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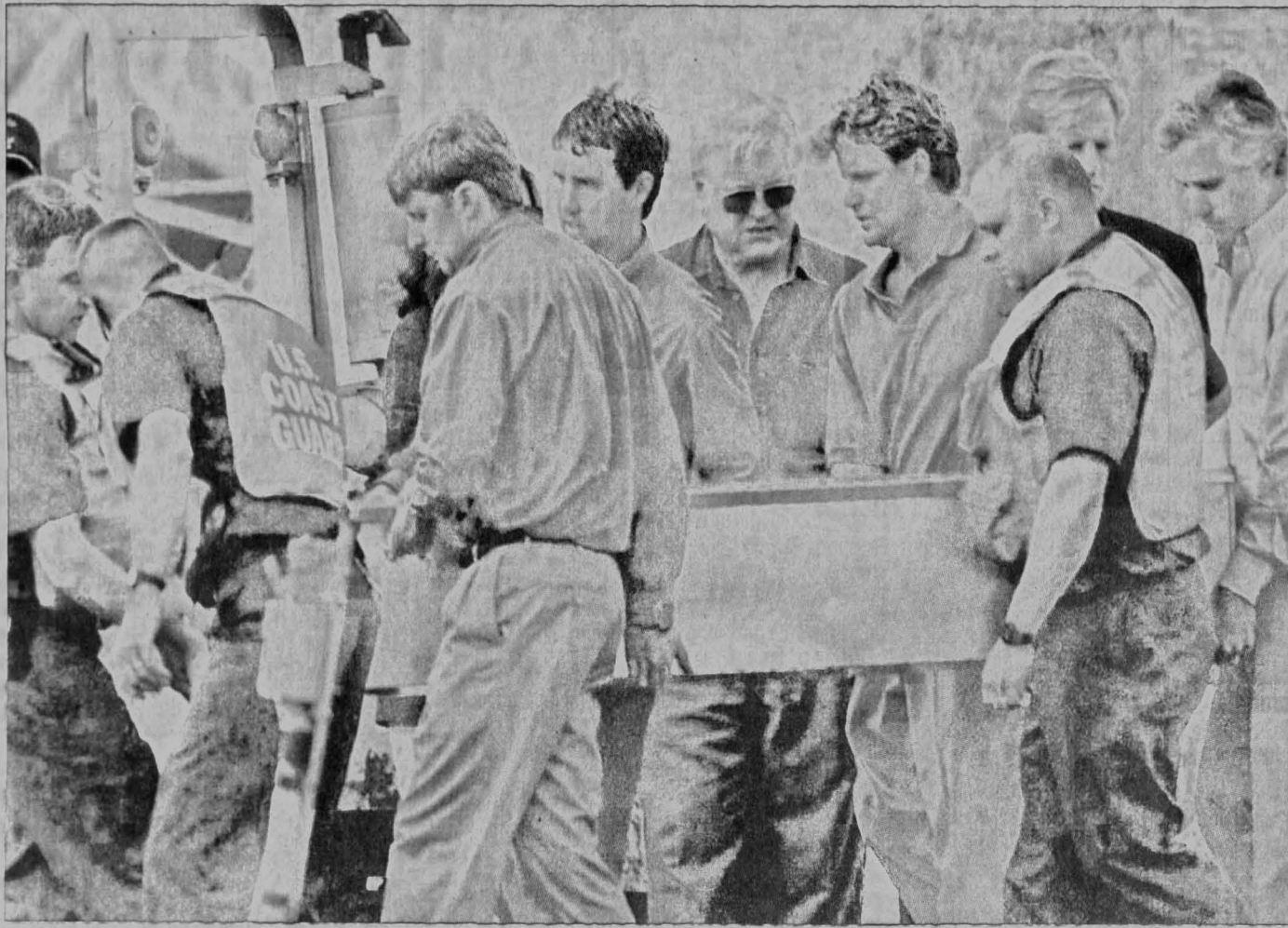


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READ, THEN RECYCLE

JFK Jr.'s body found



■ Navy divers recover the remains of all three victims in the accident; a burial at sea is planned.

By Erica Noonan
Associated Press

AQUINNAH, Mass. — Navy divers found the bodies of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife and sister-in-law in the wreckage of Kennedy's plane Wednesday, and his family prepared to return him to the sea for burial.

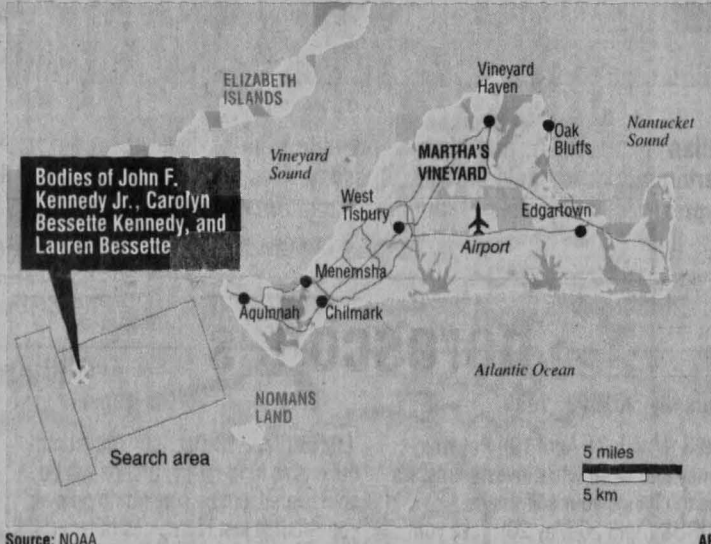
The victims' families had endured a painful, five-day vigil before the bodies were finally brought to the shore of Cape Cod Wednesday night and taken to the medical examiner's office for autopsies.

A Navy destroyer, the USS Briscoe, will head to Cape Cod for Kennedy's burial at sea at 9 a.m. EDT today, sources said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The sources did not know whether all three victims would be involved.

Bruce Fisher, the head of a business that leases out guides to help vessels navigate through unfamiliar waters, said his office was called by Navy officials Wednesday night and told there would likely be cremations and a burial of the ashes at sea.

The bodies were found 116 feet below the surface after ships from the Navy,

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Source: NOAA

David L. Ryan/
Associated Press
Sen. Edward Kennedy, center, is flanked by family members as a casket bearing the remains of one of the victims is placed into a van in Woods Hole, Mass., Wednesday.

Locals ho-hum on buying JFK Jr. items

■ While sales of Kennedy items have soared on Internet auction sites, Iowa City's reaction is muted.

By Karen Munro
The Daily Iowan

Since the initial announcement of the John F. Kennedy Jr. tragedy, Internet auction sites have seen a surge in sales of Kennedy-related merchandise.

But few Iowa City residents say they are ready to splurge, even after Wednes-

day's discovery of the bodies of Kennedy; his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy; and her sister Lauren Bessette.

A tour of popular Web site eBay shows that JFK Jr.-related items are selling at premium rates. July 1999 issues of *George*, the political magazine co-founded by Kennedy, were priced at around \$20 each. A \$1 bill signed by Kennedy was selling for \$418.88.

Some Iowa City businesses reported increased sales of items connected to

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Cedar River awash in record flooding

■ In Charles City and elsewhere, residents battle floodwaters worse than in '93.

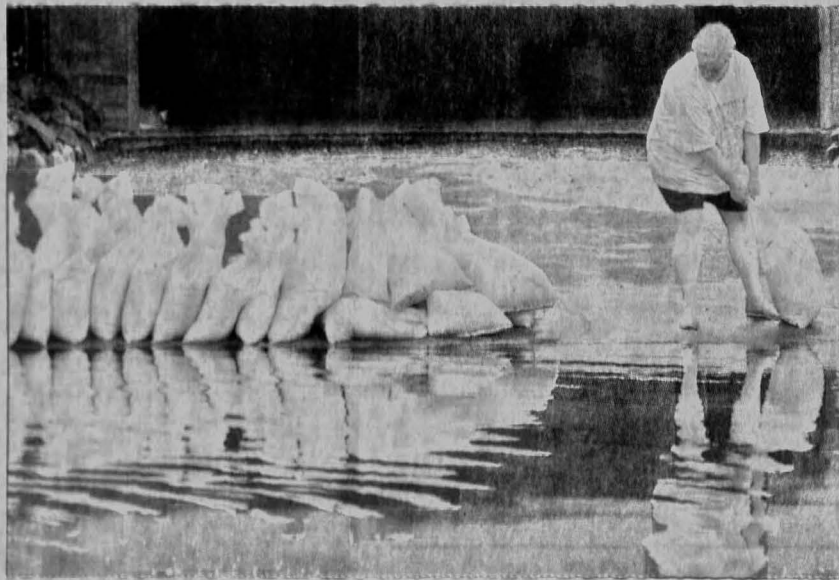
By P. Solomon Banda
Associated Press

CHARLES CITY, Iowa — Approximately 100 homes were damaged and countless others had flooded basements Wednesday as record flooding occurred on the Cedar River, fed by storms that dumped up to 8 inches of rain overnight.

Sandbags protecting homes from the river proved to be ineffective as the rains came. "Everything we had sandbagged got washed out from two different directions," Mayor James Erb said. "So we got a double whammy."

Residents in nine homes in a neighborhood near a bend in the river north of town were evacuated early Wednesday morning.

"The sandbags were so beautifully done that when it rained, the water came off our roof and backed up into our house. It was like a pool," said Margaret Carroll, who has lived near the river since the 1960s.



John Gaps III/Associated Press

A Mason City resident drags sandbags to the end of her driveway while trying to protect her house from flood waters Wednesday. Waters from the nearby Winnebago River are up to record levels after heavy rains in northern Iowa.

Carroll said police evacuated her home about 1:30 a.m. Ten hours later, the river was flowing through her house.

The river crested Wednesday afternoon at 23 feet, more than a foot higher than the floods of 1993, Fire Chief Roy Schwickerath said.

The summer of 1993 brought the worst flooding in 30 years to Iowa, including massive flooding on the Mississippi. The Cedar River that year crested at 21.6 feet.

William and Rita Cordray, longtime residents of Charles City, moved

down near the river partly because of the view.

"We asked them at the time about flooding, and they showed us where the flood of '93 came to," Cordray said. That mark was under water late Wednesday morning.

Evacuation sites were set up at three local churches. Authorities were recommending against travel in or out of Charles City.

Danielle Weber, 18, of Charles City, and Haley Salinas, 17, of Nashua, were among the volunteers helping

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Iowa's great ride cycles around again

■ Bike fanatics and normal people from around the country will take part in RAGBRAI, beginning on July 25.

By Jill Barnard
The Daily Iowan

Next week, UI junior Derik Spoon will be dragging his tired, hung over body out of his sleeping bag day after day across Iowa, only to get back on his horse, er, bicycle.

July 25 marks the start of Iowa's week-long RAGBRAI. In addition to riding hard all day, Spoon plans to party hard all night.

"Riding with a hangover is no big deal because it is just sweated off after about five miles into the ride," he said.

The 27th annual bike ride, which began as a challenge among staff members at the *Des Moines Register*, now attracts participants from all 50 states.

Riding an average 75 miles a day takes a lot of endurance; since he has been training only since May, Spoon said, the ride may take a toll on him.

"I've been training pretty heavy for a while now, trying to get at least 100 miles in a week," he said. "Last winter I didn't do any training, so I was really out of shape. From now on, I am going to keep riding year round."

This will be Spoon's ninth year participating in the event that he describes as "the most enjoyable thing he does."

UI junior Joseph Milton will be participating in his second RAGBRAI this year. He said it took only one experience to learn some of the most important things about the ride.

"What I learned from last year is to

get a really good bicycle seat," he said. RAGBRAI riders are truly diverse, he said, making the event a great experience.

"It's a really good combination of older and younger people," Milton said. "I would say the ages range anywhere from 10-80 years old."

Chuck Murphy, an executive member of Bicyclists of Iowa City, said he is look-

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RAGBRAI day by day

In each of the past 26 years, RAGBRAI participants have ridden an average of 468 miles. This year's riders are scheduled to cover 532.7 miles.

Day One: Rock Rapids to Spencer	73mi
Day Two: Spencer to Algona	73mi
Day Three: Algona to Clear Lake	62mi
Day Four: Clear Lake to Waverly	74mi
Day Five: Waverly to Decorah	89mi
Day Six: Decorah to Manchester	83mi
Day Seven: Manchester to Bellevue	76mi

Source: www.ragbrai.com D/ Dimitra Mihailopoulou

THE LEDGE

TRUE STORIES FROM THE BARS

It was Halloween, and three vampires went into a saloon and belied up to the bar. "What will you have?" the bartender asked. "I'll have a glass of blood," the first replied. "I'll have a glass of blood, too, please," said the second. "I'll have a glass of plasma," said the third. "OK, let me get this straight," the bartender said. "That'll be two bloods and a blood light?"

A guy walks into a bar, orders a beer and says to the bartender, "Hey, I got this great Iowa State joke..." The barkeep glares at him and says in a warning tone of voice: "Before you go telling that joke, you better know that I'm an ISU grad, both the bouncers are ISU grads and so are most of my customers." "OK," says the customer. "I'll tell it very slowly."

An obnoxious drunk in a bar trying to get a woman to go home with him says, "Hey, baby, how do you like your eggs in the morning?" The woman says, "Unfertilized. Beat it!" Source: <http://www.cyberhighway.net/~tranesn/humor/jbar.htm>

newsmakers

And in this aisle, Raquel Welch

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Raquel Welch has remarried, exchanging vows with restaurant owner Richard Palmer.

They were wed on July 17 at her Beverly Hills home. The couple had dated for about two years and became engaged last September.

"It was a small, private ceremony with only close family and friends," Jackie Becher, the actress' publicist, said Wednesday.

There was no word on a honeymoon. "I don't know that they've made plans," Becher said, adding that Welch will be in Vancouver, British Columbia, for several weeks working on the movie *Bats*.

Palmer owns the Mulberry Street Italian restaurant in Beverly Hills and Richie's Neighborhood Pizza stores.



Welch

Love-love in this match

LONDON (AP) — Tennis star Tim Henman is getting married.

Henman, the No. 1 British player, announced Wednesday that he proposed to Lucy Heald last week during a vacation in Italy. The couple have been dating since 1996.

"We plan to get married later in the year," Henman said.

Henman, 24, lost in the semifinals to American Pete Sampras at Wimbledon earlier this month.

Heald, 25, is a television producer who met Henman while filming a documentary about his career.



Henman

Pamela Anderson not a tusk customer

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — Former "Baywatch" star Pamela Anderson Lee wants President Thabo Mbeki to save elephants that were eaten by an animal trader, an animal-rights organization said Wednesday.

Anderson, a member of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, wrote a letter to Mbeki calling animal traders "heartless, money-hungry men ravaging Africa for its animals." A copy of her letter was distributed by the animal-rights group.

The trader, Riccardo Ghiazza, captured 30 baby elephants in Botswana last year and brought them to South Africa for training by Indonesians, whose training methods include use of sharp prods and water and food deprivation.

calendar

The UI Obermann Center for Advanced Studies will sponsor a lecture titled "Late Life: Representations, Perception, Possibilities" at the UI Oakdale Research Campus today. For time call 335-4034.

WSUI will sponsor a poetry reading by Michael Carey in Shambaugh Auditorium, Main Library, today at 8 p.m.

the BIG picture



Laurie DeWitt/Associated Press

Dillon Anderson, 5, and his shadow hide from the sun under an umbrella during an afternoon baseball game at Sertoma Park in Yankton, S.D., Tuesday. Temperatures hit a high of 85 degrees Tuesday, after the area received approximately 2 inches of rain during a storm Monday night.

horoscopes

by Eugenia Last

Thursday, July 22, 1999

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Put your money into worthwhile investments. It's time to change your self-image.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take your time sorting out your personal differences. Your logical approach to life is being counteracted by your emotions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If you are open and honest about your intentions, you can form solid partnerships today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can make money through your own creative efforts. Your ideas are good.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your way with words will dazzle those you meet at social gatherings. You do best when you're given center stage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If logic doesn't work when you're dealing with your partner, turn your mood around.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your contributions to fund-raising groups will be appreciated, but be sure not to go over your budget just to impress others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you can get away, you will find the trip most relaxing. You will be in for adventure.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your spontaneity will make others gravitate toward you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20): You can make financial gains through property or small business ventures.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may find yourself to be far more serious about a potential mate than you thought.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Overtime will pay off. Your boss will be impressed with your loyalty, and advancement will be yours.

UI briefs

Center to host foreign professionals

The UI's Center for International Rural and Environmental Health will host a group of Central European and South African health professionals for a five-month training program through Dec. 18, 1999. The group will participate in the center's program and the International Training and Research in Occupational and Environmental Health, which is funded by the Fogarty International Center of the National Institutes of Health. The program focuses on environmental, occupational and public-health issues.

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CITY

Fiery crash claims trucker's life

■ A gasoline tanker careens off Interstate 80 and explodes into 25-foot-high flames.

By Troy Shoen
The Daily Iowan

The Iowa State Patrol is investigating an accident in which a truck driver was killed Wednesday morning when his gasoline tanker crashed and exploded on Interstate 80 near the Cedar River bridge.

The man lost control near mile-marker 266 at 10:30 a.m. and slammed into an embankment along the Cedar River; he was unable to exit the truck before it caught fire, according to a state patrol release.

The driver was pronounced dead at the scene. The patrol will not release his name until his relatives

have been notified, the release said.

The truck exploded, sending flames 25 feet in the air and igniting the trees around it, witnesses said. It took firefighters from six fire departments approximately three hours to put out the fire, said Kevin Kofron, Tipton assistant fire chief.

"It was all fully engulfed when we got here," he said. "One of the firefighters tried running in to save the driver, but it was too late."

The off-duty Cedar Rapids firefighter was burned while trying to make the rescue, Kofron said. His condition is unknown.

Firefighters and Iowa Department of Transportation workers bulldozed the ground to form a dike to keep the spilled gasoline from reaching the river, Kofron said.

"No gasoline from the truck got into the Cedar River," he said. "We were able to get the dike built

before the spill advanced."

The fire was so big that it could be seen many miles away, said Trooper Jay Johnson.

"I could see the black smoke all the way in Durant," he said. "It was a huge fire."

Westbound lanes of I-80 were closed for nearly 3½ hours, said Trooper Orval Randolph.

The intensity of the fire led transportation inspectors to examine the bridge for structural damage.

"It got hot enough to temper the steel on the bridge," said bridge inspector Clint Watson.

The nearby Cedar River campgrounds were evacuated.

The Cedar Chapter of the Red Cross arrived at the accident scene around 11 a.m. to provide food for firefighters and police officers.

DI reporter Troy Shoen can be reached at: shoen@blue.weeg.uiowa.edu



Jerry James Hynes Jr./The Daily Iowan
Members of the Iowa Department of Transportation bridge inspection team examine the fire damage after an accident Wednesday on I-80.

Justice, judge to speak during Homecoming

■ John Paul Stevens and John Ferren will lecture on Wiley B. Rutledge, a former UI law dean and federal judge.

By Angela Disalvo
The Daily Iowan

This year's UI Homecoming week is expected to attract more than just football fans, when Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens and federal Judge John Ferren put in appearances.

On Oct. 21, the two will speak on Wiley B. Rutledge, the late Supreme Court justice and dean of the UI College of Law.

"It's sort of the 60th anniversary of Rutledge leaving the university to go to the federal Court of Appeals," said Willard "Sandy" Boyd, a law professor and former UI president.

Rutledge was dean from 1935-39, when he was appointed to the federal Court of Appeals by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Boyd said.

Roosevelt later appointed him to the Supreme Court, on which he served as justice from 1943-49.

Rutledge was appointed as part of Roosevelt's "packing plan," in which the president tried to increase the number of justices on the court. Roosevelt hoped the

increase would improve his chances for passing legislation, Boyd said.

"Justice Rutledge was one who spoke out in favor of Roosevelt's plan," he said.

Stevens served as a law clerk for Rutledge during his time as justice, said Eric Andersen, associate dean of the College of Law.

"We always like to have Supreme Court justices come and speak," he said. "Because Stevens worked for Rutledge, we thought he would be a great speaker to have."

The 1998-99 speakers committee, headed by Boyd and Andersen, consisted of three students and 10 faculty members, said Steven Book, a law student on the committee.

"Our goal as a committee was to bring in every Supreme Court justice who is on the bench here to the university," he said.

Ferren, who is working on a book about Rutledge, is expected to open the lecture with a speech on how Rutledge became a justice, said Melvin Shaw, an associate editor for University Relations.

The lecture is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. in the second-floor ballroom of the IMU.

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VA hospital deficit smaller than expected

■ The hospital now expects a \$3.2 million deficit, compared with an earlier estimate of \$5.5 million.

By Glen Leyden
The Daily Iowan

The Veterans Administration Medical Center in Iowa City will face a smaller budget deficit than had originally been projected for the upcoming fiscal year.

The estimate was \$5.5 million, but the hospital now expects to have a \$3.2 million deficit, said Kurt Sickles, a VA spokesman.

In order to mitigate the cost, the VA is seeking financial backing from

the Veterans Integrated Services Network, he said.

"Much of the deficit will be the result of things we can't prepare for and are out of our control, such as drug costs and the increased number of patients," Sickles said.

The network, which is responsible for six hospitals in Iowa, Nebraska and western Illinois, may not have expected the increase in patients treated at the VA — so far this year, 5,000 more veterans than in all of 1998, he said.

"It (the network) keeps telling us that it has sufficient funds to keep us afloat, so I don't foresee any problems," he said.

The Iowa City hospital, however,

is not the only one projecting shortages.

The network has between \$20 million and \$30 million to cover the deficits of several hospitals, said Carl Lister, chief financial officer of the network.

He said the money given for the fiscal year 2000 is based on figures for 1998, when the Iowa City hospital saw an unusually low number of patients.

"The amount of money depends on the money given to us in Congress, which is based upon past performances," he said. "We're paying the price in 2000 for the shortages we saw in 1998."

Despite the deficit, Lister is confi-

dent that patient care will not be compromised. However, he said, changes may have to be made. By consolidating services and integrating managerial systems, the network hopes to limit expenses.

But not all involved with the hospital feel that quality care is possible under such conditions.

Royce Nelson, a former volunteer at the VA and member of the Veterans Affairs group, said something has to be done to combat the losses, which may jeopardize patient care.

"They are trying to improve, but they are bogged down by too many patients and too much paper work," he said.

DI reporter Glen Leyden can be reached at: gleyden@blue.weeg.uiowa.edu

LEGAL MATTERS

POLICE

Darrin W. Plantz, 27, address unknown, was charged with second-degree theft at 730 S. Dubuque St. on July 20 at 4:30 p.m.

Ronnell L. Capers, 22, 263 Woolf Ave., was charged with interference with emergency communications and domestic assault causing injury at 713 Oakcrest Apt. 3 on July 20 at 8:30 p.m.

David T. Wegner, 22, 809 Iowa Ave., was charged with assault causing injury at 400 N. Dubuque St. on July 20 at 4:09 a.m.

Vincent J. Vogelsang, 36, address unknown, was charged with public intoxication at 100 S. Linn St. on July 20 at 11:47 p.m.

Bethany L. Young, 19, 806 E. College St. Apt. 21, was charged with possession of a fictitious or altered driver's license and possession of alcohol under the legal age at the corner of College and Van Buren streets on July 21 at 2 a.m.

Joyce A. Doyle, 44, 615 Highway 1 W. Apt. 1, was charged with criminal trespass and fifth-degree theft at Wal-Mart, 1001 Highway 1 W., on July 21 at 3:39 a.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Brian C. McCormick, 23, Cedar Rapids, was charged with operating while intoxicated at the corner of Iowa Avenue and Linn Street on July 21 at 1:56 a.m.

— compiled by Steve Schmadeke

COURTS

Magistrate
Public intoxication — Vincent J. Vogelsang.

CITY BRIEF

Power Plant fire causes blackout, \$20,000 loss

A fire caused by an oil leak at the UI Power Plant Tuesday night resulted in at least \$20,000 in damages.

Power was cut off for approximately two hours in Rienow and Slater residence halls, in the central campus along Madison Street and on the Pentacrest, and in other locations on the East Side of campus, said Baycan Fideli, Slater Hall manager.

Iowa City, Coralville and West Branch Fire Departments responded to a fire alarm at 11:55 p.m.; the blaze was extinguished in less than 20 minutes, according to a report by the Iowa City Fire Department.

There were four maintenance workers in the Power Plant when the fire broke out; they were not injured, said Jim Humston, Iowa City fire battalion chief.

"First, the power went out, and then I looked out, saw the fire, and called it in," said UI Public Safety Sgt. David Visin.

Ferman Milster, the manager of the power plant, said the blaze began on Turbine 6, rendering it inoperative. The damage to it will affect the plant's energy-producing capability, he said.

— by Steve Schmadeke

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If you breathe the cloud, it's a bad thing. It can burn up your lungs.

— Steve Dolan, a fire department training officer, after a chemical spill Tuesday at Procter & Gamble forced the evacuation of more than 5,000 local residents.

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OPINION

Let international students into job market

Give me the good old days of the Cold War, when a prisoner exchange meant that we sent the Soviets a few incompetent spies and in return we got a poet, a chemist and a concert violinist.

Nowadays, when the best and the brightest appear on our shores, they spend half their time filling out forms. By the time international students get their diplomas, they probably know more about red tape than about their majors. Those who want to remain in the United States to work should not be surprised to find another pile of papers waiting for them.

The good people at the International Center can help with the applications for work visas, but processing lies out of their hands. The university is not the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and however inefficiently the latter operates, we should not expect UI personnel to take over the feds' duties.

Too bad — the standards here are a little higher. Getting accepted to and graduating from UI acts as a screening process. From a talent pool of 6 billion, we end up with people pre-selected for ability and motivation, while the INS has to explain how it ends up granting visas to convicted criminals.

The successful international students are the Ginger Rogers of academia — they do everything American students do, except backwards and in high heels. Like their American classmates, they have to earn a living while completing a college or a graduate program. But they have to do it in a difficult foreign language while plowing through as much red tape as an army of full-time bureaucrats can generate.

International students come here with the understanding that this country does not owe them a living. The terms of a student visa are actually pretty generous when it comes to work. But a work permit doesn't mean they get a job, just that they can compete.

In principle, the official road blocks exist to keep foreigners from taking jobs away from Americans, but frankly, Americans could use the competition, and the inspiration, that immigrants represent.

In the current job market, we should feel grateful if our area attracts talented men and women from Nigeria, Laos and Uruguay. Many of the people enjoying forced idleness while they wait for INS permits already have jobs or interested employers. Of course, it can get a little hard on Nigeria, Laos and Uruguay.

If the UI believes in its product — well-prepared graduates from all over the world — then it should do everything possible to make life easier for those who choose to look for work here. As for taking jobs away from U.S. citizens, we still have whole armies of lawyers and bureaucrats who justify their own secure employment by holding things up for the internationals.

Drew Herman is a *DI* editorial writer.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Video game violence must be taken more seriously

"As violent as it is, it's really more funny," McDonnell said, laughing as bullets from his gun eviscerated an opponent and splattered blood on the wall. These sound like the words of a cold-blooded killer, but, sadly, they belong to a 15-year-old boy quoted in *The Daily Iowan* ("Fighting the Good Fight in Cyberville," July 15).

Evidently, he and his friend regularly play ultra-violent video games as an outlet for aggression. Drew Herman, in a related editorial ("Video Games Not to Blame for Violence," *DI*, July 15) explains that "playing Splatterworld provides release for violent feelings. The game violence is clearly imaginary, even humorously cheesy."

I wonder how imaginary the violence really is. For as long as we have had wars, we have had games that prepare us for war; but is such preparation still necessary? Yes, we still have problems in the world that necessitate the maintenance of professional armed forces, but

why are we training our children how to kill their next-door neighbors? One of the games described in the article rewards players for running over pedestrians, and another rewards players for stealing cars. Despite young Justin Webb's protestation that the games incorporate science ("If you hit someone's arm, their arm will fly off the same distance as in real life. There's physics involved in it."), in the end, they teach only a disregard for human life.

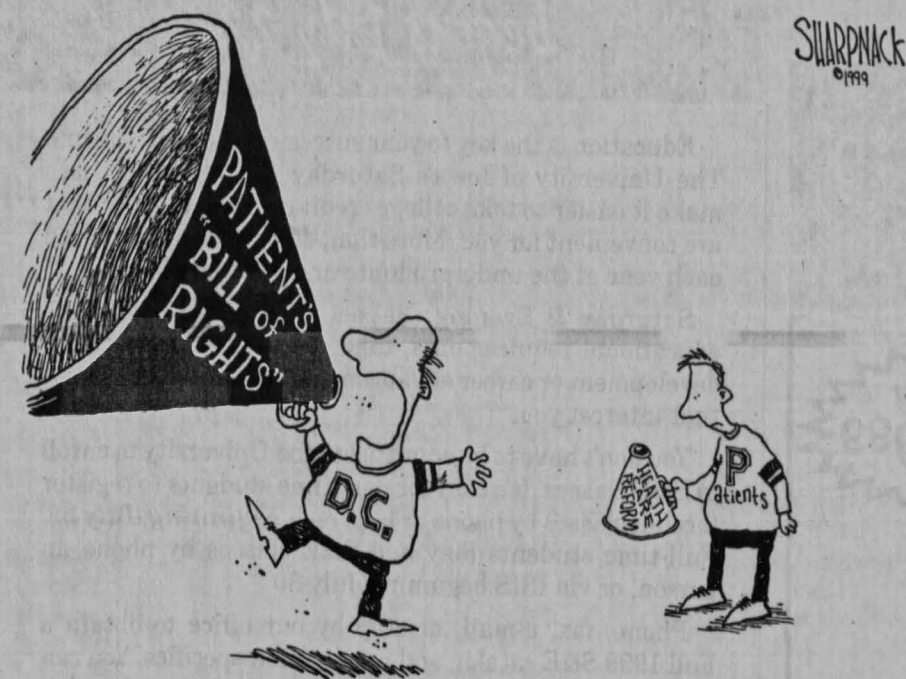
Teen-age boys are not the only ones who enjoy these games. Recently, I heard an undergraduate talking about how he spends his spare time playing these very games. He expressed shock at the level of violence, but he still thought that deliberately killing innocent people was "cool."

These video games display the carnage that is the immediate result of a violent act. But what of the pain and grief that victims and family members feel? What about the violent death that perpetrators of these acts usually meet? Or the years spent rotting in prison when they are caught? These consequences do not enter the picture, but they ought to. When one human

being kills another, there are no bonus points or flashy graphics. There's just a dead body and resounding silence left by a life snuffed out before its time. Murder ought to be repugnant to a member of civilized society, but violent video games are helping to obliterate the natural aversion normal people have to killing each other. Video games desensitize us to violence and dehumanize us in the process. Anything that makes us less human is fundamentally bad and ought to be viewed as a crime against humanity. It is certainly not entertainment.

Samuel J. Huskey
Coralville

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Individuals must join fight against unfair labor practices

On June 15, the UI joined 107 other universities in the Fair Labor Association, an organization with a proposed mandate to bring about more humane working conditions for the thousands of mostly young female workers who assemble clothing bearing the universities' imprimatur.

The association, however, has been discredited by student activists and labor organizations as an insidious subterfuge orchestrated by an apparel industry hell-bent on placating its critics while continuing to maximize profits by roaming the globe in search of the cheapest labor.

In the past 40 years, two significant developments have greatly influenced the way in which apparel, toys, appliances and other merchandise requiring physical labor are manufactured. The first is the increased sophistication of telecommunication and computer technology, both of which have strengthened the ability and power of corporations to become "transnational" in scope — i.e., to headquarters themselves in the United States, Europe and Japan while transcending national borders and hence,

operating in a number of locales.

The second is the combination of federally enforced civil-rights and labor laws that protect the rights of citizens and workers in the United States. Such laws have had the combined effect of making it increasingly difficult for manufacturers to procure inexpensive production within the country. For example, apparel manufacturers can no longer take advantage of the sweatshop working conditions that were once common throughout Southern states vehemently opposed to the civil rights of their citizenry and the unionization of their workers.

But whether production takes place in Mississippi or China, the rights of workers to organize and receive a living wage should be respected and upheld. And any publicly funded institution that benefits

society through its mission of higher learning and enlightenment surely should not profit from or associate itself with unfair and abusive labor conditions.

The Fair Labor Association is the program that was created to carry out the task of monitoring the apparel industry and guard against sweatshop working conditions. The association grew out of President Clinton's 1996 Apparel Industry Partnership, which was a well-intentioned attempt on the behalf of human-rights groups, labor organizations and several members of the apparel industry to address the formidable charges of worker abuse brought about by college student activists across the United States in 1997 and 1998.

Yet any law or "code of conduct" is only as effective as the administrative apparatus that enforces it. In this regard, critics of the association have pointed to its lax monitoring procedures that allow the apparel manufacturers to determine what factories will be monitored, when they will be monitored and what organizations will do the monitoring.

This arrangement is akin to letting the fox guard the chickens. Frequently these "non-interested" third parties are the

very accounting firms the corporations commission to do their audits.

Furthermore, these "audits" are kept internal within the association and are not made available to the member universities that have asked that the companies' operations be monitored in the first place.

As a result, the AFL-CIO, the Union of Needletraders and Industrial Textile Employees, and the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility have all withdrawn from the association, recognizing it as a "fig-leaf" behind which the apparel industry will be able to carry on its most flagrant disregard of workers' rights while declaring to concerned consumers that the apparel they purchase is "sweat free."

Such a plan is a firm slap in the face of student activists who have put forth a strong, collective effort to better the conditions of laborers in less industrialized countries. Nevertheless, there have been positive developments at the University of Arizona, the University of Wisconsin,

Madison, the University of Michigan and the University of California, Berkeley. While all of these schools have joined the association or the Collegiate Licensing Company, which is also sporting a similarly impotent monitoring policy, student activists at these institutions

are now working with their schools' administrations to see to it that the two groups take stronger measures against manufacturers than are currently in effect.

Indeed, as evidenced here at UI by COGS and at dozens of other campuses across the country, the potential for college students to make a vigorous and meaningful impression on the decision-making processes of university administrations has not been so great since the mid 1960s. The UI's inclusion in the Fair Labor Association may therefore be perceived as a modest step in the right direction to end sweatshops and labor abuses, but it is the responsibility of intellectuals to see that these steps increase in breadth and cadence.

James Tracy is a *DI* columnist.

On the SPOT

Are birth-control patches a good idea for women?



"I don't know; I'm not a woman."

Ian Kerns
Iowa City resident



"The patch would be a good idea — it could be easier than the pill, which has to be taken everyday."

Kelly Snyder
UI senior



"If it doesn't produce the side effects that women can get from the pill, then maybe they should look into it."

Mike Jillek
UI junior



"Depending on its effectiveness, it's good for women who have trouble remembering the pill."

Julie Elliott
UI senior



"I don't know much about it, but so far it seems OK."

Brenda Lovetinsky
West Branch resident

WORLD & NATION

Shelling continues on world's roof

■ Pakistani militants insist they will stay on and fight in Kashmir, as India tries to dislodge them.

By Neelesh Misra
Associated Press

KARGIL, India — Pakistani shells struck the largest town in Indian-controlled Kashmir Wednesday despite an agreement to halt more than two months of fighting.

The bombardment targeted an army headquarters and civilian areas. Kargil was plunged into darkness as frightened residents switched off lights after about 40 shells landed in an hour-long period. Cars raced to safety with their lights off.

Earlier in the day, as many as 30 shells hit the town and nearby areas. The renewed shelling held up traffic on a highway linking Kargil with Srinagar, Indian Kashmir's summer capital.

In Islamabad, a guerrilla group that said it is fighting in the mountains above Kargil dismissed efforts to restore peace to the region.

"Mujahadeen (holy warriors) consider withdrawal a sin. We have to choose only between victory or martyrdom," Bakhat Zameen Khan,

chief of the guerrilla group, Al-Badar, told reporters in Pakistan. "Fighting with Indians in Kashmir is not over."

The commander of India's northern forces acknowledged that some rebels were still occupying the tops of several peaks in the Himalayas but said they had no "tactical relevance."

"The fact remains they are on our side of the Line of Control, and we will have to push them off if they do not withdraw by themselves," said Lt. Gen. H.M. Khanna, referring to the 1972 cease-fire line that divides Kashmir between India and Pakistan.

The conflict, which has been going on since May, is part of a 10-year separatist revolt against Indian rule in Kashmir, which is primarily Muslim. Both India and Pakistan — the world's newest nuclear powers — claim all of Kashmir, they have fought two wars over it. India accuses Pakistan of backing the separatists, a charge Pakistan denies.

Two weeks ago, Pakistan called on the guerrilla forces to end the conflict in the Himalayas and withdraw from Indian territory. India agreed to halt air strikes and artillery attacks until July 17 to allow the fighters to withdraw



Sherwin Crasto/Associated Press
College students pose before a model of an Indian Prithvi missile, which can carry both conventional and nuclear payloads, during a rally in Bombay, India, Wednesday.

across the 1972 cease-fire line. But when the guerrilla forces refused to evacuate, India resumed its attacks.

On Wednesday, Indian artillery and rockets pounded peaks and mountain spurs still occupied by rebel forces. Machine gun fire echoed across the mountains as India tried to dislodge the militants from at least three positions near the cease-fire line known as the

Line of Control. President Clinton telephoned Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee Tuesday, praising India's restraint in containing the fighting to Indian Kashmir.

India has said it will talk to Pakistan only after the guerrillas completely withdraw and Pakistan affirms it will respect the Line of Control in the future.

In D.C., Barak gets hugs and \$2.8 billion

■ The House Appropriations Committee increases military aid to Israel and reduces economic assistance.

By David Briscoe
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Israel's new prime minister got a warm reception and House Appropriations Committee approval of \$2.88 billion in aid during a whirlwind tour of Congress, which he called "the most powerful political institution in the world."

A few hours after Barak left a meeting with the House appropriators, who were in final debate on the fiscal 2000 foreign operations spending bill, the committee approved Israeli aid at \$60 million above

President Clinton's request.

The funding, which reflects Israeli-approved plans to end U.S. economic assistance and boost military aid over the next 10 years, underscored the strong congressional support Israel has always had in Congress.

But Barak's visit took the friendship to another level. Republicans and Democrats shook his hand, and hugged and applauded him at every door in a long day of meetings, which was interrupted only by lunch with Vice President Al Gore.

The foreign operations bill, which is expected to go to the House floor before Congress' August recess, would boost military aid from \$1.86 billion to \$1.92 billion and decrease non-military assistance from \$1.08 billion to \$960 million next year.

The bill also includes \$2.04 billion in aid for Egypt, a decline of \$40 million from this

year, and \$200 million for Jordan, the same as this year.

On the last day of his first U.S. visit as prime minister, Barak assured Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat that he intended to withdraw promptly from a portion of the West Bank. "There is no reason to wait," he said.

Arafat, speaking from Gaza City, had questioned a 15-month time frame proposed by Barak for determining whether there could be final settlements with the Palestinians, Syria and Lebanon. Arafat said it would be unacceptable to wait that long to implement agreements signed with the previous Israeli administration.

Clinton called Arafat Wednesday morning to report a

"very positive feeling" from his discussions with Barak, said P.J. Crowley, National Security Council spokesman

He said Arafat also seemed optimistic. "There's a general sense that they will be able to work very effectively together," Crowley said.

During Barak's visit, the Clinton administration promised to seek an increase in military aid to \$2.4 billion a year and to urge Congress to approve a special \$1.2 billion appropriation to carry out the West Bank pullback.

The visit also produced a promise of as many as 50 top-of-the-line F-16 jet fighter planes and strengthened security ties.

Both Gore and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright stressed a U.S. role that would not get into details, leaving decision-making to Israelis, Palestinians and other parties in the region.

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— P.J. Crowley, National Security Council spokesman

Mitchell hopes to heal Northern Ireland rift

■ Former Sen. George Mitchell, designer of the Good Friday accord, holds closed-door meetings with key parties.

Associated Press

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — The American architect of Northern Ireland's faltering peace accord met Wednesday with key parties in hopes of paving the way for the formation of a provincial government.

Former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell plans to hold a review in September of the problems in implementing 1998's Good Friday

accord, stalled by an argument over the Irish Republican Army's refusal to adopt a schedule to disarm.

Mitchell was called in again by the British and Irish prime ministers, Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern, after Northern Ireland's Protestant and Catholic parties missed yet another deadline for forming their coalition government.

Under the accord, Northern Ireland's four biggest parties should have formed a power-sharing Cabinet by last November. The agreement also says the IRA and pro-British Protestant paramilitary groups must disarm completely by May.

Mitchell spent most of Wednesday, the only day he planned to talk to the parties before September, behind closed doors.

But before his arrival in Belfast, he said: "I hope very much all of the parties will see the importance of moving this process forward, see the risk of not doing so and come together soon."

"I like and admire the political leaders of Northern Ireland. I believe them to be men and women of courage, acting in very difficult circumstances."

Sean Farren, a senior member of the largest Catholic party, the moderate Social Democratic and Labor Party, said Mitchell could help the

parties overcome mutual distrust.

"I think George Mitchell is probably the person best placed to encourage and grow that confidence and trust," he told reporters before meeting with Mitchell.

The largest Protestant group, the Ulster Unionists, also approved of Mitchell's return but reiterated it will not sit in a Cabinet with the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party while the IRA keeps its guns.

Sinn Fein was cooler about Mitchell's return, saying he should focus on last week's boycott by the Ulster Unionists of a key nominating session that blocked the government's formation, instead of zeroing in on the arms issue.

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Bad brakes lead to huge GM recall

■ The auto giant recalls more than 3.5 million pickups and SUVs to fix anti-lock braking systems.

By Catherine Strong
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — General Motors Corp. is recalling more than 3.5 million pickups, sport utility vehicles and vans to fix anti-lock braking systems that consumers claim led to thousands of crashes, a federal safety agency said Wednesday.

The recall concludes one of the longest defect investigations ever conducted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, agency officials said. All the vehicles will be fixed for free.

GM will ask owners of 1.1 million small pickups and sport utility vehicles from model years 1991-1996 to take them to mechanics so an anti-lock brake sensor switch can be replaced. The vehicles are four-wheel drive Chevrolet Blazer and GMC Jimmy SUVs and Chevrolet S-10 and GMC Sonoma pickups, along with some Cyclone and Typhoon

pickups, GM officials said. If the vehicle is operating in two-wheel drive, the anti-lock brake system can erroneously behave as if the vehicle is in four-wheel drive, a condition that could result in extended stopping distances, federal safety officials said.

Bob Lange, GM's engineering director for product safety, said the stopping distance could be as much as 10 percent to 30 percent longer. He said 30 percent "could be too long" for a stop.

GM is recalling about 2.5 million additional pickups, sport utilities and vans with two-wheel drive to change the computer software on the anti-lock braking systems.

When the vehicles move from a surface with good traction to a surface with poor traction, such as ice or packed snow, then back to a surface with good traction, there might not be enough brake pressure to the wheels, Lange said. Lange said it happened rarely but "can result in longer stopping distances."

Those vehicles, all two-wheel drive, are: 1993-1996 Chevrolet Blazer and GMC Jimmy SUVs,

1994-1996 Chevrolet S-10 and GMC Sonoma pickups, 1992-1995 Chevrolet Astro and GMC Safari vans and 1993-1996 G-vans, which are full-size GMC and Chevrolet vans, Lange said.

GM was not calling the software fix for the 2.5 million vehicles a recall, but rather a "special policy" campaign, because the company says there are no safety defects in those vehicles.

The traffic safety administration described the switch replacements as a "safety recall" and the software changes as a "service recall."

But regardless of the wording, consumers were being asked to take in the more than 3.5 million vehicles so the switches are replaced or the computer software is changed.

The safety administration had received 10,861 reports of brake problems on the pickup trucks and SUVs with "EBC4" brake units. Consumers reported 2,111 crashes and claimed the crashes resulted in 293 injuries, the agency said.

The announcement closes the book on the agency's longest outstanding investigation.

NATION BRIEF

North American Indians seek unity

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Evoking a 200-year-old vision of unity, Indian leaders from the United States and Canada are holding an unprecedented meeting to expand cooperation across a border drawn by white men through their homelands.

The four-day conference, which will end Friday, has attracted more than 4,000 participants — the largest gathering ever of U.S. and Canadian Indian leaders. The last time chiefs from the two countries met to forge a common policy was in 1939, at a much smaller meeting in Toronto.

The biggest Indian organizations in each country — Canada's Assembly of First Nations and the Washington-based National Congress of American Indians — scheduled separate working sessions Wednesday and today, before a joint meeting Friday to adopt a "declaration of kinship and cooperation."

Leaders envision the agreement as a first step toward increased political, cultural and economic ties, including more trade. They also have suggested an exchange of ambassadors between the two organizations, and they want greater freedom of movement for Indians across the U.S.-Canada border, which divides some tribes.

"We are divided by locality but not by destiny," said Phil Fontaine, grand chief of the Assembly of First Nations, as he addressed Tuesday's opening session.

The conference's official theme is "Uniting First Nations: Tecumseh's Vision."

That is a tribute to the great Shawnee chief, who was born in what is now Ohio in 1768. Convinced that white settlers' expansion would destroy the traditional American Indian way of life, Tecumseh dreamed of uniting all Indian tribes in a powerful confederation.

His alliance was shattered in the Battle of Tippecanoe in 1811, and he moved to Canada, becoming an ally of the British against the Americans in the War of 1812. He was killed in battle in 1813.

Documents distributed at the convention quoted Tecumseh as saying: "Let us form one body, one heart, and defend to the last warrior our country, our homes, our liberty and the graves of our fathers."

The convention opened Tuesday with drumming, singing and dancing by members of local tribes, followed by a series of welcoming speeches by chiefs who repeatedly hailed Tecumseh.

Flooding on Cedar worse than in '93

FLOODING

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stack sandbags against the rising floodwaters Wednesday morning. Both were wet, and their shirts were crusted with mud.

"It's our town. We can't let it get swept away," Weber said. Once residents had their homes surrounded by sandbags, all they could do was watch the sky for rain and wonder how high the river would rise.

"During the day, when you can see this, you feel a little bit better because at night you don't know what's out there," said Diane Harold, who was sitting on the sandbags around her house, water creeping up the sidewalk.

Harold has lived in her home for 27 years and said she had never seen the river come up this high. Her basement has water in it for the first time.

Local residents not rushing to buy Kennedy items

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Kennedy. Libra Cress, of City News, 113 Iowa Ave., said the business had sold more copies of *George* than usual.

"Yesterday, we had six or seven and now we have zero," she said. "Usually we have at least two returns (copies sent back to the publisher)."

Granny's Antique Mall, 315 First Ave., was visited by at

least one zealous Camelot fan. "The day after the accident, a man came in and bought all the Kennedy stuff we had," said employee Todd Thelin. "Old Life" magazines, paper memorabilia — everything.

But Thelin predicted that the JFK Jr. enthusiasm won't last.

"It's probably going to be short-lived," he said. "It will be a fad and won't go on too long. The same thing happened when Jackie died."

Some Iowa City residents are

unimpressed by the trend nationwide. UI business student Larissa Weyns said she would not purchase any copies of *George*.

"There's enough about it all on TV," she said. "I don't need to read about it as well."

UI junior Angie Klintworth agreed. "If I saw something interesting on the cover, I might buy it," she said. "But I wouldn't buy it just because of the accident."

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Party and ride at RAGBRAI

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ing forward to participating with a dozen of his closest friends in his 18th ride this year. They've been training all summer, he said.

"The 90-degree heat on the bicycle isn't that bad," he said. "It's the heat in the tent that can be overwhelming."

But, Murphy said, the diversity and the spirit of the participants make up for any discomfort.

RAGBRAI veteran Gloria Marchman, who has participated in the ride at least 10 times, said she has been training since early this spring. She goes with the Bicyclists of Iowa City every year because it is a supportive group, she said.

Marchman said she had a few words of advice for those considering joining the club of 177,150 RAGBRAI riders.

"Be sure to wear a helmet and drink lots of water," she said. "Take it easy, because it's going to be hot out there."

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Divers find bodies from Kennedy plane crash

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Coast Guard and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration spent the night scouring a site 7 1/2 miles southwest of Martha's Vineyard.

After a search that had the nation transfixed since July 17, the plane's fuselage was spotted by underwater cameras at 11:30 p.m. Tuesday. The bodies of all three victims were found in the fuselage, said Coast Guard Rear Adm. Richard M. Larrabee.

Working with visibility of 5 to 8 feet, divers encountered "twisted wreckage," with wires and seats askew, "the kind of thing you can

imagine that would be the result of a high-impact contact with the water," Larrabee said.

To keep TV cameras away, officials banned flights within five miles of the recovery effort, which was led by the USS Grasp, a Navy salvage ship. JFK Jr.'s uncle, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, and his sons, Patrick and Edward Jr., were aboard the Grasp while the bodies were being recovered.

Larrabee said the bodies were brought to the surface "in a way that respected the situation they were in. It was something we were very sensitive to."

A large section of the fuselage that included the instrument panel was recovered. More of the

plane will be brought to the surface and taken to the Coast Guard Air Station on Cape Cod for examination. It will be six to nine months before the accident's cause is determined, said James Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

At a White House news conference, President Clinton defended his decision to pour so many federal resources into the search for the plane.

He said rescue-and-recovery efforts in the first four days "were consistent with what would have been done in any other case." He said Coast Guard officials told him they could locate the plane and its passengers if given more time, so he agreed.

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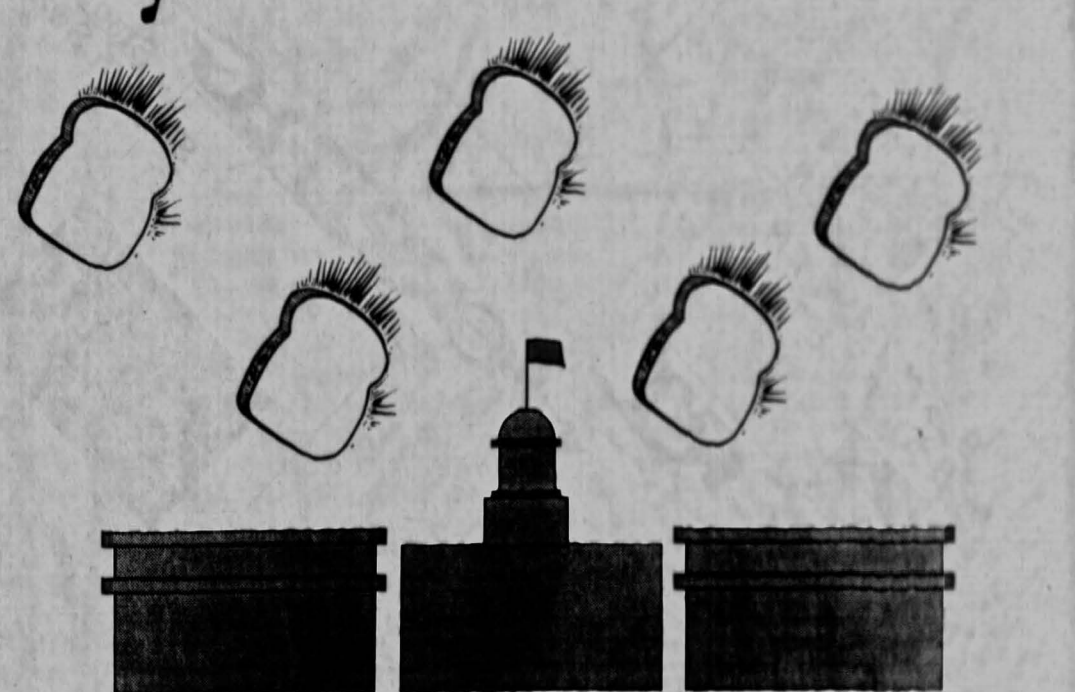
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TELEVISION

Main Event

The Event: U.S. Olympic Qualifying Tournament, USA vs T.B.A., 7 p.m., TNT
The Skinny: Watch some of the NBA's finest beat up on a second-rate national team that does not have a chance to win.



Major League Baseball

1 p.m. Cubs at Pirates, WGN
 7 p.m. White Sox at Twins, Fox-Cl

Golf

9 a.m. Senior British Open, ESPN
 3 p.m. John Deere Classic, Fox-Cl

Basketball

7 p.m. Olympic Qualifying Tournament, United States vs. T.B.A., TNT

Soccer

7 p.m. MLS, Mutiny at Wizards, ESPN

QUOTABLE

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SPORTS QUIZ

In what Major League ball park can a player hit a fair ball 435 feet and still not have a home run?
 See answer, Page 2B.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL			
Chicago	2	Kansas City	10
Pittsburgh	1	Detroit	5
Mets	7	Baltimore	6
Montreal	3	Boston	1
Florida	2	Toronto	4
Atlanta	0	Cleveland	3
Cincinnati	1	Yankees	4
St. Louis	0	Tampa Bay	3
Philadelphia	7	White Sox	6
Milwaukee	0	Minnesota	3
Arizona	7	Texas	9
Houston	4	Anaheim	5
San Diego		Oakland	
San Francisco	late	Seattle	late
Colorado		See standings on	
Los Angeles	late	Page 2B	

Hicks implicated in fraud

LOS ANGELES — Former UCLA running back Skip Hicks reportedly had a handicapped parking permit two years ago, when he scored a school-record 26 touchdowns and gained 1,282 yards for the Bruins.

About to start his second year with the Washington Redskins, Hicks was issued three of the handicapped parking placards over the period from December 1996 to June 1998, according to Department of Motor Vehicle records cited Wednesday by the Los Angeles Times.

Hicks has a history of knee problems but was healthy as a senior in 1997, when he carried the ball 258 times and averaged nearly 5 yards per attempt.

The DMV report did not indicate the nature of the injury or illness that Hicks claimed entitled him to the placard.

A telephone message for Hicks' agent, Howard Silber, was not immediately returned Wednesday.

Fourteen current and former Bruin football players have been charged with misdemeanor counts of illegally possessing the placards.

Authorities contend they obtained the permits by submitting applications with phony illnesses certified by fictional doctors.

If convicted, they would face up to \$1,000 in fines and six months in jail.

Hicks was not among those charged. Nor were Cade McNown or Larry Atkins, who completed their UCLA careers last season.

McNown, an All-American quarterback as a senior, was a first-round draft choice of the Chicago Bears, while Atkins, a safety, was drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs.

Battle of the big men in PTL playoffs

■ Brad Lohaus and Acie Earl go head to head in the opening game of the PTL post-season.

By Todd Hefferman
 The Daily Iowan

PTL Playoffs
4:30: #2 Mike Gatens Real Estate vs #7 Lepic-Kroeger Realtors.
6:00 #3 Fitzpatricks vs. #6 Goodfellaz
7:30: #1 Merrill Lynch/Nike
9:00 #4 Imprinted Sportswear vs #5 Deli Marts

While Lohaus and Earl are the centers of attention when on the floor, they play different styles. Lohaus has been an outside threat for Gatens, hitting seven three-pointers against Imprinted Sportswear/Goodfellow Printing Monday night.

In an attempt to open up the area near the basket for former teammate J.R. Koch and current Northern Iowa teammates Terry and Tony Cress, Lohaus has continually fired away beyond the arc. Twice this season Lohaus has put up more than 15 three-pointers in one game, hitting nearly half of them on both occasions.



Earl

Earl has been statistically dominating since his Prime Time premier, averaging more than 30 points a game along with 20 rebounds. Tonight's first game should be physical inside with Earl guarding Lohaus outside the lane at Gatens' end, and Lohaus banging around in the middle at Lepic-Kroeger's basket.

The second playoff game pits Fitzpatrick's Steakhouse against the streaky Goodfellaz Clothing. Goodfellaz has not won this season without guard Rob Griffin Jr., who will likely be back for the playoffs. Fitzpatrick's is coming off a big win against Merrill Lynch/Nike that tied it for first place along with The Fieldhouse and Gatens.

The top seed, The Fieldhouse, is coming off a strong win against Deli-Mart/Iowa City Ready Mix Monday night. Rod Thompson had season-

highs of 42 points and 22 rebounds in helping The Fieldhouse snap a three-game skid that turned its undisputed lead in the standings on July 8 into a three-way tie for first place at the end of the regular season. The Fieldhouse/Gringo's takes on Merrill Lynch/Nike.

In a matchup of the fourth and fifth seeds, Imprinted Sportswear squares off against Deli-Mart in the playoff nightcap. Both teams fell from the top of the standings with losses Monday night, Imprinted dropped its fifth game of the year to Gatens 98-84, while Deli-Mart lost to The Fieldhouse 112-107. Deli-Mart is led by center Seth Madole. While perimeter-based Imprinted is led by Donald Stokes, Brian Westlake, and David Wilcock.

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Sean Elliott needs a kidney transplant

■ The Spurs' NBA playoff hero kept his frightening condition a secret during the post-season.

By Kelley Shannon
 Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — As the San Antonio Spurs drove toward the NBA championship, Sean Elliott kept a frightening secret: He needed a kidney transplant and might be playing his last games.

Doctors said Wednesday his condition has worsened and the 31-year-old forward hopes to have a transplant as soon as a matching donor is found.

"It's a situation that I've known about for a while, so for me it really hasn't been a shock," Elliott said. "Ask me if I'm a little scared, yeah, I'm a little worried."

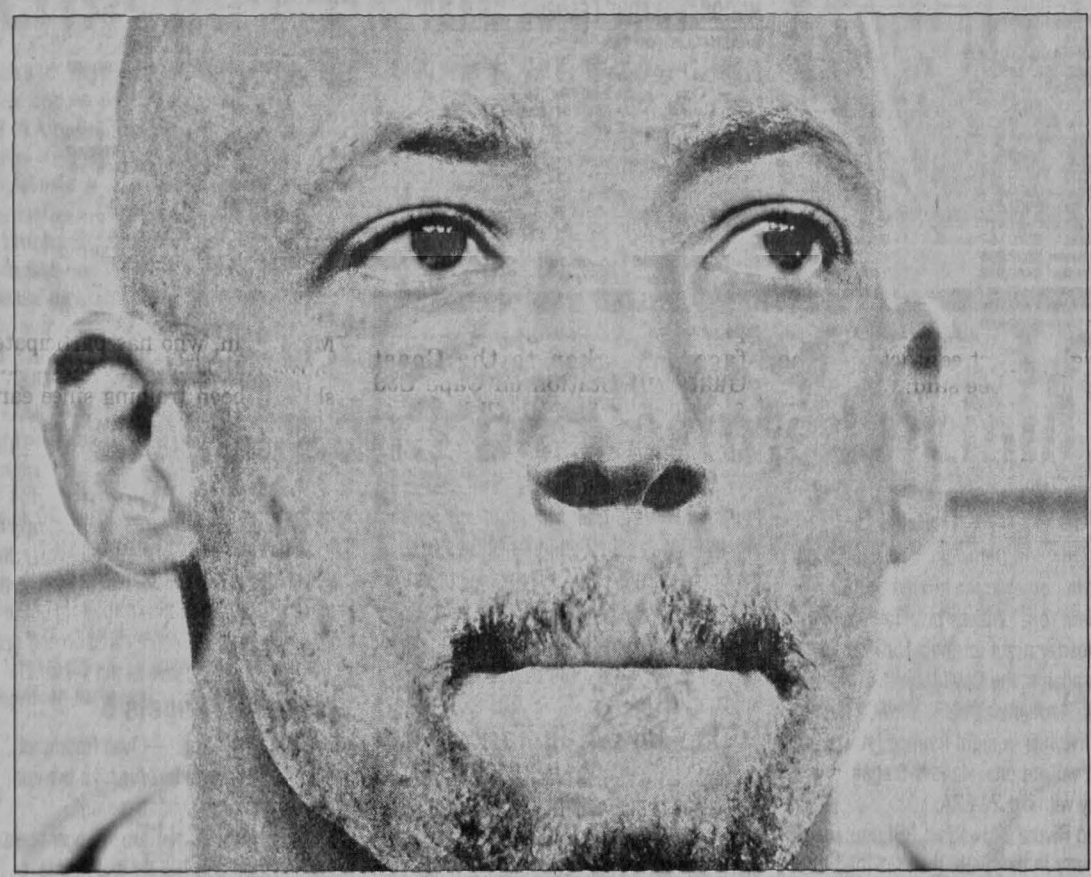
Elliott says he has no pain and is staying upbeat, even hoping to resume his NBA career after the transplant.

"I've had a great career, and if that's the end of it, so be it. But I don't really think that's the end of it," Elliott said. "I want to play and I feel like I am going to play again."

The illness affects both his kidneys. The healthy donor kidney would be placed in Elliott's body along with the two malfunctioning kidneys, his doctor said. Elliott must have the transplant to avoid dialysis treatment.

Family members underwent blood screening this week to see if they qualify as kidney donors. If there is no family match, Elliott will be placed on a transplant waiting list.

An estimated 62,000 Americans are awaiting a



Eric Gay/Associated Press

San Antonio Spurs' Sean Elliott listens as doctors answer questions about Elliott's kidney transplant during a news conference Wednesday.

heart, lung, liver, kidney or pancreas. Last year, 4,000 people died before they could get the organ they needed.

Dr. John Reineck, a kidney specialist who has been treating Elliott, said there is no precedent for a professional athlete returning to a sport after a kidney transplant.

He added that it could be two to three months after the transplant before it is known whether Elliott can play basketball.

Elliott learned of his condition after about four years in the league. His disease is

known as focal glomerulosclerosis, one of a variety of kidney diseases that result in severe, prolonged loss of protein into the urine. The cause of his disease is not clear.

Reineck said the disease, if not treated, could lead to exhaustion, weakness, nausea and weight loss. However, he said Elliott has "an excellent long-term prognosis for living a normal life."

"I know I can get through it," Elliott said.

Elliott learned of his need for a transplant with about a month left in the regular sea-

son. However, Reineck said he and Elliott have known for more than a year that a transplant would most likely be necessary. Elliott said Spurs management knew of his plight, as did teammate Steve Kerr late in the season.

"I just felt I had a responsibility to the team," Elliott said. "It's been something I've been living with for a while, so I really didn't let it creep into my mind that much."

Teammate Will Perdue said players suspected something because of the medical atten-

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Skip Miller to leave Iowa

■ The former Iowa defensive lineman will play at South Dakota next year.

By Greg Wallace
 The Daily Iowan

The Iowa football team lost some depth on the defensive line Wednesday, as junior defensive tackle Skip Miller decided to transfer to the University of South Dakota.

Unhappy with his prospects for the upcoming season and being pushed for playing time by freshman Colin Cole, a 6'2", 275 pound freshman from Plantation, Fla, Miller felt his best opportunity would be to move to South Dakota, where former Iowa assistant John Austin is the head coach. South Dakota is a Division II school, so Miller will be able to play this fall, without having to sit out a transfer year.

"Personally, I thought my career was over," Miller said Tuesday. "I just got burned out. I felt I was just going through the motions at Iowa."

Miller is just the latest Hawkeye to become a Jackrabbit. This spring, linebacker Raj Clark transferred to USD, and Ryan Burr, a guard, and Ryan Justice, a quarterback, are also former Iowa players. In addition, former Iowa players Matt Hughes and Brett Chambers are USD football assistants.

Miller came to Iowa as a top recruit. He was a SuperPrep All-American, as well as being named to

See MILLER, Page 2B

Cincinnati sneaks by St. Louis in a pitcher's dual

■ Cinergy Field is the only park Mark McGwire has played in that, he has not homered in.

CINCINNATI (AP) — Ron Villone allowed one hit in eight-plus innings and Pokey Reese hit the first homer by a right-hander off Jose Jimenez, leading the Cincinnati Reds to a 1-0 victory Wednesday night over the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Reds improved to 19-8 over their last 27 games with their ninth shutout, the most in the majors. Villone (5-3) gave up a leadoff double to J.D. Drew in the first, then allowed only four more runners — on a hit by pitch, two walks and an error.

Villone was replaced by Scott Williamson after walking Drew to lead off the ninth. Williamson struck out Ray Lankford, Mark McGwire and Fernando Tatis to earn his 12th save in 17 chances.

Reese led off the fourth inning with his sixth homer and the first that Jimenez (5-10) has given up to a right-handed batter during his major

league career. The rookie had not allowed a homer by a right-hander in 141 innings, a span of 299 at-bats by righties.

Florida 2, Atlanta 0

MIAMI — Dennis Springer outpitched Greg Maddux with a seven-hitter and the Florida Marlins beat the Atlanta Braves 2-0 Wednesday night, sending the Braves to their fifth consecutive defeat.

The losing streak is the Braves' longest since they dropped six in a row Sept. 8-14, 1996. Despite the slump, they began the night with the best record in the NL.

Preston Wilson scored one run, drove in the other and went 2-for-4, extending his hitting streak to 10 games.

Mets 7, Expos 3

MONTREAL — Mike Piazza and Robin Ventura hit back-to-back homers in the first inning to



Gene J. Puskar/Associated Press

Pittsburgh catcher Keith Osik puts the tag on the Dodgers' Craig Counsell Tuesday.

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SPORTS

Austin savors Armstrong's triumphant Tour

Fans in Armstrong's hometown of Austin are following the Tour de France like it's the Super Bowl.

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Kelly Davidson often stays up after midnight to catch footage of Lance Armstrong racing toward victory in the Tour de France.

It's not easy for the 11-year-old girl. Her chemotherapy can make her tired and sick. But watching Armstrong, a cancer survivor, has been an inspiration.

"We talk about how many miles he does each day," said Jamie Davidson, Kelly's mother. "She's so proud of him."

With four days left, Armstrong leads cycling's biggest race by 6 minutes, 15 seconds. The race ends Sunday in Paris.

"I just think he's really strong and it's great," said Kelly, who met Armstrong two years ago while they both struggled through chemotherapy.

Armstrong's bid to become only the second American to win the Tour de France has quietly captured the attention of the city where he lives and trains part of the year.

Unlike the hype surrounding Ricky Williams, the Heisman Trophy-winning running back from the University of Texas, there are no highway billboards urging Armstrong to victory.



Donna McWilliam/Associated Press

Eleven-year-old Kelly Davidson met Lance Armstrong about two years ago while they both struggled through chemotherapy, now she often stays up after midnight to catch footage of Armstrong racing toward victory in the Tour de France.

There hasn't been a sudden rush on yellow jerseys, the signature shirt of the Tour leader.

But this city is a hotbed of amateur cyclists. And many are watching television, the Internet and the sports pages to see if Armstrong can complete his astonishing comeback from testicular cancer that had spread to his lungs and brain.

"I've been following it like the Super Bowl. If I could afford to go to Paris, I would go," Austin resident Charlie Jones said. "I don't ride myself, but I have found myself at the bike shop looking at bikes."

Jay Aust, manager of Free-

wheeling Bicycles, said interest in the race is greater than ever.

"Lance is a local hero," he said. "The place where I go to breakfast, people are always asking me about Lance."

At the Lance Armstrong Foundation, which raises money to fight urological cancers, director Karl Haussmann spent Wednesday watching the race on the Internet.

"It's tough to get good live coverage or even taped coverage," he said.

Corporate interest in the foundation has skyrocketed as Armstrong charges toward Paris, he said. The foundation has been flooded by correspondence from

cancer patients who have heard Armstrong's story.

"Those folks are just e-mailing like crazy. These people are so fired up by Lance's success," Haussmann said. "A woman who just started chemo for breast cancer said she was motivated by what Lance was doing."

Interest in Armstrong has hit the morning radio talk shows as well. Listeners hear as much about his looks as his ride through the French countryside.

"I love Lance. He's gorgeous," one female caller cooed on the radio Wednesday.

Austin Mayor Kirk Watson wants the city to honor Armstrong when the race is finished — win or lose.

"One of the great things about Austin, we still feel like a small town," Watson said. "This is one of our guys doing good. That's why everybody's talking about it. We've watched him through some highs and lows."

The city toasted Williams and the Texas football team with a downtown parade in January that drew thousands.

"We'll do something special for Lance," Watson said. "He's won as far as I'm concerned. I hope he's wearing the yellow jersey when it's all over."

Kelly Davidson won't be in Austin as the race winds down. After helping Armstrong's foundation raise \$17,000 with a radio charity drive, she learned her neurological cancer had reformed. Kelly's family was forced to move her closer to her doctors in Fort Worth.

IOWA BRIEFS

Hawkeyes name Scholz as second assistant

Iowa women's soccer coach Stephanie Gabbert announced the hiring of Wendy Scholz as the second assistant soccer coach for the 1999 season.

Scholz comes to Iowa from The Colorado College, where she was the goalkeepers coach last year.

"Wendy will be a tremendous addition to our staff this year," Gabbert said. "She knows what Big Ten competition is like and will blend in well with our program."

Scholz played her college soccer at Northwestern from 1994-97. She was a two-time mem-

ber of the All-Big Ten team and the team's MVP in 1994, 1995 and 1997.

She was also a NSCAA first-team Scholar Athlete All-American in 1997.

Earlier this summer, Ian Rickerby was hired as the first assistant coach.

Iowa finished its second season with a record of 6-10-2.

The relatively young team lost goalkeeper Gabe Mauren and Jenna Sorenson from last year's team, while bringing in six new recruits.

~Mike Kelly

Top Minnesota football recruit may be ineligible

Thomas Tapeh could be one of the first to benefit from a judge's ruling declaring Proposition 16 unfair.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Minnesota's prize recruit, running back Thomas Tapeh of St. Paul Johnson, may be academically ineligible to play this season after failing his American College Test for the fourth time.

To be eligible, students must achieve a minimum ACT score of 16 by the time they enroll full-time. June 12, the day Tapeh last took the test, was the last national testing day that would have allowed him to do that.

Tapeh's grades are good, but he has had trouble with the ACT because English is his second lan-

guage, school officials said. Tapeh and his family emigrated from Liberia 10 years ago.

At the moment, Tapeh would be a partial qualifier, meaning he could practice with the Golden Gophers and keep his scholarship but couldn't play. He would lose one year of eligibility but could gain back a fourth year by graduating within four years.

But Tapeh — last fall's Associated Press Player of the Year — and other partial qualifiers and non-qualifiers still have a chance to play this season. On March 8, federal judge

Ronald Buckwalter of Philadelphia threw out Proposition 16, the NCAA rule that determines freshman eligibility. Proposition 16 requires a minimum test score regardless of grade-point average.

Buckwalter ruled the test-score component of the rule discriminates against blacks. On March 30, a federal appeals court granted the NCAA a stay, meaning Proposition 16 is still in effect.

Chris Schoemann, director of compliance at Minnesota, said he doesn't think the NCAA will wait much longer than Aug. 1 to announce its new rules. But even then, he said, the question over whether the changes apply to incoming freshmen might have to be settled in court.

Until that is settled, however, Tapeh is subject to Proposition 16,

which has a sliding scale for GPAs and ACT scores. The higher the prospect's GPA is, the lower the test score needed to qualify, and vice versa.

Tapeh has a high school GPA of 3.4 or 3.5, said Karl Dickman, athletic director at St. Paul Johnson.

Galarraga plans to start workouts next month

MIAMI (AP) — Atlanta Braves first baseman Andres Galarraga, sidelined since being diagnosed with back cancer in February, attended Wednesday's game against the Florida Marlins and said he'll complete radiation treatments early next month.

Galarraga said he'll then join the

Braves for workouts, and he expects to play in 2000.

"Believe me, I want to be in uniform right now," a grinning Galarraga said. "But I'd better take it easy this year to be ready for next year."

Galarraga, 38, lives an hour north of Pro Player Stadium in West Palm Beach. He attended the game with his wife and children and was greeted with hugs from teammates when he walked onto the field during batting practice.

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