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House GOP pushes Bush tax-cut plan

■ Across-the-board cuts will benefit mostly the rich, Democrats say.

By David Espo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Republican-controlled House hastened Thursday to pass the across-the-board tax cuts at the heart of President Bush's economic program, dismissing Democratic claims that the

\$958 billion bill would threaten Medicare and other programs.

Bush, in office only 48 days, said at the White House he was confident the House would "do the right thing" when it came time to vote, and Democrats conceded passage was all but certain for the leading edge of Bush's \$1.6 trillion tax plan.

Approval would send the bill to an uncertain fate in the

Senate, where a pivotal bipartisan group of lawmakers has expressed concern about the 10-year price tag.

"We're going to cut the income tax rate for all taxpayers so that everyone keeps more of their own money to pay off their debts, cover their expenses and put money away for the future," said Speaker Dennis Hastert, as the House debated the first piece of priority legislation for the new

administration.

But Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., the senior Democrat on the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee, said the bill was top-heavy with relief for upper-income taxpayers.

Bush's overall budget was like "trying to fit a size nine foot into a size six shoe," Rangel added. "By pushing his tax cut first before a budget is passed, Republicans in Congress are threatening

Social Security, Medicare" education, prescription drugs for seniors and other programs, he said.

The legislation would gradually reduce and condense the current five graduated income tax rates of 15 percent, 28 percent, 31 percent, 36 percent and 39.6 percent. By 2006, rates would be pegged at 10 percent, 15 percent, 25 percent and 33 percent.

To provide relief immediate-

ly, the measure also would create an interim 12 percent bracket, retroactive to Jan. 1, 2001, applied to the first \$12,000 of taxable income for couples and \$6,000 of taxable income for individuals.

Officials said that would mean a maximum tax cut this year of \$360 for a couple and \$180 for an individual.

Beyond that, the administration says that when the plan is

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Fillmer sentenced to 35 years

■ Dominic Jason Fillmer is found guilty of sexual abuse.

By Chao Xiong
The Daily Iowan

An Iowa City man was sentenced Thursday to two 25-year prison terms for sexually abusing girls between the ages of 6 and 9.

Dominic Jason Fillmer, 29, will concurrently serve the two sentences, which stem from two counts of sexual abuse in the second degree. Fillmer was found guilty Jan. 9 of committing eight counts of sex crimes against three of his daughter's grade-school friends.

He also received an additional 10 years for one count of lascivious acts with a child, two counts of false imprisonment, two counts of indecent exposure and one count of dissemination of pornographic material. He also received a fine of \$2,500

in addition to court costs. Crystal Usher, Fillmer's attorney, said she intends to file an appeal of the entire case.

Johnson County District Court Judge Douglas Russell said the sentence would bring justice to Fillmer's crimes and provide him an opportunity for rehabilitation.

Hearings regarding restitution to the victims' families are expected in the future, he said.

Head shaved and motionless, Fillmer declined to make a statement after his mother and ex-wife spoke on his behalf. The mothers of two victims spoke on behalf of the state and their daughters, who encountered Fillmer during sleep-overs at his residence, 1044 West Side Drive, between 1997 and 2000.

"It's overwhelming to me the scope of one man's atrocity"

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Special events for Olympics

■ Athletes will showcase their talents at the state Special Olympics tournament.

By Mary Johnson
The Daily Iowan

Members of the Iowa City Systems Comets, a Special Olympics basketball team, practiced for four months in preparation for a state-wide tournament.

The teammates' hard work may pay off Saturday during their final opportunity to play together.

More than 1,200 athletes, support staff and volunteers are expected to attend the Mid-Winter Tournament at the UI Field House, an annual event that determines the best Special Olympics teams and athletes in Iowa.

The Systems Comets have played weekly games at the Mercer Aquatic Center, 2701 Bradford Drive, in hopes of competing at the state basketball tournament. After winning districts in Cedar Rapids, they qualified to be one of the 49 Iowa basketball teams participating in the tournament.

"I feel great about our team winning and making it to state," said Brad Flinn, a member of the Comets. "If we would become state champs, I'd congratulate my teammates. We have all worked very hard this year."

The Special Olympics event features the state basketball tournament as well as other athletic competitions, including gymnastics, cheerleading and power-lifting.

Judy Knobb, Mid-Winter Tournament director, has helped organize the tournament for the last 26 years. In that time, both the size of the tournament and amount of planning time have grown.

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Brad Flinn drives to the hoop against Chuck Seydel while practicing for the Mid-Winter Games Saturday. They are competing in a five-on-five basketball game, one of the events for Iowa's Special Olympics.

Amy Tan to shed light on Prairie Lights series

■ She will read from her latest best-selling novel tonight.

By Tracy Nemitz
The Daily Iowan

Best-selling author Amy Tan will make a highly anticipated visit to Iowa City tonight to read from her newest novel.

Tan, who is best known for her 1989 book, *The Joy Luck Club*, will read from her latest novel, *The Bonesetter's Daughter*, tonight in Buchanan Auditorium at 8 p.m. The novel, her fourth, was released in February and currently ranks number two on *USA Today's* bestseller's list.

The Bonesetter's Daughter tells the story of three generations of Chinese women: Ruth, who is presently living in San Francisco; her mother LuLing, who immigrated from China; and Ruth's grandmother Precious Auntie.

Ruth, a workaholic ghost writer, recently discovered signs of Alzheimer's in her mother. Afraid she is running out of time to know LuLing beyond her role as a parent, Ruth sets out to learn her mother's history. She hires a linguist to translate the autobiography her mother has written in Chinese.

It is through this transla-

tion that Ruth, as well as readers, learn of the sacrifices, secrets and experiences that hold together the mothers and daughters central to the novel.

Maureen Robertson, UI associate professor of Chinese and comparative literature, said she is extremely excited about Tan's reading tonight.

Robertson said Tan is an important author for several reasons, but especially for the multicultural dimension she brings to her writing.

"The presence of Asian-American influence is not as felt here in the Midwest as it is, say, on the East Coast," Robertson said. "Tan's writings help Midwesterners understand the experiences of the Asian-American culture."

Robertson said part of Tan's allure is the way in which she can mainstream the subjects of her writings — especially the topic of family relationships.

"Tan's writing secures the connections between the

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Tan
best-selling author



Meghan Bruno/The Daily Iowan
Keith Ahrens makes lock checks Tuesday night at the Sheraton Hotel. Ahrens, the hotel's security guard, performs many duties to ensure the hotel is in good standing.

Keepers of an I.C. house

■ Two men keep the downtown hotel's services running while its guests sleep the night away.

By Nick Narigon
The Daily Iowan

The Sheraton Iowa City Hotel's nine stories tower (relatively) over the downtown area, and 19-year-old Brandon Johnson is in charge of the hotel's 234 rooms from 11 p.m. until 7 a.m.

Not much is expected to hap-

pen this Tuesday night, with only 114 of the rooms full. Johnson spends most of his

nights reporting the day's audit into the

computer and answering the phone for wake-up call requests. Tonight he is covering for the regular night auditor, who is studying for her midterms, but Johnson doesn't mind the late hours.

"I'm a night person, so I love it," he said. "I never sleep, so it

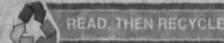
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Night Hawk is a weekly series profiling the escapades of Iowa City's third-shift workers. It generally runs on Fridays.

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CITY

Religious monument may be removed

■ The monument decorates the Johnson County Courthouse.

By Pam Dewey
The Daily Iowan

The Ten Commandments monument that adorns the front of the Johnson County Courthouse may be returned to its original owners, following a Johnson County Board of Supervisors meeting Thursday.

The monument, donated by the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 695 more than 35 years ago, is now in question

because the Iowa Civil Liberties Union and Iowa City residents have complained its religious origin violates the guarantee of the separation of church and state.

To avoid any lawsuits, Dale O'Brien, the Eagles president, wrote a letter to the board asking for the monument back.

"We feel we have chosen the most honorable avenue — to have the monument brought back to us," O'Brien wrote. "We are an organization that looks for peaceful resolutions."

Board members commended the Eagles for their commitment at Thursday's meeting.

"I think (the Eagles) have bent over backwards," said Supervisor Pat Harney. "I'd like to thank them for that."

Although Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White had mixed feelings about allowing the monument's removal, he said he recommended that the board honor the Eagle's request.

White also advised the county to absorb any expense the Eagles might incur while relocating it. The cost of removal is expected to be about \$300.

"We ought to (pay to relocate it) because the county made the decision to accept the mon-

ument," White said. Evan Fales, a 15-year Iowa City resident, said he was not even aware of the monument until about a year ago but has since worked to get it removed.

Fales, along with two other residents, had an attorney approach the county last fall to ask that the monument be removed. If the monument wasn't taken down, Fales said, they would've brought civil action against the county.

"It is a matter of fundamental rights guaranteed by the constitution," Fales said.

Fales said he is happy action is finally being taken to

remove the monument. "I think we could have won the court case ... but I want to express my appreciation to the Eagles," Fales said.

Following a reading of O'Brien's letter and discussion from the public, White volunteered to come up with a proposal to remove the monument for next week's board meeting.

"I really commend the Eagles on making a positive outcome to something that could have been divisive in the community," Supervisor Carol Thompson said.

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Shikha Bhattacharjee performs an East Indian dance called "Pushpanjali" Thursday night in the Ritchie Ballroom at the IMU.

UI celebrates Women's Day

■ Dances and skits highlighted Thursday's celebration.

By Anne Webbeking
The Daily Iowan

Women from all over Iowa City and from all walks of life came together to celebrate a day of importance to women all over the world Thursday night.

International Women's Day was observed at a social gathering for the first time in Iowa City in the Iowa Memorial Union Richey Ballroom.

The day was created because of the hundreds of women workers who went on strike in New York City to protest long hours, low wages and inhumane working conditions on March 8, 1857. 53 years later, the Women's Socialist International decided to observe the day as an annual International Women's Day.

The day has always been an important day around the world, said Katy Hansen, director of the Iowa United Nations Association and an organizer of the event.

The event was designed for women to come together and celebrate their success, Hansen said.

"I think it's important to celebrate and help people feel good about what they've done," Hansen said.

The event began with a traditional Indian dance, performed by two sisters, Shikha and Maya Bhattacharjee, 17 and 11, respectively.

Shikha, a junior at Iowa City West High, first performed a devotional piece as an invocation to the lord to ask for his blessing for the performance. Shikha and her sister then did a dance that showed women preparing the temple, which they chose specifically because it was a short- enough piece about women.

"We're lucky to grow up in Iowa city," Shikha said. "There aren't many places where the community comes together like this."

The Indian dance was followed by a performance called "Every Girl" by members of Graffiti Theatre. The skit, excerpts from a larger play that the group performs nationwide, depicts the many events that women go through in their lifetime in a humorous way. The milestones performed included moms teaching their daughters about sex

and about their different body parts.

Three students from a local dance studio, dressed in long pink, turquoise and purple dresses followed that performance and showed the audience shoulder shimmies and hip lifts from an Egyptian dance. A few audience members even got out of their seats and joined the group with the beat of drums in the background.

UI graduate student Sarah Roberts, a dancer with the group, said that Mideastern dance is something women do as a social event, such as going out to lunch for American women.

"We study the dance because, for us, it's a way to be with a community of women," Roberts said.

Mara McCann, a performer with Graffiti Theatre, was amazed by the different performances.

"You realize there's other things happening in the world besides at our small level," McCann said. "We can be an international community."

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Hunger drive receives award for Make a Difference Day

■ The student-run drive wins \$2,000 and may get an additional \$10,000.

By Jen Brown
The Daily Iowan

The Johnson County Student Hunger Drive will receive a \$2,000 award and is in the running for an additional \$10,000 award.

The student-run hunger drive, which gathered almost 40,000 pounds of food in its initial year this past fall, is one of two events in Iowa that received the Make a Difference Day award.

In addition, 10 of the 104 finalists across the nation will be awarded \$10,000 at a later date. Paul Newman, who gives 100 percent of his after-tax income from his Newman's Own food line to educational and charitable causes, will fund the awards.

Make a Difference Day, sponsored by USA Weekend, celebrates its 11th anniversary on Oct. 27. Two million people volunteered in 1999,

helping more than 22 million people nationwide.

In 2000, Make a Difference Day fell near the end of the five-week Johnson County Student Hunger Drive. The students participated in the "Bag Hunger Blitz," a series of events in honor of the day, and collected 6,000 pounds of food that day alone.

In total, the hunger drive collected over 38,000 pounds of food — three months of food for every person in need in Johnson County, said Carole Campbell-Yack, the coordinator of services at the Crisis Center Food Bank.

"We're thrilled the students have been given this recognition," she said.

Campbell-Yack and Jennifer Moody, coordinator of the hunger drive, said student involvement is a decisive factor in the finalist selection, which is made by a panel of judges including Paul Newman, Justin Timberlake and Doug Flutie.

"The crux of the student hunger drive is that it's totally student-driven,"

Moody said, adding that the students decide on the various events and activities.

Activities included trick-or-treating for canned goods over Halloween and creating sculptures, like a fish made out of donated tuna fish cans, at Regina Elementary School. "The kids got really creative," she said.

Moody said she is very hopeful that they will win the final award, but ultimately, it's an honor just being nominated. The drive will get a lot of exposure for being a finalist, she said, when they appear in the April 20-22 USA Weekend with the other finalists.

The hunger drive will now be an annual event, Moody added. This year, it will run from Oct. 1-Nov. 2. And this, for both Moody and Campbell-Yack, is the ultimate reward.

"They're helping their neighbor," Campbell-Yack said, "and you can't get any better than that."

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Man accused of stealing a Hy-Vee van full of liquor pleads not guilty

An Iowa City man accused of stealing a Hy-Vee van packed with liquor and leading police on a lengthy pursuit pleaded not guilty to five charges during his arraignment hearing at the Johnson County Courthouse Thursday.

Robert Palmer, 37, 28 Main St. Apt. 4, was charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, operating while intoxicated, eluding officers, driving while barred and miscellaneous traffic violations after the Feb. 17 chase. County, city and state officers were all involved in the pursuit, according to court reports.

In September 1997, Palmer was convicted on similar charges after leading Iowa City and Coralville police departments on a chase on

July 29, 1997. Palmer was convicted of driving under suspension, eluding a law enforcement vehicle and second-offense operating while intoxicated.

There was no trial date set during the arraignment hearing, and Palmer remains in the Johnson County Jail with bail set at \$110,000.

— by Tony Robinson

Area man charged with attempted murder pleads not guilty

A Coralville man who allegedly stabbed his roommate on Feb. 16 pleaded not guilty of attempted murder Thursday during an arraignment hearing at the Johnson County Courthouse.

Coralville police reports stated that Isaias Alejandro Escobar, 24, allegedly got into an argument with his roommate at 704 Fifth St. Lot F-7 over \$450 that was loaned to Escobar.

According to police records, Escobar threatened to kill his roommate if he told anyone about the loan. After the threat, Escobar allegedly punched the man in the face and then grabbed a kitchen knife to try to stab the victim in the chest. The man managed to prevent the knife from hitting his chest but was allegedly stabbed in the lower chin area.

A police search of Escobar's trailer on Feb. 16 revealed blood-spattered

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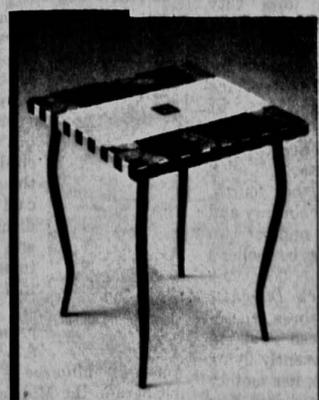
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Teen held after making gun threat

■ The student allegedly threatened to get a gun and shoot everyone in the school.

Associated Press

DAVENPORT — A 15-year-old Assumption High School student was arrested Wednesday after allegedly threatening to get a gun and shoot everyone in the school.

"We confirmed the complaint (Wednesday) morning after talking to the student," said Principal Thomas Sunderbruch. "We then turned the matter over to police."

Tyler Stoakes, a ninth-grader, was charged with terrorism without intent. That came two days after a school shooting in

California.

By court order, he will undergo a psychiatric evaluation.

Sunderbruch said he was informed about the threats Tuesday afternoon by a student. Stoakes, however, was not in school that day and could not be questioned about the allegations.

According to the arrest report, Stoakes admitted making the threat and said he felt he could follow through on it.

He allegedly told police and school staff that he had access to guns at his home. Police seized a shotgun and some ammunition at the home.

Davenport police Capt. David Struckman said Stoakes had no weapons at school and that none of the

students were in any danger.

"We have a contingency plan in place for anything like this, and it worked effectively," Sunderbruch said. "I want to commend the student for having the courage to bring this to our attention."

Peer pressure to not tell on other students is a powerful force that takes strength to overcome, he added.

"But we will do as much as anybody else, we will do all the things necessary, to help (Stoakes)," he said.

Stoakes was being held Wednesday night in the Scott County Juvenile Detention Center.

Scott County Attorney Bill Davis said his office will investigate the case carefully to determine whether Stoakes is

to be prosecuted as a juvenile or indicted as an adult.

"Because of the national concern about incidents like this, authorities are rightfully quick to arrest people who make these kinds of threats," Davis said. "It is best to get them away from the population so that everyone is protected, and it is wise to provide them with the help they need as quickly as possible."

At this point, it's very likely Stoakes will be prosecuted as a juvenile, he said.

Davis said if Stoakes is convicted as an adult, he will face a maximum prison sentence of five years. If he is convicted of the charge as a juvenile, he could be sent to the boys training school at Eldora until he is 18.

California school had threat plan

■ The school did everything possible but still experienced a random act of violence.

By Erica Werner
Associated Press

SANTEE, Calif. — Santana High School did everything right: anonymous sign-in sheets for students to report threats, SWAT training for the principal, programs to help youngsters get along, including one called "Names can really hurt us."

A sheriff's deputy was assigned part-time to the school. Seven full-time campus supervisors roamed the grounds. Extra phones, radios and speakers were installed to spread word of trouble quickly across the 1,900-student campus.

Somehow, it wasn't enough.

On Monday morning, a freshman who had been picked on and had threatened over the weekend to shoot his schoolmates opened fire in a boys' bathroom, killing two students and wounding 13 others, including two adults, police said.

"We were so prepared, but it still happened," the shaken principal, Karen Degischer, said at a meeting of parents Wednesday night.

Like Santana, hundreds of schools across the country have tried to learn the lessons of Columbine from two years ago.

The question now is: Is any of it ever enough?

"I think what we have to say here is there are no guarantees a tragedy can be prevented," said Pam Riley, former director of the Center for the Prevention of School Violence in Raleigh, N.C. "I've started over the past couple of years since Columbine to focus on safer schools. Not safe schools, but safer schools."

Most agree that in the end, one student with a gun can thwart all the precautions.

Sharon Davis, the wife of Gov. Gray Davis and a 1972 graduate of Santana High, likened the slayings at Santana to the shooting of President Reagan, who was surrounded by Secret Service agents.

"People see this for what it was — an isolated incident," Davis told grieving students during a visit Tuesday to the campus and a local church.

Ted Crooks, a school board

member, said: "We need to look for the complicated and subtle forces behind this, because the simple things have been done."

Crooks and others said that too often, the measures schools put in place to prevent violence do not reach what some view as the core of the problem: the failure of communication between students and adults.

At Santana, for example, students who heard 15-year-old suspect Charles Andrew "Andy" Williams' threats did not report them. Some said they did not take him seriously. According to many students, the skinny, baby-faced boy was bullied and called names. But he never once complained to a school official, according to district Superintendent Granger Ward. And the students who witnessed the bullying did not say anything either.

It was the kind of treatment the district's "Names can really hurt us" program was supposed to thwart.

School officials and students agree there is a gap between them.

"Kids live in a totally different world than adults," said Karly Doyle, 16, a Santana student who said she once heard students make threats about setting a house on fire but didn't report them because, she said, she felt sure they were not serious.

The superintendent said communication between students and teachers will be emphasized anew in the aftermath of the shooting.

Already, county officials have committed themselves to providing Santana and other district schools with full-time sheriff's deputies, instead of spreading deputies' duties among different schools.

Whether the new efforts will make a difference remains to be seen.

"Schools have done a lot. They have done a lot of physical changes by putting locks on doors that were never locked. They've put a lot of fences up. There are eight times as many resource officers as there were 10 years ago," said Bill Bond, a school safety consultant and former principal of Heath High School in West Paducah, Ky., the scene of a deadly shooting in 1997.

Father doesn't want shooter tried as adult

■ Michael Marchese says, "I think this girl was a lonely girl."

By Timothy D. May
Associated Press

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — A man whose daughter was shot while having lunch in a school cafeteria said Thursday he doesn't want the 14-year-old suspect to be charged as an adult.

Michael Marchese's daughter Kimberly, 13, was shot in the shoulder Wednesday in the cafeteria at Bishop Neumann Junior-Senior High School. A girl in eighth grade was charged as a juvenile in the shooting.

"I think this girl was a lonely girl," Marchese told

reporters Thursday at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville.

He said he used to see the suspect come out of school and wait for the bus without speaking to anyone. "What she did was wrong. But to be tried as an adult... I disagree," he said.

Authorities said they would need to petition a court to charge the girl as an adult. They would not say whether they planned to do so.

Kimberly Marchese underwent surgery at Geisinger. Her condition was upgraded to satisfactory and she was expected to be released by Friday. Doctors were watching for signs of nerve damage.

Her mother, Christine Marchese, said she stayed up with her daughter most of the

night.

"She had a very rough night," Christine Marchese told ABC's "Good Morning America." "We've been crying a lot and talking all night. I think it's best we talk and get it out."

Meanwhile, faculty and staff were meeting with counselors Thursday at the school, which was closed, said the Rev. Andrew Kurovsky, president of the school's Board of Pastors. The school planned a private prayer service when it reopens Friday.

Adam Welteroth, a junior at Bishop Neumann, came to the school Thursday to pick up his backpack. About two dozen students had dropped by the school Thursday and of those, about a dozen had asked to talk to the counselors.

Stray dogs maul 10-year-old boy to death

■ The boy's mother has been taken into custody in the incident.

By Joe Stange
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Ten-year-old Rodney McAllister was not match for the stray dogs that neighbors had complained about for days.

The fourth-grader was found mauled to death by a pack of dogs Tuesday, bite wounds on most of his body, pieces of his clothing scattered around the park across the street from his home. The attack has horrified many in St. Louis and led to the jailing of the boy's own mother for not keeping closer watch over him.

"He was literally eaten by the dogs," Police Chief Ron Henderson said. "They fed off of him."

Neighbors told police they heard the sounds of "suffering" Monday evening, two hours after Rodney told his mother he was going to play basketball in the park, situated in a neighborhood of attractive middle-class homes as well as

abandoned buildings and vacant lots.

Before Rodney's death, neighbors had complained about stray dogs in the area around Ivory Perry Park. Just a few days earlier, two officers from the city's Animal Control division had responded to the complaints.

"We did not see anything," said Richard Stevson, Animal Control program manager.

Two-person crews are usually sent to investigate complaints, but Stevson said Rodney's death prompted the agency to evaluate its procedures to see if larger crews should instead be used to sweep for animals.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, animal control officers rounded up 10 dogs in and around the park — two chows, a German shepherd, a Rottweiler and several mixed breeds. It was unclear how many of the dogs were involved in the attack.

Rodney's mother, Gladys Loman, 35, did not know where the boy was until police talked to her the morning his body was found, according to

police. She said she assumed Rodney had spent the night at a friend's house.

"Her lack of control put him in harm's way," the police chief said. "Parental control should have been exercised."

Loman was charged with child endangerment and held on \$5,000 bail. She also faces an earlier charge of unlawful use of a weapon. Rodney's 13-year-old mentally retarded brother was taken into state custody. Loman does not yet have an attorney, the public defender's office said.

The family had moved to St. Louis in December from the town of Malden and lived in a homeless shelter for the first several weeks. A Malden school official said it was not unusual for Loman to be unaware of Rodney's whereabouts.

"Rodney was a real likable kid," said Ken Lentz, principal at Malden Elementary. "He was a little mischievous, but he just didn't have anyone to look out for him. He would stay at one house or another. Mom would never check on him."

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male, said Wasson touched his genitals four or more times during his 1999 lessons. The student said he tightened his belt and blocked his body with a music stand to avoid Wasson's inappropriate contact.

In both instances, Wasson touched the young men against their will.

Third-degree sexual abuse is a class C felony punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment and \$10,000 in fines. Because Wasson will be sentenced for two counts of abuse, he could face two consecutive 10-year prison terms.

Wasson's sentencing is scheduled for May 4.

— by Kellie Doyle

English-only, Hemp bills likely to be dropped

Several measures under review by committees in the Iowa House will be dropped from consideration next week.

On March 16, any bill that hasn't been released from House committees will be cut. It's the first of three legislative funnels during the 2001

session.

Among the House measures likely to be dropped are the English-as-the-official-language measure and an industrial hemp measure. However, a similar English-language measure has been passed in the Senate.

The English bill, if it had advanced to the Senate and passed, would have required that all official documents of state, county and municipalities be published in the English language. The measure would have exempted foreign language classes, public safety officers and legal cases in which using English would interfere with judicial process.

The hemp bill would have licensed Iowa farmers to produce industrial-grade hemp for economic enhancement. The bill defines industrial hemp as having "a percentage of tetrahydrocannabinol of not more than 1 percent." Tetrahydrocannabinol, also known as THC, is the chemical found in illegal substances such as marijuana and hashish.

The legislative session is scheduled to conclude on April 27.

— by Eric Coop

Voice instructor pleads guilty to sexual abuse

As part of a plea agreement with the state, an Iowa City voice instructor pled guilty Thursday to touching the genital areas of two of his young male clients during their lessons.

Based on the agreement, Weyburn Wasson, 53, 414 Crestview Ave., will be sentenced on two of his five counts of third-degree sexual abuse. The other three abuse counts and one count of intent to commit sexual abuse will be dismissed. Wasson, who gave voice lessons to high-school and college students out of a studio in his basement, was charged for the incidents in January and February 2000.

According to court reports: A 14- to 15-year-old male student reported to Iowa City police that Wasson had touched his genital area 10 times within about a minute while Wasson was teaching him breathing techniques in April 1998.

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Chinese school explodes

■ The students were making fireworks in class.

By John Leicester
Associated Press

BELJING — It should have been just their classroom. Instead, it became their grave.

Children who died when their school exploded in southeast China were forced to make fireworks in class, their parents said Thursday. The father of an 11-year-old victim said he was among the first to arrive at the scene and saw dead children in the rubble still clutching fuses in their hands.

State media said 42 people were killed and 27 injured. Parents gave figures of between 53 and more than 60 — four of them teachers, the rest children. Many bodies were dismembered. Parts of one boy were found in a nearby river, said the father of a 9-year-old who died.

Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji blamed a man with mental problems for Tuesday's explosion, which reduced the school in Fang Lin village, Jiangxi province, to a pile of bricks, books and furniture. The official Xinhua News Agency identified him as a 33-year-old fireworks maker, Li Chuicai, and said he was known in the village as "psycho."

It said police found a notebook and papers in his home containing the confused phrase: "I'll sacrifice myself with 100 pounds of silver salt-peter, blast all, burn all, killing

dozens of them at the very least."

But parents said government officials were lying. Zhang Chenggen said his 11-year-old son, who died, and other third- and fourth-graders had — since 1998 — been forced to assemble firecrackers in class, normally working a half-day. Profits subsidized school expenses and went to school officials, Zhang said.

The father of another 11-year-old victim said children were rushing to complete orders for China's traditional grave-sweeping festival on April 5, when families honor deceased relatives.

"Everybody knows it is caused by the fireworks," Zhang said by telephone.

"The government is trying to cover the facts. Please do not believe them."

The explosion was not the first to kill children in China's fireworks industry. Last March, 17 children — the youngest aged 8 — were among 35 people killed when a fireworks factory exploded in another Jiangxi village about 30 miles from Tuesday's blast. The children earned 12 cents a day for fitting fuses to firecrackers, the state-run newspaper *Southern Weekend* reported.

In poor villages all along

Jiangxi's mountainous border with Hunan province, fireworks are a key industry. Most are put together by hand in family workshops for sale nationwide, with some officials paid to look the other way, the *Southern Weekend* said.

In Fang Lin, about 30 families make fireworks at home, including the village's Communist Party leader and some school officials and teachers, said Zhang Shushen, whose 11-year-old son was

killed in Tuesday's blast.

Teachers distributed the work to students, and pupils who refused to do it or told their parents were banned from classes or made to kneel on the classroom floor,

Zhang said. Children and parents had little choice — it was the village's only primary school.

The party secretary, who fled after the blast, was caught Wednesday by police and the school principal turned himself in, Zhang said. Thousands of people demonstrated Wednesday and again Thursday outside the school, demanding an investigation, he said.

"I was among the first batch of people to rush to the explosion site. I clearly saw the hands of some dead children

still holding fuses," he said. "There is no doubt the fireworks they were making caused the explosion."

Funerals for the children were set for Friday, Zhang said. The government gave the family of each dead child \$3,660 for funeral expenses, said the other father, Zhang Chenggen.

Police erected roadblocks around the village and detained at least three reporters who tried to reach the area.

The disaster, which came during the 11-day annual meeting of China's national legislature, is extremely embarrassing for Chinese leaders whose reputations have suffered from a string of fatal building collapses and fires.

Premier Zhu, denying that fireworks manufacturing in the school was to blame, said the explosion was caused by a man who carried a bag of fireworks into the school. Zhu and Xinhua said the man died in the explosion.

"According to initial investigation, he suffered from mental problems, but we'll continue with the investigation," Zhu told Hong Kong television.

Xinhua said police found chloric salt, sulfur and other chemicals at the home of the suspect that matched traces found at the site. The man started working in the fireworks industry at age 18 and knew how to make explosives, it said.

Tan reads for 'Live at Prairie Lights'

AMY TAN

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Chinese culture of the past and the present American moment," Robertson said. "She creates a sense of American identity without losing a sense of Asian identity."

Paul Ingram, a buyer for Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., saw Tan read five years ago in Iowa City and said she has a great deal to offer.

"She is a tremendous novelist, one of our best," Ingram said. "She just knows how to tell a good story."

Ingram said Tan's strength lies in her understanding of both Asian and American cultures.

"She understands what the Chinese culture as well as the

American culture finds interesting," said Ingram. "She is so smart about putting these things together into her stories."

Iowa City resident Pat Shnack said she hopes she gets a chance to meet Tan at tonight's reading.

"I enjoy learning about women's lives around the world," Shnack said. "I love that aspect of Tan's work, how she writes about women in other cultures."

Ingram said that Tan's audience will have an incredible experience tonight. "She is such a kind and loving person," Ingram said. "She just beams out at the audience, and the audience beams right back."

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Two I.C. locals work the graveyard shift

NIGHT HAWK

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works for me."

Hailing from Rockton, Ill., Johnson worked for the *Rockford Register Star*, starting in the classifieds department as a temp, and after graduating high school in 1999, he worked there full-time as an online processor.

With advice from friends, he moved to Iowa City in October to get away from the town where he had lived his entire life. Johnson was hired at the Sheraton as a full-time auditor — without any experience in the hotel business — because he had computer and people skills.

"It was a different facet of customer service, and I'm a people person," he said.

Besides his aptitude for computer work, Johnson explains he is also a musician. He is currently recording the background vocals for singer Christina Grace Aguilera.

"Her CD is number four in Belgium," he said, of the artist with the famous name who has yet to make it big in America.

As Johnson spoke of his musical tastes, members of the Waiters, the former back-up band for reggae godfather Bob Marley, wheeled their luggage into the Sheraton at 1:30 a.m. after a gig at a local establishment.

Percussionist Carnel Marshall stopped at the front desk to request some air freshener and extra linens.

"The Sheraton is OK," Marshall said. "Though the room is a little smoky."

Johnson directed one crew member of the Waiters to a parking garage where he parked the band's bus and another to Pancho's for after-show munchies.

Other famous guests who have stayed at the hotel include Tom Arnold, the Backstreet

Boys, Fastball and Matchbox 20, he said.

"I met Lance from Fastball," Johnson said. "Sometimes we have famous people staying here and I don't even know it."

Joining Johnson during the night shift is security guard Keith Ahrens. Ahrens begins his shift by making a 45-minute round to lock doors.

Bar-closing time is the most exciting point in the night for security guards, Ahrens said. College kids begin streaming through the concourse between the Sheraton and Morgan's on their way home from a night of carousing. Ahrens, of Conley Securities, patrols over the Italian marble floor of the Sheraton to protect the peace and quiet of the hotel.

Dressed in a blue blazer and combat boots, the former Marine directs two conversing girls outside to wait for their cab.

"There's a reputation out there that the Sheraton doesn't take any crap," he said. "And we enforce that to the max."

The most trouble Ahrens dealt with on this night was two kids looking for a bathroom.

Ahrens informed them that the Sheraton has no public restrooms.

"If I get a room, can I use the restroom?" one of them asked.

Security guards at the Sheraton carry everything but a firearm, he said. He has trained in Kempo martial arts for the last four years, though he's never had to use physical force to restrain anyone. All confrontations have been verbal and brief, which Ahrens credits to his military training.

"There were some nights where I thought I might have to use physical force, but it never escalated," he said. "The hotel does not tolerate parties. We have zero tolerance, and we are very strict."

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House Republicans support tax cuts

TAX-CUT PLAN

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fully phased in six million families who now pay taxes would no longer be required to.

At the direction of Hastert and other GOP leaders, House Republicans are expected to advance other elements of Bush's larger tax cut program to the floor over the next several weeks, including "marriage penalty" relief, a child tax credit and estate tax relief or repeal.

House Democrats crafted an alternative, knowing in advance it was doomed to defeat but eager to highlight competing budget priorities.

It called for \$586 billion in tax cuts over 10 years, little more than one third the size of the GOP measure. It would lower the tax rate from 15 percent to 12 percent on the first \$20,000 of income for a couple, and provide marriage penalty

relief and an additional break for lower-wage earners. Unlike the GOP measure, it includes no reductions in the income tax rates that apply further up the income ladder.

At the same time, it provided more money for national debt reduction than the GOP measure — a priority that consistently rates high in public polling.

Democrats forced a series of time-consuming votes on parliamentary motions early in the day, part of their effort to protest the Republicans' decision to advance the tax cut before completing work on an overall tax and spending plan.

Moderate and conservative Democrats led the argument on that point, saying they are more ready to support higher tax cuts than other members

of their party, but only if they fit into a plan that also continues to reduce the debt and cover other obligations.

"I know of no prudent business person" who would follow the example of the

Republicans, said Rep. John Tanner, D-Tenn.

"But we have a surplus this year, and we want to help American taxpayers this year," countered Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas, the GOP whip.

Much of the day was consumed with debate that contained echoes of the presidential campaign, in which Bush argued that the surplus belongs to the taxpayers, not the government.

"The government shouldn't spend money it doesn't have or give away money it might need," said Rep. Dennis

Kucinich, D-Ohio at one point.

Rep. Clay Shaw, R-Fla., was on his feet within minutes, arguing, "This is the taxpayers' money. It's not the government's money." He added, "It is our obligation to let American taxpayers keep more of what they earn."

The legislation is unlikely to move quickly in the Senate, which is divided 50-50 along party lines. To avoid subjecting the measure to a filibuster by Democrats, Republicans must first win approval of the type of overall tax and spending plan that House Democrats sought.

Bush faces a challenge beyond that, though. Nine senators, five Democrats and four Republicans, called a news conference on Wednesday to endorse the idea of a "trigger" that would make tax cuts conditional on progress in paying down the debt. The administration has promised to fight that idea.

I.C. man convicted of sexual abuse

FILLMER

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ty," said Tammy Bay, whose daughter is one of Fillmer's victims. "I asked my daughter if she wanted to say anything. She looked me in the eyes and said, 'Mom, he hurt me bad. I don't understand. I was just a little kid. Does he know what he did was wrong?'"

Bay said her entire family has been forever changed, especially her daughter, who now fears bald men and disguises herself in a hat and sunglasses.

Cathy Hagen, a victim's

mother, said she could only hope Thursday's sentencing would put her 10-year-old daughter's daily worries to rest.

"You went ahead and did it again and again," Hagen said to Fillmer. "So, because of this, I feel you should serve your terms one after the other, just like the girls ..."

However, Russell's sentencing will allow Fillmer to serve his terms simultaneously — as Usher had asked.

"(The sentence) isn't something that's going to cure what the people here are going through," she said. "It's

not going to make everything go away. Give Dominic an opportunity to rehabilitate himself."

Fillmer must serve at least 85 percent of his terms, or more than 21 years, before becoming eligible for parole.

Jennifer Thomae, Fillmer's ex-wife, asked Russell to consider her family's suffering.

"I'm going through everything these families are going through, but I don't have a husband to comfort me," said Thomae. "My daughter doesn't have a father to comfort her. Dominic is a kind soul. We're

victims. That's all."

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UI hosts Mid-Winter Special Olympics

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The event has been held at the Field House since 1988.

"The UI has been coming forward and helpful toward us, in regards to donating the space at the Field House every year," Knobbe said.

Special Olympics athlete Chuck Nylin, a member of the Comets, will be very busy on Saturday. He will play in the 5-on-5 Systems Comets basket-

ball games as well as help coach a 3-on-3 Comets team. Both teams are sponsored by Systems Unlimited in Iowa City.

Nylin said the double role may be difficult because it's hard to give a full effort to both coaching and playing.

"When our team settles down and gets past their butterflies, we'll be okay," Nylin said. "The tough competition makes us improve as a team."

If the Systems Comets beat the competition on Saturday,

they will win medals for their efforts. If the Comets lose, the players said they will take home the experience of playing in front of a supportive crowd. Regardless of the outcome, Flinn said he plans to continue playing at the state Special Olympics event.

"I love the energy you get from playing at state," Flinn said. "The total experience is overwhelming."

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Colombian government, rebel forces aim for peace

■ Many nations send diplomats to aid in negotiations for accord; the United States refuses to participate.

By Margarita Martinez
Associated Press

LOS POZOS, Colombia — Signaling an expanding international peace role in Colombia, rebels and the government welcomed diplomats from two dozen countries and the United Nations for talks Thursday in a guerrilla-held village.

Round-table meetings could extend into Friday between envoys from Europe, Latin America, Japan and Canada, and delegates of President Andres Pastrana's government and the leftist rebel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC.

The United States refused to send an envoy, reflecting skepticism in Washington about the peace process and

a ban on U.S. contacts with Colombia's largest rebel faction. The State Department considers the FARC a terrorist organization.

Diplomats at the talks hope to provide support for shaky peace negotiations while using the opportunity to prod each side to curb human rights abuses. Colombia's 37-year-long conflict claims at least 3,000 lives annually, mostly civilians caught in the cross fire between guerrillas, the military and right-wing paramilitary groups.

Government and rebel delegates said they were not dampened by the United States' failure to attend.

"The peace process is full of dynamism," declared Juan Fernando Criaes, a member of Pastrana's negotiating team, before heading into the talks, being attended by the FARC's aging founder and chief, Manuel Marulanda.

Rebel spokesman Andres Paris said the international

presence provided a "counterweight" to growing U.S. military aid to Colombia.

Government and rebel negotiators were expected to brief the foreign envoys on the peace process and welcome a small group of countries to support the talks. There was no indication yet that Pastrana or the FARC are asking for foreign mediation or for the United Nations to deploy large observer teams.

In an opening speech, senior FARC commander Alfonso Cano proposed a five-year moratorium on Colombia's foreign debt and invited international aid to help poor farmers stop growing illegal drug crops.

The peace talks started in January 1999 have stumbled amid continuing violence. But a summit here last month between Pastrana and Marulanda breathed new life into the process. The two agreed to get the international community more involved.

Black mayors decry census inequity, call for adjustment

■ The black mayors' group says many minorities were missed in the initial count.

By Russ Bynum
Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. — The nation's black mayors opened their annual convention Thursday by denouncing the Bush administration's decision to reject any adjustment of census numbers to make up for undercounts.

"There's not a soul in this nation, no respected voice anywhere, who disputes the fact that African Americans and people who live in cities were undercounted," New Orleans Mayor Marc Morial said at a news conference at the National Conference of Black Mayors.

Commerce Secretary Don Evans ruled Tuesday that the raw 2000 census count would stand without any statistical tinkering, calling the count "the most accurate in

history." The Census Bureau estimates about 1.2 percent, or 3.3 million, of the nation's 281 million people went uncounted. That's down from a 1.6 percent undercount in 1990.

But the black mayors said even a small undercount hurts cities with large minority populations by reducing their share of federal funds and state tax dollars, which are both based on population. "It's less money for schools, less money for recreation projects, less money for senior citizen centers," said Mayor Wilbert A. Young of Wilksburg, Pa. "When you look at the people who are undercounted, race has to be a part of it, because it's blacks and Hispanics."

Critics say trying to correct census errors using statistical projections can inject even more mistakes into the count. Minority groups say resistance to adjusting the census is political, since population is used to allocate

congressional seats. The mayors insist even tiny cities can get short-changed.

Mayor Marilyn Murrell of Arcadia, Okla., is worried that several of her city's 350 residents, most of them black, will go uncounted. She said census figures for Arcadia didn't budge between 1980 and 1990, hovering at 320.

"I can sit in my house and do the census," Murrell said. "You can sit in one place and count how many households and how many people there are."

The New Orleans mayor said he's particularly upset that the Bush administration made its census ruling before cities could examine the numbers themselves and respond. The Census Bureau began releasing the figures to states this week.

"It's putting the cart before the horse. None of us has seen the figures for our cities," Morial said. "That's not fair."

Arafat, Sharon may restart peace process

■ Bitter enemies for decades, the two men appear willing to give peace a chance.

By Greg Myre
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat — enemies for decades — both raised the possibility of peace talks Thursday, Sharon's first full day in office.

But the two have never shaken hands in previous face-to-face negotiations, and their frosty relationship seemed to offer scant hope of revived peacemaking.

As he settled into his new

office, Sharon received a letter of congratulations from Arafat. The letter also called for restarting Israeli-Palestinian negotiations that broke off shortly before Sharon's landslide election victory Feb. 6.

"I believe there must be a just and true peace brought about through a strong desire and a genuine effort to overcome the difficulties," Arafat wrote in a separate letter to Israel's President Moshe Katsav.

In a response to Arafat, Sharon renewed his commitment to the peace process and to resuming negotiations based on past agreements, Arafat aide Nabil Abourdeneh said.

Asked if he was prepared to sit down with Arafat, Sharon replied, "I'm ready to meet and to conduct negotiations with him, but that means we have to have quiet and security."

The two men have a bitter history.

When Sharon was foreign minister in 1998, he and Arafat took part in U.S.-brokered negotiations outside Washington. But Sharon pointedly refused to shake Arafat's hand despite encouragement by the Americans.

Sharon called Arafat a "murderer" in a magazine interview last year. He has toned down his rhetoric, but accuses Arafat of failing to

halt attacks by Palestinian militants in the current fighting.

Palestinian militants fired two mortar shells Thursday night at the Jewish settlement of Netzarim in the Gaza Strip, and a gunbattle between militants and Israeli forces followed, the army spokesman said. Jewish settlers were instructed to enter bomb shelters but no injuries were reported.

The Palestinians "have to realize that there is no place for terror," Uzi Landau, the internal security minister, told Israel radio. "The price that the Palestinians pay (for violence) has to be higher than the price Israel pays. That has to be our policy."

Report: Americans don't get enough exercise

■ The report released Thursday says more Americans are watching TV than exercising.

By Erin McClam
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Just one in four U.S. adults exercised enough in the 1990s, the government said Thursday.

Only 25.4 percent of adults met government recommendations for physical activity in 1998 — virtually unchanged from the beginning of the decade, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said. Almost 30 percent reported no physical activity at all.

The CDC recommends a half-hour of moderate exercise, like walking, five times a week, or 20 minutes of vigorous exercise, such as running, three times a week.

Analysts blame high-stress jobs coupled with lifestyle amenities that surfaced in the 1990s — from hundreds of cable channels to a multiplicity of fast-food joints — for making Americans lazier in their free time.

"People are spending more time watching TV," CDC statistician Sandra Ham said. "For transportation, they get in their cars rather than walking or riding bicycles."

The findings are based on random telephone surveys conducted by health officials in 43 states and the District of Columbia between 1990 and 1998.

The CDC warned that the numbers could be off in both directions — made higher by people who exaggerated their physical activity and made lower by people who did not remember all their exercise over a month.

Inactivity can lead to obesity, which is closely tied to diabetes. Diabetes kills 180,000 Americans a year, and its occurrence is rising sharply.

Part of the problem is that Americans see exercise as an inconvenience, Ham said. But the 30-minute requirement can be broken into chunks as small as 10 minutes, with everyday activities like gardening counting as exercise.

"It doesn't have to be hard work," Ham said. "A lot of people don't realize that modern lifestyle activities — being physically active in general rather than setting aside time — are really what's important."

Also on Thursday, the government said fewer than half of Americans age 50 and older are receiving proper screening for colorectal cancer, which kills more than 50,000 people each year.

U.S. forces takeover Albanian strongholds

■ The Americans are part of a NATO peacekeeping force.

By Danica Kirka
Associated Press

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia — U.S. peacekeepers pushed to the edge of Kosovo's border with Macedonia on Thursday — a move that places them in the midst of a new Balkan conflict — after ethnic Albanian rebels fled one of their strongholds.

Ethnic Albanian villagers said the Americans crossed into Macedonia to take over

positions held by the rebels, who have been battling Macedonian forces. U.S. officials denied those claims but acknowledged that there is confusion about the border.

The controversy over the Americans' location underlined the danger that U.S. soldiers may become more involved in border disputes and the deep-seated historical animosity between Albanians and Slavs.

In another move that could anger ethnic Albanians, NATO agreed Thursday to allow Yugoslav forces to help keep

ethnic Albanians in Macedonia from crossing into Serbia, Yugoslavia's main republic.

U.S. peacekeepers took over a hillside elementary school being used as a base for ethnic Albanian insurgents fighting Macedonian troops, cutting off a key supply base for rebels in northern Macedonia. U.S. officials said the school was in the Kosovo village of Mijak.

U.S. Brig. Gen. Kenneth J. Quinlan, commander of the U.S. peacekeeping contingent, said his troops "were very careful to delineate this border between us and Macedonian

authorities." But residents said the school was in Tanusevci, Macedonia.

"I've been living here for more than 50 years and this place was called Tanusevci and this is Macedonia," said Bajram Sinani, as he showed his Macedonian identification card and Macedonian currency.

He also said that Yugoslav guards who used to man the border would never allow them to go shopping in Kosovo — even though it was right next door.

WORLD BRIEF

Peace mission ends in bloodshed

PALANGKARAYA, Indonesia (AP) — A peace mission by Indonesia's head of state ended in bloodshed Thursday when police and native Dayaks clashed on Borneo, where hundreds have been slaughtered in ethnic violence.

Hospital officials said at least one man was killed and four wounded when officers fired warning shots and used plastic bullets to disperse a rock-throwing mob just minutes after President Abdurrahman Wahid left the region.

Unconfirmed television reports said as many as four died in the fighting outside the office of the provincial governor.

Police ordered reporters and camera crews to leave the scene as bloodied victims were placed on the backs of trucks. One television cameraman's videotape was confiscated.

The violence is a further blow to Wahid, who is fending off calls for his resignation over a range of crises and scandals as Indonesia struggles with its uneasy transition to democracy.

The ethnic and political turmoil has damaged investor confidence. Standard & Poor's credit rating agency has downgraded its forecast of Indonesia's economic performance from stable to negative.

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VIEWPOINTS

Quoteworthy

It makes you wonder — when will it end?

— 15-year-old Santana High School sophomore Cory Martinez, on the news of further shooting incidents.

POLICIES

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EDITORIALS

The Pentagon's new means of crowd control ...

The 'pain beam'

Citing the need for non-lethal deterrents in peacekeeping missions, the Pentagon has revealed a new weapon designed to force an aggressive mob into submission. The device uses electromagnetic energy to quickly heat the outer layer of skin. This in turn activates the pain sensors, causing the exposed person to feel pain similar to being burned, while causing no physical damage. The Pentagon plans to use this new weapon in situations where lethal force is either unnecessary or where innocent civilians are in the line of fire.

While this device may be non-lethal, it is definitely not humanitarian. Instead of impeding an aggressor's movement, like a net, this device relies on pain and terror to force submission. Pain and terror are methods used by terrorists, not peacekeeping forces.

This weapon is, in essence, a

The Pentagon has developed a weapon that closely simulates Hell.

21st century torture device. It can deliver excruciating pain from a distance to a crowd of people. In addition, the lack of physical damage allows for continued exposure. When someone is burned in reality, there is a point when the exposed tissue dies and the pain stops. With this device, the torture can continue indefinitely. Imagine your entire body burning for hours on end. This is a remarkably close approximation of the Christian "Hell." The Pentagon has developed a weapon that closely simulates Hell.

A torture device such as this would be perfect for all sorts of human-rights violations. For example, overzealous police forces could extract confessions and information by tor-

turing suspects. Governments and political parties could punish dissidents. Because the weapon leaves no physical damage, it would be very difficult for investigators to authenticate the victims' claims. The potential for misuse is enormous.

The Pentagon should halt development of this weapon immediately. Even assuming it is only used in exactly the situations the Pentagon describes, it is still a horrible device. The Bill of Rights guarantees that persons inside the United States shall not be subjected to cruel and unusual punishments. Being burned alive is about as cruel as it gets. Should we really be developing a weapon to use on foreign civilians that would be illegal to use on our own? We should be trying to make the rest of the world a better place instead of finding ways to make it a living Hell.

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Get Real

by Bill Penisten



Guns: no fun for anyone

Remember the old adage, "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me?"

This may be true in its own right, but nonetheless, nobody likes to be made fun of. Really, who throws sticks? And didn't stone throwing stop in ancient times?

Currently, children appear to have found a much more effective way of inflicting pain on others: gunfire.

In this week alone, four gun-related cases have been in the news. The first: a 15-year-old's school shooting rampage, killing two students and wounding 13. (The gunman was apprehended with several bullets remaining.) The second: an eighth-grader in Pennsylvania shoots a classmate. Number three: two Minnesota kindergartners suspended from school. One had a loaded pistol in a purse.

The fourth? A young boy brings a gun to school and threatens to kill a classmate. When I say young, I mean young. The perpetrator was an 8-year-old third-grade student.

When I think third grade, I think swingsets and recess; I think multiplication tables and lunchrooms full of screaming youngsters. I don't think I could have loaded a gun in third grade, much less tossed it in my backpack to threaten a classmate with.

The Philadelphia boy threatened his classmate. "He's going to shoot me," 9-year-old Fatimah Edwards told a local television station. "He said he's going to make it a blood bath and throw me in the dumpster."

The gun was not loaded, but the boy had ammunition in his backpack as well.

There were certainly a few people I didn't like back in

third grade, but I wasn't about to kill them. I wouldn't have been able to lift them up, let alone toss them in a dumpster.

When our forefathers gave us the right to bear arms, I don't think they were referring to 8-year-olds with backpacks containing an arsenal.

I also don't think they had in mind the prospect of high-school students opening fire on each other. Nearly two years after the massive slaying at Columbine High School, we see it happen again. The media appear to be treating the present incident with a lesser degree of importance than was used in Littleton, Colo. But frankly, and I don't think I'm alone here, I'd say that EVERY shooting, especially in a public school, is equally horrifying.

What ever happened to the good old days? (Wow, I sound like my grandpa.) A locker filled with posters and photos, a backpack stuffed with Five Stars and an array of Pilot Pens, and a library where the last thing I feared was the firing of shots. Apparently now, it's perfectly kosher to have an AK-47 in your locker or a 45-mm in your Eastpack. Throw in a couple machetes and a shotgun, and you could have your own guerrilla warfare right there in the hallway.

However, you need not fear because I, in my omniscient state of being, have a plan. Here it is: don't do anything you wouldn't want done to you. OK, so maybe the idea isn't all that original, but it's obviously not that well understood. If it were, we ... well ... wouldn't have anymore violence problems.

According to philosopher R.M. Hare, whom I'm studying presently in a class, anything you choose to do is only a "right action" if it can be

universalized, meaning the action can be taken by EVERYONE and you, as an individual, can live with the consequence of all humans adopting the principle. (Note my excellent use of applied learning.)

Hare's theory also leaves room for fanaticism, a statement of apathy by the individual toward the consequences, that it wouldn't bother the person if roles were reversed.

A person holding a gun to someone else's head may say he or she wouldn't care if the situation were reversed, but I am inclined to believe that once the barrel hits the cheek, the person would quickly change his or her tune.

I'm growing tired of hearing about lives ended too soon just because someone holds a grudge.

Look at the Philadelphia case. Third-graders don't have problems that need resolution by gunfire. Don't get me wrong. The student's parents should definitely not have had a loaded gun with in her grasp, but I still don't

understand what would possess her to even threaten to kill in the first place. Recess soccer games and who gets to be the "line leader" are not causes to start shooting.

I would think even a third-grader would know that. It would indeed be a beautiful world if kids could feel safe, even in one place. Now, it appears that the place where they spend the majority of their lives is no longer a haven. To go out into public everyday takes a certain amount of bravery. But it's a type of bravery that no small child should have already developed.

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AMY LEISINGER

When our forefathers gave us the right to bear arms, I don't think they were referring to eight-year-olds with backpacks containing an arsenal.

Environmentalists lobby to stop global warming ...

An ongoing debate

Whoever said that G.W. Bush would have his hand in the pockets of Big Oil wouldn't believe how wrong they are.

Recently, EPA Administrator Christine Todd Whitman said, "the science is good on global warming. It does exist. There are problems that we as a world face from global warming and to the extent that introducing CO-2 to the discussion is going to have an impact on global warming, that's an important step to take."

If that weren't enough, Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill was recently quoted saying, "For these two issues — nuclear holocaust and global climate change — we may not get a second chance." Whitman has been talking like she voted for Nader, and O'Neill sounds like he's quoting from Gore's *Earth in the Balance*. What's going on? Apparently, the new political correctness is to worship Gaia

On the docket would be breathalyzers to make sure people don't exhale too much CO-2.

and hug trees. A few months ago, Greens were suggesting that Bush would run roughshod over the environment. Apparently, Republicans can be just as brainwashed on environmentalist man-hatred as a Seattle vagrant.

Although some believe that humans and their fossil fuels are slowly destroying Earth, the evidence is far from clear. Everyone agrees that there has been a recent warming trend. However, there is much dispute as to the cause of that trend. While man-made CO-2 is a possible cause, our Earth has seen higher temperatures as a part of typical climate fluctuations. Even more, there is a large body of research demonstrating huge benefits

from global warming. Warming would expand growing seasons and enlarge the area of arable land. It would generally make the night and winter warmer without as much summer and daytime warming.

But, the facts and the real debate seem largely ignored by these Bush appointees. With what Whitman and O'Neill are saying, we should expect regulation around the corner. If these two had their way, one would expect the Kyoto Protocol ratified, \$5 gas at the pump, rapid inflation, and massive unemployment. On the docket would be breathalyzers to make sure people don't exhale too much CO-2.

Maybe it wouldn't be so bad. If all that happened, Bush would be out of office in four years. It would be the kind of thing that might actually put a Libertarian in office.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editor's note: This letter was written prior to the concert honoring Dean Sims.

Stroking Sims' ego

I was appalled to learn that the University Symphony will be serenading retiring UI Vice Provost Leslie Sims with a concert on March 7. This is the sort of event that belongs to another place and time — such as small German principalities in the mid-19th century. While Dean Sims may have talents and abilities equivalent to those of a German prince, treating university bureaucrats with the honors befitting minor potentates is entirely inappropriate.

Dean Sims' career at the university has been one of opportunistic

self-interest, spending his time largely on the pursuit of relationships with other "elite" administrators rather than truly serving the students and taxpayers of Iowa. He wasted large amounts of money on fatuous redecoration schemes while he was here. And one of his last "gifts" to the university was raising the post-comp registration fee for on campus students to a ludicrous level. This was done in secret, without any attempt to advise and inform students of this effort, and was presented to the university as a fait accompli.

The University of Iowa was founded to educate students, not to stroke the egos of bureaucrats with concerts and mediocre redecoration efforts. The concert is just one

more signal that the university's administration has forgotten the taxpayers of Iowa. Had Dean Sims truly supported the arts for the university's true constituents, perhaps he could have done more while he was here to lobby for less ridiculously inflated ticket prices at the University Theatre and Hancher Auditorium. While the offerings are often mediocre, the prices appear to compete with what people pay in the famously expensive and sometimes excellent world of New York theater. Let's have arts and a university that are not treated as the exclusive redoubts of jumped-up bureaucrats.

Vincent Prosser
Iowa City Resident

On the SPOT

How do you plan to spend your Spring Break?



"Sitting in my apartment and not doing any work."

Samantha Houston
UI sophomore



"I'm going to Texas with my boyfriend."

Chris Anderson
UI junior



"I just got into grad school in Washington D.C., so I'm going out there to check it out."

Bonnie Robinson
UI senior



"I'm going home, but I wish I had the money to go somewhere."

Kandace Knutson
UI freshman



"Going home. It's not exciting at all."

Emily Adams
UI sophomore

ARTS

& entertainment



Q: According to Trent in *Swingers* (1996), how long should a guy wait to call a girl after he gets her phone number?



Polish Wedding 7 and 10:30 p.m. on Bravo

A Michigan teen (Claire Danes) adds to the trials and tribulations of her Polish-American family when she defies her overdramatic mother and her melancholy father.

The Mayflies head south "X-Files" creator starts new series

■ The band will spend March 14-18 in Austin, Texas, at a music festival.

By Daniel Wilmoth
The Daily Iowan

Local alt-country band The Mayflies will move toward eliminating its "local band" label when it participates in a major music festival next week.

The band will perform at the South by Southwest Music and Media Conference and Festival (SXSW), which will showcase over 1,000 musical acts March 14-18 in Austin, Texas. Thousands of music industry professionals attend SXSW annually. In addition to performances, SXSW includes opportunities for bands to receive feedback and advice from experts like "Saturday Night Live" music supervisor Hal Willner and *Rolling Stone* Senior Editor David Fricke.

Among the other musical acts performing are The Black Crowes and the Black-Eyed Peas.

The Mayflies consists of bassist/vocalist Patrick Brickel, drummer James Robinson, fiddler/vocalist Annie Savage and guitarist/lead vocalist Stacy Webster. Brickel recently answered the *DI*'s questions about SXSW and The Mayflies.

DI: How was The Mayflies selected to participate?

Brickel: The band sent a demo tape earlier in the year, and we were accepted. Apparently SXSW selects bands by a combination of choosing the music they like and sending ballots out to the press in the home state



publicity photo

The Mayflies will play this weekend at the Green Room before heading to Texas for the South by Southwest Music Festival.

from which the band is entering; the press send back their choice of who they feel deserves to represent the state and SXSW makes the final selections.

DI: Why did the Mayflies choose to participate in the festival?

Brickel: I suppose mostly because the festival is an opportunity on many levels. There is such a concentration of knowledgeable folks there that a musician can spend the entire week meeting people, getting feedback and learning. Plus, we get to have a small vacation in a beautiful city and proudly represent our home town.

DI: What about the festival excites you?

Brickel: Well, where does one start? The amount of music happening for the week of the festival alone is enough to make us

want to go. On top of that, we are musicians who need to continually grow and improve at what we do, both from a business standpoint and as artists. This festival allows us ample opportunity to check in with ourselves, see where we want to be, and potentially use the resources available to us to build upon the foundation we've already created.

DI: What are the Mayflies' musical influences?

Everything from '80s new wave to hard country. Johnny Cash, Bob Wills, Willie Nelson, Neil Young, Dinosaur Jr., Nick Drake and on and on. All four of us have very diverse influences.

DI: Where do you see the Mayflies in the future?

Brickel: Hopefully a little closer to actually making a living with our music. Or just down at the Dairy Queen.

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■ The new show on Fox is a comic spin-off from his award-winning show.

By Fraizer Moore
Associated Press

NEW YORK — On this rare escape from writing and producing "The X-Files," Chris Carter might have preferred hitting the beach with his surfboard — his other passion. Instead, here he was in a cold, rainy city on the opposite coast, seated in a dark, deserted hotel bar named Journeys.

Scouting "X-Files" locations?

No, Carter had bolted for Manhattan to talk up his new series, "The Lone Gunmen." Something different for him, he says. An action comedy. Laughs. Fun. Plus heart.

"Gunmen" — which Fox premiered last week and airs this Sunday and next (March 18), as well as Fridays, at 8 p.m. CST — is a spin-off. It places on center stage the trio of beyond-the-fringe crusaders who lately served as "X-Files" comic relief.

Played by Bruce Harwood, Tom Braidwood and Dean Haglund, these ill-assorted activists are on their own now, publishing a muckraking newspaper and plunging into quixotic exploits.

Like "X-Files," the new series has a sci-fi bent and a paranoid tone. But while one is marked by darkness and opacity, the other dares to lighten up.

In "Gunmen," says Carter, "we set aside the sadness."

It differs from "X-Files" in another way: privatizing the enemy. "Gunmen" looks not to the skies or even the Pentagon for intrigue, but instead, the Dow Jones industrials and NASDAQ.

"Creating a government conspiracy that keeps the truth away from the people was great for 'The X-Files,' but this show isn't like that at all," explains Carter. "If it deals with conspiracies, they're at the corporate level."

The Gunmen uncover a computer chip that spies on its users and a water-fueled car kept off the market because it would



Publicity Photo

Stars of the new Fox action-comedy series "The Lone Gunmen" are: (from left) Dean Haglund, Bruce Harwood and Tom Braidwood. The show, which premiered in early March, is a spinoff, of sorts, from Fox's "The X-Files." Both shows are produced by Chris Carter.

wreck the petroleum industry. Clearly, corporate boogeymen can be as shadowy and sinister as any paranormal foe.

"MORE sinister," cracks Carter, taking a sip of Perrier.

"Corporate America is in fact a de facto government," he says, turning serious, "and I think there's gonna be a backlash against that sort of consolidation of power. Who's going to have a reaction? The youth of America? I think that would be the natural place."

And, like the young-skewing "X-Files," now in its eighth season, "The Lone Gunmen" may find a particularly receptive audience on campuses.

"I hope so, anyway," says Carter.

At 43, the Los Angeles native retains the blond beach boy looks that seem to certify him as a life-long wave-shredder. But are surf-bum looks misleading for someone who, before "Gunmen," masterminded dusky, brooding shows like "Harsh Realm," "Millennium" and, of course, "X-Files"?

"I've got real darkness inside of me," says Carter in his soft-spoken manner. "But the stories I tell are about constantly keeping the darkness at bay, of embracing the light."

Granted, Mulder and Scully, the intrepid truth-chasing FBI agents of "X-Files," embrace the light — or try their darnedest against towering odds.

"Life is full of tremendous sadness," says Carter. "They're trying to find meaning in the sad reality."

And do it in the constant company of fear, a response that Carter can tap in his viewers as if he carried a dowsing rod.

"Maybe I'm a chicken at heart and that's the reason I'm sensitive to fear," he says. "But we all have the same kind of fears: of violent death, of humiliation, of loss of our loved ones, of being out of control, of finding there is no meaning to life."

And what about the fear of failure, especially at the birth of a cherished new project that comes on the heels of two flops ("Harsh Realm" and "Millennium")?

"So much of it is left to fate," Carter sighs. "If you start thinking too much about success, if that starts being your goal, then you've jumped over the important part to the fearful part. You've missed the point."

"I couldn't hope to find this kind of success again," he says, speaking of "The X-Files" and its impact. "But if I do, it'll be a result of making the same good choices, doing the same hard work and having the same strokes of luck."

And what of "X-Files" returning for its ninth year?

"I want to come back," he says, "if there's a way, a reason, to tell good stories. That's really the central factor."

Of course, what happens across the broad TV landscape depends on actors and writers who, within weeks, may go on strike. That also fills Carter with dread. He prays there's no work stoppage.

On the other hand, he says: "The misconception is that I'm a workaholic, that I'm a tense, driven person. I swear, if the strike happened today, I would click my heels and run and play."

The truth is out there: "I'm a really good goof-off."



Carter
"X-Files" creator

ARTS BRIEFS

Schwarzenegger may run for Calif. governor

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Is muscle-bound Hollywood action hero Arnold Schwarzenegger going to run for governor of California?

A day after saying Schwarzenegger wouldn't try next year for the office held by Democratic Gov. Gray Davis, publicist Jill Eisenstadt said Wednesday her client's mind "is not made up," and that Schwarzenegger will decide in the next couple of months.

On Tuesday, Eisenstadt said the "timing's not right" for the action star, explaining that Schwarzenegger had

family and film obligations preventing him from running for public office next year.

The star of the *Terminator* films and *Predator*, among others, whet the appetites of fellow Republicans dreaming of an actor-to-governor sequel when he told a *Los Angeles Times* columnist a month ago that the governor's job was appealing.

After all, Republican Ronald Reagan had gone from Hollywood to Sacramento to the White House.

"I've thought about it many times because I love politics," Schwarzenegger said then. "I get such great satisfaction out of helping people."

Manheim delivers boy

LOS ANGELES — It's a boy for "The Practice" actress Camryn Manheim.

Milo Jacob weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces when he was delivered at 4 p.m. Tuesday during a natural childbirth at an undisclosed Los Angeles area hospital, publicist Carri McClure said.

"Mother and son are resting comfortably," McClure said.

It was the first child for the Emmy-winning Manheim, who turned 40 on Thursday. The unmarried actress has never identified the father.

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calendar

"Musicology/Theory Colloquium," Marcia Citron, today at 1:30 p.m., Room 1027, Voxman Music Building.
"Live From Prairie Lights Series," Amy Tan, fiction, today at 8 p.m., Buchanan Auditorium, Pappajohn Business Building.
Friends of Hickory Hill Park, "BI-Monthly Clean-up," Saturday at 10 a.m., Bloomington St. entrance of Hickory Hill Park.

horoscopes

Friday, March 9, 2001 by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You should put extra effort into your work. You can finish projects early, which will bring you praise from superiors. Take work home, but be sure to spend some time with your mate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will succeed. Investments will be lucrative. You can help those less fortunate if you give them money. Self-improvement programs will show quick results.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't get pushed into doing things you really don't have time for. You can bet that relatives will be willing to take you for granted. Say no, but don't start a family feud.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be original in your approach to life, especially when it involves loved ones. Take care of the needs of those who depend on you. Look into your vacation plans. You need some rest and relaxation. Take a break. You deserve it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You won't be happy with the purchases you make today. You're wise to keep your money in a safe place and refrain from going to the mall. Problems with children will be frustrating. Curb your frustration with leisurely activities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't make social promises you can't keep. You need to spend time with loved ones. Overtime will bring you the extra cash you need, but it will also cause discord at home. Spend that money wisely or you will end up in the doghouse.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You need time to reflect. Pamper yourself and re-evaluate your motives. You may need to change your direction if you want to be happy. You can make a difference if you go after your goals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will receive sincere opinions from those who appreciate your creative talents. It is time to make suggestions to the groups in which you're involved. Take control of the situation. A new romantic partner is likely on the horizon. You will be able to pick from many.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't take things for granted. This is not the time to throw your weight around. Listen to the others' complaints and take time to assess the situation before you make any comments. Others will help you if they try.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Family outings will be more rewarding than you thought. You'll enjoy teaching others how to do things that are second nature to you. Your leadership qualities will come in handy, especially when problems arise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Hidden assets will pay off. You are up for wins, rewards or gifts. Plan to have friends over for an evening of socializing and entertainment. You will be lucky in love, if only for one night.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Minor accidents will prevail. Arguments with family members are evident. Do not lose your patience with lovers or children. This is not the day to make promises. Blaze a new path for yourself.

public access tv schedule

Channel 2	6 p.m. Country Time Country	10 p.m. Grace Community Church
	7 p.m. SCTV Presents	11 p.m. Eckankar: Discover the Mahanta
	8 p.m. Nature's Logic	Midnight Power of Victory
	8:30 p.m. City High Battle of the Bands	

The Ledge
By Jesse Ammerman

Spring Break travel tips

- People overseas are generally suspicious of Americans. So skip such phrases as, "You're not one of those international terrorists, are you?" or "Don't make me send troops, buddy."
- Avoid sunburn by wearing a sunscreen with an SPF of at least three million.
- When driving, avoid colliding with other cars or roadside objects. This will save you time and massive internal injuries.
- On a plane, it is much better to stay in your seat with a safety belt on than to hijack the aircraft and render the pilots unconscious.
- While at the beach, it is convenient to avoid drowning or being attacked by bloodthirsty sharks.
- Remember, when strangers ask to "borrow" your wallet or suitcase, they're probably not really talking about borrowing.
- Even if you're in a warm climate, refrain from asking girls to take their shirts off. Most women, especially those in law enforcement, find this insulting.
- Hotels aren't the only place to stay anymore - roadside ditches, hollowed-out tree trunks and prison cells also provide convenient places of lodging.

Masked Dropout by Bob Hewitt

Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0126

ACROSS

- Escaped punishment
- Like some stairs
- Highest point
- Piecemeal?
- Put away
- Faces facts
- Digestion aid
- Needing to cut down
- Roman-ileuve
- Well-intentioned grp.?
- Spanish Main cargo
- Place to play cards
- Clean out, in a way
- Where to spend a balboa
- Burned up the road
- Slight on the stump, say
- Like some bets
- Vacationer's hire, perhaps
- "Author! Author!" autobiographer
- Choker
- Nephew of Abel
- Shades
- Afflicted
- Liberal leader?
- 50 A. in Aquila
- Math figure
- Cutting
- Angliogram image
- Monkey
- Guar gum, e.g.
- Looks
- Ready to board the Ark
- Word with food or group
- License bureau procedures
- Refuses

DOWN

- Big talkers
- Perfect
- Not in time
- Tyrant
- Membership requirement, often
- It has a creased crown
- Exercise wheel locale
- Some are pale
- Give a 5, e.g.
- Some clones
- They may be ringing
- Trample
- Stand for "trinkets"
- "N.Y.P.D. Blue" actress
- Crams
- Sofia's portrayal in "The Color Purple"
- Dispatch boat
- Admeasure
- Symbol of industry
- Ring rampager
- 44 Spanish Mannerist
- 57 Like some fireplaces
- 59 Cowboy's moniker
- 61 "Give ___ whirl"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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EMT URDU YEASTS
DOR DAHS ELYSEE
SEEDAGE ABU IAM
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Puzzles by Joe DiPietro

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Friday, March 9, 2001

ON THE AIR

Main Event

The Event: College basketball, Iowa vs. Ohio State, 9 p.m., ESPN Regional.
The Skinny: Once again, Iowa is faced with a must-win and hopes to avenge a conference loss to the Buckeyes.



College basketball

11 a.m. ACC Tournament ESPN
 1:30 p.m. Virginia vs. Geo. Tech, ESPN
 3:30 p.m. Navy vs. Holy Cross, ESPN
 6 p.m. Boston Coll vs. Seton Hall, ESPN
 8:30 p.m. Big East Tournament, ESPN
 11 p.m. Mountain West Semis, ESPN

NBA
 7 p.m. Bulls at Pistons, Fox-Chi
NBA
 9:30 p.m. Blackhawks at Ducks, Fox-Chi

SPORTS QUIZ

What is the record for most points scored in an NCAA Tournament game?
 See answer, Page 2B.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

Charlotte	97	Houston	99
Orlando	84	L.A. Clippers	87
San Antonio	93	See NBA on	
Portland	79	Page 2B	

NHL

Ottawa	5	New Jersey	6
Boston	3	Minnesota	2
Philadelphia	5	Colorado	5
Calgary	2	St. Louis	2
Pittsburgh	5	Phoenix	3
Atlanta	3	Vancouver	2
Tampa Bay	1	Nashville	
Carolina	0	Los Angeles late	

MEN'S TOP 25

8) Arizona	76	Seton Hall	58
1) Stanford	75	18) G'town	40
10) B. C.	93	Pittsburgh	66
Villanova	79	19) N. D.	54
13) UCLA	86	21) St. Joe's	82
Wash St.	76	La Salle	74
17) Syracuse	55	25) Fresno St.	60
Providence	54	Rice	52

HAWKEYE SPORTS

Thursday

6 p.m. Men's basketball, vs. Northwestern, Chicago

Friday

6 p.m. Baseball, vs. Bethune Cookman, Daytona Beach, Fla.
 Softball, vs. UC-Santa Barbara, San Jose, Calif.
 4 p.m. Softball, vs. Southern Illinois, San Jose, Calif.
 8 p.m. Softball, vs. Cal, San Jose, Calif.

TBA Men's and Women's swimming, NCAA Diving Qualifier, Bloomington, Ind.
 All Day Men's track, at NCAA Championships, Fayetteville, Ark.

Saturday

1 p.m. Baseball, vs. Bethune Cookman, Daytona Beach, Fla.
 TBA Men's golf, at University of Sacramento Invitational, Sacramento, Ca.
 10 a.m. Women's swimming, vs. Ohio State and Purdue, Field House pool
 7 p.m. Men's gymnastics, at Michigan State, East Lansing, Mich.

All Day Men's track, at NCAA Championships, Fayetteville, Ark.

Sunday

TBA Men's golf, at University of Sacramento Invitational, Sacramento, Calif.
 1 p.m. Baseball, vs. Fordham, Daytona Beach Fla.

Iowa goes for seventh-straight national crown

Iowa City will play host to the NCAA wrestling Championship March 15-17.

By Nick Firchau
 The Daily Iowan

After everything is said and done, isn't seven just a simple number?

Not for the Iowa wrestling team. Not when that number represents the consecutive national titles the Hawkeyes will have under their belt if they overcome their underdog status at the National Championships on March 15-17 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena

and earn enough points to outdo two teams that have already beaten them this year.

Despite qualifying eight wrestlers, including a murderers' row of five wrestlers who have 10 Big Ten Titles, three national titles and a combined record of 125-10 this season between them, the Hawkeyes will face a daunting challenge in winning the national title. It's also the seniors' last dance.

In short, with the seniors departing and the recent rise of programs like Minnesota and Illinois and the continued strength of Iowa State and Oklahoma State, the Iowa mystique may be in jeopardy should Iowa leave empty-

handed this year.

"I can see it sometimes, guys go out there and think 'Hey, just cause we're Iowa this guy's going to fall down,'" senior 141-pounder Doug Schwab said. "But they're gonna fight us harder. They're attacking us even more. You gotta realize, we have to make these guys fall over."

"You see a lot of 4-3 and 5-4 matches. Some people are happy with that. We're not happy with that. We need bonus points to intimidate people."

As has been the case all season for the Hawkeyes, bonus

See WRESTLING, Page 6B



Iowa's T.J. Williams will go for his second national championship at the NCAA Championships March 15.

Defense keeps Hawks alive

Iowa holds Northwestern to 15 first half points in a 72-55 win.

By Todd Brommelkamp
 The Daily Iowan

CHICAGO, IL — Forget about Survivor, the best reality show on television originated from the United Center Thursday night. The premise was simple: 14 men in gold uniforms attempting to stay alive in the Big Ten tournament and the eyes of the NCAA selection committee.

When the result was tallied, it was clear Iowa had lived to see another day.

The Hawkeyes advanced to the second round of the conference tournament with a decisive 72-55 victory over the No. 11 seeded Northwestern Wildcats.

That's not to say the Hawkeyes didn't make it interesting. The game was a rollercoaster ride that saw the Hawkeyes lead by as much as 17 points and as few as 5.

Iowa advances to play No. 3 seed Ohio State Friday night at 9 p.m. By virtue of their seed, Ohio State did not play Thursday and will face Iowa in its first game.

In a building that is said to produce poor shooting percentages, Iowa thrived. The Hawkeyes set a new season high for shooting percentage with a 57 percent mark. Many of those points came in the paint as Reggie Evans and Glen Worley dominated the smaller



Iowa's Duez Henderson defends the basket against Northwestern's Winston Blake during Iowa's win at the Big Ten Tournament.

Wildcats. Evans finished with 20 points and 14 rebounds while Worley scored a season high 18 in the effort. Their performances

personified Iowa's game plan perfectly.

"We got focused in the post," Worley said. "Our game plan

was to pound it in down there."

Playing with a passion seldom seen from Iowa in the past several weeks, Iowa opened the game on a 12-2 run. Evans scored 7 of his 13 first half points during the stretch, including a one handed slam dunk to ignite his teammates. The Wildcats went on a miniature run for five quick points late in the half but Iowa outscored Northwestern 11-5 for the remainder of the half to lead 30-15.

With a big lead to start the second half, Iowa began to take familiar form. The Hawkeyes allowed Northwestern back into the ball game with a 22-6 run. The Wildcats' Ben Johnson put up 11 of those points with pinpoint precision. With the game slipping away, Dean Oliver hit two consecutive baskets, including a three to extend Iowa's dwindling lead to 45-37.

"You could see it all caving in and then our senior steps up and hits two big baskets," Iowa coach Steve Alford said.

The baskets proved to be the turning point as Iowa finished the game strong. The Hawkeyes gradually rebuilt the lead and scored their final 13 points from the free throw line as Northwestern's hopes of another upset turned to desperation.

The win gives life to Iowa's post-season hopes and improves its record to 19-11. Alford and his players were quiet about post-season play following the game, but the coach did elude to the fact the

See BIG TEN TOURNEY, Page 6B

Iowa hopes magical run continues

The Hawkeye women's basketball team awaits its NCAA destination.

By Melinda Mawdsley
 The Daily Iowan

Sixteen games ago, the Iowa women's basketball team changed.

Coach Lisa Bluder's offensive and defensive schemes started making sense, and the Hawkeyes fed off her new system.

Senior Randi Peterson attributes the turn-around to something slightly different than Bluder's technique. "I like to think we have little angels on our backs right now," Peterson said. "And they hopped on 16 games ago."

The Hawkeyes defeated Michigan, 79-58, on Jan. 7, sending the women on a 14-2 run through the remainder of the conference season, including a 19-point come-from-behind win against Indiana on March 2 to open the Big Ten Tournament.

"That's a little bit of intervention right there," Peterson acknowledged.

But Iowa (20-9) didn't just

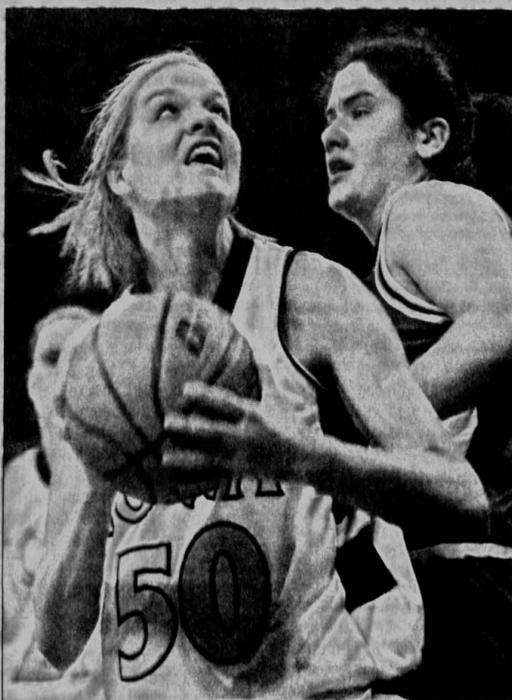
beat the Hoosiers. It proceeded to win the entire tournament, claiming the school's first Big Ten post-season trophy since 1997.

"We were supposed to win," Peterson said. "Someone is watching over us."

Sunday afternoon, the Hawkeyes will be watching and waiting, as the NCAA Tournament seeds are announced. Iowa's second-place regular season conference finish arguably assures the Hawkeyes an NCAA at-large berth, but the Big Ten Tournament crown guaranteed an automatic bid to the single elimination fight for a national title.

Iowa's 75-70 victory over then No. 7 Purdue in the championship game may have also given the women the coveted fourth seed, along with the opportunity to host the first and second rounds, but Carver-Hawkeye Arena is booked for the NCAA Wrestling Tournament.

Senior Cara Consuegra said she felt her team deserved a fourth seed but wasn't sure if Iowa would be handed that



Iowa's Jennie Lillis drives around Michigan State's Julie Pagel in Iowa's Feb. 22 win.

Charlie Curtin/The Daily Iowan

Iowa throws down at NAAs

Two Iowa throwers compete at the NCAA Track and Field Championship.

By Julie Matolo
 The Daily Iowan

This weekend will bring the beginning of Spring Break adventures for many, while for some, the fight to be the best in the nation will reach its climax.

A pair of Iowa seniors will be face the toughest competition of the season as they travel to Fayetteville, Ark., to join top track and field athletes from around the nation.

Hawkeye throwers Jeremy Allen and Arno van der Westhuizen will represent Iowa in the NCAA Indoor Championships March 9-10. Both throwers hold titles of their own. Allen was the Big Ten indoor shot put champion last season and the 2001 runner up in the same event. Iowa's van der Westhuizen was 2000's Outdoor Big Ten champion in the hammer throw and also a runner up at this season's championships in the weight throw.

The national scene is a familiar scene for both individuals, but this year the competition has reached a higher level of elitism. Collegiate distances are farther than ever, requiring throws a foot longer than last season to qualify into the meet.

"Arno is coming on strong at the end of the season and had a great Big Ten meet," said coach Larry Wiecek. "He has had a weekend off and is ready to come back with a good finish. Both seniors are very hungry to make it a good NCAA championships."

Several non-U.S. Olympians will lead the competition in the field events. Slovakian Olympian, Libor Charfreitag enters the meet as the top thrower in the weight throw in the NCAA with a distance of 78-1.75. Iowa's Westhuizen enters the meet in the 14th position out of 17 athletes total. "Jeremy looks good in practice," said throwing coach Scott Cappos. "One of the goals is for him to be a top U.S. thrower."

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SPORTS

SPORTS QUIZ

Note Dame's Austin Carr had 61 points against Ohio in 1970.

IOWA-NORTHWESTERN BOX

Iowa 72, Northwestern 55
Northwestern (11-18)

Johnson 9-13 0-0 2-4, Blake 4-12 2-2 12, Hardy 3-10 1-1 7, Drayton 3-7 0-1 7, Young 2-8 0-0 4, Hughes 0-1 0-0 0, Burke 0-3 1-2 1, Towne 0-0 0-0 0, McCants 0-2 0-0 0, Jennings 0-2 0-0 0, Totals 21-58 4-6 55.
Iowa (19-11)

Worley 7-10 4-7 18, Henderson 4-4 2-11, Evans 8-12 4-6 20, Boyd 2-4 1-2 6, Oliver 3-11 6-8 13, Reimer 0-0 2-2 2, Thompson 0-0 0-0 0, Galloway 0-0 0-0 0, Smith 0-1 0-0 0, Scott 0-0 0-0 0, Sonderliet 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 24-42 21-29 72.

Halftime—Iowa 30, Northwestern 15. 3-Point goals—Northwestern 9-30 (Johnson 6-9, Blake 2-7, Hardy 0-3, Drayton 1-2, Young 0-4, Burke 0-2, McCants 0-1, Jennings 0-2), Iowa 3-8 (Henderson 1-1, Boyd 1-3, Oliver 1-4). Fouled Out—Blake, Rebounds—Northwestern 21 (Blake 4, Burke 4), Iowa 41 (Evan 14). Assists—Northwestern 19 (Drayton 8), Iowa 16 (Boyd 7). Total fouls—Northwestern 23, Iowa 13. A-N.A.

BIG TEN TOURNAMENT

Big Ten Conference
At The United Center
Chicago

First Round
Thursday, March 8
Purdue 91, Minnesota 77
Penn State 82, Michigan 80
Iowa 72, Northwestern 55

Quarterfinals
Friday, March 9
Indiana vs. Wisconsin, 11:30 a.m.
Illinois vs. Purdue, 2 p.m.
Michigan State vs. Penn State, 6:30 p.m.
Ohio State vs. Iowa, 9 p.m.

Semifinals
Saturday, March 10
Indiana-Wisconsin winner vs. Illinois-Purdue winner, 1:30 p.m.
Michigan State-Penn State-Michigan winner vs. Ohio State-Iowa-Northwestern winner, 4 p.m.

Championship
Sunday, March 11
Semifinal winners, 2:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Thursday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press

AUTO RACING
NASCAR—Fined Chris Carnier, crew chief for the car driven by Joe Nemechek \$2,000, Greg Connor, crew chief for the car driven by Rick Mast, \$1,000 and Todd Bertier, crew chief for the car driven by Kevin Harvick, \$5,000 for rules violations at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway last weekend.

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with 1B Brian Daubach, OF Trot Nixon, RHP Tomo Ohka, RHP Jesus Pena, RHP Jim Ho Cho, INF Lou Merloni, and 1B Morgan Burkart on one-year contracts.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Reassigned RHP Ryan Bradley, RHP Craig Dingman, LHP Damaso Marte, IF Kary Bridges, IF Scott Seabolt, OF Mike Frank, OF Paul Ottavino and OF Luke Wilcox to their minor league camp.
National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Reassigned C Victor Valencia to their minor league camp.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Reassigned RHP Brandon Duckworth, RHP Edwin Hurtado, LHP Thomas Jacques, RHP Doug Nickle, RHP Franklin Nunez, RHP Carlos Silva and RHP Evan Thomas to their minor league camp. Announced INF Domingo Cedeño has asked for his release so he can play in the Mexican League.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with RHP Kris Benson on a four-year contract. Rescinded the option of OF-1B Alex Hernandez to Nashville of the PCL. Reassigned LHP John Grabow, LHP Wilson Guzman, RHP Manuel Bernal, RHP Chris Spurling and OF J.J. Davis to their minor league camp.

South Atlantic League
SAVANNAH SAND GNATS—Named Scott Gross general manager.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
DENVER NUGGETS—Activated G Anthony Goldwire from the injured list. Placed G-F Calbert Cheaney on the injured list.
International Basketball Association
IBA—Announced the Billings franchise has ceased operations.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed QB Jon Kitna to a four-year contract.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Re-signed OT Earl Dotson.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed CB Patrick Surtain to a four-year contract extension and C Eric Beverly to an offer sheet on a three-year contract.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed RB Tiki Barber to a six-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Re-signed DB Jason Bostic to a one-year contract.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Released LB Levon Kirkland. Signed OL Jeff Hartings to a multi-year contract.

TENNESSEE TITANS—Named Chuck Cecil defensive quality control coach.
Canadian Football League
B.C. LIONS—Signed RB Sean Millington to a contract extension. Signed OL Ben Fairbrother and OL Jason Mackintosh. Named Richard Harris defensive line coach and Hal Dyer defensive backs coach.
Arena Football League
GRAND RAPIDS RAMPAGE—Signed WR-DB Rodney Blackshear, DS Anthony Phillips and QB Nick Browder.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Signed RW Marty McInnis to a three-year contract extension.
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Reassigned RW Rocky Thompson and C Serge Payer to Louisville of the AHL. Recalled RW Paul Brossseau from Louisville.
MINNESOTA WILD—Recalled G Derek Gustafson from Cleveland of the IHL.
NEW YORK RANGERS—Recalled LW Michal Grosse from Hartford of the AHL. Reassigned G Vitali Yaremeyev, D Mike Mottau and RW Jeff Umer to Hartford.
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Reassigned C Jim Montgomery to Kentucky of the AHL.
American Hockey League
LOWELL LOCK MONSTERS—Reassigned F Reggie Berg to Florida of the ECHL.
Central Hockey League
FAVETTEVILLE FORCE—Traded F Alex Chuchukov to Huntsville for D Erik Olson.
TOPEKA SCARECROWS—Placed D Chris Maillet on season-ending injured reserve.
East Coast Hockey League
ECHL—Declared D Chad Ackerman a free agent.
ARKANSAS RIVERBLADES—Placed LW Travis Dillabough on 14-day injured reserve.
BIRMINGHAM BULLS—Announced C Stefan Rivard has been called up by Lowell of the AHL.
DAYTON BOMBERS—Activated F Jeff Mitchell from injured reserve. Activated D Jason Robinson from injured reserve.
GREENSBORO GENERALS—Added C Bob Thornton to the roster. Activated D Jason Robinson from injured reserve.
MISSISSIPPI SEA WOLVES—Announced C Sergei Kuznetsov has been recalled by Springfield of the West Coast Hockey League.
WCHL—Named Michael deMaine director of compliance and Mary Hutchinson manager of media and public relations.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
COLORADO RAPIDS—Acquired MF John Spencer from Motherwell of Scotland's Premier League and F Neathán Gibson from MyPa of Finland.
MIAMI FUSION—Acquired the rights to MF Ian Bishop from Manchester City of the English Premier League. Waived S Welton.
COLLEGE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS—Announced that it is moving its headquarters from Tulsa, Okla., to Olathe, Kan.
CENTRAL STATE, OHIO—Announced the resignation of Theresa Check, women's basketball coach, at the end of the season.
FLORIDA SOUTHERN—Named Tony Longa men's basketball coach.
NORTHERN IOWA—Announced the resignation of Mike Dunbar, football coach.

SACRAMENTO STATE—Extended the contract of Jerome Jenkins, men's basketball coach.
SCRANTON—Named Carl G. Danzig men's basketball coach.

NBA GLANCE

National Basketball Association
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	45	16	.738	—
Miami	37	25	.598	1/2
New York	36	25	.590	9
Orlando	33	28	.541	12
Boston	26	35	.426	19
New Jersey	21	40	.344	25
Washington	14	47	.230	31
Central Division <th>W</th> <th>L</th> <th>Pct</th> <th>GB</th>	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	38	22	.633	—
Charlotte	35	27	.565	4
Toronto	33	29	.532	6
Indiana	26	33	.441	12
Cleveland	22	38	.367	16
Detroit	22	38	.361	17
Atlanta	18	44	.290	21
Chicago	11	48	.186	27
WESTERN CONFERENCE <th>W</th> <th>L</th> <th>Pct</th> <th>GB</th>	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	42	18	.700	—
San Antonio	42	19	.689	1/2
Dallas	38	23	.623	1/2
Minnesota	37	24	.607	1/2
Portland	35	28	.558	9
Denver	30	33	.476	12
Vancouver	19	43	.306	24
Pacific Division <th>W</th> <th>L</th> <th>Pct</th> <th>GB</th>	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	41	19	.683	—
Sacramento	40	19	.678	1/2
Portland	42	20	.677	—
Phoenix	36	24	.600	5
Seattle	31	32	.492	11
L.A. Clippers	22	42	.344	21
Golden State	16	45	.262	27

Thursday's Games
Charlotte 97, Orlando 84
San Antonio 93, Portland 79
Houston 99, L.A. Clippers 87

Friday's Games
Cleveland at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Washington at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
New York at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Utah, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Portland at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Denver at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
New Jersey at Washington, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Golden State at Houston, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Miami at New York, 11:30 a.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 2 p.m.
Toronto at Vancouver, 2:30 p.m.
Ish at Sacramento, 4:30 p.m.
Indiana at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

AUTOMATIC BIDS

Butler, Midwestern Collegiate Conference
Eastern Illinois, Ohio Valley Conference
George Mason, Colonial Athletic Association
Georgia State, Trans America Athletic Conference
Gonzaga, West Coast Conference
Indiana State, Missouri Valley Conference
Iona, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
Monmouth, N.J., Northeast Conference
North Carolina-Greensboro, Southern Conference
Princeton, Ivy League
Southern Utah, Mid-Continent Conference
Western Kentucky, Sun Belt Conference
Winthrop, Big South Conference

NOTE: All bids by virtue of conference tournament championships with the exception of Ivy League and Pacific-10 conferences, which do not conduct post-season tournaments.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL GLANCE

Major League Baseball
Spring Training Glance
By The Associated Press
All Times EST
AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	6	1	.857
Texas	4	2	.667
Cleveland	4	3	.571
Toronto	4	3	.571
Kansas City	3	3	.500
Tampa Bay	3	3	.500
Anaheim	3	4	.429
Detroit	3	4	.429
New York	3	4	.429
Minnesota	3	5	.375
Oakland	3	5	.375
Seattle	3	6	.333
Boston	2	5	.286
Chicago	2	6	.250

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct
San Diego	7	1	.875
Cincinnati	6	2	.750
Florida	5	2	.714
Colorado	4	3	.571
St. Louis	4	3	.571
San Francisco	4	3	.571
Milwaukee	5	4	.556
Pittsburgh	5	4	.556
Arizona	3	3	.500
Chicago	4	4	.500
Los Angeles	3	4	.429
New York	3	4	.429
Houston	2	3	.400
Montreal	3	5	.375
Philadelphia	2	4	.333
Atlanta	1	5	.167

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Women's Top 25 Fared
By The Associated Press
Thursday

1. Notre Dame (28-2) did not play. Next: TBA.
2. Connecticut (28-2) did not play. Next: NCAA tournament.
3. Tennessee (29-2) did not play. Next: TBA.
4. Georgia (26-5) did not play. Next: NCAA tournament.
5. Duke (28-3) did not play. Next: NCAA Tournament.
6. Louisiana Tech (28-4) did not play. Next: NCAA tournament.
7. Oklahoma (26-4) beat No. 20 Colorado 102-93. Next: vs. No. 11 Texas Tech or No. 13 Iowa State Big 12 championship, Saturday.
8. Rutgers (22-7) did not play. Next: TBA.
9. Purdue (26-6) did not play. Next: TBA.
10. Vanderbilt (21-9) did not play. Next: TBA.
11. Texas Tech (23-5) vs. No. 13 Iowa State, x-Next: vs. No. 7 Oklahoma Big 12 championship, Saturday or TBA.
12. Xavier (28-2) did not play. Next: NCAA Tournament.
13. Iowa State (23-5) vs. No. 11 Texas Tech, x-Next: vs. No. 7 Oklahoma Big 12 championship, Saturday or TBA.
14. Utah (26-2) did not play. Next: vs. Brigham Young, Friday.
15. Florida (23-5) did not play. Next: TBA.
16. Southwest Missouri State (22-5) vs. Indiana State, x-Next: vs. Northern Iowa or Wichita State, Friday.
17. Iowa (20-8) did not play. Next: NCAA tournament.
18. LSU (19-10) did not play. Next: TBA.
19. North Carolina State (20-10) did not play. Next: TBA.
20. Colorado (21-8) lost to No. 7 Oklahoma 102-93. Next: TBA.
21. Penn State (19-9) did not play. Next: TBA.
22. Washington (19-7) at Southern California, Next: at UCLA, Saturday.
23. Clemson (20-9) did not play. Next: TBA.
24. Baylor (21-8) did not play. Next: TBA.
25. Wisconsin (18-9) did not play. Next: TBA.

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SPORTSWATCH

Northern Iowa's football coach resigns

■ Mike Dunbar quits to be the quarterbacks coach at Northwestern.

Associated Press

CEDAR FALLS — Two days after the men's basketball coach resigned under fire, Northern Iowa lost its football coach. This time, it was a surprise.

Mike Dunbar, whose contract was extended only four months ago, resigned Thursday after four seasons to become the quarterbacks coach at Northwestern.

"It's a little confusing for me, but I guess he thought it was

an upgrade for him and a chance to do something in the Big Ten," Athletics Director Rick Hartzell said.

Hartzell said Todd Eagen, who coaches the defensive line and is recruiting coordinator, would run the program until a new coach is hired.

Men's basketball coach Sam Weaver resigned under pressure on Tuesday, but a change had been expected after the Panthers finished 7-24, their third losing season in as many years under Weaver.

Dunbar's move caught the school off guard. His teams had won at least seven games each season and their explosive

offenses made them fun to watch. He had signed a promising recruiting class in February, and just last fall, the university extended Dunbar's contract through the 2003 season.

"He had a new contract extension and tremendous support from the university and me," Hartzell said. "Rick Hartzell doesn't see it as a better job, but that's irrelevant. Mike Dunbar does and he's going to take it. We wish him well."

Dunbar did not immediately return a telephone message seeking comment. In a prepared statement, he said he enjoyed his time at Northern Iowa.

"It was a tough decision, but

I felt like I needed to take advantage of this great opportunity at Northwestern," Dunbar said.

Dunbar had a 29-15 record at Northern Iowa, with his best season an 8-3 mark in 1999. His teams never made the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs, however, something the Panthers had done for seven straight years under former coach Terry Allen, who left to become the coach at Kansas.

"The timing is a little murky, but it's better than if it was August," Hartzell said. "We're going to be able to get the process started and get a head coach before spring practice."

SPORTSWATCH

Sirotko given go-ahead to throw

DUNEDIN, Fla. (AP) — Mike Sirotko was given the go-ahead to throw off flat ground following another exam on his injured shoulder Thursday.

The left-hander, acquired by Toronto in January from the Chicago White Sox as part of the David Wells trade, hasn't thrown this spring.

Dr. Steven Mirabella examined the pitcher and said he can start throwing at various distances, a program that will last about three weeks.

TCU to play Nebraska in Pigskin Classic

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska will play Texas Christian in the Pigskin Classic in August.

Coach Frank Solich had been wary of preseason games and the

physical toll they take on players, but decided the extra practice time and an eight-game home schedule were worth it.

On Thursday the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics announced that the details had been worked out and the game will be played Aug. 25 at 1 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

NHL concerned over Olympic doping proposal

SALT LAKE CITY — United States Olympic officials held firm Thursday on their demand that NHL players who compete for the American hockey team be randomly tested for steroids leading up to the Salt Lake Olympics.

However, acting USOC executive director Scott Blackmun and NHL counsel Bill Daly said there was

progress as both sides exchanged views during a 90-minute meeting. An agreement could be announced as early as next week.

"We know a lot more now than we did two days ago," Daly said. "The ball's in our court now to go back and create a mousetrap that will catch everybody's needs. We're much more knowledgeable about what the USOC needs."

The USOC wants random out-of-competition testing for American hockey players to begin as early as possible.

Hamster races soothe restless bettors

LONDON — Horse racing is barely back after a one-week suspension, its premier event has been postponed indefinitely, and major international rugby matches are being called off. With an outbreak of foot-

and-mouth disease leaving British sports in disarray, what's a gambler to do?

Well, at least the hamsters are running.

In this nation of inveterate bettors, the wagering world is getting creative — or maybe a little desperate — as a severe outbreak of the livestock ailment has quieted the action at the gambling parlors that dot the streets of most major British cities.

One Internet betting site is offering hamster races to keep bettors happy until the schedule of more well-established sports returns to normal.

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Softball

Over Break: The No. 12 Iowa softball team (6-1) will travel to San Jose, Calif., this weekend to participate in the National Invitational Softball Tournament. On March 12, the Hawkeyes will face Sacramento State in a mid-week double-header and open up their second tournament of Spring Break on March 15 at the Capitol City Classic.

On the NIST: The NIST is one of the most prestigious tournaments in the country, featuring a talented 13-team field. The Hawkeyes open and end pool play with three games today. Joining Iowa in Pool B is No. 4 California, UC-Santa Barbara, and Southern Illinois. Should the Hawkeyes advance through today's pool play, they will begin single elimination rounds Saturday and could face the likes of No. 9 Arizona State, No. 22 Oregon, Long Beach State or perhaps Big Ten rival Purdue.

On the Capitol City Classic: Following the NIST format, the Capitol City Classic also begins with pool play. Iowa opens up March 15 against Texas Tech. On March 16 it will face San Jose State and Mississippi before possibly advancing to the championship rounds.

Last Weekend: Iowa was only able to squeeze one day of competition in at the three-day Aggie II Classic in College Station, Texas, due to inclement weather. However, the Hawkeyes made the most of their on-field time, going 2-0 with wins over then-No. 21 Texas A&M and Illinois State.

Lovin' the Long Ball: Home runs continue to be a main source of offensive

production for Iowa. Through seven games, the Hawkeyes have already tallied six round-trippers, with sophomore Jessica Bashor and junior Alicia Gerlach leading the way with two apiece. Gerlach and Bashor also are running one-two in the RBI count. Gerlach has 10 and Bashor has six RBI this year.

Coach's Comment: "The NIST is a real good competition with a great mix of teams," Iowa coach Gayle Blevins said. "You wish you could be a little more traveled. Typically teams out west have more games than us at this stage in the season, so we need a lot of games right now."

—Melinda Mawdsley

Baseball

Batter up: The Iowa baseball team has a full slate ahead of itself heading into Spring Break. The Hawkeyes travel to the Florida All-Star Jamboree in Daytona Beach for nine games over an eight-day stretch. Opponents include Bethune Cookman, Fordham, Lehigh, Northern Illinois, Pennsylvania and Maine. Iowa's first game is against Bethune Cookman at 6 p.m. Friday.

On Iowa: The Hawkeyes are 2-3 after splitting a pair of games last weekend. Ian Mattiace is the team's leading hitter heading into the Jamboree, batting at a .381 clip. Alex Dvorsky and John Cappellano have five RBI apiece to lead all starters. Relief pitching has been strong for Iowa as middle man Dyson Miguel has yet to allow a run in 9 1/3 innings and closer Reed Pawelk has one save and a 2.45 ERA.

On the competition: Iowa has never faced Bethune-Cookman, Fordham or

Lehigh in competition before. Bethune-Cookman, which is hosting the competition, finished 33-29 last season. Fordham has played only one game before taking on Iowa. Lehigh finished last season 21-22 and is led by Pat Hollander. Hollander was the 2000 NCAA batting champion with a .486 average.

Iowa's key: Durability will be the key issue for the Hawkeyes with so many games back-to-back. The normally sluggish offense has shown signs of life already this season and relief pitching has been solid. That puts the burden on starting pitchers. Iowa's top three have yet to win a game this season and if coach Scott Broghamer has to go to the bullpen too often early during the trip, the final few games may be ugly.

Home cooking: After a month on the road, Iowa returns home following the Jamboree to host Mount St. Claire March 21. The Mounties lost to Iowa last season in the teams' only previous meeting. It will be the first time Iowa has played at Banks Stadium since it was named in honor of former coach Duane Banks.

—Todd Brommelkamp

Men's Tennis

This Week: The Hawkeyes will spend Spring Break in the Land of Enchantment when they depart Saturday for a March 13 meet at New Mexico State in Las Cruces, N.M., a non-conference matchup. The Hawkeyes will then head north to Albuquerque to tangle with New Mexico on March 15 before finishing their tour in a showdown with Nevada-Reno on March 17, also played in Albuquerque.

Last Weekend: Iowa improved its sea-

son record to 6-2 by ripping Butler 7-0 on March 3 at the UI Rec Building. The team swept the doubles point, fueled by a 9-7 win by the top duo of senior Tyler Cleveland and sophomore Stuart Waters, who are currently ranked 32nd in the nation.

Coach Steve Houghton praised the play of the entire team in the win, and remarked that No. 15 Cleveland was "back to being Tyler" following a 6-4, 6-4 win.

Iowa's Keys: The Hawkeyes have established the strongest sense of momentum so far this season following the win last weekend, and will look to capitalize against two New Mexico teams that are currently ranked ahead of the Hawkeyes. Iowa will need strong performances from Cleveland and Waters and will be the second doubles team

of senior Tom Buetikofer and junior Petar Mandic and the third team of Skogman and fellow sophomore Pete Rose. The doubles point has proven crucial for the Hawkeyes this season, and winning two of the three doubles matches right off the bat should provide an early boost in any of the three meets.

Quoting Waters: "They're all going to be some very worthy competition, but we're not sure what to expect because we'll be playing in the altitude for the first time this season."

Women's Tennis

This Week: The Iowa women's tennis team will spend its break in a few places warmer than Iowa City, when they travel to Tempe, Ariz., to face off with Arizona State on March 13. They

will then head West to Fresno, Calif., for another non-conference matchup with Fresno State. Iowa has never played either team.

Last Weekend: The Hawkeyes upped their record to 6-2 by dismantling Kansas 6-1 at the UI Rec Building on March 4. Iowa flexed its depth by winning the meet despite the recent loss of No. 2 singles player sophomore Cassie Haas, who went down with a season-ending injury in the week leading up to the meet. Coach Paul Wardlaw was forced to change his lineup in both doubles and singles, and the Hawkeyes responded by winning the doubles point in a decisive fashion. Top singles player junior Toni Neykova split her first two sets before winning the last one in a 6-3, 2-6, 6-3 victory.

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SPORTS

Texas Tech mum on Bob Knight hiring

■ Reports say Bob Knight may take the Red Raider coaching job.

By Doug Tucker
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — If Texas Tech plans to hire Bob Knight, it's keeping current coach James Dickey in the dark along with everyone else. "Tough loss," was all Athletics Director Gerald Myers said to Dickey on Thursday after Oklahoma State defeated Texas Tech 71-59 in the first round of the Big 12 tournament.

Dickey, who finished in a tie for last place in the Big 12's regular season, said he met with Myers on Tuesday and asked him face-to-face if he was going to be replaced.

"He said he'd talk with me

later," Dickey said.

Meantime, reports swirled that Tech officials were courting the fired Indiana coach.

The *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* quoted an unidentified former college coach who is close to Knight as saying that Myers and Tech president David Schmidly were in Florida to talk to Knight about the possibility of replacing Dickey.

In a report on its Web site, the *Dallas Morning News* quoted an unidentified source as saying the university had favorable discussions with Knight. It also quoted sources as saying a campus visit by Knight would probably occur before a job is offered.

The *Morning News* source also said the school plans to fire Dickey and buy out his contract, which has three years left with a base salary of \$200,000.

Hawkeyes must adjust to OSU's size

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victory helped. "This gets us to 19 wins in the toughest conference in the country," Alford said. "I like our chances (for an NCAA bid)."

While the win was emotionally draining for the Hawkeyes, they know they must face a much bigger task Friday in Ken Johnson and Ohio State. The

Buckeyes defeated Iowa by just one point in Carver-Hawkeye Arena and several players are looking for revenge. Alford said the biggest adjustment will be with Ohio State's size, which is a much bigger problem than Northwestern posed.

Should Iowa defeat Ohio State, they would advance to Saturday's semi-final game at approximately 4 p.m.

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Hawkeyes await Tournament atmosphere

IOWA WOMEN
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number because there's no chance to host in Iowa City — something the team can't control.

Likely, Iowa will receive a fifth-seed but the destination is unknown.

"We're pretty much open-minded for anywhere," junior Beatrice Bullock said. "Somewhere warm would be kind of nice, being that we have to be in Iowa for Spring Break."

But make no mistake, the Hawkeyes would much rather be playing basketball than picking sand out of their swimsuits.

Peterson's crossing her fingers for both.

"I'm banking on them letting me go wherever we go a couple days earlier," Peterson said.

Jovial moods aside, no one except Consuegra, Peterson and senior Mary Berdo have ever had to worry about conflicting vacation and practice times. The last time Iowa participated in March Madness, Consuegra and Peterson were freshmen. The Hawkeyes host-

ed the first two rounds in 1997 but were upset by Kansas, 62-58, in the second round.

In fact, sophomore transfer Kristi Faulkner has more tournament experience than her teammates. But while the former Illinois guard had to sit out the entire season under NCAA regulations, she can provide her teammates with some perspective.

"The NCAA Tournament is a great atmosphere," Faulkner said. "I mean it's one and done. I wish I could be part of it. It kind of stinks."

Because of the single elimination format, one loss would end the careers of Iowa's senior class, but as evidenced by the Big Ten Tournament, they, along with their teammates, will not stage a quiet exit.

"In the back of my mind I was always worried I would never get back," Consuegra said. "It's going to have to take a team that feels the same kind of pride we feel right now in order to beat us. They are going to have to match our intensity and our heart. We are not going to go down easy."

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SPORTS BRIEF

Hip injury ends Belle's career

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Albert Belle's No. 88 jersey hung alongside eight pairs of pants. On the top shelf of the locker sat a glove

with a baseball nestled inside it. When word came that his career was over because of a hip injury, Belle was nowhere to be found.

The end came with no fanfare, TV cameras or tears — just a four-paragraph press release distributed Thursday by the Baltimore Orioles.

Men's Gymnastics

This week: The Iowa men's gymnastics team will continue its season on the road over Spring Break as it travels to Michigan State on March 10 to take on both the Spartans and Michigan. Then on March 16, the team travels to California University to compete against the host and a team from the Air Force Academy.

Last week: The Hawkeyes exploded for a 9 point victory over the University of Illinois-Chicago in Iowa's final home meet on March 2. The team then ventured into Illinois country, losing a close battle to Illinois on March 3, though they did manage to post their season-high score in the meet.

An update: The team has suffered slightly with the loss of co-captains Kevin Agnew and Brian Christie. Agnew is suffering from soreness in both knees, but Iowa coach Tom Dunn hopes to see the senior compete on the pommel horse event at the next two meets and also on the still rings in the Big Ten Championships. Christie's condition is less optimistic. The senior suffered an injury to his shoulder, and Dunn is uncertain if he will return.

Freshman Mike Kelly, who has been a solid contributor to the team this season, also sat out the two meets last weekend, suffering from an enlarged spleen.

Coach's comment: "We need to fine-tune our line up to get ready for the Big Ten Championships. I feel really good about the team," Tom Dunn said.

—by Laura Podolak

Women's Gymnastics

Over break: The No. 10 GymHawks (11-3) will rest up this weekend before heading to the desert for a top-10 showdown. Iowa will face No. 7 Arizona State and No. 5 Nebraska in Tempe, Ariz., on March 16.

Last week: Iowa set another team score record (196.675) in defeating Illinois on March 3. Freshman Alexis

Maday set a school record for highest all-around score, and sophomore Janna Alexandrova's 9.975 on balance beam shattered her own school record, set only a week before.

Moving on up: The GymHawks rose four spots in the regional qualifying-score rankings. Iowa is now ranked in the top 18 in all four events including holding the No. 11 spot in the uneven bars. Maday now has the fifth-highest all-around average score in the nation. She is No. 2 in the Big 10 in the all-around and No. 1 on floor exercise.

Iowa's keys: Iowa doesn't necessarily have to win against the Sun Devils and Huskers to have a successful meet. At this point, they need to continue to put up scores in the 196-range to maintain their top-12 ranking. Their two opponents are among the premier programs in the nation, and this meet will give Iowa a taste of what could be waiting for them should they make NCAA nationals in April.

—by Jeremy Shapiro

Women's diving

This Week: The Iowa women's diving team will travel to Bloomington, Ind., for the NCAA Diving Pre-Qualifying meet this weekend. Indiana University will host the co-ed diving event on March 9-10.

Hawkeye Representation: Iowa will send Hawkeye senior Laura Maldonado, who will attempt to qualify in the three-meter springboard and the 10-meter platform events. On Feb. 15-17, Maldonado succeeded at the Big Ten Championships by placing second in the platform competition with a total of 369.90 points. The senior helped Iowa's swimming and diving team to an eighth-place finish overall.

NCAA Championships: In one week, Long Island, N.Y., will host the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships. If Maldonado finds success at this weekend's competition, she will join Hawkeye swimmers

Four veterans try to lead Hawkeyes to win

WRESTLING

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points will be crucial at the national tournament. Bonus points are acquired through pins, tech falls, and major decisions.

Iowa has been lacking in all three.

Iowa should see at least four wrestlers last deep into the tournament: savvy veteran seniors Jody Strittmatter, Eric Juergens, Schwab and T.J. Williams. Fifth-ranked senior Gabe McMahan and eighth-ranked junior Mike Zadick should also make some noise following a season in which the two were mildly overlooked, despite posting strong performances and a handful of wins against the nation's top wrestlers.

Junior Ben Shirk and sophomore Jessman Smith have also qualified for the national tournament at 165 and 184 pounds, respectively.

But the question remains whether all of this can amount to more than what top-ranked Big Ten Champion Minnesota brings to the table in ten qualified wrestlers, nine of which are ranked in the top ten nationally and two of which won Big Ten titles

this season.

"I believe any time our team is in it, we're in it to win it no matter what," said Juergens. "Minnesota and Illinois have a real strong nucleus, but for our guys that score a lot of points, we need a lot of rounds. That's what nationals provides us, when you have the chance for a guy to really put some bonus points in. I still believe we can beat anyone out there."

While top-ranked Juergens, Schwab and Williams are expected to make serious runs for the national title and Strittmatter tries to upend Fresno State's standout Stephen Abas at 125 pounds, all four know that another national title will demand what every other Iowa national title has demanded: the strongest showing of the year for every Hawkeye that hits the mat.

"Obviously we want to have eight champs," said Schwab. "We gotta have everybody scoring points. If you look at the national tournament in the last few years, they've been decided by a few points. It's a matter of putting that edge on right now. I think we'll be ready."

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IOWA SPORTS BRIEFS

Melissa Loehndorf and Allison Lyle in the championships on March 15-17. The pair of junior swimmers qualified for nationals after successful performances at the Big Ten Championships.

—By Julie Matolo

Men's Diving

This Week: The Iowa men's diving team will travel to Bloomington, Ind., this weekend to compete in the NCAA Diving Qualifier March 9-10.

Who's Competing: The Hawkeyes will send sophomore Roberto Gutierrez in an attempt to qualify him for the NCAA Championships. Gutierrez competed in the Big Ten Championships, where he finished fourth in the 10-meter platform, tenth in the three-meter and twelfth in the one-meter competition.

Diving coach Bob Rydze: "Roberto is ready for this qualifier," Rydze said. "This event is the point in the season that we have been preparing for all year. I think that he will go out ready to compete and make a strong run at the NCAA Championships."

NCAA Championships: If Gutierrez succeeds this weekend, he will join senior swimmer Ales Abersek in two weeks at the NCAA Championships. Competition takes place on March 22-24 in College Station, Texas.

—By Julie Matolo

Men's Golf

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The competition: Iowa will face a plethora of West Coast teams. The toughest challenges could be from Washington State and Santa Clara.

The line-up: Iowa will start seniors Jason Wombacher, Matt Stutzman, junior Tyler Stith and sophomore Bo Anderson. The fifth spot will go to Mike Tapper, Matt Larson, Aaron Kruegger, or Alex Pedersen. They will play an 18-hole playoff to determine who will start.

Iowa's keys: Despite facing a major disadvantage in the team's inability to practice outside, Iowa has a fairly decent chance at the title because the competition is mostly from smaller schools. Wombacher and Stutzman must continue their solid play from the fall.

Coach's comment: "The team is very anxious to get into competition again," said coach Terry Anderson. "We have lacked practices this winter, however, many of our golfers have gone south and played. In this tournament we will have to play smart and conservative. If we do this we will be in good shape to win."

—by Jeremy Shapiro

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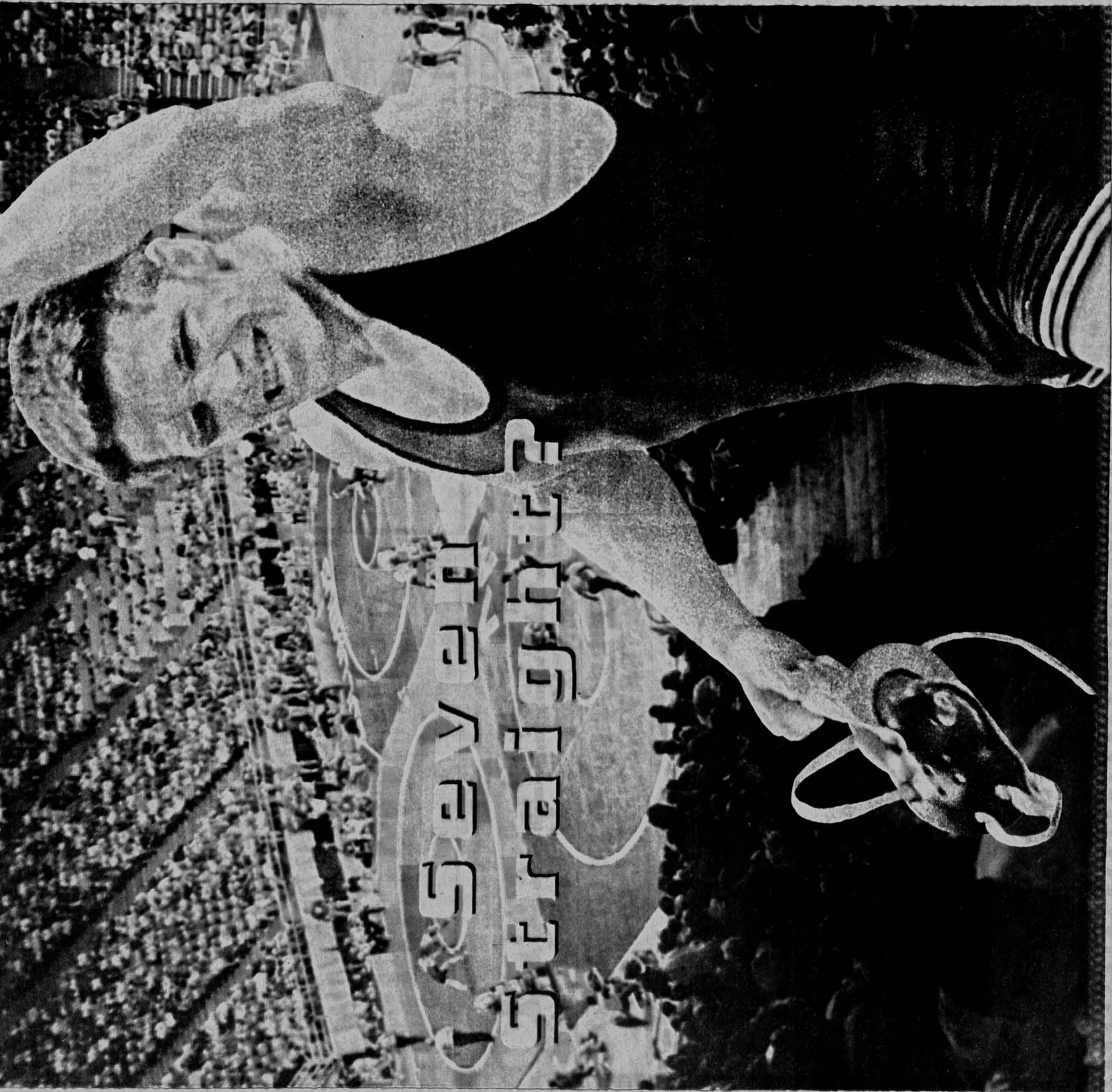
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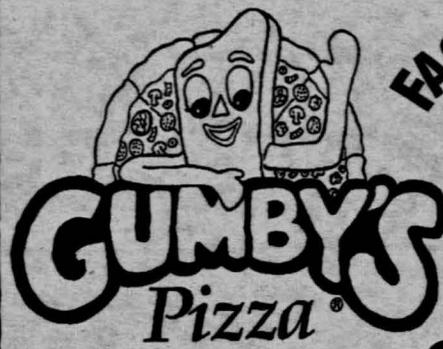
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Balance key in 2001 Championships

■ Coaches of the top-ranked teams say that balance will be important, but finals will decide the winner.

By Jeremy Schnitker
The Daily Iowan

There are two ways a team can win this year's national title: have a balanced team performance or a lot of champions.

Wrestling coaches across the country just can't figure out which style will come through.

With rule changes in the offseason allowing more points to be scored in consolation rounds and wrestle-backs, team performance will be emphasized in this tournament more so than ever before.

However, Oklahoma State coach John Smith says whoever sends the most wrestlers to the finals will still have the inside track.

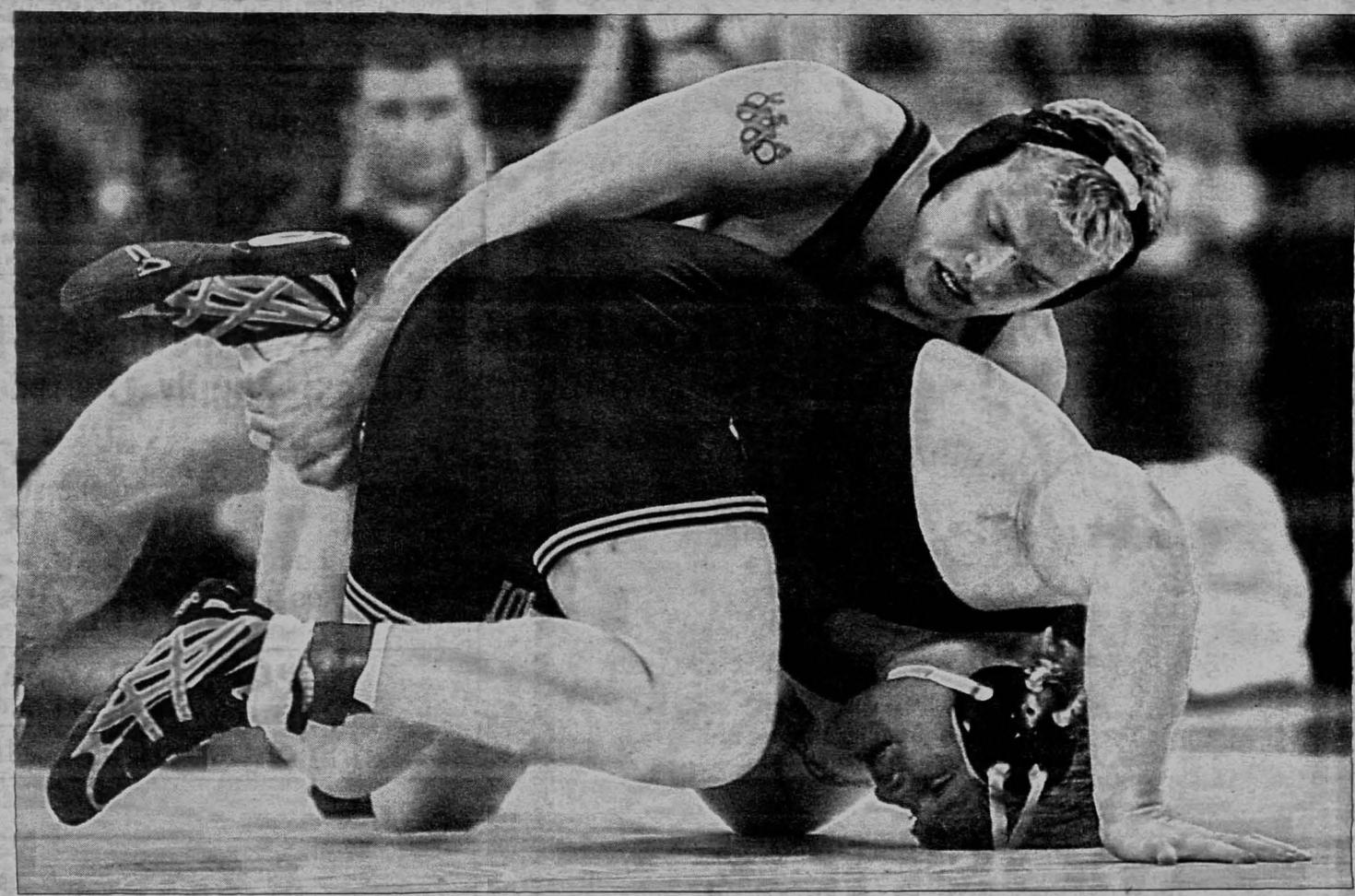
"I don't know how much different things will be," Smith said. "It definitely makes consolations more important. But I still think the finals will still be where it's at."

Oklahoma coach Jack Spates said the if balance comes through, Oklahoma State and Minnesota will benefit. He said Iowa has the individual edge.

"Balance at a high level would reward Minnesota and Oklahoma State more than Iowa, who is not as well-balanced," Spates said. "But they have finalist potential."

It seems the top three teams in this meet all contrast each other. You have Iowa, with four wrestlers ranked in the top two but only eight total qualifiers, which some are saying is the favorite because of its individual scoring power. Others say Minnesota, with a deep squad of ten qualifiers, is the favorite. Oklahoma State, with ten qualifiers and two top-ranked wrestlers, is also a contender.

Minnesota finished the season ranked No. 1, with OSU second and Iowa third. Both Minnesota and OSU won their conference tourna-



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Minnesota's top-ranked heavyweight Garrett Lowney rides Iowa's Josh Liddle during a dual on Feb. 18. The Gophers look to be the favorite in this year's NCAA Championships.



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ments.
 Iowa coach Jim Zalesky said teams can analyze this all they want but the championship will simply come down to who wrestles the best over the weekend.
 "I think this meet will just come down to who wrestles the best on the mat," Zalesky said.
 With talk of balance in this meet, there's also talk of parity in the sport of

wrestling. No single team has set itself ahead of the pack as the Hawkeyes used to. Three different teams have shared the No. 1 ranking this year.

All these teams gunning for a title should make this one of the most interesting battles in recent history.

Illinois, Michigan, Oklahoma and Iowa State all have individuals capable of lifting their teams into the thick of things.

While parity may be emerging, Minnesota coach J Robinson said Iowa is still on the top, as far as tradition goes.

"It's hard to say balance is in there," Robinson said. "People are still trying to catch up with Iowa — any school has a long way to go."

Along with the team race as a story line in this tournament, Cale Sanderson is as well. Coaches are wondering if the junior from Iowa State will ever lose a match in college, and if it will hap-

pen this year.

The 184-pound Cyclone has won over 100 consecutive matches.

"Anybody can be beaten," Iowa State coach Bobby Douglas said. "You're just going to have to have the perfect match against him. His style is very entertaining and it tends to lead to an upset or two."

The meet will be held in

Iowa City for the first time since 1995. This year will be the last year the meet will be held in Carver. Tickets are sold out for the event, which starts on 11 a.m. morning. Finals are set to begin at 1 p.m. on Sunday and will be tape-delayed and shown on ESPN2 at 5 p.m.

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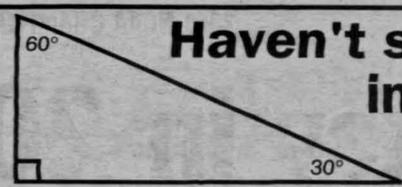
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 — Iowa assistant coach Lincoln McIlravy

Four Hawkeyes leave their mark on program

Iowa's four senior wrestlers have placed themselves among the program's best.

By **Jeremy Schnitker**
 The Daily Iowan

Few athletes in the annals of Iowa wrestling history have been able to dominate throughout their careers like Jody Strittmatter, Eric Juergens, Doug Schwab and T.J. Williams. Their accomplishments include three combined losses all season long, ten combined career Big Ten championships and three combined NCAA career championships.

Among the four of them, they've lost only 38 times in over 300 outings.

The Iowa wrestling program has produced an endless list of great wrestlers, and surely these guys will not be left off of it.

There's no sentimentality right now whatsoever. I just want to make sure these guys are ready to wrestle like they're capable

— **Jim Zalesky**, Iowa coach

As they step on the mat as Hawkeyes for the last time, Williams, Juergens and Schwab will bring No. 1 rankings to Carver-Hawkeye Arena for the 2001 NCAA Championships. Strittmatter brings in a No. 2 ranking.

Lincoln McIlravy, an Iowa assistant coach who knows a thing or two about domination, says these four bring unparalleled aplomb and tenacity.

"Those guys bring an air of confidence that is hard to find in wrestling," McIlravy, a former three-time NCAA champion at Iowa, said. "They have a tenacity; they're not going to be denied. They're going to get what they want, whether it's a takedown or a

national title."

Together they are the heart of this Hawkeye squad, which placed third at the Big Ten Championships on March 4. To take them out of the lineup would take Iowa out of contention for its seventh-consecutive national title.

Individually, the seniors bring their own unique style to the team: Strittmatter is a hard worker; Juergens brings loads of technique; Schwab brings intensity with his bullying style; and Williams brings a quickness that is almost frightening.

McIlravy sees each wrestler's attributes every day in practice. At times it amazes him.

He sees the work ethic in Strittmatter and Schwab; they work super hard and people follow that.

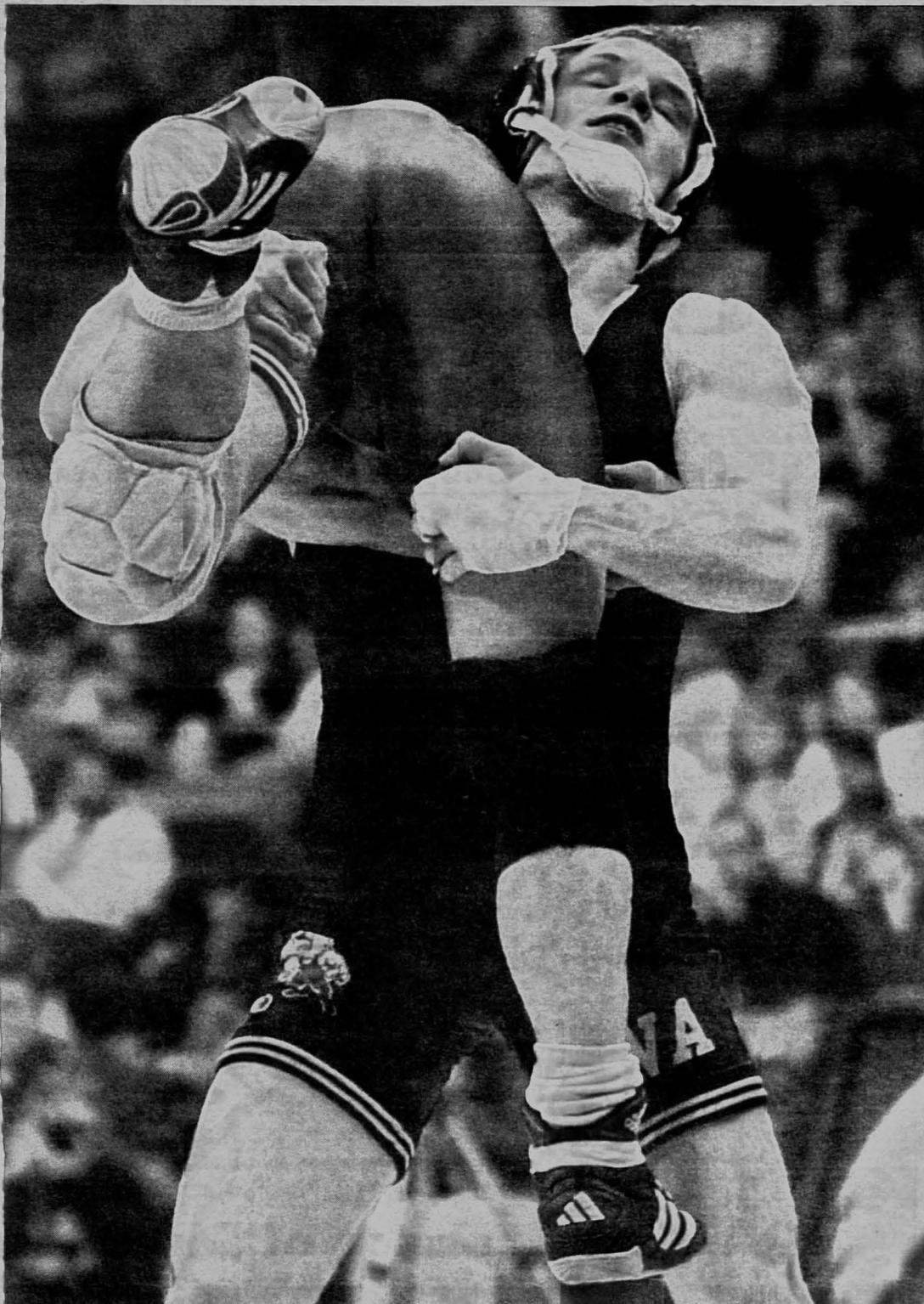
With Juergens and Williams, well, they are so good they almost don't even need to work hard.

"Juergens knows he's going to win, almost to the point that ... he doesn't slack off or cut corners, but if he misses a workout, he doesn't feel guilty. He just knows he's gonna win.

"Williams is the same way," said McIlravy.

With such lore surrounding the four seniors, it's hard not to imagine these guys as intensity-crazed lunatics both on and off the mat — but that could not be further from the truth. They're actually pretty laid back.

Schwab likes to listen to Van Morrison — sometimes when he's warming up for a match. Juergens likes to fish. Williams and Strittmatter



Brett Roseman/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Doug Schwab picks up Michigan State's Mike Castillo during a match on Sunday February 11 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

An Iowa career look (year, record)

Williams	Strittmatter	Schwab	Juergens
Soph. 40-0	Junior 31-2	Fresh. 23-14	Fresh. 23-5
Junior 29-1	Senior 24-2	Soph. 38-4	Soph. 36-7
Senior 21-0		Junior 34-2	Junior 31-0
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Hawkeye fans bring madness to Carver

■ Wrestling coaches agree that Iowa fans are some of the best.

By Nick Firchau
The Daily Iowan

Kirk Reeder can't exactly remember when all the madness began.

He thinks it may have started on Oct. 3, 1981, at Ryan Field in Evanston, Ill., when the Iowa football team put a 64-0 drubbing on the host Northwestern Wildcats.

That was the day Reeder, donned in a yellow-and-black striped shirt with a make-shift black-and-gold tuxedo complete with bowtie, stood in front of the Iowa faithful and led the first of countless cheers for his beloved Hawkeyes.

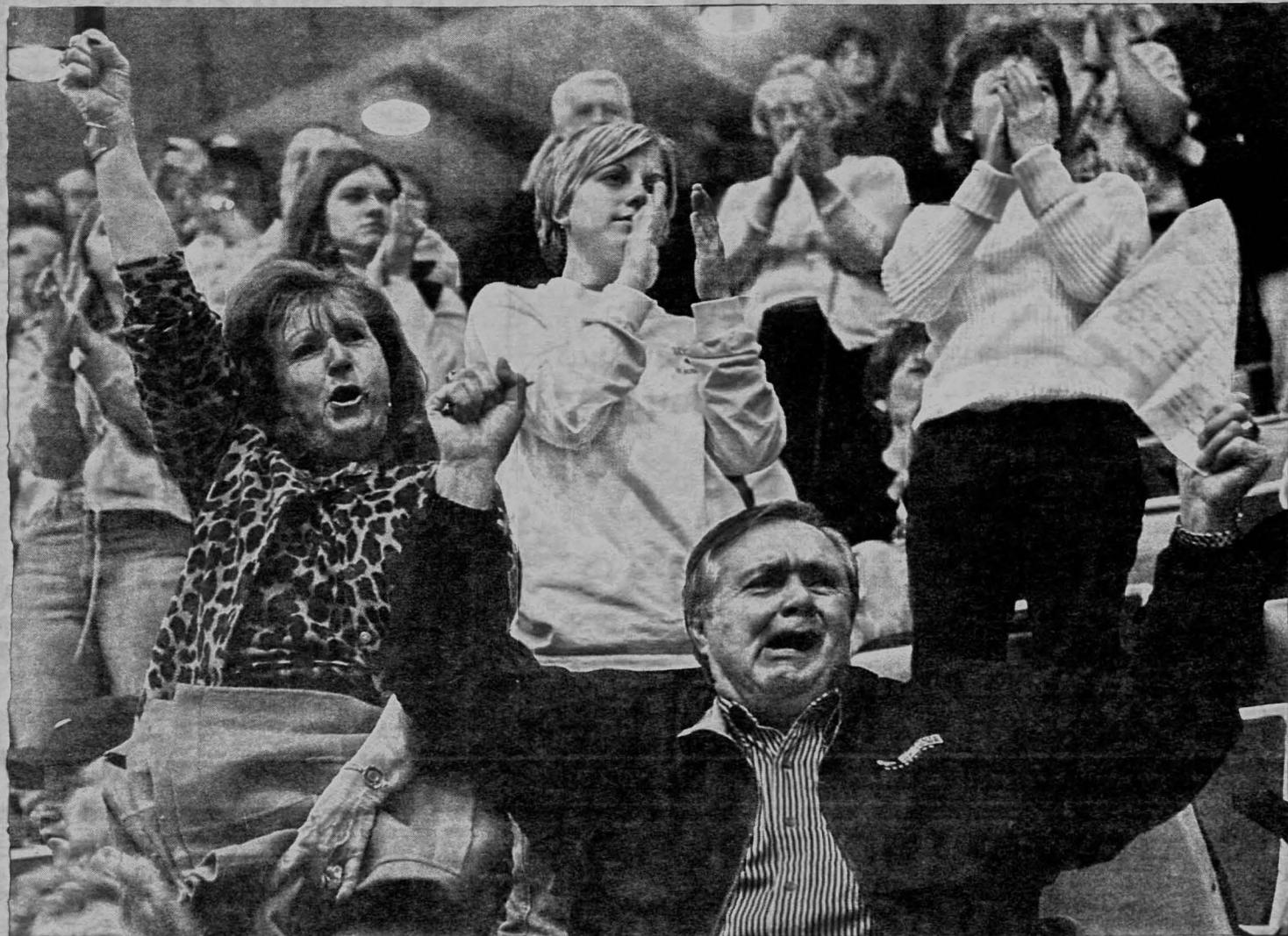
Things haven't been the same since.

Nearly 20 years later, Reeder, an Iowa graduate who now lives in Ankeny, Iowa, will be in attendance at the NCAA Championships at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, leading his patented pre-match cheer of whipping a black-and-gold scarf above his head, spelling out "Iowa" at the top of his lungs, and flinging the scarf high into the air as a passionate finale.

"I lost a bunch of weight a few years ago, and that tuxedo doesn't fit anymore," Reeder said while watching the Iowa wrestling team at the Big Ten Championships on March 4. "Now, I just have 'Hot Tux' on my license plate, but I don't wear it anymore."

The gold-and-black tuxedo Reeder assembled may be a thing of the past, but the enthusiasm and passion for being a wrestling fan hasn't left Reeder or any of the Iowa fans that have stuck with the Hawkeyes for years.

Iowa's fans have become the most supportive fans of any collegiate-wrestling program in the country over the years, averaging roughly 4,000 fans per dual meet and packing Carver-Hawkeye Arena with as many as 15,000 people for a single meet. Twice this season the home of the Hawkeyes brimmed with the black-and-gold, packing more than 12,000 for the Dec. 8 meet with Iowa State and just more than 10,000 for the Feb. 18 showdown with top-ranked Minnesota.



Nick Tremmel/The Daily Iowan

Chuck and Jo Granger of Waterloo cheer on the Hawkeyes March 4 at the Big Ten Championships in Evanston Ill.. Chuck wrestled for Iowa and worked for Dan Gable's dad, Mac, in 1956. The Grangers have been attending the Big Ten and NCAA tournaments for 25 years.

And the fans travel in packs. Big packs.

Iowa's fans were the loudest and most boisterous at the Big Ten Championships in Evanston, stretched out the length of the arena on the northern side of the four wrestling mats. Illinois fans, who watched the Fighting Illini nip Iowa and finish second in the meet after having their best two days of wrestling all season, had its smaller clan relatively quietly tucked away in the corner of Welsh-Ryan Arena.

Those who have noticed the Iowa fans' passion over the years said that the sea of yellow's presence in Evanston contrasted remarkably with Illini fans and to those from Big Ten champion Minnesota.

"Our fans are good, but they need to get more vocal," Minnesota coach J Robinson said. "Iowa fans are used to yelling, and for years they've

kind of manufactured really great fans."

Like Robinson, Illinois coach Mark Johnson now coaches a prominent Big Ten program years after feeling the praise of the Iowa crowds while serving as an assistant coach with the Hawkeyes under former coach Dan Gable.

"Iowa fans are great; that's what wrestling is all about," he said. "That's what we all strive for, to have a following like that.

When you have success, people love to follow a winner. Winning takes care of it. It's hard to build up a fan club when you're not winning."

Robinson, who has repeat-

edly likened wrestling at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in front of Iowa fans to "going into the lion's den," said he wasn't offended with the display.

"Everybody's against the guy they want to lose," he said.

"That's part of what I call the heat of the battle. That's what competition is. The fans get into it, and that's what you want. That's what makes it exciting."

— Dan Gable, former Iowa coach
Gable, who was among those in attendance while

Iowa failed to finish in the tournament's top two spots for the first time in over 30 years, praised the Iowa fans for their support through the years of the program's success.

They're loyal, and all they expect is the effort. Yeah, they want to win. But it's how you win and how you lose that depends on whether people follow you. That's crucial.

"They're loyal, and all they expect is the effort," he said. "Yeah, they want to win. But it's how you win and how you lose that depends on whether you keep the people that follow you. That's real crucial.

"The fans are suffering because they're not used to this, but I tell you, they're still here, and they're not going away. They know we need them."

Reeder said other programs need Iowa fans as well. "I used to worry about what people thought about me," he said. "But years ago, there was a guy from Minnesota who came over that started doing the Minnesota cheer, and he asked me one time to help him get started. A guy from Penn State usually comes, too.

"Iowa fans are really into it. They have a bigger influence because they really know what they're doing."

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Iowa's Doug Schwab puts a cross-face on Michigan State's Mike Castillo on Feb. 11 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Entering a world of pain

■ Wrestlers learn to tolerate a sport that is constantly painful.

By Nick Firchau
The Daily Iowan

In the week leading up to the Big Ten wrestling championships, Iowa assistant coach and former Hawkeye national champion Lincoln McIlravy told reporters looking for a story that they should write something about the team's socks, saying they were like putting on "steel wool."

In wrestling, evidently, even the socks hurt.

As Iowa prepares to make a run at its eighth-straight national title at the NCAA Championships on March 15-17, the team members can work on all the escapes and takedowns they want in the Iowa wrestling room. But above all, they have to avoid injury and overcome the consistent pains that have become almost second nature to Division I wrestlers.

"Everything you do in

wrestling hurts, and that's the point," said sophomore Jessman Smith, who will compete in the championships at 184 pounds. "You want to inflict pain on your opponent. There are guys who are more susceptible to pain than others, but I mean, everybody's got a bad knee or a bad shoulder.

"Everybody's walking around here all taped up."

If inflicting pain on your opponent is the whole point of wrestling, the counterpoint is to avoid serious injuries. Injuries such as a separated sternal clavicular — something Smith went through during his freshman year.

Doctors told him he was out for six weeks — he was back wrestling in two. Now, that's tough.

"In this program, our guys put up with a lot of pain because we tell them they have to put up with a lot of pain," said Hawkeye coach Jim Zalesky. "You're not feeling 100 percent all the time, so you're going to have pain, and you have to train through

it a lot of times.

"The pain is about wear and tear. If you don't have a sore neck or something, then you're not working hard."

Senior Doug Schwab, who managed to avoid serious injury after undergoing shoulder surgery during his high-school days in Osage, Iowa, said the key for wrestlers is the conditioning that coaches put them through. He put it simply: Strength is the key.

"The coaches get us in such good shape, and we're so strong that it's hard to get hurt," Schwab said. "When guys get hurt, they're tired. They get tired at practice, and then something happens. You gotta realize there's a difference between pain and being injured.

"Pain's just part of it, but when you're injured, you have to take some time off."

One Hawkeye who fell victim to an injury this season was 174-pound senior Gabe McMahan, who went down with a separated rib in late January. That injury caused

him to miss nearly a month of his senior campaign, during which he has been consistently ranked in the top five nationally.

"I don't have any injuries right now; nothing's hurting too bad," McMahan said following the Big Ten Championships. "We heal pretty fast. When you're in there beating on yourself and other guys are beating on you, your body learns to heal itself, and it gets used to just dealing with it."

Regardless of injuries such as McMahan's separated rib, an MCL tear that plagued senior Jody Strittmatter in last year's national championships, or the ankle injury that hobbled junior Mike Zadick last season, bumps, bruises and sore spots are an everyday thing for the Hawkeyes.

"Necks, knees, shoulders, ankles," McMahan said. "All the joints."

Zalesky said that serious injuries are a rarity in wrestling and that it's even more unlikely that an injury would be serious enough to

keep a wrestler from competing in the national tournament. The last injury that was serious enough to put an Iowa wrestler on the bench for the sport's ultimate showcase was when former Hawkeye Mark Reiland went down in 1990 when he suffered a broken jaw during practice, Zalesky said.

"That was a freak thing, the guy just broke his jaw," he said. "We've been pretty lucky in this program; we haven't had many injuries to too many major guys. The guys know they have to be cautious and not get yourself in a position where you can get hurt, especially during this time of the season."

Putting up with pain is something that makes wrestlers a sort of different breed, said Smith, who was also a two-time letterman in football at Southeast Polk High School in Des Moines.

"Wrestlers put up with more," he said. "Football players wear pads for a reason."

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McMahan ready for final go

■ Iowa senior wrestler Gabe McMahan knows the routine well by now.

By Nick Firchau
The Daily Iowan

Following the 2001 Big Ten Championships, Gabe McMahan stood with the rest of the Hawkeyes, quietly watching from the corner of Northwestern's Welsh-Ryan Arena, as Minnesota took home the prize of the day. McMahan was silent, with the slightly swollen right side of his face almost visibly throbbing from wrestling in four matches in 48 hours.

By Tuesday's practice back in Iowa City, the swelling under his right eye had ceased, and things began all over again.

It's the story of McMahan's five-year



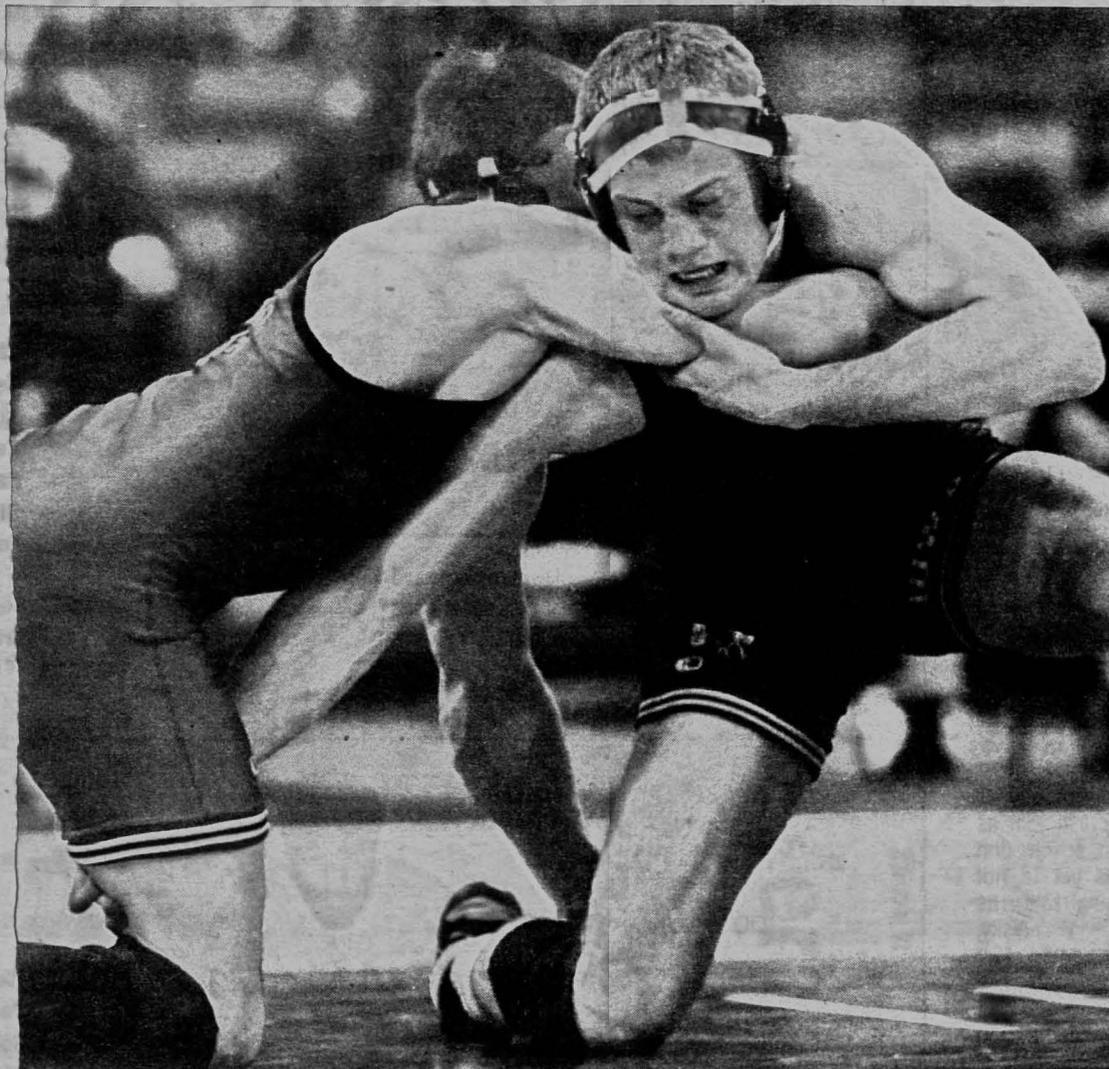
McMahan

career as an Iowa Hawkeye: Get knocked down, get back up.

And yet, no matter how many times the 174-pound senior from Gakona, Alaska, continues to draw the courage to take on another day as a part of the greatest tradition in college wrestling, the focus shifts to his teammates that boast undefeated records, Big Ten superiority and National Championship trophies.

McMahan is one of five Iowa seniors who will wrestle in his last match in the black and gold at the National Championships beginning on March 15, but he has quietly fallen into the undesired role of "the fifth senior" of the Hawkeyes this season, the only one without a Big Ten title or the swagger of a national champion.

"I don't buy into that," said Iowa assistant coach Lincoln McIlravy, who has watched McMahan's career since 1998. "Gabe McMahan has paid his dues here and he has every right to be a national champion just as much as the other four guys do. For people to say that he's the fifth senior kind of puts him in a second tier



Iowa's Gabe McMahan attempts a take down against Michigan State's Nate Mesyn during a dual on Feb. 11 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. McMahan's five-year Hawkeye career will come to a close next weekend at the 2001 NCAA Wrestling Championships.

Brett Roseman/The Daily Iowan

It will mean a lot for him (to win a national title). That's why he came here. He didn't come here to be an All-American. He came here to be a national champion.

— Jim Zalesky,
Iowa coach

that he doesn't belong in.

"If he wrestles to his ability, he'll be at the top of the stand. I really believe that."

Ability has never been McMahan's problem. The three-time state high school champion jumped right into the national mix during his freshman season in 1998 after redshirting in 1997, placing second at the Big Ten Championships and posting a 21-11 record. He failed to capitalize on his strong first showing, though, placing seventh at the Big Ten Championships during his sophomore season. However, he returned to finish second

in 2000.

With one last chance at a Big Ten title on March 4 in Evanston, Ill., holding the second-seed in the tournament, McMahan was thrown on his back by Ohio State's Ryan Heiber in the quarter-finals, earning the Buckeye takedown and nearfall points from which McMahan could not recover. In his final showing, McMahan finished worse than in his first.

Get knocked down, get back up.

"It's always frustrating when you lose, no matter what," McMahan said following the tournament. "I

planned on proving myself by winning today, but I think people know that I can win and I really don't care that everybody talks about the other guys. I'm not worried about it. I just want to go out there and wrestle."

In the eyes of his coaches, the wrestler, who has won the Team Contribution Award three times and has ranked among the nation's top-five consistently this season, has nothing to prove to anyone but himself during his last chance at Hawkeye glory.

"I don't think there's any extra pressure on him," said

coach Jim Zalesky. "He sees the incentives of winning and doing well. This is something he's worked toward for a long time. There's no extra pressure on him personally as opposed to the other guys. He should just go out there and relax and be ready to wrestle."

The key to McMahan's success at the national tournament will be mental focus, according to Zalesky, who said McMahan has always had the talent to win the national title. In a year that would require more mental focus than any previously exerted before, McMahan went down on January 20 with a separated-rib injury that put a sudden halt to a 13-3 season that had as much potential as ever.

He was forced to sit out nearly four months with a padded brace guarding his ribcage and contemplate the fact that he would need to fully recover from his injury and regain top form in less than a month.

McMahan returned with wins in the last three dual meets of the season, but his showing at Big Tens served as another setback to a wrestler dealing with the urgency of winning the sport's biggest prize before his time is up.

"Gabe has a harder time believing all the time that he is going to win," said McIlravy. "And there's a difference between thinking or hoping you're going to win and knowing you're going to win. That's where Gabe's at right now. He has to make up his mind between right now and the national tournament that he knows he's going to win."

The difference is monumental, and all those Hawkeye legends who won titles in the years before McMahan understood it. Now, after all the times that McMahan has gotten back up in his career, he will make one last stand in his final days as a Hawkeye.

"It will mean a lot for him," said Zalesky. "That's why he came here. He didn't come here to be an All-American. He came here to be a national champion."

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McMahan's career

Year	record	Big 10
Fresh.	21-11-2	2nd
Soph.	28-9-8	7th
Junior	20-9-2	2nd
Senior	19-4-3	3rd

IOWA'S 2000-01 RESULTS

Opponents	Score
Luther College	W 43-6
Loras College	W 54-0
at Oklahoma State	L 14-21
Iowa State	W 23-17
at Northern Iowa	w 32-16
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at Oregon	W 36-9
at Oregon State	W 31-6
Hofstra	W 40-3
Northwestern	W 45-3
* Edinboro	W 35-14
* Michigan	W 20-18
* Minnesota	L 17-20
* Oklahoma	W 23-18
* Iowa State	W 26-21
at Purdue	W 32-16
Wisconsin	W 31-13
Michigan	L 16-18
Penn State	W 33-10
Michigan State	W 31-9
Ohio State	W 34-11
Minnesota	L 17-16
Big Ten Tournament	Third, four champions

* at N.W.C.A National Wrestling Duals

IOWA COACHES



Jim Zalesky
Head Coach

In his fourth year as Iowa's head coach, Jim Zalesky has yet to not win a national title. His record is 62-11. Zalesky, who was named last year's Big Ten Coach of the Year, served as an assistant coach for Dan Gable for seven years. Zalesky was a three-time national champion for the Hawkeyes.



Tom Brands
Assistant

Tom Brands is in his ninth year as an assistant coach at Iowa. He was named the 2000 Assistant Coach of the Year by the National Wrestling Coaches Association. As a wrestler, Brands was an Olympic champion, and won three national titles for the Hawkeyes in the early '90s.



Lincoln McClravy
Assistant

Lincoln McClravy is in his first year as an assistant for the Hawkeyes. He previously served as a volunteer assistant for three years. McClravy was a bronze medalist in the 2000 Olympics. While a wrestler at Iowa, McClravy won three national titles and lost only three matches his entire career.

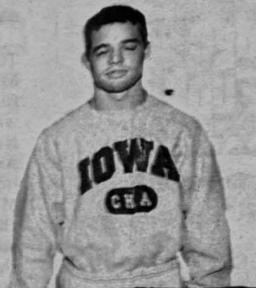
Hawkeye NCAA Qualifiers, by weight

125 pounds



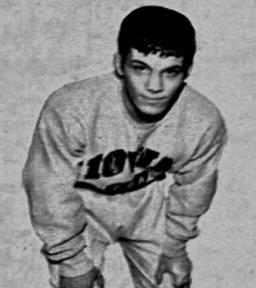
Weight: 125
Year: senior
Hometown: Jonestown, Pa.
Record: 27-2
Ranking: 2nd
Big Ten finish: 1st
Major: Biology
Season highlight: Beating Minnesota's Leroy Vega and winning the Big Ten title.
Breakdown: Strittmatter will likely make the finals, but has to face off with Stephen Abas of Fresno State, who defeated Strittmatter, 14-1, when they wrestled earlier this year.

133 pounds



Weight: 133
Year: senior
Hometown: Maquoketa, Iowa
Record: 25-1
Ranking: 1st
Big Ten finish: 1st
Fact: Was a four-time state champion in high school and went 144-0.
Season highlight: Getting a major decision over fourth-ranked Pat McNamara, 13-4.
Breakdown: The only wrestler to beat Juergens in the last two years bumped up to 141 pounds — in other words, this weight is all Juergens'.

141 pounds



Weight: 141
Year: senior
Hometown: Osage, Iowa
Record: 30-0
Ranking: 1st
Big Ten finish: 1st
Fact: His brother Mark is an assistant coach for Minnesota.
Season highlight: Pinning Michigan's Clark Forward at the National Duals.
Breakdown: Schwab hasn't lost a match all year and it is doubtful he will lose in his last tournament as a Hawkeye in front of a home crowd.

149 pounds



Weight: 149
Year: junior
Hometown: Great Falls, Mont.
Record: 20-7
Ranking: 7th
Big Ten finish: 5th
Fact: His brother Bill was a NCAA champion at Iowa.
Season highlight: Defeating Minnesota's third-ranked Jared Lawrence, 3-1.
Breakdown: Zadick has struggled as of late but does boast past wins over the No. 2 and No. 3 wrestlers in his weight.

157 pounds



Weight: 157
Year: senior
Hometown: Harvey, Ill.
Record: 24-0
Ranking: 1st
Big Ten finish: 1st
Fact: His brother Joe was a three-time NCAA champion for Iowa and is now the strength and conditioning coach.
Season highlight: Beating Minnesota's Luke Becker in the conference finals.
Breakdown: Williams has simply dominated all of the competition this year. Along with Sanderson and Abas, he is likely the best wrestler in college.

165 pounds



Weight: 165
Year: junior
Hometown: Wilton, Iowa
Record: 27-14
Ranking: 9th
Big Ten finish: 7th
Major: Open
Season highlight: Pinning Michigan State's Cory Posey in 2:38.
Breakdown: Shirk has the least experience of Iowa's NCAA qualifiers but has shown signs of potential since being inserted into the starting lineup.

174 pounds



Weight: 174
Year: senior
Hometown: Gakona, Alaska
Record: 19-4
Ranking: 4th
Big Ten finish: 3rd
Fact: Was coached by Jim Zalesky's brother Lenny in high school.
Season highlight: Beating Iowa State's Perry Parks, 12-6.
Breakdown: It seems as if McMahan has always been at NCAAs but never made an impact. Being a senior, this is his time.

184 pounds



Weight: 184
Year: sophomore
Hometown: Des Moines
Record: 19-10
Ranking: 9th
Big Ten finish: 4th
Season highlight: Smith nearly beat second-ranked Daniel Cormier, 2-1, in a dual against Oklahoma State.
Breakdown: Smith has shown that he can hang with some of the best wrestlers in the nation, but he has yet to beat them. NCAAs could be his chance.

DI STAFF PICKS

DI staffers make their bold predictions on the NCAA Tournament.



Jeremy Schnitker
DI Sports Editor

I'm a firm believer in Hawkeye magic, but I think the Gophers will get this one. If only Wallace were still around, then Iowa would win for sure.



Nick Firchau
DI sports writer

Despite the emphasis on the disappointments this season, rather than the positives, this is still Iowa wrestling: national champs.



Brett Roseman
DI Photo Editor

Despite not placing first at Big Tens, Iowa can still rebound and win its seventh national title in a row. The Hawks have done it in the past.

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STORY JUMPS

Hawkeyes seniors all took different roads to get to Iowa

SENIORS

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are quiet for the most part, but according to Schwab, both fit into the program very well, despite joining the team midway through their careers.

Strittmatter transferred to Iowa before last year from Pittsburgh-Johnstown, where he had been competing at the Division II level successfully.

"I don't think it was too tough," Schwab said about Strittmatter's transition. "He's wanted to come to Iowa for a long time. It was almost like a dream come true, so he was on the same level as all of us."

Williams also took an alternative route to the Iowa program. His brother Joe starred at Iowa, winning three national titles, but the younger Williams took the junior college path his freshman season. He attended Lassen Community College for a year and was the National Junior College Athletic Association runner-up. He came to Iowa in 1998 and redshirted.

Watching these four wrestle can strike fear in both opponents and opposing fans, but what makes Iowa head coach Jim Zalesky the most scared about them is

that they won't be wearing Iowa singlets next year.

However, the coach said he will save the sentimental stuff for when the season is over. For now, he is concentrating on coaching them to national titles.

"There's no sentimentality right now whatsoever," Zalesky said. "I just want to make sure these guys are ready to wrestle like they're capable."

Their presence will likely still be felt after they are gone. Almost all successful Iowa wrestlers stick around Iowa City to train for the Olympics and other national and international competitions. Some could even end up coaching. Wes Hand, who was a national runner-up at heavyweight last year, is now serving as an assistant coach for the Hawkeyes.

McIlravy said that all four have the potential to wrestle at the next level, including the Olympics.

"Any of these guys that want to further their careers have the ability," McIlravy, who was a bronze medalist in the 2000 Olympics, said. "Those guys are leaning toward getting in freestyle and I think they could all have good success."

Juergens, Schwab and Williams also share one rare common bond as Hawkeyes: They represent the last of

the Gable-trained Hawkeyes. All three joined the team four years ago, while Gable was still head coach. While Zalesky is the coach now, Gable's presence is still felt in the program — he is a regular at practices and Iowa meets.

At Big Tens on March 4, Gable had to hold back his tears when talking about the wrestlers he coached and their graduation.

"I try to distance myself enough so it doesn't pull my heart out if things don't go right," Gable said, when asked on how he felt about the last of his recruits graduating. "Pain is pain when you're on the outside and you see things. One of the main things that always drove me was to have other people feel good, not only the wrestlers but the families."

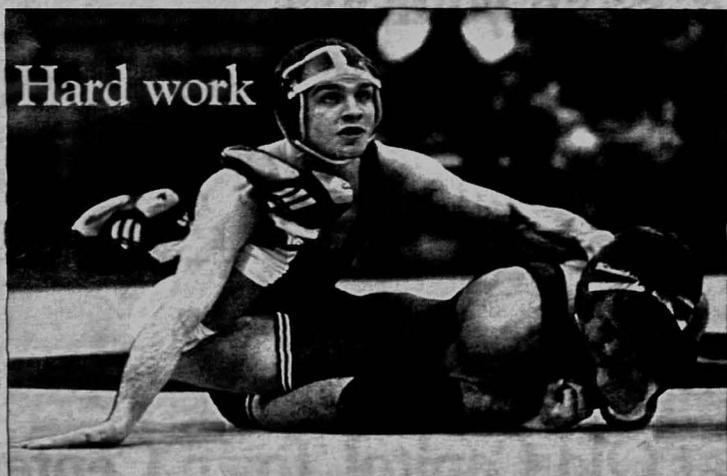
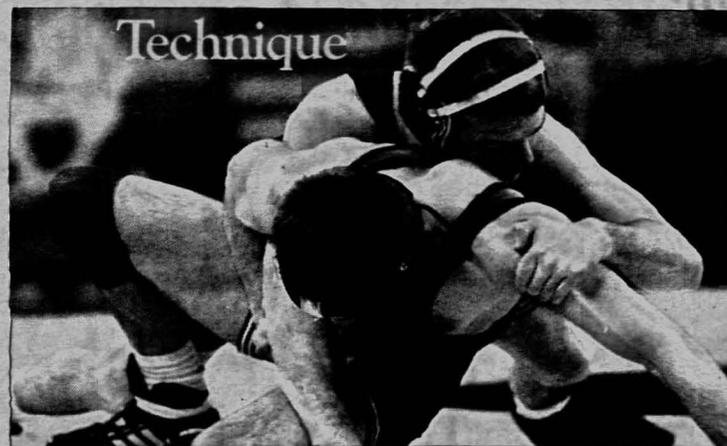
"When you have close ties to kids, you want to see them leave right."

If all goes well, Gable will get his salvation, and these four seniors will end their careers with national titles.

If not, they'll still be remembered as some of the best in one of the most legendary athletic programs in American history.

In either situation, the four will be leaving the right way.

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Hawkeyes say having NCAAs at home is an advantage

■ Having the meet at home will be a big boost for Iowa's seniors, who are competing for the last time as Hawkeyes.

By **Nick Firchau**
The Daily Iowan

For the five Iowa seniors and three other Hawkeye NCAA qualifiers, there is no place like home.

Carver-Hawkeye Arena will play host to its fourth national tournament in its history; the most recent in 1995. Iowa has won 95 percent of the national and Big Ten tournaments that have

been held in Carver-Hawkeye Arena

"Anytime we wrestle in Carver, we get that much more excited," said senior Doug Schwab. "Plus, it's the seniors' last national tournament, and it's being held where we wrestle all the time. I can't think of anything better that could help us. It inspires us that much more and really fires us up."

The Hawkeyes lost only one dual meet this season in Carver-Hawkeye, a 17-16 loss on Feb. 18 against top-ranked Minnesota. Prior to that loss, Iowa had won 15 straight home dual meets.

"Our fans are the best in the world," Schwab said.

I've said this a couple times — going in there is like going into the lion's den. They've got a lot of pride in there, and they're fighting like hell to keep it. On the other hand, we're all fighting like hell to take it.

— **J Robinson**,
Minnesota coach

"We realize that the national tournament is what matters, and we're going to go out and give them our best. They'll be behind us 100 percent no

matter what."

Senior Eric Juergens, who hasn't lost a match in Carver in over two seasons, said the fans in attendance from the Hawkeye state and the lack of the stress from travel will be the most noticeable assets.

"There's no advantage except for the fans, and maybe being familiar with the place," Juergens said. "There's no stress of travel, we're there and we know everything about how long it's going to take to get to the arena. We won't have to worry about that stuff this time."

Carver's most intimidat-

ing factor is its history and the success of the Iowa tradition, according to Minnesota coach J Robinson, who is a former assistant coach with the Hawkeyes.

"I've said this a couple times — going in there is like going into the lion's den," Robinson said. "They've got a lot of pride in there, and they're fighting like hell to keep it. On the other hand, we're all fighting like hell to take it."

This year will mark the last time NCAAs will be held in Carver. The meet will be not be held on a campus again.

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IOWA CITY

Warning: Steer away from the water in I.C.

From beer to burgers, Iowa City has a lot to offer visitors.

By Nick Firchau
The Daily Iowan

First and absolutely foremost: For those new to the Iowa City area, the last thing you want to drink in this quasi-oasis of the Midwest is the water.

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many on the Pedestrian Mall. You're sure to find a beer or a burger to your liking in places ranging from those that look like you're grandfather's basement (the Dublin Underground, 5 S. Dubuque St.) to the biggest bar in the Big Ten (the Union, 121 E. College St.).

You can also find bars with cheap drink specials and good jukeboxes, such as the Q Bar (211 Iowa Ave.), Quinton's Bar and Deli (215 E. Washington St.) and Iowa City's legendary site for great pizza and drinks, the Airliner (22 S. Clinton St.).

Some of Iowa City's better restaurants are also located downtown, including the recently rebuilt Mondo's (212 S. Clinton St.), Givanni's (109 E. College St.) and Vito's (118 E. College St.).

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Hawkeye Arena, also boasts every sort of greased and fried fast food you can imagine.

Just make sure you cut weight by the time you get back to the arena. If the wrestlers have to do it, shouldn't the fans have to as well?

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Five things to do in Iowa City while not watching wrestling

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4. Visit the Old Capitol Building.
5. Visit the Hall Mall on College Street and get a tattoo.

Everybody else is catching up to the Hawks



Jeremy Schnitker

The last time the Iowa wrestling meet was held in Carver-Hawkeye Arena in 1995, this very column was dedicated to describing how the Iowa wrestling team was "light years ahead of the pack."

The speed of light has apparently caught up with the Hawkeyes, and it has been painfully evident all season.

As if the four dual losses weren't enough, Iowa, for the first time since 1967, didn't place in the top two of the Big Ten Championships. Six years ago, Iowa was continuing to separate itself from other wrestling programs;

now the Hawkeyes are struggling to stay in the lead.

So the story now isn't how dominating the Hawkeyes are, it's whether they will even come close to nabbing their seventh national title in a row.

Judging by the way half the team wrestled at Big Tens, they won't.

Iowa was missing that swagger that it had the last time NAAs were held here. You fans remember the names: McIlravy, Sharrat and McGinness, Ironside. Back then, even the not-so-good guys, Ray Brinzer and Daryl Weber, were still pretty good. From top to bottom, Iowa had a dominating lineup.

Sure, Iowa has four wrestlers on this team that are just as good as anybody from the past. T.J. Williams will likely end his Iowa career with only one loss — that would be Iowa's best ever. Doug Schwab

and Eric Juergens have had masterful careers. But unfortunately, they represent the last of the old breed.

They are replaced by Randy and Ryan Fulsaa and Josh Liddle, who combined to win only two Big Ten matches all season long.

Hopefully, there is no old breed. Hopefully, Jessman Smith, Luke Eustice and a couple other younger Hawkeyes will emerge from that dungeon on the second floor of Carver-Hawkeye Arena and burst onto the national level. But that has yet to be shown. Nobody from this roster has emerged like Iowa wrestlers used to. Just three years ago, Schwab came out of nowhere his sophomore year to win the national title — why hasn't anybody else?

That's what this program always used to do — churn out national champions every year.

I don't really know who's to blame for this semi-downfall of the Iowa wrestling team. I say semi, because Iowa could still win this tournament and everybody would be happy again, and I would look like a schmuck.

But, even if the Hawkeyes do win their seventh-straight, there still is need for concern. This program isn't showing signs of what it used to be. Iowa clearly does not dominate like it used to. Even last year, when the Hawkeyes won the national title, it was awfully close. They went undefeated, but it was one of the closest undefeated seasons Iowa has had.

I hesitate to blame Jim Zalesky for this downfall. He's no Dan Gable, but when a man has won a title every year as head coach, he has no right to be criticized. It's hard to blame the wrestlers. Anybody who has ever watched

an Iowa practice knows those kids put themselves through hell and back.

Maybe it's nobody's fault. I mean, physics does say what goes up must inevitably come back down. No athletics team is exempt from that very clause. Every dynasty does have its end.

Maybe there is no need for alarm. After all, Iowa has six titles in a row. It's not like not winning this year is the end of the world. However, Iowa graduates its five best wrestlers this year, and that could deplete this program. Without some stars emerging next year, this team could hit a low that it hasn't in years — many years.

Then the proverbial stuff will hit the fan. For now, all Iowa has to do is bring home another trophy and the native Hawkeye faithful will remain rested for yet another year.

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TEAM BREAKDOWNS

Top-ranked Minnesota looks to be favorite

DI Sports Editor Jeremy Schnitker takes a look at some of the teams other than Iowa that could be contending for an national championship.

Minnesota

Minnesota brings to the table a team that is probably the deepest of any in the nation. At the Big Ten Championships in Evanston, Ill., on March 2-4, Minnesota didn't have a single wrestler finish below fifth place. All 10 Gophers qualified for the NCAA meet, and all but one, 174-pound Jacob Volkman, are ranked in the top 10 in the country.

However, Minnesota only has one wrestler that will be a No. 1 seed heading into NCAAs — freshman heavyweight Garrett Lowney. Lowney beat John Lockhart of Illinois in the finals of the

Big Tens. Lockhart beat previous No. 1 Tommy Rowlands of Ohio State.

Depth is what has propelled the Gophers to an undefeated record, and it was what will give them the edge in the national tournament.

Oklahoma State

The Cowboys, with the exception of a loss to Minnesota during the National Duals on Jan. 21, have had a very impressive season. Oklahoma State, which won the Big 12 title on March 4 and qualified all 10 wrestlers to NCAAs, looks to do some severe damage. While it might not be as deep as Minnesota, it's pretty close. The Cowboys will bring two top-ranked wrestlers to Iowa City: Reggie Wright at 149 pounds and Mark Munoz at 197. Also, freshman Johnny Thompson is ranked second at 133 pounds. The fact that Oklahoma State could realistically have three champi-

ons definitely makes it one of the favorites in this meet.

Illinois

Following the dual season, few probably thought Illinois would pose as a serious threat at the NCAA meet. But after a strong second-place finish at the Big Ten meet, Illinois looks to be a legitimate contender. It brings two third-ranked wrestlers to NCAAs in heavyweight John Lockhart and Adam Tiraplle (149). The Illini also had nine wrestlers qualify for NCAAs, most of whom will be able to score a substantial amount of points.

Iowa State

Iowa State always seems to be in the mix of things come the final day of competition at NCAAs, and this year will be no different. The Cyclones have a roster that boasts the best wrestler in

the nation: 184-pound junior Cael Sanderson, who has yet to lose a match in college. The Cyclones also bring second-ranked Joe Heskett, who made the NCAA finals last year, and third-ranked 197-pound

senior Zach Thompson, who also made the finals last year. Iowa State qualified nine wrestlers, so depth of this squad isn't a question. That depth will need to come into play for the Cyclones to get a national title.

Oklahoma

The Sooners could make a run for the title if they have strong outings from all nine of their qualifiers. Oklahoma brings a solid lineup and a second-place finish at the Big 12 conference meet. They are led by second-ranked 149-pounder Michael Lightner and 165-pound Robbie Waller. In order for

the Sooners, who have no top-ranked wrestler, to pose a serious threat, they need to pull off some major upsets. Guys such as Waymon May (197) could pull off some of those upsets. Those who were in attendance at NCAAs last year saw what kind of damage Oklahoma can do in a tournament, and with a team like this, it should be able to repeat a strong NCAA showing.

Michigan

The Wolverines were a much better dual team than they are a tournament team, but they can still make an impact at NCAAs. With Otto Olson, the Wolverine's second-ranked 174-pounder, Michigan has a title contender. Also heavyweight Matt Brink could be a big scorer for the Wolverines.

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WEIGHT-BY-WEIGHT BREAKDOWNS

Sanderson looks to continue his dominating ways

DI Sports Editor Jeremy Schnitker breaks down the weight classes that Iowa wrestlers aren't ranked at the top of.

149

Reggie Wright, who finished third at last year's NCAA tournament, is back on top at 149 pounds. The senior from Oklahoma State has an undefeated 28-0 record and won the Big 12 Championship. Wright will be challenged by Illinois' Adam Tirapelle, who is fresh off a Big Ten-meet win. Minnesota's Jared Lawrence rounds out the rest of the 149-pound troupe that could make a serious run for the title. Iowa's Mike Zadick, who placed fifth at Big Tens last weekend and has defeated both Tirapelle and Lawrence in the past, poses a slight threat.

165

Two competitors have dominated this weight the last two seasons: Wisconsin's Don Pritzlaff and Iowa State's Joe Heskett. While both bring conference titles to NCAAs,

Pritzlaff has a slight edge, having beaten Heskett in last year's finals.

Aside from Pritzlaff and Heskett, this weight is fairly wide open. Robbie Waller of Oklahoma State and Steve Blackford of Arizona State will likely claim third and fourth place.

174

This weight is as wide open as any. Josh Koscheck is the top-ranked man at 37-0, but Michigan's Otto Olson is a formidable opponent with a 32-2 record and a Big Ten Championship. Maurice Worthy of Army is ranked third.

At seventh place, Iowa's Gabe McMahan could be a bit of a long shot, but keep this in mind: McMahan has wrestled everybody in this weight class this season. Koscheck beat him only 5-4 in a tiebreaker and Olson won on a 10-9 decision. This weight class could prove to be one of the most interesting.

184

This weight class won't be that interesting. Not that

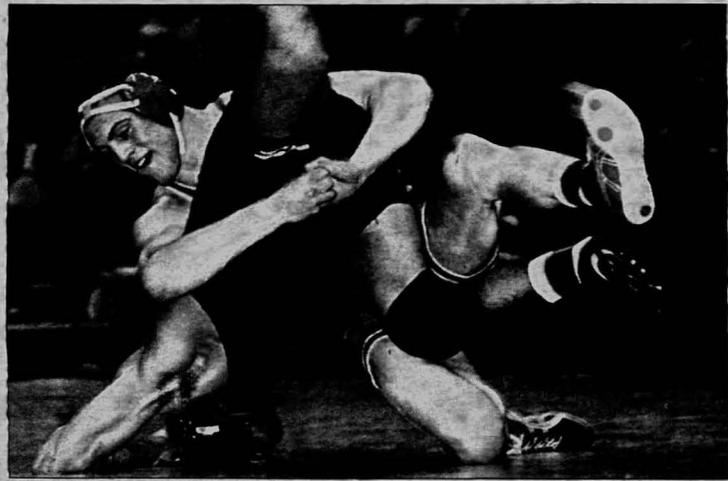
there is no talent here — in fact, the best wrestler in the nation heads this weight. Iowa State junior Cael Sanderson, who has yet to lose a match during his college career, has thoroughly dominated this class for three seasons in a row. As Sanderson has proven all year long, nobody else has a chance.

197

There is a bottle neck at the top of this weight class. Three Big 12 competitors — Mark Munoz (OSU), Brad Vering (Nebraska) and Zach Thompson (Iowa State) — have given each other fits all season long. However, Munoz came out on top at the conference championships and looks to have the edge at NCAAs. Vering was the champion last year, with Thompson losing to him in the finals. When the podium is brought out, these three wrestlers will likely be at the top three spots.

Heavyweight

This weight is young, but that doesn't mean it isn't



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ISU's Cael Sanderson wrestles West Virginia's Vertus Jones during the NCAA finals last year at the Kiel Center in St. Louis.

tough. Ohio State's freshman Tommy Rowlands held the No. 1 spot most of the season, but was upset by Illinois' John Lockhart in the semifinals at Big Tens. Lockhart then lost to Minnesota's freshman Garrett Lowney in the finals.

Judging by recent occurrences, Lowney should be the

favorite here, but you never know. Heavyweight is one of those classes in which lots of crazy things can happen, especially when the top two wrestlers are freshman. Likely, it will be either Rowlands or Lowney.

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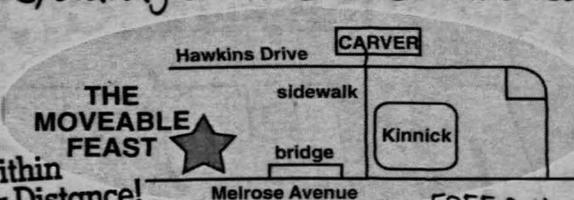
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NCAA pre-tournament individual rankings

These rankings were compiled by Intermat magazine on March 6th, following all conference tournaments. These records include all regular season records.

125 pounds

1. Stephen Abas (Fresno St., Jr) 2. Jody Strittmatter (Iowa, Sr) 3. Leroy Vega (Minnesota, Jr) 4. Jason Powell (Nebraska, Jr) 5. Matt Ridings (Oklahoma, Jr) 6. Matt Brown (Oklahoma St., Jr) 7. Chris Williams (Michigan St., Jr) 8. Ben Vombaur (Boise St., So)

133 pounds

1. Eric Juergens (Iowa, Sr) 2. Johnny Thompson (Oklahoma St., Fr) 3. Todd Beckerman (Nebraska, Sr) 4. Pat McNamara (Michigan St., Sr) 5. Roman Fleszar (Hofstra, Sr) 6. Rob Loper

(Pittsburgh, Sr) 7. Matt Azevedo (Iowa St., Sr) 8. Evan Robinson (Purdue, Sr)

141 pounds

1. Doug Schwab (Iowa, Sr) 2. Michael Lightner (Oklahoma, Sr) 3. Eric Larkin (Arizona St., So) 4. Sean Gray (Virginia Tech, Jr) 5. Donald DeFilippis (George Mason, So) 6. Jason DeBruin (Hofstra, Jr) 7. Chad Erikson (Minnesota, Jr) 8. Charles Walker (Oklahoma St., Sr)

149 pounds

1. Reggie Wright (Oklahoma St., Sr) 2. Jared Lawrence (Minnesota, So) 3. Adam Tirapelle (Illinois, Sr) 4. Dave Esposito (Lehigh, Sr) 5. JaMarr Billman (Lock Haven, Jr) 6. Jared Frayer (Oklahoma, Jr) 7. Marc Hoffer (American, Jr) 8. Eric Schmiesing (Hofstra, Sr)

157 pounds

1. T.J. Williams (Iowa, Sr) 2. Bryan Snyder (Nebraska, Jr) 3. Yoshi Nakamura

(Pennsylvania, Jr) 4. Eric Jorgensen (Oregon St., Sr) 5. Kirk White (Boise St., Sr) 6. Cole Sanderson (Iowa St., Sr) 7. Luke Becker (Minnesota, So) 8. Ed Hockenberry (Bloomsburg, Sr)

165 pounds

1. Donny Pritzlaff (Wisconsin, Sr) 2. Joe Heskett (Iowa St., Jr) 3. Robbie Waller (Oklahoma, So) 4. Steve Blackford (Arizona St., Sr) 5. Matt Lackey (Illinois, So) 6. Chris Martin (Virginia Tech, Sr) 7. Brad Pike (Minnesota, Sr) 8. Carl Fronhofer (Pittsburgh, So)

174 pounds

1. Josh Koscheck (Edinboro, Jr) 2. Otto Olson (Michigan, Sr) 3. Maurice Worthy (Army, Sr) 4. Tyrone Lewis (Oklahoma St., Fr) 5. Eric Hall (Virginia Tech, Sr) 6. Mike Feeney (Eastern Michigan, Sr) 7. Gabe McMahan (Iowa, Sr) 8. Nathan Coy (Oregon St., Jr)

184 pounds

1. Cael Sanderson (Iowa

St., Jr) 2. Nate Patrick (Illinois, Sr) 3. Daniel Cormier (Oklahoma St., Sr) 4. Victor Sveda (Indiana, Jr) 5. Damion Hahn (Minnesota, Fr) 6. Doug Lee (Oregon, Sr) 7. Andrew Hrovat (Michigan, Jr) 8. Jessman Smith (Iowa, So)

197 pounds

1. Mark Munoz (Oklahoma St., Sr) 2. Brad Vering (Nebraska, Sr) 3. Zach Thompson (Iowa St., Sr) 4. Rusty Cook (Boise St., Sr) 5. Owen Elzen (Minnesota, Jr) 6. Chael Sonnen (Oregon, Jr) 7. Waymon May (Oklahoma, Sr) 8. Zach Breitenbach (North Carolina St., Sr)

Heavyweight

1. Garrett Lowney (Minnesota, Fr) 2. Tommy Rowlands (Ohio St., Fr) 3. John Lockhart (Illinois, Jr) 4. Antonio Garay (Boston College, Jr) 5. Matt Brink (Michigan, Jr) 6. Billy Blunt (Fresno St., Jr) 7. Paul Hynek (Northern Iowa, So) 8. John Testa (Clarion, Jr)

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3. Minnesota

5. Nebraska

6. Illinois

7. Oklahoma

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