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READ, THEN RECYCLE

UI gets \$5 million for Honors center

■ Two families give more than \$5 million for construction of an Honors/gifted children facility.

By Chris Rasmussen
 The Daily Iowan

A \$5 million donation by Myron and Jacqueline Blank of Des Moines Thursday will help build a new facility for the UI Honors Program, which also will become the new home for the Belin-Blank International Center for Gifted and Talented Children.

"They are a very generous family," UI President Mary Sue Coleman said. A gift of \$500,000 by the children of the late David and Connie Belin also was presented to the UI Thursday. The Belins, along with the Blanks, created the Belin-Blank Center in 1979. Its current location is in the Lindquist Center.

Jacqueline Blank said the progress of the Belin-Blank Center since 1979 has been "mindboggling." "It started out with 17 teachers who were to recognize gifted children," she said. "Two thousand teachers have since passed through and more than 20,000 students."

Coleman said the idea of combining the Honors Program, which is composed exclusively of UI students, and the Belin-Blank Center, which has students in the kindergarten-age range, is unique and has the potential to produce very positive results.

"The idea of the plan is to create a program where university students get involved with talented and gifted students," she said.

Coleman believes the two groups of academically gifted students could create a beneficial synergy.

Alice Fulton, the director of the UI Honors Program, said she was looking forward to the opportunity of working with the Belin-Blank Center and also was pleased that the Honors Program would have the space it needs.

"This will increase the amount of seminar space we have," she said.

Fulton also said the greater amount of open space will allow the Honors Program to have performances and other events.

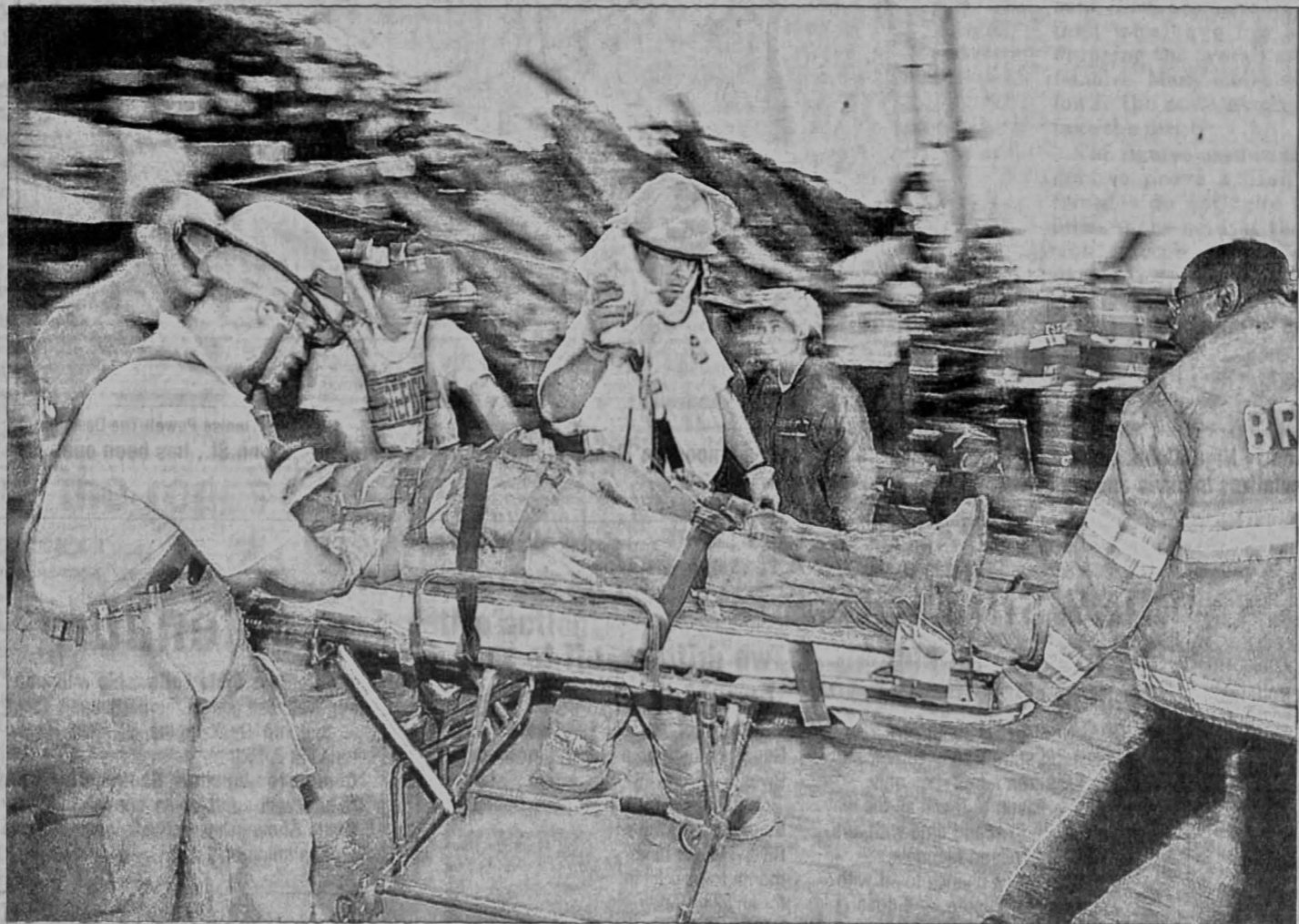
The Honors Program is currently in the Shambaugh House, 219 N. Clinton St., which Fulton described as beautiful but inadequate.

"It's a beautiful building," she said. "I'm sure the university will find a use for it."

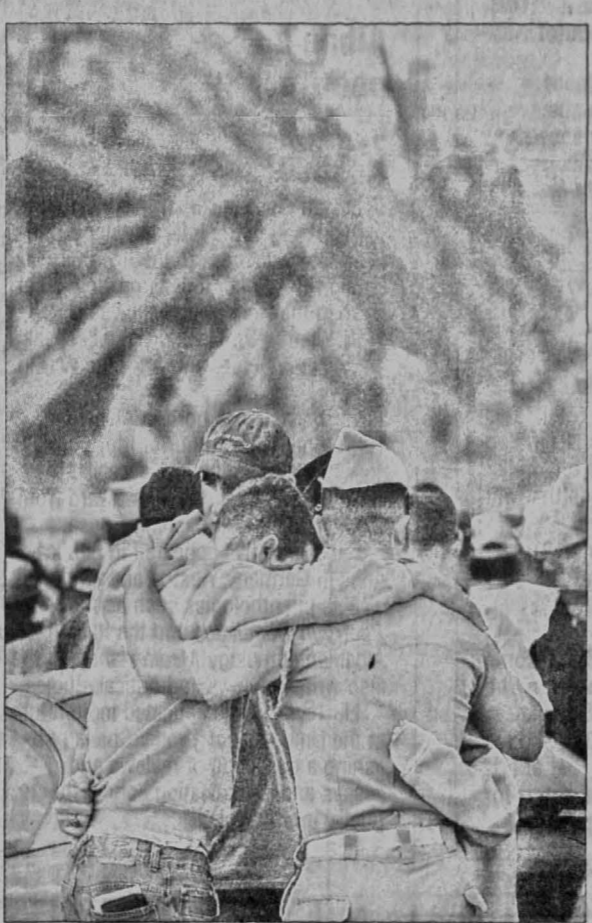
The new facility will be constructed in the area east of the Chemistry Building and west of Daum Residence Hall.

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Logs collapse; 11 killed



Emergency workers rush a student who was trapped for hours under a stack of logs that collapsed while being prepared for a pre-football game bonfire early Thursday at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas. At least 11 people were confirmed to have been crushed to death; 28 others were injured. The identity and condition of the student is not known, but he was alive at the time of the rescue.



Texas A&M students embrace Thursday morning at the scene of the collapsed 40-foot pyramid of logs that was being erected for the university's traditional football bonfire.

■ Another 28 students were injured while building the traditional Texas A&M bonfire.

By Michael Graczyk
 Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — A towering, 40-foot pyramid of logs erected for Texas A&M's traditional football bonfire trembled and then came roaring down early Thursday, crushing at least 11 students to death and injuring 28 others.

Two people who had been seen trapped in the rubble in the afternoon were confirmed dead during the night. At least four of the injured were in critical condition.

Workers hoped to get to the bodies of the two students, one male and one female, by dawn, said Kem Bennett, an engineer working with the rescue crew.

A wave of grief settled over the

Bonfire construction facts

- Logs are donated by landowners who need land cleared.
- The centerpole is made of 2 telephone poles spliced together and planted 10 feet into the ground.
- Each spring since 1991, 10,000 trees are planted by A&M student organizations to help replace the trees cut down for the bonfire.

Estimated work hours in 1998: 125,000

Estimated number of logs wired together: 6,000 to 8,000

Number of workers: About 5,000

Height of bonfire: 55 feet tall

Width of bonfire: 45 feet wide

Crowd drawn: 30,000 to 70,000 in various years

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Police release sketch of prof-assault suspect

■ UI English Professor Carol De Saint Victor continues to recover from injuries suffered in the attack.

By Ryan Foley
 The Daily Iowan

Iowa City police released sketches Thursday of the suspect who allegedly assaulted UI English Professor Carol De Saint Victor on Nov. 5.

The suspect has been described as a black male, approximately 5 feet, 7 inches to 5 feet, 10 inches and 30 years old with a medium build, according to Iowa City police.

After interviewing De Saint Victor, Coralville Police Detective Doug Vance used a computer program to generate the sketches.

Detective Robert Gass of the Iowa City police said the depart-



Sketches courtesy of Iowa City police

ment has narrowed down several leads it received for the case. "We've eliminated a lot of things," he said. "The next step is this sketch. Hopefully, someone in the public will know this person and come forward."

There are a variety of charges the suspect could be faced with, Gass said, ranging from aggravated assault to attempted murder.

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Football blahs not affecting Hawk sales

■ The weather is having more of an effect on sales of the black and gold, some retailers say.

By Anne Huynh
 The Daily Iowan

Students' spirits may be down due to the Hawkeye football team's 1-9 record, but the losing record isn't necessarily affecting sales of Hawkeye merchandise, local merchants say.

Sales of Hawkeye apparel are down this year at the Iowa Hawk Shop, said assistant manager Jennifer Wilson. But she attributes the lower sales to the weather more than the lackluster record.

"The weather has been so nice, so we haven't been selling as many winter coats and sweatshirts," she said. "Typically, fans come buy stuff when they get cold, but this year we have more people buying T-shirts because



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they dress too warmly." Wilson said she thinks tried-and-true Iowa fans are "always going to dress Hawkeye" no matter what the team's record is, and fans' low morale due to the play of the team is "a pretty small factor in sales."

With a predicted high of 50 degrees for Saturday's 11:10 a.m. game against Minnesota and the upcoming holidays, Wilson said she thinks sales will improve.

Unlike the Iowa Hawk Shop, the IMU University Book Store's sales of Hawkeye apparel "has been up a little," said Manager George Herbert.

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Planning begins for bio-med facility

■ The UI will run out of medical research space by 2001.

By Chris Rasmussen
 The Daily Iowan

The state of Iowa Board of Regents Thursday gave the UI permission to proceed with the initial planning phase for construction of a new biomedical research facility as part of a comprehensive plan to improve and expand the Health Science Campus.

The facility is part of the Health Sciences Master Plan, proposed in 1995, to renovate and modernize facilities on the medical campus. The goals include building new facilities and a parking structure, relocating underground utilities, and creating a pedestrian campus at a total cost of \$125 million.

Regent Clarkson Kelly said he felt very strongly about the need to expand the health services.

"Medical experiments, new diagnostic tests, new surgeries have been expanding at an exponential rate," he said. "To accommodate this, we need new and better facilities."

The biomedical research facility will be located west of the Bowen Science Building and will be part of a larger research complex.

Growing research opportunities at the College of Medicine are one reason behind the desire to build the proposed biomedical facility, said Robert Kelch, dean of the medical school.

"More research money means that we need more space for people," he said. "With its present facilities, the UI expects to run out of available research space by 2001."

Forty percent of the UI's research money from private sources goes to clinical drug trials. Money from private sources increased by nearly 40 percent this year.

However, not only private sources are increasing, Kelch said.

"The NIH (National Institutes of Health) budget grew by 15 percent last year, and the (U.S. Senate) committee is planning to increase its budget again," he said. "We must take advantage of that."

The state of Iowa was rated by the *New England Journal of Medicine* as one of the top five biomedical-research states in the nation, which, Kelch said, is another compelling reason to construct the new research facility.

The medical school is expected to bring in \$188 million in fiscal year 2000, \$20 million more than in 1999. Since 1994, the total amount of research funding has risen by more than \$60 million.

The cost of the new research facility is yet to be determined.

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by GARRY TRUDEAU

FORTUNATELY, YOU'VE ALREADY GOT THE TRD-PHYNIFE.

YEAH, HOW LUCKY IS THAT? WHO KNEW YOU' NEED ONE?

by Scott Adams

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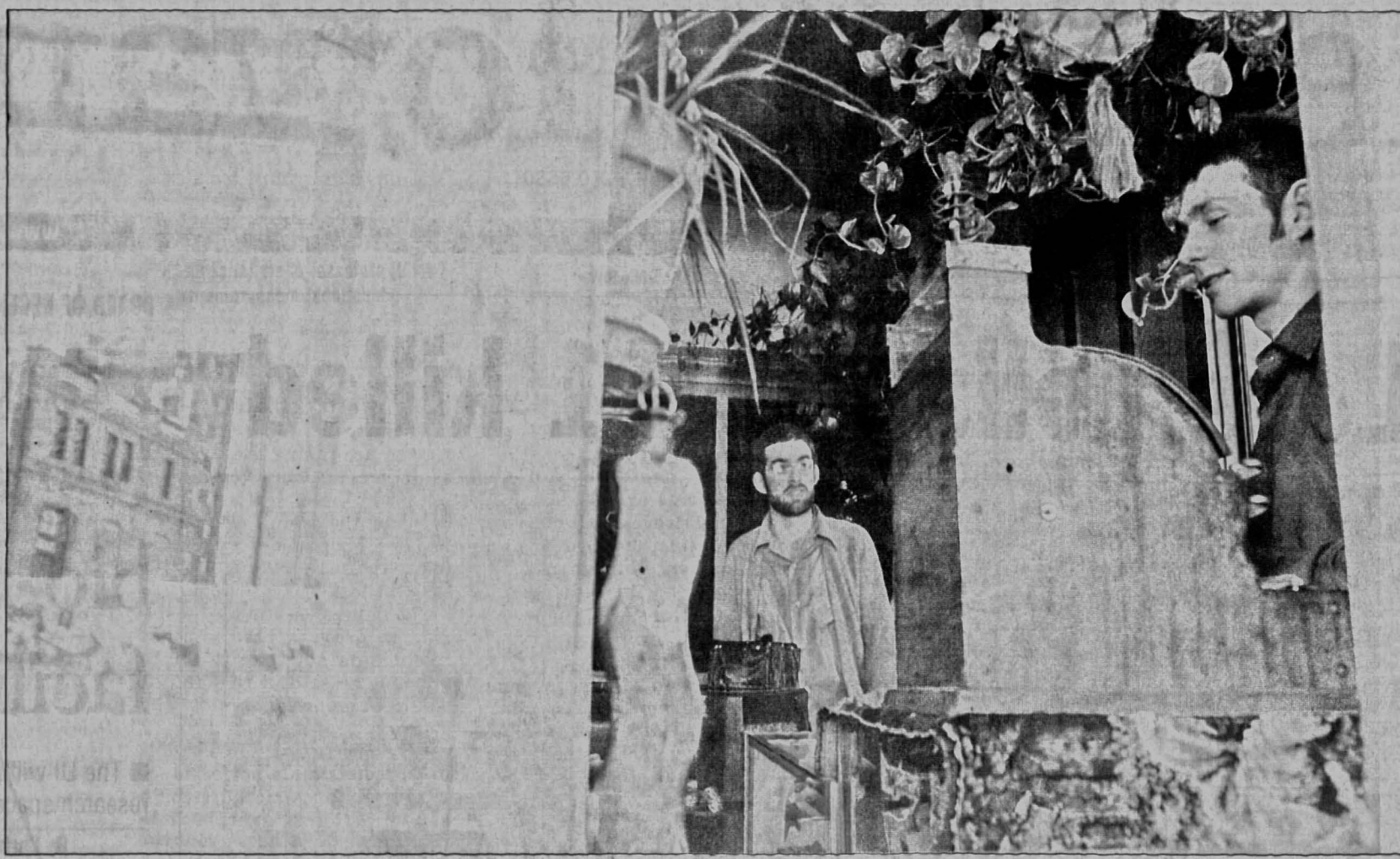
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 - How many angels could dance on his head?
 - A few fries short of a Happy Meal.
 - A few beers short of a six-pack.
 - A few peas short of a casserole.
 - Doesn't have all his corn flakes in one box.
 - The wheel's spinning, but the hamster's dead.
 - A few feathers short of a whole duck.
 - All foam, no beer.
 - The cheese sild off his cracker.
 - Body by Fisher, brains by Mattel.
 - Warning: Objects in mirror are dumber than they appear.
 - Elevator doesn't go all the way to the top floor.
 - An intellect (veiled only by garden topics).
 - Doesn't have all his dogs on one leash.
 - Her sewing machine's out of thread.
 - His antenna doesn't pick up all the channels.
 - His belt doesn't go through all the loops.
 - If he had another brain, it would be lonely.
 - Missing a few buttons on his remote control.
 - No grain in the silo.
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the BIG picture



Kevin von Behren, left, and Ty Nigel Cobb, right, work inside the Glass Lodge pipe emporium Thursday afternoon. The store, 13 S. Linn St., has been open for roughly two weeks; it specializes in pipes and glass work as well as in local art and music.

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Road rage

NEW YORK (AP) — Kirk Douglas' son Eric is being sued for \$100,000 by a limousine driver who claims the younger Douglas cursed, choked, and punched him during a ride last fall.

Piotr Mierzwa, 26, said Douglas was enraged when the limo company refused his request to drop him at the Newark, N.J., airport and then drop his dog at a pet shop.



"He grabbed me while I was driving," Mierzwa said Tuesday. Douglas, who pleaded guilty to drug charges in 1997, allegedly called the Polish-born Mierzwa obscene names, disparaged his foreign birth and added: "You probably don't know who I am."

newsmakers

His friends call him Madiba

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Hollywood stars **Danny Glover** and **Morgan Freeman** admit they only needed one reason to travel all the way here: a chance to spend time with anti-apartheid hero Nelson Mandela.

"When you get a chance to sit with Madiba for just a minute — it doesn't take me long" to decide to come, Glover told reporters. Madiba is Mandela's clan name, and it has become an affectionate nickname. Freeman said he's in "deep talks" with Mandela and South African filmmaker Anant Singh to play the role of Mandela in a movie about the former president.

"I'm looking forward to the experience," Freeman said Wednesday. The best part would be "the amount of time I get to spend with Mr. Mandela."

Two drifters, off to see the whirl

BRANSON, Mo. (AP) — Robert Goulet is trading La Mancha for Moon River.

The 65-year-old singer joins Debby Boone at the Moon River Theater next month to help fill in for an ailing Andy Williams.

Williams was forced to cancel two months' worth of performances because of a non-malignant node on his vocal cords.

Boone and her father, Pat Boone, have been performing for him at the Moon River for the November shows, but Pat Boone has other obligations after Dec. 2. Goulet will then fill in for-16 shows.



calendar

The Campus Bible Fellowship will sponsor Wallyball games. To participate, meet at the Info Desk in the UI Field House today at 7:15 p.m.

Columbus Junction Community High School will sponsor its annual Arts and Crafts Show in the school's gym on Nov. 20 beginning at 9 a.m.

UI brief

Albanian poet to speak on Kosovo

Luljeta Lleshanaku, an Albanian poet participating in the International Writing Program, will speak to the Iowa City Foreign Relations Council on Nov. 30 at noon in the Rockwood Fellowship Hall, 30 N. Clinton St. Lleshanaku will speak on "Albania Before and After the War in Kosovo."

Lleshanaku was born in Albania in 1968. She is the author of four poetry collections, one of which received the 1996 Best Book of the Year award from the Eurproindia Publishing House. Her poetry has appeared in publications in Germany, Austria and France, as well as in anthologies such as *Modern Poetry in Translation* and the Italian-Albanian anthology *Mediterraneo 1*. She also writes reviews and critical studies. Lleshanaku was educated in literature at the University of Tirana. She is publishing a collection of reviews and essays and is translating John Ashbery's poetry into Albanian.

horoscopes

by Eugenia Last

Friday, November 19, 1999
ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will have to rely on your charm if you want to keep things amiable at home.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take the bull by the horns and start the ball rolling. Waiting for others will be a waste of time.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will enjoy socializing. Get involved in physical activities. You will be enlightened by the experienced you have while traveling.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your mood swings cause problems with your personal partner. Don't let your workload push you past a point of being civil, ask

for help.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Relationships will develop on trips. You will be enticed by someone who can provide you with mental and physical stimulation.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Overspending should be your main concern. Do not get involved in financial ventures.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Disharmony will lead to minor illness. You need to relax. However, it's not likely you will be able to.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't let relatives interfere. Ask for their advice, but don't let them interrogate your

mate.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You probably will be bouncing off walls. Don't even make any decisions that will affect your personal life.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be careful not to divulge secrets that could hurt your reputation or someone's feelings.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Become involved in activities that can be enjoyed by both young and old alike.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Sudden romantic connections may be short-lived. Keep your eyes and ears alert for any evasive or deceptive statements.

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■ Burgeoning especially in Rapids corridor people conce

By Katie The Da

A panel of local community members met Thursday at the library.

"First, it's important to have an association of urban and regional people pursuing a dream for a local urban community."

Throgmorton suburbs to expand may be an expansion of urban sprawl, not necessarily since 1980, Chicago's suburbs has grown by 4

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■ Iowa City city and councilors an informal meeting Thursday.

By Heather The Daily

As the excitement of the new city council begins to wane, new council members got a taste of their new Thursday night council meeting.

The current council's first meeting, conducted by the new council members, was a success. The council members contributed to the city's decision-making process. The council members agreed that a good way to conduct the council is to have a fair chance for all council members to express their views.

The council members held a meeting on Monday, Nov. 15, to discuss the city's budget and other issues. The council members agreed that a good way to conduct the council is to have a fair chance for all council members to express their views. The council members agreed that a good way to conduct the council is to have a fair chance for all council members to express their views.

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WASHINGTON approved a \$39.4 billion budget Thursday, edging a win over the House. The final step in the process was proving to be as challenging as several senators' measure hostage. Capping a year of President Clinton's budget trial, the House

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CITY & NATION

Urban sprawl worries residents

Burgeoning growth, especially in the Cedar Rapids corridor, has some people concerned.

By Katie Bernard The Daily Iowan

A panel of local specialists and community members addressed the rapid sprawl of Johnson County Thursday at a public panel discussion at the Coralville Public Library.

"First, it's important to define sprawl," said James Throgmorton, an associate UI professor of urban and regional planning. "It is leapfrog or scattered development. It is the natural result of people pursuing the American dream for a low-density, less-urban community."

Throgmorton used the Chicago suburbs to explain that sprawl may be an expansion of land but not necessarily people.

Since 1980, the population of Chicago's surrounding suburbs has grown by 4 percent, but the

land has been expanded by approximately 41 percent, he said.

Similarly, extensive development in the northern area of Iowa City has some residents concerned.

"Unfortunately, we are moving towards a corridor between here and Cedar Rapids, and that is not a good thing," said Joni Kinsey, an associate professor of art and art history. "Development is rampant, taking over landscape, and that is going to affect the environment and the quality of life for us all."

One audience member offered a solution to maintain the concentration of building in the north rather than sprawling in all directions.

"The challenge is to have diverse people involved in the planning — people who will take into account all the municipalities

involved in developing," said Mike Lehman, a member of the Johnson County Board of Supervisors.

One possible solution for the Iowa City and Cedar Rapids corridor is to keep towns individualized and separate, intensifying inner growth and using a network of transportation, Kinsey said.

Pat Cancilla, an Iowa City resident, was in favor of a similar plan — instead of building out, build up, he said.

"We need to fill in a lot of places. There are 700 lots in Iowa City and more than 400 homes available," he said.

The public panel was sponsored by the Johnson County League of Women Voters, with the goal of improving the quality of life for area residents.

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ACT gender-bias is B.S., prof says

More females take the tests, which drops their overall average, a UI professor reports.

By Steve Schmadeke The Daily Iowan

In response to accusations in the news media that the ACT and SAT tests are biased against women, a UI professor attributes it to the larger number of women taking the tests — driving their averages down.

"Every headline you see screams bias against females," said H.D. Hoover, a UI professor of statistics and educational measurement. "I think it's B.S."

Hoover made his remarks at a presentation at ACT, Highway 1 and Interstate 80.

Because the primary criterion for admission to the state universities in Iowa is a student's high school rank, many who are in the bottom half of their classes will not take the tests, Hoover said.

With 56 percent of females graduating in the top half of their class compared with 44

Every headline you see screams bias against females. I think it's B.S.

— H.D. Hoover, UI professor of statistics and educational measurement

percent of males, Hoover suggested that males have less incentive to take the test.

Because a larger group of women are taking the tests, he said, there are more women than men who have low scores — dropping the overall average for females. Many males who would lower the male average do not take the test.

The figures used in media stories to prove a bias against females do not take this into account, he said; if they did, it would account for most of the supposed gender gap.

Relying strictly on ACT scores overpredicts male performance while relying strictly on high school grades overpredicts female performance, Hoover said. A combination of both fac-

tors produces the most unbiased results, he said.

UI graduate student Sondra Miller agrees.

Despite getting unspectacular ACT and SAT scores, Miller has gone on to graduate school in environmental engineering.

"I don't care for standardized tests," she said. "I don't think the bias is gender-based necessarily ... they do make tests for one specific group and don't take the others into account."

Those in ACT management found Hoover's presentation enlightening.

"It wasn't a surprise," he said of the data presented. But, he said, Hoover's speech suggested some new possible areas of research, such as the relationship between ITED and ACT scores.

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New councilors learn the ropes

Iowa City city councilors and councilors-elect met at an informal meeting Thursday.

By Heather Pavlica The Daily Iowan

As the excitement of winning a seat on the Iowa City City Council begins to wane, new city councilors got a taste of their future positions Thursday night at an informal council meeting.

The current City Council introduced the Iowa state codes for open meetings, council meetings and duties to the newly elected Irvin Pfab, Steven Kanner and Ross Wilburn at the meeting.

The council and council-elect discussed the fast-pace of many informal council meetings and how this contributes to the public's not getting a fair chance to respond to council's decisions.

The informal council work sessions, held on Monday nights, are not required by law; the council has agreed that a work session was a good way to conduct city business. The council has the authority to conduct the session the way it wants, said Marian Karr, the city clerk.

Pfab suggested broadcasting the informal council sessions because the issues addressed at the meetings are public business.

"I think it is not easy for the public to be informed," he said. "It is a possible perception that the public feels short-changed."

Kanner suggested that the council meet in different schools once a month as a possible way of reaching more of the public.

Wilburn said the council should come up with creative ways to allow the public to express opinions at informal work sessions by January.

Putting a public notebook in the council chambers for questions and ideas was also suggested by Wilburn.

The newly elected councilors said their duties did not seem overwhelming, but each councilor agreed they face challenges.

Pfab said the most challenging part of city government is coming to a common vision.

Wilburn said he will have to learn to manage his time as a councilor.

"Getting comfortable with how I can help make and guide policy — I think it is going to be a balancing act for me," he said.

Kanner said he needed to keep up with the pace of the council's work sessions.

"Sometimes it moves a little fast for me," he said. "I will say when I need more time. I guess I like to chew things up and digest them a little more."

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Law prof, think tank attorney square off on affirmative action

The UI Federalist Society Wednesday afternoon sponsored a debate on affirmative action between UI law Professor William Buss, who serves on the law school admissions committee, and Roger Clegg, the general counsel for the Center for Equal Opportunity, a conservative think tank.

Buss took a pro-affirmative action position.

"We can't live in this society without recognizing how different black and white people have been treated," he said. "We can look at race as a possible indication of (an applicant's) life."

Arguing against affirmative action was Clegg, who frequently appears on college campuses to debate on discrimination issues.

"(University admissions committees) should not make generalizations

CITY BRIEFS

based on race about how people may think," he said. "The issue is who is the most qualified."

The UI College of Law admissions office operates using a "numbers plus" system when evaluating applications, which means when evaluating an applicant, criteria besides GPA and LSAT scores are considered.

Buss said that when evaluating applications, the files are looked at as a whole, with race being just one of the criteria considered.

— by Kate Thayer

College of Business holds tech exchange

To encourage advancement in the use of technology, the UI Tippie College of Business held its second Learning and Information Technology Exchange Thursday at the Pappajohn Business Building.

"We're trying to make it easy for stu-

dents to use technology outside of the classroom and teachers to use it inside the classroom," said Joan Huntley, the co-director of Stead Advanced Learning Technologies in the business school.

All the presentations, on topics ranging from online résumés and Web boards to wireless Internet connection, were given by UI staff.

"I use a lot of technology in the classroom," said Nancy Hauserman, associate dean for the business undergraduate program. "The Stead Center is just fantastic, creative and helpful."

The exchange was co-sponsored by the college's Computer Services Organization.

Warren Boe, the director of the organization, said course Web sites are tools most commonly used by UI professors.

New programs and items, such as pre-recorded online lectures and the wireless mouse, also were examined.

— by Chao Xiong

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NATION BRIEF

House approves budget deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House approved a \$390 billion budget bill Thursday, edging Congress toward wrapping up its long and contentious year. The final step — Senate approval — was proving to be time-consuming, as several senators were holding the measure hostage to special interests.

Capping a year born in the cauldron of President Clinton's impeachment trial, the House passed a bipartisan

deal including money for new teachers, land purchases and booty for lawmakers' home districts. Shortly afterward, the chamber cast what is expected to be its last roll call vote of the year.

The package, merging 10 bills and exceeding 2,000 pages, was the product of weeks of negotiation that did not end until nearly midnight Wednesday. Lawmakers had mere hours to examine the nearly foot-thick stack of paper but approved it by 296-135, with most members of both parties crowing about victories.

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— A co-pilot on EgyptAir flight 990, as heard on a cockpit voice recorder tape. The comment was made just before the plane descended into the ocean.

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EDITORIALS

WWII veterans deserve a memorial of their own

Veterans Day has come and gone, but this is no reason to forget the service of our fighting men and women for another year.

The United States has always been healthy with patriotism and gratitude for those who have served in its wars. However, where our country has lapsed with startling oversight is with World War II. No monument to the courageousness and sacrifice of the millions of Americans who served in that war yet exists.

That may soon change. An initiative led by actor Tom Hanks, the star of last year's remarkable WWII epic *Saving Private Ryan*, seeks to build such a monument. Perhaps you may have seen the display at Wal-Mart asking for a donation, as well as offering an opportunity to add your grandfather or father's name to a growing list. While the connection to consumerism is a little leery (but what if anything did WWII vets beget if not consumers?), the heart of all those involved is certainly in the right place. It is time that some sort of tribute is erected alongside the proper memorials to the other wars of the 20th century.

This is especially necessary in an era in which we have prospective presidential candidates questioning the value of our involvement in WWII. With people such as Pat Buchanan suggesting that our part in the war was at best unnecessary, and with a contemporary culture breeding movies such as *Fight Club*, in which the lost opportunity for modern men to shed blood is mourned, it's obvious we need a touchstone for what war meant to our country.

Time apparently has not reinforced the valuable lessons of this war. World War II was fought so that we would never have to fight in such a war again, so that we may enjoy the world we are living in, rather than one quite unimaginable. We should not lose sight of these things. It is time the countless veterans who served their country in World War II receive the recognition they deserve.

Darby Harn is a *DI* editorial writer.

United States must project a more humble image to world

Last week, President Clinton postponed a scheduled trip to Greece because of potentially violent protests. Meanwhile, there have also been recent demonstrations in Iran.

Anti-U.S. demonstrations aren't just undertaken by enemies of the United States or neutral countries. Greece is a NATO ally, and yet some Greek citizens are so opposed to the United States that they hold annual protests that have occasionally turned violent.

Clearly, the United States needs to enhance its image abroad. In order to do this, the United States must take steps to ensure that international politics aren't just playthings of the current dominant world leader but that the international community works together to figure out solutions that are in the best interests of all.

Some feel that hatred toward the United States is an inevitable consequence of the leadership role it takes in the world. The way in which the United States has abused this role with arrogance and concern only for its own interests has been responsible for some disdain on the part of other nations.

Many of the protests, including the Greek and Iranian demonstrations, stem from the United States' history of meddling in foreign civil wars during the Cold War. The United States often supported corrupt and unpopular governments against popular revolutions in order to maintain a governmental world balance. This has left a bitter taste in people's mouths, and any action the United States now takes is often viewed with skepticism and cynicism.

The United States can't undo the past, but it can take positive steps to eradicate its negative image. When the United States wants to subject the rest of the world to a nuclear test-ban treaty or an international court but refuses to be subject itself, it reinforces people's views of the United States as a self-righteous bully.

The United States also ought to be very careful with the issue of military involvement in sovereign nations. It is a sign of good leadership to be honestly concerned with human lives in other countries, but the United States should remember its past and only act when there is a clear international consensus.

The United States can work to establish itself as a good leader instead of an overbearing force. It must remember that the actions it takes have international and long-lasting consequences.

Christy Hall is a *DI* editorial writer.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Schneider off the mark

Though I dislike most things Frank Schneider writes about, his Nov. 15 column ("Incorporating the deer-kill strategy to the UI campus") really ticked me off.

First, his argument about recently elected Councilor Steve Kanner wanting to shut down Gabe's was the dumbest thing I've ever read. Let me get this straight: Because Kanner did not state his intentions about the bar to students before the election, this means that ALL politicians are only out for themselves. Well, Frank, if you had a working brain cell, you would know that this is the most illogical argument that could ever be judged by logic. Didn't you learn in high school that gross generalizations are signs of a weak, narrow-minded person?

Second, how dare you preach against students and citizens speaking or being active about politics in the United States. The last presidential election resulted in the nation's lowest voter turnout ever. This is a major problem and one that deserves attention. Yet you immaturely bring these people down through the media for participating in the government of their own country because it annoys you. Well, so sorry, Frank. If you don't like it, Canada is approximately 500 miles north of your ignorance. They love people that don't care about America.

Finally, your statement "Anyone involved in politics is an idiot" makes you sound like a buffoon, and I would love to meet the person who gave you your job. It's judgmental idiots such as you who make society turn a deaf ear to American politics.

It's time to grow up, crawl out of your cave, and

participate in your own nation. Or at least not disrespect people who do. Frank, I wouldn't quit your day job.

Darrin Max Threlkeld
UI junior

UISG should outlaw mass mailings

I was shocked to read in the Nov. 17 *DI* ("UISG kills anti-mass mailing action") that our student government has openly failed to stand up for students' rights. I am referring to the proposed amendment that would have protected students from being contacted against their wishes by recognized student groups.

Despite the well-intentioned efforts of UISG senator Anthony LaForge to protect his fellow students from a repeat of the Students for Bush debacle when the UI administration clearly has refused to, this amendment failed to pass. I would urge UISG to reconsider a similar amendment and remember whom they represent.

Students should not have their privacy violated by overly aggressive organizations. Being subject to a constant barrage of e-mail, telephone calls and mailings is opening the door for nothing short of the harassment and invasions of privacy outlawed by our nation's Constitution.

Students should have the right to choose which organizations they wish to belong to without being hassled by misguided efforts to increase member-

ship by a UISG-recognized group. While it could be argued that one can hang up on a phone call or delete an e-mail, the person being contacted must first submit to an invasion of privacy, however brief, to do so.

In response to the comments made by UISG senators who voted the amendment down, I would contend that there are other means of reaching the student body that give them freedom of choice. Students can choose to read a poster or a newspaper advertisement. They can decide whether or not they want to stop by a table at the IMU or attend a rally to find out more about a student group. They cannot decide when a group that they have no interest in, or may even be politically or morally opposed to, contacts them via telephone or e-mail soliciting their membership.

I urge UISG to remember who they are supposed to represent and to protect our rights not only as students, but also as citizens of our nation.

Neal Leahy
UI senior

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Y2K could wreak some real havoc on the UI campus

I don't want to alarm anyone, but the approaching new year could mean the end of the UI as we know it.

I'm sorry, that did sound a tad apocalyptic, didn't it? Well, I don't want you to rush out into the streets and attempt to loot Pancho's. I do not condone senseless acts of Mexican food robbery, for that would be going too far.

But I was recently exposed to the fear that the upcoming date-change incites. While attempting to see if my computer would be year 2000 compliant, my friend casually remarked, "You know, there is a possibility that this could erase your entire hard drive."

Not being one to freak out over mundane little details, I immediately started to hyperventilate. Alternating between frantically yelling, "Forget it!" and desperately trying to get a hold of the mouse, I maintained perfect composure.

Luckily, this homey little family business known as Microsoft had enabled my computer to effortlessly make the switch.

But computers in general have a lot of sway on the UI campus. They control our bills, a great deal of our food exchanges, our parking tickets, our class registration and our meningitis. Oh yes, that last one's a proven fact. The first case of meningitis in a college dorm occurred after a computer user flew into a rage over a lost file and viciously kicked his hard drive.

The computer was quite offended, as the file was actually erased by the roommate in retaliation for using the last of the TP and not replacing it, *again*. So the computer spent that entire night coughing on the guy's pillow and eating with his spoons.

Ah, but the UI administration is completely ready for the shift. Everything here is totally Y2K compliant. How do I know? Well, they told us, and they'd never lie to the student body, right? I have faith in a system that caused a power outage at the Communications Building and the Main Library last

year when trying to see if the electrical systems could make the shift.

I'd never seen newspaper people freak out as much as when our system at the *DI* crashed. Some editors have still not recovered. If you know where to look, you can find them in select corners, curled into the fetal position, rocking back and forth while muttering, "Stop the presses. Stop the presses." I played the role of the calm mind in a sea of madness by raising an eyebrow at the scene, laying that week's contribution on my editor's desk and slowly backing out.

So I do have a little bit of fear of returning to school after a blissful respite in suburbia and logging onto, oh, let's say Pine. Now, I don't really e-mail a whole lot, so I'm not that completely familiar with this system, but I'm sure I could learn it if I really had to.

Anyway, I can see myself logging in and then being faced with the computer-generated line, "Do you know how much e-mail you've generated in the past four months?" And I'll just look around, retype my ID, and then the computer would say, "Ha! Forget it, Kind. You're not

getting any e-mail today, and it's too bad, cause there's some juicy stuff in here, 'snuggly-wuggly.' Hee hee."

I can also see students returning to campus to find they are no longer enrolled. Surprise!

LEAH KIND

The computers that hold all that vital stuff dealing with enrollment might have just decided that some kids don't deserve to go here anymore. I'd give the systems a lot of credit if they did a bit of weeding out.

Freshmen bio majors who didn't understand the Krebs Cycle but can recite from memory the interior decor of the IMU? Out. Grad students who happily put "professional slacker" on job applications? Out.

The computers might even decide that some students might be happier elsewhere. So instead of getting your next DELI sheet with your academic progress all neatly charted out, you'd be presented with a list of colleges where you might receive an education more personally tailored to your particular learning style. The Kathy Lee Gifford

School of Third World Exploitation. Dominate U — home of the William Gates College of Business. The McDonalds Academy of Advanced Burger Construction. "Good luck in your new place of continuing education! Love,

computer #214b." And I understand that when technicians warned that some computers might not be able to make the transition between 1999 and 2000, they didn't mean the computers would suddenly be endowed with quasi-human intelligence and comprehension. They were just implying that some machines might get a really wicked frustration headache and stubbornly revert back to DOS.

Luckily, my computer and I have a perfect understanding of each other. I don't maltreat it, and it performs with a hitch. We get along famously. I guess it's just that uncanny grasp I have on technology.

Leah Kind is a *DI* columnist.

On the SPOT

Do you have any plans for Iowa's last home football game tomorrow?



"I'm going home — not for lack of interest, but I have other plans."

Masha Geeza
UI junior



"No, I don't because they're not very good, so I don't think I'll waste my time."

Jason Staats
Iowa City resident



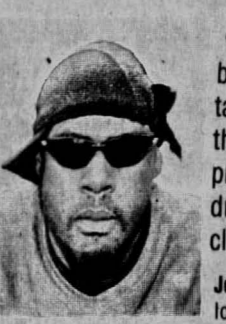
"Maybe. I'm going there with my Korean friends, but I'm not sure if tickets are available."

Sangeun Woo
UI exchange student



"I'm planning on going to the game. We're tailgating before, but I'm not quite sure."

Rachel Bryant
UI freshman



"Yeah, I'll probably go. I'm going tailgating early in the morning and plan to be massively drunk by the game's climax."

Joseph Labriell
Iowa City resident

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Tobacco \$ misused, activists say

■ As the \$206 billion tobacco payout begins, anti-smoking groups are not happy with the states.

By David Crary
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Big Tobacco's big payout is about to begin, but leaders of the anti-smoking movement aren't celebrating.

Too many states, they say, are treating their cut of the \$206 billion settlement as a multi-purpose budget booster rather than as ammunition for a decisive assault on underage smoking.

Water projects in North Dakota or new jails in Southern California are not what smoking opponents envisioned a year ago when five major tobacco companies signed

the settlement with 46 states.

Over the next few weeks, state governments will start receiving the first installments from the biggest civil settlement in U.S. history. The total payout will average \$8 billion per year over the next 25 years.

The initial expectation was that most of the money would support health programs, especially anti-smoking initiatives. So far, though, only a few states have come close to pledging the minimum amount suggested by federal officials to wage an effective anti-smoking campaign.

Many states instead plan to use the money for purposes unrelated to health — deficit reduction, schools, capital construction.

The Michigan Legislature voted to allocate nearly 75 percent of its 25-year, \$8.5 billion share to col-

lege scholarships, earning a rebuke from Miss Michigan during a recent Statehouse visit.

"That wasn't what the money was intended for," said beauty queen Audrie Chernaukas, who lost a grandmother to emphysema and a grandfather to lung cancer. "I ask you, 'Please, from my heart, this is about our children's future.'"

Nineteen states have yet to decide how to spend their money; several others have created trust funds that could be used for several purposes, including anti-smoking programs.

But of the two dozen states that have detailed initial spending plans, only eight have made substantial new commitments to anti-smoking programs, according to the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids in Washington.

U.S. gun deaths plummet 21 percent

■ The gun-related death rate has fallen to its lowest level since the mid-60s, the government reports.

By James Pilcher
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Gun deaths in the United States dropped 21 percent between 1993 and 1997 to the lowest level in more than 30 years, and firearm-related injuries fell 41 percent, the government said Thursday.

Experts cited such reasons as tougher gun-control laws, a booming economy, better police work and gun-safety courses.

The study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention looked at all gunshot wounds reported at emergency rooms, whether they were intentional, accidental or self-inflicted.

The number of fatalities dropped from 39,595 — 15.4 gun deaths per 100,000 people — in 1993, to 32,436 — 12.1 per 100,000 — in 1997.

The rate "is the lowest it's been since the mid-60s," said J. Lee Annett, a CDC statistician. "This progress is really encouraging and really says that joint prevention efforts of public health officials, legislators and law enforcement should continue."

The drop was not unexpected; Homicide rates in the 1990s have

fallen to levels not seen since the 1960s, and approximately two-thirds of all homicides are committed with guns. But the latest figures also include suicides and accidental deaths.

Moreover, nonfatal shootings fell from 104,390 to 64,207 in the same period, or from 40.5 per 100,000 to 24.0.

Bill Manown, a spokesman for the National Rifle Association, said the numbers prove that more gun laws aren't needed — the laws on the books need to be enforced.

"It is a fact that this substantial drop in gun violence directly correlated to a big increase in gun enforcement by police," said Lawrence W. Sherman, a University of Pennsylvania professor who has studied gun policy. "Police were not treating guns in a preventive sense prior to 1993, and now they are."

Some experts also credit a

strong economy that has helped reduce overall crime and suicide attempts. Margaret A. Zahn, a North Carolina State University criminology professor, said prosperity has also allowed governments to spend more on services that prevent gun violence, such as domestic-violence shelters and youth recreation programs.

The CDC also listed such possible factors as an aging population, increased gun-safety measures, and the waning of the crack trade.

Gun-control advocates said they are encouraged but pointed out that even with the decrease, an average of 265 people a day were shot in 1997.

"People shouldn't be satisfied," said Nancy Hwa, spokeswoman for Handgun Control and the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence. "Everybody is still at risk, and the presence of guns should still be a major concern."

LEGAL MATTERS

POLICE

Shanita C. Canty, 19, Marion, was charged with possession of a schedule I controlled substance, possession of alcohol under the legal age and obstructing officers at QuikTrip, 323 E. Burlington St., on Nov. 18 at 2:17 a.m.
Femaris R. Briggs, 18, Cedar Rapids, was charged with possession of a schedule I controlled substance (third and subsequent), driving while revoked and obstructing officers at QuikTrip, 323 E. Burlington St., on Nov. 18 at 2:17 a.m.
Jeffrey S. Hamel, 22, 732 Westgate St. Apt. 3, was charged with operating while intoxicated at the intersection of Highway 6 and Woolfe Avenue on Nov. 18 at 2:38 a.m.
Michael P. Seiler, 24, 47 Westside Drive, was charged with operating while intoxicated at 300 S. Dubuque St. on Nov. 18 at 1:25 a.m.
Steven R. Wizek, 25, West Des Moines, was charged

with operating while intoxicated at the intersection of Jefferson and Governor streets on Nov. 18 at 3:14 a.m.

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Christopher D. Betts, 20, Stater Residence Hall Room 549, was charged with giving false reports to law enforcement at the Pharmacy building on Nov. 17 at 11:47 p.m.
Joe N. Dixon, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged with operating while intoxicated and driving while license revoked at the intersection of Burlington and Dubuque streets on Nov. 18 at 3:17 a.m.
Kimberly F. Goland, 19, 614 S. Johnson St. Apt. 4, was charged with fifth-degree theft by deception at Lot 3 on Nov. 16 at 3:40 p.m.

—compiled by Zack Kucharski

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Possession of a schedule I controlled substance, first offense — Kassandra M. A. Kuennen, Cedar Rapids, no

preliminary hearing has been set; Shanita C. Canty, Marion, no preliminary hearing has been set.

Possession of a schedule I controlled substance, third offense — Floyd Dilworth, Cedar Rapids, no preliminary hearing has been set.

Driving while license revoked — Floyd Dilworth, Cedar Rapids, no preliminary hearing has been set.

Supplying alcohol to persons under legal age — Floyd Dilworth, Cedar Rapids, no preliminary hearing has been set.

Possession of a schedule II controlled substance — Floyd Dilworth, Cedar Rapids, no preliminary hearing has been set.

—compiled by Glen Leyden

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NATION & WORLD

Mitchell all smiles after Ulster success

■ The American mediator announces a compromise between Northern Ireland's Protestants and Catholics.

By Shawn Pogatchnik
Associated Press

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Heading home after yet another unlikely success, American mediator George Mitchell predicted Thursday that a new compromise package will finally spur formation of a Protestant-Catholic government for Northern Ireland and prompt the outlawed IRA to disarm.

In an interview with the Associated Press, the former senator from Maine — who helped achieve last year's landmark Good Friday peace accord — said he hadn't wanted to return when the deal started unraveling this summer and the prime ministers of Britain and Ireland phoned.

Then he listened to his wife. "She said, 'You've got to do it. It's the right thing to do,'" Mitchell said in a spartan office at the British government headquarters, his home away from home for the past 11 weeks of patient mediation.

The compromise package, already being put into action, involves the Ulster Unionists, the province's major British Protestant party, dropping their longstanding demand for Irish Republican Army disarmament before the new four-party government is formed.

Instead, as Mitchell emphasized Thursday in his concluding report, the Ulster Unionists would be expected to accept the IRA-linked Sinn Fein party as government colleagues on the same day the IRA starts negotiations with a disarmament commission.

Both moves are expected in

early December — but only if Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble can overcome considerable opposition within his party in a key vote late this month.

Mitchell told the AP he could not be sure whether Trimble would prevail or be ousted as Ulster Unionist leader. But he stressed that Trimble's critics, who complain that the IRA has provided no guarantees it will ever "decommission" its weapons dumps, had no alternative strategy to make it happen.

In the past, IRA commanders have argued that to hand over even a single bullet would symbolize surrender and humiliate and split their ranks.

"There's only one guarantee in this whole process," Mitchell said. "If Trimble is rejected and if this process fails, then I guarantee you there will be no decommissioning."

Those Ulster Unionists backing Trimble, he said, "are in a very difficult situation, because it's politically very awkward for them. There are many key decisions ahead, and this process can fail at any one of several points along the way."

But Mitchell expressed total confidence that Canadian Gen. John de Chastelain, who leads the disarmament commission, will achieve the Good Friday accord's expectation of total disarmament of the IRA — as well as outlawed pro-British groups — by next May.

"I've known John de Chastelain for many years," Mitchell said. "When he says he'll get a job done, he'll do it."

Mitchell denied media reports that, as part of the behind-the-scenes negotiations, the IRA would be expected to start destroying its hidden weapons dumps in cooperation with de Chastelain by late January.

Egyptians outraged over Egypt Air crash suspicions

■ Many Egyptians believe U.S. is making a snap judgment about the disaster.

By Donna Abu-Nasr
Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — Many Egyptians believe U.S. investigators are making a rush to judgment by focusing their probe of doomed Flight 990 on a mass murder-suicide by an EgyptAir co-pilot.

They say there was no apparent motive for Capt. Gameel el-Batouty to kill himself — he was rich and had a loving family — and that as an observant Muslim, he would never commit suicide.

Egyptians also note that even secular Muslims invoke the name of Allah in situations that range from the mundane to the dangerous.

"When I cross a crowded street I whisper a prayer," said Marwa Mohammed, a 19-year-old law student. "That doesn't make me fanatical or suicidal."

Egyptians are outraged that U.S. investigators point to a prayer uttered in the cockpit of EgyptAir Flight 990 seconds before it plunged toward the ocean on Oct. 31 to buttress their suicide theory.

Egyptian airline officials have tentatively identified the co-pilot at the time of the crash as el-Batouty, 59, who was scheduled to take over much later in the flight, according to sources in the United States close to the investigation.

Someone in the co-pilot's seat said in Arabic, "I made my decision now. I put my faith in God's hands," moments before the jet's autopilot was turned off and the plane plunged from 33,000 feet,

according to a U.S. federal law enforcement official.

There are no signs el-Batouty was a Muslim fanatic. In a conservative society that does not encourage the mixing of the sexes, he allowed his sons to date and even encouraged them to bring their girlfriends to family gatherings.

On a family video of a July 21 party for his son Mohammed, el-Batouty joined his wife on the dance floor. Those who strictly interpret Islamic tenets do not dance or listen to music.

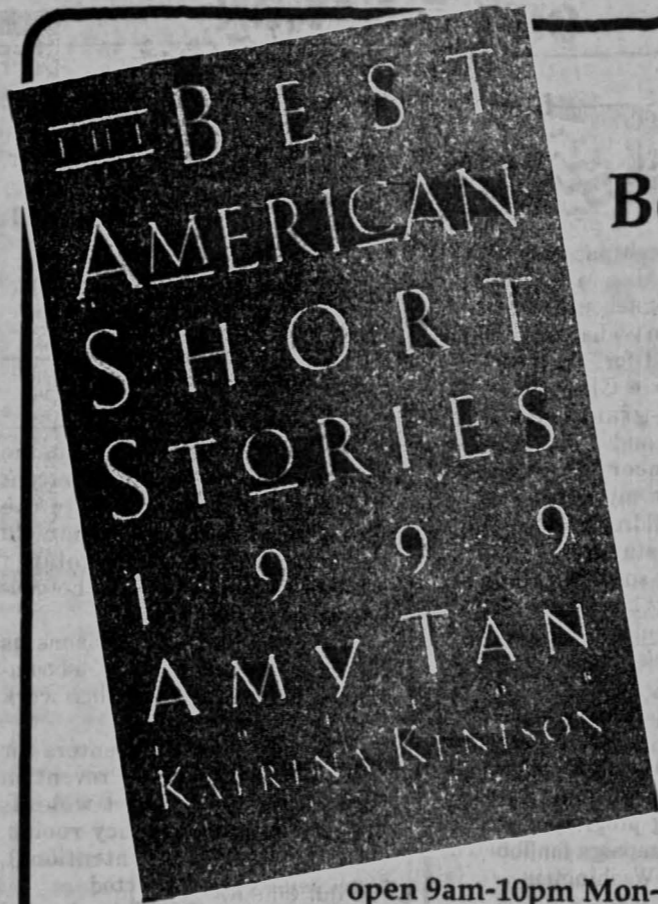
Many Egyptians believe that linking a religious utterance to an act of murder is an insult to Islam, which strictly forbids suicide, considered a sin and a crime.

Arabs, including those who are secular, commonly make references to God in everyday statements. Many of EgyptAir's Muslim crew members say prayers from the Islamic holy book, the Koran, before flights, and Muslim airline passengers are frequently heard reciting from the Koran during takeoffs and landings.

"Connecting a phrase from the Koran with an act of murder is totally unacceptable," said Siham Surour, a 22-year-old government employee.

Sheik Nasr Farid, Egypt's chief Muslim cleric, said if el-Batouty had actually uttered those words, "then he was on the verge of an unavoidable death," according to the Al-Ahram newspaper.

Souad Ibrahim Saleh explained that Muslims must recite the "shahada," or death prayers — "There is no God but Allah and Mohammed is his prophet" — if death seems certain.



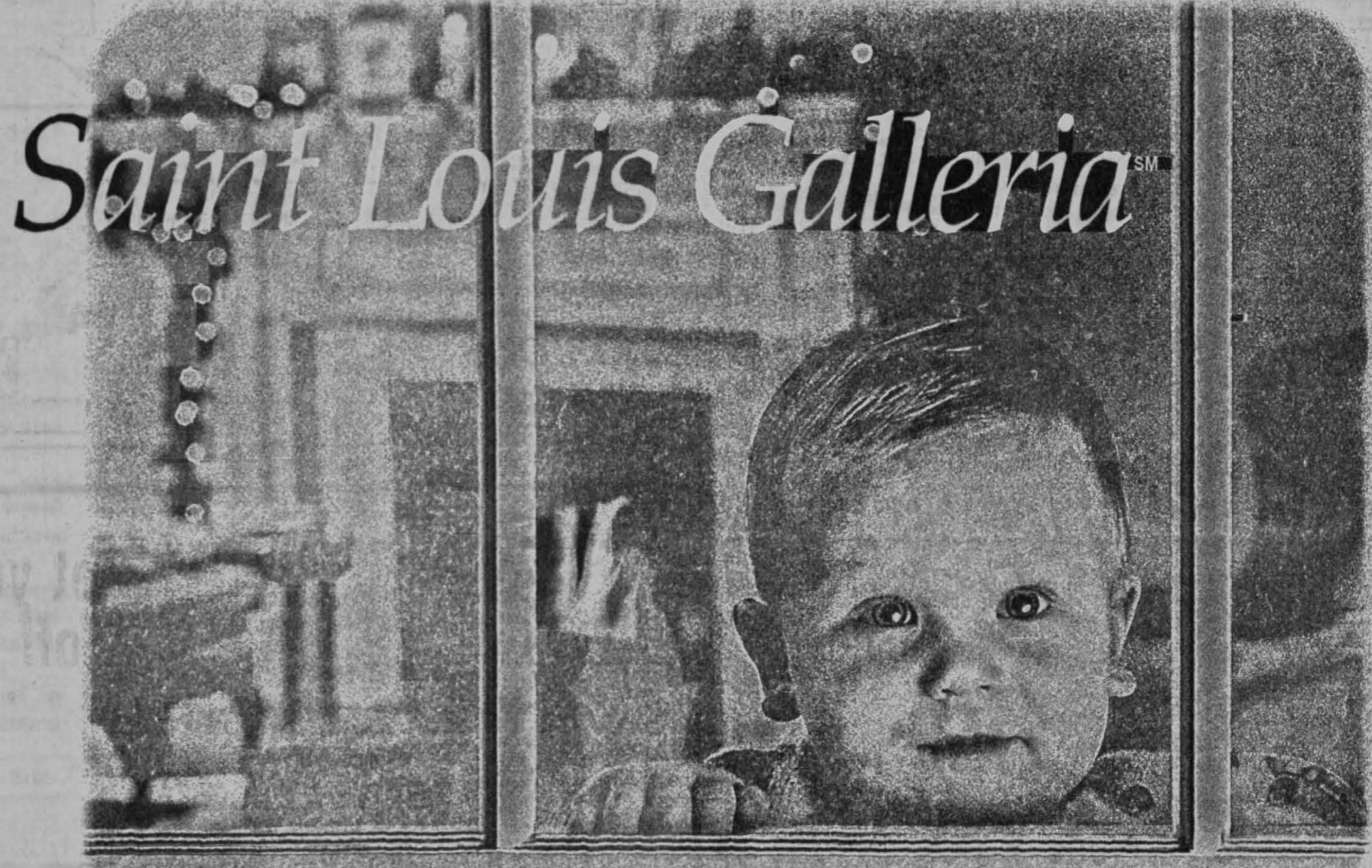
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A break

■ The UI Opera under new direction perform scenes from 18th through 20th

By T.J. Be
The Daily I

The UI Opera Theater audiences laughing it presents a program of opera scenes featuring graduate and undergraduate students in two free performances.

The performance will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. on Nov. 21 in the Opera Studio Room of the Voxman Music Building.

The program will be the debut for Sal Stunkel, the new director of the Opera Theater and director of this weekend's program.

Stunkel comes to Iowa with extensive experience in stage direction, as well as acting, dancing and singing. He has directed and produced many American operas. With more than 15 years of training, she has graphed several pro-

Sink or swim

HONOLULU (AP) — No problem. The executive "Baywatch Hawaii" sick over news Hasselhoff may be swim trunks and leave. "There's no evidence



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A breath of fresh arias for UI opera

The UI Opera Theater, under new direction, will perform scenes from the 18th through 20th centuries.

By T.J. Besler
The Daily Iowan

The UI Opera Theater will have audiences laughing and crying as it presents a program of opera scenes featuring graduate and undergraduate students in two free performances.

The performances will take place at 8 p.m. Saturday and 5 p.m. on Nov. 21 in the Opera Studio Room of the Voxman Music Building.

The program will be the debut for Sally Stunkel, the new director of the Opera Theater and director of this weekend's programs.

Stunkel comes to the UI with extensive experience in opera stage direction, as well as singing, acting, dancing and teaching. She has directed and performed for many American opera companies. With more than 15 years of dance training, she has also choreographed several productions.

Featured in this weekend's programs are a wide variety of works and styles, ranging from the 18th to 20th centuries.

"The pieces are extremely varied," said Jacqueline Lang, a UI junior in the School of Music and one of the programs' performers. "Some of the pieces are humorous, and others are very dramatic, so there is a wide range of styles."

THEATER

Opera Scenes by the UI Opera Theater

When: Saturday at 8 p.m. and Nov. 21 at 5 p.m.

Where: Opera Studio, Voxman Music Building

Admission: free

The wide range includes: "Trouble in Tahiti" by Leonard Bernstein, "The Elixir of Love" by Gaetano Donizetti, "Werther" by Jules Massenet, "The Beggar's Opera" by John Gay, "I Pagliacci" by Ruggero Leoncavallo, "The Secret Marriage" by Domenico Cimarosa and "The Rakes of Progress" by Igor Stravinsky.

Lang will perform in "Trouble in Tahiti," "The Beggar's Opera" and "The Rakes of Progress." She says that although she loves what she's doing, it doesn't come without its share of hard work.

"Keeping your voice prepared for the show is difficult," she said. "It's important in opera that you don't try to stress the voice too

much — don't work it too hard. Also, all of us struggle with what to do when we aren't singing, because you have to fill all the space, whether you're singing or not."

Lang also says that although she realizes opera may not appeal to everyone, she thinks people with all kinds of tastes should attend the program.

"What people need to understand is that operas are only partly about the singing. There's also the acting and the story lines, and how these things make you feel as an audience member," she said.

Lang also believes, if nothing else, it's a way to catch a glimpse of the future.

"These performances will give people their first look at Sally Stunkel, our new opera director. Personally, I like her style. She's energetic and she knows what she's doing," she said.

Piano accompaniment for the scenes will be provided by Matthew Castle, a visiting coach-accompanist for the Opera Theater. He also provided musical coaching for the performances.

Also an accomplished singer, writer and teacher, Castle has extensive experience as both a musical director and a performer.

DJ reporter T.J. Besler can be reached at daily-owan@uiowa.edu

ARTS BRIEF

Sink or swim

HONOLULU (AP) — No Hasselhoff? No problem.

The executive producer of "Baywatch Hawaii" isn't getting seasick over news that star David Hasselhoff may be hanging up his swim trunks and leaving the TV series. "There's no evidence that any one

group of watchers like the show for any one reason," executive producer Greg Bonann said Tuesday. "Some definitely love David, and some love the girls."

Hasselhoff, who has spent 10 years on the syndicated show playing life-guard Capt. Mitch Buchannon, has appeared in only 14 of this season's

22 shows and is preparing for a new series called "AKA Picasso."

Hasselhoff was traveling in Europe and was not available for comment.

The show, which moved to Hawaii this year, guaranteed at least 44 episodes, which are expected to generate \$35 million for the state over the next two years.

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CITY & NATION

11 killed in Texas pyramid collapse

COLLAPSE

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were certain there were no bodies in that section, Humphreys said.

Later, school officials said they had accounted for everyone involved in building the structure.

But the painstaking work was expected to continue into the night as rescuers tried to reach the two people seen in the debris.

"We take it one log at a time," Bennett said. "They're wired three together in stacks, so we have to cut the wire and move them one at a time. So it's a lengthy process."

Shocked students gathered at the scene, holding hands and praying while the rescue went on. Workers tapped on logs and ordered spectators to be still so they could hear if anyone was still alive.

Texas A&M sophomore Diana Estrada said she was approximately 200 yards away from the stack when it fell.

"It just toppled over, and the

wires snapped, and the lights started sparking and going on and off," she said. "We ran over there as fast as we could, and we could see legs sticking out and hear people screaming."

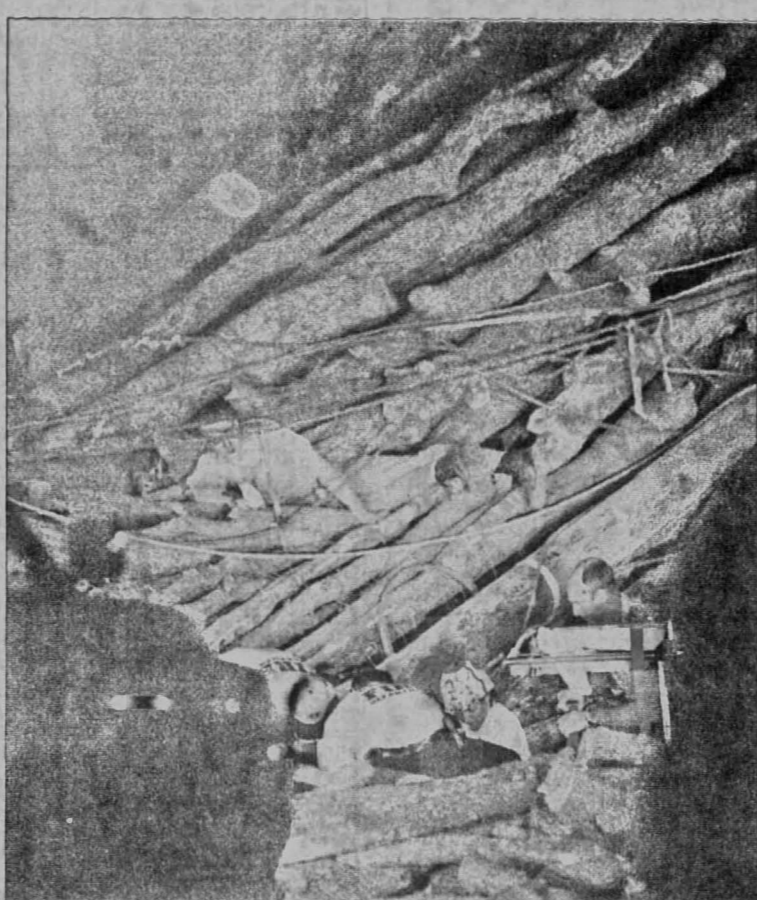
Officials had no explanation for the collapse and said engineers would examine the site.

Sixty to 70 students were on top of the logs trying to build the stack when it suddenly gave way, university officials said.

"I was dazed. I was kind of thrown against the wall," said sophomore Caleb Hill. "For a while, I could see a few people trying to jump off the stack, get out from on top of it, out from underneath it."

Sophomore Michael Guerra, who was helping build the bonfire, had left for a few minutes and returned moments after the collapse.

"People were running around calling people's names and crying," Guerra said. "Other people were just like zombies. They couldn't believe what had happened."



JP Beato/Associated Press

Caleb Hill, a student who was stacking logs for a pregame bonfire, watches as members of the College Station, Texas, Fire Department help another student who was injured when the pile of logs collapsed early Thursday. The condition of the injured student is not known.

3rd dragging-death defendant gets life

Shawn Allen Berry must spend at least 40 years in prison before having a chance at parole.

By C. Bryson Hull Associated Press

JASPER, Texas — The last of three white men to stand trial for chaining James Byrd Jr. to the back of a pickup truck and dragging him to pieces was found guilty of murder Thursday but spared the death penalty.

Shawn Allen Berry, who insisted he was just a frightened bystander, was sentenced to life in prison for one of the nation's grisliest racial crimes since the civil-rights era. His racist roommates were both sentenced to death.

The all-white jury took 10 hours Wednesday and Thursday to convict him but only two hours to agree on a sentence. Berry, 24, must serve at least 40 years in prison before he has a chance of parole.

Jurors rejected Berry's pleas that he felt his own life was in danger by his racist companions.

"There was a day and time in this country when juries and cops ignored racial cases. Facts are facts, though, and they stayed with the facts," Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray said.

Prosecutors called no witnesses in the punishment phase but introduced evidence regarding Berry's prior convictions for burglary and

drunken driving.

For the defense, nine people testified that Berry — who unlike his fellow defendants did not have a history of racist activities — did not meet the death-penalty test of being a future threat to society. Among those witnesses were several of Berry's friends and a psychiatrist who testified against the other two defendants in their trials.

CBS keeps...

CBS dished out a large sum of cash to keep the NCAA men's tournament...

By Jeff Goodman Associated Press

The Road to the Final Four just got a whole lot richer for NCAA — and much more expensive for CBS.

The network retained the rights to the NCAA men's basketball tournament well into the next millennium after the two sides agreed Thursday to a staggering \$6 billion, 11-year deal. CBS, which was left out of the...

Iowa hopes for women's hoops

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Both players have the ability to post up under the basket, as well as step out and take a jump shot, which could cause problems for the Hawkeyes.

"They are not your usual block-and-chase players. They go hard on the boards and our big task will be keeping them off the boards," Lee said. "But I feel really confident..."

Hawkeyes look for volleyball

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well with Ohio State," Crocker said. "We're going to go into the Penn State game and try to give them a run for their money."

The Buckeyes defeated Iowa earlier in the season, and come into the contest boasting a 14-1 (8-8 Big Ten) record. Penn State is currently riding a 26-game win...

Iowa women's field hockey

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her down or to just kind of flail back there. You take Quan out of the game and take a work ethic off of the field — that is what this team feeds off of."

No. 2 Connecticut (19-0) and No. 4 Michigan (19-6) will face off right after the Hawkeyes, and the Iowa coaching staff has been keeping an eye on UConn specifically. The Hawkeyes have met Michigan three times this season...

Seniors will help finishing the deed, however.

"Floyd, he's heavy. I couldn't lift him up," Holman said. "The boys picked him up in the past. I'm going to need some help. I might have to drag it or roll it."

The pig means a lot to fellow secondary member Matt Bowen. Bowen has felt the sting of a 1-9 season, and he's looking for redemption in his final game.

Floyd is special, but according to Bowen, it's not worthy of inclusion in his usual trash talk with Minnesota receivers.

"I'm not going to be out there talking about a pig when I'm on the field," Bowen said.

Alford hopes for men's hoops

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ive offensively and create more opportunities to score.

"Guys are still trying to grasp their roles offensively," Alford said. "We did not drive the lane hard enough last weekend and we need to get to the foul line more."

One of the highlights of last weekend was the emergence of Jacob Jaacks. The senior averaged 16.5 points in two games last weekend. His offensive output against UConn caused Stanford to double team him more down low.

Alford told Jaacks it would be an honor to play with him.

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Herky the Hawk still a hot item in Iowa City

FOOTBALL

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He believes this is due in part to the store's promotions and its vast selection of T-shirts.

"People have been buying T-shirts more," he said. "I think it's partially the weather, and in general, the trend has been moving away from fleece and sweatshirts."

As a result, the store concentrated on bringing in a larger variety of T-shirts this year, Herbert said.

With cold weather and the holi-

days on the way, he said, he thinks sales may shift away from T-shirts and no matter what, sales probably will not be affected by the football team's record.

"I think any time sports like the UI's are successful, there is a lot more support than when they're not as good," he said. "But there is not a direct correlation between how fans feel about the team and what they buy."

Being able to put Hawkeye apparel on a U-Bill can be a factor with students' purchases of black and gold clothing, said Jen Fontana,

narosa, a UI freshman.

"If you need a sweatshirt you can just put it on your U-Bill there, and they probably aren't going to have anything that isn't Iowa," she said. "I'm not going to whip out my credit card when I can just whip out my (university ID) and put it on my U-Bill."

Bremers Clothing, 120 E. Washington St., has seen little change in its sale of Iowa merchandise; if anything, there was a slight decrease, said co-owner John Murphy.

The football team's record affects sales greatly, he said.

"There's nothing like going to a Rose Bowl to boost sales," Murphy said. "The better the team, the better the sales."

Successes of other sports also have students buying Hawkeye apparel, said Tony Langille, a UI freshman.

"I haven't made it to a (football) game this year, but I am getting excited about basketball and wrestling," he said.

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Investigation into UI professor's assault continues

BEATING

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The attack occurred in De Saint Victor's garage, 332 E. Davenport St., shortly after 8 a.m. as she was headed to an 8:30 Shakespeare class, police said.

Gass said the assault was a "horrible thing to happen for Iowa City." "We're really interested in solving it," he said. "Any time you have a 65-year-old victim assaulted, that's a serious thing for any type of community to deal with."

De Saint Victor, a professor at the UI for 33 years, underwent surgery on Nov. 8 for broken bones in her hands she received from the assault. She declined to comment on her condition Thursday.

Meanwhile, De Saint Victor's classes are being taught by substi-

Hopefully, someone in the public will know this person and come forward.

Detective Robert Gass, Iowa City police

tutes in the English department. UI junior Jessica Fraser, a student in De Saint Victor's 9:30 Shakespeare class, said that when De Saint Victor will return to class remains uncertain.

"I know she's hoping to give us the final, but nobody knows for sure," she said.

Fraser, who described De Saint Victor as a "great teacher," said her class sent her a card on Nov. 12 to show its support.

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ON THE AIR

Main Event

The Event: College Basketball, No. 16 Utah at No. 14 Kentucky, Preseason NIT, second round, 6 p.m., ESPN.

The Skinny: This is the rematch of the 1998 NCAA Championship. Utah will want revenge after letting Kentucky take the title. Definitely a game to watch.



COLLEGE BASKETBALL

7 p.m. Iowa State at Drake, KGAN.
8 p.m. Indiana at Texas Tech, ESPN.

TENNIS

7 p.m. Chase Championships, Fox/Chi.

NBA

7 p.m. Trail Blazers at 76ers, TNT.
9:30 p.m. Bulls at Lakers, Fox/Chi.

SPORTS QUIZ

When was the last time the Iowa men's basketball team won in overtime?
See answer, Page 2B.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

Washington	92	Denver	93
Toronto	81	L.A. Lakers	82
Milwaukee	99	Seattle	
San Antonio	88	at Vancouver	late
Sacramento	128	at Houston	110

NHL

Boston	5	St. Louis	3
N.Y. Rangers	3	Florida	0
San Jose	4	Nashville	6
Ottawa	1	Montreal	1
Dallas	1	Phoenix	
Philadelphia	1	at Los Angeles	late
Tampa Bay	2		
Pittsburgh	1		

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Colorado St.	41
Air Force	21

Seniors to bid farewell Saturday

The Iowa volleyball team will play its final home matches of the season, concluding with No. 1 Penn State on Saturday.

By Jeremy Schnitker
The Daily Iowan

For the seniors on the Iowa women's volleyball team, this weekend marks the end of their careers in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

The Hawkeyes close their home schedule tonight and Saturday night as they host Ohio State and Penn State.

Both games are scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

According to senior setter Jill Schmidt, despite the fact that her fellow seniors' last game in Carver-Hawkeye, the seniors aren't taking a different approach to the weekend.

"There's going to be a lot of emotion," Schmidt said. "But we're taking it like it's just another game. We need to win."

It would be ideal for any senior to end their career with a victorious weekend, but unfortunately the Hawkeyes (4-17, 3-11 Big Ten) have to face No. 1 Penn State for their final home contest.

Coach Rita Buck-Crockett said her team can get at least one win this weekend, but it's not going to be as easy against Penn State.

"Power-wise, we match up real

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What: Iowa vs. Ohio State and No. 1 Penn State
When: Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.
Where: Carver-Hawkeye Arena

Iowa fights for trip to NCAA title game today

The Hawkeyes will have to defeat No. 1 Maryland today to advance to the championship game on Sunday.

By Robert Yarborough
The Daily Iowan

The play of Ashley Hohnstone today could make or break this season for the Iowa field hockey team.

Iowa (19-2) is planning on exploiting the Maryland goalkeeper when the Hawkeyes take the field against the Terps (17-1) in the semi-finals of the NCAA tournament at Northeastern University in Boston, Mass. Game time is 11:30 a.m. today with the championship game taking place at 2 p.m. Sunday.

"One of the big things for us is to

actually make Maryland play some defense. I don't think they have played a lot of it this year," Iowa coach Beth Beglin said. "When they have faced pressure, teams have been able to score on them. We cannot sit back and play 70 minutes of defense."

The No. 3 Hawkeyes have managed to control the excitement created by a 2-0 win last weekend against North Carolina to prepare themselves for the Final Four. And they plan to take one prominent statistic from their first-round win against Kent State with them to Boston.

Iowa was able to outshoot Kent by

a large margin of 36-4. Hohnstone is the national leader in goals against average at 0.63 a game, yet the statistic is a bit deceiving. In 18 games this season, the goalie has only had to make 48 saves for Maryland.

Senior Sarah Thorn feels that if Iowa is able to cut into some of the Maryland offensive pressure and dominate the number of shots, Hohnstone may crack due to lack of consistent shots against her this season.

"Their weakness is definitely their goalkeeper," Thorn said. "I think if we get a good number of shots on her, she

will not be used to that and we will have a great chance of scoring."

Beglin is looking for senior Quan Nim to lead the charge against the Terps due to her stingy defense and quick step on the ball. Beglin says the Regional All-American is playing some of the best field hockey in her career.

"We are trying to find a way for her to have a sixth, seventh, and eighth year of eligibility," Beglin said. "When she wins a ball, she's gone... and defenders have the option of taking

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Former Hawkeyes Trevor Bollers and Chris Knipper raise the Floyd of Rosedale Trophy after defeating Minnesota, 43-24, in 1996.

Who will pack the pig?

With the Floyd of Rosedale at stake, the Hawkeyes are heavy underdogs in the fight to regain the infamous pig.

By Greg Wallace
The Daily Iowan

The year was 1981. Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz was a first-year offensive line coach with Iowa, who really didn't know much about the Big Ten or its traditions.

He would get his first lesson at the hands of Floyd of Rosedale, and it would be one Ferentz would never forget.

"I thought some of these trophies were kind of silly when I got here," Ferentz said. "It seemed that way until after the '81 game. Minnesota came charging across the field. I thought they were coming over to congratulate us or shake hands. Man, they just went right through our bench and took the pig."

"There are certain things you remember in life. After that I understood what it was all about, it's been a game of great interest to me."

Ferentz will try to make his first Big Ten win extra special Saturday. When Iowa takes on Minnesota in an 11:10 a.m. kickoff at Kinnick Stadium, emotions will be higher than for your average matchup of 1-9 and 7-3 teams. Minnesota and Iowa are playing for the pig.

The Floyd of Rosedale trophy came as the result of bad blood between Minnesota and Iowa in 1935. To cool tensions, a Fort Dodge farmer donated a pig, and named it after Minnesota's governor, a man named Floyd Olson. The pig was from Rosedale Farms. Hence the name Floyd of Rosedale.

A year later, the pig died. "One day, he just leaned up against a straw pile and died," J.B. Gjedrum, the pig's owner, is reported to have said.

The pig was replaced with a 50-pound bronze version, which the teams have played for ever since.

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— Kirk Ferentz

Iowa lost the pig last year thanks to a 49-7 beating in the Metrodome, and they are anxious to get it back. Minnesota holds a 56-34 edge in the series, which has been played since 1901. Iowa cornerback Tarig Holman felt the sting last year when the Gophers charged the Hawkeye sideline and took the big bronze trophy. For his final college appearance, he would like nothing better to return the favor by taking Floyd back. He might need a little

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Mental challenge up next for Hawkeyes

The Hawkeyes will have to adjust to Eastern Illinois after playing in the prestigious Coaches vs. Cancer Classic last week.

By Mike Kelly
The Daily Iowan

Last week, Iowa had to be ready for the physical rigors that come with playing the No. 1 team in the country. This week, Iowa will have more of a mental challenge — getting juiced for Eastern Illinois.

Steve Alford challenged his team all week to prepare the same way for Eastern Illinois as they did for UConn.

"Are we going to prepare differently? No," Alford said on Tuesday. "We are not going to worry about who we are playing. Our guys will hear all week about being mentally and physically prepared for whoever we are playing."

Iowa brings a No. 22 ranking into Sunday's 7:05 tip-off. The Hawkeyes

I told Jaacks to get used to the (double team), since he probably had not had it since high school. Then Luehrsmann comes up to me and says, 'Coach, he did not get doubled in high school.'

— Steve Alford



jumped into the poll after beating UConn and losing to Stanford last week in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic.

Eastern Illinois returns two starters from last year's 13-16 team. The Ohio Valley Conference member played Purdue within five points last year but other than that, Alford does not know much about them.

"They have a coach that has been there 20 years, so I don't assume he would be changing things, but he could," Alford said. "This is their first game so all we can go on is what we've seen on tape."

One of the things Alford expects from his team is to be more aggres-

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Big tests for Hawks in openers

The Iowa women will face Marquette tonight on the road, and return to Carver-Hawkeye Arena to face No. 1 UConn on Sunday.

By Robert Yarborough
The Daily Iowan

The Iowa women's basketball team has been schooled about the importance of defensive transition early this season. Its first test will be this weekend.

The Hawkeyes kick off the regular season by traveling to Madison, Wis., today to take on Marquette at 7 p.m. before hosting top-ranked Connecticut on Sunday at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Tip-off between Iowa and Connecticut is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Iowa is attempting to rebound from a 91-66 exhibition loss to the Parana Basquette Club of Brazil with a larger bag of tricks.

"One of the things we focused on after the Brazilian game was adding more of our system into games and obviously better work on defensive transition," Iowa coach Angie Lee said. "We ran the same thing over and over again against Brazil and since then we've added a lot more. I feel really good about that going into these games."

Marquette qualified for the NCAA tournament last season as the No. 8 seed in the Midwest, but took a quick exit when Kansas defeated the Golden Eagles 64-58 in the opening round. Iowa will be tested in the paint right away with All-America candidates Lisa Oldenburg and Abbie Willenborg leading the Golden Eagles.

What: Iowa vs. No. 1 UConn

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Tickets: Still remain

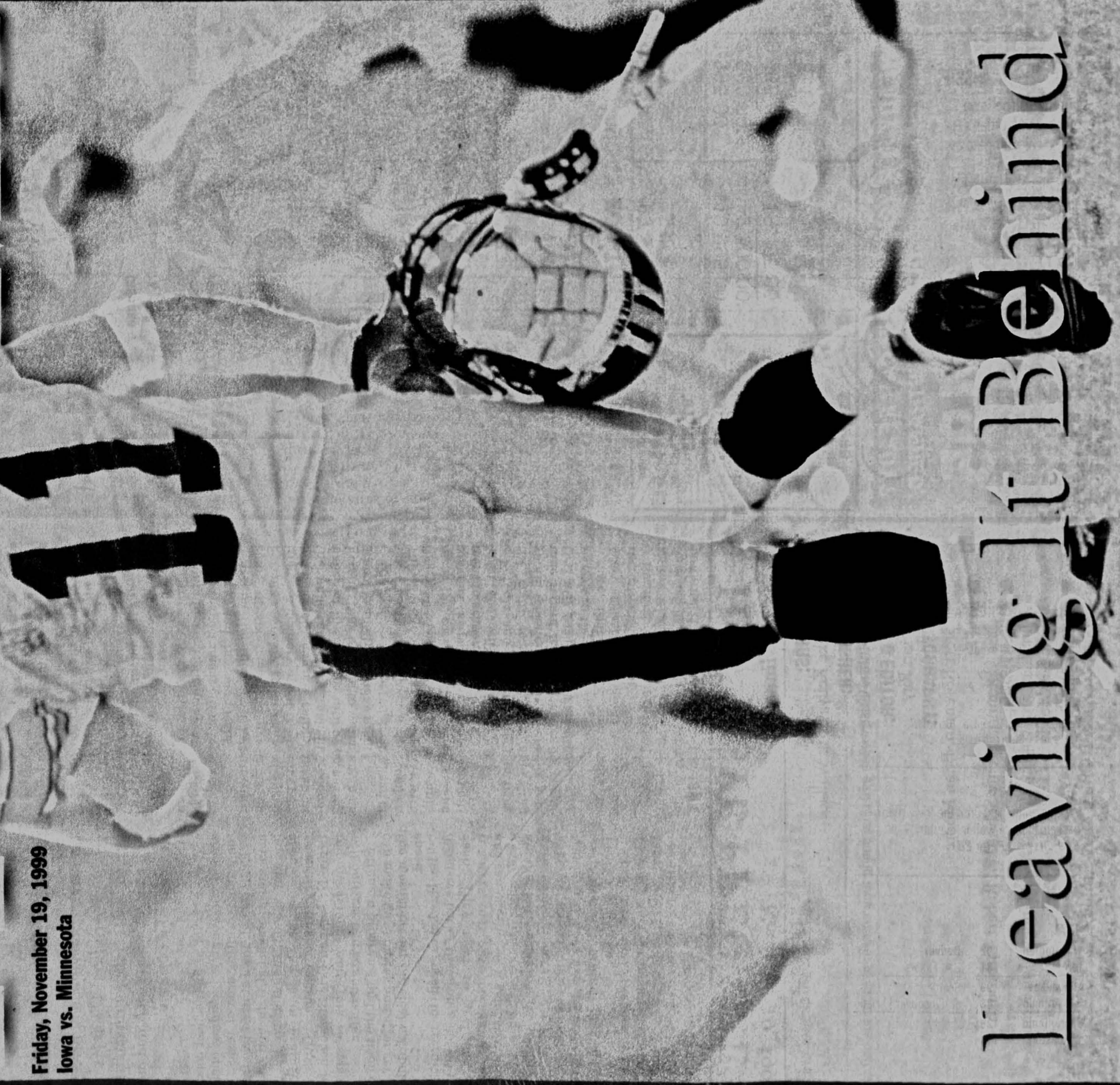
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A Word From the Editor

Real season begins on Sunday for Hawkeyes

So this is it.

The last game of the new era. Bowl games and Hayden Fry are growing into a memory as talks around Iowa turn to football recruiting and basketball. No longer can the coaching staff be referred to as "new" or any other synonyms of the sort.

Kirk Ferentz and his staff are through diagramming plays and writing motivational speeches that account for so much of the football season.

Now the real season begins.

Recruiting season is almost here, hell, it's always here. This is just crunch time; it's the fourth quarter in a game that never ends and has more than one opponent.

There was very little pressure on Ferentz to win right away. Most people did not expect much out of Iowa's team this year and they were right.

Around the time Iowa lost its fifth game in six tries, the questions on Ferentz's weekly radio show changed from commentary about the team's performance to someone calling in about the importance of establishing dominance of in-state recruiting, or asking Ferentz if he is going to watch any high school football on Friday nights.

The coaches have a tough job ahead of them in the crucial month of December. They have to win the players over with their philosophies, they have to complement the cooking of the mothers and convince the parents with their commitment to academics.

And they will be fine.

Ferentz and his staff seem to have the right combination of appealing youth, experience, and a sense of genuine regard for the athletes as people that will put them ahead of competing schools in the long run.

Sure, that method won't work for every athlete, but there is no system of recruiting that does.

Running backs coach Carl Jackson knows what it takes to land a recruit. Jackson helped assemble some of the powerful Hawkeye teams of the 1980s,



Mike Kelly

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and knows a lot of high school coaches around the country, including ones in the prime recruiting area of Texas.

Even though Iowa started two freshmen and a converted tight end on the line this season, the offensive linemen should not be the main priority in recruiting this off-season. Guys like Bruce Nelson and Eric Steinbach have improved immensely this season and will only get bigger and better.

Strength programs and the team chef can make guys bigger and stronger, but the more inherent physical attribute is speed.

The Hawkeyes need to recruit the defensive backs that run a 4.4 40-yard dash. They need to get the wide receivers that have breakaway speed and can out-muscle a defensive back on a fade route. These are the type of players that Iowa needs in order to return to national prominence.

Those players are located in the South, and Iowa has to snatch them away from the jaws of programs like Florida and Miami.

Let's hope Bret Bielema and Pat Flaherty start spring practice with deep tans.

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With heads held high

■ The senior class will be remembered for something other than wins—leadership.

By Greg Wallace
The Daily Iowan

A lot of promises can be made when a player is recruited to play Division I football. Bowl games. Starting positions. Being the center of attention. Big man on campus. "Son," the coaches say, "I can make you a star. And you can be the piece of the puzzle that gets us there."

Funny how nobody ever promises a season like the Iowa football team has had this year, or even talks about it. There's a good reason; it's recruiting death.

No one is going to sign with a school that promises losing, or even talks about it. Being on the short end of the scoreboard every Saturday isn't something most college football players are ready for. For the most part, they come from successful high school programs, thanks to their talents.

Which makes a season like Iowa has had so hard to take.

This year's Hawkeye seniors have had to deal with adversity that would make the best of us throw up our hands in frustration. The seniors have persevered and responded with class, guiding the team through its worst season in 26 years. Two members of the class, Ryan Loftin and Matt

Rogers, quit in August, ripping then-new coach Kirk Ferentz and his staff on their way out.

The quality of play hasn't been up to Iowa standards, but the leadership has been above and beyond the call of duty. Ferentz has taken notice.

"The seniors have given us good leadership," Ferentz said. "It's been really frustrating from a coaching standpoint, and certainly from everyone's standpoint. Most of our injuries have been to our seniors, and it's certainly something I can't explain. I know it's frustrating for those guys watching the clock tick. But they've given us great leadership, they've played hard. There's nothing we'd like more than to send them out with a win over Minnesota."

The last game is going to be especially meaningful for safety Matt Bowen, for something as simple as the helmet he wears.

"To go out there one more time and see each other with the helmets on, it's going to be great," Bowen said. "When we get together a year from now, maybe some people are going to be clowning around wearing their helmets. But we aren't going to be sitting around at dinner or at a bar wearing helmets."

These seniors won't be remembered for their stellar play or heroics. Instead, they'll be remembered for going through the tough times, and holding their heads high, when they could have just as



Illinois' Walter Young gets tackled by Iowa's Matt Bowen and Matt Stockdale in the first quarter of Iowa's loss on Nov. 6. Bowen will be a tough player to replace in the Iowa secondary next season.

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easily begun an intimate relationship with the Kinnick Stadium sideline turf by staring at it in despair.

With that said, here's a look at the Class of 1999 and what they've meant to Hawkeye

football.

THE SENIORS

Jay Bickford: This offensive lineman broke into the starting lineup this year for the first time, and along with fellow senior Chad Deal has been a key in holding a young, inexperienced offensive line together. Bickford suffered a sprained ankle in the Penn State game and has yet to return to the lineup—an unfortunate fate for someone who showed so much class.

Matt Bowen: The unquestioned leader of the defense and its best player. Bowen has risen from being a nickel back as a sophomore to one of the Big Ten's best safeties as a senior. Bowen is Iowa's only sure NFL pick, and has been selected to play in the Blue-Gray Classic on Christmas Day. He's also the inspirational leader, the kind of guy who always has something to say, no matter the situation.

Corey Brown: Brown broke through as a senior and has started all 10 games at defensive tackle. He is seventh on the team with 50 tackles and has two sacks, while providing leadership on a young defensive line.

Chad Deal: The other senior on a very young offensive line, Deal missed the first three games of the season with a groin

injury, but has returned to provide leadership along with Bickford for the rest of the line. It has worked; the Iowa offense has improved noticeably since sputtering through the first half of the season. Much of that credit can be given to the offensive line.

Tim Douglas: This former walk-on grabbed the starting position last year, and held onto it much of this season. He lost the job last week to Greg McLaughlin, after kicking 4-of-7 field goals this year and adding 11 extra points.

Jed Dull: Part of a three-man rotation at tight end, Dull started the Indiana game, a 38-31 loss. He has two catches for eight yards, while sharing time at the position with Zeron Flemister and Austin Wheatley.

Zeron Flemister: Flemister battled alcoholism and won, earning a starting role at tight end this season. He missed four games with a pinched nerve in his neck, returning for the Illinois game. He has seven catches for 78 yards this season.

Tarig Holman: Holman was a two-year starter at cornerback, tying the school record for interceptions twice with two picks against UNI in 1997, and Michigan in 1998.

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Iowa's Joe Slattery flattens Iowa State's DeCarlos Anderson during the third quarter of Iowa's 17-10 loss to the Cyclones in Ames Sept. 11. Slattery has provided senior leadership for Iowa this season.

In a tough season, these guys meant the most



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Senior running back Rob Thein runs for daylight against Indiana Oct. 23. Thein has 48 yards and a touchdown this season.

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Holman has 52 tackles this season and three interceptions. He is a leader in the Iowa secondary and his presence will be missed.

Doug Miller: Miller had begun to emerge as a force in the Iowa secondary as a safety before a dislocated knee suffered against Northern Illinois Sept. 18 ended his season. Miller came to Iowa as a highly touted running back, but was caught in a numbers crunch at tailback and was moved to the defensive secondary before this season.

Tariq Peterson: The big Texan has backed up LeVar Woods at outside linebacker for all of 1999. He was a third-team outside linebacker when the season began, but rose to second-team after Ryan Loftin quit. Peterson has sixteen tackles in ten games.

Scott Pospisil: Pospisil is proof that if you work hard enough, anything is possible. His freshman year was spent as a rugby player in Nebraska, but with hard work, this former walk-on has become a starting defensive end, with 63 tackles while starting five games. He got his starting spot when fellow senior Ed Saidat went down with an ankle injury, and has been unstoppable ever since.

Randy Reiners: Reiners became the starting quarterback after the season's second game, and led Iowa to its only win of the campaign so far, at 24-3 triumph over Northern Illinois. He was forced from the starting lineup due to a variety of injuries after the Northwestern game, including

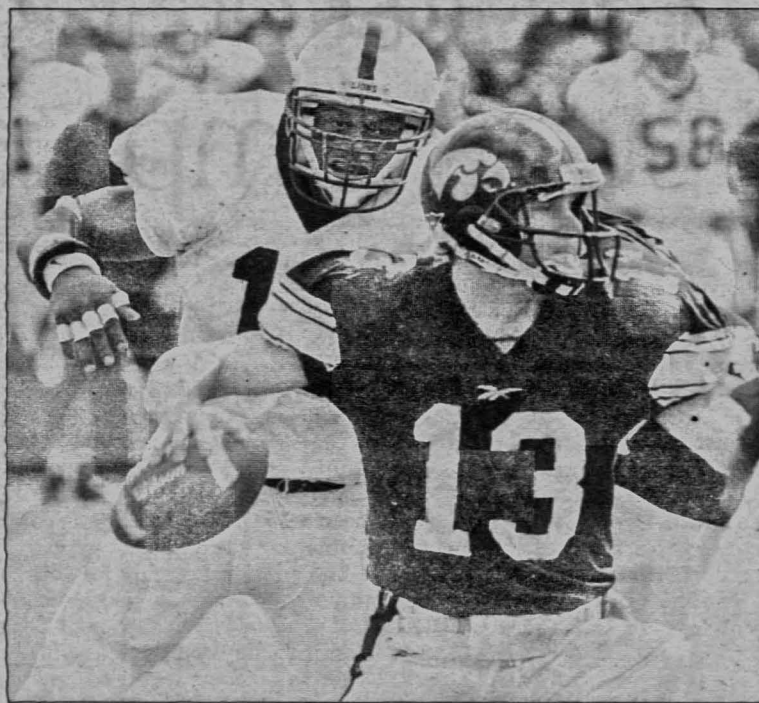
captain on several occasions this season. He has played in all ten games and has five tackles. He had 58 tackles in his first two seasons of action, recording 41 tackles in 1998.

Thad Sheldon: The former walk-on spent joined the Hawkeye football team before his junior season after spending his first two years at North Iowa Area Community College. Due to injuries, he got his chance at a starting deep snapper role, and hasn't left since. Ferentz praised Sheldon's play, saying he "came out of the woodwork."

Joe Slattery: It's been an up-and-down senior campaign for Slattery. After starting all 11 games in 1998 and recording 41 tackles, he lost his starting position after five games to D.J. Johnson. Given a second chance three games later, Slattery responded, leading the team in tackles in his first game back in the lineup Nov. 6 against Illinois. He has 30 tackles this season.

Rob Thein: An Iowa City native and prep star at City High, Thein will end his Iowa career as the team's starting fullback. His best season was as a sophomore, when he rushed for 382 yards and three scores. This season, Thein has 20 receptions for 177 yards and a touchdown, as well as 17 rushes for 48 yards. He has provided solid blocking for running back Ladell Betts.

Austin Wheatley: Wheatley has been part of a three-man rotation at tight end, sharing time with fellow seniors Jed Dull and Zeron Flemister. Wheatley has started three games, catching



Brian Ray/The Daily Iowan

Senior quarterback Randy Reiners tries to elude a hungry Penn State defender during Iowa's 31-7 loss Oct. 9.

seven balls for 74 yards.

Bashir Yamini: The track All-American has suffered somewhat considering the offense's struggles, with the move to a short passing game hurting Yamini's production. He has 23 catches for 297 yards and no touchdowns, with his long being 42 yards.

Why do we care?

If you've read this far, you obviously understand our decision to give a senior class that gave so little physical production in terms of wins and success so much ink.

This class shouldn't be measured in wins and losses. Although, as seniors, the blame will ultimately be placed on their shoulders, it

shouldn't. They are merely the messengers that take the punishment doled out by the angry mob.

"They've been critical," Ferentz said. "We've been practicing well and playing well, and it's been seniors. It's been disappointing for them. But they've come out and worked hard; you want to give them the benefit. That's who you feel bad for."

Bowen says his class led by example, holding the team together through the tough times.

"I think senior leadership was a big part here," Bowen said. "For the younger guys, there's times during the season when things don't go right. When a senior shows up to practice not wanting to be there on game day or not wanting to play hard, then you've got a serious problem on your hands."

The players surely have their misgivings about this season. As they say, it ain't no fun when the rabbit got the gun.

No matter what anyone says, it's an experience that those that haven't played college football can't duplicate. The class of 1999 knows that, and has taken solace in it.

"You'd like to go to a bowl game," Thein said. "I wish we were playing past Saturday. But I wouldn't trade it for anything."

All of Hayden Fry's promises haven't been fulfilled. No bowl game. Not much success. To Iowa's seniors, it doesn't matter. They're doing what they love—at least for one more Saturday.

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Iowa's Tariq Holman breaks up a pass intended for Illinois' Greg Lewis in the 3rd quarter of Iowa's 40-24 loss to Illinois on Nov. 6. Holman is a two-year starter at cornerback.

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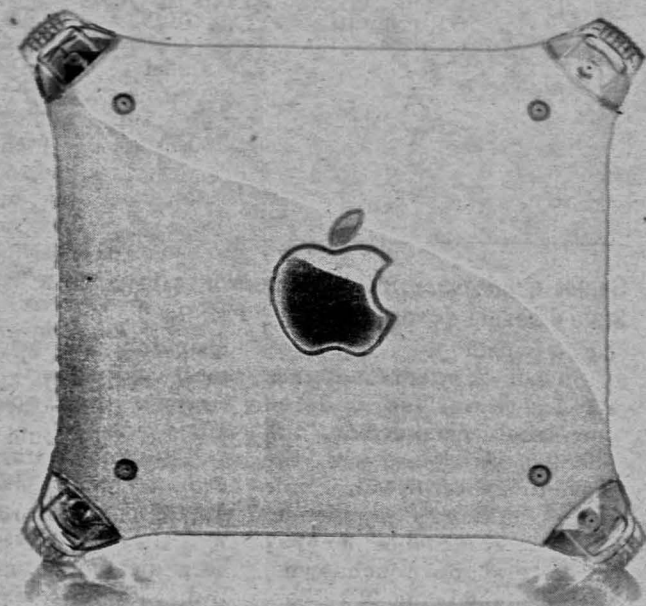
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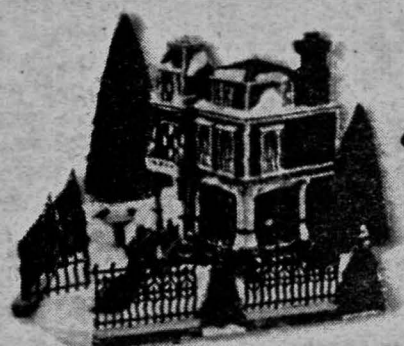
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Recruiting starts Sunday for the coaching staff. It's the beginning of...

Ferentz's most important season

By Mike Kelly
The Daily Iowan

One of the biggest surprises of this Big Ten season is the resurgence of perennial conference walk-overs Minnesota and Illinois.

Both teams are headed for their first bowl games in nearly a decade, have solid coaches who are committed to the program and established a strong recruiting base.

Only time will tell if Kirk Ferentz can be the next young Big Ten coach to bring his team out of mediocrity. Even though Iowa may still be one or two solid recruiting classes away from a winning record, the Hawkeyes like their chances heading into next season.

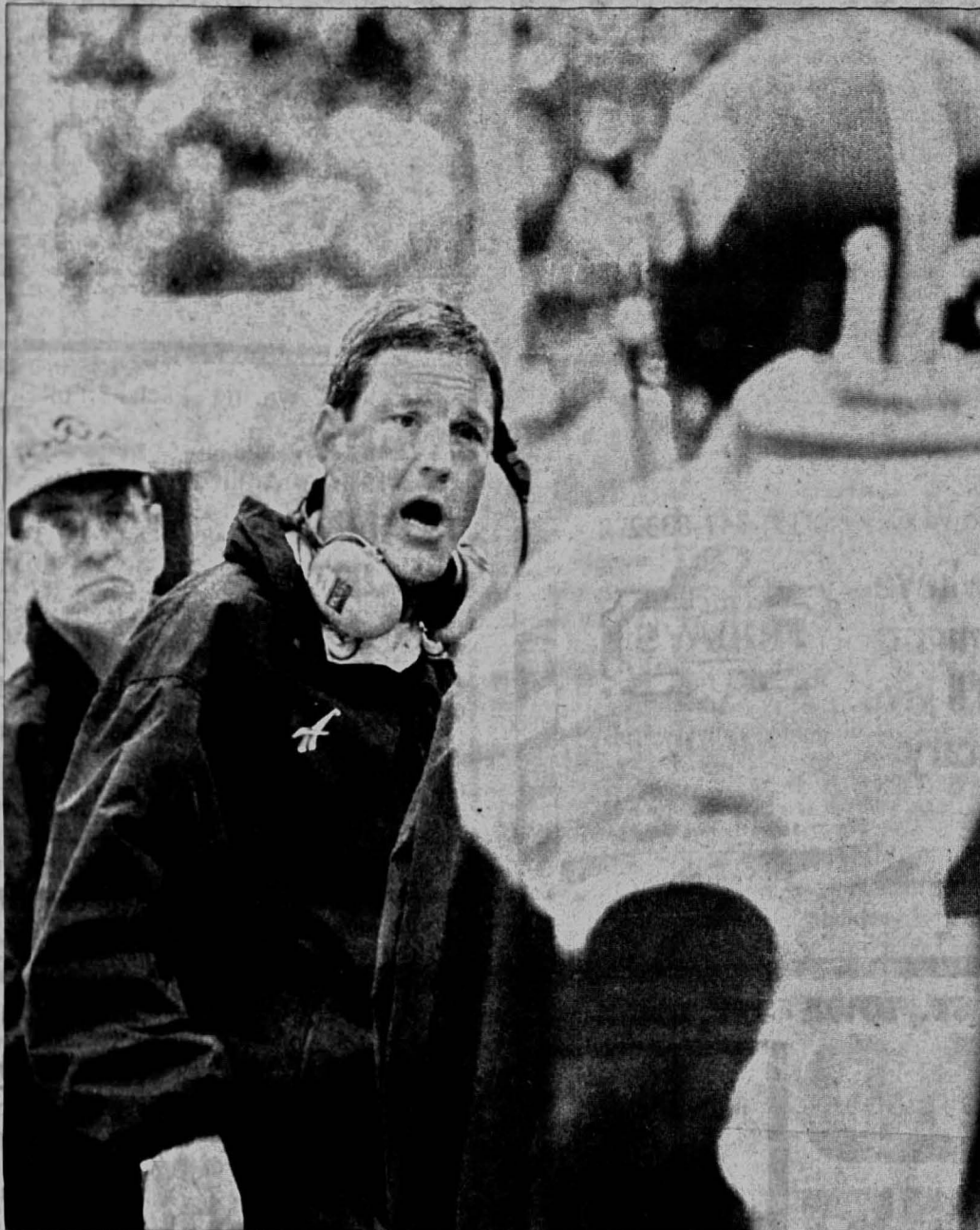
"I'm happy where we are, we are moving in the right direction," Ferentz said. "We will know a lot more after we have our recruits in. Right after the game Saturday, all our attention turns to recruiting."

Expect Iowa to give out almost the maximum amount of scholarships this off-season. The NCAA limits schools from handing out more than 25 in a year, and the Hawkeyes should approach that mark.

Ferentz said that he expected around 10 of the available scholarships will go to in-state players. NCAA rules prohibit coaches from talking about potential players until signing day, so Ferentz has been understandably mum about recruiting.

He said most of the recruits he talked to were not turned off by the team's lack of success this season.

"Some kids are going to shut you out," Ferentz said. "But



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Kirk Ferentz has done plenty of coaching this season, but now that the season is coming to an end, he and his staff will have to turn their attention to recruiting.

we have tradition and success here and you don't have to look back 50 years to see it. We have a lot of great ambas-

sadors for the program right now."

Ferentz said he did not plan on red-shirting as many incoming freshmen as he did this year.

"We will try to play as many guys as we can next year if we feel like they can help out our team," Ferentz said.

The rebuilding period starts with strong recruits, and if this year's class is strong, success may not be that far off.

Winning has taken Ron Turner three years at Illinois and Glen Mason put the Golden Gophers in a position for a bowl game in two.

Turner's prize recruit, current Illini quarterback Kurt Kittner, came to Champaign a heralded quarterback in the state and restored credibility to the Illinois program.

In Minnesota, Glen Mason made the most out of seniors like Tyrone Carter and Thomas Hamner, and this year scored Thomas Tapeh, one of the most sought after

running backs in the country. Tapeh's impact cannot be measured right away, he redshirted this season due after being academically ineligible.

No matter how good the recruiting class, winning will be tough without older players who know how to win. Ferentz has lauded his seniors all season for their unwavering intensity in practice.

The losses on the field will not be as great as the loss in the locker room. Influential leaders like Matt Bowen and Randy Reiners are gone, but Ferentz expects the junior class to step up and take over the leadership role well.

"I like our guys we have coming up in next year's senior class— there are just not very many of them," Ferentz said.

He is right. Only four players from the recruiting class have played a substantial amount this season, so look for the youth movement to be even more apparent next season.

On the offensive line, four out of the five starters return. Chad Deal is the only starter to leave the line. A.J. Blazek should step in at center for the Hawkeyes and Ben Sobeiski may compete for a starting role after missing the season with a shoulder injury.

The only other offensive losses are Bashir Yamini, Rob Thein and Zeron Flemister. Jeremy Allen should step in at fullback and Chris Oliver or Ryan Barton will take Yamini's place.

The main question on the offensive side of the ball in 2000 is the tight end spot. Iowa loses the first three players on its depth chart at tight end. Kyle Tripeer is a possibility at that spot, but a broken forearm could hinder his off-season work.

Ferentz said he is worried about the defense more than the offense. Bowen's absence will also hurt Iowa on the playing field. He led the team in tackles in seven games this season and should be drafted this April.

His defensive backfield mates, Joe Slattery and Tarig Holman, are also graduating, leaving a struggling secondary even more depleted. D.J. Johnson will take over one of the spots and the other one is up for grabs.

Look for Iowa's offense to be ahead of the defense at the beginning of next season and look for the wins to come a little faster. Time will tell.

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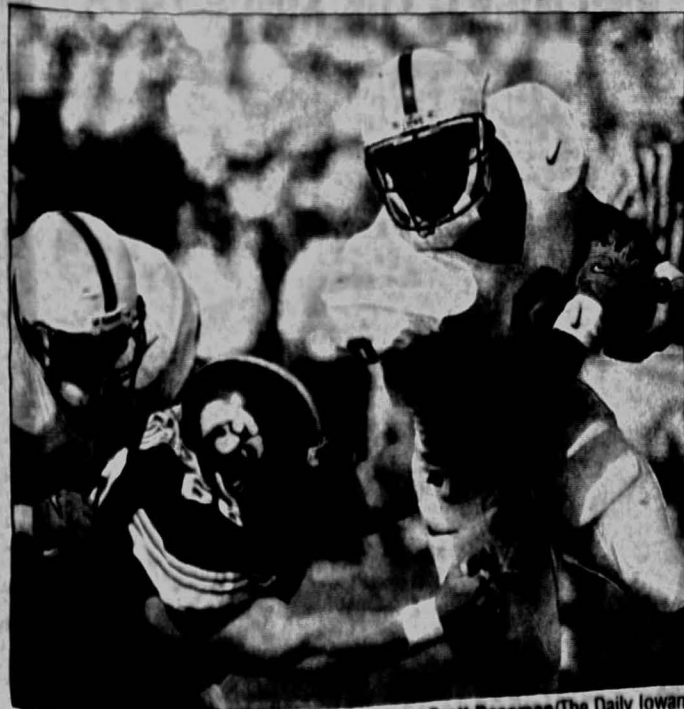
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LG Eric Steinbach
C A.J. Blazek
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for a few plays per game, he avoids some of the physical punishment associated with college football.

"You don't get beat up much," Sheldon said. "Since I'm considered a special teams player I don't have to do the crazy stuff, but it kind of sucks cause I miss that stuff."

Sheldon has taken his obscure position and excelled at it this year. The Hawkeyes' poor offensive output has had the punt team on the field extensively, and Sheldon has performed far beyond his coaches' expectations.

"Thad's been excellent; he's done a good job snapping and protecting all year," head coach Kirk Ferentz said. "He's come out of the woodwork, I couldn't say enough about this kid."

About the only thing stranger than Sheldon's position is his road to the University of Iowa.

After spending two years playing football at North Iowa Area Community College, in his home town of Mason City, Sheldon was looking to transfer to either Iowa or Iowa State.

"After NIACC, I had a few Division II offers, but I really wanted to go to Iowa or Iowa

State," he said. "They both had really good science programs. I was planning on going to either school even if I didn't play ball."

Sheldon visited Ames during the spring semester of his last year at NIACC to register for classes and meet with the football coaches. He was set on going to ISU, but then got a call from Iowa.

"I got a call from Iowa in June or July asking me to go to Iowa," he said. "They needed someone to long snap right away so they thought I could come in."

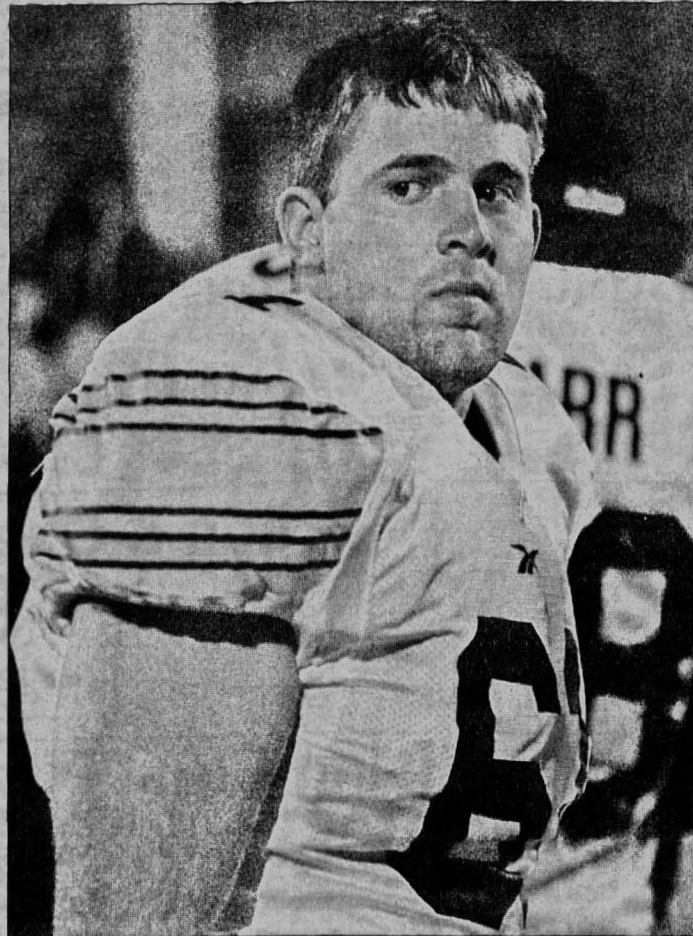
After he became a Hawkeye, he got a lucky break.

Former Hawkeye Ryan McCormick, the long snapper ahead of Sheldon last year, went down with an injury. This opened up the door for the walk-on to step in as a starter.

"If he hadn't got hurt, I probably wouldn't still be playing," he said.

With a career in professional football out of reach for a walk-on long snapper, Sheldon plans on getting into the education field after his days as a Hawkeye are finished.

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Iowa long snapper Thad Sheldon waits for the next Iowa punt or kick Nov. 13 at Camp Randall Stadium. Sheldon is a former walk-on.

right away," Sheldon said. "I'll probably go to grad school and volunteer coach somewhere."

Whether it comes to life or

football, Thad Sheldon seems to have things figured out.

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Beutjer waits in the wings for Y2K

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One of the question marks surrounding Beutjer coming out of high school was whether

or not his 175-pound frame could sustain the rigors of Big Ten football.

Since coming to Iowa, Beutjer has put on 12 pounds—a substantial gain in his mind. Still, coaches and teammates have prodded the 6-foot-4 Beutjer to put on more weight.

"It was such a big jump for me putting on that weight, I was so excited," Beutjer said. "But all people kept telling me was 'You have to put on more weight than that;

you are too skinny.' I'm like 'gosh, I'm doing all I can.'"

Beutjer broke the national high school record for touchdown passes in a season with 60, and he did not even play the fourth quarter in 11 out of 14 games. He was the backup quarterback on the *Chicago Tribune's* all-time Illinois high school team, behind Otto Graham.

Despite rewriting the record books in high school, Beutjer is ready to put his star-studded high school days in the past.

"When you get to college, it does not matter what you did in high school," Beutjer said. "I know that I have to get quicker feet and a stronger arm in order to be competitive at this level."

Beutjer's high school wide receiver should be a familiar name to Hawkeye fans. His favorite Wheaton-Warrenville South target, Jon Schweighardt, now plays for the purple and black of Northwestern.

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Iowa freshman quarterback Jon Beutjer, on gaining weight.

Iowa brought Beutjer along for the road trip to Evanston, partially for the experience and partially because it was a chance for him to go back to his hometown.

Beutjer said he had a chance to visit with his old teammate and best friend after the game, but only for a short time.

"I only got to talk to Jon for about two minutes after the game," Beutjer said. "Then a reporter came up to us and asked us a bunch of questions so we did not really get to hang out very much."

The quarterback position in college football is evolving into a spot where a player must run and pass to be effective. All over the country, teams either have a dual-quarter-

back system or have a player who can be successful through the air or on the ground.

Michael Vick from Virginia Tech and the two-headed monster of Rashard Casey and Kevin Thompson at Penn State are two of the best combos in the NCAA.

While players like that are seeping into the quarterback pool, Beutjer is a throwback. He said he is a straight drop-back quarterback who can throw a pretty fade pattern, but most likely will not run any options.

A season away from the spotlight has provided a sense of motivation for Beutjer. Next year, he hopes to make an impact on an Iowa team that is fairly deep at quarterback. Starter Scott Mullen returns, as well as backups Nick Whisler and Kyle McCann.

"It is kind of exciting to be hidden away for a year," Beutjer said. "I am anxious to get out there and show what I can do against some of the best defensive backs in the Big Ten."

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"I'm very happy that we came out (of the Indiana game) with a victory," coach Glen Mason said. "My concern was of a possible letdown and lack of focus after the victory at Penn State."

No. 17 Minnesota entered the 1999 season with 41 letter-winners and 19 starters returning and now finds itself in a position for post-season play. With victory No. 8, the Gophers will be considered for the Outback Bowl, to be played New Year's Day.

"We all were expecting it," running back Thomas Hamner said of Minnesota's success. "We had a lot of returning starters and great leadership returning. We all worked hard in the off-season and expected great things this year."

"The program is changing around. There might be a bowl game; it's a special feeling right now."

That "special feeling" can, at least in part, be attributed to Mason.

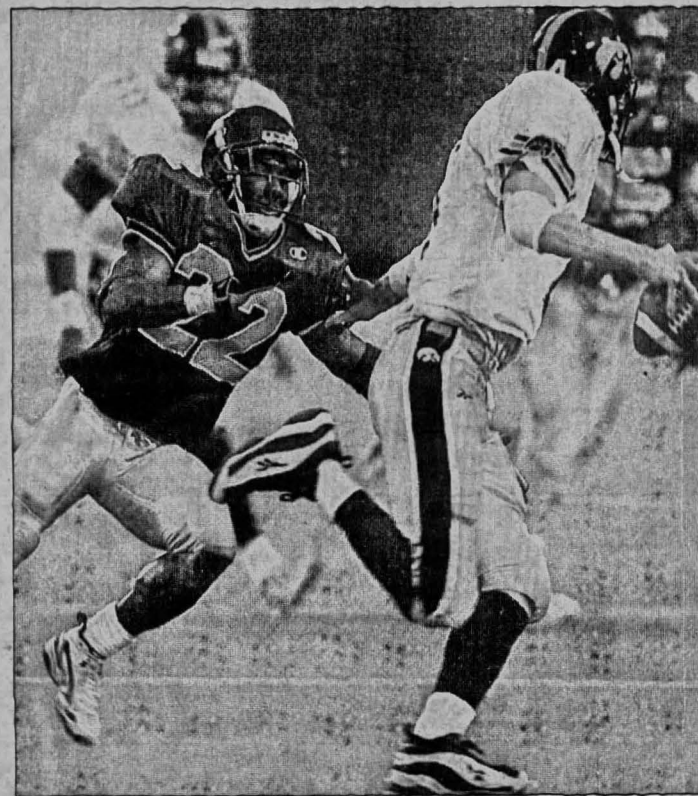
Before Mason came to Minnesota in 1997, the Gophers finished 1996 11th in the Big Ten and 104th in the nation in rushing defense, giving up 246.5 yards per game. Minnesota also finished '96 at the bottom of the Big Ten in rushing offense.

Two years later, and in Mason's second year on the sidelines, the Gophers finished fourth in the conference and 13th nationally in rushing defense, allowing 103.7 yards per game. This was the best for Minnesota since 1962. The Gophers also finished seventh in the Big Ten in rushing offense, averaging 140.6 yards. With an overall record of 5-6 (the Gophers' best since 1990), Minnesota finished 1998 tied for seventh in the Big Ten, its best finish since 1990.

"He's a great coach and I could talk about him all day," Hamner said of Mason. "The attitude he's brought in; how he matured me as a player; he's a great coach."

For Mason to accomplish what no other Minnesota coach has accomplished in 30 years, his Gophers have to get past Iowa Saturday at Kinnick. Despite the Hawkeyes' 1-9 record, Mason said he's concerned.

"Their record doesn't matter," Mason said. "They are well-coached (and know the) fundamentals. Their players are playing hard and are getting better."



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Minnesota strong safety Tyrone Carter chases down Iowa quarterback Kyle McCann during Iowa's 49-7 loss in 1998. Carter is a potential NFL draft pick despite being less than six feet tall.

"(Iowa's record) makes me nervous because perception is more important than fact. I have a concern internally that players and coaches look at that record and say 'Oh, we'll win that game.' Yeah, I'm worried."

Last season, Minnesota defeated Iowa 49-7 in Minneapolis. The Gophers had a record 501 yards of offense that day and Hamner had his

best showing of the season, running 148 yards on 18 carries. Mason wants his team to repeat its 1998 success versus Iowa Saturday.

"Our win versus Iowa last year was a feel-good game," Mason said. "If they beat us, they will feel a lot better than I will eating my turkey on Thursday."

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Hamner came to Minnesota in 1995, redshirted his freshman year and took over the starting position in '96.

"I just came in here; I have a lot of heart. I'm a fighter and it just fell in my position," Hamner said of his starting spot. "One of my reasons for

coming here is that I wanted to play as early as possible and not wait until I'm a junior or senior to play."

Through his fourth season, he has not missed a game, and through 10 games in 1999, Hamner has amassed 1,279 yards. He also has 10 touchdowns on the season and is

third in the nation with the lowest fumble ratio (1:502). Hamner has fumbled one time in the past two seasons. He is one of the most underrated backs in the country, but he hasn't failed to impress his coach.

"I know (Ron) Dayne broke the record, but I don't know a

running back in the league having a better year than he is," Minnesota coach Glen Mason said of Hamner.

Last season proved to be a success for Hamner as well. He won second-team All-Big Ten honors, finishing sixth in the conference with 76.2 rushing yards per game. He surpassed 100 yards three times and had season highs in the Gophers' last game of 1998 versus Iowa. Hamner accumulated 148 yards on 18 carries.

"I saw him in the Northwestern game, and he looked like a good runner," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "He's a good football player."

Despite the hoopla surrounding Minnesota football, and his personal success in 1999, Hamner's future is the furthest thing from his mind at the current time.

"I'm just looking at right now," Hamner said. "I'll be prepared mentally and physically and whatever happens, happens. I'm going to focus on today."

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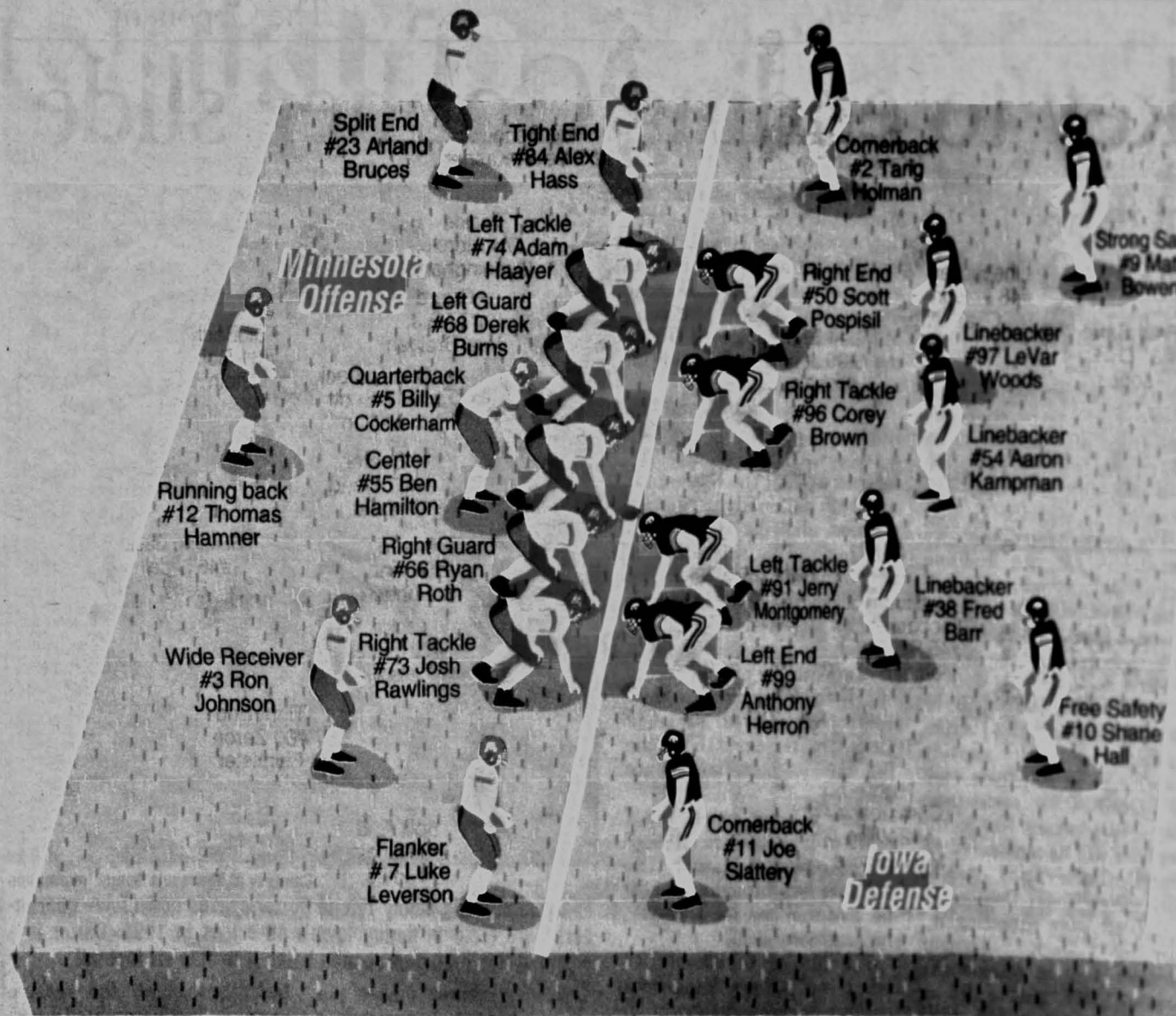
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Glen Mason		3rd year 15-18
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Ladell Betts	RB	170 carries 780 yards 5TD
Yamini/Kasper	WR	77 catches 864 yards 2 TD
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6 Jimmy Henry	SS	6-1	192	So.	Detroit	60 Joe Palke	OG	6-5	292	Fr.	Roseville, MN
7 Luke Levenson	WR	6-0	181	Sr.	Miami	62 Ryan Christian	OG	6-4	277	Fr.	New Ulm, MN
8 A. Abdul-Khalique	QB	6-2	197	Fr.	Elizabeth N.J.	63 Maurice White	DE	6-5	250	Fr.	Detroit, MI
9 Curtus Poole	LB	6-3	243	Jr.	Columbus, Oh	64 Ryan Domin	DE	6-4	259	Fr.	Mahtomedi, MN
11 Andy Persby	QB	6-3	230	Jr.	N. St. Paul	65 Mike Walters	DT	6-3	278	Fr.	Eden Prairie, MN
12 Thomas Hamner	RB	6-0	186	Sr.	Hamilton, Oh	66 Ryan Roth	OG	6-3	297	So.	Kansas City
13 Travis Graham	CB	5-10	183	Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fl	68 Derek Burns	OG	6-5	271	So.	Eden Prairie, Mn
14 Preston Gruening P	P	5-10	183	Fr.	Scofield, WI	69 Jeremiah Carter	OT	6-6	267	Fr.	St. Paul
15 Jermaine Mays	WR	6-0	190	So.	Sophomore	70 Brian Carey	DT	6-1	269	Jr.	Sun Prairie, MN
16 Mike Harden	DB	6-2	217	Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fl	71 Ryan Thorman	OT	6-5	287	So.	Eagan, MN
18 Nick Ambrasas	QB	6-2	204	Fr.	Fairbault, Mn	73 Josh Rawlings	OT	6-5	315	Sr.	Ft. Gratiot, MI
20 Fred Rodgers	CB	5-9	170	Sr.	Hamilton, Oh	76 Matt McIntosh	OT	6-8	275	Fr.	Hartland, WI
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22 Tyrone Carter	SS	5-9	184	Sr.	Pmpno Beach, FL	78 A. Dabruzzo	OT	6-8	280	Fr.	Afton, MN
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25 Brad Prigge	FB	5-10	193	Sr.	Zumbrota, MN	82 Ben Utecht	WR	6-6	220	Fr.	Hastings, MN
26 Clorenzo Griffith	CB	5-10	183	Jr.	Ft. Lauderdale	83 Spencer Dettman	WR	5-11	167	Sr.	Green Bay, WI
27 Eli Ward	SS	6-1	180	Fr.	Akron, Oh	84 Alex Hass	TE	6-5	269	Sr.	St. Peter, MN
28 Dan Nystrom	K	5-11	205	Fr.	New Hope, Mn	85 Rob LaRue	TE	6-4	229	So.	Wayzata, MN
29 Marlon Colbert	WLB	6-3	223	Fr.	Detroit	86 Grant Carter	WR	6-0	173	So.	Solon, Oh
30 Jimmy Wyrick	CB	5-9	176	Sr.	DeSoto, Tx	87 Dan Kwapinski	DE	6-5	242	Fr.	Ft. Ransom, ND
31 Phil Archer	SLB	6-2	240	Fr.	St. Paul	88 Scooter Baugus	TE	6-7	239	Fr.	Ft. Worth, TX
33 Renato Fitzpatrick	RB	6-0	203	Fr.	St. Louis	89 Dan Gitlewski	TE	6-6	255	Fr.	Oak Creek, WI
34 Steve Murray	CB	5-8	184	Fr.	LaCrosse, WI	90 Drew Dehnicke	DE	6-3	259	So.	Coon Rapids, MN
35 Ryan Rindels	P	5-11	191	Sr.	Coon Rapids, MN	91 Karon Riley	DE	6-4	247	Jr.	Detroit
36 Nolan Norwocki	LB	5-11	215	Sr.	Chicago	92 Dyrion Russ	DT	6-1	312	Sr.	Milwaukee
38 Byron Evans	RB	5-9	220	Sr.	Texas City, Tx	93 John Schlect	DT	6-1	275	Jr.	W. Bear Lake, MN
39 Mike Lehan	CB	6-1	190	Fr.	Hopkins, MN	94 Chris Smith	DT	6-4	290	Fr.	Bronx, NY
41 Jeff Olson	FB	6-1	216	So.	Brooklin Park, MN	95 Jon Michals	DE	6-4	266	Sr.	Oak Creek, WI
42 Willie Middlebrook	CB	6-2	194	So.	Florida City, FL	96 Dave Sykora	DT	6-6	308	Fr.	Bloomington, MN
45 Sean Hoffman	SLB	6-3	244	Jr.	Fargo, ND	97 Ben Mezera	LB	6-4	237	Jr.	Waupaca, WI
46 Tony Dupree	WLB	6-2	200	Fr.	Jersey City, N.J.	98 Mike Cernoch	DE	6-6	265	Jr.	Burnsville, MN
47 Paul Nixon	LB	6-3	205	Fr.	Columbus, Oh	99 Matt Anderle	DT	6-6	303	So.	Roseville, MN
48 Astein Osei	LB	6-2	230	So.	Bolliingbrook, Il						
49 Jerry Macken	FB	6-1	232	Fr.	Rochester, MN						
50 Greg White	DE	6-2	265	So.	E. Orange, NJ						
51 Akeem Akiwale	C	6-3	274	So.	Coon Rapids, MN						
52 Luke Braaten	LB	6-4	241	Sr.	Litchfield, MN						

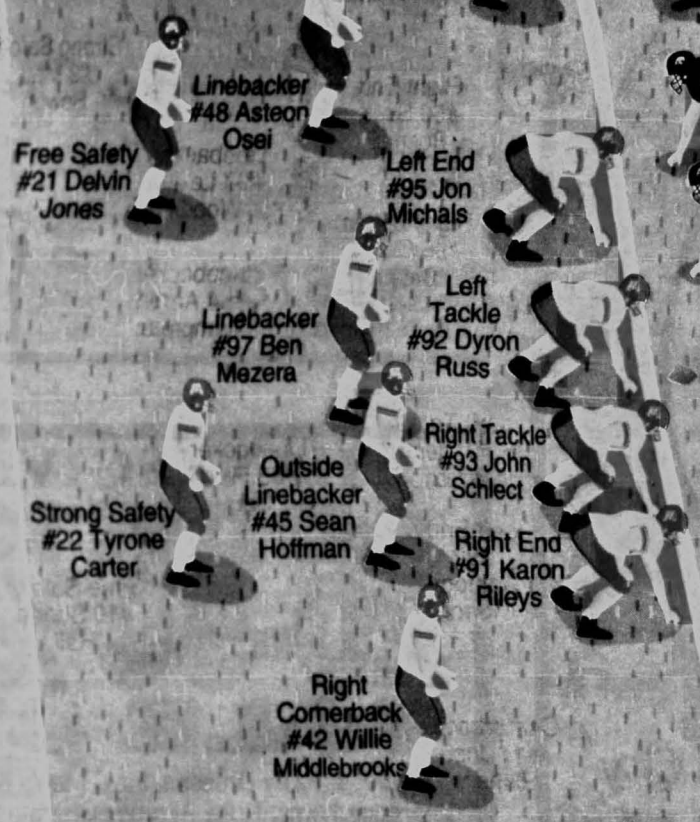


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Player	Position	Stats
Billy Cockerham	Quarterback	114/215 1659 yards 11 TD 8 INT
Thomas Hamner	Running Back	263 carries 1279 yards 10 TD
Johnson/Levenson	Wide Receiver	62 catches 837 yards 4 TD
Years experience:		5
Yards/game:		145.3
Yards/game:		158.1
Ryan Rindles:		40.5 yard average.
Tyrone Carter:		17.6 yards/return
Glen Mason		3rd year 15-18
Scott Mullen	Quarterback	98/175 1075 yards 2TD 6 INT
Ladell Betts	Running Back	170 carries 780 yards 5TD
Yamini/Kasper	Wide Receiver	77 catches 864 yards 2 TD
Years Experience:		4
Yards/game:		240.1
Yards/game:		222.4
Jason Baker:		42.1 yard avg.
Tim Dodge:		22.1 yards/return
Kirk Ferentz		1st season 1-9

Minnesota Defense



Iowa Offense



- McDonough, GA
- Plymouth, MN
- Detroit
- W. Bear Lake, MN
- Oshkosk, WI
- Roseville, MN
- New Ulm, MN
- Detroit, MI
- Mahtomedi, MN
- Eden Prairie, MN
- Kansas City
- Eden Prairie, Mn
- St. Paul
- Sun Prairie, MN
- Eagan, MN
- Ft. Gratiot, MI
- Hartland, WI
- Edina, MN
- Afton, MN
- Southfield, MI
- Eik River, MI
- Hastings, MN
- Green Bay, WI
- St. Peter, MN
- Wayzata, MN
- Solon, Oh
- Ft. Ransom, ND
- Ft. Worth, TX
- Oak Creek, WI
- Coon Rapids, MN
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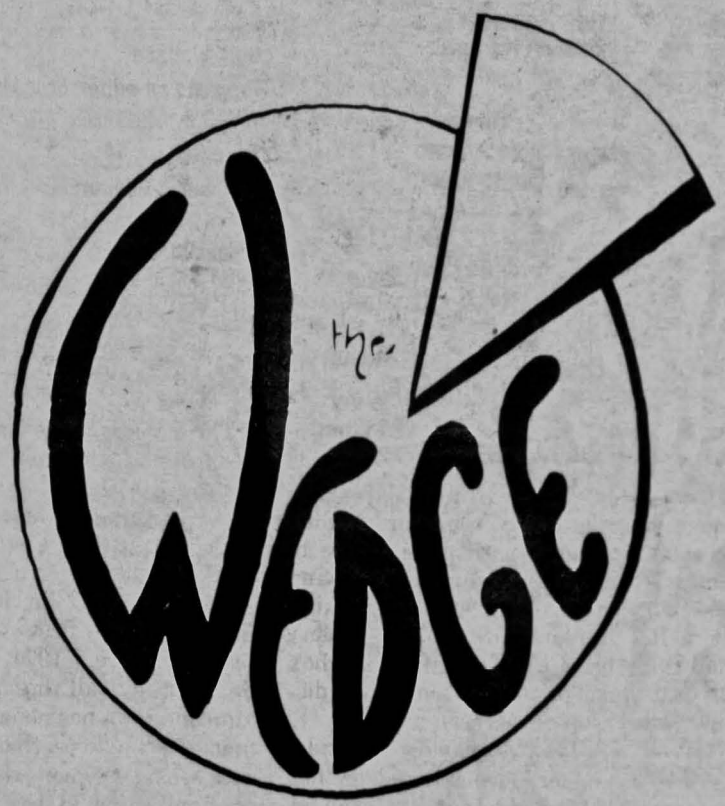
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1 Tim Dodge	WR	5-10	170	So.	Britt, Iowa
2 Tariq Holman	DB	6-0	195	Sr.	Randolph, N.J.
2 Tony Burrier	WR	6-4	195	Fr.	Iowa City, Ia.
4 Kyle McCann	QB	6-5	190	So.	Creston, Iowa
5 Bashir Yamini	WR	6-4	190	Sr.	Dolton, Iowa
6 Chris Oliver	WR	6-2	198	So.	Flossmoor, Ill.
7 Jason Baker	P	6-1	195	Jr.	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
8 Mikkel Brown	DB	5-10	187	So.	Glen Rock, N.J.
9 Matt Bowen	DB	6-3	196	Sr.	Glen Ellyn, Ill.
10 Shane Hall	DB	6-0	195	So.	Burnsville, Minn.
11 Joe Slattery	DB	6-0	187	Sr.	Pocahontas, Iowa
12 Jesse Ghore	DB	6-0	190	Sr.	Nora Springs, Iowa
12 Nick Whisler	QB	6-3	195	Fr.	Iowa City, Iowa
13 Randy Reiners	QB	6-3	200	Sr.	Fort Dodge, Iowa
14 Ryan Hansen	DB	6-2	200	Jr.	Iowa City, Iowa
15 Robbie Crockett	RB	6-0	207	So.	Battle Creek, Mich.
16 Jon Beutjer	QB	6-5	185	Fr.	Wheaton, Ill.
17 Tim Douglas	PK	5-11	195	Sr.	Plano, Tex.
18 Scott Mullen	QB	6-6	210	Jr.	Lansing, Ill.
19 D.J. Johnson	DB	5-11	185	So.	Naperville, Ill.
20 Hugo Herrera	RB	5-9	192	Jr.	Tanepantla, Mexico
21 Matt Stockdale	DB	5-11	186	So.	Iowa Falls, Iowa
22 Dan Williams	WR	6-2	180	Fr.	Midlothian, Va.
23 John Omotola	LB	6-4	225	Fr.	Flossmoor, Ill.
25 Darius Brown	DB	5-9	175	Fr.	Altadena, Calif.
26 Jason Sproull	P/K	6-4	215	So.	Normal, Ill.
27 Robberto Rickards	DB	6-0	180	Jr.	Mt. Laurel, N.J.
28 Cody O'Hare	DL	6-4	255	So.	Waverly, Iowa
29 Doug Miller	DB	5-11	203	Sr.	Mt. Pleasant, Iowa
30 Roger Meyer	LB	6-3	245	So.	Rock Rapids, Iowa
31 Rob Thein	RB	6-0	230	Sr.	Iowa City, Iowa
32 Siaka Massaquoi	RB	5-11	195	Fr.	Evanston, Ill.
34 Aaron Greiving	RB	5-11	190	Fr.	Ames, Iowa
35 Erik Jensen	FB	6-3	242	Fr.	Appleton, Wis.
37 Derrick Davison	LB	6-2	235	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
38 Fred Barr	LB	6-2	225	Fr.	Plantation, Fla.
39 Mike Dolezal	LB	6-3	230	So.	Mahtomedi, Minn.
40 Edgar Cervantes	LB	6-3	235	Fr.	Maywood, Calif.
41 Vincent Wilson	DB	5-10	175	Fr.	Piscataway, N.J.
42 Tariq Peterson	LB	6-3	236	Sr.	Kempner, Tex.
45 Henry Pollio	FB	6-2	241	Jr.	Montvale, N.J.
46 Ladell Betts	RB	5-11	206	So.	Blue Springs, Mo.
47 Jeremy Allen	FB	6-1	240	So.	Indianapolis, Ind.
49 Jory Helms	LB	6-2	220	Fr.	Chicago, Ill.
50 Scott Pospisil	DL	6-4	260	Sr.	Mt. Vernon, Iowa
51 Travis Senters	LB	6-3	230	Sr.	Iowa Falls, Iowa
52 A.J. Blazek	OL	6-2	275	Jr.	Wichita, Kan.

1999 Iowa Hawkeyes

53 Bart Palmer	LB	6-2	225	Sr.	Lexington, Ky.
54 Aaron Kampman	LB	6-4	245	So.	Kesley, Iowa
55 Will Lack	OL	6-3	250	Fr.	Osage, Iowa
56 Eric Steinbach	OL	6-7	255	Fr.	New Lenox, IL.
57 Will Lack	OL	6-3	250	Fr.	Nora Springs, Iowa
58 Nick Rahfaldt	OL	6-3	255	Fr.	Ames, Iowa
59 John Mickelson	DL	6-5	240	Fr.	West Des Moines
60 Chris Trappe	OL	6-3	285	So.	Germany
61 Thad Sheldon	DS	6-2	245	Sr.	Mason City, Iowa
63 Jay Bickford	OL	6-4	285	Sr.	Hyde Park, N.Y.
64 Pete Traynor	OL	6-3	260	Fr.	Milton, Wis.
65 Ben Sobieski	OL	6-5	300	Jr.	Mahtomedi, Minn.
66 Cory Bern	DL	6-3	295	Jr.	Spencer, Iowa
67 Chad Deal	OL	6-4	285	Sr.	Council Bluffs, Iowa
68 David Walters	OL	6-3	285	Fr.	Marlton, N.J.
70 Andy Lightfoot	OL	6-7	275	Fr.	Des Plaines, Ill.
72 Bruce Nelson	OL	6-4	270	Fr.	Emmetsburg, Iowa
73 Shawn Koranda	DL	6-2	255	So.	Sun Prairie, Wis.
74 Alonzo Cunningham	OL	6-4	295	So.	Iowa City, Iowa
75 Kory Borchers	DL	6-6	260	Fr.	LeMars, Iowa
76 B.J. Van Briesen	OL	6-3	295	Fr.	George, Iowa
76 Sam Aiello	OL	6-7	290	Fr.	Streamwood, IL
78 Kyle Trippeer	OL	6-4	265	Jr.	Las Cruces, N.M.
79 Glen Giesen	OL	6-6	312	Jr.	Fullerton, CA
80 Zeron Flemister	TE	6-5	240	Sr.	Sioux City, Iowa
81 Maurice Brown	WR	6-2	190	Fr.	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
82 Jed Dull	TE	6-3	245	Sr.	LeMars, Iowa
84 Ramon Ochoa	WR	5-10	185	Fr.	Maywood, Calif.
85 Robert Gallery	TE	6-7	240	Fr.	Masonville, Iowa
86 Austin Wheatley	TE	6-5	250	Sr.	Milan, Ill.
87 Zeron Flemister	WR	6-1	190	Jr.	Burr Ridge, Ill.
88 Ryan Barton	WR	6-1	184	Jr.	Newton, Iowa
89 Matt St. Germain	DL	6-2	240	So.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
90 John Morscheiser	IITE	6-4	235	Fr.	LaSalle, Ill.
90 Dallas Clark	LB	6-4	235	Fr.	Livermore, Iowa
91 Jerry Montgomery	DL	6-3	290	So.	Mesquite, Nev.
92 Dusty DeVries	DL	6-3	240	Fr.	Aplington, Iowa
94 Colin Cole	DL	6-2	290	Sr.	Plantation, Fla.
95 Howard Hodges	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	Copperas Cove, Tex.
96 Corey Brown	DL	6-2	290	Sr.	Houston, Tex.
97 LeVar Woods	LB	6-3	240	Jr.	Inwood, Iowa
98 Ed Saidat	DL	6-7	271	Sr.	Alsip, Ill.
99 Anthony Herron	DL	6-5	270	Jr.	Bolingbrook, Ill.

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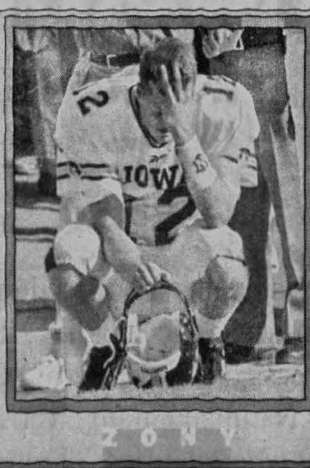
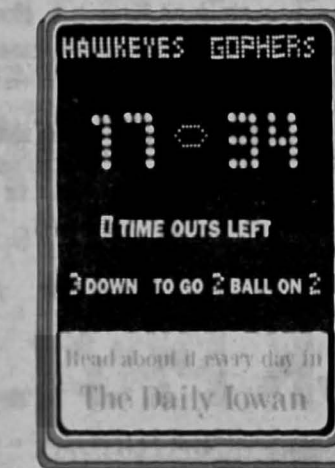
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Why has Minnesota made such a quick turnaround and Iowa such a steep decline? Talent.

The Gophers have it; Iowa doesn't, at least not in the abundance of Minnesota's stash.

Thomas Hamner is the best back no one has ever heard of. Did you know he's 9th in the NCAA in rushing, or that he has 1279 yards for the season? Bet you didn't.

And Billy Cockerham is third in the league in total offense.

Yet the average late-night highlight show viewer would be hard-pressed to name any Gopher football player, with the possible exception of All-American safety Tyrone Carter.

The only current NFL-worthy talent on Iowa's squad is safety Matt Bowen, who would make any all-league and all-interview team I voted for. Beyond Bowen, there is a dearth of talent, especially on defense. The linebacker corps has been solid but the secondary and defensive line have been nothing to include in letters home.

I have an inkling Saturday's game will be an offensive battle, with surprisingly mild late-November Kinnick Stadium weather. The conditions won't exactly remind people of the "frozen tundra" that can be common this late in the season.

This should make for an offensive show.

Minnesota's defense could

be kinder than Wisconsin's was to Scott Mullen. Mullen needs a good performance to end the season after having been beat up ever since taking the starting role. It hasn't been easy for Mullen, who's done a nice job amidst the disaster this season has been.

Iowa is playing for pride, and for Floyd of Rosedale, that bronze pig that has been in the land of "Yah, you betcha" since last November.

I'd venture the theory of Floyd as a motivating factor, but Hayden Fry's potential final game as Iowa coach and having Floyd on the line didn't seem to matter last fall in the Metrodome. Iowa lost, 49-7, in what some called the most lifeless Hawkeye performance of the season.

Picks To Click

Greg Wallace,
Pregame co-editor: Scott Mullen. Will feast on the Gophers' defense.

Mike Kelly,
Pregame co-editor: Herky. The Hawks are hunting rodents.

Megan Manfull,
Daily Iowan sports editor: Ladell Betts. The next Ron Dayne.

So I'll stay away from that—far away.

The seniors have been an inspiration to everyone on the team with their leadership this season, but leadership can't make up for a stunning lack of talent.

The facts don't lie; Iowa is headed for its first one-win season since 1971. The Gophers have all the momentum, and Iowa has none, other than the emotions that come with seeing a senior class play its final game in the black-and-gold.

The last time Iowa finished with less than three wins was in 1978, and head coach Bob Comings lost his job afterwards. Kirk Ferentz won't, nor should he. However, a season like 1999 is a wakeup call that the post-Fry era won't be easy, and it won't be fun for a while.

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crazy, and expect more of the same this weekend.

Penn State at Michigan State

In October, this was being hyped as the game of the year in the Big Ten, if not the nation. Both teams were undefeated, and national title aspirations were expected to be on the line.

The hopes of both teams have fallen somewhat with losses in recent weeks, but this still should be a barn-burner.

A BCS bid to the Fiesta Bowl could await the winner, and the consolation prize isn't bad either—the Citrus Bowl.

Michigan State has proven, despite two losses, that it's no fluke. The Spartans are a force, and if Plaxico Burress hangs around for his senior season, MSU will contend for a national title next fall with Ryan Van Dyke at quarterback. And T.J. Duckett has looked scary-good at running back the last few weeks. That's potential talking, and you'd better believe Nick Saban's listening.

You know these last couple of weeks have eaten at LaVar

Arrington. All the hype, all the pressure, all for nothing. He's got one more chance to prove he's worthy before he leaves for the NFL draft, and he'll take it. If Penn State loses this game, they could end up in the Sun Bowl. Ouch. That's motivation enough for anyone.

Penn State 24, Michigan State 10

Ohio State at Michigan

Do you realize that at most other schools, John Cooper would have a stadium named after him by now? His last two seasons have produced Rose and Sugar Bowl champions, and he even beat the hated Wolverines. But with a 6-5 record and a trip to Michigan looming, the Buckeyes are looking at a Y2K at home. Cooper probably wonders if he'll even have a home after this season. What ingrates Buckeye fans are.

It's been another solid season for Michigan. After a stunning loss to Illinois, the Wolverines rebounded with a win, in Happy Valley, no less. Tom Brady has been a great senior leader, and the Wolverines have been the quietest 9-2, No. 10 team in the

nation that I can recall. This is "The Game," one of many "The Games" around the country this weekend, but certainly the biggest in these parts. Michigan won't have to look too far for motivation in this one; getting Cooper fired would be big. And so would a New Year's Day bowl, though not as important as rubbing it in the noses of those awful Buckeye fans.

Michigan 34, Ohio State 3

Purdue at Indiana

Indiana has the coolest trophies; the Bourbon Barrel, the Old Oaken Bucket, and the Brass Spittoon. This week, Purdue and Indiana clash for the Bucket, and little more. Purdue will be headed to a second-tier bowl after showing they have little beyond Drew Brees, and Indiana is headed home for the same reason—no help for Antwaan Randle El. Randle El is a one man gang, but he's the only player Indiana has that can control a game.

It doesn't matter though, cause, yeehaw, it's civil war in Indiana! Too bad Brees' birthmark could take the Hoosiers out by itself, much less with the help of 22 other

Boilermakers. Hope Cam Cameron has a good recruiting class, he's going to need it.

Purdue 41, Indiana 7

Northwestern at Illinois

I expected this game to have a shred of meaning, as Illinois was going to play for their first bowl in five years. Ron Turner spoiled that by pasting Ohio State in the Horseshoe, 46-20. Now this game is completely meaningless, aside from honoring the Illini seniors that made the turnaround possible. I admit, I was completely wrong about the Illini. My predictions as a whole have been less than perfect.

For God's sake, I thought Iowa was going to finish eighth.

Northwestern is just where I like them; near the bottom of the league. Hope you savored the flavor, Cat fans, it's going to be a long climb back to the top. Kurt Kittner's going bowling. There are some things I never thought I'd be typing back in August. That is one of them.

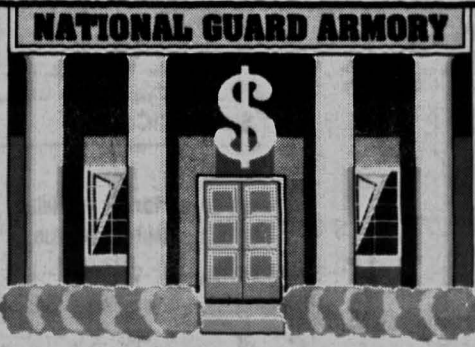
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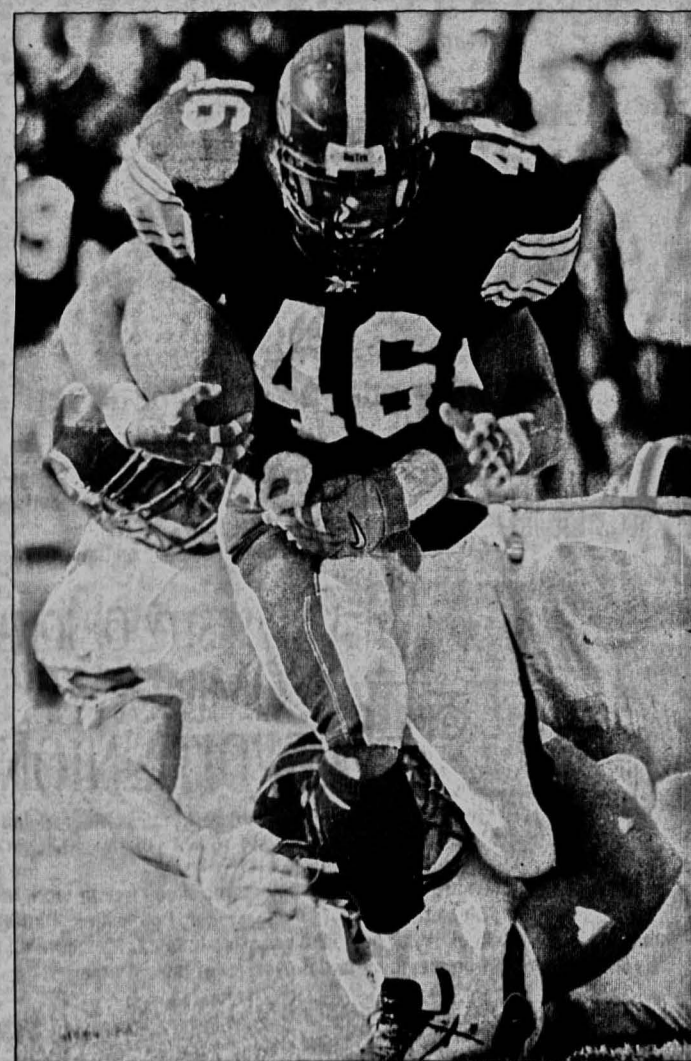
Daily Iowan photographers Brian Ray and Brett Roseman have captured the highs and lows of the 1999 football season in a photo essay.



Brett Roseman/The Daily Iowan
Iowa quarterback Kyle McCann cocks and fires in the Sept. 4 game with Nebraska. McCann started the first two games of the season for Iowa.



Brian Ray/The Daily Iowan
Indiana running back Frankie Franklin strains to elude a lunging Matt Bowen (9) during the Hoosiers' 38-31 win over Iowa October 23.



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Iowa cornerback Tarig Holman tries to upend a Nebraska ball carrier in the Huskers' 42-7 win over the Hawkeyes in the season opener for both teams Sept. 4.



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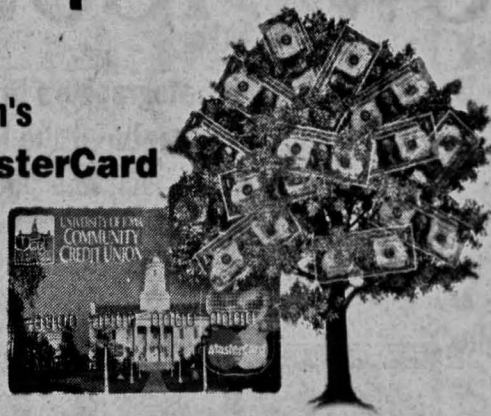
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Share the good times Clinton urges

The president calls on the world's well-off nations to spruce up their wealth and technology.

By Terence Hunt
Associated Press

FLORENCE, Italy — President Clinton, worrying about "people and places that are completely left behind," Sunday called on prosperous nations to spread global wealth by helping countries with Internet hookups, e-mail, debt relief and small loans. "How can we continue to grow our economy?" Clinton asked. "You're investing in the places that are left behind."

In a spectacular 14th-century Renaissance palace with frescoed ceilings, Clinton spoke at a "Third World Summit" with five like-minded world leaders. They talked for hours about how to spread the benefits of the 21st-century global economy and technological marvels.

The Third Way is billed as a middle ground between the politics of the left and the right — a system of government that promotes entrepreneurship and trade and protects the less fortunate. Joining Clinton were Italian Prime Minister Massimo D'Alema, British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Brazilian President Fernando Henrique Cardoso, French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin and German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder.

Later Sunday, Clinton arrived in Bulgaria, the fourth stop on a 10-day, six-country trip. It was the first presidential visit to the former Soviet state and was intended to highlight the problems and the progress of Balkans.

The president began his visit to Bulgaria by dining with daughter Chelsea at a restaurant in the capital Sofia where they were serenaded by a quartet of folk singers. "I had goosebumps because I was a real Bulgarian," he wrote.

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Sorting out the BCS

Unless you're a genius, BCS tough to comprehend

College football's post-season system is complicated, but terribly fun.

By Greg Wallace
The Daily Iowan

We here at Pregame aren't mathematicians — we're journalists. So forgive us when we admit this; the BCS is tough to understand.

With one week left in the season, 15 teams have a shot at the three BCS bowl games — the Sugar, Orange, and the Fiesta. In addition, Wisconsin has qualified for the Rose Bowl, a BCS bowl if Big Ten and Pac-10 teams are 1-2 in the polls.

The BCS is made up of three components: the two wire service polls, eight computer rankings, and strength of schedule. Of course, losses play into the equation as well; one slip-up, and it's all but assured that a team won't be playing in the Sugar Bowl, this year's national championship game. Two losses? You're sleeping with the fishes.

Of these three components, the quirkiest is strength of schedule. It is partially beyond a team's control, when one considers that college football schedules are made 4-5 years in advance. It's impossi-

ble to control how strong your conference is; Virginia Tech is 9-0 and No. 2 in the BCS poll, but has been criticized for playing a weak schedule. Part of that can be blamed on the Hokies' conference, the Big East, which is thin this season. Their schedule ranks 54th, while the teams flanking them, Florida State and Nebraska, rank 16th and 21st, respectively.

It's conceivable that Nebraska, the No. 3 team, could leap ahead of the Hokies with wins in its last two games against Colorado and Texas (in the Big 12 championship), while VT plays a weak Temple team and No. 25 Boston College.

If this prophecy comes true, and the Hokies whine, don't be so quick to take their side. They did schedule Division I-AA James Madison, whom they beat handily.

Still, that wouldn't make getting leapfrogged by Nebraska any fairer. But no one ever said college football was fair.

Computer rankings are subjective, too; they don't care if Virginia Tech or Nebraska is No. 2; they're heartless machines.

The BCS could have a huge impact on how the Big Ten bowl situation sorts out. Wisconsin is BCS-worthy, and

one more conference school could join them. The other BCS bowls are advised to pick from the top 6 teams, though they aren't bound to them; Kansas State was fourth in the BCS poll last season, but was snubbed by the big boys and wound up going to the Alamo Bowl.

Michigan, Michigan State, and Penn State all have a chance to be BCS-worthy. The Spartans and Nittany Lions face off, with the winner being BCS-eligible. In addition, if Michigan wins, they will have nine wins and be in the top 12 of the BCS.

If two teams are selected, every Big Ten team gets pushed up a notch in the bowl hierarchy. The bowls pick in this order; Citrus, Outback, Alamo, Sun, and Micron PC.

Let's assume that Michigan beats Ohio State and Penn State beats Michigan State, and that the chairman of the Orange Bowl is a Michigan fan, and takes the Wolverines.

The rest of the picture could shake out something like this: Penn State in the Citrus, Michigan State in the Outback, Minnesota in the Alamo, Purdue in the Sun, and Illinois in the Micron PC. If Ohio State beats Michigan, making them bowl-eligible, they would likely go to the Micron PC, leaving Illinois in,

say, Detroit, for the Motor City Bowl. But even the Aloha Bowl is an option for Illinois if the weak ACC fails to fill its slot with an eligible team.

This bowl thing, it's not easy, or for the faint of heart.

Don't forget that bowls aren't nice — they don't select completely on record, instead lunging for the schools that can fill their stands — and their pockets — the fullest. That's why Ohio State would go over an Illinois team that destroyed the Buckeyes in Columbus last weekend.

Hopefully, you understand a little more about the BCS, but if you don't, I don't blame. Here are the informed picker's opinions on how the BCS bowls will shake out.

Sugar:

Florida State vs. Nebraska. Florida State beats Florida, while Nebraska uses two big wins to climb over Virginia Tech for the No. 2 slot.

Fiesta:

Virginia Tech vs. Florida. The Gators' loss to FSU puts them in the Fiesta, while VT gets passed up due to its weak schedule.

Orange:

Tennessee vs. Michigan. The Vols' strong fan support gets them in over K-State,

while Michigan's win over Penn State gives them the nod.

As always, this is subject to change and crazy upsets, along with the uncontrollable computer factor. No one knows what will happen, and that's what makes college football so special. Playoff? We don't need a playoff. This is too much fun to give up.

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- Dec. 22- Mobile Alabama Bowl
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- Dec. 31- Sun Bowl
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Hawkeye Sports

Field hockey hopes to leave Beantown with title

■ The Iowa field hockey team plays in the Final Four this weekend.

By Robert Yarborough
 The Daily Iowan

After two consecutive dismal seasons, it may only have been a matter of time before the Iowa field hockey team returned to the national picture.

No one expected this, though. For the sixth time in the history of the program, the No. 3 Hawkeyes (19-2) will play in the Final Four of the NCAA tournament in Boston, Mass.. Iowa will take on No. 1 Maryland (17-1) at 11:30 a.m. today with hopes of competing Sunday for the national championship against the winner of the game between No. 2 University of Connecticut (19-0) and No. 4 Michigan (19-6) at 2 p.m.

The Hawkeyes defeated Kent State in the first round of the tournament before beating North Carolina 2-0 this past Sunday at Grant Field to advance to the Final Four. The victory was only the second time Iowa had defeated the Tar Heels.

"We have tried to get North Carolina to come out here for a long time and it took the NCAA selection committee to finally bring them out here," Iowa

coach Beth Beglin said. "Jana Toepel is their star and we were able to shut her out which was key in that game."

The Final Four bid was just the icing on the cake for a team that rebounded from a 10-10 season a year ago to take the Big Ten regular season title this year.

The only glitch in the Hawkeyes' bid for a perfect season was Michigan. In three meetings this season, Michigan defeated Iowa twice, including a 3-2 win to take the Big Ten tournament title.

Iowa is not looking past Maryland by any means, but a championship game against the Wolverines would be a fitting way to end the season.

"We know Michigan really well to say the least," senior Kelly Druley said. "We thought Michigan was coming to Grant Field to play us in the first two rounds and it is amazing that we may see them again."

This week, Beglin and her coaching staff have been focused on making a solid gameplan to stop Maryland, but the process has not been easy. The Terps play a system where a lot of different athletes are constantly playing at different positions throughout the game, making a sound strategy to stop them difficult.



Brian Moore/The Daily Iowan

Iowa field hockey player Maria Merluzzi dives for the ball in Iowa's win over North Carolina Sunday.

"I think that we know their players pretty well," Beglin said. "But it has definitely been difficult trying to figure out what exactly to prepare for because they are all over the place."

Both teams are inexperienced

in championship situations, and according to Beglin, the winner will be the team who can deal with the situation best.

"It is the first time this particular group of individuals for Maryland has been to a Final

Four and that is the same situation for us," Beglin said. "The winner will be the team that handle that with poise under pressure."

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Penn State	5-2	9-2
Mich. St.	5-2	8-2
Michigan	5-2	8-2
Minnesota	4-3	7-3
Illinois	3-4	6-4
Purdue	3-4	6-4
Ohio State	3-4	6-5
Indiana	3-4	4-6
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Iowa	0-7	1-9

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INDIANA 21, Ball State 9

PENN STATE 70, Akron 24

PURDUE 47, Central Florida 13

WISCONSIN 49, Murray State 10

MICHIGAN 26, Notre Dame 22

Nebraska 42, IOWA 7

MINNESOTA 33, Ohio 7

Miami of Ohio 28, NORTHWESTERN 7

MICHIGAN STATE 27, Oregon 20

September 11

ILLINOIS 38, San Diego State 10

MICHIGAN STATE 51, Eastern Michigan 7

BIG TEN CONFERENCE

PENN STATE 20, Pittsburgh 17
North Carolina 42, INDIANA 30
MINNESOTA 35, NE Louisiana 0
PURDUE 28, Notre Dame 23
Iowa State 17, IOWA 10
NORTHWESTERN 17, TCU 7
WISCONSIN 50, Ball State 10
MICHIGAN 37, Rice 3
OHIO STATE 42, UCLA 20

September 18

ILLINOIS 41, Louisville 36
Kentucky 44, INDIANA 35
IOWA 24, Northern Illinois 0
MICHIGAN 18, Syracuse 13
MICHIGAN STATE 23, Notre Dame 13
MINNESOTA 55, Illinois State 7
NORTHWESTERN 15, Duke 12
OHIO STATE 40, Ohio 16
PENN STATE 27, Miami (Fl) 23
PURDUE 58, Central Michigan 16
Cincinnati 17, WISCONSIN 12

September 25

MICHIGAN STATE 27, Illinois 10
PENN STATE 45, Indiana 24
MICHIGAN 21, Wisconsin 16
PURDUE 31, Northwestern 23
OHIO STATE 34, Cincinnati 20

October 2

MICHIGAN STATE 49, Iowa 3
INDIANA 34, Illinois 31 (OT)
MICHIGAN 38, Purdue 12
MINNESOTA 33, Northwestern 14



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Iowa safety Matt Stockdale takes down Penn State's backup running back Kenny Thompson during the Nittany Lions' win over Iowa. Once a Sugar Bowl shoo-in, the Lions have lost two straight games.

WISCONSIN 42, Ohio State 17

October 9

PENN STATE 31, Iowa 7
INDIANA 34, Northwestern 17
MICHIGAN STATE 34, Michigan 31
WISCONSIN 20, Minnesota 17 (OT)

OHIO STATE 25, Purdue 22

October 16

NORTHWESTERN 23, Iowa 21
MINNESOTA 37, Illinois 7
WISCONSIN 59, Indiana 0
PURDUE 52, Ohio State 28

PENN STATE 23, Ohio State 10

October 23

INDIANA 38, Iowa 31
ILLINOIS 35, Michigan 29
WISCONSIN 40, Michigan State 10
OHIO STATE 20, Minnesota 17
PENN STATE 31, Purdue 25

October 30

OHIO STATE 41, Iowa 11
PENN STATE 27, Illinois 7
MICHIGAN 34, Indiana 31
PURDUE 43, Minnesota 28
WISCONSIN 35, Northwestern 19

November 6

ILLINOIS 40, Iowa 24
MICHIGAN 37, Northwestern 3
MICHIGAN STATE 23, Ohio State 7
MINNESOTA 24, Penn State 23
WISCONSIN 28, Purdue 21

November 13

WISCONSIN 41, Iowa 3
ILLINOIS 46, Ohio State 20
MINNESOTA 44, Indiana 20
MICHIGAN 31, Penn State 27
MICHIGAN STATE 34, Northwestern 0

November 20

Minnesota at Iowa

Northwestern at Illinois

Purdue at Indiana

Ohio State at Michigan

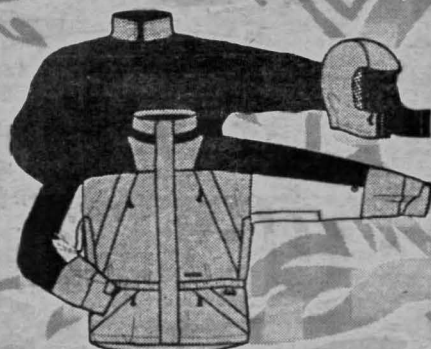
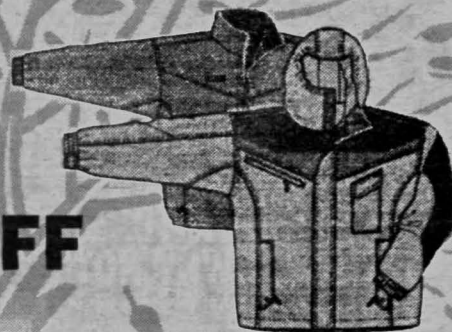
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