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Bar owners request review of laws

By Brendan Brown
The Daily Iowan

Iowa City bar owners examined their policies and called for a review of liability laws after a jury found One-Eyed Jake's liable for \$1.3 million in damages last Friday. Under Iowa law, if an establishment serves a person to the point of intoxication or serves someone who already was intoxicated and that person subsequently causes personal or property damage, the establishment can be held liable. The

law requires all bars and restaurants in Iowa also to have "dram shop" insurance. Dave Moore, co-owner of The Field House bar, 111 E. College St., said defending yourself against dram insurance claims usually is an uphill fight. "If it gets to trial, you're usually screwed. You either have to settle out of court or pay a huge amount like (Jake's) is going to have to," Moore said. "It's the only law in America where you're guilty until proven innocent."

"One-Eyed Jake's did not hold this guy down and put a funnel in his mouth and force beers into him. This kid made a mistake, and it's a terrible tragedy. Somebody has to take personal responsibility, and it should be the driver."

Dave Moore, co-owner of The Field House bar

Dram shop insurance is rooted in centuries-old English common law requiring pub owners to assume a certain responsibility for patrons even after they have left the bar. Insurance carriers determine insurance premiums by evaluating the dollar amount of alcohol sold

per year, any past claims made against the establishment and other criteria such as management style and steps taken to reduce risks. One-Eyed Jake's, 18-20 S. Clinton St., was found liable after Jamie Johnson, an Upper Iowa University student, was in the bar on Sept. 2, 1994. Although there are conflicting stories as to the hour he actually left, the latest any account put him in the bar was

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Professors' class time may be regulated

Students argue need for professors to spend more time teaching

By Kelley Chorley
The Daily Iowan

As an Iowa legislator and the Iowa state Board of Regents planned to discuss the lack of time professors spend in the classroom, UI students disagreed about whether standardization would be a positive change.

After releasing statistics last Tuesday that said UI professors on average spend only 4.8 hours a week in the classroom, Rep. Chuck Larson, R-Cedar Rapids, will request that the state Board of Regents set a standard amount of time that professors must teach.

UI sophomore Erin Lyons said he doesn't like Larson's proposal. Lyons is taking five classes this semester, four of which are taught by professors. He said in addition to teaching, research is one of the things for which the UI is known.

"Teaching is one of the most important (things), but it's not the only thing professors do," Lyons said. "So, when you limit them to just teaching or spending time in the classroom, you lose as much as you gain."

But some students said they think professor presence should be the highest priority. The material the professor presents is in a more organized fashion than the Teaching Assistant can present, UI senior J.B. Howell said.

"For what some professors are making, they are not doing enough teaching," Howell said. "I think if the UI does standardize the amount of time professors spend in the class, we would be better off. Professors have more experience than TAs do."

According to the report released by Larson, 135 UI professors out of 619 did not teach at all in the last academic year. Out of those 135, 98 were not working as administrators and were being paid an average of \$59,000 per year, Larson said. Larson said he acquired the data from UI Provost Jon Whitmore.

The report has been criticized by UI officials and professors because it only showed the time professors spend with undergraduates. Also, the contact-hour totals did not include office hours, lab time and student advising.

"I have to admit the report should have included graduate courses that are taught by professors in the university," Larson said. "However, we did get a general picture of what is going on."

Larson said his focus on the UI stems from firsthand experience. He earned an undergraduate degree in economics from the UI in 1992 and returned to the UI for his law degree, which he received in

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Beads, beer toasted at mock Mardi Gras

UI students flock to downtown bar day before Ash Wednesday

By Lydia Livvendahl
The Daily Iowan

Dressed in a long, black dress with glitter make-up and a feather mask in hand, UI junior Mikaela Mokricky sat at a booth at the Deadwood Tuesday night content with the fact she was in Iowa City for Mardi Gras.

"It's great here, you get a chance to dress up and party. This is my day, not fuckin' Valentine's Day."

"I don't hold to any religion, so that stuff doesn't matter to me. However, Fat Tuesday is a great time to party."

UI junior Natalie Bartsch, on the Deadwood's Mardi Gras

she said. "You know, I wouldn't sell my soul to go to New Orleans. I know that sounds crazy, but with this party here I really don't feel

like I'm missing out." For the past five years, the Deadwood, 6 S. Dubuque St., has hosted a Mardi Gras party on Fat Tuesday providing decked-out customers with beads, beer and prizes for the best costumes. Fat Tuesday has developed as a feast before the beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday, which is a traditional time of fasting for Catholics.

Despite Mardi Gras' true meaning, patrons at the Deadwood Tuesday night were more concerned with partying and getting drunk.

UI junior Natalie Bartsch said Mardi Gras is a time to celebrate for everyone, not just those who intend to participate in Lent.

"I don't hold to any religion, so that stuff doesn't matter to me," Bartsch said. "However, Fat Tuesday is a great time to party."

"Yeah, it's great to get to celebrate here in town. Hell, it's Fat Tuesday," said Bartsch's friend, UI sophomore Heather Sanderson.

Dressed up in large wigs and skimpy costumes, Bartsch and Sanderson said they have never been to New Orleans for Mardi Gras. However, they said they weren't missing out on anything.

"After all, you can come here and



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Local residents enjoy Mardi Gras festivities at the celebrated Fat Tuesday with beads, costumes and masks.

have everything, from beads to booze. I guess the only thing you're really missing is the naked people," Sanderson said.

UI senior Michelle Robinson, who went to Mardi Gras last year, said Iowa City and New Orleans celebrate the holiday in similar fashion.

"I've been to Mardi Gras in New

Orleans, and I guess the only big difference is that there's not as many naked people," Robinson said. "That and it's not as crowded."

In half-tops and harem-type costumes, Robinson and her friends were prepared to spend the night as if they were in New Orleans.

"Mardi Gras in New Orleans is

something I'd do once; I just couldn't stand all the people around," Robinson said.

By 9 p.m., the Deadwood was packed and the patrons were ready to participate in a different type of evening.

"After all, how often do you get a chance to dress up and act totally crazy," Mokricky said.

Mardi Gras thrives despite chilly temperatures



NEW ORLEANS (AP) — George Harris described his costume as fishnet, feathers and goose bumps — mostly goose bumps.

"This is a Mardi Gras for the dedicated exhibitionist," Harris said as he shivered in Fat Tuesday's 38-degree sunshine.

The weather kept crowds smaller than usual and coats outnumbered costumes, but the beer flowed freely and the parades rolled in full

cry with masked riders raining beads and trinkets on the revelers in the street.

The big street party, which ranges from family picnics to transvestite beauty pageants, picked up quickly as the sunshine sent the temperatures into the 50s.

"Being the center of attention warms you right up," said Kathy Broussard, 26, of Daytona Beach, Fla., dressed as a harem girl with gauzy pants and plenty of flesh showing.

Belly dancers mingled with popes on Bourbon Street. Four Elvises watched a dozen cockroaches being chased by a giant can of bug spray. A bride with a beard posed for pictures next to a man

wearing a leather G-string and jacket.

Mardi Gras is the final blowout before the somber religious season of Lent. Businesses and schools close, mail goes undelivered and streets are blocked off for what has been called the nation's biggest free party.

"It's the day to eat everything you can, drink what you want and do what you shouldn't," said Madeline Newton, a 53-year-old New Orleans native.

"It's the only chance you have to have beer for breakfast and live out a few fantasies," said Pat Clinton of Atlanta.

She wore a short skirt, bulging top and feather boa — and so did her husband, Tom.

"There are a lot of 6-foot-tall women

around town today," he said. "It's the day for boys to be girls."

Beads were freely bartered for flashes of flesh. Exposing breasts is traditional, but illegal.

"I've seen women of all ages pulling their shirts up," said Mark Jackson of Boston. "This has been a shock for a guy who lived a sheltered life up until now."

Amid the revelry, small groups preached against sin and carried signs warning revelers of the sins of Mardi Gras.

Said John Jones of Birmingham, Ala.: "Instead of beads, breasts and booze, they should be shouting Bible, Bible, Bible."

Weightless Wednesday aims to boost self-esteem

By Laura Heinauer
The Daily Iowan

No more tabulating fat grams, calculating calories or drinking those chalky diet milkshakes. Even if Fat Tuesday is over, the National Organization for Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention says you still have one more day to live it up.

Weightless Wednesday is today, food lovers one more care-free day to forget about dieting as part of National Eating Disorder Week.

UI students can participate by not obsessing about diets, body image, weight or eating. Educational packets also will be available at Student Health Service and distributed by Resident Assistants.

Julie Gallagher, vice president of Student Health Service, said many students go on diets to improve their self-esteem. Often, individuals with eating disorders suffer severe body-image distortion and are obsessed with their weight, she said.

"We want people to get away from the dieting mentality," Gallagher said. "We're taking an educational approach and allowing our network to grow so we can reach more people."

UI sophomore Nicole Rowley said many students diet because they are concerned with their physical appearance and they want to feel good about themselves.

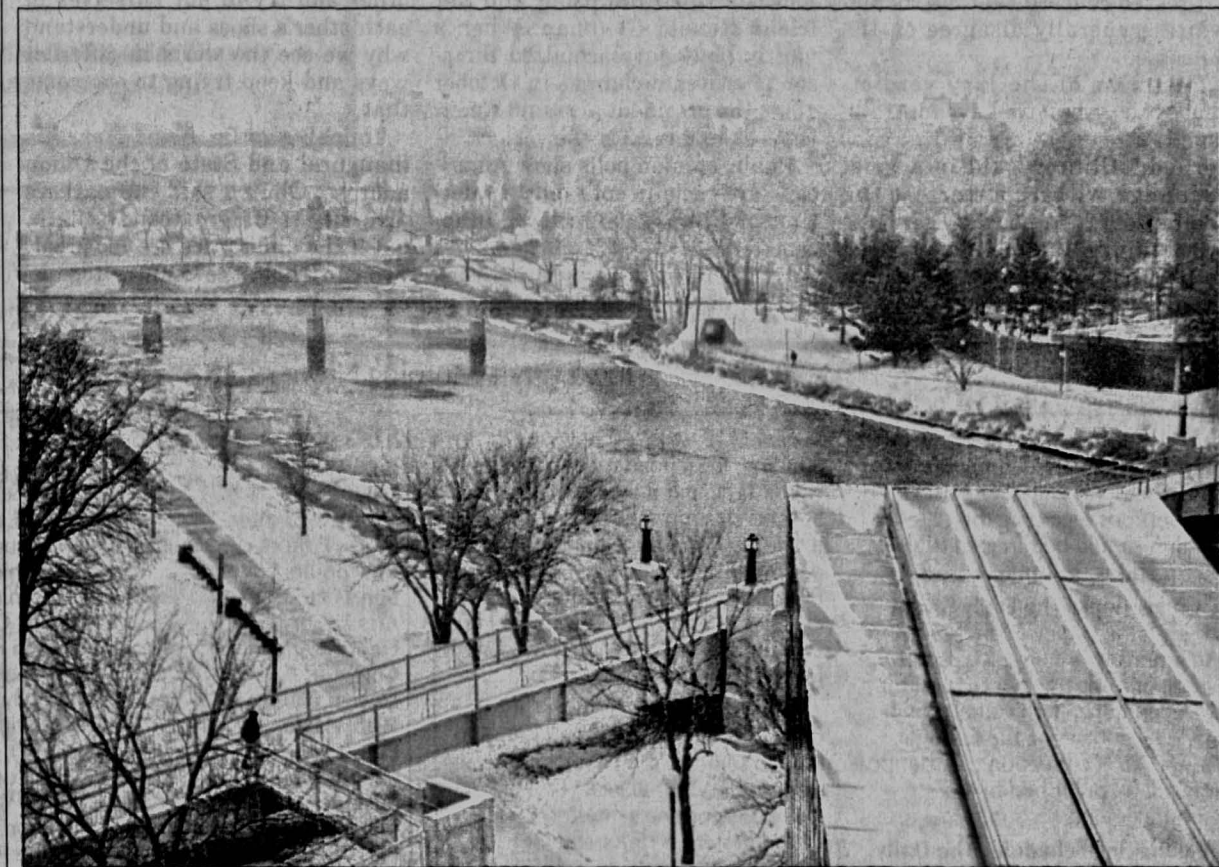
"(Weightless Wednesday) is a good idea," Rowley said. "You always hear so much about dieting and eating. This can help people with that kind of problem feel better about themselves and let them know that they are not alone."

Arnold Andersen, a professor of psychology in the UI College of Medicine, said food deprivation and low-calorie dieting has many serious consequences. About 95 percent of individuals with cases of eating disorders report the disorder started because of restrictive dieting.

UI freshman Melissa Varghese said many students are obsessed

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A roof with a view



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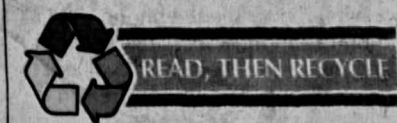
The view from atop of the Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories is enhanced by the light dusting of snow. Iowa City received Tuesday afternoon, prompting increased Cambus use as an alternative to walking.

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People in the News

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Thousands turn out for part in Costner's new film

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The casting call for Kevin Costner's latest movie proves he has thousands of baldheaded fans.

Nearly 5,000 people — many of them with shaved heads — answered the call for parts as extras in Costner's new science-fiction thriller, "The Postman."

Hoping to achieve a futuristic feel, producers were looking not only for men with the hairless look, but fresh-faced teens and horseback riders in their 20s. About 1,000 extras will be chosen.

"The Postman," in which Costner directs and stars, is scheduled to begin filming next month.

Robert Ulrich plans return to TV later this month

NEW YORK (AP) — Fresh from his own battle with cancer, Robert Ulrich will return to television later this month as host of a new medical series.

"Vital Signs," which premieres Feb. 27 on ABC, features doctors and patients in "vivid re-enactments" of medical crises they have faced.

Ulrich underwent surgery in

November for synovial sarcoma, a rare form of cancer that attacks the joints and can spread to the lungs.

The veteran television actor is best known for playing detectives in "Spenser: For Hire" and "Vegas." He also starred in the syndicated Western, "The Lazarus Man," which halted production because of his illness.

Robert Downey Jr. happy to be clean and sober

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Robert Downey Jr. is happy to be sober and working again.

The Oscar-nominated actor, who spent months in jail and rehab for drug abuse last year, showed up at a cast party in New York on Sunday for the just-finished film "Two Girls and a Guy."

"New York has certainly been a welcome change of pace for me," Downey, 31, told USA Today.

Downey next heads to Los Angeles to visit his wife, Deborah Falconer, who recently reconciled with him. He then is scheduled to go on location in Georgia to make "The Gingerbread Man," which co-stars Kenneth Branagh.

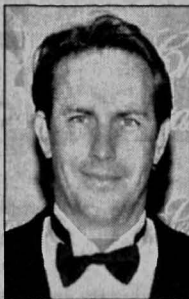
Yankees pitcher hopes to take on Babe Ruth's number

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Yankees pitcher David Wells wants to show how much he loves Babe Ruth by wearing the Hall of Fame slugger's retired number.

"Hopefully, they will give me No. 3, but that's not going to happen," Wells, a collector of Ruth memorabilia, told the New York Post.

Wells, who left the Baltimore Orioles to sign a three-year, \$13.5 million contract with the Yankees, grew up in San Diego idolizing Ruth and even wrote a grade-school paper about his hero.

"I asked for 03 and they wouldn't do that," Wells said. "I'm hoping Mr. (Charlie) Hayes will give up No. 33. That way, I can be Babe Ruth twice over."



Costner



Ulrich

Simpson: 'This is far from over'

By Linda Deutsch
Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — O.J. Simpson declared "this is far from over" Tuesday as the focus in his civil case shifted to how the football great might fend off a crushing \$33.5 million jury award.

In a brief telephone conversation with the AP, Simpson declined to discuss his next move in court or in life, saying: "I don't want to join in this circus atmosphere that's out there at this time."

"It would be premature for me to say anything now," he said. "Obviously, I have feelings. But this is far from over."

Later Tuesday, he went to a local golf course and played 18 holes.

Simpson has played golf nearly every day since a jury unanimously ruled him liable and ordered him to pay \$8.5 million in the 1994 slaying deaths of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. He even watched TV coverage of Tuesday's \$25 million punitive judgment against him from a golf course bar.

While Simpson played, his chief lawyer, Robert Baker, also kept his silence about how he will fight the combined \$33.5 million award — which is more than twice as much as even Simpson's accusers say he could ever pay.

Within two weeks, Baker is expected to ask Superior Court Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki to set aside the verdict, order a new trial or reduce the award as excessive.

"The amounts are obviously very high and I would expect the courts to reduce those amounts to something more within the scope of other cases like this," Simpson lawyer

Robert Blasier said on NBC's "Today Show."

Asked if Simpson would be able to pay the judgment, Blasier said: "I've been basically living with him for the last year, off and on, and I can tell you that the plaintiff experts who say that he can generate an income stream of \$2 million to \$3 million a year ... on autographs, is just ridiculous."

The jurors went from talk show to talk show all day and said it was the Bruno Magli shoes, the blood drops, the glove, the hand cuts and Simpson's failure to explain them all away that were the deciding factors in the verdict. They all insisted race played no role in their decisions.

"What it was, was about two brutal murders that took place," said Stephen Strati, foreman for the punitive-damage phase of the trial.

Simpson could file for bankruptcy immediately and stave off paying any judgments for perhaps as long as a year. Although bankruptcy would not free him of the debt, it would put the Goldman and Brown families in line behind other creditors for collecting their money.

To protect his assets from being seized while he appeals, Simpson will have to post a bond equal to 150 percent of the damages — \$50.25 million — or find a bail bondsman willing to post it with collateral of 5 percent to 10 percent.

The value of a bankruptcy or bond is delay.

"It's just postponing the day of reckoning," civil lawyer Douglas Mirell said. "For him, that may have value. There may be creative ways of further protecting his assets in the interim."

As for the plaintiffs, lawyers for



Rene Macura/Associated Press

O.J. Simpson (right) and an unidentified golfing partner watch a drive by Simpson at the Rancho Park Golf Course in Los Angeles Tuesday.

Goldman's long-divorced parents, Fred Goldman and Sharon Rufo, will meet to work out an agreement on how to split the \$8.5 million in compensatory damages.

On appeal, Simpson could raise issues of alleged jury misconduct based on the dismissal of a black juror during deliberations and on calls received by members of the jury from an agent offering to represent them at trial's end.

But the chance that Fujisaki will grant Simpson a new trial is remote, Loyola University associate dean Laurie Levenson said.

"For a new trial, he has to show error that materially prejudiced the proceedings," she said.

Jesse Jackson freed after being arrested for disorderly conduct during protest

By Debra Hale
Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Rev. Jesse Jackson spent the night in jail by his own choosing after leading a protest against a company that is a member of his civil-rights coalition.

Jackson was arrested on a disorderly conduct charge Monday while trying to block access to a construction site supervised by a white-owned company that ended a contract with a black trucking company. Two other protesters also were arrested.

Jackson was released the morning without having to post bail. Monday night, he had turned down a judge's offer to be released without bail, telling the judge he was fighting "for workers seeking an honorable day of work." But the two other protesters did choose to go free Monday.

Jackson asked for a jury trial, which was scheduled for April 1. He was charged with a misdemeanor that is punishable by up to 30 days in jail and a \$500 fine. The courtroom was packed with cheering supporters, and as Jackson left the court, horns blared as at least a dozen trucks lined up outside.

Earlier Tuesday, about 50 protesters gathered at the construction site, a parking garage being built for the Museum of Science and Industry. Some held signs reading "Keep hope alive" and "We want our fair share."

Keith Henry said he was there to



Michael Conroy/Associated Press

The Rev. Jesse Jackson addresses a news conference at Fellowship M.B. Church in Chicago Tuesday, after spending the night in jail on a disorderly conduct charge.

join in the fight for "justice and opportunity for African-Americans and for human beings in general."

After a police officer announced that work was halted for the day, the group left with plans to go to the contractor's offices. It was not immediately clear who made the decision to stop work.

Stephanie Gadin, a spokesperson for Jackson's Rainbow-PUSH Coalition, called the shutdown "a victory. That's what we wanted." But Jackson noted that the matter has not been resolved and said he

would try to negotiate with the company.

The general contractor, Paul Schwendener Inc., denied a racial motive in its decision to end the subcontract with Carter's Excavating & Grading, saying Carter's didn't properly perform its contract obligations.

Company president Michael Schwendener said his company is a business member of the Rainbow-PUSH coalition and strongly supports minority and female participation in the work force.

Clinton: Simpson verdict reflects system

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans should respect the O.J. Simpson jury verdict, President Clinton said Tuesday, though he expressed concern that blacks and whites generally disagree on the outcome.

"It terms of the jury verdict, that's the system we have in America. It's over as far as I'm concerned," Clinton said in a brief exchange with reporters at the White House. "We need to get on to other things. But we always need to be working on how to bridge these divides between us."

A mostly white jury decided Monday to impose a \$25 million punishment on the former football star for the death of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Goldman. When a mostly black jury acquitted Simpson of criminal charges in October 1995, the president also said Americans should respect the verdict.

Public opinion polls show Americans are racially split on the question of Simpson's guilt or innocence.

"In terms of the way Americans see the world differently, generally,

based on their race, that troubles me," Clinton said Tuesday. "I think the only answer to that is for us to spend more time listening to each other and try to put ourselves in each other's shoes and understand why we see the world in different ways and keep trying to overcome that."

Touching on a theme from his inaugural and State of the Union address, Clinton said the nation's diversity is its greatest strength, but if the differences are too great, "we can't hold the country together."

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Children in Hawkeye Court may switch schools

By Scott Lester
The Daily Iowan

Elementary-school students who live in Hawkeye Court Apartments most likely will move from Weber to Coralville Central, the Iowa City School Board announced at the monthly meeting Tuesday night.

School Board President George Matheson said Scenario T meets the criteria of the board and the parents suggested the board no longer explore all of the scenarios.

However, no final vote was made. "The board's intent is to keep the children of Hawkeye Court together," Matheson said. "We must work on moving Hawkeye Court, as a whole, while taking the concerns of Coralville Central."

The issue over boundary changes arose due to the overcrowding at Weber Elementary School, 3850 Rohret Road. Last year, the board delayed making a final decision on the boundary changes, in order to look at all of the possibilities and

take input from the problem. The board plans to make a final decision before May 1.

The main concern was to keep the children of Hawkeye Court together. Jeff Houke, a Hawkeye Court resident, said the parents became very involved to provide input and help the school board make a decision.

He said any scenario that keeps the children together will be supported heavily.

"Our first goal is to get a long-

term solution, and a similar goal is to keep all the kids together," Houke said.

This will not be the first move students in Hawkeye Court will have to make. In 1994, the students were moved to Weber from Coralville Central. Now, Scenario T plans to move the students back to Coralville Central.

Houke said the move to Coralville Central is most favorable because it is a community school in walkable distance.

City Council will discuss Shaw shooting with public

By Renee Bovy
The Daily Iowan

The public will have an opportunity to question city councilors about issues surrounding the Eric Shaw shooting at a special council work session Feb. 19.

The City Council discussed the format for the public discussion surrounding the Shaw case and police policies and procedures at Tuesday's meeting. The council agreed it will require those who wish to speak to sign in ahead of time, and the discussion should be question-oriented.

"I'm not expecting rhetoric; I'm

not expecting speeches," Iowa City Mayor Naomi Novick said.

In additional business, a public hearing was held to discuss designating the East College Street district and the College Green Historic District as an Historic Preservation Zone. The council heard arguments from area residents who are in favor of the rezoning and want to discourage further commercial developments in their neighborhoods.

However, area property owner and landlord Greg Schott said the rezoning of the districts as an historical area would limit his ability to make changes to his properties.

News Briefs

UI awarded with \$30,000 grant for minority student program

The GTE Foundation has awarded the UI with a \$30,000 grant for a program by the UI's Opportunity of Iowa to encourage eighth through 11th grade minority students to study mathematics, science and engineering in college.

The grant will be used to fund "PIVOT: Powerful Innovations= Vision+Opportunity+Technology,"

which will be held over the course of two summers and during the academic year of 1997-98.

The students will have the opportunity to use technological equipment through the UI and have the opportunity to meet professional scientists, mathematicians, engineers and technology information specialists.

The grant will officially be awarded to UI President Mary Sue Coleman this Thursday.

— Chris Gardner

ICPD investigates burglaries at Iowa City businesses

Two burglaries of Iowa City establishments that occurred early in the morning on Feb. 10 are being investigated by the Iowa City Police Department.

An alarm sounded at Lench & Cilek True Value Hardware, 130 S. Dubuque St., at 12:51 a.m. after a break-in entry resulted in the loss of a small amount of cash.

A second burglar alarm went off at 4:18 a.m. when two large win-

dows on the west side of Old Capitol Mall were smashed. Jewelry cases and windows were broken at Page Jewelers and assorted jewelry was stolen. An inventory is taking place to determine the exact amount of the loss.

ICPD officials said they have descriptions of two male suspects wearing dark, hooded jackets. They may be driving a black, two-door vehicle with unidentified license plates.

— Jennifer Cassell

LEGAL MATTERS & CALENDAR

POLICE

Lance T. Sheldon, 19, 725 Emerald St., Apt. E9, was charged with keeping a disorderly house at 725 Emerald St., Apt. E9, on Feb. 11 at 2:27 a.m.

Michael S. Wilson, 20, 922 E. College St., Apt. D1, was charged with operating while intoxicated (second offense) in the 100 block of North Dubuque Street on Feb. 11 at 3:11 a.m.

Steve E. Applegate, 46, 412 Plum St., was charged with a violation of domestic abuse protection order at 1412 Plum St. on Feb. 6 and 10.

Stephen C. Smith, 43, 2402 Bartlett Road, Apt. 2A, was charged with possession of a schedule I controlled substance and driving under suspension at the corner of Kirkwood Avenue and Gilbert Street on Feb. 10 at 10:09 p.m.

Dena M. Lopez, 20, 729 Michael St., Apt. 77, was charged with driving under suspension at the corner of Riverside Court and Riverside Drive on Feb. 10 at 5:36 p.m.

Beth A. Miner, 34, 4514 Melrose Ave., was charged with fifth-degree theft at 22 S. Van Buren St. on Feb. 10 at 3:11 p.m.

Dana B. Molen, 28, Williamsburg, Iowa, was charged with possession of a schedule I controlled substance, operating while intoxicated (second offense) and interference with official acts on Highway 1 on Feb. 10 at 4:59 p.m.

Justin S. Tinkle, North Liberty, was charged with criminal mischief at 119 E. Davenport St. on Feb. 10 at 9:15 p.m.

Ronald S. Bowers, 19, Coralville, was charged with harassment on South Gilbert Street on Feb. 10 at 3:35 p.m.

Harold J. Manchester, 71, 1701 Scott Blvd., Apt. 31, was charged with fifth-degree theft at Hy-Vee Food Store, First and Rochester avenues on Feb. 10 at 12:55 p.m.

— Compiled by Jennifer Cassell

COURTS

District

Public intoxication — Zachary D. Rowray, 909 E. Burlington St., Apt. 2, fined \$90.

Keeping a disorderly house — Lance T. Sheldon, 725 Emerald St., Apt. E9, fined \$90.

The above fines do not include surcharges or court costs.

Magistrate

OWI — Michael S. Nelson, 922 E. College St., Apt. D1, preliminary hearing scheduled for Feb. 28 at 2 p.m.; Dana B. Molen (second offense), Williamsburg, Iowa, preliminary hearing scheduled for Feb. 28 at 2 p.m.

Driving under suspension — Todd R. Carter, North Liberty, preliminary hearing scheduled for Feb. 28 at 2 p.m.; Stephen C. Smith, 2402 Bartlett Road, Apt. 2A, preliminary hearing scheduled for Feb. 28 at 2 p.m.; Dena M. Lopez, 729 Michael St., Apt. 77, preliminary hearing scheduled for Feb. 28 at 2 p.m.; Angela D. Chay Escobar, address unknown, preliminary hearing scheduled for Feb. 28 at 2 p.m.

Possession of a schedule I controlled substance — Todd R. Carter, North Liberty, preliminary hearing scheduled for Feb. 28 at 2 p.m.; Stephen C. Smith, 2402 Bartlett Road, Apt. 2A, preliminary hearing scheduled for Feb. 28 at 2 p.m.; Dana B. Molen, Williamsburg, Iowa, preliminary hearing scheduled for Feb. 28 at 2 p.m.

University Counseling Service will hold a discussion titled "Cognitive-Behavioral Strategies for Dealing with Anxiety" at University Counseling Service, Room 330 of Westlawn, from 3:30-5 p.m.

Interference with official acts — Dana B. Molen, Williamsburg, Iowa, preliminary hearing scheduled for Feb. 28 at 2 p.m.

— Compiled by Brendan Brown

TODAY'S EVENTS

Amnesty International will meet in the Northwestern Room of the Union at 7:30 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.

United Methodist Campus Ministry will hold a Spiritual Growth Group for women at the Wesley Foundation, 120 N. Dubuque St., at 5:30 p.m.

Iowa City Area Christian Women's Club will sponsor a luncheon, sweatshirt style show, live music and a speaker at the Westfield Inn, I-80 Exit 240, at 12:15 p.m.

Iowa City Music Study Club will meet at 715 S. Summit St. at 1 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Chapel & University Student Center will hold an Ash Wednesday Communion Service with Imposition of Ashes at 404 E. Jefferson St. at 6:30 p.m.

Iowa City Catholic Community will hold Ash Wednesday Liturgies at the following locations and times: St. Thomas More Church, 405 N. Riverside Drive, at 5:15 p.m.; St. Wenceslaus Church, 618 E. Davenport St., at 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.; St. Mary's Church, 302 E. Jefferson St., at 7 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7 p.m.; the Newman Catholic Student Center, 104 E. Jefferson St., at 11:30 a.m., 5:15 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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Proposal to make English official state language clears committee

By Mary Neubauer
Associated Press

DES MOINES — A proposal to make English the "common language" of Iowa won approval Tuesday from a Senate committee.

Sen. Steve King, R-Kiron, sponsored the plan, saying he sees it as a way to include everyone in society.

The Senate State Government

Committee voted 11-4 for the bill after debating whether it would make people feel included or excluded in Iowa.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Gronstal, D-Council Bluffs, said the plan sends the message that legal immigrants aren't wanted in Iowa.

"I think it's a mistake," he said. "It hangs out an 'unwelcome mat' for those people."

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Viewpoints

Quotable "I think the Oscars are cool, but the voting process is kind of flawed because Academy members have all these preconceptions, like what constitutes good editing, for example. A lot of them probably hold grudges, and that affects the way they vote."
 UI freshman **Zach Crittendon**, who is related to a few Academy members, on the Academy Awards

The long, rich history of Mardi Gras

Last Friday, Brian Decoster, owner of the Magic Bus, brought a group of friends, their friends and their friends' friends on a trip to his house, 12 blocks from the French Quarter in New Orleans — the popular streets for celebrating Mardi Gras.

For Decoster, who is on his ninth year at Mardi Gras, it's like a giant party where old friends come together. Decoster said, "It's just good friends having a good time!"

But Mardi Gras is more than that. A celebration that originated with the French, it was first celebrated in New Orleans in 1699, but the traditional parading did not begin until 1857. It is known as, "One of the best-known annual celebrations with religious roots," according to "Compton Encyclopedia's" section on festivals and holidays.

Mardi Gras begins Jan. 6 during the feast of Epiphany and has a variety of festivities, celebrations and traditions that are held in the weeks that follow. Many of the events can range from black-tie/evening-gown balls to "Gumbo Parties" held in the back yards of Louisianians.



Amy Valdez

Its religious roots originate from the Roman Catholic traditions of Lent. Mardi Gras, meaning "Fat Tuesday" in French, marks the day before Lent season begins — Ash Wednesday. It is a time for celebration, and indulgence in all the bad things one must give up during the Lent season.

Traditionally, Roman Catholics are required to give up something or abstain from something for 40 days, representing the 40 days Christ fasted in the desert. Many Catholics are supposed to give up things they enjoy like alcohol, chocolate and for some — even sex.

Most tourists who attend Mardi Gras don't even know what it's about. To them, it's a big drunken fest for party people to come together and indulge in things like alcohol, sex, music and dancing. Seth Morgan, an Iowa City resident going on the Magic Bus tour, said he is going for the "Good food, good drinks and good weather!", all which he should find in New Orleans.

Having lived in Louisiana for three years, I know firsthand that the entire state celebrates the festive Mardi Gras. People go wild with the excuse that, "It's Mardi Gras! We can do this!" Conservative businessmen throw on short shirts and respond accordingly when someone yells, "Show me your tits!" Men do the same — with different parts of their anatomy.

Beads are hurled out into the crowd, along with cups and teddy bears and yes, even underwear. I had to beg to get my own pair of genuine Mardi Gras panties from a stranger. The floats are extravagant and big, ranging from women dressed in headgear fit for Vegas showgirls to giant plaster kings and queens.

Many of the other popular dimensions of Mardi Gras are the masks and the "King Cakes," a colorful cake decorated in the official colors (purple, gold and green), with either a tiny plastic baby or a colorful gold bead in it. Whoever gets the prize, without swallowing it, brings the cake next year.

Some people call Mardi Gras a "giant orgy." Although it may contribute to a few sinful pleasures, that doesn't make it a completely sexual event. I believe Mardi Gras is releasing human nature. Deep inside every person there is a wild side, a side that just wants to let loose and be free — to be proud of your body, free to dance in the streets and free to do just about anything you want to do, like really party.

Mardi Gras is more than just a few days of pure pleasure and fun. Still, for most people who attend, the pleasure is that you get the chance to relax and kick back, drink a beer and love life. Then, after your splurge in sinful fun, you hit the grindstone and mourn the death of your wild side by fasting and abstaining for 40 days.

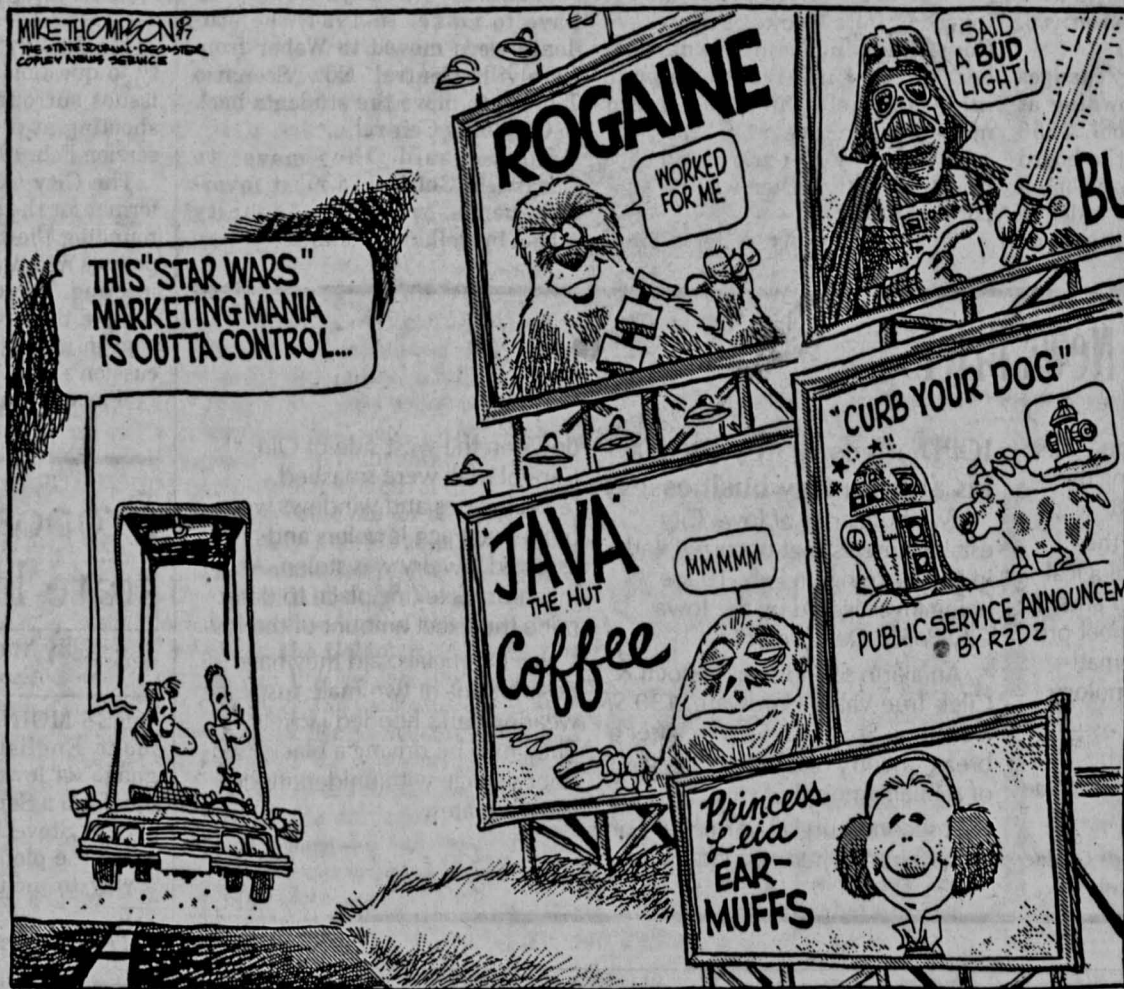
You get to begin the process once again about 360 days later.

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

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Dance Marathon brings hope

Every day is a prime day for philanthropy. But this weekend, the giving was a two-way street.

This year, Dance Marathon raised approximately \$106,000 for families with children who have cancer. It is such a noble cause that does so much good for people in need that it has grown exponentially since its inception three years ago. In the initial year, the number of family members made a single line across the stage. This year, families were lined up four deep to show their support for the dancers who gave up their weekend to shake their rump for 30 hours.

It was a rough ride. Thoughts of dropping out crossed many a mind, thoughts that were squashed by enthusiastic morale captains, letters of encouragement and three candles lit to represent three children who had attended past Dance Marathons who had died.

Children, bald due to their therapy, were roller skating, throwing footballs around and having fun. It was their time in the sun.

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There were children in remission, and others who had overcome their ailments altogether. These people served as the hope and inspiration for others who were currently fighting for their lives. No one looked sad...

Until the marathon came to an end and the dancers had a double dose of the reasons they were there. They saw a picture of a child who had died due to complications with cancer. They saw a child in a wheelchair who had a brain tumor that ended his hope of living a normal life. They saw parents giving advice to dancers: Do whatever good you possibly can in this world,

because it really does make a difference. They saw mothers unable to choke back tears of gratitude and fathers speaking with quivering voices.

The students saw the joy they brought to families' lives too often filled with sorrow.

Lastly, a Billy Dean song that characterized children with cancer, titled "Once in a While," played as participants swayed in unison.

And students cried. And parents cried.

A quote by Pope John Paul II accurately depicts Dance Marathon: "We began by imagining that we are giving to them; we end by realizing that they have enriched us."

Let the UI students who took part in Dance Marathon never forget what they experienced in those 30 hours.

Craig Stevens is an editorial writer and a UI junior.



What is the most romantic thing that has ever happened to you?



"My ex-girlfriend left a rose on my car in the parking ramp."
Josh Young
 UI sophomore



"The day I met my husband at a stop sign."
Tiffany Olswold
 UI sophomore



"Someone made me a big fancy Valentine's Day dinner."
Justin Weis
 UI freshman



"After seeing 'Romeo and Juliet,' I surprised my boyfriend by going to his house and waking him up."
Jill Faine
 UI freshman



"I had sex with someone in castle ruins in Germany."
Ron Gabaldon
 UI junior

Affirmative action is a flawed idea

After the passage of Proposition 209 in California, affirmative-action programs are teetering on the edge of a cliff. The ultimate decision now rests with the Supreme Court.

Most conservatives tend to oppose affirmative action, for a wide variety of reasons. Ex-Klansman David Duke has fought it for years because it doesn't fit in with his National Advancement for White People program. The "Bell Curve" crowd argues blacks are "genetically inferior"; therefore, we should cut off their welfare benefits and discriminate against them. During his 1996 senate race, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., placed incendiary race-baiting attack ads against his black opponent, saying he only succeeded in life because he abused affirmative action.

Not all have this sort of attitude, however. There are conservatives who argue, quite reasonably, for a colorblind society, the original goal of the civil-rights movement. There are other reasons to oppose affirmative action as well.

Three decades ago, President Lyndon Johnson said, "Freedom is not enough. You do not take a person who for years has been hobbled by chains and liberate him, bring him to the starting line and then say 'You are free to compete with the others,' and still justly believe you have been completely fair."

This may sound like a defense of affirmative action, but Johnson actually opposed it. He continued, "We are not going to solve this problem by promoting minorities. That philosophy is merely another way of freezing the minority-group status system in perpetuity." The facts bear Johnson out. After almost three decades of affirmative action, the ratio of poor blacks to the total black population, about a third, has remained constant.

What needs to happen is genuine socioeconomic improvement. If racism were to disappear, racial stratification would still exist along class lines. Sociologists call this "institutionalized racism." Through no fault of their own, poor families produce more poor families. Low-quality schools in poor neighborhoods make a myth out of a "level playing field." This affects people of all races.

With only a few exceptions, affirmative action does not help underclass people. Middle- and upper-class minorities and white women benefit, the very people who need it least. For example, at the University of California at Berkeley in 1989, the median family income of Mexican-American students was higher than the median family income of all Americans, regardless of race. It is virtually impossible for poor people of any race to compete with the multiethnic middle class. Affirmative action simply solidifies and perpetuates class stratification, making inner-city underclass ghettos all the more dangerous.

American civil-rights leader Bayard Rustin writes, "Segregation by race was now added segregation by class, and all the problems associated with segregation and poverty — inadequate schooling, substandard and overall crowded housing, lack of access to jobs and job training, narcotics and crime — were greatly exaggerated."

The civil-rights movement failed. It may have dismantled white supremacy, but it replaced it with ineffective and destructive tokenism. In order to have been truly successful, it should have developed programs for employment, the eradication of ghettos and a fair federal-level education system.

Rustin continues, "They cry for bread and are offered political cake."

Affirmative action, of course, is much cheaper than what really needs to be done. But it could continue for decades and still not achieve its goals. Class segregation and ethnic strife, however, would continue to rise.

Current studies show teen-agers are more racist than their parents. While there are certainly a wide variety of reasons for this, affirmative action no doubt has stirred up hostility. Consider this statement from a University of Wisconsin at Madison administrator: "All minority students who are capable of success at Madison are admitted. White applicants then compete for the remaining places. Many white applicants who could succeed are rejected." If you raise a white kid to "treat everyone equally," and he or she runs smack into a policy like that, how do you expect him or her to react?

Labor unions have suffered perilously. Black white workers are pitted against each other, making it more difficult for them to organize and easier for politicians and bosses to bust them. Union workers have been divided and conquered. In 15 years, the unionized labor force has dropped from 30 percent to 12 percent. Class and worker unity has been replaced with identity politics.

Affirmative action should be dismantled and replaced with colorblind, real equal-opportunity egalitarianism. As it is, our inexpensive copout has left us with increased ethnic warfare, increased class stratification and multicultural poverty.

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

Viewpoints

You can take your opinion and ...

The Daily Iowan invites readers and members of the UI and Iowa City communities to submit guest opinions for print on the Viewpoints Pages. Guest opinions should address current topics and will be selected for print by the Viewpoints Editor. Submissions should not exceed 750 words in length and should include a short biography of the author, the author's signature and the author's phone number. The author also should be available to have his/her picture taken by the DI staff for print with his/her guest opinion. Submissions will be edited for length, style and clarity. All submissions will be read and considered.



Valentine's Day: A tragedy in poems

The beginnings of the holiday for lovers were simple enough. History books tell us in the third century AD the Roman emperor Claudius issued a decree forbidding his people to marry. It seems he felt the first loyalty of all men be reserved for Rome, and to be married would distract them from their duties as obedient soldiers.

One man, a bishop, refused to observe the emperor's decree and performed secret marriages for young lovers in his church. This courageous bishop, known later as Saint Valentine, was soon imprisoned by the angry emperor. While awaiting his execution, Saint Valentine became enamored of his jailer's daughter and amused himself by cutting paper devices on which he wrote poetic verses and assurances of love. According to legend, the last of these he concluded with the words "Your Valentine" shortly before he was executed on the morning of Feb. 14.

From its tragic beginning, the legacy of Saint Valentine has grown in stature and importance as it is celebrated through the centuries. Much of this growth has come at the hands of poets, often forlorn and always smitten, from which sprang heartfelt verses for the person they wanted most.

Take, for example, the verse written by Duke Charles of Orleans while imprisoned in the Tower of London in 1415. To the reluctant target of his affection he wrote:

*Wilt thou be mine? Dear love, reply,
Sweetly consent, or else deny;
Whisper softly, none shall know,
Wilt thou be mine, love? Ay or no?
Spite of Fortune, we may be
Happy by one word from thee:
Life flies swiftly - ere it go,
Wilt thou be mine, love? Ay or no?*

Far from being solely for potential lovers, valentines are also for perennial partners. An anonymous woman penned this valen-

time for her husband in the 19th century:

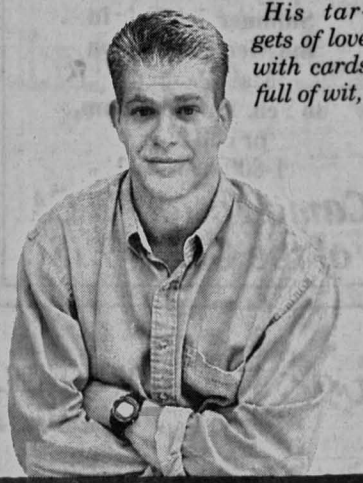
*The sun that gilds the gladson
The flowers that deck the grave
The birds that fill the trees with mirth,
All speak to me of love.
The meanest creatures all give life,
In some way show their love;
But faithful love of man and wife,
Is shown in realms above.*

The time has arrived for cupid to hit

His targets of love with cards full of wit,

But if nothing you send
Her heart will not mend,
And you surely will be in deep shit.

Clint McCord's column normally appears alternate Mondays on the Viewpoints Pages.



Clint McCord

In the grand tradition of romantic poetry, I would like to finish with an offering of my own. It was written for anyone with good intentions who has ever been snared in the Valentine's Day web of chocolates, flowers and Hallmark greeting cards:

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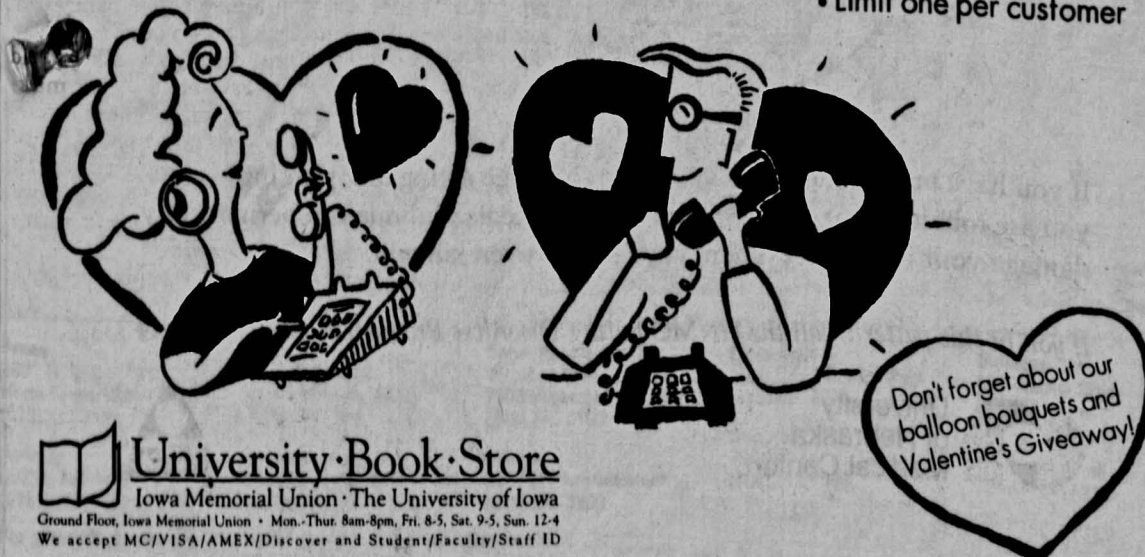


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Address-reading computer arrives in post offices

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press

MERRIFIELD, Va. — Amid the cutesy hearts and lipstick prints, there's a flowery address on that Valentine card that a mail-sorting machine would love to read.

Yes, computers are being taught to read handwritten mail. Even the hard-to-sort stuff of Valentine's Day.

Already in 34 cities, the computer software will help read handwritten addresses penned on many of the 30 million valentines expected to be mailed this year.

The Remote Computer Reader likes numbers written in third-grade, block style. But the computer finds it easier to read cursive — as long as it's not too showy. And no Old English, thank you.

The reader's memory is somewhere inside a blue box of computer circuit boards in an out-of-the-way, gray room at the Postal Service's Engineering and Development Center in suburban Virginia.

About \$6 million already has been spent to get the Remote Control Reader up and running in the 34 cities. By the end of the year, the software will be at all 254 of the post office's main processing sites, sorting nearly one-quarter of the esti-

mated 8 billion pieces of handwritten mail that move through the Postal Service every year, program manager Al Lawson said.

Right now, it reads 10 percent to 14 percent, although it correctly sorted four of 20 test letters penned by employees of the AP — a 20 percent success rate.

Tom Fahey, communications director for the American Postal Workers Union, said the new technology could mean the loss of jobs in upcoming years. But he said the workers might be needed for other postal work by the time the system is perfected.

That's Stanley Turk's job. The systems analyst plopped down in front of a color computer monitor and called up a fictional test letter addressed to: John Johnson on Saddle Notch Drive in Loveland, Colo., 80537.

Sloppy writing caused instant problems.

The first two digits of the ZIP code ran together. Also, the sender wrote an oversized, European-style No. 7 — one with a horizontal slash

through its vertical line.

Turk said the machines are programmed to filter out other things, too, like postmarks, stamps, logos — even "Ed McMahon staring you in the face saying you've already won."

In a half-second, the computer goes through an extensive checklist, gaining confidence at each step about sending a letter to a certain destination.

First, it searches for the address. Then, it breaks it into units of information like the post office box number or ZIP code.

Next, the computer looks for a

five-digit ZIP, comparing each number with ones etched in its memory.

Then, instead of trying to identify the street name, it tries to decipher the street number.

The next step is a bit tricky. The computer traces the handwritten street name, keeping track of how many times upstrokes become downstrokes; downstrokes become upstrokes. It approximates the number of characters; then, it tries to find an address match on the list.

"If it's too close to call," Turk said, "the computer says: 'Let an operator key it.'"



Eric Risberg/Associated Press

Wendy Pulling (left), a Natural Resources Defense Council attorney, and Karen Garrison, an NRDC analyst, answer questions about a report called "Hook, Line and Sinking: The Crisis in Marine Fisheries" at a news conference in San Francisco Tuesday.

Council report claims fish levels are in peril

By Eun-Kyung Kim
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Increasing demand for popular seafood is prompting an environmental group to warn that the catch of the day may become the memory of tomorrow.

Swordfish, red snapper, Atlantic cod and shrimp from the Gulf of Mexico are disappearing from oceans at a rate faster than they can be replaced, according to a report released Tuesday by the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Black Sea bass and Atlantic sea scallops also are at risk, while sturgeon, which produces caviar, is in danger of becoming extinct, according to the report.

One industry official, however, said the group is making a stink about nothing.

"We're awash in fish. Production is at record levels," said Lee Weddig, executive vice president of the National Fisheries Institute. "Their idea is somewhat exaggerated and isn't borne up by the facts, although their basic points — that we need to address some problems such as habitat protection and pollution — we've subscribed to for a long time."

The council's report says overfishing is the lead factor contributing to the 46 percent decline in the country's fish population. Other factors include habitat destruction and waste, or what fishermen throw away after going through their

catches.

"It's important for people to understand what's happening to our oceans, because we can't see it the way we can see the effects of miles and miles of clear-cut forests or acre upon acre of strip-mined land," said Lisa Speer, one of the authors of the report. "The crisis is invisible to us, but it is real. It is happening."

The group is pushing for aggressive implementation of the Sustainable Fisheries Act, signed by President Clinton in October. The act requires fishery managers to develop policies to replenish overfished species and prevent others from becoming threatened.

"We are not calling on consumers not to eat fish," Speer said.

Fish and seafood have become popular low-fat, high-protein alternatives to red meat as consumers become more savvy about their health and diet.

Steve Grover of the National Restaurant Association said news about popular fish being threatened isn't likely to stop restaurants from serving them.

"If what they're saying is true, that supplies are dwindling, then probably what they want to happen will happen without any kind of intervention," Grover said. "Customers will stop asking for fish if prices begin to soar."

"That alone would cause a bigger drop in consumption than anything else."

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Possible cancer vaccine begins human testing

By Alex Dominguez
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Human testing has begun on a vaccine to prevent infection from a sexually transmitted virus that is believed to cause cervical cancer.

Researchers at the University of Maryland Medical Center gave the vaccine last week to the first two of about 100 people expected to participate in the yearlong test, said Dr. Richard Reichmann, who is leading the study.

If the vaccine works, it could have immense health and business ramifications.

The human papillomavirus is the fourth-leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women in the United States. Researchers estimate that 1 percent of those infected with the virus develop cancer.

An estimated 24 million to 40 million men and women in the United States are believed to be infected with the virus, which primarily is transmitted sexually. Women can pass it on to their children during childbirth.

A vaccine also could benefit men. The virus causes genital warts in men and may be associated with some types of penile cancer, said Dr. Raymond Kaufman, a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"If you could prevent women from becoming infected, it is theoretically possible you could prevent the development of cervical cancer and other cancers that may be related to it," Kaufman said.

The clinical trial represents the first time such a vaccine has been tested on humans, said John Schiller, a researcher at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda.

"It's effective against preventing cervical cancer, certainly all women, especially those entering the childbearing age, would be appropriate for this vaccine," said Mark Kaufmann of MedImmune, the Gaithersburg company that holds the marketing rights.

Men also could be vaccinated to

protect themselves and prevent the spread of the virus, he said.

The testing will determine the safety of the vaccine and whether it provokes an immune response that would protect people from the virus.

If the test goes well, vaccines for other forms of the virus would have to be tested individually, and eventually a combined vaccine would have to be tested on a much larger scale before federal approval could be sought.

Under the best-case scenario, a vaccine could be brought to market in four to six years, Kaufmann said.

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The test subjects are in no danger of contracting the virus from the vaccine because it is not made from the actual virus but from proteins that resemble part of it, Reichmann said.

The body's immune system is supposed to recognize the protein molecule as a virus and produce antibodies to fight it.

Currently, abstinence and condoms can lower the risk of infection, said Dr. Mary Howett, a researcher at Penn State University who estimates the number of infected women could be as high as 25 percent.

If infected, women can protect themselves from cancer through regular gynecological examinations and Pap smears to detect abnormal, precancerous cells.

Clinton, Congress pledge to tackle budget together

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Meeting at the Capitol in a show of bipartisan unity, President Clinton and congressional leaders agreed Tuesday to try balancing the budget and to tackle other issues on which they share common ground.

Besides an attempt at compromise on balancing the budget by 2002, lawmakers said the two sides would focus on improving education, moving welfare clients to jobs, cutting taxes, cracking down on juvenile crime and dealing with the District of Columbia's wide-ranging problems. Bipartisan working

groups would be formed to seek solutions.

The two sides promised a productive year — something both Clinton and congressional Republicans want to persuade voters the leaders will lay partisan bickering aside.

"I think everybody involved felt that it was an excellent start and an excellent meeting," Vice President Al Gore told reporters.



Clinton

"The atmosphere was the best I've seen in some time," said Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss.

Gore said the two sides want to avoid "the kind of tension that would slow down progress in the areas where we know we can eventually find agreement."

A top priority, providing health care for children who lack it, was put "in the on-deck circle, so to speak" and may be added to the list later, he said.

Lott said little time was spent on areas in which the two parties have dramatically different views, such as overhauling campaign finance laws.

"We have fundamental disagreements there," he said.

On balancing the budget, Lott and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., said participants discussed possibly producing a neutral document that would be the starting point for their work. Clinton unveiled his own budget last week, and Republicans may not produce their own to avoid Democratic attacks.

Before the session started, Clinton called it "a very important first step" toward bipartisanship.

"This is a chance for us to have a real dialogue," Gingrich said as the participants posed for photographers.

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World

Negotiations begin on Peru's hostage crisis

By Anita Snow
Associated Press

LIMA, Peru — A guerrilla leader and government representative began organized talks on Peru's hostage crisis on Tuesday after the rebel leader left the besieged Japanese ambassador's house for the first time in nearly two months.

Talks were believed to have started shortly after a man reported to be Roli Rojas Fernandez, the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement's second-in-command, entered a white car with Red Cross markings that made the short trip from the compound to a two-story, ocher-colored house.

The car drove into a garage, and the door closed behind it. It was impossible to see inside the car's tinted windows.

Members of special police units,

"Even if we are not negotiating about releasing prisoners or paying a ransom, there is still room for working with the imagination and in that way we can find a solution."

President Alberto Fujimori

dressed in black and armed with automatic weapons, were stationed close to one another along the street.

The government negotiator, Education Minister Domingo Palermo, was already at the house, as was Japan's official observer, Japanese ambassador to Mexico Terusuke Terada.

Also present were mediators Archbishop Juan Luis Cipriani and Red Cross representative Michel Minnig. In a joint statement, they said they were hopeful "a peaceful solution ... may be reached as soon as possible with

total respect for the life and human dignity of all the hostages."

About 20 Tupac Amaru rebels stormed the ambassador's house on Dec. 17, capturing hundreds of diplomats and other VIPs attending a cocktail party. They have released all but 72.

Minnig and Cipriani, wearing his priestly vestments, entered the compound earlier in the day to meet with the rebels and celebrate Mass.

Tuesday's meeting was described as the beginning of preliminary talks that would lead to formal dis-

cussions aimed at solving the crisis.

President Alberto Fujimori, in London attending a forum on British investment in Latin America, was somewhat optimistic Tuesday.

"Even if we are not negotiating about releasing prisoners or paying a ransom, there is still room for working with the imagination and in that way we can find a solution," Fujimori said.

But the rebels warned Monday they had no plans to abandon their main demand that hundreds of their jailed comrades be released. Fujimori adamantly refuses to trade prisoners for hostages.

The Tupac Amaru rebels last met face-to-face with Palermo on Dec. 28, that time in the besieged compound. Talks since have stalled, and the sides have exchanged messages through intermediaries.



John McConico/Associated Press

Members of the mediators group arrive at the house across the street from the walled compound of the Japanese ambassador residence in Lima, Tuesday to attend the first talks with a Tupac Amaru rebel leader aimed at freeing the 72 hostages being held since Dec. 17.

The talks were expected to focus on improving prison conditions for jailed Tupac Amaru members and the possibility of finding asylum in another country for the rebels holding the hostages.

Israelis release 31 Palestinian women from prisons

By Samar Assad
Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Waving clenched fists and "V" for victory signs, 31 Palestinian female prisoners were freed from Israeli prisons Tuesday after the Supreme Court rejected a final petition to block their release.

Hundreds of friends and family members mobbed the women as they arrived early today in the autonomous West Bank town of Ramallah, where they were greeted by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

"I'm proud to be on free Palestinian land!" shouted Abir Wehaibi, 27, as she climbed off a bus and was surrounded by ecstatic relatives.

Wehaibi was convicted of heading a militant group that attacked Israeli soldiers and settlers. She served four and a half years of a life sentence.

The release of the women — several of whom were involved in deadly attacks on Israelis — brought Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu severe criticism from hardliners, including his own supporters.

Several dozen protesters carrying signs reading "Freed to kill again" and "Kill Jews for peace" marched outside Netanyahu's office in Jerusalem during the day. Three of the demonstrators carried a coffin with a sign reading "Victims of peace."

Arafat called the releases a good sign for peace with Israel.

"No doubt this will help the relationship between the two peoples," he told reporters in Ramallah.

The releases came after a year of delays and wrangling and a long day of waiting and confusion.

Seven women had left the prison earlier Tuesday — but one was brought back by her jailers because of the Supreme Court petition and three others insisted on being returned to prison in solidarity with her. Finally, after 11 p.m., all

the remaining prisoners, their hands bound with plastic cuffs, climbed onto a bus to make the trip to freedom.

The petition to block the release was filed by a group representing families of Israeli terror victims, which argued that some of the women were not on the original list authorized by the government.

The court had thrown out another appeal by the group on Monday.

Aisha Abu-Hazem, who served two years of a 12-year sentence for stabbing a policeman, expressed mixed feelings about her release.

"I'm not happy that I left while there are still prisoners in the prison — and I mean all prisoners, including the men," she said after shaking hands with Arafat in Ramallah.

About 3,000 Palestinian men remain in Israeli jails, most on charges of anti-Israeli violence. Arafat said the release of the Palestinian men was high on his agenda for peace negotiations.

Earlier in the day, Palestinian women in traditional village costumes danced in a jubilant circle after the first prisoner — Lamia Marouf — was released.

Marouf, 31, was driven in a white van from Sharon Prison to Ben Gurion International Airport. Marouf, who served 10 years of a life term for membership in a group that kidnapped and killed an Israeli soldier, was deported to Brazil, where she has dual citizenship and her daughter lives.

Marouf rented and drove the car used in the kidnapping. Her husband, also a member of the group, remains imprisoned in Israel.

The releases Tuesday were among the promises in the peace accords with the Palestinians signed by Netanyahu's dovish predecessors. As opposition leader, Netanyahu fought bitterly against the agreements, but after his May election victory he said he would honor Israel's commitments to the Palestinians.

Initially, the women were set to be freed in the fall of 1995, but Israel's president and an army commander at the time refused to pardon five women involved in killing

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The releases were finalized in a Sunday meeting between Netanyahu and Arafat.

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1996. "While I was a student at the UI I received an excellent education, but I noticed most of my classes were being taught by Teaching Assistants," Larson said. "I have no vendetta against the university. I want to make it better. When I spoke to some of the people on the Board of Regents, they were happy their classes being fueled."

The standardization is still in the primitive stages, but Larson said he would like to see an improvement by the fall semester.

Regent Nancy Pellett said the board has not discussed the possibility of standardization. She said

the regents have not set a specific date for discussion of contact time, but she is sure it will be lengthy when it happens.

As the debate continues at the regents' level, some UI students cautioned that standardization could have negative effects.

Stacy Lawson, a UI sophomore, said most of her classes are taught by TAs, and they do just as good a job as a professor. She said she has no complaints about her TAs.

"I don't think it would make that much of a difference if the university plans to standardize the amount of time spent in the class," Lawson said. "All of my classes have been taught by TAs, and they have done a good job."

UI junior Matt Petersen said he has seen one of his professors all semester, and the rest of his classes are taught by TAs.

"I think some professors would go into the classroom with an attitude if they were forced to teach students," Petersen said. "If they see teaching as a burden, I would rather have TAs teach. Some can do the same job."

Larson also released statistics about the other state universities: Iowa State University was listed second in the report with 5.8 average contact hours per week, and the University of Northern Iowa professors had an average of 10.97 contact hours.

WEIGHTLESS

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with working out so they can look like women in fashion magazines and get dates for the weekend.

"It could rebuild their self-esteem and confidence if they knew more people weren't worried about (their weight)," Varghese said.

Andersen said he would prefer that people never diet and seldom weigh themselves. Students should develop healthy lifetime patterns and stop putting such an emphasis on their weight ranges, he said.

"There is a large natural weight variation," he said. "Society's impression of the ideal weight distorts the notion about how we have to be thin to be happy."

Staying active, eating responsibly until the body feels like it has had enough and dealing with stress appropriately are proper ways to stay fit, Andersen said. Without help, he said, people who suffer from eating disorders could experience heart problems, malnutrition and other potentially fatal conditions.

Interim president chosen in Ecuador

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — Congress selected its own leader, Fabian Alarcon, as Ecuador's interim president Tuesday night in the latest act in a weeklong political drama following the ousting of the country's elected leader.

Alarcon was chosen by a vote of 57-2 to replace caretaker president Rosalia Arteaga, who resigned earlier Tuesday after threatening not to leave the post.

Before resigning, she issued a decree calling for a national referendum on whether the country's vice president — the spot she occupied before being elevated by Congress Sunday — should succeed the president if the position becomes vacant.

"I will return to the presidency of the republic only if that is the determination of the referendum," Arteaga said.

Meanwhile, Abdala Bucaram,

sacked as president last week by Congress, left the country Tuesday to spread the word that "a civilian dictatorship has been imposed."

"I am President of the Republic. I never resigned and never will resign," Bucaram, dressed in jeans and a sports shirt, told reporters and a small group of curious onlookers after arriving at Panama City airport Tuesday night.

Bucaram, who was dismissed for "mental incapacity," said his trip would include stopovers in other Latin American countries, but he denied he was going into exile.

Amid a three-way struggle for the presidency, Congress picked Arteaga for the job Sunday under a military-negotiated agreement that put her in power only until legislators elected the interim leader. The 49-year-old Alarcon will serve as president until 1998, and must call new elections.

BAR OWNERS

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between 1:30 and 2 a.m. Johnson testified he purchased a 12-pack of beer at a Coralville store and consumed about six beers between 2 and 4 a.m. At 7:30 a.m., Johnson's car struck the Mullen family's vehicle, which was parked on the side of Interstate 80 while the Mullens changed drivers. All four family members were injured in the accident.

Mullen family attorney Mark Pennington said a lawsuit against Johnson would have been futile because he had no insurance and no assets to compensate the Mullens for their injuries. Pennington said he could not speculate on whether the suit against Jake's would have been filed had Johnson somehow been able to cover the damages.

Attorney Bruce Walker, who represented Jake's owner Mike Porter on behalf of his insurance carrier, said he argued the time that elapsed between Johnson's departure from Jake's and the accident and the alcohol he consumed after leaving were enough to absolve the bar of liability.

Walker said Porter has less insurance coverage than the amount of the judgment and defense lawyers currently are planning their next course of action. They have 30 days in which to file an appeal to the verdict.

Randy Larson, co-owner of The Airliner, 22 S. Clinton St., and Iowa City attorney, said dram lawsuits effectively can shift the burden of proof to the defense.

"Once the (customer causing injury) says, 'Yeah, they served me until I was drunk,' then it's pretty tough for you as a bar owner to defend yourself," he said. "You don't really know anything about that night. When you've got 300 people coming in and out, it's hard to say someone wasn't there. After two years, it's difficult to say who was even working on a given night."

Iowa City bars employ various methods in order to reduce dram insurance premiums and educate personnel on how to recognize and deal with intoxicated patrons. Moore said The Field House will not hand out glass containers after 9 p.m. and require all new employees who will be serving alcohol to take part in the Iowa City Police Department's Training Intervention Procedures for Servers program, known as TIPS.

Employers pay \$25 for every employee who attends the four-hour session. Moore said it is well worth the cost.

"Any bar owner who doesn't have all his servers TIPS-trained is putting himself at risk. Anyone who doesn't take the ICPD up on it is probably not thinking straight," Moore said.

Unlike eating and drinking establishments, retailers and hosts who charge for private parties are not required to carry dram insurance. Moore said this inequity penalizes establishment owners.

"Any place that sells liquor or beer should have to get dram insurance," he said. The only alternative is to get rid of the law entirely.

To me, the real problem with the law is if this person had gone to a convenience store and bought some beer, or sat on someone's porch and drank and then drove off and ramed into these people, they would have no avenue for justice. It's a totally ridiculous law."

Moore said house parties where people charge money for beer and liquor violate Iowa's bootlegging laws and they should be subject to the same regulations as bars.

"There's nothing wrong with alcohol being involved in social situations, but it has to be distributed responsibly and not for a profit unless you have a liquor license," Moore said.

Larson said dram insurance is necessary to ensure that victims have the ability to recover damages for injuries and suffering.

He said while there are strong arguments for expanding the insurance to include other liquor outlets, the Iowa Supreme Court and state Legislature have resisted doing so.

Larson said the more extensive the coverage, the higher the premium. However, he said it is wise for bar owners to obtain as much insurance as they can.

"It's an economic decision every owner makes. You need high limits for the reason that if you have \$500,000 worth of coverage and someone leaves your place and causes \$1 million in damages, you're responsible for the difference," Larson said.

Matt Post, general manager of The Vine Tavern, 330 E. Prentiss St., said bar owners have to be vigilant when it comes to intoxicated patrons, no matter how difficult it may seem.

"You're always keeping an eye on them, but it can be hard, especially on a weekend when you have 180 people."

"People are drinking and you're hoping your customers are being responsible while you're on the lookout," he said. "It's something all bar owners should be paying attention to because it could basically put you out of business."

Larson said a major difficulty in refusing service to intoxicated patrons is gauging the drunkenness of someone who has not been a customer all night.

"It's easier if they're in your bar

and you've been the one serving them," he said. "The harder call is if someone comes in and you haven't had the opportunity to see everything a person has had to drink."

Moore said crowds of people who have been drinking before coming to the bars put pressure on the staff to make quick assessments.

"All these kids show up after drinking all this beer. We serve them one drink and they're sober as a judge, and then a half-hour later they're completely drunk and it's up to us to take care of them," he said.

Moore said there is an underlying fear among bar owners because, no matter how much insurance they have or what steps they take, any establishment is susceptible to a lawsuit.

"It could happen to me. I could serve a guy one beer at 9 and if he goes and gets a 12-pack and runs into somebody at 2:30, who is going to be responsible? Me, for the one beer I sold him at 9," he said. "One-Eyed Jake's did not hold this guy down and put a funnel in his mouth and force beers into him. This kid made a mistake, and it's a terrible tragedy. Somebody has to take personal responsibility, and it should be the driver."

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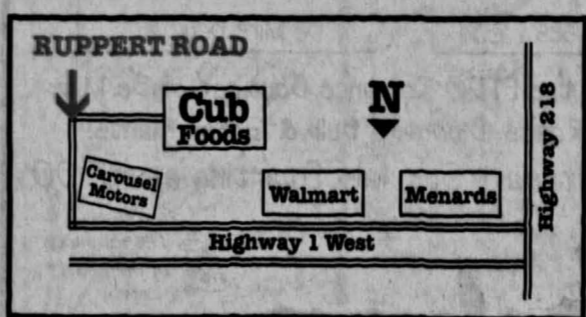


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Soccer

Italy at England, 2 p.m., ESPN.

College Basketball

Clemson at Wake Forest, 6 p.m., ESPN.

Iowa at Michigan State, 7 p.m., KGAN Ch. 2.

Minnesota at Purdue, 7 p.m., SportsChannel.

Connecticut at Boston College, 8 p.m., ESPN.

NBA Basketball

Orlando Magic at Detroit Pistons, 7 p.m., TBS.

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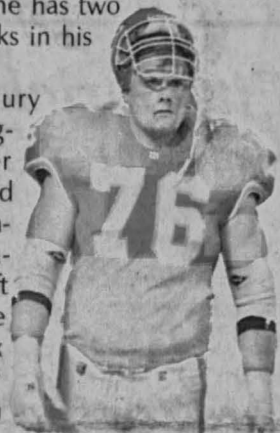
PRO FOOTBALL

Neck injury threatens former Hawkeye Alt's career

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas City Chiefs left tackle John Alt has been diagnosed as having a neck injury that could threaten the career of the 13-year veteran.

Alt, who has started 120 of a possible 128 games since 1989, has been told he has two bulging disks in his neck.

The injury was diagnosed after Alt continued to have a tingling sensation in his left arm more than six weeks after the season ended.



John Alt

Alt had lost feeling in the arm during a Monday night game Dec. 9 against the Raiders. Trainers insisted he lay motionless for several minutes while they examined him, but he later returned to the game.

"I have never had a neck problem in my entire career, other than a little broken bone during training camp," Alt said. "But when you get into the neck area you get a little more concerned."

Alt has talked of retirement as he battled back problems the past two seasons, but those problems seemed to have solved themselves.

LOCAL

Ice Hawks knock off UNI over weekend

The Iowa Ice Hawks hockey club took a pair of games from UNI over the weekend. Scott Harris led Iowa with eight goals.

The Ice Hawks return to action in two weeks, competing in the Great Plains Collegiate Hockey Association Tournament Feb 21-22 in Worthington, Minn.

Men's volleyball club in action

The Iowa men's volleyball club will host Marycrest International Union Thursday night at 7 p.m. on the main deck of the UI Fieldhouse. There is no admission charge for the event.

Scoreboard

NBA

New York	97	Charlotte	100
Washington	92	Chicago	103
New Jersey	104	Toronto	96
Orlando	98	Milwaukee	101
Philadelphia	94	San Antonio	111
Cleveland	105	Dallas	97
Detroit	91	Vancouver	97
Miami	104	Houston	106

NHL

Pittsburgh	6	Toronto	4
Montreal	3	Anaheim	2
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Hartford	2	PAGE 2B	

Iowa title hopes on the line

By Chris Snider
The Daily Iowan

The Iowa men's basketball team is trying to make sure its joyride through the Big Ten season does not take a turn for the worse as the year wears on.

The Hawkeyes travel to Michigan State tonight to take on the Spartans. Tipoff is scheduled for 7:07 p.m. at the Breslin Center in East Lansing.

Iowa (16-6, 7-3) comes into the game on the heels of a 66-51 setback to Illinois and having lost three of its last five games. Michigan State (11-8, 4-6) will be trying to break a five-game losing streak.

The Hawkeyes are five games into an eight-game stretch that has them playing seven ranked opponents. Despite having No. 3 Minnesota and No. 14 Michigan coming to Iowa City next week, Iowa coach Tom Davis is sure his team will not overlook Michigan State, the only unranked team of the group. "They're worried about Michigan



Iowa sophomore J.R. Koch defends against an inbound pass earlier this season. The Hawkeyes are looking to bounce back tonight after losing to Illinois Sunday.

Photo by Brian Ray/The Daily Iowan

State," Davis said. "Right after that game, we'll think about the next one."

The Spartans are led by seniors Jon Garavaglia and Ray Weathers. Garavaglia is averaging 12.5 points and 7.2

rebounds per game. Weathers averages 13.2 points and 4.8 assists per game.

Sophomore Antonio Smith leads the Spartans and the Big Ten in rebounding. His 9.7 rebounds per game ranks

just ahead of Iowa's Ryan Bowen, who averages 9.6 boards per contest.

Hawkeye Andre Woolridge, who continues to lead the Big Ten in scoring with 19.3 points per game and is second in assists at 5.7, needs 10 assists to pass B.J. Armstrong on the Iowa all-time list. Woolridge needs 34 points to move into the top ten in that category, surpassing teammate Jess Settles.

Iowa is currently in third place in the Big Ten, behind Minnesota and Purdue. After spending most of the season in second place, Davis hopes his team does not fall any further.

"This team gets knocked down, but they bounce back up," Davis said. "Hopefully, we can do that again. We have to do that again."

Michigan State is the last of the eleven Big Ten teams that the Hawkeyes face this season and one of only two teams Iowa plays just once. Davis doesn't feel that will work to

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More money, fewer agents and a whole lot of paperwork

The new NCAA regulations, passed last month, will allow scholarship athletes to work and may bring midnight madness to the UI



NCAA Rules: Out with the Old, in with the New

Jess Settles

Basketball Draft

An athlete who is drafted by a professional basketball team no longer has remaining college eligibility in that sport.

"I applaud the efforts of the NCAA to give student athletes more rights...if the athlete thinks it's a good rule, then it's a good rule," UI basketball coach Tom Davis.

Employment Earnings

Student athletes may take paid jobs on or off campus during the term or semester as long as the income, combined with other financial aid does not exceed the cost of attendance.

"I think the rule is really good. The main thing is to make sure it isn't affecting the athlete academically. They need to get to their classes and not sleep in because they are tired from working," women's tennis coach Jenny Mainz.

"Anybody who is associated with athletics knows there are athletes who literally have no money in their pocket," UI associate women's athletic director Mary Curtis.

Partial Qualifiers

A partial qualifier may earn a fourth session of competition provided the athlete receives a bachelor's degree before the beginning of the fifth academic year following his or her full-time enrollment.

"We've never really signed a partial qualifier, but I think it is a good rule. It's going to give the partial qualifier incentive that if he works and he can get that year of eligibility back," UI football recruiting coordinator Gene Jones.



Media Activities

Student athletes may receive expense money, and in some instances, compensation for participating in film, stage or writing projects.

"You might as well call that the 'Northwestern rule.' It was silly that the NCAA didn't allow Darnell Autry to pursue a once in a lifetime opportunity that would have benefited his curriculum," UI football recruiting coordinator Gene Jones.



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Eric Thigpen and Derek Rose

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A total of 100 rule changes which will take effect Aug. 1, 1997, were approved at the 91st annual NCAA convention, Jan. 11-15, in Nashville, Tenn.

Although the majority of the changes involved nothing more than merely rewording the bylaws, there were a few major revisions which will affect Iowa athletes.

By Becky Gruhn
The Daily Iowan

All former Northwestern running back Darnell Autry wanted to do was take advantage of an acting opportunity overseas that may have benefited his post-football career. The NCAA denied this request in 1996, but just as players and coaches come and go with each athletic season, so do the rules that bind them to the NCAA.

Show me the money!

The debate over paying athletes for their services on the playing field, and for the revenue they help bring in to the athletic department, has raged in athletic institutions for years. Although the NCAA has yet to pass such a law directly addressing the situation, it took a major step toward resolution in Nashville.

Effective next fall, full-scholarship student-athletes will be able to seek part-time employment as long as their earnings don't exceed the cost of attending the university. However, freshmen athletes will still abide by the current employment exemptions.

Associate Women's Athletic Director Mary Curtis said student athletes who weren't on full scholarship have been able to work if didn't exceed the equivalence of a full athletic scholarship.

UI basketball coach Tom Davis said he is pleased with the new ruling and said he would be willing to work with players who come to him seeking employment permission in the future. "I applaud the efforts of the NCAA to

"Many are afraid that now that these athletes are permitted to work we might have boosters who employ football players, for example, and give them more than the going rate or maybe extra payments that aren't recorded. This is something we've always feared and really try to monitor. But this new ruling may open the door for that."

Mary Curtis, Iowa Associate Women's Athletic Director

give the student athletes more rights," Davis said. "This will be hard to work with in some circumstances but overall, if the athlete thinks it is a good rule, then it's a good rule. And as coaches and administrators, we will do what we can to help out."

Davis said that after an athlete's freshman year, the coaches have a good indication of the athlete's track record, and would be able to assess if he or she could juggle homework, practice and a part-time job.

Although most UI coaches support the measure, Curtis said there has been much debate about the benefits and potentially harmful effects, including abuse by boosters, of its passage. "Many are afraid that now that these

athletes are permitted to work we might have boosters who employ football players, for example, and give them more than the going rate or maybe extra payments that aren't recorded," Curtis said. "This is something we've always feared and really try to monitor. But this new ruling may open the door for that."

"On the other hand, there are those of us who know that many athletes don't have money in their pockets. They are not like regular students who can go out and get part-time jobs. Even if they are fully-scholarshipped and live in the dorm for example, they have tuition and board paid, but have no money to do laundry or go to a movie. Anybody who is associated with athletics knows there are athletes who literally have no money."

In an effort to keep all parties honest, the legislation includes a stipulation that there must be a signed affidavit — signed by both athlete and employer — that verifies the employer has been informed that the athlete must be treated like all other employees.

But no form of punishment has been drafted yet for those who break the rules of employment.

"The only way we'll be able to enforce the legislation is probably by having extremely strict penalties on the student athletes who knowingly accept something that is above and beyond what on paper says is acceptable," Curtis said. "I suspect it will be something

Lack of experience will hurt Hawkeyes

If Jess Settles is planning an amazing resurrection this season, might I suggest now as the perfect time.

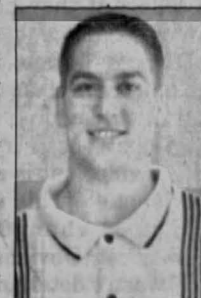
As the Iowa men's basketball team heads into the final stretch of the 1996-97 season, Settles has the one thing a majority of his teammates lack experience.

Only senior Andre Woolridge and junior Ryan Bowen have résumés that include having played quality minutes down the stretch in the Big Ten.

That list can be narrowed to just Woolridge if you consider the fact that Bowen missed the final five Big Ten games last year due to injury and faded towards the end of his freshman season.

Bowen, who averaged 4.6 points and 4.5 rebounds per game as a freshman, managed just 2.1 points and 3.4 rebounds per outing during the final nine conference games.

A similar falloff this season may prevent some current Hawkeyes from finishing the year as strong as they started, subsequently dropping Iowa further from title contention.



Chris Snider

Q & A Dan Abel

Dan Abel joined the Iowa men's swimming team just before the Big Ten Championships last year and since then has been a consistent performer for the Hawkeyes. The sophomore freestyler from New Zealand has swam both sprints and distance for Iowa. This week DI reporter Tony Wirt talked with Abel.

DI: How did you end up coming to Iowa all the way from New Zealand?

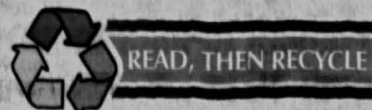
DA: The reason I'm here is my coach, Brett Naylor back in New Zealand, swam here from '79 to '82. He was on the Big Ten championship teams here. I spent pretty much my whole career back in New Zealand under his guidance and he's kept in contact with head coach Glenn Patton here and events happened. I'd heard a lot of stories about the place so it'd always been a dream of mine to come here.

DI: Did you ever consider going to college back in New Zealand?

DA: Actually I did a year of college back in New Zealand before I transferred in here. There's nothing that compares to the college environment, that I've seen, in the rest of the world,

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Sports

Spring ball excites Fry

By Andy Hamilton
The Daily Iowan

The Hawkeyes' impressive win over Texas Tech in the Alamo Bowl has Iowa football coach enthusiastic about getting started next season.

With one month remaining before the start of spring practice, Fry made an hour and a half out of his schedule to do a call in show on the Palmer Radio Network Tuesday night.

"The Hawkeyes open spring practice March 13, and will wrap up with the spring game on April 19. Starting practice before spring break is something new for Fry, but the quicker they get back on the field, the better, he said.

"We played about as good of bowl game as any team in the nation," Fry said. "Spike Dykes, when we met at mid-field to shake hands, the first thing he said, 'I thought I had the best college running back in the nation,

"We played about as good of bowl game as any team in the nation. Spike Dykes (Texas Tech head coach), when we met at mid-field to shake hands, the first thing he said, 'I thought I had the best college running back in the nation, but you do,' referring to Sedrick Shaw."

Hayden Fry, Iowa head football coach

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Shaw plans to take his talents to the NFL, and Fry says the pro scouts like what they see in Iowa's all-time leading rusher.

"He's been one of their favorites all along because he's the com-

plete package," Fry said.

"He's got excellent hands, he's an excellent blocker and a very tough runner."

Shaw, along with fullbacks Rodney Filer and Aaron Granquist, will be gone from the Hawkeye backfield, but there will be plenty of new faces making an impact, Fry said. Iowa signed three highly-touted prep tailbacks in Ladell Betts, Robbie Crockett and Carlos Honore.

"Some of these fellas, as their career progresses here at Iowa, may not be playing at the same position," Fry said.

"But right now based on high school credentials, we have three truly outstanding running backs."

Betts enters the Iowa program after racking up more than 2,100 yards rushing at Blue Springs High School in Blue Springs, Mo. He was named *SuperPrep Magazine* Midlands Offensive Player of the Year.

Honore, who rushed for the most yards in Iowa class 4-A history is the power runner, while Crockett is the back with the blazing speed.

"He can just fly," Fry said. "He's run actually below a 4.3 (second) 40 (yard dash).

Although Fry said the three incoming tailbacks will probably not change positions, some returning players will.

"Quite a few of the positions we have, where we graduate seniors, we're going to switch some players around to try to get our very best players on the field at one time," Fry said.

"In all probability have some of the offensive guys going to defense and some of the defensive guys going to offense."

Fry said he is looking forward to being able to have his staff work with almost all of his weapons on both sides of the ball this spring.

"Just about everyone will participate in spring football," Fry said. "This is probably as healthy as we've ever been going into spring football."

One player missing out on spring practice will be tight end Zeron Flemister, who was suspended indefinitely after a second drunken-driving offense in January.

"He got into a little trouble and he will not be on our football team this spring," Fry said.

"There's a possibility that he won't be on it this fall. It's just a shame, he's really a fine young man. He's got a problem right now and he knows that and he's going to have to take care of that before he can be a member of the team."

Lavin gets permanent job with Bruins

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Interim UCLA basketball coach Steve Lavin was promoted to permanent head coach today and will receive a

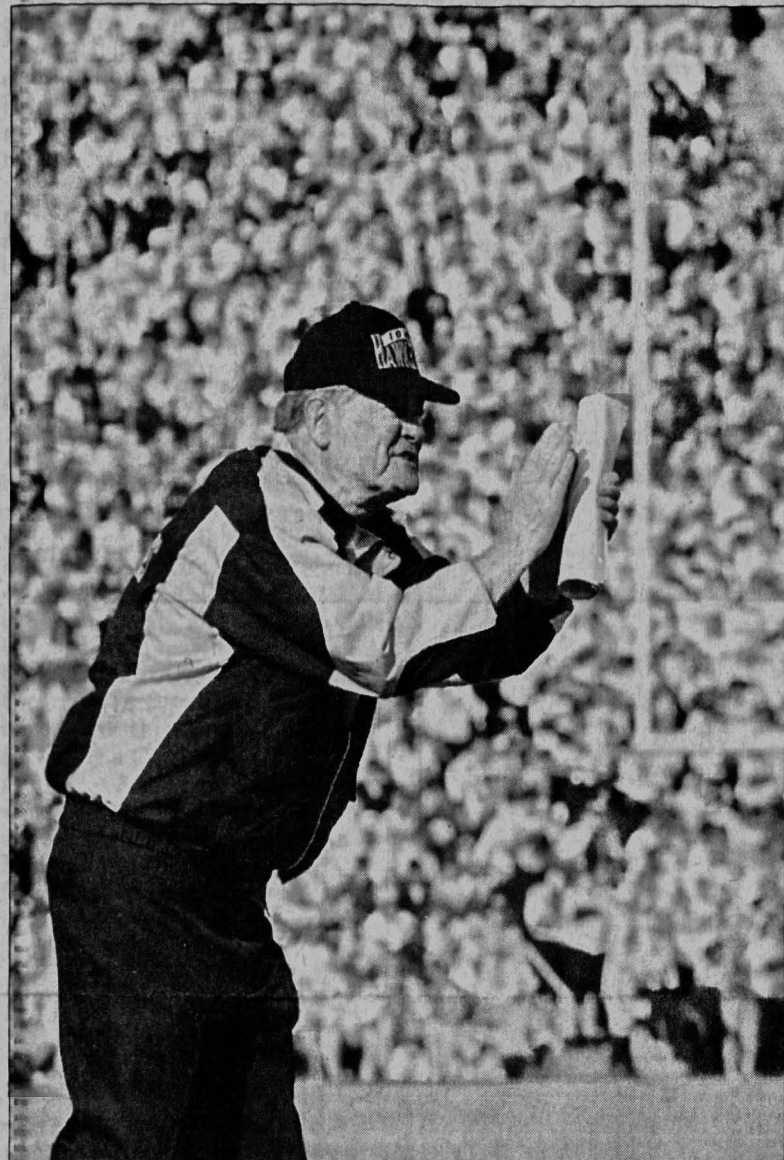
four-year contract.

Lavin, 32, was an assistant for five seasons before being appointed interim coach when Jim Harrick was fired Nov. 6.

The Bruins (13-7) are tied with USC for first place in the Pacific-10

Conference with an 8-3 record.

"With all that has occurred this year, they could have given up on the season, but instead, they pulled together as a family should do in a time of crisis," Lavin said of his players.



Brian Ray/The Daily Iowan

Iowa head coach Hayden Fry addressed his team's fans on the WHO Radio Network Tuesday night.

Spring training brings optimism

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

Blame it on optimism or naivete. Blame it on a dizzying sun or even cabin fever.

Whatever the reason, when pitchers and catchers report for spring training in Florida and Arizona in a few days, they'll all be expecting to still be playing baseball in October.

Of course, only eight teams will extend their seasons into the fall, but that won't stop players, managers and fans from dreaming in February and March that this is their year.

"There's something about Florida in March that makes you hallucinate," New York Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

Ya gotta believe. And when Cleveland's pitchers and catchers walk on the field at Chain O' Lakes Park in Winter Haven, Fla., next week, you can be sure they do. And so will the Pittsburgh Pirates, who'll unpack their bags in Bradenton, Fla. And out in Tempe, Arizona, the Anaheim (don't call us California anymore) Angels will begin winter workouts with a new name and several new faces.

So forget about the snow drift in the driveway for a moment, and ignore that frozen thermometer on the porch. It's time to talk a little baseball. Baseball played in the warmth of a baking sun and under the palm trees. Iced tea anyone? Sunscreen?

With all respect to the groundhogs of North America, the truest indicator that winter's end is near are these warming words: pitchers and catchers are scheduled to report.

Players are set to begin arriving Wednesday, and all 28 teams expect to have their full compliment of invitees in camp by Feb. 21. Once in place, players will begin preparations for a 1997 baseball season that is already quite distinct.

For the first time in five years, there's no potential work stoppage looming, thanks to a labor agreement reached between players and owners last December. And for the first time in history, teams from the



Gail Oskirt/Associated Press

Gary Groves of the Allen & Coles moving company, carries a Red Sox sports bag belonging to one of the Red Sox players, out of the locker room at Fenway Park in Boston, Tuesday.

National League will play those in the American League during the regular season.

Yes, baseball purists, that dreaded day has arrived — inter-league play is here. The San Francisco Giants will visit the Texas Rangers on June 12 in the first meeting between AL and NL teams outside of the World Series or spring training.

First, though, there's spring baseball and all the promise that its arrival brings.

So what's new that's worth watching in Arizona and Florida between now and Opening Day on April 1?

Well, in the Sunshine State, there's Albert Belle joining Frank Thomas and the Chicago White Sox in Sarasota. There's Roger Clemens wearing a Toronto Blue Jays' uniform in Dunedin, and in Vero Beach, the Dodgers will begin life without Tommy Lasorda for the first time in 20 years.

Meanwhile, out West, the Chicago Cubs will play their first game in Mesa's HoHoKam Park on Feb. 28 against Seattle. In Phoenix, the Oakland Athletics' Bash Brothers will perform together again, when

Jose Canseco is re-united with Mark McGwire. While in Peoria, each pitch thrown by Randy Johnson will be scrutinized as he returns to the Seattle Mariners after off-season back surgery.

The Yankees will begin their second season training in Tampa, Fla., and rest assured that the words "1996 World Champions" will be proudly displayed at Legends Field.

Belle will face his former teammates for the first time on March 28 in Nashville, Tenn., and on the following day he'll make his first trip to Jacobs Field in Cleveland as a visiting player.

The controversial slugger was gracious to both fans and the media during the White Sox's recent winter convention. Belle, whose treatment of the media has at times overshadowed his outstanding play on the field, has promised a fresh start with Chicago journalists.

"It's a great opportunity to start over and try to work things out," he said. "There is definitely a happy medium out there. And I'll work hard to meet that happy medium."

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Pro Basketball

Bulls win courtesy of buzzer beater

CHICAGO (AP) — Dennis Rodman tripped over a cameraman again, but this time he got his kicks only by helping the Chicago Bulls beat the Charlotte Hornets 103-100 Tuesday night on Michael Jordan's 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Jordan scored 43 points and Rodman, in his return from an 11-game NBA suspension for kicking a cameraman, grabbed 14 rebounds as the Bulls won their 15th consecutive home game and ended Charlotte's four-game winning streak.

Muggsy Bogues hit a 3-pointer with 9.5 seconds left to tie the score 100-100. The Bulls didn't call time-out and quickly got the ball upcourt to Jordan, who pulled up about three feet behind the top of the key and hit the shot over Dell Curry as the clock ticked to zero.

Glen Rice, coming off his All-Star game MVP performance, scored 32 points. Curry added 20 and Anthony Mason 18.

With 5:59 to play, Rodman fouled Mason and stumbled out of bounds — where he tripped over WGN-TV cameraman Tommy Skinner. Rodman smiled, patted Skinner playfully on the chest and apologized into the camera.

"Are you happy David Stern?" Rodman said after the game. **Knicks 97, Bulls 92**

LANDOVER, Md. — A new head coach couldn't prevent the Washington Bullets from the same old result against the New York Knicks, whose victory ruined Bernie Bickerstaff's debut.

Patrick Ewing and John Starks scored 18 points each for the Knicks, who swept the four-game season series by beating the Bullets for the 20th time in 21 games since Nov. 13, 1992.

CLEVELAND 105, Sixers 94

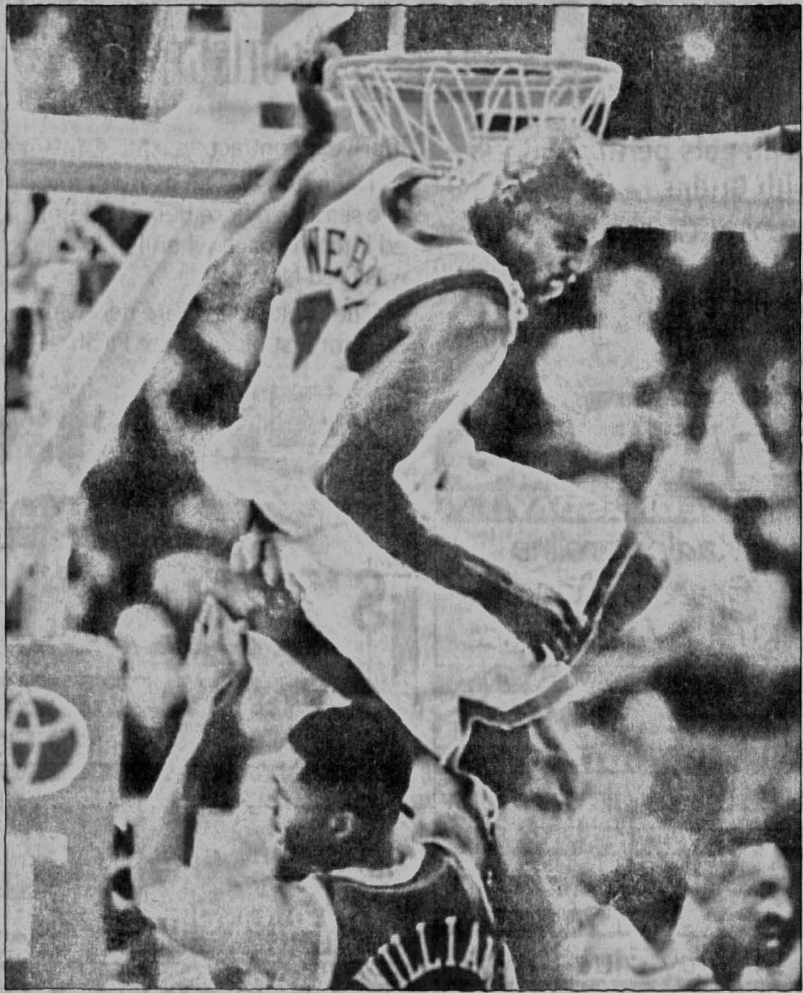
CLEVELAND — Chris Mills and Tyrone Hill had 22 points and 10 rebounds apiece and Allan Iverson didn't quite back up his boast as the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Philadelphia 76ers.

Iverson, who was booed by the Gund Arena crowd after he was named MVP of the rookie game on All-Star Saturday, said he would take out his revenge in this game. But he shot 5-for-22 while scoring 21 points, and a few of his field goals came in the final two minutes when the game was already decided.

Nets 104, Magic 98

ORLANDO, Fla. — Kendall Gill scored 28 points and the New Jersey Nets made eight free throws in the final 1:11 to stop Orlando's season-high five-game winning streak with a 104-98 victory Tuesday night.

Kerry Kittles had 25 points and Khalid Reeves made two clutch 3-pointers down the stretch to finish with 19 for the Nets, who began the game with Gill on the bench because he arrived late for practice Monday after missing the team flight.



Roberto Borea/Associated Press

Above: Washington forward Chris Webber comes down on New York's Buck Williams after hanging on the rim following a first quarter dunk in Landover, Md. Tuesday.

Monday after missing the team flight.

Heat 104, Pistons 91

MIAMI — Tim Hardaway scored 31 points and the Miami Heat shot 53 percent to beat the Detroit Pistons in the first matchup this season between the NBA's most improved teams.

Alonzo Mourning added 29 points for the Heat, who became only the third team to score 100 points on Detroit. Miami has topped 100 five times while winning seven in a row, the league's longest current streak.

Spurs 111, Mavericks 97

DALLAS — Vernon Maxwell scored a season-high 34 points, 15 during a decisive third-quarter run, as the San Antonio Spurs snapped a six-game losing streak with a victory over the Dallas Mavericks.

Alonzo Mourning added 29 points for the Heat, who topped the 100-point mark for just the seventh time this season. San Antonio hadn't scored 100 since Dec. 21 and had dropped 14 of 16 games.

Rockets 106, Grizzlies 97

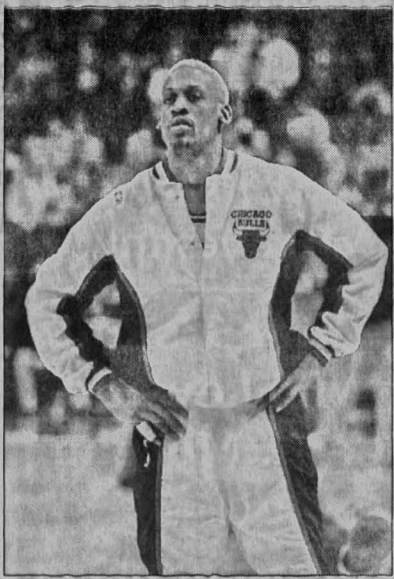
HOUSTON — Charles Barkley returned and reserves Brent Price and Kevin Willis each scored 20 points as the Houston Rockets ended their six-game losing streak with a victory over the Vancouver Grizzlies.

The Rockets used a 16-0 run beginning late in the third period to finally pull away from the Grizzlies, who led 80-76 with 3:07 left in the quarter.

The run gave the Rockets an 88-80 lead going into the final period, and they pushed it to 92-80 early in the fourth quarter with a team effort in which no one took charge of the scoring. Hakeem Olajuwon, who finished with 19 points, and Willis each had four points in the run.

Bucks 101, Raptors 96

MILWAUKEE — Vin Baker scored eight of his 23 points and had a key block in the final 3:05 as the Milwaukee Bucks broke their five-game losing streak by beating the Toronto Raptors.



Michael S. Green/Associated Press

Chicago's Dennis Rodman watches warm ups before the game against the Charlotte Hornets Tuesday in Chicago.

The Raptors played without center-forward Marcus Camby, who suffered a sprained left ankle during practice on Monday.

Without Camby, Toronto's leading shot-blocker, Baker took over down the stretch. Baker made three free throws to give the Bucks a 94-93 lead with 2:40 left, then scored two more baskets sandwiched around a blocked shot as the Bucks went up 98-94 with 25.2 seconds remaining.

Baker grabbed a rebound and was fouled on Toronto's next trip down the floor and made a free throw with 12.5 seconds left.

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Arts & Entertainment

Independent films triumph as nominees for 1997 Oscars

By Greg Kirschling
The Daily Iowan

With the announcement of the Academy Award nominations Tuesday morning, Hollywood declared an Independence Day of sorts.

No, "ID4" isn't up for Best Picture. But four of the five films nominated as the best of 1996 were independent movies made outside the Hollywood studio system. Such films usually get brushed aside by Oscar, but this year's independent invasion apparently was just too overwhelming.

"The English Patient," a period epic starring nominated performers Ralph Fiennes and Kristin Scott Thomas, leads the rogue Best Picture pack with 12 nominations. The Coen Brothers' Minnesota-based black comedy "Fargo" and the feel-good Australian film "Shine" follows with seven nominations. "Secrets and Lies," a British drama/comedy, rounded out the list of The Little Movies That Could with five nominations.

For the fifth slot, Academy voters did choose one major studio offering, the hit "Jerry Maguire," but the film has been embraced by most critics almost as loyally as it has by audiences, indicating to some that all of this year's Best Picture nominees belong where they are.

"Usually, more than anything, people are able to predict in general what movies are going to be nominated mainly by what box office they've been doing," Iowa City resident Douglas Dawson said. "But it sounds like this year, they've actually managed to pick some movies that have gathered decent critical reviews and that might actually be of some quality."

In fact, there was so much quality this year that nominees in all categories (see box) should consider themselves lucky. It was a tight nomination race this year, which becomes all too clear when you look at who got Oscar's cold shoulder.

"The People vs. Larry Flynt," the controversial movie about a porn publisher, endured perhaps the most brutal snubbing. The film looked to generate an Oscar forest fire a few weeks ago, but some think the positive vibes were doused by a Gloria Steinem editorial in *The New York Times* a few weeks ago.

Nominated "Flynt" director Milos Forman is likely to win, but his film received only one other nomination. The female lead, Courtney Love, seemed guaranteed a nomination for her incredible performance, but her snubbing might have resulted more from a split in her own votes than a backlash against the movie. Love confusingly was hyped as both Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress, and unsure Academy members might have extinguished her chances by voting for her in both categories. (Debbie Reynolds, heavily favored but un-nominated for "Mother," might have suffered the same fate.)

"Evita" just won the Golden Globe for Best Musical or Comedy, but it missed out on the big nominations, gathering five nominations in technical categories instead. Madonna didn't get nominated, and neither did its director, Alan Parker. Argentina can cry for them now.

A few more names were penciled in before Tuesday, but they quickly were erased when the nominations came in. Popular bets Denzel Washington and Paul Scofield (in "Courage Under Fire" and "The Crucible," respectively) missed out on nominations, and Samuel L. Jackson in "A Time to Kill" isn't up as Best Supporting Actor, a category likely to be won by Edward Norton for "Primal Fear."

Taking their places were a few surprise nominees. Diane Keaton came out of nowhere for a nomination in "Marvin's Room," thus receiving her first Academy recognition in 15 years. Billy Bob Thornton wrote and starred in an obscure film that never made wide release, "Sling Blade," and his acting and writing were both surprise nominations.

UI freshman Zach Crittendon said he is related to a few Academy members in Hollywood. He said Academy members tend to vote less on the movies themselves and more on their own biases, which might help account for some of the omissions and surprises.

"I think the Oscars are cool, but the voting process is kind of flawed because Academy members have all these preconceptions, like what constitutes good editing, for example," he said. "A lot of them probably hold grudges, and that affects the way they vote."

Ultimately, though, the world's going to have to wait until March 24 to find out how they voted, when Billy Crystal finally returns to host after a four-year absence.

Oscar chooses obscure flicks over mainstream picks



Nominees

- BEST PICTURE:** "The English Patient," "Fargo," "Jerry Maguire," "Secrets & Lies," "Shine."
- ACTOR:** Tom Cruise, "Jerry Maguire"; Ralph Fiennes, "The English Patient"; Woody Harrelson, "The People vs. Larry Flynt"; Geoffrey Rush, "Shine"; Billy Bob Thornton, "Sling Blade."
- ACTRESS:** Brenda Blethyn, "Secrets & Lies"; Diane Keaton, "Marvin's Room"; Frances McDormand, "Fargo"; Kristin Scott Thomas, "The English Patient"; Emily Watson, "Breaking the Waves."
- SUPPORTING ACTOR:** Cuba Gooding Jr., "Jerry Maguire"; William H. Macy, "Fargo"; Armin Mueller-Stahl, "Shine"; Edward Norton, "Primal Fear"; James Woods, "Ghosts of Mississippi."
- SUPPORTING ACTRESS:** Joan Allen, "The Crucible"; Lauren Bacall, "The Mirror Has Two Faces"; Juliette Binoche, "The English Patient"; Barbara Hershey, "The Portrait of a Lady"; Mariann Jean-Baptiste, "Secrets & Lies."
- DIRECTOR:** Anthony Minghella, "The English Patient"; Joel Coen, "Fargo"; Milos Forman, "The People vs. Larry Flynt"; Mike Leigh, "Secrets & Lies"; Scott Hicks, "Shine."
- FOREIGN FILM:** "A Chef in Love," Georgia; "Kolya," Czech Republic; "The Other Side of Sunday," Norway; "Prisoner of the Mountains," Russia; "Ridicule," France.
- SCREENPLAY** (written directly for the screen): Ethan Coen & Joel Coen, "Fargo"; Cameron Crowe, "Jerry Maguire"; John Sayles, "Lone Star"; Mike Leigh, "Secrets & Lies"; Jan Sardi and Scott Hicks, "Shine."
- SCREENPLAY** (based on material previously produced or published): Arthur Miller, "The Crucible"; Anthony Minghella, "The English Patient"; Kenneth Branagh, "Hamlet"; Billy Bob Thornton, "Sling Blade"; John Hodge, "Trainspotting."
- ART DIRECTION:** "The Birdcage," "The English Patient," "Evita," "Hamlet," "William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet."
- CINEMATOGRAPHY:** "The English Patient," "Evita," "Fargo," "Fly Away Home," "Michael Collins."
- ORIGINAL MUSICAL OR COMEDY SCORE:** "Emma," Rachel Portman; "The First Wives Club," Marc Shaiman; "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," Alan Menken and Stephen Schwartz; "James and the Giant Peach," Randy Newman; "The Preacher's Wife," Hans Zimmer.
- ORIGINAL DRAMATIC SCORE:** "The English Patient," Gabriel Yared; "Hamlet," Patrick Doyle; "Michael Collins," Elliot Goldenthal; "Shine," David Hirschfelder; "Sleepers," John Williams.
- ORIGINAL SONG:** "Because You Loved Me" from "Love and Personal," Diane Warren; "For the First Time" from "One Fine Day," James Newton Howard; "I Finally Found Someone" from "The Mirror Has Two Faces," Barbra Streisand, Marvin Hamlisch, Bryan Adams and Robert "Mutt" Lange; "That Thing You Do!" from "That Thing You Do!," Adam Schlesinger; "You Must Love Me" from "Evita," Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice.
- COSTUME:** "Angels and Insects," "Emma," "The English Patient," "Hamlet," "The Portrait of a Lady."
- DOCUMENTARY FEATURE:** "The Line King: The Al Hirschfeld Story," "Mandela," "Suzanne Farrell: Elusive Muse," "Tell The Truth and Run: George Seldes and the American Press," "When We Were Kings."
- VISUAL EFFECTS:** "Dragonheart," "Independence Day," "Twister."

Oscar Predictions



Best Picture — This year, there's no "Schindler's List" shoo-in, but "The English Patient" 's 12 nominations indicate it's the big kahuna on the beach. Still, four independent pictures may be too much for the Oscars to handle for one year, so members might vote for "Jerry Maguire" instead (God forbid). Or maybe "Shine" might shine, considering it's the triumph-over-adversity tale Academy members have really, really liked in the past.

Best Actor — Oscar managed to nominate just about every generally agreed-upon Best Male Performance of the year; anybody could guess that Tom Cruise, Woody Harrelson, Ralph Fiennes and especially **Geoffrey Rush** would probably get nominated. As for surprise nominee Billy Bob Thornton, he plays a mentally handicapped man as impressively as Oscar usually likes, but Rush of "Shine" plays a more dynamic one in a bigger movie.



Best Actress — This was surely the most wildly battled category of them all, notable for its glaring omissions of worthy performances that just couldn't squeeze themselves in. Courtney Love and Madonna were left with nothing, and Gwyneth Paltrow is sorely missed. Of those who did make it past the chopping block, count on a dogfight between Brenda Blethyn and **Frances McDormand**. The contest is anybody's guess, but McDormand has a slightly better chance for an engaging turn in "Fargo."

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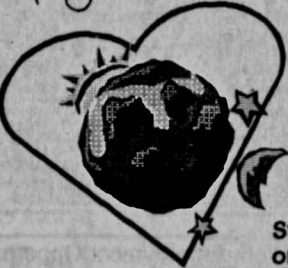
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3. "Citizen Kane" lost Best Picture in 1941 to what film?
4. In what year's Oscar ceremony was host David Niven interrupted by a streaker?
5. What was the last film to sweep the four major Academy Award categories (Best Picture, Director, Actress, Actor)?
6. Out of Alfred Hitchcock, Roman Polanski, Orson Welles, Billy Wilder and Howard Hawks, who has won an Oscar for Best Director?
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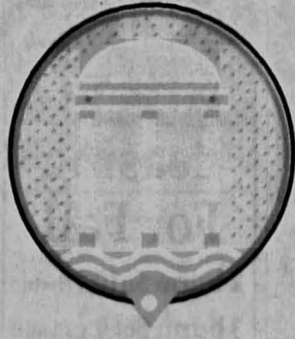
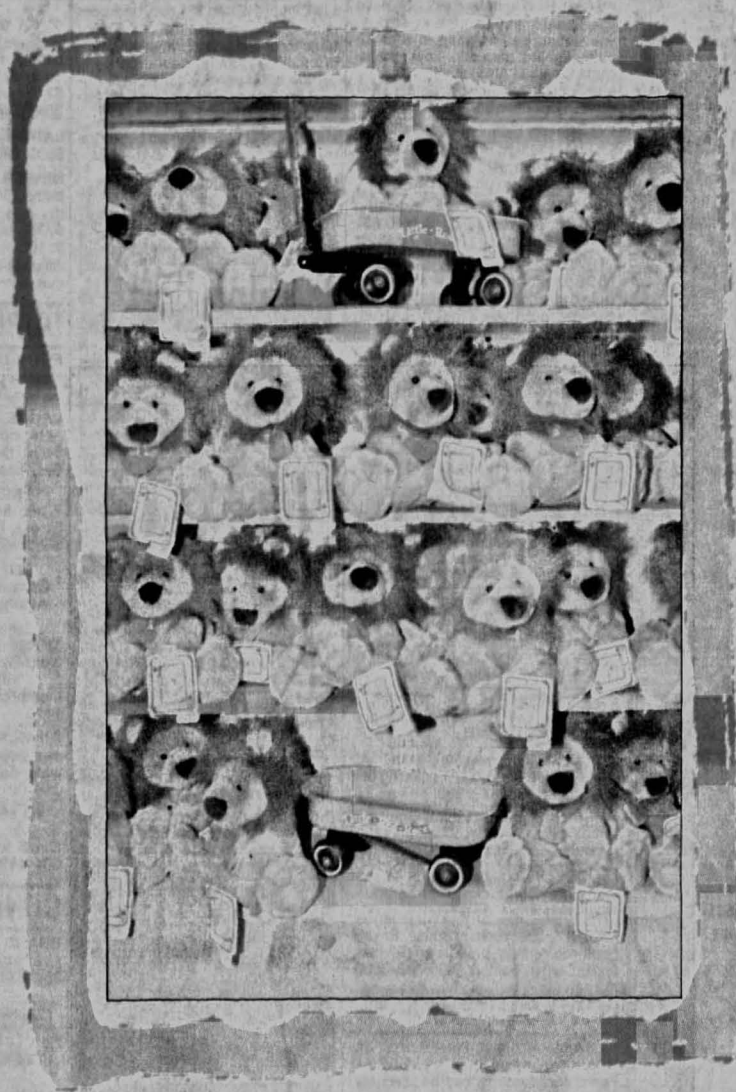
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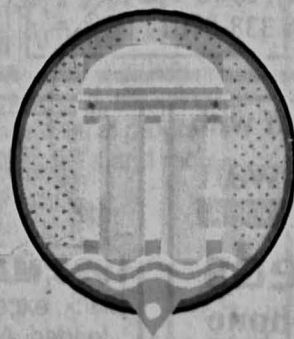
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