, New York, with about 8 million people, reported 983 murders for the same period — an 18-year low.

For the wary, owning a bullet-proof waistcoat may bring a sense of comfort. So might a computerized lie-detector, or a tracking system to find stolen cars.

For those who want something more, there's a private security firm that promoted its services by playing a videotape: Masked men jump out of a car, brandishing automatic rifles. They take aim at a man and force him to the ground. It's not really clear whether the gunmen are the good guys or the bad guys. The screen flashes an ominous message: Think Security.

Vladimir Martynenko, a natural gas company executive, came to look at video-surveillance systems. He was largely unimpressed.

"I don't know whether all this stuff helps," Martynenko said, noting that surveillance systems will keep out street criminals, not organized crime bosses. But, the literal bells and whistles will "boost the image of your company," he said.




A visitor to an anti-crime exhibition, which opened Tuesday next to the Kremlin, takes aim with a pistol hooked up to a computerized target as his friend watches the target on the computer screen.

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**Local Reaction to the Simpson Civil Suit Verdict**



"I've always thought he was guilty. I guess now he'll be broke."  
**Amorie Claeson, UI junior**



"I think finally the victims in this case have some degree of justice achieved."  
**Alex Eapen, UI graduate student**



"I agreed with it because I didn't agree with the verdict in the other trial. I think he knew something about it, but he didn't do it."  
**Sydney Gohring, UI senior**



"I'm so excited. He's finally brought to justice."  
**Krisa Kamrath, University of Nebraska student**



"It was something to appease people from both ends."  
**Chad Evans, UI sophomore**



"I think he's definitely guilty, but it's bad that they found him guilty now and he has to pay money, but they didn't find him guilty before."  
**Carrie Smith, UI junior**

**SIMPSON VERDICT**

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"Yes!" screamed sister Kim Goldman, in contrast to the way she sobbed openly when Simpson was acquitted of murder 16 months ago. "This is justice!" Denise Brown, sister of Nicole Brown Simpson, said as she left court. Louis Brown, who sat stone still as the verdict was announced, stood and smiled afterward. "I want to get outside and scream." The mostly white panel, forced to start deliberations anew last Friday after a juror was removed for misconduct, snatched away some of the vindication Simpson claimed when he was acquitted of murder by a

mostly black jury in 1995. That televised murder trial divided the nation over issues of police racism, domestic violence and the quality of justice. This civil jury, using the lesser standard of "preponderance of evidence" rather than "beyond a reasonable doubt," was unanimous on all counts in blaming Simpson for the June 12, 1994, slayings. "I think this gives a little bit of solace to each of the divided camps," said Alan Dershowitz, part of Simpson's defense team at his murder trial. "Those who believe he did it will look to the civil verdict; those who believe he didn't do it will look to the criminal verdict." Dershowitz, an appeals specialist, said the late dismissal of a juror in

the case raised "serious appellate issues. We're a long way from being finished here." Simpson criminal trial attorney Johnnie Cochran, speaking on Court TV, shied away from a direct attack on the case, saying, "Many people feel that there have been a number of mistakes in this case." The dramatic reading of the verdict was delayed more than three hours to allow the lawyers and families to get to the courthouse. Simpson's trip — in a black Suburban escorted by police instead of a white Bronco chased by police — was televised live nationally on a split screen just as President Clinton began his State of the Union address.

**SIMPSON REACTION**

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against Indiana and President Clinton's State of the Union address. Trish Ashton, an Iowa City resident who was at GA Malone's, 121 Iowa Ave., watching the Hawkeye game, said she was glad Simpson was found responsible for the wrongful death of the victims, but was curious about what effect the case would have on the U.S. judicial system. "It brings to light questions about our juries and judicial system," she said. UI junior Gena Wells said she wasn't happy with the verdict, and she thought the decision was made

simply to appease the opinion of the majority. "It appeared as though white America were dissatisfied with the criminal verdict," she said. "And that's evident through the portrayal by the media of the reactions of both white and black people." Wells said she thought the trial was another way to drag Simpson's name through the mud and to take his money because they couldn't take him to jail. "I am so disgusted that this trial has taken almost three years," she said. "I don't believe he did it, and that's not because I'm black and O.J.'s black." Barker said he hoped the defen-

dant wouldn't appeal the decision, because this case has been going on too long. "It could be the trial of the century, for a century," he said. UI junior Mike Jensen said he thought Simpson got what he deserved because he thought Simpson was guilty of the two murders. He said the money the Goldman and Browns will receive won't replace their son and daughter, but the \$8.5 million they will receive will help them out. "If I was in their position, I would've sued the shit out of him," Jensen said.

**STATE OF THE UNION**

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can education, like America itself, the envy of the world." He said the government will pay for the development of national tests measuring fourth-grade reading and eighth-grade math and will encourage every community to measure students by those standards.

In calling for national education standards, the president stopped short of saying the government would require students to be measured by the tests. That will be up to individual states and school districts — although Washington will pay for preparing the exams and administering them the first time, in the spring of 1999.

"Raising standards will not be easy and some of our children will not be able to meet them at first," the president said. "The point is not to put our children down but to lift them up. Good tests will show us who needs help, what changes in teaching to make and which schools to improve." Clinton said also he wanted to

make health care available to more Americans by broadening coverage for unemployed workers and needy children. He proposed expanding the family leave law to provide unpaid time off for doctors' appointments and school visits. Over the last four years, more than 2 million people have moved off the welfare rolls, Clinton noted.

He set a goal of moving 2 million more people off the rolls by 2000 with tax incentives for businesses to hire the needy. Clinton's address, filled with rhetorical flourishes and odes to the 21st century, was just a teaser for

the dollar-and-cents budget he will submit on Thursday. He will recommend \$100 billion in middle-class tax cuts over five years — to be offset by \$80 billion in tax increases on corporations and airline travelers.

**CLASS TIME**

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professors at the UI who don't have classroom duties, while UNI listed only one. "They are dead wrong if they think they can raise tuition every year and cut back on contact time," Larson said. "The regents need to develop some standards about the number of hours for (professors) in the classroom." UI Vice President for University Relations Ann Rhodes said the figures are misleading because they don't count class preparation, research and administration activities UI professors do. "They can't take this data at face value," Rhodes said. "This is an excellent place to get an undergraduate education, and it's getting better all of the time." UI junior Shannan Sacks, an English major, said her professors didn't help her understand what she was being taught. "In one of my classes, the professor described our project, then left," Sacks said. "How could someone make over \$100,000 and not teach anyone? That's not earning the money or the title of professor." The report detailed the average number of classroom hours worked by tenured professors and tenure-track professors and the salaries they earn. The UI College of Liberal Arts has a list of 619 faculty members who spend an average of 4.8 hours per week in the classroom. Howev-

er, Rhodes said the number grows to 6.3 hours per week when the numbers don't include those who are on leave or otherwise not available to teach. She added that 85 percent of the professors at the UI teach undergraduates and the figures failed to accurately show faculty workload when they compared the universities. "The UI is a different kind of place than UNI," Rhodes said. "They don't have as many graduate programs and they don't expect their professors to do research. Our faculty does a lot of things not reflected in that report, and I don't think the use of this information is very helpful." "The only time Teaching Assistants are used are to answer questions outside of class," she said. "For the most part, we have enough time with our professors." Larson said he asked for the reports months ago, but getting it was like pulling teeth. "This information was hard to obtain, and now I know why," he said. Larson warned that legislators will step in unless the Iowa state Board of Regents takes action by the next session. He said the threat is real because lawmakers are getting increasing heat from con-

stituents. "I think parents and students agree that we need to get these professors back in the classroom," Larson said. "If the regents can't take care of problem, then the Legislature will step in."

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### College Basketball

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Rutgers at Providence, 6:30 p.m., SportsChannel.

### Pro Basketball

Utah Jazz at Seattle Supersonics, 7 p.m., TBS.  
Chicago Bulls at Los Angeles Lakers, 9:30 p.m., SportsChannel.

## Sports Briefs

### PRO FOOTBALL

#### Jets figure out coaching fiasco

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Unable to strike a deal with New England to immediately get Bill Parcells as their coach, the New York Jets today hired him as a consultant. They will make him their coach no later than next year.

For now, Bill Belichick, Parcells' longtime aide, will become the interim coach and run the team's football operations. Jets president Steve Cutman said Belichick is also likely to be the successor after Parcells coaches "two or more years."



Parcells will make no final decisions for the Jets while honoring the terms of his contract with the Patriots. That agreement, upheld by NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue, stipulates that Parcells can't hold a coaching job or "other comparable position" until Feb. 1, 1998 — unless the Patriots give their permission.

"I'm not allowed to partake in anything on the field, and I am not under any illusions on that, and I will not have any final decisions on personnel," said Parcells.

### PRO BASKETBALL

#### Rodman reinstated by NBA

NEW YORK (AP) — Dennis Rodman, suspended by the NBA since kicking a cameraman on Jan. 15, was reinstated by the league on Tuesday and will return to the Chicago Bulls on Feb. 11 against the Charlotte Hornets.

However, NBA commissioner David Stern warned that the Bulls star could face banishment from the league if he persists in such conduct.

Rodman's agent, Dwight Manley, said that his client, as a gesture of appreciation to his fans, will play his first 11 games after the suspension "for free, and donate the money on behalf of himself and the Bulls to 11 assorted charities."

"Dennis told me that while he does not plan to change the way he plays the game, he will conform his conduct on the playing court to acceptable standards, and he knows that any further incidents of this nature may end his career in the NBA," Stern said.

# Passing the Hoosiers

No. 25 Iowa drops No. 24 Indiana, 75-67, behind Andre Woolridge's 19 points

Mike Triplett  
The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Andre Woolridge had a below-average performance Tuesday night. But when you're chalking up 19.7 points and 5.8 assists per game, below average gets the job done.

Woolridge scored 12 of his game-high 18 points in the second half to rally the Hawkeyes past Indiana, 75-67, in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

"I think that Woolridge is the most valuable player in the Big Ten," Indiana coach Bob Knight said. "The kid is tough. He makes plays. I love the kid."

"Woolridge would get my vote without any question."

Knight's postgame speech sounded awfully familiar — a total of seven Big Ten opponents have now fallen victim to the second-place Hawkeyes (16-5, 7-2). But the senior point guard did vary his style a bit Tuesday night.

With Woolridge tallying just six points and one assist, Indiana hung on to a narrow lead for the game's first 23 minutes. But as Iowa coach Tom Davis pointed out, "Somehow you always feel that Andre's going to be there as the game winds down."

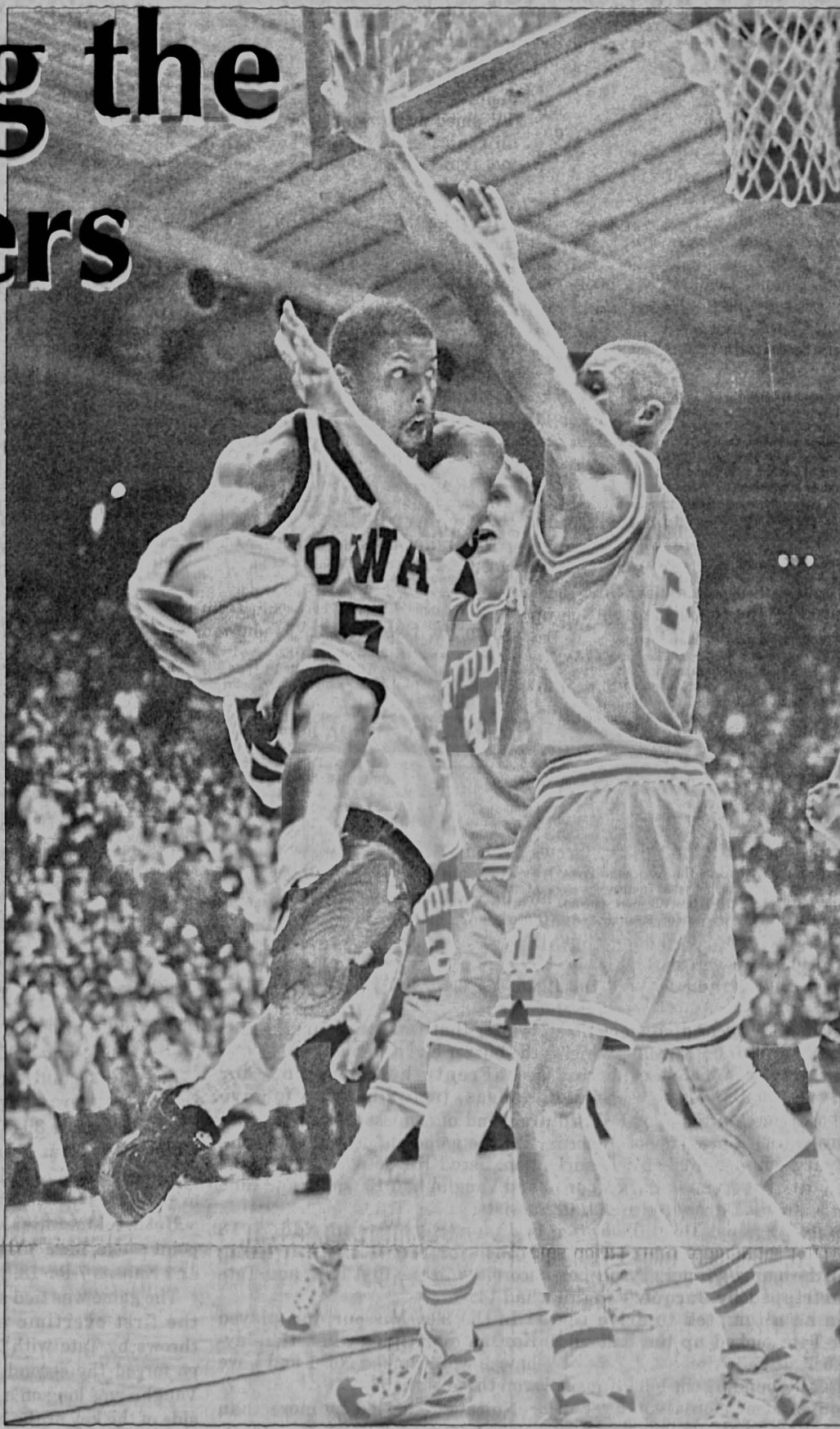
"I didn't want to let the game slip away without me giving some type of effort," Woolridge said. "Sometimes you wait too long and then it slips away from you. So as soon as we came out (in the second half), I just tried to step it up."

Barely five minutes into the second half, Woolridge had already scored seven points and dished out three assists. Meanwhile, Iowa turned a two-point halftime deficit into a five-point lead.

Sophomore Kent McCausland, who converted two of Woolridge's second-half assists into three-pointers, said things turned around when the Hawkeyes were finally able to change the tempo to their liking.

"The tempo in the first half was really start-stop, start-stop," McCausland said. "Then in the second half, Andre really started to push the ball, push the fast break. And that's when we play well."

"I thought I forced some shots in the first half. Then in the second half, when the tempo was more to our liking, that's when you really start to take your shot."



Pete Thompson/The Daily Iowan

Iowa guard Andre Woolridge drives around the Indiana defense Tuesday night in the Hawkeye victory. Hoosier head coach Bobby Knight thinks the senior should be Big Ten player of the year.

Though McCausland and junior teammate Ryan Bowen both said Woolridge carried the team on his shoulders in the second half, it was apparent that several Hawkeyes were

## Even Knight believes in Iowa basketball

It's been said in recent years, although never to Indiana coach's face, that the game of basketball has passed up Bob Knight.

Sure, the Hoosier uniforms are reminiscent of the ones worn by my seventh grade basketball team and their red and white striped warm-up pants have been around since, well, red and white striped pants were popular, but Knight still knows the game of basketball.

More importantly, he still knows a good team when he sees one — and Tuesday night, he did.

The Hoosier coach climbed on his soap box and preached nothing but compliment to the Hawkeyes after watching them defeat his Hoosiers, 75-67, at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

"They put a team together that is better, having lost more, than perhaps any team since I've been in the Big Ten," Knight said of the Hawkeyes, who have played their 1996-97 season as more of an experiment in line-up possibilities than a run for the Big Ten title.

After telling everyone in the room to vote Andre Woolridge Big Ten Player of the Year, Knight turned his attention to the Iowa coaches, comparing the job done by the Hawkeyes on Ryan Bowen to that done by his coaching staff on Hoosier junior Andrea Patterson.

"He and Patterson came (into the league) at the same time," Knight began. "And they've done a hell of a lot better job with Bowen than we've done with Patterson."

The only bad thing Knight could say about the Hawkeyes was somewhat of a compliment to this year's team. Knight called the loss of former Hawkeye Chris Kingsbury, "addition by subtraction."

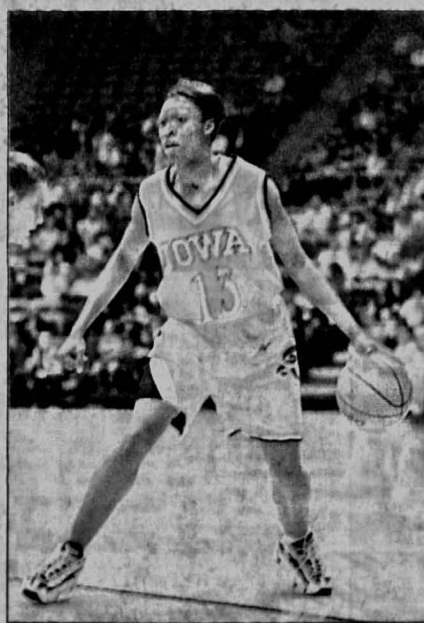
Knight's words did not come without reason. Despite pulling out a narrow



Chris Snider

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# Q & A Nadine Domond



Pete Thompson/The Daily Iowan

Iowa women's basketball player Nadine Domond made the switch from shooting guard to point guard this season to mixed results. However, against the Big Ten's top two teams last weekend she averaged 20.5 points and 6.5 assists. This week Daily Iowan reporter Andy Hamilton talked with Domond.

**DI: How would you rate your progress as a point guard?**

ND: Steady, getting better. I knew at the beginning of the season that I would take some hard knocks. I knew I would have problems with the transition to point guard, but I'm now more comfortable with it.

**DI: What things have surprised you about the transition?**

ND: The thing that is most surprising is that I constantly have to be thinking. I think

God for the opportunity to be given the opportunity to play the point guard position.

**DI: You have talked with Andre Woolridge about the point guard position. In what ways has he helped you?**

ND: Andre has been the point guard at Iowa for three or four years now. He has experience and that's one thing I don't. He talks about things that are so key — confidence and being a leader and directing the team the best way that you can.

**DI: What does Kristen Holmes bring to this team after all of her success as a field hockey player?**

ND: Kristen Holmes is a professional. You couldn't ask for a better person to come onto this team. She brings the attitude that we needed, she brings the leadership that we

needed. Kristen Holmes is one of the best players and people that I've ever met, and I think the team recognizes that because she brings much more to our team than just basketball. She may not be able to score 15 or 20 points a game, but what she brings outside of that — which is leadership qualities — is so much more.

**DI: Where do you think this team will go from the Michigan State win?**

ND: Hopefully nowhere but up. Right now we need to stay in that same mind frame and take one game, one possession, at a time.

**DI: Do you feel you need the "Payback" attitude to get to where you want to be?**

ND: I think we do, because if you look at it,

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## Scoreboard

### NBA

Vancouver	105	Houston	95
New York	111	New York	99
Indiana	87	Cleveland	79
Orlando	111	Milwaukee	78
Minnesota	101	Sacramento	96
Charlotte	105	Dallas	104

### NHL

Ottawa	4	Buffalo	1
Boston	3	Philadelphia	1
Vancouver	4	St. Louis	1
Boston	6	Detroit	1
Anaheim	3	Tampa Bay	2
N.Y. Islanders	4	Phoenix	0

## Effort key to Hawkeyes' success

Wayne Drehs  
The Daily Iowan

Iowa coach Steve Houghton might not have the Big Ten's most talented or experienced men's tennis team this spring, but he doesn't care.

He's got hard workers.

"I'd much rather what we have now," Houghton said. "We've got guys that are all eager and all hungry and for some reason, haven't had much success in the past. So they are that much eager to prove they can play solid Big Ten tennis."

The Hawkeyes host DePaul today at 4 p.m. at the Recreation Building in their first home match of the season.

Leading Iowa against the Blue Demons and the rest of the spring schedule will be the team's No. 1 player, senior captain Tom Derouin. The Moline, Ill., native earned all Big-Ten honors last sea-

son for the Hawkeyes.

"In the three years that he has been here, Tom has been a very good competitor," Houghton said. "He's going to fight you until the end, but the thing that is tough for him is he is going to face a great player every match conference or non-conference."

Fellow senior Damir Seferovic is Iowa's second most experienced player. The transfer from Southwest Missouri State played in the middle of Iowa's lineup last year and will be expected to step into a bigger role this spring. Both Derouin and Seferovic will be looked upon to make it easier for the younger, less experienced players.

"We don't want the young guys to put unnecessary pressure on themselves," Seferovic said. "We just want them to be comfortable, play their game, and do the best they can."

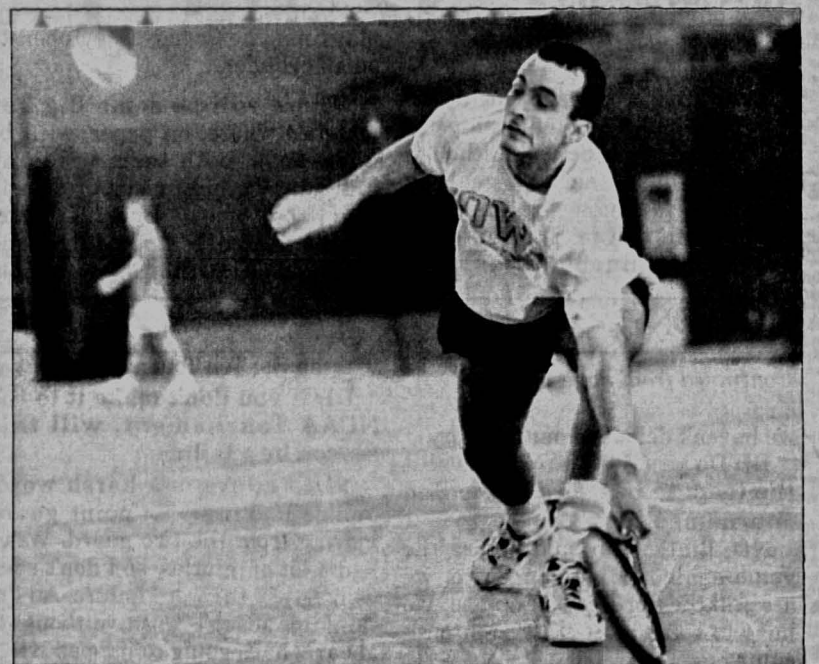
### Men's Tennis

DePaul (3-1) at Iowa (0-1), 4 p.m. at the Iowa Recreation Building

The Hawkeye's success this season will weigh on their performances against top opponents. Sophomore Ulf Jentler, and juniors Ryan Johnstone and Justin Pohn also will move into higher seeds this year.

"It will be the type of year where we will get considerably better as the season goes on," Houghton said. "We may struggle a little bit in terms of getting experience under our belts early."

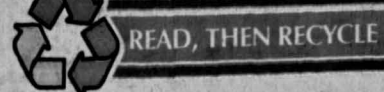
The Hawkeyes have struggled in their first two spring matches. They lost to Northern Illinois 6-1



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Iowa senior and No. 1 player Tom Derouin returns a shot during practice last fall at the Iowa Recreation Building.

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Sports

# The dreams of Fields

**WITE**  
Iowa prep legend tries to overcome personal mistakes to make it to the NBA

By Rick Gano  
Associated Press

ROCKFORD, Ill. — The best times of Ronnie Fields' young life? That's easy. They happen 10 feet above a hardwood floor as he soars effortlessly at the end of a slashing drive, cradling the ball before jamming it through the hoop.

In the high school gyms of Chicago, it was enough to start the talk. The next Michael Jordan maybe. He wore No. 23 and sported a startling array of dunks. Jordan himself once called Fields a "monster talent."

The worst times? That's easy, too. They all happened in the space of seven months:

The night Fields wrecked a coach's rented car, breaking his neck on the eve of the state high school playoffs.

The day last summer he was denied admission to DePaul University and its basketball program because his academic credentials didn't measure up.

The day he pleaded guilty to sexual misconduct against a young woman in a darkened room at a coach's apartment.

"In my situation it takes a man to admit that he has done wrong. I admitted that and I apologize for that and it's time to move on," Fields says. "I learned a lot from this past year."

Fields pleaded guilty to misdemeanor sexual abuse last September and was sentenced to two years' probation and 15 days in a work program. He admitted that, last July, he and two other men took turns having sex in the dark room with a 20-year-old woman who did not realize what was going on.

"I learned a lot from this past year," he says. "1996 was a very negative year for me. I look forward to a better year in 1997. All that other stuff is the past now. So I've put that behind me."

### The Reality of the CBA

Now, on a snowy night, some 80 miles northwest of Chicago, Ronnie Fields is alone on one end of a basketball court, working on his jump shot.

He's a member of the Rockford Lightning, making \$900 a week in the Continental Basketball Association, playing in cities such as LaCrosse, Wis., and Fort Wayne, Ind.

His new town is a mere 90-minute drive from home, where players have million-dollar contracts.

In gritty Rockford, Fields hopes he can make up for what he has lost and rebound to become the

player — the NBA player — he always dreamed of being.

"For sure it's no problem. It's just going to take time," Fields says. "I want to work on things to get to the next level, such as defense and ball handling, all the different type things that it takes to be in the NBA."

The CBA is known as the league of opportunity. Fields, whose 40-inch vertical leap helped him average 33 points and 12 rebounds as a high school senior, must look at it that way.

"If no one was willing to wipe the slate clear with Ronnie, the kid would have been condemned for life at age 19 from mistakes he's already paying for, has paid for and continues to pay for," Lightning coach Mike Mashak said.

"Who are we to say, 'Ronnie, you can't make up for those mistakes, you can't undo the past, therefore we're

not going to give you a chance for the future?'"

Fields' potential, his jumping ability and his creativity are evident, even if he's just a reserve for the Lightning. Last week he won the slam-dunk con-

test at the CBA all-star game.

Marty Blake, the NBA's scouting director, is one of those people Fields must attract. Blake sees hundreds of prospects, many of them who flourish with the benefit of something Fields does not have — college experience.

Fields will need to apply for the NBA draft and hope to get an invitation to a tryout camp.

"Ronnie Fields is a tragedy in the sense that he has probably been his own worst enemy," says Blake, who's been skeptical of Fields' all-around game. "If this kid will toe the mark and make a conscious effort to improve his game, there is no reason we wouldn't invite him."

DePaul coach Joey Meyer, whose team obviously could use a player to make it more competitive, says Fields has time to develop.



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Rockford Lightning's Ronnie Fields slam dunks a shot during the CBA All-Star "Fan Jam" contest Jan. 21 in Yakima, Wash. Fields wants to put past troubles behind him and is hoping the CBA can be a way of pulling himself up.

"Let's look in five years from now and see where he's at," Meyer says. "I certainly hope to God everything works out."

Fields has a feel for his game, understands what it has to offer and realizes that he's only started to grasp its intricacies at a high level of competition.

"Sometimes I look at a basketball and it seems like it's talking to me," he once said. "It seems to be saying, 'Pick me up, take me out.'"

Fields knows if he fails this time, the ball and his chance at success could slip from his fingers forever.

### Ronnie Fields

- CBA Slam Dunk Champion at the All-Star Classic
- Averaged 33 pts., 12 rebounds as a senior at Farragut Academy
- Named 1996 Mr. Basketball for the state of Illinois
- Named Player of the Year in Illinois by the Chicago Tribune and the Chicago Sun-Times
- Named All-American by McDonald's, Parade Magazine, USA Today and Blue Ribbon College Yearbook

### Rockford Lightning Season Statistics

Games Played	13
Minutes Played	161
Field Goals Made	32
Field Goals Attempted	67
Field Goal Percentage	47.8
Points	74
Points Per Game	5.7
Assists	5
Turnovers	5
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Source: Rockford Lightning

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