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Bluder crowned Big Ten's No. 1

The UI women's basketball coach receives the Big Ten Coach of the Year award. See story, Page 1B



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Comet commotion

Two UI researchers say their theory of the source of Earth's water supply could shake up the geoscience community. See story, Page 2A



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Cut taxes now, Bush tells Congress

President Bush promises to cut the federal debt while increasing spending on education.

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush beckoned a divided Congress Tuesday night to support a large and retroactive tax cut, declaring in a nationally

televised address, "The people of America have been overcharged, and on their behalf, I am here asking for a refund."

Bush pledged to set the nation on "a different path" by slashing federal debt while increasing spending for such popular programs as education, environmental protection and health research.

Bush, the first Republican president since Dwight D. Eisenhower to address a GOP-

led Congress, reached out to Democrats with a promise to tackle Social Security reform and end racial profiling. In a bid to conservatives, he renewed his call to privatize portions of Social Security.

Democrats warned that Bush is leading the nation toward another era of federal deficits with a 10-year, \$1.6 trillion tax-cut plan that largely favors the wealthy. They also maintain that, because of interest on

unpaid federal debt, the actual cost of the plan would be \$2 trillion to \$2.3 trillion.

Speaking for his party, Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle said enacting a large tax cut without a full understanding of future federal income is "an amazing demonstration of irresponsibility."

Bush appeared relaxed and confident during his 49-minute speech, receiving several standing ovations from Republicans

and polite applause from Democrats.

Members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Cabinet, along with one Supreme Court justice, Stephen Breyer, joined lawmakers in the historic House chamber for the annual ritual. Applause and standing ovations began on one side of the aisle and rippled to the another — depending on the politics of the issue.



Ron Edmonds/Associated Press
President Bush addresses Congress on Capitol Hill Tuesday in Washington.

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Woman reports assault

A man allegedly sexually assaulted a UI student in an alley off Clinton Street early Tuesday, police records say.

By Tony Robinson
The Daily Iowan

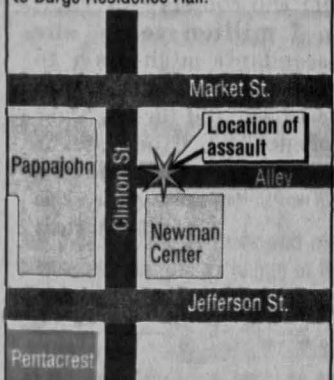
An unidentified man allegedly attempted to sexually assault a UI student near Burge Residence Hall early Tuesday morning.

The alleged victim, a 21-year-old woman, was walking home to the residence hall after spending time with a friend at 100 E. College St.

According to Iowa City police records, the woman approached the alley in the 100 block of North Clinton Street about 1:30 a.m. An unknown man then approached her and pinned her to a building in the alley while holding his hand over her mouth to prevent her from screaming. The assailant allegedly began fondling her and unbuttoning

Sexual-assault location

A UI student was allegedly sexually assaulted near Clinton Street early Tuesday as she walked from the Pedestrian Mall to Burge Residence Hall.



her pants. The victim kicked the attacker, which enabled her to get free and run.

She returned to her room and alerted the authorities at 2:12 a.m.

The woman described the alleged assailant as a college-aged white male, wearing a black sweatshirt, baseball cap

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Look out New Orleans, I.C. celebrates

Fat Tuesday festivities are held the day before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

By Pam Dewey
The Daily Iowan

Mardi Gras, the carnival that is world-renowned for its outrageous costumes, masks and even crazier behavior, reached its culmination Tuesday in Iowa City and throughout the world with the celebration of Fat Tuesday.

UI junior Sean Courtney and freshman David Kistenmacher were two who partook in the Fat Tuesday festivities in some downtown Iowa City establishments.

"We're going to play it pretty low key," said Courtney, who was buying beads at a local toy store Tuesday. "We're just going to go out to a bar and sit around."

Kistenmacher said he wasn't worried about finding any Mardi Gras parties.

"There's enough action going on around town that you don't really have to go to a party to be around it," he said.

Mark Gauger, co-owner of The Fun Zone, 105 S. Dubuque St., said that during the last few days, he has sold many beads to people heading to Mardi Gras in New Orleans, as well as to people who planned to celebrate in Iowa City.

Gauger said he began selling Mardi Gras accessories about five years ago, and the demand for beads has increased every year.

"It's been just phenomenal," he said. "It seems to double about every year."

This year, Gauger said, his front window was approximately two feet deep with beads; by early Tuesday evening, he was almost completely sold out.

The reason the holiday is gaining so much popularity is that people are becoming more aware of it, and it also gives people a chance "to dress up and act goofy for a day," Gauger said.

One UI student found a Mardi Gras party — and one with a good cause.

UI freshman Sarah Heller



Brett Roseman/The Daily Iowan
Mark Gauger, the owner of the Fun Zone, counts Mardi Gras beads at the store Tuesday afternoon in preparation for Fat Tuesday festivities.

attended Old Brick's Fat Tuesday party, which was held to raise funds for the International Earthquake Relief Efforts.

The event featured food ranging from jambalaya to cupcakes, as well as activities such as a cakewalk, mask-making and a bead toss.

"This is my first year actually celebrating it. I'd love to go down to New Orleans some time," Heller said. "It's been fun."

New Orleans, where Mardi Gras got its start in the United States, remains the most well-known spot for Mardi Gras party-goers in the country, as UI sophomore Brooke Beilby found

out over the weekend.

Beilby, who traveled to the Big Easy with four of her friends, said that although she expected the event to be crazy, she wasn't exactly prepared for what the atmosphere was actually like.

"Basically, it was every-

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Finding a place in the sun

Deans Philip Hubbard and Phillip Jones and Assistant Professor Levy Simon discuss their tenure at UI.

By Peter Boylan
The Daily Iowan

While blacks have never represented a large portion of the UI community, they have left an indelible mark on its cultural, social and professional development.

As Black History Month winds down today, three black members of the UI



Brett Roseman/The Daily Iowan
Philip Hubbard, the former UI vice president for student services, poses in his residence Tuesday night with the Hancher Medallion he received in 1991.

faculty comment on the state of diversity, as well as their years at the UI. They recount experiences and observations that span 70 years as members of the UI population: From pre-1968, when only about 40 black students attended the university, to today, when 683 undergraduate, graduate and profes-

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Re-applying for UI Dorms

Important dates for the new Self-Assignment System:

- March 5: Deadline for UI housing application/contract with \$70 payment to Housing Office, 17 Burge Hall.
March 12-17 (Spring Break): Students will be sent their self-assigning times.
March 19-April 20: Students can choose their dorm room on ISIS.

Source: UI research

Students to self-assign dorm rooms on ISIS

The new electronic room-selection system will be available starting this spring.

By Anne Webbeking
The Daily Iowan

Students living in UI residence halls will soon be able to assign themselves rooms for next year through Web ISIS,

while also being given the option of having more flexible meal plans.

A new electronic room-selection system, created by Residence Services, will replace the previous system of filling out paperwork that the department had to sort through, said Dicta Schoenfelder, the residence services housing manager.

Under the old system, students submitted their top four

choices for residence-hall assignments and top four room-type choices. If the choices weren't available, students were randomly assigned to other rooms in the dorm system.

The new system will allow students to use ISIS to peruse the rooms that are available to find one that fits their preferences.

Last year, sophomore

Morgan Pansegrau filled out a paper application and got her first choice — a single room in Burge Residence Hall. Her only complaint is its location: the fifth floor.

Pansegrau plans to avoid any problems this year by personally choosing a single room on the first few floors of either Currier or Mayflower.

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# Breaking Iowa history's silence on black women

■ A meeting examines the way historical documents left black women out.

By Kathryn Anderson  
The Daily Iowan

A small group of women gathered Tuesday to learn about an often silent and forgotten history.

Featuring historical recordings of black women talking about their experiences in Iowa, the meeting, held at the Women's Resource and Action Center, addressed the lack of representation of women — particularly black women — in Iowa's history.

Doris Malkmus, an assistant archivist at the Rural Women's Project Archives, said women were seldom included in most of Iowa's historical documents because they were self-excluding and also because they were excluded by institutions and organizations. She said she believes stereotypes are started and fostered by a lack of historical records.

To help remedy the underrepresentation, Malkmus said, the Iowa Women's Archives was established in 1992. The archives collect, organize, make available and

preserve personal papers and organizational records of Iowa women. Located on the third floor of the Main Library, the archives include approximately 700 collections of papers, photographs and audio records.

"The archives were founded to give women a place where their voices could come out — not just as one voice but as many diverse voices," Malkmus said.

In 1995, the archives began the African American Women's Experience in Iowa Project, which was created to document the history of blacks in Iowa. Malkmus said that more than 60 black women and organizations have donated items demonstrating that African-American women have made rich contributions to Iowa.

UI senior Leslie Gallagher said she gained a lot from attending the meeting.

"I think it's important for people to realize that there are such resources available and that we are privileged to have them," she said.

The project has gathered contributions from black female faculty members and staff at the university, including Geraldene Felton, a professor emerita of nursing, Gwendolyn Fowler, the first black woman pharma-



Ethan Fry/The Daily Iowan  
Suzanne Araas Vesely presented parts of taped interviews with black women from Iowa at the WRAC on Tuesday.

ist in Iowa, and former Regent B.J. Ferguson.

Megan Levad, the undergraduate programming coordinator at WRAC, said she thought the meeting was a success.

"It's really important to do an educational program that gives people information they may not have known about before," she said. "The information was really interesting, and it seemed like people were really engaged."

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# UI profs discover snow comets

■ Two UI researchers say they have captured telescopic images of snow-capped comets.

By Mary Johnson  
The Daily Iowan

Two UI researchers say they could shake up geological science quite a bit when their theory about the origination of water in Earth's oceans is published Thursday.

The theory, developed in 1986 by Louis Frank, a physics and astronomy professor, and UI research scientist John Sigwarth, suggests that snow-capped comets constantly hitting Earth created virtually all of Earth's water supply.

Until recently, however, the two researchers were unable to prove that images they suspected were of snow-capped comets were actually comets.

Frank and Sigwarth uncovered their latest evidence at the Iowa Robotic Observatory in Sonoita, Ariz., capturing telescopic images of comets. The pictures prove that nine of the 1,500 images were snow-covered comets and not just electronic interference, they say.

The American Geophysical Union's Journal of Geophysical Research will publish the findings Thursday, and Frank is scheduled to speak about the theory at the University of

Copenhagen in Denmark on March 14.

"The stakes are enormous when you're talking about the origins of our planet," he said about his findings. "Emotions are raised, and people are very protective of our Earth. Science is driven by politics."

Both Frank and Sigwarth said they still need more time for analysis of the physical details of the comets, such as exact color and shapes. Within the next one to two years, Frank said, he hopes to collect enough evidence to bring the research to completion. While more than 10,000 scientists objected to the theory in 1986, only 10 to 20 people in scientific groups object today, he said.

"It's reasonable from a geologist's point of view that there are ices, or comets, floating outside Earth's atmosphere and throughout the solar system," said UI geoscience Professor Philip Heckel. "Some geologists are concerned that if we have many ices rapidly entering the atmosphere, then Earth's oceans would be flooding."

Sigwarth said additional research will benefit their work because previous telescopes didn't have the ability to pick up as much detail as today's telescopes. New evidence confirms that small comets exist, he said, just as the theory predicts.

"Every 10,000 years, the oceans gain an inch of water from the comets," he said. "In 1 million years, our descendants might have to deal with an ocean level that has raised 100 inches. Over geological time, the water is a significant contribution."

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Frank  
Physics and Astronomy Professor

# UISG discuss budget with legislators

■ The group will travel to Des Moines to present its case before the Legislature.

By Nick Narigon  
The Daily Iowan

A group of eight UI Student Government members will travel to Des Moines today to discuss with lawmakers the importance of fully funding the three state universities.

Five undergraduate students and three graduate students plan to meet with Iowa City delegates; they hope to speak with the heads of the education appropriations subcommittee as well as with Gov. Tom Vilsack, said UI sophomore Sara Stephenson, an Undergraduate Collegiate Senate executive. The Legislature is currently deciding how much money to put aside for the state-funded universities for the next fiscal year.

Last spring, the UI faced a \$10 million shortfall in funds after the Legislature proposed less funding than university officials requested, Stephenson said, and now Republicans have proposed a further \$3.95 million cut from this year's budget.

Republican leaders say the budget cuts are needed because a zero growth in tax revenues, which were originally expected to grow 3.5 percent

by the end of the year, are draining the state's treasury.

Stephenson charged that the tax revenues are so low from recent Republican tax cuts that university leaders anticipate more underfunding next year. That could potentially cause another drastic tuition hike and fewer classes to be offered.

Last year's lack of funds caused the university to put some hiring practices and building renovations on hold, and the library system canceled several subscriptions to academic journals. In addition, the regents raised tuition and fees 9.9 percent.

UI junior Megan Adams, the undergraduate activities executive, said the goal of the visit is to tell state legislators how important the regents' univer-

sities — UI, Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa — are to the state.

"We are not keeping students in Iowa," Adams said. "This is keeping people out."

This will be student leaders' second trip to the State Capitol this week. UISG President Andy Stoll and Vice President Chris Linn spoke with legislators Monday at a public hearing organized to criticize the \$3.95 million proposed cut.

"We are going on Wednesday to follow up their message," Stephenson said.

In the last month, Vilsack and legislative leaders speculated that there would be a budget shortfall of as much as \$240 million because of tax cuts and weak revenues. Adams said she didn't realize the budget cuts would be as much of a danger until recently.

Student government leaders made a similar trip to Des Moines last year to meet with legislators.

"Last year, we really made a statement," Adams said. "We want to again this year."

Stephenson said that during last year's campaign, UISG put together a post-card drive; this year, there are tentative plans for an e-mail drive and a rally.

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**Police searching for four missing juveniles**

Four junior high students were reported missing from the Iowa City Youth Shelter as of 7:37 a.m. Tuesday.

The Iowa City police are asking for the public's assistance in attempting to locate the following individuals:

- Lucas Jeffrey, a 12-year-old white male. He is 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighs 138 pounds, and has dyed blond hair. He was last seen wearing a black coat with a white hood.
- Charlie Katcher, a 13-year-old white male. He is 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighs 133 pounds, and has black hair. He was wearing a blue "puffy" winter coat, black shirt and black pants.
- Brooke Grier, a 15-year-old white female. She is 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, and has blond hair. She was wearing a tan coat.
- Talesha Walker, a 15-year-old black female. She is 5 feet 3 inches tall, weighs 115 pounds, and has brown hair. Walker was wearing a blue and white Dallas Cowboys Starter jacket.

According to police records, the juveniles are together and were last seen leaving South East Junior High School, 2501 Bradford Drive, in Iowa City at 4:40 p.m., Monday.

People who may have information as to the whereabouts of these juveniles are encouraged to call the police at 356-5275.

— by Tony Robinson

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# Board nixes adding teachers

■ The superintendent says he will look for people to help supervise overcrowded classes.

By Sara Faiwell  
The Daily Iowan

The associate superintendent of the Iowa City School District said Tuesday that he sees no compelling reason to put additional teachers in classrooms that some parents have called overcrowded.

"It is hard to say now that we are going to change the criteria for the number of staff we allocated for the building," said Jim Behle, who acknowledged in a presentation to the School Board that 15 third- and fourth-grade classes have more than 27 students.

Superintendent Lane Plugge said he will spend the next two weeks trying to find people who can serve as an extra adult presence in classrooms.

Several parents of students at Lucas Elementary School, 830 Southlawn Drive, which contains some overcrowded classrooms, told the board that more adult supervision in those classrooms is necessary.

Parent Mary McMurrer said Behle's assessment of the classrooms is not accurate because some students require additional attention. All the needs can't be determined simply by counting the number of students, she said, adding that an analysis of personal needs would be more effective.

"There is no way to qualify students who don't fall into the category of special education. There are students who are just 'high maintenance,'" she said.

The board decided against mandating "age-grouping," in which, for example, third-graders would be paired with fourth-graders in an effort to even out class sizes. Age-

grouping should be up to individual schools; it can present a challenge for staffing, board members said.

"It is a mistake to force this on a building," Plugge said.

Board member Jan Leff pointed out that overcrowding also exists in secondary schools.

"We have to look beyond the needs of elementary schools," she said.

The board decided it cannot do anything more at this point.

In other action, Plugge said he wants to wait to see the numbers for next year's enrollment at Wood Elementary School, 1930 Lakeside Drive, before the board takes any action to change school boundaries. He had proposed a boundary change in an effort to even out the enrollment between Wood and Twain Elementary School, 1355 DeForest Ave.

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# As Coralville grows, taxes are raised

■ The Coralville City Council will use the money for several programs.

By Vanessa Miller  
The Daily Iowan

In recent years, the city of Coralville has experienced a wealth of growth. Along with such recent additions as the Coral Ridge Mall, population continues to increase and the city continues to expand.

However, growth does not come without a price. As the town's assets increase, so does the need for funding.

Tuesday night, the Coralville City Council passed its fiscal year 2002 budget, which included a property-tax increase of 3 percent.

"We did struggle with the budget," Councilor Diana Lundell said. "We didn't want to raise the budget, and we want

the citizens to understand that was our motivation. But we have to look at the needs and what we have to do."

Coralville Finance Officer Terry Kaeding said the total proposed budget is \$45 million, a 3 percent increase over the previous year. Property with a \$100,000 value will experience a tax increase of \$36.61.

Kaeding said that from 1996 to 1999, Coralville did not raise its taxes, but in the past two years, with an expanding economic base, the city needs to collect more revenue from property taxes.

The growth in funds that will result from the increase will be used for the improvement of several programs.

An additional \$209,000 will go to the road-use fund, \$45,500 will be put into the Fire Department action plan and the city will add one employee in the

streets department.

Coralville resident Bret Casey said he is encouraged by the budget proposal and thinks that the council has made wise decisions concerning the use of taxpayers' money.

"It is not a hot trend to raise taxes, but sometimes that is the only path we can take," he said.

Casey believes that the highlight of the budget proposal is the lack of money put toward things such as water and sewage, freeing up the funds needed to improve streets and safety departments.

"In my opinion, Coralville gets more bang for its buck than any city in Iowa. I believe that the best tax dollar is a squeezed tax dollar," he said. "We have some things we want to have, and something we need to have. It is a budget we can live with."

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# Union, UIHC still in last-ditch bargaining

■ The hospital and the union bargain late into the night.

By Jessi Todd  
The Daily Iowan

Representatives from the UI Hospitals and Clinics and a union representing 2,000 hospital employees bargained late into the night Tuesday over the last two points of a new contract.

Kim Miller, the executive director of Service Employees International Union Local 199, predicted talks would last quite late. Two stumbling blocks remained: wage increases and overtime compensation, he said.

Both sides were set going into the negotiations, Miller said, but

he remained positive about the outcome.

If an agreement could not be reached at Tuesday's meeting, proposals from the union and the UIHC would go to an arbitrator Thursday. A final draft for the two-year contract must be given to the state by March 15. The two sides have been negotiating for nearly four months.

The union's latest proposal requested premium pay for part-time employees working overtime, and a pay increase for employees who have seniority at the hospital.

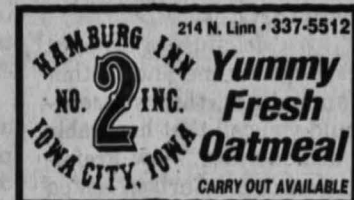
The current contract refuses to give overtime pay to part-time employees until they have worked more than 40 hours in a normal work week. The union's

proposed contract would give part-time employees premium pay for every extra shift they work.

The union is also seeking a 3 percent pay raise for all employees, and 2-5 percent graduated pay raises.

The new contract is approximately 60 pages long, with 24 articles. All but two of the articles have been approved by both sides.

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## CITY BRIEFS

### COGS members to vote on contract

Members of the union representing UI graduate-student employees will vote later this week to determine whether a tentative agreement with university officials on a two-year contract will stand.

After more than 10 hours of bargaining Monday, UE-Local 896 Campaign to Organize Graduate Students, representing 2,600 teaching and research assistants, and the state of Iowa Board of Regents agreed on a new contract, which would run from July 1 to June 2003.

Union members will vote Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The results of the vote will be available after Saturday. If less than a majority votes to approve the contract, the contract will go to arbitration on March 5.

If the contract is not ratified by union members, the two sides still have a chance to come to an agreement before arbitration is necessary.

"The process went well based upon the fact that we were able to

reach a tentative agreement," said COGS spokesman Ryan Downing. "The tentative agreement has the full recommendations of the union local's bargaining committee."

Downing said he could not release any specific information about the proposal until union members have the chance to review the proposal and ask any questions.

He did say the tentative contract includes significant salary increases, improvements in health insurance and several language changes.

— by Mary Sedor

### Iowa City water is safe, official says

Iowa City officials say the city's tap water is safe to drink and otherwise use despite a change in the percentage of chlorine disinfectant that has been implemented.

The Iowa City Water Division added more chlorine because the recent weather caused a higher percentage of untreated water to enter the city's water plant.

"With all the organics and other items that have come in from the run-off, we needed to use more

disinfectant for cleaning the water," said Carol Sweeting, a Water Division employee. "The use of additional chlorine in the water will be determined by the number of days with rainy weather. But the process will take at least a few days."

Cloudy-looking water is not related to the chlorine and is safe, Sweeting said.

"Cloudy water is just a natural phenomenon related to cold water," she said. "Oxygen bubbles are trapped in this water. If someone lets the cloudy water sit out for a minute, the bubbles will rise to the top, and the color will go away."

The Water Division suggests storing tap water in a glass container in the refrigerator to reduce chlorine taste, odor and air trapped in the water.

"The drinking water is safe," Sweeting said. "Our operators are here 24 hours a day to ensure the safety of the water."

Iowa City residents can call Sweeting with water-quality questions at 356-5164 or e-mail at carol-sweeting@iowa-city.org.

— Mary Johnson

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# Bush lauds huge tax cut before Congress

## BUSH

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Making the hard sell for tax cuts, Bush said: "Some say my tax plan is too big." Democrats cheered the line, making clear they agreed.

"Others say it is too small," Bush continued, drawing applause from Republicans. "I respectfully disagree. This tax relief is just right."

Not even the pageantry of the moment could extinguish all echoes of last fall's recount. There were audible boos on the Democratic side of the aisle as the Supreme Court was announced. It was a reaction to the Supreme Court's 5-4 decision that stopped recounts in Florida and handed the presidency to Bush.

Standing before a Congress often mired in gridlock, Bush said: "Let us agree to bridge old divides," though he added: "Bipartisanship is more than minding our manners, it is doing our duty."

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., a lightning rod for criticism from the political right, politely applauded Bush.

With the government awash in budget surpluses, the nation's 43rd president offered something for everybody over the next decade: \$1.6 trillion in tax cuts, including reductions in every income bracket, \$2 trillion in debt reduction, increased spending for education, conservation and other programs, and protections for Social Security and Medicare.

"If it sounds too good to be true, maybe it is," said House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo. "We think we should be more skeptical, more cautious, in approaching this tax cut."

Bush announced the outlines of a budget approaching \$2 trillion. It favors education, law enforcement and other

popular programs, while curbing growth in NASA, freezing the federal contributions to the arts and humanities, and threatening assistance to the homeless.

In the first test of his leadership, Bush was trying to persuade the American people and their legislators that cutting taxes would boost the sluggish economy and ensure that Congress doesn't squander the surplus on pork-barrel spending. Polls suggest voters are lukewarm to Bush's tax-cut package, which he present-

ed on the campaign trail 14 months ago.

To the applause of Republicans, Bush urged Congress to cut taxes retroactively because the sluggish economy "needs a jump start." He added: "Tax relief is right, and tax relief is urgent." Advisers have said Bush would support making tax cuts retroactive to Jan. 1.

Bush proposed increasing spending for Social Security, Medicare and entitlement programs by \$81 billion.

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## Faculty hear emeritus revisions

■ The Emeritus Council proposes several changes, including one involving dishonorable discharge.

By Danielle Plogmann  
The Daily Iowan

The UI Faculty Council met Tuesday to hear reports about revisions in the emeritus status and the UI Informatics Initiative.

Beatrice Furner of the Emeritus Council told the faculty about policy revisions for emeritus status requirements.

After reviewing the current policy, the Emeritus Council made several revisions, one of which is a requirement that 10 continuous years be spent with the university, she said.

The revisions also included a stipulation that faculty members cannot receive emeritus status after a grievance results in a "dishonorable" dismissal from the UI.

Recent debate over possible grievances against tenured faculty led to questions about whether such faculty members would be eligible for emeritus status.

"If a grievance is brought against someone and, rather than fight it, they settle — would you call that honorable or dishonorable?" law Professor Jonathan Carlson asked Furner.

Furner said departure from the university is not considered dishonorable unless an employee is "terminated as the result of a grievance against her or him."

Following discussion of the revised policy, the Faculty

Council unanimously voted to move the policy on to the Faculty Senate.

After the vote, the council heard Bill Decker, the co-chairman of the Informatics Study Committee, explain the UI Informatics Initiative proposal. The proposal, which has already been given to the provost and vice president for Research, is meant to enhance information and computational sciences and their applications.

The initiative is designed to stimulate interdisciplinary cooperation between the core sciences and other disciplines, Decker said.

Seven specific recommendations were outlined in the proposal, including suggestions to sponsor interdisciplinary activities, allow for development of new information programs, and consider "information fluency standards for all UI students."

"Our students are deficient in computational skills," said Interim Vice Provost Les Sims.

History Professor Jeffrey Cox questioned the possible computational efficiency requirements, saying that high schools should be teaching more scientific information to students before they enter college.

Despite concerns over costs and "vagueness" within the proposal, the council showed overall support for the initiative.

Amitav Bhattacharjee, a physics and astronomy professor, said, "I don't see how we could be seen as a forward-looking university if we didn't go ahead with this."

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Our students are deficient in computational skills.

— Les Sims,  
interim vice provost

## Iowa Dems bash Bush tax plan

■ The tax cut could lead to budget deficits and high interest rates, two Democratic officials say.

By Mike Glover  
Associated Press

DES MOINES — Top Iowa Democrats spoke out Tuesday against President Bush's proposed tax-cut plan, even before he had gone before Congress to outline the \$1.6 trillion package.

Bush's tax cut is so large it will push the country back into budget deficits and rob the Treasury of the money needed to fix Social Security and improve schools, they said.

The last round of GOP tax cuts in 1981 led to a recession, they said.

"We have learned from the mistakes of the 1980s that left our country with a mountain of debt," said Iowa Democratic Chairwoman Sheila McGuire Riggs.

"Iowa families remember the pain it caused. We don't want to make the same mistake twice."

"As everyone from my generation remembers, when excessive tax cuts were enacted in 1981, we ended up with a \$3 trillion debt, high interest rates, a big burden of debt and high unemployment," said Lt. Gov. Sally Pederson.

The two held their Statehouse news conference even as Bush was preparing to

make his case in his first high-profile speech as president.

Riggs and Pederson said Iowans have a specific reason to be leery of the tax-cut package because of the experience of the 1980s. Tax cuts and budget deficits in that decade drove interest rates high and contributed to the worst farm crisis since the Great Depression of the 1930s, they said.

They also said the Bush tax cut is skewed toward the wealthy.

"The wealthiest Americans will end up paying a smaller percentage of the federal budget, while middle-class Americans will end up paying a larger percentage of the federal budget,"

Riggs said.

Riggs said the tax cut, spread over 10 years, is based on risky economic projections that show budget surpluses growing into the future.

"A 10-year economic forecast is about as reliable as a 10-year weather forecast," she said.

Riggs and Pederson rejected arguments that Iowa's treasury would benefit from a federal tax cut. Because Iowa allows a deduction for federal tax payments when calculating state taxes, a reduction in federal taxes boosts state revenues.

Pederson said the gain in state revenues would be more than offset by reductions in federal programs on which Iowa depends.



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# Rich refuses to testify on pardon

■ The fugitive financier also rejects freeing his lawyers from attorney-client privilege.

By Jesse J. Holland  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Financier Marc Rich refused Tuesday to appear before a House committee investigating his pardon, while former President Clinton waived executive privilege, allowing his top aides to freely testify before the panel.

Rich, whose pardon from Clinton his last day in office has triggered congressional and criminal investigations,

also refused to free his lawyers from the attorney-client privilege, which would allow them to share details on the pursuit of clemency.

Clinton's personal attorney, David Kendall, said in a letter to the House Government Reform Committee that the former president "will interpose no executive-privilege objections to the testimony of his former staff concerning these pardons, or to other pardons and commutations he granted."

A legal source close to the former president, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said Clinton agreed to waive the privilege for the witnesses because he believes he did

nothing wrong and is "anxious to get the facts out as quickly as he can."

The committee is scheduled to hear Thursday from former Clinton Chief of Staff John Podesta, ex-White House counsel Beth Nolan, and Bruce Lindsey, a long-time White House aide and confidant to the former president.

The House committee's chairman, Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., two weeks ago asked Clinton to waive executive privilege, the right to keep secret the advice of aides and deliberations leading up to presidential decisions.

The panel also asked Rich then to release his lawyers from attorney-client privileges

so they could testify in detail about the campaign to secure his pardon.

"Mr. Rich has asked me to inform the committee that he must continue to rely on the advice of his lawyers and, therefore, is unable to comply with the committee's requests at this time," his attorney, Laurence Urgenson, said in a letter Tuesday to the committee.

Along with federal prosecutors in New York, the committee is investigating whether Clinton's decision on Rich's pardon was influenced by contributions to his presidential library and various political campaigns from Rich's ex-wife, Denise Rich.

# Consumer confidence index plummets

■ The index drops for the fifth-straight month, hitting its lowest point since 1996.

By Adam Geller  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Worries about jobs and the business climate has dragged consumer confidence in February to its lowest level in more than four years, a new report says.

The Conference Board said Tuesday its Consumer Confidence Index fell to 106.8, down from 115.7 in January. It was the fifth-consecutive drop in the monthly index, which has not been this low since June 1996.

"Consumers are seeing all the layoff news, they're hearing all the doom-and-gloom comments, and they've gotten worried. There's no question about it," said Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisers in Holland, Pa.

The pessimism was reinforced by two reports released by the Commerce Department Tuesday: Orders to U.S. factories for big-ticket items plunged in January to their lowest level in 19 months, while new-home sales plummeted 10.9 percent, the biggest drop in seven years.

For now, the economy continues to walk a tightrope, avoiding a plunge into recession, said Lynn Franco, the director of the Conference Board's Consumer Research Center.

"The erosion in consumer confidence continues to be fueled by weakening expectations regarding business and employment conditions," Franco said.

The Conference Board index, based on a monthly survey of approximately 5,000 U.S. households, is considered an important indicator because

consumer spending accounts for roughly two-thirds of the nation's economic activity. The index compares results with its base year, 1985, when it stood at 100.

The overall February confidence figure was lower than the reading of 110.5 that had been expected by analysts.

Still, one economist noted that some figures in the Conference Board's report are not as worrisome.

"Generally, it's a weak number on the headline, but the details show a little more encouragement," said Gary Thayer, the chief economist for A.G. Edwards & Sons in St. Louis.

He pointed to figures showing a growing number of people believe the economy is exhibiting normal conditions, as well as figures indicating more consumers plan to buy new homes and cars in the next six months.

The report comes amid intense speculation about whether the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates again before its next meeting, March 20. Thayer and Naroff said they do not believe the drop in confidence will be enough to push the Fed into taking early action.

The markets were down Tuesday, with the tech-heavy NASDAQ composite index dropping 100 points to 2,207 — a two-year low — while the Dow Jones industrial average was down five points to 10,636.

Consumers continue to be pessimistic about the outlook over the next six months, the Conference Board said. The percentage of consumers expecting a pickup in business conditions declined from 13.1 percent to 11.1 percent, while those anticipating conditions to worsen increased from 15.2 percent to 17.8 percent.

# Powell: U.S. to honor Balkan commitment

■ The secretary of State says the U.S. will maintain peacekeepers in Bosnia and Kosovo.

By Barry Schweid  
Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Secretary of State Colin Powell pledged that the Bush administration will stay the course with peacekeepers in the restive Balkans, where more than 9,000 U.S. troops patrol Bosnia and Kosovo.

"We went in together, and we will come out together," he said Tuesday, offering a firm U.S. commitment — which was in question after President Bush said he would review the use of American troops there.

Skepticism within the Bush administration about U.S. peacekeeping missions was set aside as Powell, in his debut at NATO headquarters in a diplomatic role, promised worried Europeans that the United States "would avoid any steps that jeopardize the alliance's unity."

And, in a show of support, the Allied foreign ministers moved closer to supporting the administration's futuristic missile-defense plans. "I got a very good response from all my colleagues," Powell said.

Lord Robertson, the NATO secretary-general, called Powell's participation in his first North Atlantic Council session "a reminder of the vital importance of the transatlantic link."

The meeting was held against the backdrop of growing tensions in the Balkans, where the open-ended U.S. commitment to peacekeeping was in question. Bush and his top foreign-policy advisers talked about limiting U.S. troop involvement, leaving most of the peacekeeping to Europe.

Condoleezza Rice, Bush's national security adviser, created a stir during the presidential campaign when she said the United States should pull troops out, and Bush, too, said he wanted to bring Americans home.

After some European alarm, Bush softened his stance, saying two weeks ago there would be "no precipitous withdrawal from the (overseas) commitments we inherited," though he said he would be more "careful" and "judicious" about peacekeeping deployments in the future.

When Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld met with European defense officials in Munich, Germany, on Feb. 3, he told his peers, "We will not act unilaterally or fail to consult our allies."

Rumsfeld also said the peacekeeping force in the Balkans is now "appropriately smaller and lighter," and he noted that since 1996, NATO has been reviewing troop levels every six months. "We believe this process of consultation, assessment and change should continue," Rumsfeld said.

In 1995, 20,000 U.S. troops were among 60,000 NATO-led peacekeepers in Bosnia on a mission meant to last only a couple of years. Now, 4,500 Americans remain on the ground among 22,000 peacekeepers.

In Kosovo, 5,000 of 46,000 peacekeepers are American — approximately the same number deployed in June 1999 on the mission with no end in sight.

Robertson called the situation in the region "alarming" and said that even with Slobodan Milosevic gone as Yugoslavia's president, "what is needed now is the courage and the imagination for the political leadership of the region to rise above past bitterness."

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# Student allegedly assaulted near Burge

### ASSAULT

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and blue jeans, according to police records.

The incident was the second reported assault in three days, authorities said. UI Public Safety officials said this incident was not linked to an assault that took place at the UI Field House Sunday.

Public Safety Lt. Lucy Wiederholt said the incidents won't lead to extra patrolling, but the department will have a "higher awareness" for such incidents.

According to Public Safety records, the amount of reported on-campus assaults dropped from 62 in 1999 to 48 in 2000.

Five incidents of on-campus assault have been reported in 2001.

This activity is not unusual for a campus community, said Iowa City Police Chief R. J. Winkelhake.

"People should always be careful, and even more so now, because obviously there are people out there who are trying to take advantage of women," he said.

The UI offers several options for students who feel unsafe around campus, including Rape Aggression Defense classes and the Safewalk program, a student-run volunteer organization.

Started in 1995, Safewalk is meant to provide a campus-wide evening escort service for stu-

dents, staff and faculty. While the organization generally offers its services from 7 p.m. to 2:30 a.m., it has been closed since Monday because of a lack of volunteers.

Safewalk representatives were unavailable for comment Tuesday.

UI sophomore Heather Roman said she walks home late at night from the library alone and now feels unsafe because of the past weeks' events.

"It freaks me out," she said.

Iowa City police are currently investigating the attempted sexual assault and are encouraging anyone with information to contact them at 356-5275.

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# Have a Fat day, Iowa City gaily says

### FAT TUESDAY

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thing I hoped for and nothing I ever expected," she said. "It takes you about an hour to walk a half a block."

While Beilby was there, she said, she went to two parades and was astounded by the beauty of the floats.

"These floats are just extravagant — like nothing you've ever seen before," she said.

People had video cameras everywhere, Beilby said, and she ended up getting taped for MTV.

"I didn't believe them at first (that they were from MTV), and then they all

three pulled out their big badges," she said. "That was pretty cool."

But for Beilby, the best part of her Mardi Gras experience was when she and her friends were asked to go party on one of the balconies that overlooks Bourbon

Street, perhaps the best-known party street in the country.

"That was absolutely an experience of a lifetime," she said. "We're definitely going back next year."

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# Residents to choose UI living quarters on ISIS

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Students such as Pansegrau, with 60 credit hours or more, will be allowed access to the system before students with fewer than 60 hours. Exact times will be

randomly chosen and mailed to students over Spring Break. Students will be able to choose a dorm room through April 20.

Dorm residents will also have a chance to choose a new board plan when they sign up for their rooms. They can select to have

10, 14 or 20 meals per week, Schoenfelder said. Currently, the residents can only designate if they want breakfast, lunch, dinner, or a combination.

UI freshman Leah Moellers is unsure if she will live in the dorms next year, but she plans to apply.

She said she thinks the new online system will be an improvement, and she is especially happy with the new meal plans.

"It will be easier to conform to my schedule," she said.

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# Faculty members look back at UI black history

### BLACK HISTORY

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sional black students account for 2.4 percent of the UI community.

#### Hubbard witnesses UI's black history first hand

One of the first people to work toward increasing the number of black students on campus was Philip Hubbard, who came to the university in 1940 by way of Des Moines North High School. He enrolled in the College of Engineering at a time when careers for blacks were seriously restricted by racial discrimination.

After evaluating a host of different career paths, Hubbard said, he chose engineering because it challenged him intellectually and went well with his temperament. He also attributed the choice to having met former black UI football All-American and Des Moines engineer Archie Alexander while attending North High.

"There were probably 100 black students on campus when I arrived," Hubbard said. "The university did not allow us to live in the residence halls. The men found families in town to live with, and the women lived together in a house over on 942 Iowa Ave."

Hubbard said walking around campus was not a problem for black students at the time; but certain downtown businesses refused to serve blacks, and some would not even allow them near their stores, he said.

All the social functions put on by the College of Engineering were open to him, he said, but blacks were not welcome at the majority of UI-sponsored social events.

Minority fraternities and organizations provided social outlets for blacks and the minority student community. On Sunday evenings, the IMU held a "Negro forum," which consistently drew between 50 and 60 students to discuss current events and music and to worship. The goal was to stimulate and maintain "social and religious ethics within the group and to foster better racial understanding in all students and faculty members on this campus," according to a 1940 *Daily Iowan* article.

During his sophomore year, Hubbard joined and became the president of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. At that time, the fraternities were strictly segregated by race.

"Blacks were excluded from university jobs, and professors often told them where to sit in class based on their race," Hubbard said. "It wasn't an official UI policy to discriminate, but there was no recourse for the victim."

Hubbard completed his doctorate in 1954 and subsequently joined the faculty as an assistant professor in the Department of

Mechanics and Hydraulics. By 1959, he had become the first black tenured professor in the history of the university.

In his autobiography, *My Iowa Journey: The Life Story of the UI's First African-American Professor*, Hubbard regards the achievement as irrelevant. He thinks of himself as just another human being interacting within the UI community.

The 1960s brought sweeping social changes and student uprisings. Students commonly protested the Vietnam War and, following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King in 1968, rioting was commonplace. Hubbard joined the NAACP as a lifetime member in the mid-1960s and became active in the civil-rights movement.

He put himself in the midst of the protests by leaving his Old Capitol office and joining the students in order to quell the rioting. "I felt a responsibility to help the students accomplish their goals without any trouble," he said. "I steered them toward non-violent protest. I didn't encourage them to stop protesting — merely to keep it under control."

#### Hubbard and Jones' paths intersect to increase diversity

Following King's assassination, every university in the Big Ten became concerned with recruiting minority students. In 1968, the UI hired 28-year-old admissions recruiter Phillip Jones in an effort to diversify the faculty and gear student recruitment toward minorities.

"I was hired to do the impossible with virtually nothing," said Jones, now the dean of students and vice president for student services. "I was considered to be cheap fire insurance."

When Jones came to campus, 40 black students attended the UI. He collaborated with Hubbard to initiate the Educational Opportunity Program and was its first director. The program was designed to recruit minority students from low-income families, who were under-represented in the university population. Under Jones, the enrollment of the Educational Opportunity Program students grew from the initial class of 42 in 1968 to 971 by 1987.

"Phillip didn't need a lot of overlooking," said Hubbard, who worked with Jones on the majority of his projects. "He's personally responsible for the Educational Opportunity Program and everything that came after that."

Hubbard and Jones established the African-American Cultural Center and the Latino-American Indian Cultural Center. In 1979, they established a Presidential Scholarship program for outstanding high-school students, which led to the creation of Minority Achievement Scholarships. And, in 1987, Opportunity at Iowa became a reality. The program, which actively provides financial assistance and counseling for underprivileged minorities, was the

result of Hubbard and Jones' efforts.

Jones developed and became the first director of special-support services, a program meant to provide common-sense counseling for low-income students who lacked an educational background.

"Minority students need to become more involved with the life of the university," Jones said. "We need to fight hard to overcome the popular culture notion that excellence is acting white."

In his 33 years at the UI, Jones has watched the black-student population sharply increase. There is still room for improvement, though, he said, noting that the number of black students on campus today is roughly equivalent to the number prior to World War II.

"I still have a goal to change this place," Jones said. "We need social change, educational change. I will do whatever I feel is right."

In order to get things done, people need to take responsibility for their actions and give their best effort every day, he said. "We need to create change; otherwise, there's no purpose."

#### UI still not at the level it should be

Levy "Lee" Simon Jr., a visiting professor of theater, has been a member of the UI's black community for five years. Although he is thankful for the opportunity the university has afforded him, he said, the university could provide more venues in which to celebrate and promote diversity.

"When I first came to the UI in 1996 and looked at the black population, I was shocked," said Simon, a native of Harlem. "There was not one person of color in the graduate acting program."

On a campus that is almost 90 percent white, people of color feel like they're just visiting here, he said. If this university and this country were truly multicultural and diverse, there wouldn't be a Black History Month, he said. Black history would be taught in every school, and it would be included in and classified as American history, with everyone celebrating it, he said.

"The responsibility falls to the UI," Simon said. "Caucasians need to take responsibility to create an atmosphere that will get people to come here and stay here. To be a complete person, you have to open yourself up to new people and new cultural experiences."

Each of the 75 plays Simon has written and performed in are either politically or socially oriented.

His thesis, a play titled *For The Love of Freedom*, an epic drama based on the liberation of Haiti in the late 1700s and early 1800s, was recently picked up by Los Angeles' Roby Theatre, which is run by actor Danny Glover. The play personifies the

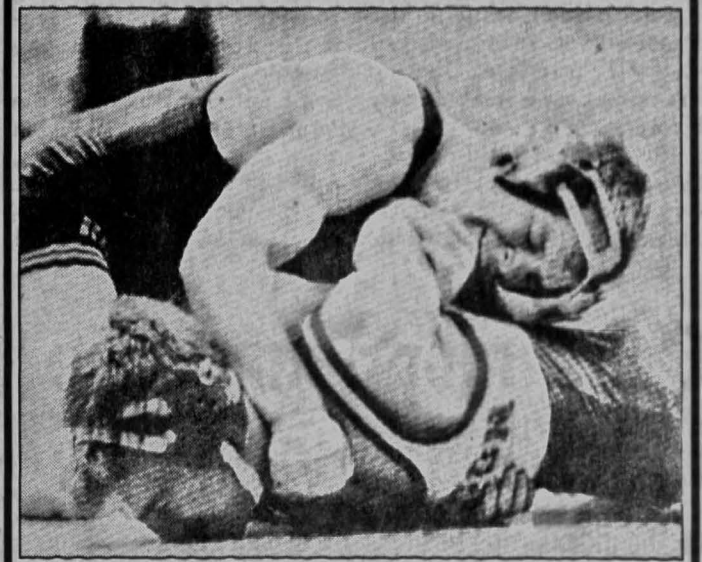
only incident in human history in which an enslaved race rebelled and conquered its masters.

"I feel a need to enlighten people about what African-American history and culture has been about in this country," he said. "I have much respect for Dean Jones and Dr. Hubbard, who have paved the way for blacks who are here now."

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## NCAA Tournament Memories

The year was 1991.



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## 'The Sopranos' - baldly the best

HBO's hit series returns for its third season — magnificently.

By Frazier Moore  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — "The Sopranos" will return. You will watch. Your plans to welcome the much-hyped, much-awaited third season are as set in concrete as a doomed mobster's feet. Your family reunion kicks off Sunday at 8 p.m. CST as HBO airs not one but two episodes. Life is good!

Even so, you grapple with fear. Future episodes won't — can't possibly — measure up to the past two seasons. As someone might say on "The Sopranos": Who wants to face the unknown not knowing?

Give it a rest. If the four episodes provided for review prove anything, "The Sopranos" is as good as ever, which means better than almost anything else.

So do yourself a favor and quit reading this now.

Trust David Chase, whose vision as the series' creator keeps "The Sopranos" dependably startling. Trust James Gandolfini, who as New Jersey mob boss Tony Soprano continues to preside over a family of actors as accomplished as any ever gathered for television.

In short, just go about your business until Sunday night. Why jump the gun on a masterpiece crafted to unfold, twist by twist, in its own delicious time?

OK. Anybody left here? Well, consider yourself warned: SPOILERS to come.

For those who revisited the first two seasons of "The Sopranos," which HBO encored from December through last week, it should be clear that Year One was equaled by Year Two.

Sure, things seemed a bit off-kilter last season.

Beyond anyone's control was the future of Tony's monstrous mother, Livia, a key figure played by the ailing Nancy Marchand (who died last June).

Further uncertainty was kindled by Salvatore "Big Pussy" Bonpensiero, a close Soprano operative turned FBI informant. Rattling out the family, he was clearly living on borrowed time



Barry Wetcher/The Associated Press

Aida Turturro and James Gandolfini appear in a scene from "The Sopranos," which kicks off its third season on HBO Sunday. Gandolfini continues his role as head of a New Jersey mob family, while Turturro portrays his difficult sister.

until his one-way sea cruise in the season finale.

Last year featured a distractingly colorful business trip to Italy and the destabilizing entry of Tony's gold-digging sister Janice (Aida Turturro). Tony's headstrong young nephew Christopher (Michael Imperioli) became more erratic than ever, torn between doing crime and writing screenplays about it.

And, of course, Big Pussy became a talking trout (at least in Tony's fever dream) before he met his watery end.

That was then. The new season sets off on solid ground, pointing in nifty new directions while reassuring you that, even in Tony's turbulent world, life carries on with an unforgiving sameness.

(No wonder Tony is still seeing his shrink, Dr. Jennifer Melfi. No wonder Dr. Melfi, played by Lorraine Bracco, is still seeing her own shrink thanks to Tony.)

Once again, the season's first episode comes equipped with a helpful catch-me-up. But while last year began with a sentimental montage to Sinatra's accompaniment, this year's premiere chooses a starkly different kind of re-entry: crisp, determined, coolly detached.

With the Feds stepping up their surveillance of Tony, the hour plays out through the distanced eyes and ears of FBI agents. Can they pull off planting a wiretap in the basement of Tony's home? Sure, but they'll have to tail each member of the family to make sure that every-

one is occupied elsewhere.

Displaying typical "Sopranos" wit, the soundtrack aids this cloak-and-dagger operation by blending the theme from "Peter Gunn" with the Police's "Every Breath You Take (I'll Be Watching You)."

Watching the Feds man their watch, you reconnect with the Sopranos from this oddly remote, yet arresting, vantage point.

You find that Tony and Carmella (Edie Falco) have packed their daughter off to Columbia University, though Meadow (Jamie-Lynn Sigler) remains very much under foot, particularly because she brings home her clothes to be washed.

Teen-age son A.J. (Robert Iler) is more disaffected and sullen than ever.

But Christopher seems newly composed, even jaded. "Hey," he sighs, "nothing sounds crazy anymore, the older I get."

Crazy? On Sunday's second episode (which, like the opener, is written by Chase), anxiety-prone Tony suffers an emotional collapse at merely spotting a package of Uncle Ben's Rice.

And Livia, presumed too mean to ever die, flashes fate the middle finger. Abruptly she expires. Then her passing triggers the fractious, often grimly funny send-off she so devilishly earned.

In Dr. Melfi's office, Tony does his best to bury his grief. "So we're probably done here, right? She's dead."

Not so fast. He's just getting started.

### ARTS BRIEFS

#### Cosby to produce "Fat Albert" film

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bill Cosby's "Fat Albert" character is coming to the big screen as a live-action film.

Cosby and his wife will be executive producers for the film planned by 20th Century Fox. No start date has been set for the feature, which is being produced by Davis Entertainment Co.

"For the millions of 'Fat Albert' fans, trust me, he could not be in better hands," said Cosby, who is writing the screenplay with Charles Kipps.

"Fat Albert" and his friends will be based on Cosby's standup routines about a group of urban youths in Philadelphia. The characters also were featured as a long-running Saturday morning cartoon on television.

Besides the "Fat Albert" project, Cosby will be executive producer for a Fox film about the love story between labor and civil-rights leader A. Philip Randolph and his wife, Lucille.

#### Steve Martin to headline comedy festival

LOS ANGELES — Steve Martin will have the last laugh when he headlines a summit at this year's U.S. Comedy Arts Festival designed to examine the influence technology has on the funny business.

The two-day event in Aspen, Colo., also will feature comedian Dave Foley, "You've Got Mail" director Nora Ephron and DreamWorks studio chief Jeffrey Katzenberg.

Discussion will focus on how the Internet, DVDs and digital distribution are changing the entertainment industry, said Michael Wolff, media columnist for *New York Magazine*, who will moderate the panels.

"The question we hope to answer is, how do you make people laugh in this new technological environment? And what impact will these changes have on those who entertain us?" Wolff said.

The summit will occur on Thursday and Friday during the comedy festival, which begins on Wednesday.

"It's funny because I can't think of a group of people who know less about technology than those in the entertainment business," Wolff said. "We're professional Luddites."

## The Future of Israel and Palestine: South African Apartheid or Democracy?

Professor Adrien Wing, UI School of Law



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The lecture will discuss how the recent Israeli elections, in which Ariel Sharon was elected Prime Minister, will affect the peace process. Professor Wing will speculate that the Palestinians may end up with an apartheid-like state, if they get a state at all. Rather than enjoying the chance to join the democratic nations of the world, they will end up with a recipe for continued disaster—a politically and economically nonviable collection of "bantustans" such as occurred in apartheid era South Africa.

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## Quoteworthy

We are not keeping students in Iowa, and this is keeping people out.

— Megan Adams, UISG undergraduate activities executive and presidential candidate, on the possible effect of statewide budget cuts on the UI.

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## EDITORIALS

### Mardi Gras gets out of hand ...

# Holiday loses its religion

This past weekend, scores of people were injured in Mardi Gras celebrations that got out of hand. The photographs and videos that came out of Seattle and Austin, Texas, resembled the recent news coverage of violence in Israel. Store windows were smashed and cars were demolished. Police in full riot gear marched through the streets firing rubber bullets and tear gas. In Israel, it is a bitter religious dispute that has lasted centuries. On the other hand, in the United States, it is the handiwork of angry, middle class, sexually aggressive teen-agers and 20-somethings who seemingly have nothing better to do. This is a disgusting perversion of a cultural holiday, and steps need to be taken to ensure these riots do not continue to occur. One catalyst of this behavior is alcohol. Alcohol coupled with a large mob always equals trouble. An excellent example of this was

*It is sad that the government is forced to use riot police to maintain order on a supposedly religious holiday.*

Woodstock '99. What began as a music festival ended as a battleground, complete with strewn debris, raging fires, looting and even rapes. The main causes of this were the availability of smuggled-in alcohol, the aggressive mentality of many of the people and the size of the mob. These drunken Mardi Gras celebrations are essentially the same, except the alcohol is even more prevalent. Curtailing the excessive alcohol consumption would do much to stem the violence.

There is also a way to catch those who decide to get violent. Law-enforcement researchers in Sydney, Australia, have developed a system called Face in the Crowd. Special cameras can scan people as they pass and

cross-reference their faces with criminal databases. Developed to catch so-called soccer hooligans who riot and cause mischief at soccer matches worldwide, the technology would be perfect for identifying the maniacs who incite alcohol-saturated riots such as the ones in Seattle and Austin. Better yet, if the partygoers were made aware that they were being watched, perhaps they would be less likely to riot in the first place.

It is sad that the government is forced to use riot police to maintain order on a supposedly religious holiday. Then again, for most involved, Mardi Gras is just an excuse to drink and watch young women flash their breasts. These people do not care that Mardi Gras is supposed to be a time of celebration before abstaining for Lent. In the end, the only thing they abstain from is respectability and decency.

Micah Wedemeyer is a *DI* editorial writer.

### Outsourcing welfare program to churches ...

# Faith-based programs inefficient

Step aside; President Bush's "armies of compassion" have plans for Iowa, whether you like it or not.

In response to Bush's faith-based manifesto, Iowa Republicans plan to request a \$10 million federal subsidy to allocate toward statewide faith-based welfare initiatives. If this proposal passes with the human-services budget bill, the cut in funding, extracted from the \$131 million Temporary Assistance for Needy Families grant, will force other programs to restrict their spending in favor of potentially effective, yet ill-defined religious agendas.

Sometimes government officials and legislators miss the point entirely. Faith-based funding, whether federal or state regulated, reeks of hypocrisy. Reputable religious institutions thrive on human resources and charitable donations. If the government doles out faith-based funding, the priorities of religious organizations will shift from promoting human welfare to indulging in

*Filtering money through a faith-based program ... creates dubious ties between church and state.*

entrepreneurial politics. Under a different system with optional tax payment, the grants would originate from legitimate charitable donations. Yet the populace pays taxes under the threat of incarceration, hardly the circumstances of suitable religious funding. People expect questionable rationale from over-zealous federal legislators, but when it infects the morality of Iowa's faith-based programs, the duplicity devastates local integrity.

Furthermore, legislators should trust Iowa to allocate federal grants wisely. Transferring money to faith-based institutions indicates a lack of loyalty to local welfare programs. State GOP members want to direct social welfare issues — a noble cause. But faith-based organizations give comparable — if not less —

direct and specialized attention to particular welfare issues as do secular institutions. In essence, filtering money through a faith-based program merely vacillates the process, creating dubious ties between church and state.

Bush intends to establish lenient provisions for religious operations in order to forgo previously standard background checks and federal investigations. Giving money to these faith-based programs gambles taxpayer money. With states now indulging in religious favoritism, the general public can do little but hope to see its money allocated not only sensibly but impartially. Yet faith is not an impartial concept; it is intimately subjective.

Taxpayers gripe but ultimately anticipate questionable motives in federal spending. Now, as Iowa adopts policies increasingly resembling national trends, it's hard not to lose a little bit of faith, so to speak.

Liz Basedow is a *DI* editorial writer.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Candidate Adams' attitude insulting

On Feb. 23 at 9 a.m., while listening to KRUI, I heard a disturbing quote from Megan Adams, UISG presidential candidate on the Adams-Stephenson ticket. She claimed that the other tickets opposing her had no idea how to implement the things that they were proposing. She said that because she had experience in office as part of an executive ticket, she knew how to get things done. She further claimed that the other tickets "had not done their research."

This is outrageous and insulting. First, as a campaign worker for the

Giant Sloth Political Party, I know just how much research our ticket has done on our issues. Nick Klenske and Dan Rossi, our presidential and vice-presidential candidates, have documented action plans on the Giant Sloth Web site, [www.giantsloth.org](http://www.giantsloth.org), and in our campaign materials that give the facts, take the reader step-by-step through the plan and show how we would implement the plan. Our recycling action plan explains the current concerns, what action we will take and the overseeing body we want to create.

The Adams-Stephenson ticket has no such plan in its current campaign materials. For example, it devotes three thin paragraphs to

recycling, saying that it will "empower the advisory committee on recycling." I would ask, How?

Adams and Stephenson say they will "phase in a recycling plan that works." How? With no detail, the plan could be anything from a committee that does nothing or vague promises such as empowering things and "taking the time to do things right."

Some have not done their research.

But when considering who has done research, the Adams-Stephenson ticket should realize it in fact is the one that needs to brush up on the facts.

Rowan Swanson  
UI junior

## On the SPOT

What question would you ask UISG candidates in their debate tonight?



"I'd ask them what they are going to do for me as a soon-to-be sophomore."

Christine Klein  
UI freshman



"What do you think about companies advertising in classrooms and academic buildings?"

Peter Reed  
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## THE BUSH ERA...

### The News

# CLINTON DEFENDS PARDON

By Amy Leisinger  
From 1998-1999, Clinton defended the pardon of his former aide, Vernon Riffe, who had been convicted of a crime. Clinton argued that the pardon was necessary to move forward with the impeachment process.



Clinton Holds News Conference

# CLINTON GETS NEW OFFICES

By Amy Leisinger  
Clinton has moved into new offices in the White House, signaling a shift in the administration's priorities and focus.

# CLINTON LIBRARY PLANS UNVEILED

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# My 'biological clock'

Have you ever noticed that all too often, in the midst of the hustle and rush of "college life," you sometimes lose yourself?

In addition to my constant struggle for sanity, I had nothing but problems this week. Big tests, parking tickets, loud neighbors, cat scratches. You name it, it happened to me.

And to top it all off, I came within inches — merely inches — of losing the most important thing in the world to me. It's amazing how fast you can pull yourself together or make a complete ass out of yourself — as was my case — in an effort to save what's really important in life.

You start tripping all over yourself and blubbing like an idiot. You're so wrapped up in the quest for a "picture perfect life" that you completely disregard what may be happening to others in the process, to the people who mean the most to you. Life just starts moving a little too fast. Weeks fly by, then months. We're already in the seventh week of this semester. And I'm already halfway through college. No matter how hard I try to keep up with everything, I feel like I'm always falling behind — like I'm missing something.

And I have society breathing down my neck. "Your biological clock is just ticking away." What biological clock? I'm WAY too young to have one of those. But here I am, staring at a wedding announcement lying on my desk. The

groom-to-be, a friend of mine from high school, just a tad younger than me. I stare at Mike and his bride-to-be, and my mind trails off.

Maybe I do have one of those biological clock thingamabobs.

The 20s: aka "The Marriage and Kids Decade." My God, I can barely take care of my cats. How the hell will I be ready for those kinds of things in the next 10 years? The furthest I can manage to think ahead is to my Macro midterm next week.

That two-hour exam scares the jeebies out of me. Imagine what having another human being depending on me would do to my psyche.

So, Mike's getting married in July, and I'm still trying to figure out exactly which colored clothes I can sneak into a white load of laundry. He's planning a wedding, and I'm planning a trip for Spring Break.

Whoa ... whoa ... whoa. Just hold on a minute. A mere five months ago, Mike was talking about Cancun and discoloring laundry. Now marriage? A lifetime with the same person. Forever. I think I just may be falling behind the times.

Am I supposed to be pairing off? Should I start hoarding Baby Gap items now, before it's too late?

In the words of my Magic 8 Ball, my sources say no. According to the U.S. Bureau of Census, marriage while in college, or even right after college, is not the way to go. The statistics show that the average length of marriage in couples age 25-29 is just under three and a half

years. Not everyone's relationship was made to last happily ever after, and nobody wants problems with the law. After a four-year stay in Iowa City, you will have all probably had your fill of run-ins with the legal system.

My advice to you: Stop and smell the roses while you can. Every one of them probably has a thorn or two, but every prick (pardon my pun) will indeed make you a better, more well-rounded individual.

So, get caught up in life now. Enjoy the present, and don't make decisions that will affect the rest of your life before you even know what to do with the remainder of it. It may be the case that we have quite a bit of growing up left to do.

I plan to try to do the same — to relish my life in all its hectic fervor, to enjoy the many individuals within it. As my inspiration for this column said: "We just don't know what the future holds." And for the length of time that took to get through my apparently thicker-than-average skull (approximately the time it took me to write this column), I apologize to you, Mr. Inspiration, for not heeding my own advice. Forgive my hurried nature, and don't give up on me. It may not be a bad idea to hit the snooze button on that biological clock a few more times ... I don't want to wake up from this dream quite yet.

Amy Leisinger is the *DI* assistant Viewpoints editor. Her columns generally appear on Thursdays.



AMY LEISINGER

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**NATION**

# Supreme Court upholds EPA law

■ The court unanimously rejects arguments that the EPA must consider financial costs to industry.

By Laurie Asseo  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's premier environmental law withstood a major industry challenge Tuesday as the Supreme Court upheld the way the government sets air-quality standards under the Clean Air Act.

The court unanimously rejected industry arguments that the Environmental Protection Agency must consider financial cost as well as health benefits in writing standards.

The American Lung Association called the ruling "a victory for the Clean Air Act and for the health of the American people."

The Clean Air Act became law in 1970; the challenge by industry groups was viewed as the most significant environmental case before the Supreme Court in years.

The justices rejected industry arguments that the EPA took too much lawmaking power from Congress when it set tougher standards for ozone and soot in 1997.

Nevertheless, the court threw out the EPA's policy for implementing new ozone rules and ordered the agency to come up with a more "reasonable" interpretation of the law.

Edward Warren, the lawyer

for industry groups that challenged the law, said they retain a right to challenge the ozone and soot standards in a lower court under traditional legal rules. "There's a good chance that both of these standards will fall," he said.

The American Trucking Associations, a leader of the industry group, said it was "clearly disappointed" by the ruling. It said its goal in the case was "to obtain clear, understandable legal standards to promote clean air in a sensible fashion."

EPA Administrator Christine Todd Whitman said the decision was "a solid endorsement of EPA's efforts to protect the health of millions of Americans from the dangers of air pollution." She gave no indica-

tion of what EPA might do to implement the tougher standards, which had been withdrawn to await a ruling from the Supreme Court.

## Appeals court blasts Microsoft judge

■ The U.S. antitrust case against Microsoft might be in jeopardy, some say.

By D. Ian Hopper  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Abandoning the usual deference shown colleagues, federal appeals judges weighing Microsoft's fate criticized the trial judge Tuesday for comments outside the courtroom. The chief judge questioned whether Thomas Penfield Jackson's conduct "violates the whole oath of office."

Microsoft lawyers relished the attention the appellate judges gave Jackson, wrapping up two days of arguments in their high-stakes appeal by accusing the trial judge of bias and eagerness to punish the software giant.

The seven U.S. Court of Appeals judges considered the bias issue and also raised concerns about technical aspects of Jackson's ruling. One raised

the possibility the case might have to be sent back to a trial court.

"If there isn't a proper finding ... then we would have to at least send this back for some trial judge to weigh the facts, wouldn't we?" Judge David Sentelle asked.

Jackson issued the historic order splitting Microsoft for antitrust violations, then was quoted in interviews as comparing Chairman Bill Gates to Napoleon and the company to a drug-dealing street gang.

"What the statements suggest is actual bias," Microsoft lawyer Richard Urowsky argued, seeking to reverse Jackson's order.

Jackson granted some of the interviews on an embargoed basis before the antitrust trial ended last year with the expectation they would be published afterward — a fact singled out by some appeals judges.

"Had he not placed that embargo, he would have been

off that case in a minute," Judge A. Raymond Randolph said.

"I'm not sure how you can ask us with a straight face" not to consider the appearance of bias, Sentelle said. "What possible legitimate reason could you assign, unless the judge was biased against them?"

Added Judge David Tatel: "I don't see how you can get around the fact that the words he chose did convey to the average person bias."

Harry Edwards, the chief judge of the appeals court in Washington, questioned whether Jackson violated his oath as a jurist.

"There are some who would say that (Jackson's behavior) violates the whole oath of office," Edwards said.

"The system would be a sham if all judges went around doing this," he continued. "The public has something at stake: It's the integrity of the system."

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## NATION &amp; WORLD

## World population to soar 50% by 2050

■ Africa and Asia will dwarf Europe, which, without immigration, will see a population decrease.

By Jean H. Lee  
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The world's population — already more than double what it was in 1950 — is projected to boom by another 3 billion in the next half-century, with Africa and Asia dwarfing Europe, even with the staggering toll of AIDS, a new U.N. study says.

Today, there are some 6.1 billion people in the world. By 2050, that figure is anticipated to swell to 9.3 billion — with nearly nine of every 10 people living in a developing country, one out of six in India alone, according to the study being

released today by the U.N. Population Division.

And while AIDS is projected to kill hundreds of millions more in Africa, the number of people in the world's 48 poorest nations, mostly in sub-Saharan Africa, is expected to triple in the next 50 years, the study said.

Meanwhile, dropping birthrates make it imperative for Europe and Japan to rethink their immigration policies and adjust social services to accommodate a shrinking work force and a growing elderly population, said Joseph Chamie, the director of the U.N. Population Division.

"Some people think the world population problem is over," he said. "No. This is a long-term issue, and it's a very complex symphony — you have some countries declining, you have

other countries growing rapidly, and you have some staying the same. When you add those up, you have a very complex world."

The projections are a hint of what Chamie calls an upcoming "new order" — an older, larger, poorer world dependent on migration to fill the gap between nations that cannot feed their people and wealthy countries seeking a labor force.

But Ben Wattenberg, a senior fellow at the conservative-leaning American Enterprise Institute, cautioned that the study's estimates could be "potentially misleading."

The fertility rate — the average number of children born to a woman during her childbearing years — is dropping faster and more consistently worldwide than the U.N. report suggests, making it likely that the 2050 population estimate is inflated,

he said. "Their numbers are high — they should be lower."

The report said that taking into account improved economies as well as lower mortality and fertility rates, growth will be rapid in Africa, much of Asia and Latin America. The United States, with a fresh influx of 1 million immigrants a year, will grow to nearly 400 million at mid-century from 283 million today, it said.

Europe, in contrast, will start seeing a decline as early as 2003 without immigration. Ukraine's population is projected to drop nearly by 40 percent by 2050, Russia's by 28 percent, Italy's by a quarter.

Last year, the 15 European Union nations together recorded a natural population growth — births minus deaths — of 343,000. It took India just a week to match that.

## Future of NATO threatened, senators warn

■ EU's new rapid-reaction force and America's missile-defense system could spell NATO's end.

By Jim Abrams  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The future of NATO is threatened by U.S. differences with its European partners over such issues as missile-defense systems, expanding the alliance into Eastern Europe and an independent European army, senators warned Tuesday.

"We're at a pretty, pretty dicey spot right now," said Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, the top Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Biden, at a hearing of the

committee's European affairs panel, urged the Bush administration to make clear its commitment to a strong and united NATO. "It's awfully hard to staunch the bleeding once it starts," he said.

Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., the subcommittee chairman, said it was imperative for the Bush administration to ensure that any new independent European security force be fully integrated with NATO so it does not become "a decoupling impulse in transatlantic affairs."

The administration must also persuade Europe to join a missile-defense shield because "when Europeans ask the United States to forgo this technological edge on the battlefield, they risk jeopardizing both Allied security and Allied

cohesion," Smith said.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, founded after World War II as a Cold War force, has undergone major changes since the Soviet Union's demise a decade ago and is at a crossroads because of diverging U.S. and European interests, testified retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark, the former Supreme Allied Commander in Europe.

Clark, who headed NATO air strikes against Yugoslavia during the Kosovo conflict, said there were key U.S.-European differences in such areas as sanctions on Iraq, a Palestinian state, policy toward Russia and NATO expansion.

NATO expansion to include the Baltic states of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, broadly

supported in the United States, is viewed by many in Europe "as a stick in the eye to the Russians," Biden agreed. A decision on further expansion must be made at an Alliance summit in 2002.

NATO voted in 1999 to include Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic in its membership, but Russia strongly opposes any further eastward expansion, viewing it as a security threat.

Russia, joined by much of Europe, also opposes the Bush administration's plan for a national missile-defense system, while the United States has expressed concern about the European Union's decision to form a rapid-reaction corps, called the European Security and Defense Policy.

## Iraqi minister rejects Powell's 'smart' sanctions

■ Iraq says the proposal to ease the sanctions' impact is a ploy.

By Nicole Winfield  
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Iraq's foreign minister Tuesday rejected a U.S. proposal to amend U.N. sanctions so Iraqis don't suffer so much, calling it a ploy by Washington to justify maintaining the 10-year-old embargo.

Secretary of State Colin Powell is calling for changes in sanctions to allow more consumer goods to reach Iraq, including such items as water pumps that Washington has previously blocked, fearing they could be used to help Iraq

rebuild its arsenals.

At the same time, military sanctions on Baghdad should remain strict, Powell said on a Mideast tour, during which he heard complaints that Iraqis are bearing the brunt of the sweeping U.N. embargo but also support for keeping Iraq from acquiring weapons of mass destruction.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf called Powell's proposals for so-called "smart sanctions" an attempt to shift attention away from Baghdad's contention that it has complied with U.N. resolutions requiring it to scrap its weapons of mass destruction and now deserves to have sanctions lifted.

"We met the requirements,

and sanctions are still there," al-Sahhaf said. Now, he said, "we are hearing stupid statements from (Powell), talking about clever sanctions, as if he confessed that all what had been going on since 1990 is stupid."

Al-Sahhaf's comments came as he arrived at the United Nations for the second and final day of talks with Secretary-General Kofi Annan on bridging the impasse over sanctions and weapons inspections that has kept U.N. arms experts out of Iraq for more than two years.

Annan reported that the talks were going well, and al-Sahhaf said he anticipated future rounds.

"The success of the dialogue in round one is the con-

tinuation of the dialogue," al-Sahhaf said. "And I think we have already established an excellent basis of confidence and understanding in order to provide the Security Council with all details that will help it" respond to Iraq's demands.

Annan is expected to brief the 15-member council on the talks today or Thursday, U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said. Annan briefed Powell by telephone after the Tuesday morning session with the Iraqis.

U.N. weapons inspectors left Iraq in December 1998 just before the United States and Britain launched air strikes to punish Baghdad for what they said was its failure to cooperate with the arms searches.

## WORLD BRIEF

## American arrested in Russia for alleged drug possession

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian security officials Tuesday announced the arrest on drug charges of a U.S. Fulbright scholar they alleged had intelligence training; they said it was a reminder that Russia must be vigilant against foreign spies.

John Edward Tobin, a 24-year-old graduate student at Voronezh State University in central Russia, was detained while purchasing drugs, the Federal Security Service, or FSB, said in a statement.

He was charged with illegal possession of drugs, which can result in up to three years in a Russian prison, said Pavel Bolshunov, an FSB spokesman in Voronezh.

Bolshunov said Tobin had not been caught spying but that he had been trained at elite intelligence-related institutions: Fort Jackson, S.C., the biggest Army basic-training base in the United States, from 1994-95; the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif., where he studied Russian in 1996; and a military intelligence school in Fort Huachuca, Ariz., from 1995-96, where he earned a certificate as an interrogation expert.

The head of the local Fulbright program office, Joseph McCormick, said it was the first time a Fulbright scholar had been detained in Russia, but program officials declined to comment further on the case.



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**The Event:** College basketball, North Carolina State at North Carolina, ESPN, 8 p.m.  
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#### College basketball

6 p.m. Seton Hall at Villanova, ESPN  
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#### SPORTS QUIZ

Who won the men's N.I.T. last year?  
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#### SCOREBOARD

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Cleveland	89	San Antonio	87
Miami	103	Dallas	116
Washington	95	Vancouver	112
New York	101	L.A. Clippers	
Seattle	92	Sacramento	late

##### NHL

Boston	7	Carolina	1
Phoenix	4	Atlanta	1
Buffalo	4	New Jersey	4
Ottawa	1	N.Y. Islanders	1
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Washington	2	Nashville	1
Montreal	3		
Philadelphia	2		

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 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

## Hawks dominate conference awards

■ Lisa Bluder is named Coach of the Year and three Hawkeyes receive All-Big Ten honors.

By Melinda Mawdsley  
 The Daily Iowan

With tape recorders and television cameras waiting to capture Cara Consuegra's every word, the senior point guard summarized Tuesday afternoon in the same straightforward manner she uses on the court.

"It was just a great day for Iowa basketball," she said. Consuegra, along with senior

Randi Peterson and junior Lindsey Meder, were selected to the All-Big Ten Team. And head coach Lisa Bluder was named Big Ten Coach of the Year.

Meder received first-team honors from both the coaches' and the media polls. During the regular season, Meder led the No. 23 Hawkeyes in scoring, averaging 17.2 points per game, good for second in the conference.

Consuegra was voted to the first team by the Big Ten coaches, while Peterson garnered first-team recognition by the media.

Consuegra, a senior from Mount Airy, Md., was the conference leader in assists (7.25) and near the top in steals (2.13). She helped turn the Iowa offense into one of the highest scoring attacks in the country, at nearly 77 points per game.

The 6-2 Peterson recorded 10 double-doubles this season and averaged more than 12 points and eight rebounds a game for the Hawkeyes.

No other conference team had more than three players selected. One honor that only Iowa received was given to Bluder — she was named Big Ten Coach of the Year by the media and her peers.

At her press conference Tuesday, she spoke with a great deal of pride regarding her All-Big Ten players, but she didn't even comment on her award until questioned. Immediately, Bluder gave the credit onto her coaching staff.

Senior Mary Berdo was just one of many Hawkeyes quick to note that Bluder was more than

deserving of the recognition after turning Iowa from a 9-18 team into a nationally ranked squad.

"I don't think any coach in America has done a better job than coach Bluder," Berdo said. "She had to come in here with her coaches and instill her system quickly. She should be looked at as national Coach of the Year as far as I'm concerned."

Bluder was quick to express disappointment in Jennie Lillis' absence from the All-Big Ten Freshman Team.

She reeled off Lillis' stats in an emphatic tone.

"She was 20th in the league in scoring, seventh in field-goal percentage shooting, second-best in the rebounding category, fourth

best in offensive rebounding and fourth best in defensive rebounding," Bluder said. "She's a complete player, and for her not to be named to the Big Ten Freshmen Team is a real injustice to her."

However, Lillis said the honor wasn't something she was worried about. "That doesn't bother me one bit. Not even a little bit," she said. "Our team is doing well."

Iowa enters the Big Ten Tournament as the No. 2 seed. The Hawkeyes are the only school to defeat every other conference team at least once during the year.

"We've beaten everybody, so anybody we face we know what it takes to beat them," Consuegra said.

Bluder said Iowa will obviously play to win the Big Ten Tournament but also for a higher NCAA seed — perhaps as high as fifth — with the invitation almost a certainty.

"I think it's going to be hard to deny us," she said. "I would breathe a little easier if we get through the first game. If you finish second in the Big Ten, you deserve to be in the NCAA, but I don't like to leave anything to chance to the NCAA Selection Committee."

The Hawkeyes, with a first-round bye, will open the Big Ten Tournament Friday at 5 p.m. in Grand Rapids, Mich., against the winner of the Indiana-Minnesota game. The game will be televised on Fox Sports Chicago.

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Iowa coach Lisa Bluder speaks to a referee during the Hawkeyes' game against Ohio State Feb. 18. Bluder was named Big Ten women's basketball Coach of the Year Tuesday.

### Iowa's All-Big Ten selections, by the polls



Consuegra  
 1st team coach  
 2nd team media



Meder  
 1st team coach  
 1st team media



Peterson  
 2nd team coach  
 1st team media

### WOMEN'S SPRING GOLF

## Training hampered by cold

■ Iowa started off slow during its season opener in Dallas.

By Jeremy Shapiro  
 The Daily Iowan

It doesn't really seem like golf season.

As temperatures flirt with the freezing point and plenty of snow covers the green of Finkbine Golf Course, it's hard to imagine heading to the driving range or even playing a round of putt-putt.

Nevertheless, golf teams at northern colleges have to deal with the fact that the golf season begins in February and, unlike baseball's spring training, the athletes don't get to fly south for warmer practicing conditions.

Under these circumstances, Iowa began its season in frightful shape. At the Midwest Classic in Dallas Feb.



Sophomore golfer Heather Suhr analyzes her next shot with coach Diane Thomason during practice at Finkbine.

23-25, the Hawkeyes finished 18th. That would be out of 18 teams.

"It was a nightmare. The season did not get off to a good start," said freshman Maggie Gabbelman. "It was kind of a disaster. Yes, we want to learn from our mistakes, but we also want to forget about it and move on."

Iowa is operating with a plethora of strikes against it already. Lack of good weather was a given, but lack of experience and depth added to the

problem.

Starters senior Meghan Spero and sophomore Leslie Gumm did not travel with the team to Dallas for academic reasons. Freshman standout Laura Holmes had to withdraw from the meet because of a stress fracture.

Despite these strikes, the team remains positive and hopefully the spring will bring gradual improvement.

"We are still a young group."

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## McIlravy done with Olympic competition

To put it succinctly, Lincoln McIlravy is one of the best college wrestlers ever. In four years at Iowa, he lost only three matches and won three national titles, one during his freshman year. With a career record of 96-3, McIlravy holds the best Hawkeye winning percentage ever — .970. The Phillip, S.D., native and current assistant coach won a bronze medal at the 2000 Olympic games in Sydney. As he and his No. 4 Hawkeyes gear up for the Big Ten Championships, DI Sports Editor Jeremy Schnitker spoke with McIlravy about this year's team, former coach Dan Gable, and "Vision Quest," one of the best, and only, wrestling movies ever made.

DI: What has been most frustrating about this year?

McIlravy: The most frustrating thing is that we've always been in position to win those dual meets. Of the four that we lost, we were certainly capable of winning. There's a lot of talk that we have two teams, the first five weights, then the other weights. The

frustrating thing is getting the whole team to compete hard the whole time.

DI: What is the difference between the dominate team you were on and this year's team?

McIlravy: The difference is everyone back then expected to win and knew we were going to win. Now, we don't have that up and down the lineup. Back in 1997, we had everyone on the team believing they could win the National Championship.

DI: What has happened since then?

McIlravy: I don't think anything specifically has happened. We just have some young guys on the team that



with Lincoln McIlravy



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SPORTS

McIlravy: Gable does a lot of crazy things

MCILRAVY

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haven't had much success yet in college, and until they get that, they're going to have a hard time believing they'll be the national champion until they get some confidence.

DI: Do you feel this team is a better tournament team than a dual team?

McIlravy: I sure hope so. If you look at it the right way, you have the dual season, then you have the season that really counts — Big Tens and nationals. We gear the whole year for Big Tens and nationals. So we'll see if the plan works. We don't peak for dual meets, we don't get as mentally excited about them as Big Tens and nationals, and that's why we've been so successful in the past with tournaments.

DI: What was your most

memorable moment in the Olympics?

McIlravy: The most memorable thing was losing in the semifinals, and that's a negative memory. It's kind of bitter-sweet. Although I won a medal, it wasn't what I was after. Having my family there and being a part of that was a highlight.

DI: Will you make a run for it again in 2004?

McIlravy: No. Wrestling here at Iowa is like wrestling in dog years.

DI: Of all the Iowa guys on this team, who gives you the toughest match?

McIlravy: There's different types of tough matches. (Doug) Schwab is smaller than I am, so I can beat him, but you pay the price doing it — he'll die trying. McMahan has a style that makes me really tired, too. T.J. Williams is just so solid defensively. He has a style that you can't take him

out of a match because his defense is so good.

DI: Are there any Iowa wrestlers you can't beat?

McIlravy: No. It's a different level. For an Olympic athlete, it's like going from high school to college. It's that much of a jump.

DI: What's the craziest thing you've ever seen Dan Gable do?

McIlravy: My senior year at Big Tens, he just had his hip replaced. Mike Uker was in a barn-burner of a match, and Gable was in the stands because he couldn't be on his feet much. The refs were making horrible calls, and he had these black crutches, they looked like a '57 Chevy, they had fins on them. He comes flying out of the stands, pointing his crutches at the official and the crowd. Every eye in the place was on Gable. Just to see him come flying out of the stands just after surgery — he

does a lot of crazy things.

DI: What would your life be like if you never walked onto a wrestling mat?

McIlravy: Probably a lot healthier. I've learned more from the sport of wrestling than I have from any other area in my life. Being a part of this program has been fabulous. This is the place to wrestle. You go anywhere in the world, and you tell them you wrestled for Iowa, and they're hats off to you — they think it's the best thing in the world. To learn from Gable, he's probably the best coach in the world, at any sport. To learn from him is an opportunity not everybody has.

DI: How many times have you seen the movie Vision Quest?

McIlravy: Probably 10. It has been a while. Great movie.

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'Veteran' Suhr looking to lead the Hawkeyes

GOLFERS

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We're not great now, but with hard work we will go where we want to go," said coach Diane Thomason. "We have the talent. We need some time."

Spero and Gumm started all of the fall tournaments, but their status remains unclear.

"They are not ineligible, but I'm not happy with their academics," Thomason said about why they stayed home from Dallas.

Spero said she is working on her grades and trying to remain positive. Thomason said they could be back in two weeks when the team travels to Florida for

two tournaments.

The other question mark is Holmes' status. The East Yorkshire, Great Britain, native is battling a stress fracture in her leg. She played in the first round last weekend, but couldn't continue. She is on crutches and will be resting the next few weeks.

Her loss in the line-up is especially devastating considering Holmes caught fire at the end of the fall season. It may have taken her awhile to adjust to American courses, but after her first two tournaments, she put together several strong rounds in the 70s. In her final performance of the fall season, Holmes shot a 70 and a 73 on back-to-back days.

So who will be in the line-up?

Right now the "veteran" of the squad is sophomore Heather Suhr. She had the lowest scoring average (79.6) on the team during the fall season. The Racine, Wis., native put together a stellar spring campaign as a freshman, including two top-10 finishes and a score of 71 at the Hatter Spring Fling.

Gabbelman also participated in the fall. She was somewhat disappointed by her performance and was glad to take some time off during Winter Break.

"I played almost every week during the summer, and then by the end of the fall, I was really drained," she said.

Freshmen Marni Lundbohm and Jennifer Reints round out the roster.

Gabbelman explained some of

the difficulties with having an extremely young squad. "We have never done this before," she said. "Heather (Suhr) is the only one who knew what it was like in the first tournament back after winter break. Our confidence is not high. The juniors and seniors would have more confidence and can know what to expect."

While last year the team had an opportunity to go outside and practice in February, the weather would not allow that chance this year. Instead, the golfers have been working at the Field House, hitting into nets to keep their swings loose.

"It's definitely a disadvantage because a lot of teams are already outside," Gabbelman said.

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Ewing returns to Garden to standing ovation

The former Knick made his first trip back to New York after leaving the team last year.

By Chris Sheridan Associated Press

NEW YORK — Patrick Ewing didn't cry but couldn't wipe the smile off his face as the fans who loved and hated him for 15 years gave him a three-minute standing ovation Tuesday night in his return to Madison Square Garden.

"Pat-rick Ewing, Pat-rick Ewing," came the chant from the crowd of 19,763, who turned out early to make sure they were on hand for the one moment basketball fans in the city had been looking forward to since last summer, when Ewing was traded.

Former teammate Mark Jackson, the newest Knick, was the first to extend a handshake and a hug prior to the opening tip, which Ewing lost to his successor at center, Marcus Camby.

Ewing got the ball in the low post on Seattle's first possession and scored easily over a smiling Camby, but the basket did not bring much of a boisterous response.

That had already happened during pre-game introductions as the crowd stood and cheered — no boos were heard — throughout a one-minute compilation of video highlights from Ewing's career.

The ovation continued as Ewing, who stood shifting from side to side during the highlight film, was introduced first among Seattle's starters.

The Knicks players and

coaches stood and cheered, too, in one of the longest sustained ovations at the arena in recent years.

He finished with 12 points and five rebounds in 32 minutes as the Sonics lost to the Knicks 101-92.

Ewing paid a pre-game visit to the players lounge near the Knicks locker room, saying hello to various players, coaches and team officials.

He did not travel with the team from Boston to New York after their game Monday night because his father, Carl, became ill after the Sonics-Celtics game.

A chant rang out as Ewing took layups with the Sonics seven minutes before player introductions, and many in the sellout crowd remained standing throughout warmups.

Ewing's relationship with the fans had its ups and downs over the 15 seasons he played in New York. When he was a rookie and had a bad game on Patrick Ewing Poster Night, the fans tossed their giveaways onto the court.

When he went through a tough stretch midway through the 1997-98 season, he heard some of the longest and most pronounced boos of his career.

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