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Marginal raises expected with hike

By Peter Rugg
The Daily Iowan

A \$11.1 million increase in state employee salaries won't be enough to keep UI faculty and staff from entertaining offers from private institutions, university officials said Thursday.

The increase, passed by the Iowa House on Thursday, was enacted as a way to increase funding at the state of Iowa Board of Regents schools. The schools, including University of Northern Iowa and Iowa State, will receive \$2 million more

next year than this year if Gov. Tom Vilsack signs the measure.

Even if the measure is approved, it won't be enough to raise salaries significantly, said Steve Parrott, the director of University Relations.

"My understanding is that the money would barely be enough for a 1 percent raise per faculty member," he said. "We're still losing money from the operating budget and getting very little into salary. So the money isn't much, especially when faculty are being recruited away by private institutions."

Parrott added that he expected more faculty members will leave the university for better offers elsewhere.

The measure is part of \$45.9 million found for schools on Thursday after a session-long budget fight by House Republicans, who finished the budget hoping to avoid being called back for special session after going on break.

House Democrats reported that the bill would most likely not be signed by Vilsack.

"Of course, Gov. Vilsack will veto these budgets," said Senate

Democratic Leader Michael Gronstal of Council Bluffs.

Vilsack himself remained noncommittal; he has disagreed with Republicans on several past budget issues, warning that they were cutting too deeply into education spending.

"While we're really encouraged by what we perceive to be a positive first step in the effort to try to resolve the differences that exist between us, it would be fair to say that there is still significant differences in very

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Israel ignores pressure to end offensive

By Susan Sevareid
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel pulled out of two dozen small West Bank towns and villages Thursday, but its troops swept into others and rounded up more Palestinian men despite U.S. calls and international pressure to end the 2-week-old campaign to root out militants.

Israel's army says 4,185 Palestinians have been detained in the operation — nearly half of them in the past two days as fighters in the key northern West Bank cities of Jenin and Nablus, their numbers depleted in battle, ran out of ammunition and surrendered.

Among those in custody were 121 Palestinians on Israel's wanted list, the army said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell arrived in Israel in the evening and was expected to meet with both Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who has been kept prisoner by Israel in his besieged compound in Ramallah.

On Thursday, Sharon acknowledged the fighting was causing the United States difficulties, but he refused to call a halt to the invasion.

There has been rising anti-American sentiment throughout the Arab world in response to Israel's offensive, launched two weeks ago to crush Palestinian militias after a series of deadly attacks on Israeli civilians.

"They [the Americans] have problems in the region, that's true, but I informed them that our activity will continue — and it will continue," Sharon said.

The United States, along with the United Nations and European leaders, has demanded an immediate Israeli pullout from the West Bank. Powell was visiting the region in an attempt to secure a cease-fire and restart peace talks.

In what appeared to be a gesture ahead of Powell's arrival, Israeli forces withdrew from approximately two dozen small towns and villages. But in raids early Thursday, they entered the West Bank towns of Dahariyah and Bir Zeit and the Ein Beit Hilmeh refugee camp. Later, they pulled out of Bir Zeit after detaining about 300 people, mainly students in the university town.

The White House raised no objection to the pace of Israel's response to President Bush's

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FOLLY-ING AROUND



Scott Morgan/The Daily Iowan

Members of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority and Sigma Chi fraternity perform at the annual Greek Follies in the IMU Second Floor Ballroom.

Official says parents afraid of diversity

By John Molseed
The Daily Iowan

Parents who refuse to let their children attend Twain Elementary instead of Hills Elementary are simply afraid of the former's diversity, which triples its counterpart in minority enrollment, said Twain Principal Steve Auen.

Dozens of Lake Ridge subdivision parents voiced strong opposition at a forum last week to the idea of redrawing district lines to transfer all 69 children in the subdivision to Twain, 1355 DeForest Ave. District administrators proposed the move to ease overcrowding at

Hills, which has 258 students enrolled in the 200-capacity facility. Twain is under capacity by 69 students.

"I think people are really afraid of true diversity," Auen said. "I really felt the remarks at the [forum] were out of line. We're supposed to be a community; to put each other down is ridiculous."

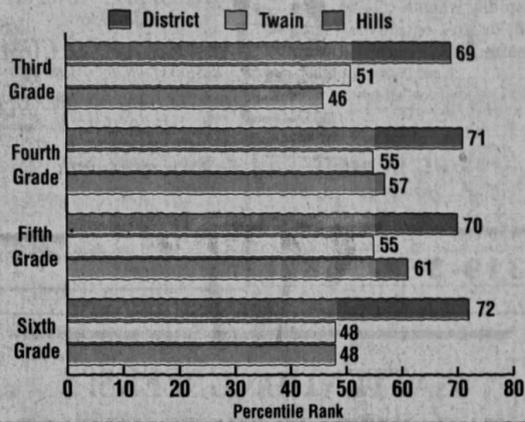
Most anti-Twain parents cited the school's behavioral problems among their top concerns; no one mentioned minority enrollment as a concern.

"Before people say anything about a school, they should see

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A tale of two schools

Iowa Tests of Educational Development show students at both Twain and Hills Elementary Schools rank closely in academic performance. Some Hills parents say they refuse to let their kids attend Twain because of its reputation.



Expansion may snarl up traffic

By Vess Mitev
The Daily Iowan

Traffic congestion and potential fire hazards will become the norm for several months as work continues on an expansion of the university's health-science campus, local officials said Thursday.

Those remarks came during an update on the \$45 million second phase of the UI's largest-ever capital project, which will add new laboratories and medical-research facilities to the campus. The total cost of the project could hit \$150 million by expected completion of the third phase in 2005.

"There is no maybe about it — this is a positive step for the UI," said Donald Brown, a UI professor of internal medicine. "This means more grants, more students, and more facilities for us."

But it won't come without difficulties.

Newton Road will be converted into a one-way street to hasten the completion of several of the projects, and pedestrian access to the street will be

eliminated from June to November. Both pedestrian and vehicular traffic will slow down to a virtual halt once construction starts at the end of May, say representatives from Stanley Consultants, a firm hired by the university to oversee the project.

"It's a disruption for the next several years," project manager Steve Buckman said.

Delivery times for food service, medical supplies, and lab equipment will be adjusted accordingly to prevent congestion in an already tight space, he said.

"We're going to have to be a little aggressive and make them fit our schedule," Buckman said. "We're doing everything possible to make the transition as smooth as we can."

Clogged pathways, drive-through lanes, and machinery on both sides of Newton Road might also become a potential fire hazard for on-going construction and existing buildings, officials said.

Consultants said fire trucks

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Israel seizes refugee camp

After eight days of the fiercest fighting in its West Bank incursion, Israel takes Jenin. See story, Page 8A

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Ex-student denies sending threat

By Grant Schulte
The Daily Iowan

Denying he ever threatened any UI College of Nursing faculty member, a 32-year-old former student now living in Japan accused the university of trying to get rid of him for protesting school policies.

In an e-mail Thursday, Takahiko Senuma said allegations that he sent a threatening e-mail to the UI College of Nursing came as "a bolt from the blue" and are false. The e-mail, which was sent to former acquaintances, was obtained by the DI.

"I NEVER sent a bomb threat e-mail to the college or any member of the faculty in the college," Senuma wrote in the one-

page message. "They cannot make what they call a 'bomb threat e-mail' public, because it NEVER existed ... if you would find it, it should be a fake that they made."

UI officials were unavailable to comment on Senuma's e-mail Thursday.

UI Public Safety officials say Senuma, of Tokyo, sent a threatening e-mail to the nursing school March 29. The message, which school administrators reportedly described as "bizarre," led Public Safety to evacuate the Nursing Building for the rest of the day and the ensuing weekend.

University officials blocked Senuma's UI e-mail and Internet privileges, but they said they will not make a copy of the

alleged threatening e-mail public because the investigation isn't final. However, officials say they will not look further into the matter unless Senuma enters the United States.

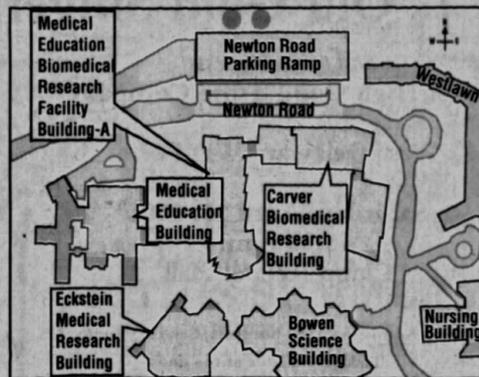
Senuma, known to his friends as "Taka," accused the university of trying to get rid of him after he protested the school's flex-dollar system, which bills students \$100 per semester for non-charge food purchases.

Writing in broken English, he fired back at the university with accusations that officials would not allow him to take any nursing courses unless he agreed on seven "stupid stipulations" to which no other student had to adhere. Senuma did not

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Medical campus revamping

The UI's largest capital-improvement project will enter its second phase soon, adding new laboratories and medical-research facilities.



Source: DI Research

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CITY BRIEFS

Gephardt stumps for Thomas

Democratic House Leader Dick Gephardt will appear in Iowa City tonight to campaign for Dr. Julie Thomas, who is running for U.S. House in Iowa's 2nd District.

Thomas said she and Gephardt will discuss education, health care, Social Security, economic security, and financial support for college students.

"This campaign is about working families and how working families meet challenges in today's economy," said Holly Armstrong, Thomas' campaign manager.

Thomas, a Cedar Rapids pediatrician, received her medical degree from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine and completed her pediatric residency at the UI.

Thomas and Gephardt will speak at the Eagle's Lodge, 225 Highway 1 W., at 7 p.m.

— by Lyndsay Gross

Judge to decide if Nelson 911 calls should be made public

IOWA CITY (AP) — A judge said he will listen to tapes of 911 calls made the night a UI College of Medicine dean was stabbed before deciding whether the transcripts of the calls will be released.

Richard Nelson, 54, was stabbed in his Cedar Rapids apartment Dec. 12, 2001; he died later that day at a Cedar Rapids hospital. His wife, Phyllis Nelson, is charged with first-degree murder.

Judge Thomas Horan heard arguments Wednesday on the release of transcripts of the 911 calls made from Richard Nelson's apartment. The tapes include three phone calls to Cedar Rapids police.

Phyllis Nelson, 54, has claimed the transcripts are confidential and not a matter of public record. The *Cedar Rapids Gazette* has filed a Freedom of Information request to have the transcripts released.

"It would be unduly prejudicial to the defendant, Phyllis Nelson, when the tapes are left unexplained and are not put in the proper meaningful context," said Nelson's attorney, William Kutmus. "If the tapes were released, she would almost be required to explain fully what transpired."

POLICE LOG

Alicia Kay Yeggy, 17, of 2010 Taylor Drive, was charged Thursday with forgery. According to police records, Yeggy allegedly tried to use an unauthorized check at Iowa State Bank & Trust.

Kiya Sultan, 15, of 2608 Bartlett Road, was charged Thursday with assault causing injury. Sultan allegedly struck another student in the face with a fist, police records said.

Fernando Aguirre, 24, address unknown, was charged Thursday with fifth-degree theft. According to police records, Aguirre allegedly paid for \$45.33 worth of merchandise with an unauthorized check.

— by Vess Mitev

Recycling going better than group expected

By Lyndsay Gross
The Daily Iowan

Nearly 100 pounds of plastic bottles were collected and recycled in the first six weeks of a university pilot recycling program that was launched in January, according to a report released by student environmental leaders.

Volunteers from the UI Recycling Commission amassed nearly 1,000 bottles from receptacles at Macbride Hall and the Lindquist Center despite some contamination by waste such as cigarette butts, wrappers, and facial tissues.

UI officials stopped recycling aluminum and plastic in 1997 in most buildings, citing financial difficulties caused by so-called contaminated loads.

In the pilot study, the contamination was not so severe to keep the bottles from being redeemed,

said UI senior Nick Klenske, the chairman of the recycling group. "I thought it would take a lot longer for people to start using the bins," he said. "Any doubts we had, I think we have definitely overcome those."

Twice as many bottles were deposited at the Lindquist Center, approximately 110 per week, than Macbride because the former has a food vendor and computer lab, and it houses the UI College of Education, the commission's report said.

The results led the group to expand recycling this week to the Boyd Law Building, where a 50-gallon receptacle fills to capacity six days out of the week, Klenske said. The group plans to implement the program across the Pentacrest and in other high-traffic areas such as the Main Library, English-Philosophy Building, IMU, and residence halls by this fall.

The commission transports all bottles to City Carton, 3 E. Benton St., where they are recycled free of charge, said UI senior Grant Raupp, the commission's volunteer coordinator.

"I really didn't know what to expect," he said of the report. "The goal is to have more people use them."

The commission hopes to obtain a bicycle with an attached trailer that would enable volunteers to transport collected materials more easily, Klenske said. The group used half of the \$8,000 it was allocated from the Coca Cola fund, which provides money for scholarships and campus improvements, to launch the program; it plans to seek supplemental funding from the UI Student Government.

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Committee to probe courthouse security

By Eric Droze
The Daily Iowan

Johnson County will impanel a committee as soon as possible to research security measures at the Johnson County Courthouse and address the concerns of employees who describe themselves as "sitting ducks."

Assistant County Attorney Iris Frost told the Johnson County Board of Supervisors on Thursday that during her six months with the county, she has witnessed defendants screaming at defense attorneys, defendants walking into judge chambers directly following sentencing, and police physically subduing a man upset with his punishment.

"There is no telling when someone will snap," said Frost, who is also a UI adjunct associate professor of journalism. She presented the county attorney a petition signed by 65 Iowa City residents expressing support for increased courthouse security — a problem she contends has been ongoing and ignored for the last four years. "There has been a real sense of insecurity among courthouse employees because of many recent incidents," Frost said, insisting that safety measures be taken immediately before an incident occurs. Supervisors acknowledged that the problem needs to be addressed but said a tight budget will not allow the implementation of security measures at the moment.

"This is a serious problem, but I really don't know where

we are going to come up the money," said Supervisor Sally Stutsman.

Frost asked the county to station a uniformed deputy in the courthouse during operating hours for the public's safety. The proposal met with skepticism from supervisors, who voiced concern that the measure would lead to stationing deputies throughout the building.

"Just the presence of a uniformed officer would give us a sense of security so we don't feel like sitting ducks," Frost said.

A committee composed of the county attorney, sheriff, supervisors, and the clerk of court will research video-surveillance systems, metal detectors, and additional safety measures for the courthouse.

No time frame has been set for the investigation.

"We take this issue very seriously, and this petition is going to be the spark plug that gets this issue moving," said Supervisor Terrance Neuzil. "This problem will have to be resolved with a cooperative effort. It is a sad day when a county employee, or any employee for that matter, feels insecure at work."

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— Iris Frost, assistant county attorney

Finding the zen in the curve

By Todd Dvorak
Associated Press

GRINNELL — Michael Abel's baseball odyssey began 12 years ago, when he watched a Taiwanese team celebrate its Little League World Series title with stunning modesty — a simple tip of the cap and bow to fans.

For an 11-year-old baseball fanatic, the unified and subdued gesture resonated, especially when he compared it with the jubilant "pig pile" of the U.S. winners the previous year.

"It just struck me at the time that obviously these kids came with a different set of priorities and values," Abel said of the team that beat Shippensburg, Pa., 9-0 in 1990.

Now, as a 23-year-old Grinnell College senior, Abel is about to embark on a yearlong adventure to Japan, Southeast Asia, and Latin America to take a closer look at foreign cultures through the lens of youth baseball.

Abel will watch youth baseball games and observe how cultural differences are reflected in the way the game is taught, played and fits into the local and national fabric.

He also hopes to find that baseball in Osaka, Japan, or Maracaibo, Venezuela, for example, is popular for more reasons than its ties to American culture.

"I really want to get a sense for what baseball means to these people," said Abel, who will graduate in June with a major in political science and a minor in Chinese studies.

"There is the perception that this is solely America's game. I'm going on the assumption that that's really not the case. My guess is that baseball will be so ingrained that the cultural differences will be evident in the way the game is played and taught," he said.

Abel still can't believe somebody agreed to bankroll his postgraduate project.

Last month, the former Seattle Mariners batboy was named one of 60 Thomas J. Watson fellows for 2002. The

program, started in 1968 by the children of IBM Corp. founder Thomas J. Watson, provides students from 50 small, liberal-arts colleges with \$22,000 for a year of travel and study abroad.

Abel admits his research lacks the punch of, say, researching a cure for cancer or improving Third World economies. But his proposal embodied the clever, passionate, and novel ideas that Watson fellowship judges find so appealing, said Norvell Brasch, the executive director of the program.

"For us, we're looking for the quintessential ability to capture the unique aspect of a culture through a distinctive lens, and he got it with his proposal," Brasch said of Abel. "The concept is really to take a year and ... do something that you may not have the chance to do the rest of your life."

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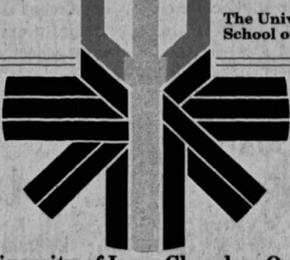



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Israel resists U.S. pressure

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pleas. "The withdrawals he called for are continuing," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

The battle in Nablus ended before dawn Wednesday, when an estimated 100 gunmen — hungry, exhausted, and nearly out of ammunition — walked out of an Old City mosque.

In Bethlehem, Israeli forces in armored personnel carriers circled the Church of the Nativity compound that has been the site of an extended standoff between soldiers and approximately 200 armed Palestinians. A ring of tanks controlled access from all sides. Black smoke

wafted up near the compound; witnesses said the army had blown up some cars in the area.

A U.N. convoy distributed food to a Bethlehem refugee camp and to families in the city, which has been under nearly constant curfew since the church standoff began April 2. Troops patrolled streets and blew open doors to shops and homes, especially in the Old City, as they searched for militants.

"There is a lack of food and a lack of medicine, but the most important thing there is a lack of freedom. I don't know when this crisis will find an end," said Tony Maria, a 45-year-old father of three looking off from his balcony at the

patrolling tanks. A senior Israeli military official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said an Armenian monk seriously wounded in the Church of the Nativity compound was apparently shot by an Israeli soldier.

Brig. Gen. Eyal Schlein, the Israeli army's Jenin division commander, told the Associated Press on Thursday night that occasional shooting persists in Jenin "and sometimes more than that."

"Many of the most wanted have been captured or killed, or were wounded and captured," he said. "The area is messy. There are many explosives, booby-traps ... But overall, most of what we were looking for, we found."

Dr. Hussam Sherkwawi, director of emergency services in the West Bank, said at least 140 Palestinians have been killed during the Israeli offensive. But he said it was impossible to verify death-toll estimates because rescue services had not been permitted to enter the Jenin camp.

An army spokesman, Lt. Col. Olivier Rafowicz, estimated 100 Palestinians had been killed in fighting in Jenin. He denied persistent rumors the army had dug mass graves and said Israelis hadn't removed any bodies.

Twenty-eight Israeli soldiers have died in the military campaign, all but five of them in Jenin.

GOP plan not enough, UI says

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important areas," he said.

Though the budget may not be exactly what Vilsack wanted, there is no reason he shouldn't sign it, said House Majority Leader Chris Rants, R-Sioux City.

"We believe we addressed his concerns, and this is a bill he should sign," he said.

Doug True, the UI vice presi-

dent of Finance, said he hopes Vilsack holds out for a better offer.

"The budget they've approved would reduce our operating budget by 3 percent," he said. "And the money they've appropriated for salaries is a little over half of what the governor has recommended."

The Associated Press contributed to this article.

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Twain principal defends his school

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things firsthand," said Diane Halter, a first- and second-grade teacher at Twain. "I don't think we've got bad kids and bad problems; we just have different problems. If [the Lake Ridge] parents were to come here, their view would really change."

On Tuesday, students in Halter's geometry class may have had a tough time maintaining a straight line on the way to the computer lab, but the children — with the reputation of misbehavior — smiled the entire time.

Twain has issued 25 suspensions this school year — 21 for fighting, two for disrespect to an adult, and two for weapons.

Hills has issued two suspensions, one for disrespectful behavior and another for possession of a weapon. Auen says the numbers aren't an accurate assessment of Twain's problems, even though he himself was allegedly hit twice by a student who had a dispute with a substitute teacher Feb. 27.

"You have to go beyond the numbers," he said. "I think a lot of problems at Twain happen elsewhere." Suspensions are issued at the principals' discretion and indicate disciplinary actions more than problems.

Approximately 48 percent of Twain's students are racial minorities, which is more than twice the district average of approximately 22 percent. Hills has a 16 percent minority representation.

Lake Ridge parent Dawn Brandt, who doesn't want to send her daughter to Twain because of the alleged behavioral problems, said the Twain parents she talked to want proof of the school and district are solving the problems.

Auen said the school has implemented a new discipline plan. Teachers will attend a "behavior academy" to learn tactics to stop behavior problems. School Board members have also agreed to assign two district teachers to Twain staff in the middle of the school year.

Lori Hansen's daughter attends kindergarten at Hills. She said the district's proposal rips her daughter from a safe environment and thrusts her in a bad one.

"Right now, that school has a lot of problems," she said. "The issue is the kids that go there." She cited concerns about the rumored misbehavior of Broadway neighborhood children.

Before the April 4 meeting, Twain was attempting to improve the school's reputation and self-image, but the negativity has damaged those efforts, Auen said.

Auen will leave his position at the end of the year to take some time off and consider his next career move. Vacating his position is unrelated to the controversy, he said.

Superintendent Lane Plugge said the district administration hasn't discussed new alternatives since the April 4 forum.

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Health expansion to clog up traffic

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would barely be able to squeeze through the road, which serves as a fire access lane. However, Fire Chief Andy Rocca said the department will work with contractors and the university to eliminate road closures, equipment roadblocks, and other fire hazards.

"It's the nature of the business — but I don't anticipate

any problems," he said.

The Eckstein Medical Research Building Dining Hall, Building A of the Medical Education and Biomedical Research Facility, and renovations to the Medical Education Building are slated for completion by the end of this year. Buckman said he expects the dining hall to serve its first meal by the end of this month.

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Ex-nursing student denies sending threat

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elaborate further and did not respond to an e-mail inquiry. However, he acknowledged

"complaining of the education of the college" and said an instructor forced him to leave.

"The instructor in the course forced me to drop ... from the course against my real intention," he said.

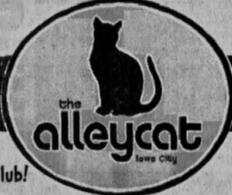
Senuma's friends paint him as a gentle man who is skilled with computers. UI senior Devashis Roy, who lost contact with Senuma after befriending him his sophomore year, said he finds the allegations against

Senuma difficult to believe.

"What I see it as is a misunderstanding on the university's part," Roy said.

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Powwow kicks off today

By Sara Faiwell
The Daily Iowan

Some say it's difficult to preserve their culture in Iowa City, but for three days this weekend, the UI's handful of American Indian students and thousands of spectators will relive an indigenous ceremony of solidarity that once enlivened the Western plains.

"It's easy to get lost at the UI because there aren't a lot of Indians," said graduate student Felix Sanchez, a Navajo from New Mexico.

Sanchez, one of the 120 American Indians enrolled at the UI, helped plan the university's 13th annual Powwow, which kicks off today and comes to a close April 14.

The event brings diversity to the Midwest, said Sanchez, adding that he sometimes feels distant from his roots in the West.

"It infuses the area with different people and culture they don't normally have the chance to see," he said. "It's a way to share and connect with the culture."

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UI graduate student Tracy Peterson, the Powwow coordinator, said he expects up to 10,000 people to attend the event. Vendors from across the nation and Canada will showcase such traditional foods as frybread and Indian tacos and native beaded and quilled artwork. A dance competition will also be featured.

"Everything will be exciting because there is so much to see," said Peterson, a member of the Diné Nation of Arizona.

The Powwow, supported by grants and fund-raising events, developed out of a dance from the Omaha Nation designed to

bring different tribes together for socialization.

The university's event has grown in popularity since it debuted in the UI Field House. It was forced to relocate to Carver-Hawkeye Arena approximately four years ago to accommodate the public interest.

Doors will open at 5 p.m. today and 11 a.m. Saturday and April 14. The event is free to UI students with identification. A one day pass is \$6 for adults and \$5 for children.

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A young American Indian watches the festivities while waiting to perform at the 12th annual Powwow at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on April 8, 2001.

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Ohio rep. found guilty

By Paul Singer
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Rep. James A. Traficant Jr. was convicted Thursday of taking bribes and kickbacks from businessmen and his own staff after a raucous and often-farcical trial in which the fiery congressman insisted on serving as his own lawyer.

The nine-term Democrat was found guilty of all 10 federal charges he faced, including racketeering, bribery, and fraud. The jury also ordered him to forfeit \$96,000 in ill-gotten gains.

After each count, the judge asked Traficant, known for his arm-waving rants on the House floor, if he wanted the jurors to restate their verdict.

"No," Traficant replied softly with uncharacteristic meekness, standing with his hands folded in front of him. He later told the jury the evidence was circumstantial and the trial was "a very unfair process." But he added: "I accept your verdict."

He later told reporters he didn't think he had much of a chance on appeal.

Traficant faces up to 63 years in prison at sentencing June 27 but will probably receive a much shorter term under federal guidelines. He could be fined hundreds of thousands of dollars.

He could also be expelled from the House, something that has happened only once since the Civil War. His felony conviction triggered an automatic investigation by the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, and House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt said Traficant should resign.

"At the heart of all public service is personal integrity. A member of Congress who breaks the law betrays the public trust and brings discredit to the House of Representatives," Gephardt said.

Outside court, Traficant angrily said he would not resign.

"I still have some rights as an American," he said. "I've never

been a quitter. I'm not going to quit now."

Traficant's Youngstown-area district was eliminated this year, but he has said he will run as an independent in a neighboring district.

The 60-year-old congressman contended the government was out to get him because he single-handedly beat the FBI in a racketeering case 19 years ago, when he was a Mahoning County sheriff accused of taking mob money. Back then, as in this case, he represented himself without benefit of a law degree, and successfully argued that he was conducting his personal sting.

The acquittal made him something of a folk hero in the corruption-riddled Youngstown area and helped get him elected to Congress. He quickly became known for his unruly hair, loud wardrobe, and tempestuous floor speeches in which he railed against the Justice Department and the IRS. The rants often ended with an exasperated "Beam me up!"

NATION BRIEF

U. of Arkansas gets \$300 million from Waltons

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — The family behind the Wal-Mart empire gave \$300 million to the University of Arkansas on Thursday, the largest gift ever to a public university in the United States.

The money, from the Walton Family Charitable Support Foundation, will establish an undergraduate hon-

ors college and also go toward the university's graduate school.

"What the Walton family has done today will improve life in Arkansas for generations to come, and we are grateful beyond words," Chancellor John White said.

Sam Walton, who died in 1992, started Bentonville-based Wal-Mart four decades ago. It is now the largest company in the world. Walton's sons Rob and Jim are Arkansas alumni; Rob Walton is now the Wal-Mart chairman.

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Mormon Trek Blvd. extension plan worries rural residents

By Mike McWilliams
The Daily Iowan

A proposal to extend Mormon Trek Boulevard through rural southwest Iowa City has some local residents concerned about their property.

The project, earmarked at \$7.6 million for fiscal years 2003 through 2005, would extend the street from Highway 1 to Highway 921. Construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2003.

"I'll fight. I'll scratch like a dog," said Tom Williams, who with his son farms 1,700 acres on Dane Road. "The map that I have, [the proposed road] goes right through the middle of my house yard."

But in the end, he said, he has resigned himself to accepting whatever happens.

Some Iowa City City Councilors seemed ready to move forward with the Mormon Trek extension.

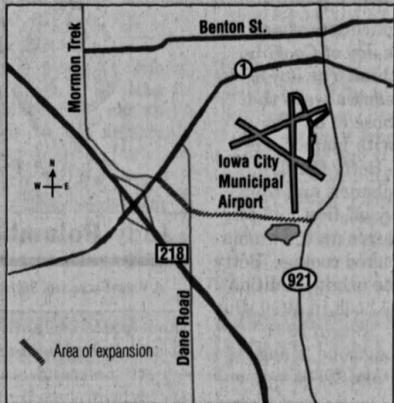
"It opens up a large portion of commercial property, which could tack onto our tax base," said Mayor Ernie Lehman. "We try to be sensitive, but it's not always possible to get a consensus."

George Dane, who owns 20 acres on Dane Road, said he's not happy about the proposed extension but said the project would place the road in the least disruptive location — the southern edge of his cropland.

"I'd just as soon there wasn't a road there, but it doesn't do me good to be upset because they have to build a street," he said. "At this stage of the game, I have already talked to the council

Extending Mormon Trek

The City Council will vote next week to draft letters to nine property owners who will be affected by the proposed extension of Mormon Trek Boulevard. One homeowner said the road would cut through his yard.



Source: DJ Research NF/01

many, many times. I don't really envision much is going to change."

Dane said he didn't know what the effect would be on his crop yield.

The council will vote at its April 16 formal meeting to mail notices to affected property owners regarding property acquisition by the city in preparation for the extension.

As required by Iowa Code, the city's notice is intended to inform agricultural property owners of their rights regarding the sale of land to the city. An appraiser will determine the value of the nine properties once the council has approved the project.

A public hearing on the extension will be held May 21.

In other action, the council will consider amending the city's comprehensive and south district plans to allow the construction of an 18-building, 624-unit housing complex on South Gilbert Street. At a public hearing April 2, many residents spoke out against the \$20 million project, which would be one of the city's largest apartment complexes, because of high-density environmental infringements and its distance from the UI campus.

The project still needs approval from the council in a separate vote concerning the land's zoning, an issue to be addressed at an April 16 public hearing.

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Guest Opinion

Tazed and confused

I was in the middle of asking a question when I felt the shock. The pain was so great that all I could do was scream.

In this infernal moment, every muscle in my body seemed to turn into cement. At the same time, the pulses of 50,000 volts of electricity slammed through me like a jackhammer.

The snap I felt was from an Advanced Taser M26, a less-lethal weapon similar to what UI Public Safety officers will be armed with in the near future.

After the state of Iowa Board of Regents approved of the use of Tasers by Public Safety in January, I decided to get a fresh perspective on the their effect.

Public Safety has not yet been issued Tasers, so I went to the University Heights Police Department, which owns three of the weapons.

Brian Shimon, the University Heights police chief, was kind enough to give me, as he called it, a "little zap-a-roo."

Shimon demonstrated the capability of the M26 by firing the small harpoon-like probes into a cardboard box from approximately 10 feet away. They stuck in the box like darts, and blue sparks danced from the wires.

Great — those sparks are going to be happily jumping over my body soon, I thought to myself. I soon learned that living targets like me do not spark because the body absorbs all of the electricity.

Shimon broke off the sharp part of each probe, then instructed me to put one probe in my pocket and the other in my sock. I was now a complete circuit.

While I was asking a question, he surprised me with a one-second blast. Although my zap-a-roo was shorter than the five seconds officers normally give, the only things I managed to utter

were unprintable.

"You can say that again," Shimon chuckled. "It is a very effective weapon."

Fifty thousand volts were more than "effective." I am lucky he told me to sit down because the blast of electricity contracted my muscles hard enough to throw my head back into the floor, giving me a tremendous headache for a good part of the day.

As I write this, I have an inch-long pink welt on my thigh and another one on my ankle. For roughly an hour after my shocking experience, my body buzzed, making typing a challenge.

According to the Advanced Taser M-series owner's manual, the Taser is a "conducted energy weapon that uses compressed nitrogen to shoot two small probes" into a target up to 21 feet away. After being fired, these probes remain connected to the weapon by thin "high-voltage insulated wires."

The salmon-colored welts mark where the metal prongs were when I was given a short blast from the M26. On the bright side of things, at least he did not fire the probes into my skin.

Do not be misled by the word "fire." According to the Advanced Taser M-Series Owner's Manual, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms classifies the M26 as a non-firearm because it uses compressed air instead of an explosive to "launch the projectiles."

The Taser looks similar to any modern handgun at a quick glance. Upon closer inspection, however, one can see that at the end of the would-be barrel is a yellow-and-black striped door that shatters when the two probes blast away to snag the perpetrator ... and shock the hell out of him.

The purpose of a Taser is not simply to shock, however. The

owner's manual describes the Advanced Taser as a state-of-the-art, defensive weapon designed to be as nonviolent as possible in stopping a combatant.

According to the owner's manual, Tasers do exactly what they are designed to do by sending electrical signals similar to those that the brain uses to communicate with the body. "Much like radio jamming," these signals "overpower the normal electrical signals within the body's nerve fibers."

The owner's manual said also a body with "jammed" electrical signals does not function. "The human target instantly loses control of his body and cannot perform coordinated action, falling to the ground."

Public Safety Lt. Steve Stange, a Taser International master instructor, said officers will get Tasers as soon as they complete 16 hours of training. This training includes being shocked in the same manner as I was.

I asked Stange about the death of a Philadelphia man who was shot with a Taser. The weapon was cleared of any responsibility.

"The actual cause of death was an overdose of cocaine," Stange said. "The Taser works really well as a less-than-lethal weapon, but if electricity kills you, it will do it right now, not five minutes later ... not an hour later."

"I shot a guy in training with two heart stints, and he had no problem," Stange said.

Stange recently endured another Taser, and because he is a master instructor, this time he got five seconds. "It was extremely painful," he said.

Every Public Safety officer will soon know just how effective Tasers are when they each get a zap-a-roo of their own.

J.J. Roetlin is a UI student.

Quoteworthy

Right now, that school has a lot of problems. The issue is the kids who go there.

— Lori Hansen,

parent of a kindergartner at Hills Elementary, on Twain Elementary.

Letters to the Editor

Name change loses alumni support

I am saddened to discover that, as a College of Medicine alumnus, my heritage was for sale. I have received a bulletin announcing the name change of the UI College of Medicine to the Carver College of Medicine, in honor of a \$63 million gift by the Carver Trust. Until today, I was proud to have graduated from the UI College of Medicine, class of 2001, in the tradition of my grandfather, Dale Onnen, M.D., class of 1955. I am now ashamed of the people that I left to protect the integrity of that same school.

The argument offered is that this money will improve the quality of medical education and care in the state and that we should honor the Carvers for that. Apparently it is impossible to do so without stamping Roy Carver's name on Iowa's only medical school. Frankly, I am appalled by the lack of consideration and the dishonor

shown by the university leaders to the people of Iowa and university alumni.

Were any Iowans asked if they would like their medical school's name to be sold? Does their opinion not count if this change is professed to be in their benefit? Do our regents not realize that the UI represents an honorable heritage to millions of people throughout this country? A heritage that it is WRONG to sell? Are our regents willing to concede that, in this new tradition, we should again change the name as soon as we can find a higher bidder?

Where will our next dollar come from? What name can we sell? The Hawkeyes? I'll bet that Nike would pony up obscene amounts of money for its own athletic team. Certainly the quality of play would improve, just as medicine might when you throw money at it. Or perhaps the school should be put up on e-Bay. Microsoft might pay quite a bit for a college of medicine. Why do we have caps on the amounts pharmaceutical

representatives can spend on hospital employees? Apparently the drug companies merely haven't offered up enough cash. How about the Pfizer School of Medicine?

As part of this deal with the Carver Trust, I suggest that Mary Sue Coleman have HER name changed. Perhaps Roy J. Carver Coleman. Why is that so insulting? Perhaps the same question be asked before they change the name of MY medical school.

In closing, I would like to publicly announce that I will NEVER EVER donate so much as a dime to the university as long as the Carver College of Medicine is in existence, and I strongly encourage other alumni to do the same. Perhaps our university leaders should consider the millions that they might lose in alumni support as a result of this decision. After all, it's quite clear that money speaks louder than words.

Joshua T. White, M.D.
UI College of Medicine
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The many joys of cooking and faculty fundraising

The title has racy implications: I say *The Joy of Cooking*, and you think *The Joy of Sex*. It wasn't always that way. To those of us who grew up with homemakers of yore — Betty Crocker, Irma Rombauer, and the like — "joy of" first and foremost conjures up the aroma of fresh-baked cookies. Betty put out the original edition of her cookbook in 1950. But Irma was first, in 1931.

For a long time, a dog-eared vintage 1960s version of *The Joy of Cooking* was my apartment-living bible. My copy was a freebie from my job in a used-book shop, and the raciest fact about it was the missing covers.

Meanwhile, *The Joy of Sex*, which appeared the year I started college, took a slightly furtive place in my consciousness, although many more years went by before I fancied myself adult enough to actually look at it. Now, three decades since that brilliant expropriation of a kitchen-tested title for bedroom purposes, I regard *The Joy of Cooking* as a much more useful book.

It may even be an essential book, at least at Iowa. Word has it that some among our faculty have never made chocolate-chip cookies, sugar stars, gingerbread men, or banana bread. Supposition is that more gents than ladies are baking virgins, but this is a bit of a stereotype. An eminent woman professor on the history faculty admits that until she moved to Iowa City, she had never baked because she was a New Yorker, and when New Yorkers want a cake, they go down to the corner bakery and buy one. She got her initiation to neighborly Midwestern customs using instructions for a pound cake dictated over the telephone. It is indeed true that one of the most fanatic bakers around



Judy Polumbaum

A VIEW FROM THE SIXTH FLOOR

these parts is another accomplished woman, an expert in second-language acquisition with a day job on the Spanish faculty.

We're certain she bakes all night: She's been known to bring students breakfast of homemade muffins. But it's an august male professor of civil engineering, Wilfrid Nixon, who has come up with the inspired slogan: "Better to bake a brownie than curse the cuts."

Professor Nixon knows more about ice and other frozen materials and brittle substances than most other people on the planet. I don't know if he knows how to bake a brownie, but the important thing is that he wants to. He sent shock waves through Faculty Senate last week with a proposal for a faculty bake sale. The purpose was twofold: First, to raise funds that might help make up for this year's drastic budget cuts; and second, because a faculty bake sale, or even a string of bake sales plus a car wash or two, isn't likely to raise \$40 million, to offer a symbolic expression of love and loyalty for this institution and help generate positive public relations and goodwill.

Faculty Senate typically follows the proposition that anything is worth talking about for way too long. But the meeting was nearly over, people were heading home to make dinner, and the remaining senators didn't quite know what to do with

this one. They chewed on it awhile, turning it this way and that. In the end, to my delight, the yeas had it, with the proviso that funds raised will go toward student support. Look for this truly memorable event sometime in May. The activists are talking about bake-off contests (judged by students), music (hoping to draft the famed combo that includes the head of the Writers' Workshop and a UI vice president) and T-shirts (design, anyone?).

To colleagues who worry the public will look askance at professors being so frivolous as to bake and sell cookies, I suggest the good people of Iowa, among whom we number ourselves, will be receptive. We all lead real lives, which presumably include the laundry and some volunteer work. We hold bake sales and car washes for the schools, the scouts, the churches, disaster relief. It's not robbing time from the precious teaching, scholarship, and creative work that state revenues (among many other sources of support) enable us to pursue; it's merely being human and showing we care about our many interlocking communities.

So this week, I use my bully pulpit (for which the *DI* tried to pay me, by the way, but I got the enormous emolument diverted to the *DI* scholarship fund) to call for widespread participation. Faculty, plan on baking, selling, entertaining, whatever. Send suggestions to the masthead at wilfred-nixon@uiowa.edu. Student and staff ideas and support are most welcome, too. And bake-a-phobics should e-mail me at judy-polumbaum@uiowa.edu. I'll send you the no-fail chocolate-chip cookie recipe from that scandalous tome, *The Joy of Cooking*.

Judy Polumbaum is a *DI* columnist.



On the Spot

Do you agree with the decision to kill Kenny from "South Park" for good?



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Eric Souvannasac
UI sophomore



"I'll miss him."

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"Killing off anything is a little morbid. But they should do whatever makes 'South Park' fans laugh."

Lindsay Garry
UI senior



"Actually, no. Kenny was pretty funny."

Drew Wolman
UI sophomore

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As the caravan barks, dogs roll

By Jen Brown
The Daily Iowan

It is an unusual title, but also a fitting one, inviting metaphor and contemplation as well as giving a taste of what's to come in Frank Conroy's latest book, *Dogs Bark, but the Caravan Rolls On*. It is not a memoir. Nor is it merely a collection of loosely related essays meant simply to celebrate the long career of the author. It's something unique, which makes for an intriguing read.

There is a lot of discussion of writing in this collection. This is to be expected: Conroy is the director of the UI's famed Writers' Workshop. In one essay, he takes us through his typical first-of-the-semester lecture to incoming workshop students. He talks about the frustrations of success and failure in the writing life. But it is not simply the writing life that dominates the book. The reader is presented with one essay after another, most of them fairly short, relating tales from every corner of Conroy's life: growing up without a father in New York City, marrying a woman more than 10 years his junior, fatherhood, living in Iowa City and Massachusetts, the death of a mentor. Hanging out with the Rolling Stones, being a successful jazz pianist, women. The list goes on and on.

One of the reasons for such a wide range of subjects is that the majority of these essays were picked from Conroy's impressive body of work that has appeared in such publications as the *New York Times*

Magazine, *Esquire*, and *GQ*. Conroy has gone through and added small commentary pieces throughout, giving us a glimpse of his mindset now, as some of these essays were written 20-some years ago.

What is ever-present in each essay is Frank Conroy. His writing style is lean and concise, his language painstakingly plain and to the point. You will not find endless description akin to Dickens, whom Conroy calls one of his favorite writers. His neat and clean style makes his presence in the prose very close. This is perhaps what is most paradoxical about the book, for while Conroy's narrative voice is very direct, you won't walk away from this book feeling especially close to him. What he offers in this collection are snapshot like images from his life, picking up, in a way, where his acclaimed memoir *Stop Time* left off. But he does not tell a linear story in these pages: He jumps from one point in his life to another, gradually filling in some details and leaving others blank. This has both an intriguing and maddening effect; you walk away knowing some moments of Conroy's life and his ideas intimately, while others seem oddly, eerily vacant. It's a gamble to take this patchwork

approach, but he pulls it off with grace.

In the introduction to the book, Conroy discusses at length the axiom that gives the book its title. "Dogs bark, but the caravan moves on" lends itself to any number of situations, the author conjectures. He wonders if perhaps it could be directed at writers when dealing with critics. Or perhaps writers on their own craft: carping about the continuing journey of the written word when it threatens to move on without them. Or perhaps it has less to do with writing, he finally concludes, and more to do with life itself, rolling ever on, punctuated by barking dogs and bumps in the journey. This is where the author leaves his ponderings.

Following that line of logic, perhaps Conroy's latest collection has a little to do with both the caravan and the bark: the ongoing path of one's life and the individual moments along that road that add texture, add dimension. Perhaps they are not all moments of pomp or grandeur. By and large, Conroy's observations and musings are much more plain, much smaller, than the breadth of the life that has contained them. But without them, the road is lonelier, more monotonous, and it is in the moments of attention — the dogs barking — that we can find a greater meaning.

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WORLD

After bloody battle, Jenin falls

By Greg Myre
Associated Press

JENIN REFUGEE CAMP, West Bank — Palestinian militants booby-trapped every place they thought Israeli troops might be caught off-guard — doorways, roadside sewers, even women's purses.

In round-the-clock gun battles that roared for eight days, Israeli troops inched their way through the narrow streets and alleys of Jenin refugee camp, toward strongholds of Palestinian gunmen, bulldozing rows of houses that blocked their armored vehicles.

Trapped inside cramped cinderblock homes, with water and electricity cut and food supplies dwindling, terrified residents endured a hellish week of fighting that made this impoverished camp look like it was hit by a powerful earthquake.

The last holdouts, 36 Palestinian gunmen who had exhausted their bullets and food, surrendered at dawn Thursday, and Israeli troops now have full control of the badly chewed up streets in a camp the size of a few city blocks set on a sloping hillside.

Yet Israelis and Palestinians are still waging an oral battle over what happened inside the camp, scene of the most ferocious single battle in more than 18 months of Mideast fighting.

The Israeli military suffered 23 dead — by far its highest total in any one battle. The army says it killed approximately 100 Palestinians, mostly militants.



Jerome Delay/Associated Press

Palestinians on Thursday walk through the rubble of homes destroyed by Israeli forces in the Jenin refugee camp. The camp has been the scene of the heaviest fighting between Israeli forces and Palestinian gunmen.

However, the location of the Palestinian dead remains a mystery.

Palestinian officials, including Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo, have talked about mass killings of civilians, without providing evidence.

In a first comprehensive look at the devastation in the camp, Associated Press journalists found widespread destruction

but no bodies on the streets.

Several Palestinian men gave journalists a tour of the wreckage and said they had heard rumors that bodies were buried in mass graves, but they didn't know where.

Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat said he received reports of 500 Palestinians killed in the offensive but said he could not confirm the figure.

"We did not touch the Palestinian bodies; we did not remove them," Israeli army spokesman Lt. Col. Olivier Rafowicz said. "This is Palestinian propaganda."

At the main hospital in Jenin, Dr. Mohammed Abu Ghali said he received eight bodies during the first two days of fighting, but none since because the army sealed off the camp, keeping ambulances and rescue workers out.

U.N. creates new war-crimes tribunal

By Edith M. Lederer
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The world's first permanent war-crimes tribunal got the necessary international backing Thursday to come into force on July 1, a milestone hailed by human-rights advocates and many nations but strongly opposed by the United States.

A dream ever since the United Nations was established more than five decades ago, the court became a reality when its founding treaty received the required 60 ratifications.

At a brief ceremony at U.N. headquarters, more than 500 supporters of the tribunal rose in a standing ovation after 10

nations deposited their ratifications, bringing the number of countries now legally bound to cooperate with the International Criminal Court to 66.

"The time is at last coming when humanity no longer has to bear impotent witness to the worst atrocities, because those tempted to commit such crimes will know that justice awaits them," U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in a video message from Rome, where the treaty was adopted in 1998. "Let it be a deterrent to the wicked, and a ray of hope for the innocent and helpless."

Those hopes were echoed by France, Sweden, Denmark, and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court, which represents some 1,000 organizations.

"Too much of history is the story of wars won and peace lost. Today, peace has won, and war has lost," said William Pace, who heads the coalition.

"It will be the court where the Saddam Husseins, Pol Pots, and Agosto Pinochets of the future are held to account," said Richard Dicker, the director of the International Justice Program at Human Rights Watch, referring to Iraq's president, Cambodia's late Khmer Rouge leader, and the former Chilean dictator.

Even though then-U.S. President Bill Clinton signed the

Rome treaty, the U.S. seat in the crowded chamber was empty. The Bush administration boycotted the ceremony, just as it has not attended plenary meetings preparing for the court's operations.

Pierre-Richard Prosper, the U.S. ambassador for war crimes, restated President Bush's opposition to the treaty and refusal to ratify it. The United States fears American citizens would be subject to frivolous or politically motivated prosecutions. It is the only vocal opponent of the court.

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SPORTS



Friday, April 12, 2002

WOMEN'S GOLF

Iowa hosts lone meet of season

By Donovan Burba
The Daily Iowan

Tiger Woods won't be in Iowa City this weekend. Neither will Phil Mickelson. And while most of the nation's attention will be on The Masters in Augusta, Ga., Iowa City's own Finkbine will be hosting another important tournament, the women's Hawkeye Invitational.

The invitational, held annually since 1975 (except in 1992), is the only chance the Iowa women have to compete on their home course. The Hawkeyes have won

their tournament five times, most recently in 2000. However, this year's 10-team field should give coach Diane Thomason's squad some stiff competition. In particular, Big Ten rivals Michigan and Indiana look to be the teams to beat, although Eastern Michigan could surprise the field.

"[Eastern Michigan] no one's really seen, but it's playing well," said Thomason. "But Michigan and Indiana are the two big ones."

Also competing are Arkansas-Little Rock, Eastern Washing-

ton, Iowa State, Kansas, Northern Iowa, and Wisconsin.

Iowa is coming off a 10th-place finish at last weekend's Indiana Invitational in Bloomington — a tournament that Michigan won, followed closely by the host Hoosiers. The Hawkeyes have yet to defeat a Big Ten team in any competition this spring, a trend they hope to reverse on their home links.

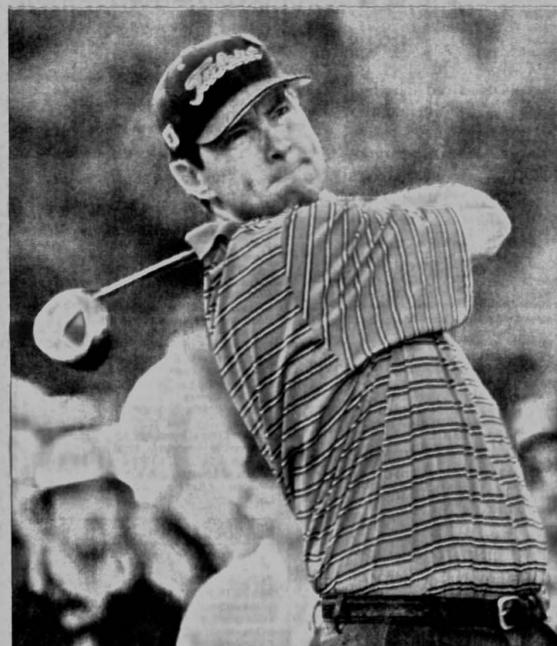
While competing on the same course on which they practice should give the team a slight benefit, Thomason points out one factor that has precluded

the further exploitation of such an advantage: the recent inclement weather.

"The problem is, we haven't been able to play [Finkbine] much," she said. "We played the back side a few times, and we'll play the front [today], but it'll only be a real advantage to the older girls who have played it more."

As usual, Iowa looks to junior Heather Suhr to lead them. Suhr, who tied for 28th with teammate Maggie Gabelman

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Elise Amendola/Associated Press

Davis Love III watches his drive on the 17th tee during the first round of the Masters on Thursday.

Palmer battles; Love III perfect

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Augusta National wasn't the clear-cut winner everyone expected at the Masters, but it was enough of a brute to make Arnold Palmer call it quits after 48 years.

It was plenty tough for Tiger Woods, too.

On what might be the players' easiest day all week on the longer, more difficult course, Davis Love III shot a mistake-free 5-under 67 to take the lead Thursday after one round.

Love, who hasn't finished higher than 16th all year, had his best opening-round ever in the tournament, although it wasn't the kind of scoring that typically accompanies such friendly conditions.

"The soft greens definitely helped," he said.

It allowed players to go after some flags, although most of them still tiptoed around a course where nine of the holes have been lengthened, bunkers were stretched, tees were shifted to sharpen the doglegs, and trees were planted to catch errant drives.

Sergio Garcia birdied three-straight holes to tie Love for the lead, but missed a 3-foot par putt on the 18th hole for a 68; he was tied with Angel Cabrera of Argentina.

Phil Mickelson didn't take long to stir up some excitement. He missed two putts from 3 feet but also pitched in from 160 feet on the 11th hole for an unlikely birdie. He finished at 69, an excellent start in his quest to finally win a major.

Also at 69 was U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen, who had seven birdies to offset a

double-bogey when he hit into Rae's Creek on the par-3 12th.

No one knows about wasted shots like Padraig Harrington of Ireland. He birdied six of the first 12 holes and had 184 yards for his second shot on the par-5 13th when he pulled his shot into a creek. That was the start of three bogeys, and he wound up at 69.

Woods, the defending champion, hit into the Georgia pines twice and into the gallery once but still scratched out a 2-under 70 and was only three strokes back.

Still, the focus shifted from the new Augusta to a 72-year-old man who first brought golf to life with his swashbuckling style.

The King is saying goodbye. "I just think it's time," Palmer said after an 89, matching his worst score in the Masters. "My golf has been pretty lousy of late, and it doesn't warrant being here playing."

Friday will be his 147th and final round in the Masters, and it figures to be more emotional than his farewell from the U.S. Open at Oakmont in 1994 and from the British Open at St. Andrews in 1995.

Augusta National is where "Arnie's Army" was created, and where television first captured Palmer's hard-charging style and made the game appealing to the masses.

"I'm not any different from most people," Palmer said. "I like to think there's always a couple more good rounds in my body, and maybe there are. But I haven't shown up here."

Palmer finished with a par on the 465-yard 18th, but even that was a sign that his game was no match for this golf course — a driver off the tee, a



Palmer

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Conrad Schmidt/The Daily Iowan

Illinois State catcher Shae Wesley tags out Iowa's Alicia Gerlach at the plate on March 27.

Stepping up

By Todd Brommelkamp
The Daily Iowan

The Iowa softball team returns to both Pearl Field and conference play this weekend with a pair of games against Big Ten rivals Ohio State and Penn State. The Hawkeyes will meet the Buckeyes at 6 p.m. today and again at noon Saturday. After the pair of single

games with OSU, the Hawkeyes host the Lady Lions for a double-header at 10 a.m. on April 14.

After a shaky start to the season that saw the Hawkeyes' record stand at 13-11 at one point, Iowa has reeled off 12-straight victories dating back to March 27. Before the victories began building up, head coach Gayle Blevins had more

questions and concerns than answers. Topping the list was hitting and team chemistry, but now she has turned her focus to the finer things the team needs to work on.

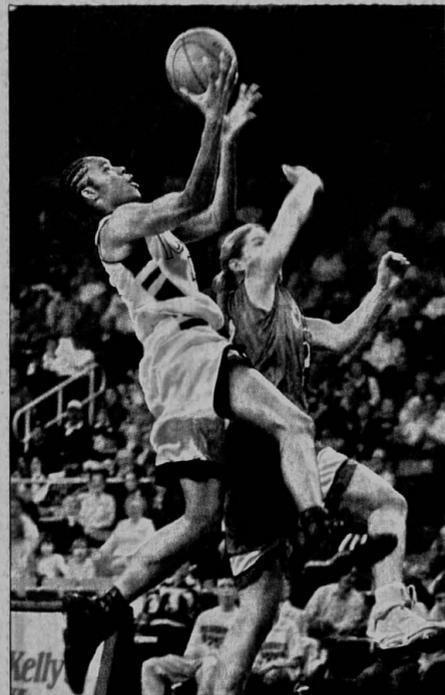
"The game is always about the little details," she said.

Improved base running and concentration are a few of the minor aspects of the game Blevins still sees room for

improvement in. The squad showed indication of progress in its latest outing, a pair of victories over Drake on Wednesday, and Blevins said she hopes the team can build from its recent successes.

The Hawkeyes will get a chance to put their new-found momentum to a stiff test this

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Abby Hansen/The Daily Iowan

Jerica Watson breaks away for a lay-up during Iowa's 86-43 win over Creighton on Dec. 15, 2001.

Watson, Meder asked to WNBA draft camp

Associated Press

IOWA CITY — Jerica Watson was starting to wonder if the invitation would ever come.

"I was getting a little worried I might be left out," the former Iowa basketball player said. "They called back kind of late, but I can't complain. I'm getting my shot."

Watson's "shot" is a chance to impress coaches and executives from the 16 WNBA teams at the league's pre-draft camp, which starts today in Chicago.

Lindsey Meder, one of Watson's Iowa teammates, also is attending the camp, along with Iowa State's Angie Welle and Tracy Gahan and Drake's Stephanie Schmitz.

The four-round draft is April 19.

Watson was left off the original list of players invited to the camp. Coach Lisa Bluder lobbied for her, talking to WNBA officials at the Final Four in San Antonio and giving them highlight videos.

On Tuesday, Bluder got the word that Watson was invited.

"It was getting late," Bluder said.

"But she definitely deserves to be there to show them what she can do. They told me they were looking for athletic players, and I said, 'That's what I have.'"

Watson led the Big Ten in rebounding with a 9.4 average. She also averaged 13.3 points, 2.5 steals, and two blocks.

Meder led Iowa in scoring (16.9) and is the Big Ten's career leader in 3-point baskets. Though primarily a shooting guard at Iowa, Meder wants to show she also can play point guard.

"I'm confident I can play both positions," she said. "It was a good thing I got a chance to play some point guard this year."

Welle, a 6-foot-4 center, led the Big 12 in scoring (20.5), rebounding (11.3), and field-goal percentage (.661). She was a second-team All-American, and she is Iowa State's career leader in scoring and rebounding.

Gahan was Iowa State's most versatile player, showing up at every position

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Hawkeye Sports

TODAY

Softball vs. Ohio State
6 p.m. Pearl Field

Baseball vs. Ohio State
6 p.m. Duane Banks Field

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All day through Sunday Columbus, Ohio

SATURDAY

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Women's tennis vs. Michigan State
11 a.m. Klotz Courts

Men's tennis at Michigan State
11 a.m. East Lansing, Mich.

Men's track at Jim Duncan Invitational
10 a.m. Des Moines

Rowing at University of Southern California
11 a.m. Los Angeles

Softball vs. Ohio State
noon Pearl Field

SUNDAY

Women's tennis vs. Michigan
11 a.m. Klotz Courts

Men's tennis at Michigan
11 a.m. Ann Arbor, Mich.

Softball vs. Penn State
10 a.m. Pearl Field

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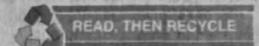
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6 p.m. Braves at Marlins TBS
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3 p.m. The Masters USA

Hockey

7:30 p.m. Blackhawks at Stars FOX



QUICK HITS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

By The Associated Press				
All Times CDT				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	7	3	.700	—
Boston	4	3	.571	1 1/2
Tampa Bay	4	4	.500	2
Toronto	4	5	.444	2 1/2
Baltimore	2	6	.250	4
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	9	1	.900	—
Minnesota	5	5	.500	4
Chicago	4	4	.500	4
Kansas City	4	4	.500	4
Detroit	0	8	.000	8
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Seattle	7	3	.700	—
Oakland	6	4	.600	1
Anaheim	3	6	.333	3 1/2
Texas	3	6	.333	3 1/2

Thursday's Games
 Toronto 11, N.Y. Yankees 3
 Texas 7, Oakland 0
 Kansas City 8, Boston 5
 Baltimore 15, Tampa Bay 6
 Cleveland 8, Minnesota 4
 Seattle 8, Anaheim 4

Today's Games
 Baltimore (Towers 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 2-0), 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (O.Hernandez 1-0 or Lilly 0-1) at Boston (Oliver 0-0), 5:05 p.m.
 Kansas City (Suppan 1-0) at Cleveland (Sabathia 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
 Toronto (Cooper 0-1) at Tampa Bay (Rupe 1-0), 6:15 p.m.
 Detroit (Rodman 0-1) at Minnesota (Radke 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
 Seattle (Moyer 0-1) at Texas (Valdes 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
 Oakland (Hudson 1-0) at Anaheim (Ortiz 1-0), 9:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games
 N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 12:05 p.m.
 Kansas City at Cleveland, 12:05 p.m.
 Baltimore at Chicago White Sox, 1:05 p.m.
 Toronto at Tampa Bay, 5:15 p.m.
 Detroit at Minnesota, 6:05 p.m.
 Seattle at Texas, 7:05 p.m.
 Oakland at Anaheim, 9:05 p.m.

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 N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 12:05 p.m.
 Kansas City at Cleveland, 12:05 p.m.
 Toronto at Tampa Bay, 12:15 p.m.
 Detroit at Minnesota, 1:05 p.m.
 Baltimore at Chicago White Sox, 1:05 p.m.
 Seattle at Texas, 2:05 p.m.
 Oakland at Anaheim, 3:05 p.m.

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
St. Louis	6	3	.667	—
Pittsburgh	5	3	.625	1/2
Cincinnati	5	4	.556	1
Houston	4	5	.444	2
Chicago	2	6	.250	3 1/2
Milwaukee	2	7	.222	4
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Francisco	7	2	.778	—
Los Angeles	5	4	.556	2
Arizona	5	5	.500	2 1/2
San Diego	4	5	.444	3
Colorado	4	6	.400	3 1/2

Thursday's Games
 St. Louis 8, Milwaukee 5
 N.Y. Mets 3, Chicago Cubs 2
 Los Angeles 4, San Francisco 3
 Florida 7, Montreal 5
 Cincinnati 3, Pittsburgh 2
 Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 2
 Arizona 8, Colorado 4

Today's Games
 Atlanta (Maddux 0-0) at Florida (Beckett 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Bere 0-1) at Pittsburgh (D.Williams 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Retsma 0-0) at Philadelphia (Wolf 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
 Montreal (Oika 1-0) at N.Y. Mets (D'Amico 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
 Houston (Miller 0-1) at St. Louis (Morris 2-0), 7:10 p.m.
 Arizona (Schilling 2-0) at Colorado (Hampton 0-2), 8:05 p.m.
 Los Angeles (Ishii 1-0) at San Diego (Jarvis 0-2), 9:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Sheets 1-1) at San Francisco (Ainsworth 0-0), 9:35 p.m.

Saturday's Games
 Montreal at N.Y. Mets, 12:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 12:35 p.m.
 Houston at St. Louis, 1:10 p.m.
 Arizona at Colorado, 2:05 p.m.
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 Los Angeles at San Diego, 9:05 p.m.

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 Atlanta at Florida, 12:05 p.m.
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 Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, 12:35 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 12:35 p.m.
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 Arizona at Colorado, 2:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
 Los Angeles at San Diego, 7:05 p.m.

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
y-Detroit	47	31	.603	—
Charlotte	41	37	.526	6
Milwaukee	39	39	.500	8
Toronto	39	39	.500	8
Indiana	38	40	.487	9
Atlanta	32	46	.410	15
Cleveland	29	49	.372	18
Chicago	20	59	.253	27 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Dallas	54	24	.692	—
x-San Antonio	48	30	.615	6
x-Utah	42	36	.538	12
Houston	28	50	.359	26
Denver	24	54	.308	30
Memphis	22	56	.282	32
Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-L.A. Lakers	55	23	.705	4
x-Portland	46	33	.582	13 1/2
x-Seattle	44	35	.557	15 1/2
L.A. Clippers	38	40	.487	21
Phoenix	35	43	.449	24
Golden State	20	58	.256	39

Thursday's Games
 Washington at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
 New York at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
 Orlando at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Cleveland at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Portland at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
 Golden State at Denver, 8 p.m.
 Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
 Cleveland at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
 Dallas at Seattle, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Memphis, 7 p.m.
 Detroit at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at Denver, 8 p.m.
 Utah at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
 Philadelphia at Orlando, 11:30 a.m.
 Indiana at Washington, Noon
 New York at Miami, 2 p.m.
 Charlotte at Milwaukee, 2 p.m.
 New Jersey at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Portland, 4:30 p.m.
 Memphis at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
 Dallas at Sacramento, 8 p.m.

Central Division					
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
28	39	8	5	69	196
x-Boston	42	24	6	9	69
x-Toronto	41	25	10	4	96
x-Ottawa	39	26	9	7	94
x-Montreal	36	29	12	3	87
Buffalo	34	34	11	3	80
Southeast					
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
y-Carolina	34	26	15	5	88
Washington	35	33	11	1	82
Tampa Bay	26	39	11	4	67
Florida	22	43	10	5	59
Atlanta	19	47	10	4	52
WESTERN CONFERENCE					
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
z-Detroit	51	16	10	3	115
x-St. Louis	41	27	8	4	94
x-Chicago	40	28	13	1	94
Nashville	28	40	13	0	69
Columbus	21	46	8	5	55
Northwest					
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
y-Corvair	44	28	7	1	96
Vancouver	40	30	7	3	90
Edmonton	37	27	12	4	90
Calgary	31	34	12	3	77
Minnesota	26	33	12	9	73
Pacific					
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
x-San Jose	43	27	8	3	97
Los Angeles	39	25	11	4	93
Phoenix	38	27	9	6	91
Dallas	35	28	12	5	87
Anaheim	29	40	8	3	69

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Thursday's Games
 Toronto 4, Boston 0
 St. Louis 4, San Jose 1
 N.Y. Islanders 5, Nashville 2
 Los Angeles at Vancouver, late
Today's Games
 Washington at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
 Chicago at Dallas, 6 p.m.
 Atlanta at Columbus, 6 p.m.
 Toronto at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
 N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
 Carolina at Anaheim, 6:30 p.m.
 Montreal at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
 Calgary at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
 Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Colorado at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
 Detroit at St. Louis, 2 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 2 p.m.
 Los Angeles at San Jose, 5 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Boston, 6 p.m.
 Toronto at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
 Buffalo at Montreal, 6 p.m.
 New Jersey at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Vancouver at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games
 Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, Noon
 Edmonton at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
 Dallas at Colorado, 2 p.m.
 Columbus at Chicago, 2 p.m.
 Carolina at Atlanta, 2 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Florida, 2 p.m.
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 Anaheim at Los Angeles, 3 p.m.
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NBA Kings on top after 50-year drought

By Greg Beacham
 Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The Sacramento Kings' history stretches across the country and back to the NBA's founding years, but the one-time Rochester Royals haven't been the regular-season champions for 50 years.

Chris Webber, Peja Stojakovic, and coach Rick Adelman changed all that.

Webber & Co. have overcome a half-century of mediocrity and failure by one of basketball's most unremarkable franchises. After 34 losing seasons and no championships in the past 49 years, the Kings are atop the NBA at 69-19.

With a 118-116 victory over Golden State on Wednesday night, Sacramento won its 10th-straight game and clinched at least a tie for the league's best regular-season record. The franchise hadn't claimed that distinction since

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— Rick Adelman
 Sacramento head coach

1952, when it was based in Rochester, N.Y.

The Kings can sew up home-court advantage throughout the playoffs with a victory over the Clippers at Staples Center tonight.

"We've worked hard all season for this," Stojakovic said. "We have a lot of easy wins, so it's good to get a tough one."

Too many easy wins have never been a problem for this franchise before. Until Webber, Stojakovic, and Adelman led the Kings on their four-year run of thrilling basketball and ever-increasing success, they were

known much more for their wandering feet than winning ways.

Put it this way: Through all the incarnations, including as the Cincinnati Royals and Kansas City-Omaha Kings, the franchise has 1,977 victories and 2,256 losses.

This season, the Kings have set franchise records for victories, home victories, and road victories. With four wins in their final five games, they'll finish with the highest winning percentage in franchise history.

"It's a tribute to the team that

[President of Basketball Operations] Geoff Petrie has put together," Adelman said. "You don't turn things around overnight. We've done this over the course of four years."

The Kings haven't enjoyed such success in a four-year period since the first four years of their existence. Led by Arnie Risen, Bob Davies, and Bobby Wanzer, the fledgling Rochester Royals were a top team in the Basketball Association of America, in which they began play in 1948.

In their first season in the future NBA, the Royals had a 13-game winning streak against opponents such as the Providence Steamrollers and the St. Louis Bombers. A year later, Rochester won 23-straight home games — a mark Webber's Kings still haven't matched.

The franchise won its only NBA championship in 1951, winning a thrilling seven-game final against the New York Knickerbockers.

No Masonic temple in Milwaukee

By Arnie Stapleton
 Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Anthony Mason was expected to push the Milwaukee Bucks over the hump and into the NBA Finals.

Instead, his addition might just push the Bucks over the edge.

Milwaukee is in danger of missing the playoffs after losing 14 of its last 18 games overall and 10 straight on the road. The Bucks (39-39) fell into a tie with Toronto for seventh place in the East, just one game ahead of Indiana for the last playoff berth.

Mason and the Bucks have not been a good fit since he signed a four-year, \$21 million

contract five days before the season opener.

Not only did his addition slow down a high-flying, jack-it-up team that came within a game of the NBA Finals last summer, but his constant criticism of teammates and coaches created tension.

In one of his latest diatribes, Mason poked fun at those in the organization who are constantly sugarcoating the bad basketball that has become the Bucks' hallmark during their two-month slide.

"We're all right, don't worry, we're not that far" — that's nonsense," Mason said. "We're far from being a good team, and we're not all right."

Mason has picked up where coach George Karl left off when he decided to quit publicly ripping his players in favor of praising them for playing through pain.

Ray Allen said Mason's denunciations helped create a negative atmosphere in the Bucks' locker room. And Karl said he appreciates peer pressure but thinks Mason's fault-finding has gone on too long.

"Actually, I think he says things that the coach should be saying," Karl said. "I think right now it's better for everybody if he worries about playing and lets me worry about the coaching."

There's the rub, Mason insists. Nobody else is telling it

like it is or heeding his warnings. He said the Bucks won't turn things around unless they scrap their poor practice habits and start playing with more heart and hustle.

"We're not playing bad basketball," Karl said before the Bucks' latest road loss, 106-81, to the lottery-bound Cavaliers on Wednesday. "We're playing better on the road."

Karl said critics, including Mason, don't give the Bucks enough credit for fighting through so many injuries.

Bum knees have taken their toll on Allen, Tim Thomas, and Michael Redd. Sam Cassell's bad toe has hindered play at the point.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Uncertain field at Wood Memorial
 (AP) — Under four weeks to go and still no clear favorite for the Kentucky Derby. Not to worry: Intrigue is what makes these Derby preps so much fun.

Take the Wood Memorial at Aqueduct, one of three major preps on Saturday, along with the Blue Grass at Keeneland and the Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn Park.

There's so much uncertainty in the Wood that five of the eight 3-year-olds entered are listed at odds no higher than 9-2, with Medaglia d'Oro the favorite at 5-2. There's so much mystery that trainer H. James Bond is starting to believe in Buddha — his lightly raced colt set to join stakes company for the first time.

"This horse gives me a lot of good vibes," Bond said after Thursday's draw for the \$750,000 Wood.

WUSA begins Year 2 with more expectations
 It's time for the WUSA to show what it learned from its debut season.

Although Year 2 of the women's professional soccer league, which grew out of the ultrasuccessful 1999 World Cup, will feature the same eight teams and many of the same stars, changes are in order. Television ratings were minuscule and need to be upgraded. The quality of play was spotty early in 2001. There was, not surprisingly, heavy concentration on the Mia Hamm and Brandi Chastains at the expense of developing younger personalities.

And, even with the positive vibes from '99 still a factor, the league stood on the outer edges of the sports scene.

"We are only in our second season, and, like any other start up, there was clearly a novelty factor in our first season," WUSA President/CEO Lynn Morgan said. "So what we need to do

is step back and look for the areas in which we can show steady, meaningful growth."

Whitaker returns for Cyclone spring game
 AMES — Chris Whitaker's injury-plagued football career at Iowa State finally might be taking a turn for the better.

Whitaker, a middle linebacker, played in a full-contact scrimmage on April 6, and he probably will play in Iowa State's spring game on April 20.

That's significant progress after Whitaker missed all but one game last season because of a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his knee. He had missed most of spring practice last year because of a broken leg.

"The doctors and trainers have cleared him to do whatever we want him to, and we're not going to overdo it," Iowa State coach Dan McCarney said. "But if he keeps coming on, I

would say there's a real good chance he'll play in the spring game."

McCarney had said earlier he would hold Whitaker out of the game to make sure he would be completely healthy for preseason camp in August. He changed his thinking because Whitaker is recovering faster than expected.

"Considering all the stuff he's been through, we just wanted to make sure he was completely healed before we put him back out there," McCarney said. "He really is running good. He is running better than he ever has. And he feels really good."

When healthy, Whitaker has been a valuable player. He emerged as a freshman in 1999 and started the final three games, finishing with 32 tackles. He has battled injuries ever since.

A stress fracture in his left leg slowed him for most of the 2000 season and limited Whitaker to nine games. But he finished strong and had 39 tackles for the year.

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 TORONTO
 Clemens struggled as a fill-in for Odez, allowing six innings as the kees lost, 11-3. Blue Jays on Th Hernandez n with a sore neck originally scheduled today in Boston on three days' rest. Vernon Wells homer for the won the final t the four-game s desi went 3-3 wi

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DENVER — month-long say mondbacks o Gonzalez chew of television ca day, then put bottle for mail radio station. The public intended to e over the authen piece of Gonz being sold at Internet. Prior to Thu zona-Colorado chewed gum ne Coors Field w watched and c He placed the plastic water b tagged with the

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 By Jose Associat

WASHINGTON shows the h Jaromir Jagr. I as he discuss NHL playoffs in his career. "I'll be bored Jagr said. "It's Jagr and t Capitals were nated when C the Southeast Wednesday. trade for Jagr, an \$88 millio supposed to ma Stanley Cup raise the team where hockey thought. "We stated into the play

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SPORTS

Clemens, Yankees fall to Toronto, 11-3

TORONTO (AP) — Roger Clemens struggled on short rest as a fill-in for Orlando Hernandez, allowing six runs in five innings as the New York Yankees lost, 11-3, to the Toronto Blue Jays on Thursday.

Hernandez missed his start with a sore neck. Clemens (1-2), originally scheduled to start today in Boston, offered to pitch on three days' rest.

Vernon Wells hit a three-run homer for the Blue Jays, who won the final two games to split the four-game series. Raul Mondesi went 3-3 with two walks.

Rangers 7, Athletics 0

ARLINGTON, Texas — Doug Davis pitched a two-hitter for his first career shutout, and rookie Kevin Mench hit his first homer and had four RBIs for Texas.

Davis (2-0), making his 45th career start, struck out six and walked one. He allowed just one runner past first base in his third complete game.

Mench was a more than adequate replacement in right field for Juan Gonzalez, the two-time AL MVP placed on the 15-day disabled list Thursday because of a torn muscle in his right hand.

Mench hit a two-run homer in the second off Mark Mulder (2-1) to put the Rangers ahead to stay. Mulder left after four innings because of tightness in his left forearm.

Giants 4, Dodgers 3

SAN FRANCISCO — Mark Grudzielanek and pinch-hitter Hiram Bocachica hit consecutive solo home runs off Kirk Rueter (0-1) in the eighth inning, and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the San Francisco Giants, 4-3, Thursday.

Omar Daal (1-0) pitched two scoreless innings in relief of starter Andy Ashby, who allowed two runs in five innings in his second start back from elbow surgery.

Eric Gagne pitched the ninth for his third save. After intentionally walking Barry Bonds with a runner on third and one out in the ninth, Gagne struck out Jeff Kent and got Reggie Sanders to fly out to end it.

Mets 3, Cubs 2

CHICAGO — Pedro Astacio took a shutout into the eighth inning, and Scott Strickland's quick reaction started a double play to preserve the lead as New York beat Chicago.

Astacio (2-0) allowed just five hits and struck out nine, losing his shutout when Sammy Sosa hit his fourth homer with one out in the eighth.

After Sosa's homer made it 3-1, the Cubs loaded the bases with one out. Strickland relieved and made the defensive play of the game, snaring pinch-hitter Mario Encarnacion's liner through the middle and then throwing to third to double off McGriff.



Kevin Frayer/Associated Press
Toronto Blue Jays right fielder Vernon Wells, right, celebrates his three-run home run with catcher Darrin Fletcher during eighth-inning action against the New York Yankees in Toronto on Thursday.

Armando Benitez allowed a lead-off homer to Mark Bellhorn in the ninth before getting his second save when shortstop Rey Ordenez made a running catch of an infield pop up near first base.

Cardinals 6, Brewers 5

ST. LOUIS — Tino Martinez, mired in an early slump, drew a bases-loaded walk in the eighth inning as St. Louis

completed a sweep with their third-straight 6-5 win.

Martinez, who signed a \$21 million, three-year deal to replace the retired Mark McGwire at first base, has been pressing; he is batting .138 with four RBIs. But he got the job done against Mike DeJean with the bat on his shoulder.

Jose Cabrera (0-2) lost for the second time this series.

Gonzo chews gum to quiet controversy

Associated Press

DENVER — Weary of the month-long saga, Arizona Diamondbacks outfielder Luis Gonzalez chewed gum in front of television cameras on Thursday, then put the gum in a bottle for mailing to an Arizona radio station.

The public chewing was intended to end any dispute over the authenticity of another piece of Gonzo-chewed gum being sold at auction on the Internet.

Prior to Thursday night's Arizona-Colorado game, Gonzalez chewed gum near the dugout at Coors Field while the media watched and cameras whirred. He placed the gum in an empty plastic water bottle, which was tagged with the date, 4-11-02. It

was then to be sent to Tucson radio station KRQ.

KRQ disc jockey Johnjay Van Es said the station will hold the gum until the auction wraps up on April 15. The original gum is still in the hands of Wood Lake, Minn., memorabilia store owner Jason Gabbert, who said he collected it at a spring training game in Tucson.

Both the station and Gabbert are taking bids through their Web sites, Van Es said. The winner will get both pieces of gum.

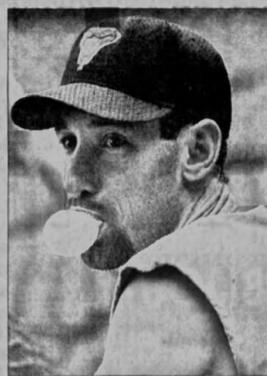
Gonzalez had originally agreed to chew the gum while on the air with Van Es on Thursday morning. Gonzalez did blow a bubble during a call from his Denver hotel room to Van Es' show, then revealed his plan to do it at the ballpark before TV cameras.

"It's tacky at the top," Gonzalez said of the gum as he placed it in the container. "I'm hoping this craziness stops for a while. The first couple of days it was fun. But I'd like to get back to playing baseball.

"Fans at every ballpark I've gone to lately have asked me to throw my gum towards them. It used to be a wrist band, a batting glove a bat, or a ball, and now it is bubble gum. I've never done tobacco. At least it is gum."

After hints that Gonzalez might have to provide DNA samples, the player decided to chew in front of witnesses and send the gum to the radio station.

"Whoever bids on it, they can have it," he said. "I'm through with it. This is not a once-a-week bubble-gum show."



Matt York/Associated Press
Arizona Diamondbacks' Luis Gonzalez blows a bubble while watching batting practice on Oct. 24, 2001, in Phoenix, Ariz.

Capitals sink out of NHL playoff scene

By Joseph White

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — No one shows the hurt more than Jaromir Jagr. He wiped his eyes as he discussed missing the NHL playoffs for the first time in his career.

"I'll be bored, that's for sure," Jagr said. "It's a long summer."

Jagr and the Washington Capitals were officially eliminated when Carolina clinched the Southeast Division title Wednesday. Last summer's trade for Jagr, who later signed an \$88 million contract, was supposed to make Washington a Stanley Cup contender and raise the team's profile in a city where hockey is often an afterthought.

"We stated a goal to go deep into the playoffs," owner Ted

Leonsis said. "You can't sugar-coat it."

That leads to questions about offseason changes.

Leonsis says he will not make a coaching change, although Ron Wilson hasn't won a playoff series since his first season with the team in 1998.

Beyond that? "It's one of those I'll know it when I see it," Leonsis said. "A lot of times teams just quit on coaches, and we had every opportunity to quit between the injuries and the Adam Oates trade, and we played quite well."

However, he said he expects an end to the slow starts that have plagued the last four of Wilson's five seasons.

"I hope we've learned our lesson," Leonsis said. "There's no magic switch that you turn on and automatically start playing better."

In the last two years, the Capitals were able to right themselves around New Year's Day and win the weak Southeast Division. But they waited much too long to make their charge this season.

In fact, Washington has been one of the NHL's best teams over the last month, despite sending Oates to Philadelphia and injuries to defensemen.

When the Capitals traded Oates, who leads the league in assists, they looked as if they were giving up for the season. Jagr didn't like losing his linemate, but Dainius Zubrus showed versatility by moving to center, and the team is 8-2-1 since.

When the defense was depleted by injuries, the Capitals brought up Jean-Francois Fortin and Nolan Yonkman, who made the team younger,

faster, and harder to score on.

"There was a lot of confidence that we could win all the games," Jagr said.

With the defense solid, the Capitals will look to add a forward or two during free agency, but there won't be a superstar hunt as there was last year.

"We like this team," Leonsis said. "We probably have to add a couple more pieces. We don't need to blow this team up."

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Woods satisfied with score of 70

MASTERS

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Augusta National was a different test for players young and old. Even the oldest, 89-year-old Sam Snead, had some adventures. His ceremonial first tee shot sailed right into the gallery and hit a fan in the face, breaking his glasses and cutting his nose.

As for Woods, he has never shot better than 70 in the first round of the Masters. Only this time he was pleased after escaping from a forest of pines to make par on the final hole.

"The way the golf course is playing, 70 is a lot better score than it would have been last year," Woods said. "Even par or better today is going to be a good round."

Woods, trying to become only the third player to repeat as Masters champion, looked as if he might be in great shape when he birdied three-straight holes early on and was leading the tournament.

He gave them all back — hitting over the green on Nos. 6 and 10 and hitting his tee shot into the trees on No. 14, one of the nine holes lengthened at Augusta.

Two birdies on the final four holes put him at the same first-round score as when he won his two green jackets, in 1997 and last year.

"I just wanted to shoot even par or better," Woods said. "It's not one of those golf courses where you can just turn it on. You've got to keep plugging."

The conditions could not have been more ideal for low scoring — heavy, hanging clouds that kept the sun from drying out the course, only an occasional breeze and soft greens that helped some of the longer irons needed because of the extra length.

"This is the most benign day you can have, and look at the scores," Greg Norman said after a 71.

They made Augusta National as tough as ever by setting back the tees as far as possible, using all of those 285 extra yards.

"They gave you enough room to take a practice swing without hitting the patrons," said David Duval, a Masters contender the past four years who got off to a sluggish start with a 3-over 75.

Duval hit two bunkers in taking bogey on the par-5 second hole, blasted out of a bunker, over the fourth green and into the gallery for double-bogey, then took two shots to get out of the bunker on No. 18 and had to make a 25-footer for bogey.

"It was a new ball game today," Duval said. "Nobody knew what a good score would be until we got out there and started to play."

No one could have guessed Love would be the leader.

Typically a fast starter on the PGA Tour, he missed the cut in the last two tournaments he played, including last week in Atlanta when he had a 42 on the front nine and a 30 on the back nine.

"All I had to do was eliminate the silly mistakes," Love said. "I'm not shocked the way I played today. I'm shocked the way I played the last two weeks."

Nets stomp Magic, Mavericks collapse

By the Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Kenyon Martin had 26 points, a season-high seven assists, and a game-saving block in overtime, and the New Jersey Nets beat the Orlando Magic, 101-99, Thursday night.

Keith Van Horn added 19 points and 14 rebounds, while Jason Kidd set a career-high with 16 rebounds to go with 13 points and seven assists.

The Nets, winners of four of five, reduced their magic number to clinch the Eastern Conference to one.

Tracy McGrady had 39 points, 16 assists, and seven rebounds for the Magic, who had their five-game home win-

ning streak snapped. Pat Garrity had 18 points, 15 after half-time. His 3-pointer with 48.8 seconds left tied it at 99.

Rockets 98, Mavs 95, OT

DALLAS — Steve Francis hit a long jumper to break a tie with 1:35 left in overtime, then set up a 3-pointer by Eddie Griffin as Houston overcame a 20-point deficit to beat Dallas.

Nick Van Exel got Dallas back within three with a lay-up, but Dallas missed two chances to tie it in the closing seconds.

The Mavericks' collapse was the sixth-worst in franchise history. Dallas fell into a tie with San Antonio for the lead in the Midwest Division.

Francis had 14 of his 20 points after the third quarter as Houston ended a

four-game losing streak and won for only the third time in 14 games.

Bulls 104, Knicks 101, OT

NEW YORK — Tyson Chandler's dunk with 1:39 remaining in overtime and two free throws by fellow rookie Eddy Curry with 12 seconds left provided the winning margin as Chicago beat New York.

The Knicks took their only lead of overtime, 101-100, on Mark Jackson's 3-pointer with 1:51 left. It was the 15th-straight game the Knicks have lost when giving up at least 100 points.

Chandler led the Bulls' seven double-digit scorers with 16 points. He also had a career-high 15 rebounds.

Kurt Thomas had 26 points and 17 rebounds for the Knicks.

Grizzlies 102, Portland 99

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Pau Gasol scored 23 points, and Antonis Fotsis made a pair of 3-pointers in the final 2:16 as Memphis held on to defeat Portland.

Gasol connected on 9-15 shots from the field and grabbed eight rebounds as six Grizzlies finished in double figures. Stromile Swift scored 17, and Shane Battier and Will Solomon finished with 12 each. Lorenzen Wright scored 11 points and grabbed 10 rebounds as the Grizzlies won their third consecutive home game.

Portland has lost three straight and six of eight. Five Trail Blazers finished in double figures, led by Rasheed Wallace's 22 points.

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Iowa looks for boost

GOLF

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last weekend, leads the team with a 79.5 average. Not far behind is Laura Holmes, averaging 80.7 strokes per round. In addition to Suhr, Gabelman, and Holmes, Liz Bennett, Megan George, and Shannon Fleming will also play for Iowa this weekend.

The Hawkeyes have struggled this spring, turning in 16th- and 14th-place finishes at the Carolina Collegiate Classic

and Texas A&M Invitational respectively. They finished a strong fifth at the highly competitive Mountain View Collegiate but slipped up again in Bloomington. The Hawkeye Invitational is the squad's last chance to tune up before the Big Ten championships on April 26-28. Still, Thomason remains optimistic.

"[This weekend] is good because it gives the women a chance to play in front of their families and friends," she said. "I think it will give them a boost."

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Gahan, Welle, and Schmitz to try out

WNBA

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from point guard to center. She averaged 14.9 points, 7.6 rebounds, and 4.1 assists and shot 44 percent from 3-point range.

Schmitz, a four-year starter for Drake at point guard, helped the Bulldogs reach the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament. She averaged 13.2 points and drew

attention with her clutch shooting in a second-round upset of No. 2-seeded Baylor.

Approximately 80 players are expected at the camp, which ends Saturday night. Many of the top prospects are skipping the camp, including Oklahoma's Stacey Dales, Baylor's Sheila Lambert and Danielle Crockrom, and Connecticut's Sue Bird, Swin Cash, Asjha Jones, and Tamika Williams.

12-game streak not helpful yet in polls

SOFTBALL

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weekend as they return to Big Ten play. Despite being 6-0 in the conference, Blevins isn't taking either team lightly, nor should she.

Ohio State is a solid offensive team that boasts a team batting average of .332. Ranked No. 25 in the nation, the Buckeyes are the most improved team in the conference, Blevins said, noting that OSU has carried a strong finish in 2001 over to this season.

"They've played well early, and they are as fine a hitting team as there may be," she said.

Ohio State also boasts excellent pitching, featuring three hurlers capable of beating any opponent. Wendy Allen, Katie Chain, and Kristi DeVries have combined to lead the Buckeyes to a 34-9 start.

City, but they have proven once this season they can be a dangerous team. Penn State knocked off No. 12 Michigan in the conference opener, a victory which opened many eyes around the Big Ten Conference.

Another excellent hitting squad, Blevins said the Lions are capable of winning a ball game in more than one way.

"If you shut the long ball down with them, they'll work to beat you with short hits and on the base path," she said.

Stopping the home run will mean stopping Jennifer Tripken, who has 10 home runs and 31 RBIs this season.

Though Iowa's 12-game winning streak has been impressive and helpful both on and off the field, it has not appeared to help the Hawkeyes in the polls. Iowa dropped one spot this week to No. 20.

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BASEBALL

Hawkeyes remain in last place

By Jeremy Shapiro
The Daily Iowan

With the bats sizzling the past two games, the Iowa baseball team welcomes first-place Ohio State to town for a four-game series that will give the Hawkeyes a chance to climb back into the Big Ten race.

Iowa scored 28 runs on 35 hits in a Sunday win over Indiana and a Wednesday victory over Northern Illinois. Iowa improved to 11-14 overall, but it still sits tied for last place in the conference at 2-6. All of those games were played away from Duane Banks Field, where the Hawkeyes own a 3-1 record.

"We haven't been home for a weekend in six weeks," said Iowa coach Scott Broghamer. "We finally get a chance to play a Big Ten team here. We can sleep in our beds at night, and it's always nice during the game to have the last at-bat."

In a strange statistical abnormality, Iowa also has a tendency to play better at night. The Hawkeyes are now 6-1 in night contests. Fortunately, thanks to a donation by former major-leaguer Cal Eldred, Duane Banks Field is now equipped with lights. Today's start time is 6 p.m., and Saturday's double-header will commence at 4 p.m. The finale on April 14 is slated for 1 p.m. The No. 25 Buckeyes are 18-7, 6-2

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— Andy Jansen,
Iowa designated hitter

in the Big Ten. They lost to Oakland University, 10-5, on Wednesday, demonstrating that they are beatable given strong opposing hitting. Ohio State won three of four against Penn State last weekend. Christian Snavely is tearing up the ball, hitting .416. He was named Big Ten Player of the Week on Monday. Mike Rabin is another tough out.

Ohio State is second in the league in team ERA (4.23). Nate Smith, Scott Lewis, and E.J. Laratta have 10 wins between them with just three losses. In contrast, Iowa's team ERA is 5.44, which ranks seventh in the league.

While the Hawkeyes clearly need to play their best baseball to get victories over the Buckeyes, two or three wins would provide a big step toward getting back in the league's upper tier. The top six teams qualify for the Big Ten Tournament.

Iowa's recent offensive explosion may in some respects be due to increased offensive intensity. All season, one goal has been to become a more aggressive team. This was evident in the Northern Illinois game, as the hitters were attacking Huskie pitchers early in the count and then running for the extra base after the hit.

"The kids kept swinging the bats," Broghamer said. "I give them credit for the guys swinging and keep the pressure on the other team."

On several occasions the Hawkeyes made doubles out of what looked like probable singles. Although it cost them a few times when runners were thrown out at second, the assertive attitude sets this team apart from past years.

Iowa has stolen 52 bases this year; their opponents have stolen only 22. Ian Mattiace and Kyle Thousand have nine each, Jeff Gremley has eight.

"Definitely in the stolen-base department, we are being more aggressive," said designated hitter Andy Jansen. "We are looking to take that extra base."

In between games Saturday, the team will honor Cal and Christi Eldred with a ceremony.

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TENNIS

Women hope to end losing streak

By Roseanna Smith
The Daily Iowan

After struggling on the road, the No. 61-ranked Iowa women's tennis team will return to Iowa City in hopes of halting a three-game losing streak. The Hawkeyes are 5-11 overall and 2-4 in the Big Ten; they will face Michigan State and Michigan on Saturday and April 14.

"It's always good to come home, especially when you're never home," Iowa coach Paul Wardlaw said.

The Hawkeyes have only played one other pair of dual meets at home in the conference this season.

Last weekend, Iowa lost a close match, 4-3, to Illinois in Champaign. Doubles pairs Toni Neykova/Deni Alexandrova and Cassie Haas/Gloria Okino claimed the doubles point for the Hawkeyes. However, in singles, only Haas and Stef Hoch won their contests, giving the Illini a victory.

On April 7, Iowa was swamped by

No. 19 ranked Northwestern, 6-1. The three-time defending Big Ten champions claimed the doubles point and all but one singles match. The Hawkeyes' lone victory came in No. 5 singles, where Pascale Veraverbeke recorded her first conference victory of the season in straight sets (6-3, 7-5).

Iowa has a 17-12 series advantage over the Spartans; it downed them, 7-0, last year in East Lansing. Michigan State is ranked No. 74 this year, with an 11-8 overall record, 3-4 in the conference. In singles, Dora Vastag, Asa Liden, and Caroline Lay lead the squad, and freshmen Mandy Caldemeyer/Keri Thompson are the Spartans' top doubles team.

The Hawkeyes also defeated Michigan last season, 5-2, on the road, but the Wolverines are ranked only slightly behind Iowa nationally this season and hold an overall record of 10-8 and 3-4 in the Big Ten. Michelle DeCosta and

Leanne Rutherford are the Wolverines' top doubles team.

Neykova and Hoch lead Iowa, holding 10-7 and 8-7 overall records respectively. Neykova and Cassie Haas are ranked No. 104 and 106 respectively in the latest rankings determined by the Omni Hotels Collegiate Tennis Rankings. In doubles, Neykova and Alexandrova are No. 59 with an 8-7 overall record.

"We're competing pretty well as a team," Wardlaw said. "There are some positions where we need more production. We're doing well in doubles, and our top-three singles players are playing very well. The key this year is production out of our No. 4-6 players, and we need people to step up."

Both matches will begin at 11 a.m. at the UI Recreation Building or weather permitting, at the Klotz Tennis Courts.

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IOWA ROAD BRIEFS

Track splits venues

This Weekend: The Iowa men's track and field team will take two separate paths for competition this weekend. Throwers Bill Neumann, Jim Costello, Ken Kemeny, Brad Daufeldt, and a handful of runners will travel to the Sea Ray Relays, which runs from Thursday to Saturday. The majority of the team, however, will take a shorter trek to Des Moines for the Jim Duncan Relays at Drake on Saturday.

Last meet: After competing at both Stanford and Purdue on March 30, Iowa had last weekend off to prepare for this weekend's double-dose of competition. At Stanford, the premier distance meet in the nation, senior Nick Nordheim ran a provisionally qualifying time of 29:44.71 in the 10,000-meter run. At Purdue, Iowa crowned four champions — javelin thrower Bill Neumann, Tim Dodge in the 400-meter dash, Dan Trainor in the 5,000-meter run, and the 1,600-meter relay — on its way to an impressive all-around showing in West Lafayette, Ind.

On the Hawkeyes: Coach Larry Wiecezorek's team is one-fourth of the way to its pre-season goal of 12 NCAA provisional qualifiers. With his run at Stanford, Nordheim joined Neumann in the javelin and Costello in the hammer as provisional qualifiers. Among others, Wiecezorek will look to Dodge, sprinter Juan Coleman, and distance runners Matt Esche, Trent Corey, and Shaun Allen to propel the Hawkeyes toward their goal.

— by Tyler Lechtenberg

Men take final road trip

This weekend: The Iowa men's tennis team takes its last road trip of the season, to East Lansing, Mich., and Ann Arbor, Mich., for a pair of Big Ten duals. The Hawkeyes will face Michigan State for an indoor match on Saturday, followed by a match on April 14 against Michigan. Both duals will be at noon.

Last weekend: Iowa pulled off a 4-3 upset of No. 37 Northwestern, aided by wins in doubles from Stuart Waters/Justin Gaard and Jake Wilson/Hunter Skogman. Waters, Skogman, and Gaard also recorded wins in singles for the victory. On April 7, the Hawkeyes were defeated by No. 3 Illinois, 6-1; Pete Rose downed Chris Martin in a third set of No. 6 singles (3-6, 6-4, 6-4).

On Michigan State: Ranked No. 66 nationally, the Spartans carry a 13-9 record and are 1-6 in the conference. In singles, Chris Mitchell, freshman

Andrew Formanczyk, and junior Goran Topalo lead the team. Juniors Adam Hourani and Jimmy McGuire are Michigan State's top doubles pair.

On Michigan: The No. 30 ranked Wolverines are 12-6 overall and 3-4 in the Big Ten. No. 39 Henry Beam leads the singles competition. Last year, the Hawkeyes upset Michigan, 5-2, in Iowa City.

Waters success: After being named Big Ten Player of the Week for the first time in his career, junior Waters also earned his first collegiate singles ranking at No. 95. He defeated No. 20 Phil Metz and No. 68 Jamie Gresh to earn both distinctions.

Doubles does it: The Hawkeyes have used doubles as a cornerstone to adding wins to their record, claiming the point in 13 of 17 matches. In 10 of the 13, Iowa has walked away with a team victory.

Coach's comment: "Against Michigan State, we've had some good success in the last few years," Steve Houghton said. "I like our chances against them. They have a young team, but they are getting better as the year goes on. We beat Michigan last year, and they beat Notre Dame this year; they're a very talented team. This weekend, we'll have to play well for different reasons. I think our guys know how hard it is to win every match at this point in the season."

— by Roseanna Smith

Women's track head to Knoxville for relays

This weekend: The Iowa women's track and field team will compete in the three-day Sea Ray Relays on the University of Tennessee campus. Events run Thursday through Saturday on the Tom Black Track in Knoxville.

Last week: At the Tulane Invitational in New Orleans, junior Sarah Steffen's victories in the 100- and 400-meter hurdles led the way to six victories for the Hawkeyes. Other wins came from Nicole Charles in the 400-meter dash and the 400-meter relay, shot putter Jen Gilson, and pole vaulter Jessie Strand. However, Tulane ran the events into a strong wind, something that disappointed Iowa coach James Grant, who had hoped to nab some NCAA provisionally qualifying times in the Big Easy.

On the Hawkeyes: Grant's team has been running well from the start; before last week's six champions, the Hawkeyes crowned nine champions on their way to the team championship at the Missouri-Kansas City Quadrangular. However, freshman javelin thrower Alana Redfern remains

the only Hawkeye to provisionally qualify for the NCAA championships in June, something Grant wants to change in Knoxville.

Coach's comment: "At Tennessee, we'll run with the wind, enabling us to post some better times and put us in position to qualify for the NCAAs. This week's field will be extremely tough. It will be the best outdoor competition that we've competed against this season."

— by Tyler Lechtenberg

Men golfers take on top teams in the nation

This weekend: The men's golf team will compete against many of the top teams in the nation this weekend at the 33rd annual Kepler Intercollegiate in Columbus, Ohio. The tournament will be played on the Scarlet Course at Ohio State University, which is perennially rated as one of the top-100 courses in the nation by *Golf Digest*. Play will begin today through April 14 at 9 a.m.; one 18-hole round will be played per day.

Last time out: The Hawkeyes improved from their first tournament despite a snow delay and cold, windy weather at the Marshall Invitational in Huntington, W.V. on April 5-6, finishing in a tie for 11th-place with a 54-hole score of 900 (302-296-298). Two individuals finished in the top of the field including senior Tyler Stith at 18th and junior Bo Anderson at 25th.

On Iowa: The Hawkeyes hope to continue their improvement as the spring season moves toward its final destination, the Big Ten championships at Finkbine. This meet will gauge where the team is at and how well it will have to play at Big Tens. The Hawkeye lineup will feature Stith, Anderson, Aaron Krueger, Erik Feldick, and Mike Tapper. Last year, Iowa placed 11th at the Kepler Intercollegiate with a three-round total of 924.

On opponents: The tournament will showcase some of the top teams in the nation, including nine of the 11 Big Ten teams. Other top teams from around the country include: Toledo, which won the Marshall Invitational, UNLV, Colorado, USC, Texas A&M, and Auburn.

Coach's comment: "The guys are going to find out how good they are this weekend," said Terry Anderson. "They've got a great opportunity, and it will be a great challenge. No one expects us to do anything, but maybe we can go out and show that these Iowa kids can play."

— by Travis Brown

ROWING BRIEFS

Iowa treks to California

This weekend: The Hawkeye rowing team travels to Long Beach, Calif., for an on-water dual with the University of Southern California. The regatta will be held at the Long Beach Marine Stadium in the Pete Archer Rowing Center. The races are hosted by the Long Beach Rowing Association.

Last weekend: The Hawkeyes battled a strong Wisconsin team, coming away with two varsity victories. Iowa won both the varsity 4+ and the varsity 8+ by close margins, edging the Badgers by 3.6 seconds in the V8+ and 0.9 of a second in the V4+.

On the season: The Hawkeyes swept Kansas State for their home-water debut March 30. The Hawkeyes won all varsity and novice races on the Sugarbottom race course. On their spring break journey south, the Hawkeyes competed at the

Longhorn Invite and emerged with nine victories.

The competition: The Trojan's first varsity 8+ is currently ranked ninth in the nation with victories over San Diego State and UCLA in the young spring season. Last season at the NCAA championships, they finished in fourth place in the varsity 8+ Grand Final.

In the top 20: The Hawkeyes varsity 8+ is ranked 18th in the first US Rowing/Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association NCAA Division I poll of the season. Iowa has totaled 81 points thus far.

Washington heads the rankings with 493 points.

Coach's comment: "Southern Cal has an extremely talented nationally-ranked team," Mandi Kowal said. "This is a pretty tall order for the team, and it will be a really good experience."

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City of Iowa City
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Maintenance Workers/Water (3)
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Rise and Shine with The Daily Break

calendar

UI Campus Clean-up, today at 9 a.m., Hubbard Park.

Floating Friday Lecture Series, "A 'New Negro Woman': Race, Gender, and Class in Jessie Fauset's Plum Bun (1929)," Eva Federmayer, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary, today at 4 p.m., 704 Jefferson Building.

Spring 2002 Speaker Series, "How Did Contemporary Logic Come About?" Jaakko Hintikka, Boston University, today at 4:15 p.m., 304 English-Philosophy Building.

"Craft, Critique, Culture," Keynote Address: "Simulating the Subject: Mediation in *House of Leaves*," Katherine

Hayles, University of California, Los Angeles, today at 6:30 p.m., 101 Becker Communication Studies Building.

Highway to Hawkeye Heaven, today at 7 p.m., Field House North Gym.

Iowa Women's Archives Celebration Tapas Reception, 4-Millionth Acquisition Ceremony, Distinguished Guest Speaker: Marian Rees, filmmaker, philanthropist, today at 7 p.m., IMU Richey Ballroom.

"Stone Witnesses, Dumb Pictures, and Voices from the Grave: Objects, Images, and Collective Memory," Mark Peterson, history, today at 7:30 p.m., UI Museum of Art.

horoscopes

Friday, April 12, 2002 by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your fast response may get you into trouble, especially if you don't have all the necessary information to answer properly. Do things by yourself if you want to avoid confrontations. You need to slow down and think.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Although you can prosper today financially, you are also likely to give your money away to a group or to someone who may not be worthy. Don't trust the people you work with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your involvement in a political party or an organization that deals with intellectual matters will entice you today. Your superb ideas coupled with your smooth way of presenting yourself will bring you popularity and a place among your peers.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be prepared to accommodate whatever changes are required, and you'll discover that others will be indebted to you for your courtesy. You may take on too much, but help will only be an arm's length away.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be looking for something spectacular to occupy your time today. Travel opportunities will be enticing. You'll be very changeable and difficult for others to guess what you'll do next. This will only add to your charm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can expect to have problems with colleagues as well as friends today if you aren't willing to budge a little. If you compromise you will find yourself sitting in the perfect position to move forward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Turn any tension you may be feeling into a romantic encounter. If you are already in a relationship, plan something special for two. If you aren't, get out and have some fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Follow your gut feelings. Matters pertaining to work will turn out in your favor. Your spirit of adventure coupled with your ability to work hard will bring terrific results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will be in a fun-loving mood. Romance is evident if you are spontaneous but use discrimination. Concentrate on friendships, not courtships.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may not be too easy to deal with at an emotional level today. You may try to lose yourself in the crowd by attending large events. It's best to face any issues head on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Good conversation coupled with a little adventure will be satisfying. Travel should be on your agenda even if you only have time for a short trip. Watch your spending habits.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Over-indulgence may be fun initially, but you will have regrets. Do not take on too much or promise things that are next to impossible. Think before you make offers.

The Ledge

By Scott Morgan

Amusing Names

- Phillip McCar
- Anita Portapottie
- Ada Pie
- Mike Easter
- Haywood Jablome
- Richard Small
- Harry Back
- Yasser Yabetcha
- Crystal Shanda Lear
- Howey Doin
- Marion Berry
- Pat Miass
- Amanda Blame
- Hassen Bin Laid
- Dewey Dance
- Al Cahallick
- Han D'Mann
- Kay Sara Sara
- John Washer
- Jack Youp
- Harry Felterass
- Rusty Nail
- Peter Wacker
- Jeremy Schnitker

FRIDAY PRIME TIME												
	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
HOME ANTENNA												
KGAN (3)	(2) News	Seinfeld	AFF: Fighter Pilot	First Monday	48 Hours	News	Golf	Letterman				
KWWL (7)	News	Wheel	Providence: Gotcha	Dateline NBC	Law & Order: Spec.	News	Tonight Show	Late Ngt.				
KFXA (17)	King/Hill	Raymond	70s	Ground	Dark Angel	Star Trek: Voyager	3rd Rock	Carey	Rose	View		
KCRG (9)	News	Friends	Funny Videos	Celebration/Ford	20/20	News	Friends	Spin City	Nightline			
KIIN (13)	NewsHr.	Iowa Pr's	Wash. Wall Str't	Market	In Iowa	NOW W/Bill Moyers	Business	Romance	World	Austin		
KWKB (20)	Paid Prg.	Just/Me	Sabrina	Dad	Reba	Maybe	Date	Heart	Smarts	5th Wh'l	Elimidate	Harvey
CABLE CHANNELS												
PUBL (2)	Programming Unavailable						Programming Unavailable					
GOVT (4)	Programming Unavailable						Programming Unavailable					
PAX (6)	Shop	Sweep	Weakest Link	Mysterious Ways	Diagnosis Murder	Paid Prg.	Dave's	Paid Prg.	Paid Prg.			
LIBR (11)	Programming Unavailable						Programming Unavailable					
EDUC (13)	Programming Unavailable						Programming Unavailable					
UNIV (12)	France	Spanish	Movie			Classic TV Drama	Korean	Greece	France	Argen.		
KWQC (6)	News	Wheel	Providence: Gotcha	Dateline NBC	Law & Order: Spec.	News	Tonight Show	Late Ngt.				
WSUI (10)	Programming Unavailable						Programming Unavailable					
SCOLA (11)	Hungary	Quebec	Croatia	China	Cuba	Iran	Korea	Greece	France	Argen.		
KSUI (12)	Programming Unavailable						Programming Unavailable					
DISC (15)	(5) The Tiger's Tale	Secret Life/Luggage	World of Air Freight	Postal Inspectors 2	Secret Life/Luggage	World of Air Freight						
WGN (15)	(31) Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh Pirates (Live)			News	In the Heat of Night	Matlock (Part 2 of 2)						
C-SPN (17)	Close Up	American Writers II: The 20th Century		AW or Public Affairs								
UNI (19)	(24) La Intrusa	Amigas y Rivales	Salome	Los Melches	Impacto	Noticiero						
C-SPN2 (21)	U.S. Senate (11)	Public Affairs			Public Affairs							
TBS (23)	(32) Baseball: Atlanta Braves at Florida Marlins (Live)			The Mask (PG-13, '94) **	(Jim Carrey)	Teen Wolf (PG, '85)						
TWC (23)	(30) Weather Channel	Weather Channel	Evening Edition		Weather Channel	Evening Edition						
BRVA (23)	(39) Hill Street Blues	The Crying Game (R, '92) ***		The Crying Game (R, '92) ***		Spaced	Spaced					
CHBC (23)	(11) Wall St. Journal	America Now	Chris Matthews	News/Williams	America Now	Chris Matthews						
BET (27)	(40) 106/ParK NYLA	Something to Sing About ('00) **		ComicView	News	Tonight	Midnight Love					
BOX (28)	Off the Air						Off the Air					
TBN (30)	E.V. Hill	J. Bynum	Behind News	Lak. F. Price	Praise the Lord	Bonke	Lindsey					
HIST (31)	Mt. Rushmore	Week in History	Men/Killed Kennedy	Disasters	History's Mysteries	Week in History						
TNN (32)	(37) MAD TV	MAD TV	Star Trek: Next	Star Trek: Next	Star Trek: Next	Star Trek: Next	Pop Zone					
SPEED (33)	Trackside at ...						Trackside at ...					
ESPN (34)	(45) SportCtr.	Baseball	To Be Announced		SportsCenter	Baseball Tonight						
ESPN2 (35)	(46) Pardon RPM	The Season	Boxing: Friday Night Fights (Live)		Mohr	NBA	NHL					
FOXSP (35)	(47) NASCAR	Word	Chi. Spo. NHL Hockey: Chicago Blackhawks at Dallas Stars (Live)		Best Damn Sports Show							
LIFE (36)	(36) Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Survive the Night ('93) **		Once and Again	The Nightman ('92)						
COM (40)	(42) Daily	Geeks	Comedy Lounge	Comics	Lewis	Comedy	Denis Leary	South Pk	Man ...			
EI (41)	(1) Saturday Night Live	The EI True Hollywood Story	Eco-Challenge	H. Stern	H. Stern	Wild On ...	ibiza					
NICK (43)	Arnold	Rugrats	Sponge. Chalk	Parents	Inv. ZIM	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers	Cosby	Cosby	
FX (43)	M*A*S*H	Die Hard (R, '88) ***	(Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman)	Toughman World	The Shield	Wild Police Videos						
TNT (43)	Grease (4:30) (PG)	EDTV (PG-13, '99) **	(Matthew McConaughey)	EDTV (PG-13, '99) **	(Matthew McConaughey)							
TOON (43)	(17) Samurai	Samurai	Time ...	Time ...	Ed, Edd	Ed, Edd	Ed, Edd	Ed, Edd	Ed, Edd	puff	Grim/Evil	
MTV (44)	Real	Real	Tough	Tough	Osbrn	Osbrn	Fear	Jackass	A. Dick	What	Tough	
VH1 (44)	(43) Late World/Zach	Behind the Music	Shocking Mom.	Shocking Mom.	Late World/Zach	Forever Wild						
A&E (45)	(38) The View	Shackleton (Part 1) ('02)		Shackleton (Part 2) ('02)		Shackleton (Part 1)						
ANIM (47)	Animals	Animal	Animal	Animal	Animal Operations	Animal Precinct	Animal	Animal	Animal	Animal Operations		
USA (48)	(34) JAG: Vanished	Golf: Masters Tournament, Second Round			Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome (PG-13, '85) **							
PREMIUM CHANNELS												
HBO (5)	Feds (5:30) (PG-13)	Lethal Weapon (R, '87) ***	(Mel Gibson)	Lone Hero (R, '02)	D. Miller	Record	Movie					
DIS (9)	Family	Lizzie	Curly Sue (PG, '91) **	(James Belushi)	Stepister From Planet Weir	Bug ...	So Weird	Heart				
MAX (13)	Bait	Fight Club (R, '99) ***	(Brad Pitt, Edward Norton)	Joe Dirt (PG-13, '01) *	Deviant Desires (10:35) ('01)							
STARZ (22)	Movie	M. News	Gun Shy (R, '00) **	(Liam Neeson)	Boiler Room (9:05) (R, '00) ***	Dr. Seuss' How ...						
SHOW (25)	Naked Gun	Bad Company (R, '95) *	(Ellen Barkin)	Stargate SG-1	Jeremiah	Diaries	Women of the Night					

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quote of the day

I'm sorry that we have to be here. I don't want to be suing my school. I just want to go to the prom with my boyfriend.

— Marc Hall,

a 17-year-old Canadian fighting for the right to bring his boyfriend to the prom at Monsignor John Pereyma Catholic high school.

public access tv schedule

11 a.m. UI Cultural Diversity Fest. 2001	4 p.m. 13th Generation
Noon Iowa's Agenda	5 p.m. Open Channel
12:30 p.m. Food Fitness & Fun	6 p.m. Country Time Country
1 p.m. LDS Church	7 p.m. Spirit in Culture
1:30 p.m. In Christ's Image	8 p.m. Garden for Eden
2 p.m. Science Fiction w/ Brooks London	8:30 p.m. Professor Noodle
3 p.m. S.E. Jr. High Talent Show	9 p.m. Democracy Now
	10 p.m. Right to Life
	10:30 p.m. Bharathanaya Arangetram

DILBERT ®

by Scott Adams

I CAN'T COMPLETE THE ONLINE SELF-ASSESSMENT SURVEY. IT ASKS WHERE I NEED IMPROVEMENT AND I DON'T NEED ANY.

THE PROGRAM WON'T LET ME LEAVE THAT QUESTION BLANK.

AND PEOPLE WILL UNDERSTAND THAT I DON'T MEAN IT?

JUST CHECK THE BOX THAT SAYS YOU STEAL.

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BY VILEY

WELCOME BACK TO THE JOE PYLE SHOW...LINE 2, YOU'RE ON THE AIR

THANKS, JOE...

WHY DO WE NEED THE NEW HONOLAND SECURITY OFFICE?

HON'T HONELAND SECURITY THE REASON HE SPEND ABOUT A HALF-TRILLION DOLLARS ON THE MILITARY, CIA, AND FBI?

I TAKE IT FROM THE DEAD AIR, HE DOESN'T KNOW EITHER

MAYBE TELLIN' US IS CONSIDERED A SECURITY RISK...

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

MARK?

HEY...REVI GREAT TO SEE YOU!

WELL, I'M SORRY IT'S UNDER SUCH DISTRESSING CIRCUMSTANCES. HOW'RE YOU DOING?

I'M FINE, THANKS, SCOT.

CHASE TELLS ME YOU'VE BEEN WORRIED ABOUT THE FUNERAL TURN-OUT.

WELL, I WAS, BUT I'VE PRETTY MUCH TAKEN CARE OF IT.

GRAND! YOU FOUND SOME OLD PALS?

NO, NO, I HIRED SOME HIGH SCHOOL KIDS

Crossword

No. 0301

Edited by Will Shortz

ACROSS	26 Sharp-clawed critter	53 Sowing machine
1 Cook (up)	27 Affairs	54 "Don't worry about a thing"
7 Mt. Rainier's group	28 Sawbuck	55 Riant
15 Off course	29 Liking	
16 Opening number	34 Makes contacts	DOWN
17 Mock	35 Fat	1 Salad slice
18 Behave like jackals	36 Game room?	2 Did, once
19 Guiding stars, to use a metaphor	37 Quick	3 Fishing spot
20 "Must be something"	38 Last place?	4 Some Red Cross work
21 Part of an early president's signature	44 Cheese variety	5 Punch deliverer?
22 Play assistants	45 Skinny comic	6 Compact material
24 Assault and batter	46 Night "Dallas" was on: Abbr.	7 Doorframes
25 Animal's natural habitat	47 Leaves	8 Game room
	48 Clothes line?	9 Has capacity for
	49 Clicker	10 Natural hideout
	51 Pie	11 Leading club?
	52 "Way to go!"	12 Lady-killers
		13 Masters of poetry

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Manny Nosowsky

32 Peterson, Judy Holiday's role in "Bells Are Ringing"

33 Wing-tip tip

34 Rhône's capital

36 Horrible

38 They come in droves

39 Japanese-American

40 Elephant or walrus

41 Food brand named after two states

42 Didn't just criticize

43 Author Leonard

45 The merry widow in MGM's "The Merry Widow"

47 Plum variety, for short

50 Do lacework

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