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Andy Stoll, the president of the UI Student Government, addresses Democratic senators at the Capitol in Des Moines Monday.

UISG members urge lawmakers to vote against a nearly \$4 million slash in UI funds.

By Megan L. Eckhardt
The Daily Iowan

UI Student Government leaders spoke directly to Iowa lawmakers Monday, articulating the difficulties that would arise for students if a GOP-backed \$3.95 million budget cut for the university becomes a reality.

Iowa Legislature Democrats invited UISG President Andy Stoll and Vice President Chris

Linn, as well as student-government representatives from Iowa State University, the University of Northern Iowa and Des Moines Area Community College, to voice their opinions on the proposal.

"Any time you talk about taking money away from a university in the middle of the year, it's a serious problem," Linn said. "We could suffer tuition increases and scaled-back classes, which would affect the

four-year graduation plan. "It's going to be a tough year to be battling tuition increases. It would be really tough if it passed."

The proposal would cut \$3.95 million from the UI's general operating budget by the end of this fiscal year, June 30, and slash \$12.2 million off total education spending. ISU would be forced to cut \$3.3 million and UNI \$1 million. Republican leaders said the slowing economy will not

leave the state with adequate funding, meaning that adjustments must be made to the budget. The estimated growth rate for the state tax revenues this fiscal year was 3.5 percent, but currently it is at zero, said Speaker of the House Brent Siegrist, R-Council Bluffs.

"The Democrats are claiming that we have no problem," he said. "The state has a significant shortfall. With that growth, we would have had roughly \$130 million left over. In the governor's budget, he spent that \$130 million that

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It could take a Village to replace the Icon

Some former employees of the dormant weekly will collaborate on a monthly paper, they say.

By Nick Narigon
The Daily Iowan

Some former employees of the *Icon* are collaborating to produce a new alternative-news source tentatively planned to hit newsstands on April 2.

Little Village was created to fill the void left by the *Icon*, which ceased publication last month, said Kelly Pardekooper, the prime organizer of the new periodical. It will be a free, monthly publication that focuses on local arts and entertainment, he said.

"When the *Icon* closed, I started talking to the employees, and we realized that on a monthly basis we could print an arts-and-entertainment newspaper," said Pardekooper, who was the general manager of the *Icon* until November 2000.

He said former *Icon* design editor Beth Oxler, former *Icon* managing editor Todd Kimm and he are splitting up the tasks to prepare the paper.

Pardekooper, who also plays in a local band, said *Little Village* will focus on music, book readings and film, leaving out the political articles that were an *Icon* staple.

Downtown Iowa City is the focus of *Little Village's* distribution, Pardekooper said, while some copies will be sent to Coralville record shops and bookstores. He said the *Icon* distributed roughly 5,000 copies to downtown Iowa City; the first run of *Little Village* will send 4,000 editions to the same area.

Financial support for the grassroots paper will come solely from advertisers, Pardekooper said.

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Icon officially dormant

The former interim editor of the *Icon* said he has spoken with many potential buyers for the out-of-publication alternative paper.

But the former editor, Todd Kimm, said no commitments have been made and that the paper, which stopped publishing Jan. 25, is "officially on hiatus." The weekly periodical halted publication after the local paper's major investor, Yesse! Communications Inc., pulled its funding.

Word of recent negotiations with a buyer raised the hopes of the *Icon's* former arts and entertainment editor, Steve Horowitz. But now, he said, he thinks the paper is basically closed for good.

Reminders of the *Icon* can still be seen all over town, with the paper's \$150-each empty newsstands still standing on various Iowa City sidewalks.

The city won't do anything about the stands unless someone complains, said Anne Peterson, the secretary to the city attorney. The city does not have a permit process for newsstands.

Many of the *Icon* stands now have posters for UI Student Government presidential candidate Nick Klenske hanging in their windows. Klenske, who said anonymous supporters hung the signs, said the *Icon* was a staple in his weekly readings.

Horowitz said the stands are owned by the chain, and it can use them for other newspapers.

"I wouldn't mind keeping one of them as a souvenir," he said. "But I think they're chained down."

— by Nick Narigon

open MIKE night



Ethan Fry/The Daily Iowan

UI senior Stephen Maldonado plays Monday night at the Mill during open mike night. Maldonado played songs he composed himself as well as some cover songs. Open mike night coordinator Jay Knight has been hosting the event for 19 years. He said it's a great opportunity for musicians to "get their feet wet."

Teen uses petition to try to save shuttle

More than 250 people sign a petition asking the city to continue its free shuttle bus this summer.

By Mike McWilliams
The Daily Iowan

When Northwest Junior High School student Angela Brown heard that the Iowa City Transit System might not offer its free downtown shuttle service in the summer, she decided to take action.

Beginning in the last week of

January, Brown collected 258 signatures on a petition to keep the downtown shuttle alive during the summer. She presented her petition to the Iowa City City Council at its formal meeting on Feb. 20.

Approximately 1,400 people ride the bus during the school year, and around 400 people use it in the summer, Brown said. She said that number is enough to sustain summer service.

"A lot of people use it, and a lot of people need it during the summer," she said.

Among those who agree with her is Carrie Stisser, a UI junior and shuttle-bus rider, who said the shuttle is important to many students.

"I think it is a good service, and the city should provide it," she said. "A lot of students take advantage of it, especially during the summer."

The proposal to discontinue the free shuttle is included in the general transit fund, which is part of the proposed city budget. The City Council is scheduled to vote on the bud-

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Kim Kennedy/The Daily Iowan

UI students board the downtown shuttle Monday afternoon on Washington Street outside the Old Capital Town Center.

COGS, regents reach agreement

The grad-student union and the state tentatively agree on a contract.

By Mary Sedor
The Daily Iowan

The graduate-student union and the state of Iowa Board of Regents reached a tentative agreement late Monday night on a contract for graduate-student employees.

UE-Local 896 Campaign to Organize Graduate Students and the regents have been bargaining on a contract since October.

Details of the contract were not available at press time.

Joseph Flynn, the chief negotiator for the regents, said the negotiators spent the last hours of a 10-hour closed session tying up a loose end.

"I think we have a tentative agreement," he said. "I don't think the loose end will become a major issue."

He would not say what the "loose end" was.

Both sides met to discuss wage increases and enhanced insurance options, which were the only two issues standing in the way of an agreement. If the two sides could not have reached an agreement, the issue would have gone to arbitration.

COGS has not gone into arbitration for either of its two past contracts.

The tentative agreement will only become final after union members approve it by a majority vote, COGS President Jennifer Sherer said Sunday. A meeting open to all union members will be held later this week in order for the bargaining committee to present the details of the contract and to give members

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READ, THEN RECYCLE

CITY

UISG hopefuls head for cyberspace

■ All four slates have designed Internet sites to inform others about their campaigns.

By Jesse Elliott
The Daily Iowan

The Internet, long seen by politicians and voters alike as a tool of democratization, has taken the UI Student Government campaign by storm.

In an effort to get more students informed and involved, all four tickets are boasting homemade Web sites this campaign season.

The groups said they have been working on the sites since the beginning of the semester, spending anywhere from six to 20 hours writing, designing and programming what they hope will be a valuable source for curious students and an inexpensive advertisement for their tickets.

"It's a good, cheap method to get your name out," said vice-presidential candidate Chris

Loftus, who said he designed his ticket's Web site after teaching himself a page-construction program.

The Chris Carlson/Loftus ticket spent no money at all to gain space on the Internet. The candidates used the popular www.geocities.com — a free site provider — because they felt buying their own domain name "would be spending a lot of money we didn't have," Loftus said.

The correlation of money to political influence has often been a concern for both candidates and voters. UISG presidential candidate Zach Paulsen said he hopes the Internet will be a valuable resource in future economic democratization of American politics at both the local and national levels.

"Right now, a lot of lower-income people still don't have access to information about politics," said Paulsen, who helped his main Webmaster and UI

junior Josh Hamann in laying out the Paulsen/Joe Lyons page. "But over the next few years, information, especially through the Internet, will be more available to more people. This will help democracy."

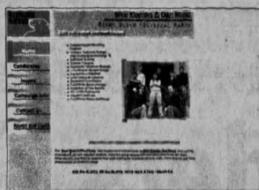
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UISG presidential candidate

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UI freshman Alex Kipp, who designed the Megan Adams/Sara Stephenson ticket Web site, said it was well worth his time and effort to help inform students of the campaign issues. Contrary to popular belief, he said, the Internet will help to increase personal interaction in students' political life.

"More people who wouldn't



Web sites for the four UISG tickets appear clockwise from top left; Adams-Stephenson, Carlson-Lottus, Paulsen-Lyons and Klenski-Rossi.

have ever gotten involved before are now taking an interest," he said. "Because political information is so accessible through the Internet, students actually increase their physical, personal involvement with campaigns and politics in general after that initial Internet

contact." Kipp said he also hopes the Internet will help to cure voter apathy, because "this new level of communication will help them seek an informed decision."

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Committee searches for expanded diversity

■ The UISG Diversity Committee says the UI must expand its diversity efforts.

By Peter Boylan
The Daily Iowan

The UI Student Government Diversity Committee met Monday night to discuss the progress of a resolution and to continue planning events for the remainder of the semester.

The UISG passed the resolution, which outlines its efforts to further promote diversity on campus, on Feb. 13. The resolution's purpose is to raise awareness about the lack of diversity at the university.

"The UI only focuses on ethnic diversity," said Virjinya Hicks, a Diversity Committee co-chairwoman.

"The UI needs to expand its

awareness of diversity to include religion, sexual orientation, nontraditional students and others," she added.

Students on campus don't really support diversity, Hicks said, and the university must make greater efforts to promote it.

The committee discussed inconsistencies between the UI statement of diversity and the UISG Diversity Committee's statement. The committee's resolution itself can be categorized as an awareness resolution. Its purpose was to outline what has and hasn't been done in terms of improving the diversity of the university community.

The committee's mission statement states: "The UISG Diversity Committee assumes the responsibility of creating a sustained and meaningful dialogue regarding issues of diversity on

campus for the purpose of maintaining a positive student environment."

At the meeting, committee members said the mission statement has begun to bring their results. Pending approval from university President Mary Sue Coleman, the university's Diversity Committee has extended an invitation to a UISG Diversity Committee chairman or chairwoman to sit permanently on the UI committee.

The UISG Diversity Committee also tentatively scheduled a series of meetings with the university Diversity Committee for April 9 and 11 to discuss possible methods to fur-

ther diversify the university community. In the meantime, the UISG Diversity Committee is compiling a central resource guide for students that will be released at the end of the semester. The committee sent out questionnaires to the leaders of each UI student group that represents diversi-

ty.

The questionnaires ask students about their living needs and how they accommodate them. The goal is to put together a list of places, people and businesses that cater to the specific needs of the university's diverse student body. The guide will be distributed to all

students, faculty and staff, and will be updated annually. "The guide will help students to find what it is they need for day-to-day living," said Aikta Verma, a UISG Diversity Committee co-chairwoman. "The guide is for all students."

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— Virjinya Hicks,
UISG Diversity Committee
co-chairwoman

Crowded schools top board's agenda

■ The Iowa City School Board will focus on overcrowding in the area's elementary schools.

By Sara Faiwell
The Daily Iowan

The Iowa City School Board plans to discuss ways of reducing overcrowded classrooms at its meeting tonight after several parents voiced concern about the issue at last week's meeting.

Associate Superintendent Jim Behle is expected to present information on class size for all schools at the meeting, focusing on the 30 elementary school classrooms that have more than 27 stu-

dents.

Last week, board member Jan Leff said parents with children in Lucas Elementary School, 830 Southlawn Drive, told board members they believe having large numbers of students in classes affects their children's education. The parents also argued that students with special needs are having a harder time, she said.

"I hope people know that the board is aware of the problem and is concerned by it," she said.

Leff said "age-grouping" is currently the best method of reducing class sizes. Under this system, students from different grades but with, for example, the same reading

level would be grouped together in the same classroom to even out the distribution of students.

Board member Nicholas Johnson said Iowa City does not set capacities for each school, which is one reason for some overcrowding. The solution to overcrowding, he said, is to cap the size of classes. If the community doesn't want to experiment with this, then there is nothing else the board can do, Johnson said.

"We have to decide what we want," he said.

Other districts, such as Cedar Rapids, have started to cap class sizes, which works, he said.

Johnson and Leff both said

hiring new teachers is completely out of the question. The district now employs 750 teachers at an annual cost of \$37.5 million. There isn't enough money for more teachers, especially because the schools have no choice about paying for such services as bus transportation, lunches, lighting and heating bills, Johnson said.

Also at tonight's meeting, Ann Feldmann, the School District's human-resources director, is expected to share the information that has been gathered about the hiring processes for new principals at City High and Weber Elementary.

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CORRECTIONS

An article titled "I.C. man charged with domestic assault" (DI, Feb. 26) misidentified 20-year-old Robert D. Juhl, Jr. as Robert D. Juhl, Sr. Juhl, Jr. was charged with domestic assault. Juhl, Sr., is the UI medical assistant in nursing services. The DI regrets the error.

The base salary for a first-year graduate student had been raised to \$12,778 per year, not per semester as was reported in the article "COGS bargaining goes down to the wire" (DI, Feb. 25).

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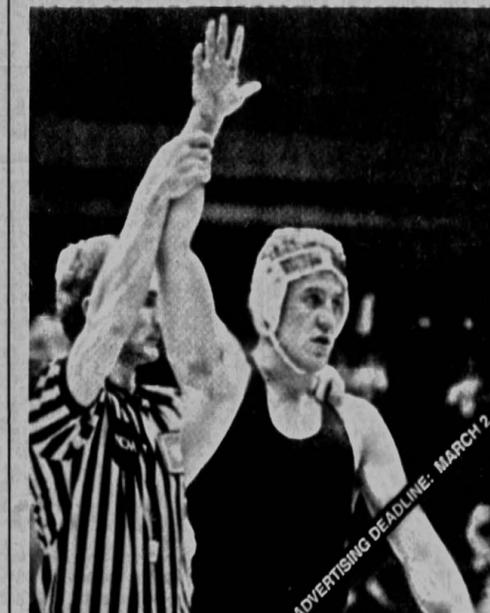
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Student assaulted at Field House

■ The on-campus assault has authorities searching and students concerned.

By Tony Robinson
The Daily Iowan

UI Public Safety is still searching for an unidentified man who allegedly trespassed and then assaulted a woman in the women's locker room at the university Field House Sunday. The incident reportedly took place at the Field House recreational center at 11:25 a.m. "After illegally entering the ladies' rest room, the man proceeded to assault a young lady in there," said Duane Papke, the

Public Safety associate director. Papke did not release the name of the victim, nor would he comment on types of injuries she sustained. While the alleged incident was sexual in nature because of the location it took place in, he said, the victim was not sexually assaulted.

The woman described her assailant as a black male with short black hair, roughly 21-26 years old. He was around 5-foot-10 or 5-foot-11 and weighed roughly 195 pounds. At the time of the incident, the man was wearing a blue baseball cap turned backwards, an orange T-shirt, gray sweat pants and

white tennis shoes, according to Public Safety records.

The suspect will face charges of assault causing injury and criminal trespassing if apprehended, according to the records.

In the wake of the assault, Public Safety is providing additional patrols of the Field House, but some students said they may not return to the facility.

"This incident will definitely make me attend the Field House less, and I'm even considering finding a new place to work out," UI freshman Kasandra Phillips said.

However, UI sophomore Scholastic Nikuze, who works

out at the Field House three times a week, said that even though this is a serious matter, she will not stop going there.

"I will still attend my normal days and hours, but this incident will definitely enter my mind, and I will be extra cautious from now on," she said.

Public Safety officers ask that anyone who may have seen a person matching the alleged assailant's description in the Field House Sunday, or have any information regarding the assault, to contact Sgt. Derek Hyche, the investigating officer, at 335-5022.

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U. of Washington courts UI law prof

■ The College of Law's only black male professor may become a dean at the University of Washington.

By Michael Poe
The Daily Iowan

A distinguished UI law professor who was also a vice provost at the university from 1997-00, said he is "strongly considering" an offer of to become the dean of the University of Washington School of Law.



Knight
law school prof

Professor W.H. "Joe" Knight Jr. said Monday he had received an offer for the position by the search committee at the University of Washington. Knight, who interviewed last semester, said that if he accepts the offer, he would start as soon as this summer.

"I've interviewed out there and visited the school with my family," he said. "We are pretty far down the road here. Like the University of Iowa, (Washington) is a pre-eminent law school in the nation. This is a great opportunity."

While Knight is very impressed with the school, he said, he would miss teaching. This is his first year teaching after stepping down as a vice

provost. "The offer is intriguing in some ways," he said. "But in other ways, it's disappointing."

Knight has spent the last 17½ years at the UI. "It is very difficult to leave a place you've grown up at. I will always consider Iowa a home," he said.

Knight got his B.A. at the University of North Carolina in 1976 and graduated from Columbia Law School in 1979. He has been a visiting professor at Wake Forest, Washington University at St. Louis and Duke University School of Law.

The dean of the UI College of Law, N. William Hines, said he believes that Knight will go to Washington.

"I'm afraid it's true," he said. "He will be a major loss to the UI. Joe has always made himself available to all students and has been very supportive of student groups. They are taking away an outstanding teacher and our only African-American male role model."

UI law student Jess Vilsack, a student in Knight's Contracts II course, said he is sad to see Knight go.

"He is one of the most approachable professors I have ever had," he said. "I especially enjoy his down-to-earth brand of teaching, which allows for a lot of discussion and debates. He will certainly be missed."

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Tenure not right to slack off, official says

■ UI faculty members are looking at how to deal with faculty deemed to be "unfit."

By Jackie Hammers
The Daily Iowan

Receiving tenure does not grant one the right to do nothing, the president of the UI Faculty Senate said Monday.

"Responsibilities include remaining intellectually engaged through teaching, service and research," Carolyn Colvin said during a "coffee and conversation" she hosted along with university Provost Jon Whitmore.

The timing of the meeting allowed faculty members to present their concerns over a proposed revision of the tenure guidelines the Faculty Senate is considering. The group is

looking to redefine how to deal with faculty who are deemed to be "unfit."

The current policy allows for the removal of tenured faculty members who are shown, through peer reviews and due process, not to be fulfilling the responsibilities of their jobs.

Tenure provides faculty members with the safety to express new, possibly controversial ideas, based on the philosophy that accepted "truths" must be challenged and questioned often. Faculty must meet certain requirements in research, teaching and service to attain tenure, a process which usually takes at least six years.

John Wiencek, a professor of chemical and biochemical engineering, told faculty leaders it may be natural and acceptable for faculty to occasionally perform below their

peak level.

"There are different levels of performance at different stages of careers," he said. "Faculty who may appear to be doing nothing one year may do something extraordinary the next year. But, if in the meantime they get tossed out, we have lost something valuable."

UI General Counsel Mark Schantz said the unfitness policy exists to preserve the standards of the university, not to threaten tenured faculty.

"I don't think the unfitness policy lowers the bar but clarifies where the bar is," he said.

Some faculty members at the meeting also expressed concern over the amount of

pressure on individuals attempting to gain tenure.

"It is easy to get the sense that the value of tenure can be measured by the grant money

you are bringing in or the amount of clinical revenue each quarter," said Michael Karnell, an associate professor of otolaryngology. Faculty members trying to receive

tenure are often asked take on several responsibilities at once, he said.

The Faculty Council will meet today to review the newest draft of the revised tenure policy before passing it on to the Faculty Senate.

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— John Wiencek,
professor of chemical and biochemical engineering

CITY BRIEFS

Local man charged with 1st-degree burglary

An Iowa City man was charged with first-degree burglary on Feb. 24 after allegedly breaking into a residence and assaulting a woman.

Larry Cravens, 41, 1910 S. Gilbert St., was asked to leave the residence at 1022 S. First Ave. on the evening of Feb. 21, according to court reports. Upon returning to the residence after a short time, he began banging on the door and shouting obscenities at the occupants, the reports said.

Cravens allegedly kicked the door open and attacked a woman, causing an abrasion on her knee, according to reports.

He is being held in the Johnson County Jail on \$100,000 bond.

— by Kellie Doyle

3 Ring Media closes its doors

Just five weeks after a radical, political bookstore and information shop opened in Iowa City, a lack of community interest has caused the not-for-profit business to close its doors.

According to a letter posted on 3 Ring Media's Web site, co-founder Ethan Clark said the long hours and high rent were being sacrificed for nothing.

The store, located at 1016B Gilbert Court, opened its doors on Jan. 19 and was open Wednesday through Saturday, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. In that time, many independent bands and radical groups played and met there.

Store owners had intentions of educating and empowering people through literature and action.

UI junior Lisa Lotts started an animal-rights group three weeks ago that had just begun to meet at the store when Clark announced the closing.

"I'm really disappointed," she said. "This was a great opportunity for the punk and underground culture to come together."

Lotts said her group would continue to meet, although it would be more of a struggle to find a suitable place for its 15 members.

Accumulated magazines and used books will be left with Clark's friends in case someone wants to pay the rent and open the store again in the future, according to the Web site, www.threeringmedia.bigstep.com.

— by Andrew Blizby

Woman charged with domestic assault

An Iowa City woman was charged with domestic assault Sunday after an alleged altercation with her live-in boyfriend.

According to court reports: Early Sunday morning, Iowa City police officers arrived at 1114 S.

First Ave., the home of Lilian Drale, 29, and her boyfriend of two years. Drale had allegedly thrown a glass plate or cup at her boyfriend that hit his lower right leg.

The glass left a two-inch-long gash in his leg, which later needed 11 stitches, the reports said.

Drale was unavailable for comment Monday.

— by Kellie Doyle

Zales Jewelry moving to Coralville

After nearly 20 years of conducting business in the Old Capitol Town Center, Zales Jewelers closed its doors late Monday night.

Zales regional manager Jeff Cole said jokingly, "We are just doing extensive cleaning."

The jewelry store is relocating all inventory and customer layaways to its store in the Coral Ridge Mall. Employees were also given the option to transfer to the Coralville shop; if they opted not to, they were compensated based on how long they have been with the company.

"We knew this was going to happen for quite some time," Cole said. "Business has been kind of soft lately."

— by Tony Robinson

UIHC-union negotiations continue

■ The union and the hospital get one last chance to come to an agreement.

By Chao Xiong
The Daily Iowan

Representatives of a UI Hospitals and Clinics union said they are hopeful about today's contract talks between the group and UIHC regarding overtime pay and wages.

A bargaining session between the Service Employees International Union Local 199 and UIHC was scheduled for 5 p.m. today after a presentation of each group's proposals Monday afternoon. The union spent more than four hours revising its proposal Monday evening.

"I'm continuing to be optimistic about it," said union member and negotiator Pauline Taylor. "Both parties are supposed to bargain in good faith ... I think (the UIHC) very truly means to reach a compromise."

The union has adapted some

of its language to correspond with that of the UIHC's, said Kim Miller, the Local 199 executive director. The union is launching a new approach to gain approval of time-and-a-half overtime pay for part-time employees, he said, refusing to elaborate. The union's other key issue — increasing wages — will be less troublesome to pass, Miller said.

"We're anticipating change," he said. "If (the changes) aren't favorable, we're not interested."

Under the current contract, part-time employees are refused time-and-a-half until they have worked more than 40 hours in a given week. The UIHC's proposal seeks to cut the limitations placed on overtime and increase pay for new employees. The union is seeking a 3 percent pay raise for all employees in addition to graduated pay raises of between 2 and 5 percent for current employees.

"Their proposal is very convoluted," Miller said. "Their proposal is very hard to understand. It's completely unacceptable."

Long hours and poor benefits

are driving UIHC employees out of the state in search of better jobs or out of the health-care profession all together, Taylor said. As a 26-year UIHC nursing veteran, Taylor said she can't afford to uproot her life in Iowa City in seek of the jobs drawing young health-care professionals away from the UIHC.

The UIHC experiences an average annual turnover rate of 23 percent; the national average is 18 percent, and the state's average is approximately 12 percent, Miller said.

The two sides failed to reach an agreement during a Feb. 23 meeting meant to complete the contract, which runs from July 1 to June 30, 2003. The contract would cover approximately 2,000 hospital employees.

If an agreement is not reached today, an arbitrator will review the two groups' proposals on March 1 and approve one. A final draft must be presented to the state by March 15.

UIHC representatives could not be reached for comment.

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CITY & NATION

U.S. faults both Israelis, Palestinians for violence

■ The State Department's report on human rights blames both sides for the recent unrest.

By George Gedda
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The State Department faulted both Israel and the Palestinians for Middle East bloodshed Monday — accusing the Israelis of “excessive force,” the Palestinians of violent attacks — as Secretary of State Colin Powell wound up a Mideast tour appealing for an end to violence.

The department's annual report on human-rights conditions worldwide also said China's record deteriorated last year, with intensified crackdowns on religion,

political dissent and “any person or group perceived to threaten the government.”

Because of that perceived change, the department announced plans to seek China's censure by the U.N. Human Rights Commission when it convenes for its annual meeting next month in Geneva.

There were harsh words, too, for the civil war in Colombia, a nation whose President, Andres Pastrana, will meet with President Bush today.

The report ranked Iraq and North Korea among the world's worst human-rights violators.

On the plus side, the study

found a number of advances in human rights, democracy and fundamental freedoms last year, citing the examples of Yugoslavia, Mexico, Nigeria and Ghana. Another bright spot was the peace agreement that ended a two-year war between Eritrea and Ethiopia. The congressionally mandated report was released as Powell was winding up visits to Israel, the Palestinian territories and several Arab countries.

“This is the time to bring calm to the region,” Powell said after separate meetings Sunday with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon.

This is the time to bring calm to the region.

— Colin Powell,
secretary of State

Study: Meteorite proves Martian life

■ Scientists say the crystal may be the oldest life form ever found.

By Paul Recer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A crystal found in a meteorite from Mars could only have been formed by a microbe, and it may be evidence of the oldest life form ever found, researchers say.

Scientists at the Johnson

Space Center in Houston say a crystalized magnetic mineral, called magnetite, found in a Martian meteorite is similar to crystals formed on Earth by bacteria.

“I am convinced that this is supporting evidence for the presence of ancient life on Mars,” said Kathie Thomas-Keptra, an astrobiologist at the space center and the first author of a study appearing today in the *Proceedings of the National*

Academy of Sciences.

Thomas-Keptra said there is no report of such magnetites being formed by any but biologic means.

The magnetite crystal was found in a Mars meteorite called Allen Hills 84001, or ALH84001. Researchers at the Johnson Space Center in 1996 announced that the space rock contained microscopic evidence of life, but their claim has been dismissed by most other researchers.

Little Village to try to fill Icon void

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“We didn't want to have an outside investor so that we wouldn't run into the same problems as the *Icon*,” he said. “Our whole goal is to keep the overhead lean.”

Oxler, who is overseeing the *Little Village*'s design, said that the new paper will use the same printing press in Marengo, Iowa to publish the paper. To publish 4,000 editions she said it will cost approximately \$650 — all of which she said they had no problem raising through ads

revenue.

Most of the articles in *Little Village* will be submitted by freelance writers, said Kimm, who will be the paper's editor. It will be about the same size as the *Icon*, he said.

While organizers of *Little Village* will operate from out of their homes, Pardekooper said, in a month they will be very organized.

“We are creating the template as we speak,” he said.

Steve Horowitz, the former arts and entertainment editor for the *Icon*, wrote an article for the *Little Village*'s premiere issue about a local band. He said he is excited to

write for the fledgling newspaper, while still being hopeful that the *Icon* will find funding and resume publishing.

“If the *Icon* starts up again, I don't know what I'll do,” he said.

UI senior Jeremy Erwin, who wrote music reviews for the *Icon* for eight months, said he would also like to write for *Little Village*.

“It's hard to go back to dailies after working for the *Icon*,” he said. “Hopefully, these guys will keep me in mind.”

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UISG leaders battle cuts

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isn't there.”

Vilsack has said the cuts are unnecessary, risky and poorly thought out because he expects tax revenues to rebound, at least partially, in the next four months.

Democrats in both chambers say they agree with Vilsack.

“Republicans have ducked their budget responsibilities by simply imposing budget cuts on state agencies without any regard for whether the cuts can be accomplished or for how Iowans will be affected,” said House Minority Leader Dick Myers, D-Coralville, in a statement. “They refuse to identify the services they want state government to stop providing and want to blame someone else when Iowans become outraged at the services they no longer will receive.”

The senators were sympathetic about the potential problems

students face, but it's important that students contact their legislators directly, Linn said. Students can find their representatives' contact information online at <http://legis.state.ia.us>.

“Student voices are heard better when the student body acts collectively,” Linn said. “That's how they are going to be swayed to vote against the cut.”

UISG Senate Executive Sara Stephenson agreed, saying UISG wanted to stress student involvement now rather than later.

“Tuition and state funding are directly linked. Without state funding, the university is pinched for money,” Stephenson said. “Come fall, it's hard to tell regents we don't want a tuition increase. It's the best opportunity now to work on tuition increases, and therefore, it's important for students to get involved when we can make an active change.”

The Senate is expected to debate the proposal today, with the House of Representatives taking it up Wednesday, said

Mark Braun, the UI associate director of governmental relations.

A vote on the proposal can occur only after a public hearing takes place. If the bill is passed, it will be sent to Vilsack. If he vetoes the measure, a two-thirds majority is necessary in both chambers to override, Braun said.

UISG representatives will also travel to Des Moines Wednesday to reinforce their disapproval of the budget proposal and discuss next year's budget, including encouraging completely funding university salaries, Stephenson said. The group hopes the vote on the budget cuts does not occur until they are able to speak with legislators and the education-budget subcommittee, she said.

“Even if they vote (today), we hope to go and make a strong case for next year's budget, so the university isn't as underfunded as last year,” Stephenson said.

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COGS, regents close in on agreements

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a chance to ask questions. Members not present at the meeting will have a two-day window in which to vote on the contract, she said.

“I look forward to hearing the bargaining committee's report,” said COGS member Mike Evces. “One thing about our local is that we are very serious about our motto — the members run this union — because the bargaining committee has to bring it back to us to vote on.”

COGS has been negotiating for

four months on its third contract for the 2,600 teaching and research assistants it represents at the university. Bargaining committee members have been working to include such issues as more help with childcare costs, increased wages, tuition remission and health-care options.

Reaching a voluntary agreement was important, Evces said.

“It is widely accepted that getting a voluntary agreement is much better, because an arbitrator won't accept permissive topics,” he said.

Permissive topics include such issues as childcare and tuition

remission, two issues that proved to be the biggest stumbling blocks because the regents also avoided them, Sherer said.

Although tuition remission is not included in the tentative agreement, she said, even discussing it will help next time around.

“Tuition remission and exploring all the complications have taken the bulk of the time,” she said. “We're obviously frustrated that they wouldn't work with us on the last problem, but we're hopeful maybe next time they will be more prepared to take us seriously.”

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Petition asks city to save free shuttle

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et at its formal meeting on March 5.

City Manager Steve Atkins said the proposal is “budget neutral,” meaning that the funds that would have gone to the summer shuttle would be transferred to other routes to help expand the public transportation system.

A second proposal the council is considering is to start charging shuttle riders 25 cents to ride the bus. Atkins said he saw “no real interest” on the council about this

plan, though, because it would decrease the number of riders by nearly 50 percent and increase the number of cars downtown by at least 250 per day.

Councilor Steven Kanner said he favors expanding the public-transportation system. Though he has not made a decision regarding the fate of the summer shuttle, he said, by expanding public transportation, the traffic downtown will be considerably less.

“There are a lot of hidden costs in driving a car,” Kanner said. “I think we need to be leaders in showing what those costs are and showing other

ways (for transportation).”

To add more funds for public transportation, Kanner suggested taking the money allotted for the proposed parking ramp on Burlington Street. The \$12 million facility would be funded by \$3 million in local funds and \$9 million from a federal program, he said.

“Instead of spending the \$3 million on that, I think we need to spend it on public transportation,” Kanner said. “Probably for half a million a year, we could think about eliminating fares from all the routes.”

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ts GOP energy bill features drilling, tax incentives

■ Senate Republicans introduce a measure that would allow drilling for oil in an Alaska refuge.

By H. Josef Hebert
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans introduced an industry-friendly energy bill Monday, calling the nation's energy problems the greatest threat to economic growth. They promised action by summer. The bill, already sharply criticized by many Democrats, calls for opening an Arctic wildlife refuge in Alaska to oil drilling. It would also provide tens of millions of dollars in tax incentives or regulatory relief to the oil, coal, natural-gas and

nuclear industries. The legislation also would expand programs to help low-income families cope with energy bills, provide new tax incentives for renewable energy sources such as wind and solar, and provide a tax break for buying ultra-efficient cars, homes and appliances. A broad spectrum of industry — from manufacturers and small-business groups, to timber, mining and energy interests — applauded the legislation as a first step toward boosting energy supplies. Most environmentalists and energy-efficiency proponents said the legislation was too heavily focused on production rather than conservation and favored polluters. The Sierra Club called it "a giveaway for

fossil-fuel producers." Former President Jimmy Carter took the unusual step of voicing his objection to the legislation in a series of telephone calls Monday to reporters, primarily because of his strong opposition to proposed drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. The refuge "was set aside not to be exploited for ... a very small amount of oil that won't be available for 10 years," said Carter in an interview. Carter in 1980 signed the legislation that ensured no drilling in the refuge without congressional approval. While Sen. John Breaux, D-La., joined as a co-sponsor, some Democrats already have promised to filibuster the measure if the Arctic refuge

provision is not removed. Environmentalists voiced other concerns about the bill Monday. In boosting so-called clean-coal technology, the bill also would exempt power plants from additional emission requirements under the Clean Air Act. It also would turn over to states the Interior Department's regulation of oil and gas leases on federal land, possibly affecting environmental enforcement, critics said. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said he hoped an energy package will be voted on by the full Senate sometime this summer but that no action would be taken before the White House completes its long-term energy package.



Dennis Cook/Associated Press
Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, left, discusses proposed comprehensive energy legislation during a news conference on Capitol Hill Monday. Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., is at right.

Spirited opening for Microsoft trial

■ The appellate-court judges have pointed questions for both attorneys.

By D. Ian Hopper
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In spirited and technologically savvy questioning, federal appeals judges Monday challenged Microsoft to prove it didn't injure competitors and government lawyers to justify why the software giant should be split in two. The first day of Microsoft's high-stakes legal bid to reverse its court-ordered breakup for antitrust violations was dominated by pointed questions from the seven U.S. Court of Appeals judges that kept lawyers leaping from subject to subject. "Does antitrust law not contemplate that we protect nascent seedlings of competition?" Chief Judge Harry Edwards asked during one exchange about whether the company sought to snuff out Netscape's competing Internet browser.

"I think, clearly, the antitrust law protects them, but it doesn't protect them from competition," Microsoft attorney Richard Urowsky replied. "It does protect them from predatory conduct," Edwards shot back, using the language the trial judge used when he ordered the company split in two last year. Government lawyers got a

similar grilling on to whether their action against Microsoft really would protect consumers if it would simply allow Netscape's product to dominate the market. "Is that what we're really talking about?" Judge Raymond Randolph asked. "One monopolist replacing another? Are we fighting for the newest, latest monopoly status?" Several judges tried to get Justice Department lawyer Jeffrey Minear to answer that question, with Judge Douglas Ginsburg exclaiming, "You can't keep avoiding the question."

"If that's the answer, say, 'Yes.' If you're hopelessly confused about it, say that, too. But, I mean, this really leaps out. I'm serious, this really leaps out, counselor. Are we talking about monopoly to monopoly?" Ginsburg pressed. "If we assume this is a competition for monopoly, the fact still remains that that it's a form of competition," Minear said. U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson, who made the historic ruling dividing Microsoft, found his findings of fact under intense scrutiny as well. "There are some findings that are merely just conclusions, and I find no basis for them," Edwards said at one point. "So I'm not in that camp that says, because a district court lists something under findings of fact, it's gospel,"

Edwards said. "It has to be a fact, in fact."

On Wall Street, Microsoft's stock gained \$3.13 to \$59.56 Monday.

The Justice Department and 18 states and the District of Columbia have sued Microsoft in the biggest antitrust case since the breakup of AT&T in 1984. Arguments Monday centered on whether it was proper for Microsoft to bundle its popular Windows operating system with the Internet Explorer browser. Urowsky argued that because Netscape's competing browser — which held an overwhelming market share before Microsoft offered its product for free — could be downloaded, consumers were free to decide which they wanted. "This evidence shows that Netscape had unfettered access to consumers," he said. "The absence of any foreclosure undermines every portion of this case."

Several judges seemed unswayed by the number of times Netscape's Navigator browser has been downloaded by customers. "But for the violations the district court had found, Navigator would be even more widely distributed," Judge David Tatel said. He injected at one point, "I don't see how you can get a reversal on this part of the case."

Gore gains slightly in press recount

■ The report suggests that the Democrat would not have gained enough votes to overtake George W. Bush.

Associated Press

MIAMI — A media-sponsored review of 10,644 uncounted ballots in Miami-Dade County gave Al Gore just 49 additional votes, but Democrats challenged the suggestion that the numbers showed he would have lost Florida and the presidency had the votes been tallied. The results published Monday were the first in a statewide ballot review carried out by an accounting firm hired by the *Miami Herald*, *USA Today* and *Herald* owner Knight Ridder. The firm reviewed ballots that were not counted by machines in the initial statewide count — the so-called undervote — and used the most lenient method of interpreting voter intent on the punch-card ballots.

The review suggests that Gore would not have gained enough votes in Miami-Dade to overtake George W. Bush's statewide lead of 930 votes that were certified on Nov. 17, 2000 — even combined with votes the former vice president gained during hand recounts in Broward, Palm Beach and Volusia counties. Gore had requested manual

recounts in all four counties.

"We've never thought it's been in doubt," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said. "The overwhelming majority of the American people have moved on. This election has been resolved a long time ago." State Democratic Party spokesman Tony Welch discounted the Miami-Dade review. "The problem is putting any significance on anything other than the full count," he said. "I feel like I'm in the same position as election night, when the networks took a little bit of information and tried to extrapolate when it's impossible to do so."

The *Herald*, which initially reviewed only uncounted ballots, is now looking at ballots in which a voter indicated a preference for more than one candidate, the overvote.

Separately, a research firm hired by several news organizations, including the Associated Press, the *Washington*

Post and the *New York Times*, is reviewing 180,000 Florida ballots that did not register a vote for president during machine counts. Those results are pending. The critical decision to reject late-arriving recounts was made by Secretary of State Katherine Harris, co-chair of the Bush campaign in Florida. She said she would not accept recount results after a Nov. 14 deadline set by state law.

Only Volusia County completed its recount by the deadline, resulting in 98 net votes for Gore. When Harris announced those totals, Bush led by 300 votes, and on Nov. 17, after overseas ballots were counted, she certified Bush's victory margin as 930 votes. The review of Miami-Dade ballots suggests Bush would have kept his lead even had Harris revised her certification when recounts came in from the three other counties.

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

— Nick Klenske, UISG presidential candidate, recently charged with having violated campaign regulations regarding ads.

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EDITORIALS

Senate considers English-only measure ...

Choose your words wisely

In the coming months, the Iowa Senate will debate Senate File 165, a bill proposing that English become the official language of the state of Iowa. Several attempts to pass similar bills have failed in the past. However, if Iowa's legislators understand the results that this bill would produce, it will undoubtedly pass the Senate.

On Feb. 22, a Senate committee voted 9-6 to pass File 165 to the entire Senate after hearing from two Iowans on opposing sides of the issue.

Peter Marasco, a Clive resident and immigrant from Italy, supported the legislation. He reasoned that the English language is a "pillar" that keeps the people of the United States together, and a bill promoting English as the official language would join cultures rather than divide them.

Warren Morrow of Des Moines, who was born in Mexico City and is the

This legislation would serve to erase a barrier that deeply divides a state rich with ethnic diversity.

founder of the Latino Leadership Project, opposes the bill. He said such a law would instill a sense of inferiority in immigrants to Iowa and thus drive them away from the state.

The bill seeks to "... encourage every citizen of this state to become more proficient in the English language, thereby facilitating participation in the economic, political and cultural activities of this state and the United States." By advocating a statewide official language, this legislation would serve to erase a barrier that deeply divides a state rich with ethnic diversity. The bill is nothing more than a progressive movement to unite the citizens of Iowa across the language barrier.

However, one problem could

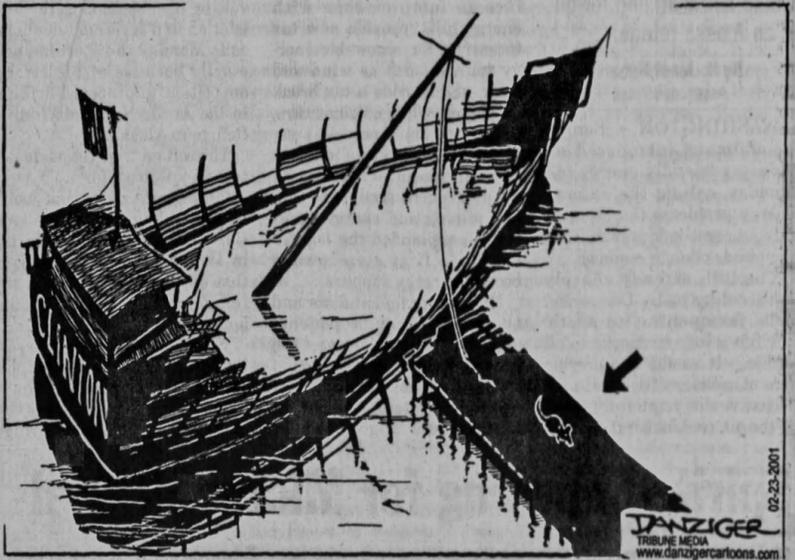
prevent the bill from becoming law. Gov. Tom Vilsack has expressed reservations about such legislation if it does not also include educational assistance to immigrants trying to learn English.

If the Senate passes File 165, a bill that offers countless benefits to those willing to learn the English language, it must offer a means for immigrants to receive those benefits. The Senate cannot and should not pass this bill unless it is also willing to provide instructional classes to individuals inclined to bridge Iowa's cultural gap.

The Iowa Legislature must understand that this bill, paired with educational opportunities provided by the state, will undoubtedly produce positive effects by unifying the citizens of Iowa, providing them with equal opportunities and bridging the language divide.

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This may be the actual end... James Carville leaves the ship... (see arrow)



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May this troublesome Kid never 'come back'

So many promises when he marched into the White House.

So much sludge when he trudged back out.

That will be Bill's legacy. It's almost impossible to remember in these days of Pardon-gate and Gift-gate — which follow like a yapping rat terrier on the heels of the Years of Monica&Bill — that once upon a time, Bill blew into town like spring itself.

He was the bright, youthful president who ended the long conservative winter of Reagan and Shrub the Elder. He was the teen-ager who had met John F. Kennedy in the Rose Garden and was going to bring idealism back to the White House.

That, of course, seems beyond hilarious now. Oh, there were nagging whispers and doubts back then. There was the lie about smoking pot, for instance — but then, just about everybody around his age had whiffed some weed back in the days.

There was the lie about how he managed to avoid going to Vietnam — but lots of white, middle-class kids had managed to avoid going to Vietnam. Hell, Shrub the Elder's vice president had managed to avoid Vietnam. So had

Shrub the Elder's son. So had, for that matter, Newt Gingrich and Phil Gramm and a host of other conservatives. If John Kerry and Tom Harkin and Bob Kerrey — Democrat senators who did not avoid Vietnam — didn't care about Bill not going, what did we care?

And there was the lie about Gennifer Flowers. A lie he perpetuated with that "60 Minutes" appearance, aided by Hillary. Aided, hell — she stole the show.

If Hillary didn't care, what did we? Nagging doubts and whispers. It's not as if we didn't know who he really was, deep down.

I remember staying up till dawn in Berlin, watching the election returns in '92, cheering oh-so-silently so I wouldn't wake my neighbors or my girlfriend, rooting for Bill. I did call a friend back in Iowa around 11:00 p.m.

Central Time to celebrate, and I do remember telling him that, yeah, I was excited about Bill, but I had this feeling I had just voted for a Republican for the first time in my life. It's not as if we didn't know, deep down. And that's the problem with Bill. When all is said and done — and whatever else in this life, all will get said and done — Bill Clinton has no deep down. Bob Herbert in Monday's

New York Times has got it exactly right: "The man is so thoroughly corrupt it's frightening."

Herbert is also exactly right when he writes that the Democrats should just cut him loose.

And the Democrat who should start the snipping process is Hillary.

Yes, I know about the Good Woman/Bad Boy Syndrome and how hard it is to let that bad boy go. I've seen enough of my friends go through it.

But at some point, you've got to be woman enough or human enough or something enough to say, Enough is, finally, enough.

That goes for both Hillary and the Democrats.

Because Bill is toxic. It's a wonder he's not on the EPA Superfund list.

We shouldn't even be talking about Bill. We should be talking about his Shrubness' Funeralgate back in Texas with Eliza May and Joe Allbaugh. Or we should be talking about the revolving door that made Stealth President Dick Cheney an extraordinarily rich man. Or, if you want to talk pardons, we should be talking about Shrub the Elder's inexplicable pardon of a heroin trafficker.

But no. We're still talking about Bill.

Cut him loose, Hillary. Cut him loose, Democrats. Let him walk the plank. Gertrude Stein had it right. She was writing about San Francisco and Oakland, but her words were just hanging out, waiting for Bill to come around:

There's no there there. Beau Elliot is a *DI* columnist. His columns generally appear on Tuesdays.

The Grammys whitewash music's diversity ...

Same old song and dance

In the 100-category display of popular culture and respect for the elderly that was the 2001 Grammys, awards were taken home by Steely Dan, Destiny's Child and that bastion of artistic musicianship known as the Baha Men. Ricky Martin, Kid Rock, NSync and Sisqo were also nominated.

The Grammys, as the most prominent music-awards ceremony, has a responsibility to recognize good music that has artistic merit rather than cater to the tastes of popular teen-age opinion. There is no way to prove that one piece of music is better than another, but it seems that songs with such meaningless lyrics as "Hey baby come on" or "thong thong thong thong" should immediately be disqualified from any self-respecting contest.

It almost seems as if the Grammys use quantitative information rather than quali-

The number and types of categories were a testament to the mismanagement and bias of the Grammys.

tative attributes in deciding who receives awards. More than 20 years in the industry, you get nominated (at least). More than 5 million albums sold, you get an award.

The number and types of categories were a testament to the mismanagement and bias of the Grammys. Different awards were given out for rock, hard rock and metal, categories that could easily have been combined, a move that would also vastly improve the level of competition.

There were at least eight categories under the title of pop, a name that is short for the word "popular." Pop music is just popular music from various categories. Britney Spears, Joni Mitchell, the Brian Setzer

Orchestra and Lauryn Hill were all nominated in pop categories; each musician obviously hails from a different genre. Alternative, the title under which some of the best music is being made, was given only one category at the Grammys, less than Latin, Gospel, Bluegrass or Spoken Word. Alternative music was represented equally with Dance, Polka, and Native American music.

The Grammy Awards needed to be brave enough to reward the efforts of serious artists who make good music; the award givers also should have been smart enough to eliminate roughly half of their categories.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hey Hawks Nest: Do your job!

In my four years here, I can't believe how terrible it is to be a fan, especially a student, in Carver-Hawkeye. Adults can think of nothing else but get to up and exit upward when they haven't seen their team win in its last four games? Instead of climbing each individual step, they can be giving just as many high fives to other fans as the clock hits all zeros! The Hawks Nest idea was great, but I now think that the section stinks beyond belief. The Nest people can blame the refs all they want, but the fact remains that in the second half, everyone wearing yellow shirts sat, I mean stood, on their butts, I mean feet, and watched Purdue get back in the game. Are you serious? Make some noise, go ... heaven for-

bid Luke Recker isn't playing ... nuts! Iowa, which had lost four straight, is up by double digits, and the Nest isn't making noise when Purdue's shooting on its end of the court?

I know the Head Hawk e-mails other members the cheers to try for each game, which is fantastic. I applaud his effort, but it's not working! Hands waving for an opponent's free throw attempt is pathetic. Either everyone do it, or no one do it! Do I even need to mention the "See-Ya" during the free throw Reggie missed? Get a clue.

If Steve Alford wants the Nest among the nation's best, every member should buy Duke's instructional video on how a student section is run. Granted, every year Duke wins more than the Hawkeyes, but who's to say that Iowa isn't at that playing level SOON and students could be

referred to as "the Carver Chaos?" The team needed you guys BEFORE overtime. There was no overtime if the Nest was doing its job.

Ryal Brier UI senior

Gov't should take active stance on art

Liz Basedow writes in her editorial "Leave artists' freedom intact" (*DI*, Feb. 21) that "People have the right to interpret ideas, religious or otherwise, particularly in the explorative realm of art." But in the federally funded Brooklyn Museum of Art, this is not the case. A museum drawing on national funds certainly has no obligation to display art that is inflammatory to a particularly large group of individuals, a group of individuals on whose morals this coun-

try was founded.

And does someone really have the right, as Basedow fervently defends, to interpret any ideas? What if someone made a "work of art" implying she was racist or homophobic, or that she had committed a crime? Would she be so quick to defend the artist's rights then?

I'm a practicing Catholic, but even if I weren't, I would still understand

the pain and humiliation that members of the Catholic League must feel simply knowing such a piece of work was displayed at a public institution. The government should have a right

to decide what to show at its own museums.

Jed Findlay UI graduate

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On the SPOT

Why does (or doesn't) Iowa need to pass a law designating English as the state's official language?



"I don't think we need one because there is so much diversity in this school."

Jessica Tushoski UI sophomore



"We don't need one. It is stupid to say this because everyone speaks English."

Randy Essing Iowa City resident



"We should because ... we should do something to preserve the national culture."

Casey Walker UI freshman



"No, because it's unfair to those whose native language isn't English."

Gary Jarvis UI graduate student



"Yes, because we are in America."

Ying Xu UI graduate student

VIEWPOINTS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Columnist's views on religion inappropriate

While I don't necessarily oppose Mr. Elliot's position on censorship regarding this particular bit of satire ("Gov't warning: Satire may be dangerous to your liberty," *DI*, Feb. 20), I find his other assertions troubling. To dismiss God or Christians out-of-hand does not speak well of his cognitive, not to mention research, abilities.

Even a cursory, unbiased evaluation of the historicity of early Christian literature or more than a passing nod to contemporary philosophical thought would have to lead a conscientious person away from labels such as "delusional." Similarly, if Mr. Elliot associated with anyone who didn't own a "Nietzsche For President" T-shirt and a "Free Mumia!" bumper sticker, he might find that not all us "Right-wing Christians" are humorless, brain-washed, uneducated boobs.

Also, if you spend a couple minutes studying constitutional law, you might discover that not all speech is "protected" speech. Suggesting the president of the United States and his Cabinet should be struck dead just might fall into that "not protected" category. The left was certainly quick to pounce all over anything militia-related after the Oklahoma City bombing, asserting complicity through like-mindedness (not that I TOTALLY dis-

agree with this assertion), but this case is somehow different because it falls under the umbrella of "satire" (also an assertion I am not TOTALLY at odds with). Perhaps a satire depicting God smiting the president as opposed to the writer calling for the smiting might have been more prudent and defensible.

Anyway, if your aim is to tickle the lowest common denominator of the lemming-like left (those who are liberal because Al Gore was cuter than "his Shrubness"), then you are right on target. However, if you seek to stimulate any kind of intelligent dialogue among those with whom you agree and everyone else, you might consider having enough respect for yourself and others to think before you write.

Ed Taylor
North Liberty resident

This is in response to Beau Elliot's comment in the Feb. 20 *DI*.

"Kind of funny stuff. Kind of not, I suppose, if you're of the Christian persuasion. But then, Christians are among the most delusional people on the planet. For one thing, they believe that there is a god."

Now, did I take this despicable banter out of context? If there's anybody that's delusional, it's you, Mr. Elliot. How do you explain that more than 90 percent of the world's popu-

lation believes in a supreme being? I think a better word would be submissional for us theists and Christians. We recognize and openly profess that there is a divine intervention behind all earthly events. Need concrete proof? How would you explain the existence and complexity of DNA?

Also, your notion that President Bush's desire to fund faith-based institutions is a violation of church and state is your and the left's uneducated misinterpretation of the Constitution. The First Amendment prohibition of established religion aims at forbidding all government-sponsored coercion of religious conscience. It does not forbid all religious influence upon politics or society. The free exercise of religion means nothing if, in connection with the ordinary events and circumstances of life, individuals are forbidden to act upon their religious faith. In other words, government intervention in welfare programs has been detrimental to individuals. Bring it back to the faith community, where a guiding lecture is given along with a helping hand.

Nathan Benn
UI junior

Do we really want Reagan Part II?

When I read Aaron Gilmore's editorial "Reagan on Bush's Mind"

(*DI*, Feb. 22), I couldn't help but share in his optimism that we may, once again, have a good ol' fashioned hawk in office. If Bush wants to initiate a full-scale military build-up of the sort we saw under Reagan, more power to him. While he's at it, Bush could also carry the Reagan torch on a number of other issues. I certainly think that it is about time we started supporting some brutally repressive dictatorial regimes in the name of containing communism and selling arms illegally on the side. And if, while he's at it, Bush can spark another arms race and dash any hopes of diplomatic relationships with China and Russia by violating arms-control treaties, well, that would be great, too. I'm all for destabilizing the international system. As an encore, Bush could spend billions on a national missile-defense system that is decades away from being effective if it is technologically feasible at all, just as our buddy President Reagan did. Hell, with any luck we could even make enemies of our allies in Europe. God bless America and the numerous arms manufacturers that are supported by our president's militaristic leanings, all in the mold so impressively cast by Reagan (the president, not the war ship).

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- Ellen Burstyn - Requiem For A Dream
- Laura Linney - You Can Count On Me
- Julia Roberts - Erin Brockovich

Best Supporting Actress:

- Judi Dench - Chocolat
- Marcia Gay Harden - Pollock
- Kate Hudson - Almost Famous
- Frances McDormand - Almost Famous
- Julie Walters - Billy Elliot

Best Actor:

- Javier Bardem - Before Night Falls
- Russell Crowe - Gladiator
- Tom Hanks - Cast Away
- Ed Harris - Pollock
- Geoffrey Rush - Quills

Best Supporting Actor:

- Jeff Bridges - The Contender
- Willem Dafoe - Shadow Of The Vampire
- Benicio Del Toro - Traffic
- Albert Finney - Erin Brockovich
- Joaquin Phoenix - Gladiator

Best Director:

- Stephen Daldry - Billy Elliot
- Ang Lee - Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
- Stephen Soderbergh - Erin Brockovich
- Ridley Scott - Gladiator
- Stephen Soderbergh - Traffic

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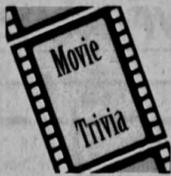
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The potential of the human body

■ Not quite dance, not quite gymnastics, Aeros swirls into Hancher tonight.

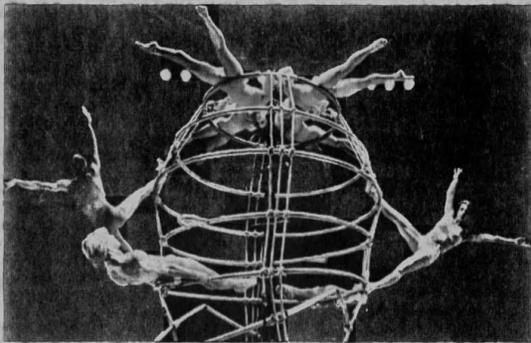
By Becca Suttlive
The Daily Iowan

The potential of the human body is expanding, or so it may seem with the conception and tour of Aeros. Combining modern dance and gymnastics, members of the Romanian Gymnastics Federation selected by three world-renowned American choreographers will bring Aeros to life tonight at Hancher.

Complete control of powerful, sculpted bodies lies at the heart of Aeros. With sets designed for the gymnasts to use in place of competitive apparatus and lighting effects that director Daniel Ezralow said "enormously enhance the theatricality of the event," the gymnasts in Aeros defy gravity and blur distinctions between art and sheer athleticism.

"Aeros is very interested in showing movement potential, human potential," Ezralow said. He stressed that the performance is neither dance nor a gymnastics exhibition; rather, Aeros lies in the middle of the spectrum.

Maria Fumea, the movement coordinator for the gymnasts in Aeros, said the performance includes 20 Romanian gymnasts, 12 women and eight men ranging in ages from 18-27. The group is composed of artistic, rhythmic and aerobic gymnasts. Mike Lorenzen, the coach of the Iowa women's gymnastics team, said the two major divisions in competitive gymnastics are



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Aeros will bring a unique combination of gymnastics and dance to Hancher Auditorium tonight. The gymnasts in Aeros performed with *Destiny's Child* at the Grammys on Feb. 21.

artistic and rhythmic. The UI women, who will sign autographs during intermission of Aeros, primarily compete in artistic gymnastics.

"Rhythmic is a very different discipline," Lorenzen said. "Emphasis is put on dance and flexibility. They're known for exceptionally clean lines and flexibility." Aerobic, or sports aerobic gymnastics, is a relatively new discipline expected to receive recognition in the near future as an Olympic sport.

Aeros' directors — Moses Pendleton, David Parsons and Daniel Ezralow — have revolutionized the world of dance. Perhaps best known is Pendleton's Pilobolus Dance Theatre, which he co-founded in 1971. Pilobolus, which performed at Hancher in September 2000, has reached fame of international proportions.

Aeros was conceived in 1997 by Antonio Gnechi, the agent for all three directors in Italy. Approached by a multinational corporation to create a show like no other, Gnechi came up with the idea of using gymnasts in place of dancers and contacted the three American directors to choreograph them. A couple years later, "Stomp" creators Luke Cresswell and Steve McNicholas joined the production to help create a mass appeal for a North American tour and also to oversee the creation of an original score composed by Toronto's Two Tall Guys Music Lab.

Ezralow said the score, which is performed live, helps to replace theatrical narrative form for a more physical, rhythmic narrative.

"In a sense it touches people's imaginations," he said. "The message Aeros sends is the potential of the human body — inspiration, very intense."

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Fictionally under the radar, close to the bone

■ Stewart O'Nan says his novel *Everyday People* is an ensemble book of characters.

By Tracy Nemitz
The Daily Iowan

Stewart O'Nan's name does not carry the same power as authors such as John Grisham, Anne Rice or Stephen King, and for now, he likes it that way.

The author of the novel *Everyday People* said he enjoys the freedom of not being a big star.

"Being far enough under the radar, I am allowed to take more risks. I am allowed to goof up," said O'Nan, who will read today at 8 p.m. at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St.

In the case of *Everyday People*, however, he did not goof up. His narrative of an inner-city neighborhood is dark, engaging and hopeful, all at the same time.

The novel, which O'Nan described as an "ensemble book of characters," walks the reader through hardships faced by individuals in a black Pittsburgh community. The novel centers on an accident that leaves 17-year-old Chris paralyzed from the waist down and his best friend, Bean, dead. After the accident, Chris finds himself unable to relate to anyone — his family, his baby's mother, even himself.

In addition, the novel deals with the hardships of other members of the community. Chris' father is caught between his responsibility to his family and his gay lover; Chris' brother has been recently released from jail and is forced to fight against falling back into the life of a gang member; Bean's grandmother must deal with the loss of her grandson.

"As I started writing the story, more and more characters came along," O'Nan said. "Their day-to-day struggle of living became more interesting than my original idea of how Chris can't relate to anyone anymore."

This is typical of the way he writes, he said.

"I will often start out with one idea, and somewhere along the way, the story changes to something else," O'Nan said.

When the idea to tell the story from a black perspective occurred to him, he said, he was faced with two concerns.

"I asked myself, 'Can you do it, and should you do it?'" O'Nan said.

In order to prepare for writing the story, he said, he studied different black writers.

"I read and researched with the tradition of African-American authors to understand how neighborhoods are seen," O'Nan said. "I wanted to know what issues people would be worried about, how the world is seen through their eyes."

O'Nan, who has received much acclaim for his past works such as *A Prayer for the Dying*, said in the beginning, gaining any amount of recognition was not an easy process.

At that time an aerospace engineer, he would come home every night after work and write.

"It got to the point where I was not giving much attention

to anything else, especially my family," O'Nan said. "Finally, with my wife's encouragement, I went back to Cornell when I was 30 to study writing."

Finding a publisher was even more difficult for him. It took many attempts at sending stories out to different magazines and publishers before he found one, he said.

"In regards to getting published, it helps to have professional agents," O'Nan said. "That is one of the reasons the writers from UI writers' program do so well."

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DANCE
Aeros
When: 8 p.m. today
Where: Hancher Auditorium
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No boundaries for Less Than Jake

■ The band had a packed Union Bar surfing and dancing Monday night.

By Peter Rugg
The Daily Iowan

More than 700 people crowded into the Union Bar Monday night to revel in the punk/ska/pop music of Less Than Jake and guests Teen Idols, New Found Glory and AntiFlag.

Less Than Jake stopped at the Union, 121 E. College St., as part of a 14-day, 13-show tour from New York to Los Angeles to support its new album, *Boundaries and Boundaries*.

However, a series of problems almost stopped the show from happening. Less Than Jake canceled the gig last week when its lead singer, Chris, became ill. But the next day, the band retracted the cancellation.

"I was really scared when I heard that the show might be canceled," said Nicole Saathoff, who said she traveled from Clarksville, Iowa, to see concert. "I'm so glad it's here because it's such a great band."

Anthony Crissie, the Union's talent buyer, said though there were complications, the concert was a sell-out.

The Union's downstairs area was flooded with people crowd surfing, dancing and shouting the band's praises over the screaming guitar riffs.

While the concert headliner was Less Than Jake, UI freshman Josh Servey said he was drawn to the show by the opening bands more than anything else.

"I love AntiFlag and New Found Glory," Servey said. "They have some unbelievable bands here tonight."

Saathoff said the Union booked a great show.

"New Found Glory has been making a lot of noise since it came on the punk scene," she said. "And as far as ska goes, Less Than Jake is just the standard."

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Main Event

The Event: College Basketball, Michigan State at Wisconsin, 8 p.m., ESPN.
The Skinny: Wisconsin will try to slow down the potent Michigan State offense, something it could not do against Indiana.



NHL
 6:30 p.m. Blackhawks at Capitals, ESPN
NBA
 7 p.m. Sonics at Knicks, TNT
College basketball
 6 p.m. Tennessee at S. Carolina, ESPN

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Who is the Minnesota Vikings' all-time leading rusher?
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SCOREBOARD

NBA			
Boston	85	Golden State	84
Seattle	82	Chicago	78
Charlotte	82	Orlando	93
Indiana	72	Denver	86
Milwaukee	98	Utah	99
Philadelphia	91	Atlanta	82
Portland	95	Dallas	
Houston	89	L.A. Clippers	late
NHL			
Ottawa	3	New Jersey	5
N.Y. Rangers	2	Florida	3
St. Louis	7	Calgary	3
San Jose	2	Dallas	2
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MEN'S TOP 25			
10) B.C.	84	UCConn	75
Morris Brown	63	18) N.D.	59

HAWKEYE SPORTS

Thursday	
6 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, 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
Saturday	
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, Big Ten Tournament, Grand Rapids, Mich.
TBA	Wrestling, Big Ten Tournament, Evanston, Ill.
2:30 p.m.	Baseball, at Evansville, Evansville, Ind.
3:30 p.m.	Softball, vs. Illinois State, College Station, Texas
5:45 p.m.	Softball, vs. Texas A&M, College Station, Texas
7 p.m.	Women's and men's gymnastics, at Illinois, Champaign, Ill.
All Day	Women's and men's swimming, Iowa Senior Championships, Field House Pool
Sunday	
11 a.m.	Women's tennis, vs. Kansas, Rec Building
10 a.m.	Softball, vs. Syracuse, College Station, Texas
11 a.m.	Baseball, vs. Miami of Ohio, Evansville, Ind.
TBA	Women's basketball, Big Ten Tournament, Grand Rapids, Mich.
TBA	Wrestling, Big Ten Tournament, Evanston, Ill.
All Day	Women's and men's swimming, Iowa Senior Championships, Field House Pool

The last remaining gray-teamer

■ Former Iowa walk-on Jason Smith earns the respect of his team and coaches.

By Todd Brommelkamp
 The Daily Iowan

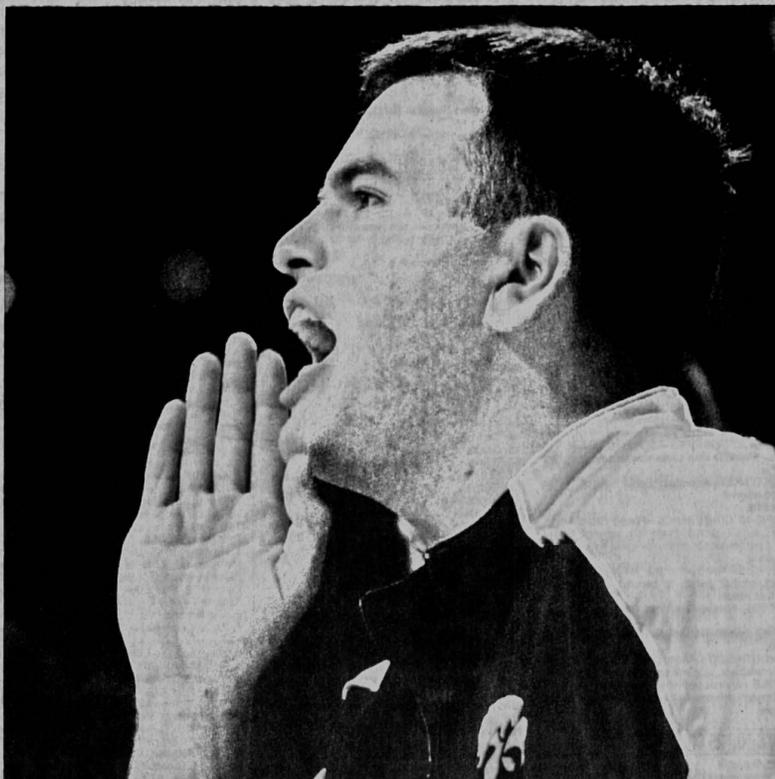
There have been other basketball players who have earned the final seat at the end of the Iowa bench, but few deserve it more than Jason Smith.

In fact, when Iowa quarterback Jon Beutjer walked on to the team earlier this season, he expected to be sitting next to the host of trainers and assistants where Smith usually holds court. Smith told Beutjer he would have to earn the seat, and rightfully so.

In his five years at Iowa, Smith has made the unlikely journey from a walk-on member of the gray team to his current role as de facto team leader, and he has become a fan favorite along the way. Though his playing time has been sparse, coach Steve Alford and Smith's teammates do not hesitate to label Smith as the most valuable player on Iowa's team.

"He follows the scouting report, and he executes it," Alford said of Smith's performance. "He never hurts us."

It's hard to picture Smith, who picked up a second major to remain eligible for a final



Brett Roseman/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Jason Smith has earned respect as a de facto assistant coach with the Hawkeyes.

year at Iowa after being disappointed with last year's 14-16 finish, in anything but a Hawkeye uniform.

Had it not been for his love of the game, however, he may

never have worn a basketball jersey. A very talented football and soccer player as well as basketball star at Iowa powerhouse Bettendorf, Smith found himself recruit-

ed very heavily to play Division I football.

The courting process found the likes of current Nebraska football coach Frank Solich and former Northwestern

boss Gary Barnett knocking on Smith's door, though he received no offers because of his commitment to the hardwood. When it came time to make his decision, Smith weighed his options and made a choice he says he will never regret.

After speaking with former Iowa coach Tom Davis about walking on, Smith knew Iowa was the right choice for him athletically and academically. It was the dream scenario for a kid who grew up attending Iowa games with his father, watching such players as B.J. Armstrong and Roy Marble, then pretending to be them while shooting in his backyard.

Though his father believed playing football may have been Smith's best opportunity, his parents have ultimately been just as dedicated to the Iowa program as Smith himself. Barb and Dave Smith rarely miss a game, even when the Hawkeyes play away from Iowa City.

When Alford took over the Iowa program two years ago, he did away with the gray team, the walk-ons who practiced with the team, and met with Smith about his future. Alford told the 6-3 guard he would have to earn a spot on the team, which Smith managed to do.

"I told him he didn't go from gray team to black-and-gold team because of his

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Season comes down to crunch-time for Hawkeyes

■ The next two games will decide Iowa's postseason fate.

By Mike Kelly
 The Daily Iowan

Steve Alford verbalized what every Iowa fan knows at his press conference Monday: This week is important.

It's crunch-time for Iowa (18-9, 7-7). The Hawkeyes play Thursday against Penn

State (16-9, 6-8) and Saturday against Wisconsin (17-8, 8-6). The final two games of the regular season directly affect Iowa's chances of making the NCAA Tournament.

"There is that pressure to get a win," Alford said. "It would be nice to have that relief that you know you are going to the tournament."

Alford said he feels confident about his team's chances of making the Big Dance if

the Hawkeyes remain in the top 40 in the RPI rankings.

The RPI is the system of ranking teams that the NCAA selection committee uses when choosing which teams get in. Season record, strength of schedule and winning on the road are the most important factors that go into the complicated RPI formula.

Currently, Iowa's RPI is 29th in the country, but two losses at home would send the Hawkeyes plummeting in

the ratings. Whether they would fall out of the top 40 cannot be determined until the regular season ends on March 4.

Alford knows what it is like to be on the short end of the selection committee's stick.

When Alford coached at Southwest Missouri State in 1996-97, his team had a 24-6 record, but because it played in the weak Missouri Valley Conference, it finished 41st in the RPI ratings and was

shunned by the selection committee.

An easy way for Iowa to eliminate any doubts about postseason play is to win a game or two this week.

Iowa, which has lost five of its last six games, was in a favorable position just two weeks ago, but road losses to Northwestern and Michigan, the two worst teams in the Big Ten, have altered its position substantially.

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Iowa exceeds expectations

■ In just two seasons, Mike Lorenzen revives the Iowa women's gymnastics program.

By Jeremy Shapiro
 The Daily Iowan

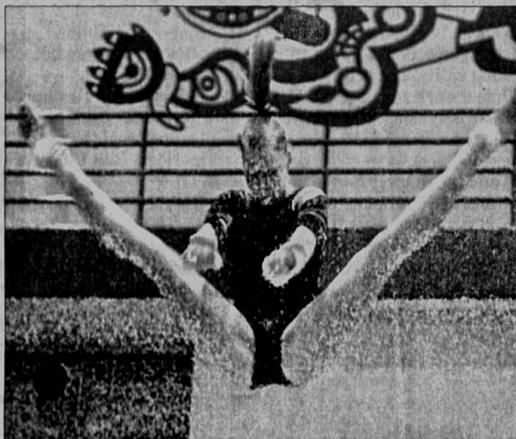
To say the Iowa women's gymnastics was in bad shape two years ago would be an understatement.

To say the GymHawks program is in good shape now might also be an understatement.

Fresh off a 196.425-195.25 defeat of No. 22 Illinois State, Iowa (10-3) rose to No. 14 in the newest national rankings.

Having set almost every imaginable school record, this season's Hawkeyes have exceeded everyone's expectations, and talk has begun of a first-ever appearance at NCAA nationals.

The situation is quite a turnaround from two years ago. March 4, 1999, was a dark day for the program. Numerous gymnasts were suspended for alcohol violations, and the team had to forfeit a match against Minnesota the next day. Iowa had trouble fielding a team the rest of the season, and coach Diane DeMarco resigned after heavy criticism.



Charlie Curtin/The Daily Iowan

Iowa gymnast Alexis Maday soars over the uneven bars Feb. 24 at the Field House.

On March 4, 2001, Iowa could be in the top 12 if it puts up another 196-plus score against Illinois Saturday. Some houses don't get rebuilt as fast as the GymHawk program.

"The outcome has exceeded my expectations so far," said Iowa coach Mike Lorenzen. "I thought at the beginning of the year we might break into the top 20, but I did not think we were a 196-point team."

He cited teamwork, support, great assistant coaches and

talented athletes as the reasons for the speedy turnaround.

"Supporting your teammates is the most important thing you can do," he said. "That's why it says 'United We Stand' on the poster. If the team is to do anything special, we must work as a team."

Senior Angie Hungerford agreed with that appraisal. "The team itself is so united," she said. "That's a big contributor to our success. It's not

See GYMNAWKS, Page 5B

Sosa reports to Cubs' spring training

■ Sammy Sosa arrives at Chicago's camp all smiles, but six days late.

By Nancy Armour
 Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — Sammy Sosa strolled into the Chicago Cubs clubhouse with a big grin on his face and hugs for anyone within reach.

It wasn't long before the thumping and bumping beat of salsa music filled a clubhouse that's been boardroom-quiet this spring.

Yes, folks, Sammy Sosa is here. Fashionably late — as usual — but definitely here.

"What's up fellas? Welcome to my house," he said as he reported to camp Monday — a day before the mandatory report date and six days after the rest of the Cubs regulars.

While Gary Sheffield and Frank Thomas' sulky demands for new contracts have cast ugly shadows across their camps, don't read anything into Sosa's delayed arrival. It's become a rite of spring, like the Cactus League's answer to the groundhog.

Let other people worry about

the ongoing negotiations for a contract extension. Sosa has other things on his mind.

"I came here to be happy and play baseball," he said. "Whatever happens, happens. But right now I'm not thinking about it is going to happen, is it not going to happen. Whatever happens, God bless."

"I'm here to do a job," he added. "I'm here to be a leader, to be a team leader, whatever it's going to take for me to play here."

With Michael Jordan gone and Thomas as fan-friendly as stale popcorn, Sosa is the only sports icon Chicago has. Shrieks of "SAM-MEE!" greet him wherever he goes, and fans jump to their feet when they see him racing out to right field, tapping his chest.

But many fans are growing weary of multimillionaire athletes asking for more money, and not even Sosa is exempt. He heard a smattering of boos at the Cubs Convention earlier this month, and there have been critical letters in the local papers.

"A lot of people want to complain, but if they really (were in my shoes), they probably would be doing the same thing I do, maybe worse," Sosa said.

SPORTS

SPORTS QUIZ

Robert Smith

AP TOP 25

The Men's Top Twenty Five
By The Associated Press
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 25, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pv
1	Stanford (70)	25-11	750	1
2	Duke	25-31	654	4
3	Michigan St.	22-6	612	5
4	North Carolina	22-41	474	2
5	Illinois	22-61	427	3
6	Florida	20-51	415	7
7	Virginia	19-61	289	9
8	Iowa St.	23-41	258	6
9	Arizona	19-71	226	8
10	Kansas	21-51	078	11
11	Boston College	20-41	009	10
12	UCLA	19-6	953	15
13	Notre Dame	19-6	870	18
14	Mississippi	22-5	837	12
15	Kentucky	18-8	749	13
16	Marquette	18-9	613	20
17	Oklahoma	21-6	505	16
18	St. Joseph's	23-4	495	23
19	Syracuse	20-7	427	17
20	Alabama	20-7	402	14
21	Georgetown	21-6	340	21
22	Wisconsin	17-8	320	19
23	Wake Forest	19-9	213	24
24	Texas	21-7	175	25
25	Xavier	21-1	126	—

Others receiving votes: Providence 116, Ohio St. 101, Tennessee 96, Fresno St. 84, Creighton 57, Cincinnati 35, Gonzaga 30, Georgia St. 22, Indiana 21, UC Irvine 15, Utah 10, California 9, Hofstra 8, Georgia Tech 5, W. Kentucky 5, Arkansas 4, West Virginia 3, Missouri 2, Southern Cal 2, Oklahoma St. 1, Wyoming 1.

WOMEN'S TOP 25

The Women's Top Twenty Five
By The Associated Press
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 25, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pv
1	Tennessee (36)	28-1	872	1
2	Notre Dame (2)	25-1	827	2
3	Connecticut (1)	24-2	806	3
4	Duke	24-3	804	7
5	Louisiana Tech	25-4	796	6
6	Georgia	23-5	754	4
7	Oklahoma	23-4	744	8
8	Purdue	24-5	706	5
9	Rutgers	20-6	648	9
10	Iowa St.	22-4	604	10
11	Florida	23-4	597	11
12	Xavier	25-2	533	12
13	Utah	23-2	488	13
14	Texas Tech	21-5	454	15
15	Vanderbilt	19-8	435	18
16	LSU	18-9	373	14
17	Colorado	20-6	327	16
18	San Missouri	22-0	287	20
19	Penn St.	19-8	243	19
20	Wisconsin	18-9	237	21
21	N.C. State	18-9	159	17
22	Arizona St.	19-7	157	23
23	Iowa	17-9	102	25
24	Baylor	19-7	70	24
25	Clemson	19-8	65	—

Others receiving votes: Drake 51, Washington 41, Villanova 30, Texas 29, Toledo 21, Colorado St. 15, Louisville 15, TCU 12, Idaho St. 8, George Washington 7, Maryland St. Mary's, Cal. 7, Denver 4, Michigan 3, Boston College 2, Oregon 2, Arizona 1, Stanford 1, Stephen F. Austin 1.

TRANSACTIONS

Monday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press
BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Agreed to terms with LHP Mark Lukaszewicz on a one-year contract.
National League

CINCINNATI REDS—Signed 3B Aaron Boone to a one-year contract.
Frontier League
CANTON CROCODILES—Signed OF Corey Ward.
COOK COUNTY CHEETAHS—Signed OF Trey Wheat.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
BOSTON CELTICS—Placed G Kenny Anderson and F Jerome Mose on the injured list. Activated G Randy Brown and G-F Adrian Griffin from the injured list.
ABA 2000
INDIANA LEGENDS—Waived C Anthony Palle.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed P Jason Malecki.
Arena Football League
TORONTO PHANTOMS—Named Edmund Jones defensive backs coach and defensive coordinator, Joe Moss offensive and defensive line coach, and Michael Custer fullback-linebacker coach.

XFL
CHICAGO ENFORCERS—Waived LB Kevin McCullar.
LAS VEGAS OUTLAWS—Activated WR Yo Murphy.
Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Signed WR Andre Arain.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL—Suspended Ottawa Senators F Andre Roy two games without pay for pursuing Vancouver Canucks F Donald Brashear after a Feb. 24 game.
ATLANTA THRASHERS—Recalled G Norm MacIver from Orlando of the IHL.
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Recalled F Steve Washburn from Philadelphia of the AHL. Assigned RW Tomas Dizek to Philadelphia of the AHL.
PHOENIX COYOTES—Signed F Sean Burke to a multiyear contract extension.
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Named John Ferguson Jr. vice president and director of hockey operations.
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Assigned D Greg Andrusak to Kentucky of the AHL.
VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Recalled D Bryan Allen from Kansas City of the IHL. Reassigned D Bryan Helmer and F Jariko Ruutu to Kansas City.
Central Hockey League
FAYETTEVILLE FORCE—Placed F Norm Fay on the suspended list. Activated D Mike Tokoff from injured reserve. Placed D Mike Moran on the roster.
Macon Whoopie—Placed F Sebastian Pajkowski, C Don Sauter, C Chris Richards and D Algars Mironovics on the roster. Waived RW Bill Monkman, C Jason Tatic and RW Oleg Tsirkunov.
OKLAHOMA CITY BLAZERS—Traded LW Don Sauter to Macon. Activated F Garth Garner from the suspended list. Placed D Mike Johnson on the suspended list. Placed D Chris Dashiery on the roster.
East Coast Hockey League
WHEELING NAILERS—Released F Jeff Schmidt.
Western Professional Hockey League
AMARILLO RATTLES—Placed F Jake Ream on waivers. Activated F Eric Anderson off 14-day injured reserve.
AUSTIN ICE BATS—Placed F Keith O'Brien on waivers. Added F Jason Dexter to the roster.
LUBBOCK COTTON KINGS—Activated F Joe Coombs off 21-day injured reserve, and F Chris Rowland off 14-day injured reserve.
NEW MEXICO SCORPIONS—Placed F Tommy Chiarlone on 14-day injured reserve. Activated F Dave Nelson off 21-day injured reserve.
ODESSA JACKALOPES—Signed D Miles Van Tassel. Placed D Mike Lankshear on 14-day injured reserve.
TUPELO TREX—Activated F Bobby Reed off 14-day injured reserve.
COLLEGE
PACIFIC-10 CONFERENCE—Placed Steve Lavin, UCLA men's basketball coach, on probation for the rest of the season for comments about referee Craig Grismond.
MANSFIELD—Announced the resignation of Joe Gilbert, football coach, to become offensive line coach at Toledo.
MEMPHIS—Named Rick Whitte defensive coordinator.
NOTRE DAME—Named Joker Phillips receivers coach.
PLYMOUTH STATE—Announced the resignation of Rebecca Lisack, women's soccer coach.
TEMPLE—Announced the retirement of John MacDonald, golf coach, effective at the end of the season.

MEN'S TOP 25 SCHEDULE

Top 25 Schedule
By The Associated Press
Monday's Games
No. 11 Boston College vs. Morris Brown, 6:30 p.m.

No. 13 Notre Dame vs. Connecticut at the Hartford Civic Center, 6 p.m.
No. 24 Texas vs. Missouri, 7 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
No. 2 Duke vs. No. 16 Maryland, 7 p.m.
No. 11 Boston College vs. St. John's, 8:30 p.m.
No. 18 St. Joseph's vs. Massachusetts, 8:30 p.m.
No. 19 Syracuse vs. Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
No. 4 North Carolina vs. North Carolina State, 8 p.m.
No. 11 Boston College vs. St. John's, 6:30 p.m.
No. 7 Virginia vs. Clemson, 6 p.m.
No. 9 Iowa State vs. Texas Tech, 6:30 p.m.
No. 10 Kansas at Kansas State, 8 p.m.
No. 11 Boston College vs. St. John's, 6:30 p.m.
No. 14 Mississippi vs. LSU, 7 p.m.
No. 15 Kentucky vs. Auburn, 7 p.m.
No. 17 Oklahoma vs. Colorado, 8 p.m.
No. 20 Alabama vs. Arkansas, 7 p.m.
No. 21 Georgetown vs. Rutgers, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
No. 1 Stanford at Southern California, 9:30 p.m.
No. 9 Arizona vs. Oregon State, 7:30 p.m.
No. 12 UCLA vs. California, 9:30 p.m.
No games scheduled
Saturday's Games
No. 1 Stanford at No. 12 UCLA, 3 p.m.
No. 3 Michigan State vs. Michigan, 3:30 p.m.
No. 7 Virginia at No. 16 Maryland, 1 p.m.
No. 8 Iowa State vs. Nebraska, 3 p.m.
No. 9 Arizona vs. Oregon, 7 p.m.
No. 11 Boston College at West Virginia, 6 p.m.
No. 14 Mississippi vs. No. 20 Alabama, 2 p.m.
No. 6 Oklahoma vs. Oklahoma State, 8 p.m.
No. 18 St. Joseph's at La Salle, 7 p.m.
No. 22 Wisconsin at Iowa, 1:30 p.m.
No. 24 Texas at Texas Tech, 12:45 p.m.
Friday's Games
No. 2 Duke at No. 4 North Carolina, 2:30 p.m.
No. 5 Illinois at Minnesota, 3 p.m.
No. 6 Florida vs. No. 15 Kentucky, 11 a.m.
No. 10 Kansas vs. Missouri, 1 p.m.
No. 13 Notre Dame vs. No. 21 Georgetown, 1 p.m.
No. 19 Syracuse vs. St. John's at Madison Square Garden, 11 a.m.
No. 23 Wake Forest at North Carolina State, 12:30 p.m.
No. 25 Xavier at Dayton, 11 a.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL TOP 25
Baseball America Top 25
TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The top 25 teams in the Baseball America poll with records through Feb. 25 and previous ranking (voting by the staff of Baseball America):

Rank	Team	Record	Pts
1	Georgia Tech	7-1	1
2	Louisiana State	9-2	3
3	Arizona State	13-2	5
4	Miami	12-3	4
5	Southern California	9-4	2
6	Rice	13-2	6
7	South Carolina	12-0	7
8	Auburn	13-0	8
9	Stanford	11-4	9
10	Pepperdine	10-2	10
11	Notre Dame	5-1	11
12	Nebraska	6-3	12
13	Central Florida	10-4	17
14	Clemson	5-3	14
15	Oklahoma State	9-2	19
16	Tulane	10-3	16
17	East Carolina	10-0	21
18	Baylor	11-4	22
19	Florida State	4-2	13
20	Georgia	3-2	15
21	South Alabama	10-2	23
22	UCLA	10-4	—
23	Stetson	9-1	—
24	Cal State Fullerton	6-7	18
25	Southern Mississippi	9-1	—

NHL STANDINGS
National Hockey League
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
W L T O L Pts GF
Philadelphia 33 18 10 2 78 190
New Jersey 30 17 12 3 75 206
Pittsburgh 32 21 7 2 73 207
N.Y. Rangers 25 32 4 1 55 193
N.Y. Islanders 17 37 5 3 42 142
Northwest Division
W L T O L Pts GF
Ottawa 36 16 8 2 82 198
Buffalo 33 23 5 1 72 165
Toronto 28 22 10 4 70 192
Boston 25 24 6 7 63 163
Montreal 20 34 5 4 49 152
Southeast Division
W L T O L Pts GF
Washington 32 19 10 1 75 175

Carolina 27 24 7 3 64 159
Florida 17 31 8 8 50 150
Atlanta 18 33 9 2 47 166
Tampa Bay 16 38 6 3 41 154
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division
W L T O L Pts GF
St. Louis 39 15 7 2 87 207
Detroit 38 16 6 4 86 194
Nashville 26 28 8 2 62 150
Edmonton 29 24 9 2 69 175
Columbus 19 31 7 6 51 141
Northwest Division
W L T O L Pts GF
Colorado 40 12 9 2 91 211
Vancouver 32 21 5 5 74
Edmonton 29 24 9 2 69 175
Calgary 21 25 11 4 57 151
Minnesota 22 29 8 3 55 133
Pacific Division
W L T O L Pts GF
San Jose 34 18 10 0 78 170
Dallas 35 20 5 2 77 172
Phoenix 29 19 12 2 72 163
Los Angeles 26 8 1 63 199
Anaheim 18 33 8 5 49 149

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.
Sunday's Games
Buffalo 5, Tampa Bay 4
Detroit 5, Atlanta 2
Colorado 5, Atlanta 2
Pittsburgh 6, N.Y. Islanders 1
Edmonton 3, Dallas 2
Chicago 6, Toronto 4
Columbus 2, Anaheim 2
Philadelphia 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
Montreal 3, Dallas 2
St. Louis 7, San Jose 2
New Jersey 5, Minnesota 2
Dallas at Calgary, late
Tuesday's Games
Phoenix at Boston, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Carolina at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Nashville, 7 p.m.

PGA TOUR STATS
PGA Tour Statistics
By The Associated Press
Through the Nissan Open
Scoring Average
1. Davis Love III, 68.72. 2. Mark Calcavecchia, 68.78. 3. Mike Weir, 69.30. 4. Ernie Els, 69.39. 5. Vijay Singh, 69.57. 6. Tiger Woods, 69.69. 7. Bob Tway, 69.76. 8. Shigeki Maruyama, 69.78. 9. Brad Faxon, 69.82. 10. 2 tied with 69.91.
Driving Distance
1. John Daly, 302.1. 2. Steve Allan, 291.4. 3. Davis Love III, 291.1. 4. Chris Smith, 290.8. 5. Brandt Jobe, 289.4. 6. Joey Sindelar, 289.1. 7. Stuart Appleby, 289.0. 8. Jason Gore, 288.5. 9. Tiger Woods, 287.4. 10. Chris Tidland, 286.6.
Driving Accuracy Per
1. Jeff Hart, 79.6%. 2. Glen Day, 78.7%. 3. Fred Funk, 78.1%. 4. Joe Durant, 78.0%. 5. Scott Verplank, 77.9%. 6. Craig Parry, 76.2%. 7. Brent Snider, 76.1%. 8. Paul Goydos, 75.9%. 9. (tie), Olin Browne and Glen Hnatuk, 75.8%.
Greens in Regulation
1. Ernie Els, 79.4%. 2. Dudley Hart, 78.6%. 3. (tie), Hal Sutton and Joe Durant, 77.5%. 5. David Toms, 77.2%. 6. Scott Verplank, 77.1%. 7. Tom Lehman, 76.9%. 8. Kevin Sutherland, 76.1%. 9. John Huston, 75.5%. 10. Bob Tway, 75.4%.
Total Driving
1. Joe Durant, 25. 2. Brandt Jobe, 34. 3. Scott McCarron, 47. 4. Brent Snider, 51. 5. Mark Calcavecchia, 53. 6. Stephen Ames, 59. 7. Craig Parry, 66. 8. Brad Elder, 71. 9. Grant Waite, 73. 10. Kananee Yokoo, 74.
Putting Average
1. Mark Calcavecchia, 1.665. 2. Steve Stricker, 1.676. 3. Glen Day, 1.679. 4. Rocco Mediate, 1.694. 5. Stuart Appleby, 1.698. 6. Garrett Willis, 1.700. 7. Russ Cochran, 1.701. 8. (tie), Loren Roberts, Brent Geiberger and Greg Chalmers, 1.706.
Birdie Average
1. Mark Calcavecchia, 5.81. 2. Bob Tway, 4.84. 3. Robert Gamez, 4.83. 4. Brandt Jobe, 4.76. 5. Vijay Singh, 4.75. 6. David Toms, 4.68. 7. Steve Stricker, 4.64. 8. (tie), Rocco Mediate and Chris DiMarco, 4.63. 10. Scott McCarron, 4.62.
Eagles (Holes per)
1. Brad Faxon, 34.4. 2. (tie), Ernie Els and Carlos Franco, 60.0. 4. (tie), Tom Purtzer and Joey Sindelar, 68.0. 6. (tie), Fred Couples and Brent Geiberger, 68.4. 8. 6 tied with 72.0.

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— the ranking of the Big Ten in the RPI's index of conference strength.

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— Iowa coach Steve Alford, on Luke Recker and his injury.

BY THE NUMBERS
— the number of free-throws Iowa's Reggie Evans has shot this season, leading all Division I players.

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

Will baseball have another labor stoppage?

Want to play "Major" League Baseball?
You could be the next Jay Kirkpatrick or Essex "Gas" Burton, both of whom were among the original replacement players during the 1995 spring-training season, if and when baseball players once again choose to strike.
Believe it or not, the geniuses that run Major League Baseball have set themselves down a path toward yet another work stoppage — a kinder, gentler way of saying strike.
The \$252 million the Texas Rangers are paying Alex Rodriguez has driven up the market value of other players, or so says the players' union. Last week, the White Sox's Frank Thomas complained that his pre-A-Rod contract paying him a paltry \$9 million a year is now far less than he is worth. He's just the latest in a long line of players who are using the A-Rod exchange rate to justify larger contracts.
When the owners finally wise up, which may be too late, and realize they are paying players unrealistic amounts of money to play a game, they're going to have to start saying no. When the boss tells a player he can't have a raise to build another garage for his third Mercedes, the player won't take it sitting down.
Mark McGwire or not, baseball is teetering on the brink of self-destruction. It doesn't seem to matter that both sides are wrong in the matter because in the end, only the fans suffer.
— by Todd Brommelkamp

Although baseball is as economically flawed as a professional sports league can get, it will not alienate what's left of its fan base by another work stoppage following the season.
For the good of the game, the players and owners will carry on like a couple sticking together for the good of the kids. Home-run king Mark McGwire publicly stated he would retire if there was another strike or lockout.
McGwire is Major League Baseball's strongest marketing tool, and the game is not going to jeopardize its already mediocre standing with the fans by letting a star like Big Mac quit.
While a work stoppage is not dependent on one player's whim, McGwire is symbolic of America's attitude toward the game at the present time. For the last 10 years, the only time people have gotten excited about the game was during the Home Run Chase of 1998 and the Subway Series in 2000.
Ratings are down, and the petulance of the players and owners is up. The national pastime is not a way most people spend their time; at least that's what the ratings indicate.
The league knows it is struggling to keep the attention of 18-34 year-olds who grew up on Michael Jordan and Walter Payton. In order for this to happen, there needs to be something for those fans to pay attention to.
— by Mike Kelly

physical and then left the building before a team meeting.
"Tomorrow is the mandatory date for reporting, so hopefully he shows," said Manuel, who's had two telephone conversations with Thomas.
Thomas is scheduled to make \$9,927,000 in each of the next six seasons under a deal he signed in September 1997, but only this year is really guaranteed.
Under a clause in Thomas' contract, if Thomas isn't an All-Star, fails to finish in the top 10 in AL MVP voting and fails to win a Silver Slugger, the White Sox can change his salary

Still no Big Hurt for White Sox
TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Frank Thomas, still thinking he's underpaid at \$9.9 million, was scheduled to meet with Chicago White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf Monday to discuss his salary complaints.
Thomas has refused to practice with the team and has missed six days of workouts. The mandatory reporting date is today, according to baseball's labor agreement.
"I don't know who initiated the meeting, but it's always good to see

if someone has a disagreement they are able to sit down and discuss it," White Sox manager Jerry Manuel said Monday.
As he stood around one of the team's practice diamonds, Reinsdorf refused to comment on Thomas or the meeting, which was announced on the team's Web site.
Thomas' agent, Michael Moye, was not available for comment. A person answering the phone in his Atlanta office said he could be headed to Tucson today.
That's when Manuel hopes Thomas will reappear for the first time since Feb. 21, when he took a

to \$250,000 plus \$10,125,000 deferred.
Thomas, in turn, could then terminate the contract and elect to become a free agent.
Thomas batted .328 with 43 homers and 143 RBIs last season following two sub-par years. At the time he signed the extension, it gave him the 10th-highest average salary in baseball.
Now he lags far behind, especially after the \$252 million, 10-year deal signed by Alex Rodriguez. Thomas said he deserves to be in the upper echelon of salaries.

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Dale Earnhardt car wins race

■ Steve Park, who drives a car owned by the late racer's company, wins the Dura Lube 400.

By Mike Harris
Associated Press

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. — Paint Steve Park's car black, slap a No. 3 on it, and that could've been Dale Earnhardt out there banging fenders and heading for victory in the last lap of the Dura Lube 400.

A tearful Park paid tribute to his late boss by taking an Earnhardt car and bumping his way to the checkered flag Monday.

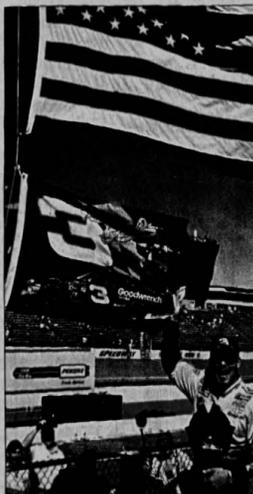
Bobby Labonte, the defending Winston Cup champion, was banging at Park's rear bumper in a finish that came down to which driver got the best run off the fourth turn.

The two cars bumped and the right rear of Labonte's car caromed off the concrete wall. Park pulled away, winning by two car-lengths.

"I threw a block on him because I was trying my hardest to win this race," Park said. "I did what Dale Earnhardt would do."

When the rain-delayed race was over, Park grabbed the No. 3 Earnhardt hat hanging from his gearshift lever and thrust it out of his car window, holding it high in salute to the fallen hero as he took a slow victory lap.

He reversed direction with a smoking spin in front of the main grandstand and drove back the other way before stopping briefly alongside teammate and Daytona 500 winner Michael Waltrip. The two exchanged a high-five and took off in opposite directions around the 1.017-mile track, both with No. 3 hats thrust in the air.



Chuck Burton/Associated Press
Steve Park holds a flag in memory of team owner Dale Earnhardt as he celebrates in victory lane Monday.

It was a fitting and comforting end to an event that began Sunday with a frightening first-lap crash that took Park's other teammate, Dale Earnhardt Jr., out of the race. The younger Earnhardt came away with minor bruises in a wreck eerily similar to the one in which his father was killed on Feb. 18 on the final lap of the Daytona 500.

"It's been a tough week and this is a dream finish," Park said. "Dale's gone, but he's not forgotten, and he's going to be with all the DEI drivers the rest of the year."

Labonte, also wearing one of the black, red and silver No. 3 Earnhardt hats, said: "I got up on the outside of him a little bit, and we were both slipping and sliding with that many laps on tires. I got up into the fence a little bit with the right rear. I tried hard to come back,

but it's hard to get a good bite up off (turn) 4."

Park, who got his big break when Earnhardt hired him in 1996, had to compose himself in the final laps.

"I was emotional. I had tears coming down those last couple laps," he said. "Then I had to kind of wipe my nose and get back up on the steering wheel, 'cause that's what Dale would want me to do."

Park's car ran out of gas on the victory lap and needed a push to Victory Lane, where he scrambled out of the cockpit, climbed on the roof and leapt into the arms of his crew.

He scrambled back onto the roof, turned to the crowd, and raised his arms in victory, bringing a huge roar from the 30,000 spectators who returned Monday.

As he celebrated, Park got a call from Earnhardt's widow, Teresa, now the team owner, who was watching the race at the DEI shop in Mooresville, N.C., about 90 miles away. Park said she was emotional but happy.

Rain on Sunday forced postponement of the last 341 laps of the 393-lap race. Monday was totally different, with the gloom of the previous afternoon giving way to bright sunshine.

Once the race resumed, it became a great fight among Park, Labonte and pole-winner Jeff Gordon.

It appeared three-time series champion Gordon was in command late in the race, but tire wear played a big part in the final result.

Park wrested the lead from Gordon on lap 339 and Labonte got past to take second on lap 379. At that point, the leader was ahead by more than four seconds, but Labonte began cutting into that steadily.

Stanford regains top spot

■ The Cardinal has the best record in college basketball.

By Jim O'Connell
Associated Press

Stanford, the only Division I team with fewer than three losses, was a unanimous No. 1 in the Associated Press college basketball poll for the second time this season.

The Cardinal (25-1) received all 70 first-place votes and 1,750 points from a national media panel Monday. This is their second straight week atop the poll and sixth this season. Stanford, which beat Washington and Washington State last week, also was a unanimous No. 1 on Jan. 8, its first week on top of the poll this season.

Stanford gets a chance to avenge its only loss of the season Saturday, when it plays at UCLA.

Duke (25-3) had 1,654 points and moved from fourth to second following wins over Georgia Tech and Wake Forest, the latter on a buzzer-beater by freshman Chris Duhon.

Michigan State (22-3) moved up two spots to third after wins over Indiana and Penn State.

Both North Carolina, which lost to Virginia by 20 points



Paul Sakuma/Associated Press
Stanford teammates celebrate after their victory over Washington State Feb. 24.

Sunday, and Illinois, which lost to Ohio State by two points on Feb. 22, dropped two spots to fourth and fifth, respectively.

Florida moved up one place to sixth, and was followed in the Top Ten by Virginia, Iowa State, Arizona and Kansas.

Boston College dropped one spot to lead the Second Ten, and was followed by UCLA, Notre Dame, Mississippi, Kentucky, Maryland, Oklahoma, St. Joseph's, Syracuse and Alabama.

The last five ranked teams were Georgetown, Wisconsin, Wake Forest, Texas and Xavier.

Both Texas (21-7) and

Xavier (21-5) returned to the Top 25, replacing Tennessee and Providence.

Texas has won four straight, the most recent a 94-78 victory over Iowa State on Saturday. The Longhorns were ranked for three weeks earlier in the season, but had been out of the Top 25 for the last four weeks.

Xavier was ranked 24th for one week, then lost to St. Joseph's and was out the last two weeks. The Musketeers have won three straight.

Tennessee (19-9) fell out from 22nd after a 78-70 victory over Vanderbilt on Feb. 24 snapped a five-game losing streak.

SPORTS BRIEF

XFL ratings falling

NEW YORK (AP) — The XFL's ratings are sinking on UPN, too — just not as fast as on NBC.

Memphis' 18-12 win over Los Angeles on Sunday got a 1.9 overnight rating and a 3 share on UPN, a 5 percent decrease from the 2.0 the previous week.

The XFL got a 4.2/8 overnight on

Feb. 4 for its first telecast on UPN, then slipped 33 percent to a 2.8/4 on Feb. 11. It fell 29 percent to a 2.0/3 for Feb. 18.

Sunday night's overnight rating was down 55 percent from the Feb. 4 broadcast.

NBC, which co-owns the league with the World Wrestling Federation, got a 2.9 overnight rating

for Feb. 24 telecast of New York/New Jersey's 13-0 win over Chicago, a 24 percent drop from the previous week.

The national ratings for NBC's XFL broadcasts have dropped from 9.5 in Week 1 to 4.6 in Week 2 to 3.1 last week, when it was the lowest-ranked program of anything in prime time on the four major networks.

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Ewing comes back to Madison Square Garden

Patrick Ewing faces the Knicks in New York for the first time since he was traded.

By Chris Sheridan
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Patrick Ewing's most cherished Madison Square Garden moment came in 1994 when he finally led the Knicks to the NBA finals.

He's about to have another night to savor, returning to the arena where he spent 15 years in an unfulfilled quest for a title.

He might even cry. "I hope not," said Ewing, who was traded to the Seattle SuperSonics last summer in an abrupt end to his career in New York.

"It'll be strange, but I'm going to do everything the way I've always done it. I'm driving my car up the ramp like I always did. If the guards stop me, I'm running them over."

Most Knicks players park their cars at the bottom of a ramp that winds its way upward to the fifth floor of the Garden, which is floor level. Ewing always drove his car right to the top of that ramp, letting himself off just a few footsteps from the locker room.

It was just one of the many small perks for a player who



Elaine Thompson/Associated Press

Seattle's Patrick Ewing makes his first trip to New York since being traded to Seattle tonight.

practically owned the building, the 7-foot center who spent a decade and a half as the face of the franchise.

His departure was not an amicable one, but the Knicks nonetheless plan a one-minute video tribute to him during player introductions. The game will be broadcast nationally on TNT.

"I would be awfully disappointed if it were anything but a standing ovation," said point guard Mark Jackson, who spent five seasons as Ewing's teammate and was reacquired in a trade last week. "He's nothing but a warrior and the greatest Knick ever."

Ewing never delivered the championship that was expect-

ed when the Knicks won the draft lottery and made the Georgetown center the No. 1 pick in 1985.

Ewing never completely connected with a segment of the fans in New York, either, sometimes coming off as aloof. He was criticized for occasionally refusing to sign autographs, but the fans always appreciated the effort he gave, playing hard and playing injured season after season.

Still, many Knicks fans remember Ewing for his missed finger-roll at the end of Game 7 of the 1995 conference finals and forget that he stood triumphantly on the scorer's table the season before when

he finally led the team to the finals. They lost in the championship series, 4-3 to the Houston Rockets.

One of the big questions at Knicks practice Monday was whether any of the fans will boo Ewing.

"Unfortunately, this is New York," Allan Houston said. "But I expect the cheers will be 100 times greater than some squeaky boos. This is a night to cheer for him."

Several former fan favorites, including Charles Oakley and John Starks, have received warm receptions when they returned to the Garden in different uniforms. But no one of Ewing's stature has been back since the 1977-78 season when Clyde Frazier showed up in a Cleveland Cavaliers jersey.

"I think they'll respect everything I've done in my 15-year career in New York," Ewing told reporters in Boston, where the Sonics played the Celtics on Monday night. "What do I expect? I don't know. Hopefully, it'll be a warm homecoming. If not, so be it."

The 38-year-old Ewing stays in touch with Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy, who has often said that one of the toughest parts of NBA coaching is reducing a superstar's role during the twilight years of his career.

The questions about Ewing's role — and the question of whether the team was better

off with him or without him — came to a head during last year's Eastern Conference finals against Indiana. The Knicks went 2-0 without Ewing, who was hobbled by a foot injury, and 0-4 with him.

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Simms the starter for spring drills at Texas

Spring practice will start without a quarterback question for the Longhorns.

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas coach Mack Brown wasted no time putting to rest any speculation about the Longhorns' starting quarterback in spring practice: Chris Simms is a firm No. 1 and Major Applewhite is the backup.

"They will be competing, but there's no question Chris is the starter," Brown said Monday.

"We don't feel the need to alternate guys like we did the first of last year," he said.

Texas starts spring practice today. The Longhorns were ranked No. 12 at the end of last

season. The quarterback question has hung over Brown and the Longhorns since the end of the 1999 season, when Applewhite went down with a knee injury.

Brown flip-flopped the two quarterbacks last season before a sprained knee sidelined Applewhite again.

Simms started the last three games and led Texas to wins over Kansas and Texas A&M before a 35-30 loss to Oregon in the Holiday Bowl.

Simms threw four interceptions against the Ducks but still had the Longhorns in position to tie the game late before his receivers dropped three potential game-tying touchdowns.

Applewhite is Texas' career passing leader, but Brown was nothing short of absolute when declaring Simms his starter this spring and presumably

next fall as well.

"Some people think you should play Major because he played well early in his career and won some great games. We appreciate that ... the only thing that's important to us is the guy who can help us win," Brown said.

By naming Simms his starter now, Brown hopes to defuse a situation that he acknowledged was a distraction for the entire team.

"We want more talk about our football team instead of individuals," Brown said. "We think there was entirely too much talk about two quarterbacks last year."

Other questions remain, however.

Offensively, the Longhorns must replace tailback Hodges Mitchell and tackle Leonard Davis. On defense, the line is the biggest concern with the departure of tackles Casey Hampton and Shawn Rogers.

Davis and Hampton both were all-Americans and all three linemen are projected as potential first-round picks in the NFL draft.

Mitchell ran for 3,356 the last two seasons for Texas. Junior Victor Ike, who has rushed for 430 yards in his career, will start the spring as the No. 1 tailback.

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SPORTS

Smith's role evolves for Iowa

SMITH

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body," Alford said. "He went there because of his brain."

Nostalgia fills Smith's voice when he speaks of how Alford has begun to bring in top-notch recruiting classes, which make the likelihood of walking on to the Iowa program far from 100 percent.

"I don't know if that's going to happen here anymore," he said. "It's been something that will probably fade out."

Since earning a scholarship last season, Smith no longer has to change in the men's restroom before practice, and he now has his name on the back of his jersey. He was named a co-captain for his senior season and has also become a sort of player-coach for the young Hawkeyes, waving towels from the end of the bench and lecturing teammates while coaches confer during timeouts.

"Smitty is definitely the leader of this team," roommate and fellow guard Luke Recker said. "He's like having another coach on the bench."

Coaching is something which comes up frequently

around Smith. Surprisingly, he claims to have no interest in coaching at this point in his life, though he said he may like to teach his children some day as his father did with him.

"It's not something I really thought about before this year," he said. "I don't really think I have the patience to deal with (coaching)."

Smith has done an admirable job of playing role model for the Hawkeyes this season, from offering advice to chauffeuring freshmen to practice. He has also seen his contributions on the floor increase this season.

With a suddenly depleted guard corps, Smith found himself making a possible game-saving play against Purdue Feb. 21. After knocking away a Boilermaker inbound pass to preserve Iowa's five-point lead, Smith was showered with chants of his name from the Hawks Nest. Unselfish to a fault, he attempted to deflect the glory upon other teammates even as they declared him the player of the game.

As Smith's days in black and gold dwindle, he has begun to focus on his future. He said he wants a job that will keep him

close to the game of basketball while allowing him to travel the country. Smith has sent out his résumé to various NBA teams and sports-management groups, he said, and he hopes his double major in marketing and finance will allow him to combine his passion for basketball and his professional life.

For now, Smith prefers to savor the moments remaining in his college career. He has fond memories of his times as a Hawkeye — not surprisingly, they are team moments. Though he can still point to the spot on the floor where he scored his first Iowa basket (a jumper against Chicago State during a 105-60 blowout), he counts among his many highlights making the Sweet 16 in Davis' final season and defeating Connecticut in Alford's debut. However, he hopes the best is yet to come in his final month as a player.

"Hopefully, we can have a run in the tournament and see how far we can go," he said.

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NCAA bid possible for Iowa

GYMHAWKS

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just one individual; we are out for team camaraderie."

This point was illustrated beautifully against Illinois State. On both the vault and uneven bars, the first GymHawk to compete missed and put up a low score. Nonetheless, their teammates quickly rushed to console them. Fully knowing they couldn't fall or the Hawkeyes would be in trouble, the remaining five gymnasts calmly put aside the pressure and nailed the routines. If fact, on the bars, the routines were superb enough to set another school record for the event.

"Even if someone misses, everyone will run down and hug them. We are all in it together," Lorenzen said.

While teamwork is always crucial in gymnastics, talent is also important. At the beginning of the year, gymnastics fans knew the freshman trio of Alexis Maday, Stephanie Gran and Brandy Killian would be good. But nobody knew they would be this good.

Maday has the sixth-highest all-around score in the nation. In other words, when taking into account all four gymnastic events, only five

gymnasts in the country have outscored Iowa's freshman sensation.

Killian is slowly progressing and put up her best effort last weekend. Meanwhile, Gran is ranked 15th in the all-around. Oh, by the way, she scored a perfect 10 on the vault on Feb. 9.

"I could not have possibly hoped the freshmen would do as well as they are doing," said Lorenzen, talking much like a proud father figure. "It's unreasonable to put these kind of expectations on freshmen, but they have become such tough competitors. What they have done is pretty remarkable."

The talent level doesn't stop with the newcomers. Seniors Giselle Boniforti and Hungerford have provided leadership and high scores. Junior Michele Ford is having perhaps her best season ever, and sophomore Janna Alexandrova has become quite a spectacle on the balance beam, where she set a team record of 9.925 against Illinois State.

"Gosh, the season has more than exceeded my expectations," Hungerford said. "Every week we break more records. I couldn't be more pleased."

Now, advancing to the NCAA nationals is no longer a

dream but a distinct possibility. In order to make the trip to Athens, Ga., for nationals, Iowa would have to finish in the top two at regionals in early April.

Which of the six regionals Iowa will be sent to is anyone's guess. The GymHawks current have the 14th best regional qualifying score. The top 18 scores in the country are seeded 1-3 at the various regionals. Then the next three teams with the best scores in each region also are invited to compete.

"NCAA nationals are a much more realistic possibility now," Lorenzen said.

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Turnaround too fast for Alford

HAWKEYES

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Now, the Hawkeyes face two games within 48 hours of each other against teams with very contrasting styles. Penn State is an offense-oriented squad with three players averaging more than 10 points per game, while Wisconsin is famous for its stingy man-to-man defense. The lack of preparation time concerns Alford, who said he

wishes the Big Ten and television networks could work out a deal in which teams played on specific nights. Most Iowa games during the week fall on Wednesdays, but Iowa has played on a Tuesday night before and now must prepare for a crucial Thursday game.

"I hope it (scheduling) is an issue at the spring meetings," Alford said. "We are all over the place. Having a turnaround like that is very hard."

At least two Hawkeyes hope

this week is not the beginning of the end of their Hawkeye careers. Four-year starter Dean Oliver and reserve Jason Smith will play their final games at Carver-Hawkeye Arena this week.

"This week is a huge opportunity to get in," Oliver said. "This is a very emotional, fun time, but it will be even more fun if we win on Thursday."

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SPORTS

Dick Schaap tells life story in latest book

■ **Legendary sportswriter Dick Schaap drops names and reflects in an autobiography.**

By **Ronald Blum**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dick Schaap drops names faster than some ballplayers drop popups.

At least he can laugh about it. "It's about athletes and actresses, cops and comedians, politicians and just people — the eclectic mix that made almost every day of my life seem like a fantasy," he says on the ESPN version of his autobiography, which airs for the first time tonight.

In 300 pages of the book version, he offers minuscule intro-

spection and maximum one-liners. Yet, the book works. In a way, his writings aren't a microscope on his life, they're a mirror.

"I collect people. All these stories were locked up inside me," he said in a raspy voice one morning over breakfast at a midtown Manhattan delicatessen.

His book, "Dick Schaap: Flashing Before My Eyes," pokes fun at himself starting with the cover, which boldly states: "As told to Dick Schaap."

Sure, Schaap has penned some books — he's written more than 30 — in which speed was as significant as substance. Sure, he likes to make sure people know he's golfed with presidents. Sure, he surrounded himself with Muhammad Ali and Billy

Crystal on his book cover.

He was as comfortable with Lenny Bruce as with Lenny Dykstra.

By being next to celebrities, he became one.

"Have I broken the world record for name-dropping yet?" he says on the TV show, which includes teary music from "Cinema Paradiso" to enhance a segment with one of his favorite players, ex-pitcher Bill Lee.

Almost anyone would sound self-centered with such a schtick. Not Schaap. Everything he says is with an aw-shucks attitude, even when he jokes about his two ex-wives and makes his alimony payments seem like Olympics-rights fees.

"I'm basically an egomaniac," he joked last week on a telephone conference call.

Then came the kicker — "99 percent of the punch lines come from the people involved."

He's proud he has covered hard news, junking a Mets road trip to watch Los Angeles riots in the 1960s, going to Mississippi to cover murders.

Yet, sports is the central theme of his life.

"I've gotten to know the heroes of my youth and the villains," said the Brooklynite, with Bobby Thomson and Ralph Branca in mind, "and I've gotten to know how thin the line is between them."

As a kid, he watched them. Now he takes them to dinner.

In the 1960s, he worked in an era that doesn't exist much today, when athletes and reporters didn't just spar in the clubhouse, but caroused together in clubs.

Izzo ready for big games

■ **Michigan State takes on Wisconsin and Michigan to finish out the regular season.**

By **Malcom Johnson**
Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Michigan State coach Tom Izzo was practically salivating as he considered his team's situation: two games to go in the Big Ten season and the Spartans half a game out of first place.

"It doesn't get any better than this," Izzo said Monday. "This is kind of what you dream about, being at the end of February and having a chance to win a championship. That's the position we're in."

The Spartans (22-3, 11-3 Big Ten) play at Wisconsin today and return home to wrap up the regular season Saturday against Michigan. The defending national champions are going for their fourth straight first-place finish in the Big Ten.

"I think this is the best time to be in the hunt for a championship because I do think we're capable of playing our best ball, and yet I don't think we've played it yet," Izzo said at his weekly news conference.

And he admitted he's excited about his team's stretch run.

"I really am," he said. "This is the greatest time for a coach, and the most nerve-

wracking time, but it's great.

"It's fun to come to work. There's a light at the end of the tunnel, and you know you're playing for big things."

Michigan State's big things start at Wisconsin today. The Badgers are 8-6 in the Big Ten and 17-8 overall.

"They are a very good basketball team," Izzo said. "(Guard Roy) Boone and (guard Kirk) Penney are playing the best basketball of their careers."

And he noted that Michigan State will be playing in front of a hostile audience, given that the Spartans beat Wisconsin three times last season.

"The setting is great, the opportunity is great," Izzo said. "I have a lot of respect for their program. ... They're very tough and blue collar; it should be a whale of a game."

And Izzo said he's just now accepting the fact that playing for big things can fun.

"I'm starting to accept that playing for championships is a little more fun than just playing games," he said.

And he said his Spartans are hitting their peak at just the right time.

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Huskies help tournament hopes

■ **Connecticut throttles No. 13 Notre Dame, 75-59.**

By **Jim O'Connell**
Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Connecticut used balanced offense and impressive defense to beat No. 13 Notre Dame, 75-59, Monday night, a huge win for the Huskies in terms of their hopes for an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

Caron Butler had 14 points and 11 rebounds and Souleymane Wane added 13 points and 10 rebounds for the Huskies (19-9, 8-7 Big East), who have won four of five and six of eight since snapping a five-game losing streak.

The win was the fifth this season over a team ranked in top 50 by the RPI for the Huskies, who finish the regular season Saturday at Seton Hall.

Troy Murphy had 17 points on 6-for-14 shooting for the

Fighting Irish (19-7, 11-4), who had already clinched first place in the Big East West Division. Notre Dame, which entered the game shooting 47.3 percent from the field, finished 22-for-56 against Connecticut (39.3 percent).

Notre Dame got within 55-50 on a free throw by Murphy with 7:50 left, a play that was the fourth foul against Edmund Saunders, who covered him most of the game.

The Huskies responded with a 7-0 run that featured a hook shot and a rebound dunk of a missed free throw by Johnnie Selvie. A 3-pointer by Matt Carroll had the Fighting Irish within 64-53 with 4:46 left, but the Huskies scored the nine points to take their biggest lead, 73-53 on a tip-in by Wane with 1:57 left.

Selvie finished with 12 points, while Taliek Brown added 11 for the Huskies and Albert Mouring had 10.

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The Blues' captain, was injured in his second game back in the lineup after recovering from knee surgery that sidelined him for 15 games. He was struck at the end of a shift at 9:34 of the first period and immediately headed for the locker room.

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TWO share well kept two bedroom apartment near UIHC. \$290/month. Quiet no smoking, good neighborhood, spacious. Please call 430-1726.

ROOMMATE WANTED/MALE

SUMMER and/or Fall. One bedroom in five bedroom house. \$295/month. 703 Iowa Ave. (319)887-9291.

ROOMMATE WANTED

ONE bedroom in large two bedroom. Free parking, busline, dishwasher, laundry, central-air, non-smoking. \$300 negotiable, plus 1/2 utilities. (319)354-7334, Lori.

OWN room in five bedroom apartment. One block to Ped Mall. \$304+ utilities, negotiable. (319)338-9540.

ROOMMATE wanted. One bedroom in two bedroom apartment. Private bath, available immediately with summer sublet option. Free parking, busline, \$360 plus utilities. Call ASAP. 319-887-9705.

TWO bedroom condo, fully loaded, \$375/ month plus 1/2 utilities. Coraville, non-smoker, 319-887-2029.

SUMMER SUBLET

CLOSE to downtown, four bedroom, two bathroom. New carpet, linoleum, dishwasher, A/C. \$311/month per room. May free. (319)358-1309.

KEOKUK APTS. Beautiful large two bedroom, two bath, all necessities, available 4/01/01. 319-466-0667.

LARGE bedroom in three bedroom apartment. Close to campus. Call (319)466-1450.

LARGE bedroom with-in two bedroom apartment. Close to downtown. H/W paid. Off-street parking. \$265/month. Available mid-May. (319)466-0817.

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LARGE one bedroom, high ceilings, big kitchen and LR, H/W paid. 319-338-2843.

SUMMER sublet. Three bedroom, two bathroom, close to downtown, available mid-May. Please call (319)337-7647.

SUMMER sublet. Three bedroom. Great location. H/W paid. \$530. Available May 20. (319)339-7742.

SUMMER-Three bedroom, near Dental Hospital, cheap rent, available May. 319-354-9263.

THREE bedroom condo. Two bathroom, two car garage. On Burlington Street. C/A, W/D. Available May 15. (319)621-6932.

THREE bedroom, new carpet, AC, two baths, parking available, close to campus. Call 319-338-5537.

TWO bedroom. New appliances, free parking. Close to campus. Available in May. Call (319)594-5243.

SUMMER SUBLET, FALL OPTION

CORALVILLE. Quiet and spacious one bedroom with fireplace and deck. Pool, parking and W/D on-site. Available May 1st. \$465/month. (319)341-0521.

DOWNTOWN. Great location. One bedroom. A/C, W/D. \$549/month. H/W paid. (319)358-7947.

FABULOUS- One bedroom apartment near downtown. H/W paid. AC, W/D on-site, parking. \$549/month. 319-358-9938 after 5pm.

SUMMER SUBLET, FALL OPTION

NEWLY remodeled three bedroom for summer, four for fall. W/D, AC, free parking, on busline, two baths, 319-887-0923.

ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT, NEAR DOWNTOWN. Clean, \$510/month. (319)358-1082.

SUMMER Sublet/ Fall Option. Spacious 6 bedroom house 4 blocks from downtown. Available May 13th. 319-338-8087.

THREE bedroom, two bath. Close to downtown and campus. We will pay May rent. Interested call 319-339-4903.

TWO bedroom apartment. Firestone. One bath, fall option available, H/W paid, 319-338-0217.

TWO bedroom. H/W paid. Laundry on-site. Pets. \$560/month. (319)338-3206.

APARTMENT FOR RENT

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HODGE CONSTRUCTION has fall openings for rooms, efficiencies, 1,2,3,4 bedroom apartments and houses. Please call Betsie at 319-354-2233 for rates and locations.

JUNIORS, seniors and grads. 1, 2, and 3 bedroom apartments and sublets. Super location. Call Mr. Green at (319)337-8665.

LARGE one bedroom and two bedrooms for August. Across from dorms in historic house. Call LRE (319)338-3701. apartmentrenting.com

NEAR U of I Brand new and newer 1,2,3,4,5 bedroom apartments. Available for fall. Call 319-354-8331.

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EFFICIENCY/ONE BEDROOM

AD#19. Efficiency, downtown, no parking, heat and water paid. Available immediately. Call Keystone Property. (319)338-6288.

AVAILABLE Now- Van Buren, one bedroom, free parking, \$425. 319-351-8404.

CHEAP efficiency for summer sublease. H/W paid. On Johnson St., call 319-337-4610.

CORALVILLE one bedroom. Off-street parking. Laundry, on busline. New carpet. \$485 includes H/W. 330-7081.

DOWNTOWN loft, \$600/ gas paid, no parking. 319-351-8404.

EFFICIENCY apartment. Close-in. Pets negotiable. Please call (319)338-7047.

EFFICIENCY. Parking, close to campus and downtown. \$325/month. (319)338-9401.

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312 E. Burlington, \$440-\$505/ plus utilities

Rise and Shine with The Daily Break

TONIGHT ON WB20...



7pm **Buffy**
the Vampire Slayer
8pm **ANGEL**

BLACK HISTORY FACT

The oldest Historically Black University in the US, Lincoln University, incorporated, January 1, 1854.
FACTS PROVIDED BY THE BLACK STUDENT UNION

TUESDAY PRIME TIME

	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	News	Seinfeld	JAG: Retreat, Hell	State of the Union	Judging Amy	News	Letterman	Feud				
KWWL	News	Wheel	Frasier	3 Sisters	State of the Union	Dateline NBC	News	Tonight Show	Late Ngt.			
KFXA	News	Carey	'70s	Titus	State of the Union	Star Trek: Voyager	3rd Rock	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Rose		
KCRG	News	Friends	The Mole	State of the Union	NYPD Blue	News	Spin City	Home	Nightline			
KIIN	NewsHr.	Wine	Secrets/Pharaohs	Nova	Frontline	Business	Vicar	Appear.	Business			
KWKB	7 Heaven	Sabrina	Buffy, Vampire Slayer	Angel: Epiphany	Heart	Date	Smarts	Sex Wars	Arrest ...	Cops		
CABLE CHANNELS												
PUBL	Programming Unavailable											
GOVT	Programming Unavailable											
PAX	Shop	Sweep	Mysterious Ways	Touched by Angel	Diagnosis Murder	A Miracle	H'wood	Paid Prg.	Paid Prg.			
LIBR	Programming Unavailable											
EDUC	Programming Unavailable											
UNIV	France	Spanish	Panique (46) **	(Viviane Romance)	Faces of Culture	Korean	Greece	France	Italy			
KWOC	News	Wheel	Frasier	3 Sisters	State of the Union	Dateline NBC	News	Tonight Show	Late Ngt.			
WSUI	Programming Unavailable											
SCOLA	Hungary	Quebec	Croatia	China	Cuba	Uz'stan	Korea	Greece	France	Italy		
KSUI	Programming Unavailable											
DISC	Amazing Octopus	Prosecutors/Justice	The New Detectives	The FBI Files	Justice Files	Prosecutors/Justice						
WGN	Prince	Susan	Steel Magnolias (PG, 89) ***	(Sally Field)	News	MacGyver	Matlock					
C-SPN	House of Reps.	Public Affairs	State of the Union	Public Affairs	Prime Time Public Affairs							
UNI	Lucora de Amor	Abrazame Fuerte	Mi Destino Eres Tu	Aqui y Ahora	Impacto	Noticiero	Que Te Atreves?					
C-SPN2	U.S. Senate (3)	Public Affairs			Public Affairs							
TBS	Prince	Prince	NBA Basketball: Seattle Sonics at New York (Live)	In NBA	Firewalker (PG, 88) **	(Chuck Norris)						
TWC	Weather Channel	Weather Channel	Hot Planet	Weather Channel	Weather Channel	Hot Planet						
BRV	St. Elsewhere	Stealing Beauty (R, 96) **	(Liv Tyler, Sinead Cusack)	True Believer (R, 89) ***	(James Woods)	Movie						
CNBC	Bus. Center (5:30)	Chris Matthews	Rivera Live	News/Williams	Chris Matthews	Rivera Live						
BET	106/ParK	Journeys in Black	Conv.	ComicView	BET Live	News	Tonight	Midnight Love				
BOX	Off the Air				Off the Air							
TBN	Franklin	Chironna	Behind Betty	John Hagee	Praise the Lord							
HIST	Found	Hist. IQ	History's Mysteries	A History of Britain (Part 2 of 3)	Blunders	History's Mysteries						
TNN	Miami Vice	Myrt.	Myrt.	The El True Hollywood Story	H. Stern	H. Stern	Wild On ...					
SPEED	Bike W'k	Thunder	The Year in Racing	Motorcycle Racing	Motorcycle Racing	Bike W'k	Thunder	The Year in Racing				
ESPN	College Basketball: Tenn. at S.C. (Live)	College Basketball (Live)			SportsCenter	Hoops	NHL					
ESPN2	NHL Hockey: Phoenix Coyotes at Boston Bruins (Live)	College Basketball (Live)			NHL	NBA	The Life					
FOXSP	NHL Hockey: Chicago Blackhawks at Washington Capitals (Live)	Chl. Spo. Word	Nat. Sports Report	Sports	Word							
LIFE	Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Maternal Instincts (PG-13, '96) **	Golden	Report	Design.						
COM	Daily	Stein	Planes, Trains and Automobiles (R, '87)	BattleBots	Daily	Stein	Saturday Night Live					
EI	Homes	Talk S'p	Myst.	Myst.	The El True Hollywood Story	H. Stern	H. Stern	Wild On ...				
NICK	Arnold!	Rugrats	Thorn.	Brady Facts	Facts	3's Co.	3's Co.	All/Fam.	Jeff'sons	Lucy		
FX	NYPD Blue	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Married	Married	Animals Attack	X Show	In Color	The X-Files: Triangle			
TNT	The Pretender	The Defenders: Taking the First (R, '98)	The Defenders: Choice of Evils (R, '98)	Hollywood ...								
TOON	Scobby	Bravo	Chicken	Dexter	Duffy	Jerry	Fi'stone	Scobby	Chicken	Dexter	Dragon	Outlaw ...
MTV	Fear	A. Dick	Real	Real	Real	Real	A. Dick	Undress	Reality	Millennium		
VH1	100 Greatest Albums of Rock & Roll									Stars	Stars	
A&E	Law & Order: Virtue	Biography	Target: Stars on Ice		Law & Order					Biography		
ANIM	Croc Film	Animals	The Quest	Big Cat	Total Zoo	Agility Champ	The Quest	Big Cat	Total Zoo			
USA	JAG: Father's Day	Nash Bridges	Cop Land (R, '97) **	(Sylvester Stallone)	Martin	Martin						
SHOW	Throw Momma ...	The Green Mile (R, '99) ***	(Tom Hanks, David Morse)	Queer/Folk (10:10)	Assistant (11:05)							
PREMIUM CHANNELS												
HBO	The Deep End of the Ocean (PG-13, '99)	Boycott (01) (Jeffrey Wright)	Oz	D. Miller	Enemy							
DIS	Motocrossed '01 **	The Borrowers (7:40) (PG, '97)	Nightjohn (9:10) (PG-13, '96) **	Zorro	Mickey							
MAX	Switchback (5:30) (R, '97) **	House on Haunted Hill (R, '99)	Shadow of Doubt (R, '98) **	Giri, Interrupted								
STARZ	Woman Wanted	Boiler Room (R, '00) ***	(Giovanni Ribisi)	Body Shots (R, '99) *	Boys on the Side							
SHOW	Throw Momma ...	The Green Mile (R, '99) ***	(Tom Hanks, David Morse)	Queer/Folk (10:10)	Assistant (11:05)							

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FOURTH FLOOR



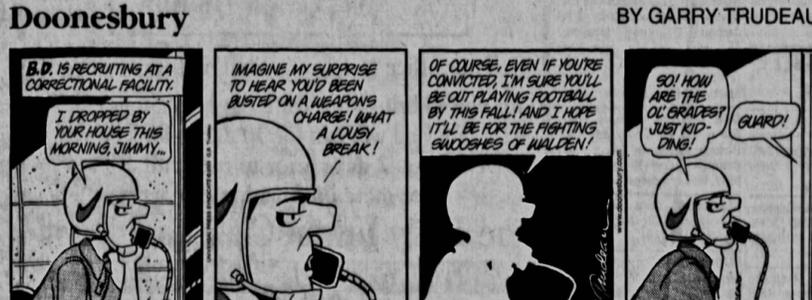
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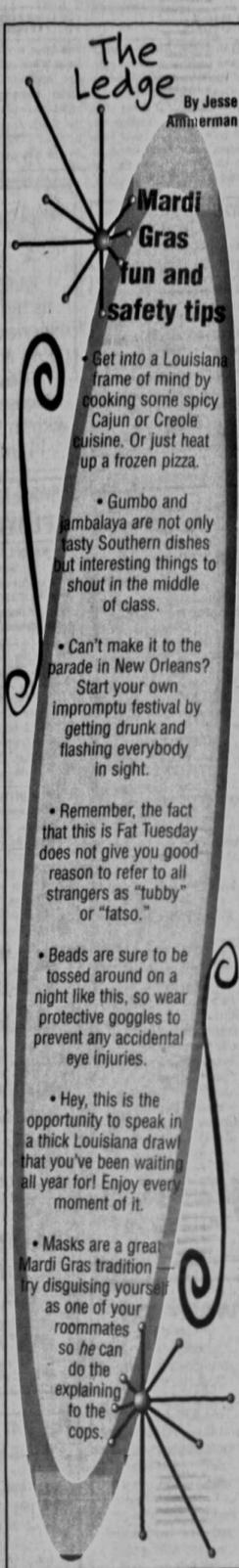
"Putting the Spirit of Work to Work," James Autry, today at 9:30 a.m., IMU ballroom.
Math physics seminar, "Isomorphism of Dimension Groups," Palle Jorgensen, today at 1:30 p.m., Room 301, Van Allen Hall.
Operator theory seminar, "Extreme Points of Triangular Toeplitz Matrices," Raul Curto, today at 2:30 p.m., Room 301, Van Allen Hall.
Cosmology for beginners, "The Inflationary Scenario," Yannick Meurice, today at 2:30 p.m., Room 309, Van Allen Hall.
Faculty Council meeting, today at 3:30 p.m., IMU Penn State Room.
Heroes series, "African American Heroes in Iowa," today at 4 p.m., Women's Resource and Action Center.
"What Do We Mean by Revolution?," Iowa International Socialist Organization, today at 6:30 p.m., IMU Minnesota Room.
Sports camps counselors recruitment meeting, today at 7 p.m., Martha Lounge Conference Room, Hillcrest.
Diamond Way Buddhist group, meeting and meditation, today at 7 p.m., IMU.
"Live From Prairie Lights Series," Stewart O'Nan, fiction, today at 8 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St.

horoscopes

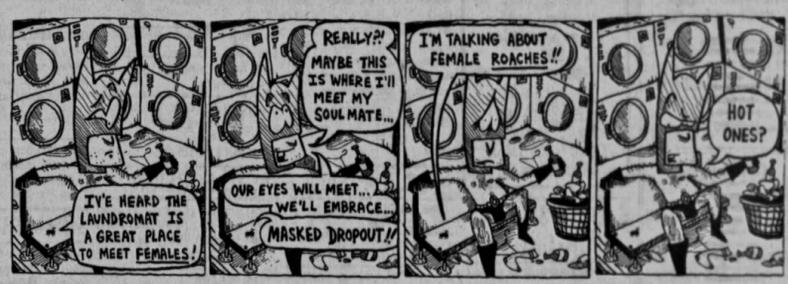
Tuesday, February 27, 2001 by Eugenia Last
ARIES (March 21-April 19): It's back to the drawing board to make changes to that important proposal you have been working on. You may run into past acquaintances through work-related functions. Be polite.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Negotiations with clients will lead to new and interesting developments. You can pick up valuable information if you listen to what others say. Read between the lines and put yourself in their shoes before you make a decision.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Hidden assets are likely to be cashed in. Take care of legal matters that have been holding you back. Tie up those loose ends so that you get back on track.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't be drawn into uncomfortable situations. Someone from your past is likely to come back into your life. Don't be afraid to open that door again.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Expect opposition from family as well as your colleagues. Keep your ideas to yourself. Keep your own work up to date, and don't worry too much about what others are doing.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get together with friends you don't see that often. Don't hesitate to sign up for courses that will bring you additional work skills.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): New romantic relationships will develop through group activities. Don't expect everyone you work with to be on your side. Talk is cheap, and someone may try to lead you astray.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Partners will be full of enthusiasm, but they will also be overly emotional. Try to balance the situation carefully to avoid confusion and uncertainty. Give your mate space.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can make career changes that will help turn your financial situation around. Believe in yourself, and so will all those you encounter. You should start your own part-time business.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): What a great time to make those changes you've been thinking about. You need an updated image that will help you present yourself and your goals with more confidence.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will experience difficulties with people you have to work with. Try to understand, but don't do the work for them. Don't let others' complaints get you down.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Pleasure trips will turn out better than you anticipated. You need to relax and let your imagination treat you to a medley of fantasies.

public access tv schedule

Channel 2		
5 p.m. Senior Spectrum Literature: Fairy Tales	7:30 p.m. The Bing Bing Abobo Show	
5:30 p.m. SCTV Presents: Mature Focus	8 p.m. First United Methodist Worship	
6 p.m. Tom's Guitar Show — LIVE!	9 p.m. St. Mary's Liturgy	
7 p.m. Karaoke Showcase	10 p.m. Iowa City Underground	
	11 p.m. I.C. City Council Budget Work Session: Jan. 30	



Masked Dropout



Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 ___ d'Or (award at Cannes)
- 6 Mimic
- 9 To ___ (without exception)
- 13 Eero Saarinen's architect father
- 14 Actor Jannings
- 15 1953 Leslie Caron film
- 16 God, to a Muslim
- 17 Wine valley in California
- 18 Skin lotion ingredient
- 19 "The Little Foxes" playwright
- 22 Shoebox marking
- 23 Sign on a door
- 24 Top-notch
- 25 Haleakala National Park site
- 27 ___ Jima
- 29 Cart part
- 32 Lennon's widow
- 33 Hull projection
- 37 Nightgown wearer of rhyme
- 41 In good health
- 42 Part of many e-mail addresses
- 43 Nancy Drew author Carolyn
- 44 Comic Philips
- 45 "Boy, am I tired!"
- 47 "Murphy Brown" bar owner
- 50 Cabbage's cousin
- 52 Buddy
- 55 City whose language uses only the 12 letters found in this puzzle
- 59 Hawkeye's home
- 60 ... hear ___ drop
- 61 Lousy car
- 62 Shade of blue
- 63 Brother
- 64 Syrup flavor
- 65 Carol
- 66 Compass dir.
- 67 "Gil Blas" novelist Lesage

DOWN

- 1 Artist Rembrandt
- 2 Kate's TV roommate
- 3 Northern French city
- 4 Ground-up corn
- 5 Designed for all grades
- 6 ___ and the Night Visitors
- 7 Oil conduit
- 8 Israeli airline
- 9 San Antonio landmark
- 10 La Scala's city
- 11 Unaccompanied
- 12 Never in Nümburg
- 14 Boredom
- 20 Kwik-E-Mart owner on "The Simpsons"
- 21 ___ tzu
- 25 Whimper
- 26 The Greatest
- 28 "Holy cow!"
- 46 When repeated, a snicker
- 47 Receiver button
- 48 Actor Mandel
- 49 Fully
- 51 Dress cut
- 52 Argentine plain
- 53 Garlicky mayonnaise
- 54 Sheets and stuff
- 56 Crippled
- 57 Soprano Gluck
- 58 Prosperity
- 59 Actor Ziering

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SLAG	RIOS	SCALE
HALO	ARCH	COMET
AUTO	PACE	OVENS
FRENCH	QUARTER	
TAR	HAIR	ATTIRE
WOE	SPY	CAM
NEWORLEANS	EAVE	
OVINE	CPU	OWNER
HANK	THEBIGEASY	
ODD	TAO	RLS
WESSEX	FLOE	MAO
DIXIE	LAND	JAZZ
LEONA	RARA	INTO
ASWAN	RIGG	LIEN
DENIS	SLOE	LACE

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