

TODAY IN SPORTS

By the skin of their beaks

The Hawks sink their talons into the lead and hold on (barely) at the Big Ten Tournament. See story, Page 1B



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Gas prices bringing indigestion

\$1.50 a gallon may seem high, but the Energy Department says look out for \$2 a gallon. See story, Page 4A



REMINDER

The Daily Iowan will discontinue publication during Spring Break. The business office, Room 111, Communications Center, will remain open over the break with office hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The D/I will resume publishing on March 20. Thanks for reading and have a safe and happy break.

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Arson ruled the cause of fatal blaze

■ Authorities release few details in the death of Kurt Miller, who died of smoke and soot inhalation.

By Anne Huyck
The Daily Iowan

Though a motive for setting the fire remains unknown, investigators announced Thursday that Monday's fatal fire at 845 Cross Park Ave. was intentionally set.

The death of Apartment 3B resident Kurt Miller, 20, is now being investigated as a homicide.

A state medical examiner's report determined that Miller died from smoke and soot inhalation, as well as "thermal injuries." Laura Miller, 20, Kurt's wife and a UI junior, was released from the UI Hospitals and

Clinics Thursday after being treated in the burn unit for hand and facial burns.

Though refusing to comment on specifics of the investigation, arson and first-degree murder can typically be related as a Class A felony that is punishable by life in prison, said County Attorney J. Patrick White. If someone commits a homicide during commission of another felony, such as arson, that person can be charged with first-degree murder, he said.

The crime-scene investigation conducted by police and fire officials also ended Thursday. Insurance assessors were allowed in the building Thurs-

day, and employees of SouthGate Management are planning on getting into the building today to begin cleaning up.

Besides collecting evidence from 845 Cross Park Ave., investigators also searched surrounding areas, including an adjacent apartment complex, 861 Cross Park Ave., where police recovered additional evidence, officials said.

The 861 Cross Park Ave. complex is government-subsidized housing, along with many of the houses on the street. One of the four 861 Cross Park apartments received a noise warning from police officers at 8:56 p.m. Mon-

day, less than an hour before the 9:45 p.m. fire.

Between Aug. 8 and Dec. 4, 1999, police officers responded to 19 calls at the four apartments at 861 Cross Park Ave. — seven of which were noise disturbances allegedly at Apt. B.

Two Johnson County search warrants were carried out in connection with the investigation but remain sealed at the Johnson County Courthouse after being filed Wednesday.

A state public defender, Steve Exley-Schuman, has tried to contact two residents of the 861 Cross Park Ave. complex. Exley-Schuman would

not discuss the reason he wanted to speak with them, saying his stance would be "no comment" until a trial begins — if there ever is a trial.

An attorney contacting persons at 861 Cross Park Ave. does not indicate they are suspects or that it is even related to the case, said Iowa City police Sgt. Bill Campbell.

Campbell said police are not releasing information regarding the number of suspects in the fire and homicide investigation, nor would he say if police have any current suspects.

Residents at 861 Cross Park Ave.

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There can be too much fun in the sun over Break



Denise Powell/The Daily Iowan
Three UI students wait outside Soleil tanning salon for a bed to open up. The average wait was 30 minutes.

■ Spring Break for some UI students will keep local health employees busy.

By Kate Thayer
The Daily Iowan

Spring Break excitement in exotic places can turn into future worries when students return home.

Iowa City health services see more UI students than usual with medical problems following Spring Break. Tattoo removal, unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases are among the most-common consequences.

An increased number of students visit the UI Hospital and Clinics' dermatology clinic following Spring Break requesting laser surgery to remove newly acquired tattoos, said UI dermatology Professor Duane Whitaker.

The process involves six to eight laser treatments over a period of six to eight months, depending on size and color of the tattoo, Whitaker said. It costs approximately \$2,000.

"The investment of getting that tattoo could end up being very expensive," he said. "People need to think about their tattoos ahead of time."

Students may also seek post-Spring Break treatment at Student Health Service for such problems as sun burn and sexually transmitted diseases, said Pat Ketcham, a student health representative.

"Our services include free and confidential HIV testing for students," she said. "The services are certainly available if needed, but hopefully, students are using pre-

cautions ahead of time."

The Emma Goldman Clinic also sees an increased number of UI students after Spring Break, said Sarah Goff, a community programs assistant.

"We offer testing for sexually transmitted diseases, as well as an emergency contraception pill, which can be obtained over the counter for women who have been seen at our clinic," she said. "Hopefully, students are using other forms of birth control as well, because this pill is only 75 percent effective."

Many students tend to act out of the ordinary when they go on spring break, said UI sophomore Angela Bossard, who plans to go to Panama City, Fla., this year.

"Spring Break is a time where people go wild and have fun," she said. "Students do things that seem OK when they are there (on vacation), but when they come back home, they have regrets."

UI senior Dave McDonnell said he will not have any regrets after returning from a skiing trip in Jackson Hole, Wyo.

"Spring Break is supposed to be excessive," he said. "That's what it is for, you are purging yourself for the second half of the semester."

Even though a Spring Break experience for some has resulted in unpleasant consequences, UI junior Tony Butz said his biggest regret was when he stayed at home one year.

"You are not supposed to work during Spring Break," he said. "Having fun is what Spring Break is for."

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McCain, Bradley bow out of race

■ The two insurgents leave Campaign 2000 chiding their rivals.

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Falling as swiftly as they soared, John McCain and Bill Bradley abandoned their presidential races Thursday and chided their triumphant rivals on the way out. "Millions of Americans have rallied to our banner," McCain said as both candidates sought to leverage the support they had earned.

The Arizona senator pledged to press his case for political reform and warned that Republicans will "slip into the mists of history" without it. McCain, who pulled swarms of Democrats and independents into GOP contests, offered nominee-in-waiting George W. Bush his "best wishes" — but not his endorsement.

An hour before McCain bowed out, Bradley told reporters he would support Vice President Al Gore, but he also accused his fellow Democrat of "distortions" in their primary fight. "I hope that he will run a better campaign in the general election," said the former New Jersey senator, who was unable to win any primary or caucus.

It was a victorious day for the political establishment that backed Bush and Gore, both of whom vanquished their rivals after stiff challenges. "When you do battle with entrenched power ... it's very difficult," Bradley said.

Within minutes of McCain's announcement, Bush's team was reaching out to McCain intermediaries in an effort to mend fences. The rivals themselves spoke briefly by telephone but settled nothing.

Said to be still seething at the Texas governor, McCain is in no hurry to make peace. He planned to take a week's vacation before determining what leverage he has with Bush and

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Bradley



McCain

State schools may start to tattle to parents on alcohol violations

■ The UI could soon be notifying students' parents about their alcohol violations.

By Marc Mettler
The Daily Iowan

The Iowa House recently passed a bill that would allow state universities, community colleges and private universities to notify the parents of students under 21 who incur alcohol violations.

The bill states that while universities would not be required to do so, they could enact policies where notification of parents would be included.

Rep. Minnette Doderer, D-Iowa City, was one of only two legislators who opposed the bill.

"If parents get a call from the university saying that their son or daughter had a beer, they would be more upset that they got the call than that their son or daughter had been drinking," Doderer said.

The Legislature should stay away from interfering with university

policies and affairs, she said.

"It's not going to clear the problem," Doderer said. "Once you get the parents involved, it all escalates. It just doesn't make sense."

Rep. Phil Tyrrell, R-North English, one of the 86 supporters of the bill, said he hopes that the bill might call attention to the problem of underage drinking.

"This bill indicates an attitude that the public is tired of hearing about underage college drinking," he said.

The issue depends on the parent-student relationship, he said. If the parents are paying the bills, they should have a right to know.

At least one UI official liked the House action.

"This (parent notification) has been done with some good effect at the University of Delaware," said

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Drop that Coke can, you're under arrest



Ethan Fry/The Daily Iowan
State lawmakers are attempting to make the sale and possession of water-cooled tobacco pipes such as these illegal.

■ The Iowa House passes a bill that would outlaw "drug paraphernalia," which could include soda cans.

By Christy B. Logan
The Daily Iowan

As early as July 1, such common items as soda cans, pen tops and envelopes could become the target of the police if an Iowa House bill prohibiting possession or selling of "drug paraphernalia" becomes law.

Passed by an overwhelming — 87-8 — vote in the Iowa House Wednesday, the measure would make violation of the law a simple misdemeanor punishable by fines ranging from \$50 to \$500 and 30 days in jail. The proposed bill, HR 2421, defines drug paraphernalia as any object used or designed for the manufacturing, processing or ingesting of controlled substances.

"It's already enforced in a number of cities across the state through local ordinances," said Rep. Chuck Larson, R-Cedar Rapids. "It's been used very effectively as a tool in the war on drugs. If drugs are illegal in our state, then the

items that are used to consume them should be illegal, also."

If passed by the Senate, other "suspicious" items — such as bongos, roach clips, metal bowls, balloons and miniature cocaine spoons — could be, if collected, checked for residue and the presence of illicit drugs.

The bill asserts that these items are sometimes used by drug offenders to practice illicit drug use.

The Iowa Department of Public Safety said 629 people were arrested for drug

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CITY & STATE

Sweatshop deadline approaches

■ Though today marks the SAS deadline, UI officials don't expect a decision to be made.

By Andrew T. Dawson
The Daily Iowan

With the arrival of the UI Students Against Sweatshops' deadline today, the group faces further delays in its effort to persuade UI officials to drop their affiliation with the Fair Labor Association and join the Workers Rights Consortium.

The UI does not expect a decision to be made by today, said Steve Parrott, the director of university relations.

The SAS met Thursday night to discuss future actions but was unable to decide upon a next step. If the UI does not

make an announcement today, a decision will most likely be delayed until after Spring Break, when university offices reopen.

"We talked about what action to take next," said SAS member and UI junior Josh Buck. "We've done everything they've asked us to do. We're still waiting."

The UI Committee for Human Rights met in a closed meeting Thursday night to discuss its position on the issue. The committee will give its recommendations to UI President Mary Sue Coleman, who will make the final decision.

Committee members have been in contact with each other since Monday night's public forum, said Ruth Wachtel, an associate professor of anesthesia and a committee member. Thursday night's meeting was

the first closed-committee discussion of the issue.

"It's a difficult decision to make, and there is lots of evidence to consider," she said.

Wachtel said she would like to have a decision by today, though the UI has not given the committee a deadline despite the SAS's request that a decision be made by today.

"It is not fair to put that kind of pressure on us if we still need more information," she said.

The UI Athletics Board, which also heard statements from SAS members, has not made a recommendation to Coleman either, said John Donelson, a professor of biochemistry and the chairman of the board. The Athletics Board will not meet again until next month, he said.

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Tenants: New name won't save mall

■ Old Capitol Mall strives to become a "town center" with name and logo changes.

By Sarah Richey
The Daily Iowan

Old Capitol Mall is scheduled to undergo reconstruction and get a name change early this spring in an effort to enhance its image.

The renovations will include decorations on the outside of the mall and enhanced window visibility. The name will be changed to Old Capitol Town Center, and the logo has been redesigned.

"I think the reconstruction and name change is a great idea," said Lisa Rowe, the Old Capitol Mall property administrator and marketing director. "It's the direction we want to go, which is to be a town center that meets the needs of the community."

Concern has been raised over the frequency of stores coming and going at the mall. Rowe said that is not a reflection of the mall in any way, nor did she think the mall was lacking business.

"There have been a lot of recent closings because of national bankruptcies," she said. "Those have nothing to do with the mall. I've talked to a lot of tenants recently, and they said business is on the upswing."

But Ken Lanvin, the owner of

It's dead in here. It's like a ghost town. We need more stores.

— Tina Shaw,
Afterthoughts employee

Touch of India, said business has not been good.

"It's very bad," he said. "There is no traffic, and most of the stores are closed, so we are not able to draw people in."

Lanvin said he doesn't think the renovations to the mall will be helpful in bringing in business.

"The idea is good, but people will only shop here if there are stores here," he said.

Lanvin suggested the mall bring in more specialty stores or another department store. There is no department store that cannot bring people in, he said.

Because of the possibility of closings, Rowe said, the mall is selective when leasing to businesses.

"We want the right stores here. We do not want ones that won't succeed," she said.

Rowe would not say whether any new stores are coming to Old Capitol Mall but did say it is dealing with prospective tenants.

Tina Shaw, an employee at Afterthoughts, said she would like to see stores that will succeed.

"They're closing everything — it's terrible," she said. "They need to get some permanent stores in here. A grocery store would be great for kids without cars, and we need a store for guys. There's nothing here."

Old Capitol Mall needs to take action fast, Shaw said, but renovations and a name change will do nothing for the amount of business in the mall.

"It's dead in here. It's like a ghost town. We need more stores," Shaw said.

Iowa City resident Carolyn Rushton said she shops at the mall approximately once every two weeks but would come more often if there was a better selection of stores.

"I used to enjoy this mall more than I do now," she said. "I'd like to see some more women's clothing stores or boutiques. It would also be nice to have a really nice restaurant, and I've always wished that the library were here."

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STATE BRIEF

Floridians outline 'edgy' tobacco plan

DES MOINES (AP) — The Grim Reaper pleads with supposed tobacco-industry officials to slow down — he can only handle so many deaths a day — and is thrown out of a meeting. Visitors to a dying man hooked to oxygen thank him for supporting the same brand of cigarettes before leaving the hospital room to find a teenage girl to replace him.

These are examples of the edgy commercials being aired in Florida as

part of a campaign to curb youth smoking. In approximately two years, the state has seen an overall reduction among middle and high school students of roughly 45 percent.

The work caught the attention of Iowa lawmakers, who are looking at options for crafting their own prevention and cessation programs using their share of a legal settlement with

the country's largest tobacco companies.

On Thursday, the Senate voted 48-0 to increase penalties for underage smokers and those who sell tobacco products to them.

"We've been using smoking-cessation programs for years, and it doesn't work," said Sen. Maggie Tinsman, R-Bettendorf.

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Oil prices getting all pumped up

■ The Department of Energy says gas could go as high as \$2 a gallon this summer.

By Hillary Wundrow
The Daily Iowan

With gas prices already more than \$1.50 a gallon, the U.S. Department of Energy warns that prices are likely to be even higher by summer.

Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and Mexico, three major oil-producing countries, have urged oil producers to increase crude-oil production in an effort to relieve the world oil shortage. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries will meet in Vienna, Austria, on March 27, when it is widely expected to increase oil production.

However, not all oil producers are expected to back the action.

"Certain countries such as Iraq and Iran keep prices high because they need the money," said John Conybeare, a UI political science professor. Iran currently has a 20 percent unemployment rate, he said.

Together, the two countries account for 8 percent of the world's daily oil production.

OPEC made an estimated 59 percent increase in oil revenue this year, according to a U.S. Energy Department report.

But even if an agreement is reached to increase oil production, the action would not bring prices down until after summer because of depleted U.S. gasoline stocks, the department said.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, introduced a bill Monday calling for President Clinton to cut off foreign aid and arms sales to countries that "fix" high oil prices.

In a statement issued by Grassley's office, the senator said the countries involved were ignoring the aid the U.S. has given them.

"Their hard-nosed oil production quotas show scant appreciation for the fact that U.S. soldiers put their lives on the line during the Persian Gulf War to protect these countries from Saddam Hussein," Grassley's statement said.

Locally, prices at Doc's Amoco, 801 S. Riverside Drive, were \$1.53 a gallon on Thursday, up from \$1.48 on Feb. 25 and \$1.42 on Feb. 14 for regular unleaded gasoline.

According to the Department of Energy, prices are expected to rise another 20 cents by the end of May and will peak at \$1.75-\$1.80 by this summer.

"I'm more apt to ride my bike or bum a ride," said UI senior Wyatt Hadley.

UI senior Dave Min said students feel the gas increase the most because "we're just students, so we are broke all the time." But the prices have not limited his driving; he said he will keep filling his tank as usual unless the price goes over \$2 a gallon.

With prices on the rise as Spring Break approaches, some students are making plans accordingly.



UI sophomore Vanessa Stanger pumps gas at local gas station. Gas prices are expected to stay on the rise this spring and summer.

It's \$10 to go home; I think I'll stay here.

— Jill Becker,
UI junior

The rise in gas prices has affected how much UI junior Jill Becker goes home to see her parents in Newton, Iowa.

"It's \$10 to go home; I think I'll stay here," she said. It's too costly to fill her Toyota Camry's tank all the way up, she said, so she usually keeps it only half full.

Word of a national gas-out, to be held April 7-9, is spreading. Motorists are being urged not to buy gas during those three days.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will release \$130 million in emergency funds to help low-income Americans pay their heating and gas bills, said Drew Malcomb, a press secretary at the Energy Department.

"The Clinton administration has taken steps to help the crisis," he said.

The Associated Press contributed to this article. DI reporter Hillary Wundrow can be reached at: hilstress@hotmail.com

LEGAL MATTERS

POLICE

Dan Whitfield, 30, 935 E. Jefferson St., was charged with having a dog at large in Iowa City on March 8, stemming from an alleged incident on March 3.

Nick Cockrum, 21, 520 S. Capitol St., was charged with having a dog at large at 600 S. Clinton St. on March 8 at 12:30 p.m.

Charles E. Taylor, 32, 2531 Wayne Ave., was charged with disorderly conduct at First Avenue Club, 1550 S. First Ave., on March 9 at 12:10 a.m.

Eugene Brooks, 30, Coralville, was charged with disorderly conduct at First Avenue Club on March 9 at 12:10 a.m.

Brad M. Hiller, 19, 303 N. Riverside Drive Apt. 1, was charged with operating while intoxicated at the intersection of Linn and Burlington streets on March 9 at 12:12 a.m.

Kristopher S. Dahlman, 25, 908 Rundell St., was charged with operating while intoxicated at 100 S. Linn St. on March 7 at 1:36 a.m.

Jessica L. Schultz, 22, Sioux City, Iowa, was charged with operating while intoxicated at 400 S. Dubuque St. on March 9 at 2 a.m.

Terence E. Thomas, 22, Iowa Falls, Iowa, was charged with operating while intoxicated at the intersection of Gilbert and Burlington streets on March 9 at 3 a.m.

Tara M. Trpkosh, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age, possession of an open container and possession of a schedule I controlled substance at the Green Room, 509 S. Gilbert St., on March 9 at 2:02 a.m.

Sewanía T. Stokes, 18, Marion, Iowa, was charged with possession of a schedule I controlled substance, possession of alcohol under the legal age and possession of an open container at 300 E. Prentiss St. on March 9 at 2:01 a.m.

Todd C. Mann, 27, 2650 Roberts Road Apt. 2B, was charged with public intoxication at 10 S. Clinton St. on March 9 at 1:43 a.m. and with simple assault at the Johnson County Sheriff's Office stem-

ming from alleged incidents on Feb. 9.

Billie J. Ekwall, 21, Lone Tree, Iowa, was charged with operating while intoxicated and driving while barred at the intersection of Highway 6 and Gilbert Street on March 9 at 3:39 a.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Lance J. Williams, 19, Coralville, was charged with second-degree robbery at the Johnson County Sheriff's Office on March 8 at 9 a.m.

Erica T. Evans, 18, Coralville, was charged with conspiracy at the Johnson County Sheriff's Office on March 8 at 9 a.m.

Lee D. Stouse, 18, Durango, Colo., was charged with possession of a controlled substance at Quadrangle Residence Hall on March 9 at 3:21 a.m.

Jason S. Kassib, 19, Durango, Colo., was charged with possession of a controlled substance at Quadrangle Residence Hall on March 9 at 3:21 a.m.

— compiled by Anne Huyck

COURTS

Magistrate

Public Intoxication — Todd C. Mann, 2650 Roberts Road Apt. 2B, was fined \$155.

District

Possession of a schedule I controlled substance — Sewanía T. Stokes, Marion, preliminary hearing has been set for March 20; Tara M. Trpkosh, Cedar Rapids, preliminary hearing has been set for March 23.

Third-degree burglary — Erica T. Evans, Coralville, preliminary hearing has been set for March 20.

Conspiracy — Erica T. Evans, Coralville, preliminary hearing has been set for March 20.

Operating while intoxicated — Jessica L. Schultz, Sioux City, Iowa, preliminary hearing has been set for March 23; Billie J. Ekwall, Lone Tree, Iowa, preliminary hearing has been set for March 23; Diane R. Davis, Riverside, preliminary hearing has been set for March 23. — compiled by Katie Bernard

Report: Schools fall short in diversity

■ A regents' committee will likely ask for target rates for minority graduation and retention.

By Ryan Foley
The Daily Iowan

Although the UI has a higher minority enrollment than the other two state regent universities, none of the three has what would be considered a diverse student population, according to a recent report.

The report, by the Diversity Priority Study Group, a committee of the state of Iowa Board of Regents, says there is a significant difference in the retention and graduation rates of minority students and of majority students.

The diversity group will present the report to the regents in Cedar Falls next week.

Graduation rates and other data from 1986 to the present were examined before the report was issued. The group will also make a recommendation to the board concerning what action to

take in an effort to diversify the campuses.

A target rate for retention and six-year graduation rates of minorities will likely be suggested by the group, said Frank Stork, the executive director of the regents.

At the UI, 62.4 percent of all students graduated in six years, while blacks had a 48.6 percent rate, and Latinos had a 45.8 percent rate.

The regents have set a target of 8.5 percent minority enrollment at the state universities, which will not be affected by the committee's recommendation.

So far, the UI has been the only state university to reach the goal, with a 9.1 percent minority enrollment in the fall 1999 semester. Iowa State University's minority enrollment was 7 percent, and University of Northern Iowa had 4.3 percent.

A diverse campus results in better educational experiences for students and prepares students better for life after college, Stork said.

"It does improve the environ-

ment for educational purposes to have people from different backgrounds there," Stork said.

UI senior Vera Tchotchukova-Ranguelova said she agreed with the report's findings.

"The UI is not diverse enough," she said. "I'm the only foreigner in all the classes I take, which can make it difficult."

Tchotchukova-Ranguelova said English classes are the worst for her, where she sometimes feels "out of place."

Stork said the regents' universities face a challenge in recruiting minorities because there are fewer in Iowa compared with many other states.

UI graduate student Jason Hiner said the UI campus is fairly diverse, considering its location.

"We're stuck here in the middle of the United States," he said. "Still, I think the UI campus gives people from small towns a chance to see a more diverse population. A lot of people get big surprises when they come here."

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Police: Robbery, kidnapping suspects linked

■ The Coralville police believe that they can connect a recent robbery, kidnapping and burglaries.

By Katie Bernard
The Daily Iowan

Coralville police say they have connected three suspects in a complex ring of a robbery, kidnapping and string of burglaries that occurred in the area during the last month.

Authorities believe that they have linked the money from a Feb. 23 robbery of a Kentucky Fried Chicken to a Feb. 27 kidnapping, in which the kidnapping suspects went on a hunt for the stolen money, Coralville police say.

Three suspects were charged with second-degree kidnapping for holding two Iowa City brothers hostage at knife point in an area car-ride in search of the stolen KFC money.

Police charged Lance Williams, 19, with second-degree robbery and Willie Pearson, 35, for conspiracy to commit second-degree robbery in the Feb. 23 KFC incident.

Pearson, a KFC employee on duty, walked out with the night manager to the parking lot when Williams allegedly approached the

two and stole the night-deposit bag, which contained more than \$1,000, according to police reports.

Later, Williams and Pearson, who had known each other for at least two years, gave the money to Willie Pearson's nephew, Isiah Pearson, to hold, court records said.

Because of fears of retaliation, police did not identify the teen-age victims of the kidnapping, said Barry Bedford, the Coralville police chief.

Police said a cooperative source had identified Erica T. Evans, 18, who has been charged in the kidnapping, as being one of the people who tried to find the money that Isiah Pearson was allegedly holding.

Evans was charged with third-degree burglary Thursday for stealing a purse from the same KFC restaurant on Feb. 12; she has admitted to police she used keys from the purse to enter the purse owner's apartment, taking several electronic devices and some loose change, according to police reports.

Evans' involvement in the Feb. 23 KFC robbery is still under investigation, said Coralville police Detective Ron Wenman.

She was also charged Thursday with conspiracy to commit a robbery

with Williams on Feb. 16. Williams was charged Wednesday with third-degree burglary in that crime.

Evans admitted the two discussed robbing someone to buy food and gas prior to the assault-robbery, police said.

She also admitted that she drove a vehicle to the scene of the robbery, where she watched Williams allegedly assault and rob a female victim, police records said. Then, Williams got in Evans' car and they drove away, throwing the purse in the river, police said.

Willie Pearson was charged with aiding and abetting the Feb. 16 burglary.

Upon execution of a search warrant at Pearson's apartment, 210 E. Ninth St. Apt. 18, Coralville, police said they found stolen identification, checks, credit cards and Social Security information with which Pearson had been receiving illegal benefits.

All three suspects have extensive criminal felony records.

"A series of ongoing investigations will continue to determine individual involvement in crimes; some may be related, some may not," Wenman said.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Gifford concerned about Philbin

NEW YORK (AP) — Are you getting enough sleep, Regis? Kathie Lee is worried about you.

Regis Philbin's soon-to-depart co-host on "Live with Regis and Kathie Lee" says she's worried that he's too busy with his other job, as host of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?"

"He comes in some mornings, and I just know he's not there," Kathie Lee Gifford told *People* magazine. "We can both do this in our sleep. That's the bad part. Our audiences deserve better."

Philbin wasn't available for comment, a spokesman said Thursday.

Gifford, who raised her shirt to a *People* reporter to refute talk she's been going braless, said sex helped her and husband Frank Gifford recover from his affair with a former stewardess.

"We stayed home, we stayed in the word of God, we stayed in bed," she said.

A Berry bad case of hit-and-run

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A woman involved in a hit-and-run crash with Halle Berry is suing the actress, accus-

ing her of negligence.

Authorities believe Berry, 31, ran a red light and collided with Hetal Raythatha's car before speeding off on Feb. 23.

Raythatha, 27, said in her lawsuit that she believes either Berry or other defendants not identified were under the influence of alcohol or drugs during the accident. Raythatha said she is permanently disabled from back injuries and emotional distress.

Berry's spokesman, Allan Mayer, said the actress "intends to do what she can to make things right."

"But that doesn't mean she will allow anyone to take advantage of an unfortunate situation or make slanderous insinuations," Mayer said. "As the police have confirmed, there is absolutely no evidence indicating that drugs or alcohol played any part in the accident."

Mingling with Cuban artists

HAVANA (AP) — A delegation of American writers, led by Arthur Miller and William Styron, is in Cuba in hopes of increasing contacts between intellectuals from both nations.

The Cuban news service Prensa Latina reported that the Americans planned to meet in Havana with Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque and Ricardo Alarcon, president of Cuba's National Assembly.

The delegation arrived Wednesday as guests of Cuba's Ministry of Culture and plans to meet with Cuban writers, playwrights and actors.

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GOP ties minimum wage to tax cut

The House Republican action comes in the face of a threatened veto by President Clinton.

By Curt Anderson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — To soften the impact on employers of a \$1 increase in the minimum wage, Republicans pushed a \$122 billion tax cut through the House Thursday despite a vow by President Clinton to veto it and grumbling from conservatives about the whole package.

Votes on alternative minimum-wage proposals were planned for later Thursday evening. GOP leaders made the tax measure part of the wage package to deny

Democrats a stand-alone wage bill, which has strong support from Northeastern Republican moderates who want to defuse it as a campaign issue in the November elections.

"The question is whether we take a thoughtful approach and a balanced approach, or whether we have an ill-conceived bill foisted upon us," said Rep. Rick Lazio, R-N.Y., a main sponsor of the GOP bill.

The House voted 257-169 to pass the tax bill, two-thirds of which consists of cuts in estate taxes. It will be combined with legislation that would increase the \$5.15-an-hour minimum wage by \$1 over two years or a version that would increase the wage by \$1 over three years.

Even if the bill meets Clinton's wish for a two-year wage boost,

the president repeated Thursday that he would veto the measure if it were to include large tax cuts. Clinton contends that the tax relief disproportionately benefits the wealthy and would consume a chunk of the projected budget surplus that could be used to shore up Social Security and Medicare.

"Once again, the Republican leadership has derailed what should be a simple vote on the minimum wage with a maximum of political maneuvering," Clinton said. "Congress should send me a bill I can sign, not one I have to veto."

Republicans, however, contended that the tax package would offset the costs to business of raising the minimum wage, which many in the GOP view as a job-killer and hindrance to new investment or expansion.

"Our point is simply, let's find some tax relief to cushion the blow," said Rep. Rob Portman, R-Ohio.

Much of the debate centered on the estate tax cuts. Costing \$78.6 billion over 10 years, they were portrayed by Democrats as a give-away primarily for people with incomes of more than \$319,000 a year. Democrats were prevented from offering their own, smaller tax package for small business.

"We're not fighting any tax relief. We're fighting for the right kind of tax relief," said Rep. Sander Levin, D-Mich.

GOP sponsors said current estate taxes actually prevent small businesses and family farms from being passed down to heirs and require costly tax planning simply to ease the impact.

NATION BRIEFS

4 dead after 2 Cessnas collide on runway

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — Two small planes collided on a runway in a huge fireball Thursday, killing all four people on board.

The cause of the accident was under investigation.

The single-engine planes, a Cessna 152 and a Cessna 172, carried two people each. No one else was hurt.

"There was a big fire, so everyone went out there," said Rosalie Radtke, a secretary at a company a quarter-mile from Sarasota Bradenton International Airport. "All the guys saw was a big ball of fire."

An air-traffic controller had cleared one of the planes for takeoff, said Pat Cariseo, a spokesman for the National Transportation Safety Board in Washington. At the same time, the pilot of the other plane was granted permission to position his aircraft and hold on the same runway.

What happened next was not immediately clear, Cariseo said.

The agency has asked for a specialist in air-traffic control to look at the role of the control tower in the accident, said safety-board investigator John Lovell.

Sheriff's spokesman Dave Bristow said there was a "tremendous impact followed by tremendous fire." One plane was heavily damaged; there was almost nothing left of the other aircraft, he said.

Investigators were interviewing six witnesses, some of whom gave conflicting statements, Bristow said. Safety-board investigators were sent from Miami and Washington.

The victims' names were not immediately released. J. Kevin Drake, an attorney for Cirrus Aviation Flight School, said the school had not been

officially notified but "we fear that it is an instructor and student. We fear the worst."

Drake refused to identify the two.

Suspected killer of 3 eludes Baltimore police

BALTIMORE (AP) — A man suspected of killing three people while kidnapping his estranged girlfriend remained at large Thursday after a shooting rampage in which he shot three other people, one of whom later died.

The girlfriend escaped and ran to a police cruiser at the El-Rich Motel, where her alleged abductor, Joseph Palczynski, 31, brought her at about 11 p.m. Wednesday. She was questioned by police overnight.

On Thursday, a room-by-room search of the motel didn't turn up the suspect. Police said they found an automatic rifle and a pistol-grip shotgun believed to have been used in Tuesday's slayings.

Palczynski's girlfriend, Tracy Whitehead, told police that the two weapons were the only guns he was carrying, said Maj. Brian Upperque, a Baltimore County Police spokesman.

"The impression that we have is that he is no longer armed," Upperque said, but he added that authorities still consider Palczynski dangerous.

Police also said they believed Palczynski was on foot because they had the stolen car he drove to the motel, and there were no other reports of cars stolen in the area.

Police stationed officers at schools, set up a tips line, and were monitoring any calls for stolen cars or break-ins.

Federal judge weighs Cuban boy's future

A federal judge will decide if Elian Gonzalez can rejoin his father in Cuba.

By Alex Veiga
Associated Press

MIAMI — With flag-waving demonstrators tying up traffic outside, a federal judge heard arguments Thursday on whether he has the right to second-guess the Immigration and Naturalization Service's decision to send 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez back to Cuba.

Gonzalez asked U.S. District Judge K. Michael Moore to order the INS to hold a political asylum hearing for Elian. The U.S. government, however, asked the judge to dismiss the case.

After the three-hour hearing, the judge gave no indication of when he might rule.

The boy's fate has been debated since November 1999, when he was found clinging to an inner tube off Florida. His mother and 10 others drowned when their boat capsized during an attempt to reach the United States.

ordered that Elian be returned to his father in Cuba, a decision backed by President Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno. The order was put on hold pending the court fight.

On Thursday, Edwin Kneedler, a government attorney, argued that Congress has vested the attorney general with the power to administer immigration laws, and "the decisions of the attorney general are subject to only narrow judicial review."

Attorneys for the great-uncle argued that the INS' actions are not exempt from court review, and that the agency violated the boy's

rights by refusing to grant him a political asylum hearing.

"Any alien that is within the United States ... is entitled to apply for asylum, and the INS is obligated to hear that claim," said attorney Linda Osberg-Braun.

Kneedler said that the boy's father opposed asylum for his son and that his wishes should be respected over those of the boy's great-uncle.

"This is a father closely involved in the child's life," Kneedler told the judge. "This was not an absent father — this was a present father."

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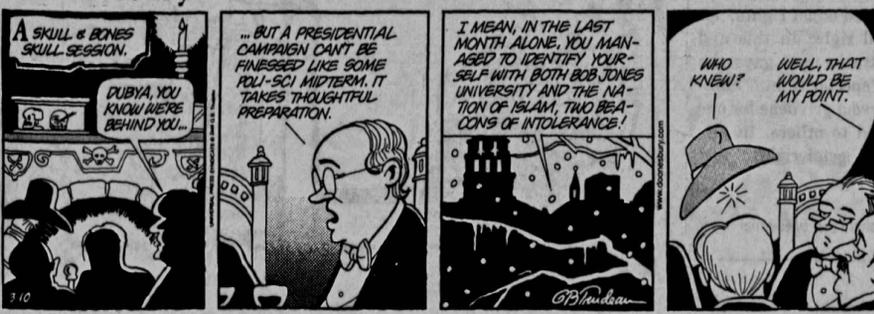
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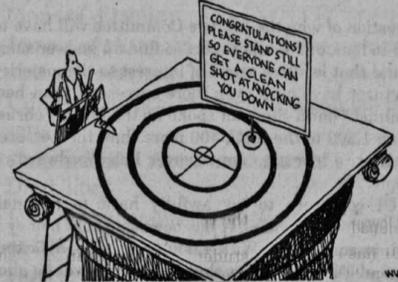
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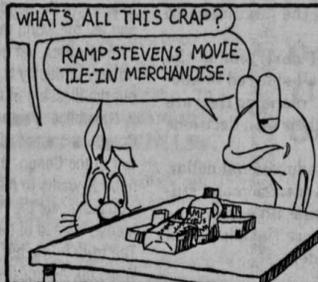
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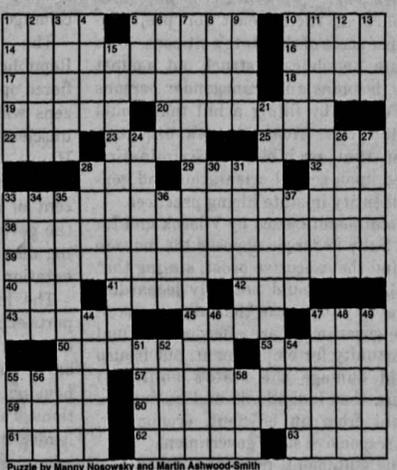


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VIEWPOINTS

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We have a lot of projects that are costing a lot of money. We're probably looking at this type of increase for several years.

— Margaret Van Oel, the director of residence services. The cost of room and board for UI dorms is expected to increase by 5 percent next year.

POLICIES

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EDITORIALS

Blasé reactions to school shootings disturbing

Apparently we no longer have faith in exercising self-control when it comes to guns. In the wake of more ridiculously tragic shootings, including the murder of 6-year-old Kayla Rolland by a fellow first grader in her Michigan school last week, we have called on our politicians to do something about our national gun epidemic.

In return, they have offered several options, from background checks at gun shows to what everyone has seemed to jump on — child safety locks. But child-proofing a gun is not the same thing as child-proofing a cigarette lighter. Have we arrived at the point where we are willing to concede that we cannot effectively control our children or ourselves when it comes to fire arms?

Perhaps this should come as no surprise, considering that we as a society seem to be bearing this problem rather well. The bellyaching goes on for a few days after each shooting, but after those few days, the tragedy has found its way to the graveyard of all these tragedies, the third page of the newspaper.

It is disgusting to live in a city where the issue of children working in sweatshops has inspired rallies and growing coverage by regional media, but the murder of American children in schools inspires nothing more than a sigh. No solution has been found because no one is sincerely seeking one. This makes it easier for the National Rifle Association to put up its well-paid firewalls in the halls of government across America.

President Clinton attacked the NRA last week for interfering in the passing of any meaningful legislation in the Senate, not to mention a dozen statehouses — including that of Colorado, where the Columbine shooting has failed to inspire any changes.

The NRA represents the most repulsive side of America, the side that embraces violence. It has pumped more than a half million dollars into current congressional campaigns since January 1999. Its determination on this issue obviously outweighs that of the opposition.

How many more dead children do we need to become outraged, or have we lost that reflex? We have to decide if we want our most important decisions made for us by the NRA, a lock on a gun, or by ourselves.

Darby Ham is a *DI* editorial writer.

Fewer UI services will mean fewer UI students

Although tuition and student fees are being increased for the 2000-01 academic year, the amount of money that will be allocated to UISG-recognized student groups will be decreased.

It seems that students will be paying more and getting less. During this academic year, the UI Lecture Committee — one of many student groups funded through the UISG — will sponsor nine lectures, but the committee is looking at a \$22,000 budget cut next year.

Faced with the question of why the Lecture Committee will have to cut its number of lectures from nine to four, one would expect to find an answer something along the lines that the UI found that lectures aren't of interest to the majority of students.

But this year's lectures have been even more successful than had been expected. When renowned feminist Gloria Steinem spoke at the UI in February, she drew an audience of more than 1,200 to the IMU, 400 more than the Lecture Committee had anticipated, and Watergate investigative reporter Bob Woodward's November audience topped 850 people.

Meanwhile, the UI continues to try awfully hard to rationalize next year's decreased budget for student activities. It has been said that money set aside for student groups is based on enrollment. With 4,000 fewer students expected to enroll at the UI next year, typical UI logic implies that less money will be allocated to student groups because there will be fewer of us to enjoy the activities.

But the UI's logic operates from an erroneous standpoint. Four thousand fewer students still leaves a smidgen under 25,000 of us who will be getting less bang for our inflated tuition buck. Decreased enrollment, in fact, supports the argument to increase the money allocated to student groups, not decrease it.

Perhaps one of the reasons fewer students will attend the UI next year is the increase in tuition and fees. Then, with enrollment down and the UI spurred to allocate less money to student groups, many more than 4,000 students, realizing they are paying more and getting less, may find themselves re-evaluating their own decisions to enroll at the UI.

Students need to see that they are getting the most out of their educational dollar. But that is difficult to observe when the UI institutes a separation of tuition and student fees as well as an increase in both next year while, at the same time, students will be receiving less money for activities. It's not clear exactly where the additional money from next year's tuition increase will be going, if not to students.

Tom Tortorich is a *DI* editorial writer.

'Special rights' a figment of Iowa Republicans' imaginations

Iowa Senate Republicans seem to have a place in their heart for prejudice against some of the state's citizens. Iowa Senate Republicans struck out against gays, lesbians and transgender persons on Feb. 23 by filing a bill that would rescind Gov. Tom Vilsack's executive order that prohibited discrimination based upon sexual orientation and gender identity in state hiring practices.

A statement issued by Vilsack and Lt. Gov. Sally Pederson opposed the move to rescind the executive order, stating that doing such "would not only jeopardize our ability to ensure that all persons in state government are afforded an equal opportunity for employment, but it also would damage the state's ability to ensure that individuals and businesses benefit from an efficient, economical, and responsive state government."

The statement from the governor's office further stated that attracting people to the state requires "respect (for) all

human beings, regardless of their skin color, gender or sexual orientation."

The blatant prejudice of the Republican bill is being met with the fierce opposition of concerned Iowa citizens who oppose discrimination. In an unscientific poll taken on the Web site of House Speaker Brent Siegrist — <http://www.brentsiegrist.com> — 87 percent of poll takers opposed rescinding the governor's executive order prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

The Interfaith Alliance of Iowa supports expanding Iowa civil-rights laws in order to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing, credit and public accommodations. The group greatly appreciates the leadership of the Vilsack-Pederson administration in the support of civil equality for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons. Organizations

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Congo truth must be told

I am a native of the Democratic Republic of Congo and a graduate student. I am responding to the article published by Joseph Plambeck on the war in Congo (*DI*, March 6).

I think Plambeck had guts to say loudly what everyone else is saying in the corridors. For this, I congratulate him. The war in the Congo is worsening, and the American public is not informed. Thousands of people are dying directly or indirectly as a result of this war. And no one in the big democracy of America is pushing the present administration or the Congress to take action. Why? Because politics is more important than the lives of black Africans.

Last month was declared to be African month in the U.N. Security Council. U.S. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke had a very impressive Hollywood scenario to get the Security Council to approve the sending of a peacekeeping force and tell the world that the United States is taking care of Africa. Yet he knew for sure that there is no way to deploy U.N. peacekeeping forces without the blessing of the U.S. Congress.

Republicans as well as Democrats in Congress are not willing to take stands on the war in the Congo. It is an election year, and nobody wants to make political mistakes that would alienate the American public. News media, instead of being ethical, joined the club. The truth hurts, but the truth needs to be told. Wake up, Americans, and speak loudly against U.S. foreign policy in the Congo. Your actions

will save my relatives and fellow countrymen who are dying through no fault of their own. Our humanity shall speak louder than politics.

Willy Mafuta
UI graduate student

Unfair to use women's sports as scapegoats

I am writing this letter in response to Greg Wallace's comments in the Point/Counterpoint section (*DI*, Feb. 22).

First, the article implies that women athletes cheer when men's athletics get out. News flash — we do not like it any more than they do. We know how it feels to be denied opportunities, so why would we want others to feel that way?

Second, the problem is not Title IX, but the system that organizes athletics. Mr. Wallace, and everyone else who disagrees with Title IX, uses women as scapegoats without confronting the main source of the problem. The real issue is administrators who find it easier to cut a sport rather than raise funds or re-allocate money to keep programs such as wrestling and gymnastics.

Third, aren't women allowed to build character? The article makes it seem as if it is only male sports that "build character and individual pride."

Finally, how dare you single out rowing in your article. Here is a second news flash, Mr. Wallace: Rowing does not charge to attend

regattas. How can one charge people to stand along a public waterway? Rowing brings in a different type of revenue by developing women into successful individuals who give back to the UI.

I wonder if UI students know that the rowing team attended two of the last three NCAA championships, placing fourth and eighth, respectively, or that we won the prestigious Head of the Charles — the largest regatta in the world.

We bring national attention to the Iowa name but do not receive sufficient coverage in our own paper. I bet most people don't know that we are ranked 16th in the nation, ended our fall season undefeated and twice defeated national rowing powerhouse Wisconsin this year.

Perhaps if the *DI* better publicized women's athletics, attendance would rise and more than a "handful of parents" would attend.

Meghan Martin
UI junior and rowing team member

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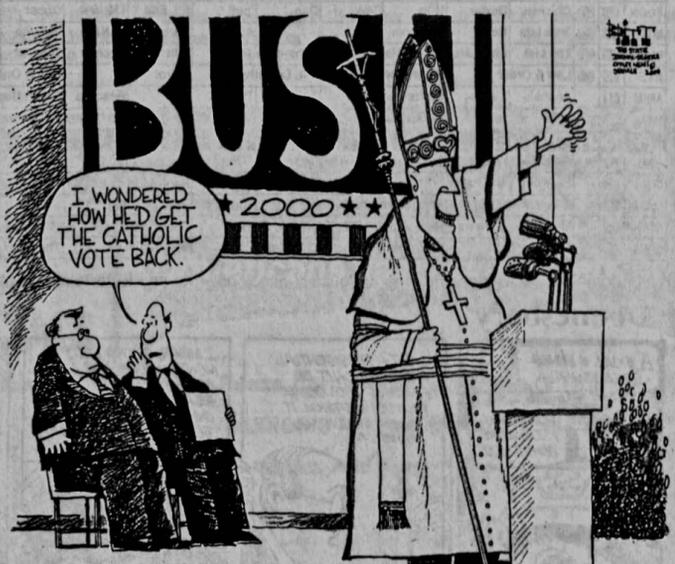
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Eric Richard is a *DI* editorial writer.

On the SPOT

What are your plans for Spring Break?



"Hopefully, sit on the beach all day. I'm going to St. Martin with my family."

Abby Nielsen
UI sophomore



"I'm going to my grandparents' farm because calves are being born. I'm not allowed to go on Spring Break because my grades weren't too good first semester."

Jason King
UI freshman



"Snowboarding in Colorado."

Aya Matsushima
UI graduate student



"I am going to party it up in Panama City for a couple nights. Then we're going to Destin, Fla., and maybe we'll hit New Orleans."

Rebecca George
UI sophomore



"I'm going to the mountains of Mexico to help fight with the Zapatistas. My God, my brain is so fried right now."

Andy Steele
UI senior

CITY & NATION

Officials rule arson caused fatal fire

ARSON

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declined requests to speak with the media.

The Monday fire was contained and under control 20 minutes after firefighters arrived on the scene at 9:45 p.m. Fire crews rescued two people, including Laura Miller, from balconies.

Both Millers were in their living room when the fire alarms first went off, said Kari Goepel, Laura's sister-in-law. When they noticed the fire, they were already trapped inside; only Laura Miller made it to the balcony and then eventually to safety.

Heavy smoke greeted firefighters at the scene of the fire Monday, according to a source close to the investigation who wished

not to be named. Smoke filled the stairways and the entire third-floor hall so that firefighters couldn't see anything, he said.

Beth Butters, who lived at 845 Cross Park Ave. Apt. 3A, across the hall from the Millers, also said she heard a popping noise when she exited.

After the fire, there was no paint left on the hallway wall and the carpet had burned away, said the source. The origin of the fire appeared to be in the hall, but firefighters did not report seeing or smelling anything that indicated arson, he said.

Firefighters assisted Kurt Miller after finding him "pretty badly burned" in a bathtub, the source said. He was not breathing, and attempts to resuscitate him failed.

Finding out that the fire that

had killed Kurt Miller was intentionally set was hard for both Kurt and Laura Miller's families.

"It's a sad thing because the fact is that it is downright murder," said Laura Miller's grandfather, Eugene Goepel of Britt, Iowa.

The family, especially, Laura Miller, is "hurt and crushed," said her older brother, Stacey Goepel, also of Britt.

"We are definitely hurt that it was intentionally set," Stacey Goepel said. "We hope they find the person who set it. Laura is doing better physically but not psychologically."

The Millers had been together nearly five years and married approximately eight months, family members said. They had been high school sweethearts.

Laura Miller works at the front desk at UIHC, and Kurt

Miller worked in the deli of Hy-Vee Food Store, 1720 Waterfront Drive, and also at MCI. At the UI, Laura Miller wants to study in a medical field.

Kevin Brummer, the superintendent of West Hancock Community School District, remembers Kurt Miller best as a member of the Class 1A state football championship team. Although he wasn't a starter, Brummer said, Kurt Miller was a major contributor with his team spirit.

There will be a visitation for friends and family of Kurt Miller Saturday from 5-8 p.m. at the Ewing Funeral Chapel in Britt. The funeral will be held on March 12 at 2 p.m. at West Hancock High School in Britt, where both Millers attended high school.

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House passes 'drug paraphernalia' bill

BILL

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possession 1994. In 1999, these types of arrests surpassed 1,700. Figures such as these are what prompted legislators to pass the bill.

Andy Martin, an assistant manager of Third Coast Inc., 116 E. Washington St., said his store only sells tobacco products for legal use and cannot be responsible for customers' actions.

"People are going to take generic tools and use them how they will," he said. "I don't see how you could say something is used for illegal purposes only."

Opponents of the bill say that interpretation of its language is what concerns them most. Much of its understanding is left up to individual discretion and interpretation, which they fear could be used to the disadvantage of many citizens. Opponents also say that the bill could be a political move for the November elections.

"I felt it was too-broadly written. I would have been supportive of traditional items," said Rep. Bill Dotzler, D-Waterloo. "It's too loosely construed, and I see a violation of personal rights."

Under the law, amphetamine possession would also bring mandatory drug testing and a two-day jail sentence, while adults producing or dealing drugs to children would face 99 years in prison.

"I thought it was an unnecessary piece of legislation," said Rep. Dick Myers, D-Coralville, who voted against the bill. "It is very vague and unconstitutional."

The law will cause unnecessary problems for police because it is contrary to law, in which a person is innocent until proven guilty, Myers said.

The bill, which is causing debate among legislators since the House passed it, will be sent to the Senate soon for consideration.

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Schools may become the tattle tales

ALCOHOL

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Steve Parrott, the director of university relations. "The results reflect a reduction of binge drinking on the campus."

Parrott is on the executive committee of the Stepping Up Project, which was created in the fall of 1997 to combat binge drinking on the UI campus.

The UI already has a policy on notifying parents, said Phillip Jones, the vice president for student services. If a student's actions are deemed to be self-destructive behavior, the parents can be notified.

"Our residence halls will be substance-free next year," Jones said. "This bill should not have a large effect on the UI."

UISG President Lana Zak agreed with Jones' statement, adding that UISG "advocates that student rights not be infringed upon."

But some students feel that once they come to college, they

should be responsible for their actions without having things reported to parents.

"It doesn't seem fair if you are legally an adult," said UI sophomore Jason Cottrell.

Being away at college and living on your own is part of a learning experience, said UI freshman Bridget Trainor.

But representatives voting for the bill said they felt it was a good precautionary step.

"How many more people have to die (from binge-drinking) before something will be done?" said Rep. Barry Bruans, R-Muscataine.

The UI gives parents and students the option of whether parents are to be notified about students' grades; Shepard Montgomery, a UI graduate student and teaching assistant, said a similar option should be available regarding the drinking policy.

"I am not allowed to talk to parents about students if they call me about grades," she said. "There seems to be an inconsistency here."

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McCain, Bradley sing swan songs

PRESIDENTIAL RACE

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what he might want to achieve with it, said a McCain adviser.

McCain knows he is not bargaining from a strong position, but the adviser said his boss wants to somehow keep his signature issue — campaign-finance reform — on the political agenda.

With that goal in mind, McCain quit the race but didn't shut down his campaign — a technicality that keeps his options open to make things uncomfortable for Bush, who needs McCain's

endorsement to unify the party.

McCain's options, according to the adviser, include: barnstorming the country to promote campaign finance reform, leading a platform fight at the Republican National Convention or even mounting a third-party presidential bid. Aides say that last option is remote.

McCain himself has ruled out bolting the GOP and said Thursday, "I love my home." He did, however, leave himself a loophole by saying in his departure speech that the party deserves "the allegiance of none" if it doesn't embrace campaign-finance reform.

HPV Vaccine Study

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For more information on how you can participate, call: (319) 356-2719 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.



CITY BRIEFS

Police reminder: Street storage is a no-no

During the Spring Break, the city of Iowa City will thoroughly clean the city's streets while a lot of students are gone.

For the most part, streets in or around downtown will be affected by the massive clean-up, which will take place March 14 and 15 after 8 a.m.

The cleaning will take place next week to take advantage of fewer vehicles on the streets. Streets outside the downtown area scheduled for cleaning include Pearl Street, Dodge Street and Lucas Street.

Affected streets will have appropriate signs posted by today, and cars parked on the streets during the posted times will be towed at the owners' expense.

Although signs are posted at least 48 hours in advance, said Iowa City police Lt. Matt Johnson, the police still tow plenty of cars every year during the cleaning.

In addition to the street cleaning, students who plan on leaving their vehicle in Iowa City during break should remember that vehicles parked on the streets in the same place for more than 48 hours will also be towed at the owners' expense.

— by Christoph Trappe

Man allegedly robbed at gunpoint on Laura Drive

A male pedestrian was held at gunpoint late Wednesday night in the 1200 block of Laura Drive, police reports said.

The man was walking on the street when two armed men approached him from a parked car, said Iowa City Police Sgt. Bill Campbell. One of the men was carrying a large knife and the other carried a gun, which he pointed at the victim's head after a short struggle between the three individuals, Campbell said.

After confronting the pedestrian, one of the men allegedly struck him in the face and demanded money. The robbers were only able to get a small amount of money from the victim, police reports said.

"He wasn't injured by any means," Campbell said.

Both suspects were described as being between 25-35 years old. The first robber, who was allegedly carrying a handgun, was described as a 6-foot, 1-inch white male with long blond hair and facial hair. The other robber was portrayed as a 5-foot, 7-inch black male who was wearing a black pullover breaker and blue jeans.

The police did not have any heavy leads as of Thursday afternoon; they hope to develop some soon, said Iowa City police Lt. Matt Johnson.

"The descriptions are pretty good, and our street officers have a fair contact with people," he said. "It might ring a bell for somebody."

Iowa City police are investigating the case. The police ask any possible witnesses or individuals who have information about the case to call the department at 356-5275.

— by Christoph Trappe

National Teleconference

A 120-minute, live, national satellite teleconference featuring four leading experts: Barbara Blacklock, M.A., Carol DeSouza, Ed.D., Jeanne Kincaid, J.D., Kevin Murphy, Ph.D.

Emerging Disabilities on Campus: What You Need to Know

Higher education institutions are facing one of the largest student populations in history with a diagnosis of Attention Deficit Disorder/Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADD/ADHD) coupled with a growing student population diagnosed with psychological disabilities. Other, less defined areas, known as "hidden" disabilities are becoming more prevalent in today's college student population. Our challenge is to assess the needs of and accommodate these students while meeting the requirements of the ADA Law.

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- Technology & Disability Accommodations: ADA in the High Tech Age, and more.

Date: Monday, March 13, 2000

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Ohio State Room, 343 IMU

Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend all University of Iowa-sponsored events. If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to participate in this program, please contact the Office of Affirmative Action in advance at 335-0705 (voice) or 335-0697 (text).



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 Iowa track qualifiers, along with Hawkeye swimmers, will head to their respective NCAA tournaments during break. See Page 3B.



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ON THE AIR

Main Event

The Event: College Basketball, Big Ten Tournament, round two, Iowa vs. Michigan State, 6:30 p.m., KGAN.
The Skinny: Iowa recorded an easy victory Thursday afternoon against 10th-seeded Minnesota. The Hawkeyes have a big task at hand in upsetting the defending Big Ten Tournament champions tonight.



COLLEGE BASKETBALL

11 a.m. N. Carolina vs. Wake Forest, ESPN.
 1 p.m. Maryland vs. Florida State, ESPN.
 3:30 p.m. Lafayette vs. Navy, ESPN.
 6 p.m. Georgetown vs. Connecticut, ESPN.
 8 p.m. Miami vs. St. John's, ESPN.
 11 p.m. Mt. West, second semifinal, ESPN.

GOLF

3 p.m. Honda Classic, second round, USA.

NBA

6 p.m. Bulls at Celtics, Fox/Chi.

SPORTS QUIZ

Before Shaquille O'Neal, who was the last player to score more than 61 points in a NBA game? See answer, Page 2B.

SCOREBOARD

MEN'S HOOPS • TOP 25

Saint Louis	68	14 Tulsa	71
1 Cincinnati	58	Rice	51
9 Arizona	86	19 St. John's	75
2 Stanford	81	Villanova	70
3 Duke	94	21 Connecticut	79
Clemson	63	Seton Hall	64
6 Temple	71	23 Miami	61
Virginia Tech	52	Notre Dame	58
11 Florida	89	24 Kansas	84
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San Antonio	105	Utah	101
Atlanta	79	Houston	82
Indiana	127	L.A. Lakers	at Golden State late
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Minnesota	100	See NBA Glance,	Page 2B.
Dallas	79		

NHL

Ottawa	7	Toronto	6
Pittsburgh	0	Calgary	2
Philadelphia	3	Phoenix	5
Washington	1	N.Y. Islanders	0
Vancouver	2	N.Y. Rangers	
St. Louis	2, tie	at Los Angeles	late

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Martin knew leg was broken before he hit hardwood

■ Cincinnati's dream of a national title may have ended Thursday when Kenyon Martin broke his leg.

By Teresa M. Walker
 Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Kenyon Martin knew his season was over before he hit the floor.

Cincinnati's star player, perhaps the best in college basketball, was setting a screen in the opening minutes of Cincinnati's Conference USA tournament opener Thursday when he bumped into Saint Louis' Justin Love.

Martin's ankle turned underneath him as he fell, breaking his right fibula and ripping several ligaments. Gone in that instant — his dreams of leading top-ranked Cincinnati to its first national championship since the 1960s and the days of Oscar Robertson.

"I didn't have any control over it," Martin said quietly after Cincinnati's 68-58 loss to Saint Louis.

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BIG TEN TOURNAMENT • IOWA 81, MINNESOTA 78



Brett Roseman/
 The Daily Iowan
Iowa sophomore Duez Henderson goes up for a shot Thursday afternoon in the United Center. The Hawkeyes squeaked away with an 81-78 victory over the Golden Gophers, and advanced to the second round.

Galloway gives Iowa life

■ The Gophers fought back from a 21-point deficit, but could not seal a victory in the first round of the Big Ten Tournament.

By Mike Kelly
 The Daily Iowan

CHICAGO — Iowa ended its Big Ten Tournament jinx — barely.

In a game that was as weird as Iowa's season, Iowa held on to beat Minnesota 81-78, despite not making a field goal in the last 10 minutes of play.

"Year one continues to be full of excitement," Iowa coach Steve Alford said. "We really dominated for 31 minutes, but we

have to learn to deal with prosperity, as well as the other end of it." Minnesota erased a 20-point deficit and trailed the Hawkeyes by one with 38.5 seconds left to play, almost entirely because of their shooting guard, Terrance Simmons. After he hit a running leaner with five seconds left, Jacob Jaacks was fouled violently on the inbounds play.

Blood started dripping from the senior center's nose, and drops of it

ran down onto his uniform. Since NCAA rules prohibit players from participating with blood on their uniforms, Kyle Galloway was allowed to come in and take the shots for Jaacks.

Galloway, one of Iowa's best free throw shooters, hit both free throws to put Iowa up by three. And Simmons' desperation three-pointer fell just short to seal the win for Iowa.

"The way the game ended was poetic justice for the way our season has gone," Minnesota coach Dan Monson said, referring to the academic scandal that plagued the Gophers throughout the season. "I'm proud the season ended on our own terms, especially in this year of turmoil."

The Hawkeyes showed poise down the stretch in the free throw department. Iowa hit its last eight free throw attempts to preserve the victory. Jason Price, Duez Henderson, along with Galloway all converted a pair of free throws in the last two minutes of the game.

Beside hitting the two free throws that sealed Iowa's victory, Galloway had a career game. The sophomore from Sioux City came off the bench to score 30 points, 20 of which came in the first half alone. He hit 7-of-11 3-point attempts in just 27 minutes on the floor. He made six threes in a row to start the game before cooling off in the second half.

Galloway attributed his success to finding a way to get open early in the game, and the looks he got from his teammates.

"I was the lucky man who got open," Galloway said.

The Hawkeyes offense looked precise and efficient in the first

See IOWA HOOPS, Page 8B



What: Iowa (14-15) vs. Michigan State (23-7)
When: Tonight at 6:40 p.m.
Where: United Center, Chicago
Tickets: Still remain
TV: KGAN
Radio: 800 AM

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Bob Elliott takes job at ISU

■ Former Iowa assistant Bob Elliott was hired by ISU's Dan McCarney to become the associate head coach for the Cyclones.

By Jeremy Schmitter
 The Daily Iowan

Former Iowa football assistant Bob Elliott has taken an associate head coach position for the Iowa State Cyclones.

Elliott was a member of Hayden Fry's staff in 1998 but took a two-year break from coaching after he was diagnosed with a rare blood disorder. During his hiatus, he served as an assistant to Iowa's athletic director Bob Bowers. Recently, Elliott was cleared by doctors to coach again, but had not been hired by current Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz.



Elliott
 Heads to coach at Iowa State

Earlier this year, when senior Ryan Loftin was kicked off the team and charged with extortion by the UI, Elliott spoke publicly in favor of Loftin. According to Elliott, though, that had nothing to do with his exit.

"I do not have any ill will," Elliott said. "These people have been so good to me. Bob Bowers, Ann Rhodes and those people have been just super. I have tremendous respect and admiration for Kirk Ferentz and his staff. I firmly believe they have a bright future ahead of them."

Elliott will be joining Iowa State head coach Dan McCarney, who was a member of Iowa's staff with Elliott in the late 1970s and again in the 80s. Elliott and McCarney were also roommates when the two played together at Iowa from 1972-75.

Since then Elliott and McCarney have remained good friends. According to Elliott, that bond had a lot to do with his decision to leave.

"Dan McCarney knew better than most, because he saw me at my lowest," Elliott said of the time he was hospitalized for a bone marrow

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Wrestlers gun for number six

■ The Iowa wrestling team will fight to keep its streak alive next weekend at NCAAs.

By Greg Wallace
 The Daily Iowan

Excuse the Iowa wrestling team if they're not fretting about the competition at next week's NCAA Wrestling Championships.

The Hawkeyes are concentrating on themselves. Worry about that, they say, and everything else will fall into place — including the team's sixth-straight national title.

The Hawkeyes have qualified nine of 10 wrestlers for St. Louis, excluding only 197-pound Lee Weber, who is an alternate for the position. Only Illinois and Oklahoma State qualified all 10 wrestlers for the tournament. Heavyweight Wes Hand said the



pieces will fit together to make the puzzle complete.

"Each of us are thinking national title," Hand said. "If everybody does what they want, we'll be national

Matt Holst/
 The Daily Iowan
Iowa's Mike Zadick will wrestle for Iowa at 149 pounds.

See NCAA PREVIEW, Page 5B

Minnesota coach, Iowa wrestler keep bond intact

■ Doug and Mark Schwab have bridged the divide created by a difference in age and an intense college rivalry.

By Greg Wallace
 The Daily Iowan

Off the mat, Doug and Mark Schwab are the closest of friends. On it, they're caught in the middle of the biggest rivalry in college wrestling.

Doug, an Iowa wrestler, is the top-ranked, 141-pound wrestler in the United States. Mark is finishing his fifth season as the top assistant for the Minnesota wrestling team — Iowa's bitterest rival.

The conflict manifested itself last year, when Doug won his first national title, helping the Hawkeyes to edge the Gophers, 100-98. Mark was torn apart outside, but thrilled inside.

"Bottom line, he's my brother," Mark said. "He'll be my brother all my life. He was happy. My heart showed some of that. But my heart also breaks for the University of Minnesota. I can do both. I don't

have to be one way." Doug said that in the end, the brothers agreed that his winning or losing didn't matter. The loss was on the Minnesota wrestlers, not on Doug's 4-2 win over Oklahoma's Michael Lightner.

"It's not about me losing," Doug said. "If all of their guys would have won, they would've won the championship. It wasn't about me losing." Born 10 years apart in Osage, Iowa, the two were never close until a knee injury ended Mark's promising wrestling career at Northern Iowa.

Mark was forced to spend time at home with eight-year-old Doug, and they grew tight.

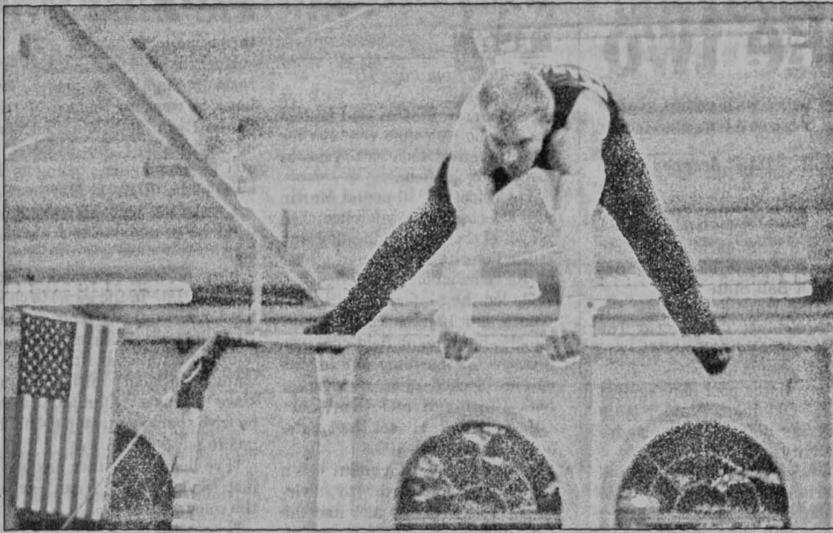
They stayed close, but 10 years later, when Doug was being recruited by Minnesota and Iowa, Mark mostly stayed out of the process. That might have changed if Mark had been more established as a coach.

But Doug grew up watching Iowa icons like Dan Gable and Barry Davis. He was going to be a Hawkeye, and his brother understood that.

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SPORTS

IOWA MEN'S GYMNASTICS



Brian Ray/The Daily Iowan

Senior Brian Hamilton will be one of the keys heading into Iowa's postseason tournaments.

Men just getting warmed up

Iowa will head to the Big Ten Tournament, but the team continues to focus on NCAA's.

By Melinda Mawdsley
The Daily Iowan

Tune-ups for the NCAA Championships.

That is how the Iowa men's gymnastics team is approaching this weekend's Santa Barbara Invitational and next weekend's Big Ten Championships.

The Big Ten Championships a tune-up?

"I think we made a mistake last year by putting too much emphasis on Big Tens," Iowa coach Tom Dunn said.

Last season, the Hawkeyes hosted the Big Ten Championships, emphasized strong performances in front of the home crowd and came away with a runner-up finish. When the NCAA Championships came around, Iowa was unable to qualify as a team and ended a season in disappointment.

This year, everything is different. The meet will be held in East Lansing, Mich., March 17-18. Competitions both days will begin at 7 p.m. The emphasis all season has been on constant improvement through the schedule so the Hawkeyes peak

at the right time - NCAA Championship time.

"We still want to win Big Tens, but it's not our number one goal," said senior Brian Hamilton. "It will be tough this year. There are seven good teams in the Big Ten this year."

Still, Iowa has never finished lower than first or second at the Big Ten Championships in the last six seasons. This year the Hawkeyes will enter the competition in unfamiliar ground, tied for fourth in the country with Big Ten rival Michigan State. Michigan and Ohio State are ranked higher.

"Michigan is definitely the favorite, although they've been beaten by Ohio State," Dunn said. "I like the position we are in. We are still getting better."

The stepping-stone philosophy instilled at the beginning of the season seems to be working. Iowa posted its best score to date, 230.150, at last weekend's triangular home meet.

"The amount of momentum we gained was immeasurable," said sophomore Shane de Freitas in regards to Iowa's score at the March 4 triangular. "The increased confidence of a team high for two years is just what we need to put us in contention for a national championship."

Before getting the national title, the Hawkeyes still have

Saturday's meet in Santa Barbara, Calif., and several titles to defend at this year's Big Ten Championships. Senior Todd Strada is the defending all-around champion and reigning Big Ten Male Gymnast of the Year. Sophomore Don Jackson is the defending Big Ten Champion on the pommel horse.

"I would love to repeat and defend my title, but we're looking to win the Big Ten title as a team," Strada said.

The Hawkeyes will approach the Santa Barbara Invitational as a tune-up for Big Tens. They will be going up against No. 5 Illinois, No. 8 California, No. 16 Air Force and No. 18 California Santa-Barbara. Iowa is looking for another high score to move itself up in rankings. The higher the rank, the higher the seed at NCAA's.

Then it's off Michigan for the conference meet. It's the last chance for the Hawkeyes to compete before returning home to host the NCAA Championships.

"A lot happens in big meets. If we're close to our peak that's all we're looking for," said Dunn. "You can still be fourth or fifth in the Big Ten but one of the best teams in the country."

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NCAA MEN'S TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

Allen, Steele head to NCAA's

Jeremy Allen and Stetson Steele will represent the Iowa men's track team at this weekend's indoor nationals.

By Jeremy Schnitker
The Daily Iowan

A big guy and a little guy. That's what the Iowa men's track team will be sending to the NCAA Indoor Track Championships this weekend in Fayetteville, Ark.

Hawkeye monster thrower Jeremy Allen and little-big man distance runner Stetson Steele will be the lone Hawkeye representatives heading to nationals.

While one may be larger than the other, coach Larry Wiecezorek expects big results out of both of his performers.

"Both guys have a chance to crack the top eight," Wiecezorek said. "I hope they can perform the best they can against the best competition."

A top eight finish will earn each individual All-American honors,

and these Hawkeyes aren't too far from that pedestal.

Steele heads into the meet with a No. 8 ranking in the 5,000 while Allen is ranked 12th in the weight throw and 13th in the shot put. But Wiecezorek isn't all that concerned about what his guys are ranked going into the meet - especially with Allen.

"Rankings don't make a difference with this guy," Wiecezorek said of Allen. "He's the type that steps up at big meets. You don't see that all the time."

Steele, who has had more of a surprise year than Allen (Allen qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Championships his freshman year) but is equally poised to take a big step in this meet.

"I have the attitude I can run with the best," Steele said. "I'm treating this race just like it's another race - to try to win."

Even if neither place as high as they expect, Wiecezorek said he won't be discouraged by their performances. To make the NCAA meet is an accomplishment as it is.

"It's really tough to make this



Allen Shot put, Ranked No. 8 in weight throw
Steele Ranked No. 8 in 5,000 meters

meet," Wiecezorek said. "It's a real honor to be in that exclusive group."

"It's the ultimate, when you are at NCAA's you see the sport at a whole different level. It's the pinnacle. It's a meet to rub shoulders with the best while wearing your Iowa shirt"

With the indoor season ending after this weekend, the Hawkeyes head outdoors to resume competition at the Willy Williams Invite in Tucson, Ariz., Mar. 17-18.

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NCAA WOMEN'S SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Loehndorf to represent swimming team

Sophomore Melissa Loehndorf will be the Hawkeyes' lone swimmer in the NCAA Championships.

By Melinda Mawdsley
The Daily Iowan

Iowa swimmer Melissa Loehndorf is headed back to the NCAA Championships.

The sophomore qualified in the 500 freestyle and 1,650 freestyle for the second-straight year, and will make her first appearance in the 200 butterfly.

There will be something different, though. Four years ago the NCAA voted to change this year's meet into short-course meters instead of yards, the normal measurement used during the collegiate season. Consequently Loehndorf's events will be lengthened slightly to the 400-meter free, the 1,500-meter free and the 200 butterfly.

Iowa coach Mary Bolich said the NCAA meet is one of the fastest in the world. The cut times to swim in this meet are tougher than the cut times for the U.S. Olympic Trials. The NCAA wants to give more recognition to the sport, and the possibility of setting world records was a factor in the change.

"We're real excited about going," said Bolich. "The elite of the elite are here. She's looking great in training, and we're looking forward to a great meet."

Loehndorf is Iowa's lone women's swimming qualifier for the second-straight season, and pending sophomore Laura Maldonado's diving qualification rounds this weekend, the Colgate,



Loehndorf Sophomore to swim 3 events

Wis., native may be the only Hawkeye competing.

"In a way, it's easier so I can focus," Loehndorf said when asked about competing by herself. "On the other hand, it's hard because I don't have the team support."

But the team is doing all it can to help Loehndorf. Last year, she prepared for the NCAA Championships alone, but this year the team extended its sea-

son. With them still in the water, Loehndorf is training hard.

"Right now, I'm really tired but that's a good sign," Loehndorf said. "It's a good sign because it means the body is starting to recuperate."

Loehndorf enters both the 400 free, her favorite event, and the 1,500 free seeded 14th in the country.

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IOWA WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

Hawks look to peak at Big Tens

The Iowa women are hoping to put together their best performance at Penn State next weekend.

By Molly Thomas
The Daily Iowan

The Iowa women's gymnastics team is looking to peak at the Big Ten Championships.

Iowa will travel to Penn State to compete in the championships March 18. The Hawkeyes will be ranked No. 7 going into the competition, but Iowa coach Mike Lorenzen said the Hawkeyes hope to exceed everyone's expectations.

"We want to leave Penn State feeling like we have put an exclamation point on our season," Lorenzen said. "I'd like to feel that all of the hard work we did came together at the right moment and gave this team what they deserve."

The conference is dominated by Michigan, who is currently the top-ranked team in the nation. Lorenzen said that Penn State usually takes the second spot, but has not performed as well this season, so it could be a fight between five or six teams.

Though Iowa enters the competition as an underdog, Lorenzen said the Hawkeyes have the ability to place in the top five. He also would especially like to see Iowa defeat two teams - Ohio State and Illinois.

"We need to have the best meet of the year," Lorenzen said. "I think we can beat Ohio State and Illinois for sure. If we put together our best performance on every event we can hang with anyone under the top two."

The Hawkeyes' rotation order will start on floor and continue to vault, bars, and beam. Iowa has been training this rotation at practice with their ultimate goal



Brian Ray/The Daily Iowan

Iowa senior Robyn Gamble competes on the balance beam in the UI Field House against Iowa State.

being to hit their peak at the Big Tens.

According to Iowa junior Angie Hungerford, beam can often times be the deciding factor in a gymnastics meet, so it is usually preferred to start with beam and end on floor.

"Beam is the most mental event so it is hard to end with it," Hungerford said. "We are just going to have to go in completely focused on each other. We will just need to relax and have fun."

The Hawkeyes biggest chance in individual placing comes from junior Giselle Boniforti because of her recent success on the uneven bars. Lorenzen said that Boniforti has the capability of performing a bar routine that will win the conference.

Iowa hopes to use their energy to turn a few heads in the conference. Boniforti said she would like to show people that Iowa is an up-and-coming team.

For most of the gymnasts, the Big Ten Championships is the

biggest event of the season. Lorenzen said that this event will be a definitive moment of the year.

"Such a significant part of your identity as an athlete at Iowa is tied up in this conference," Lorenzen said.

The Hawkeyes will travel to Nebraska this weekend to compete against the No. 5 Cornhuskers. According to Lorenzen, Nebraska's team is not very deep since they only have eight gymnasts competing, but they have six solid routines on every event.

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Men's Golf

This week: The UI men's golf team kicks off its spring season by traveling to Florence, Ala., to participate in a 19-team meet hosted by the University of North Alabama. The 36-hole tournament begins on Monday with 18-holes and concludes Tuesday with another 18 holes. Following that meet, the team will compete in Memphis, Tenn., Tuesday, then travel to Kauai, Hawaii, for the Kauai Collegiate Cup Wednesday.

On the fields: Coach Terry Anderson said he doesn't know much about the teams in Alabama, but said many are Div. II. The field in Hawaii will include many District 4 rivals, including Marquette and Eastern Michigan, as well as Big Ten rival Penn State.

On Iowa: The Hawkeyes start the spring season with a solid top three golfers in Jason Wombacher, Adam Turner and Matt Stutzman. Tyler Stith will most likely shoot fourth, with four freshmen battling for the fifth slot.

Coach's comment: "The weather has been nice here," said Anderson, "so hopefully we shouldn't have too much rust."

— Todd Brommelkamp

Women's Golf

Next competition: From March 10-21, the Iowa women's golf team will travel to Daytona Beach, Fla., to compete in a meet hosted by Stetson University. From there they will continue on to Bradenton, Fla., to play at the Waterleaf Golf and River Club. The second meet will be hosted by South Florida.

Last competition: On Feb. 25-27, the Hawkeyes finished 10th in a 16-team field at the Midwest Classic in Dallas, Texas. Iowa was led by senior Kelli Carney (77-80-83) who placed 16th in the meet.

On the opponents: The 18-team field in Daytona Beach, Fla., will include only four teams that Iowa has met and defeated in competition before. Iowa has previously defeated Coastal Carolina, Charleston Southern, Michigan, and Rollins.

On Iowa: Iowa had a chance to compete outdoors this week, but still suffered from some rough greens. Iowa will use their regular lineup consisting of seniors M.C. Mullen and Kelli Carney, junior Meghan Spero, and freshmen Leslie Gumm and Heather Suhr.

Coach's comments: "I would like to get M.C. Mullen and Meghan Spero back into the scoring," Diane Thomason said. "I would also like to see more consistency out of our other players. We've been outside all week, but it is still a little bit rugged. We are making slow progress."

— Molly Thomas

Baseball

This weekend: The Iowa baseball team (1-8) heads to Florida for Spring Break to play seven games in the Jacksonville Kennel Club Classic. The tournament starts Sunday when Iowa faces off with Central Michigan.

Last weekend: Iowa went 1-2 in the Aces' Diamond Classic in Evansville, Ind. Iowa got in the win column for the first time this season by beating Butler, 5-2, Sunday. The Hawkeyes also recorded losses to Northwestern and Evansville.

The competition: It won't be easy for the Hawkeyes. They will face two ranked teams, No. 25 Notre Dame and No. 35 Illinois, and a Butler team that will be looking for revenge after last weekend's loss to the Hawkeyes.

The Hawkeyes face Butler and Rider twice each, and Central Michigan.

Iowa's key: Putting it all together. The team got good pitching last weekend, but the bats were cold, scoring six runs in three games. Iowa coach Scott Broghamer said he needs a complete effort from his team, which he thinks will be made easier by playing every day in the warm air of the Sunshine State.

Iowa fact: Iowa's last trip to Florida was a successful one. The Hawkeyes upset eventual national champion Miami to win the Main Draw of the Homestead Classic.

Coach's comment: "We have to use this trip to get our game together and get continuity," Broghamer said. "The hitting will come around; if we can get good pitching and defense, we'll get (everything together) in Florida."

— Greg Wallace

Women's Diving

This weekend: Sophomore diver Laura Maldonado will compete in the NCAA Zone C Championships today and Saturday in Minneapolis, Minn. This competition determines who qualifies for the NCAA Championships, March 16-18 in Indianapolis, Ind.

The competition: A total of six divers in the three events, one and three-meter and platform, will qualify for the NCAA meet. Maldonado will compete in the one-meter competition at 11 a.m. today and the platform competition will begin

at 4 p.m. Sunday.

On Maldonado: The native of Madrid, Spain, will look to qualify in the one-meter and platform events. Last year, she qualified for the NCAA Championships in the three-meter and platform. On the platform, she finished 14th and earned All-American honors.

Coach's comment: "Our goal is to try to make it to the NCAA Championships and my hope is that we dive well," diving coach Bob Rydzek said. "I think that we are prepared and are anxious to see what happens."

— Melinda Mawdsley

Men's Diving

This weekend: Divers Simon Chrisander and Roberto Gutierrez will travel to Minneapolis, Minn., to compete in the NCAA diving qualifiers at the University of Minnesota. Competition begins today and carries on into Saturday.

On Chrisander: The junior is looking for his second NCAA appearance after qualifying last season in the 1-meter dive. For his efforts last season, Chrisander earned All-American honors. He placed 16th in the 1-meter and 21st in the 3-meter dive. At the Big Ten Championships, Chrisander finished third in 3-meter diving and 10th in the 1-meter despite not being 100-percent due to an injured toe.

On Gutierrez: This will be the freshman's first appearance at the NCAA qualifiers. Gutierrez finished 16th in the 3-meter dive at Big Tens, and placed 17th in the 1-meter.

On the NCAA's: This NCAA Championships will also be hosted by Minnesota on March 24-26. The divers are looking to join Ales Abersek who qualified for the 200 butterfly and possibly Jay Glenn for his time in the 200 freestyle.

— Todd Brommelkamp

Women's Tennis

This week: The No. 36 Iowa women's tennis team travels south to take on powerhouses North Carolina, Duke and William & Mary. Iowa takes on the Tar Heels Saturday, before playing the Blue Devils on Sunday. Following a few days off, the Hawkeyes then take on William & Mary on Wednesday, March 15.

On the competition: All three teams Iowa plays hold higher rankings in the polls. Duke is ranked No. 7, William & Mary No. 13, and North Carolina No. 28. William & Mary defeated Duke earlier in the year and the Tar Heels defeated Notre Dame, who were victorious over the Hawkeyes last weekend.

On Iowa: Coach Paul Wardlaw said his team has been playing well lately, despite their 3-6 record. Wardlaw said the team reached a new level of intensity in its play against the Fighting Irish and he hopes the team will carry that over into the upcoming competitions.

Iowa's key: If the Hawkeyes focus their intensity on the matches at hand, they stand a very good chance of coming away with victories. Doubles play has been strong and Wardlaw said singles play has been improving following the Notre Dame match.

Coach's comment: "These are going to be three very tough matches for us," said Wardlaw. "We will be playing more very talented competition."

— Todd Brommelkamp

Men's Tennis

Spring Break: The Iowa men's tennis team will travel to Texas over break to compete against the University of Texas at Arlington (6-3) Tuesday. The Hawkeyes will also play in the Rice Invitational March 17-19. Rice (5-5), West Virginia (1-4), Columbia (2-4) and Iowa (3-3) will compete in the invitational.

Last year: Iowa did not compete against any of the four teams last season. The Hawkeyes are 1-2 in the series against the four teams total. Iowa has defeated Rice and has never played West Virginia.

Last week: Indiana State downed the Hawkeyes, 5-2, at Terre Haute, Ind. Iowa won the doubles point to start the dual, but could not pull out the win in singles. The Hawkeyes' only singles win came at the No. 1 spot where Tyler Cleveland beat Jonas Piibor, 6-7, 6-2, 7-6.

Standout Statistic: Iowa, who holds the No. 71 ITA national ranking, will be competing against similar-level competition over break. Columbia is ranked No. 72 and Rice holds the No. 66 spot. Iowa will also be competing in the four duals without three of its starting players due to injury.

Iowa's key: They will have to adjust to playing outdoors for the first time this season. Also, the Hawkeyes will have to step up their play a notch to fill in the gaps left by the injured players.

Coach's comment: "Our goal for the trip is to get adjusted to playing outdoors," Steve Houghton said. "It is different physically and you need a different mindset (than when you play indoors)."

— Lisa Colonna

IOWA SOFTBALL

Hawks take two

Iowa defeated Tennessee Tech and Georgia on Thursday in Tampa, Fla.

By Melinda Mawdsley
The Daily Iowan

The wins keep on a comin'. The No. 14 Iowa softball team improved to 10-1 with Thursday's 3-0 win over Tennessee Tech and a 9-0 five-inning win over Georgia in the South Florida Speedline Invitational in Tampa, Fla.

Iowa coach Gayle Blevins wanted to see some offense in this weekend's tournament. Although Iowa came through with 12 runs between the two games, what continues to carry the Hawkeyes are its pitchers. Kristi Hanks (5-0) had 14 strikeouts against the Golden Eagles; she has accumulated 48 through five games.

"The biggest highlight (Thursday) was Kristi's performance," Blevins said. "She really dominated the game." Senior Kelly Zeilstra continued pitching with poise; her ERA stands at 0.00 after shutting out the Bulldogs.

The Hawkeyes continue pool

play today with games against Ball State at 3 p.m. and Temple at 6 p.m.

Ball State dropped both games of a doubleheader with Michigan State, on Sunday, while Iowa defeated the same Spartan team earlier this year. Iowa leads the all-time series against Ball State, 4-0.

The Hawkeyes leads the series against Temple, 1-0. The Owls (5-4) allowed only one run in four games last weekend.

Iowa closes pool play against No. 17 Oklahoma State, a team that has defeated Iowa eight-straight times.

Iowa's record in pool play will determine its seeding for bracket play.

Iowa will close out its spring break schedule at the tough Kia Classic in Fullerton, Calif. Iowa will face No. 16 Louisiana-Lafayette, No. 1 Washington and No. 7 Fresno State in pool play before advancing to the bracket rounds.

"Over spring break, the team starts to come together in all respects," Blevins said. "They spend more time together and get to know each other."

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Martin will play again

MARTIN

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Sitting in a wheelchair with his foot in a cast, Martin said he told Dr. Angelo Colosimo that his leg was broken as soon as the doctor came onto the floor.

The 6-foot-9, 240-pound Martin was selected the Conference USA player of the year Wednesday, and is the favorite for national player of the year honors.

He led the conference with 19.5 points and 10 rebounds a game. He also had the top field-goal percentage (57 percent) and is the career blocked shots leader for both Cincinnati and Conference USA with 292. He set the single-season mark with 107.

With Martin, Cincinnati set a regular-season record with 28 victories. The Bearcats also had the first undefeated record in conference play at 16-0.

Martin will play again. Colosimo said doctors will insert a screw into Martin's ankle, and that he should be able to starting running again in eight weeks.

"That won't be soon enough for the Bearcats, who had been looking for a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament."

"This was their chance," coach Bob Huggins said. "You just have very few chances I think in life to be special, and we've gone

through a lot."

Huggins said his Bearcats will regroup, and other players will have to work to replace Martin. Senior Ryan Fletcher said it won't be easy.

"One person isn't going to be able to be Kenyon Martin. But together we can all contribute what he brought to us," Fletcher said.

Martin, who returned to The Pyramid late in the game to cheer his teammates, thinks the Bearcats still have a chance at winning a national title. The forward, who hasn't missed a game since he was a freshman, plans to be with them every step even if he has to pay his own way.

"I've been here since day one. I just can't suit up. I can't get on the court," he said.

"I can still get a ring. I can still get a banner. I just can't play."



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SPORTS

Mental stability key for Hawkeyes

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titlists. But if people get knocked off, that's when you have to stay tough, stay focused. I think if we go in there and worry about ourselves, and don't worry about anything else, we'll win the championship easily."

If the Hawkeyes wrestle up to their seeds, that shouldn't be a problem. Five of the team's nine qualifiers are seeded third or higher: Jody Strittmatter, Eric Juergens, Doug Schwab, T.J. Williams, and Hand.

If they all make the finals, no one will be arguing with Iowa's chances.

Coach Jim Zalesky said that only Iowa State, Minnesota and Oklahoma State have the firepower to break the Hawkeyes' string of five-straight NCAA championships.

Iowa has defeated all three — downing the Cyclones 24-12 in Ames on Dec. 10, and beating the Cowboys and Gophers by identical 20-13 scores in February.

Zalesky was confident with his team being the favorite, but said his team will need mental stability to keep its grip on the title.

"It's a fine line," Zalesky said. "We want confidence, but not overconfidence. In a tournament, you have to win the close, 3-2 matches. Lose those, and

your chances of winning aren't as good."

From top to bottom, everything is positive for the Hawkeyes. Strittmatter and Schwab both avenged their only losses of the season last weekend in West Lafayette, and the upper weights came through with as solid a performance as they've had all season, with 174-pound Gabe McMahan and Hand taking second, and 165-pound freshman Matt Anderson finishing a surprising fourth.

If anything, Iowa is widening the gap between itself and the Cowboys, Cyclones and Gophers. And the Hawkeyes want to let everyone know it in St. Louis.

"We do," 149-pound Mike Zadick said when asked if he felt there was a gap between the Hawkeyes and their competition. "And we really want to put that statement out at national tournament time. Before this year, we weren't even in the top two. We'd like to bury everything; put it six feet under."

As impressive as last week's Big Ten title was, it wasn't good enough for Iowa. Zalesky stressed the importance of having a complete tournament, calling his team's Big Ten quarterfinal performance, after which the Hawkeyes trailed the Gophers 54-50.5, "mediocre."

It will be quickly forgotten, though, if the Hawkeyes peak in St. Louis, per Zalesky's plans.

The eight mats of action will be like nothing the team sees all year. Sold-out crowds, wild action, upsets and screaming fans galore. But Zalesky has told his wrestlers to just focus on what they can control — their opponent — and everything will turn up roses.

"Tunnel vision. It's just you and your opponent," Schwab said. "You have blinders on. That's the way that our coaches coach us."

Hand says it's all in the head. "It's just mental," Hand said. "We just know that this is the time to do it. We don't train to win a big dual meet, or win the Big Ten. We train to win the NCAA title. It's the ultimate goal, team and individually, to win the national title. Nothing else matters."

Every dual meet, the Big Ten's, the Midlands, all mean nothing now. They're just a five-month long study hall for the final exam. The booklets and No. 2 pencils will be passed out Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Kiel Center.

"We've done all our homework," Schwab said. "The test is here, and we're ready for it. We're ready to ace it. When you step out on the mat, and you know that you've done everything you can, you just have to let it go for seven minutes, that's a big confidence booster."

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A fan's guide (weight-by-weight) for NCAA Wrestling Championships

Compiled by Jeremy Schnitker

125 pounds

Iowa junior Jody Strittmatter and Penn State senior Jeremy Hunter are the two big dogs in this weight class. Both have one loss apiece, coming from each other. Hunter won 8-5 earlier this year, and Strittmatter won 3-2 last weekend at Big Tens.

Their rivalry goes back to high school, where the two met up numerous times — Hunter winning every one but last week's — so this match could get interesting.

Minnesota's Leroy Vega looks to be a contender, but has been beaten by both Strittmatter and Hunter every time they've wrestled this season.

133 pounds

So far, Iowa junior Eric Juergens has run the table in this class. He's defeated No. 2-ranked Cody Sanderson of Iowa State and beaten No. 3-ranked Pat McNamara twice, including a 4-2 victory in last week's Big Ten Tournament.

Despite defeating both wrestlers earlier this year, Juergens still has his hands full. Sanderson had an impressive showing last weekend at the Big 12 Championships, taking first in dominating fashion. McNamara has improved drastically since the first time he met up with Juergens — he lost 12-6 back in February but nearly beat Juergens in the closing seconds at Big Tens.

141 pounds

Iowa's Doug Schwab is the returning NCAA champion at this weight and looks poised to make another title run. He's beaten No. 2-ranked Michael Lightner from Oklahoma and split victories with Northwestern's No. 3-ranked Scott Schatzman.

Schatzman beat Schwab earlier this year, 3-2, but Schwab paid him back with a 5-2 win at Big Tens last weekend.

Mark Angle, of Clarion, and Sean Gray, of Virginia Tech, round out the rest of the top five ranked wrestlers at this weight, but a finals match will likely pit Schwab against either Schatzman or Lightner.

149 pounds

This weight class has been wild and wacky all year. Northern Iowa's Tony Davis started the season as the hands down favorite, being runner-up at this weight last year. However, he was defeated two weeks ago by Reggie White. Thus leaving the weight a toss up between White, Davis, Adam Tirapelle, of Illinois, and Nate Lawrence, of Minnesota.

What makes the weight even nuttier is that Iowa's Mike Zadick nearly beat Davis in the beginning of the year and major decisioned Tirapelle when Illinois wrestled Iowa — so you can't count out the No. 10-ranked Hawkeye in this class.

157 pounds

Iowa junior T.J. Williams is simply untouchable at this weight class. It takes a guy to play defense all match to even remain close to Williams. People haven't been able to wrestle him straight up all year. Likely the most dominant wrestler in the whole meet, the odds against Williams being dethroned are rare.

But, if there is anybody that can do it, Brett Matter of Penn and Bryan Snyder of Nebraska are the guys. Neither have met up with Williams this year, which will probably work in their favor if they can come and attack Williams and not worry about how good is.

165 pounds

Wisconsin's Don Pritzlaff heads into the tournament with the No. 1 ranking in this class after placing first at the Big Ten meet last weekend. He separated himself from the rest of the Big Ten competition by winning

each match by at least three points.

No. 2-ranked Joe Heskett of Iowa State was upset by No. 5-ranked Ty Wilcox, of Oklahoma State, last weekend at the Big 12 Championships, so Pritzlaff looks to have a comfortable spot on top. No. 3-ranked Steve Blackford, of Arizona State, could also give Pritzlaff a run for his money.

174 pounds

According to Oklahoma coach Jack Spates, No. 1-ranked Byron Tucker's performance at the Big 12 meet was "simply dominant." Look for Tucker to be the favorite in this class.

Rick Springman, of Penn, Josh Koscheck, of Edinboro, and Randy Pugh, of Northern Iowa, are the only competition Tucker has. They are ranked second, third and fourth, respectively.

184 pounds

This class is all Cale Sanderson — the guy is pure domination. The sophomore hasn't lost a match in college, yet, and it doesn't look like he's going to anytime soon.

Minnesota's Brandon Eggum is the second-ranked guy, but Sanderson major decisioned him when they met up last month. He beat No. 4-ranked Don Cormier, 8-4, in the finals at the Big 12 Tournament last weekend.

197 pounds

This class is as wide open as any. Three different wrestlers have been rated No. 1 this year: Nick Muzashvelli, of Michigan State; Mark Munoz, of Oklahoma State, and Brad Vering, of Nebraska.

Muzashvelli looked solid in the finals at Big Ten's as he thrashed Ohio State's No. 7-ranked Nick Preston. Munoz beat Vering by a last second reversal at the Big 12 Tournament, bouncing the Husker out of the top spot.

Heavyweight

It's three's a company at this weight. Iowa State's Trent Hynek (No. 1-ranked), Minnesota's Brock Lesnar (No. 2-ranked), and Iowa's Wes Hand (No. 3-ranked) head into NCAAs as the favorites.

Hynek is a cut above the rest, because he's the only undefeated one. He beat Hand 8-1 earlier this season, and has not met up with Lesnar yet this year. Lesnar and Hand have split victories between each other this year (Hand winning in the dual and Lesnar winning Big Tens).

Hynek was redshirted during last year's tournament, which saw Lesnar take second and Hand not place — so the senior might come out a little more hungry than the rest.

Mark Schwab won't watch brother at NCAAs

SCHWAB

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In addition, no one really expected Doug to blossom into the dominant wrestler he has become for Iowa.

"Doug was a late bloomer," Iowa coach Jim Zalesky said. Their family has carefully treaded the line between the two programs.

"Dad has never said a word," Mark said. "But my family is clear — Doug comes first," Mark said. "If they can have Minnesota win and Doug win, that's ideal."

Some Gopher fans might not understand Mark's affection for Doug. Doug says to look deeper.

"They should understand," Doug said. "Yeah, I'm from Iowa, and they're our arch rivals, and they want to beat me. But we're brothers first, and we've been brothers long before this, and we're going to be brothers long after this. We're not going to let something like this come between us. If anything, it'll make us stronger."

The two don't talk trash. And they refuse to let wrestling, the sport that brought them together, tear them apart, even if Doug helps Iowa edge the Gophers



Matt Holst/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Doug Schwab fights Illinois' Carl Perry last weekend.

again in St. Louis.

"He's going to be trying to get the same thing we are," Mark said. "If they win, it's because they're ready. It's really about who's ready. I'm not going to take that away from him."

Mark never coaches against his brother. And next week at the NCAA Championships, he won't even be watching. During Doug's 6-4, double overtime victory in the Big Ten Championships against

Illinois' Carl Perry, Mark found himself getting far too involved in the match. Not exactly conduct becoming of a Minnesota coach.

"From here on out, when he's wrestling, I'm going where no one can see me," Mark said.

If Doug wins his second-straight title, chances are Mark won't be wearing a smiling face.

But he will be cheering inside. DJ sportswriter Greg Wallace can be reached at gwallace@blue.weeg.uiowa.edu.

Elliott also to be in charge of defensive secondary

ELLIOTT

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transplant last spring. "I was in the hospital 32 days, and 32 days I got a phone call from Dan McCarney. He was the first guy to come visit me after I got out of the hospital."

McCarney spoke glowingly about Elliott in a statement released Thursday.

"Bobby and I go back a long time and he is universally respected as a coach and as a person," McCarney said. "It really is

a unique situation because we have been teammates, classmates and roommates. We have recruited together as coaches, and we have recruited against each other as coaches."

Elliott has spent 13 years at the UI but is no stranger to Iowa State football — he was an assistant coach there in 1981-82 before he joined the Hawkeye staff. According to the former Hawkeye, the transfer from Hawkeye to Cyclone shouldn't be too tough.

"I've been a Cyclone before," Elliott said. "I was there earlier in

my career and really enjoyed it. It's not going to be hard to do that. I like the guys on their staff, I know them very well.

"I don't have any reservations at all."

Along with associate head coaching duties, Elliott will be handling the defensive secondary, taking the place of recently departed Paul Rhoads. Rhoads left last week to take a defensive coordinator position at Pittsburgh.

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Hawks have to rebound quickly

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half. The team hit eight-of-10 3-pointers from four different players.

When Jacob Jaacks' monster dunk put Iowa up 18 with just over 12 minutes left to play, fans started heading for the exits at the United Center. The tide began to turn with nine minutes left in the half when Minnesota's aggressive press forced the first of six Dean Oliver turnovers.

Iowa's scoring was dominated by Galloway, along with Rob Griffin, who had 14 and Jaacks

with 18.

The Hawkeyes have a little more than 24 hours to come down from the emotionally draining win. Next up is Michigan State, the co-Big Ten champions and No. 2 seed in the tournament. Iowa was blown out by the Spartans in January at Carver-Hawkeye, and the Hawkeyes will have a tough time avoiding a repeat.

Alford said his team had been focusing on Minnesota all week, and has not even looked at a tape of Michigan State.

"There are not a lot of weaknesses to find in just 24 hours," Alford said. "We are going to have to find some, but it will be hard."

Michigan State is led by All-Big Ten selections Morris Peterson and Mateen Cleaves. Alford called the Spartans "the best team in the conference."

Even though beating Michigan State will be a tall order because of the size and experience difference becoming the two squads, Oliver still said Iowa will find a way to win.

"If we don't think we can win, why should we show up and play tomorrow," Oliver said.

The game begins at 6:40 p.m. and will be televised on KGAN.

DI sportswriter Mike Kelly can be reached at: mwkelly@blue.weeg.uiowa.edu.

Stars' Belfour charged with assault

Goalie Ed Belfour allegedly put a hotel security guard in a headlock and resisted arrest Wednesday morning.

By Alex Lyda
Associated Press

DALLAS—The status of Dallas Stars goalie Ed Belfour remained in limbo Thursday as he saw counselors for the second time since his arrest on charges of assault and resisting arrest in a late-night scuffle with a hotel guard.

Belfour met Wednesday night and Thursday with the independent team of mental health and substance abuse counselors provided by the National Hockey League and the NHL Players' Association.

Stars General Manager Bob Gainey said once the counselors issue a report, the team and

league will decide what penalties — if any — are warranted.

"I think that the team image, whenever there is an incident that involves the law, is tarnished," Gainey said. "Our responsibility is to recognize it and address it squarely and to move through the problem, not around it."

Neither the NHL or the players' association commented on Belfour's meeting with counselors.

"It's absolutely confidential," league spokesman Frank Brown said.

Dallas police said Thursday the charges, both misdemeanors, will stand, though a court date has not been set. The assault charge is punishable by a fine of up to \$500, and resisting arrest brings maximum penalties of one year in jail and a \$4,000 fine.

Police said Belfour, the hero of the Stars' Stanley Cup championship last season, and a woman

arrived at The Mansion at Turtle Creek shortly after midnight Wednesday. Witnesses said Belfour appeared intoxicated, and hotel security escorted him to his room.

A short time later, the woman told security she was afraid of Belfour and wanted to leave, police said. Hotel officials accompanied her downstairs and she left in a cab.

A little later, Belfour also tried to leave his hotel room. When a guard tried to subdue him, Belfour slammed the man against a wall and put him in a headlock, letting go only after police sprayed him with Mace, authorities said.

Police do not know the identity of Belfour's companion because she left before officers arrived, police spokeswoman Cheryl Convery said. Belfour is divorced.

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