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COGS bargaining goes down to the wire

The graduate-student union and the regents must reach an agreement today to avoid arbitration.

By Mary Sedor
The Daily Iowan

The third contract between the UI's graduate-student union and the state of Iowa Board of Regents may once

again be decided at the last minute.

Today is the last day for collective bargaining between the two sides. UE-Local 896 Campaign to Organize Graduate Students, representing 2,600 teaching and research assistants, has been negotiating on its third contract with the regents since October. The contract would run from July 1 to June 2003.

If negotiators reach an agreement, it would be tentatively pending the approval of a majority of COGS members. An arbitration hearing is scheduled for March 5 in the event an agreement is not reached. The final contract must be presented to the state by March 15.

Both sides have agreed on everything except wage increases and insurance cover-

age, said attorney Joseph Flynn, the chief negotiator for the regents.

"We are not a mile apart, but we are far apart," he said.

Both sides will carry on until they have exhausted every effort in trying to reach an agreement, he said.

Jennifer Sherer, the COGS president, said she is optimistic an agreement can be reached.

"The last economic proposal we put on the table was very reasonable; it put us very close to an agreement," she said.

That proposal focuses on maintaining the current health-insurance premiums and adding dental coverage for families, substance-abuse coverage and a wage increase proportional to the cost of living and the rising cost of tuition.

While time is running out,

COGS members have found themselves in this position before. In 1997, union members finally approved their first contract just days before the deadline. Members worked for an improved health-care plan, tuition waivers, adequate childcare, higher wages and a grievance procedure.

Under the contract, all UI

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UISG candidate challenges fines

The Student Elections Board doesn't know the rules, says candidate Nick Klenske.

By Jesse Elliott
The Daily Iowan

A UI Student Government presidential candidate said Sunday he will appeal the \$100 in fines imposed by the Student Elections Board this weekend for alleged improper campaigning by his ticket.

The board brought two separate charges against junior Nick Klenske after another candidate in the election and unnamed members of the board filed two formal complaints last week.

One complaint addressed the ticket's use of non-approved fliers and posters with endorsements by the UI Environmental Coalition and the UI Green Party. The other complaint — filed by Elections Board members — asserted that a letter to the editor by Julia Butterfly Hill, which appeared in the Feb. 23 edition of *The Daily Iowan*, also had to be approved before publication.

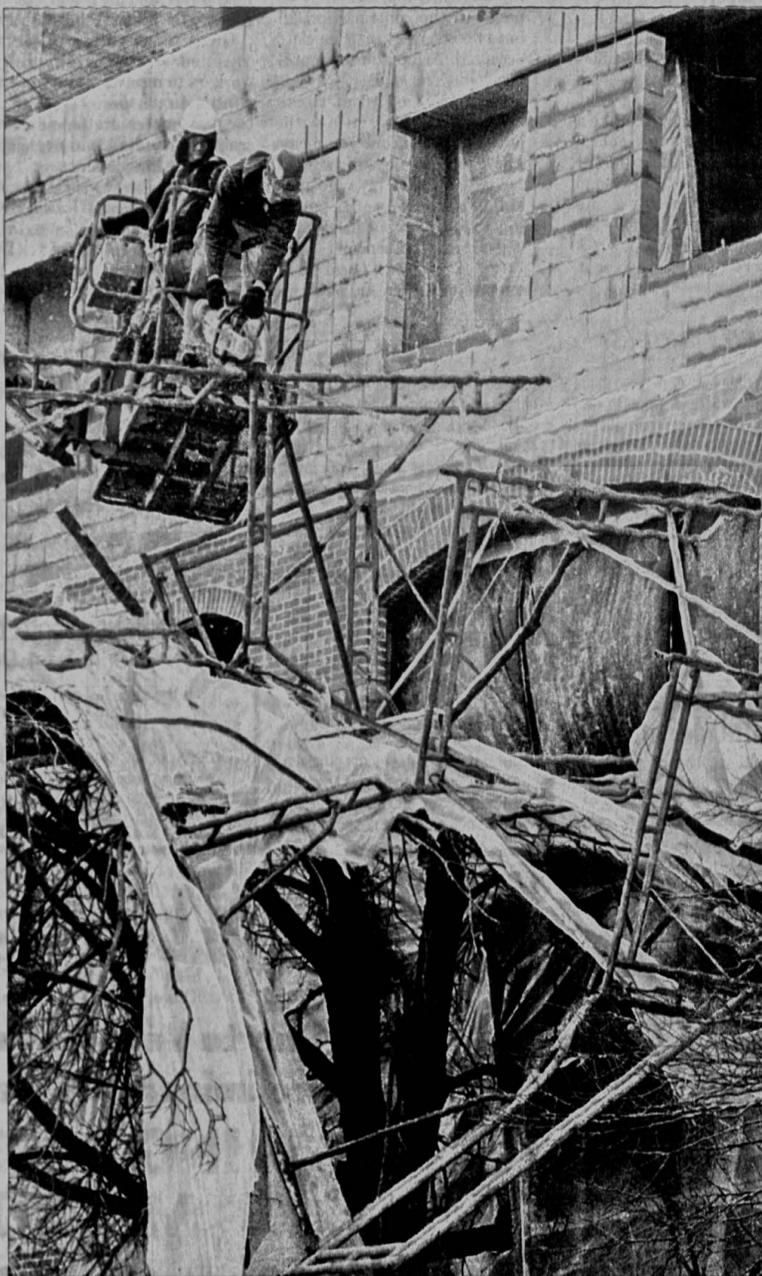
Melissa Lettiere, the Elections Board chairwoman, said the ticket's first offense was failing to gain the board's approval before distributing campaign posters and fliers.



Klenske
UISG candidate

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ALL TANGLED UP



Workers cut apart a tangled mess of scaffolding Sunday afternoon on Gilbert street. The scaffolding outside of Clock Tower Place blew down about 5 a.m. Sunday. See story, Page 3A.

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From popping the question to U.S.'s dumb drinking laws

The diverse members of the UI community are taking important steps in their young adult lives. A senior "pops the question" on Valentine's Day, a recent UI graduate decides to move in with her boyfriend, a freshman decides to focus more on school and his future, a former graduate student gets ready for his career in politics, and a UI junior is relieved to finally be able to drink legally.

Going to the chapel

After weeks of lying to his girlfriend of six years, UI senior Elliot Royer asked her the one question she wasn't expecting to hear.

On Feb. 14, over a candlelight dinner in a corner table at the Linn Street Cafe, 121 N. Linn St., Royer apologized to UI senior Nora Clemons for not doing anything special for Valentine's Day. He told her that he still loved her and hoped she would understand. He then said, "I have a little something for you, and a question."

As he held her hand with his, he used his other hand to show her a platinum ring with three diamonds and asked: "Will you marry me?"

Clemons, wearing a long black dress, didn't hesitate to answer with an excited "yes" as tears welled up in her eyes.

"I was just waiting to see the expression on her face. That was really important to me," he said.

Royer told Clemons for



Zach Boyden-Holmes/The Daily Iowan
UI senior Elliot Royer and his girlfriend, Nora Clemons, pose together. Royer proposed to Clemons on Feb. 14.

weeks that she wasn't getting anything for Valentine's Day — not flowers or candy and especially not an engagement proposal. Royer said he wanted the special day to be a complete surprise.

"I told her, 'We're going to keep it pretty simple,'" Royer said. "She was not expecting it at all."

The weeks leading up to the big event were filled with "nervous energy" and the planning of a complicated detail:

Purchasing an engagement ring turned out to be harder than Royer thought. Sales people at the jewelry store ambushed him when they found out what was shopping

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Powell calls on Israeli leader to stop economic 'siege' of Palestinians



Elizabeth Daiziel/Associated Press

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell gestures toward Israeli Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon at a press conference held after their meeting at Jerusalem hotel Sunday.

The secretary of State endorses Palestinian demands for economic relief.

By Barry Schweid
Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Endorsing a Palestinian demand, Secretary of State Colin Powell urged Israel Sunday to lift an economic "siege" of the West Bank and Gaza as soon as possible.

The constraints, which include a ban on Palestinian workers going to their jobs in Israel and the withholding of tax revenues, do nothing to

improve the security situation, Powell said after a two-hour meeting with Yasser Arafat at his headquarters.

"If people are not able to get to their jobs, they become more frustrated," Powell said later Sunday as he flew to Kuwait from Jordan. "Frustration leads to anger and then anger to violence."

Israel, in an effort to stem attacks on its soldiers and civilians, is using economic pressure as well as firepower. Peace talks have been shelved, and Powell said it will be a long time before they resume.

"We discussed how it is necessary for all sides to move

away from violence and incitement and how it is necessary to lift the siege as soon as possible so that economic activity can begin again in the region," Powell said of his meeting with Arafat.

Before seeing Arafat, he met Ariel Sharon in Jerusalem but evidently was unable to persuade Israel's incoming prime minister to ease that pressure. Still, Powell said the Bush administration's commitment to Israeli security was "rock-hard."

Powell said he was disturbed by an outline of Israel's security problems that he received on Feb. 24 from Israel's military

chief, Lt. Gen. Shaul Mofaz.

"This is the time to bring

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CITY

UI celebrates cultural diversity

■ The university holds its 12th Annual Celebrating Cultural Diversity Festival Sunday.

By Peter Boylan
The Daily Iowan

Flags representing every nation from which a UI student hails hung from the Field House's second-level railings in front of rows of booths, each dedicated to a different minority group, as the UI celebrated diversity Sunday.

Sixty-two student, professional and commercial organizations convened to participate in the 12th Annual Celebrating Cultural Diversity Festival.

The theme of the festival was, "Global Intersections: Connecting Our Past with Our Present." "We're trying to raise awareness and inform people about the many rich cultural dimensions we have here," said Lois Gray, a Cultural Diversity Committee member. "It's an incredible opportunity to open people's eyes to diversity."

The Taiwanese Student Association, Indonesian Student Association, American Indian Student Association, African Student Association, Human Rights Campaign and the American Civil Liberties Union were just a few of the groups in attendance. Each organization had an information table displaying crafts, cultural brochures and food samples.

Fifty-one performances and displays graced the festival, including dance and martial-arts demonstrations, as well as a variety of arts and crafts exhibitions. Among them was an all-nations fashion show in the North Gym and a tai-chi demonstration by the Taoist Tai Chi Society.

"I've never seen anything like



Scott Morgan/The Daily Iowan

Seven-year-old Shuyu Xing browses through origami fish at the cultural fair in the Field House Sunday. The booth, run by Junko Nakamura and Kathy Fait, was sponsored by the Women's Cultural Center.

that before," said Iowa City resident Jeff Floro about the Thai Student Association's kick-boxing ceremony, which included opponents stretching their limbs to the beat of a drum.

Cristina De La Cruz, an event volunteer and UI alumna, said she enjoyed the opportunity to mingle with members of many different cultures. She looked at the event as an opportunity to celebrate her culture and take pride in her ethnicity without having to worry about people's reactions, she said.

"People that attend this event are curious about other races," she said. "I've been asked about my Filipino background all day. It's nice to share my culture with people who want to learn."

At the start of the 2000-01 school year, minority and international students represented 15.2 percent (3,387) of the UI undergraduate, graduate and professional communities, according to the UI Office of Admissions.

"The UI has a big international community — one of the largest in the country," said Kai Wang, a UI assistant professor of preventative medicine and environmental health. "It's good to see them all get together."

Members of various minority student organizations saw the festival as an opportunity to celebrate the diversity of the UI campus. Aikta Verma, a co-chairwoman of the UI Student Government Diversity Committee and the president of the Asian American Coalition said the event is a perfect idea for the Iowa City community. The festival is a great opportunity for Iowa City residents to see different cultures on one day, she said.

"This is not a very big city," said Verma, a senior. "Unlike a big city, people don't notice and celebrate all the different cultures. It's nice to have one day where people can come out and experience a little bit of each culture."

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Union, UIHC poised for arbitration

■ Overtime and wages are still the sticking points in the 4-month-old negotiations.

By Jackie Hammers
The Daily Iowan

An arbitrator will decide the fate of the two-year contract for 2,000 hospital employees later this week if their union and the UI Hospitals and Clinics can't come up with a last-minute agreement.

Mandatory overtime and wages remain sticking points in negotiations between the UIHC and the Service Employees International Union Local 199. Arbitration hearings are set for Thursday and Friday.

The two sides couldn't reach an agreement after meeting together on Feb. 23, the formal deadline to sign a contract, which will run from July 1 to June 30, 2003. The final draft must be presented to the state by March 15.

Negotiations — which have gone on for almost four months — have been relatively successful, UIHC attorney Joseph Flynn said from his home in Minnesota Sunday, considering there are approximately 60 pages in the contract and all but two of the 24 articles were accepted. Arbitration can still be avoided, he said.

"Nine out of 10 of these cases ultimately settle without arbitration, but you never know which one will be that 10th," said Flynn, who was still in the process of dispatching revised proposals to officials Sunday afternoon.

But Kim Miller, Local 199's executive director, said he

"fully expect(s) to go" to arbitration. Mandatory overtime and wages are of extremely high importance to union members, he said.

"We believe that patient safety is a concern that we as representatives of the workforce are very concerned with," Miller said. "Requiring staff to work 16 hours straight is not a safe practice."

The union wants to prevent the hospital from forcing employees to work extra eight-hour shifts and come in on their days off to work without pay above the regular wage, he said. Hospital officials want the freedom of calling in staff members as much as needed.

The second unresolved issue is that of pay increases for employees with seniority.

"The hospital is concerned about starting wages, but the hospital has shown no interest in compensating people with years of service — the people who have made a career out of being here," Miller said.

Flynn said the hospital has a lot to consider in its wage concept.

"The hospital has to balance the needs of all employees and patients, the costs of the hospital contract, and the revenues of running the hospital," he said.

One issue the union dropped was the right for workers to receive an uninterrupted lunch period. Many times, workers are forced to cram their breaks into five or 10 minutes, Miller said.

"The lunch-breaks issue was pulled off the table," he said. "We are trying to focus on really, really important issues."

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CITY BRIEFS

Tiffin woman pleads guilty to child endangerment

A Tiffin daycare provider accused of breaking a 4-month-old infant's leg in March 2000 pleaded guilty to the charge on Feb. 23.

Sentencing for Cheri Gahan, 29, is set for Friday.

According to court reports: After physicians discovered a spiral fracture of the boy's femur, or thigh bone, on March 9, 2000 — a break they said they believed was "highly suspicious of abuse" — the Johnson County Sheriff's Office began investigating.

Witnesses said the infant was fine before being in childcare-provider Gahan's custody on March 7, 2000, two days before the break was discovered. The boy was "fussy and irritable," however, upon his mother's arrival at Gahan's home to pick him up later that day. Also, witnesses said he seemed to be in distress throughout the evening. Gahan later admitted to hearing a

"pop" in the victim's leg after she pulled it while changing his diaper. However, she neither sought medical attention for the child nor informed his parents or investigators of the injury.

Gahan was charged with two counts of child endangerment and one count of assault causing serious injury for the incident.

— by Kellie Doyle

I.C. man charged with domestic assault

A UI medical assistant in nursing services was charged with domestic assault on Feb. 22 after allegedly striking and choking his live-in girlfriend.

The accusation is Iowa City resident Robert Juhl's second alleged domestic-abuse offense within the last month.

According to court reports: During an altercation at their home that evening, Juhl, 20, 10 Regal Lane, allegedly struck his girlfriend in the face and wrapped his arm around her neck in an attempt to choke her.

The woman told police she suffered pain and redness to her right cheek. The two, who have a 7-week-old

infant together, were in a separate argument two days prior to Juhl's charge — a fight that allegedly resulted in Juhl cutting his left wrist with a pocket knife.

"We don't usually hit each other," he said in the report.

Juhl was also charged with domestic assault on Jan. 27, after allegedly hitting his girlfriend during their stay at the Canterbury Inn & Suites of Coralville.

Juhl remains in the Johnson County Jail under a \$2,000 bond.

— by Kellie Doyle

Police release sex-offender alert

Iowa City police are informing the public that sex offenders are living in the area.

UI freshman Nicolas Adam Lessner, 19, 530 N. Clinton St. Apt. 4, was convicted of assault with the intent to commit sexual abuse, in 1999. His victim was a female in Henry County, Iowa.

Lessner is a white male with brown hair and blue eyes. He is 6-1, weighs 180 pounds, and wears prescription

glasses. He has a discoloration on his left leg and a tattoo on his arm.

He is considered at a high risk to re-offend.

Joseph Harold Rudd, 946 Iowa Ave. Apt. 9, was convicted of assault with the intent to commit sexual abuse in November 2000 in Johnson County. His victim was a 20-year-old female, according to police records.

Police are unsure of Rudd's age but believe he is either 26 or 27 years old. Rudd is a black male with black hair and brown eyes. He is 6 feet tall, weighs 185 pounds, and has tattoos on his arms and back.

He is considered at a moderate risk to re-offend.

Local law-enforcement officials stress that the designation of Lessner and Rudd as sex offenders is meant only as a means for the public to pro-

tect itself. Any action taken against either man or their families, including vandalism to property, oral or written threat of physical harm or physical assault, could result in arrest and prosecution.

— by Mary Johnson

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Iowa City rides out stormy weather

■ Wind and water collapse the scaffolding at the Clock Tower Place parking ramp.

By Eric Coop
The Daily Iowan

Despite a barrage of storms and high winds last weekend, Iowa City remained relatively unscathed by the elements.

Wind and rain came together to knock down scaffolding on the Gilbert Street side of the Clock Tower Place parking ramp around 5 a.m. Sunday, destroying a traffic signal and damaging three trees.

"The scaffolding should have held," said Mike Hahn, a co-owner of McComas-Lacina Construction, 1310 Highland Court, the parking ramp's main contractor. "The way the wind came around the building created a wind-tunnel effect."

The scaffolding struck the traffic signal at the intersection of Iowa Avenue and Gilbert Street, causing officials to close Gilbert Street for most of Sunday. The traffic signal should be replaced by Wednesday, said Iowa City police Sgt. Brian Krei.

Hahn said the damage may set construction back one to two weeks, adding that there was no damage to Clock Tower Place itself.

Wind speed at the time of the incident was recorded out of the west at 23 mph at the Iowa City Municipal Airport, the National Weather Service Web site reported.

Crews from McComas-Lacina and Sedorf Masonry, which owns the scaffolding, arrived on the scene around 8 a.m. to begin cleaning up.

Krei said the south-bound lanes of Gilbert Street

between Washington Street and Iowa Avenue may be closed at 9 a.m. today so that crews can complete the clean-up and replace fencing around the structure.

Another problem from the weekend weather was the widespread flooding throughout Johnson and Washington counties resulting from heavy rain. Iowa City officially received 1.19 inches of precipitation at the airport as of 6 a.m. Sunday.

North Dubuque Street between Taft Speedway and Foster Road was closed for approximately two hours on Feb. 24 because of standing water on the road.

The National Weather Service in Davenport issued a flood warning for both the Iowa River at Lone Tree and the English River at Kalona. However, at Iowa City, the Iowa

River was measured at 13.95 feet, more than 8 feet below flood stage.

Kenny Sackett, a manager of Menards, 1375 Highway 1 W., said the store saw an increase in sales of flood-related items such as sump pumps and corrugated tubing, as area basements flooded because of the heavy rain. He said sales had returned to normal Sunday.

Things could be worse if the area gets more heavy rain after the frost thaws later this spring, he said.

The National Weather Service Climate Predictions Center expects the next 90 days to have normal precipitation and temperatures over the Upper Midwest, possibly giving some drought relief to western Iowa.

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Judge's remark may aid Microsoft

■ Such comments as comparing Bill Gates to Napoleon could help Microsoft in its appeal.

By D. Ian Hopper
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Microsoft will try to convince an appeals court this week that the breakup of the software giant is unwarranted in a high-stakes legal showdown that may focus as much on the judge who made the ruling as the legal underpinnings for it.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson's comments outside the courtroom — comparing Microsoft Chairman

Bill Gates to Napoleon and suggesting company officials were not "grown-ups" — have injected a wildcard into the case.

Experts say that makes the job more difficult for government lawyers who are trying to preserve their historic antitrust victory ordering the breakup of Microsoft for anti-competitive practices.

"In conscious or unconscious ways, the Court of Appeals will feel fewer inhibitions to second-guess Jackson's findings concerning crucial pieces of evidence," George Washington University law Professor William Kovacic predicted. "Nothing good will come to the government plaintiffs from all

of this." Microsoft has "a 50 percent chance of walking completely" thanks to Jackson's post-trial statements, University of Baltimore law Professor Bob Lande said. Before the comments, he gave the government a 2-to-1 edge.

"Those wonderful findings of fact all have a cloud cast on them because of Jackson's unjustified statements," Lande said.

In interviews with reporters and authors writing books on Microsoft's legal ordeal, Jackson made scathing attacks on Gates, the company's legal team and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit,

which was to hear the company's appeal Monday and Tuesday.

Jackson accused the appeals court of "making up 90 percent of the facts on its own" in an earlier Microsoft ruling, and he said the judges were "supercilious" and without practical trial experience.

The appeals court set an unusual amount of time for the argument — seven hours over two days, even more than the parties requested.

The extra time will be spent questioning Jackson's factual findings, in which he laid out how he thought Microsoft used anticompetitive practices and harmed consumers, the appellate judges said.

Cyber-arbitration gains supporters

■ ClickNsettle.com is among the companies exploring the field of arbitration online.

By Lee Uehara
Associated Press

GREAT NECK, N.Y. — A woman involved in a minor auto accident demands payment for her injuries. But to save the costs of a lawsuit, she agrees to arbitration.

Her lawyer makes an initial demand to her insurance company. The company responds — without a word — with a counteroffer. After several more exchanges, the case is settled for approximately \$3,000.

Typical of traditional arbitration in many respects, this case had some important distinctions: It took just 16 minutes to settle, and the parties

never saw each other. It took place online.

ClickNsettle.com, the Long Island firm that handled the January case, is among a handful of companies nationwide trying to take the field of arbitration and mediation online.

Arbitration has traditionally been seen as a cheaper alternative to lawsuits because legal costs are lower. But online arbitration, entrepreneurs say, offers greater speed because cases can be settled in as few as 10 minutes and greater ease because no travel is required.

"It's designed for people who say to themselves, 'It's going to cost me X amount of money and take this amount of time — and that doesn't make sense. Why don't we try to resolve it today?'" said Roy Israel, the founder and CEO of clickNsettle.com Inc.

The company was founded in 1992 as a traditional arbitration firm, National Arbitration and Mediation Corp.

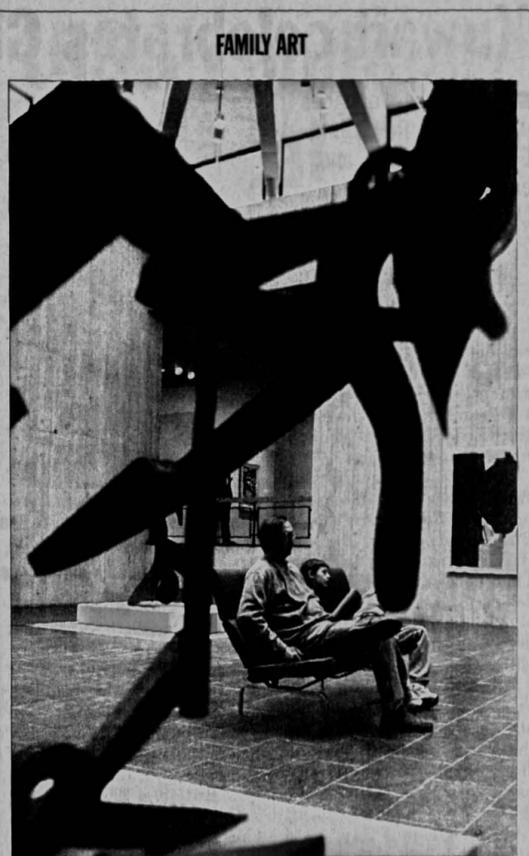
But Israel and William Specht, the company's information-technology chief, started to refocus the company three years ago to market its online dispute services. They launched clickNsettle in June 1999.

The company has 47 full-time employees; it still draws upon a consulting roster of retired judges to serve as hearing officers for its in-person

services.

Stock in the publicly traded company was trading at around 80 cents last week; as with many online-based companies, its price was down considerably, from a 52-week high of more than \$9. The company reports 2000 annual sales of \$4 million and \$5.6 million cash on hand.

Israel acknowledged that the company's online division has yet to break even. "If we can introduce this effectively, at some juncture it'll just take on a life of its own," he said.



Kim Kennedy/The Daily Iowan
Oguz Durumeric and his son, Zakir Durumeric, look at a painting during family day in the UI Museum of Art Sunday afternoon.

NATION BRIEF

Clinton casts large shadow, Bush finds

WASHINGTON (AP) — The heads-up for President Bush's first White House news conference came as Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., filled every TV screen in the West Wing. Over the loudspeaker, a presidential aide all but pleaded with reporters: "I'd like to have your attention. Please."

Polling and news-coverage data, like that scene on Feb. 22, suggest that Bush is being drowned out by noise from the Clintons and their compounding controversies.

In the first four days of last week, when Bush had his first formal news conference and also traveled the Midwest promoting his agenda, the networks' evening TV newscasts aired just eight stories about the president, compared with 16 on former President Clinton.

Bush said he was looking forward to his Tuesday prime-time address to a joint session of Congress, a new president's version of the State of the Union Address, as a spotlight all his. At the same time, he professed no worries about the Clintons distracting Congress and the public from his priorities just as he is trying to move ahead.

"I think I've got the Congress' attention. I certainly hope so," Bush said at his news conference. "My speech Tuesday night, I hope, will help keep the focus on the agenda."

But last week's TV news tally, compiled by the Center for Media and Public Affairs, spells political trouble for Bush when considered alongside what independent pollster Andrew Kohut found in his most recent survey: One-third of Americans say they need more information about what Bush is proposing.

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NATION & WORLD

Kuwait celebrates Gulf victory

■ Among the dignitaries were former President George H.W. Bush and ex-British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

By Diana Elias
Associated Press

KUWAIT — As allied war jets flew overhead, Kuwaitis raised their flag and performed a traditional victory dance Sunday to mark the 10th anniversary of the end of the Gulf War and freedom from Iraqi occupation.

Security was tight as Gulf War figures — including former President George H.W. Bush and former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher — watched men in robes perform the arda, the Gulf's traditional dance depicting the "joy of victory," with swords and rifles.

Kuwait, which has held off on such galas for a decade out of respect for those missing in the war, is celebrating liberation day with pomp and parades for the first time since the war's end in 1991.

"It's a glorious day," said Salem Abdullah, a 47-year-old civil servant. "But one thing is missing — our POWs."

Kuwait accuses Baghdad of



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Kuwaiti Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al Sabah, right, former President George H.W. Bush and his wife, Barbara Bush, listens to the country's national anthem during a ceremony in Kuwait City Sunday.

holding some 600 people captive. Iraq insists, however, that it has released all war prisoners.

The Kuwaiti government decided to part with tradition this year because liberation day, Feb. 26, falls one day before the 40th anniversary of the country's independence from Britain in 1961.

On Sunday, soldiers received the Kuwaiti flag from the crown prince, Sheik Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah, and hoisted it on a pole at the seaside Flag Square. Balloons and

white pigeons went flying into the air, women lamented, and schoolgirls sang.

Bush and retired Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, who led the international military coalition that fought the war, watched live-fire maneuvers by U.S., British and Kuwaiti forces some 30 miles from the Iraqi border.

"I think we ought to bring some of the (Iraqi) Republican Guards here and let them take a good look," Schwarzkopf said afterward.

More livestock problems plague Britain

■ Officials begin slaughtering hundreds of animals to try to stem an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease.

By Laura King
Associated Press

LONDON — British agricultural authorities Sunday confirmed new cases of foot-and-mouth disease at a cattle and sheep farm in southwest England, raising fears of a wider outbreak.

Officials in northern England began the grim task of burning the carcasses of hundreds of animals that were slaughtered in an effort to contain the highly infectious livestock ailment.

More than 800 pigs — doused in oil and placed on pyres of coal, straw and rail

ties — were set on fire in Northumberland, in the outbreak's first mass incineration.

Britain has been scrambling since Feb. 19 to contain the outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease, its first in two decades. Exports of meat, milk and live animals have been banned, and inspectors have been quarantining farms and slaughterhouses suspected of harboring the disease.

The latest confirmed cases, reported by the agriculture ministry, were found in Devon, at a sheep and cattle farm that is part of a 14-farm chain. The 13 other farms are now being inspected as well.

The new cases brought the number of sites where the disease has been confirmed to seven. Agriculture officials would not specify how many suspect cases were being

checked, but they said it was a large number.

"Our hopes that the disease could be contained ... have been horribly shattered," said Ben Gill, the president of the National Farmers' Union. "We are now more determined than ever to maintain our vigilance and beat this disease."

Authorities also confirmed that prior to last week's export ban, sheep from the Devon farm had been sent to buyers in Europe. Agriculture Minister Nick Brown acknowledged there was thus a risk that infected sheep could have been exported before the outbreak was discovered.

Veterinary officials cannot say precisely when the British outbreak began, but some have speculated the disease could have been present for as long as three weeks before being discovered.

Senators ponder security of secrets

■ Following the Robert Hansen case, the Senate Intelligence Committee prepares to hold hearings.

By Calvin Woodward
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senators worried about America's compromised secrets are pitching a variety of ideas to keep intelligence out of the wrong hands. They are not sure any single one will do the job.

Random lie-detector tests, audits of FBI agents' personal finances and rotations to ensure people do not stay in

top-secret positions too long are among proposals in play as the Senate Intelligence Committee prepares for hearings this week on the case of accused spy Robert Hansen.

As hungry as they are for answers, intelligence experts in and out of government expressed a measure of humility Sunday from the knowledge that solutions are as elusive as the spy trade itself.

Higher salaries to discourage turncoats? That might help, said the committee chairman, Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala. "But I guess if somebody's really motivated to spy for money, they're going to do it."

Would random polygraphs like those used by the CIA have caught Hansen, an FBI counterintelligence specialist, sooner? "Maybe, maybe not," Shelby said. "But I believe that they ought to use that."

William S. Cohen, the defense secretary in the Clinton administration and a spy novelist on the side, was struck by the cleverness of the techniques attributed to Hansen in allegedly giving Moscow secrets over 15 years without drawing attention to himself.

"You can never fully stop spying," Cohen said. "What you can do is to try to take every reasonable precaution to catch spies in your midst."

BEAT GENERATION



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Kodo drummers Tsubasa Hori and Kazuki Imagai practice for their Feb. 24 performance at Hancher Auditorium.

The Americanization of Colombian war

■ U.S. "contractors" work along the front lines in Colombia's drug war.

By Jared Kotler
Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia — Flying missions over guerrilla-infested coca fields or manning remote radar stations in the jungle, private American citizens are working perilously close to the front lines of the drug war in Colombia.

Referred to as "contractors" by the Washington agencies who hire them and "mercenaries" by critics, they are supposed to number no more than 300 at a time in the South American country.

Yet with the U.S. government "outsourcing" much of its drug-war aid to the contractors, officials are indicating that the ceiling needs to be raised.

As Colombian President Andres Pastrana travels to Washington to meet with President Bush Tuesday, worries are mounting about the danger the U.S. contractors face — and whether their presence and that of U.S. troops could lead to deeper involvement in Colombia's decades-old civil

war. "Once this juggernaut starts rolling, it's extremely difficult to put a stopping point on it," said Robert E. White, a former U.S. ambassador to El Salvador who heads the Center for International Policy, a Washington think tank.

"Once there are a few Americans killed, it seems to me that things begin to unravel," he said. "And then you can find yourself, indeed, fully involved."

Some of the riskiest jobs in the \$1.3 billion U.S.-financed anti-drug offensive have been contracted to companies including DynCorp of Reston, Va., whose employees last weekend flew into a firefight involving leftist guerrillas to save the crew of a downed Colombian police helicopter.

The company provides rescuers, mechanics and helicopter and airplane pilots for aerial eradication missions over cocaine and heroin-producing plantations that are "taxed" and protected by the rebels.

Because they are kept away from the news media, it is diffi-

cult to know whether DynCorp's employees live up to their image as a rowdy group of daredevils and combat veterans. Janet Wineriter, a DynCorp spokeswoman, said that under terms of the company's contract with the State Department, she could not discuss the company's operations in Colombia.

Some critics charge the contractors are being used in dicey areas to avoid the scandal that would erupt if U.S. soldiers began returning from Colombia in body bags.

Some worried about the growing U.S. role in Colombia have compared it with Vietnam, where an initially small U.S. involvement ballooned. Eventually, scenes of U.S. soldiers dying abroad helped turn public opinion against the Vietnam War.

Using contractors will "reduce the potential fallout when mistakes happen or Americans are caught in harm's way," said Tim Reiser, an aide to Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., an opponent of U.S. military aid to Colombia.

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— Robert E. White, former U.S. ambassador to El Salvador

WORLD BRIEF

Sub commander expresses 'regret'

TOKYO (AP) — The commander of the U.S. submarine that struck and sunk a Japanese trawler off Hawaii expressed his "most sincere regret" Sunday — but stopped short of an apology.

"It is with a heavy heart that I express my most sincere regret" for the accident, Cmdr. Scott Waddle said in a statement sent by his lawyer to Japan's NHK public television network and broadcast to a national audience here Sunday evening.

Waddle was commanding the USS Greenville when it rammed the Ehime

Maru off Oahu on Feb. 9. Nine of the 35 people on board the Japanese vessel, operated by a high school for aspiring commercial fishermen, are missing and presumed dead.

The families of the missing Japanese have demanded a personal apology from Waddle. However, his statement may do little to cool the anger of the families of the missing, which has been mounting since an investigation revealed that civilian guests aboard the sub were at the controls at the time of the accident.

"I know that the accident has caused unimaginable grief to the families of the Ehime Maru's missing students, instructors and crew

members ... and to all of the Japanese people," Waddle said in the statement, an English copy of which was provided to the Associated Press by Waddle's lawyer. "No words can adequately express my condolences and concern for those who have lost their loved ones."

Shunsuke Terata, whose 17-year-old brother Yusuke remains missing, said in a telephone interview from his home in southwestern Japan that his family was not satisfied.

"We refuse to accept it as an apology," said Terata, 15. "It's not an apology until he says it to each one of us in person."

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graduate employees received health-care benefits, which includes free physical exams, prescription-drug subsidies, and a \$1,000 ceiling for out-of-pocket expenses.

The contract also included paid leaves of absence, over-work protection, early job appointment, notification and salary increases. Although it did not receive a nondiscrimination clause, the union's work helped to increase the base salary for a first-year graduate student to \$12,778

per semester. The union's second contract also came down to the final hours. In March 1999, days before the contract would have gone to arbitration, the two sides reached an agreement. The 1999 contract added a 3 percent increase in salaries for each year of the contract,

enhanced health care including mental-health coverage added the first year and dental coverage added the second. Employees with spouses and dependents paid only 30 percent of family health-care coverage under the contract.

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UISG candidate to appeal fines

CANDIDATE

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In addition, she said, "the posters wouldn't have been approved anyway" because endorsements of the UI Environmental Coalition and the UI Green Party appeared on them.

The six members of the board decided on the rule against endorsement earlier in the semester, fearing members within a group which endorsed a candidate might feel misrepresented. Also, Lettiere said, they worried that endorsing groups would be treated to more or fewer privileges, depending on the outcome of the election.

However, the rule does not appear anywhere in writing in the UISG Elections Code Spring 2001, the document that lays out the rules of the campaign.

Klenske said he is skeptical of the board changing rules on a whim.

"If (the Elections Board) doesn't know the rules, how can we be expected to know the rules?" he asked.

But Lettiere said the board still retains the right to approve or disapprove campaign materials.

"It is not in writing, but it is within the jurisdiction of (the Elections Board) to determine these kinds of things," she said.

The Elections Board

explained the second fine in a letter mailed to Klenske, asserting that an endorsement from California environmental activist Hill violated campaign rules because it was not approved beforehand.

"All materials must be pre-approved by the Student Elections Board," the letter stated, citing a line from the "campaign spending" article in the elections code.

Klenske said both charges are ill-founded. The first violates a student group's right to freedom of speech and the second assumes a power of the Elections Board which does not exist — the power to decide what is published in a newspaper, he said. His ticket will challenge both fines in the Student Judicial Court, the judicial branch of student government.

Late Sunday night, Lettiere and the board wrote an e-mail to Klenske that approved the future use of the Hill letter, "but because the letter was not approved at the time you submitted it to the DI, we will have to stick with our decision on the violation."

Lettiere said she didn't "feel the board has to make the formal (written) complaints public record" at this time.

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Ex-student finds happiness in activism

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for — picking out numerous rings and even showing him diamonds through a microscope.

He said the clerks were nice until they did a credit check and told him he couldn't buy the ring. All of a sudden they weren't very helpful for Royer, who had spent two-and-a-half hours in the store.



Royer

It turned out for the best, though — at another store he found a ring he liked better, which he kept in his sock drawer until the big day.

Although Royer wanted to give it to Clemons early, he tried not to think about it too much.

On the day, he said, he had a "nervous energy" about him. At some points throughout the day, he noticed his leg shaking.

"I was fairly sure she wasn't going to say no, but still, it's the whole process."

The wedding date is set for July 6, 2002, and Royer said he is leaving it all up to Clemons to plan the wedding. He said he will offer some help, though.

"I'll just say 'yes' or 'no.'"

— by **Anne Webbeking**

Prepping for a pre-marriage test

UI graduate student Amy Valesh hopes that living with her boyfriend next year will work out. But first she has to find a new place.

In the last few weeks, Valesh, 24, has used her spare time away from working as a critical-care nurse at the UI Hospitals and Clinics searching for ample parking, washer and dryer hookups and central air conditioning.

Valesh will move in with her boyfriend of two years, Mike Peterson, which has made her search more difficult. Valesh said she can't live without central air conditioning, while Peterson can't live without a deck for his grill.

"It will be good because it will bring us closer," she said. "But it is also scary because so many couples I know have problems."

After viewing a townhouse that "smelled like Animal Kingdom," Valesh has tried to keep her hopes up that they will find a place they both agree on.

Daily chores could prove to be a challenge. Cleaning is going to be a major issue, Valesh said.

"He has his DVDs organized alphabetically by title, but he can't clean a toilet seat," she said. "I don't understand."

She said she won't be the

only one cleaning. "I know a lot of couples where the woman does the majority of housework, but things are changing," she said. "I think guys aren't used to women thinking everything needs to be equal."

Moving in together also means having to combine their belongings. They joke about inheriting each other's stuff. Valesh said Peterson will inherit her nursing magazines and lighthouse pictures, while she will inherit his electronic equipment.

"I tell him he is definitely getting the bad end of the deal," she said.

Even though her parents are fine with the couple's living together, Valesh said, talking about getting married has helped ease the process.

"I think it is a warm up to see if you can get married," she said. "It's a test."

— by **Mary Sedor**

Trying to reach his potential

When Brian Davis went to the ATM last week, he was caught by surprise. Instead of going to retrieve the last \$10 in his bank account, he saw the balance was almost \$1,000.

The former UI physics graduate student has been suffering from a low income for the previous two months and was overcome with joy to see his tax refund from the government in the bank. He plans to fill that account much more while he prepares to run for a seat on the Iowa City City Council next fall.

"I'm planning on being social tonight and go out for the first time in a month," he said on Feb. 23. "I've really been struggling with money. I made it through by eating a lot of ramen."

In order to overcome his lack of funds, Davis recently got a job at Iowa Citizen Action Network, a lobbyist group. Currently, he is making phone calls to ask for support for legislation to make prescription drugs more accessible for individuals without insurance.

Although he hasn't received compensation for his work yet, Davis said, he enjoys his new, easy-going environment and believes it's aiding him for a future in politics.

Davis said he also expects to start working for Reach for Your Potential, a program that helps disabled adults achieve their goals, and he said he is very happy with his choice to leave graduate school last semester.

"These are two great jobs," he said. "This is why I didn't want to do physics anymore, so I could do stuff like this. It pays the bills and helps people."

In his free time, Davis is organizing his campaign for the City Council race, which will begin on June 1. He's currently preparing his platform and raising support. Davis said he is looking forward to the

race and is not concerned with an age difference on the council.

"I feel very comfortable running for this race," he said. "We're going to disagree, but I'm not going to take flack for being younger. I do represent a pretty healthy percentage of the population and they should have representation."

— by **Megan L. Eckhardt**

Staying out of trouble's way

On a typical Tuesday night last semester, UI freshman William Holscher could be found "pimping out" for a night on the town. Now, instead of spending his Tuesday nights on a crowded dance floor, he said, he is sitting at a desk enveloped in his studies.

More than halfway through his first year of college, Holscher said, he is more focused on his studies and his future than ever before. He has curbed his "partying" to the weekends and the occasional Thursday night.

"I began to think that I have been partying so much that I feel like I'm getting dumber rather than smarter in college," Holscher said.

Despite his late nights in the past, he said, he has only missed one class since he has been at the UI. A week after Holscher's first midterm of the semester, he is confident he will do well in his classes.

After one of his friends decided to change his studies to pre-law, Holscher said, he began to think more seriously about the prospect of being a lawyer. Getting a law degree is something he had always thought about but was not sure he should do.

"Right now, I don't want to tell myself I'm going to (apply to law school) in case I don't make it," he said.

Because Holscher has been staying in and studying more, he said, he has managed to stay out of trouble. After his last brush with trouble — for having alcohol in his Burge Residence Hall room — he said he had to clean the kitchen in the basement of Burge for his community-service hours.

He has also gotten closer to his friends on his floor. They help him to stay focussed and out of trouble in the dorms, he said. Next year, he will live in an apartment with three of his friends from his floor; they have already signed the lease to an apartment, he said. Although he is a bit worried about cooking his own food, he is excited about the freedom, Holscher said.

— by **Bridget Stratton**

Trying to redeem the worst birthday ever

"Dumb American laws" can no longer hold back Toni Neykova.

The UI junior turned 21 on Feb. 17 and can once again legally enjoy the social pastime of drinking alcohol, which, she says, was stripped from her when she first arrived in Iowa City in January 1999.

Before coming to play for the UI women's tennis team, it had never crossed the Bulgarian's mind to be caught and penalized for having an occasional drink with her friends.

"It doesn't matter how old you are in Bulgaria," said Neykova, who had her first drink at age 12 during a meal with her parents. "In the United States, you can vote when you're 18, get married when you're 18, but you can't have a glass of beer. It's annoying that you have to hide from everybody."

Neykova's birthday conventionally landed on a Saturday this year — a day she said would have been prime for celebration. She was unable to take advantage of her new privilege, however, because she was in Indiana for the first Big Ten tennis match of the season that weekend. Neykova was disappointed on that special day after losing to her opponent, whom she had defeated last year.

"It was the worst birthday ever," she said.

She had to postpone celebration a second weekend because of another competition, but she has scheduled a date, March 2, to party with her teammates and friends.

Neykova said she was 15 the first time she got drunk. She came home after being out with some friends, had a bite to eat, and vomited in a hallway in her house. Knowing that her parents are only comfortable with her having a drink or two responsibly, Neykova lied to her father to avoid getting punished, she said. Rather than admitting to him that she had drunk too much, she told him she only had one beer — one that must have been spoiled. Neykova got away with it, and was even permitted to sleep through her tennis practice the next morning, she said.

When she's home, Neykova said, she has always gone to both the dance and casual sit-down bars with her friends. They stay until the bars close their doors, sometimes as late as 5 a.m., she said.

"They're open until there are no people left inside," she said. She probably won't go out more now that she's 21, she said, except maybe during the summer. Because Neykova is an athlete, she doesn't like to drink a lot too often.

What she looks forward to now, she said, is "going to a bar at 6 or 7 (p.m.) with a deck of cards and playing with my friends with no worries."

— by **Kellie Doyle**

don't know." On peacemaking, he described Sharon and Arafat as leaders looking down a long hallway, with a settlement at the end. "They have the keys," Powell said. But, he said, "it's going to take some time before they get back to negotiations."

has plagued the region for five months, and he promised that President Bush would play a leadership role in peacemaking once the outbreak subsides. Arafat declared, "Peace is in the interest of the Palestinians, the Israelis, the Arabs and the international community at large" and that the Palestinians had made "the strategic choice" to pursue to it.

The meeting with Arafat was "solemn" and "to the point," Powell said. "There were no holds barred." Arafat insisted peacemaking must begin where it broke off last month. Israel's outgoing prime minister, Ehud Barak, had offered the Palestinians most of the West Bank and control over parts of east Jerusalem.

Powell pushes for end to Israeli economic 'siege'

POWELL

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calm to the region," the secretary of State said at a news conference with Sharon. "It is a very dangerous situation."

Powell said Israelis and Palestinians are in touch with each other on security issues. "Whether that will bear fruit, I

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EDITORIALS

UISG campaigns hit full throttle ...

An exercise in futility

Each year, UI Student Government presidential candidates present their platforms to the students. Oddly, these platforms don't seem to change too much from year to year.

The Stoll-Linn ticket won last year. The two campaigned to continue with projects from the year before, including more library funding, getting rid of the add/drop slip signature and expanding the overnight parking. Those ideas had been proposed before, and they are once again being proposed this year. It seems as though UISG can't get too much done, but perhaps it isn't its fault.

The 2001-02 UISG presidential hopefuls are presenting their agendas to the UI, and the platforms look almost identical. As of now, none of the candidates has done anything to make her- or himself stand out.

The Klenske-Rossi platform calls for the expansion of recycling, reconstruction of Office of Student Life and using organic lawn-care materials. Though this slate is proposing good ideas, some have been tried before. In the spring of 1999, there was a pilot recycling plan that only lasted three weeks.

It doesn't matter for whom you vote. Regardless of platforms, nothing significant is accomplished.

UISG had recycling posts placed in academic buildings, but it just didn't last.

Carlson-Loftus ticket wants to revise the add/drop procedure, raise English standards for the TAs, and it is also opposed to high tuition increases. UISG has long tried to modify the add/drop system, or at least has said it wanted to. Good luck, Carlson-Loftus.

The Adams-Stephenson slate wants an affordable education and better transportation routes and rates, and it plans to support TAs by giving them better facilities. Once again, these problems have been campaigned on, and things still have not changed. The UI parking problems is not getting any better, and a one-year term in office is not going to change it.

The final presidential ticket, Paulsen-Lyons, is running on a slightly different platform. It wants to establish better ties with the Iowa City City Council and other universities. Clearly,

past UISG presidents have tried to create better relationships with the City Council, but still this doesn't seem to help any of its causes.

All of the UISG candidates have similar platforms, and offer nothing new or remotely original. The UISG has seen all of these things proposed before without being accomplished. Perhaps UISG doesn't have the power to get its agenda done. (An example: UISG has supported legislation for tax-free textbooks for four years; it has not, as we all know, happened.)

The only original UISG idea that the campus has seen for a while was Stoll-Linn's post-election promise to make the university 10 percent sexier by installing a Slip-and-Slide on the Pentacrest. Obviously, that didn't happen.

In essence, it doesn't matter for whom you vote. Regardless of platforms, nothing significant is accomplished. UISG is not to blame for this — it's a symptom of the system as a whole. If the university wants things to empower the students, then major changes need to take place internally.

Mary Mroch is a *DI* editorial writer.

Get Real



by Bill Penisten

Beware the -itis of March

Classes always go so much more smoothly when one studies sufficiently for them. At least that's what I hear.

Sadly, my first-hand experience with the fine practices of "reading books" and "completing assignments" has been limited as of late. I could probably attribute this problem to laziness or a lack of motivation, but that of course would imply some personal responsibility. And that's no good. So I'll chalk this up to "senioritis," which is common among people my age but is something I believe to have acquired early during my freshman year.

This affliction is characterized by a lack of ability and/or willingness to read, write, or attend class. You know, the little things like that. For myself at this point, it's a monumental struggle to do any of these.

But it wasn't always this way. There were semesters during my college career when I'd pick up some assigned readings and, say, read them. Or I'd sit down and write a paper in a calm and methodical manner, quite unlike the frenzied and scatterbrained approach to which I am now accustomed.

Those were times when I was consumed by this crazy notion that college was about "learning," expanding the breadth of one's knowledge, and developing into a more mature, well-informed citizen. Uh, yeah. So much for that. I now have the self-discipline of Bill Clinton at a sorority cocktail party and the attention

span of a nervous housefly. People always ask me, "Say, Jesse, what's it like to be absent of any desire to complete necessary tasks and fulfill the obligations demanded of a student enrolled at an academic institution?" OK, so nobody has asked me that, but they probably should.

It's quite the lifestyle. Night after night, I'm faced with the same books-vs.-TV conflict that so many other students deal with. So when it comes down to reductionist and systemic theories of international relations or "Temptation Island," I will undoubtedly do the responsible thing and spend the next hour discovering the tactics and philosophies employed when four swingin' couples get together with dozens of sexy singles. These days, a forbidden make-out session in Belize fits my definition of "international relations" adequately enough. I'm uncertain, however, that any of that will show up on the midterm.

Yes, just when I thought I had it made this semester, and TV's primetime lineup never seemed sweeter, some teachers threw me a curve by adding a few tests and papers

into the mix. My assumption is that I'll be expected to A) answer detailed questions about class material and B) write extended essays about topics that have relevance to what has been "learned" in class.

This will not come easy. For people such as myself who have skipped the library in favor of late-night television's

finest offerings, the midterm season presents an interesting little problem — namely, the need to know what is not known.

I, along with other sufferers of senioritis (and freshman-through-junioritis), can escape this predicament by reading books and spending some time reviewing course material. But why do that when there are so many other simple methods of approaching tests and assignments? Anybody can try, for example:

• **Magic.** For those big tests, a little sorcery always does the trick. Arriving for an exam equipped with some magical charms and a knowledge of voodoo or telepathy would definitely make the test-taking process a painless — and successful — one.

• **Prayer.** Before taking an exam or tackling a lengthy assignment, it is important to find a good religion, preferably one with a god whose knowledge of chemistry or Spanish is above average. A word of caution, though: Don't bother with the god of political science — that good-for-nothing bastard has failed me once too often.

• **Rest.** It's a well-known fact that appropriate rest is essential for quality performance on something such as a test. Put down those books, then, ditch the library, and get an extra hour or two of sleep. So when you stare blankly at your exam sheet and ponder your plans for the weekend, you can do so with an alert and refreshed mind.

As soon as my magical powers kick in (by Thursday, hopefully), my apathy-related woes should disappear. A couple spells here, a couple of answered prayers there, and it could be a straight-A semester. At least that's what I figure.

Jesse Ammerman is *DI* columnist. His columns generally appear on Mondays.



JESSE AMMERMAN

I now have the self-discipline of Bill Clinton at a sorority cocktail party and the attention span of a nervous housefly.

'Hate-crime' legislation's racist consequences...

The thought police's true colors

As Black History Month closes, it seems an excellent time to evaluate one of the most recent additions to federal "civil rights" law: hate-crimes legislation. Earlier this month, the FBI released nationwide data on hate crimes for 1999.

The results are not the kind for which liberal black leaders would have hoped. For the year, the FBI identified 2,030 white-on-black hate crimes and 524 black-on-white hate crimes. Adjusting for population figures, this means that blacks were 50 percent more likely to be identified as perpetrators of hate crimes against whites than vice versa.

This implies that either blacks are more likely to be violent racists or hate-crime laws increase the effect of racial profiling. Either way, the effect of the law is to accuse blacks of proportionally more racial hate

The effect of the law is to accuse blacks of proportionally more racial hate crimes than whites.

crimes than whites. Hopefully, this is the beginning of the end for what is bad public policy. Not only are hate-crimes laws bad for blacks, but they are founded on questionable constitutional and ethical grounds as well.

At the national level, the federal government does not have the power under the Constitution to make hate-crime law. Read the Constitution; you won't find a mention of any power to regulate crime in general, let alone hate crime.

Even at the state level, the First Amendment should prevent the constitutionality of hate-crime law. The only pur-

pose of a hate-crime statute is to regulate the thoughts of people who commit criminal acts. It is hard to imagine how we can have free speech if the government has the power to regulate the most private kind of speech, thought.

Hate-crime legislation is wrong not only for its racist consequences and unconstitutionality, but also for its Orwellian attempt at thought control. Fundamentally, hate crime increases a prison term for nothing more than a person's beliefs. Punishing people for their thoughts is not the proper role of a free state.

The problem with hate-crime legislation should have been clear from the beginning. Now that it has been shown that these laws are used to oppress blacks, we can scale back the assault on unorthodox thought.

James Edward Johnson is *DI* editorial writer.

Viewpoints Web Poll
2-19-01: As UISG campaigns commence, how well has the Stoll-Linn UISG administration represented UI students' interests in the past year?

38% (340 votes) — They can't leave soon enough.
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On the SPOT

Sunday, the UI held a "celebrating cultural diversity festival." Does the UI sufficiently promote cultural diversity?



"(UI Admissions Director) Mike Baron works hard to represent different ethnic and social groups."
Bill Feehan
UI sophomore



"At least they have Cultural Diversity Day. That's a start."
Erin Derby
UI sophomore



"The UI has what it takes to attract a wide variety of people."
Cassandra Harris
UI sophomore



"It's hard to promote cultural diversity when there isn't any."
Melanie Reif
UI junior



"The UI doesn't, but student organizations pick up the slack."
Tony Prudden
UI junior

Film: *Bittersweet*
Director: Todd Phillips
Starring: Phish
Length: 84 min
Rated: not r

If you're not a fan of the band's four new albums, you won't change your mind. A likable but revealing "rock movie" chronicling the band's 1997 and 1998 tour of Maine, New York, and Pennsylvania. It's the first full-length made about Phish, a band devoted to improvisation. The film is a city-to-city (à la Dead) to wit, incomparable. *Bittersweet* together conceals stage scenes along with some of life on the road. The Great Western Festival in North Carolina attracted more than 100,000 fans. Director/prod. Phillips, has a fan of the band's project, but know it from the band's four new albums. (Anastasio/guit)



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Less Than Jake more than fun

The ska/punk/pop band will blast into Iowa City tonight.

By Dan Fletcher
The Daily Iowan

The salty sweat slowly works its way from his tangled hair into his squinted eyes. The hard-earned perspiration causes a sharp sting to resonate through his clouded mind. He stands in cut-off jeans and a faded T-shirt — exhausted, battered and spent from the rigorous trials of the last few hard weeks. But as the spotlight pans over the waves of captivated fans screaming the words to every last lyric, a feeling of elation passes through Less Than Jake saxophonist JR's

body. "It's the best drug in the world," said JR. "We really get off on it."

This all-out attitude toward performing live has brought Less Than Jake a solid base of fans since its early years in Gainesville, Fla. From the beginning, Less Than Jake's base has been one of hard-edged, fast-moving punk. But its three-piece horn section and up-stroked guitar adds a flavor of ska to its power melodies.

Less Than Jake's current tour is a 14-day, 13-show trek from New York to Los Angeles. Iowa City falls into the middle of this

stretch, as the ska/punk/pop band returns to the Union Bar today at 8 p.m. The show promises to be a punk-filled festival, with special guests New Found Glory and the Teen Idols joining the parade.

MUSIC
Less Than Jake
When: 8 p.m. today
Where: Union Bar, 121 E. College St.
Admission: \$14

Less Than Jake is currently touring to support its latest album, *Borders and Boundaries*, which successfully shows the band's ability to grow and move past its early years of three-chord pop compositions. JR believes that it's the band's best work yet.

"It's really about breaking through both personal and musical boundaries," he said "For us, it's a real grown-up album."

The new album may be a sign that the band is starting to grow up, but its live performances promise to be as crazy as ever. A brief scare occurred late last week, though, when lead singer Chris fell ill, and on Feb. 21, the band canceled today's show. But the following day, the group retracted the cancellation. Chris is healthy now, and the band is ready to perform tonight. Even with this bit of confusion about the state of the show, Union talent-buyer Anthony Crissie expects a great turn-out and performance.

"It will be a sold-out show," he said "(Less Than Jake is) pumped and ready to give the fans their best."

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Nothing more than a Phish story

Film: *Bittersweet Motel*
Director: Todd Phillips
Starring: Phish
Length: 84 minutes
Rated: not rated

If you're not a fan of the eclectic, Vermont-based jam band Phish, *Bittersweet Motel* probably won't change your mind.

A likable but ultimately unrevealing "rockumentary," the movie chronicles the band on its 1997 and 1998 tours through Maine, New York and Europe. It's the first full-length film to be made about Phish and its obsessively devoted fans, known as Phishheads, who make a career out of following the band from city-to-city (à la the Grateful Dead) to witness the group's incomparable live performances.

Bittersweet Motel weaves together concert footage, backstage scenes and interviews, along with some amusing scenes of life on the road. It all culminates with the band's staging of The Great Went, a two-day rock festival in northern Maine that attracted more than 65,000 fans.

Director/producer Todd Phillips, has said that he wasn't a fan of the band before starting the project, but you wouldn't know it from watching the film. The band's four members — Trey Anastasio (guitar), Mike Gordon

(bass), Jon Fishman (drums) and Page McConnell (keyboards) — are portrayed as normal, down-to-earth guys who take their music seriously. And while it is entirely possible that none of these guys have a single skeleton in their closets worth exposing, Phillips never makes any attempt to explore who these individuals really are when they aren't making music.

It's not as if the material wasn't there. We glimpse Anastasio quickly kissing a woman as he leaves the stage one night and later holding a little girl. Presumably, they are his wife and daughter, but Phillips never probes this thread. Even the most ignorant music fan will recognize Anastasio's amazing guitar playing, so why not dig a little deeper? Instead, Phillips settles mostly for adoring shots of Anastasio on stage.

Bittersweet Motel also suffers from being tremendously one-sided. The camera focuses almost exclusively on Anastasio (the

band's lead singer and primary songwriter) both on stage and off. In this sense, the movie is reminiscent of *The Last Waltz*, Martin Scorsese's 1978 documentary about The Band, which ignored every group member except guitarist Robbie Robertson.

In an interview posted on the film's Web site, Phillips addresses this issue, saying that Anastasio was the most accessible member of the band and that the other members were more self-conscious. It's a valid point, but the lack of input from the other band members leaves a gaping hole in the film.

Still, *Bittersweet Motel's* finely-crafted concert scenes effectively display the band's boundless musical talent. And there are a number of funny scenes that will keep both fans and non-fans entertained.

One such example occurs when gigantic balloons descend onto the crowd during a New Year's Eve concert at Madison Square Garden. The audience inevitably starts hitting the bal-



FILM REVIEW
By Adam Kempenaar

FILM
Bittersweet Motel

When: 7 p.m. today and Wednesday, 9:30 p.m. Thursday
Where: Bijou

★★★ out of ★★★★★

loons onto the stage, knocking over microphones and disrupting the concert to the point of total chaos. It's a scene straight out of Rob Reiner's 1984 mock-documentary *This Is Spinal Tap*. But even *Spinal Tap* provided a more insightful view of its subject matter.

DI film reviewer Adam Kempenaar can be reached at: adamkemp@aol.com

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NATION

Bush pledges to work with governors

■ The new president won't neglect the states, officials promise.

By Robert Tanner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration offered the nation's governors an olive branch Sunday and the promise of a sympathetic ear, welcoming them with assurances that states' needs won't be neglected by the new president.

Two new regulations put in place in the last hours of the Clinton administration, one of which had drawn concern from state officials, were put on hold for further review.

And former governors whom President Bush tapped for his Cabinet promised a federal government that would encourage state innovations.

"President Bush has brought the lessons we learned as governors to Washington," said Tommy Thompson, the former Wisconsin governor and now secretary of Health and Human Services. "We recognize that our partnership with you is absolutely fundamental."

Thompson announced a 60-day delay in regulations to gather more input. A Medicaid provision would have granted new rights to patients in health-maintenance organizations, but state officials complained it would impose new costs and drive HMOs from their programs. Another regulation, aimed at improving the health-insurance program for children in low-income families, would be reviewed to ensure that states could easily build on each other's experiences.

In meetings here and in the next two days, policy issues

will be the driving concern for the governors of nearly all 50 states, whether the talk turns to education or health care or energy.

Today, the governors are scheduled to hold a working session with Bush.

But rumbling beneath these conversations at a hotel a few blocks from the White House is a question that can only be answered over time: how a former colleague, with three former governors in top administration spots, will work with the states.

"This is a man who governed a state with road signs that said, 'Don't mess with Texas,'" said Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt, a Republican who campaigned for Bush. "That's part of his ideology. There's reason to be optimistic."

Democrats were hopeful, too, though quick to point out resistance to education vouchers and the size of Bush's proposed tax cut.

"There's a time for politics, and there's a time to extend a hand," said California Gov. Gray Davis. He didn't share GOP governors' complaints about the Clinton administration, ticking off cooperation on health insurance and education.

The key word each governor returned to was flexibility, so the states get more freedom to spend federal funds with fewer restrictions. As Oklahoma Republican Gov. Frank Keating put it, "the best answer is, 'Give us back our money.'"

Democratic Gov. Parris Glendening of Maryland, however, had some reservations.

"There is a difference among some of the governors," he said. "As Democrats, we do not want flexibility to say a state may reduce numbers or coverage to the poor."

Prosecutors target pigeons in mob case

■ Anthony Spero allegedly used pigeons to deliver secret, deadly messages to his minions.

By Tom Hays
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Anthony Spero could often be found on a rooftop with the racing pigeons he had raised for years.

Spero says he loves birds, but federal prosecutors have a more cynical explanation for the visits with his feathered friends: They say Spero, the reputed third-in-command of the Bonanno crime family, was using the birds to sneak secret messages to his minions.

A defense lawyer has called the accusation "pure pigeon feed." But the government insists Spero's directives were deadly.

Spero, 72, is nearing trial in Brooklyn federal court, accused in a racketeering indictment of ordering three

mob-related murders. A jury will be picked today.

If Spero is convicted, it would mark the first time in 15 years that federal authorities have won a racketeering case against a high-ranking member of the Bonanno family.

Many crime families — the Gambinos, Colombos, Lucheses and Genoveses — have been betrayed by turncoats such as Salvatore "Sammy the Bull" Gravano and decimated by convictions for leaders such as the flashy "Dapper Don" John Gotti.

But the Bonannos are different: Authorities say they have stayed out of trouble by embracing blandness and imposing a strict code of silence.

The family learned its lesson in the mid-1980s by becoming the first of New York's crime families to be infiltrated by an undercover FBI agent, said Jerry Capeci, a writer who maintains an Internet column on New

York's Mafia.

The testimony of the agent, Joseph Pistone — whose story inspired the movie *Donnie Brasco* — helped send scores of mobsters to prison and crippled the Bonannos.

"After that, they closed ranks," Capeci said. "They've tried to operate like a secret society."

Stylewise, Spero is the anti-Gotti. He prefers cardigan sweaters and anonymity to designer suits and bravado. His recent criminal record is unremarkable: He pleaded guilty to extortion in 1994 and was sentenced to two years in prison. He has no nickname.

Today, he is under house arrest on Staten Island after pleading innocent to the new charges, which carry a possible life sentence. He has denied allegations he used his social club as a mob nerve center.

One club regular testified at a bail hearing that Spero spent time chatting about "baseball, football and women ... 'Organized crime,' 'Mafia' —

anything like that has never come from his lips."

But prosecutors hope to convince a jury that Spero is an old-guard mobster who eventually made the mistake of relying on a team of tattooed, young "wannabes" to rob banks, deal drugs, and settle scores for the family during the 1990s.

More than a dozen men have pleaded guilty, some in plea deals requiring them to testify against Spero.

The indictment alleges that Spero had the crew carry out three murders in the early 1990s. The victims included a drug dealer who threatened Spero in 1993 and a neighborhood junkie who burglarized his daughter's apartment in 1991.

Prosecutors also hope to highlight Spero's family history through the testimony of peers-turned-stool pigeons: Alphonse "Little Al" D'Arco, past acting boss of the Lucheses, and Carmine Sessa, a former Colombo official.

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The Skinny: Notre Dame is looking for its first NCAA Tournament bid in over a decade, but beating Connecticut is never easy.



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 7:30 p.m. Golden State at Chicago, Fox

SCOREBOARD

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New York	88	L.A. Lakers	106
Sacramento	86	Orlando	100
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Minnesota	100	Washington	91
Phoenix	90	Cleveland	101
Utah	80	Detroit	94
Milwaukee	122	See NBA on Page 2B	
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NHL			
Buffalo	5	Philadelphia	2
Tampa Bay	4	N.Y. Rangers	1
Detroit	6	Chicago	6
Phoenix	3	Toronto	4
Colorado	5	Edmonton	3
Atlanta	2	Dallas	2
Pittsburgh	6	Columbus	5
N.Y. Islanders	1	Anaheim	2

MEN'S TOP 25

9) Virginia	86	Arkansas	82
2) UNC	66	13) Kentucky	78
11) Kansas	78	23) St. Joe's	90
Nebraska	74	Duquesne	70

HAWKEYE SPORTS

Thursday
 7 p.m. Men's basketball, vs. Penn State Carver-Hawkeye Arena

Friday
 11 a.m. Softball, vs. Syracuse, at College Station, Texas
 5:45 p.m. Softball, at Texas A&M, College Station, Texas
 11 a.m. Baseball, vs. Dayton, at Evansville, Ind.
 TBA Women's basketball, at Big Ten Tournament, Grand Rapids, Mich.
 7 p.m. Volleyball, at Purdue, West Lafayette, Ind.
 7 p.m. Men's gymnastics, vs. Illinois-Chicago, Field House
 All Day Women's and men's swimming, Iowa Senior Championships, Field House Pool
 All Day Women's and Men's track, at NCAA Qualifier, Ames

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 10 a.m. Men's tennis, vs. Butler, Rec Building
 1:30 p.m. Men's basketball, vs. Wisconsin, Carver-Hawkeye Arena
 TBA Women's basketball, at Big Ten Tournament, Grand Rapids, Mich.
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 All Day Women's and men's swimming, Iowa Senior Championships, Field House Pool

Dale Earnhardt Jr. crashes on first lap

■ The first NASCAR race since Dale Earnhardt's death is postponed because of rain.

By Mike Harris
 Associated Press

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. — In a wreck that looked frighteningly similar to the one that killed his father, Dale Earnhardt Jr. crashed into the wall on the first lap of the Dura Lube 400 Sunday.

He was bruised but not seriously injured, limping away from the accident to an ambulance that took him to the track medical center.

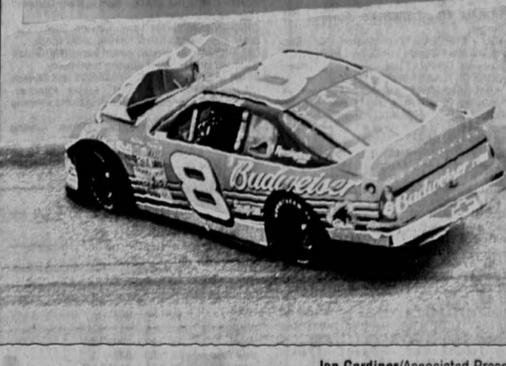
"Somebody got into me," Earnhardt Jr. told his team over the radio. "I was really

ready to go racing. We'll be all right, guys."

On a rainy day filled with tributes to Dale Earnhardt, his son was tapped from behind and slammed into the wall between turns 3 and 4 shortly after a moment of silence to remember The Intimidator. The elder Earnhardt was killed when he hit the wall on the final turn of the Daytona 500 on Feb. 18.

Earnhardt Jr., in his second full season driving on the Winston Cup circuit, started 25th in the 43-car field. The race was delayed 1 hour, 33 minutes by rain, and later was postponed until 11 a.m. today because of the weather. Drivers completed 52 of 393 laps.

Moments before he crashed, Earnhardt Jr. was in a tightly



Jon Gardiner/Associated Press
 Dale Earnhardt Jr. hits the wall in turn three on the first lap of the Dura Lube 400 race Sunday.

bunched pack of cars heading Speedway oval. Rookie Ron into the third turn on the Hornaday Jr. bumped the rear 1.017-mile North Carolina

See NASCAR, Page 5B

Spring Break plans may be altered



Daytona Beach or Dayton? You may ask what these two polar opposites could possibly have in common. For the moment, they both remain possible Spring Break destinations for Hawkeye basketball fans.

It may sound odd, but most Iowa fans would prefer to spend their March sabbatical in the frigid temperatures of Dayton, Ohio one of eight possible first-round NCAA destinations, than the sun-drenched beaches of Florida. Whether they will be able to is up to Steve Alford's Hawkeyes.

What once seemed like a sure bet — that the Hawkeyes would make the NCAA Tournament — has now become a long shot as the grains of sand in the hour glass slide swiftly down.

The Feb. 24 major decision at the hands of Illinois didn't do much to help further the cause. Iowa was expected to lose that game, though maybe not in such grand fashion as it did. With the setback, Iowa falls to 18-9 overall, 7-7 in the Big Ten, with just two games remaining in the regular season. The Hawkeyes need two more wins to reach the magic number of 20 wins, which amounts to an invitation to the big ball. The reality is they may be hard pressed to get them.

Scheduling favors Iowa, as it finishes the season at home against Penn State and Wisconsin before heading to Chicago for the Big Ten Tournament. Reality, however, does not. Penn State may be the most likely victim for the young Hawkeyes, who managed to defeat the Nittany Lions on their home court earlier this season in much happier times. Wisconsin is a different story; few give the Hawkeyes a chance to win, even with the site advantage.

The best (realistic) case scenario, emphasis on best the best, would give Iowa 19 wins heading into the Big Ten Tournament. As it is right now, the Hawkeyes would either play Northwestern or Michigan in the first round. In previous years, the thought would have Iowa fans drooling, except the Hawkeyes are 0-3 against those two teams this season. With another week to shape up, the brackets are still fuzzy but Iowa must have its fingers crossed for the Wildcats.

Alford's goal has been to reach the NCAA Tournament, after going 14-16 last season, and he seemed upset when it was announced that media credential requests were just being handed out following the Purdue game on Feb. 21 rather than earlier in the season. No less than three weeks ago, Iowa had its opportunity to lock up its 20 wins by defeating Ohio State, Northwestern and Michigan, so it appears he has no one to blame but himself.

While there is still a chance of getting a tournament invite to Dayton or another host city, it might not be too late to call your travel agent about discount rates to Florida.

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Iowa women secure second

■ With a victory over Illinois, the Hawkeyes nab the No. 2 seed in the conference tournament.

By Roseanna Smith
 The Daily Iowan

Lisa Bluder and the women's basketball team took control of their destiny Sunday.

The Hawkeyes concocted a critical, come-from-behind road win, 75-64, against Illinois. With the win, Iowa advances to the Big Ten Tournament this weekend in Grand Rapids, Mich., as the secure No. 2 seed in the conference.

With just over 12 minutes remaining in the second half, the Hawkeyes gained ground and confidence, erasing an eight-point Illinois half-time lead. From the time Iowa snuck past the Illini with a long 3-pointer from Mary Berdo, there was no stopping the Hawkeyes.

Frustrated at the half, Bluder sent the team into the second half with a new focus on aggressive defense.

"The kids really responded to Lisa (Bluder) at half-time," Iowa assistant coach Jan Jensen said. "They came together as a team and pulled for a tough win."

In the first half, the Hawkeyes struggled to score, shooting around 35 percent from the field, but they owned the glass, crashing the boards for an outstanding 16 offensive rebounds. In the opening



Robin Scholz/Associated Press
 Illinois' Holly Wilson tries to block a shot by Iowa's Randi Peterson at the Assembly Hall Sunday.

minutes, Iowa lobbed the ball down low to senior Randi Peterson for eight open looks, but early foul trouble sent her to the bench.

Junior Lindsey Meder paced first-half scoring with 11 points and knocked down three of her four 3-pointers in the first half. Meder scored the game-high 23 points for the Hawkeyes, but broke her free-throw streak at 33 in the first half.

While Bluder was concerned about the Illini's unique 1-2-2 zone defense, Iowa pulled out its own 3-2 second-half zone against Illinois.

"No one wanted to take an

See IOWA-ILLINOIS, Page 5B

Iowa poised to climb in ratings

■ The Hawkeyes handle Illinois State on Senior Night at the Field House.

By Jeremy Shapiro
 The Daily Iowan

The No. 16 Iowa GymHawks continued their storybook season on Feb. 24, overpowering No. 22 Illinois State, 196.425-195.25, in front of overflowing bleachers at the Field House.

Afterwards, fans and the parents of the gymnasts crowded around Iowa coach Mike Lorenzen, and the talk quickly turned to the postseason, because it looks as if this story will have a few more chapters.

The 196.425 score means Iowa could rise to around No. 12 today, when the Regional Qualifying Scores will come out for the first time. That would put Iowa in position to grab one of the top 3 seeds at NCAA regionals in early April.

"This isn't your grandfathers' Hawkeyes," Lorenzen told one fan in reference to the

gymnastics program which hasn't been in this good ever.

Iowa set yet another school record in the uneven bars, recording a 49.25 with brilliant performances by freshmen Brandy Killian (9.0) and Alexis Maday (9.925) and senior Giselle Boniforti (9.925).

The bars started on a bad note when freshman Stephanie Gran struggled on her straddle back handstand and ended up with a 9.2. The pressure was then on the remaining five gymnasts to perform near flawlessly so they would not have to count Gran's score — the lowest score is always dropped.

"We hung tough even though we had some early misses on vault and bars," Lorenzen said. "With the misses, it put tremendous pressure on the others, but they did it."

In fact, even though the bars only the second event of the evening, Iowa's fantastic score pretty much put Illinois State away.



Charlie Curtin/The Daily Iowan
 Iowa gymnast Michele Ford flips over the vault Feb. 24 in the meet with Illinois State at the Field House.

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QUICK HITS

IOWA-ILLINOIS BOX

No. 3 ILLINOIS 89, IOWA 63
IOWA (19-9)
Worley 0-6 6-8 6, Evans 2-7 4-5 8, Reiner 1-4 0-0 2, Boyd 5-8 1-4 14, Olivier 1-7 3-3 19, Beutler 0-0 0-0, Henderson 1-4 0-0 2, Thompson 1-3 1-2 3, Galloway 1-5 0-1 2, Smith 1-2 1-2 3, Scott 0-0 0-0 0, Sonderleiter 2-4 0-2 4, Totals 20-60 16-27 63, ILLINOIS (22-6)

Cook 3-4 0-0 7, McClain 3-4 2-3 9, Griffin 8-14 1-1 17, Bradford 6-11 1-2 15, Williams 2-3 0-0 4, Melton 0-2 0-0 0, Mast 0-1 0-0 0, Cross 1-3 0-0 2, Archibald 0-2 2-2 2, Johnson 3-3 6-9 16, Harrington 2-3 0-0 4, Howard 0-1 0-0 0, Krupallia 3-4 6-8 13, Thomas 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 31-55 20-26 89.
Halftime—Illinois 49, Iowa 22. 3-Point goals—Iowa 7-19 (Olivier 4-9, Boyd 3-5, Worley 0-1, Thompson 0-1, Galloway 0-3), Illinois 7-18 (Johnson 2-2, Bradford 2-4, Krupallia 1-1, Cook 1-2, McClain 1-2, Griffin 0-1, Harrington 0-1, Williams 0-1, Melton 0-1, Mast 0-1, Cross 0-2). Fouled out—Worley, Archibald. Rebounds—Iowa 31 (Evans 11), Illinois 41 (Krupallia 9). Assists—Iowa 8 (Olivier 4), Illinois 19 (Williams, Johnson 4). Total fouls—Iowa 23, Illinois 27. A—16,683.

IOWA-ILLINOIS WOMEN'S BOX

No. 25 IOWA 75, ILLINOIS 64
IOWA (17-9)
Lillis 6-12 2-5 14, Peterson 7-11 3-6 17, Meder 8-19 3-4 23, Wagner 2-5 0-0 5, Consuera 1-9 0-0 2, Watson 0-1 0-0 0, Berdo 5-10 1-2 14, Bullock 0-1 0-1 0, Totals 29-68 9-18 75, Illinois (14-14)

Curtin 5-23 3-13, Wilson 6-7 1-3 13, Vana 5-11 1-1 11, O'Neal 2-7 3-7, Hunter 2-6 0-0 4, Marcuskaita 3-4 0-0 6, Curtin 0-0 0-0 0, Hagberg 0-0 0-0 0, Dallas 5-7 0-10, Totals 28-65 8-15 64.
Halftime—Illinois 41, Iowa 33. 3-Point goals—Iowa 8-23 (Meder 4-9, Berdo 3-7, Wagner 1-4, Consuera 0-3), Illinois 0-9 (Hunter 0-2, Curtin 0-7). Fouled out—Vana. Rebounds—Iowa 48 (Lillis 17), Illinois 33 (Vana 9). Assists—Iowa 23 (Consuera 11), Illinois 15 (Curtin 6). Total fouls—Iowa 16, Illinois 19. A—5,386.

MEN'S TOP 25

This Week's Top 25 Fared By The Associated Press
1. Stanford (25-1) beat Washington State 75-64; beat Washington 99-79.
2. North Carolina (22-4) beat Florida State 95-67; lost to No. 9 Virginia 86-69.
3. Illinois (22-6) lost to Ohio State 63-61; beat Iowa 89-63.
4. Duke (25-3) beat Georgia Tech 98-54; beat Iowa 84-78.
5. Michigan State (22-3) beat Indiana 66-57; beat Penn State 76-57.
6. Iowa State (23-4) beat Kansas State 62-51; lost to Texas 94-78.
7. Florida (20-5) beat No. 12 Mississippi 75-55; beat No. 14 Alabama 89-68.
8. Arizona (19-7) beat Arizona State 88-58.
9. Virginia (19-6) beat No. 2 North Carolina 86-66.
10. Boston College (20-4) lost to No. 18 Notre Dame 76-75; beat No. 25 Providence 59-58.
11. Kansas (21-5) beat Colorado 91-79; beat Nebraska 78-74.
12. Mississippi (22-5) lost to No. 7 Florida 75-55; beat Auburn 64-62.
13. Kentucky (19-8) beat LSU 84-64; lost to Arkansas 82-78.
14. Alabama (20-7) lost to Auburn 72-69; OT; lost to No. 7 Florida 89-68.
15. UCLA (19-6) beat Oregon 88-73; beat Oregon State 68-55, OT.
16. Oklahoma (21-6) beat Missouri 63-61; lost to No. 20 Maryland 68-60.
17. Syracuse (20-7) beat Connecticut 65-60; lost to No. 21 Georgetown 72-61.
18. Notre Dame (19-6) beat No. 10 Boston College 76-75; beat Virginia Tech 85-61.
19. Wisconsin (17-8) beat Minnesota 64-54; lost to Indiana 84-55.
20. Maryland (18-9) beat North Carolina State 95-66; beat No. 16 Oklahoma 68-50.
21. Georgetown (21-6) lost to St. John's 73-70; beat No. 17 Syracuse 72-61.
22. Tennessee (19-9) lost to Georgia 88-76; beat Vanderbilt 78-70.
23. St. Joseph's (23-4) beat Dayton 82-72; beat Duquesne 90-70.
24. Wake Forest (18-9) beat Clemson 90-67; lost to No. 4 Duke 82-80.
25. Providence (20-8) beat Virginia Tech 96-56; beat Binghamton 119-59; lost to No. 10 Boston College 59-58.

TRANSACTIONS

By The Associated Press
BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with 2B Jerry Hairston, 1B-OF Chris Richard, LHP Matt Riley and RHP Luis Rivera on one-year contracts.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with RHP Tim Lincecum, RHP Ryan Drese and INF-OF Jolbert Cabrera on one-year contracts.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to terms with RHP Ryan Rupe, RHP Dan Wheeler, OF Randy Winn and OF Alex Sanchez on one-year contracts.
National League
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with LHP Ray King, RHP Kyle Peterson, LHP Ralael Rouse and OF Lou Collier on one-year contracts.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CHARLOTTE HORNETS—Activated F Lee Nailon from the injured list.
ORLANDO MAGIC—Signed G Cory Alexander for the remainder of the season.
TORONTO RAPTORS—Placed C Mamadou N'Diaye on the injured list.
National Football League
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Released LB Brian Williams. Signed QB Henry Burris.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Released RB Kimble Anderson.
XFL
BIRMINGHAM THUNDERBOLTS—Activated TE Nicky Savoy.
CHICAGO ENFORCERS—Activated G Eric Schnapp, DE Steve Conroy, WR Luther Leverston, DT Mac Tuasa and QB Paul Faltis.
LAS VEGAS OUTLAWS—Waived CB Brian Gray.
NEW YORK-JERSEY HITMEN—Activated QB Conte McCaffrey, RB Joe Aska, and LB Ben Hankins.
ORLANDO RAGE—Activated DE Sterling Palmer.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Recalled D Brad Ferencic from the injured list. Assigned D Mike Wilson to Louisville.
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Traded C Bob Corkum to New Jersey for future considerations.
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Assigned D Andrei Markov and D Francis Bouillon to Quebec of the AHL.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Assigned LW Mike Watt to Milwaukee of the AHL.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Recalled C Mike Jefferson and C Stanley Girard from the AHL.
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Recalled RW Tomas Dvorak from Philadelphia of the AHL. Assigned LW Matt Zuletko to Philadelphia.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled RW-D Ben Scherzer from Detroit of the AHL.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Assigned C Jeff Farkas to St. John's of the AHL.
American Hockey League
HAMILTON BULLDOGS—Recalled LW Jared Smyth from Tallahassee of the ECHL.
ST. JOHN'S MAPLE LEAFS—Returned D Hugo Marchand to South Carolina of the ECHL and loaned RW Jacques Lariviere to South Carolina.
WILKES-BARRIE SCRANTON PENGUINS—Announced D Mark Moore has been reassigned from Charlotte of the ECHL.
Central Hockey League
HUNTSVILLE CHANNEL CATS—Signed F Greg Wilkinson and C Jason Sanguiliano. Placed D Kevin Carr on 14-day injured reserve, retroactive to Feb. 18. Waived D Mark Macera.
INDIANAPOLIS ICE—Signed D Cory Payment. Placed D Marc Lalonde on the suspended list. Activated C Derek Grant from the suspended list and LW-D Rob Davidson and LW Casey Harris from injured reserve.
SAN ANTONIO IGUANAS—Activated RW Marly Melnychuk from the suspended list and C Brian Shanley from injured reserve. Placed D Mark Falkowski on 14-day injured reserve.
East Coast Hockey League
BIRMINGHAM BULLS—Added LW Evert Caldwell and G Mike Szkolozinski to the roster.
DAYTON BOMBERS—Added G Marco Emond to the roster.
GREENVILLE GRROWL—Added RW Mike Sylvia to the roster.
TALLAHASSEE TIGER SHARKS—Placed F Darren McLaughlin on 7-day injured reserve. Activated C Benoit Dusbabon from injured reserve.
TOLEDO STORM—Added C Todd Steinmetz to the roster. Transferred F Jeff Johnstone from 7- to 14-day injured reserve. F Alexandre Jacques from 14- to 30-day injured reserve and F Mike Christian from 30- to 60-day injured reserve.
TRENTON TITANS—Activated RW Sasha Cucuz from injured reserve.
WHEELING NAILERS—Activated D Jean-Phillippe Soucy from injured reserve.
United Hockey League
FORT WAYNE KOMETS—Placed D Kevin Popp on 21-day injured reserve.
West Coast Hockey League

ANCHORAGE ACES—Signed D Chris Newans and F Jarrett Reid. Waived RW Derek Donald and LW Pavel Bacho. Placed F Jarrett Zukevsky on the season-ending injured list. Removed F Eric Rice from the suspended list.
IDAHO STEELHEADS—Signed D Jim Gattoliat and G Mark Leitch.
Western Professional Hockey League
WPHL—Suspended Lubbock F Kyle Reeves.
AMARILLO RATTLES—Signed F Jake Ream.
ODESSA JACKALOPES—Claimed D Miles Van Tassel off waivers from Lubbock.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
COLORADO RAPIDS—Signed F Neathen Gibson. Women's United Soccer Association
PHILADELPHIA CHARGE—Named Darren Ambrose assistant coach and Duane Carlsie and Antonio Davis strength and conditioning coaches.
COLLEGE
OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE—Suspended Tennessee State assistant football coach Le Andre Creamer for the first three games of the 2001 season for striking a player from Eastern Kentucky in a game on Oct. 26, 2000.
ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM—Named Woodrow Lowe head coach.
CONCORDIA, ST. PAUL, MINN.—Named interim women's basketball coach Paul Fessler women's basketball coach.
LOUISIANA-MONROE—Named Bruce Hankins interim athletic director.
NORTH CAROLINA STATE—Named Marty Galbraith offensive coordinator.
OHIO—Named Steve Russ outside linebackers coach and Everett Sands running backs coach.
OKLAHOMA—Suspended junior basketball G J.R. Raymond indefinitely for violating team policy.
PENN STATE—Named Tim Rosenfield and Melissa Mitchell women's assistant soccer coaches.
Dismissed sophomore Nate Parker from the wrestling team.
PITTSBURGH—Named Shawn Simms running backs coach.
PURDUE—Announced the resignation of Kevin Surlin, wide receivers coach, to become assistant coach and wide receivers coach at Texas A&M.
RUTGERS—Named Paul Ferraro defensive coordinator.
WASHINGTON—Named Jake Hunter defensive line coach.

L.A. Lakers 106, Orlando 100
Milwaukee 122, Golden State 95
Cleveland at Detroit, (n)
Washington at New Jersey, (n)
Monday's Games
Seattle at Boston, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Utah, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Denver, 8 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

NBA OPEN SCORES

Nissan Open Par Scores
By The Associated Press
Sunday
At Riviera Country Club
Los Angeles
Par: 71, 71
Par: 71 (36-36)
Final Round
(x-won on first playoff hole; a-amateur)
x-Robert Allenby, \$612,000/73-64-69-70—276
-8
Toshi Izawa, \$204,000/73-68-66-66—276
-8
Brandi Chamblee, \$204,000/68-67-73-67—276
-8
Bob Tway, \$204,000/71-70-68—276
-8
Jeff Sluman, \$204,000/68-69-70-69—276
-8
Dennis Paulson, \$204,000/70-68-68-70—276
-8
Emanuel Canonica, \$113,000/68-70-71-68—277
-7
Jerry Kelly, \$91,800/72-69-70-67—278
-6
Chris Perry, \$91,800/68-66-72-70—278
-6
David Berganio, \$91,800/71-67-70-70—278
-6
Neal Lancaster, \$91,800/68-68-71-70—278
-6
Davis Love III, \$91,800/68-67-68-75—279
-5
Jesper Parnevik, \$58,286/70-68-71-70—279
-5
Jeff Maggert, \$58,286/70-68-70-70—279
-5
Greg Chalmers, \$58,286/70-71-71-71—279
-5
Scott Dunlap, \$58,286/71-69-68-71—279
-5
Tiger Woods, \$58,286/71-68-68-71—279
-5
Michael Muir, \$58,286/74-63-70-72—279
-5
Craig Barlow, \$58,286/68-68-70-73—279
-5
Edward Fyatt, \$38,216/67-73-72-68—280
-4
Rich Beem, \$38,216/70-72-68-70—280
-4
Stewart Cink, \$38,216/69-69-72-70—280
-4
Nick Price, \$38,216/69-69-73—280
-4
Corey Pavin, \$38,216/71-68-67-74—280
-4
Robin Freeman, \$24,863/72-69-70-70—281
-3
Rocco Mediate, \$24,863/70-74-70—281
-3
Frank Nobilo, \$24,863/72-69-70-70—281
-3
Brent Snijder, \$24,863/72-69-70-70—281
-3
Jeff Brehaut, \$24,863/72-70-69—281
-3
Paul Goff, \$24,863/69-71-71—281
-3
Sergio Garcia, \$24,863/66-72-71-72—281
-3
Miguel Angel Jimenez, \$24,863/69-66-73-73—281
-3

NBA GLANCE

National Basketball Association
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
Philadelphia 42 15 737 —
Miami 33 23 509 1/2
New York 32 23 532 9
Orlando 28 26 519 1/2
Boston 24 32 429 1/2
New Jersey 19 38 333 23
Washington 13 43 232 1/2
Central Division
Milwaukee 34 20 630 —
Charlotte 30 26 536 5
Toronto 29 27 518 6
Indiana 25 28 472 1/2
Cleveland 21 32 396 1/2
Detroit 21 34 382 1/2
Atlanta 18 38 321 17
Chicago 9 46 167 25
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division
Utah 37 17 685 —
San Antonio 37 18 673 1/2
Dallas 34 22 607 4
Minnesota 33 24 579 1/2
Houston 30 26 536 8
Toronto 29 28 509 1/2
Vancouver 18 39 316 1/2
Pacific Division
Portland 38 18 679 —
L.A. Lakers 37 18 713 1/2
Sacramento 36 18 667 1
Phoenix 34 21 618 1/2
Seattle 29 27 518 9
L.A. Clippers 20 38 345 19
Golden State 15 41 268 23

XFL GLANCE

At A Glance
By The Associated Press
EAST CONFERENCE
W L Pct PF PA
Orlando 4 0 1,000 107 61
Birmingham 2 2 500 59 67
NY/NJ 1 3 250 37 56
Chicago 0 4 0 0 64 99
WEST CONFERENCE
W L Pct PF PA
Las Vegas 3 1 750 69 24
Los Angeles 2 1 667 64 56
San Francisco 2 2 500 51 61
Memphis 1 2 333 31 58

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434

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— Iowa coach Steve Alford, on his team's loss to Illinois on Feb. 24.

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Kansas outlasts Nebraska

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Kirk Hinrich scored 15 of his 20 points in the second half, including three free throws in the final minute, as No. 11 Kansas held off Nebraska, 78-74 Sunday.
Hinrich was 3-for-5 from 3-point range and answered every time Nebraska threatened in the second half.
Nick Collison had 22 points and nine rebounds for the Jayhawks (21-5, 10-4 Big 12).
With Kansas up 74-71 with 19 seconds left, Collison drew a foul. He made the first free throw and missed the second, but the rebound went straight to Hinrich, who was fouled.
Hinrich also went 1-for-2, but Kansas was able to come up with the rebound again. Hinrich drew another foul and made both shots.

No. 23 St. Joseph's 90, Duquesne 70

PITTSBURGH — The opposition will be much better when St. Joseph's plays in the NCAA tournament in a few weeks, the atmosphere much more intense.
That doesn't mean the experience the 23rd-ranked Hawks gained Sunday in rallying from nine points down to easily beat Duquesne 90-70 in a hostile environment won't benefit them come tournament time.
Marvin O'Connor scored 28 points on 10-for-18 shooting, and the Hawks, coming off three consecutive losing seasons, clinched a tie for the Atlantic 10 regular season

Arkansas 82, No. 13 Kentucky 78

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — For a couple of minutes, Arkansas looked like a team trying not to lose Sunday.
Leading No. 13 Kentucky by four points, the Razorbacks twice worked the shot clock before Brandon Dean missed badly.
On the next possession, Arkansas was in no danger on the shot clock when Jannerro Pargo fired from the top of the key.
"I was yelling, 'Don't shoot'" said Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson. "I didn't want it. Then I yelled, 'Good shot.' That one there was the dagger."
Pargo's 3 with 1:21 to play gave Arkansas (17-9, 8-6 SEC) a 79-72 lead and Arkansas held the Wildcats scoreless for nearly three minutes down the stretch for an 82-78 victory.
Saul Smith ended the Wildcats' scoring drought with a tough jumper from the baseline, but Pargo added two more free throws for an eight-point advantage with 39.7 seconds to play.
Kentucky (18-8, 11-3 SEC) led by eight points early in the second half. But the Wildcats shot poorly the rest of the way and had their eight-game winning streak stopped.

XFL ratings still in free fall

NEW YORK (AP) — At this rate, only a handful of people will be tuning in to the XFL by the end of the season.
The preliminary TV ratings for the fledgling football league jointly owned by NBC and the World Wrestling Federation plummeted further for the fourth Saturday night telecast, losing another 24 percent from the week before.
It's the sort of free-fall that might result in cancellation for a network sitcom or drama.
The Feb. 24's 2.9 overnight rating for the New York/New Jersey Hitmen's 13-0 victory over the Chicago Enforcers means only an average of 2.9 percent of U.S. television households in the country's 49 largest markets were watching at any given moment.
That follows overnight ratings of 10.3, 5.1 and 3.8, respectively, for the XFL's first three weeks on NBC.
The games also have been delivering increasingly disappointing viewership totals on the other broadcasters, UPN and TNN, after the curiosity factor sparked an impressive debut on the first weekend of February.
The league already is offering some free commercial time to advertisers who were promised their spots would reach more viewers.
Ron Santo hospitalized from hospital
PHOENIX — Former Chicago Cubs star Ron Santo was released from the hospital after an accident in which police said his car

swerved onto a sidewalk and hit a pole.

Santo, who turned 61 Sunday, was taken to Scottsdale Healthcare Osborn with unspecified injuries. The injuries were not considered serious.
Santo lost control of the car Feb. 24 as he was making a left turn on a red light, Scottsdale police said. He was cited for speeding and turning on a red light. Police said alcohol was not a factor.
Purdue breaks even from Rose Bowl trip
WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Purdue expects to break even from its first trip to the Rose Bowl since 1967.
The school spent nearly all of the \$1.8 it was allocated for its appearance in the New Year's Day game in which the Boiler-makers lost to Washington 34-24.
"It'll be close, but we'll end up ahead," said Glenn Tompkins, Purdue's senior associate athletics director.
Purdue received a \$1.4 million payment for Rose Bowl expenses from the Big Ten. It received another \$400,000 from bowl ticket handling charges and private donations.
Coach hospitalized after accident
FORT MYERS, Fla. — Minnesota Twins coach Jim Dwyer was hit in the ear by a ball during batting practice Sunday and taken to a hospital as a precaution.
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MEN'S TENNIS

Hawkeyes post two wins over weekend

■ Iowa defeats Illinois State, 4-3, and dominates Toledo, 7-0.

By Nick Firchau
The Daily Iowan

UI men's tennis player Stuart Waters might just be too hard to please.

The sophomore No. 2 singles player for the Hawkeyes said following the team's two wins on Feb. 24 that, although he and the rest of the team were pleased with their performance, things could have gone a little better.

"We did just enough to win," Waters said about the team's 4-3 win over Illinois State at the UI Recreation Building. "Obviously, we were glad to come away with two wins, but I think we could have beaten Illinois State by a little more. Instead of 4-3, we really could have beaten them 5-2 or 6-1."

The Hawkeyes (5-2) followed the morning's victory

by overcoming fatigue to dominate Toledo, winning their second meet of the day, 7-0.

"We had a good day," said Iowa coach Steve Houghton. "We got in a long, hard and full day's work. I was pleased with the way the guys played considering that most guys played four matches. We didn't really do any substitutions for the guys."

The Hawkeyes started the day by winning the doubles point against Illinois State, fueled by wins from senior Tyler Cleveland and Waters at the No. 1 spot and junior Petar Mandic and senior Tom Buetikofer at the No. 2 spot.

The Hawkeyes then went on to post three singles wins, including a straight set victory

for No. 1 Cleveland over Ricky Heath, 6-1, 6-4, and a 6-3, 7-5 win for Waters over Jason Smit at the second spot.

Sophomore Hunter Skogman outlasted Brent Steven at the No. 4 spot and earned a 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 victory to seal the meet for Iowa.

"Winning the doubles point is huge for us," Waters said. "It's obviously a huge momentum builder for us, and right now our doubles teams are playing really well."

The Hawkeyes dropped only one set and won all three doubles matches against Toledo in the afternoon matchup. Cleveland, Waters and Skogman all posted their second singles wins of the day, while Mandic and sophomores Pete Rose and

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— Stuart Waters, Iowa sophomore

Eric Kozlowski also grabbed straight-set singles wins against the Mudhens.

Despite a huge weekend for the team, Houghton said the 5-2 record is about what he expected thus far in the season for the relatively young team.

"This is right about where I thought we would be," he said. "At 5-2, we have two losses to some very good teams, and now we have a few wins over some good teams as well."

With losses to powerhouse Notre Dame as well as a heartbreaking 4-3 loss at Kansas on Feb. 18, Waters said the Hawkeyes are playing well enough right now to beat the quality of teams that they will face in the Big Ten.

"Illinois State was very comparable with Kansas," he said. "And we have to beat teams like that. We have to dominate those teams."

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Women pick up win over Georgia Tech

■ The women's tennis team's match with South Alabama was rained out on Sunday afternoon.

By Nick Firchau
The Daily Iowan

Freshman Jennifer Hodgman picked up her fifth consecutive victory on Feb. 24, securing a 4-3 victory over No. 29 Georgia Tech for the Hawkeyes (5-2) in Mobile, Ala. The team's scheduled matchup with South Alabama Sunday was rained out.

Hodgman found herself up a set and tied with Georgia Tech's Mason Miller at 3-3 in the second set of her No. 6 singles match before faltering and dropping the second set, 4-6. Hodgman regrouped and knocked out Miller and the Yellow Jackets with a 6-2 third-set win.

"She's playing unbelievably well right now," said coach Paul Wardlaw. "In the last couple meets, she has sort of been the deciding factor — such as when she won against Purdue, and we won the meet, 4-3. She's just coming through for us right now when she's in that spot. She's like our auto-point."

Wardlaw's decision to change up the doubles lineup following a 4-3 loss to Indiana on Feb. 17 proved to be a smart one this weekend, as the Hawkeyes earned the doubles point with wins at the first and third spots. The new team of junior Toni Neykova

These are the best combinations we have right now. We have a solid lineup from top to bottom.

— Paul Wardlaw, UI senior

and freshman Deni Alexandrova earned a 9-8 win at No. 1 doubles, while senior Erica Johnson teamed up with sophomore Steffi Hoch at the third spot for a 8-6 win.

"These are the best combinations we have right now," Wardlaw said. "We have a solid lineup from top to bottom, and the teams are playing with good chemistry."

Sophomore Cassie Haas also posted a straight-set singles win at the No. 2 spot with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Mysti Morris. Freshman Pascale Veraverbeke grabbed a win at No. 4 singles with a 6-1, 5-7, 6-2 win over Lea Miller.

"This is a very, very important win for us in terms of how we qualify for the national tournament," Wardlaw said. "To earn a bid, you have to beat at least two teams that are in the top 35. So right now, we're sitting at one down, and, hopefully, a few more to go."

The Hawkeyes will hope to earn their sixth win of the season on March 4, when they host Kansas at the UI Recreation Building.

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Iowa women's golf team places last in Dallas

■ The Hawkeyes were led by Heather Suhr.

By Jeremy Shapiro
The Daily Iowan

The Iowa women's golf team had trouble getting into the swing of things during its season opener over the weekend, finishing in last place at the Midwest Classic in Dallas.

Iowa totaled a 1,037 in the

three-day event. Sophomore Heather Suhr was Iowa's best finisher, carding a 248, which tied her for 67th. Oklahoma State won the title.

The extremely young Hawks started one sophomore and four freshmen, and the inexperienced showed.

"The tournament was a disappointing way to start the season, but we are learning and have a lot of work to do,"

said Hawk coach Diane Thomason. "We are now looking forward to working hard in practice and preparing for our next tournament."

On Feb. 23, Iowa experienced some mild success. Suhr fired a 79 to tie for 34th place, and Iowa was able to outshoot Big Ten foe Wisconsin.

Day two and three weren't so promising, as Iowa dropped into last place. Freshman Maggie

Gabelman, Jennifer Reints and Marni Lundebohm shot in the high 80s and lower 90s during the weekend. Of the freshmen, only Gabelman had significant college experience last fall.

Iowa will look for a better showing when it returns to action at the Stetson Spring Fling in Daytona Beach, Fla., on March 16-18.

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IOWA MEN'S SWIMMING

Led by seniors, Hawkeyes place ninth at the Big Ten Championships

■ The Hawkeyes were led by Jay Glenn and Ales Abersek.

By Julie Matolo
The Daily Iowan

The Iowa men's swimming and diving team turned in a ninth-place finish at the Big Ten Swimming Championships in Minneapolis over the weekend.

Ninth place was a drop from Iowa's eighth-place finish in the 2000 tournament, but Iowa

had a range of impressive individual showings this year.

Two seniors led the way for the Hawkeyes in the three-day event. Jay Glenn was the runner-up in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:36.69. The senior was also a member of the 200-yard medley relay that finished sixth (1:29.74) with the support of teammates Nick Hinz, Andrei Prada and Ales Abersek and the 800-yard freestyle relay that finished ninth (6:40.71) with the help of John Lonergan, Chris George and Gregg Gazvoda. Abersek finished third in a

close race in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 1:45.13.

The senior also added to his list of accomplishments by securing a spot in the NCAA Championships on March 22-24 in College Station, Texas. He added a fifth-place finish in the 100-yard butterfly when he touched the wall in 48.01.

Diver Roberto Gutierrez was also a highlight for the Hawkeyes, finishing fourth in the 10-meter platform, compiling 418.65 points. The sophomore also earned a 10th-place finish in 3-meter diving

(455.60).

The host team defended their Gopher pool, dominating the competition with 797 points. The hunt for the crown left Michigan in second with 549 points and Penn State in third (538). Iowa landed behind Purdue's score of 269 with a final tally of 196.

Marko Milenkovic placed 10th in the 400-yard individual medley with a time of 3:53.81. Hinz, a senior, placed ninth in the 100-yard backstroke (49.11) and 10th in the 200-yard backstroke (1:46.75).

Lonergan, Hinz, George and Glenn also contributed a ninth-place finish in the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:01.12).

The Hawkeyes will join the women's team at home for the final team swim meet of the

2001 season. Iowa will host the co-ed Iowa Senior Championships Friday through March 4 at the Field House Pool.

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Hawkeyes get one win over Belmont

■ Iowa's baseball team struggles early but adjusts well over the weekend.

By Mike Kelly
The Daily Iowan

It took a day for Iowa's offense to catch up with its pitching and defense.

The Hawkeyes' bats came to life Sunday in a 13-7, 11-inning win over Belmont, just one day after they were swept in a double-header.

Iowa coach Scott Broghamer said he was proud of his team's resilience, as it rebounded to win a close game just a day after being stymied in the season-opening double header.

Four Belmont pitchers combined to beat the Hawkeyes by identical 2-1 scores on Feb. 24. The second game of the twin-bill was scheduled for seven innings, but ended up going 11.

"Baseball is a game of adjustments, and we made those today," Broghamer said. "I have to take my hats off to the guys. It was a big win for us."

Broghamer said not being able to practice outside may have played a part in his

team's rough start. The temperatures were in the 70s in Nashville, Tenn., a sharp contrast from the frigid Iowa February. The cold prohibited Iowa from practicing outside before playing in a game.

Iowa's Alex Dvorsky exploded offensively for the Hawkeyes (1-2) Sunday, ringing up five RBIs in the win. Ian Mattiace added three hits for Iowa, including two doubles.

Mitch Price picked up the win for Iowa.

"We swung the bats better as the weekend went on. We hit in batting practice, and then we saw live pitching for the first time," Broghamer said. "Our hitting got better every time we came up to bat."

An 11th inning home run by freshman Jason Warpool capped the Feb. 24 double-header sweep for the Bruins (9-3). Iowa's Reed Pawelk took the loss for Iowa.

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MEN'S GYMNASTICS

Iowa hands Nebraska first loss in Lincoln during Dunn era

■ Junior Andy Thornton lead the Hawkeyes in its victory over the No. 16 Cornhuskers.

By Laura Podolak
The Daily Iowan

Andy Thornton is back. The junior, who suffered a partially torn Achilles tendon during practice a couple of weeks ago, captured first place in the all-around competition, fueling Iowa's victory over No. 16 Nebraska on Feb. 24.

Thornton catapulted himself onto the podium with a first-place finish in the vault (9.150), second place in the parallel bars (8.500) and third in the still rings (8.650).

"I haven't had a lot of practice time," he said. "So, it felt good to get out there and compete well."

Despite Thornton's exceptional performance, he said, the injury to his Achilles tendon is still painful.

"We try to give it as much rest as we can and still compete on it," Thornton said. "So, I only practice floor and vault once a week. Plus, I am working on a routine on floor that will be less stressful (on the tendon)."

Iowa coach Tom Dunn said the injury will not likely heal completely.

"He is not 100 percent," Dunn said. "He seems to be able to work with it. I don't think it is going to heal completely, unless we give it time. But it's time we don't have."

Behind strong routines from Thornton and Shane de Freitas, the Hawkeyes demolished the Cornhuskers, 206.575 to 202.575. The Iowa win also marked the first time Dunn has ever defeated Nebraska in Lincoln during his impressive 21 year career.

"It was fun — a long time coming," he said.

Although the meet turned out to be somewhat one-sided, it didn't start out that way.

For the second straight week, the Hawkeyes stumbled on pommel horse, like a toddler taking his or her first attempt at the stairs. As it was the first event, the Cornhuskers jumped out to an early lead.

Even junior Don Jackson finished a disappointing fourth on the event, which is usually his strongest.

"We have some bugs to work out on pommel horse," Dunn said.

Jackson made up for the mishap when he tumbled his way to a first-place finish on the floor exercise, with a score of 8.950.

The Hawkeyes went on to sweep the top three spots in the event, with freshman Mike Kelly in second and sophomore Cameron Schick claiming third.

De Freitas also had a rather productive day, winning two individual events. The junior's solid performance on still rings landed him a score of 9.100, good enough for the No. 1 spot. His other first place finish

It was fun — a long time coming.

— Tom Dunn,
Iowa coach

was split with teammate Justin Leavitt, both recording a 8.900 on high bar. Leavitt also finished second on the vault with a 9.100. Iowa's co-captains Brian Christie and Kevin Agnew were out of competition for the Nebraska meet. The two seniors are tending to injuries suffered earlier in the season.

"We have some decisions to make with Brian, and if he can go this week against Illinois," Dunn said. "With Kevin, we are unsure yet."

Dunn explained that the meets leading up to the Big Ten Championships are important mostly for the athletes' conditioning, but in Agnew's situation, it could be more harmful than helpful for him to compete. "It is real bad (Agnew's knees); it is like bone on bone," Dunn said. "He can't take the landings. But, we hope that he can take a couple of the important ones (meets)."

Overall the team's performance against Nebraska satisfied Dunn.

"I am really pleased that the team bounced back," he said. "We started off with a bad event, the pommel horse, after that we had an excellent meet."

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MEN'S TRACK

Despite strong individual performances, Iowa struggles

■ The men's track team places 10th at the Big Ten Indoor Championships in University Park, Pa.

By Julie Matolo
The Daily Iowan

Career-best times, season-best performances and impressive throwing distances were not enough for the Iowa men's track and field team to succeed over the weekend.

Individual successes kept Hawkeye heads held high, but after a 10th place finish at the Indoor Big Ten Championships, an overall feeling of disappointment was apparent.

"We are disappointed with the team performances, but we are proud of the highlights," said coach Larry Wiczorek. "We have a lot of hard work to be a better team by May."

Iowa's strength in throwing led the way for the Hawkeyes. Senior Arno van der Westhuizen broke the Hawkeye record in the weight throw, earning him a second-place finish (67-7 1/2) — putting him No. 13 in the nation. Teammates Jeremy Allen and Jim Costello followed West-

huizen in the event, earning fourth- (64-8) and fifth- (64-1 1/4) place finishes, respectively.

"Arno's performance was our highlight today," Wiczorek said. "He did a great job for us overall. The throwers did well overall."

Allen led Iowa on the first day of competition after a close battle in the shot put.

The senior earned second place with a throw of 61-11.

Westhuizen placed seventh with a throw of 56-11 1/2, while freshman Ken Kemeny threw a season-best toss of 56-6, good enough for eighth.

Senior Tim Dodge led the Hawkeyes in sprinter territory with a sixth-place finish in the 60-meter dash in a time of 6.84.

Iowa's power-house 4x400 relay squad, made up of Dodge, Scott Williamson, Juan Coleman and Russell Peterson, wound up third in 3:10.24.

Defending champion Wisconsin once again proved its strength by winning the championships with 114 points. Iowa scored 41 points, just behind Indiana's 44.

One Hawkeye made a personal achievement at the championships, which were hosted by Penn State. Iowa freshman Juan Coleman set a personal record in the 400-meters with a time of 47:62, earning him fifth place.

Next week will bring the beginning of a new focus for Iowa. Seven Hawkeyes will continue their preparation for the NCAA Indoor Championships in Fayetteville, Ark., in two weeks, while the rest of the team will work towards an improved ranking in the outdoor season.

"We have a lot of work to do for outdoors to show we are better than that," Wiczorek said. "Next week, we will be back working to get better."

Iowa will send a handful of Hawkeyes to Ames next weekend to compete in a last-chance meet to see if the Hawks can get more NCAA qualifiers.

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WOMEN'S TRACK

Iowa shows improvement at Big Tens

■ The Hawkeyes placed 11th in the meet.

By Jeremy Shapiro
The Daily Iowan

The Iowa women's track team scored 11 more points than a year ago at the Big Ten Indoor Championships, yet it still wasn't enough to catch Michigan State for 10th place.

The Hawkeyes showed some positive signs following intense practices during the past two weeks. While they had to settle for a last-place finish at the Big Ten meet at Purdue this weekend, the Iowa athletes realize they are making gradual improvements, and better results might be down the road during the outdoor season.

Host Purdue won the event with 108 points — its first-ever Big Ten championship.

The Big Ten Indoor always seems to bring out the best in senior Kacey Childs, who tied for third in the high jump.

The Gaithersburg, Md., native jumped 5-8 1/2, recording a personal and team season-best mark. Childs finished tied for second last year, but only managed a 5-7. She has

slowly increased her best height and is in terrific position to win a couple of high jumps during the outdoor season.

Also in the high jump, senior Julie Gallery's leap of 5-7 tied for sixth. Tami Smith of Ohio State won the event with an impressive 5-10.

The distance medley relay team racked up eight points for the Hawkeyes with a second-place finish. The team just missed a gold medal, finishing less than 3 seconds behind Purdue. The time of 11:47.50 was quite amazing considering it was nearly 30 seconds under the previous best mark for the season.

Team co-captain Sarah Arens took sixth in the 5,000-meter run in 17:16.41. The sophomore had been battling illness for part of the indoor season but still managed to put up a string of top-10 finishes.

Iowa didn't receive much of a boost from its sprinters. Sophomore Jiselle Providence did put up a seventh-place finish in the 200-meters. However, star freshmen Tamara Dixon and Aisha Hume had disappointing runs, and the team could not capture any points

from them.

Still, Iowa wasn't too concerned with points. The coaches and athletes knew coming in they weren't going to finish too high. They just wanted to perform well and apply what they've done in practice.

Hawk coach James Grant all along planned to use the indoor campaign as a springboard for success during the outdoor portion of the season.

"The bigger emphasis is using indoor to prepare us for outdoor season," he said.

Grant was relieved to get through the indoor campaign injury free and liked all the hard work the team has put into practices.

The team will train in Jamaica during Spring Break and start the outdoor season with a meet there on March 17. Before that, Iowa will send some athletes to an NCAA qualifier in Ames Friday.

Other Hawkeyes top-10 finishers included freshman Atalie Barber and sophomore Sarah Steffen. Barber was eighth in the 600-meters. Steffen placed eighth in the 60-meter hurdles.

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Virginia upsets No. 2 North Carolina

■ The No. 9 Cavaliers embarrass the Tar Heels in Virginia.

By Hank Kurz Jr.
Associated Press

CHARLOTTEVILLE, Va. — Tent cities filled with students desperate for a ticket. A sea of orange shirts at every game. Players that feed off of the fans, and noise that makes it hard to concentrate.

This is what Virginia basketball has become for coach Pete Gillen and the No. 9 Cavaliers this season, and No. 2 North Carolina became the latest to experience it in an 86-66 loss at University Hall Sunday.

"They were quicker today, they jumped higher today, and they shot the ball better today," Tar Heels coach Matt Doherty said of the Cavaliers, who improved to 13-1 at home, including victories against Duke and Maryland.

"When we play, we can play with anybody in the country," Gillen said. "We just want to try to be as close to what we did today as many times as we can. That's what the great teams do."

Virginia jumped on the Tar Heels in the first half with a 22-6 run that turned a 31-29 deficit into a 51-37 lead and had another sellout crowd, some of whom had camped out eight days for tickets, simply delirious.

The second half proved more of the same as a 10-4 burst pushed the Virginia lead to 76-56 with 9:47 left and seemed to end the suspense.

"What we wanted to do in the second half was keep that lead, pressure them, and make them try to come to us," Virginia's Roger Mason said.

Virginia held on despite a scoring drought that lasted 5:47, allowing North Carolina to get within 76-66 with 4:55 left. But

that basket, a layup by Joseph Forte, proved the last points the Tar Heels scored.

Forte scored 28 points, but made only four of his last 19 shots after starting out 7-for-8, and Brendan Haywood added 20 points. Haywood finished 9-for-12 from the field; the rest of the team was 19-for-52.

The Tar Heels also suffered from the absence of point guard Ronald Curry for all but eight minutes of the first half, when he drew three fouls, and from three that put Haywood on the bench in the second half.

The victory was Virginia's fourth against a team ranked in the top 10 at the time, and came only 11 days after another one, a 91-89 last-second triumph against then-No. 2 Duke that ended the same way this one did.

As the final horn sounded, students from both sides stormed the court, and Gillen and some players addressed them on the microphone.

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SPORTS

Dodgers swap White for Brewers' Grissom

Associated Press

The Los Angeles Dodgers have one fewer unhappy outfielder.

Devon White, whose gripes had been overshadowed by Gary Sheffield's complaints, was traded from the Dodgers to the Milwaukee Brewers on

Sunday for Marquis Grissom and a minor league player to be named.

"I think it's a clean slate and everybody gets a new start," White said.

Grissom will make \$5 million in each of the next seasons. White will get \$5 million this year and has a \$5 million

team option for 2002 with a \$900,000 buyout.

"I think this deal will work out for both parties," Grissom said.

White, 38, apparently was unhappy the Dodgers planned to use him as a fourth outfielder — but that's precisely what the Brewers intend to do.

Of course, White could still end up starting if the Brewers were to trade Jeromy Burnitz, who blocked a trade to San Diego during the offseason.

White played just 47 games last year, partially tearing his left rotator cuff on May 2. He hit .266 with four homers and 13 RBIs.

Hot second-half shooting propels Iowa

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outside shot," Jensen said. "They had to adjust their post players, and it just gave us a momentum swing."

The second-half swing was also fueled by freshman Jennie Lillis, who gathered her third double-double of the season with a career-high 17 rebounds and 14 points. The post was reinforced by Peterson's crucial rebounds late in the game. Her efforts gave her her 10th

double-double of the season, with 12 rebounds and 17 points. The Hawkeyes extended their record to 14-0 when they out-rebound opponents, out-rebounding the Illini 48-33 on the game.

"I'm so impressed with their play," Jensen said. "The post has always been knocked on at Iowa and now is a strength of ours. Randi has a calming, confident presence on the floor, and Jennie is playing like a senior."

In a flip-flop effect, the Iowa

shooting skyrocketed to 65 percent in the second half, as the Illinois field goal percentage dropped to the mid-30s.

Illini Allison Curtin went stale, as she shot only 5-23 from the field and 0-7 from the 3-point line.

"We knew she was the big gun," Jensen said. "Today, we felt she was the only one looking to shoot, and once we got the lead back, we were able to push her out farther than she wanted to go."

Illinois had four players in

double digits, led by Cedar Rapids freshman Anne O'Neil's 16 points.

The Hawkeyes raised their overall record to 17-9, 11-4 in the Big Ten, while Illinois slid to 14-14 and 9-7 in the conference.

The Hawkeyes tentatively will play late Friday night against the winner of the No. 7/No. 10 matchup in Thursday's bracket.

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GymHawks keep smashing schools records

GYMNASTICS

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If there was a doubt about the outcome, sophomore Janna Alexandrova erased it with the best balance-beam score in Iowa history. Her 9.925 broke the 9.90 record that Robyn Gamble set in 1997.

Alexandrova had tied the mark against Ohio State on Feb. 17.

"I just relaxed and thought about how I did the routine in practice," she said. "I did what I knew how to do."

In the final event of the evening, Iowa tied the school

record in the floor exercise (49.275) led by terrific performances by Gran, Maday and Killian.

Killian had her best performance of the year, nabbing third place in the all-around in front of her parents, who had made the trip from Lansing, Mich.

"Brandy had her best meet," Lorenzen said. "She's a late bloomer, but tonight she made a big difference for us."

Brandy's mother, Kathi Killian, enjoyed the experience at the Field House and was delighted to see her daughter

put together solid scores in all four events.

"She's happy here at Iowa. She's beginning to hit (her routines) at this point in the season," she said.

While the big team score will certainly help its postseason chances, perhaps more importantly, it continues to give the team a healthy dose of confidence heading into a tough road swing.

"Yes, we expect to score 196 plus every time we go out there," Alexandrova said. "It's definitely in our range."

These are definitely not your

grandfathers' era GymHawks, when scoring a 196 was unheard of. In fact, Iowa had never in school history put up a score above 195.425 before this season. The past three weeks, this team has topped the 196 plateau three times.

Iowa will travel to Illinois Saturday and then pay a visit to Ames on March 13, where the Hawks will have a chance to end a pesky 15-match losing streak. The GymHawks will finish the regular season at Arizona State on March 16.

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Earnhardt tributes abound in rained-out race

NASCAR

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of Earnhardt's Chevrolet, sending it into the car driven by Kenny Wallace and then into the concrete wall at an angle.

In the crash that killed the elder Earnhardt in the season-opening race, the seven-time champion bumped with Sterling Marlin, bounced into Kenny Schrader and hit the wall at 180 mph. He died instantly of head injuries.

Earnhardt Jr. was racing at about 150 mph when he crashed into the wall. Asked if he was injured, he smiled and said, "The lap belt was a little too tight. So, I'm a little bruised-up. I'll be OK."

Earnhardt Sr. might have survived if one of his two lap belts hadn't broken, Dr. Steve Bohannon, head of emergency medical services at Daytona International Speedway, has said. NASCAR is investigating what caused the belt to come apart.

In all, six drivers were

involved in Sunday's wreck, including Jimmy Spencer, Mike Wallace and Hut Stricklin.

The 26-year-old Earnhardt Jr. got out of the car on his own and limped across the track to the ambulance.

"It was just like a traffic jam," Kenny Wallace said. "Everybody was wanting the bottom of the race track, and somebody got into the back of Earnhardt and got it starting. It was a bad deal."

His brother Mike said, "It's a shame. I thought we were going to be patient, but I guess it wasn't meant to be today."

Earnhardt Jr. said he had been looking forward to racing again after the long week since his 49-year-old father was killed. It took just one lap to end those plans.

"I guess we'll just have to wait and get ready to go racing next week in Las Vegas," he said.

Before the crash, pre-race tributes honored the elder Earnhardt as one of the greatest stock car racers in history. Most of the drivers and

crewmen wore black, red and silver caps with Earnhardt's No. 3 on the front. The members of the Dale Earnhardt Inc. team, which fields cars for Earnhardt Jr., Steve Park and Daytona winner Michael Waltrip, stood on the pit wall during the National Anthem holding the caps aloft in a salute to their former boss.

"There's a lot of people here wanting to honor Dale," Jeff Gordon said. "We wanted to put these hats on as a little tribute, to let him know everyone's thinking about him and wishing he were here."

Darrell Waltrip, a retired three-time champion and a longtime friend, asked the 60,000 spectators to stand for a moment of silence, then said a brief prayer.

"You wonder how can we go out and race today? We do it knowing Dale would want us to," Waltrip said.

Signs and banners honoring Earnhardt Sr. were scattered throughout the grandstands and around the grounds of the speedway. Many in the crowd wore hats, shirts or jackets emblazoned with the No. 3.

There wasn't much racing once the accident was cleaned up. A light rain began during that caution and kept the cars running under a yellow flag until lap 32.

Pole-winner Gordon kept the lead until lap 44, when Park moved past to a giant roar from the crowd.

Moments later, rain began again and the leaders pitted, leaving Stacy Compton out front.

But the rain that began as a sprinkle turned into a down-pour that brought out a red flag. After a 20-minute wait, NASCAR postponed the rest of the race.

SPORTS BRIEF

Frank Thomas misses fifth workout

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Frank Thomas didn't work out for a fifth straight day Sunday, and the unhappy Chicago star had another telephone conversation with White Sox manager Jerry Manuel.

Thomas claims his \$9.9 million salary is too low, especially when compared to Alex Rodriguez's \$252 million, 10-year contract with Texas.

"I understand he and Jerry had a

very encouraging conversation," general manager Kenny Williams said, adding he hoped Thomas would be in camp by Tuesday, the mandatory reporting date under baseball's collective bargaining agreement.

Manuel told reporters there was "no news" on the Thomas front and declined to discuss his Feb. 24 conversation with the first baseman.

Thomas came to camp Wednesday, unpacked his gear and took a physical but left before Williams addressed the team.

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	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
HOME ANTENNA												
KGAN (2)	News	Seinfeld	King	Yes Dear	Raymond	Becker	Family Law	News	Letterman	Feud		
KWVL (7)	News	Wheel	Dateline NBC: Murder Before Dawn	Third Watch				News	Tonight Show	Late Ngt.		
KFXA (8)	Rose	Carey	Boston Public	Aily McBeal	Star Trek: Voyager			3rd Rock	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Rose	
KCRG (9)	News	Friends	Best Commercials	Life With Judy Garland				News	Spin City	Home	Nightline	
KIIN (13)	NewsHr.	H'metime	Antiques Roadshow	American Experience				Business	Mulberry	Mulberry	Entrepre.	
KWKB (16)	7 Heaven	Sabrina	7th Heaven: Parents	Roswell	Heart	Date		Smarts	Sex Wars	Arrest...	Cops	
CABLE CHANNELS												
PUBL (2)	Programming Unavailable											Programming Unavailable
GOVT (4)	Programming Unavailable											Programming Unavailable
PAX (5)	Shop	Sweep	Miracle Pets	Touched by Angel	Diagnosis Murder			A Miracle	H'wood	Paied Prg.	Paied Prg.	
LIBR (10)	Programming Unavailable											Programming Unavailable
EDUC (11)	Programming Unavailable											Programming Unavailable
UNIV (23)	France	Spanish	Abnormal Psych.	Classic TV Comedy	One Step	One Step		Korean	Greece	France	Italy	
KWQC (5)	News	Wheel	Dateline NBC: Murder Before Dawn	Third Watch				News	Tonight Show	Late Ngt.		
WSUI (6)	Programming Unavailable											Programming Unavailable
SCOLA (11)	Hungary	Quebec	Croatia	China	Cuba	Iran		Korea	Greece	France	Italy	
KSUI (12)	Programming Unavailable											Programming Unavailable
DISC (15)	Raging Planet	Piranha	95 Worlds/Counting	Survive Vill				Justice Files	Piranha			
WGN (31)	Prince	Susan	Time to Say Goodbye? (97)**					MacGyver	Matlock: The Priest			
C-SPN (23)	House of Reps.	Prime Time Public Affairs						Prime Time Public Affairs				
UNI (24)	Locura de Amor	Abrazame Fuerte	Mi Destino Eres Tu	Cristina... Especial				Impacto	Noticiero	Que Te Atreves?		
C-SPN2 (21)	U.S. Senate (3)	Public Affairs						Public Affairs				
TBS (32)	Prince	Prince	Dirty Dancing (PG-13, 87)**	Dirty Dancing (PG-13, 87)**				Forever Young (PG)				
TWC (20)	Weather Channel	Weather Channel	Weather Channel	Weather Channel				Weather Channel				
BRV (28)	St. Elsewhere	The Man in the Moon (PG-13, 91)**	Cold Feet					The Man in the Moon (PG-13, 91)**				
CNBC (21)	Bus. Center (5:30)	Chris Matthews	Rivera Live	News/Williams				Chris Matthews	Rivera Live			
BET (47)	106/107 Park	Oh Drama!	Amen	ComicView				BET Live	News	Tonight	Midnight Love	
BOX (48)	Off the Air							Off the Air				
TBN (60)	Dr. to Dr.	Jakes	Behind Scham.	Dino	Duplantis	Praise the Lord					Majesty	E.V. Hill
HIST (61)	Found	Hist. IQ	History's Mysteries	A History of Britain (Part 1 of 3)				Egypt	History's Mysteries			
TNN (37)	Miami Vice	Miami Vice	WWF RAW	WWF War Zone	Mon. Jam (10:05)	Miami Vice (11:05)						
SPEED (45)	Inside Winston Cup	The Year in Racing	Story of the Beetle	Goodwood Circuit	Inside Winston Cup	The Year in Racing						
ESPN (45)	College Basketball (Live)		College Basketball: Mo. at Texas (Live)		SportsCenter	College Bask (Live)						
ESPN2 (46)	RPM	2Night	NHL Hockey: San Jose Sharks at St. Louis Blues (Live)		Karate	Winter X	2Night	RPM				
FOXSP (47)	NASCAR	Word	Chi. Spo.	NBA Basketball: Golden St. Warriors at Chicago (Live)		Nat. Sports Report	Sports	Word				
LIFE (48)	Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Country Justice (97)** (George C. Scott)		Golden	Golden	Design.	Design.				
COM (49)	Daily	Stein	Whoose? Whoose? Whoose? Whoose? Comedy	Premium	Daily	Stein	Saturday Night Live					
EI (51)	Homes	Talk S'p	Myst.	Myst.	The EI True Hollywood Story			H. Stern	H. Stern	Wild On ...		
NICK (43)	Arnold!	Rugrats	Thom.	Brady	Facts	Facts	3's Co.	3's Co.	AlliFam.	Jeff'sons	Lucy	Facts
FX (44)	NYPD Blue	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	The Lost Boys (R, 87)** (Jason Patric)	X Show	In Color	The X-Files					
TNT (45)	The Pretender	WCW Monday Nitro			Last Man Standing (R, 96)**		Monday Nitro					
TOON (47)	Scoby	Bravo	Chicken	Dexter	Daffy	Jerry	F'stone	Scoby	Chicken	Dexter	Dragon	Outlaw ...
MTV (44)	Reality	MTV's 20th Anniversary: 20 Outrageous	Daria	Daria	2-gether	Undress	T. Green	T. Green	Swimsuit			
VH1 (43)	Behind the Music	Behind the Music	Behind the Music		Behind the Music	Storytellers						
A&E (38)	Law & Order	Biography	100 Centre Street	Investigative Report	Law & Order	Biography						
ANIM (61)	Croc File	Animals	The Quest	Gordon	Contact	Contact	Encoun.	Animal X				
USA (34)	JAG	Nash Bridges	The River Wild (PG-13, 94)** (Meryl Streep)		Martin	La Femme Nikita						
PREMIUM CHANNELS												
HBO (5)	Oscar (5) (PG, 91)	Lake Placid (R, 99)**	REAL Sports	Disappearing Acts (00)**	Movie							
DIS (49)	The Color of Friendship (00)	J. Henry	H-E Double Hockey Sticks	Sylvester (9:25) (PG, 85)**	Video	Mickey						
MAX (47)	Three Kings (5:20)	The End of the Affair (7:15) (R, 99)**	Hitman's Run (R, 99)	Sleeping With the Enemy								
STARZ (48)	Mumford (5:05) (R)	Erlin Brookovich (R, 00)**	Holy Smoke (9:15) (R, 99)**	Best Man (11:15)								
SHOW (49)	Loverboy (5:05)	Bringing Out the Dead (R, 99)**	Resurrection Blvd.	The Program (R, 93)** (James Caan)								

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FOURTH FLOOR

WHERE ARE YOU GOING? YOGA CLASS.

COOL! I CAN I GO WITH? SURE.

YOGA CLASS NOT YODA CLASS. OH.

by Troy Holtz

DILBERT

by Scott Adams

NO ONE KNOWS THE SECRET LOCATION OF THE MANAGEMENT TRAINING FACILITY.

IF NO ONE KNOWS WHERE IT IS, HOW DO WE GET THERE?

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FORETELLING THE APOCALYPSE IN HOLLYWOOD...

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

MOMMY, WHERE'S DADDY TODAY?

HE'S ON THE ROAD, SWEETHEART, RECRUITING FOR THE TEAM.

EVERY WINTER YOUR DADDY CRISSCROSSES AMERICA, DETERMINED TO SIGN UP THE MOST GIFTED STUDENT-ATHLETES IN THE LAND!

SON, I'D LIKE YOU TO PLAY FOOTBALL FOR ME.

GET IN LINE, MAN.

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calendar

Plasma physics seminar, "Scattering and Acceleration of Cosmic Rays by Magnetohydrodynamic Turbulence," Ben Chandran, today at 1:30 p.m., Room 309, Van Allen Hall.

Coffee and Conversation, Rights and Responsibilities of Tenure, Provost Jon Whitmore and Faculty Senate President Carolyn Colvin, today at 2 p.m., Room W401, Pappajohn Business Building.

Coffee and Cookies in the Commons Room, today at 3 p.m., Commons Room 316, Van Allen Hall.

Colloquium, "Semiconductor Quantum Wells: What They Are and What You Can Do With Them," John Prineas, Stuttgart, Germany, today at 3:30 p.m., Room 301, Van Allen Hall.

Richard W. Baskerville Moot Court Competition, semifinal round, today at 5:45 p.m., Levitt Auditorium, Boyd Law Building.

Sports Camps Counselors Recruitment Meeting, today at 7 p.m., Burge TV Room.

UI Civil Liberties Union Meeting, today at 7 p.m., Wild Bill's Coffee Shop, North Hall.

"Cuerpos y Bordes: La Literatura Como Experiencia Radical," Diamela Eltit, today at 7:30 p.m., Room 40, Schaeffer Hall.

horoscopes

Monday, February 26, 2001

by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can spark enthusiasm in others. Once you realize your leadership potential, you won't mind taking on the brunt of the work. If you aren't self-employed, you should consider it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't ruffle the feathers of those individuals who are likely to become physically forceful. Minor accidents and arguments will lead to frustration and anxiety.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be careful if you have to sign contracts or legal documents. There may be a clause that should be revised for your protection. Don't let others lean on you for financial assistance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): This is not the day to argue with someone you love. Your partner may be uncertain about this relationship and to push her or him into a corner will only lead to estrangement. You need to take time to do things you enjoy with your friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Mental pursuits will be most challenging. You can acquire a great deal of information if you listen to experienced individuals or do some research on your own.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be careful not to overdo it today. You will tire easily, which will result in a mediocre job. Take one thing at a time and stick to your usual methodical way of doing things.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You must not believe everything you hear. Ask questions and make sure that you have sufficient information before you make statements that could affect your reputation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Romantic opportunities will develop. Be careful not to let colleagues get the wrong idea. Don't be talked into making donations to charities you don't really believe in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You need to get rid of some of that extra energy. Don't be afraid to take a stand on issues you believe in. If a leader is needed, it's up to you to take that position. You need a challenge to feel satisfied.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Love interests will develop through connections made at work. Make sure that you aren't going to jeopardize your job before you decide to get serious.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep your mind on what you are doing. Minor mishaps will occur if you haven't been paying attention. Small but important details may be overlooked.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Empty promises should be expected. Try to put your efforts into projects that will allow you to do the work yourself, which will spare you the frustrations of relying on others.

public access tv schedule

Channel 2	7 p.m. Public Access Update	10:30 p.m. Plane View
	7:30 p.m. Country Time Country	11:15 p.m. Women's Music Festival
	8:30 p.m. Nancy Cree Keyboard Highlights	2000: Kathryn Musilek
	9 p.m. 30 Minutes	11:30 p.m. The Video Bologna Show
	9:30 p.m. City High Battle of the Bands	Midnight DK Productions

Masked Dropout

IF WE'RE HEADED NOWHERE, I'D AT LEAST LIKE TO BE ON TIME!

by Bob Hewitt

Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0115

- ACROSS**
- Smelter's waste
 - The Amazon and others
 - Item a fisherman uses ... or removes
 - Angel's headwear
 - Place for a keystone
 - Streaker in the night sky
 - VW or Volvo
 - Stride
 - Pizzeria fixtures
 - Tourist attraction in 31-Across
 - Sticky stuff
 - Wig, essentially
 - Clothing
 - Grief
 - Finder of secrets
 - Video producer, for short
 - City founded in 1718 by the Sieur de Bienville
 - Roof overhang
 - Sheeplike
 - Computer's core, briefly
 - Title holder
 - Length of yarn
 - Nickname for 31-Across
 - Hardly ordinary
 - Ideal
 - "Treasure Island" monogram
 - Prince Edward's earldom
 - Arctic phenomenon
 - Great Leap Forward leader
 - 31-Across entertainment
 - Hotelier
 - Helmsley
 - avis
 - Put ... words
 - Egyptian dam site
 - "Mystery!" host Diana
 - Legal claim
 - Patron saint of France
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 - Dolly material

DOWN

- Mine passage
- Hillary's successor as first lady
- Lengthen or shorten
- Thug
- "Sistine Madonna" artist
- Many a Kurd
- Take place
- Where the Mets play
- "Star Trek" engineer
- Wish for
- Some cultural artifacts
- Author Deighton
- S.A.T. org.
- Mowing or raking, e.g.
- Knocks
- Four-star reviews
- Polishing substance
- Policy expert
- Lone Star Staters
- Mideast peninsula
- Swing wildly
- Slow, musically
- Craze
- Early Mexican
- Ultraviolet ray blocker
- Flubs
- Jack's partner
- Stripling
- Opposite WNW

Puzzle by Janet R. Bender

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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STORE DETECTIVES

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