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Students eye spots on city's panels

By Mike McWilliams
The Daily Iowan

Two Iowa City city councilors are working with UI Student Government President Nick Klenske to put non-voting student members on some city commissions, boards, and committees.

Some members of the groups said they would support the proposal because student input will be beneficial.

"The basic idea is to have a non-voting student to bring new ideas to the city... to get the students more in touch with the community and the community more in touch with the students," Klenske said.

Most city matters go before a commission, board, or committee before going to the City Council. For example, on Feb. 21, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted against two requests that would have permitted the construction of a student-housing complex on the South Side of town. Though the council will still hear the request, the commission recommended that it be denied.

Twice in the past month, Klenske said he and Vice President Dan Rossi have met with Councilors Steven Kanner and Dee Vanderhoef to discuss the relationship between students

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A TOUCH OF INDIA



Abby Hansen/The Daily Iowan

Rupali Gurjar of Iowa City performs a traditional Indian Dance involving the deities Krishna and Arjuna as part of the Celebrating Cultural Diversity Fair on Sunday afternoon at the UI Field House. See story, page 2A.

Regents pull U-turn on rainy-day \$

By Kellie Doyle
The Daily Iowan

The state of Iowa Board of Regents supported asking lawmakers to tap into the state's rainy-day funds, rather than cut \$120 million from the state's budget, in a stance reversal during a rare weekend meeting.

The board's Feb. 23 statement came three days after it declined to ask lawmakers to use the rainy-day funds but said the state's three public universities should not suffer further reductions in their operating budgets.

State lawmakers are leaning towards dipping into the rainy-day funds for a portion of the \$120 cut — likely to shield K-12 education from reductions — while cutting again from other state agencies, including universities. The Feb. 23 vote means the regents oppose such a move.

"The board supports the utilization of state economic emergency funds to avoid further reduction in fiscal year 2002 budget for regents' institutions,"

Regents President Owen Newlin said on behalf of the board.

Newlin said the meeting was called to clarify the regents' Feb. 20 decision on the use of the money. The regents had declined to support tapping the rainy-day fund after Regent Clarkson Kelly said he wasn't in favor.

The board supports the utilization of state economic emergency funds.

— Owen Newlin, regents president

On Feb. 23, Kelly voted with the majority of the board but continued to voice some resistance.

"If this fund is used up, there will be nothing left for a real emergency," he said.

Lawmakers have known about the state's financial situation for at least two years, Kelly said, and instead of cutting spending, they keep "squandering" money on "unnecessary projects."

"It's distressful, but it's not an emergency," he said, adding that the state's financial difficulties were not "unforeseen."

If the Legislature uses the fund, he said, "there's no question in my mind the regents should get their fair share."

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New kid on the Christian block

By Nathan Kron
The Daily Iowan

Two years after its inception, the newest UI student Christian group has grown to include 500 regular members through well-run programs, a charismatic leader, and hefty resources, observers say.

But as 24-7, the college outreach ministry of Parkview Evangelical Free Church, 15 Foster Road, has exploded in popularity, similar groups have been forced to revamp their activities in response.

Attendance at the weekly group meeting of Campus Crusade for Christ has dropped from 100 to approximately 50. Other groups, including Inter-

varsity Christian Fellowship and Campus Christian Fellowship, report more subtle decreases in attendance.

Group leaders say it doesn't matter to which organization students belong as long as they learn about Christianity. They also play down any tensions among the various groups.

"Initially, it was difficult to see people leave," said UI senior Sarah Cowger, who has been a Campus Crusade member for three years. "But this is all about students who are separated from God coming to know him. It doesn't matter if it's us or 24-7."

Cowger said her group reconsidered its role on campus as 24-7

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Colombian rebels snatch candidate

By Juan Pablo Toro
Associated Press

SAN VICENTE DEL CAGUAN, Colombia — Leftist guerrillas held a presidential candidate hostage Sunday after abducting her at a roadblock as she was driving into a volatile area of southern Colombia, where government troops are trying to oust the rebels.

Ingrid Betancourt, an outspoken critic of the rebels, was being held along with her campaign manager, Clara Rojas, by the Revolutionary Armed

Forces of Colombia, or FARC.

Betancourt's campaign spokeswoman, Diana Rodriguez, said the former senator's entourage ran into the rebel roadblock on the afternoon of Feb. 23 as they tried to reach San Vicente del Caguan, the main town inside the rebel zone, which the government began attacking last week.

President Andres Pastrana had ceded the zone to the FARC in 1998 as an incentive to end Colombia's war. He called off

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Scott Dalton/Associated Press

A boy stands by a police barricade Sunday in San Vicente del Caguan, the main town in the former rebel safe haven in southern Colombia. Earlier Sunday, the rebels abducted Colombian presidential candidate Ingrid Betancourt as she traveled to the city

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The comeback kid

Seventy-four-year-old Ernesto Blanco, who survived the Florida anthrax attack, is back on the job. See story, Page 3A

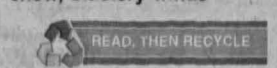
No more boredom

After being criticized for running lackluster campaigns, the UISG candidates promise to liven things up. See story, Page 2A

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'We prefer to keep our business operations completely separate from our personal lives.'

— Jimmy John Liautaud, owner of Jimmy John's

No family feud in this Iowa City 'sub culture'

By Gian Sachdev
The Daily Iowan

A rumor, juicier than the tomatoes and spicier than the peppers, lingers over two Iowa City sub shops. And along with the mayonnaise, it's spreading.

Some speculate that a bitter rivalry exists between the owners of Big Mike's Super Subs, 20 S. Clinton St., and Jimmy John's, 130 E. Washington St. Not only are the owners family members, but the two compete for the same markets, selling the same sandwiches, in the same towns.

But like most rumors, it appears this one is only partly true.

"Of course, I don't know the real story, but I think there's some myth about tension between two family store owners," said Jordan Houchins, a counter employee at Big Mike's.

"Big" Mike Liautaud, owner of Big Mike's, and Jimmy John Liautaud, owner of Jimmy John's, are first cousins, but, both say, competition doesn't go beyond the shop doors.

At Big Mike's, one employee confirmed that a slight decrease in sales is directly cor-

related to the presence and competition of Jimmy John's. The result, he said, is an enhanced effort to keep up quality, customer service, and advertising.

"We prefer to keep our business operations completely separate from our personal lives," said Jimmy John Liautaud. "We are excited about introducing Jimmy John's to the Iowa City market, and we are quite sure Mike will welcome us with open arms."

Neither sub-shop owner would confirm whether the two had worked together prior to opening their businesses.

Where family competition doesn't exist, business competition does, Mike Liautaud said.

Big Mike's and Jimmy John's stores, he said, rival each other in many Midwest towns, including Minneapolis, Milwaukee, and Madison, Wis., the origin of the two family businesses. Another family member competing for the dough, Kevin Shippers, owns Erbert's and Gerbert's sub shop in Eau Claire, Wis.

When the family is united for holidays and reunions, there is never any tension over business politics, Mike Liautaud said.

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The rumored stiff rivalry between Big Mike's, left, and Jimmy John's is mostly hot air, employees of the two submarine shop say, if not a bunch of baloney.

Photo illustration by Scott Morgan/DI

CITY

We won't be boring, UISG presidential candidates say

By Jennifer Sturm and Shelbi Thomas
The Daily Iowan

After what critics called a "lackluster" week of campaigning, UI Student Government elections intensified this weekend, with candidates spreading their messages through appearances and planning their strategies for the last week of the race.

"This week will not be boring," said presidential candidate Eric Parker.

After spending part of the weekend talking with members of the Hawks Nest, Parker and his running mate, Kristin Trozsig, said they expect to step up the campaign with more publicity, using posters, talks in Burge and Hillcrest cafeterias, and having people dress in costumes around campus to draw attention to their campaign.

"We don't like these ordinances, so we want to make the public aware of them," Herbold said. He added that he wants city councilors to realize students should have a voice in city matters.

The Giant Sloth ticket also plans to visit groups such as graduate students and attend the diversity task force meeting Tuesday.

Both tickets said they are

day, Giant Sloth ticket members Nick Herbold and Matt Blizek campaigned at fraternity and sorority houses in preparation for the election, which will be held on March 3 and 4.

Today, the Giant Sloth ticket will be on the Pentacrest to educate the public about the city's recent ban on smoking in restaurants and furniture on front porches.

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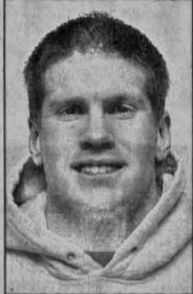
looking forward to Tuesday's debate, which is sponsored by the *DI*, because they hope to show the differences in their platforms. Observers criticized the Feb. 21 debate, saying the candidates failed to explain differences in the two tickets' platforms or boost student interest.

"I thought the debate last week was good and gave a lot of information," Herbold said. "However, I'd like to test the other ticket a little more on its knowledge of the issues. I want to set us apart from them and show how much more experience and knowledge we have."

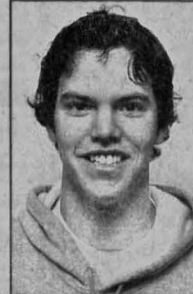
Herbold plans to focus on recycling, safety, tuition, and diversity, noting that he and Blizek have contacts with local legislators. Parker said he will focus on issues such as tuition, childcare, and recycling.

"Both Kristin and I are heavily involved in UISG. We know how to work with people and to get the word out on the issues, and I think that will come out in our campaign," he said.

Both parties are also trying to get past an e-mail that triggered a misunderstanding before last week's debate in which Giant Sloth Campaign Manager Mayrose Wegmann sent an e-mail to Student Elections Board Chairman Chris Loftus saying she had lined up a stripper to attend the Feb. 21 debate.



Herbold presidential candidate



Parker presidential candidate

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CITY BRIEF

UI Foundation donations dip slightly

Total donations to the UI Foundation dipped by less than 1 percent in 2001 despite a slowing economy, questions over the handling of past donations, and Sept. 11 diverting attention to other causes, officials say.

The university's fund-raising arm reported raising \$64.8 million during the year from a record number of donors, who made a record number of gifts.

"We are tremendously grateful to our donors for sustaining their support during a very turbulent year," Foundation President Michael New said.

Money funneled into the foundation came from people in 50 states and 20 countries, officials said.

Contributors numbered more than 56,900 — 61 percent of whom were from outside of Iowa.

Two-thirds of the money will support academic and research programs, 15 percent will head to student support programs, and the rest will benefit capital-improvement projects and faculty support.

UI President Mary Sue Coleman called the support a "vote of confidence from our donors."

Critics of the foundation had said that its selling of farmland in Franklin County against the donors' wishes, the subject of a current lawsuit, would deter future donors.

"It ... says they have faith in the direction, excellence, and potential in this institution, and trust in the UI Foundation as the steward of their gifts," Coleman said.

— by Ryan Foley

POLICE LOG

Darlene Ann Barney, 48, of Oxford was charged Feb. 22 with assault causing injury. Police said a female victim reported she had been hit in the face and on top of the head with a glass picture, causing cuts to her face and eye.

Stephan Michael Eisenmenger, 31, of North Liberty was charged Feb. 22 with assault causing serious

injury. Police said a male subject at the emergency room at Mercy Hospital, 500 E. Market St., alleged that he had been pushed by the defendant from behind, causing him to fall. As he fell, his face struck a fireplace, causing deep lacerations to his mouth. He also lost some teeth and possibly fractured his jaw, police records said.

— by Gian Sachdev

Fair celebrates cultural diversity

By Sara Faiwell
The Daily Iowan

Tyler and Tia Hagy devoured purple cotton candy and Chinese noodles Sunday amid a throng of faces from around the world.

The UI's 13th annual Celebrating Cultural Diversity Fair is one of the few opportunities that exposes the adopted 11- and 9-year-old Korean-born children to their native culture and others.

"This was definitely a priority for us to come back," said Deb Hagy, the children's mother. "It is important that they can experience different cultures."

Tyler and Tia have been talking about the event since they first made the 45-minute drive from their hometown of Muscatine to the UI Field House for last year's fair.

Traditional dances, food, art, and fashion of the world took the stage Sunday during the five-hour celebration that attracted thousands.

Tyler, Tia, and their parents started their day watching a Korean hapkido martial-arts performance.

"I don't like it because [the martial artists] were thrown on the ground, and I thought it was mean," Tia said.

UI student organizations prepared and sold food and crafts in hopes of sharing their cultures with Iowans while reaping a profit that would allow them to continue observing their traditional customs.

"We are here to represent our country," said UI medical student Farid Moussavi-Harami, a member of the UI Persian Student Association. "But this is

also our largest way to raise money for the Iranian New Year next month."

The fair thrives on providing festivities for the community and the almost 2,000 international students at the university, said Lois Gray, the director of media relations for International Programs and a member of the fair's planning committee.

This year's theme, "Unifying Humanity," was developed in reaction to the Sept. 11 attacks. A memorial room lined with newspaper headlines commemorated the event.

"We just needed to recall the impact of the events," Gray said. Guests also experienced hands-on crafts such as colorful Indian rangoli sand art, a traditional decoration for homes.

"When you are far off from your country, it actually makes you keep up with it more," said UI graduate student Sandhya

Shankarnarayan as Somet Narang, also a graduate student, created a peacock design out of blue and yellow sand.

Shankarnarayan, a native of India, came to the United States two years ago to earn her Ph.D. at the UI. Women in her hometown create rangoli designs for their front yards every day, she said.

"[The fair] is this little microcosm of the world," Gray said. "People who can't afford to travel to these different countries are able to have firsthand experience of them here."

The Hagys experience their children's heritage firsthand when they attend services at a Korean church in the Quad Cities, but for one day a year, Deb Hagy and her husband, Mark, said, they put all their plans aside to make the trip to Iowa City.

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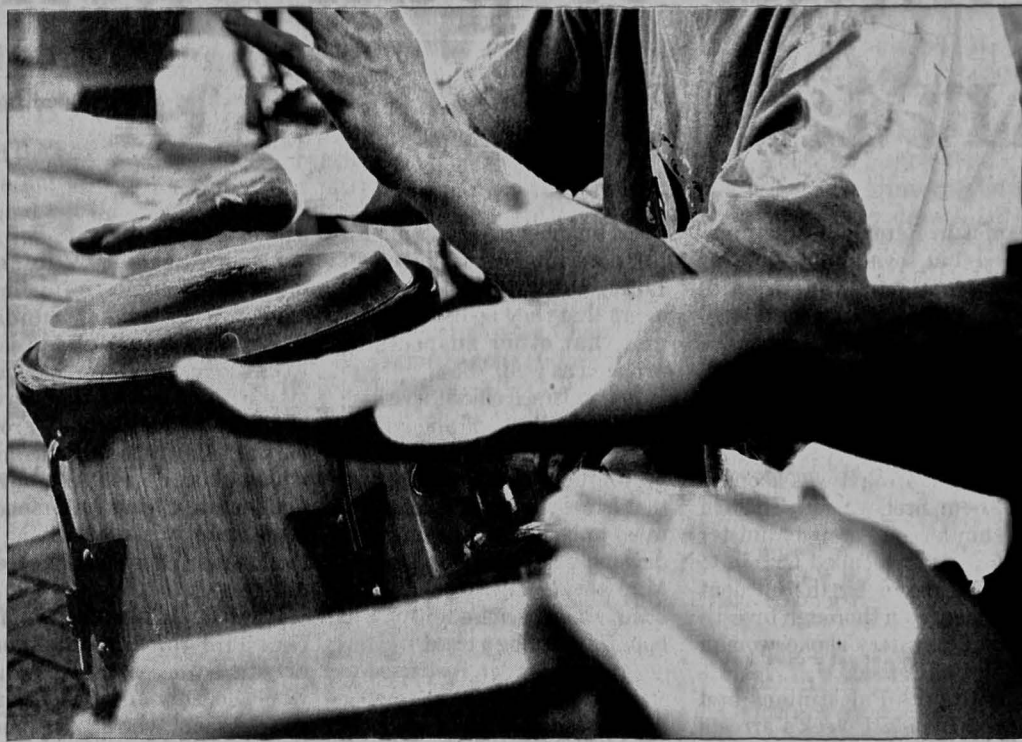
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DRUMMING UP A NICE DAY



Iowa City resident Tim Key, left, and UI graduate John Christiansen play congas on the Ped Mall Feb. 23.

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Fingerprinting goes on trial in Philly

By Joann Loviglio
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Ninety-one years after fingerprint evidence was first presented in an American courtroom, its reputation as an infallible forensic tool is under attack in a court challenge that could change how criminal cases are tried.

Today, federal prosecutors will try to persuade U.S. District Judge Louis Pollak to reverse his recent decision barring experts from testifying about whether a fingerprint taken from a crime scene matches a defendant. If the judge doesn't change his mind, the decision could change the way forensic evidence is gathered and presented in court.

While prosecutors and some forensic experts say Pollak's ruling could have grave consequences, critics of fingerprint analysis say it's about time the process was reviewed.

"There are a lot of emperors out there testifying who have no clothes," said David Faigman of University of California's Hastings College of Law. "Where's the science behind it? Where's the data?"

The ruling, believed to be the first of its kind, involves a death-penalty case in which three men are charged with operating a multimillion-dollar drug ring and are linked to four killings.

Lawyers for Carlos Llera-Plaza, Wilfredo Acosta, and Victor Rodriguez asked the judge to bar fingerprint evidence. Under Pollak's ruling, experts can testify about and show illustrations of similarities or dissimilarities between "latent" fingerprints on file, but they cannot testify that crime scene prints match a defendant's fingerprints.

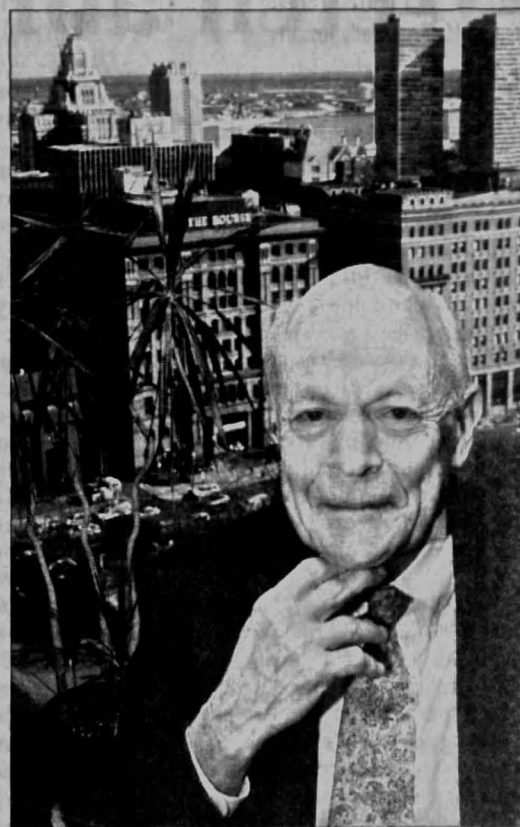
Citing a 1993 U.S. Supreme Court decision requiring judges to take a more active role in deciding what scientific evidence to admit, Pollak said that, unlike DNA evidence, fingerprint evidence has not been scientifically tested, its error rate has not been calculated, and there are no standards for what constitutes a match.

Prosecutors declined to comment on the case, citing the upcoming hearing, but they said in court documents that Pollak's opinion, if left to stand, "would have grave consequences."

"It would deprive the government of vital evidence in this case, in which latent fingerprints directly link defendants to heinous murders," court documents stated. "If carried to its logical conclusion, the court's reasoning would virtually eliminate any expert opinion on the myriad subjects on which subjective expert opinion has always been welcomed in the federal courts."

Since the first conviction in the United States on fingerprint evidence in 1911, the fingerprint-classification system used in much of the world has changed little.

A person's fingerprint is classified by its arches, loops, and whorls, then compared with latent fingerprints by design type and by locating cer-



Dan Loh/Associated Press

With a view of Philadelphia seen behind him, U.S. District Judge Louis Pollak poses in his office on Feb. 21.

tain fixed points and counting the ridges between the points.

"The courts have recognized the validity and merit for fingerprint identification for 100 years," said Joseph Polski, the chief operations officer of the International Association for Identification, an industry group. "If fingerprint identification was prohibited from being admitted in court, it would have far reaching effects in identifying bad guys."

Although DNA evidence has become a highly prized evidentiary tool, fingerprints can help track down criminals in ways DNA can't — in part because hundreds of millions of fingerprints are on file, Polski said.

If Pollak's decision stands, Faigman said, it likely would lead to scientific testing and advances in fingerprint-analysis technology that could erase the judge's concerns that fingerprints rely too much on subjective analysis and not enough on hard science.

Though Pollak's decision only applies to cases tried in the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, legal experts say it has opened the door for other courts to address the issue. The 3rd Circuit hears appeals from federal courts in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and the Virgin Islands.

Anthrax survivor returns

By Adrian Sainz
Associated Press

BOCA RATON, Fla. — At supermarkets, in department stores, and on the train on the way to work, people want to meet Ernesto Blanco, the man who fought off the inhaled form of anthrax that killed his co-worker.

"Some people who see me on the street, they look at me, thinking, 'Is that him?'" he said. "I guess it's the price of fame."

Blanco returned to work last week after 23 days in the hospital and four months of recovery. At one point, he had been near death, but he fought off the anthrax through quick treatment and antibiotics.

The 74-year-old grandfather still delivers office mail at American Media Inc. in Boca Raton but in a new office building. Authorities believe he inhaled anthrax spores while working in the company's mailroom.

Bob Stevens, a photo editor at American Media and friend of Blanco, died of anthrax on Oct. 5, the first of five deaths after anthrax-laced letters were mailed to journalists, politicians, and government offices last fall. Several other people recovered from anthrax infections, but few had become as sick as Blanco.

"I feel perfectly well, thank God," Blanco said on Feb. 22. "I don't have any discomfort or anything that you can associate with anthrax. I feel the same I did before I became sick."

His first day back at work was full of hugs and plaudits from the co-workers he describes as "enchanting." But it was back to work on Feb. 20,



Alan Diaz/Associated Press

Anthrax survivor Ernesto Blanco waits for the train on Feb. 22 in Miami. Blanco, 74, who still delivers office mail at American Media Inc. in Boca Raton, Fla., returned to work Feb. 20 after recovering from the inhaled form of anthrax that killed a co-worker in October 2001.

just days after the company moved into a new office.

"My doctors found no impediment to prevent me from working," Blanco said. "I decided not to keep being lazy, so I decided to go talk to the head of the company. They were very amenable."

Blanco knows he is a survivor. Just four months before his fight with anthrax, he had a stroke while at work. He couldn't speak and felt numbness in his arm before being admitted to the hospital for four days.

"I don't think that God has an eye out for me. I know it," Blanco said.

He said he doesn't worry about anthrax now — doctors say he built anthrax antibodies while taking Cipro. He went off

the antibiotic on Dec. 7 but still takes four other medications daily.

"I'm not a person who's easily scared," he said. "When I was sick in the hospital in intensive care, I always had faith that I could get out of it."

Still, he admits, his perspective has changed.

"It's always on my mind. I associate everything to that experience. I can't remove it from my mind."

"There are times, when I'm alone, that I think about my time in the hospital, the people who went to see me, the doctors. When you go through something like that, it stays with you, during the good times and the tender times, and through the bad ones as well."

Ridge promises better alerts

By Will Lester
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge told governors Sunday they're responsible for closely coordinating security planning at the state and local levels, and he promised to provide better information about the terrorism threat to aid those efforts.

"I understand we have to do a better job of information-sharing," he told the National Governors Association winter meeting. "I might as well bring this up before you do."

Ridge told the governors that in approximately two weeks, he would release details of a new national alert system that would provide more information about the seriousness of a threat. He has made references to the new alert system after people criticized the broader terrorist alerts that were issued.

"The broader goal will be that on those hopefully rare occasions when we get information that is of sufficient credibility and corroboration, we will be able to do an assessment and attach a certain level to it," Ridge said. "Right now, you're either on alert or not on alert."

He said the system would give law enforcement and the public a better idea of what credibility

professionals put on the threat. "There will be times when it goes just to a state, a governor, or a region, and there will be times when it will go national," he said, adding that the alerts often become national news no matter the original plan.

"We would hope and expect an enhanced level of preparedness would be the response," he said.

Ridge said it was crucial that governors coordinate security plans carefully with local authorities and that a planned \$3.5 billion intended to support emergency and medical personnel would be funneled through the states, with three-fourths of that money destined for cities and counties.

The federal government will work to improve the tracking of people who come into the country and work for border security that allows the resumed flow of commerce while being more vigilant.

And he noted that President Bush has suggested an additional \$6 billion to build up the capacity of the nation's public-health system. That money will be used to stockpile pharmaceutical drugs, enhance the capacity of laboratories, and build up the public health system generally, he said.

"These changes will make us

more secure and a healthier and better country," said Ridge, noting the dual effect of building up public health in general and protecting against bioterrorism at the same time.

Bioterrorism poses a special threat, said Donald Henderson, the director of the Office of Public Health Preparedness.

"We're most concerned about biological terrorism," said Henderson, noting the number of laboratories around the world that can make the anthrax bacteria, the continuing threat of smallpox, the availability of information on the Internet, and the growing number of people with training in microbiology.

Bioterrorism poses a more difficult threat because it is sometimes difficult to tell when an illness is related to a terrorist attack and difficult to tell when the germs are being transported.

"We're going to have to be well-prepared from a preventive side," he said, adding that he wants people at the local and state health departments available who have the training to respond quickly in case of a bioterrorist attack.

Henderson said the federal government plans to send \$1 billion to states quickly with a portion available for immediate use.

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NATION & WORLD

Enron utilized U.S. loans to stretch abroad

By Pete Yost
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As Enron Corp. reached for markets overseas, power plants it helped build from Guatemala to India received \$1.2 billion in government-backed loans from two U.S. agencies.

The Overseas Private Investment Corp. still is owed \$453 million from the Enron-related projects while the Export-Import Bank is due \$512 million.

“They’re definitely among our top 10 borrowers,” overseas-investment corporation spokesman Larry Spinelli said.

Though Enron is now bankrupt, four of its projects financed by the overseas corporation are making its payments on time. Regarding a fifth project, Enron and two other U.S. corporations are seeking to have the overseas corporation pay off a huge insurance claim.

When it filed for bankruptcy in December 2001, Enron was pursuing overseas-investment corporation help on two more projects in Brazil. Those applications have been abandoned.

Enron’s relationship with the government is part of a two-pronged business strategy. Inside the United States, Enron has sought to free energy companies from government regulation. Internationally, Enron has embraced Washington’s help in the form of federally backed loans and insurance protection.

The irony is not lost on congressional critics.

The overseas-investment corporation “gave hundreds of millions of dollars in loans and other support to Enron-related projects during the Clinton adminis-

tration,” said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, the ranking Republican on the Senate Finance Committee who recently obtained records showing Enron-related projects received \$544 million in loans from the overseas-investment corporation.

Separately, the Export-Import Bank made more than \$650 million in loans to Enron-related projects overseas.

“These projects obviously were a tremendous benefit to Enron’s operation. The disclosure of this information sheds light on the government’s actions in support of Enron over the years,” Grassley said.

Enron’s bankruptcy does not place the loans in jeopardy. Separately created corporations handled the overseas projects for Enron and other U.S. companies.

The overseas-investment corporation and Export-Import loans are backed with the full faith and credit of the U.S. government.

Though it has just 200 employees, the overseas-investment corporation has deep pockets — a \$4 billion reserve that comes from the user fees U.S. businesses pay for its loans and insurance. The overseas-investment corporation operates at no net cost to U.S. taxpayers — the business fees cover its costs — and it earned \$215 million last year.

The overseas-investment corporation’s loan and insurance portfolio totals \$14 billion; Export-Import’s portfolio exposure is \$62 billion.

A financially troubled Enron plant in India — financed in part with overseas-investment corporation loans — is cited by congressional critics who say the company got too much government help.

Israeli tanks to pull back from Arafat compound

By Dan Perry
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel decided Sunday to draw tanks back from Yasser Arafat’s compound but continue restricting him to the West Bank city of Ramallah — a halfway measure that led angry Palestinians to cancel planned cease-fire talks with Israeli security officials.

That anger increased when Israeli troops fired at Palestinian Parliament Speaker Ahmed Qureia’s car as it approached a roadblock between Ramallah and Jerusalem, a Palestinian source close to Qureia said.

Qureia, who was on his way to his home on the outskirts of Jerusalem after a meeting with

Arafat in Ramallah, was uninjured, but seven bullets hit his BMW car, the source said, adding that he had coordinated his journey in advance with the Israelis.

An army statement said Qureia’s vehicle approached the checkpoint at speed and the soldiers, fearing it was about to hit them, fired warning shots in the air. Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres called Qureia to express regret for the incident and pledged a thorough investigation, ministry spokeswoman Yaffa Ben-Ari said.

While the Palestinians had hoped that last week’s arrests of three top suspects in the October 2001 killing of Israeli Cabinet minister Rehavam

Zeevi might end Arafat’s almost three-month-long confinement, Israel on Sunday demanded again that they be handed over and that other suspects be arrested as well.

But an Israeli official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, suggested Sunday’s was only a preliminary decision and also that Israel expected the cease-fire talks to be delayed by only one day and held today. The Defense Ministry, meanwhile, said the army would exercise restraint in hopes of enabling a truce.

Arafat has been restricted to Ramallah since early December 2001, shortly after a wave of suicide bombings in Israel, and tanks have moved steadily closer to his compound, eventually

surrounding it. Israel’s Security Cabinet, made up of senior ministers, said in a statement Sunday that such pressure caused last week’s arrest in the West Bank city of Nablus of the three members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which claimed responsibility for Zeevi’s killing in October, retribution for Israel’s killing of the Popular Front leader several weeks earlier.

Palestinian intelligence officers said that among those arrested were Hamdi Koran, who allegedly shot Zeevi, and Basel Asmar, who accompanied the gunman. Israeli security sources were unable to confirm the identities of the detainees.

Afghan warlords concern U.S.

By Kathy Gannon
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Worried that renegade warlords could plunge Afghanistan into civil war once again, the United States may send military advisers to act as referees between rival factions, the U.S. special envoy said Sunday.

The idea appeared aimed at finding a way to stem factional fighting without expanding the U.S. military presence or diverting troops from hunting Taliban and Al Qaeda fugitives.

“We are worried about the multiple armies,” envoy Zalmay Khalilzad told reporters. “There is a danger of multiple armies going to war.”

Khalilzad said the best way to curb the problem would be to

establish a well-trained Afghan national army, an effort that is expected to take many months. However, an army could also be challenged by powerful local leaders and their militias.

In the meantime, “military advisers could be put in areas where there is the danger of potential conflict among forces or armies that exist in order to deter and discourage a return to conflict,” Khalilzad said.

“Or, where we have Special Forces in place, those forces could be given this additional mission of advising, with regard to a discouragement of a return to conflict,” he added.

The goal is to keep these militias apart until a national army can be established, Khalilzad said — a difficult task because warlords who hold sway across

much of the countryside outside Kabul may be reluctant to turn over their armed men to a single command.

“The major overall challenge is how to stay away from returning to war; another challenge is security,” the U.S. envoy said. “Ultimately, the answer has to come from Afghans. We don’t want Afghanistan to become a security-welfare state. We want Afghanistan to be answerable to a single army.”

In the meantime, however, “the control the interim government has is limited,” Khalilzad said, suggesting strong doubts about the 2-month-old government’s ability to broker compromises mean the international community must find a way to keep the peace.

“We are discussing options to deal with the problem. We need to come up with an answer and relatively soon,” he said.

Some international officials have also discussed expanding the international peacekeeping force as a way to improve security.

Interim Prime Minister Hamid Karzai has repeatedly called for a larger force that would deploy troops outside Kabul, but he has received no commitments. The 4,500-member British-led force is currently limited to the capital.

While the United States has offered to help Afghanistan build a national army, it is not participating in the peacekeeping force, and Khalilzad said it would not pledge soldiers to an enlarged force.

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UISG leaders want student spots on panels

STUDENTS

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and the city. The councilors act as a liaison between the council and UISG.

Kanner and Vanderhoef could not be reached for comment Sunday night.

Of the 18 city boards and commissions, Klenske and Rossi sent out request letters to 12 last week. City commissions, such as the Police Citizens Review Board, Human Rights

Commission, and the Planning and Zoning Commission, were targeted based on what Klenske and Rossi thought would garner the most student interest.

Interested students would apply for a board position through UISG, and then a committee would select one for a commission, Rossi said.

Councilor Connie Champion, who served as one of the liaisons with former UISG President Andy Stoll and Vice President Chris Linn, said though student input is important, she didn't

think there would be enough students interested in serving on a commission.

"The inherent problem is that they're here for a short time and are not always interested in what Iowa City does until it affects them," she said. "I would like to see more students apply for city commissions, but they are a big-time commitment. It's just difficult when you're that age."

UI senior Kevin Boyd, who has served on the Parks & Recreation Commission since

July 2001, said he would like to see more student involvement in city business, but he doesn't think there should be a specific student seat. He said he devotes five to 10 hours a month to the commission.

"I'm not sure that a lot of the city commissions deal with issues related to students," he said. "I can't imagine planning and zoning or the Airport Commission would need student representation."

The proposal would give students a chance to shape the

community in which they live, said Planning and Zoning Commissioner Ann Bovbjerg.

"They are here for four years, and they do have a stake in this town," she said. "It would be good for them, good for the city, and a good education."

However, Historical Preservation Commission Chairman Mike Gunn said the proposal sounds "problematic," contending it wouldn't be fair to other groups that want representation on a commission.

"Everyone has the opportuni-

ty during public hearing [to address their concerns]," he said. "It seems sort of odd to have a board member with no vote."

UISG relayed proposal letters to the 12 commissions last week, but it has yet to receive responses. It's expected to take about six months before the initiative gets underway, Klenske said, in order to contact all the committee and commission members.

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Candidate nabbed near rebels' zone

COLOMBIA

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peace talks and ordered the army to retake the zone after guerrillas hijacked an airplane and kidnapped a senator on Feb. 20.

Three men traveling in the same car, including two Colombians and a French photographer on assignment for *Marie Claire* magazine, were detained for several hours Feb. 23 and released.

French President Jacques Chirac telephoned Pastrana on Sunday to express his "deep concern" over Betancourt's kidnapping. Chirac also spoke by telephone with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan to ask him to try winning her release.

Betancourt is well-known in France, where she spent her college years. She married a French diplomat, from whom she is now divorced, and published a best-selling memoir last year in French.

The FARC has neither confirmed nor denied it has Betancourt. There has been little word from rebel leaders since Pas-

trana called off negotiations with the 16,000-strong rebel army.

Betancourt's abduction outside the zone underscored how tenuous government control is in southern Colombia as thousands of troops creep slowly into a rebel stronghold of jungle and pasture. Officials say they warned Betancourt not to attempt the trip.

Air strikes pounded hundreds of rebel targets on the first night of the campaign and troops reached San Vicente del Caguan on Feb. 23. But thousands of FARC fighters melted into the nearby countryside, popping out from time to time to set roadblocks.

Troops say they're moving slowly to avoid ambushes and minefields.

On Sunday, the army captured Vista Hermosa and Mesetas in the eastern half of the rebel zone after marching for more than 24 hours.

"They're here! They're here!" residents shouted in Vista Hermosa as 20 heavily armed soldiers began patrolling the streets on a busy market day.

New Christian group attracting students

PARKVIEW

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gained in popularity. Campus Crusade members thought about merging with 24-7, but they decided against it.

Instead, Campus Crusade made its weekly meetings student-led and more intimate to complement the worship service and preaching from 24-7. The group continues to focus on holding small weekly Bible studies groups in residence halls.

"The church isn't supposed to be a 'holy huddle,'" said Bradley, 31. "This is a genera-

"We hope that we can reach people who would never go to 24-7," said UI senior Jason Hunemuller, a Campus Crusade member.

24-7 began in the winter of 2000 with approximately 100 students attending each week, and it has grown into a program that attracts an average of 500 students to a Thursday night worship service, said 24-7 director Jesse Bradley.

"The church isn't supposed to be a 'holy huddle,'" said Bradley, 31. "This is a genera-

tion that says, 'Just be authentic; tell me the truth.'"

"24-7" originally referred solely to the Thursday night outreach event, but the name now also encompasses a variety of groups aimed at specific students, such as freshmen or art majors.

The name is drawn from Jeremiah 24:7, which begins, "I will give them a heart to know me that I am the Lord." The name also comes from the popular expression, and it is meant to convey a more holistic ver-

sion of spiritual life, rather than going to church for an hour each week.

"It's about a lifestyle of knowing God," Bradley said.

The Thursday night 24-7 event attracts students with no church background, as well as students who are involved in other local Christian groups, Bradley said. He said students are not pressured to join 24-7.

"There are a lot of great groups on campus," he said.

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Local sub shops keep it all in the family

SUB SHOPS

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"We are just two independent businesses owners who are trying to grow our businesses," he said. "The competition it's creating—in fact we're enjoying it."

These ingredients for competition, at least in the Iowa City locations, appear to be working.

Employees at the Big Mike's remain loyal despite the newest establishment to the city's "sub culture," said Ben Stearns, a Big

Mike's manager in Iowa City. The store's staff is now required to help with advertising and flier distribution to keep customers from going to Jimmy John's, he said.

"The regional managers have been stopping here much more frequently since the store [Jimmy John's] opened to make sure everything is presentable, service is constantly courteous, and to keep an eye on the store's repair needs," he said.

Regional managers, he said, are concerned about a decrease in customers.

"The managers, I think, have come down here to shake things up a bit," Stearns said.

Perhaps one explanation for the decrease in Big Mike's customer base relates to the price differences among the two store's sandwiches, Stearns said. Despite the obvious similarities in the menus, Jimmy John's offers its eight inch subs for 44 cents less than Big Mike's.

The interiors of both venues also distinguishes one sub shop from the other. Big Mike's "Ma and Pa" atmosphere differs from

the bold signs that hang inside Jimmy John's — including one that reads, "Your Mom Wants You to Eat at Jimmy John's."

But the decision to open a Jimmy John's near Big Mike's was not to bully the Iowa City veterans of sandwich-making, said Jayson Nelson, a Jimmy John's manager in Iowa City.

"Customer service is our main focus, not competition," he said. "If you make it an enjoyable experience for the customers, then they will continue to come in."

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Editorial

English-language bill sends wrong signal to immigrants

As surprising as it may seem to anyone reading this, not everyone in the state of Iowa can speak and understand English. Many immigrants to the state arrive knowing little or no English at all. They come here looking for a new life in a new land, and they hope to pick up the language after they move.

Unfortunately, a new bill introduced in the Iowa Legislature seems to send the message that these immigrants are neither wanted nor welcome in Iowa. The bill, if it passes, will make English the state's official language and require that all official communications be printed exclusively in English. Surely our legislators have better things to do than to argue over a bill that accomplishes nothing besides alienating our immigrant population.

Although we still lag behind the rest of the nation, Iowa is becoming progressively more diverse, especially when it comes to Latinos. In 1990, Latinos made up 1.2 percent of

Increased funding for English as a Second Language programs would do more to help people learn the language than would the Legislature's proposal.

the total population. In 2000, by contrast, this had more than doubled to 2.8 percent, and Latinos now make up Iowa's largest minority population.

For many of these people, English is an unfamiliar second language that they are learning to speak while they live, work, and go to school. Sponsors of the new bill assert that by passing the bill, we will be sending these people the message that learning English is necessary to live in Iowa.

While it is, in fact, vitally important that immigrants learn to speak English, it is of equal importance that Iowans recognize and make allowances for the hard-working immigrants who have come here to find a better life. If the state

government truly wants to help immigrants learn English, then perhaps it could increase funding to English as a Second Language programs, rather than passing pointless laws.

Passing this bill would send the wrong message concerning Iowa's commitment to increasing diversity. Rather than forcing immigrants to learn English in order to read official state documents, the state should instead encourage them to learn while at the same time accepting and aiding those who do not yet speak English.

By showing that Iowa is sympathetic to the needs and concerns of its immigrant population, we can continue the trend towards diversity that has gotten us this far.

Guest Opinion

The beautiful diversity of American culture and language

"O receive the fugitive, and prepare in time an asylum for mankind." Thomas Paine, this country's first patriotic writer, advocated the hunt for liberty, while Thomas Jefferson preached freedom of thought and religion. Yet these ideals have always been difficult to abide by, apparently ever more so in the time of war.

Today, e-mails circulate the Web, written by alleged patriotic citizens preaching what "American values" are and should be. In one e-mail, the anonymous author sermonizes that only English should be spoken and Christianity practiced, and if "foreigners" did not like it, they should practice another American value: "the freedom to leave." I can only ask myself, have individuals like this forgotten American history? Am I mistaken in believing history texts when they report that many came to this country escaping harassment and persecution? If anything, it is the resulting assortment of values, languages, and traditions that I feel have made and continue to make ours a rich culture.

Comments like the aforementioned only reinforce the contempt many alienated individuals feel while trying to gain acceptance in communities. Case in point — in a Feb. 6 *New York Times* article, Hiram Torres, a young man of Puerto Rican descent, is believed to have joined the Taliban after a few months at Yale. This young man was disillusioned with life in the United States and began to cultivate

contempt towards specific details of American life. I can only wonder what made this young man feel the way he did. Was he possibly singled out because of his background? Did this rejection turn him toward those who were willing to exploit his sentiments? Isn't that what organizations on the fringes of society seek out? They look for disillusioned individuals and advocate that their principles would not cause individuals the same harm their previous allegiances did.

Under the current epoch and the U.S. involvement in the Middle East, citizens of this country are again feeling the murmurs of generations past.

One can still detect the rustling of past misapprehensions, mistreatment of immigrants during both World Wars. This is not to say that mistreatment of immigrants is dependent on war, but during a time of strife, aggressive language and attitudes toward immigrants are more easily forgiven.

Of all the men and women in Afghanistan serving in the armed forces and the U.S. government, there are many among them that are first-generation U.S. citizens. One of them, an electronics engineer with the Department of Defense with less-than-perfect English, works diligently to ensure that his family, as well as the nation, does not have to fear internal strife. This man truly believes that the sooner the issue at hand is resolved, the sooner the scars many citizens within the nation possess will have healed. He chooses to serve a nation, after many of its citizens have less than enthusiastically accepted him, because he truly feels that over time,

Muslim or Christian, Arab or Anglo, all will be able to continue to grow as a culturally rich nation and forget the suspicions and attitudes brought on by the Sept. 11 attacks. Juan M. Ortega, a U.S. citizen of Mexican descent, is exceptionally proud to embrace others from distinctive cultures as well as his family's new country, the United States.

The U.S. language and culture is the buoyant and culturally diverse fabric of 200-plus years of existence as a nation. As a society, we go out for Chinese or Mexican food, we enjoy music with African roots, we use words such as *hola* and *smorgasbord* in our ever-growing vernacular. Over the years, distinct groups arriving in the United States have chosen to express themselves to their newly adopted country, and this expression led to comprehension. Italians, Germans, Scandinavians, and more have become patriots of the United States while still holding a bond to their ancestral origins. So I ask, why not continue this tradition?

If those who practice the kind of dogmatic and misunderstood ideals that the United States is one culture, religion, and language, and still truly ask for America to remain American, then to you, I dedicate a quote from Mark Twain written in the *New York Times* in 1881.

"Where are my ancestors? Whom shall I celebrate? Where shall I find the raw material? My first American ancestor was an Indian, an early Indian; your ancestors skinned him alive, and I am an orphan."

Carlos Ortega-Ampanan
DI A&E reporter



College athletes & rape — taking all that isn't theirs

As he rushed down the field, he plowed through his opponents. Hell, right then, he'd have plowed through his own teammates. He didn't care — his game was on. He leapt in the air, and as he hit the line, the crowd erupted. That was it — his moment. He was the world's greatest, or at least the most recent great in college athletics. The world was his, and everything was his for the taking.

Or at least that's what he told her as he pressed his hand over her mouth to stifle the screams.

On Dec. 7, 2001, a few women at the University of Colorado threw a party at their house. Undoubtedly, they intended to toss back a few drinks with friends and brag about the turnout on Monday. What emerged, instead, were allegations of sexual assault.

One of the hosts alleged that she was gang-raped by members of the Colorado football team and potential Colorado recruits. Boulder Community Hospital con-

firmed that the woman had been admitted that night. Police interrogated six players who had attended the party. In early January, the investigation moved to California, where many of the 15 party-going recruits were from.

So far, so good. But maybe we'll never know how it ends.

After Jan. 4, the story dropped out of sight. However, this should come as no surprise after the measures that Colorado head coach Gary Barnett took to protect his players. Barnett refused to suspend any players unless charges were brought against them, but his real motives were clear. No. 3-ranked Colorado played Oregon in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 1. Suspending six members of the team could have meant compromising a bowl win. (For all of Barnett's hard work, Colorado lost anyway, 38-16.)

Other members of the Colorado team, claiming to be undistracted by the allegations, followed Barnett's lead and dismissed the claims in the face of their pending bowl appearance. Linebacker Sean Tufts told reporters, "I would



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MIDDLE GROUND

be disappointed if it involves any of my teammates, because they would have done something to hurt this team. This would be the worst possible time." Never mind the fact that a woman claimed to have been assaulted several times. The team could have been hurt.

And by the way, is there ever a good time for a woman to be raped? Maybe a time that is more convenient for all parties involved? How about never?

On Feb. 11, Arizona State football player Hakim Hill bargained his way out of jail time for a sexual assault committed in April 2001. While Hill was still a student at Iowa City High, he allegedly fondled a 15-year-old girl, forced her to per-

form oral sex on him, and raped her — all in a City High classroom. On the terms of the plea bargain, Hill will pay a fine of \$250 (the minimum required by law), serve one year of unsupervised probation, and perform 100 hours of community service. He was also supposed to spend 180 days behind bars, but his jail time was waived.

Despite the fact Hill accepted an Alford Plea, which means he does not admit guilt but acknowledges that prosecutors have enough evidence to convict him, the Sun Devils player still retains his football scholarship. Head coach Dirk Koetter verified that while Hill is suspended from football competition, he will be allowed to practice.

However, Koetter will allow Hill to play once his sentence is served. And there's no doubt whether Hill will finish his community service before the next season starts up. So who loses here? Not Hakim Hill, and certainly not Arizona State. But Hill's victim, who avoided a potentially painful trial, will not see her attacker behind

bars. In fact, she won't even get a sincere apology; Hill's public apology was prepared by his school.

On Feb. 12, two Iowa State football players were charged with sexual assault, which allegedly occurred on Jan. 26 at a residence in Ames. Brent Nash and Royce Hooks, reserve linebackers for ISU, turned themselves in to police and admitted to the assault. Upon their arrests, ISU head coach Dan McCarney, in a move "consistent with Athletics Department policy," immediately suspended the two players.

While this matter currently remains unresolved, the two players have already admitted their guilt and will undoubtedly be punished by legal authorities. More importantly, though, their team has taken appropriate action against them.

McCarney made an important and correct decision, and his example should be followed. The Colorado gang-rape case has proved to be a gross mishandling on all accounts — the delay of police

investigations, the lack of national attention once Colorado's bowl escapade ended, and the arrogant attitude of Colorado's coach and players. Hill's plea bargain and scholarship retention leave the college freshman with a far lesser punishment than perhaps he deserves.

No matter their ability, athletes are still only human and therefore subject to the same punishments and consequences as everyone else. Rape is a serious charge, and such accusations must be taken seriously by everyone involved. The welfare of the alleged victim is more important than the reputation of a single athlete or a nationally ranked team.

Though by all recent accounts the trend of college athletes abusing their status as a local celebrity doesn't seem to be abating, the problem does not go away by refusing to hand out punishments. College athletes are not stars yet, and not everything is theirs for the taking.

Amanda Mittlestadt is the DI Opinions Assistant Editor.

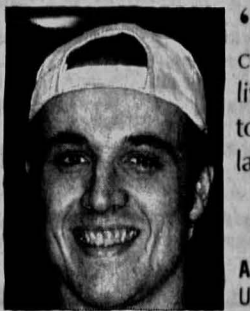
On the Spot

Should the Iowa Legislature pass a law making English the official language?



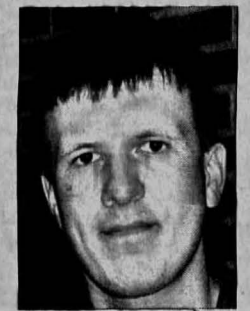
"Why bother? Everything is in English anyways."

Jaro Lepic
UI sophomore



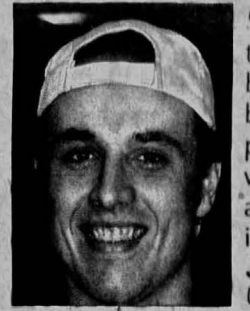
"Yes. If you come here to live, you need to speak the language."

Aaron Anderson
UI junior



"Yes, because it's America, and that's how it should be."

Sean Cummins
UI senior



"No, because this country is based on there being no cultural preference. This would send out a favoritism impression."

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Folding himself into maturity The newness of *Regeneration*

By Dan Maloney
 The Daily Iowan



There comes a time in most musicians' careers when they understand that they, too, are growing up like everyone else, and they realize they are no longer the person they once were. This common realization of life has hit piano man Ben Folds like a ton of bricks.

Folds, who will be performing in the IMU Main Lounge tonight, has emerged from the breakup of his band, Ben Folds Five, in 2000 and completed his first solo album, *Rockin' the Suburbs*.

The release of *Rockin' the Suburbs* is a testament of what is to come for Folds, a man no longer swinging in his 20s, singing songs of the girls that dumped him in high school or getting picked on by a high-school bully. Folds, 35, now has a child and is singing songs about getting older, dealing with unmet expectations, and understanding how parts of your life just seem to fall apart sometimes.

This new sense of maturity shows up in Folds' songwriting. A sense of Ben Folds Five music is evident on *Rockin' the Suburbs* and is shown through Folds' use of piano-based ballads and pop songs that strike instant comparisons with Elton John, Billy Joel, and even Randy Newman. However, Folds is a new man. He is now experimenting with synth technology, string arrangements, hip-hop beats, and guitar.

The epitome of Folds tinkering in another musical realm is in his first single and title track, "Rockin' the Suburbs," a hip-hop rhyming song with guitars mocking the current state of rock today pioneered by bands such as Limp Bizkit. Folds lays down some mad rhymes such as, "let me tell ya'll what it's like being male, middle-class and white." The overly cute song falls into the novelty variety. It doesn't place well with the other songs on *Rockin' the Suburbs* and is a poor choice for the first single.

Aside from this track, most of the songs on *Rockin' the Suburbs* fall into the piano-ballads category, including "I'm Still Fighting It" and "The Luckiest," and slow waltzes such as "Fred Jones Part 2" and "Carrying Cathy," or driving arpeggio tracks such as "Zak and Sara" and "Fired." There are even gorgeous Brian Wilson harmony-styled songs such as "Gone."

"I'm Still Fighting It" is pos-

sibly the strongest song on the album, and it ties into Folds' trials of growing up with lyrics such as "Everybody knows it hurts to grow up, but everybody does, it's so weird to be back here." The song fits perfectly into the sleepy-ballad category and strikes up comparisons with the work of synth balladeers Grandaddy.

The track "Fred Jones Part 2" also falls into Folds' common theme of feeling old; in this song, he tells the story of man laid off from his job. The song is delicately accompanied by a string section and Fold's melancholy, waltzing piano.

The sheer mastery of Folds' piano skills gets shown on tracks "Zak and Sara," where Folds' easily covers the whole keyboard with an opening riff that leads into a bouncy pop song layered with swooning harmonies.

As a whole, *Rockin' the Suburbs* is the best work from Folds yet. The recently matured Folds has emerged with a new found sense of himself, and his songs reflect this new discovery. He has leaped over the difficult first hurdle of putting out a solo album, and the album could possibly surpass his previous work in Ben Folds Five.

The decision Folds made to be a solo artist with full artistic control has worked in his favor. It has given Folds the opportunity to examine himself and experiment with new instruments and sounds that were restricted when Folds was with the band.

His IMU show will be at 7:30 p.m. today. The opening act is The Divine Comedy.

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By Richard Shirk
 The Daily Iowan

There seems to be something fresh about *Regeneration*, the new album by The Divine Comedy. Perhaps a reflection of frontman Neil Hannon's ascension to a higher plateau of maturity, *Regeneration* is a nearly flawless album that has the frontman commenting on the beauty and the dullness of the slow passing of life.

This also ushers in a Divine Comedy devoid of the foppish rhetoric found on previous albums that had Hannon poised in his trademark tailored suits to take over the world with his ornate and symphonic music and to do everything before he died. The planned symphonies and three novels never materialized. With the newfound maturity of Hannon after his recent marriage and 30th birthday, the suits have been left behind for jeans and T-shirts, and grandeur has yielded to a grounded outlook on everyday existence.

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Regeneration is the sixth album by The Divine Comedy, but it is not the first to display the band's penchant for lush and multi-layered songs. A

Short Album About Love, 1997's live disc, saw the band accompanied by a 30-piece orchestra.

Finally signed to a major label, this is the only work in a decade the band hasn't made for indie-label Setanta, and it is the first chance to use the clout of new label Parlophone to rope in a name producer. In his first project following his auteurist treatment of the reels of Radiohead's pivotal album *Kid A*, producer Nigel Godrich came aboard and turned out to be a perfect choice for a band that tends to lean towards sophisticated social commentary set against panoramic and sweeping musical backdrops.

Working with bands that have grand aspirations has become something of a specialty for Godrich — a man renowned for his work on the last four Radiohead albums and his work with Travis on *The Invisible Band*. However, this choice works both for and against The Divine Comedy on *Regeneration*.

An over-reliance on some old tricks leaves The Divine Comedy an easy target to be lumped in with such Radiohead coattail

riders as Coldplay, Palo Alto, Travis, and Starsailor. For instance, the chain-link fence heard in the beginning of "Electioneering" by Radiohead makes a reappearance as a percussive instrument in "Lost Property."

Godrich's subdued and compressed recording style, as well as his engineering of seamless transitions from song to song, lends much more than discredit to *Regeneration* — an album largely consisting of musings over the passage of life and its effects. This theme lurks at the back of every narrative but is in the foreground of leadoff track, "Timestretched," and the edgy melancholia of "Note To Self."

"There are not enough days in the week/and weeks go by quicker than drunks knock back liquor," sings Hannon with his "Scott Walker by way of Thom Yorke" warble in "Timestretched." Underneath a hypnotic fingerpicked guitar and the ever-present tasteful strings, Godrich paints in opulently manipulated and cycled slow bursts of Moog and guitar that add a level of depth and more than a little mood. The Bowie-esque "Bad Ambassador" is led into without a missed beat or barely a comprehension

that the first song has ended — the lulling wash of heavily processed guitars seeming more like a bridge that's ending.

"Bad Ambassador" allows Hannon one of the few opportunities to let down his artistic guard while belting out such lines as "I'm gonna abseil down my ivory tower/and buy myself a jaguar." In this song, he not only winks slyly but also exhibits a vocal range that was one of a few able to measure up to Tom Jones on his recent album of duets.

The alienation and repulsion of modern society emerges as a strong and complementary allegorical theme that is best witnessed in the postmodern sermon on television and the erosion of the attention span in "Dumb It Down." "Lobotomise the world through sight and sound/Dumb It Down" sings Hannon with a dry wit. Covering similar facets of the same subject such as conformity ("Mastermind"), materialism ("Lost Property"), and even spiritual consumerism and hypocrisy in "Eye of the Needle" in which Hannon, the son of an Northern Irish bishop, sings, "The cars in the churchyard/are shiny and German/Completely at odds with/The cause of the sermon."



Regeneration's gentle tour of political and social issues is handled with a detached tone and an insight that seems to result from Hannon watching the world and time go by from behind a window pane on a rainy day. Hannon's newfound security and maturity in the 11 tracks of *Regeneration* is manifested with a lyrical wit and musical eloquence hard to match in British music today, while Godrich's production touches push The Divine Comedy over the line from crafting well-written albums with a lavish sound to becoming aurally transcendent on an album that is a major achievement.

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Monday, Feb. 25, 2002

Canada gets first gold in 50 years

By Alan Robinson
 Associated Press

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah — The Maple Leaf dollar buried in America's home ice turned out to be a golden omen for Canada.

The Canadians finally ended an agonizing 50-year wait for the Olympic gold medal in their national sport, beating the United States as Jarome Iginla and Joe Sakic each scored twice in a

historic 5-2 victory Sunday. The loss ended U.S. coach Herb Brooks' quest to lead a second gold-medal winning team 22 years after the famous "Miracle on Ice" with a group of college players.

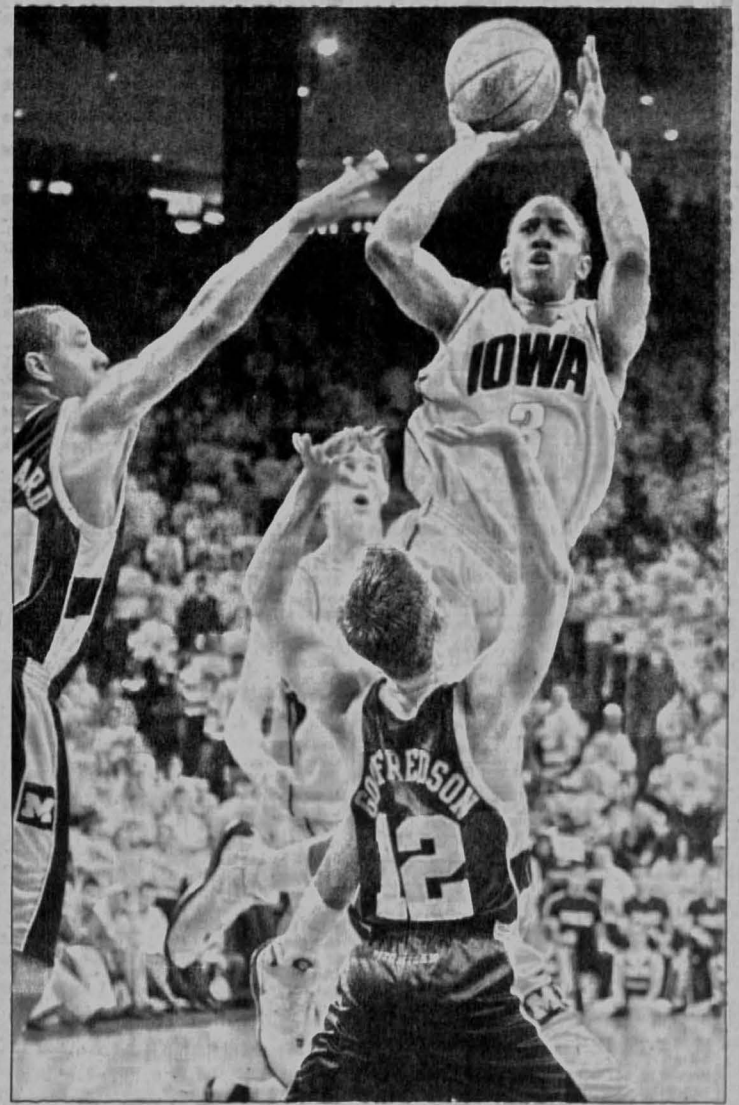
Maybe it was because the Americans really didn't have the home-ice advantage. As the Edmonton Oilers' ice specialists made the surface at the E-Center rink, they sank a

loonie — a golden Canadian dollar coin — into it for good luck. "I dug it up and we're going to give it to the Hockey Hall of Fame," Team Canada executive director Wayne Gretzky said.

Remarkably, Canada's gold came 50 years to the day an amateur team called the Edmonton Waterloo Mercurys won the nation's last Olympic gold. In 1998, Canada easily won its first four games, only to

be eliminated by eventual champion Czech Republic. The Canadians' victory ended the U.S. men's team 70-year unbeaten streak on Olympic home ice — three days after the American women's team also lost to Canada in the final.

"We took a lot of inspiration from how the women's team played," defenseman Chris Pronger said.



Nicholas Tremmel/The Daily Iowan

Iowa point guard Pierre Pierce goes up for a shot over Michigan defender Mike Gottfredson in the Hawkeyes' 76-56 victory at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 23.

Iowa shows life in 76-56 victory

By Todd Brommelkamp
 The Daily Iowan

The Iowa men's basketball team finally registered a pulse with a 76-56 victory over Michigan on Feb. 23 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. It may be faint, but it was a sign of life nonetheless.

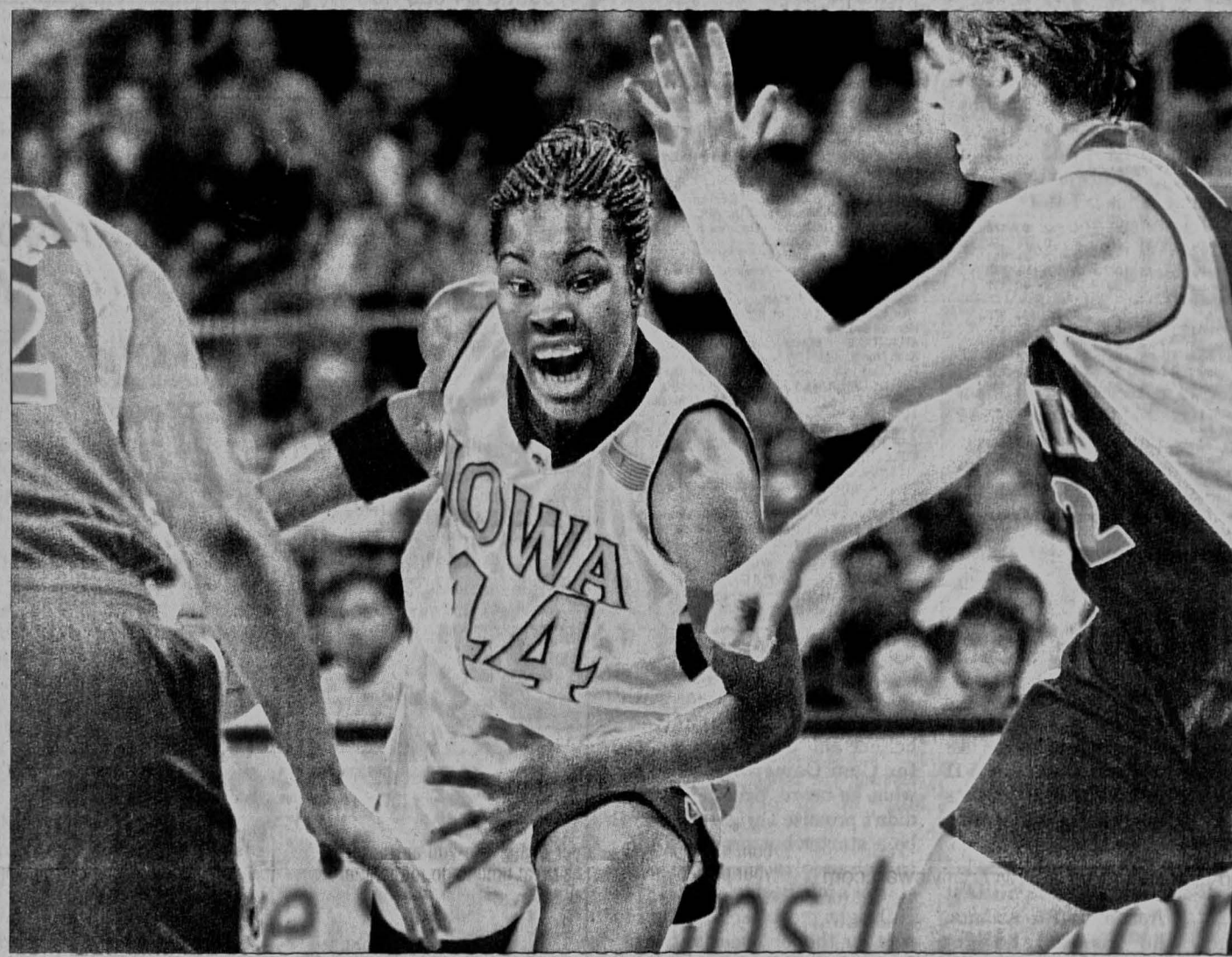
The victory improved Iowa's record to 5-10 in the Big Ten with one game remaining and ended a five-game conference losing skid for the 16-13 Hawkeyes.

As in recent weeks, the biggest story surrounding Iowa was whether Reggie Evans would play. However, a bruised thigh, not academics

was at fault for threatening to keep Iowa's leading rebounder out of the game. Evans was injured the previous afternoon during practice when he collided with redshirt freshman Erik Hansen.

Evans received as many as eight treatments to his right thigh prior to the game, but he was able to play 31 minutes in front of his mother and brother, who had traveled from Pensacola, Fla., to watch his final regular-season home game. He had told them not to expect to see him play as they left for the arena, but Evans played through his pain to justify the trip North.

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Scott Morgan/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Beatrice Bullock drives to the basket during the Hawkeyes' 79-71 victory over Illinois at Carver-Hawkeye Arena Sunday.

Emotions set aside in victory

By Roseanna Smith
 The Daily Iowan

As she was honored alongside her parents and the three other Iowa women's basketball seniors at center court before Sunday's regular season finale, the corners of Lindsey Meder's eyes shined brightly.

But the moment dissolved as quickly as the tears as she assumed her commanding position on the floor, firing off a 3-pointer two minutes into the game and leading the Hawkeyes to a 79-71 victory over Illinois.

"It was a little emotional," Meder said. "But you have to keep it in check; you have to play ball. It was good to have to focus on the game, instead of it being the last time."

And that's all Meder and her teammates did.

The two teams traded baskets for the opening four minutes, before Angelina Williams pressured the Iowa defense for six points and an 18-10 advantage. But Sunday belonged to the four seniors, and the

Hawkeyes weren't letting Illinois spoil their parade.

Senior Jerica Watson made a lay-up and converted on a three-point play to take the lead for the first time at the 7:34 mark. Illinois' Jere Issenmann responded with a 3-pointer to tie the score at 25, and it took two more ties before Meder could break the deadlock for good. Her 3-pointer on a steal from Beatrice Bullock followed by two more in the paint and a lay-up from Watson built a lead the Illini couldn't penetrate.

"They had that lead, and [they] pretty much had it the entire second half," Illinois coach Theresa Grentz said. "The difference was the speed, but we did fight."

In the second half, the Illini came within four points with three minutes remaining, but free throws from Meder, Leah Magner, and Watson, coupled with defensive pressure, kept Illinois at an arm's length.

The Hawkeyes utilized a 2-3 zone defense to keep Illinois

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Seniors survive turbulent years

Outwit, outplay, outlast. Nine women could have been standing at center court of Carver-Hawkeye Arena Sunday — only four survived.

The careers of the seniors on the Iowa women's basketball team have a glaring comparison to the reality television show "Survivor." After starting their freshmen year surrounded by four other classmates, Leah Magner, Lindsey Meder, Jerica Watson, and Beatrice Bullock have seen cohorts transfer in and out, while others simply buckled under the pressure and waved goodbye.

They've seen one coach resign and another pick up the fraying pieces. The women spent two years in the cellar of the Big Ten, hoping to be the "spoiler team" and ruin everyone else's hopes for success after theirs had long since passed. And now, they've enjoyed two years on top, eluding those teams trying to knock them off.

There were injuries, quarreling roommates, and early morning practices, turbulent plane rides, chicken and rice,



Laura Podolak

and Jim Eash's pancakes. I spent two years in the gym with them. I perspired with them, iced body parts with them, and shared pre-game speeches. It was never easy. It was downright hellish.

I buckled.

These four persisted. This isn't a poem of praise to the team. It isn't even a way to voice the choices I've made. It is a way of giving credit where credit is due. These women are outstanding citizens, solid students, and revel in the right to wear black and gold.

The four don't spend count-

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Track championships canceled after death

By Andrew Ybarra
 Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Teary-eyed Penn State athletes led a lap around the track, and a moment of silence replaced competition at the Big Ten men's track and field indoor championships Sunday.

A day after a Penn State pole vaulter Kevin Dare died in competition, the championships were called off. The decision was made after a meeting of Big Ten coaches, conference Athletics

Commissioner Jim Delaney said. The meet, which began Feb. 23, won't be rescheduled.

Coaches, athletes, and fans gathered around the track Sunday afternoon to honor Dare, a 19-year-old sophomore, who fell during a pole vault attempt Feb. 23 and hit his head. He was treated by emergency medical technicians at the University of Minnesota Field House and then was taken to Hennepin County Medical Center.

He never regained consciousness, and was pronounced dead

shortly after arriving at the hospital.

Some Penn State athletes stopped during their lap around the track and knelt at the pit where Dare had fallen, while others threw flowers on the spot where he landed.

The women's championships at Penn State also held a moment of silence Sunday.

"Today, life is not as good as it was yesterday," Penn State coach Harry Groves said to the crowd gathered for the ceremony. "The best way we can pay tribute to

Kevin is to get back to doing what we do, which is track and field. I think he would like that."

After the Penn State athletes huddled in the center of the field and yelled a cheer for Dare, the team's poles were carried out of the building.

Dare won the pole vault in the U.S. junior championships in June, clearing 16 feet, 6 1/2 inches.

Read related story about the Iowa track team on Page 6B.

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 6 p.m. Field House pool

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 M's and w's gymnastics vs. Illinois
 7 p.m. Carver-Hawkeye Arena
 Men's basketball at Mich. St.
 3:30 p.m. East Lansing
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 6 p.m. Field House pool

M's swimming at Big 10 Championships
 11 a.m. Bloomington, Ind.

Baseball at Vanderbilt
 1 p.m. Nashville, Tenn.

Softball at Southern Classic
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Men's tennis vs. Illinois State
 5 p.m. Recreation Center

Women's tennis vs. Purdue
 11 a.m. Recreation Center

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 11 a.m. Indianapolis, Ind.
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 6 p.m. Field House pool

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Women's tennis vs. Indiana
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Top 25 Fared
1. Kansas (25-2) beat Iowa State 102-66; beat Nebraska 88-67; beat Oklahoma 98-67; beat Maryland (23-3) beat Clemson 64-68; beat No. 20 Wake Forest 90-89.

No. 10 South Carolina (22-5) lost to Auburn 67-49; beat Mississippi 82-58.
No. 11 Colorado (20-8) lost to No. 9 Baylor 80-69; beat No. 12 Kansas State 73-58.
No. 12 Kansas State (22-6) lost to No. 11 Colorado 79-58.

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Saturday's Games

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

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WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Top 25 Fared
No. 1 Connecticut (29-0) beat Providence 106-41; beat Rutgers 80-42.
No. 2 Stanford (28-1) beat Southern California 78-60; beat UCLA 96-80.

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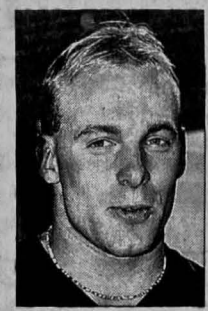
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Chargers send \$15 million deal to Dwight

By Bernie Wilson Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Tim Dwight's playmaking ability impressed the San Diego Chargers so much that they've given the wide receiver-punt returner a \$15 million, five-year contract even though he's not a starter. The deal includes a \$5 million signing bonus, and Dwight can make an additional \$1 million per season in incentives.

Butler said Dwight, San Diego's third-down receiver last year, will be given the chance to compete for a starting job this year.



Dwight

"I think everybody had the chance to see what excitement he brought to our team last year," Butler said. "The chance of a big play is there all the time." Dwight, who missed six games last year with a collapsed lung, had 25 catches for 406 yards, an average of 16.2 yards. He returned 24 punts for 271 yards, including an 84-yard touchdown return in a season-opening win over Washington, the first time he touched the ball as a Charger. He also scored on a reverse the next week at Dallas.

the way is big," said Butler, who's trying to turn around a team that's lost 26 of 32 games the last two seasons. San Diego was 5-11 last year and lost its final nine games, costing coach Mike Riley his job.

When Butler traded the first pick in last April's draft to Atlanta, he insisted he get Dwight as part of the deal because he's a double threat. While the Falcons took Michael Vick, the Chargers ended up with Dwight and the fifth pick, which they used on running back LaDainian Tomlinson, who rushed for a Chargers rookie-record 1,236 yards. Dwight was prepared to go to free agency, but Behta had promised Butler that he'd give the Chargers every chance to sign him.

Dwight met last week with new coach Marty Schottenheimer and offensive coordinator Cam Cameron and liked what he heard. Schottenheimer didn't promise Dwight that he'd be a starter but promised him the chance to compete for a starter's job, Behta said. Dwight most likely will compete for the job opposite Curtis Conway. Jeff Graham was the other starter last year, but there's a good chance he won't be brought back. "You have to first get paid as a No. 1 or No. 2 to compete for that job," Behta said. "You want him to be paid as a playmaker, not what he's done over the last few years, because it's not in his control how much he's on the field." Behta said Dwight, a fifth-year pro who has yet to play all 16 games in a season, is fully healed from his collapsed lung.

Terps squeak past Wake Forest on technical

Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Juan Dixon made a technical foul shot with 1.3 seconds left after Josh Howard called a time-out that Wake Forest didn't have to cap Maryland's comeback. Lonny Baxter scored 25 points, and Dixon added 20 for the Terrapins (23-3, 13-1 Atlantic Coast Conference), who trailed by 12 points shortly after halftime and finally regained the lead in the final two minutes. The Terrapins led 89-87 before Howard scored in the lane and was fouled with 10.1 seconds left. He missed the free throw, and after Dixon missed a jumper for Maryland, Howard grabbed the rebound and quickly formed a "T" with his hands. But Wake Forest had already used its final timeout, so the Demon Deacons received an automatic technical foul. Dixon made the first shot, missed the second, and Wake Forest's Broderick Hicks was very short made a long field goal attempt as time expired.

No. 1 Kansas 88, Nebraska 87 LINCOLN, Neb. — Freshman Keith Langford hit a 3-pointer with 33 seconds left, and No. 1 Kansas rallied to beat Nebraska 88-87 Sunday and clinch the Big 12 regular season title for the first time in four years. The Jayhawks (25-2, 14-0) won their 12th-straight game despite trailing for nearly all of the final 15 minutes. Langford's shot from the top of the key gave the Jayhawks their first lead since 16:26 remained. Nebraska's John Robinson missed a jumper from just inside the 3-point line with about five

seconds left. John Turek missed a tip-in attempt, and Kansas' Drew Gooden got the rebound, then tossed it straight in the air as time expired. Gooden finished with 26 points and 14 rebounds for the Jayhawks, while Boschee and Kirk Hinrich each scored 14. Robinson and Cary Cochran each scored 22 points Nebraska (12-13, 5-9), which made a school-record 18 3-pointers while shooting 49 percent beyond the arc. No. 3 Duke 97, St. John's 55 DURHAM, N.C. — Jason Williams and Carlos Boozer each had 12 points in Duke's 35-1 run to close the first half, and the Blue Devils handed the Red Storm its third-worst loss ever. Duke (25-2) missed eight of its first 10 shots to fall behind 20-13 midway through the first

half, but scored 26 straight points and allowed just one free throw over the final 13 minutes to take a 48-21 halftime lead. Williams finished with 26 points, and Boozer had 20 and 11 rebounds. Eric King had 16 points for the Red Storm (18-9), who had their worst loss since falling 66-5 to Army on Dec. 13, 1922. Michigan St. 57, No. 23 Indiana 64 EAST LANSING, Mich. — Marcus Taylor scored 16 points, including eight over the final 3:21, and had eight assists as the Spartans (17-10, 8-6 Big Ten) rallied from a 16-point deficit. Jared Jeffries and Tom Coverdale each scored 11 points for the Hoosiers (18-9, 10-4), who lost for the ninth-straight time in the Breslin Center.

McGwire's dynasty lives on for La Russa

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — Even though Mark McGwire has retired, St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony La Russa still thinks about Big Mac and home runs. "I told him more than once that if he rehabilitated during the offseason, he could hit 35 to 50 homers" this year, La Russa said Sunday during St. Louis' practice session. "But he said, 'You don't know what I'm feeling and what I've been through. I'm done.'" McGwire, after hitting only .187 last season, passed up millions to

keep playing because of his inability to produce in 2001. La Russa said that because of rehabbing his right knee, McGwire wasn't getting his back leg into the pitch. And he hit 29 homers in 300 at-bats anyway. "Nobody realizes what Mark went through in 1999 and 2000," La Russa said. "The daily responsibility to put on baseball's best show, the doubleheaders he played and then the guys were pitching him like Babe Ruth, which he was, Babe Ruth Jr. "For him to hit 135 home runs under those circumstances, he had

to reach so deep, at some point the well was empty," La Russa said. McGwire ended with 583 career home runs. Ken Griffey Sr. returns to scout for Reds SARASOTA, Fla. — Ken Griffey Sr. reported to the Cincinnati Reds' training camp Feb. 23 to start scouting for the team, one day after he resigned as first-base coach. Both management and his son, Ken Griffey Jr., were caught off-guard Feb. 22 when Griffey Sr., 51, resigned. Griffey Sr. declined to talk to

reporters after leaving a meeting Feb. 23 with the team's general manager Jim Bowden, but spoke out on his radio show later in the day. "I was tired of being treated like dirt," he said on WCIN-AM in Cincinnati. He claimed that members of the front office knew he was unhappy with how things were going, but didn't go into specifics. Griffey was hired as a special consultant and has been assigned to Florida's east coast to scout the Marlins, St. Louis Cardinals, Montreal Expos, Los Angeles Dodgers, and the New York Mets.

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Iowa finishes seventh at Big Tens

By Travis Brown
The Daily Iowan

The Iowa women's swimming and diving team rallied past Illinois on Feb. 23 to finish seventh at the Big Ten championships in Ann Arbor, Mich. To pass the Fighting Illini, the Hawkeyes needed to finish ahead of them in the final event of the meet, the 400-free relay. The team of Erin Strub, Katie Haeger, Christie Hooper, and Allison Lyle brought home a fifth-place finish in the event (3:23.43), one spot ahead of Illinois. "We ended up having to beat Illinois in the last relay to overtake them," said Hawkeye coach Garland O'Keefe. "We felt pretty confident in the 400-free relay that we could beat them." Penn State won the meet with 594.50-points. The Nittany Lions led Indiana by 1.5 points entering the 400-free relay. Indiana finished ahead of Penn State in the event but was disqualified for a false start, and the Nittany Lions won their first-ever Big Ten championship. Iowa, which had finished eighth each of the past two years, accomplished two of its goals by moving up a place and

scoring more points than last year. The Hawkeyes scored 292 team points, up from last year's 254. Iowa also broke six school records in Ann Arbor. On Feb. 23, Jenifer Skolaski showed everyone at Ann Arbor why she is one of the top talents in the Big Ten as she placed fourth in the 1,650-free (16:32.30) with a time 15 seconds faster than her lifetime best and then finished third in the next event, the 200-backstroke. Her time of 1:58.37 broke an Iowa school record and automatically qualified her for the NCAA championships in Austin, Texas. She has also qualified for the 500-free, 100-back, and 1,650-free. Two events later, Lyle also earned herself a ticket to Austin as she automatically qualified in the 200-breast (2:13.52), placing second in the event. She has also qualified to swim the 50-free. Melissa Loehndorf placed third in the 200-butterfly (2:00.55), and Laura Maldonado finished sixth in the platform dive (355.30), but their marks did not earn them a NCAA trip. After moving into a sixth-place tie with Northwestern on Feb. 21, things did not go Iowa's way

on Feb. 22, as the Hawkeyes slipped to eighth place. The only bright spot for the Hawkeyes was 3-meter diving. Freshman Lisette Planken placed third (484.00), and Nan-cilea Underwood finished sixth (472.55). "Friday was by far our weakest day," O'Keefe said. "We really had some good swims on the third day, it just wasn't good enough for the night swims." Melissa Loehndorf finished a disappointing 11th in the preliminary race of the 400-individual medley (4:23.86), and she could not finish any better than ninth place in the final (4:21.25). Hooper finished 12th in the 200-free (1:50.29), and Lyle wound up eighth in the 100-breast (1:03.82). Following the meet, Planken and Skolaski were at-large selections for the All-Big Ten team. "That was a huge honor," O'Keefe said. "The coaches all vote to fill three at-large spots. For us to get two of the three is outstanding. It was especially impressive with those two being freshmen in their first trip to Big Tens." E-mail DI reporter Travis Brown at: travbrow@blue.weeg.uiowa.edu

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

GymHawks dropped by LSU

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Continuing its beuffed up schedule, the Iowa women's gymnastics team suffered another loss at the hands of a Top-10 opponent Feb. 22 at LSU. The eighth-ranked Tigers were in control the majority of the match and cruised to a 196.725-194.825 victory. Iowa dropped to 3-4 on the year, with all four losses coming to teams ranked in the Top 10. The GymHawks were forced to count falls on the uneven bars and balance beam, lowering their score by at least one point. The loss is a setback following their season-high 196.100, which the Hawks achieved Feb. 17. "It was another meet where we had some great individual efforts, but we just weren't tough enough from the beginning," said Iowa coach Mike Lorenzen. "We again had to count major misses on bars and beam, and you just can't do that on the road in the SEC and hope to win." Iowa started out the meet on bars in sloppy fashion. Three scores were below 9.7, and the 48.375 team score was disappointing. Alexis Maday performed a nice routine for a 9.875, which earned her second in the event. The feat was made more impressive because Maday had been battling a case of stomach flu prior to the meet. Next the team moved to

vault, where freshman Mindi Levitz fell on the landing to lead things off. From that point, the GymHawks converted several solid vaults, led by a 9.85 by sophomore Stephanie Gran on a difficult Phelps vault that Lorenzen thought should have produced a higher score. The highlight of the night was floor exercise. Senior Corynne Cooper performed what Lorenzen called the best performance of her career, earning a 9.8. Sophomore Brandy Killian tied her career best with a 9.875, using a front to double-tuck, double-tuck, double-full routine. Maday concluded the floor with a performance that tied for first with a dazzling 9.925. Despite the encouraging signs on floor, the GymHawks' inconsistency showed again on the balance beam. Unexpected falls by the normally reliable Gran and Maday dropped Iowa another point behind LSU and led to the large margin of victory. While somewhat frustrated by the inconsistency of the team, Lorenzen still found reasons to be optimistic for increased scores in future meets. "Some positive things came out of this meet for us, and the score will definitely push us in the right direction for post-season qualification," he said. "It has become clear to the coaching staff, however, that we're missing toughness and aggressiveness at key times."

Those are things that we'll certainly work on in the weeks ahead. E-mail DI reporter Jeremy Shapiro at: shapiro@blue.weeg.uiowa.edu

IOWA WRESTLING

Mocco proves mettle against Illini

By Ali Noller
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The Iowa wrestling team ended its regular dual season Sunday in familiar Hawkeye fashion with a 24-10 ousting of No. 10 Illinois, spoiling the Fighting Illini's senior day in Champaign. The No. 3 Hawkeyes improved to 16-4, 6-2 in the Big Ten, and they now have two weeks to prepare for their return to Champaign for the Big Ten championships March 9-10. In the most anticipated match of the afternoon, Iowa heavyweight Steve Mocco proved his No. 1 ranking with a 3-1 overtime defeat of defending national champion John Lockhart. Hawk coach Jim Zalesky said that while Mocco wrestled at Lockhart's pace for the first two periods, he turned things around in the final period and overtime for the decision. "When he [Mocco] picked up his pace, Lockhart couldn't stay with him," Zalesky said. "He is

the most successful when he wrestles at his own pace and puts points up on the board right away." The Hawkeyes earned bonus points at 141 when Luke Moffitt pinned Illinois' Mark Jayne in 1:21. Moffitt, who leads the team in pins this season with five, swept in for a low single leg before turning the cradle. No. 6-ranked Jessman Smith also earned praise from Zalesky for his 8-4 decision of No. 14 Jason Potter. "He wrestled really well today and just missed the major [decision]," Zalesky said. "This is one of the best matches I've seen him wrestle all year. If he wrestles the total match like he did today, he could be an NCAA champion." The Hawkeyes began the match with a Cliff Moore decision at 133 over Chad Hay. Following Moffitt's pin, Mike Zadicik showed his usual consistency with a 5-2 win over Ryan Berger. Iowa faltered temporarily at 157 and 165, before Tyler Nixt (174) rebounded for a 10-3 deci-

sion. Trey Clark added a win at 197 that served as a confidence-booster for the freshman, Zalesky said. The Hawkeyes now must fortify their lineup before the Big Ten Tournament. The weights of 141, 165, and 197 remain undecided; they will be determined by Zalesky and staff in the next few weeks. Moffitt and Marc Juergens continue their season-long battle for the 141-pound slot. A best-of-three wrestle-off will likely determine the contender for the Big Ten Tournament, Zalesky said, while Ben Shirk and Ryan Fulsaa are conceivable options for the 165- and 197-pound spots. Zalesky said the team will now focus on "being ready" to wrestle the first match of the tournament. "Rankings don't really matter when you get to the tournament; you can throw them out," he said. "You have to be ready and wrestle with emotion to win." E-mail DI reporter Ali Noller at: ali-noller@uiowa.edu

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Hawkeyes rebound against Hokies

By Roseanna Smith
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After a down-to-the-wire 5-2 loss to No. 20-ranked Notre Dame on Feb. 22, the Iowa women's tennis squad rebounded against Virginia Tech on neutral courts in South Bend, Ind. The Hawkeyes claimed the doubles point early over the Hokies, as Toni Neykova and Deni Alexandrova retired Kristin Stubbs and Felice Lam, 7-5. Cassie Haas and Gloria Okino slid by Meredith Vincent and Ashleigh Sarver (8-6) in the No. 3 position. "The hard part about that match was that we had to come off the emotional disappointment against Notre Dame," Iowa coach Paul Wardlaw said.

"It was a little nerve-racking with Deni and Steffi in singles, but we were up 4-0 before they won their first point." In singles play, Hoch defeated Vincent in straight sets (6-3, 7-6), and Alexandrova defeated Ginger Lowdermilk in three sets (6-4, 7-6, 6-3). Against Notre Dame, the Hawkeyes lost the doubles point but won at the No. 2 and 4 positions to stay in the running. Alexandrova defeated previously unbeaten Alecia Salas (6-3, 6-3). The Fighting Irish were up, 3-2, after their victories in No. 5 and 6 doubles, so the weight of the contest came down to Haas and Neykova's matches. Both matches stretched to three sets, with Notre Dame exacting victories. No. 58-

ranked Becky Varnum dropped Neykova (3-6, 6-6, 6-4), and Lindsey Green defeated Haas (6-7, 6-4, 6-4). "It was a nail biter," Wardlaw said. "We were in good position to win, so it was disappointing in that regard, but we are a good team. I think our top four outplayed Notre Dame, which is a good sign as it's a Top-20 team." The Hawkeyes will open Big Ten play at home this weekend against Purdue and Indiana, taking on the Boilermakers first on Saturday at 11 a.m. "This will be as demanding a weekend as last given the intensity and rivalry of the Big Ten," Wardlaw said. "It's very important to get off to a good start." E-mail DI reporter Roseanna Smith at: roseanna-smith@uiowa.edu

MEN'S TENNIS

Jones, Jasicek step in for Skogman

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Even without No. 4 singles player Hunter Skogman in the starting lineup, the Iowa men's tennis team managed to fire off a 5-2 victory over Western Michigan on Sunday. Skogman missed the meet because of an injury, shifting No. 5 Justin Gaard and No. 6 Pete Rose up in the lineup. Matis Jasicek moved into Rose's position, and in doubles, Tres Jones took the junior's vacant spot. Both Jasicek and Jones recorded wins for the Hawkeyes. "It was good that all our guys came through today," Iowa coach Steve Houghton said. "The truth of the matter is, that there are times when [injuries] are going to happen, and the rest of the guys have to be ready to jump in when that

situation arises. It usually happens later in the year, but it's good for the guys to get the message early to jump in. They did a good job of rising to the occasion to make up for Hunter's loss." Iowa also posted wins in all three doubles matches, securing the point early. Jake Wilson and Jones defeated Christian Brattstrom and Kai Blache handily (8-3) in the No. 2 position. Stuart Waters and Gaard defeated Ryan Maarschalk and Ravishankar Pathanjali in the No. 1 doubles. "We played the three best doubles matches of the year," Houghton said. "Western Michigan is very good in the Mid-Atlantic Conference, and it's always a battle." In singles, Waters improved his team-leading 5-1 record

with a win over Brattstrom (6-3, 6-4). Gaard dropped to 4-2 in the spring season with a loss (6-1, 7-6) to Justin Kates in No. 4 singles. Jasicek defeated Michael Findling in three sets, winning the tiebreaker (7-6) after taking the first (6-2) and losing the second (6-3). Mandic defeated Ryan Maarschalk in No. 3 (7-6, 6-2). The Hawkeyes will travel next to in-state rival Drake on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Houghton said Skogman's return would be questionable. "It's no sure thing either way for him, because we've only got two days to get ready," Houghton said. "This is one of our toughest weeks. We have to play a lot of tennis in a short time." E-mail DI reporter Roseanna Smith at: roseanna-smith@uiowa.edu

MEN'S GYMNASTICS

Jackson key in four-point victory

By Donovan Burba
The Daily Iowan

The fifth-ranked Iowa men's gymnastics team scored an impressive victory over Michigan on Feb. 22, winning four of the six events and crowning four individual champions. The Hawkeyes started hot and were able to hold off the Wolverines to score a 212.0 - 208.25 victory.

Iowa began the meet with a strong showing on the floor exercise, out-scoring Michigan, 35.70-34.65. The Hawkeyes placed four gymnasts in the top five, led by event-champion Cameron Schick's 9.20 score. Schick also placed second overall in the meet. Don Jackson, last week's Big Ten Gymnast of the Week, continued his success on the pommel horse, winning the event with a 9.50 mark. "It wasn't the routine [Jackson] did last week at all," said Iowa coach Tom Dunn. "He had a little trouble in warm-ups, so he made up something else, but he has such a repertoire of skills that he can do just about anything and score." The Hawkeyes got additional leadership from senior Shane de Freitas, who won the all-around title with a 52.10 score after not having competed since Feb. 2 because of an injury. De Freitas tied for second with teammate Matt Metzger on the still rings and also took third on the parallel bars. Iowa seemed to struggle a bit down the stretch, but the Wolverines provided some help with a poor showing on the high bar. Michigan's Justin Toman won the event with a 9.05 mark, but Iowa captured the next four spots to nab the event. Still, Dunn had some concerns. "We let down maybe a little bit on high bar," he said. "But by then the meet was over. I think had the meet been closer, we would have held tight." Dunn's squad will face No. 2 Illinois on Saturday at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, and there is clearly room for improvement. "[Illinois] is not going to make it this easy," Dunn said. "We're going to have to be a little sharper. The guys left out a lot of bonus points [against Michigan], and we're going to

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Softball team sweeps field

By Todd Brommelkamp
The Daily Iowan

As with Sherman's famous march through the city of Atlanta during the Civil War, the Hawkeyes showed no mercy for their opposition in Georgia's capital city.

Iowa cruised through the Georgia State Tournament on Feb. 23 and Sunday, winning all five games and improving to 7-3 on the year.

"For only the second week out, we still had our moments where we struggled offensively," Iowa coach Gayle Blevins said. "But getting back outside again this weekend helped us move through some of those."

The tournament started on a strong note, as Sarah Thomson and Kristi Hanks hurled back-to-back three-hitters. Thomson whitewashed Drexel, 4-0, while Hanks led Iowa to a 5-1 victory over Ball State.

The evening's nightcap proved to be an interesting affair with the setting eerily reminiscent to lyrics from a Tanya Tucker song, as the Georgia sun truly was blood red and going down.

Leading Boston College 7-1 in the fifth inning, with two outs and the sun quickly setting, the Eagles touched Iowa hurlers Lisa Birocci and Thomson for five runs. Hanks was called in to relieve Thomson, getting the final out and preserving the 7-6 victory as the game was called on account of darkness after the inning.

On the final day of action, Iowa blanked host Georgia State, 4-0, before beating Tennessee into submission with a 13-1, run-rule shortened victory.

Kristin Johnson continued her hot hitting against Georgia State, going 3-3 as Birocci

earned the victory. Against the Lady Vols, Lindsey Bashor went 2-3 with three RBIs including a double and her first collegiate home run. In just five innings, Hanks struck out nine Tennessee hitters.

"I thought Kristi did a fine job this weekend," Blevins said. "It's hard for a pitcher to stay focused in a lopsided game, but she treated it as if she were pitching in a 1-0 game."

Riding a seven-game winning streak after dropping its first three games of the year, Iowa was able to use the weekend in Atlanta as yet another building block.

"This was very helpful on a lot of levels," Blevins said. "A lot of people developed or found their confidence."

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Iowa stunned by accident

By Tyler Lechtenberg
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The tragedy at the Big Ten indoor meet in Minneapolis gave everyone a little perspective, Iowa coach Larry Wiecezorek said. The conference decided to cancel the meet after the death on Feb. 23 of Penn State sophomore Kevin Dare in a pole-vaulting accident.

Wiecezorek said that after all was said and done, he and his team supported the cancellation.

"The way we honor Kevin is to go on with our life — it wasn't to go on with track and field," he said. "We'll pick that up tomorrow."

The decision was not an easy one to make, Wiecezorek said, because for some athletes, competing in a Big Ten meet is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"Guys are disappointed they didn't get to compete and yet understand why they didn't get to compete," he said.

A moving conference-wide memorial service Sunday at

noon gave the athletes a chance to see that even through the sometimes chaotic world of Division I athletics, each individual athlete has her or his niche, Wiecezorek said.

"I think we showed today that our athletes are not numbers," he said. "I think everyone that left [the memorial service] felt [canceling] was the right thing to do even though they maybe were having their disappointment."

Wiecezorek did not have title aspirations for the Hawkeyes in the meet, but he planned to use the competition as a springboard into the outdoor season, when a few key Hawkeyes will rejoin the squad. The Hawkeyes sat in eighth place with seven points after the Feb. 23 events, but Wiecezorek said the Hawkeyes were competing well, which made the cancellation a little tougher to swallow.

Iowa senior thrower Jim Costello finished seventh in the shot put, and freshman distance runner Matt Esche placed eighth in the 3,000-meter run on day

one. The Hawkeye distance medley relay of Dan Trainor, Scott Faber, Mike Cunningham, and Shaun Allen took fifth with a time of 9:58.14. Iowa did well in the preliminaries as well; miler Adam Thomas won his heat in the mile, and sprinters Juan Coleman and Russ Peterson both qualified for the 400-meter dash finals, all fueling a high level of excitement for Sunday for the Hawkeyes.

But the track world was in an understandably different light.

"Maybe that's the statement that we made — it's just a track meet really," Wiecezorek said.

The Iowa coach himself found a new view of his job after really getting to touch base with his athletes and work with them as people.

"Sometimes you wonder as a coach if you're doing something important and worthwhile," he said. "I've always felt that I have been, and I feel that even more so today."

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Hawkeyes earn No. 4 seed

WOMEN

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out of the paint in the second half, but center Iveta Marcauskaitė still managed to lead the Illini with a team-high 20 points. Iowa managed to keep the No. 1 Big Ten rebounding team in check, grabbing 43 boards to Illinois' 38.

Point guard Kristi Faulkner also shined in her debut against her former coach and teammates. Faulkner transferred from Illinois and sat out

last season in accordance with NCAA rules. In Sunday's game, she scored eight points, had three assists, and grabbed five boards.

"There were a lot of emotions a couple days before and then going into the game," she said. "But we really stuck together, and that makes a big difference."

The cohesiveness at the end of the season was especially important to Iowa coach Lisa Bluder entering postseason play.

"We're excited about the win

today so we can close out the Carver-Hawkeye experience with a win," she said. "After two home losses in a row, we didn't want to leave with taste of a loss in our mouths."

With the victory, the Hawkeyes improve to 17-9 (10-6) heading into this weekend's Big Ten Tournament in Indianapolis. Iowa will be seeded No. 4 and play No. 5 Indiana at 11 a.m. The game will be televised on Fox Sports Chicago.

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Women's golf team begins spring season down South

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The Iowa women's golf team will kick off its spring season today at the Collegiate Classic at the Pinehurst Golf Course in Pinehurst, N.C. The team hasn't competed since Oct. 23, 2001, and coach Diane Thomason is eager to get her squad back in action.

"We're excited," she said. "The kids have been working hard, and we've been able to do more stuff with the short game inside than we have before."

The Hawkeyes enjoyed a strong fall season, winning both the Notre Dame and Missouri-Kansas City Invitationals. Indi-

vidually, freshman Liz Bennet carded a school record-tying 69 at the Lady Northern Invitational on Sept. 20-22, finishing 16th overall in just her second college competition.

Junior Heather Suhr's 75.2 average currently leads the team, but Bennet, freshman Megan George, and sophomore Laura Holmes aren't far behind. George was the individual winner of the Missouri-Kansas City tourney, narrowly edging Suhr by one stroke.

"Heather was our leader this fall, and Liz Bennet did well also, and Megan came on strong late in the fall," Thomason said. "I definitely look for them to lead us this spring."

Iowa will face a tough field at Pinehurst, with many of the 22 teams coming from warmer weather schools. Thomason admits that those teams will have an advantage, but she remains optimistic about the tournament.

"This is a good field for us to open up against," she said. "There are teams we should beat, teams that we'll be competitive with, and teams that will be better than us because of the outside advantage."

Play begins with 36 holes today and closes with another 18 on Tuesday.

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Loyalty glue for Iowa seniors

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less hours away from the hardwood together and don't put up an image of being the best of friends when they're not. But the chemistry is there. The seams in the team are secured

tightly with loyalty. And that is why they succeed.

On Sunday, the four again survived. They outlasted a second-half push by Illinois to practically lick the envelope of an invitation to the NCAA Tournament. They outwitted the emotions of senior day, seemingly undisturbed by those who dent-

ed and chipped away at their past four years together.

I bid farewell to the four who stuck it out. If only four years as an Iowa Hawkeye could earn you a million-dollar prize, but maybe the experience is payment enough.

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All five seniors score in finale

MEN

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"My kin folk had come too far not to see me play," said Evans, who turned in team-highs in points and rebounds with 20 and 11.

Glen Worley added a double-double of his own, scoring a season-high 14 points and pulling down 10 rebounds, a pleasing sign for Iowa coach Steve Alford.

"He's going to be a guy who will continue to explode on the scene," Alford said. "He keeps getting better and better."

Michigan coach Tommy Amaker was also impressed with the sophomore's performance, calling Worley the difference in the game.

"He had a double-double in

just 16 minutes," Amaker said. "You expect that from a player like Reggie Evans, but Worley was just very active."

Luke Recker and Brody Boyd added 11 points apiece to the Iowa cause. Boyd's output matched a season-high for the sophomore. Michigan's Gavin Groninger led the Wolverines in scoring with 17 points, with all five of his baskets coming from beyond the arc.

Shooting 44 percent from the field and trailing by just one point at halftime, the Wolverines stuttered in the second half. Michigan scored just 26 points in the game's final 20 minutes, shooting 29 percent from the floor, including 25 percent from 3-point range.

While the Wolverines faltered, Iowa seemingly exorcised

a season's worth of demons. The Hawkeyes finished the game with a positive assist-to-turnover mark and committed just 14 personal fouls.

"The things we weren't doing, we did in this game," Alford said.

All five Iowa seniors, Evans, Recker, Ryan Hogan, Duez Henderson, and Rod Thompson, managed to find their way in to the scoring book during their final home game. Thompson was the last to score, causing the arena to erupt when he added a jumper with 12 seconds remaining on the clock.

Iowa has a week off before closing the Big Ten regular season against Michigan State in East Lansing on Saturday.

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