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## Ex-aide may be Nelson witness

By Mike McWilliams  
The Daily Iowan

The slain executive dean of the College of Medicine's former secretary and a former colleague are two of several UI employees who could testify in the first-degree murder case, according to the recently released prosecution list.

Richard Nelson died Dec. 12, 2001, at an apartment he was renting in Cedar Rapids after he was allegedly stabbed in the chest by his wife, Phyllis Nelson.

Robert Kelch, the dean of the medical school, refused to comment on the nature of Nelson's relationship with Mary Jo

Young, an administrative assistant at the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center who worked as Nelson's secretary until May 2001.

"Because this it's a criminal investigation, I really don't think I should discuss this further at this point," he said.

UI General Counsel Mark Schantz said he has seen e-mails between Nelson and Young, though he could not disclose their contents, citing a policy making the correspondence — which he called personal — private and confidential.

"I believe there were e-mails between the two," he said.

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## Council endorses Palestine

By Edith M. Lederer  
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — For the first time, early today the U.N. Security Council adopted a resolution that endorses a Palestinian state and also calls for a cease-fire in the escalating Mideast conflict.

The resolution, endorsed late Tuesday night by the United States, was circulated hours after Syria introduced a Palestinian-backed measure.

As a result of intense negotiations, the United States decided late Tuesday to amend its text by "affirming a vision of a region where two states, Israel and Palestinian, live side by side within secure and recognized borders."

President Bush and other administration leaders have already called for a Palestinian state, but this was its first mention by the United States in a Security Council resolution, diplomats said.

Both the U.S. and Syrian documents call for an immediate cessation of violence and a resumption of negotiations. Neither mentions outside observers to help calm the situation, which Israel opposes.

The Palestinian draft refers to Israel as "the occupying power" and calls for it to abide by the Fourth Geneva Convention, which governs the protection of civilians during occupation. Israel contends that the land is

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Yaron Kaminsky/Associated Press  
Israeli soldiers take cover on Tuesday along a highway after shots were fired near the border with Lebanon. Tuesday saw a sharp flare-up in violence, as Israel took over the Palestinian city of Ramallah.

## DeWitte paper trail adds up

By Gian Sachdev  
The Daily Iowan

Police are tallying the figures of the multi-state paper trail left by the DeWitt family's alleged forgery ring, and they say the case is far from over.

Court documents on Monday alleged that the sextet possessed at least 83 forged checks used to purchase nearly \$15,000 worth of merchandise from 32 Kmart stores located throughout the country. Their alleged forgery ring encompasses 14 states, including Iowa.

"There is still a lot of paper work to sort through," said Coralville police Lt. Ron Wenman. "It's likely the figures are subject to change again as we speak more with other states."

The checks, which were allegedly forged between Nov. 21, 2001, and Jan. 30, bear the name John Greenwell — an alias the DeWitts allegedly often used, police said.

Calculations are only based on checks, omitting purchases the family is accused of making on forged credit cards. Kmart has asserted that the family duped the store out of

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Nicholas Tremmel/The Daily Iowan  
Shannon McCain of Wellman, Iowa, pickets on Tuesday outside the Qwest building on Burlington Street.

## Qwest workers picket in I.C., alleging layoffs

By Vess Mitev  
The Daily Iowan

The early morning frost and sharp chill in the air didn't stop several Qwest workers from picketing against losing their jobs because of what they contend is the company's violation of a union contract.

Some employees said they were laid off starting in December 2001, while company officials maintain that a slowing demand for work has prevented Qwest from scheduling its part-time employees.

"I have put a lot of hard work into this job, and I don't want to lose it," said Eric Reimers, a 27-year-old installation technician who said he was laid off. "I want this job back."

Under the current union contract, Qwest, a telephone- and Internet-service provider, is required to stop hiring independent contractors before laying off part-time employees. Independent contractors are typically hired for a set commission during the busy season for specific projects, including laying cable or splicing wires.

However, the company is still

employing independent contractors in place of its employees — a move viewed by the union as a direct breach of contract obligations, said Bernie Frieden, the president of the local Communications Workers of America Union.

Michael Sadler, the Iowa spokesman for Qwest, said

there have been no layoffs in Iowa City; rather, he said, there hasn't been enough demand to schedule part-time and seasonal employees because of

the economic slowdown. The union has filed grievances with Qwest, complaints that could take between three and six months to be resolved.

"It's a long, drawn-out procedure, and these boys are wearing thin," Frieden said.

According to the union, 33 percent of about 86 Qwest employees in Linn and Johnson counties are expected to be laid off by the middle of April, and a combined 19 employees in Cedar Rapids and Iowa City are now out of work. Further reductions in the labor force are expected to come.

Qwest officials said the coming

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#### WEATHER

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READ, THEN RECYCLE

## Local program to rehab old houses suffers cut

By Mike McWilliams  
The Daily Iowan

The paint is peeling, the plaster is cracked, the roof is sagging, and the furnace is decrepit. But Iowa City resident Steve Smith said he loves his 102-year-old home.

"It's not a super-pretty house," said the freelance writer. "It's a beautiful location, and we just really love the place."

Smith and his family are planning to repair portions of their 431 N. Van Buren St. residence with loans from the city's Targeted Area Rehabilitation Program, whose budget for next year was just slashed in half from \$100,000 to \$50,000. The cut made by the Iowa City City Council in a tight budget year means only one or two homeowners will benefit from the year-old fund.

"I think it's a program that has good payback to our city," said City Councilor Steven Kanner, who is against cutting the fund.

"We want to encourage homeownership. It's a win-win situation for the city and the people in the city who are in need."

The program operates on a first-come, first-serve basis; it now has 18 applicants on its waiting list. The initiative, an extension of a similar federally funded program, is designed to rehabilitate homes in five target areas with deteriorating housing throughout the city.

City housing-rehabilitation specialist Jeff Vanatter said the program would probably help repair four homes this year but scale back once the budget cut takes effect in fiscal year 2003, which begins July 1.

"Given all the budget worries, I'm not too upset about it," he said of the cut. "You take what you can get."

Vanatter said three people

have dropped off the waiting list because of a possible delay or are turned off by making monthly payments, which in some cases can be expensive.

To qualify for the low-interest loans, houses must be the property of one homeowner, be located in a target area, and the household's total income must not exceed 80 percent of the median income for Iowa City. A family of four's median income is \$64,800 — 80 percent would be \$51,850.

Once accepted, homeowners select the repairs they want done. Contractors hired by the city then estimate the cost of repairs. The city issues a 20-year loan to be paid monthly at a 4.5 percent interest rate to approved homeowners with projects costing between \$10,000 to \$40,000.

Smith will likely sign a con-

**I think it's a program that has good payback to our city.**

—Steven Kanner, city councilor



Scott Morgan/The Daily Iowan  
Iowa City residents Steve and Becky Smith stand on the front porch of their house on North Van Buren Street. The house is in need of some repairs, which they hope will be funded by the city.

tract next week to re-roof his house, install a new air-conditioning system, replace a 50-year-old furnace, cement a driveway, and repair his sidewalk at an estimated cost of

\$23,000. If approved, the Smiths will be the first recipients of the program's money.

The weight from layers of old shingles has caused a noticeable

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CITY BRIEFS

Gasby's robbed

Iowa City police are investigating a robbery at a local convenience store during which the assailant obtained an undisclosed amount of money.

Police received a report of a robbery at Gasby's East, 2303 Muscatine Ave., about 4:40 a.m. Tuesday. Police reports said the subject, who never displayed a weapon, entered the business and demanded money from the clerk before fleeing south on foot. The subject's photograph was captured by a surveillance video.

The suspect is described as a black male in his late 20s, between 5-10 and 6-1 in height, weighing approximately 180 pounds. At the time of the robbery, he was wearing a tan winter coat that appeared to be down-filled and extended below his waist. The coat hood was covering his head, and he was wearing blue jeans, white tennis shoes, gloves, and a blue bandana wrapped around his face.

— by Kellie Doyle

Board to examine whether 12-year-old can admit police

Members of the Iowa City Police Citizen's Review Board addressed citizens' complaints on Tuesday that a 12-year-old is too young to decide to let police in the home.

The board will consider issuing a recommendation asking the City Council to change the policy that establishes age minimums during an April 9 meeting. Iowa City police and its legal staff established the age of consent as 12 last year following an incident in which an 11-year-old girl gave police permission to enter her home.

Some councilors said they wanted to change the policy by requiring a higher age of consent.

"We're trying to represent community standards of what is and is not acceptable," said board member Loren Horton.

— by Nathan Kron

Faculty Council supports expanding adoption leave

When Craig Porter and his wife received word in June 2001 that their adoption service had found them a baby girl, they said they had little time to prepare for the child.

Porter, a professor of pediatrics, used his personal experience to

ask his colleagues to support expanding UI's leave-of-absence for adoptive parents from five days to 10 days. The Faculty Council later approved the recommendation, which now heads to the Faculty Senate for a final recommendation to the UI administration.

The increase in leave would have benefited Porter, who says he would have used the first five days to prepare his home before receiving his daughter and the remaining five days helping her adjust to the new environment.

"[Five days] isn't a lot of time to prepare to arrange for daycare and a nursery in the home," said Porter, who had been on a waiting list for three years. "We really had to juggle our schedules to meet our responsibilities."

One week of adoptive leave for 11 UI employees cost the university more than \$13,000 in 2001. That cost would double under the proposal, said Jane Holland, the coordinator of UI Family Services.

Three other Big Ten universities allow two weeks of paid parental leave for faculty members.

— by Gigi Wood

UISG expansion tabled

The Student Assembly declined to take action on a constitutional amendment Tuesday that would add seven student representatives to the UI Student Government.

An insufficient number of voters tabled the motion to expand the UISG Executive Cabinet to bring the university in line with other Big Ten schools. Three project coordinators would also be added to the cabinet.

A lack of voters in the Graduate Professional Student Senate forced the assembly to suspend its rules to continue Tuesday night's meeting. The group needed 20 voting members, yet only eight of their representatives were present.

Both UISG President Nick Klenske and Vice President Dan Rossi had said they thought the amendment was going to pass Tuesday night.

A special meeting will be held on March 26 to re-address the amendment.

"It was unfortunate that the amendment was not passed again," Rossi said. "However, with our special meeting, I see the amendment passing under the current legislation without any controversy."

— by Jennifer Sturm

Judge rules Burge pipe bombs are weapons; felony trial to go forward

By Gian Sachdev  
The Daily Iowan

Johnson County Judge William Thomas ruled Monday that the pipe bombs three former UI students are accused of constructing in a residence-hall room are offensive weapons, meaning the trio could get prison time if found guilty of felony charges.

Adam Fisher, 19, Nathaniel Krotz, 20, and Andrew Ritchie, 19, each face a charge of unauthorized possession of offensive weapons in connection with a March 22, 2001, incident in which pipe bombs were allegedly discovered in Fisher's Burge Residence Hall room.

The weapons charge, a Class D felony, means the former UI

freshmen face a maximum penalty of five years in prison and fines up to \$7,500. Defense attorneys Leon Spies, J. Dean Keegan, and Bruce D. Nestor had hoped to persuade the court that a jury could not define the devices as offensive weapons because their clients intended to use bombs to go fishing, not to harm humans.

"Clearly, I was pleased with the decision," said Assistant Johnson County Attorney Emily Colby. "At least now, the court has said these weapons are offensive, and the state intends to go forward with its charges."

Thomas' decision comes four days after the case's three defense attorneys argued a motion to adjudicate the law,

asking a judge to determine the weapons' classification.

Spies said he will discuss different options with his client, Fisher, including the option of appealing the decision to the Iowa Supreme Court. The court very rarely agrees with the appeal, he said, and it usually suggests proceeding with the original trial.

"We have a ways to go, and we will see what we have conserved in our arsenal," Spies said. "We'll review the ruling with Mr. Fisher and see where to go from there."

Colby said she doesn't view the case as particularly problematic. The biggest hurdle, she said, was persuading the court that these weapons were offensive.

"I would like to see them take

some responsibility for their actions and be held accountable for that," she said.

Fisher, then 19, was arrested for allegedly making three pipe bombs in his Burge dorm room. Krotz and Ritchie, who resided in Currier Residence Hall at the time of the incident, were taken into custody for their alleged involvement.

Burge was evacuated by Public Safety, and local authorities safely removed the pipe bombs and diffused the devices.

Keegan and Nestor, who represent Ritchie and Krotz, respectively, have consolidated their clients' court dates with Fisher's. The three are scheduled to stand trial April 22.

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Coralville council goes ahead with hotel center

By Anwar Williams  
The Daily Iowan

In the face of public outcry and a lawsuit brought by local business owners, the Coralville City Council unanimously approved on Tuesday issuing \$13 million in bonds to embark upon the first phase of construction for a controversial hotel-conference center.

The bonds will be available for corporations and firms to bid on within the next month and will help develop roads, utilities, and sewers at the conference center's site on the southeast corner of the intersection of Interstate 80 and First Avenue.

City Clerk Arlys Hannam said the city received 85 letters voicing disapproval of using bonds to fund the 152,000-square-foot conference center.

"Only 28 percent of the letters were from Coralville residents, and this doesn't hold much weight," said Councilor Henry Herwig. "Our actions are thought out, and we didn't see anything that was challenging to make us change our decision."

Councilors declined to discuss the issue with residents, who approached them regardless with questions and criticism during a public forum.

"I am amazed at the lack of public discussion to address any of the issues," said Iowa City lawyer Bruce D. Nestor, who is representing two business owners suing the city.

Karen Fuels and Wayne Siems, whose businesses would be displaced by the center, filed the lawsuit early last month, arguing that the city is acting illegally in merging two Tax Increment Finance Districts to raise \$33 million to fund the project. Tax revenue from the districts are typically funneled back into the area to stimulate economic development.

An additional \$17 million to \$20 million in hotel-revenue bonds will help pay for the conference center.

The conference center will include a 200-room hotel with exhibit and meeting space and is scheduled for completion in 2004.

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POLICE LOG

Gerold Dean Tinkle Jr., 35, 303 Cherokee Trail, was charged Tuesday with possession of precursors to methamphetamine in connection to a February incident. Police allege that on Feb. 8, a search at Tinkle's residence

revealed numerous chemicals and materials used to manufacture the drug. A small amount of methamphetamine was also discovered at the home, court records said.

— by Gian Sachdev

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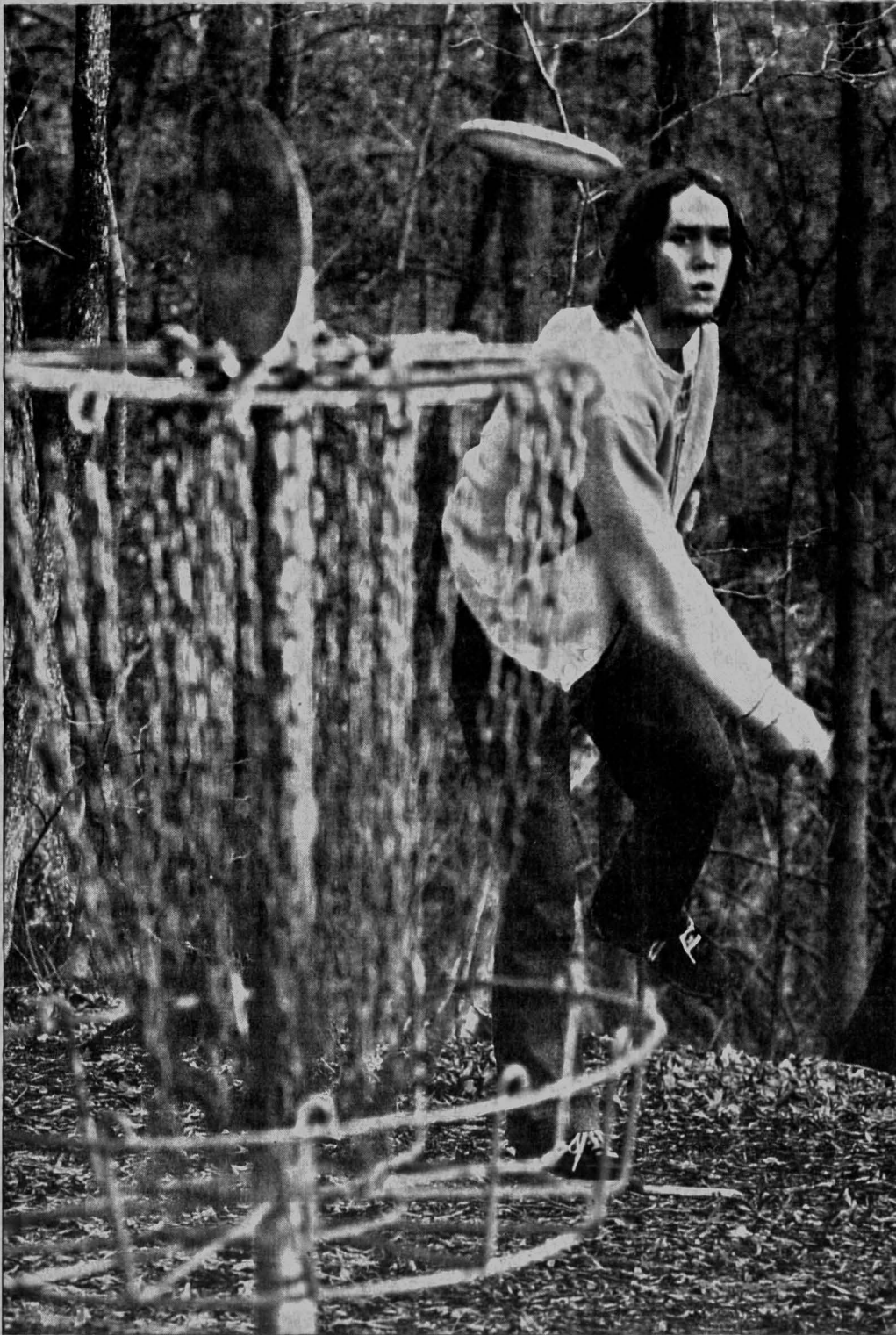
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University of Northern Iowa senior Joseph Ostby putts on the 12th hole of the Turkey Creek disc golf course on Tuesday. Disc-golf weather, albeit with a chance of rain, is expected through today.

Jordan rebukes Cheney on Iraq

By Tom Raum  
Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan — Vice President Dick Cheney received a public warning Tuesday from Jordanian King Abdullah II that expanding the terrorism war to Iraq could destabilize the region and undermine gains in Afghanistan.

U.S. officials had hoped for a more muted message from the king, whose comments came as Cheney began a whirlwind tour of the Middle East.

Abdullah has been a top ally in the terror war, but like many Arab leaders, he has been openly skeptical of U.S. hints of hostile action against Iraq.

During a private meeting with Cheney, Abdullah "expressed hope for a solution to all outstanding problems with Iraq through dialogue and peaceful means," said a palace statement.

It also said Abdullah voiced Jordan's concern about "the repercussions of any possible strike on Iraq and the dangers of that on the stability and security of the region."

The meeting with the king was the vice president's first stop on a tour of nine Arab nations, Israel, and Turkey.

"Here and throughout this journey, I expect frank discussions on the urgent matters facing this region and all of the civilized world," Cheney said at an airport welcoming ceremony.

He was then whisked away to the private meeting and working dinner at Beit al-Barakeh palace with the king.

During the meeting, Cheney stressed the importance of having U.N. weapons inspectors return to Iraq, and he said the inspections must be "wide open, robust, everywhere, anywhere, anytime," said Cheney spokeswoman Jennifer Millerwise.

She also said the king and Cheney agreed a maximum effort must be made to get both Palestinians and Israelis back to the table in the Middle East peace process.

"As President Bush made clear last week, the United States will do all it can to help end the tragic violence between the Palestinians and the Israelis and return the parties to a productive negotiating process," Cheney said.

He will meet later in the week, in Israel, with State Department envoy Anthony Zinni, whom Bush has sent to the region to try to get the peace process moving again.

Abdullah set an opening-day tone for Cheney's trip with a pre-emptive warning about U.S. military action against Iraq.

The United Nations "is the only way to resolve all outstanding issues," Abdullah said in an interview with the Saudi *Al-Watan* newspaper. He also spoke of ending "the sanctions on brotherly Iraq."

The remarks were carried by Jordan's official Petra news agency shortly before Cheney's arrival.

Bush administration officials have suggested that much of the recent rhetoric from Arab states is for domestic consumption. Jordan, for instance, has a large Palestinian population and borders Iraq.

U.S. officials hope that they can at least win private assurances from Arab leaders that they will not attempt to stand in the way of possible military strikes.

Cheney was welcomed at the airport by Jordan's prime minister, Ali Abul-Ragheb, who suggested that spiraling Israeli-Palestinian violence was one of the most urgent issues affecting the region and hoped the Cheney visit could help in "getting the process of peace back on track."

In new plan, U.S. on 'yellow alert'

By Ron Fournier  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — America is on "yellow alert," facing a "significant risk of terrorist attacks," Homeland Security Chief Tom Ridge said Tuesday as he announced a color-coded system designed to end confusion over terror warnings.

It will be years before the nation sees green — the lowest threat level — because terrorism may be "a permanent condition" in America, Ridge said.

Ridge and Attorney General John Ashcroft have issued four terror warnings since the Sept. 11 hijackings, and local officials have complained the assessments were too vague. Bush advisers feared that the public was getting frustrated with the broad alarms.

"What we're trying to do is work with the states and local communities [and] also the private sector so we have a common vocabulary," the former Pennsylvania governor said in describing the new system in a speech to the National League of Cities.

The new system ranks threats by colors, starting with green at the bottom and followed by blue, yellow, orange, and red as perceived dangers intensify. The

warning level can be upgraded for the entire country or for specific regions and economic sectors — such as the nuclear industry, Ridge said.

The system's guidelines give government officials advice on what to do as threats grow, but no

such guidance is offered for general public.

Ridge said the system is designed to motivate local leaders to develop emergency-response plans that would include ways to inform private citizens about how to react to attacks.

NATION BRIEF

U.S. got warning on nuke-plant attack in '95 but did not act

(AP) U.S. officials received a warning as early as 1995 that Islamic militants were plotting to attack an American nuclear site, but they did not pass along the information to the agency that oversees nuclear facilities or to the plants themselves, the Associated Press has learned.

The warning came in police interrogations of convicted terrorist Abdul Hakim Murad and from a

computer seized in the Philippines from Ramzi Yousef, the mastermind of the 1993 attack on the World Trade Center. Both men were linked to Osama bin Laden and his Al Qaeda terrorist network, and they are serving life in prison in the United States for plotting to blow up 12 U.S.-bound airliners.

The AP learned of the 1995 warning through secret intelligence documents and interviews with officials in the United States and the Philippines.

According to a secret Philippines report, a letter obtained from Yousef's computer indicated he was

"planning to attack any nuclear facilities in the U.S. and unspecified targets in France and Great Britain."

Yousef, who ran the Al Qaeda cell that targeted the World Trade Center in 1993, discussed the plan with Murad when the two met in October 1994 in Quetta, Pakistan, according to statements Murad made to interrogators.

But Murad, who was arrested in Manila in January 1995, said he was unaware of the specifics of the plan to attack nuclear facilities.

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# Houston mother guilty of drowning her kids

By Pam Easton  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Andrea Yates, the 37-year-old housewife who admitted she drowned her five children in the bathtub, was convicted of murder Tuesday by a jury that rejected her claim of insanity in just 3½ hours.

Yates was found guilty of two counts of capital murder covering the deaths of three of her children. She could be sentenced to death or to life in prison following the penalty phase of the trial, which will begin Thursday.

Standing between her attorneys, Yates showed little reaction as the judge read the verdict. Her husband, Russell, muttered, "Oh, God," and buried his head in his hands, and some of Yates' relatives left the courtroom in tears.

"I'm not critiquing or criticizing the verdict," defense lawyer George Parnham said. "But it seems to me we are still back in the days of the Salem witch trials."

He described his client as "very upset." Prosecutors left the courthouse without comment.

The crime attracted widespread attention as a stunned public asked what could cause a

mother to systematically kill her children. It also raised new questions about the effects of postpartum depression, which Russell Yates and experts hired by the defense said Andrea Yates had struggled with for years.

Andrea Yates never testified. But her videotaped interviews with psychiatrists, her audio-taped confession to police, and her 911 call the day of the drownings all were played for jurors.

Deliberations began after prosecutors told the jury of eight women and four men that Andrea Yates, a former nurse, had thought about harming her children for years and ignored a doctor's orders in 1999 to refrain from having any more.

They said that even though Andrea Yates is mentally ill, she knew drowning her children was wrong.

"That's the key," prosecutor Kaylynn Williford said. "Andrea Yates knew right from wrong, and she made a choice on June 20 to kill her children deliberately and with deception."

The defense argued that she suffered from postpartum depression so severe that she had lost her ability for rational thought.



KHOU-TV via Houston Chronicle, Pool/Associated Press  
Andrea Yates, in this image from television, reacts during closing arguments on Tuesday in Houston. After a short deliberation, the jury found the Clear Lake, Texas, mother guilty in the drowning deaths of her five children on June 20, 2001.

"We can't permit objective logic to be imposed on the actions of Andrea Yates," Parnham said. "She was so psychotic on June 20 that she absolutely believed what she was doing was the right thing to do."

Parnham also told the jury in the closely watched case: "This is an opportunity for this jury to make a determination about

the status of women's mental health. Make no mistake, the world is watching."

After deliberating about 2½ hours, jurors passed a note to District Judge Belinda Hill asking for the definition of insanity. Thirty minutes later, jurors asked for a cassette player. Among the evidence were the audiotapes of her 911 call and

her confession in which she described how 7-year-old Noah tried to run from her, but "I got him."

Andrea Yates called her children into the bathroom one by one and drowned them in the tub, then called 911 to tell authorities what she had done. Police found Noah in the tub; the other children were under a wet sheet on a bed.

According to testimony, Andrea Yates was overwhelmed by the responsibilities of raising five children and believed she was a bad mother. She had suffered severe depression and had attempted suicide.

She was tried for the deaths of Noah, 5-year-old John, and 6-month-old Mary, though only two capital murder charges were filed.

One count listed the killings of Noah and John as two victims killed during the commission of the same crime to qualify for capital punishment. The second count listed the death of Mary.

By not listing all the children in a single count, prosecutors avoided the possibility that an acquittal could void all the charges. Prosecutors also have the option of filing charges later in the deaths of the other two youngsters, Paul, 3, and Luke, 2.

# NRA gets its foot in the door on concealed weapons

By David A. Lieb  
Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Around the country, gun-rights groups are waging what some portray as a deliberately gradual, one-step-at-a-time effort to ease state laws governing the carrying of a concealed weapon.

Organizations such as the National Rifle Association and Gun Owners of America say their efforts — under way in more than half the states — are no greater this year than before. But they say the Sept. 11 attacks may have provided some momentum.

"Since Sept. 11, people feel the need to protect themselves and their loved ones," said Randy Kozuch, the NRA's chief state and local lobbyist. "Nobody knows what future attacks will happen."

Alarmed by the effort, the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, which traditionally has focused on Congress, has expanded its staff for state legislatures and teamed up with the Million Mom March to fight attempts to loosen concealed gun laws.

"We are seeing a very large effort by the NRA to weaken concealed-weapons laws across the country," said Luis Tolley, the Los Angeles-based state legislative director for the Brady Campaign. "They want to let people carry any gun they want, anywhere they want, any time they want."

In the 1980s, at least 40 states prohibited concealed weapons, according to the NRA. The movement to relax concealed gun laws began in 1987 in Florida and picked up steam in the mid-1990s.

Now just six states — all in the Midwest — prohibit concealed weapons.

# Boston priest-abuse victims to get millions from church

By Jay Lindsay  
Associated Press

BOSTON — The Archdiocese of Boston agreed to a financial settlement with dozens of people who claimed they were molested by now-defrocked priest John J. Geoghan when they were children, the plaintiffs' lawyer said Tuesday. He said the settlement could cost the church as much as \$30 million.

"This agreement sends a message," attorney Mitchell Garabedian said at a news conference with several of the men who claim Geoghan abused them when they were boys. "The church knows it did something wrong."

An arbitrator will determine the sum to be paid to some of the 86 plaintiffs, based on harm they suffered, Garabedian said.

Twenty of the plaintiffs who suffered from improper exposure and the 16 plaintiffs who are family members of victims will receive a predetermined amount of money, Garabedian said. He would not say how much.

The lead attorney for the archdiocese and a spokeswoman for the archdiocese did not immediately return phone calls for comment.

Ralph DelVecchio, 45, who claimed Geoghan molested him when he was 10, said he was relieved it was over.

"I'm feeling like some weight has come off my shoulders," he said. "This has been a long, drawn-out thing for everybody, [including] my family."

Garabedian said the money will not end the turmoil in the lives of the victims.

"They are not going to be buying yachts and floating around the Bahamas," he said. "They're just going on with their lives ... There's tremendous pain here."

The Boston archdiocese already had paid an estimated

\$15 million to 40 alleged Geoghan victims since the mid-1990s, and it still faces dozens more claims and hundreds of new allegations against Geoghan and other priests.

Geoghan, who was accused by 130 people of molesting them during his decades as a priest, is serving a nine- to 10-year prison sentence for groping a 10-year-old boy, and he faces another criminal trial. Two child-rape charges against

him were dropped last week after a judge ruled the statute of limitations had expired.

The lawsuits against Geoghan have been the catalyst for a growing sexual-abuse scandal facing the church.

In January, the *Boston Globe* obtained thousands of documents in the cases, some of which showed the archdiocese had ignored warnings about Geoghan despite allegations stretching back three decades and across six parishes.

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# Allies battle cave to cave in Afghanistan

By Kathy Gannon  
Associated Press

GARDEZ, Afghanistan — Advancing U.S. and coalition forces fought with small groups of Al Qaeda and Taliban holdouts Tuesday as allied troops worked their way through the warren of mountain caves in eastern Afghanistan — their progress slowed by mines and booby traps.

Throughout the day, high-flying U.S. B-1 bombers pounded Al Qaeda and Taliban positions on a ridgeline that U.S. officers dubbed "the whale." The dull thud of distant detonations could be heard Tuesday night in Gardez, approximately 20 miles northeast of the frontline.

As U.S. bombers flew overhead, Afghan fighters maneuvered tanks into position for what commanders said would be a final push to eradicate Al Qaeda fighters.

Afghan fighters loyal to commander Zia Lodin said they breached the first lines of Al Qaeda and Taliban defenses Tuesday but were stopped by hostile fire and land mines.

Another commander, Abdul Matin Hasankhel, predicted it would take several days for government forces to organize for a final push.

Advancing Afghan troops found the bodies of seven foreign fighters Tuesday, said an Afghan commander, Abdul



Joe Raedle/Associated Press  
U.S. Army 10th Mountain soldiers take over a dwelling on March 8 near the villages of Sherkhankheyl, Marzak, and Bobelkiel, Afghanistan. The villages were an alleged Al Qaeda and Taliban stronghold that came under intense bombing and fire as coalition forces battled to root them out.

Hanan. He said he was not sure whether they were Arabs or Pakistanis.

U.S. CH-47 Chinook helicopters flew what appeared to be small tanks into the battle area of Operation Anaconda at the base of the snowcapped Shah-e-Kot mountains.

"We will continue combat operations in this area until we remove these parasites from Afghanistan," said Maj. Bryan Hilferty, a spokesman for the 10th Mountain Division.

As American troops steadily combed the rough terrain, U.S. officials rejected a suggestion

by one of their Afghan allies that the remaining Al Qaeda fighters might be allowed to go free.

"We are not going to stop the fighting to make any deals," said Lt. Col. Dave Lapan, a spokesman for the Pentagon in Washington.

# Zimbabwe vote deeply flawed, groups say

By Angus Shaw  
Associated Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Independent observers and human-rights groups on Tuesday condemned Zimbabwe's presidential election as deeply flawed and demanded the release more than 1,000 polling agents and observers they charge were arrested during the balloting.

The criticism came as initial returns Tuesday night gave President Robert Mugabe a 52 percent to 46 percent lead over Morgan Tsvangirai, with approximately 18 percent of districts reporting.

The three days of voting in a bitterly contested election was considered a crucial test for democracy in this southern African nation. Mugabe — the

only leader Zimbabwe has known in 22 years of independence — faced his first real challenge in Tsvangirai, a former labor organizer.

But independent observers questioned the validity of the vote, saying it was tainted by violence, intimidation, confusion, and the disenfranchisement of thousands of voters in the opposition stronghold of Harare.

"The presidential elections failed to meet key, broadly accepted criteria for elections," said Kare Vollen, the head of the 25-member Norwegian Observer mission.

He said the mission, the largest European delegation, found flaws with every step of the electoral process from voter registration and campaigning to the actual vote.

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— Eric Reimers, installation technician laid off from Qwest.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Smoking is stupid

I would like to respond to Wayne White's letter, "Truly clean air for all" (*DI*, March 11).

In his letter, White pointed out that "pollutants emitted by cars, trucks, power plants, and factories pose as great a risk as does second-hand smoke" and stated that he would give up his tobacco habit if other people gave up driving cars and started using public transportation.

It is true that automobiles emit arsenic and carbon monoxide, but those very chemicals are found in cigarette smoke as well. For the most part, people need cars. Not everyone is able to utilize public transportation. Smoking cigarettes is definitely something people do not NEED.

Fifty-three thousand Americans die of second-hand smoke a year. Deaths from second-hand smoke is the third preventable cause of death in this country.

I do not particularly want to breathe in the exhaust from a car, but when I am at a restaurant, bowling alley, amusement park, or just trying to enter a building, I do not want to be forced to breathe in second-hand smoke just because people who call themselves responsible adults choose to damage their bodies and put poisonous, disgusting smelling, cancer-causing chemicals into the air for everyone else to breathe.

People do not have to breathe in car fumes in a restaurant, but they do have to breathe in second-hand smoke.

Smoking is a stupid, disgusting, nasty, smelly habit, and there is no excuse to smoke and force others to breathe in these harmful chemicals.

Emma N. Taylor  
Oswego, N.Y. resident

### Benefits of donation

The phase-out of residential gas/electric sales tax in Iowa is good because the tax is regressive (lower-income people pay a higher percent of income for the tax than higher-income people.). The Legislature passed the phase-out law during last year's especially cold winter in order to help lower-income people.

It applies, of course, to all gas/electric users regardless of income or means. I'd like to suggest to the economic upper-class and the upper part of the middle-class to donate their sales-tax savings to programs that help the lower-class. It'd be nice if others would also donate. MidAmerican Energy's ICARE program, for example, helps low-income people pay utility bills.

Some wealthy people won't donate, some happily will if asked, and some already have.

I'd guess that upper-income people waste a lot more energy than others. Lower-income people are probably much more likely to switch lights off when not in use and to turn down the heat to save money; they don't have floodlights in front of a three-car garage. It's more difficult for them to reduce use.

There are Iowans who, if they had a \$100,000 drop in their bank account, wouldn't notice it — unless their accountant told them. A \$100,000 drop in their portfolio wouldn't be felt; their lives would go on the same. If they'd donate their utility sales-tax savings and a little more, the world would be a better place.

John Gelhaus  
Iowa City resident

### ARH ignores students

The article titled "Dorm fees may rise 12.5%" (*DI*, March 7) is

John Soper  
UI student

## Editorial

# Con inglés oficial, Gob. Vilsack abandona a su base política

En 1998, el período gubernamental de Gob. Tom Vilsack empezó con un nuevo esfuerzo para atraer a los inmigrantes al estado; la ironía es que va a terminar con Vilsack dándoles una bofetada a estos inmigrantes. Después de muchos años de debate, Vilsack aprobó una ley el primero de marzo la cual establece al inglés como idioma oficial del estado.

En realidad, la ley no favorece en nada a la gente, sino que le envía un mensaje horrible a los inmigrantes y aquellos que no pueden hablar inglés. Estamos pasando por una crisis financiera en el estado; los servicios gubernamentales están empeorando. Mucha gente ha perdido el trabajo y el futuro de la economía todavía es incierto.

Entonces, no sabemos por que los legisladores perderían su tiempo redactando esa ley; tal legislación no crea empleos ni mejora la economía; tampoco ayuda a los que han perdido su trabajo y no protege a los niños. Como dijo el Rep.

**La ley es "un ejercicio en tonterías" que da una bofetada a los inmigrantes. No van a olvidarse de la ley cuando voten en noviembre.**

Dick Myers, D-Coralville, es "un ejercicio en tonterías."

¿Entonces, que resulta la ley?

• Causa mucha confusión y discriminación. Ahora algunos inmigrantes creen que ya no pueden hablar español u otras lenguas en público o en el trabajo. Esta gente, quien viene a Iowa para mejorar su vida, no necesita más confusión ni acrecentar sus dificultades. Tampoco necesitan más discriminación. La ley parece disculpar a aquellos quienes no respetan a los que no hablan la "lengua oficial."

• Declara que todos los documentos del gobierno van a ser publicados en inglés, que no es nada nuevo. Todos estos documentos siempre se han publicado en inglés.

• Los legisladores van a dar un millón de dolares para enseñar inglés como idioma secundario. Aunque parezca ser mucho dinero, no es lo suficiente para cambiar nada.

• Avergüenza a Vilsack, precisamente lo que querían hacer los republicanos. Vilsack se encontró en una posición difícil: la idea ha sido muy popular a través del estado, pero no con su base política; pero el se equivocó: abandonó a los que lo apoyan.

Los latinos, quienes constituyen casi el 3 por ciento de la población de Iowa, no van a olvidarse de todo esto cuando voten en noviembre.

Gob. Vilsack: los electores van a tener la última palabra, aunque esa palabra no se diga en inglés.

# Silencing history with whitewashed ignorance

A couple of weekends ago, I visited Washington, D.C. On my last day there, before the plane took off, I walked from Arlington National Cemetery to the Holocaust Museum by way of the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. My main aim that cold and windy morning, however, lay down a small incline near the reflecting pool: the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial.

In contrast to photos I've seen, stories I've heard, accounts I've read, I was mostly alone at the Wall. Two men passed me; one woman took pictures; two frozen batches of flowers lay below the polished slabs.

In Maya Lin's brilliant piece, I read the list of those from the United States who died fighting in this never-declared war. The names scrolled by: Jeffrey Tyrone Cassidy, Sharon Ann Lane,

John Henry Flynn, James Hiroshi Ishihara, Augusto Maria Xavier, Al Suminguit Padayhag. In Vietnam, I saw, men and women of every ethnic background gave their lives in the service of the United States.

But if Iowa state Sen. Steve King has his way, Iowa teachers wouldn't inform their students about this part of our history. King — author of the inane (not to mention racist) English-Only legislation — has now decided that Iowa students need not learn a gender-balanced or multicultural curriculum.

Here's the "explanation" portion of King's most recent effort, Senate File 2297, the full text of which you can read at <http://www.legis.state.ia.us>: "This bill removes all references in ... the elementary and secondary school education portion of the [Iowa] Code to the words 'multicultural,'



Suzi Steffen

OUT, HERE, LISTENING ALL THE TIME

'gender fair,' and 'global.' The bill also directs the state board to adopt rules requiring nonpublic schools and school districts to emphasize in their educational program that the constitutional republic of the United States, of which Iowa is a vital constituent part, was founded upon the guarantees of freedom of religion, the rule of law, and equal justice for all, is the unchallenged, greatest nation in the world, and has derived its strength from biblical values and the forces

and philosophies of free enterprise capitalism and Western civilization."

King and certain other Iowa senators on the State Government Committee can't stand the idea that Iowa kids might know that, say, Chinese, Irish, and African-American laborers built our railroads, that women have equal rights, or that anyone but European-Americans ever lived in Iowa.

Side note: In order to comply with King's English-Only legislation, I will stop calling our state by its Native American (Ioway) name. I'll stick with the unchallenged, greatest, English-Only title of "This Is the Place."

Second piece of information about this legislation: It's as silly as my last paragraph, but even more unfounded. Rekha Basu, a columnist at the *Des Moines Register*, writes, "When I heard about

the bill — I didn't know whether to laugh or cry. All I could picture was a group of boys on a playground standing around bragging, 'Mine is bigger than yours.'"

Basu goes on to point out that requiring schools to teach "the United States is the unchallenged, greatest nation" would be asking teachers to ignore the fact that a whole bunch of people in the rest of the world do not agree. As a rhetoric instructor, I would say Sen. King's claim does not have the necessary support.

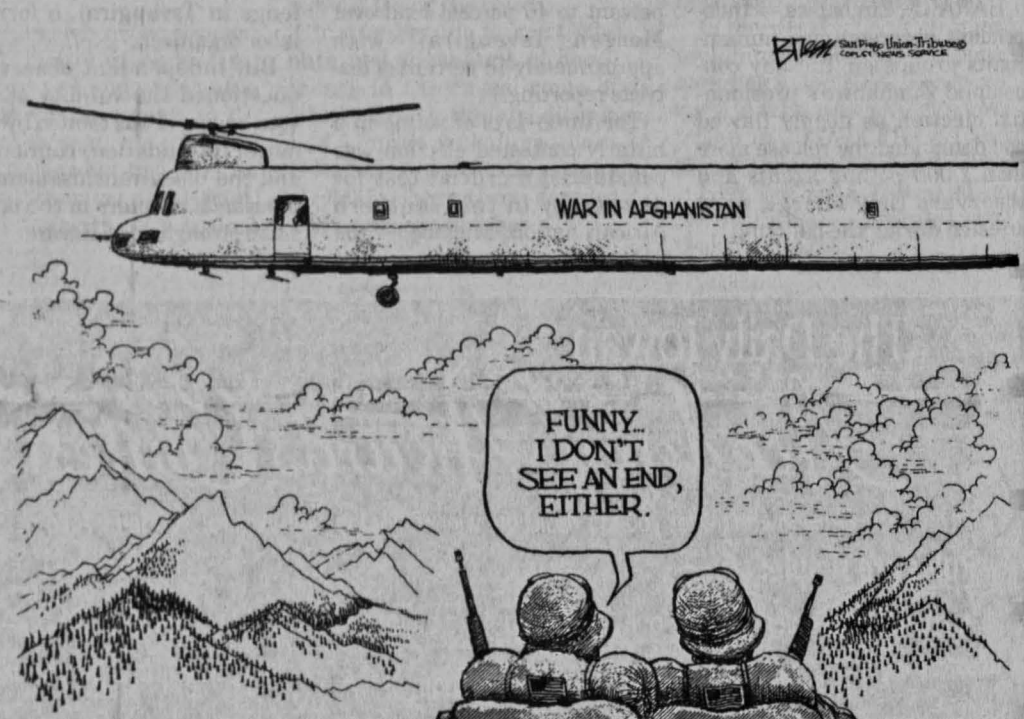
I'm not attacking the United States; aside from a few major inequalities (like being the wealthiest nation but not providing universal health care), it's a damn fine country. I know from traveling, however, that other countries (can you spell F-R-A-N-C-E?) conceive of themselves as the greatest nations.

Yet one could point out, for instance, that despite the excellence of the cheese, wine, and chocolate in France, the French government's current policies on race relations knock them out of contention for "the greatest nation."

Except talking about France's relationship to Moroccan and Algerian immigrants might cross the "multicultural" education line, and we can't have that in This Is the Place — not if this goofy yet terrifying bill becomes law.

And what would teachers say of Vietnam? That only white Americans fought there? That the names on the Vietnam Memorial don't count? Maybe, in the spirit of unchallenged-ness, teachers should just ignore Vietnam. In King's world, whitewashed ignorance holds sway over history — as long as we don't check the facts.

Suzi Steffen is a *DI* columnist.



## On the Spot

How do you think the men's basketball team will do in the NIT tournament?



"I think they'll do decent. I don't know if they can win, though."

Charles Guang  
UI freshman



"I think they'll lose in the first round. They stink."

Mike Chavatal  
UI senior



"My theory is too much, too late. This year has been a disappointment."

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## Sno Core will definitely break the icicle

By Dave Strackany  
The Daily Iowan

Beginning at 7 p.m. today, an armada of energetic acts will unload its eclectic cargo into the IMU Main Lounge as part of the Sno Core Icicle Ball. Breaking from the traditional opener/headliner concert format, the Icicle Ball presents four acts, each with equal billing — a quadruple-headliner, if you will. As there is no schedule, the order in which Saul Williams, Blackalicious, Nikka Costa, and Karl Denson's Tiny Universe will perform is not known.

Obviously, the concert presents quite a musical spectrum, but a common stitch ties it all together. The Icicle Ball aims to be a quasi-danceable event (thus the name). Each of the four groups addresses the theme in its own unique way, from volatile break beats to hip-hop to neo-soul to jazzy funk. Granted, all of the acts have yet to breach obscurity's thick threshold and break into the mainstream, but the bill is no less impressive for that. Each act is just as essential an aural experience as the next, making the concert something to see from start to finish.

The most avant-garde of the foursome, Saul Williams' music continues where the movie he co-wrote and starred in, *Slam*, left off. Similar to rap, but more like fervid poetry set to boiling break beats, Williams' and his entourage of viola, cello, guitar, bass, drums, and turntables bring

the beatnik idiom into the 21st century. Though his major label debut, *Amethyst Rock Star*, garnered mixed reviews from baffled critics, Williams' mystique continues to grow, both through the strength of his film and through the aggressive intelligence of his approach as an MC.

Flip-side to Williams in the hip-hop underground is Blackalicious, with its deft rapping and production. Blackalicious is a smart, stylish hip-hop duo (Chief Xcel and Gift of Gab) that backs rhythmic rhyming with home-spun, jazzy hip-hop along the lines of Jurassic 5 or the Black Eyed Peas. As evidenced by the guest performances featured in the forthcoming *Blazing Arrow*, due out in April, Blackalicious may be the next big thing in its genre. Boasting contributions by Zach De La Rocha (Rage Against The Machine), Ben Harper, and members of Jurassic 5 and the Roots, only time will tell whether *Blazing Arrow* can surpass the brilliance of the group's earlier releases, such as 2000's critically acclaimed *NIA*, or 1999's *A2G EP*.

Threatening to be an even more enjoyable act than Blackalicious, Nikka Costa may be the gem of the whole concert. The 29-year-old goddaughter of Frank Sinatra, Costa is no stranger to the

stage. She's been performing since she was 5 years old, and she is a multiplatinum artist in Australia and Europe. Until the release of last year's much lauded *Everybody Got Their Something*, however, she was relatively unknown in the United States. Now, with strength of her MTV2 regular, "Like A Feather," alongside the fact that she was considered for the Shortlist award, Costa's sultry appeal is taking a slippery hold of American music connoisseurs. Using raw sex appeal, a tempestuous, soulful soprano, and sometimes solid, sometimes soft electro-funk instrumentation, Virgin records offers up Costa as the paramount nouvelle diva.

Finally, Karl Denson's Tiny Universe contributes its saxophone-led contemporary jazz concoction to the Icicle Ball. Though Denson has been working almost exclusively in jazz for the last several years, he gained most of his fame through his rock 'n' roll work as saxophonist for Lenny Kravitz. After working on three albums with Kravitz, the two went their separate ways, and Denson went on to refine his brand of post-bop jazz, using the Tiny Universe as a catalyst. Of late, Denson has earned the attention of serious fans of the jam-band

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genre, in part because of the inclusion of MMW bass player Chris Wood on Denson's new disc, *Dance Lesson #2*, but also because of his act's remarkable proficiency in performance. The music is a blend of rhythm and blues, hip-hop (DJ Logic also appears on Denson's latest LP), and jazz.

Regardless of which of the four acts attracts the most attention, the performance as a whole should be fun, upbeat, and worthy of remembrance.

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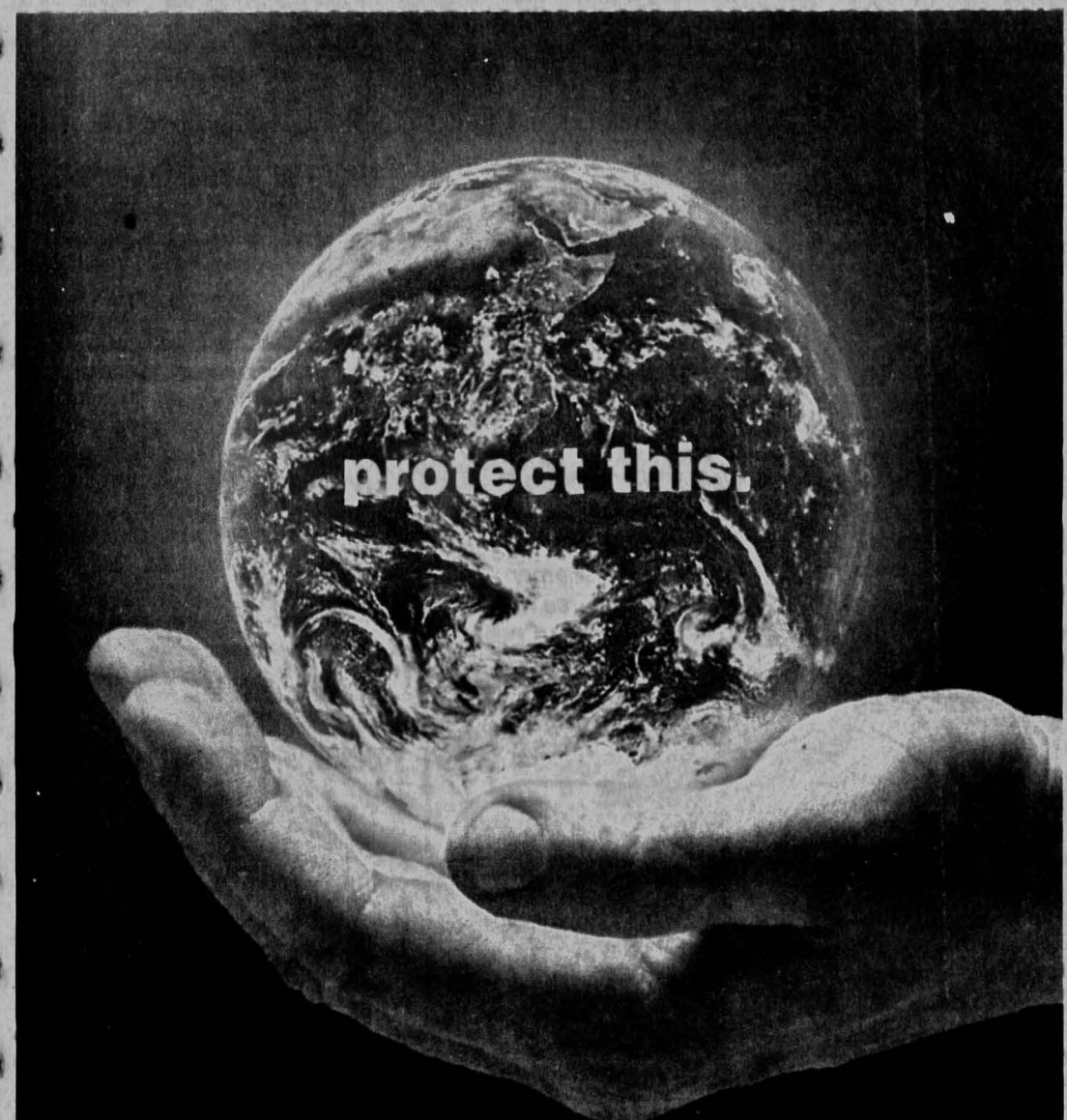
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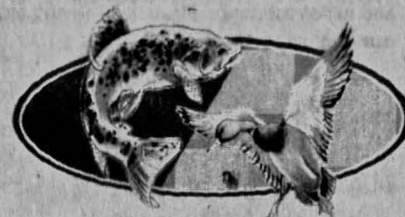
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# For 1st time, Palestine endorsed

**PALESTINE**

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disputed, not occupied, and maintains the convention does not apply.

The United States, Israel's closest council ally, also welcomed Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah's peace initiative and encouraged diplomatic efforts.

Since renewed Mideast violence erupted in September 2000, the United States has thwarted every effort by the Palestinians to get the Security Council to adopt

a resolution that would condemn Israeli actions and create some kind of outside monitoring to help cool tensions.

Earlier Tuesday, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan delivered his toughest statement on the Middle East, urging Palestinians to halt "morally repugnant" acts of terror and suicide bombings and Israelis to end its "illegal occupation" of Palestinian territory and stop using excessive force.

Calling the current fighting the worst in a decade, Annan welcomed the U.S. decision to send retired Gen. Anthony Zinni back to the region and urged Israeli

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to back his efforts to renew the peace process.

"You can still lead your people away from disaster," Annan said, noting that in the last 10 days, more than 150 Palestinians and about 50 Israelis have died.

He also called on the Security Council "to lend its full authority and influence to the vital cause of peace."

U.N. spokesman Fred Eckhard said he believed it was the first time that Annan had called Israel's occupation of Palestinian

territory "illegal."

Israel's U.N. Ambassador Yehuda Lancry said it was "not a new development," noting that Sharon has envisioned a Palestinian state and Israel entered a process in 1993 to end its occupation. But he stressed that "we have to negotiate it."

Nasser Al-Kidwa, the Palestinian U.N. envoy, didn't think Annan was striking a harder stance. But he said it was "indicative that the whole world is getting ... increasingly nervous about the situation and ... wants to see an end to this occupation."

# Ex-aide on list of Nelson witnesses

**NELSON**

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Young, who refused comment and asked for further media inquiries to stop, accepted another job with the university seven months before Nelson's death. Schantz said he could not disclose whether there were any office reassignments within the medical school while Young worked under Nelson. Office reassignments often occur if university officials are notified of an intra-office relationship, he said.

A medical-school newsletter from May 2001 announced that Young accepted a position at the cancer center. Young attended several meetings alongside Nelson as a guest during 2000 and early 2001, meeting minutes show.

University policy requires intra-office relationships to be "disclosed and managed," but Schantz also refused to specify

whether Nelson's relationship with his administrative assistant was personal and constituted a conflict of interest.

Dennis Domsic, the college's associate dean, is also on the witness list, and Kelch said he wouldn't be surprised if he, too, was asked to testify because he worked closely with Nelson, though he didn't think he was on the potential witness list yet.

Domsic, who returned from vacation Monday night, said he has not yet been notified by anyone connected with the case regarding his placement on the witness list.

"I haven't really expected to be called," he said. "But if they call, I'll go. It's the right thing to do."

Phyllis Nelson has been free on bond since Dec. 24, 2001, living at her 1010 Highwood St. home. Trial is scheduled to begin Sept. 23 in Linn County District Court.

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# Irate I.C. workers protest 'layoffs'

**LAYOFFS**

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pany is going through downsizing, citing an overall slowdown in business as the reason for potentially cutting jobs. Overall, the company has announced that an expected 5,000 additional employees will be laid off nationwide by June, Sadler said.

"In large part, it's the economy," he said. "Communications and technology have really taken a big hit. That means we

have to make business decisions that aren't always so easy."

The employees were advised against picketing by the union but decided to hold an "informational picket" independently to make Iowa City residents aware of their situation.

"Basically, we want to get the company's attention," said Jason Bex, who said he hasn't worked since December. "How can contractors still be working, and I'm out of a job for three months?"

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# Paper trail piles up against 'ring'

**DEWITTS**

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\$150,000 through false checks and credit cards, but police say they have only connected \$94,000 of that estimate to the group.

"The case is progressing very slowly, which is to be expected with all these documents to sort through," Wenman said. "We'll continue to work with the Johnson County Attorney's Office to see what new charges we hope to bring against them."

Last week, FBI officials refused to take over the investigation, asking individual states to handle the case. Officials reviewed charges, including forgery, assault, and conspiracy, after Coralville police allegedly discovered the family using a local motel room to house the crime operation.

"I thought it would have been easier if the FBI had taken over the case," said

Frank Santiago, the defense attorney for Esther DeWitt. "Instead, it will be difficult for the defendants because they will have to travel a lot as each state begins to file separate charges."

**The case is progressing very slowly, which is to be expected with all these documents to sort through.**

— Lt. Ron Wenman, Coralville police

\* Three of the six DeWitts will appear for arraignment on Thursday in the Johnson County Courthouse. Mark DeWitt, 28, Robert DeWitt Jr., 29, and Timothy DeWitt, 26, face multiple assault charges. The other three DeWitts — Esther Joy, 23, Ruby Esther, 55, and the Rev. Robert Sr., 55 — are being held on various forgery charges.

The multi-state investigation is probing reports allegedly linking the family to incidents in Florida, Indiana, Mississippi, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, and West Virginia.

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# City program helps people rehab homes

**HOUSING**

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sag and water leaks in Smith's ceiling, especially over the porch — one of his favorite parts of the house.

"We have met more people sitting on our front porch while they walk by," he said. "It teaches you about people and how

people looked at other people 100 years ago. They weren't afraid of their neighbors ... TV didn't dominate their lives, and they spent a lot more time on their front porches. Part of that is facilitated by these old places, and I think that's something the city program helps preserve."

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IOWA MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Trying to catch a Tiger by the tail

By Todd Brommelkamp  
 The Daily Iowan

The Louisiana State Tigers are not a typical SEC team, and that is exactly what worries Iowa basketball coach Steve Alford.

"It's a tough matchup for us, but one we're excited to be playing," he said.

Iowa will play host to the Tigers (18-14) in a first-round National Invitation Tournament game today at 8:30 p.m. in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

**I've had to hold smaller guards like [Wisconsin's Kirk] Penney, I had to hold him, and different other dudes, but come to the opposite side of the gym and they got to hold me, too.**

— Reggie Evans,  
 Iowa forward

The Tigers have won four of their last five games, reaching the semifinals of the SEC

Tournament before falling to NCAA-bound Mississippi State, 57-51.

In a conference traditionally known for its powerful big men, the Tigers are the exception to the rule. Primarily using a four-guard lineup, LSU coach John Brady has capitalized on the athleticism and versatility of his players to spread defenses and tire opponents.

Because of the remarkably quick turnaround from Iowa's 81-64 loss to Ohio State in the

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IOWA WRESTLING



Conrad Schmidt/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Luke Moffitt wrestles during the Big Ten Championships in Champaign, Ill., on March 9. Moffitt was named the Outstanding Wrestler of the championships.

## Moffitt works to add NCAA title to resumé

By Ali Noller  
 The Daily Iowan

After Luke Moffitt grasped the reality of winning his first Big Ten title, he became intent on proving that he was named outstanding wrestler of the Big Ten championships for a reason.

While Moffitt approached the conference tournament with the Iowa win-it-all mentality, even he was surprised to garner one of the top honors of the tournament.

"I planned on winning it, because that's what I went there to do," he said. "But winning [outstanding wrestler] is what shocked me. I thought maybe [Mike] Zadick or somebody else would get it."

Both Moffitt and Zadick earned titles March 9-Sunday at Big Ten meet, and they will have the opportunity to prove their legitimacy at the NCAA championships on March 21-23 in Albany, N.Y.

"Maybe I did get lucky," Moffitt said with a grin, after winning the 141-pound title in a bracket in which he was seeded sixth. "But I plan on getting lucky again at the national tournament."

While Moffitt will be looking for a repeat performance in New York, his Hawkeye teammates will attempt to step it up to vie for a national title of their own.

Tyler Nixt, who lost a 3-2 decision and settled for second place behind top-seed Otto Olson, is intensely focused on turning things around at the NAAs.

"I've known all year that I could wrestle with [Olson] and beat him," Nixt said. "I need to wrestle and take advantage of each position — be in fighting position. Not give up any points. Finish my shots. I wouldn't mind seeing him again."

That aggressive attitude has spread throughout the Hawkeye wrestling room as the team prepares for what many think are the most exciting two weeks of the season. Jessman Smith, who avenged an earlier season loss to Indiana's Viktor Sveda after falling in the semi-final match, said there is increased energy surrounding the Hawkeye wrestlers.

"This time of year, it's really intense in the room, and it's going to get even more intense in the next few weeks," he said.

"Everyone is in a really excited mood; it's electric in the room."

Smith and Nixt are among the eight Hawkeyes who will compete at the national tournament, and by improving their own performances, they will help the team to close the gap on Minnesota. The Gophers dominated the Big Ten meet, outscoring the Hawkeyes, 174-129.

While Iowa's eight NCAA qualifiers are two short of Minnesota's 10-man squad, Smith said Minnesota's win at the Big Tens is of little consideration, serving only to bring into perspective how the Hawkeyes must intensify their performances.

"We more or less are focusing on what we want to accomplish and how we are going to win a national title," Smith said. "Where Minnesota ends up doesn't really matter."

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL ALL-AMERICA TEAMS

## UConn dominates

Huskies' Sue Bird receives the most votes; Alana Beard, LaToya Thomas follow

By Chuck Schoffner  
 Associated Press

Sue Bird, the point guard who directs the nation's No. 1 team, was the No. 1 player Tuesday on the Associated Press All-America team.

Bird received the most votes from a nationwide media panel, and Oklahoma's Stacey Dales became the sixth player to repeat as a first-

team selection. They were joined by Alana Beard of Duke, Chantelle Anderson of Vanderbilt, and LaToya Thomas of Mississippi State.

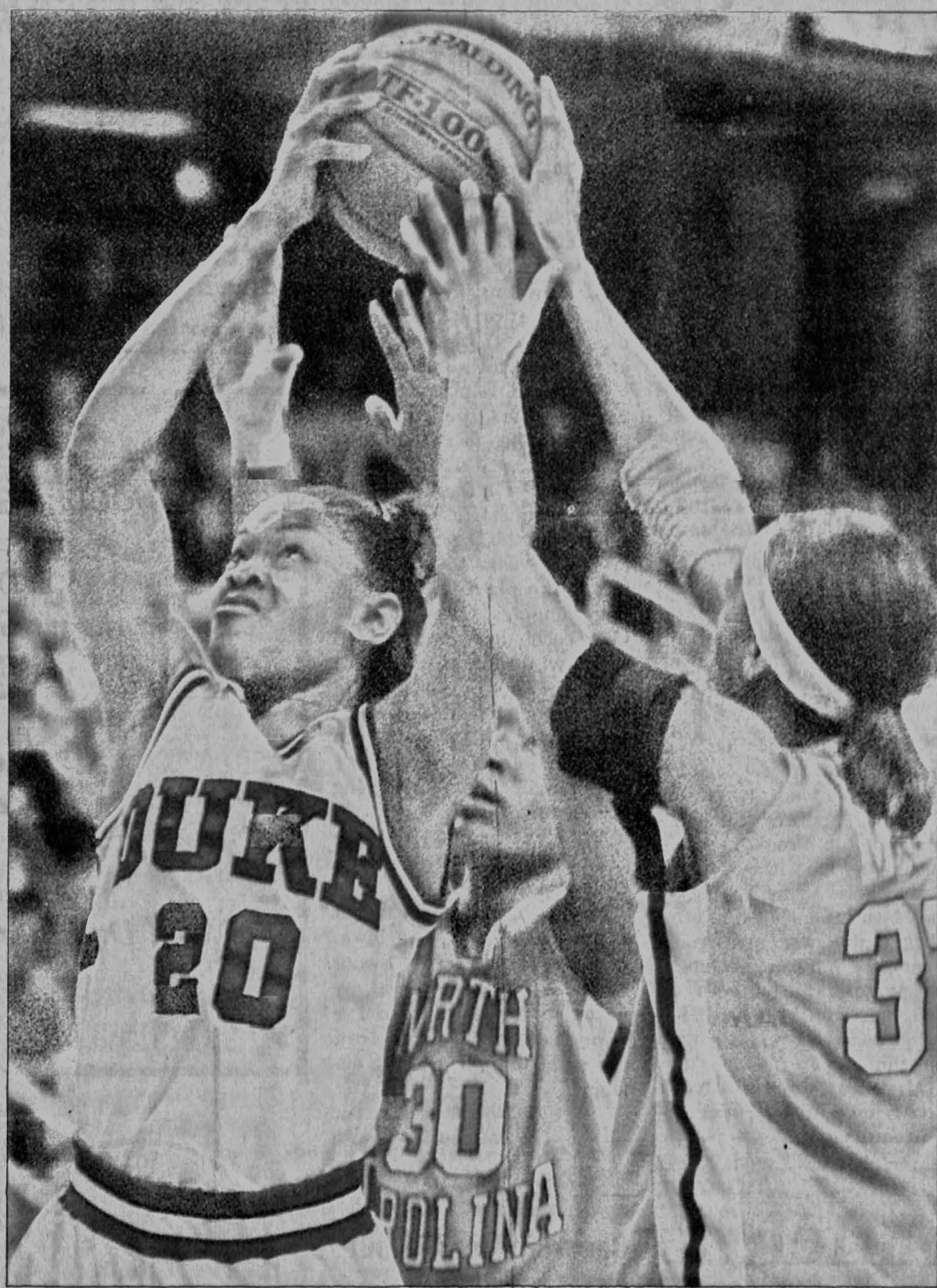


Bird received most votes

Anderson and Thomas moved up from the second team last season, when Bird was on the third team and Beard received honorable mention. The first team duplicated the preseason All-America team in November 2001.

Bird, Beard, and Anderson were the only players picked on all 44 ballots cast by the media representatives who vote in the AP poll. The team has only two seniors, Bird and Dales. Anderson and Thomas are juniors, and Beard is a sophomore.

Bird, who received 41 first-team votes and 214 points on a 5-3-1 basis, is the ultimate point guard — unselfish and smart, yet offensive-minded enough to



Gerry Broome/Associated Press

Duke's Alana Beard (20) fights with North Carolina players Nikita Bell (30) and Kenya McBee (32) during the ACC Women's Basketball Tournament championship game at the Greensboro Coliseum in Greensboro, N.C., on March 4.

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## Williams on first team for second year

By Jim O'Connell  
 Associated Press

Jason Williams was a unanimous selection to the AP All-America team Tuesday, the second year in a row the junior guard was picked for the first team.

Joining Williams on the first team were junior forward Drew Gooden of Kansas and senior guards Steve Logan of Cincinnati, Juan Dixon of Maryland, and Dan Dickau of Gonzaga.

The 6-2 Williams is the first unanimous All-American since Duke's Elton Brand in 1999 and the 45th player to repeat. The last was Troy Murphy of Notre Dame, who did it last season.

Williams was picked on the first team by all 72 voters on the national media panel, and

he had 360 points in the 5-3-1 voting.

Each of the past two seasons, one player missed being a unanimous choice by one vote — Shane Battier of Duke last season and Kenyon Martin of Cincinnati in 2000.

Gooden received 70 first-place votes and 356 points, while Logan had 313 points, Dixon 301, and Dickau 248.

Williams averaged 21.7 points and 5.4 assists and was the floor leader for the Blue Devils, who were No. 1 in the AP poll for all but four weeks this season.

"I am not big on ranking players," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "I'll just say he's certainly of the caliber of any kid that I've coached, and

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### Net gain

Duke guard Jason Williams was a unanimous selection to the AP All-America basketball team Tuesday, the second year in a row he was a member of the first team. Other players named on the first team by a national media panel.

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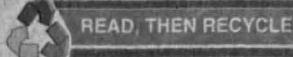
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# Gooden, Logan, Dixon, Dickau join Williams with first team accolades

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he has helped us win a national championship."

The top-ranked Blue Devils begin defense of their national title on Thursday.

Williams turned to teammates Mike Dunleavy, a second-team selection, and Carlos Boozer, who was voted to the third team, when told of his selection.

"It is an honor to be selected AP All-American for the second-straight year and special to be a unanimous pick as well," he said. "Honestly, I am as happy for Mike and Carlos, who are great teammates and should be recognized for their outstanding seasons."

Williams, who was chosen Tuesday as an alternate for the U.S. team in this summer's World Championships, was the only member of the preseason All-America team to be picked for the postseason honor as well. Williams has already said this will be his last season at Duke.

Gooden averaged 20.4 points and 11.3 rebounds, while shooting 51 percent from the field in leading the Jayhawks to the first unbeaten season in the Big

12 and the No. 1 ranking the weeks Duke wasn't there. He was two votes shy of joining Williams as a unanimous pick.

"I'm really proud to receive such a prestigious honor," Gooden said. "At the start of the season, I had a number of individual goals, which I knew I could achieve if our team had great success — and so far we have."

Gooden, who has yet to say whether he will return to Kansas next season, is the Jayhawks' first All-America since Raef LaFrentz and Paul Pierce made the 1998 team.

Logan, the two-time Conference USA player of the year, averaged 22 points and 5.2 assists and established himself as one of the country's clutch players over his career with a number of big end-of-game shots.

"It is very gratifying to see how a guy who goes out and works as hard as Steve does, day-in, day-out, can accomplish what he has accomplished during his career here," Bearcats coach Bob Huggins said. "It is all because of his excellent work ethic, which has been so infectious to the others on this year's team."

Martin was the last Cincinnati player to earn All-America honors.

**Obviously, it's the biggest compliment in college basketball ... But most of all, it's great for this program.**

— Dan Dickau, Gonzaga senior All-American

Dixon, the Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year, led Maryland to its first Final Four appearance last season and to its first No. 1 seeding this year. He averaged 19.3 points, 4.8 rebounds, and 2.7 steals for the Terrapins.

"It's a great feeling, especially when your team is winning. It's something I can share with everybody," he said.

The last Maryland player to be chosen as an All-American was Joe Smith in 1995.

Dickau is Gonzaga's first All-American, coming after a season in which the Bulldogs cracked the Top Ten for the first time. They finished sixth.

A transfer from Washington, Dickau averaged 20.6 points and 4.9 assists while shooting

47.7 percent from 3-point range this season. He was chosen West Coast Conference player of the year.

"I can't imagine it," he said when told of his selection. "Obviously, it's the biggest compliment in college basketball. You dream about it and set goals, not knowing if those goals will be reached. But most of all, it's great for this program."

Dunleavy led the second team with 193 points and was joined by Casey Jacobsen of Stanford, Sam Clancy of Southern California, David West of Xavier, and Jared Jeffries of Indiana.

Boozer led the third team and was joined by Brandin Knight of Pittsburgh, Jason Gardner of Arizona, Tayshaun Prince of Kentucky, and Erwin Dudley of Alabama.

Jacobsen was a first-team selection last season. The last player to fall from first team one season to second the next was Mateen Cleaves of Michigan State, who was a second team in 2000 when the Spartans won the national championship.

The other members of the preseason All-America team were Kareem Rush of Missouri, Prince, Jacobsen, and Frank Williams of Illinois.

# Cyclone Welle honored on second team, Minnesota's Whalen named to third team

**ALL-AMER. WOMEN**

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score when needed. She was one of four Connecticut players on the three All-America teams, the first time one school has had that many.

Connecticut's Swin Cash and Diana Taurasi made the second team, and UConn's Ashja Jones was on the third team. The Huskies' fifth starter, Tamika Williams, received honorable mention.

"It's a great honor to make the first team among so many talented players, and I can't be more excited for my teammates, either," Bird said. "We've worked so hard all year long, and the fact that all five have been recognized by the AP goes to show how balanced and truly talented our starting five are."

"I'm glad we can all share the honors together."

Bird is the one who keeps that group together. She averages 13.7 points and 5.9 assists and makes opponents pay when they foul her. Bird has missed only six free throws all season.

Beard received 36 first-team votes and had 204 points, while Anderson had 37 first-team votes and 200 points, followed by Dales with 177 and Thomas with 140.

Versatile enough at 5-11 to play on the perimeter or inside, Beard leads Duke in scoring (19.5), assists (4.6), and steals (3.2) and is second in rebounding (6.1).

"I am almost speechless," Beard said. "To finish second in votes to Sue Bird is amazing because Sue is an outstanding player. For me to be a sophomore and get the second-most votes is very exciting."

Anderson, a 6-6 center, is almost automatic when she gets the ball near the basket. She's shooting 65.9 percent this season and has expanded her range while averaging 20.2 points and 6.3 rebounds.

"It is an honor to be recognized and to be included in the company of those I consider to be some of the best players in the country," she said. "I realized I am only as good as my teammates allow me to be, and I am fortunate to be surrounded by great players and coaches every day."

Dales led second-ranked Oklahoma to the Big 12 regular-season and conference championships. Like Bird, Dales' leadership and mere presence on the court make her valuable, but she also has good numbers: 17.3 points, 5.1 rebounds, and 4.9 assists.

She was at her best in the Big 12 tournament, averaging

22.3 points in three games and capping the Sooners' title run with 25 points and 11 rebounds against Baylor.

"If ever there was a kid who deserves to shine at this time, it's Stacey Dales," Oklahoma coach Sherri Coale said. "I'm telling you, she is fun to watch. There were many, many plays in Kansas City this past weekend where I just sat down and enjoyed watching her."

Dales, who played for Canada in the 2000 Olympics, said her team has helped her get noticed.

"This team has such great chemistry, it's such a great unit," she said. "To earn an award like this says a lot about the team you're associated with."

Thomas has been Mississippi State's go-to player since she arrived in Starkville. She's second nationally in scoring this season (24.9) and had games of 40 and 43 points. Thomas also averages 9.7 rebounds and shoots 57.7 percent.

"I'm just happy," she said. "Not everybody is fortunate enough to be one of the top players in the nation. It's a great honor. I have to thank my teammates because without them, none of this would be possible."

Joining Cash and Taurasi on the second team were Angie

Welle of Iowa State, Nicole Powell of Stanford, and Kelly Mazzante of Penn State. Jones tied Shereka Wright for the final spot on the third team, which also had Sheila Lambert of Baylor, Lindsay Whalen of Minnesota, Kara Lawson of Tennessee, and Linda Frohlich of UNLV.

# Recker a major factor in game

**HAWKEYE MEN**

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Big Ten Tournament championship on Sunday, Alford and his staff began the monumental task of pouring over films and scouting reports on Monday.

"We're just now breaking down tape, so I don't know if we have a good feel yet," he said Monday afternoon.

With three starters averaging double figures in scoring, the Tigers will pose many matchup problems for Iowa on defense. One thing is for certain, the most interesting pairing will involve Reggie Evans. Iowa's leading rebounder will most likely face the task of covering the Tigers' Ronald Dupree. At 6-7, 210 pounds, Dupree is LSU's leading scorer, averaging just over 16 points per game. The quicker Dupree could cause problems for Evans, but the Iowa senior knows there are two sides to the assignment.

"I've had to hold smaller guards like [Wisconsin's Kirk

Penney, I had to hold him, and different other dudes, but come to the opposite side of the gym, and they got to hold me, too," Evans said. "Whether Dupree is holding me, or I'm holding him, it'll be a challenge for both of us."

Another factor in the game will be the performance of Iowa's Luke Recker. Recker almost single-handedly carried the Hawkeyes to victory over Wisconsin and Indiana in Indianapolis, and he has been averaging more than 20 points per game on just over 10 shots per contest. Alford said that's because Recker's shot selection has improved and he has become more comfortable with his stroke.

"I'm pretty confident in my shot right now," Recker said. "Every time I shoot the ball, I think it's going to go in."

A victory this evening would give Iowa 20 wins on the year, but Alford sees playing well

and advancing as more of an incentive than reaching that benchmark.

"Look at how many teams win 20 and don't get in [to tournament play]," he said. "I think a lot of times coaches like to get 20 wins a year — that's something that gets written about a lot. But we're playing better basketball right now ... and we'd just like to continue playing well. How

ever many wins that ends up being, obviously, we're going to take that."

The winner of tonight's game must wait for a second-round opponent to be determined. South Florida meets Ball State in one opening-round game, while St. Joseph's plays George Mason in another. The winner of those two contests will play each other in a first-round game for the right to take on either the Hawkeyes or Tigers.

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# Alcorn burnt by Siena

By Joe Kay  
Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — Siena, the only NCAA Tournament team with more losses than wins, has figured out how to pull out victories at the right time.

Prosper Karangwa scored a career-high 31 points Tuesday night, and struggling Dwayne Archbold hit a pair of free throws to clinch an 81-77 victory over Alcorn State in the play-in game.

The Saints (17-18) joined the 64-team bracket and won a trip to Washington to play Maryland, the East's No. 1 seed, on Friday.

They also became the first team in 47 years to win an NCAA Tournament game with a losing record. Bradley is the only other team sharing the distinction — it won two in 1955.

Alcorn State (21-10) had been unbeaten in play-in games in Dayton, winning two in the 1950s under coach Davey L. Whitney. The Braves spent a sleepless night getting to Dayton for this one, then faced elimination at the end of a back-and-forth game.

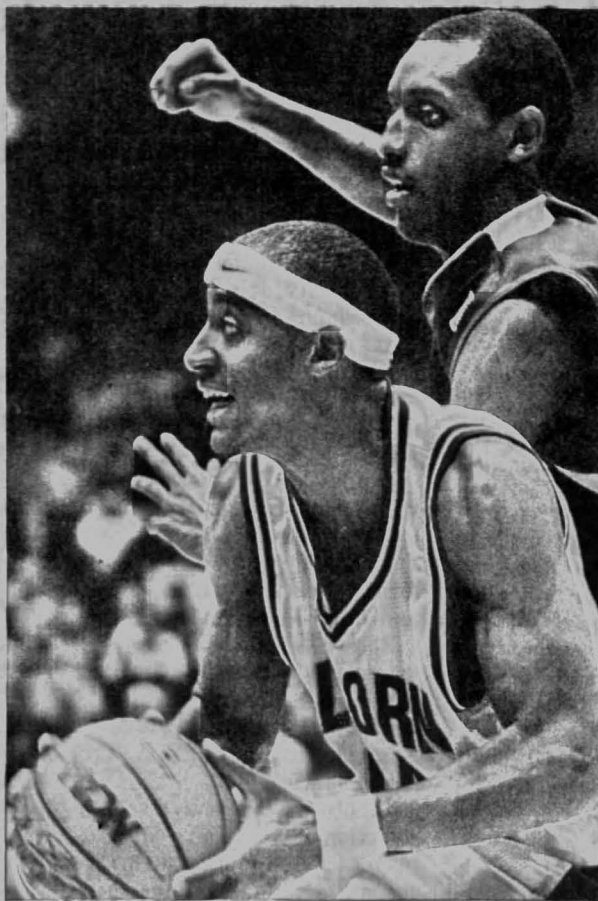
It might have been the last game for Whitney, a former Negro League shortstop completing his 26th year at the Mississippi school. Whitney, 72, hasn't decided whether to return for another season.

Siena didn't even figure to make the tournament. It won the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference's Tournament on its home floor, with Archbold scoring 111 in the four games.

Archbold was only 3-12 from the field for 12 points Tuesday, but Karangwa took up the slack by hitting the biggest shots at the end.

Siena is only the 16th team in NCAA history to make the tournament with a losing record and the first since Florida A&M in 1999. Florida A&M went on to lose to Duke, 99-58.

Siena had won only one other NCAA Tournament game, upsetting Arkansas, 94-80, as a No. 14 seed in its first appearance in 1989. That was the year that Siena didn't have a nickname — it was changing from Indians to Saints — and had to play several home games in an empty gym because of a measles outbreak on campus.



Al Behrman/Associated Press  
Alcorn State guard Jeff Cammon, left, drives past Siena defender Prosper Karangwa in the first half Tuesday at the NCAA play-in game in Dayton, Ohio.

**NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT**

## Ball State, St. Joe's advance

MUNCIE, Ind. (AP) — Chris Williams scored a career-high 40 points, and Ball State used an 18-1 run to beat South Florida, 98-92, Tuesday night in the opening round of the NIT.

Theron Smith added 26 points and 10 rebounds for the Cardinals (21-11), who trailed by 10 early in the second half, but tied it at 60 midway through. Williams was fouled on a 3-point attempt and made all the free throws for a 63-60 lead.

Patrick Jackson hit a 3, then Williams added two free throws and a basket, and the run was on. Billy Lynch and Smith both hit 3's during the spurt as the Cardinals put the disappointment of being left out of the NCAA Tournament behind them.

Ball State's next NIT game is against Saint Joseph's, which beat George Mason on Tuesday night.

Lynch added 10 points; and Lonnie Jones grabbed 10 rebounds for Ball State, which snapped a seven-game postseason losing streak. It was the Cardinals' first victory since advancing to the round of 16 in the 1990 NCAA Tournament.

Altron Jackson scored a season-high 30 points for the Bulls (19-13), and Reggie Kohn had 18, including six 3-pointers. B.B. Waldon had 18 points and Will McDonald 12.

The Bulls have lost all five of their NIT road games and are 4-8 overall in the tournament.

Jackson fouled out with 2½ minutes remaining. South Florida used its own spurt to pull to 94-89 with 24.6 seconds left but couldn't get any closer.

## Saint Joseph's 73, George Mason 64

FAIRFAX, Va. — Jameer Nelson scored 28 points to lead Saint Joseph's to a 73-64 victory over George Mason on Tuesday night in the opening round of the National Invitation Tournament.

Saint Joseph's (19-11) advances to a first-round game against Ball State, a 98-92 winner over South Florida.

George Mason, which lost in the first round of the Colonial Athletic Association Tournament, finished the season 19-10.

Nelson scored 15 of Saint Joseph's last 19 points. He shot 11-12 from the line in the final 3:51.

Marvin O'Connor scored 14 points, and Bill Phillips added 10 points and 14 rebounds for the Hawks.

John Larranaga led George Mason with 22 points. Jesse Young scored 13 of his 19 points in the first half and finished with eight rebounds.

An uncontested backdoor dunk by Delonte West gave Saint Joseph's a 53-38 lead with 14:45 remaining.

George Mason did not score from the field for more than six minutes midway through the second half.

Saint Joseph's capitalized on George Mason's shooting woes and pushed its lead to 18 points, 58-40.

A putback and a dunk by Young pulled the Patriots within 58-50 with eight minutes left. Rob Anderson hit a 3-point that capped an 11-0 run, as George Mason closed within 58-53 with 7:13 left, but the Patriots never got closer.

# Looking forward to being dog food

By Dan Lewerenz  
Associated Press

LORETTTO, Pa. — St. Francis is the patron saint of animals. How unfair, then, that his basketball team should be thrown to the wolves — or the Huskies, as the case may be.

After winning an automatic bid as the Northeast Conference champion, the St. Francis Red Flash won the right to face unbeaten and top-ranked Connecticut in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

"This is an exciting opportunity for us," guard Sami Allison said. "Connecticut is obviously the best team in the country, and it's a great opportunity just to play it."

Just as Connecticut is the clear choice as the tournament's top seed — the Huskies (33-0) are the nation's only undefeated team and the unanimous choice as No. 1 in the Associated Press Top 25 — St. Francis is a logical choice as the tournament's bottom seed.

After a 2-7 start, St. Francis came back to finish 19-11, winning both the regular-season and tournament titles in the Northeast Conference. But the conference was rated 30th out of 31 by CollegeRPI.com, and the Red Flash have the lowest RPI (157) of any team in the tournament.

Beating a No. 1 seed in the first round of the NCAA Tournament is about as close to impossible as there is in sports. Since going to a 64-team format, no men's team and only one women's team has pulled off that feat — Harvard beat Stanford, 71-67, in 1998.



Daniel Hulshizer/Associated Press  
Connecticut's Sue Bird smiles as she holds the Big East Women's Basketball Championship trophy at Rutgers Athletic Center in Piscataway, N.J. on Tuesday, March 5.

"I tell our women, 'If it was a 100 percent guarantee who's going to win that game, they wouldn't bother to play it,'" St. Francis coach Myndi Hill said. "Now, a game like this, it might be 99.99 percent — but we're still going to play like we know we can play."

"I'm not the kind of coach who thinks you can just go out there and have fun against UConn. We do want to have fun, but we want to play them tough. If we lose by 80, then we lose by 80. But we want to play our best in doing so."

That's exactly the attitude the Red Flash need, according to Kathleen Delaney-Smith, who coached Harvard in its win over Stanford.

"I think everybody sort of says

no one can beat UConn, so I think their challenge is somewhat greater than mine was against Stanford," Delaney-Smith said. "They have to come up with a game plan where they can believe they can disrupt UConn. Whatever that is — whether it's a trick defense, something unorthodox — because, player-for-player, no one in the country can match up and beat UConn. You just absolutely have to believe you can win."

Hill knows the keys to staying with the Huskies: get back in transition, limit their offensive rebounds, don't be afraid to take the first open shot.

She also knows that's easier said than done. Every game plan this year has fallen short, and

most of them far short. Twenty-three of Connecticut's 33 wins have been by 30 points or more, and even the Huskies' 86-72 win at Tennessee was not so close as the final score would suggest.

Hill says the most important thing is not to get overwhelmed in the first few minutes. Even though the players might be a little awestruck playing against stars such as Sue Bird and Diana Taurasi — "Shoot, I'm even a little excited to be on the same court as Geno Auriemma," Hill said — if they can keep the score close, they might not be forced into Connecticut's running game.

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**SPORTS BRIEFS**

### Heim's condition slowly improving

Iowa wrestler Ryan Heim continues to make progress in recovering from a severe head injury he suffered in a car accident on Jan. 21.

Joseph Nora, the medical director of Rehabilitation Services at Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo, said Heim is medically stable, awake, and breathing on his own.

"He is beginning to eat solid foods and is starting to help feed himself but is unable to talk at this time," Nora said. "Ryan is also starting to follow simple commands."



Heim

Nora said that more than 50 percent of patients in accidents comparable with Heim's do not survive. He noted that Heim's excellent physical condition prior to the accident has helped him.

"All of his hard work and the efforts of his coaches produced a conditioned athlete, which will assist in his rehabilitation," Nora said.

Heim was transferred to Covenant Medical Center from the UI Hospitals and Clinics on Feb. 21. While he is showing progress, Heim is expected to spend several more months in the hospital engaged in rehabilitation.

— by Laura Podolak

### Student Health has own 'March Madness'

UI Student Health Service announced a free 29-day incentive program to help students make healthy nutrition choices. UI students are encouraged to participate in "March Madness" and win prizes, while learning healthy eating habits.

The program will run from March 26-April 19. Registration is March 4-15 on the Student Health Web site, www.uiowa.edu/~shs.

The goal of the program is to score 400 points from making healthy choices. No dieting, just healthy choices. All participants successful in making the 400-point goal will earn a March Madness T-shirt. Also, during each of the four weeks, there will be a drawing for different prizes.

For additional information, contact Amy Van Arkel at Health Iowa at 353-5965.

— by Laura Podolak

### Men's lacrosse still perfect on season

The Iowa men's lacrosse team improved to a perfect 3-0 on the year with wins against Central Collegiate Lacrosse Association Division II West foes Nebraska and Kansas State on March 9.

The Hawkeyes, coming off a long layoff following a 9-3 league win over Missouri-Rolla on Feb. 18, got off to a slow start against Nebraska but eventually cruised to a 15-1 victory. Iowa then picked up where it

left off, topping the Wildcats 12-9.

"We didn't look very sharp to start our game with Nebraska," said Iowa coach Josh Cole. "Eventually, we got things rolling offensively and took care of business. Then we carried that momentum into our game against a very talented Kansas State team. I couldn't be happier with the way we played. Winning that game was very important to our hopes of making the [lacrosse association's] tournament."

Gary Eimerman led Iowa scorers with four goals, R.J. Hammel scored three, while Adam Rader added two goals and an assist. Bryan Susi contributed a pair of goals, and Anthony Fiore, Ben Sutti, Clayton Bruce, and Peter Biegaj had one apiece.

Against Kansas State, the Hawkeyes and the Wildcats traded goals in the first quarter before Iowa pulled away to a 12-4 lead. Kansas State then mounted a run of its own, but goal-play by Pat Shannon gave Iowa the win.

"We hit a wall with about five minutes left, and our legs were dead from playing six hours of lacrosse," captain Matt Benson said.

Eimerman, who currently leads the Hawkeyes this season with 12 goals in three games, scored five times and had one assist against the Wildcats. Hammel and Sutti each scored twice, while Susi posted a pair of goals and an assist. Rader contributed a goal and one helper, while Larson and Eric Johnson each chipped in one assist.

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