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Prof: Hands off my expression, AT&T

McLeod says he has trademark on phrase 'freedom of expression'

BY GRANT SCHULTE

THE DAILY IOWAN

An assistant UI professor who successfully trademarked the term "freedom of expression" as a gag is ordering corporate giant AT&T to stop using the phrase in advertisements.

Kembrew McLeod's lawyer sent a warning to the communications company Wednesday, demanding that it stop using the expression. McLeod holds a 10-year trademark on the written phrase that started in 1998, according to the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

And though he acknowledges the irony of trademarking "freedom of expression," McLeod said his move strikes a more serious chord. His motive, he said, is twofold: He wants AT&T to stop using the phrase, and he wants to highlight artists' rights to express themselves and expose what he contends are corporate attempts to stifle them.

"That sort of thing frightens me," McLeod said. "I'm not doing this purely to be clever. If a company doesn't like what you're trying to say, it can essentially make you disappear."

One such law, he said, is the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, a 1998 law signed by President Clinton. The law seeks to update U.S. copyright law for the digital age, but it consequently hinders non-mainstream artists' efforts to use already published material for projects such as



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UI Assistant Professor Kembrew McLeod sits in his office Thursday afternoon. McLeod has issued AT&T a cease and desist order over the use of his trademarked phrase "Freedom of Expression."

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N-word lecture runs into some objections

BY CALVIN HENNICK
THE DAILY IOWAN

A Harvard law professor whose lecture raised concerns earlier this week proved to be controversial again Thursday as some audience members raised objections to what they considered an overly academic discourse.

A diverse crowd of more than 400 Wednesday night attended Randall Kennedy's lecture, "Nigger: The Strange



Career of a Troublesome Word."

One man accused Kennedy of "always pigeonholing things like Aristotle instead of searching for the truth like Socrates." The man objected to Kennedy's focus on the spelling and origins of the word and said the lecture

ignored those who had died as a result of racism.

"I can't forget that," said the man. "Their blood is in front of me."

A woman then came to the microphone and said she "strongly hated" the way the word was used in popular culture. Kennedy's lecture focused largely on such uses, including in rap music and stand-up comedy.

While most of the two-hour lecture centered on the word

and its role in American history, Kennedy also discussed the way the word is being used by some as a term of endearment. He said he finds nothing wrong with those who use the term or its variation "nigga" as a gesture of solidarity. It could even, he suggested, be tactfully used by whites.

"It is a word that has many meanings," he said.

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Yacht Club returns in all its blues-club glory

BY PAULA MAVROUDIS
THE DAILY IOWAN

An old face in the Iowa City blues and roots-rock scene will reopen its doors tonight after a seven-year hiatus.

The Iowa City Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn St., which is owned by Scott Kading of Coralville, is the reincarnation of the original club of the same name that was open from 1988 to 1995. The 21-and-over venue will

offer primarily live blues music daily from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m., along with barbecue specialties.

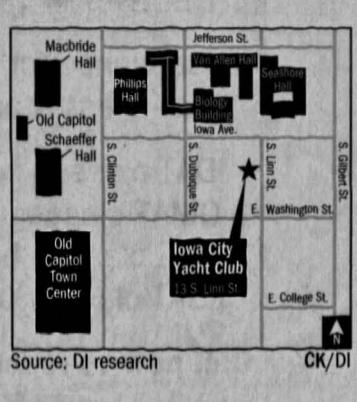
Kading said he enjoyed attending shows at the original Yacht Club and decided a revival would be a great opportunity. Iowa City needs another live-music bar like this one, he said.

He is expecting a fairly large crowd, he said, because the bar was full last weekend when he held a pre-opening party for

friends and family. Because the bar is 21-plus, he said, he expects a mature crowd as opposed to a young, college crowd.

The Yacht Club will feature local Iowa City blues bands as well as roots-rock groups playing on a small stage surrounded by small, round tables in a dimly lit atmosphere reminiscent

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POWELL ATTEMPTS TO SMOOTH OVER RISING CRITICISM

BY KAREN DEYOUNG

WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell said on Thursday that the United States would "not have to worry about going it alone" if President Bush decides to attack Iraq and that "there is probably sufficient authority" in a range of U.N. resolutions to justify such action even without new U.N. authorization.

Powell said he didn't discount the possibility that a majority of the U.N. Security Council, including skeptics France and Germany, could be convinced that early military action may be the only way to achieve Iraqi disarmament, or even that Baghdad may still decide to cooperate fully with U.N. inspectors.

But whatever current skeptics may decide, Powell said, "I'm quite confident if it comes to that we'll be joined by many nations."

As the administration sought to counter rising international criticism of U.S. war plans, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said Washington's

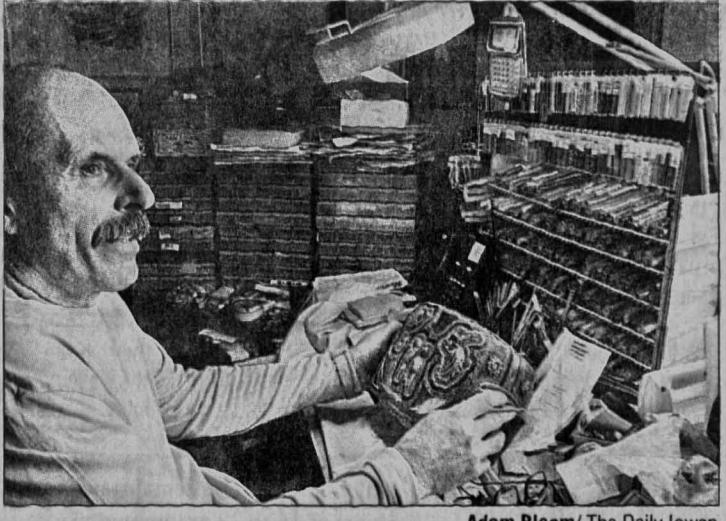
allies should realize that the best way to preserve peace is to redirect the pressure they were putting on the United States toward Saddam Hussein.

"I think one of the problems with a lot of people is a well-intentioned belief that the key to preventing war is to persuade us that we mustn't act," he said in a speech to the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. "Whatever the intentions of our allies — and I believe they agree with us completely that he has these weapons — I would hope they put more effort into persuading Saddam Hussein than into persuading us."

In the lead-up to a key Security Council meeting that will begin Jan. 27 and Bush's State of the Union address on Jan. 28, the administration continued its orchestrated drumbeat on Iraq. Powell, Wolfowitz, and other officials repeated that "time is running out" for the Iraqi leader.

Senior administration and diplomatic sources said there

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Adam Bloom/The Daily Iowan

Tom Wegman poses in his work area at his home in Iowa City with his most-recent work in progress — a toaster.

UI alum knows to bead or not to bead

BY TINA STEIN

THE DAILY IOWAN

For approximately 12 hours every day, Iowa City resident Tom Wegman works diligently in his "bead room," wrapping such items as deer skulls and dress shoes in rainbow-colored beads, picking strings of the shiny baubles from more than 250 colors.

Surrounded by thousands of beads, the 72-year-old UI alum lets his artistic whim determine the direction of his work. Right now, Wegman is in the middle of transforming a simple toaster into a colorful work of art that will be on sale at the Smithsonian Craft Show in Washington, D.C., in April.

From his collection of more than 500 sculptures, Wegman will also bring an accordion, scooter, and tricycle to the craft show. His most complicated piece was a chair that



A Friday series profiling UI alumni

took six months to complete.

He fills orders at the two craft shows he attends annually, doing business by word of mouth. Each project is customized by beading the patron's name or photo across the object. His artwork ranges anywhere from \$40-\$15,000 depending on size. A pair of beaded roller skates Wegman created are on display at the UI Hospitals and Clinics.

"My beadwork gives me an excuse to travel and even

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NEWS

Confab to steal a look at plagiarism

BY JESSE HELLING
THE DAILY IOWAN

Plagiarism is not always intentional, say some UI instructors, and educating students about proper citation techniques could stifle the problem.

The university will scrutinize plagiarism in the conference "Preventing Plagiarism in a Digital Age," today from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the IMU second-floor ballroom.

Students and faculty will share strategies to prevent plagiarism — an act that often stems from a lack of knowledge, said conference organizer Carol Severino, an associate professor of rhetoric.

Students sometimes just don't properly cite work referenced in academic papers, she said.

"A lot of instructors complained about 'patchwork papers,' pieced together from Internet sources," she said.

Severino said the purpose of the colloquium is not to "nail" students but to devise ways to discourage plagiarism.

"If assignments were unique to particular courses and paced better, then students would be less likely to throw something together," she said, adding that emphasizing proper citation of sources and paraphrasing would reduce unintentional plagiarism.

Ken Clinkenbeard, a representative of the Academic Technologies Department in Information Technology Services, will give a demonstration of Turnitin.com, an online tool to detect plagiarism. Last fall, 20 university professors tested the

program by requiring their students to submit papers to the site, which then highlights any material found in the site's database and reports the findings to the instructor.

Faculty and students submitted evaluations of the site at the end of the pilot program.

"The faculty liked it a lot," said Clinkenbeard, adding that student response was "generally favorable."

"[The program] can be a learning experience, not a crackdown," he said.

University officials have licensed the program for campuswide use this semester at a cost of approximately \$12,000. Participation in the program is voluntary and available to all professors.

Turnitin.com is an effective

deterrence tool, Clinkenbeard said, but the best solution to plagiarism is for instructors to create assignments that are difficult to copy from existing work.

The conference will also feature a speech by graduate students Renee Brochu and Mariah Steele on plagiarism-prevention curricula, a panel discussion on how instructors from different disciplines have dealt with plagiarism, and a panel of students discussing their difficulties with plagiarism issues.

Professor Chris Anson of North Carolina State University will give the keynote presentation, "The Judgment of Use: Plagiarism, College Writing, and Shared Responsibility."

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Doctored résumé results in legal hot water

BY TONY ROBINSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

A former UI researcher has been accused of the rare charge of lying on her résumé and curriculum vitae, five months after a *Daily Iowan* investigation found that several false claims on those documents slipped through the cracks for at least a decade.

Pat J. Palmer, 52, Coralville, has been charged with tampering with records and prohibitions relating to false academic degrees, an aggravated misdemeanor and serious misdemeanor respectively.

She was charged last year with two counts of first-degree theft and one count of second-degree theft after allegedly embezzling \$53,000.

Palmer did research in the university's psychiatry department for 14 years; she was transferred to speech and audi-

ology shortly before she was fired in September 2001.

The new charges filed by Assistant Johnson County Attorney David Tiffany allege that Palmer "submitted printed curriculum vitae and résumés with her employment applications indicating that she had a bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Iowa, two master's degrees from the University of California at Berkeley, and dual doctorate degrees from the UI, all of which are false."

Palmer has a high-school degree, and she is listed as a senior in records at the Registrar's Office.

The newspaper investigation found the university and the

National Institutes of Health did not catch the false résumé or biographical sketches for grant applications even though they made other suspicious claims:

- At the time she was hired on a grant project on autism in 1991, Palmer claimed to have graduated high school in 1966 — at the age of 15 — and from the University of Northern Iowa in 1968 at 17.

- Palmer falsely listed herself as an author on at least seven scholarly articles. The studies' other authors were legitimate, but Palmer added her name as an additional author to each.

- NIH funds were used to put Palmer through a postdoctoral program, even though she did not have a doctorate. She traveled to the University of Washington twice as part of that program to study under researchers there, records show. Such programs typically provide additional

training of skills and techniques required in certain professions.

The case, in part, prompted UI administrators to convene a 12-member committee, which suggested mandatory background checks on all credentials that affect employees' hiring or salaries.

Palmer was also reimbursed approximately \$53,857 after making allegedly false mileage claims on her and her husband's cars from July 1998 through March 2000, court records show.

Palmer's arraignment is slated for Feb. 6, when she can enter a plea to the charges. She faces up to 12 years in prison and one year in jail if convicted of the new charges. The first-degree theft charges each carry maximum sentences of 10 years in prison, and the second-degree theft could net her five years in prison.

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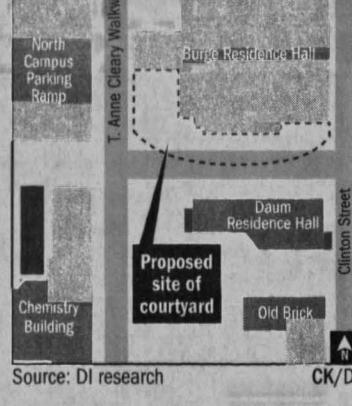
CITY & STATE BRIEFS

Burge to get new courtyard for leisure

A new courtyard on the west side of Burge Residence Hall will provide students with a place for dances, picnics, and private study, said members of the Facilities Services Group on Thursday.

The 3,000 foot space, adjacent to the T. Anne Cleary Walkway, will stretch in a semi-circle from the glass windows near Burge food service to the building's main lobby.

The courtyard will include a water feature, which may be similar to the fountain in downtown Iowa City, as well as benches and trees.



Source: DI research CK/DI

Planners said they hope the courtyard will make the walkway and Burge feel like one entity.

Healthy nonpregnant females between the ages of 16 to 23 are invited to participate in a 4 year study (up to 8 visits). The research will compare a study approved quadrivalent HPV vaccine to placebo to determine if the vaccine will prevent HPV infection. Participants must agree to use an effective birth control method through month 7 of the study.

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Events' funding requests triple, council learns

BY PHIL DAVIDSON

THE DAILY IOWAN

Funding requests for Iowa City community events more than tripled for upcoming fiscal year, making it impossible to ensure that all will receive funding, city councilors say.

The 21 requests, totaling \$151,437, far exceeded fiscal 2003's six requests, all of which received a chunk of the \$34,998 available.

"There's not enough money to do all that," said Councilor Dee Vanderhoef. "These are programs usually designed to create interest in town and create economic development."

"When you make a request, you're giving permission for us to say no. Everyone has a need for money."

Dee Vanderhoef,

city councilor

State rollbacks take away gains accumulated through the city's taxable property, which is why the budget is so small, Vanderhoef said.

"Money is awfully tight," said Councilor Mike O'Donnell, citing statewide budgetary problems.

"I look at what benefits most of the community."

Councilors say they will look for groups that will bring more people and additional commerce to the city.

Last year's recipients included such perennials as the Arts Festival, Jazz Festival, and Downtown Association of Iowa City's Friday Night Concert Series.

"That's been the pattern for the past five years," Vanderhoef said. "The Jazz Festival creates

national interest in coming to Iowa City for the Fourth of July holiday."

Englert Night Out, an alcohol-free New Year's Eve alternative, is requesting \$5,000 in funds from the city. The night is to include a dozen venues around Iowa City with different performances at each location, which will feature a variety of dance, puppet shows, and theater performances.

"We're trying to make it more of a community event," said Englert board member Barbra Kamer, adding that the celebration is the only one of its kind in the Iowa City/Cedar Rapids area.

Noting the gravity of the city budget situation, Kamer said she thought

every event was a wonderful project, making it difficult for councilors to determine which projects would receive support. She said the Englert will use other grant opportunities to make sure the event takes place, should the city reject its proposal.

Other events requesting funding next fiscal year involve a regatta for the Old Capitol and Iowa Men's Rowing Clubs, and a weekend festival of hip-hop related music and activities.

Representatives from the organizations will make budget presentations pleading their case for funding at the council budget work session on Jan. 27.

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Off of the bench and into the lecture halls

Pair of judges talk about racism and anti-semitism

BY AMIR EFRATI

THE DAILY IOWAN

When judges shed their robes and leave their benches, you don't expect them to enact change.

But a pair of New York state justices, members of the 200-plus organization "Not Just Blacks and Jews in Conversation," brought their knowledge and personal experiences to Iowa City as part of Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Week. Together, New York Administrative Law Judge Shannon Taylor and New York Supreme Court Justice Milton Tingling provoked a provocative and at times bitter dialogue about racism and anti-Semitism with 50 audience members Thursday night at the IMU Lucas-Dodge Room.

"This is a controversial thing we do," said Taylor, administrator of the nonprofit organization, adding that the traveling forum erases the image of an immovable judge perched on a bench.

The main purpose of the event, sponsored by the Anti-

Defamation League, UI Hillel, and the UI Black Law Student Association, among other organizations, was to listen to audience members voice their own experiences with discrimination and empower them to stand up against it, said Tingling, who shared stories about his childhood in segregated South Carolina as well as more recent examples.

"In New York City, I'd be pulled over, and I'd know why," he said. "I have run into many people who felt that racism is over. I travel the country to say this is not true — racism affects everybody."

Cedar Rapids resident Tony Smith recalled an encounter in which a black Muslim made anti-Semitic remarks in his presence without realizing he was Jewish, an example of the need to address racial tensions openly.

"This racism thing, it is alive and well, and it is rooted and subtle," said Smith, a black Jew. "If we can engage each other in dialogue, then maybe we can make this world a better place."

In 1993, six black and six Jewish New York City judges formed "Blacks and Jews in Conversation" in response to the 1991 Crown Heights, Brooklyn, riots that featured violence between the two ethnicities. They began



Joanne White/The Daily Iowan
Tony Smith of Cedar Rapids voices an opinion Thursday night at the IMU during the forum "Not Just Blacks and Jews in Conversation."

dent Center, who added that Thursday's program was a chance to re-establish partnerships between the groups.

The panel touched upon the historical alliance of blacks and Jews during the civil-rights movement as important in forming new ties during the forum.

"You have to always believe that things will change," Tingling said.

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County backs school bond

BY KELLEY CASINO
THE DAILY IOWAN

A majority of the Johnson County supervisors voiced support for a multi-million-dollar bond referendum that has already gained the support of five city councils.

Supervisors voted Thursday to create a resolution publicly supporting the \$39 million bond referendum for the Iowa City School District. The five supervisors will formally vote on the resolution at their meeting next week.

"[The quality of the public-school system] does attract and maintain employees in Iowa City," said Charlie Funk, a co-chairman for the committee responsible for rallying support. "Good education is just something we've had in this community for a long time."

Speaking on behalf of Yes for Kids, a coalition of business and

labor promoting the bond referendum, Funk told receptive supervisors that economic

Supervisors became the last local governmental body to endorse the \$39 million bond — just weeks before voters will decide its fate.

development and better education should be reason enough to support the effort to renovate schools and build a 465-student elementary school and 600-student junior high in North Liberty. The bond would also fund the construction of a 250-student alternative high school in Iowa City and classroom additions to West High and City High.

The city councils of Coralville, Hills, Iowa City,

North Liberty, and University Heights have already endorsed the bond, whose fate voters will decide on Feb. 11. The supervisors were Funk's last appeal to a governmental body.

"A resolution is a ceremonial support saying that the Board of Supervisors understands the need, and we, at least as five individuals, are publicly supporting it," said Supervisor Terrence Neuzell.

The bond requires a 60 percent of the votes to pass.

"I'm especially excited about the possibilities for the alternative school," said Supervisor Carol Thompson. "Twenty-five of the 70 students in the [alternative high school] are on track to graduate this year, and that goes to show that this program is worth the investment."

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Credit union to buy Hawkeye

BY JOHN MOLSEED
THE DAILY IOWAN

The UI Community Credit Union plans to acquire Hawkeye State Bank pending the deal's regulatory approval, officials announced Thursday.

Jeff Disterhoff, the credit union president, and Russ Gerdin, the Hawkeye CEO, released a joint statement Wednesday announcing the intended acquisition, which is months away from becoming official.

The final purchase price was undisclosed.

The deal has to be approved by the Iowa Credit Union Division and the American Credit Union Association. Disterhoff said he expects there could be some dissent from banking-industry members, but he added that everything about the proposed transaction is

completely legal. He estimated approval could take between 90 to 120 days.

Neither financial institution's customers will notice a change in service, Disterhoff said, adding that he's uncertain if any locations might close as a result of the deal or how the transition will take place. None of the employees at either institution will be laid off, he said.

"The first step will be to step back and do an analysis of what works for customers and employees," he said.

In addition to the downtown main office at 229 S. Dubuque St., Hawkeye has a branch office at 1910 Lower Muscatine Road. The credit union has branches at 500 Iowa Ave., 825 Mormon Trek Boulevard, 2525 Muscatine Ave., and in Coralville.

Hawkeye opened in 1967; it

has more than \$165 million in assets. The credit union reports nearly \$300 million in assets and 38,000 members.

Credit-union members are required by law to have a common bond, either employment group, church, or a specified geographic area. Membership in the credit union is open to anyone who lives in Iowa City and the surrounding area. Hawkeye customers who don't live within the membership area would be prohibited from joining the credit union. Few customers would likely be affected by that law, Disterhoff said.

Credit unions are not-for-profit financial institutions; each member owns a portion of the institution and has a vote in the election of the board of directors.

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No smoking, imbibing alcohol for public library's new tenant

Several are already interested in leasing the retail space

BY HATA TRBONJA
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa City Public Library will not lease commercial space to tenants who allow alcohol or smoking in their establishments, board members announced in a meeting Thursday.

Prospective tenants and the library Board of Trustees met to discuss rental terms and requirements for 14,000-square-feet of retail space that is being added to the west side of the library, 123 S. Linn St. The board will begin collecting applications in November for leases that would take effect Oct. 1, 2004.

Renters must abide by a "No smoking, no alcohol, no loud noise, and no offensive odors" guideline, said Lisa Parker, the president of the library board.

A renter must be compatible with library operations and not disturb patrons studying or reading, Parker said. Potential tenants must also show creditworthiness and financial stability to qualify for consideration.

Rent earned from the tenants' rent will help repay the \$18.4 million in general obligation bonds that funded the library construction project.

Rents for the property are yet to be determined; they will be based on the market value of the new space when construction is completed, projected to be the summer of 2004, Parker said.

The commercial space may be leased to more than one tenant, but officials said their preference would be to have one.

The site is divided into 4,923-square-feet of ground-level space and 8,411-square-feet of underground space. The tenant would be able to divide and design her or his own space.

Iowa City residents Mark Paterno and Pete Johnson, the owners of Marco's Grilled

Cheese stand, attended the board's meeting and said they are interested in the space because of its potential for generating business.

"We'd like to open a sandwich cafe," Paterno said. "Something with a wide variety of unique cuisine."

Other Iowa City residents who attended proposed ideas for art and educational retail businesses but refused to elaborate.

A locally owned toy store, Chinese restaurant, and yogurt/ice cream shop, among other businesses, were displaced in 2001 when the library expansion began.

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Prof fights AT&T on 'Freedom of Expression'

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It remains unclear whether McLeod's warning will grow into a lawsuit. He has not filed one, and whether he does "depends on how they respond," said Gregory Williams, McLeod's attorney.

"I'm not looking for a cash settlement or anything," McLeod said. "I'm not in this for money."

The 32-year-old registered for the trademark in all printed materials using his self-produced publication, *Freedom of Expression*, to prevent unauthorized use of the phrase in "some contexts," he said.

Companies have trademarked commonly used phrases and gone after smaller businesses before, he said. One example is a "cease and desist" letter that food-manufacturer Mrs. Smith's sent to a small bakery that used its trademarked phrase "home style."

McLeod spent \$245 trademarking "freedom of expres-

sion" after joking about the concept's irony with a professor when he was a teaching assistant 10 years ago. To register a trademark, an applicant must have a product or a service bearing the desired name.

"But 99.99 percent of the time, it is corporations that shut down individuals' freedom of expression," he said in a statement. "So it's satisfying that trademark law allows me to do the same to AT&T."

The self-proclaimed prankster has used the media for gags before, but he insisted Thursday he wanted to prove a point.

McLeod sold his soul to more than 300 people on eBay, ran for student-body president at James Madison University on the promise that he would make its president wear a rubber lobster costume to all public events, and tried to change his alma mater's mascot from "The Duke Dog" to a three-eyed pig with antlers — a joke that landed him on national television.

Despite his prankster past, AT&T officials aren't laughing. McLeod's letter is "frivolous

and totally without merit," Gary Morgenstern, an AT&T spokesman, said in a statement. "Should he choose to pursue legal recourse to protect his trademark covering booklets in the field of creative writing, we feel confident we will prevail."

The phrase has also appeared in ads for clothing, snowboards, liquor, perfumes, and fragrances, Morgenstern said. There's also a Web site — www.freedomofexpression.com — using it as a domain name, he said.

AT&T said McLeod was using the dispute to draw attention to an art show that opens in Chicago this weekend. The show, *Illegal Art*, highlights art on the legal fringes of intellectual property law and features McLeod's framed "Freedom of Expression" trademark certificate.

McLeod said he sent a letter to AT&T because its ad was the first he had seen use the phrase. The ad, which appeared in the Sept. 10, 2002, issue of *The Daily Iowan*, shows a college-age woman

talking on the phone in a plush chair above the words "Freedom of Expression."

As a communications professor, McLeod's work focuses on popular culture, music, and the cultural effect of intellectual property law. He has worked as a music critic for *Rolling Stone* and *SPIN*, as well as VH1.com and MTV.com.

His office resembles an off-beat toy store: Items surrounding his desk include a Jesse Ventura doll, an all-white "Albino Mickey Mouse," a sign that reads "Hulk Hogan Avenue" above his window, PeeWee's Playhouse trading cards, a book about breakdancing, a Vanilla Ice Electronic Rap game, a dusty record player, a giant Pez candy dispenser, and a Jesus Christ action figure from a Christian novelty shop.

McLeod's Web site, www.kembrew.com/index-1.html, also details his accomplishments as both an academic and a prankster. In one section, he solemnly swears to "put the ass back in assistant professor."

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U.S. chides EU

IRAQ

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would be no U.S. move next week to bring the issue to a climax. Council members on all sides of the debate said no one wanted to push for a new resolution they could not agree on.

Instead, the sources said, the administration will lay out its case during a closed-door Security Council debate expected to last at least until the end of the week, then invite other members to dispute it. At the same time, the administration will continue to try to build public support in advance of a formal presidential presentation next month, when political and military preparations for war converge.

Assuming no Iraqi capitulation before then, Bush will lay out for the American people the history of U.N. efforts and Iraqi defiance, evidence of weapons of mass destruction, and the immediate threat Saddam poses.

Senior Security Council members continued Thursday

to criticize U.S. plans. Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said his government "believes that there are no grounds at the moment to use military force against Iraq."

Speaking to a group of students in Berlin, German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder and French President Jacques Chirac dismissed Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's comment Wednesday that their rejection of war is "a problem" and that they represent "old Europe." They repeated their pledge to work together for a peaceful resolution.



Drawing a bead on transforming

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make a little extra money," said the avid antique collector.

Wegman received an undergraduate business degree and an M.F.A. in painting from the UI. He also enlisted in the Air Force as a pilot during the Korean War for six years while attending the university on and off from 1948-1960.

In 1960, he opened Things & Things & Things, a contem-

porary department store on Clinton Street that was part deli, grocery store, antique shop, and women's clothing boutique.

With his wife of 15 years, Kathleen, Wegman also collected antiques from across the world while making and selling model railroads and cars. They enjoyed collecting American Indian beadwork and came across a book in 1994 describing the process of making beaded sculptures, which launched his new inter-

est. Wegman purchased a deer skull and antler and began his journey into the bead business.

His sculptures have appeared in the Sneiderman Gallery in Philadelphia and the Campbell Steele Gallery in Marion, Iowa. His artwork was nationally recognized at the 2001 Smithsonian Craft Show and received third place at the American Craft Council in Baltimore in 2001.

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Scholar tries to defuse power of the N-word

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Kennedy said that to eradicate the word completely would involve the censorship of a number of anti-racist works, including Mark Twain's *Huckleberry Finn* and Richard Wright's *Black Boy*.

A comedic highlight came when, in response to an audience question, Kennedy said "I don't use the word 'nigger.'" The comment came after he had used the word dozens of times, and the crowd laughed as he clarified, "in a routine fashion."

At a press conference earlier in the day, Kennedy explained his views on the word and his reasons for writing the book.

"The central purpose of my book was educational," he said, explaining that many problems result from people using the word in ignorance.

"I'm not urging people to use this word," he said. "I'm urging people to know about the word. I think it's very important for people to know the language of bigotry."

Kennedy said that although he believes the word can be used positively, he is glad the word has become stigmatized in our culture.

"The only point of controversy is exactly how far does one go down that road," he said. "Some people would want to take a big eraser and remove this word from every aspect of our culture, and it's at that point that I get off the boat."

Fliers advertising the event — and prominently displaying the racial epithet — caught the attention of UI administrators and others earlier this week. Several were torn down.

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Yacht Club returns after seven years of silence

YACHT CLUB

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cent of old, smoky blues bars. The Yacht Club's basement location is ideal because it adds to the hazy, blues-club ambiance, Kading said.

The walls around the staircase leading to the basement are decorated with brightly colored, original murals, painted by Kading's employees, as well as local tattoo artist Stringray. One of the largest murals depicts an object resembling a heart-shaped tattoo.

"We put a lot of thought into creating this place," Kading said. "The effort was worth it."

Because of the lower-level location, he added a new ventilation system to filter out cigarette smoke, although he would like the bar to be non-smoking.

David Zollo, who will perform tonight, and Reverend Raven and the Chain Smokin' Alter Boys on Saturday are

two of the several different bands booked to play the club. Kading said he will feature some out-of-town groups as well.

"We will be mixing the music up a little bit," he said. "We'll be including some funk and jam bands as well. I think this will be a great place for new, up-and-coming bands to have a chance to play. What you won't hear are top-40 songs or covers of songs."

Zollo, who performed his roots-rock music at the bar last weekend for the pre-opening party, said he played at the club in its former years, from 1992 to 1995. He considers tonight's performance a homecoming of sorts.

"My old band and I had some great nights at the old Yacht Club," he said. "I think this will go really well."

He praised the bar for being a nice, classy place, and he believes it will add a great vibe to the neighborhood.

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NEWS

Blix: Iraq not 'fully' cooperating

ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS — Preparing for a crucial report on the work of his inspectors in Iraq, Hans Blix said Thursday his teams are gaining access to sites but Baghdad still isn't fully cooperating with the inspectors.

In the meantime, diplomats said there was talk of formulating a second resolution condemning Iraq but stopping short of explicitly authorizing military action.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said the United States was open to the idea of a second resolution, but the French ambassador, who is currently the president of the Security Council, said a majority of the council wouldn't support it now.

Blix told the Associated Press on Thursday that his assessment of Iraq's compliance over the past two months will be presented Jan. 27 to the Security Council as a speech, rather than a formal report, and won't include samples taken during searches for weapons in Iraq.

The report will be crucial for any U.S. decision to press the Security Council for military action against Iraq. Under U.N. Security Council Resolution 1441, crafted by Washington, Iraq could be found in "material



David Guttenfelder/Associated Press

Thousands of Iraqis in Baghdad on Thursday demonstrate against a possible war and in support of President Saddam Hussein.

breach" — diplomatic language that could open the door to war — if it fails to cooperate with inspectors and disarm.

According to the resolution the council is required to hold consultations over the inspectors' report. But the United

States believes it doesn't need Security Council approval to launch an attack if Iraq is failing to disarm.

Blunt Rumsfeld stirs up hornets' nest

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's blunt talk made him a celebrity in the early months of the anti-terrorism war, but his more recent comments are coming back to bite in the more complicated run-up to a possible war with Iraq.

Rumsfeld offended NATO allies France and Germany this week and Vietnam veterans earlier this month.

While the Defense secretary said he was sorry some veterans "misinterpreted" his voicing disdain for draftees' contri-

Rumsfeld
Defense secretary

butions, he's not backing down on comments calling France and Germany part of "old Europe" and "a problem" in their opposition to military action in Iraq.

After a closed-door session with senators Thursday, Rumsfeld said he was not worried his comments might have damaged relations with European allies. Asked about the criticism of his comments,

the 70-year-old Rumsfeld replied: "At my age, 'old' is a term of endearment."

U.S. officials trying to rally international support for possible military action against Iraq this week ran up against opposition from Germany and France, which said United Nations inspectors must be given more time to look for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. Both NATO allies are on the United Nations Security Council, which could vote to authorize a military strike, and France is one of the five nations with veto power.

In a press conference with foreign journalists Wednesday, a Dutch reporter asked Rumsfeld why "it seems that a lot of Europeans would rather give the benefit of the doubt to Saddam Hussein than President George Bush."

"You're thinking of Europe as Germany and France," Rumsfeld replied. "I don't. I think that's old Europe ..."

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NATION BRIEF

'Friendly fire' pilots apologize to families

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. (AP) — Two U.S. pilots who mistakenly bombed Canadian troops in Afghanistan last year apologized to the families of the dead and wounded Thursday as a hearing that could lead to their court-martial drew to a close.

The men expressed anguish over the accident, but they also defended their actions the night of April 17,

when the bomb killed four Canadian soldiers and wounded eight others near Kandahar. Both said they believed they were under enemy fire and had never been told allies might be holding exercises in the area.

Maj. Harry Schmidt, who dropped the 500-pound laser-guided bomb, called the accident a tragedy committed in the "fog of war."

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Kuwaiti nabbed in attack

BY SAM HOWE
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LOS ANGELES TIMES

KUWAIT CITY — A Kuwaiti man arrested for the deadly ambush of two American military contractors was described by Kuwaiti and Saudi officials Thursday as an Al Qaeda sympathizer who had been investigated for possible ties to the terrorist network.

The accused gunman, 25-year-old Sami Mohammed Marzouq Obeid Al-Mutairi, a civil servant, was detained Wednesday at the Saudi border, the Kuwait interior ministry said in a statement Thursday night.

He is accused of firing a hail of bullets from a Kalashnikov rifle on Tuesday, killing Michael Rene Pouliot, 46, and wounding David Caraway, 37, two civilian software contractors with a San Diego company. The two were en route to Camp Doha, the principal American military base in Kuwait.

Al-Mutairi "confessed to the crime of assassinating the American citizen and injuring another," the Kuwaiti government statement said, adding that the weapon and ammunition had been found at the defendant's workplace. The defendant confessed to "believing in the ideas of the Al Qaeda organization," the government said.

Officials here also said that at least one other suspect, whom they did not name, was being sought.

The shooting jangled the already frayed nerves of Westerners in Kuwait, where the government strongly supports the United States. Most citizens



A Kuwaiti reads the local newspaper *Al Qabas* in Kuwait City on Thursday. The papers published a story on the arrest of a suspect in connection with the attack Tuesday that killed American Michael Rene Pouliot.

are exceedingly friendly to Americans, whom they thank for rescuing the country from its 1990-91 occupation by neighboring Iraq.

Dozens of Kuwaitis braved unusual rain showers earlier this morning to attend an informal memorial service and lay flowers for Pouliot at the spot he was killed. The government put up a billboard Thursday at a major Kuwait City intersection, which proclaimed: "Much Obliged to America and Our Allies: God Bless You All."

And Crown Prince Sheik Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah sent a condolence letter to President Bush denouncing the "terrorist act," reported the government-run Kuwait News Agency.

But that outpouring of sympathy did not blunt questions over why Kuwaiti police had

been unable to head off the alleged killing by Al-Mutairi, whom authorities said had been interviewed in the past for possible links to Al Qaeda and who became a suspect "in the first hours after the crime was committed," the Interior Ministry's statement said.

The ministry did not elaborate on the previous investigation, and officials said they would have no comment beyond the statement, which praised Saudi security officials for their "fruitful coordination and cooperation" in detaining Al-Mutairi.

But some officials, speaking privately, said Al-Mutairi was arrested after a sweep of suspected Al Qaeda sympathizers yielded information that he had fled his home for Saudi Arabia shortly after the shooting.

Christian activist withdraws from AIDS council after controversy

BY CECI CONNOLLY
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Jerry Thacker, a Christian activist who has described AIDS as the "gay plague," withdrew from the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS on Thursday amid criticism of his appointment from the White House, congressional Democrats, and gay activists.

After contracting the AIDS virus in 1986, Thacker began writing and speaking extensively on the disease and the

"sin of homosexuality," which he dubbed a "deathstyle."

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said President Bush didn't endorse Thacker's statements and that the Pennsylvania consultant wouldn't be a member of the 35-person panel. "The president has a totally opposite view," Fleischer said. "That remark is far removed from what the president believes."

Less than 12 hours earlier, one federal health official confirming Thacker's appointment said his "very powerful

and tragic story" would enable him to reach out to particular constituencies.

About the same time Fleischer was backing away from the selection, Thacker sent a letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson saying he was withdrawing because of concern "about my ability to be effective with the council given the current controversy."

White House aides blamed the Thacker controversy on the health agency; Thompson said he was unaware of the selection.

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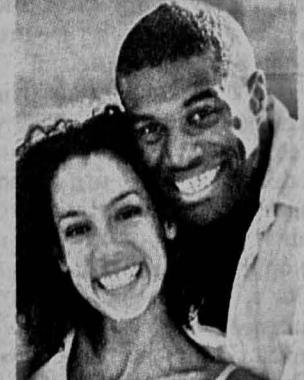
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Editorial

New UISG elections can't be worse than status quo

Holding elections for UISG senators at least allows students the opportunity to choose who will represent them.

A new process for electing UI Student Government senators will make the senate a more democratic group and has the potential to increase student interest.

In December 2002, UISG voted to hold campaigns and elections for senate seats. Previously, the Student Elections Board chose senators out of a pool that included any student able to garner 75 signatures on a petition.

Members of UISG said the old practice was unique among Big Ten schools and tended to produce candidates who did not accurately represent their constituents.

Vice President Matt Blizek said the new system should change UISG from "some elite club that people use to get something on their résumé to more of a democracy the whole university will get involved in."

As Blizek admitted, there is no guarantee that students will actually take advantage of the new elections. However, even if their response is less than enthusiastic, the new system is at least as good as the old one.

It can be no worse, because candidates will still be required to get the 75 signatures to be on the

ballot. Allowing the students to vote among those candidates is clearly more democratic than having an elite board decide.

The major concern with the new system is that the ballots will simply be flooded with uninformed votes.

Even if this turns out to be the case, the senate will likely be no worse off, because the requirement of the petition will ensure that only dedicated candidates make it onto the ballot.

The new system may even increase students' interest in UISG. Actually voting will be simple and easy because it will be conducted through ISIS.

Furthermore, having the elections decided by constituents will require hopefuls to raise and discuss issues that will benefit them and distinguish candidates from one another. It may also serve to give names and faces to the unknown representatives, fostering a better relationship between senator and constituent.

UISG should be commended for taking steps to better serve students. It will be up to them, though, to take advantage of the opportunity and determine the success of the new system.

Affirmative action a veiled form of new racism

The spirit of affirmative action embodies the soul of America — that everybody has the God-given right of equal access to opportunity: the opportunity to receive an education, the opportunity to access capital, the opportunity to become whomever and do whatever one desires with life.

I wholeheartedly believe that proponents of the system have nothing but the purest and most noble intentions. However, efforts to rectify social injustices and economic disadvantages based on race are a misguided, unjust form of soft racism.

From the Constitution's three-fifths clause that arguably recognized slaves as only three-fifths of a person (some, such as Frederick Douglass, argued that it in fact was a bane to the slave states because it limited their federal representation and power) to the oppression of Irish Catholics in the mid-1800s to the Jim Crow laws of the 1950s, minorities have faced legal and cultural discrimination in the United States.

The civil-rights movement was supposed to fix this by securing legal guarantees of equal treatment, but decades of institutionalized oppression had left behind substantial bulwarks to achieving equality. Minorities were segregated in poor neighborhoods that could not provide the economic base necessary for modern schools and effective teachers. Residents of these neighborhoods were consequently at a distinct disadvantage when competing with non-minorities for jobs and admission

into universities. Therefore, the solution was to take a proactive approach and pluck minority students from this cycle of poverty by giving them preference in the university admissions process, granting access to the same opportunities enjoyed by students from wealthier neighborhoods and better schools.

This is a righteous goal, but the methodology is fatally flawed — by definition, it is racist.

First, it turns the tables and discriminates against disadvantaged non-minority students by denying them affirmative-action assistance simply because their skin happens to be the wrong color. There are minorities and non-minorities alike who come from disadvantaged backgrounds and deserve special considerations, just as there are both minorities and non-minorities who come from privileged backgrounds.

Race-based affirmative action blindly lumps all minorities and non-minorities together according to stereotypes. Some argue this is an unfortunate byproduct of progress; denying affirmative-action assistance to disadvantaged non-minorities is acceptable and justified because the system has oppressed generations of minorities. Not only is that asinine, it is a dangerous position for the government to endorse. The perpetual Middle East turmoil should serve as a

conspicuous warning of the danger of allowing future generations to avenge historical injustices. This brand of balkanization only breeds hatred and political strife.

Second, by assisting only minorities, race-based affirmative action implies minority students are inherently less capable than their non-minority counterparts. Do we really want our government endorsing the view that being a minority is a handicap that requires special considerations?

Three white applicants who were turned down by the University of Michigan are challenging the school's point-based affirmative-action admissions policy as a de facto quota system, and thereby unconstitutional, in a lawsuit that has reached the Supreme Court.

(Michigan awards 20 bonus points to minority applicants on a 150-point scale. A perfect SAT score will earn you only 12.) The plaintiffs received a boost last week when the Bush administration filed an amicus brief on their behalf, propelling the issue once again to the forefront of national consciousness. While the constitutionality challenge is a step in the right direction, it is not enough to simply abolish affirmative action. Doing so will effectively turn back the clock on social progress.

Unfortunately, the current debate is narrowly focused on affirmative action, yes or no. I say that is a false choice. Affirmative

action is a powerful force for positive change, but one that is broken and needs fixing.

A total overhaul of the system is needed. Instead of basing affirmative action solely on race, it should be based on socioeconomic considerations. Instead of simply aiding minorities, all applicants coming from disadvantaged circumstances should receive special boosts in universities' application processes. By doing so, the essence and benefits of affirmative action will be preserved for minorities who need it and extended to non-minorities who need it just as badly. Minorities will still receive the preponderance of affirmative-action benefits because a disproportionate number come from less-wealthy, less-educated backgrounds.

Some schools are beginning to embrace this idea with positive results. Harvard awards special status to applicants whose parents do not have college degrees, regardless of race, reasoning they were not exposed to the same vocabulary and intellectual stimulation as applicants with college-educated parents.

Of course, race should still be used by universities as one factor considered among many to achieve a diverse student body. But what cannot continue is the institutionalized, wholesale, race-based discrimination of university applicants. Not only is that wrong, it is un-American.

DI COLUMNIST CHRISTIAN KURASEK IS AN ENGINEERING MAJOR.

In My Opinion

Are you planning on voting in the new UISG senate elections?



"I'm not sure yet. I haven't heard any candidate information."

Nyla Howell
UI junior



"No. I don't follow the UISG."

Berge Barsoumian
UI senior



"No."

Brian McGurk
UI freshman



"No. I don't know anything about it."

Carrie Poulson
UI freshman



"Yes, I plan on participating."

Dennis Skalla
UI senior

Quoteworthy

"Good education is just something we've had in this community for a long time."

Charlie Funk,

rallying support for a \$39 million education bond referendum

Letters to the Editor

Affirmative action needs redirection

There is no doubt in my mind whether affirmative action, while exercised in "good intentions," continues to divide people. It may be time for college leaders to consider basing affirmative-action programs on socioeconomic disadvantage rather than ethnicity.

This strategy would help reach those disadvantaged minorities who desperately need the education our colleges provide without the effect of racial head-counting. And it would set a colorblind standard of civilized behavior, which inspired the civil-rights movement in the first place.

And whatever happened to good old competition? Under legislation signed by then-Gov. Bush, the Texas secondary-education system implemented the "affirmative access" plan. For the top 10 percent of each graduating high-school class, those students were guaranteed admission to a state institution of their choosing. Unfair to the other 90 percent who didn't make the cut? No — their admissions cri-

teria were just evaluated further. When you want something bad enough, don't you usually work harder to attain your goal?

Also, I'd argue that some athletes occupy a place in our academic system that could have been taken by someone with a higher academic standing. But God forbid those athletics departments and admissions personnel giving a pass to a star athlete, who could bring money to the athletics program, amid escalating tuition nationwide.

Finally, when is someone going to stand up and say, "Hey, everything's equal — we don't need affirmative action anymore"? Isn't that the goal? When is affirmative action no longer needed? I think former President Reagan said it best: "The first rule of the bureaucracy is to protect the bureaucracy."

Nathan Benn

UI alumnus

A gasoline-free day

To protest the war on Iraq, the Iowa Green Party has called for a "Gasoline-Free Day" on Feb. 1, as well as on the first day of each following month as necessary. We

plan to protest by not buying gasoline, not driving our cars and trucks except in emergencies, taking public transportation if available, and using vehicles not powered by gasoline. If we have to drive, we will share rides as much as possible and drive at a safe, slower speed in order to conserve gasoline.

We will spend some time during Gasoline-Free Day considering our relationship with gasoline and educating ourselves about such issues as the effects of gasoline use on foreign policy and war, on our air, on global warming, and on our land and resources.

We encourage people everywhere to join us in this effort. Even though war may seem to be a terrible force that is impossible to stop, we will participate in this nonviolent effort with the hope that, with enough people working together, we can create a safer, less-polluted world in which no wars are fought over oil.

Matt Blizek, David Reed, Florence Boos, Holly Hart, Kelley Putnam, officers and members of the Johnson County Green Party



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ARTS

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Disappointing boyfriends, infant ghosts, & laughter

BY MICHAEL DHAR
THE DAILY IOWAN

There's more to life than literary success. Because this is Iowa City, many of you will be shocked and possibly offended by the preceding sentence. But for first-time author Elizabeth Crane, the publication and early buzz surrounding her book represents nothing more than the "icing on the cake" after a life well-lived.

Crane, who, along with novelist Robert Mailer Anderson, will read tonight at Prairie Lights Books, says she doesn't take too seriously the enthusiasm publishers have shown her recently published work of fiction, *When the Messenger is Hot*.

"Look at it this way," she said. "I'm 41 years old. I've had a lot of careers before now. I've had a pretty good life leading up to this."

Her collection of 16 short stories describes characters

(and usually failing) to deal with bad relationships or the loss of loved ones, often looking for answers in new cities and AA meetings. Crane always

tells their stories with a casual sense of humor and manages to make her narrators sound both unflinchingly honest and often comically deluded.

Much of Crane's fiction evolves from her own experience, including a former career tutoring child movie stars. She warns her read-

READING

Elizabeth Crane

When: 8 p.m. today
Where: Prairie Lights,
15 S. Dubuque St.
Admission: Free



"It was funny reading the words, 'I don't want to be famous,' with cameras on me the whole time," she said. "The irony was not lost on me. It was surreal."

The same could be said of some of Crane's fiction, as several stories dip into the fantastical. In "Christina," an infant ghost befriends the narrator and spouts aphorisms about the meaning of life ("Let go or fall down," "If you don't like what you see, you're probably looking in the mirror"). The core subject remains the same, however. The precocious specter offers advice about a stagnated relationship and gives information about an absent mother.

Whether she's writing about ghosts or disappointing boyfriends, Crane always writes in the same casual and comical voice, using long, tangent-heavy sentences. A paragraph will often fill the page and a sentence half a paragraph or more. Readers are advised to pay close attention to these digressions, because her narrators often reveal the most about themselves in their side comments. Her prose may sound sometimes like stream of consciousness, but a lot of care went into the writing.

"It's very much thought through," she said. "I tend to write quickly but revise a lot... even the finished product, once it's published, I see things I'd like to revise."

For someone as close to her main characters as Crane, the icing on the cake, it seems, could always be made a little sweeter.

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ARTS BRIEF

Global cooling

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When it comes to predicting Oscar winners, the closest thing Hollywood has to a crystal ball is the Golden Globes.

The future is full of question marks for the Globes itself, however, as the Academy Awards move from March to February next year.

The change could lessen the value of the Globes as a consensus-building tool because the Oscar nominations deadline — now 10 days after the Globes — may shift ahead of it

to early January.

For now, the Hollywood Foreign Press Association, which has hosted the Globes for 60 years, is in a holding pattern as its organizers wait to see what Oscar planners decide to do.

Dagmar Dunlevy, the president of the association, said Tuesday it's too early to speculate about moving the event. She said she expected to discuss the matter with NBC, which broadcasts the ceremony.

"Right now, it's going to be the third week in January as always,"

she said. "It could be NBC decides we're going to have a look at this and revisit the whole situation. It's always about doing things better and keeping things fresh."

She said any scheduling change would likely be decided in March and dismissed concerns about the Globes losing its influence.

"Do I have control [over] studio marketing and possibly having power taken away? No," Dunlevy said. "But it's not about power ... it's about appreciation" for artists.

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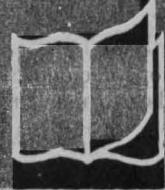
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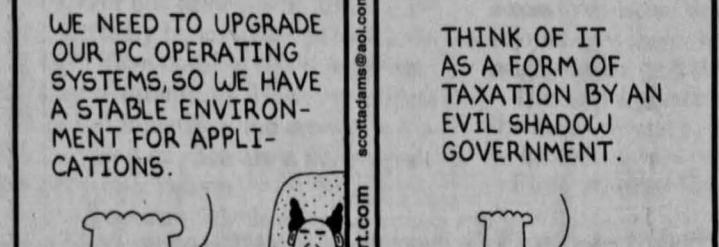
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His brand of reactionary gay-bashing has no place in public policy and government.

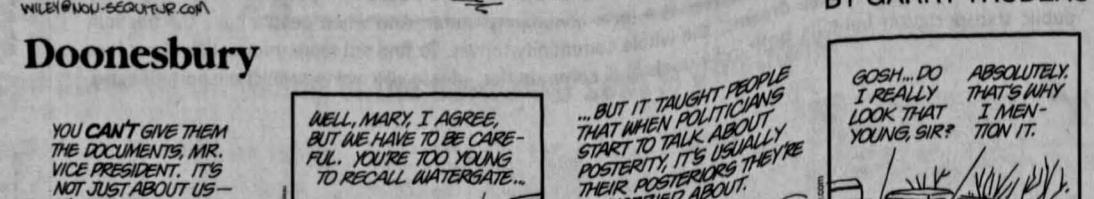
— Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass.,

on right-wing Christian activist Jerry Thacker, whom President Bush nominated to serve on the Presidential Advisory Commission on HIV and AIDS. The move created a firestorm of controversy, and Thacker withdrew his name Thursday.

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calendar

- "The Judgment of Use: Plagiarism, College Writing, and Shared Responsibility," Chris Anson, North Carolina State University, today at 9 a.m., IMU Ballroom.
- "Iowa Talks Live from the Java House," artists from *Urban Bush Women* preview of their upcoming Hawcher production, today at 10 a.m., Java House, 211 E. Washington St., and WSU.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Week 2003, "Reducing Language Barriers for the Dental Patient," today at noon, N212 Dental Science Building.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Week 2003, "Caring and Advocating for the Un- and Underinsured in Iowa," David Bedell, Carver College of Medicine, Maureen Connolly and Jacki Robison, UHIC, today at 12:30 p.m., 110A Medical Education and Research Facility.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Week 2003, "Eliminating Disparities in Health Care: If Not You, Who? If Not Now, When?," Salome Raheem, School of Social Work, today at 2 p.m., 283 Eckstein Medical Research Building.

- Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Week 2003, Third Annual Department of Mathematics-Iowa AGEP Martin Luther King Celebration, today at 3:30 p.m., IMU Main Lounge.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Week 2003, "A Time to Kill," movie and discussion, today at 6:30 p.m., Nursing Building, room TBA.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Week 2003, "The Fighting Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X," today at 6:30 p.m., IMU Indiana Room.
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IN MEMORY**Former Hawkeye dies in car accident**

IOWA CITY — Former Iowa swimmer Alison (Pennington) Haddon died in a one-car accident late Monday night in Minneapolis.

Haddon graduated from the UI in 1995 with a B.S. in nursing. During her four-year swimming career at Iowa, Haddon held the school record in the 400-individual medley with a time of 4:26.09 and was an NCAA qualifier in that event. She was also elected to serve as team captain her senior year.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

FOOTBALL**Grand Jury indicts two ISU players**

NEVADA, Iowa (AP) — A Story County grand jury has indicted two Iowa State football players who were suspended from the team after being accused of assaulting a woman at a party last year.

The indictment charged Brent Nash and Royce Hooks, both 21, with second-degree sexual assault.

The grand jury was convened last week. Ames police officers Dave Konopka and Jeff Brinkley, Iowa State defensive coordinator John Skladany, football player Henry Poullard, and the alleged victim's mother were called to testify before the grand jury.

Nash and Hooks were arrested Feb. 11, 2002, on charges they assaulted an 18-year-old woman at a party in Ames on Jan. 26.

Authorities estimated that more than 100 people were at the party. Ames police questioned at least 23 witnesses and the county attorney's office interviewed five or six more.

IOWA SPORTS**Friday**

WRESTLING, Iowa hosts Wisconsin, Carver-Hawkeye, 7 p.m.

TENNIS, Iowa women host DePaul, Rec Center, 3 p.m., free

Saturday

BASKETBALL, Iowa men host Ohio State, Carver-Hawkeye, 1:34 p.m.

TENNIS, Iowa women host Drake, 8 a.m.; Iowa State, 5 p.m., Rec Center, free

TRACK, Iowa men and women at Minnesota Invite, Minneapolis, 11:30 a.m.

SWIMMING, Iowa women at Illinois, 1 p.m.

SWIMMING, Iowa men at Minnesota, 1 p.m.

Sunday

BASKETBALL, Iowa women at Ohio State, Value City Arena, 1 p.m.

TENNIS, Iowa men host Northwestern Illinois, Rec Center, 1:30 p.m., free

FRIDAY TV

PGA, Phoenix Open, Second round. From the Tournament Players Club in Scottsdale, Arizona, 2 p.m. USA

NBA, Washington Wizards at Chicago Bulls. 7 p.m. ESPN2

TENNIS, Australian Open, Women's Final. From Melbourne, Australia, 8:30 p.m. ESPN

NBA, New Jersey Nets at Los Angeles Lakers, 9:30 p.m. ESPN2

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Friday, Jan. 24, 2003

Players look at loss as learning experience

BY TODD
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THE DAILY IOWAN

Following Iowa's first Big Ten loss of the season Wednesday night to Wisconsin, the question being asked was if Iowa could take anything away from the 74-61 defeat.

Time is not an ally of the Hawkeyes (10-4, 3-1) as they prepare to host Ohio State (8-8, 1-4) on Saturday, only (roughly) 60 hours after departing Wisconsin's Kohl Center.

"I would think and hope that our team has been tough, and we've really worked all year," said Iowa coach Steve Alford. "[We hope] the next two days in practice these guys will really



Horner



Sonderleiter



Boyd

respond and work, then show up Saturday afternoon very motivated to play a very good Ohio State team that's got its back to the wall right now."

Iowa committed 17 turnovers and watched as the Badgers capitalized on seemingly every opportunity to outwork the Hawkeyes in the second half. Twelve of those lost possessions came at the hands of Iowa's frontline, a

regression the team's performance in early December, when the Hawkeyes experienced some early struggles, said Alford.

But those miscues did not go unnoticed among members of Iowa's seven-man rotation, and they should serve as ready motivation for an improved showing in the team's next outing.

"It was a huge learning experience," said veteran big man Sean Sonderleiter. "We just fell apart, so we've just got to pick ourselves back up, go back into practice, watch film, and see

what we're doing wrong."

Coach Jim O'Brien and the Buckeyes are likely doing the same in Columbus as they look to overcome a staggering start in conference play. After splitting their first two Big Ten games with a loss at Michigan State and a home victory over Indiana, the Buckeyes have dropped their last three games, including a 69-51 rematch with the Hoosiers on the road. That game, which saw Ohio State guard Brent Darby and Indiana's Tom Coverdale nearly come to blows, caught the attention of the Hawkeyes even as they were preparing to take on the Badgers.

"They play their tails off," said Sonderleiter. "They're not going to let down at all."

The matchup should be very similar to the last time the two teams met — the Big Ten Tournament title game last year in Indianapolis. In a hard-fought and physical contest, the Buckeyes claimed the crown, 81-64, behind 27 points from Boban Savovic and 14 from Darby. Savovic has since departed, but Darby returns as the heart and soul of this year's squad. The senior guard has averaged 17.8 points and 4.3 assists in Big Ten play this year and serves as Ohio State's go-to man in the clutch.

"We're going to have to be ready when they come in," said guard Jeff Horner, who along with Chauncey Leslie and

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PURDUE 83, IOWA 64

Rough Road

Dave Umberger/Associated Press

Iowa's Becca McCann, left, and Purdue's Sabrina Keys fight for a loose ball in the first half Thursday, in West Lafayette, Ind.

Hawkeyes continue to struggle on the road

BY MICHELLE YONG
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Hawkeyes failed to beat a top-25 team again.

The Iowa women's basketball team is 0-4 against nationally ranked teams after losing its latest battle — 83-64 — to Purdue on Thursday night.

The Hawkeyes kept the game close throughout the first half; the score was 18-18 with 11:07 remaining. But just before halftime, the Boilermakers began to pull away, and they took a 45-32 lead into the locker room.

Jennie Lillis (12 points) and Kristi Faulkner (10) led the Hawkeyes in the first half. Lillis

finished with 20 points and scored her 1,000th career point.

"Jennie is a great leader and does a great job for us," said Iowa assistant coach Jennie Fitzgerald.

The Boilermakers' leading scorer on the season, Shereka Wright, injured her wrist at the end of the first half and didn't

return. Erika Valek, who averages 11 points per game, carried the load for the Boilermakers, scoring eight points in the first half and finishing with 26.

"Erika had a great night," Fitzgerald said. "She can pass

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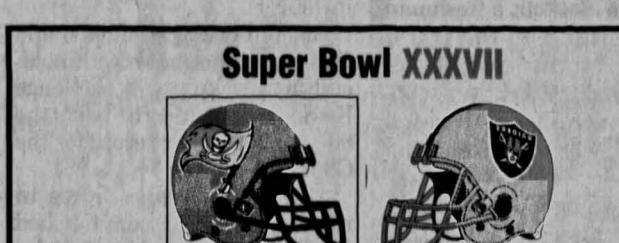
Raiders unconcerned with Bucs' defense

BY BARRY WILNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — Hey, Super Bowl fans, the Oakland Raiders are not wimps on defense and the Tampa Bay Bucs are not buffoons on offense.

True, neither is ranked at the top of the league the way the Raiders are with the ball and the way the Buccaneers are when the opposition has it. And neither has gotten much credit for lifting its team to a conference title.

"But we've played well," Raiders cornerback Charles



Woodson said. "We've been beaten up, and we still played well. So we're not concerned about their defense getting all the attention."

Nor are the Bucs offended that they're pretty much ignored while all the recognition goes to Oakland's high-powered attack.

"If we win the Super Bowl, that will change," wide receiver

Keyshawn Johnson said. "The Super Bowl puts the stamp and the legacy on what you did in your career. The great players win Super Bowls. The stats don't matter — it's the ring."

Ah, the ring. To win it, the Bucs can't have their offense become bystanders. Same for Oakland's defense.

Tampa Bay ranked 24th in yards gained (27th rushing, 15th passing). The Bucs scored 346 points, but the defense scored five touchdowns, four by

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Fortunately, Iowa carries some heat as well.

Eustice, Cliff Moore, and Tyler Nixt already carry a 1-0 record versus their opponents.

Jessman Smith and Steve Mocco are No. 1 in their respective weights. Luke Moffit, Ty Eustice, and Joe Johnston are all also ranked in the top 15.

Zalesky said staying focused

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SPORTS

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	28	13	.683	-
Boston	24	18	.571	4½
Orlando	23	19	.523	6½
Philadelphia	22	21	.512	7
Washington	21	21	.500	7½
New York	17	23	.425	10½
Miami	15	27	.357	13½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	30	12	.714	-
Detroit	27	14	.656	2½
New Orleans	23	18	.535	7½
Milwaukee	20	18	.500	8½
Chicago	15	27	.367	15
Atlanta	14	28	.333	16
Toronto	10	33	.233	20½
Cleveland	8	35	.186	22½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	33	8	.805	-
San Antonio	26	15	.610	8
Utah	23	17	.576	9½
Houston	23	17	.571	9½
Minnesota	24	18	.571	9½
Memphis	13	29	.310	20½
Denver	10	31	.244	23
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	32	11	.744	-
Portland	25	15	.625	5½
Phoenix	25	18	.581	7
L.A. Lakers	19	22	.463	12
Golden State	18	22	.450	12½
Los Angeles	16	25	.390	15
Thursday's Games				
Dallas 107, Philadelphia 94				
Sacramento 104, Memphis 98				
New Jersey at Golden State, late				
Today's Games				
Phoenix at Orlando, 6 p.m.				
Seattle at Boston, 6:30 p.m.				
Denver at Boston, 6:30 p.m.				
Sacramento at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.				
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Detroit at Houston, 7:30 p.m.				
Portland at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.				
San Antonio at Utah, 8 p.m.				
New Jersey at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.				
Saturday's Games				
Philadelphia at Miami, 2 p.m.				

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
Philadelphia	27	11	8	1	63	120
New Jersey	28	12	3	2	62	120
N.Y. Islanders	21	19	5	2	49	131
Florida	20	20	4	5	49	130
N.Y. Rangers	27	11	8	1	63	121
Northeast	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
Ottawa	31	11	6	1	69	163
Toronto	25	18	4	1	55	136
Boston	24	18	5	1	54	147
Montreal	19	19	6	5	49	129
Buffalo	14	23	7	2	37	100
Southeast	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
Washington	22	18	6	3	53	139
Tampa Bay	19	17	9	4	53	133
Florida	14	17	9	5	45	109
Carolina	16	23	6	4	42	107
Atlanta	15	26	3	4	37	128
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
St. Louis	26	14	6	4	62	161
Detroit	26	13	7	2	61	141
Chicago	21	18	9	3	52	117
Nashville	15	19	9	3	42	96
Columbus	18	25	4	2	42	138
Northwest	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
Vancouver	28	15	5	0	61	151
Edmonton	23	15	5	6	57	137
Minnesota	24	16	7	1	56	128
Colorado	18	14	10	5	51	135
Calgary	16	23	7	3	42	104
Pacific	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
Dallas	27	14	11	1	66	151
Anaheim	20	17	7	4	51	118
Phoenix	17	20	7	4	45	119

MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS

BY DREW MANROE

THE DAILY IOWAN

Two match points were all that kept the Iowa men's tennis team out of the NCAA Tournament last spring, a memory still vivid for Hawkeye coach Steve Houghton.

But with a large crop of seniors intact from last year's team and a couple of rapidly improving freshmen, the Hawkeyes believe they are well-equipped to succeed where they just failed one year ago.

Iowa's 2002 NCAA bid was thwarted by two agonizingly close losses, one in which then-junior Pete Rose developed hand cramps in a match he was set to win and another in which Iowa failed to execute on a match point.

"We were a cramp and a point from going to the NCAAs and finishing third in the Big Ten last year," Houghton said. "The NCAAs are a definite possibility this year if the seniors raise their game, the new guys step up and play bigger than freshmen, and we're injury-free."

The Hawkeyes' roster is unusual in that four, and possibly five, players on the nine-man squad won't return after this spring. This has fostered a sense

of urgency among the players, led by seniors Rose, Hunter Skogman, and Stuart Waters.

"There is definitely a 'now or never' feeling," said Waters, the eighth-ranked player in the Midwest region who finished the fall season with an 8-7 record. "We have only one goal, and that's to make the NCAAs. And if we play well and we work hard, we have a very realistic chance."

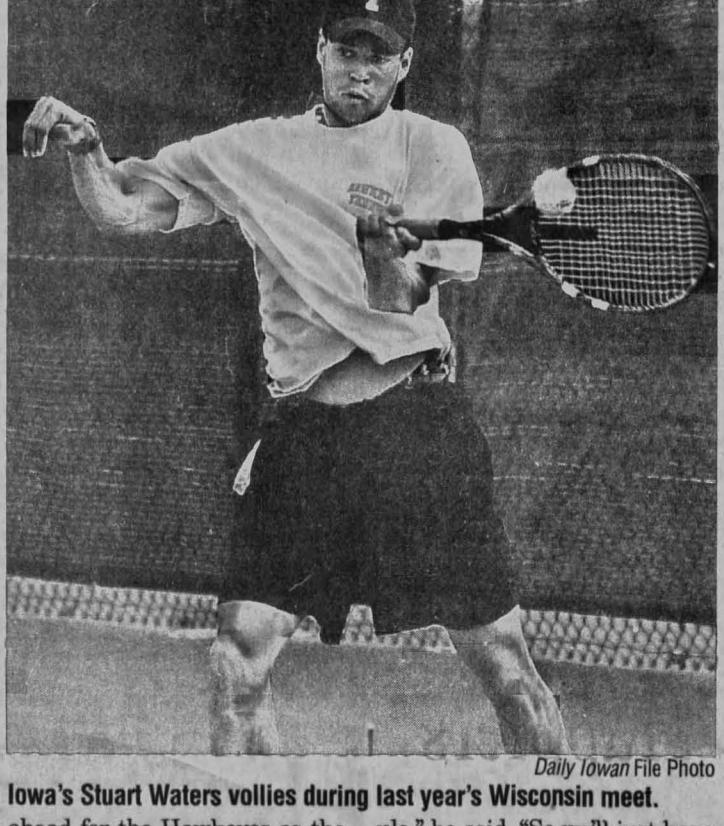
For now, Iowa must turn its attention to Northern Illinois, which the Hawkeyes will host at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 26.

While the Huskies have never beaten Iowa, Houghton expects much stiffer competition than the Hawkeyes are used to receiving from Northern Illinois.

"They're the most-improved team in the region," Houghton said. "We've never lost to them, but this year, it's a tossup match."

For success against the Huskies and other teams this spring, the Hawkeyes will continue to look for strong contributions from their younger players, including freshman Parker Ross, who had a 5-2 record and team-best .714 winning percentage during the fall season.

Ross said he worked on consistency and strength over the winter, and he sees more work



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ahead for the Hawkeyes as the team tries to overcome a difficult schedule. Seven Big Ten matches are on the road, with just three at home.

"We have a very tough sched-

ule," he said. "So we'll just have to work that much harder. But if we stay healthy, I think we'll have a very good year."

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The Iowa women's tennis team will kick off the spring season in the second Hawkeye Invitational against DePaul today at 3 p.m., followed by Saturday's matchups against Drake and Iowa State.

The spring season is composed of dual matches, with the exception of this weekend's tournament. The tournament will be played in dual-match format, but it will not count towards the team's dual record; only individual records being taken into account.

With Iowa's first official dual match of the season Jan. 31 against a highly talented Vanderbilt squad, the Hawkeyes' six-year Hawkeye coach Paul Wardlaw says this weekend gives him and his team a good opportunity for a tune-up.

"It gives us a good chance to

measure where we are heading into the season," he said.

Although Wardlaw and his team will compete as if it were any other match, he said he will try some different combinations and will have everyone play singles and doubles to test different situations.

"I think he's going to rotate around a little bit," senior Steffi Hoch said. "Even though it's not going to count towards our record, I think everybody's going to try to give 100 percent. It's going to be a good way to try things."

Iowa, who was ranked No. 57 in the spring preseason rankings, is the highest-ranked team of the bunch. DePaul, the Hawkeyes' first challenger, is 2-2 in the spring season and has not fared well against Big Ten teams so far, losing to Northwestern and Michigan.

DePaul has a veteran team this year, so it will be very solid," Wardlaw said.

The Blue Demons are led by No. 22 Marina Parashkevova, a sophomore, and No. 27 Szilvia Kelemen, a senior. The pair ranks No. 14 as doubles partners.

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TRACK

Hawkeyes to face first challenge in the northern jungle

BY JEROD LEUPOLD

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The Hawkeyes are unofficially 2-0 this year in track meets.

But the largest school to attend the Hawkeye Invitational was Northern Illinois, and the Hawkeyes' first meet pitted Iowa against Iowa.

On Saturday, Iowa's competition grows some teeth when the women's Clemson team and defending men's champions Minnesota face off in Iowa City.

"We're looking forward to this," women's coach James Grant said. "It's going to be tougher. Each week the competition should get stiffer."

Clemson brings intimidating

athletes in the field events. For the Tigers, Gisele Oliveira qualified for the NCAA championships in the triple jump. Katie Pickett topped 5-5 in the high jump — one inch higher than all jumpers in Iowa's last meet.

For the Hawkeyes, Aisha Humes torched competition in the 400-meter; she anchors a 4x400-meter team that looks to qualify for nationals later in the year. Michelle Lahann leads Iowa in the mile and the 800. Jessica Fouché took top honors in her debut as a Hawkeye last week in the 60-meter. But diversity is Iowa's goal.

"We want to do well in all areas," Grant said. "There isn't anything we want to win in par-

ticular — we want a balanced attack."

The men also tout a freshman who is burning up the track. Omar Isaac turned in a time of 6.97 in the 60. Other standouts include senior Shaun Allen and Ben Lloyd, who took Nos. 1 and 2 in the mile.

The crowning jewel of competition for men's coach Larry Wieczorek is Ken Kemeny. Kemeny qualified for the NCAA championships his first opportunity, tossing the shot put 58 feet, 3 inches.

This meet also welcomes the addition of cross-country king Matt Esche, who has been recovering from cross-country

regionals one month ago.

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BIJOU

Buccaneers 'three-headed monster' ready to let loose

SUPER BOWL

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NFL defensive player of the year Derrick Brooks, and the special teams had one. The defense also set up a bunch of points by forcing 38 turnovers, including 31 interceptions.

In other words, that all-world D made things far easier for the sometimes-pedestrian offense.

But the Buccaneers have begun to establish an identity offensively, and they've been efficient enough in the playoffs.

"We have attitude," Pro Bowl fullback Mike Alstott said. "We haven't always looked pretty, but we get the job done one way or another. We try to be very physical up front, we have a wide receiver corps that will go down-field and block. They are horses."

"Remember, we have a new offense, a new O-line since Jon [Gruden] was hired as our coach. Ask any player in the NFL when you have gone through dramatic changes like we have, to be asked to be perfect in nine

We've got an inferno going and when that three-headed monster — offense, defense, special teams — raises his head, he is impossible to slay.

Warren Sapp
Buccaneers defensive tackle

months, it can't happen."

Here's what the stars on the Bucs' stingy defense believe can happen: Their teammates on offense will rise to the challenge of winning a championship. All-Pro defensive tackle Warren Sapp doesn't want people separating Tampa's units.

"We've got an inferno going," he said, "and when that three-headed monster — offense, defense, special teams — raises his head, he is impossible to slay."

Oakland's defenders say they are ready for that monster, regardless of how many heads it has. The Raiders have plenty of big names on defense, from All-

Pro safety Rod Woodson to cornerbacks Charles Woodson to linebacker Bill Romanowski to tackle Sam Adams. Rod Woodson, Romanowski, and Adams already have won Super Bowls with other teams, so there is no lack of success, experience, or leadership on the squad.

The Raiders ranked 11th in yards allowed and a very impressive third against the run, ahead of the Bucs, who were fifth. But Oakland was 23rd against the pass and allowed 304 points, 108 more than the NFC champions.

"They might not have the fame of Tampa's defense," Raiders coach Bill Callahan

said. "But it is a defense that has improved and continues to make plays. The value of our defense was so important to us down the stretch."

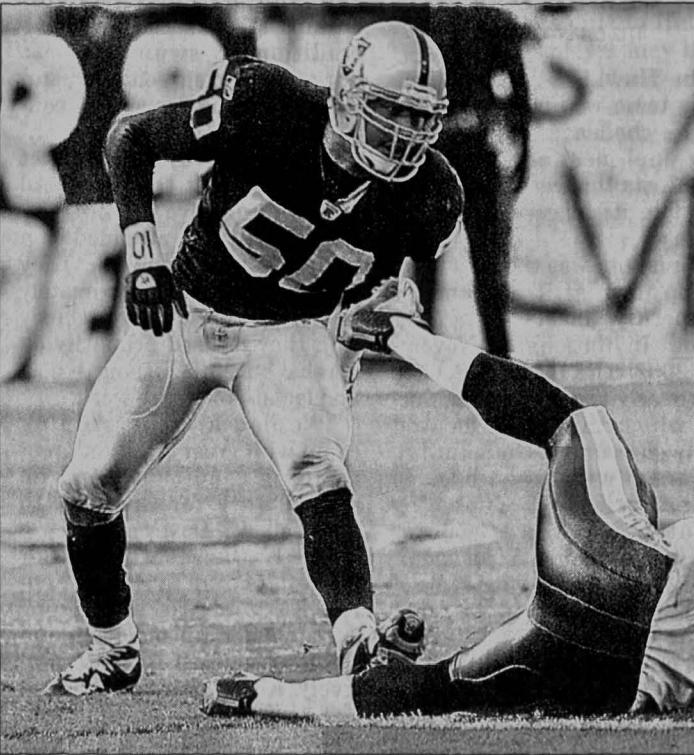
Oakland's defense also has injury concerns, most notably Charles Woodson's leg. Although he made the Pro Bowl, he's had a difficult stretch, particularly in the playoffs.

The number of points the Raiders usually put up is astronomical. If the game turns into a shootout, the Bucs are done.

However, if Tampa can establish its tempo when it has the ball, how long will league MVP Rich Gannon and his compatriots get to assert themselves?

Adams, a Super Bowl winner two years ago with Baltimore, says not to count on that happening. Besides, it's not what everyone wants.

"Our job is to get off the field as quick as possible and let our guys do their thing on offense," Adams said. "I'd pay to see it, too: No. 1 vs. No. 1."



David J. Phillip/Associated Press

Raiders linebacker Eric Barton is just one of the forces Tampa Bay will reckon with at the Super Bowl on Sunday.

Purdue overpowered Iowa after rally

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and pull up."

When the second half began, the Boilermakers continued to stretch their lead. The Hawkeyes chipped away, but the Boilermakers always had an answer.

"We had some times where we were playing very well on the road against one of the toughest teams in the country, and unfortunately, we had two minutes here and there that killed us," Fitzgerald said.

The Hawkeyes brought the lead down to 10 — 57-47 — before the Boilermakers went

on an 8-2 run. Freshman Missy Taylor scored two 3-pointers and converted on a lay-up to give the Boilermakers a 16-point lead.

Faulkner led the Hawkeyes in scoring with 27 points — 9-17 from the field — and had six rebounds. Faulkner has been the Hawkeyes' leading scorer for the past two games.

"Faulkner played great," Fitzgerald said. "She is a very quiet leader on the floor."

Lillis and Faulkner have carried the load for the Hawkeyes in the past few games. The two are the only players who scored in double digits. The next scorer after

Lillis and Faulkner was Tracy Schrapp, who added six points.

"We just need another scorer," Fitzgerald said.

Although the Hawkeyes suffered another loss to a ranked team, there were positives that came out of the performance. Fitzgerald saw her team play a lot harder on the road than she has seen.

"They hung tough," she said. "They played a lot harder defensively."

The Hawkeyes' next stop is Ohio State. Unlike the Hawkeyes, the Buckeyes are 2-0 this season against ranked teams, beating No. 17 Texas

and No. 19 Arizona. The Buckeyes played Illinois last night.

Buckeye sophomore Caity Matter will be matched up against Faulkner. Matter was named Big Ten player of the week, averaging 25.0 points and 5.5 rebounds per game, and was 12-21 from the 3-point line last week.

"We have to play better and harder against Ohio State," Fitzgerald said.

"Then we need to go back to Carver and get a couple wins there so we can get our confidence back."

Tip-off is at 1:05 at Value City Arena on Jan. 26.

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NHL BRIEF

Sharks get Boston's McLaren in big trade

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Holdout Boston Bruins defenseman Kyle McLaren was traded to the San Jose Sharks on Thursday in a three-team deal.

The Bruins acquired goalie Jeff Hackett from the Canadiens and defenseman Jeff Jillson from the Sharks. Montreal got the Sharks' third-round selection in the 2004 draft, while Boston sent a fourth-round pick in the 2004 draft to San Jose.



Zalesky surprised by two grapplers

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might be the biggest challenge this weekend.

"These two teams are decent," he said. "We're

favored. It must be an individual thing — keep working. These matches are big because of seeding."

Two wrestlers who were overlooked at the beginning of the year are Johnston and Ryan Fulsas. Johnston's

record is 20-10, earning him No. 12. Fulsas is unranked in the coaches' poll but is 14-8, losing several matches by one or two points.

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Horner wants to avenge poorest game

BUCKEYES

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Brody Boyd will have to contain Darby and Ohio State's other talented guard, Sean Connolly.

Hornor hopes Saturday will provide him with the opportunity to atone for his poorest Big Ten performance to date. The freshman had just two points and three turnovers — but only

one assist — in Iowa's loss to the Badgers. But Alford knows Horner's work ethic will allow for him to both learn from Wednesday night's loss and put it behind him while he and his teammates concentrate on Ohio State.

"I'm sure he's very upset," Alford said. "But he'll be the first guy to watch tape, and I think he'll really bounce back in a big way against Ohio State."

Alford also said he expects for-

ward Glen Worley to rebound from an off-night; the junior forward scored just five points in 15 minutes before fouling out Wednesday night. Worley had missed the team's previous three practices because of illness.

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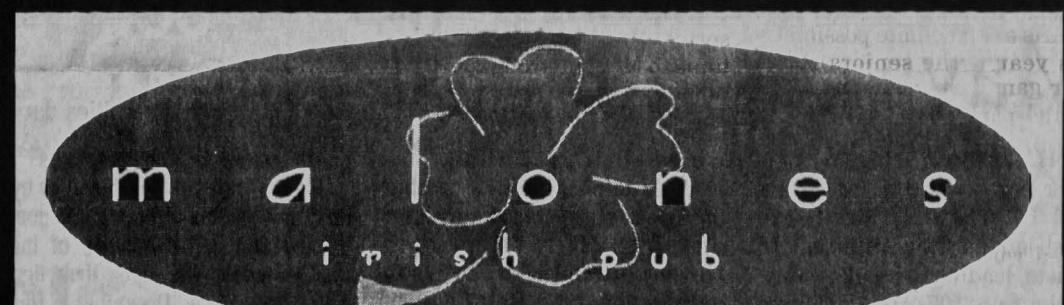
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SWIMMING

Swimmers face Big Ten revenge

BY KATIE LOW
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Hawkeye men's swimming team will face one of its biggest challenges of the season in a dual meet against No. 7 Minnesota this weekend. It will also face its biggest chance for revenge.

Minnesota was the only team to top Iowa at its last major competitive meet — the Minnesota Invitational in November 2002. The Hawkeyes have had nearly two months off, during which they have focused solely on training. On Saturday, the team will travel back to Minnesota in hopes of upsetting the nationally ranked Gophers.

"This ... will give us an opportunity to match up with some of the best swimmers in the country at their home pool," assistant coach Aaron Hawks said.

The Gophers are arguably the stiffest competition in the Big Ten, going 8-0 in the 2001-02 season and winning the Big Ten championship. They finished eighth in the NCAA meet. However, they hold only a slim 39-37 all-time record over Iowa.

"A challenge like this is important in order to prepare us for swimming fast at the Big

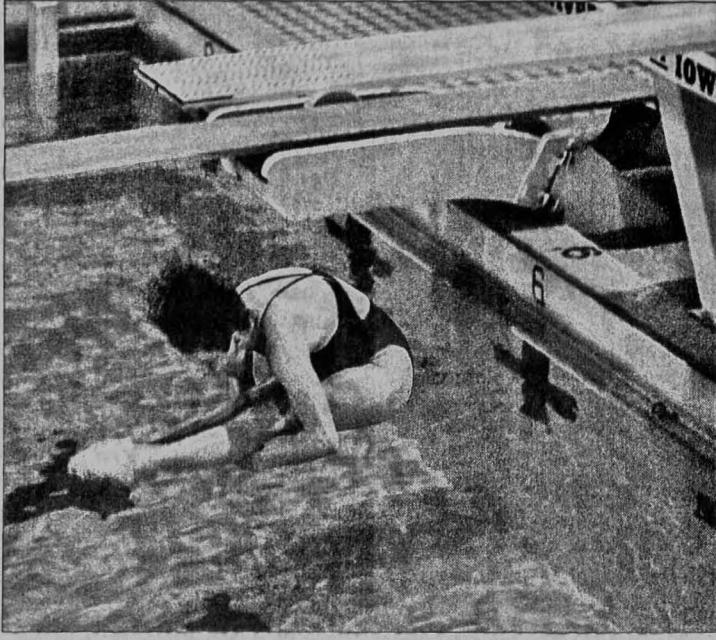
Ten and national championships," Hawks said. "We have traditionally swum our best during the second semester, and we are looking forward to continuing that tradition this year."

The Hawkeyes should be at their very best this weekend after an extensive winter training session they attended at a prep school in Honolulu. They trained there for approximately two weeks; coach John Davey said they focused primarily on aerobic base, increasing speed, and lactate-tolerance work.

"We had a great training camp with great weather, great training conditions, and no school work for the guys to worry about," Davey said.

The Hawkeyes will look for big results from freshman Konrad Kazmierczak and junior Jason Snider, who hold four and three-season-best times respectively. Also, the relay team of Kazmierczak, Snider, and freshmen Kevin Velleca and junior Andrei Prada holds all the season-best times in relay events.

Davey said diving would be one of the most interesting events because it is the Gophers' weakest event. Two Hawkeye divers, Timo Klami and Roberto Gutierrez, have stepped up



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their contributions; they both received Big Ten Diver of the Week honors during November. A strong performance by the swimmers alongside the efforts of the talented divers could mean a Hawkeye upset.

Junior freestyle David Mazur summed up the team's mental attitude simply:

"They have a very strong line up. But we're going to go up there, and give our best showing, and show how we feel we can compete."

The meet is scheduled for a 1 p.m. start at the Minnesota Aquatic Center.

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Hawkeyes search for first conference win

BY DREW MANROE

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Last season, the Iowa women's swimming team narrowly edged out Illinois for a seventh-place finish on the last day of the Big Ten championships.

And on Jan. 25, the Hawkeyes will once again face off against this Big Ten rival. When speaking of the upcoming meet, the Hawkeyes were nearly unanimous in making one prediction — the Fighting Illini haven't forgotten.

"They're going to be gunning for us," coach Garland O'Keefe said. "I expect Illinois to be very ready."

"They're definitely going to be pumped," added sophomore Kristen Eide.

Illinois returned most of its key swimmers from last year, and it will have the additional advantage of hosting the competition, a meet in which Ohio State will also participate.

However, senior and co-team captain Michele Schmerbauch looked at the meet from a different perspective.

"I think we're geared up to beat them," she said. "We're ready, and we're not going to underestimate them."

"We know they're good, but we're better."

Schmerbauch also didn't overlook Ohio State. Despite Ohio State's last-place finish in the Big Ten a year ago, it is the owner of a 7-3 record this season.

"As a team, we have more

depth than Ohio State," Schmerbauch said. "But it would like nothing more than to beat [Iowa and Illinois]. So it's going to be a big meet for all three teams."

The Hawkeyes sport a winning record of 5-3, but they are 0-3 in conference competition. Two of those losses, however, came at the hands of Big Ten heavyweights Minnesota and Wisconsin.

O'Keefe said she looked forward to what should be a very even match between Iowa and Illinois.

"It's nice to have a head-to-head against a team that's about equal to us," she said. "We're strong in different areas, but I think we'll cancel each other out."

The Hawkeyes have excelled in freestyle events this season, taking first place in each one against Iowa State on Jan. 17.

But Illinois has the edge in the breaststroke, O'Keefe said, and the Hawkeyes will be turning to Eide to stand up against some fierce competition.

Eide said she would prepare for this meet just as she would any other, despite the Fighting Illini's strength in her event.

"I try not to concentrate on other teams and their times," she said. "I just go out there and swim my race."

"It's going to be one of the most exciting meets of the year."

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Mavs capture best record

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki had 30 points and 14 rebounds and Steve Nash added 21 points and 13 assists, leading the Dallas Mavericks to a 107-94 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Thursday night.

Michael Finley scored 19, and Nick Van Exel added 16 for the Mavericks, who improved the NBA's best record to 33-8 with their second-straight win after a dismal West Coast trip in which they lost three in a row.

Allen Iverson and Keith Van Horn each scored 25 for the Six-

ers, who have lost 12 of 16. Philadelphia, which trailed by 18 in the second quarter, closed to 50-47 following a three-point play by Iverson early in the third. But the Mavericks answered with seven straight points and 11 of the next 13.

The Sixers didn't get closer than eight the rest of the way.

Los Angeles 104, Memphis 98

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Chris Webber had 26 points and Peja Stojakovic added 22 as the Sacramento Kings rallied in the

fourth quarter to defeat Memphis.

The Kings began their late push by holding Memphis without a field goal for the first 6 1/2 minutes of the fourth quarter. They took their first lead when Vlade Divac hit a free throw with 8:49 left to make it 86-85.

Memphis eventually fought back to take a 97-96 lead on Jason Williams's 3-pointer with 1:14 left, but the Kings scored eight straight points and the Grizzlies never recovered.

The Kings also got 18 points from Mike Bibby and 13 from Divac.

Memphis was led by Pau Gasol's 24 points and 17 rebounds. Lorenzen Wright had 17 points.

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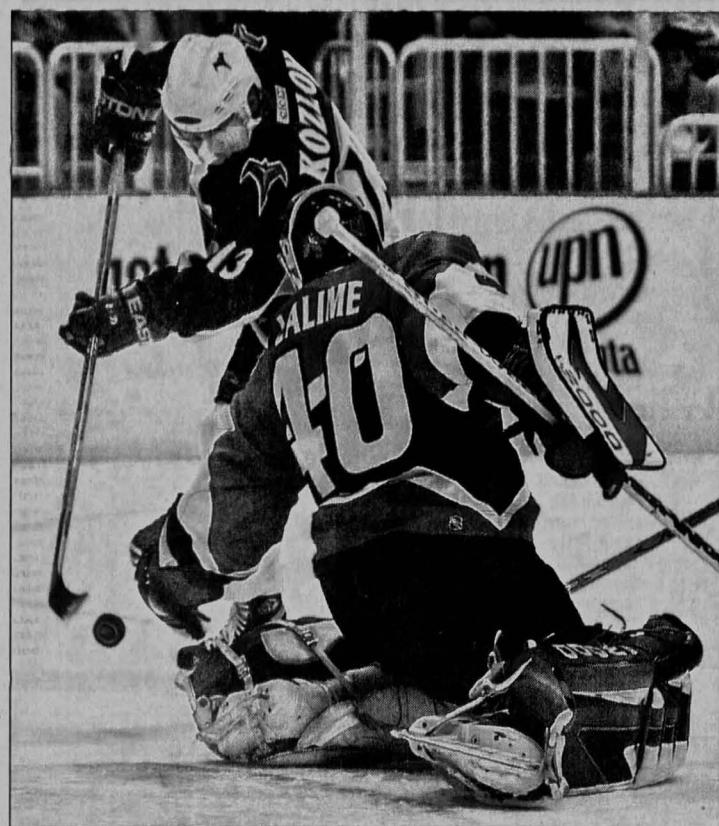
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Atlanta gets redemption

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ATLANTA — Brad Tapper scored with 3:49 left in regulation and the Atlanta Thrashers atoned for their worst loss of the season, tying the Ottawa Senators, 3-3, on Thursday night.

The Thrashers battled back from three one-goal deficits to tie the NHL's best team.

After squandering leads of 1-0 and 2-1, Ottawa went ahead on Anton Volchenkov's goal with 10:29 left in the third.

Thrashers goalie Pasi Nurminen made a poor clearing pass from behind his net to set up the unassisted goal. Volchenkov got off a shot through a maze of players that somehow slipped past Nurminen.

But the Thrashers tied it again on Tapper's goal, which was set up by Pascal Rheault's strong move toward the net.

Patrick Lalime made the save but couldn't control the rebound, allowing Tapper to knock it under the crossbar.

Boston 4, Pittsburgh 1

PITTSBURGH — Glen Murray scored twice and set up another goal against his former team and Boston, awaiting the arrival of new goalie Jeff Hackett, beat Pittsburgh.

Murray twice beat Penguins goalie Sébastien Caron with long shots and assisted on Mike Knuble's goal.

Brian Rolston also scored for Boston in the third period, with rookie Martin Samuelsson assisting for his first NHL point.

Murray made it 3-1 early in the second, scoring unassisted. Murray gained possession in the neutral zone and, with three Penguins surrounding him and beat Caron from just inside the blue line with a hard wrist shot.

Chicago 3, St. Louis 3 OT

CHICAGO — Dallas Drake scored St. Louis' third goal in a 16-minute span of the third period as the Blues rallied from a three-goal deficit to tie the Chicago Blackhawks.

Eric Daze scored to give Chicago a three-goal cushion early.

After a Blues turnover at center ice, Daze fired a slap shot past Brent Johnson just 38 seconds into the third period for a 3-0 Chicago lead.

But just 37 seconds later, the Blues' Alexander Khavakov scored from the left point and the Blues then peppered goalie Jocelyn Thibault.

The Blues made it 3-2 with 9:18 to go in regulation when Al MacInnis fired a shot past Thibault from the right circle on the power play.

St. Louis tied it with 2:46 left in the third when Drake took a pass from Scott Mellanby from behind the net and beat Thibault.

New York 4, Tennessee 2

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Mike Dunham stopped 28 shots and New York scored three goals within 2½ minutes at the end of the first period.

Tom Poti had a goal and an assist, and Petr Nedved had two assists.

The Rangers got to Tomas Vokoun at 16:15 in the first. Nedved won a faceoff in the right circle, and John Tripp had the puck go off his foot. He then put a shot past Vokoun for his first NHL goal.

Jamie Lundmark scored 49 seconds later off a breakaway as he backhanded his rebound off the bottom of Vokoun's right skate. Poti made it 3-0 with his seventh of the season at 18:37 when Sandy McCarthy found him with a pass in front of the crease.

Colorado 5, Columbus 0

DENVER — Derek Morris, Steven Reinprecht and Adam Foote scored power-play goals as Colorado beat Columbus 5-0 to snap a five-game winless streak at home.

Patrick Roy, playing in his NHL-record 1,001st game, posted his 62nd career shutout and first of the season. He had 18 saves.

The Avalanche — without captain Joe Sakic, who is sidelined from two-to-four weeks with a broken right foot — peppered Blue Jackets goalie Marc Denis, who was replaced by Jean-François Labbe midway through the third period.

Denis stopped 31 of 36 shots.

Three players left with injuries.

Is Pete Rose ready to come clean?

BY JACK O'CONNELL
THE HARTFORD COURANT

Despite reports to the contrary, Pete Rose is not on a fast track to reinstatement by Major League Baseball, which would also lead to his consideration for entry into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Rose reportedly has indicated a willingness to admit to gambling on baseball, which he has denied since 1989 when he signed an agreement with then-Commissioner Bart Giamatti that placed the all-time hits leader on the ineligible list. The Hall of Fame disallows anyone on baseball's ineligible list to be placed on the Baseball Writers' Association of America ballot.

Commissioner Bud Selig and Roger Makley, Rose's agent, declined to comment Wednesday on a *Newsday* report quoting an unidentified "friend" of Rose as saying Rose was ready to admit to betting on baseball while managing the Reds in the mid-1980s. This is by no means startling news. It has been

expected that for Rose to be reinstated he would have to "come clean," as his ex-teammate and Hall of Fame Vice Chairman Joe Morgan put it.

"Pete knows what he has to do," Morgan said last week. "While it was Morgan who encouraged Selig to meet with Rose in Milwaukee in late November to discuss reinstatement, the process slowed down considerably once word of that session was leaked to the media. Morgan reportedly was incensed by the leak, presumably by someone in the Rose camp.

Selig initially requested a meeting with Hall of Fame members Jan. 17 in Los Angeles. It was postponed indefinitely, largely because many Hall of Famers had no desire to attend. One prominent Hall of Famer who was eager to meet with Selig was Bob Feller, who had hoped to present personally his objections to reinstating Rose.

It is doubtful whether such a meeting will take place. Selig has had correspondence with several Hall members and other baseball officials with close ties to the Cooperstown, N.Y., museum warning him to tread carefully on the Rose issue.

When told two weeks ago that Rose received only 18 write-in votes among the 496 ballots cast, the same total he received last year, Selig said: "Very interesting. Everyone may be

assured that I am moving slowly on this matter. I am proceeding very cautiously."

Speed is of the essence, mostly to Rose. According to Hall of Fame rules, a player may be a candidate for the Hall only within a 20-year window — five years after his retirement as a player to up to 15 years on the ballot. If it was not for the agreement he signed that essentially banned him from the game, Rose would have gone on the Hall ballot for the first time in 1992, the year Tom Seaver and Rollie Fingers were elected. As it stands Rose, if reinstated, could be considered for the ballot in the next two years, 2005 and 2006. If Rose is not elected in any of those years, his case would go to the Veterans Committee, which is now made up of the Hall of Famers themselves.

Rose's advisers may think his best chance to make the Hall is through the writers' ballot. Any admission of guilt by Rose about his gambling, however, might alter the view of some writers.

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Serena remains in hunt

BY JOHN PYE
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MELBOURNE, Australia — Serena Williams thought she'd thrown away a chance for her fourth-straight Grand Slam title when Belgium's Kim Clijsters raced to a 5-1 lead in the final set.

"I really didn't think I'd win it at that stage," Williams said. "I just kept fighting, one point at a time. Next thing I knew, the match was over."

The top-ranked Williams saved two match points and won the final six games for a (4-6, 6-3, 7-5) semifinal victory Thursday.

For the fourth-consecutive Grand Slam event, Williams will face sister Venus in the final, who advanced with a (6-3, 6-3) victory over Belgium's Justine Henin-Hardenne.

"Venus is actually playing a little better than me at this tournament," Serena said. "I've just got to pull something out of my back pocket to be able to go onto the next level."

Later Thursday, Andre Agassi remained on course for his fourth Australian Open title, beating South Africa's Wayne Ferreira (6-2, 6-2, 6-3) in the first semifinal.

The 32-year-old Agassi, 38-3 at Melbourne Park, will face the winner of the semifinal today between follow American Andy Roddick and Germany's Rainer Schuettler.

Roddick outlasted Morocco's Younes El Aynaoui, 21-19, in the longest fifth set in Grand Slam history Wednesday night. The set lasted 2 hours, 23 minutes, and the match took 4:59.

Serena won despite 65 unforced errors.

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"I'm a fighter," she said. "I didn't come all these miles to lose."

When the match ended, Serena dropped her racket as Clijsters' backhand missed and shuffled over to Venus and mother Oracene mouthing, "I can't believe it. I can't believe it."

Serena, attempting to become the first woman to hold all four major titles at once since Steffi Graf nine years ago, hobbled at times against Clijsters and took a nine-minute treatment break in the third set for blisters on her right foot.

After holding serve to make it 2-5, Serena survived two match points in the eighth game of the set and ended up breaking Clijsters to make it 3-5.

"She just started playing so much more aggressively and hardly made any unforced

errors anymore," Clijsters said. "She took such a big risk to really go for her shots."

Serena held serve in the next game, and Clijsters committed five-consecutive faults to go down 0-30 as Serena broke again to even the match.

"That's probably the only thing I regret a little bit, those two double-faults," Clijsters said.

Serena took the final two games for her 27th-consecutive victory in Grand Slam play.

Both Williams sisters are in the Australian Open final for the first time. Last year, Serena missed the tournament after injuring her ankle in a warmup event, and Venus lost in the quarterfinals.

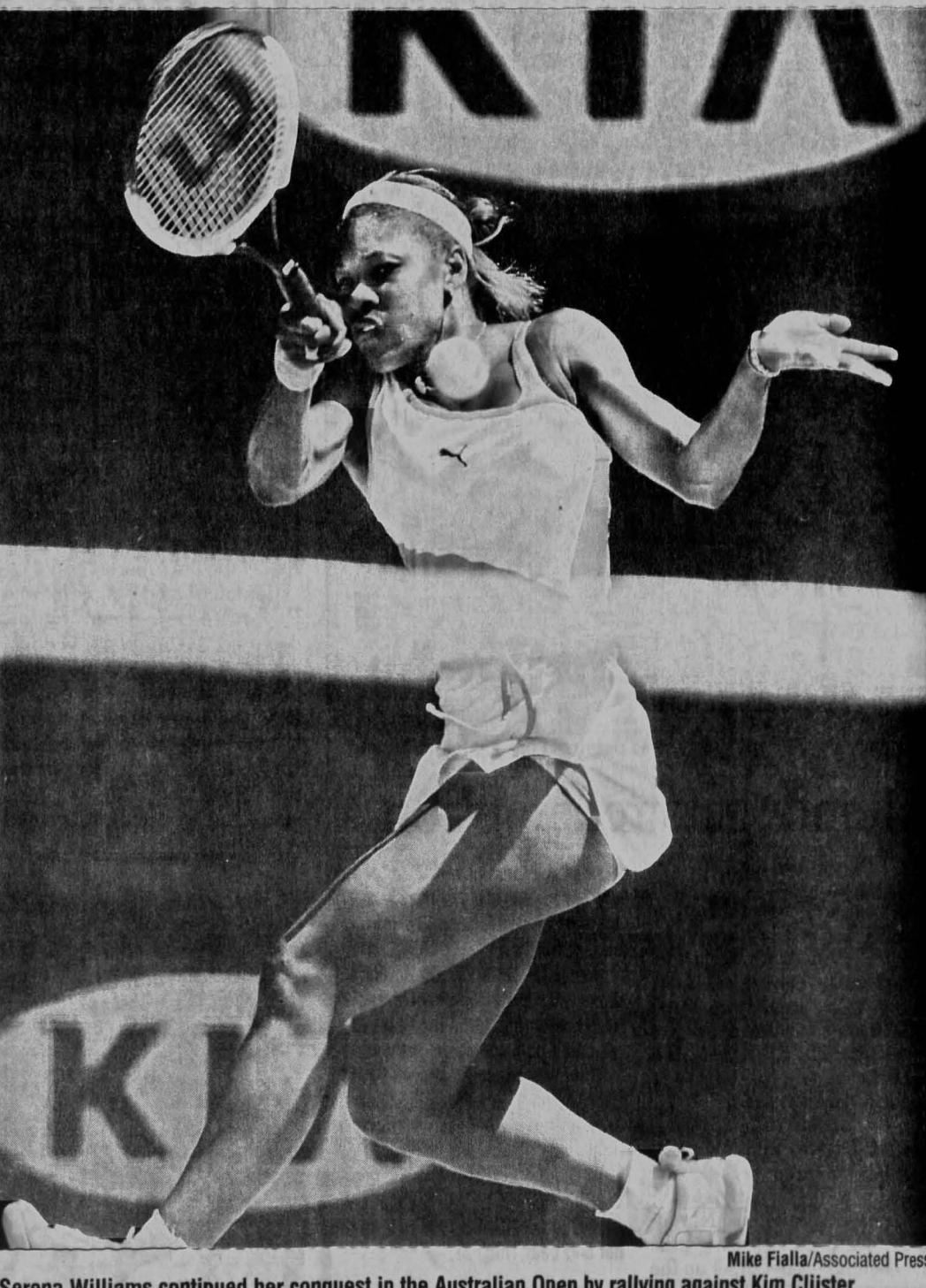
"It's so exciting," Venus said. "You know, I've struggled and failed, done everything but get this close to winning the Australian Open ... Four in a row is real nice. At least, I'm in a position to be a winner."

The sisters also combined to reach the women's doubles final, beating Lindsay Davenport and Lisa Raymond (6-2, 6-2).

No woman has held all four majors at once since Graf added the 1994 Australian Open titles to her victories in the final three majors in 1993. Graf also is one of only three women with a true Grand Slam — all four majors in one calendar year. She did that in 1988, following Maureen Connolly (1953) and Margaret Court (1970).

Henin-Hardenne offered little opposition for Venus after a tough three-set victory over Lindsay Davenport.

"Venus played much more aggressively than me," Henin-Hardenne said.



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Serena Williams continued her conquest in the Australian Open by rallying against Kim Clijster.

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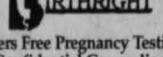
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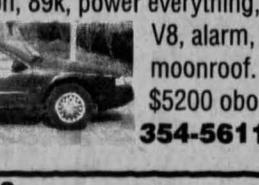
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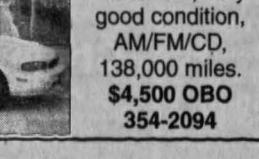
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NASCAR

Brooke Gordon requests files from husband's rivals

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Lawyers for Jeff Gordon's wife have subpoenaed records from his competitors and NASCAR for use in their divorce case.

Geoff Smith, the general manager of Roush Racing, said the team planned to file an order today to block Brooke Gordon's request in Wayne County Circuit Court in Michigan, where the company is headquartered.

Roush does not want to make public the individual contracts it has with its drivers and sponsors. Those deals are highly sensitive in NASCAR, where each car owner works out separate agreements with every individual.

Numbers are rarely talked about, preventing drivers from knowing how much their rivals receive in salary, percentage of winnings, and souvenir sales.

Sponsor deals also are secret, lest a company should find out if it is paying extra for something another might get for free.

"Those are all the things that are the heart of our business," Smith said. "When we give it to Brooke, we're going to give it to Jeff. It's like having the Hendrick organization inside our team."

NASCAR spokesman Jim Hunter said the lawyers requested prize money information on Gordon, which it provided to the lawyers.

Jeff Gordon, a four-time Winston Cup champion, drives for Hendrick Roush fields cars for Winston Cup drivers Mark Martin, Jeff Burton, Matt Kenseth, Kurt Busch, and Greg Biffle.

Smith said other teams have also been asked to turn over contracts.



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Mast's career over from carbon-monoxide

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Years of breathing fumes in a race car has given NASCAR driver Rick Mast carbon-monoxide poisoning that will end his career.

Mast, who has not raced since May 2002, said Wednesday he is suffering from acute and chronic carbon-monoxide poisoning that carries symptoms similar to "the worst hangover in your life."

"You wake up feeling nauseated, and you want to throw up, and you can't," he said. "Your head is pounding all the time, and you just feel awful. That is what I lived with for five and a half weeks, seven days a week."

Mast, who made 364 starts over a 15-year Winston Cup career, said he began feeling ill in March but didn't get rid of the car until May.

It took dozens of visits to various doctors before he was finally diagnosed in November — he said he lost 43 pounds in that time — and there is no timetable for when the poisoning will be out of his system.

The only thing he knows for certain is that he can no longer be around chemicals that are spinoffs of carbon monoxide, an odorless, colorless, tasteless gas that is in everything from a car's exhaust to poorly ventilated heating systems.

That means everything from racing cars to using a lawnmower and riding a tractor on his Virginia farm are off limits to Mast.

"I cut grass one day in June, and the air was blowing just a certain way, and the fumes were blowing, and I was down for five days after it," he said.

The 45-year-old driver from Virginia can't pin his illness on NASCAR, although he is now working with the sanctioning body to educate other drivers on the dangers of carbon-monoxide poisoning.

USOC's Ward claims setup

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — U.S. Olympic Committee chief executive Lloyd Ward contends he was undermined by USOC President Marty Mankamer and wants her to resign.

Ward said in Thursday's *Denver Post* that Mankamer engaged in "disparagement and character assassination." He has joined seven top USOC officials in calling for her to step down; she has refused to do so.

He also repeated an assertion by the top officials that he was allowed to run afoul of organization's ethics codes by Mankamer and former USOC ethics officer Pat Rodgers because they failed to warn him of possible ethics violations.

Ward was accused of trying to help his brother's company get a



Ward

contract at the upcoming Pan American Games in the Dominican Republic. Earlier this month, the USOC ethics committee found Ward should have disclosed his brother's interest in the company but allowed him to keep his job.

The decision prompted the resignation of five officials, including Rodgers.

"This was not a headline story," Ward said. "It started with a simple premise: It was about a technical [ethics] violation [by the CEO], and at his yearly review, he will be evaluated. It became a big story

because that issue was going to cause me to lose my job."

At USOC headquarters in Colorado Springs, Mankamer said Wednesday she has been tried and sentenced in absentia by a group of seven top officers.

"I am saddened by the actions of those who have abandoned the basic tenets of both American justice and the Olympic movement," Mankamer said. "Each person is entitled to a hearing. I had none."

In another development, the chief executive of John Hancock Financial Services is demanding a full financial accounting from USOC officials, noting that a "morals clause" would allow him to withdraw from a sponsorship deal worth \$8 million to \$10 million, the *Boston Globe* reported.

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