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Campaign differences emerge

After a week of electioneering, the tickets' positions are becoming clear

By Jennifer Sturm
The Daily Iowan

Campaigning has begun to reveal distinctions between the two UI Student Government presidential tickets, with Eric Parker's geared toward improving campus activities and Nick Herbold's showing a broader interest in the relationship between the university and city officials.

After a week of campaigning, the differences highlight the candidates' goals and how they would achieve them if elected.

Members of Herbold's campaign said they will lobby to strengthen the student voice on City Council, which, they said, often passes student-unfriendly policies without first consulting that constituency. Parker's positions reveal a team that wants to focus on binding campus activities together using past traditions to enhance the college atmosphere.

"What it comes down to is the determination of the candidate who will go after his platform issues as a good leader," said former UISG Vice President Chris Linn.

Both tickets communicated a litany of possible improvements to the UI, which range in practicality, said university officials with jurisdiction over the ideas the candidates are promoting.

Herbold's campaign promotes the expansion of Cambus hours, increasing effectiveness of the city transit system, and installing cable-Internet in off-campus housing. Parker's platform supports reinstating the university yearbook, raising teaching assistants' English proficiency, and lowering parking-ramp rates for students.

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Scott Morgan/The Daily Iowan
Rusty the Giant Sloth sits on a keg Monday on the Pentacrest to demonstrate the Herbold/Blizek ticket's opposition to a possible keg ordinance and other "anti-student" measures.

UISG candidate platforms

Nick Herbold/ Matt Blizek
Theme: Student Voice/Student Choice 2002

Goals and Issues:

- * Fight for affordable education and childcare.
- * Advocate for graduate students' rights and end police "student profiling."
- * Lobby for a healthy environment at the UI, including creating an institutionalized recycling program.
- * Ensure that the cultural centers meet the needs and desires of the students who use them.
- * Oppose city ordinances that "control" student problems without consulting students.

Source: UI Research

Eric Parker/ Kristin Trotzig
Theme: Everything College Should Be

Goals and Issues:

- * Bring back the yearbook, increase school spirit and student attendance at sporting events.
- * Ensure all student organizations have autonomy in decision-making.
- * Expand the recycling pilot programs to Greek houses, apartments, and all UI property including residence halls.
- * Increase student involvement in voting, local affairs, and volunteering.
- * Fight for affordable education, represent COGS/grad students, affordable student parking, Teaching Assistant English Proficiency, childcare, and online book buy-back.

UPI/CI

UI officials say 1% cut would hurt

By Gigi Wood
The Daily Iowan

A proposed additional state budget cut of 1 percent for government agencies this fiscal year might sound small, UI officials said, but it will strain the university to the point of possibly cutting classes and compromising quality.

The GOP proposal, released Monday, comes up with \$126.5 million to cover the state's budget shortfall, slightly more than the \$120 million figure legislators were given by budget experts last week.

In addition to the 1 percent cut, the Republican plan calls for using \$44 million, earmarked for basic aid to local schools, from the state's rainy-day fund to cover a budget shortfall, and it would couple that with a new wave of spending cuts and unpaid time off for state workers. "Any cut at this time of the year will be very, very bad," said Doug True, the UI vice president for Finance.

The UI already tried to save

money by not filling positions when they became open, he said.

"There is nothing left through attrition to cut," True said.

Despite further budget cuts, university officials will make an effort to preserve classes, said UI Provost Jon Whitmore.

He will begin examining the university's expenditures and commitments today and will speak with members of the state of Iowa Board of Regents this week to try to find ways to further trim the budget.

"Cuts coming this late in the year give us very little flexibility," Whitmore said. "It will be a give-and-take process."

Meanwhile, True said, the possibilities of a furlough that lawmakers proposed for most state workers would be a "nightmare" for the university.

Requiring workers to take one day off a month without pay would save the state another \$120 million, Republican legislators said. They will start negotiations

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UI to increase its dorm rates again

By Anwar Williams
The Daily Iowan

For the sixth year in a row, the UI has hiked residence-hall fees at a higher percentage than Iowa State University, an Iowa State official said Monday.

Residence Services officials suggested a 10.8 percent increase for a double room and full-board plans at the UI during an Associated Residence Hall meeting Feb. 4, saying they need more money to pay for improvements at the facilities.

ISU proposed a 7 percent dorm increase, said Randy Alexander, the director of the school's Department of Residence. Officials from the University of Northern Iowa have not yet released figures detailing the fees.

The increases amounts to \$250 more per year at the UI than at ISU for double-occupan-

cy rooms and full-board plans, Alexander said.

Money from the increase will also be used to compensate for inflation, officials said. The proposal will come before the state of Iowa Board of Regents on April 17.

Rising dorm rates should pay for major repairs at Mayflower Residence Hall to improve air-conditioning, replace windows, and fix the plumbing system, said Scott Seagren, the Residence Services business manager.

ARH members said they also want to improve fire-protection systems in Burge, Daum, Currier, and Stanley Residence Halls.

Renovations at Burge are expected to cost \$14.5 million, and up to \$4 million is expected to go into the construction in Currier, Seagren said.

"The UI should support a rise

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State extends abuse law to dating couples

By Kellie Doyle
The Daily Iowan

A new bill that permits dating couples to seek a restraining order if they are assaulted by their partner might increase the number of cases in Johnson County between 10 and 15 percent, Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White said Monday.

"It will bring some extra burden, there's no question about that," he said. He added that the bill Gov. Tom Vilsack signed Feb. 22 as an amended version of a previous proposal that county attorneys and law-enforcement officials said required modification.

The bill comes more than a decade after organizations fighting domestic violence, including Iowa City's Domestic Violence Intervention Program, began advocating for

more protection for dating couples across the state. The law will go in effect July 1.

"It's a loophole that needed to be closed," said Kristie Doser, the director of community outreach for the Iowa City program. "This is the closest we've come."

Laurie Schipper, the director of the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence in Des Moines, said it was illogical to not include dating couples in the state's domestic-abuse laws, which until July only protects married couples, live-in couples, and couples with a child.

"These women have been excluded," she said, adding that battered men, although rare, will also be protected by the law.

White said a previous draft of the bill would have required

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Police nab 6 on multi-state forgery

By Gian Sachdev
The Daily Iowan

An incident involving more than a dozen states, false identities, maps, stolen merchandise, and dead ends unraveled at a Coralville motel Sunday, leaving police looking from Florida to Indiana for answers.

Six individuals, some claiming to reside in Texas, one identifying himself as a traveling minister, and all asserting to be family members, were arrested at the Ramada Inn, Highway 965, Coralville, on charges including forgery and serious assault.

"We suspect they have stolen credit cards and merchandise from Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Indiana," said Coralville police Detective Steve Clark. "Maps of other states and local maps of the Iowa City/Coralville area found in the room suggest they were going to target this area soon."

Police say the sextet, whose true identities remain unknown, was using motel rooms 151 and 153 to create false driver's licenses, fake reports, and store dangerous weapons.

The false material was not distributed to local residents but was used in conjunction with the stolen merchandise for "personal financial gains", Clark said.

The group has identified themselves as the "DeWitt family." The males claim to be the Rev. Robert Eugene Sr., a.k.a. Shannon Banks, 55; Robert Eugene Jr., a.k.a. Robert Banks, 29; Mark Eugene, a.k.a. Mark Banks, 28; and Timothy



Esther Joy Eugene Mark Eugene Robert Eugene Sr.



Robert Eugene Jr. Ruby Esther Eugene Timothy Eugene.

Eugene, a.k.a. Timothy Banks, 26. The females say they are Ruby Esther, a.k.a. Elizabeth Banks, 55, and Esther Joy, a.k.a. Esther Banks, 23.

However, a nationwide search using those identities uncovered nothing to confirm them, police said. The six also refused to give police their

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Where have you gone, 'Ozzie & Harriet'?

Suburbia is looking more and more like "Friends," not a '50s sitcom. See story, Page 3A

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Fire hits Iowa City daycare

No injuries were reported Monday afternoon after a fire in the basement of a small daycare caused \$25,000 in damages.

Iowa City resident Kim Boyer, 1113 Tower Court, discovered the fire in her house, which, investigators said, was caused by lint build-up in the dryer and vent tube.

Boyer was in her home shortly after 4 p.m. Monday when she smelled smoke, found the fire in her basement, and evacuated the children.

The fire took 15 minutes to control and 30 minutes to extinguish, reports said. During the process, firefighters covered some items with tarps and moved others to another location to minimize damage. A sports memorabilia collection sustained some smoke and water damages.

Boyer was unavailable for comment Monday night.

— by Kellie Doyle

POLICE LOG

Kelly Joe Criel, 19, of Lawrence, Kan., was charged Monday with serious assault causing injury. Police said a woman reported she had allegedly been struck in the face by Criel, causing swelling and bruising.

Bradley Jason Renfro, 23, of Lillian, Texas, was charged Dec. 18, 2001, with third-degree burglary. Police allege he broke through the glass window of Canterbury BP Amoco Service, First Avenue and Interstate 80, Coralville, and stole more than \$1,600 worth of merchandise and did property damage to the store. Renfro was apprehended by Texas authorities on Feb. 7 and extradited to Iowa.

Ryan Travis Jungst, 22, of Huxley, Iowa, was charged Sunday with assault causing injury. Police said that the defendant allegedly punched another male in the face repeatedly, causing a broken nose and large lacerations to the face.

Trenton Allen Brownrigg, 22, of Slater, Iowa, was charged Sunday with assault causing injury. Police allege that Brownrigg admitted to fighting with another male, whom he kicked repeatedly in the face.

— by Vess Mitev

CORRECTION

In the Feb. 25 article "We won't be boring, UISG presidential candidates say," the *DI* incorrectly reported the dates of the student-government elections. The elections will be March 4 and 5, not March 3 and 4.

Board mulls joining suit

By Tony Robinson
The Daily Iowan

The Iowa City School Board today will consider joining a lawsuit to prevent Coralville from borrowing \$33 million for a conference center, a move a local lawyer said will not affect the case's outcome.

Plaintiffs in the case sent a letter to the School Board asking it to join litigation against Coralville because, they allege, the city's method of paying for the project will rob local schools and governments of \$4.8 million in tax revenues. The money loss would come as a result of tax-increment financing, which, the plaintiffs said, would have local taxpayers pay for the conference center rather than using the money to improve the schools.

"Adding more plaintiffs to a case, even the School Board, may have political or media implications, but it will not affect the judge's decision," said Nicholas Johnson, a UI visiting law professor and former School Board member. "It all comes down to the legality of Coralville's actions."

City officials said they want

to merge two tax districts in order to help pay for the \$33 million debt Coralville would face in building the center. Critics of the plan said it is unfair to use taxes from the Coral Ridge Mall District to fund projects in the "Highway 6 Urban Renewal District," which includes the land earmarked for the conference center.

"Coralville's approach, however, is designed to shift the burdens of development upon county tax payers and school districts, while capturing all the benefits for Coralville," said the plaintiffs' lawyer, Bruce Nestor, in a letter the School Board received Feb. 12.

Some School Board members said the lawsuit is a good idea; they oppose the idea of merging the tax districts.

"The council seems to have stretched the laws to meet the need," said board member Pete Wallace.

Although the fate of a Coralville Conference Center and Hotel is caught in a legal dispute, directors of the facility have already started booking events and sending out information for future conventions in the center.

"We've received the go-ahead from Coralville, which assured us the center will be completed in 2004," said Shannon Smith, the director of convention and group sales.

The Iowa League of Cities, a conglomeration of more than 850 of the state's 950 cities, is scheduled to hold the 2006 Annual Conference and Exhibit at the hotel and conference center. Officials predict the event will pour \$351,500 into the area.

The lawsuit against Coralville, filed by two business owners who may be displaced during construction, argues that borrowing the money through tax-increment bonds will push the city over its legal debt limit. Iowa cities may only borrow 5 percent of their total assessed value per year — \$44 million in Coralville's case. As of last month, the city had already racked up \$40 million in debt.

The \$63 million conference center will encompass 152,000 square feet and include a 200-room hotel with exhibit and meeting space.

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Early college admission drawing criticism

By Arlene Levinson
Associated Press

METUCHEN, N.J. — William Hoffman started his college search in 10th grade. By the start of his senior year last fall, he knew his first choice was Harvard. The school even sent him a letter, encouraging him to apply.

So Hoffman, ranked third academically at Metuchen High School in northern New Jersey, applied early to Harvard last October and did the same with the University of Chicago as a fallback. But months later, Hoffman still doesn't know where he'll go to college — illustrating just one of the problems critics find with early admission.

The practice has become a powerful draw in a market in which colleges covet the best candidates and students pursue a belief that the better the diploma, the better their future.

But some critics, including Yale's president, say it can force teenagers into premature decisions and gives unfair advantage to those with money and

admissions know-how. It also stretches the wait for people such as Hoffman.

Early admission was first used in the 1950s by elite colleges, but the practice began to spread approximately a decade ago. Now, more than 400 colleges and universities invite high-school seniors to apply ahead of the crowd, a College Board survey found.

Generally, these schools offer "early decision," which requires those admitted to withdraw applications elsewhere, or non-binding "early action," offered by both Harvard and Chicago. Some offer both.

Of 1.2 million applicants for the freshman class of 2000, approximately 163,000 sought early admission — nearly 14 percent, the College Board found.

Yale President Richard Levin has called for an end to early admissions and has floated the idea to the school's governing board and fellow college presidents. (Last fall, 2,118 youngsters applied under Yale's bind-

ing early decision — a 17 percent increase from the previous year — and 550 got in.)

"The pressure admissions has brought to America's teenagers is pretty substantial," Levin said. Early admission only makes it worse, he believes.

Ostensibly, early admission serves people such as Hoffman,

who began senior year ready to apply. But it also helps colleges secure a chunk of the freshman class and burnish their image as selective.

"My sense is that the universities and colleges that practice early admission have focused mainly on the advantages that practice brings them," Levin

said. They "haven't listened sufficiently to parents, students, counselors, and principals about the adverse effects."

Growing rivalry for admission to places such as Yale, which will enroll some 1,300 freshmen next fall, compels too many teens to pick a first choice too soon, Levin said.

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U.S. sees success in treating AIDS

By Daniel Q. Haney
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Doctors have been so successful in saving the lives of people with AIDS that the number of Americans with HIV is actually increasing again after holding steady for years. It is now approaching 1 million, according to government estimates.

Experts say the total number of Americans living with HIV is probably rising by approximately 25,000 a year — a testament to the power of AIDS drugs that have vastly improved treatment over the past six years.

The government estimates that 40,000 Americans catch HIV each year, a figure that has remained roughly stable for more than a decade. However, until the turnaround in AIDS therapy, this figure was nearly offset each year by AIDS deaths, so the total number of Americans carrying the virus stayed level.

Now, AIDS deaths have plunged from around 40,000 annually to approximately 15,000. As a result, new infections are outstripping deaths.

Dr. Patricia Fleming of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention presented the new estimates Monday at the Ninth Annual Retrovirus Conference in Seattle.

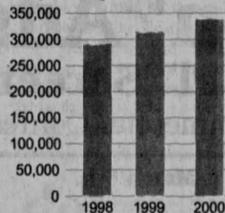
The latest estimate of U.S. AIDS prevalence, calculated as of 2000, is between 850,000 and 950,000 people.

During the 1980s, the government believed that well over 1 million people had HIV, but it later revised that figure downward. According to the latest estimates, between 400,000 and 450,000 were infected in 1984. This grew to 550,000 to 650,000

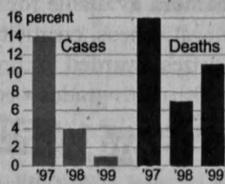
Evolving epidemic

More people than ever are living with AIDS in the United States thanks to advances in treatment. But in recent years, the rate of decline of AIDS cases and deaths has slowed.

People living with AIDS



Percent decline in AIDS cases and deaths



SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention AP

in 1986. By 1992, the figure was 650,000 to 900,000.

According to the CDC, the number of infected Americans has increased by approximately 50,000 in the last two years studied, 1999 and 2000. That suggests the total could reach 1 million this year.

Survival increased almost overnight when drug combinations that included medicines called protease inhibitors transformed HIV from a death sentence to a chronic, treatable illness.

'Burbs bid bye-bye to 'Ozzie & Harriet'

By Genaro C. Armas
Associated Press

LEESBURG, Va. — Forget "Ozzie and Harriet." The married-with-children crowd no longer dominates the suburbs.

Non-family households — homes headed by a young, single professional or an elderly widow, for instance — now outnumber married couples with kids in the suburbs of the nation's largest metropolitan areas.

"It's incredible how things have changed since I moved up here. The traffic has tripled. Everywhere we look there are a lot of townhomes going up," said retiree Christine Reed, who moved to this Washington suburb nearly three years ago after her husband died.

The 2000 Census findings fly in the face of notions of suburbs dominated by families similar to the one popularized in the 1950s sitcom "Ozzie and Harriet" — just Mom, Dad, and the kids living under the same roof.

"This is a wave of the future," demographer William Frey said. "Suburbs are becoming much more diverse in terms of lifestyle."

The transition also poses challenges for officials in many fast-growing counties struggling to balance the needs of their oldest and newest residents.

"It's a tremendous drain on the available housing because we have different kinds of demands," said Jacqueline Byers, the research director for the National Association of Counties.



Ricky Carioti/Associated Press
Bob Hill, left, and Anne Mackenzie of Herndon, Va., and Sandy Hawley, second from right of Leesburg, Va., and Tom Mulleady, right, of Sterling, Va., take part in a dinner outing of the Sterling Singles organization at a local Leesburg restaurant on Thursday.

Court lets stand commandments hodgepodge

By Anne Gearan
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Courts across America have reached different conclusions in emotional Ten Commandments cases, some allowing government displays of the biblical list, others barring it.

Only the Supreme Court can

resolve the question, and it chose Monday to steer clear for now.

The court quietly turned down an appeal from Indiana Gov. Frank O'Bannon, who wanted permission to place a 7-foot stone monument on the grounds of the State Capitol.

The court's action was a defeat for Indiana and other

states that sought the high court's endorsement for the notion that the Ten Commandments are as much emblems of legal tradition as they are biblical teachings.

"To just cavalierly dismiss [the case] is to put aside what is becoming a very large, growing concern on the part of millions of Americans," said Rob

Schenck, an evangelical minister whose Ten Commandments Project supports the list's display.

Monuments such as Indiana's are forbidden in that state along with Illinois and Wisconsin, but allowed in Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Kansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico.

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With their faces covered with white cloth, two unidentified suspects are escorted to the High Court in Karachi on Monday. Accompanied by dozens of heavily armed police officers, three Islamic militants believed to have participated in the abduction and murder of *Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl appeared in court and were ordered to remain in jail.

Suspects in death of reporter to remain in custody

By Amire Zia
Associated Press

KARACHI, Pakistan — A Pakistani judge on Monday gave prosecutors two more weeks to build their case against three Islamic militants accused in the kidnapping and murder of *Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl.

The judge in the southern city of Karachi ordered top suspect Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh and two alleged accomplices jailed until their next court hearing. Over the next two weeks, police will also continue to search for Pearl's body.

In Islamabad, the U.S. ambassador said she would meet with President Pervez Musharraf on Wednesday to discuss Saeed's possible extradition to the United States.

President Bush said Monday that the United States is "interested in dealing with" Saeed, and he expressed confidence that Pakistan is doing enough to round up Pearl's killers.

Saeed and two co-defendants — Sheikh Mohammed Adeeel, a constable with the police department's special branch, and Salman Saqib — were brought to a special anti-terrorism court in two armored personnel carriers, their faces covered by white cloth hoods. Dozens of policemen patrolled the corridors and grounds of the courthouse.

Once inside, the suspects were taken to a closed hearing in the judge's chamber. A preliminary indictment had been expected Monday, but the judge delayed it.

The charges are expected to include murder following the Feb. 22 disclosure of a gruesome videotape showing the 38-year-old journalist being decapitated.

Inside the judge's chamber, all three suspects said they had been forced to sign blank pieces of paper to be used in falsifying confessions, according to defense attorney Khawaja Naveed.

Saeed, the British-born Islamic militant who police say masterminded Pearl's Jan. 23 abduction in Karachi, stunned a courtroom on Feb. 14 when he confessed to the kidnapping and announced that as far as he knew, Pearl was dead.

Court officials said that confession would not be enough to convict Saeed because it was not made under oath. On Monday, Naveed said Saeed did not want to give a sworn confession.

Pakistani officials say at least four key suspects are at large. The main target of a nationwide police manhunt is Amjad Faruqi, who, police believe, carried out the kidnapping. If police hope to recover Pearl's body, one investigator said Monday, they must first find Faruqi.

The question of whether Saeed could be extradited to the United States emerged Sunday, when *Newsweek* reported that a U.S. federal grand jury had secretly indicted him for his role in the 1994 kidnapping of four Western tourists in India, including one American.

The United States and Pakistan do not have an extradition treaty.

The U.S. government wanted Saeed extradited from Pakistan at least two months before he was implicated in Pearl's slaying, Ambassador Wendy Chamberlin said Monday.

Saeed "is a nasty character," Chamberlin said on CBS' "The Early Show." "He's been involved as a suspect in kidnappings and crimes against American citizens for many years."

Chamberlin said she will raise the extradition issue anew during her meeting with Musharraf. The videotape confirming Pearl's death was delivered to U.S. officials in Karachi on Feb. 21 by someone described as a Pakistani journalist. According to investigators who have seen it, the tape shows Pearl being forced to say he is Jewish and then having his neck cut while he is unconscious or already dead. The only face shown in the video is Pearl's.

Tunnel hole near U.S. Embassy in Rome concerns authorities

By Frances D'Emilio
Associated Press

ROME — A hole discovered in a tunnel adjacent to the U.S. Embassy in Rome was large enough to crawl through, and embassy officials said Monday that water pipes leading to the building were circled on a map that was seized along with a cyanide compound in a raid that led to nine arrests.

However, the suspects, all Moroccans, have not been cooperating with Italian authorities, who lack hard evidence that an attack was being planned on the embassy, the officials said.

"It's too premature," to know what the aim was, said one embassy official, speaking on the condition of anonymity. "We just don't know." The Rome embassy came under threat one year ago in a thwarted plot blamed on Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda network.

Italian news reports have said investigators believe the Moroccans were involved in a plot to either pump gas into the embassy or poison the water supply.

Security experts from the State Department today will inspect the tunnel that was marked on the suspects' map of Rome's underground utility lines. The tunnel runs under Via Boncompagni, a street flanking one side of the heavily-guarded U.S. Embassy complex on the fashionable Via Veneto.

After the arrest of the Moroccans last week, authorities on Feb. 20 found a hole in the tunnel, which contains electric and telephone lines, embassy officials said.

According to the official, Italian news reports that the

tunnel also held gas lines were incorrect. In addition, the water pipes supplying the embassy are located outside the tunnel, and an official said "it would have been very difficult" to use the tunnel to reach the water pipes.

Embassy officials said it is not yet known when the hole

was made. Italian police refused to comment Monday about the tunnel, but U.S. diplomats said underground inspections around the embassy have been taking place daily since the Moroccans were arrested.

Rome's tunnels are accessible through manholes. For safety

and security reasons, each end of the tunnel near the embassy is sealed off by a three-foot thick concrete wall.

Embassy officials said Monday that one of the walls had been "chipped away," to a depth of about two feet — a large enough gap to allow someone to crawl through.

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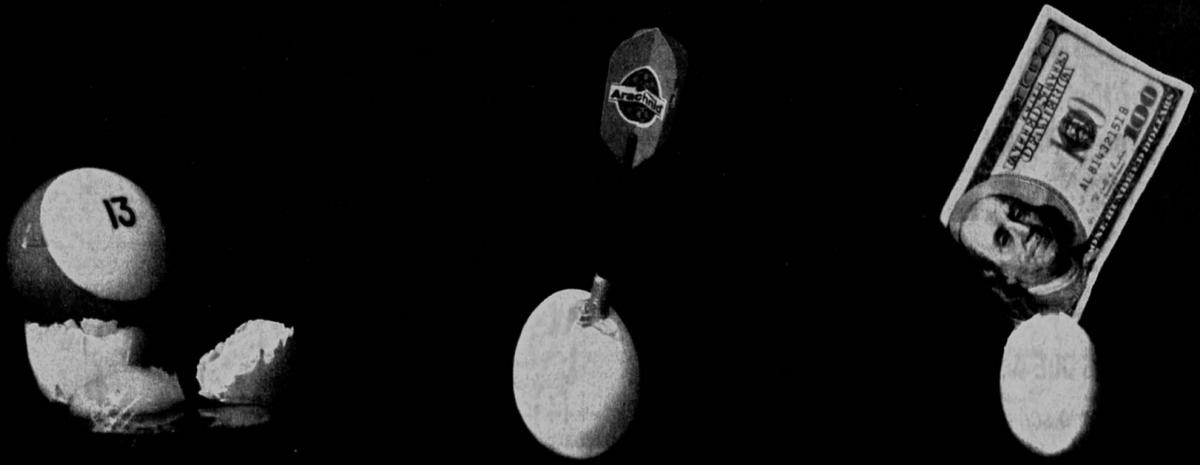
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UISG candidates make their differences clearer

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It's unlikely that Cambus would expand bus schedules to 2 a.m. in a deficit year, a move that would cost the department an extra \$50,000, said David Ricketts, the UI director of Parking and Transportation. Herbold said using more "efficient" routes at night would enable the service to expand its hours.

"I think if we showed [the increase of hours] would be for safety, it could be accomplished," he said.

Reinstating the yearbook, a publication without support for two decades, could also encounter

obstacles because of the difficulty of attracting a clientele to purchase it, said Mary Peterson, the associate director of the Office of Student Life.

Parker said student organizations advertising in the book might be able to offset the high costs.

"We would like to get the movement started and to survey the journalism students to find out how interested they would be to work on it," he said.

Herbold, who said he wants to expand Iowa City Transit bus routes to grocery stores and shopping centers and increase the service's hours, also faces obstacles.

"It is not feasible to have increased hours for the routes to

run, because the ridership is not high enough," said Manouch Amin, the Iowa City Transit operations supervisor.

Parker's platform to improve English proficiency among teaching assistants includes hiring more TAs if needed to produce a higher quality learning environment.

But UI graduate students already have high degree of proficiency in English, said John Keller, the interim dean of the Graduate School, citing high test scores among the graduate students in English-proficiency tests.

"I don't think a higher level of proficiency is needed," he said.

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Further slashes would injure UI, officials say

BUDGET CUTS

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on the budget with Gov. Tom Vilsack, who called for covering a state \$120 million shortfall by using the rainy-day fund.

"We tried to build a little cushion in this," said Sen. Jeff Lamberti, R-Ankeny, the head

of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

The 1 percent across-the-board spending cut exempts prisons, elementary and secondary schools, and the state's network of community colleges. The cut will save \$17 million and exempts the Medicaid program, which offers health care to low-income people.

The proposed package would impose a 2.6 percent cut for running the Legislature, saving \$662,855 and likely forcing the Statehouse to lay off legislative employees. It would also take \$51.7 million from various state funds.

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UI to hike dorm rates again

RESIDENCE HALLS

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in residence fees because the residence halls are a self-supporting system that does not receive funding from the state, and in order to maintain the upkeep of the halls, it must raise fees," said Regent Amir Arbisser. A recent study conducted by

the UI revealed that students in the dorms have a lower drop-out rate than off-campus students, said Lola Lopes, the associate provost for undergraduate education.

However, she did not anticipate that rate hikes would discourage students from attempting to live in the already crowded residence halls.

"I think it will not make students decide to not stay in the dorms," Lopes said.

A rise in rates will also increase for students staying in university-owned apartments, though Seagren said he was unsure of the exact amount the UI would hike costs for Hawkeye Court and Hawkeye Drive.

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Police arrest 6 in alleged forgery ring

FORGERY

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Social Security numbers to prevent investigators from re-tracing their steps, Clark said.

"It's baffling," said Corey Coulson, Ramada Inn's chief engineer. "After the police left the scene, we all just sat around with our mouths open and wide eyes, not knowing what to make of it all."

Police made the discovery after responding to a report from the motel's security staff regarding a group of individu-

als, one toting a gun, outside the inn's entrance, said Coulson.

Police returned Robert Eugene Jr., Timothy Eugene, and Mark Eugene to their motel rooms after they were accused by other male subjects of assaulting them earlier with baseball bats and pepper spray. There, officers allegedly discovered a rottweiler, the other individuals claiming to be "DeWitts," and stolen financial instruments trailing all the way to Florida.

"What first tipped off police of the suspicious nature was the

fact all of them said they had the same middle name," said Clark. "We also noticed maps of this area and other state maps with X's on certain streets."

Robert Eugene Sr. convinced all the motel employees that he was a minister and Ruby Esther's husband using his outspoken nature and friendly demeanor, Coulson said. Motel employees survey traffic that comes in and out of the building, he said, but with these individuals, nothing seemed suspicious.

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New abuse law will mean more cases

DOMESTIC ABUSE

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law-enforcement officers on the scene to decipher whether a couple was dating — a task he called "an almost impossible predicament." The current bill, a compromise between advocates and state officials, brings the question before a judge.

White also said he applauded a batterers' education program the bill makes available to abuse offenders as treatment.

Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, said the bill acts as a preventative measure because abusive dating is often a precursor to abusive marriages. The bill, she said, will hopefully save the courts and taxpayers money on future trials that stem from domestic assaults.

"Obviously, we have a problem with underfunding our court system, but it doesn't mean people shouldn't be protected," she said.

Iowa City police Lt. Dan Sellers said he doesn't expect the department, which receives an average of at least one domestic-abuse-related call each day, to be significantly affected. Police already respond to assault calls between dating couples, he said, and officers then can file regular assault charges against the batterer.

Crisis calls to the Iowa City violence-intervention program will also probably stay consistent, Doser said.

"The calls are already there, regardless of whether or not they are married or living together," she said.

Approximately one-third — 376 — of the 1,061 contacts the program received fiscal year 2001 were between the ages of 13 and 29 years old, she said.

Advocates said their next step in the fight to protect dating couples is requiring mandatory criminal arrests of abusers

in a dating relationship. "If it saves one life, we know it was worth the work,"

Schipper said.

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Editorial

Pre-teens too young to give police consent

In Iowa, you have to be 16 to drive a car, 18 to buy a pack of smokes and vote for president, 21 to chug a beer, and, in some places, 25 to rent a car.

What age, then, truly classifies an adult?

Iowa City police and city legal officials have decided that a 12-year-old child is enough of an adult to give police consent to enter a home when the parent or parents are not home.

Something about this doesn't make sense.

A 12-year-old, or for that matter, a 6-, 15-, or 17-year-old, is not an adult. Children that age do not have the same rights that adults have, and they are not held responsible to the same standards as adults.

Not all children understand the protection rights given to adults, and not all children realize the consequences that may stem from allowing a police officer to enter their homes.

It is odd that in this situa-

The city's policy of allowing 12-year-olds to provide police with consent to enter a home could endanger the child and may not hold up in court.

tion, a 12-year-old is given the opportunity to act like an adult. It seems to be stratifying levels of childhood, kind of like differentiating between adults who can choose a president and fight for their country, and those who can drink booze.

Police do and should have the right to enter a home when there is an emergency, problem, or trouble. However, police should not be able to accept consent from a child, regardless of that child's age.

This policy does not protect children, because anyone can impersonate a cop. How would police officers even determine the age of a child? Would they ask for ID? Also, what child would not allow a police officer to enter their home? Children

are taught all through their young lives that all police are good. Remember, this is Iowa City, not Los Angeles or New York.

Just imagine the first court case that would arise out of a 12-year-old child giving police permission to enter the home in which police surprisingly discover drugs and then rightfully haul the parents in for an arrest.

Would consent from a 12-year-old hold up in court? Courts have already ruled that police cannot search without reason. Does permission from a 12-year-old supersede reason?

Children should not be able to waive their parents' constitutional right to privacy, and the city needs to re-evaluate its policy before the courts do.

Politicians & English — like water buffalos trying ballet

So I see some of the best and the brightest in the Iowa Legislature want to make English the state's official language.

Well, if nothing else, the move will provide some comic relief for the British, who believe that no one in this country speaks English.

(And god knows, the British could use some comic relief. They've been shipping all their comedies over here for the last three decades. Some nations have a trade imbalance; the Brits have a laughter imbalance.)

(None of which should be taken to suggest that I think the Iowa Legislature would ever be on a par with, say, Monty Python. But the august body is working on it.)

So, let's see — the state is going through its worst economic crisis since at

least the mid-80s; the governor is cutting the budget everywhere; social services and education have suffered draconian financial slashes.

And — let me get this straight — the Republican solution is to make English the state's official language. Talk about fiddling around while Rome goes up in a fireball.

What is the next piece of Republican legislative genius going to be — a law requiring all cars to have four wheels?

The move does bring up a couple of questions.

For instance, if they make English the official language on all their very important official documents, does that mean English would replace the Official Bureaucratic Blather they use now?

And what about the Iowa Code? Does this mean that



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they would have to start writing the laws in English?

I don't know if you have ever tried to read the Iowa Code, but you'd be better off trying to peruse the Russian alphabet.

Which is, of course, a surreal experience.

I mean, I have tried to read the Iowa Code. The words are, oddly enough, English words. But the language?

No one is quite sure what the language is. My guess is that it's one of the more

obscure derivatives of Lower Martian, though it's just as likely to be a bastardized form of Old Frisian.

Of course, there will always be those people who applaud this official-English nonsense. They

tend to be the kind of people whose own grasp of English could most

politely be described as "tenuous," the kind of yahoo who uses their with a singular antecedent, mangles the various tenses used to indicate the past until the past itself becomes an unidentifiable mush of cold porridge, and wouldn't know the subjunctive if it were to sit on his face.

And then, of course, we have our "leader," who attacks English as if he were wielding an M-16.

From "abdicate our values" to "Is our children learning?" to wisely informing us that more and more of our imports come from foreign countries, King George floats through English like a water buffalo attempting ballet.

If I were an immigrant to this country, I'd say, I'll learn to speak English as soon as the alleged president does.

Not to put too fine a point on it, but I spent four years in Berlin teaching English, and a number of my German students could

speaking better English than King George.

Hell, four or five of my best students could speak better English than your average American college student. (Why they hired me to teach them English I don't know. But I was shameless; I took their money.)

In any case, a culture whose main contributions to the language seem to be *Ohmygod*, *And then he goes ...* and *then I go*, *And I was like [shrug]* really has no business lecturing people about speaking English.

That particularly applies to politicians. Especially to Republican mossbacks who can't seem to figure out that, economically speaking, we're in the middle of the monsoon season, and it's way past time to dip into the rainy-day fund.

Was that plain enough English for you?

Quoteworthy

After the police left the scene, we all just sat around with our mouths open and wide eyes, not knowing what to make of it all.

— Corey Coulson,

Ramada Inn's chief engineer, on the six individuals who were arrested Monday on charges including forgery and assault.

Letters to the Editor

Parker's recycling pledge not so sincere as Herbold's

At the UISG presidential debates, presidential candidate Eric Parker asserted that he was going to continue expanding recycling on campus over Winter Break. We are working on the recycling Internet site to do just that (www.uiowa.edu/~uisg/recycling).

It seems that Parker is only including recycling in his platform to get elected. I don't mind that, but I wish he would not do it so halfheartedly. Unlike the Parker ticket, the Herbold/Blizek ticket has been in constant contact with the Environmental Coalition. Not only that, Herbold is working to expand recycling into the residence halls. Herbold running on a recycling platform seems more sincere than Parker doing so.

Neither he, nor anyone from his ticket, has ever talked to the Environmental Coalition. He has not asked what the Environmental Coalition plans to do in the future for the program. The coalition has worked on expanding recycling at the UI for two years, and it plans to continue to do so until the university is as environmentally friendly as possible. Currently, the Environmental Coalition runs the volunteer program that picks up the recyclables and gives money from its budget to improve the quality of the program.

One solution to recycling Parker put forth is to inform people where recycling is already available on campus. If Parker would have talked to the Environmental Coalition or current UISG members, he would know that we are current-

ly working to do just that. The UISG and Environmental Coalition found all available recycling on campus over Winter Break. We are working on the recycling Internet site to do just that (www.uiowa.edu/~uisg/recycling).

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Grant P. Raupp
UI Environmental Coalition co-president

Article misrepresented No Shame Theatre

The *DI*'s recent article on No Shame Theatre ("Shamelessly Mindbending or Mindbendingly Shameless?" Feb. 14) was a misrepresentation of the forum.

Contrary to what the article suggested, No Shame Theatre does not solely consist of cheap stunts and shock tactics. It features many sophisticated pieces that present major ideas, provoke thought, and express personal viewpoints. Most importantly, it features writers' and performers' artistic and creative work.

Despite a 40-minute interview, in which No Shame Theatre board member Paul Rust shared and reinforced this perspective, the article only included one single quote. In addition, this quote not only lost its ironic context in print, but it also misrepresented an event truly occurred. Furthermore, it was the only quote featured in the entire article. Other viewpoints went completely ignored.

Although it is indeed true that No Shame Theatre features risqué pieces, the article failed to mention their artistic intentions. In fact, at one point, such a way of thinking was undermined with a joke about male genitalia ("the pieces are interpretive extensions (no pun intended)").

No Shame Theatre is an open forum for members of the community to express their artistic visions. To reduce it to a venue for nudity (an infrequent occurrence) and cheap gags is to insult all the people who work hard every week to produce a high-quality show. These writers, actors, performers, and audience members (from the university as well as the larger community) deserve a more accurate representation. Come to the Theatre Building at 11 p.m. every Friday and see for yourself.

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On the Spot

Should 12-year-olds be allowed to grant permission to police to enter their homes?



"Yes, I consider 12-year-olds old enough to watch younger siblings, so they're old enough to let in police officers."

Alisia Kellner
UI junior



"No, it shouldn't be contingent on the kids' response."

Josh Jones
UI junior



"No, I don't think so. Children have to get information from their parents."

Yasu Nakayama
UI graduate student



"No, I don't think 12-year-olds totally grasp what happens when police officers enter their home."

Erin Van Wyk
UI senior



"No, they're not old enough to make that important of a decision."

Katherine Peterson
UI junior

Arts & entertainment

Uncertainty and making the bomb

By Kathryn Anderson
The Daily Iowan

In the midst of World War II, a mysterious meeting between two men — once friends but now separated as enemies — may have determined not only the fate of the war, but that of all mankind.

Nobody knows exactly what happened when Werner Heisenberg, working as a nuclear physicist for the German military, visited his one-time mentor, Niels Bohr, in German-occupied Denmark in 1941. *Copenhagen*, playing at Hancher Auditorium today and Wednesday, tries to answer the questions about the meeting between the influential physicists that have mystified historians ever since.

The winner of three Tony Awards, including Best Play, *Copenhagen* is a buildup of questions starting at the most basic, such as why the two men met, and ascending to some of the biggest moral issues humans have ever faced. The play, by Michael Frayn, is an artistic conceptualization of the meeting that also implicitly asks what would have happened if the Nazis developed a nuclear bomb and whether countries should be developing and using nuclear technology at all.

"[*Copenhagen*] deals with issues of the moral responsibility of scientists," said Judith Hurtig, Hancher's assistant director for marketing. "It questions, 'What does loyalty to your country mean?' It also deals with friendship and memory. It deals with very important themes."

A crossroads of science and art, of technology and humanity, the play is an intense discussion among Bohr and Heisenberg — friends and colleagues who had revolutionized physics in the 1920s — and Bohr's wife, Margrethe. The characters' conversation sheds historical and scientific light on the creation of the

atomic bomb and the moral question surrounding the use of nuclear weapons.

Pam Trimpe, the curator of painting and sculpture at the UI Museum of Art, said that when she learned *Copenhagen* was a conversation between two physicists, she had no interest in seeing it. But after attending the play in London a few years ago, she credits it with being one of the most meaningful theater experiences she has ever had.

"It just sort of sweeps you away, and you are immediately embroiled in a discussion that's technical and scientific on one level and very personal on another level," she said.

"It's an incredible ethical dilemma that you're thrown into the middle of."

Despite raising colossal ethical questions that often provoke deep reflection and philosophical thought, the play also manages to take audience members' breath away with suspense.

"It's almost like an espionage thriller," Hurtig said. "The way spy movies grip you, that's what happens in this play. I can't stress enough that the audience will literally be sitting on the edge of their seats."

Burns Weston, a UI professor emeritus of law and the director of the university's Center for Human Rights, said he hopes people who go to see *Copenhagen* will keep their minds open to the moral questions the play presents.

"The deeper moral question for me is whether human society in the form of scientists and governments should be in the business of making nuclear weapons at all," he said. "In my view, there is a fundamentally deep question that needs to be asked by countries such as the U.S., which is a nuclear state, as to what right they have to use these weapons in the context of a world population that has absolutely no say in the matter."

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More than child's play in boy bands

By Mike Schneider
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Lou Pearlman, the boy-band hit-maker responsible for the Backstreet Boys and 'N Sync, has cultivated an avuncular image. Called "Big Poppa" by some of his singers, Pearlman has often been seen taking group members to concerts or to his downtown pizzeria.

But now the Florida Department of Labor is investigating the portly 47-year-old music impresario and his Orlando-based company, Trans Continental Entertainment, for possible violations of the state's child-labor laws.

Merrily Goodell, the mother of two members of Take 5 — one of Pearlman's former groups that failed to make it big — filed a complaint last fall alleging that Pearlman broke more than a dozen state statutes dealing with minors working in the entertainment industry.

The complaint says Pearlman violated rules prohibiting minors from working more than six consecutive days, working no earlier than 7 a.m. and no later than 11:30 p.m., and

requiring that parents be notified of their children's activities.

"Merrily Goodell is obviously fishing for something, whether it's money or whether she's jealous or upset that her boys didn't become rich and famous like some of the other bands Lou has worked with," said Scott Bennett, the Trans Continental

Records vice president.

Goodell, mother of former Take 5 members Ryan and Clay Goodell, said the complaint is only about how Pearlman "horribly exploits and manipulates young people."

Pearlman has had no previous child-labor complaints filed against him in Florida.

However, both the Backstreet Boys and 'N Sync accused Pearlman of deception and cheating them out of money in lawsuits they filed several years ago to get out of Pearlman's control. Pearlman also had a bitter parting with the group O-Town that was documented on the ABC show "Making the Band."



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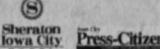
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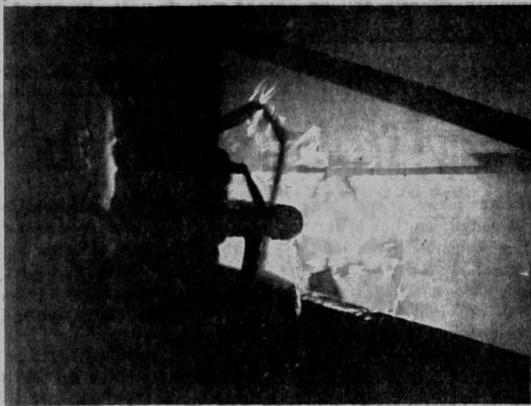
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A Palestinian firefighter battles a blaze in a fuel container in Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's headquarters in Ramallah early on Feb. 20. Israel said Monday it is interested in a tentative Saudi offer for comprehensive peace in exchange for the territory it captured in the 1967 war.

Israel intrigued by peace offer

By Dan Perry
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel said Monday it is exploring with interest a tentative Saudi proposal that calls for an Israeli pullout from virtually all the territories it occupied in the 1967 Middle East war in return for comprehensive peace.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has fiercely opposed a total pullout. But he knows Israelis are despondent over 17 months of dead-end conflict and eager for a ray of hope. The Saudi proposal offers two things Israel craves: broad acceptance by Arab states and a negotiating partner beyond Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

However, any discussion of

significant concessions to Palestinians could undermine Sharon's governing coalition — a patchwork of parties with widely divergent positions on the land-for-peace idea.

The Palestinians and moderate Arabs have welcomed the Saudi idea, and Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sunday it was an important step he hoped would be fleshed out in the next few weeks.

Sharon's spokesman, Raanan Gissin, told the Associated Press on Monday that Israel was "try-

ing to find out through the United States and other sources ... if this is a real proposal."

"If indeed a reasonable offer is presented ... that will guarantee not just that Israel gives back territory but that real, true normalization will develop — I think you can restore the confidence in peace because most of the people want peace," Gissin said.

Trying to build momentum, Israel's President Moshe Katsav said Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah — who floated the

proposal in a recent interview with the *New York Times* — should come to Israel for talks or alternatively receive him in Riyadh.

However, Katsav has a mainly ceremonial role, and the real power rests with Sharon. When Katsav wanted to address the Palestinian Parliament recently, Sharon blocked the plan. In any case, Saudi Arabia has refused to have any contact with Israel while its dispute with the Palestinians remains unresolved.

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Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002

TRACK AND FIELD Danger inherent in vault

By Tyler Lechtenberg
 The Daily Iowan

In light of the death of 19-year-old Penn State pole-vaulter Kevin Dare at the Big Ten indoor track and field championships on Feb. 23, many around the nation have become aware of the risk involved with pole vaulting.

But to those in the track and field world, the risk comes with the territory.

"People think that pole vault is the most dangerous of all sports," said Iowa men's track and field coach Larry Wiecezorek. "I've been coaching for a long time, and there isn't that element of danger to it."

Dare's fatal headfirst fall while attempting a 15-7 vault on Feb. 23 may make people outside the track world overly excited about the peril involved with the sport. But Dare's accident was just that — a deviation from the norm.

"The accident that happened is just one of those crazy things that happens. It's not common, obviously, otherwise they wouldn't allow the sport," said Iowa's lone pole vaulter, Jessie Strand, a junior on the Iowa women's track team. Both Strand and Wiecezorek spoke of the dangers involved in other sports, especially football, as opposed to pole vaulting. Last fall, the deaths of Minnesota Vikings tackle Korey Stringer and Northwestern free safety Rashidi Wheeler led to many speculative headlines about the dangers of the pigskin.

Now, it's pole vaulting's turn to weather the windstorm of criticism, and with a few states, including Iowa, already having dropped the event because of its dangers, the criticism might get rough. But Wiecezorek said the risks involved just don't warrant any type of ban.

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— Jessie Strand, Iowa pole vaulter

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Daniel Hulshizer/Associated Press
 Former New Jersey Nets star Jayson Williams leaves the New Jersey State Police barracks in a truck as a trooper, reflected in the window, watches in Kingwood Township, N.J., Monday.

Williams charged in shooting

By Sheila Hotchkin
 Associated Press

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — Former NBA star Jayson Williams surrendered to police Monday and was charged with manslaughter in the shooting death of a limousine driver — a crime punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

The NBC Sports commentator, accompanied by two men, walked through a back entrance into the state police barracks in Kingwood. He didn't comment as he entered or left.

Costas Christofi, 55, was found shot to death in the master bedroom at Williams' 65-acre estate in Alexandria Township on Feb. 14. According to the criminal complaint, Williams

was the only person near Christofi when the gun went off.

"The death of Mr. Christofi was a tragic accident, but it was an accident," said Williams' lawyer, Joseph Hayden. "We are very confident that after a full, fair, and thorough exploration of all the facts it will be clear that Mr. Williams is innocent of recklessness and innocent of any criminal conduct."

Acting Hunterdon County Prosecutor Steven C. Lember would not discuss details of the case but said he was convinced Williams caused Christofi's death by recklessly handling the shotgun.

"I agree it was tragic, and it may even have been an accident. But at base, every reckless

manslaughter is an accident," Lember said.

Lember said authorities want to interview more witnesses. Christofi's death was initially reported as a suicide but later ruled a homicide.

Williams' brother and 11 other guests, including four players from the Harlem Globetrotters and a 14-year-old and 6-year-old, were at the house the night of the shooting.

"We are most interested in getting to the truth in this case. Those witnesses should come forward and do the right thing. If they do, they have nothing to be concerned about," Lember said.

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Watson perseveres

By Roseanna Smith
 The Daily Iowan

Jerica Watson's most loyal fan doesn't usually root from a prime seat in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, sport her jersey around campus, or clamor for her autograph.

But on Feb. 24, Carline Robinson sat in the front row, beaming broadly and fighting back tears of joy as her daughter first led the Iowa women's basketball team to victory on Senior Day with 21 points and 16 rebounds and then thanked her mother for support through a more gritty than glamorous career.

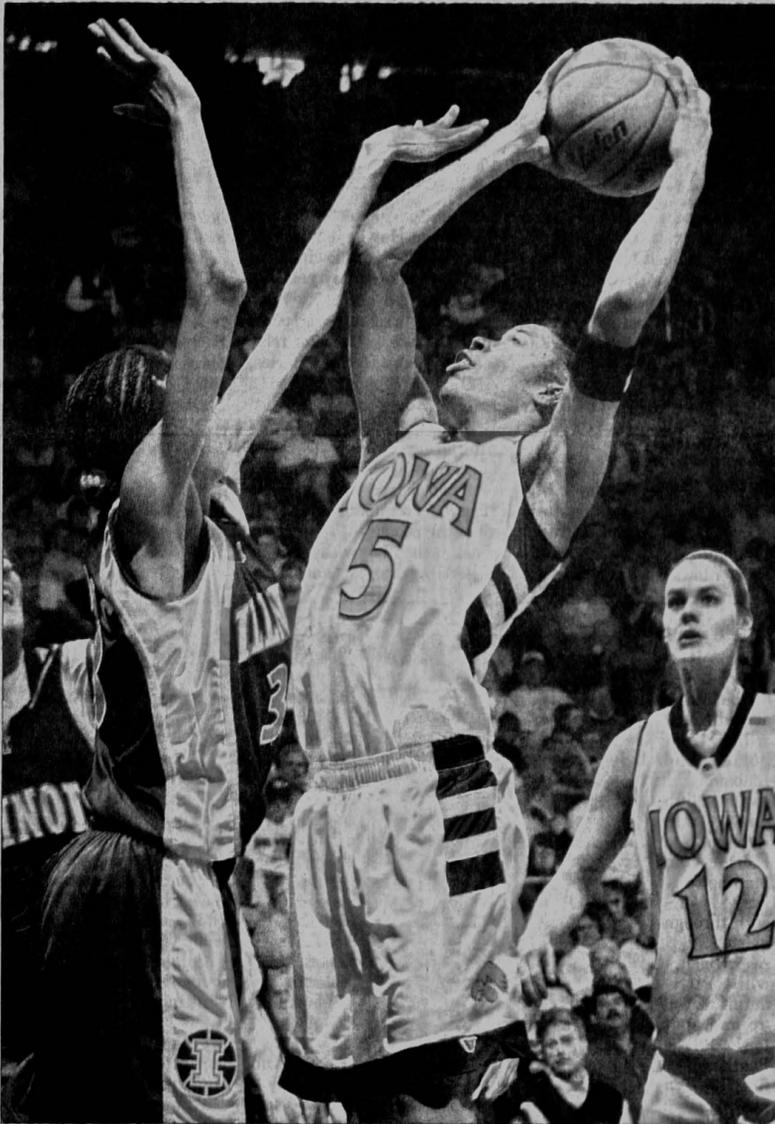
"My mother is one of the best people I know," Watson said. "If it wasn't for her, I wouldn't have been able to get through the last three years of my life. Even though she wasn't at every game or in the front row, she always believed in me. Whether I got playing time or not, she always believed I was a good basketball player."

"When at the worst moments, people forgot and gave up on me, my mother always had confidence in me. It's why I was able to fight through everything and make her proud."

After averaging double doubles in high school and leading her team to two-consecutive state championships, Watson started just three games in her first year at Iowa. Sophomore year, she started 10 of 11 games before tearing her anterior cruciate ligament on Jan. 2, 2000.

The injury ended her season, and she spent much of her junior year rehabilitating her knee and trying to find her groove again. Over the summer, Watson lived in the gym, changed her shot, and reappeared with new vigor.

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Scott Morgan/The Daily Iowan
 Iowa senior Jerica Watson goes up for a shot during the Hawkeyes' 79-71 win over Illinois on Sunday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Teammate Leah Wagner (12) looks on.

point/counterpoint

Should pole vaulting be eliminated as an event?

Pole vaulting needs some major modifications. And, hopefully, if one good thing comes out of the death of Penn State pole-vaulter Kevin Dare it will be change.

Pole-vaulters sprint down a runway carrying a 15- or 16-foot pole and aim for a 8-inch divot in the ground. If the pole slips, they tumble. If they lack speed, they tumble. And if they shift slightly to the left or right, they tumble. The tumbling is inevitable, but death is not. There needs to be something to soften the landing.

The standards that balance the cross bar are steel and are not surrounded by any padding. To make matters worse, the steel box, where the competitors plant their poles and where Dare hit his head, also lacks sufficient padding.

Although fatalities in pole vaulting are not frequent, a similar accident happened in Iowa in 1993 at the Sioux City Games, and recently, the parents of Dare reported that they received a telephone message from a woman in Florida who said her 16-year-old nephew had died in a pole-vaulting accident last week. Three deaths are reason enough to delay the occurrence of an event that puts young athletes in serious danger.

These safety issues should have been examined long before the death of Dare. It shouldn't take the deaths of student-athletes to encourage a long, hard look at athletes' safety. The steel standards and steel box should be covered to reduce the chance of injury at the very least.

If these simple modification are not made — now — the event should most definitely be eliminated.

— Laura Podolak

Death and the sports world have crossed paths on numerous occasions, but the elimination of a sport or event has never been seriously considered. Rather, death has led to improved safety measures and innovations that prevent such tragedies from recurring.

While the death of Penn State pole-vaulter Kevin Dare was certainly tragic, there seems to be very little logic in the sudden push to bring an end to the event instead of making it safer.

Dale Earnhardt's crash at the 2001 Daytona 500 sent chills down the collective spine of racing fans everywhere. Though NASCAR underwent scrutiny for its safety measures, or lack thereof, there was no moratorium on auto racing. A new head-and-neck restraint system was the by-product of his death.

In 1920, Cleveland's Ray Chapman became the only player to die from a beating after he was struck in the head by a Carl Mays pitch. Though it took years to occur, Major League Baseball eventually mandated batting helmets, and no such incident has happened since.

Boxing deaths have been too numerous to name, yet with each passing comes new regulations and safety devices. Amateurs must wear head gear, and referees have been given stronger discretion to halt bouts where safety is an issue.

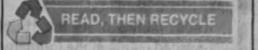
Track and field should be no different from any other sport. The inherent risks of such events as the javelin or pole vault are obvious. Dare's death should lead to increased safety measures, not the elimination of the event from competition.

— Todd Brommelkamp



- TODAY**
 Women's golf at Carolina Classic
 All day Pinehurst, N.C.
- WEDNESDAY**
 Men's tennis at Drake
 6:30 p.m. Des Moines
- THURSDAY**
 W's hoops at Big Ten Tournament
 11 a.m. Indianapolis, Ind.
 Men's swimming at Big Ten championships
 11 a.m. Bloomington, Ind.
- FRIDAY**
 W's hoops at Big Ten Tournament
 11 a.m. Indianapolis, Ind.
 Men's swimming at Big Ten championships
 11 a.m. Bloomington, Ind.
 M's and w's swimming host Iowa senior championships
 6 p.m. Field House pool
 Baseball vs. Belmont
 3 p.m. Nashville, Tenn.
- M's and w's track** at Last Chance meet
 All day Ames
- SATURDAY**
 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
 M's and w's swimming host Iowa Senior Championships
 6 p.m. Field House pool
 M's swimming at Big Ten Championships
 11 a.m. Bloomington, Ind.
 Baseball at Vanderbilt
 1 p.m. Nashville, Tenn.
 Softball at Southern Classic
 All day Carbondale, Ill.
- Men's tennis** vs. Illinois State
 5 p.m. Recreation Center
Women's tennis vs. Purdue
 11 a.m. Recreation Center
- SUNDAY**
 Women's basketball at Big Ten Tournament
 11 a.m. Indianapolis, Ind.
 M's and w's swimming host Iowa Senior Championships
 6 p.m. Field House pool
 Baseball vs. David Liscomb
 Noon Nashville, Tenn.
 Softball at Southern Classic
 9:30 a.m. Carbondale, Ill.
- Women's tennis** vs. Indiana
 11 a.m. Recreation Center

SPORTS ON TV
Men's college basketball
 6 p.m. Indiana at Illinois ESPN
 8 p.m. Iowa St. at Okla. KCRG
 8 p.m. Tenn. at Florida ESPN
NBA
 7 p.m. L.A. at Milwaukee TBS
 9:30 p.m. Utah at Kings TBS
NHL
 6 p.m. Chicago at Fliers FOX



QUICK HITS

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Top 25 Schedule
All Times CST
Monday's Games
Missouri 72, No. 12 Oklahoma State 69
No. 23 Connecticut 75, Boston College 61
Today's Games
No. 5 Oklahoma vs. Iowa State, 8 p.m.
No. 8 Florida vs. Tennessee, 8 p.m.
No. 9 Marquette at East Carolina, 6 p.m.
No. 10 Pittsburgh at Seton Hall, 6:30 p.m.
No. 15 Illinois vs. No. 25 Indiana, 6 p.m.
No. 18 Ohio State vs. Michigan State, 7 p.m.
No. 22 Miami at Providence, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
No. 1 Kansas vs. Kansas State, 7 p.m.
No. 2 Maryland at Florida State, 8 p.m.
No. 4 Cincinnati at Louisville, 8:30 p.m.
No. 6 Alabama vs. Auburn, 7 p.m.
No. 11 Kentucky at Louisville, 8:30 p.m.
No. 16 Georgia vs. South Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
No. 24 Wake Forest at Georgia Tech, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
No. 3 Duke at Virginia, 8 p.m.
No. 13 Oregon at No. 19 Southern California, 9:30 p.m.
No. 14 Arizona vs. No. 17 Stanford, 9:30 p.m.
No. 21 California at Arizona State, 7:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
No. 9 Marquette vs. DePaul, 8 p.m.
Saturday's Games
No. 5 Oklahoma at Colorado, 3 p.m.
No. 7 Gonzaga vs. Loyola Marymount at Jenny Craig Pavilion, San Diego, 2 p.m.
No. 8 Florida at No. 11 Kentucky, 11 a.m.
No. 10 Pittsburgh vs. West Virginia, 1 p.m.
No. 12 Oklahoma State vs. Texas A&M, 7 p.m.
No. 13 Oregon at UCLA, 3 p.m.
No. 14 Arizona vs. No. 21 California, 1 p.m.
No. 16 Georgia at Tennessee, 6:30 p.m.
No. 17 Stanford at Arizona State, 8:30 p.m.
No. 18 Ohio State at Michigan, 7 p.m.
No. 19 Northern California vs. Oregon State, 7 p.m.
No. 20 Western Kentucky vs. North Texas or Florida International at Lakeland, 7:30 p.m.
No. 21 Miami vs. Virginia Tech, 1 p.m.
No. 22 Connecticut vs. Seton Hall, 6 p.m.
No. 24 Wake Forest vs. North Carolina State, 1 p.m.
No. 25 Indiana vs. Northwestern, 1:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
No. 1 Kansas at Missouri, 1 p.m.
No. 2 Maryland vs. Virginia, 7 p.m.
No. 3 Duke vs. North Carolina, 2:30 p.m.
No. 4 Cincinnati vs. Memphis, Noon
No. 6 Alabama at Mississippi, 1 p.m.
No. 7 Gonzaga vs. TBA at Jenny Craig Pavilion, San Diego, 8:30 p.m. or Mid.
No. 15 Illinois at Minnesota, 3 p.m.
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17. Minnesota	21-6	356	14
18. Boston College	21-5	306	21
19. North Carolina	22-7	288	19
20. Colorado St.	21-5	286	20
21. Notre Dame	19-7	276	22
22. Florida	19-9	269	16
23. Cincinnati	23-4	137	25
24. Georgia	13-9	91	23
25. TCU	22-5	61	-

Others receiving votes: Fla. International 53, UNLV 35, Mississippi St. 34, Penn St. 33, LSU 22, Villanova 19, Arkansas 14, Arizona St. 12, Iowa 12, Virginia Tech 10, Washington 9, George Washington 5, New Mexico 5, Drake 3, Houston 2, UC Santa Barbara 1, Wisconsin 1.

By The Associated Press

All Times CST
Monday's Games
No. 1 Connecticut at West Virginia, 6 p.m.
No. 11 Colorado at Nebraska, 7 p.m.
No. 13 Texas at Kansas, 7 p.m.
No. 18 Boston College at Miami, 6 p.m.
No. 21 Notre Dame vs. Villanova, 6 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
No. 5 Oklahoma vs. No. 15 Texas Tech, 7:30 p.m.
No. 8 Baylor at No. 10 Iowa State, 7 p.m.
No. 14 Kansas State vs. Missouri, 7 p.m.
No. 20 Colorado State vs. Air Force, 8 p.m.
Thursday's Games
No. 5 Oklahoma vs. No. 15 Texas Tech, 7:30 p.m.
No. 8 Baylor at No. 10 Iowa State, 7 p.m.
No. 14 Kansas State vs. Missouri, 7 p.m.
No. 20 Colorado State vs. Air Force, 8 p.m.
Friday's Games
No. 24 Georgia vs. Kentucky at Nashville, Tenn., Noon
No. 3 Tennessee vs. Kentucky or No. 24 Georgia at Nashville, Tenn., Noon
No. 6 Vanderbilt vs. No. 22 Florida or Auburn at Nashville, Tenn., 8:30 p.m.
No. 7 Purdue vs. Illinois or Michigan at Indianapolis, 1:30 p.m.
No. 12 South Carolina vs. Arkansas or Mississippi at Nashville, Tenn., 2:30 p.m.
No. 17 Minnesota vs. Wisconsin or Northwestern at Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
No. 2 Stanford vs. UCLA or California at Eugene, Ore., 8 p.m.
No. 3 Tennessee vs. TBA at Nashville, Tenn., 6 p.m.
No. 6 Vanderbilt vs. TBA at Nashville, Tenn., 8:30 p.m.
No. 9 Louisiana Tech vs. Nevada, 7 p.m.
No. 12 South Carolina vs. TBA at Nashville, Tenn., 8:30 p.m.
No. 20 Colorado State vs. New Mexico, 3 p.m.
No. 22 Florida vs. TBA at Nashville, Tenn., 8:30 p.m.
No. 23 Cincinnati vs. Louisville or Southern Mississippi at Chicago, 3:30 p.m.
No. 24 Georgia vs. TBA at Nashville, Tenn., 6 p.m.
No. 25 Texas Christian vs. Marquette or Saint Louis at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
No. 1 Connecticut vs. TBA at Piscataway, N.J., TBA
No. 2 Stanford vs. TBA at Eugene, Ore., 5 p.m.
No. 3 Tennessee vs. TBA at Nashville, Tenn., 7 p.m.
No. 6 Vanderbilt vs. TBA at Nashville, Tenn., 7 p.m.
No. 7 Purdue vs. Iowa or Indiana at Indianapolis, 2:30 p.m.
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NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Calendar
By The Associated Press
April 17 — 2001-02 regular season ends.
April 20 — NBA playoffs 2002 begin.
May 12 — Early entry eligibility deadline, 11:59 p.m. EDT.
May 19 — NBA draft lottery.
June 2 — NBA Finals, first possible start date.
June 5 — NBA Finals, latest possible start date.
June 19 — NBA Finals, latest possible end date.
June 19 — NBA Draft, early entry withdrawal deadline.
June 26 — NBA Draft.
July 1 — Teams may negotiate with free agents but not sign them.
July 16 — Teams may begin signing players.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	
Philadelphia	33	15	6	3	75	176
N.Y. Islanders	29	19	6	3	67	168
New Jersey	25	21	9	3	62	143
N.Y. Rangers	27	25	4	3	61	164
Pittsburgh	22	26	6	4	54	134

Northwest Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	
Boston	32	16	4	7	75	176
Toronto	31	18	5	4	71	172
Ottawa	29	18	7	4	69	182
Montreal	24	23	6	3	59	148
Buffalo	23	26	7	1	54	149

Southeast Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	
Carolina	24	11	5	6	64	161
Washington	23	26	9	1	56	159
Tampa Bay	20	30	6	2	48	113
Florida	17	34	5	3	42	123
Atlanta	14	34	7	4	39	138

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	
Detroit	41	11	6	2	90	186
Chicago	33	18	9	0	75	169
St. Louis	31	18	6	3	71	161
Nashville	23	25	10	0	56	143
Columbus	15	33	8	2	40	117

Northwest Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	
Colorado	33	20	6	1	73	158
Edmonton	26	23	10	2	64	152
Vancouver	25	21	9	2	57	138
Calgary	23	24	8	3	57	136
Minnesota	18	27	10	5	51	135

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	
San Jose	30	17	7	3	70	168
Los Angeles	27	20	8	3	65	155
Dallas	26	20	7	4	63	153
Phoenix	25	22	8	4	62	150
Anaheim	21	31	6	5	135	

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.
OLYMPIC BREAK
NHL resumes regular season Feb. 26.
Monday's Games
No games scheduled
Today's Games

Florida at Washington, 6 p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Carolina at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
San Jose at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

By The Associated Press
BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with LHP Buddy Groom on a two-year contract extension.
National League
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with RHP Adam Eaton, RHP Tom Davey, RHP Jason Middlebrook, RHP Dennis Tankersley, RHP Ryan Baercholar, RHP Ben Howard, RHP Andy Shibley, LHP Cliff Bartosh, LHP Mike Bynum, LHP Eric Cyr, LHP Rob Ramsey, INF Cesar Crespo, INF Kevin Eberwein, OF Todd Donovan and OF Jeremy Owens.
Frontier League
JOHNSTOWN JOHNIES—Signed 2B David Flores, C Matt Passarella and RHP Jarrett Bayless.
ROCKFORD RIVERHAWKS—Released C Ed Piczieski.
Northern League
ALBANY-COLONIE DIAMOND DOGS—Signed RHP Greg Salvevid and LHP Nat Stoner.
ROCKFORD RIVERHAWKS—Traded RHP Steve Hahn to Fort Worth of the Central League for future considerations.
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS—Resigned RHP Craig Salvevid and LHP Nat Stoner.
QUEBEC LES CAPITALES—Traded RHP Antonio Diaz and INF Felix Pagan.
ST. PAUL SAINTS—Named Jimmy Johnson manager and RHP Dusty Kappan.
SIOUX FALLS CANARIAS—Signed RHP Antonio Diaz and INF Felix Pagan.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
COLORADO STATE WARRIORS—Acquired F Cedric Henderson from the injured list. Placed F Chris Mills on the injured list.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Released QB Chris Chandler, WR Terance Mathis and FS Ronnie Bradford.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Released OL Roman Oben.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Agreed to terms with LB Jason Gildon on a five-year contract.
Canadian Football League
TORONTO ARGONAUTS—Named Bill Dobson assistant head coach.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
COLORADO ANGLACHE—Recalled O Bryan Muir from Hershey of the AHL.
DALLAS STARS—Assigned D Dave Manson to Utah of the AHL.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Named Larry Robinson assistant coach for the remainder of the season.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled RW Nikita Alexeev, RW Sheldon Keefe and C Martin Cibak from Springfield of the AHL.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Top 25
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 24, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pv
1.	Connecticut (44)	29-0	1,100	1
2.	Stanford	28-1	1,053	2
3.	Tennessee	24-3	980	4
4.	Duke	24-3	963	5
5.	Oklahoma	23-3	953	3
6.	Vanderbilt	24-6	875	6
7.	Purdue	22-4	820	8
8.	Baylor	23-4	787	9
9.	Louisiana Tech	20-4	710	7
10.	Iowa St.	21-6	637	13
11.	Colorado	20-8	620	11
12.	South Carolina	22-5	589	10
13.	Texas	18-8	588	15
14.	Kansas St.	22-6	533	12
15.	Texas Tech	17-9	388	17
16.	Old Dominion	21-5	367	18

Hawkeyes end in ninth after slow start

By Tyler Lechtenberg
The Daily Iowan

A slow first day at the Big Ten indoor track championships prevented the Iowa women's team from making much of a dent in the team standings in University Park, Pa. Poor showings in the qualifying heats led to a small number of athletes in the finals, but the women who competed on Sunday moved the Hawkeyes up to ninth place in the team standings with 22 points. Michigan edged Indiana for the team title, outscoring the Hoosiers, 116 to 114.5.

Iowa coach James Grant said he was proud of the way his athletes regrouped for the second day of competition, but he expected more from the first.

"They really rallied back on the second day," he said. "I was expecting a couple of other people to make the finals."

Penn State's banked track may have had a role in the Hawkeyes' slow start, Grant said.

"They might have been a little intimidated by the track," he said. "It was the first time some of them ran on the banked track."

Junior Nicole Charles led the way for Iowa with a fourth-place

finish in the 400-meter dash at 55.59; the Hawkeyes got one other fourth-place showing from the distance medley relay in 11:55.49.

Grant got a school record out of the fifth-place 1,600-meter relay team of Aisha Hume, Charles, Alatie Barber, and Kristin Knight with a time of 3:45.33. Grant said a change in the running order helped the group break the 10-year-old record.

"I kind of expected it," he said. "The way I set up the relay, I put all of the people with the faster times at the front with the hope of getting the lead early and

having the latter two defend the lead — and they did that."

The Hawkeyes had two other fifth-place finishes: senior Julie Gallery with her personal best, 5-7, in the high jump and Sophia Chow's 1:33.54 performance in the 600-meter dash. In the 60-meter hurdles, Sarah Steffen placed seventh in 8.55, while sophomore middle-distance runner Alatie Barber took eighth in the 800-meter run.

Next on the Hawkeye agenda is the NCAA Last Chance meet in Ames on Saturday.

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Kansas No. 1 for second-straight week

By Jim O'Connell
Associated Press

Kansas became the first team this season other than Duke to be ranked No. 1 in the AP college basketball poll in consecutive weeks.

The Jayhawks (25-2) held the top spot in the national media voting Monday, a day after winning, 88-87, at Nebraska, their 12th-straight victory which clinched the Big 12 regular season title.

It is the third time this season Kansas has been No. 1. The first time lasted only a week as the Jayhawks lost at UCLA, the last time they lost this season.

Kansas received 51 first-place votes and 1,769 points, 43 more than Maryland, which held the No. 2 spot after beating Wake Forest, 90-89, Sunday. The Terrapins received 14 No. 1 votes.

Duke (25-2), which had seven first-place votes and 1,686 points, was third for the second-straight week. The Blue Devils are the only other team to be ranked No. 1 this season, holding the top spot for all but the three weeks Kansas was there.

Cincinnati stayed No. 4, while Oklahoma and Alabama swapped fifth and sixth. Gonzaga, Florida, and Marquette stayed seventh through ninth, respectively, while Pittsburgh moved up one spot to No. 10, the Panthers' first Top Ten ranking since the final poll of the 1987-88 season.

Kentucky led the Second Ten and was followed by Oklahoma State, Oregon, Arizona, Illinois, Georgia, Stanford, Ohio State, Southern California and Western Kentucky.

The last five ranked teams were California, Miami, Connecticut, Wake Forest and

Indiana. California, which was last ranked in the 1998-99 season, and Connecticut, which was in the Top 25 last month, were this week's newcomers, replacing Virginia and UCLA.

Virginia (16-9) and UCLA (18-9) became the sixth and seventh teams this season to be ranked in the Top Ten and fall out of the poll. The others were Missouri, Iowa, Saint Joseph's, Syracuse, and Boston College.

That ties the most Top Ten teams to fall out of the rankings since the poll expanded from 20 to 25 for the 1990-91 season. It

also happened in 1992-93. The fewest number of teams to fall from Top Ten to out of the rankings was two which happened in 1993-94, 1995-96 and 1996-97.

California (20-6) entered the rankings having won six of its last seven, including last weekend's home sweep of UCLA and Southern California. The Bears have climbed into a tie for second in the Pac-10, a half-game behind Oregon.

Connecticut (19-6) has won four straight to get back into the rankings. The Huskies were ranked for two weeks in January but fell out by losing three of four before starting the current winning streak.

Virginia, which has lost seven of nine and finishes the regular season with games against Duke and Maryland, was ranked No. 4 on Dec. 31. The Cavaliers have fallen each week since, dropping out this week from 22nd.

UCLA, which was ranked third in the first poll of the regular season, was No. 9 on the poll released Jan. 14, two days after the win over Kansas. Since, the Bruins have split their 12 games.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Iowa bids for home court in NIT

IOWA CITY (AP) — Iowa athletics officials are trying to make sure that if the Hawkeyes play in the NIT, they'll do so at home.

Athletic Director Bob Bowlsby said the university would bid for home games in both the men's and women's NIT. Bowlsby said Iowa officials also hoped that if the women's team made the NCAA Tournament, Carver-Hawkeye Arena would be the site of first- and second-round games.

Those games go to the 16 highest-seeded teams in the tournament.

Iowa is expected to make the women's field after finishing fourth in the Big Ten. The Hawkeyes' seeding could depend on how they fare in the conference tournament.

"It would depend on how all that fell," Bowlsby said. "Our traditional policy is that the NCAA events take priority. But we will put in for both the men's NIT and women's NIT, as well as hope to host on the NCAA side of it."

The men will not make the NCAA Tournament unless they win the Big Ten Tournament. With a 16-13 record, the Hawkeyes probably would be a candidate for the newly expanded 40-team field for the NIT, which begins March 12.

Iowa sold out three NIT games in 1995, two at Carver-Hawkeye and one at The Mark of the Quad Cities. The Hawkeyes drew poorly for an NIT game in 1998.

"They'll put them wherever they can sell tickets and where they can draw," Bowlsby said. "With us selling out every game this year, chances are that we'd get a home game. But you never know."

Hughes to appear on Wheaties box

MINNEAPOLIS — Sarah Hughes' performance landed her on the Olympics podium with a gold medal — and also put her on boxes of

Wheaties.

The cereal company will make the 18-ounce package available in March. Hughes joins fellow figure skater Kristi Yamaguchi, the 1980 U.S. men's hockey team, and others on the famed orange box, which began its association with athletes in the 1930s.

"Winning a gold medal is something that I've dreamed about for most of my life," said Hughes, 16. "To top it off, now I have my own Wheaties box. This is really a dream come true."

In turning in a flawless performance in the free skate on Feb. 22, Hughes moved past favorites Michelle Kwan and Irina Slutskaya to win the gold.

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SPORTS

Family and friends remember pole vaulter

By Marc Levy
Associated Press

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Focused and confident, Kevin Dare was coming off his best week of practice ever, besting his personal record by 4 inches, and was eager to parlay his "underdog" status into a victory at the Feb. 23 Big Ten men's track and field indoor championships.

"I could just tell by talking to him that this was what he was waiting for," his father, Ed Dare, said of his son, a 19-year-old pole vaulter for Penn State.

"He said he was going in an 'underdog' because he was going up against a couple of fabulous jumpers."

But while trying to beat a mark well below his ability at the championships in Min-

neapolis, Dare fell headfirst and was killed, leaving his family, team, coaches, and competitors in shock that someone so successful and so hardworking could die so suddenly doing what he was best at.

The fall was probably the result of his struggles with a 16-foot pole, a substantial step up from the sophomore's more comfortable 15-foot pole, Ed Dare said. In recent weeks, his son had jumped with the 16-foot pole — a necessary, but difficult, step for a pole vaulter to clear crossbars set at 17 feet and above, the father said.

Dare was attempting a jump of 15-feet 7-inches — well below the personal best of 17 feet — when he tumbled backward, headfirst, onto the steel "box," an 8-inch deep groove in the mat where vaulters plant the pole to

lift themselves off the ground.

Instead of Dare pushing the pole down to spring over the crossbar, the longer pole pushed him up at the top of his arc, his father said.

He was pronounced dead of head injuries shortly after being taken to a hospital. The competition's Sunday events were canceled, and the team returned home Sunday night.

Ed, and his wife, Terri, who are well-known in the Penn State athletic community for attending and videotaping each of their son's athletics events, witnessed the accident.

"Not only was he my son, he was my best friend, and that was the most important thing," Ed Dare said.

Kevin Dare and his 21-year-old brother, Eric, were both stand-

outs in football and track and field at State College Area High School before attending Penn State, where Eric is a defensive back for the football team and throws the javelin in springtime outdoor track and field events.

Kevin Dare's coaches and teammates at Penn State declined interviews Monday through a spokesman at the school, which announced a memorial scholarship fund in Dare's memory.

The Penn State athletics community, in which both were revered for their athletic ability, work ethic and good manners, tried to find words Monday to express their shock.

"They were 'please' and 'thank you' kids," said Bob Baumbach, who coached both in track and field in high school. "Always



Penn State University/AP Photo
Penn State pole vaulter Kevin Dare, 19, died during the Big Ten Championships Feb. 23.

easy to coach, always 'yes, sir' and 'yes, coach.'"

Jordan may go on injured list with knee

By Mike Fitzpatrick
Associated Press

Michael Jordan just couldn't play through the pain anymore. Jordan sat out the final 6:27 of the Washington Wizards' 92-80 loss to the Miami Heat with a bruised right knee Sunday night and said he might go on the injured list, which would force him to miss at least five games.

"The game was on the line, and I was sitting on the bench. That should tell you something was wrong," Jordan said. "It got to the point in the fourth quarter where I couldn't move."

Jordan missed the Feb. 20 loss at Detroit because of the injury, but came back to score 37 points against Miami on Feb. 23.

He had fluid drained from the knee before Sunday's game and played 30 minutes before sitting down for good with the Heat leading, 78-74.

"This needs more than just

two days' rest," Jordan said. "I'm going to take the necessary time to get better. I may have to sit out a few games. I can't ignore what my body is telling me."

Jordan shot 4-13 and finished with nine points, six assists, and five rebounds. It was just his second single-digit scoring total of the season — he had six points Dec. 27 against Indiana.

"It pains me to see him playing on one leg. I feel badly about that," Wizards coach Doug Collins said. "He tried to gut it out and couldn't do it. I didn't even want him to play at all, but Michael, competitor that he is, was going to come down here and play."

Jordan, who turned 39 on Feb. 17, has missed only two games this season, but has had the knee drained at least three times. It seems the night-after-night pounding is beginning to take a toll.

"I'm getting old," he said with a smile. "It's a sign that this might be coming to a closure as

to where my career is heading. The body sends you messages."

Lakers 107, Knicks 91
Shaquille O'Neal overpowered New York for 30 points, and Kobe Bryant added 27.

Responding to coach Phil Jackson's threat of no days off for the rest of the season unless they earn one, the Lakers improved to 3-0 on their five-game road trip while sending the Knicks to their fifth-straight loss.

Nets 95, Hornets 93
Lucious Harris hit a go-ahead lay-up with 46 seconds to play, and New Jersey rallied from a 23-point deficit in the second half.

The Nets held the Hornets to just 11 points in the fourth quarter to win their sixth-straight and end Charlotte's five-game winning streak on the road.

Jason Kidd had 21 points and 15 assists for New Jersey, which is 23-6 at home.

Bucks 89, Pistons 82
Sam Cassell scored 27 points,

and Ray Allen added 21 as Milwaukee snapped Detroit's franchise-record seven-game road winning streak.

The Bucks moved into sole possession of first place in the Central Division, one game ahead of the Pistons.

Super Sonics 101, Raptors 92
Brent Barry scored 23 points, Gary Payton added 22, and Rashard Lewis 21 as Seattle won its sixth-straight on the road.

Vince Carter, limping slightly with a strained left quadriceps, scored 28 points in his first game back from the injured list. The Raptors, who went 0-7 without Carter, have lost eight-straight to fall to .500 (29-29).

Cavaliers 111, Magic 96
Ricky Davis scored 27 points in a rare start as host Cleveland took advantage of an Orlando team playing without All-Star Tracy McGrady.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Sosa arrives at Cubs training camp
MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Playful and powerful, Sammy Sosa arrived at spring training Monday and immediately created a stir in both the clubhouse and on the practice fields.

In his first batting-practice session of the spring, a muscular Sosa looked in midseason form, sending 11 homers over the fence to the delight of souvenir-chasing fans in a parking lot across the street.

"It doesn't take long for me to get ready to hit. I'm not the type of player who takes three or four weeks to get ready, I'm ready to go right now," said Sosa, who reported later than his Chicago Cubs teammates, but one day ahead of the mandatory date.

Minutes before his hitting session, Sosa invited 6-year-old Reiana Jones inside the practice field, where she gave him a ceramic candle with his name on it and he signed a plastic bat for her.

And when Sosa switched fields on a spectacular 80-degree day, the fans engulfed him, slapping him on the back and yelling his name.

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Bonilla retires after 16-year career
Bobby Bonilla, who set the NL record for career home runs by a switch-hitter and helped the Florida Marlins win the 1997 World Series, officially retired Monday.

A six-time All-Star during his 16 seasons, Bonilla turned 39 on Feb. 23. Slowed by bad knees and other injuries, the outfielder-infielder saw limited playing time in recent years.

Bonilla hit .213 with five homers and 21 RBIs in 174 at-bats as a reserve for St. Louis last season.

The free agent finished his career with 287 home runs, 1,173 RBIs, and a .279 average for eight teams. His 247 homers in the NL marked the most by a switch-hitter.

"Early on, a couple of teams contacted us," agent Dan Horwitz said. "It was in Bobby's hands whether he wanted to continue in the role he'd had or retire. In the end, he decided he wanted to get on with some other things in his life."

Bonilla was in Arizona on Monday, working for a children's charity set up by the players' union.

"We were best buddies all those years there [in Pittsburgh]," former teammate Barry Bonds said at San Francisco's camp in Scottsdale, Ariz. "Everyone has to retire sometime; we all do."

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-PG-13- 12:20, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50
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-PG-13- 12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50
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-R- 12:10, 3:30, 6:40, 9:50
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SPORTS

Watson aspires for career in professional basketball

WATSON

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She broke Big Ten, Iowa, and Carver-Hawkeye Arena records with her 26 rebounds on Dec. 15 against Creighton.

"She is very strong, determined, and loves basketball," Robinson said. "She has more courage, doing all she did to get her health up. The surgery made her stronger — made it better than before. She practiced 24-7, and she gave all she had to it."

Though Watson faced internal and external doubts about her skill and ability to rebound from the injury, Robinson said she never had any doubt whether her daughter would play basketball again.

"I knew she would play in high school," Robinson said. "In middle school, she practiced any skill she needed to and mastered it. That's her personality, to compete with herself. She will always be doing something with basketball — it's her dream."

Her knee couldn't knock down her spirit, and neither could losing seasons, teammates, and a coach. Under the direction of Lisa Bluder and her staff, the Iowa women's basketball team ascended out of the ashes to win a Big Ten Tournament trophy and played to the second-round of the NCAA Tournament, and it is campaigning to repeat both again this year.

Watson is also experiencing personal success on the floor, named Big Ten Player of the Week on



Scott Morgan/The Daily Iowan

Jerica Watson, right, with her mother, Carline Robinson, are introduced prior to Iowa's game against Illinois on Sunday at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Monday, which will improve her prospects for the WNBA draft in April.

"I'll always be playing basketball in some gym somewhere," she said. "I'll try to take it to the next level, but wherever they play basketball, I'll go. It doesn't matter to me where, as long as I can play."

She's even teaching her little brother Andrew how to dribble, do a reverse lay-up, and nail a clean jump-shot. But if Watson's vision

doesn't expand into a professional career on the court, she will be working on a way to develop another of one of her skills — art. Watson is studying entrepreneurship and graphic design at the UI and would like to open a business combining art, music, and poetry.

Whatever it is Watson ends up doing, she knows she's already made her mother proud.

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If convicted, Williams could receive 15 years in prison

WILLIAMS

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Williams was released on \$250,000 bail and required to turn over his weapons to police. His first court appearance in the case was scheduled for March 4 in Superior Court.

Manslaughter, commonly referred to as reckless manslaughter, applies under New Jersey law when a death is "committed recklessly." It carries a penalty of five to 15 years in prison.

Lember told the *New York Daily News* that his office also was investigating whether Williams allowed

Christofi to bleed to death before authorities were notified. Lember said Monday that after speaking to the medical examiner, he believes Christofi died quickly.

Published reports have said Williams was playfully twirling a shotgun while giving a tour of his 30,000-square-foot home when the weapon fired, hitting Christofi. Hayden has denied there was any horseplay.

Lember would not provide details of the shooting, citing the ongoing investigation. He did say authorities were investigating reports that Williams had been drinking.

"Every day we learn more and

more on this investigation, and we are getting closer to the clear truth," Lember said.

Christofi had been hired to drive Williams' friends from a Bethlehem, Pa., charity event to the mansion, about 30 miles northwest of Trenton.

Christofi's nephew, Chris Adams, said relatives were relieved that Williams surrendered and was charged.

"Now they've charged him, so that means they believe he did it," said Adams, of North Plainfield. "It puts us to ease a little bit that they have the person who shot my uncle. Now, justice has to be served."

Wieczorek: Risk not too high

POLE VAULTING

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"My first reaction is to say that [the risk] is not too high, and it's kind of hard to say that when somebody just died, but there are lots of sports that have elements of danger in them," he said.

A ban probably isn't even a possibility at the college level, Wieczorek said, but measures can be taken to try to prevent as many future tragedies as possible. Landing pits have been expanded in recent years, and another option may be implementing helmets, Wieczorek said; after all, increased safety equipment is nothing new to the sporting world.

"Something like [helmets] couldn't be a bad idea," he said. "There was a time when football players didn't wear face masks, and hockey players didn't wear helmets."

Safety always comes into play in pole vaulting, Strand said. All pole vaulters know the risk they're taking, but that doesn't keep any of them away from the event.

"The risk involved, I guess I hate to say it, was part of what drew me to the sport," she said. Although Strand hasn't vaulted since Dare's death, she said she expects to keep her usual, injury-free thoughts before vaulting in the future.

With the risk of injury involved

with every vault, the sport certainly takes a unique type of athlete, Wieczorek said.

"I don't know if 'weird' is the right word, but they are different — and probably proud of it," Wieczorek said. "They are a daredevil group. There's a great deal of camaraderie among them."

Wieczorek said vaulters are many times the best all-around athletes at meets, and they're also some of the smartest, too.

"It's more than a calculated risk; they're not being foolish in what they're doing," he said.

"They're not just going to do something they're going to get hurt at."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Iowa women's golf team opens season

The Iowa women's golf team swung into action Monday at the first round of the Carolina Collegiate Classic.

The squad shot a 335, landing it in 18th place after the first day of competition, 42 strokes behind the leading UNC-Greensboro team.

Sophomore Laura Holmes was the Hawkeyes' top performer, recording a 76, good enough for 11th place going into round two, which will be played today. Freshman Lix Bennett is in 71st place, sophomore Maggie Gabelman in 77th, and freshman Megan Gordon is in 106th place.

Iowa standout senior Heather Suhr did not record a score on Monday. She was reported as disqualified from the tournament.

The final 18 holes will be played today at the Pinehurst No. 8 Golf Course.

— by Laura Podolak

Diamondbacks' third baseman breaks left leg

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona Diamondbacks' third baseman Matt Williams broke his left leg in practice Monday and is expected to miss the season opener.

Williams was fielding ground balls on a side field at the Tucson Electric Park complex when he rolled his ankle. Taken by ambulance to the University Medical Center, he was found to have a fracture in his left fibula — the long, thin outer bone of the lower leg — about six inches above the ankle.

Williams also dislocated his left ankle, damaging and stretching ligaments, head trainer Paul Lessard said.

"I worked hard to prepare myself, so needless to say I'm disappointed," Williams said. "I can't do anything about it except heal up and do the proper rehab on the field as quickly as possible."

Williams said he slipped in the dirt and got his foot caught underneath his

body. He said he immediately realized his ankle was dislocated.

An operation was scheduled in Phoenix later Monday. Such injuries usually take four to six weeks to heal — the World Series champion Diamondbacks open the regular season on April 1 at home against San Diego.

"The extent of the damage is shocking considering how quickly it happened and how innocuous it looked," manager Bob Brenly said.

Brenly said Greg Colbrunn, Danny Klassen, or second basemen Jay Bell, Craig Counsell, and Junior Spivey were candidates to replace Williams at third.

"Our versatility is one of the strong points of this ballclub," Brenly said. "A number of people could enter into the mix. We feel very comfortable with anybody that we play over there. Obviously, we wish it was Matty, and we're going to miss him. But, that being said, I think that with the versatility and the experience we have we'll be OK."

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815 N. Dodge. One bedroom. \$710/ month. (319)354-7305, Amanda.

AD#14. One bedroom, downtown, security building, D/W, microwave, W/D facility. M-F, 9-5. (319)351-2178.

AD#420. One bedroom on Linn St., water paid. M-F, 9-5. (319)351-2178.

AD#514. East side one bedroom apartment, off-street parking. W/D facility. M-F, 9-5. (319)351-2178.

AD#605. One bedroom close to downtown. HW paid. M-F, 9-5. (319)351-2178.

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AUGUST 1, 620 Church Street. Tenant pays gas. \$500/ month. FREE PARKING. (319)337-5156.

AVAILABLE immediately. One bedroom. \$420/ month H/W paid. No pets. 10 minute walk to UIHC and law school. 736 Michigan Street. 351-7133; 1-877-679-3500.

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LARGE one bedroom apartment with loft and extra room. North-side Iowa City in historic district. \$720/ month, utilities paid. Call Ben. (319)521-2141 or Steve at (319)330-7081.

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ONE bedroom, near UIHC, busline, free off-street parking, C/A, laundry on-site, water paid, \$440, available 9/8. (319)466-0969.

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AD#580. Two bedroom, off Dubuque St., quiet, parking, laundry facility, D/W, C/A, pets allowed. M-F, 9-5. (319)351-2178.

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AVAILABLE NOW!!! Two bedroom apartment on westside Iowa City. Sublet starting 3/02. HW paid. Only \$550/ month. 10 minute walk to UIHC, law school, and pharmacy building. No pets. Free parking! 708 Oakcrest. (319)341-0469.

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