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Dragon ignites Hancher controversy

Hancher officials describe show as poorest in years and are looking into a refund

BY PHIL DAVIDSON
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A martial-arts/music performance that debuted at Hancher Auditorium last semester is stirring up a bit of controversy. Officials at Hancher may seek reimbursements for a production they call an "unfinished product" that drew small audiences, but the producer of the

show says the UI signed a contract that guarantees payment regardless of ticket sales. Fred Ho, the producer, composer, and co-writer of *Voice of the Dragon*, said the university is trying to renege on its contract, which involved a risk for both sides. Hancher's policy is that all artistic fees are confidential, and Ho said he's already received his money.

"No one in the industry would try to do this," he said. "That would be like me asking for more money because the show did well."

Hancher signed a contract with booking agency Columbia Artists Management Inc.; it will soon negotiate with the company about Ho's production and future attractions at the auditorium.

Richard Gloss, the manager of the Hancher Box Office, said *Dragon* sold 731 tickets on Dec. 10 and 556 on Dec. 11 — both

well short of Hancher's capacity of 2,500.

"It's a risk on their part and a risk on my part to produce the show," Ho said. "That's the nature of the arts."

The show, set during the overthrow of China's Ming Dynasty, is an allegory about the principles of integrity and features martial arts accompanied by the music of Ho's jazz sextet, the Afro-Asian Music Ensemble.

Hancher Executive Director Charles Swanson said he was advised to look into reimburse-



Swanson

ment from the booking agency because of what he perceived as the show's poor production.

"This is my first time in 18 years here that I've felt this way," he said, classifying the

show as an "unfinished product."

The show was unrehearsed and not ready for performance,

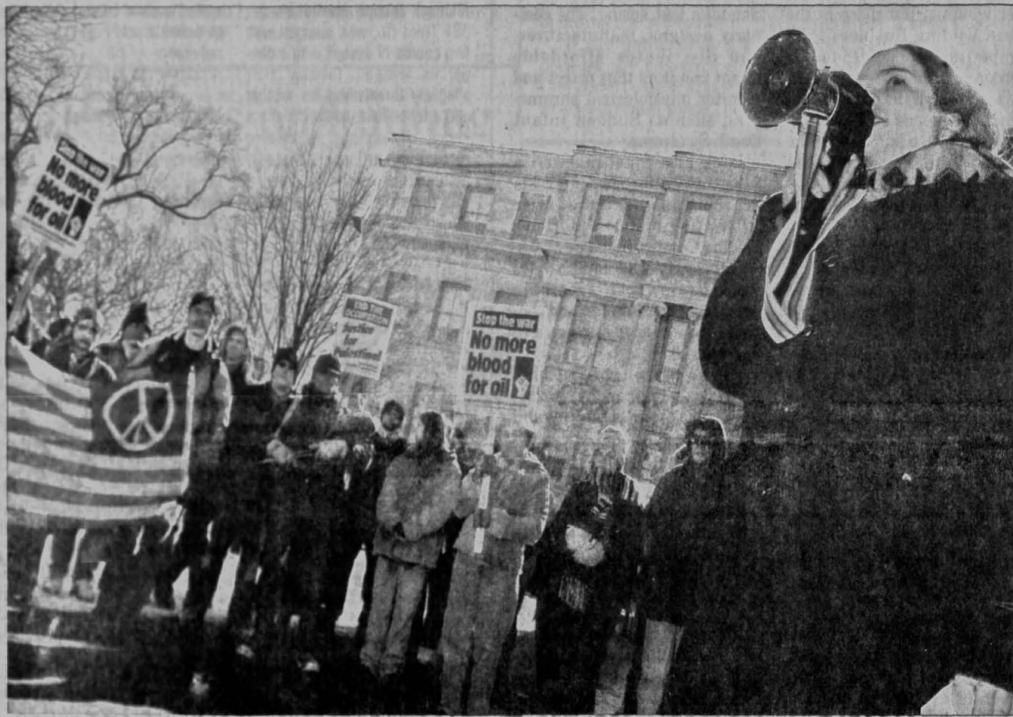
said Judith Hurtig, Hancher's artistic director.

"The story line was not very well clarified, particularly at the end, which is something I thought was weak," she said. Although disappointed, Hurtig said, she has not bad-mouthed the production to other venues.

Swanson said a possible refund from Columbia is in the works, and Hancher would

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Rally denounces push for war



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Lise VanderVoort speaks on Wednesday afternoon at a rally against war in Iraq on the Pentacrest.

BY ANNIE SHUPPY
THE DAILY IOWAN

A group of antiwar protesters declared their opposition to the potential military face-off with Iraq Wednesday, one day after President Bush's State of the Union address made armed conflict appear nearly inevitable.

More than 100 students participated in the event, which coincided with other national antiwar organizations' responses to the Tuesday evening speech.

They accused the Bush administration of fighting a war to seize the oil assets in the Persian Gulf, of moving ahead with war against the will of most of the rest of the world, and of being hypocritical for trying to disarm countries of weapons that it itself stockpiles.

Carrying signs with such slogans as "Peace is Pre-emptive" and "No more blood for oil," the protesters bundled in winter coats and hats as they listened to community activists give speeches through a megaphone.

Standing in a circle holding hands, dissenters chanted, "Money for jobs and education, not for war and occupation."

In his speech on Tuesday, Bush said Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein had missed his final chance to disarm, accusing him of not cooperating with U.N. weapons inspectors. He also made it clear the U.S. was willing to use force to oust Saddam — even if other nations objected — "defend the freedom and security of the American people."

Jamil Brownson, a visiting assistant geography professor who came from Fatih University in Istanbul, said the United States has no right to interfere with wars in the Middle East. Instead, he said, the country should seize control of corporations, the military, and "boys with war toys."

"We do not want to be the Roman Empire of the 21st century," Brownson said. "Who will be hurt when it falls?"

Lise VanderVoort of UE Local 896, the Campaign to Organize Graduate Students, read the union's resolution against the war to a crowd of students, faculty, seniors, and small children.

"The key message is this war is not in the interests of working people anywhere," she said.

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Security Council cool to U.S. push

BY MAGGIE FARLEY
LOS ANGELES TIMES

UNITED NATIONS — The United States launched what it called "the final phase" of its Iraq diplomacy Wednesday, as President Bush and his top officials addressed the U.N. Security Council, Congress, and the American people to rally support for a war against Saddam Hussein — with mixed results.

A day after Bush put the Security Council on notice that the United States is ready to go to war, with or without the United Nations, the majority of the council called for continued diplomacy. In an all-day meeting with the United Nations' chief weapons inspectors, 11 of the 15 council members said inspectors should be allowed to keep working until there is undeniable evidence that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction.

But U.S. diplomats warned that the "situation is urgent" and that the council must make a decision soon on whether to use force to disarm Iraq.

"The time for diplomatic action is narrowing; the diplomatic window is closing," said U.S. U.N. Ambassador John Negroponte. "What you're going to see unfolding in the next several days is going to be a period of intense diplomatic activity, not only here in the council, but across the oceans, between ministers, and between our presidents."

Bush, building on his State of the Union message that his patience with both the U.N. process and Saddam is nearly gone, told supporters in Michigan on Wednesday: "We've got to deal with him before it's too late."

While expressing his hope for a peaceful resolution,

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INS tracking system draws UI's criticism

BY AMIR EFRATI
THE DAILY IOWAN

Clouds of uncertainty hang over the UI's recent link to a new federal Internet database that will track thousands of international students and their dependents as part of a post-9/11 security measure.

The database is scheduled to connect with all colleges and universities today, but both UI and other school officials have already begun to criticize the database's numerous "bugs."

Regulated by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the database is called the Student Exchange and Visitor Information System.

"Our fears have been confirmed," said UI international adviser Susan Fullenkamp. "The INS server can't handle all of the universities."

A lagging server and frequent errors mean that Fullenkamp could receive as few as four immigration documents in two days for some of the approximately 5,000 UI foreign nationals in the system.

"It's painstakingly slow and it kicks you out," she said, adding

that the confusion and unanswered questions have led to "frustrated" international students.

"It was created without first-hand knowledge of major university processes. There is a gap between the application and its practical use," she said.

Created as part of the USA Patriot Act, the database will draw all foreign-student profiles to a central location, and it means that the INS will be less tolerant of foreign students' technical violations — such as letting immigration documents expire by one day or not taking a full course load. Those infractions would result in the immediate loss of "student status" and possible deportation.

Ideally, the system would increase efficiency and protect students, but early technical mistakes have tainted the federal endeavor.

"I don't necessarily have a lot of confidence in the INS' technical support," said Diana Davies, the university's interim director

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Size of budget deficit ballooning, CBO says

BY WARREN VIETH
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — The government's budget deficit will widen to \$199 billion this year, and the long-term fiscal outlook will worsen even if Congress approves no new tax cuts or spending increases, congressional analysts said Wednesday.

The annual shortfalls will be considerably larger if lawmakers adopt President Bush's tax and spending proposals, budget experts warned.

The new projections by the Congressional Budget Office set the stage for a rancorous debate over the 2004 budget Bush will submit to Congress next week. Although some of the fiscal slippage was caused by the recession, 9/11, and other factors over which Washington has little control, a sizable portion is attributable to the \$1.4 trillion in tax cuts Bush pushed through Congress in 2001. The \$670 billion in additional cuts he is seeking would add to the red ink.

"The president's agenda is reckless and threatens the long-term fiscal health of the nation," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., ranking Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee.

Conrad said the government's deficit spending and bigger debt burden would drive up interest rates, crowd out private-sector investment, and slow long-term growth.

The Bush administration and its congressional allies insist otherwise. Treasury Secretary-designate John Snow said at his confirmation hearing this week that the president's tax cuts would stimulate economic growth without raising the national debt to dangerous levels.

The Bush administration has acknowledged that current and future deficits would be considerably higher under its new budget. This year's shortfall could rise as high as \$300 billion, the White House has signaled.

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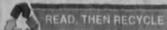
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NEWS

Retirement center holds open house

BY JESSE HELLING
THE DAILY IOWAN

Ribbons were cut for the opening of an Iowa City retirement community Wednesday at the same time a local lawmaker proposed a bill in the state Legislature to investigate assisted-living regulations.

Melrose Meadows Retirement Community, 350 Dublin Lane, which contains 80 apartments for senior citizens, admitted its first residents in October 2002 and held its open house Wednesday.

Currently, 25 seniors live in the independent quarters; the assisted-living wing, in which staff provide personal assistance, cares for four residents. The community is equipped to provide assisted living for up to 26 residents.

"For years and years, there was no other choice than a nursing home," said Debbie Fisher, the president of the Iowa Assisted Living Association. "Nationally, there was a recognized need for something different."

Developed by the Newbury

Development Co. of Des Moines in conjunction with Mercy Services of Iowa City, Melrose Meadows is one of 60 members of the assisted-living association, which operates with very little government regulation.

In 1997, the Legislature recognized assisted living as a viable option for senior citizens and enacted regulations requiring assisted-living facilities to be certified through the Department of Elder Affairs.

Fisher, who is also vice president of Newbury Development, said the Legislature adopted rules last year, and it has proposed more regulation this year.

"What growing pains should not do is stimulate knee-jerk reactions that cause a shift toward more government regulation," she told the audience of approximately 60. "I challenge you to urge your legislators to keep the focus where it belongs: on the true assisted-living client, the tenant."

Fisher's comments come in the wake of a proposal by Sen. Joe Bolckom, D-Iowa City, directing the Department of



John Richard/The Daily Iowan

James Levy, the president of Newbury Development Co., and Ronald Reed, the Mercy Hospital CEO, participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the recently finished Melrose Meadows retirement community on Wednesday afternoon.

Elder Affairs to convene a task force to make recommendations about assisted living.

Bolckom said the proposed task force would investigate methods to solve problems for residents of assisted-living facilities who come to need more care as time passes but are not

placed under the proper care.

"There has been some concern about the level of care provided to residents who become increasingly frail," he said. "Assisted living was never envisioned to provide skilled care."

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UI students flex entrepreneurial muscles

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UI student owners of a high-speed Internet company and a business developing infant monitors recently won \$2,500 in a prestigious entrepreneurial contest.

"It's easier to do business over the phone because customers see us as kids instead of businessmen," said UI graduate student Karsten Temme, the president and founder of X-Wires Communications LLC., with a slight grin.

X-Wires Communications and Peace of Mind Inc. were co-winners of the UI's first Hubert Storer Engineering Student Entrepreneurial Start-up Awards, which supplies financial support for two College of Engineering students' technological business plans.

Established in August 2002, X-Wires Communications is a

high-speed Internet company specializing in providing connection to residents in Coralville and the rural Iowa City communities. Since its founding, the business has built a customer base of two to three dozen.

"It's a roller coaster," said Temme. "Balancing ... class and work can be stressful, but you can't tell a customer 'no' because you have to go to class."

Temme, 23, runs the company with friends and fellow entrepreneurs UI juniors Kris Halter, Andrew Rinner and Ben Anderson, and UI senior Erin Walderich.

X-Wires Communication was inspired by Jim Shelby, the founder of Colorado-based company Aspen Waves, after Temme listened to him on the radio during a Management of Technology and Innovation class. Temme job-shadowed Shelby for a day during last year's Spring Break, which gave

Temme the idea to come up with a wireless company of his own.

Temme and his business partners were awarded \$5,000 last spring to start up their business after winning first place in the Merie Volding Business Plan Competition, a contest for UI entrepreneurial students.

UI senior Will Lack, a co-founder of Peace of Mind Inc. and an offensive lineman for the co-Big Ten championship Hawkeye football team, was inspired to start his business by a source close to his heart.

In the fall of 2001, the Lack family received a hard hit when Lack's nephew was born prematurely at the UI Hospitals and Clinics.

"It was an eye-opening experience," Lack said. "I was very upset and worried about my nephew. When you see a child in that situation you want to add to the solution."

The scare prompted Lack to

create a device to help parents quickly detect problems for newborns.

He co-founded Peace of Mind Inc. with UI graduate Steve Smetana last spring. The company designs, manufactures, and distributes affordable infant monitors that detect and monitor physiological parameters, such as Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

Lack and Smetana won a \$1,000 prize for start-up costs for their business plan after submitting it to the Merie A. Volding Competition.

Currently, the company is working towards receiving patents for their design and continue to develop innovative designs.

Since Peace of Mind's founding, Lack's nephew has recovered and is now a healthy and cheery one-year-old, Lack said.

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UITV to set up advisory board of review

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UITV is putting together an advisory board to set guidelines for reviewing student material after concerns of "censorship" were raised in December.

Students, local professional journalists, and professors will be represented on the board. UITV is contacting potential members and will release their names after they have accepted their invitations, said Steve Fleagle, the UI director of Telecommunication Network Services.

The group will help decide what programs are aired, how to allocate finances, and what equipment to replace, he said, adding that the project has no specific timeline.

Many of the problems and issues facing UITV have long been neglected, and can be blamed on budget cuts, Fleagle said.

"Budget cuts have taken a toll

on how effectively we can help UITV," he said. "We are doing our best we can at the current time."

Footage of the Phyllis Nelson murder trial produced by 16 UI students was denied air time by UITV in early December after staff asked the group to submit its script for prior review, leading many to feel their freedom of the press was being curtailed.

The students' instructor, Stacey Cone, an assistant professor of journalism, and UI graduate student Brandon Weghorst, the newscast's executive producer, said they both feel the university's actions were borderline "censorship" and in violation of First Amendment rights.

At the time the trial's footage was scrapped, UITV didn't have an advisory board or guidelines in place for reviewing material, Fleagle said.

UI Student Video Productions has been seeking access to UITV for the last two years, at times

hitting dead ends. Student work was denied broadcast in the past because it wasn't up to par, said UI senior and group general manager Dave Fishel, adding that both sides are now in negotiations to air student work.

UITV's lack of a programming director who could fairly determine what material is allowed on-air also hindered student access, said UITV staff.

However, programming from groups such as the Iowa City police have been aired because the broadcasts were considered public-service announcements, said UITV staff. The programs addressed underage drinking and city policies banning bicycling and rollerblading downtown.

Although the board and guidelines are on the horizon, Cone said there needs to be an understanding between University Relations and UITV that student journalists cannot be required to submit their newscast for prior review.

"Hopefully, then the university will trust the editorial process that must inevitably be established, just as with professional news operations," Cone said.

Until guidelines are established, she said she will most likely take student work to Public Access Television for broadcast.

A long-term objective is to establish a permanent, independent student-produced newscast, she said.

Fleagle and Cone have both met privately with journalism school Director Pam Creodon, and both sides have a better understanding of the issues, Fleagle said.

"We hope students will play an important part in the future of UITV, both as an audiences and in producing content," he said. "I think we are forming a good partnership to do that. We are not there yet, but we are a lot closer than we were a month ago."

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Michael Joseph Martinson, 21, 301 Third St., was charged with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon Tuesday after allegedly threatening his mother and a female acquaintance with a knife. According to police records, Martinson allegedly grabbed the knife while arguing with the women and later turned the knife on himself. No injuries were reported.

John Frederick Bierman, 23, 615 N. Dubuque St., was charged with possession of a schedule I controlled substance and conspiracy to deliver a schedule II controlled substance on Wednesday. According to court records, the charges stem from a Feb. 12, 2002, Iowa City police investigation during which the defendant allegedly assisted in the delivery of \$50 worth of cocaine. According to reports, Bierman allegedly assisted by driving a seller to obtain and deliver the drugs. Police allegedly found a large bag of marijuana in a subsequent search of the defendant's then-residence, 31 Lincoln Ave.

CORRECTION

In the Jan. 27 article "Council deluged with \$ requests," James Petersen was incorrectly identified as the director of the Chamber singers. He is the co-president of the Chamber singers. The *DI* regrets the error.

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Edwards names 4 activists as staffers

BY MIKE GLOVER
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DES MOINES — Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., on Wednesday named veteran activists Rob Bernsten and Aaron Pickeral to run his campaign for Iowa's leadoff precinct caucuses.

Edwards also named former Iowa Democratic Chairman Rob Tully and influential activist Roxanne Conlin as co-heads of his campaign.

"I am honored and energized that these individuals have joined my team," Edwards said in a statement. "I look forward to spending the next year meeting and talking to Iowans about my bid to be the Democratic nominee for president of the United States."

Bernsten will become caucus director for Edwards' campaign, while Pickeral will be political director. Bernsten is currently chief of staff for Secretary of State Chet Culver. Pickeral is chief of staff for Rep. Leonard Boswell, D-Iowa.

"I think his upbringing and values are really going to resonate well here," Bernsten said.

Edwards, who has been stumping in the state for months and was very active in aiding Iowa Democrats during the last campaign, becomes the latest of the major Democratic candidates to establish a field operation in the state.

Bernsten said he will begin working on the Edwards' campaign within two weeks.

Edwards also named Peter Giangreco as a senior adviser to the Iowa campaign organization. He's a consultant from the Strategy Group.

Pickeral has been Boswell's chief of staff for two years; he was a deputy director of operations for the Iowa Democratic Party prior to that.

Tully, who has long been an informal adviser to the Edwards' campaign, said he'll be actively involved in the caucus campaign.

"I'm going to be as active as they want me to be," he said. "I've been the Edwards person here for quite a while, and I've literally been bombarded with phone calls from people asking how they can help."

Conlin was the Democratic gubernatorial nominee in 1982, and has remained active in Democratic politics since then. Both Tully and Conlin are prominent Des Moines lawyers.

Edwards said the decision by Tully and Conlin to enlist in his campaign "is indicative of the growing institutional support" he's generated.

It's important for candidates in Iowa's precinct caucuses to organize early, because it takes time to put together a campaign organization that can deliver backers to a precinct caucus where they must publicly declare their allegiance for a candidate.

Forum discusses school-bond vote

Supporters warn of overcrowding if Feb. 11 vote fails

BY JESSICA REESE
THE DAILY IOWAN

With less than two weeks remaining before the largest bond vote in Iowa City School District history, more than 30 people gathered Wednesday at a public forum in which audience members inquired about the district's plan if the bond receives less than the required 60 percent approval.

Students may be bused to different schools, and the district may be forced to add more temporary classrooms because its 13 schools are already above capacity, if the \$38.7 million bond does not pass, said Lauren Reece, the School Board president.

The district is now using 37 temporary classrooms.

"The temporary rooms are expensive and not inclusive," she said. "Those kids are kind of set apart, and that's not right or fair."

The School Board may also consider a local-option sales tax if the vote isn't met, although such moves have not been supported by the public in the past, Reece said.

Tim Borchardt, the founder of Having Accountable Worthy Kids' Schools, was the only panelist representing a group opposing the referendum.

"If the bond fails, it's not because the citizenry of Iowa City doesn't care, it's because the case hasn't been made," he said.



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Panel member Lauren Reece speaks at the forum held in the Coralville City Council Chamber on Wednesday evening. Other panel members, from left, are Charlie Funk, Naomi Novick, and Lane Plugge.

Borchardt said he felt the district should have employed outside consultants to analyze current facilities rather than the in-house teams that developed the board's proposal. He also cited the enrollment projections made for the current year were not as high as expected, indicating an enrollment plateau.

"It seems the district could solve space needs by shifting around students here without the building cost," he said.

Charlie Funk, a co-chairman of Yes For Kids, a group

in favor of the school bond, said because local economic development is high, it shows support for city schools.

"Good schools make good business," he said, citing the number of local governments and business groups that have endorsed the bond referendum. Six governing bodies in Johnson County have voiced their support for the bond.

The 15-year bond, which could raise property taxes \$61.56 for each \$100,000 of appraised land value, would

fund construction for a new 465-student elementary school and a 600-student junior-high school in North Liberty. The bond also includes a new 250-student alternative high school, additions to both City and West High, and improvements to five elementary schools.

Early voting satellite stations, in locations such as Hy-Vee, UIHC, and Coralville City Hall, will be in operation before the Feb. 11 vote.

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GOP moves on limiting absentee voting in Iowa

BY DAVID PITT
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DES MOINES — A bill introduced Wednesday in the Iowa Legislature would require absentee voters to either mail their ballots back or return them to election officials personally after they have been completed.

Sen. Maggie Tinsman, R-Bettendorf, said she submitted the bill to help end practices used in the November general election.

"Inappropriately, some things were going on like picking up ballots by elected officials or their operatives and helping people fill them out," she said. "Absentee ballots really should be mailed in. If they can't be, then a team of Republicans and Democrats should go and pick them up but not anyone working for a candidate."

Tinsman said she is not alleging voter fraud in the election, but, she said, some candidates were "pushing the gray area," and some of the activities raised questions about whether the outcome of some races were affected.

Republicans have criticized a Democratic strategy to push absentee voting in the November election. Thousands more Democrats voted absentee than did Republicans, prompting the Republican Party to study Democrats' methods of getting absentee voters to cast ballots.

"It's a subject that I think a lot of Iowans were concerned about just judging from the number of phone calls we had during the election," said Joel Hannahs, a spokesman for the Iowa Republican Party. "It's certainly something the Legislature needs to look at and debate. This sounds like a positive step in that direction."

Democratic Party spokesman Mike Malaise said his party opposes the bill and any other action that might make it more difficult for voters to cast ballots.

"There's no question that our efforts in this last campaign increased voter turnout," he said. "We had 150,000 Democrats who voted absentee, and we want to continue to make it as easy for all of them to vote as possible."

Two longtime friends die while ice diving

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOWDEN, Iowa — Kevin Michael Petersen and Tracy Michael Humphreys spent most of their lives together.

The two friends went to the same Davenport schools as children, they worked together, joined the Navy together, and enjoyed outdoor activities together.

On Sunday, authorities recovered the bodies of Petersen, 31, of Long Grove and Humphreys, 30, of Calamus from a quarry pond near Lowden in Eastern Iowa, where they had gone to go ice-scuba diving.

"It's terrible," said Tracy's father, Michael Humphreys of Lost Nation. "It's hard on everybody."

Diving was a common pastime for Tracy Humphreys, who lived in Calamus with his wife and their two sons, ages 5 and 6. Tracy, who spent six years in the Navy, had diving experience in the Persian Gulf, Australia, San



Tracy Humphreys

Kevin M. Petersen

Francisco, and elsewhere, said Michael Humphreys.

Tracy Humphreys worked part time for his father's business in Davenport. He spent the rest of his time outdoors, staying in a cabin on the Wapsipinicon River, trapping and diving. He was a free spirit who "could live off the land," Michael Humphreys said.

Petersen also served in the Navy and was in Operation Desert Storm. He worked as a phlebotomist at a Davenport medical center.

Humphreys said Petersen had enlisted in the Navy again and wanted to go diving before he left for duty.

With those two little guys, that's all they do, 'Where's Daddy?'

Michael Humphreys, Tracy's father

They wanted to dive at the quarry to look at turtles underwater, he said.

Ice divers make up a tiny portion of scuba divers in the state, said Jim Sipma, a dive instructor at Iowa State Skin Diving Inc. in West Des Moines.

In ice diving, a diver cuts a hole in the ice in the shape of a triangle. It's easier to get in and out of the water with a triangle than with a hole in the shape of a circle, Sipma said.

The men were using new diving equipment Petersen had just bought, Michael Humphreys said. They didn't have a spotting team on the surface to help in an emergency, but they tied a 150-foot-long rope to a tree and dangled it into the water, he said.

Investigators said the rope wasn't attached to the men when their bodies were found. Rescuers spotted the bodies beneath the ice after the men failed to meet a friend who was going to pick them up on Jan. 25.

Joint services were held Wednesday for Tracy Humphreys and Petersen at a DeWitt funeral home.

Michael Humphreys said the hurt he sees on the faces of his two grandsons is almost too much to bear.

"It hasn't hit them yet. They idolize their dad," he said. "With those two little guys, that's all they do, 'Where's Daddy?'"

STATE BRIEF

Bill would control 'push polls'

DES MOINES (AP) — Legislation introduced Wednesday would tighten controls over "push polls," which have become increasingly prevalent in the last couple of elections.

Campaigns using the tactic run phone banks where voters are asked their preferences in a campaign, and then are told damaging — and frequently false — information about a candidate, asking if that would make a difference.

"Push polling is a very deceptive, misleading campaign tactic," said Rep. Pam Jochum, D-Dubuque, who crafted the new restrictions.

The legislation would require anyone conducting a telephone survey to disclose who they represent, whether that candidate has authorized the call and where the recipient can go to get more information about the effort.

Jochum said the measure was carefully crafted to avoid free speech issues. "Several states have done it, so we know it's constitutional," she said.

Jochum said if candidates were forced to put their name on distasteful push polling they would likely avoid the tactic. A flat ban isn't possible because of free speech issues, she said.

The measure is carefully crafted because legitimate pollsters often try to find issues that would sway voter opinion.

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NEWS

System for tracking students criticized

TRACKING

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of the Office of International Students. "It's already experienced problems with its online system, and it's not even at full capacity yet."

Sheldon Zola, a senior systems analyst at Arizona State University's Student Affairs Computer Services, said he blames the initial imperfections on an unprepared and understaffed INS.

"It hasn't had time to plan for all the contingencies," he said, adding that he hopes the INS will be flexible in dealing with situations it hasn't encountered before.

Three full-time staff members are working to link ASU with the INS system.

"It's a good start," Zola said. "[But] it needs a lot more attention to detail and planning."

Jerry Heinauer, the INS district director in Omaha, said errors are normal for a major undertaking such as this and that the necessary "tweaks" will be made.

"I have an awful lot of confidence that [the system] will work," said Heinauer, whose office covers Nebraska and Iowa. "This is a far superior system than what we had in place before."

The UI's first-ever compliance officer for the system, Guangming Du, who was hired in November 2000, expressed confidence in it, which was displaying the "usual" problems of large network project, he said.

"It looks like we can make it work," said the former UI graduate student, explaining that the digital format and central location would ultimately be more efficient.

The INS system is not funded by the federal government, leaving the state and students to make up the difference. The initial cost of \$50,000 for the UI to connect with the national server and \$33,000 per year for a com-

pliance officer have been covered by the Office of the Provost.

Still, the database, which is inaccessible to students, could force a member fee of up to \$90 on international students prior to entering the United States, pending a decision by the INS.

Chetan Tiwari, a UI graduate student and the president of the India Student Association, said he's worried about foreign students who fall out of status for uncontrollable reasons. Tiwari, who is from New Delhi, fell out of status for two days during Winter Break in India when he couldn't register for classes on ISIS.

"Someone at the U.S. port of entry would not understand the reasons [for this]," Tiwari said, adding that the INS should spread the membership cost among the schools and students. "If I have to pay the whole cost myself, then it's not fair."

Although he supports the creation of the system, UI graduate teaching assistant Fuxing Yang said he fears future technical complications and disapproves of paying a high fee.

"This is a good thing for the U.S. government to do ... but it needs to be stabilized," said the native of China. "They should also consider the [financial] burden on the students."

On Friday evening, the INS will hold an educational presentation at the Johnson County Neighborhood Center to answer questions about the system and other tracking systems.

Davies said that some international students currently out of "student status" would not be registered in the system and might lose the right to reapply for a visa, graduate status, or internships. This would occur if a student drops below full-time enrollment, fails to register, or commits a crime requiring university disciplinary action.

"Sadly, there will probably be some," she said.

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Hancher, agent bicker over show

HANCHER

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probably not be interested in working with Ho again.

The North American booking agent for Dragon, Jean-Jacques Cesbron, first told Ho about Hancher's attempt to seek financial retribution, Ho said. Cesbron refused to comment on the situation.

However, critics from the *New*

York Times, *Village Voice*, and the *Boston Phoenix* have hailed both Ho and *Dragon*, according to the production's Web site.

Karen Kubby, the executive director of the Emma Goldman Clinic, worked with Ho on a community-outreach program arranged by Hancher. She said she enjoyed the show's martial arts and political overtones but said it was quite apparent that her views were in the minority.

Hancher abruptly cut off the show prematurely as it came to a close, Kubby said.

"The band hadn't stopped playing when people left and the house lights went on," she said.

Kubby said she hoped to bring Ho's trio to the Iowa City Jazz Festival this year so the community could cultivate a relationship with a politically charged artist such as Ho.

Ho welcomed any opportunity

to bring his performance back to Iowa City and said he was not interested in pursuing the controversy any further.

"I don't want to have any hostility or negativity," he said. "I would love to come back again and again."

Dragon will kick off a 30-city tour starting Feb. 9 in Newport, Ore.

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Protesters rally against war in Iraq

RALLY

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John Barry of the National Lawyers' Guild denounced Bush's actions, describing them as "not only completely illegal, but it is also completely immoral."

He said the United States

is the biggest pusher of weapons of mass destruction in the world. Americans should say no to war, no to a double standard, no to hypocrisy, and yes to peace, he said.

Johnson County Green Party member Florence Boos said that despite pressure from the United States, most

members of the United Nations oppose the war.

"We have no more right to attack Iraq than the Japanese had to attack Pearl Harbor in World War II," she said.

The Green Party also announced a Gasoline-Free Day for the first of every month, beginning Saturday. The goal is to cut down on the

need for oil — a reason that Bush is going to war, said David Reed, a Green Party member. Participants are encouraged to make use of public transportation, unless in an emergency, and to walk, bike, and carpool when possible, he said.

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U.S. deficit ballooning, CBO warns

BUDGET

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Although a \$300 billion deficit would be the largest ever recorded, as a share of the economy it would be a middleweight: approximately 3 percent of gross domestic product, compared with a record 6 percent in 1983.

The CBO analysis shows the federal deficit peaking this year at \$199 billion — not including the proposed tax cuts — falling to \$145 billion in 2004, and gradually declining until the books balance again in 2007.

When it issued its last forecast in August, the budget office projected deficits of \$145 billion this year and \$111 billion in 2004. The adjustment is attributable to revised economic estimates, legislative

changes, and technical factors, it said.

Over the 10-year period ending in 2013, the government would record an overall surplus of \$1.4 trillion if the economy performed as expected and Congress refrained from cutting taxes or boosting spending, CBO said.

But the agency warned that its projections are likely to prove too optimistic. CBO is

required by law to issue a "baseline" budget forecast that assumes no change in current tax law and no increase in spending above the amount needed to keep up with inflation.

Lawmakers and analysts on both sides of the debate say those assumptions are clearly unrealistic.

The CBO numbers, for example, assume Congress will allow the tax cuts approved in 2001 to

lapse in 2011, as specified by the original legislation. Virtually no one on Capitol Hill expects that to happen; an acceleration of the cuts is considered far more likely.

Similarly, the 10-year forecast makes no allowance for Bush's new tax-cut initiative or the additional funds he is seeking for homeland security, the war on terrorism, or a prescription-drug benefit for Medicare recipients.

Council nations call for diplomacy

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Bush said: "I've got to tell you something. I've thought long and hard about this. The risks of doing nothing, the risks of assuming the best from Saddam Hussein — it's just not a risk worth taking."

Bush said that trying to contain Iraq no longer made sense in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks, asserting that Saddam has links to terror groups such as Al Qaeda that are willing to make the United States a battleground.

He didn't offer proof of his assertion of a connection between Saddam and Al Qaeda, although Secretary of State Colin Powell is expected to "connect the dots" on Feb. 5 during a Security Council briefing that also will try to show

that Iraq has systematically concealed weapons of mass destruction.

Powell and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld gave House members a closed-door preview of some of the evidence Wednesday, including freshly declassified intelligence. But some lawmakers were not convinced that it clinched the administration's case that Iraq is hiding weapons of mass destruction or is supporting other terror groups.

Rep. Thomas Udall, D-N.M., said, "I didn't hear anything new." But Rep. Carolyn B. Malone, D-N.Y., said, "I became more convinced after this meeting" of a link between Iraq and Al Qaeda.

Although the response overseas to Bush's speech ranged from caution among politicians to hostility on the streets

Wednesday, the U.S. offer to reveal new intelligence could open a slight crack in the resistance by France and Russia.

"I welcome this American decision," French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin said in Paris. "We will examine this American information, and we will give our own information ... The responsibility of the international community is immense. It is a question of war and peace."

The Powell presentation will be attended by foreign ministers from key nations Britain, France, and Germany — and perhaps more. Powell promised to put forward "information and evidence" to fill in some of the gaps in the inspections reports given Monday and to present more information about links between Al Qaeda and Iraq.

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New SUVs sit in a line at a dealership in Quincy, Mass., in this June 5, 2001, photo. The popularity of SUVs has increased steadily over the past decade; they have also been the target of attacks by environmentalists.

Americans both love, hate SUVs

BY DAVID CRARY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Call it the SUV paradox: With their high profile, both on the road and in the public imagination, SUVs have become the most coveted and most reviled vehicles in America.

Vandals target them; environmentalists and safety experts denounce them. Some clergy suggest they might be un-Christian, and new TV ads link them to terrorism. Yet at auto dealerships — in the countryside, the suburbs, the inner city — SUVs remain the nation's hottest-selling models.

"The reason sales figures are unaffected is that Americans don't like to be preached to by lifestyle police," said Eron Shostek, a spokesman for the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers.

The popularity of SUVs has increased steadily over the past decade. They now compose up to 25 percent of total U.S. vehicle sales, depending on whether so-called crossover models are included. Yet in recent months, SUVs have been the target of attacks notable for their variety and fervor.

As part of a campaign launched by syndicated columnist Arianna Huffington, TV ads aired this month suggesting that owners of gas-guzzling SUVs are indirectly assisting terrorists, who obtain financing in oil-exporting Middle East nations.

A group of evangelical Christian ministers launched a "What Would Jesus Drive?" campaign, urging SUV owners to consider whether they could switch to more fuel-efficient vehicles to better preserve the planet.

Vandals, perhaps motivated by ecological concerns, damaged SUVs in several communities. They smashed windshields in King County, Wash., set fires at a car lot in Erie County, Pa., and spray-painted "No Blood For Oil" on SUVs in Newton, Mass. Some Internet-based groups offer hostile bumper stickers to be pasted on SUVs — "As a matter of fact, I do own the road," says one; "Ask me how I'm changing the climate," says another.

Long-running concern about the safety of SUVs was underscored this month by Jeffrey Runge, the head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. He said SUVs' rollover fatality rate is triple that for passenger cars, and — referring to SUVs with poor safety ratings — said, "I wouldn't buy my kid a two-star rollover vehicle if it was the last one on Earth."

Manufacturers say SUVs are safer than passenger cars in most types of accidents, and they insist they are working hard to reduce the two most commonly cited hazards — rollovers and "incompatibility" that endangers people in smaller cars colliding with SUVs.

More so than safety, however, it is the SUVs' low gas mileage that has aroused widespread disdain.

One of the TV ads released this month by Huffington's campaign, the Detroit Project, showed a man filling his SUV gas tank juxtaposed with footage of terrorist training. "Oil money supports some terrible things," the ad said. "What kind of mileage does your SUV get?"

Several TV stations refused to air the ads, which have kindled a backlash among some SUV owners.

Philly uses parents to get tough on truants

BY MICHAEL RUBINKAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — Jennifer Jones doesn't take any guff. Not from her own kids, not from the ones in the neighborhood, and especially not from the ones she sees goofing off on the subway or at the mall when they should be in school.

Jones, 42, is one of 250 truant officers hired by the Philadelphia School District this year to get thousands of truants back to class.

It is no accident that Jones is a parent of two school-age children. The district is specifically recruiting parents.

"Parents know the terrain, know the environment, understand the culture, and may even know some of the individual parents and kids," said Paul Vallas, the chief executive of the 200,000-student school system.

Truancy is a big concern in Philadelphia and other cities. On any given day, more than 12,000 Philadelphia students are absent without an excuse, a rate of 6.4 percent.

The problem worries school officials because truants are more likely to use drugs, join gangs, commit crimes, or drop out.

"Truancy is our first, best flag that a kid will enter the juvenile-justice system," said Ken Seeley, who is studying the effectiveness of seven truancy-reduction programs for the U.S. Justice Department.

Vallas hired 600 parents for a



Chris Gardner/Associated Press

Jennifer Jones of Philadelphia speaks during an interview on Dec. 17, 2002. She is one of Philadelphia's parent-truant officers.

similar program in Chicago, where he headed the school system for six years. He said the program cut truancy from 5.7 percent to 3.9 percent.

Philadelphia contracted with 12 community and religious organizations to hire and train parent-truant officers. The training began last month; so far, 166 parents have gone through the program and started visiting the homes of truants. The officers are paid \$9 an hour for at least 10 hours a week.

"The primary role is to inform parents that their child has been truant, that resources are available, that we are ready to help," said Vern Trent, who heads the program.

While it is too soon to tell whether the \$1.2 million program is working, the officers had more than 1,600 contacts with parents through Dec. 31.

Some parents are simply unaware their children are cutting class. Others cannot afford school clothing or bus tokens. Still others are on

drugs or alcohol. Hastings Coach, who heads the parent-truant officer program for the Women's Association for Women's Alternatives, a social-services agency, said officers are told to be supportive and understanding, not threatening.

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NEWS

Iraq's window closing, U.S. says

BY BARRY SCHWEID
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration, weighing whether to set a deadline for Saddam Hussein to disarm, offered on Wednesday to try to help find a haven for the Iraqi president and his "henchmen" as a way to avert war.

But time appeared to be running out, and State Department officials said an exile scenario was not under serious consideration. "We're entering the final phase" and only a narrow "diplomatic window" remained open, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell called Saddam a liar in an interview with Britain's ITN television and said the Iraqi leader could avert war right away if he "understood the crisis" and disclosed he had hidden weapons.

"He's got a short period of time left to do that," Powell said.

With several world leaders hurrying to Washington for last-minute consultations, and a second round of talks set for next week in New York, Bush's National Security Council culled intelligence data for Powell to present on Feb. 5 in a public U.N. session.

He intends to demonstrate a concerted effort by Iraq to conceal its weapons of mass destruction from U.N. inspectors as well as Iraqi links to Al Qaeda and other terror groups.

Some of the information was known to have been provided by China, some by terror suspects detained in Afghanistan. Photographs may be made public, a senior U.S. official said.

But at the United Nations, the United States drew support from only two members of the 15-member Security Council, Spain and Bulgaria. Eleven others held out for giving U.N.



Adam Butler/Associated Press
Rescue swimmer Patrick Bell, left, prepares to jump off the USS Austin during a training exercise on Wednesday in the Persian Gulf, as the United States continues to prepare for a possible war with Iraq.

inspectors more time to hunt for illicit arms, diplomats said.

Powell, in an interview with ZDF Television of Germany, said, "It's still a wonderment to us why more people don't recognize" that Saddam has chemical and biological weapons and has been trying to develop nuclear weapons.

He again raised the possibility of the United States acting against Iraq without support of the Security Council. He said that after consultations next week, the administration will make a judgment on whether the next step should be a U.N. resolution "or whether it is some other action that we might feel obliged to take."

President Bush, in a speech in Grand Rapids, Mich., that dealt mostly with his economic

policy, dismissed as impractical simply containing Saddam Hussein — a strategy some Europeans are inclined to favor in preference to war.

That, Bush said, could leave Iraq free to join with terrorists to attack the United States "and never leave a fingerprint behind."

Throughout the protracted crisis with Iraq the idea of exile for Saddam has been raised in the Arab world as a possible way to avoid war.

And Arab diplomats said earlier this month that the idea had been presented to Saddam. But denials have cropped up as promptly as new countries have been suggested as havens, and many experts say they do not believe the Iraqi president would quit Baghdad.

Powell, at a State Department news conference, said, "If he were to leave the country and take some of his family members with him and others in the leading elite who have been responsible for so much trouble during the course of his regime, we would, I am sure, try to help find a place for them to go."

Asked if the United States would support giving Saddam immunity from prosecution as a war criminal, Powell said that was hypothetical at this point and that he was not prepared to talk about it.

Later, the State Department spokesman, Richard Boucher, calling Saddam's close aides "henchmen," said exile was only "an idea floating out there" that did not seem to be under serious consideration.

Bush's good/bad guy talk alarms many

BY TOM RAUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — In the nuanced world of diplomacy, President Bush speaks in blunt terms: dead or alive, good or evil, with us or against us. A more difficult task will be to match his stark rhetoric with the hard evidence against Iraq that doubting allies and skeptical Americans are demanding.

It's now up to Secretary of State Colin Powell to persuade the U.N. Security Council next week that the Bush administration does, in fact, have the goods on Saddam Hussein, as Bush suggested in his withering attack on the Iraqi leader in the State of the Union speech broadcast around the world.

"If this is not evil, then evil has no meaning," Bush said after cataloguing Saddam's alleged accumulation of weapons of mass destruction and atrocities against his own people. Bush cast the United States as ready to lead an army to strike down Saddam "for the safety of our people and for the peace of the world."

The president kept up the line of

attack on Wednesday, telling a Grand Rapids, Mich., audience that mere containment of Saddam was no longer an option. "You don't hope that therapy will somehow change his evil mind," he said.

Bush's tendency to draw moral distinctions has caused alarm among Europeans and other allies, and it could complicate Powell's efforts next week as he lays out his case.

In fact, Bush has a history of speaking in stark black and white terms — only to pull back if things don't work out as planned.

After the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, he vowed to get Osama bin Laden, "dead or alive." But the suspected mastermind of those attacks remains at large — and is seldom mentioned at the White House these days. He wasn't in Tuesday night's speech.

"It's apparently Osama bin Forgotten," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.

Also missing: the "axis of evil." Bush's 2002 State of the Union characterization of Iraq, Iran, and North Korea. The phrase hasn't been heard much since the disclosure last fall that North Korea was restarting its



Kathy Willens/Associated Press
French U.N. Ambassador Jean-Marc de La Sablière and other officials in European countries are alarmed by President Bush's tendency to draw moral and religious distinctions.

nuclear-weapons program — and the administration's pursuit of a diplomatic course with Pyongyang alongside a military one with Baghdad. "Different threats require very different policies," Bush said.

Bush's strong rhetoric "appeals to the American public, strength-

ens his position at home, and helps persuade the American people of the necessity of going into Iraq. So domestically, it's certainly a plus," said Lee Hamilton, who was the Democratic chairman of the House International Relations Committee during the 1991 Gulf War.

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Letter to the Editor

One study among many

I was disappointed and dismayed by the lack of intellectual rigor displayed in the letter "Abortion not a right" by Nichol Hohenbrink (*DI*, Jan. 29). Hohenbrink's citation of "studies" was, in the most generous of terms, inaccurate and misleading. She states that babies in the second trimester "often survive if born." This statement is tremendously naive. Babies born between 12 and 24 weeks do not routinely survive. If they do, they do so only with massive medical intervention and, more importantly, with major long-term health and educational consequences. In the *Journal of Pediatrics & Child Health*, an October 2002 study following 82 children born before 28 weeks (much later than the second trimester) found that at age 8, 10 percent had severe disabilities, 16 percent had mild

or moderate disabilities, 43 percent required special-education support, and 27 percent were below grade level in reading or mathematics.

In the same journal, a 1999 literature review on long-term lung function in premature babies concluded that despite medical and technological advances, "the consensus is that the prevalence of long-term respiratory impairment ... has not diminished and may in fact have increased." The general point is that medicine "saves" premature babies only at a great cost to society, the parents who must attempt to cope with the potentially severely impaired child, and most importantly, to the long-term quality of life of the child.

In addition, Hohenbrink quotes "one study" to erroneously buttress her argument that abortion is psychologically damaging to the mother. In a 1991

literature review in the *American Journal of Psychiatry*, the authors found that regarding abortion, "adverse sequelae occur in a minority of women, and when such symptoms occur, they usually seem to be the continuation of symptoms that appeared before the abortion ... while children born when the abortion is denied have numerous, broadly based difficulties in social, interpersonal, and occupational functions that last at least into early adulthood."

For a graduate student, Hohenbrink shows a disappointing lack of ability to form and support clear arguments in an academically rigorous way. In the process, she obfuscates with childlike terms what is in reality a complicated, multifaceted, and emotional issue that touches all aspects of our society.

Nick Ettinger
UI medical student

Editorials

Democrats have a field day joining the presidential race

The 2004 Democratic presidential race looks like a confusing track-and-field day.

In one corner, Sens. John Kerry of Massachusetts, Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, and John Edwards of North Carolina are in a potato-sack race, each trying to propose meaningful legislation before flopping over during the inevitable second Gulf War. In another corner, Rev. Al Sharpton flexes his vocal cords, ready to spout off about the injustices of this country, even if he doesn't have all of his facts straight and nobody notices him. Stretching on the sidelines, Gary Hart ponders whether he can pull off a return to national politics without being too bogged down with questions about an old extramarital affair. Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean tours the stands, signing autographs, even if people aren't sure who he is. Finally, Richard Gephardt, the former Democratic leader in the House of Representatives, warms up for the javelin — after all, he may be a long shot.

Seem confusing? It is. Six of the above seven men have hinted at the possibility of running; Hart remains undecided but is a likely candidate as well.

Although the important Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary do not occur until early next year, each of the candidates needs to warm up and garner some major national attention, as well as get off to a good start.

One of the problems facing this race is that President Bush's middling approval ratings (down to under 60 percent, the lowest for him since before 9/11) are encouraging Democrats to emerge. Al Gore's somewhat surprising decision not to run

again has allowed candidates to consider themselves worthy opponents for a reasonably popular president whose party controls both houses of Congress. And indeed, they may be right.

If Democrats are serious about regaining the White House, they will need to make some difficult decisions and not waste time. The American public's attention span is only so long, and Americans are notoriously bad at keeping track of new names and faces. The candidates will have to work hard to distinguish themselves from each other, and more importantly, from Republicans. Of late, Democrats have sided with Republicans on some key political issues, especially a potential war in Iraq. Among the candidates are some hawks: Lieberman has been outspoken about going to war in the Middle East.

Additionally, once the candidates have decided where they differ, they will need to determine whether they have realistic chances to gain the presidency. If some decide that they do not, they should consolidate their power and throw their support behind more viable candidates. The sooner candidates face reality, the better the Democrats' chances.

It will be very challenging to defeat Bush and his seasoned army of advisers. The coming months will determine a lot for Democrats, especially once Iraq figures more definitively in the picture. Though history has proven that it is possible to unseat a Bush who has succeeded in Iraq, it isn't easy. This bunch of Democratic candidates must stop the three-legged races and look to the real finish line — 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Rumsfeld's recent comments do not reflect American sentiment

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld is out of control. In recent weeks, his comments and actions have outraged people all over the world.

Vietnam veterans are protesting against his comments about Vietnam War draftees. Rumsfeld said draftees added "no value, no advantage" to the military effort in the war because their training and length of service was too short. He eventually apologized on Jan. 21, saying that he meant that the 1.7 million draftees who served in Vietnam added "great value" to the Vietnam War effort. More than 17,000 of the 58,000 Americans killed in Vietnam were draftees. Especially at a time of imminent war, the secretary of Defense should not disparage those who have served.

Rumsfeld offended France and Germany on Jan. 23 by calling the countries a part of "Old Europe," sending the message that he believes their ideas are outdated and their opinions do not matter regarding a war with Iraq. France and Germany simply insist that a peaceful resolution with Iraq can be made. Not only did his comments offend the French

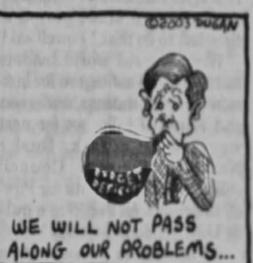
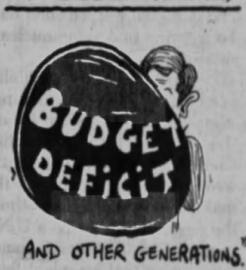
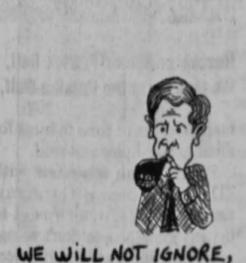
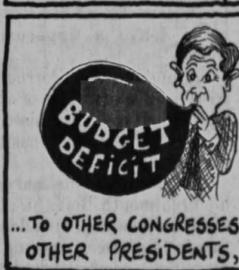
and the Germans, but they were fuel for continued antiwar sentiment in the European Union as well.

Rumsfeld's brash remarks have not helped the United States win any allies, which are desperately needed unless the United States wants to unleash a unilateral attack. In what seems to be a macho bragging session, he claimed that the United States could topple Iraq and North Korea at the same time.

His arrogant opinions are not limited to U.S. audiences. He has gained clearance to broadcast his regular Pentagon briefings in Arabic on Iraqi television and radio stations. He told the Iraqis listening that "this is freedom in action." Rumsfeld's broadcasts also include information about U.N. weapons inspections and information about Saddam Hussein's leadership. Instead of aid, U.S. aircraft have dropped more than 1 million leaflets over southern Iraq to advertise the broadcasts.

President Bush needs to stop his silence and publicly reprimand Rumsfeld. Nearly 50 percent of Americans are opposed to war with Iraq; Rumsfeld's brash rhetoric needs to cease because it is not indicative of American sentiment.

STATE OF THE UNION 2003



The sky is falling — send rice

We live in uncertain times. This puts us in good company, of course — with most other people throughout most of human history. Name me a date, and I'll name you some Armageddon that was hanging overhead or just ahead of you on the road, like fog on a bad night. Unfortunately, there's a tiny bit of me that's feeling just a wee bit smug these days: Everybody stopped believing the boy who cried wolf, but he and Chicken Little must have felt some glimmer of satisfaction when the sky really was falling and the wolf was at the door.

That's about how I'm feeling right now. For 10 years, I wore a button that said "U.S. TROOPS OUT OF THE MIDDLE EAST." I'd be wearing it still if it hadn't fallen off my backpack a couple years ago and gotten trampled to death during the Students Against Sweatshops sit-in at Jessup Hall.

The button used to mystify a lot of people. "Um, Laura, the Gulf War is over," was the most frequent response. "Well, actually," I would say, and then depending on how ornery I was feeling, I would either launch into statistics on the number of bombing raids on Baghdad and the number of Iraqi children killed as a result of economic sanctions and so on, or I would just say, "Well, actually, it's not."

Now, of course, it really is happening again, and protesting the war is the hip thing to do. My friend's in-laws put an anti-war message in their Christmas letter. "Attack Iraq? NO!" bumper stickers grace half a dozen cars on my block (including, I must admit, mine). In another friend's swanky neighborhood in St. Paul, people have put up yard signs (next to their Paul Wellstone tributes) that read "Iraq War — NO — Call Your Congressperson."

And then there are the e-mails, which I get every day with a creative new way to protest the war. The latest just came in yesterday:

"Place 1/2 c. uncooked rice in a small plastic bag (a snack-sized bag or sandwich bag works fine). Squeeze out excess air and seal the bag. Wrap it in a piece of paper on which you have written 'If your enemies are hungry, feed them. Romans 12:20.' Please send this rice to the people of Iraq; do not attack them." Place the paper and bag of rice in an envelope (either a letter-sized or small padded mailing envelope — both are the same cost to mail) and address them to President George Bush, White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW,



Laura Crossett

Washington, D.C., 20500. Attach \$1.06 in postage. (Three 37 cent stamps equal \$1.11). Drop this in the mail TODAY.

(I love that detail about the three 37 cent stamps. It kind of reminds me of tickets for high-school dances — \$5/single, \$10/couple. A friend of mine and I used to joke that this was done because most of the people who took dates to the dances couldn't really add. I was rather cruel in high school.)

Well, I have not sent any rice to the White House, though I have contemplated calling to see how much has arrived and what they've done with it. I'm also curious about whether people have sent white rice or brown rice — I'd argue for the brown rice, for the sake of its greater nutritional value, but of course, it's probably all going straight into a landfill anyway.

Recently I've been reading Walter Harding's biography of Henry David Thoreau, who began the long and venerable tradition of protesting war by refusing to pay taxes during the war with Mexico. Tax resistance got popular again during Vietnam, when the government even went so far as to levy an extra telephone tax to help pay for the war effort. That tax was supposed to be lowered gradually and then phased out, though the latter part never happened, and if you feel like writing a nice letter to your phone company and deducting some change from your bill each month, you can feel you're doing your part to stall the war machine. The good folks at the War Resister's League (www.wrl.org) would be happy to tell you how.

But I was on the subject of Thoreau, whose life ended part way into the Civil War. When asked for his opinion on the situation by an old abolitionist colleague, Thoreau replied, "I do not so much regret the present condition of things in this country (provide I regret it at all) as I do that I ever heard of it ... I am reading Herodotus & Strabo, Blodgett's *Climatology*, and *Six Years in the Deserts of North America*, as hard as I can, to counterbalance it." I must say, these days, that I have a certain amount of sympathy for that position.

But while you're watching the sky fall, you might take some time out to write your representative, attend a vigil (every Friday from noon to 1 on the Pedestrian Mall), send some rice, or even get on a bus to D.C. Just remember: I told you so.

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In My Opinion

What did you think of Bush's State of the Union address?



"I'm impressed that he talked about U.S. policy towards Africa."

Linga Kalinde
UI senior



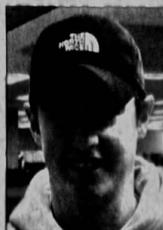
"I refused to watch it. I didn't want to be in a bad mood."

Tara Voss
UI senior



"I felt frustrated with some conclusions that he made. He wasn't clear about what we are doing in Iraq."

Mouna Abraham
UI senior



"It was mediocre. I don't think he addressed the problems people are most concerned with."

Andy Landgrebe
UI sophomore



"He has lofty goals, but I'm looking forward to the hydrogen-powered car!"

Coby Vaknin
UI senior

Reality check — waiting for lightning to strike again

Former Vice President Al Gore said in December that he was no longer planning to run for the White House in 2004, and the announcement created a stampede among other Democratic hopefuls. Within two weeks, the field of candidates had swelled to seven contenders for the Democratic nomination — even Gary Hart may run. The winner of the primaries — the one chosen to run against President Bush in 2004 — will be crowned in Boston 18 months from now.

Gore said he decided against running again because he did not want the future election to be about the past. For two reasons, he should be given credit for his decision.

First, the reason he cited would probably have been true. Until he opted out, Gore was the undisputed Democratic front-runner. But, unlike 2000, the Democratic field is a lot more crowded this time around, and Gore is no longer the VP. If he had run again, it might have been a replay of the 2000 election, but not in the way many analysts thought. No doubt, Gore would have energized the core of the Democratic

Party, the labor union and blacks, who felt cheated by the final decision of 2000.

Although this may have favored Gore in securing the nomination, it might have actually worked against him in the general election; contrary to general belief, Gore would have had to wrestle the nomination away from other contenders, none of whom would make the kind of mistake Bill Bradley made when he forgot or chose not to take his medicine, suddenly making his own health a major consideration for voters during the 2000 primaries.

Democratic presidential hopefuls such as John Edwards, D-N.C., would have most likely reminded primary voters that Gore had run several times but could not win a national election as the head of the ticket. That would have forced Gore to move further to the left to attract core Democrats and made it more difficult for him to win



BODE OLAKANMI

against Bush in 2004.

Second, Gore should be lauded for being realistic. There were many reports and much speculation that, in spite of his name recognition, recent book tour, and high-profile publicity, he was having problems raising money to support a run in 2004. It seems that potential donors were searching for a fresh face who could bring more excitement to the Democratic ticket. And in contrast to what campaign-finance reformers would like us to believe, money remains the blood that runs through the veins of political campaigns.

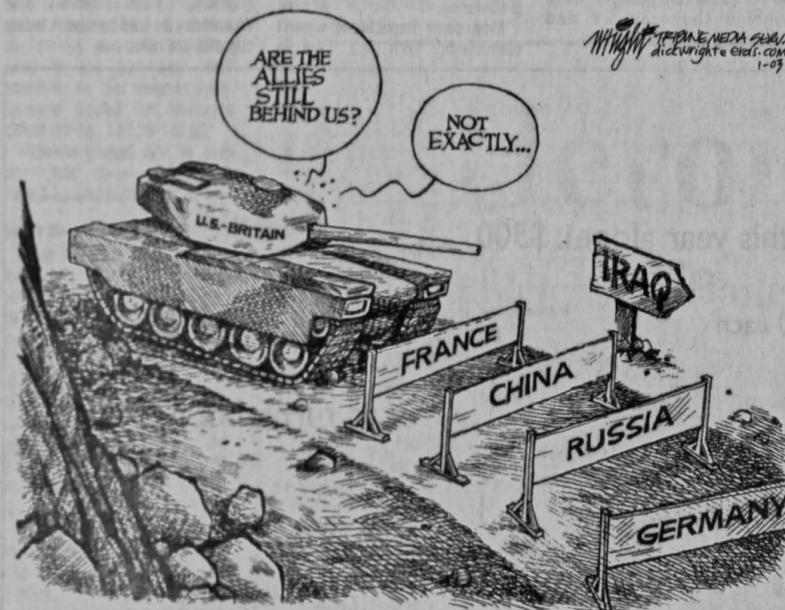
Without adequate fund raising, the writing on the wall for Gore's candidacy was clear. To make things worse, many of his previous campaign workers were reported to have defected to other, more promising candidates. A seasoned politician, Gore read the writing, and he did the most face-saving thing he could. It would have been

humiliating if he had not been able to secure his party's nomination or if he had become so battered during the primaries that he became easy prey for Bush during the general election.

With Gore gone, the race is on. Each prospective Democratic candidate has begun jockeying for front-runner status. And it is not difficult to understand why so many Democrats are choosing to run for the White House, despite the popularity of the current president. Gore are the days when the popularity of a president determines the number of potential opponents.

Right now, Edwards has been ordained by the national press as the person to beat. He seems to revel in the prospect; he talks and acts like the front-runner. He is young, handsome, and from the South. He talks like a Southern conservative but acts as a New England liberal. He reminds many of Bill Clinton. In 1992, Clinton took a chance against George H.W. Bush, and the gamble paid off. Today, it is clear that Democrats are hoping that lightning will strike again.

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Letters to the Editor

Missing the point

In his rush to genuflect at the altar of political correctness, Dean Fred Antczak's letter to the editor (*DI*, Jan. 24) completely missed the point of Christian Kurasek's thoughtful column on need-based affirmative action (*DI*, Jan. 24). If Antczak had bothered to carefully read Kurasek's column, he would know it was not about the University of Michigan's affirmative-action policy, it was about affirmative action in general. Kurasek used an aspect of the University of Michigan's policy as an example to illustrate his point. The quotes from Kurasek's column that Antczak included in his

letter were not written by Kurasek in the context of Michigan's policy. Therefore, they were not relevant.

Mike Davis
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The good ol' days

The vocabulary sure has changed since Bush became president. Listening to his State of the Union message made me wonder what happened to phrases we used to hear. Gone is "the surplus." We are ignoring "the deficit" and no longer speak of "paying off the national debt." The phrases "balanced budget" and "fiscal responsibility" are as out of style as gays wanting to join the military and "term limits."

Alan Greenspan no longer has to put the "brakes on" economic growth to slow down an "over-heated economy." "Over-employment" is no longer going to lead to inflation because there are no longer "too many jobs." The affliction known as "sudden-wealth syndrome" has been wiped out. The debate over who gets the "credit" for the "recovery" has been replaced with who gets the "blame" for the "recession." Now even the rich are getting poorer. So much has changed. I sure do miss President Clinton.

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NEWS

Venezuelan banks quit strike

BY ALEXANDRA OLSON ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARACAS, Venezuela — Under intense pressure from President Hugo Chavez, Venezuela's banks agreed to abandon a 59-day-old opposition strike — the latest sign the drive to force Chavez's quick ouster was unraveling.

Wednesday's decision came as the government nibbled away at the strike's core: a walkout that hobbled the oil industry, the world's No. 5 exporter.

Output surpassed 1 million barrels a day this week, a third of normal. Oil provides half of government income and 70 percent of export revenue.

Venezuela's National Banking Council said its members will return to normal operating hours on Feb. 3. For two months, thousands of people have waited in long lines while banks opened just three hours a day.

"I think it's great," said Juan Pardo, 50, as he stood in line to cash a check. "It's time things returned to normal. We can't

continue like this."

Management at shopping malls, restaurants, franchises, and schools also planned to resume work Feb. 3. Many strike supporters fear a popular backlash because of strike-related food, medicine, and cash shortages. Others say they'll go out of business permanently if they stay closed.

Most small businesses never joined the strike, which began Dec. 2, 2002.

In a sign of growing resentment, banks in downtown Caracas were splattered with graffiti reading, "Banker thieves!" and "Coup plotters!"

"We owe the public," Nelson Mezerhane, the council's vice president, said after a Wednesday council meeting. "They have their earnings and money in our institutions."

Mezerhane refused to say how much banks lost during the strike.

Chavez applied heavy pressure. The president threatened to suspend directors at striking banks, fine them, and withdraw



Leslie Mazoch/Associated Press

Victor Moreno, 9, yells to his father as he and tens of thousands of opposition members wave flags during a 24-hour street protest against a court decision to suspend a referendum on Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez's rule in Caracas, Venezuela on Saturday.

the armed forces' deposits from private institutions.

Opposition leaders insist the strike isn't over, but they appear to be relying more on international pressure to force early elections.

Labor, business, and political parties called the strike to demand Chavez resign or call early elections. They argue that Chavez's leftist policies have hobbled the economy and unleashed political violence.

NATION BRIEF

Bush's Medicare plan criticized by leaders

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — President Bush ran into Republican and Democratic resistance to his Medicare-reform proposal Wednesday, with even White House allies saying they were confused about what the president intended to propose.

Bush flew more than 1,000 miles round-trip to highlight a top domestic priority: revamping Medicare to give beneficiaries prescription-drug subsidies.

"A reformed and strengthened Medicare system, plus a healthy dosage of Medicare spending in the budget, will make us say firmly, 'We fulfilled our promise to the seniors of America,'" Bush said.

But even as he spoke, there was growing criticism of Bush's proposal on Capitol Hill.

Democrats and some consumer groups contended the plan would deny the elderly the doctors of their choice by forcing them into HMOs if they wanted prescription-drug coverage.

"His proposal is really a benefit for HMOs," said Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-California.

Even some Republicans weren't enthusiastic, with Sen. Olympia

Snowe, R-Maine, saying the "president's focus on ways to reform Medicare could hamper our efforts to pass comprehensive prescription coverage."

Bush, meanwhile, tried to showcase the softer side of his domestic and international agenda, promoting new AIDS money and Medicare changes while visiting a state vital to his re-election.

But he provided no details, and there appeared to be some confusion — even among key Republicans — over his Medicare plan.

"We're not even close to understanding what the president is going to propose," House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, said on Capitol Hill.

Administration officials have said in recent days that the plan would offer the drug benefits to seniors willing to leave the traditional fee-for-service program and join government-subsidized health-care plans administered by insurance companies. But on Wednesday, officials were noncommittal about whether the administration would take that route.

Perhaps reflecting some of that criticism, Bush aides said Wednesday it could be weeks before specifics are rolled out.

AOL Time discloses huge loss

BY DAVID A. VISE WASHINGTON POST

AOL Time Warner reported losses of nearly \$100 billion for 2002, a record-setting loss that is attributable to a drop of more than \$33.5 billion in the value of its America Online unit since the firm merged with Time Warner in January 2001.

AOL Time Warner Chief Executive Officer Richard Parsons also announced that Ted Turner, who founded the cable network CNN that later became part of Time Warner, is resigning in May as company vice chairman. He will remain, however, a director of the company.

The company recorded a non-cash charge of \$45.5 billion in the fourth quarter because of the decline in the value of the AOL unit. The steep drop in goodwill reflects the difference between the value of the Northern Virginia-based AOL unit since its merger with Time Warner in January 2001.

In reporting the loss, AOL Time Warner said that while its cable television, publishing, and entertainment business were thriving, a steep drop in ad revenue at America Online, and slowing subscriber growth, magnified losses. While America Online remains the leading service to connect Internet users to the Web, it is struggling to maintain momentum as advertisers flee the service and subscribers opt for high-speed, broadband connections from other providers.

Parsons and others have described 2003 as a transition year for the online unit, saying its performance will get worse before any improvement is seen in 2004. Parsons said that his goal as chief executive is to pare AOL Time Warner's \$26 billion in debt by selling roughly \$6 billion in businesses and other holdings in the coming year. The company has put its book-publishing operations up for sale and also intends to spin off minority ownership in its Time Warner cable subsidiary. The company raised roughly \$800 million from its sale of Hughes Electronics stock on Tuesday.

For 2002, AOL Time Warner reported losses of \$98.7 billion versus a loss of \$4.9 billion in 2001. Revenue climbed 7 percent to \$41.1 billion from \$38.5 billion. The outlook for 2003 is for slow growth.

"In 2003, our company will strive to run each of our businesses as well or better than before, with a continued major focus on stabilizing and revitalizing America Online," Parsons said. "In addition, 2003 will be a year where the company begins aggressively to regain financial flexibility. We'll use our free cash flow and other initiatives to reduce debt on our way to obtaining meaningful strategic capacity."



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Thursday, Jan. 30, 2003

HONOR ROLL

Hawkeyes receive Big Ten accolades

Iowa women's swimmer Jennifer Skolaski and diver Lisette Planken were honored on Tuesday as Big Ten swimmer and diver of the week for the second time this season.



Planken

Skolaski finished first in the four events she competed in against Ohio State and Illinois. The sophomore swam a season-best in the 100-backstroke and had individual wins in the 500 and 1000 freestyle. In the freestyle relay, Skolaski helped the Hawkeyes defeat Illinois, 149.50-148.50.

Planken placed first in both one- and three-meter diving events against both teams as well.

Iowa men's diving

Diver Timo Klami was honored today as the Big Ten diver of the week. It marks the second time this year that Klami has earned the accolade.

The native of Nodeland, Norway, received the honor for his efforts in the Hawkeye victory over Minnesota.



The junior captured first place in the 1-meter dive with a score of 332.48 and the 3-meter event with a mark of 381.90, meeting NCAA qualifying standards in both dives.

IOWA SPORTS

Today

BASKETBALL, Iowa women host Indiana, Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 7 p.m., KCRG

Friday

GYMNASTICS, Iowa women at Iowa State, Ames, 7 p.m.

TENNIS, Iowa women at Vanderbilt, Nashville, 2:30 p.m.

SWIMMING, Iowa women and men host Missouri, Field House pool, free, 5 p.m.

Saturday

BASKETBALL, Iowa men host Purdue, Carver-Hawkeye, 7:05 p.m., ESPN Plus

TENNIS, Iowa women at Tulsa, Nashville, 10 a.m.

TRACK, Iowa men and women at Panther Classic, UNI, Cedar Falls, 3:30 p.m.

SWIMMING, Iowa women and men host Truman State, Field House pool, free, 1 p.m.

GYMNASTICS, Iowa men host Minnesota, Field House, \$3, 2 p.m.

Sunday

BASKETBALL, Iowa women host Illinois, Carver-Hawkeye, tickets available, 2 p.m.

MONDAY TV

MEN, Butler at Duke, 6 p.m. ESPN2

NBA, Minnesota at Dallas, 6:30 p.m. TNT

WOMEN, Michigan at Michigan State, 7 p.m. FOX

NHL, Chicago at Boston or Colorado at New York, 7 p.m. ESPN

NBA, Sacramento at Seattle, 9 p.m. TNT

MEN, Oregon at UCLA, 9:30 p.m. FOX

Many views to be included in Title IX report

BY JOSEPH WHITE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Members of a Bush administration commission who want to maintain Title IX's current standards won the right Wednesday to have a dissenting view included in their final report.

"There's tremendous passion on this issue," said Commissioner Julie Foudy, a member of the U.S. women's national soccer team. "To not represent both sides of the passion is a disservice of what we're going to give to the secretary."

The 15-member Commission on Opportunity in Athletics was scheduled to debate on vote on recommendations to forward to Education Secretary Rod Paige, but the panel spent the first hour of the two-day meeting debating its procedures.

Foudy and Donna de Varona are expecting a majority of the commissioners to vote in favor of scaling back standards in the 30-year-old sex-equity law that has exponentially increased participation in women's sports.

They were upset that the initial procedures did not call for a minority view to be

included in the final report, a rule Foudy said was essentially a "gag order."

"It's inappropriate," said co-chairman Ted Leland, athletic director at Stanford. "I don't think anybody's gagged you."

After long debate, the commissioners agreed that their final report will include both viewpoints on any recommendation that isn't reached by consensus or majority vote.

"Differences need to be included in the process," said



Matthew Cavanaugh/Associated Press

Cynthia Cooper and Ted Leland are members of the Title IX panel.

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IOWA CITY COMMUNITY

Heroic story

Former athlete Seth Bailey struggles with life, cancer

BY BRIAN TRIPLETT THE DAILY IOWAN

The road for Seth Bailey has been a bumpy one.

But the way he has gotten over those bumps and lived out the smooth stretches of the road of life has given endless inspiration to those who have followed him.

The story goes like this: The pain in his foot began back in second grade. Seth was examined by a number of doctors, but none could find the root of the problem. One doctor even suggested that he go to a pain management class, thinking the pain could all be in his head.

It wasn't until years later that Bailey's high-school basketball coach was wrapping Seth's foot and discovered a lump on it. After more examinations and a surgery, the truth came out.

At age 17, Seth was diagnosed with soft-tissue synovial sarcoma—a rare form of cancer. It was the first obstacle in the road.

Seth and his family came to the decision that amputation was the only thing that would save his life, so what had to be done was done.

But Seth would not let that get the best of him.

"He's always been a fighter," Seth's mother, Jackie Bailey, said. "He [doesn't] know the word 'quit.'"

Three months later Seth was skiing with his family on the mountains of Colorado with a prosthetic leg. Soon after that he was getting quality minutes as a senior on the Iowa Mennonite basketball team.

"I think for the guys to see him want it in his heart that badly, the team fed off of that," Bailey's high school basketball coach, Dwight Gingrich, said. "People really admired him for his courage, no question."

For awhile, the road was smooth for Seth. After graduating high school, he attended Iowa State University, and often



TOP: Seth Bailey, middle, sits with sister Kara, younger brother Jase, and older brother Josh as the children were growing up.

Contributed photos



The Bailey family poses together in this photo. Back row: brother Josh, Seth, dad Tom. Front, sister Kara, brother Jase, mom Jackie.

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Seth Bailey plays basketball senior year at Iowa Mennonite high school.

Key word is revenge for Iowa tonight

BY MICHELLE YONG THE DAILY IOWAN

It's payback time for the Hawkeyes.

The Iowa women's basketball team faces Indiana tonight with one thing on its mind—revenge. The Hoosiers knocked the Hawkeyes out of the Big Ten Tournament last year in an overtime thriller.

In a game that included high emotions, controversial calls, and two free throws in the last seconds that sealed the game for the Hoosiers, the Hawkeyes lost, 78-76, in a game that got away from them.

"I think we paid a big price for those controversial calls, and we're really excited to get back on the floor against them," Iowa coach Lisa Bluder said.

Unlike Bluder's team, whose point production has come from only two players of late, Kristi Faulkner and Jennie Lillis, Indiana coach Kathi Bennett is receiving big numbers from a several different players. Five different Hoosiers have scored 17 points or more this year.

The Hoosiers though, haven't found the winning touch of late, dropping their last four games to Michigan State twice, Michigan, and Wisconsin in their last four outings.

"Indiana is very young, but it is a team that is working hard to find itself and build confidence," Bluder said. "I know Kathi Bennett will be fighting as hard as she can to not make it five straight."

The Hawkeye coach hopes to get more production from her freshmen. Johanna Solverson is the Hawkeyes' biggest freshman threat, averaging 9.4 points per game and ranking 13th in the Big Ten in steals.

Solverson hasn't converted on many of her shots in the past handful of games, and Bluder is working her best to carry her out of it.

SEE WOMEN, PAGE 3B

Woods receives clearance to return to golf

BY DOUG FERGUSON ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tiger Woods only made it look easy.

His dominance became even more impressive Wednesday when he revealed that pain in his left knee was so intense last year it made him sick to his stomach, and he had to take injections just to keep playing.

"It was a tough, tough year, one I don't want to have to go through again," Woods said Wednesday during a conference call, his first interview since Dec. 12 knee surgery.

The bottom line looks healthy as ever.

Despite benign cysts that made his knee ligaments inflate like a balloon, Woods became the first player in 30 years to win a season's first two majors. He ruled golf for the fourth-straight season, winning a total of six times.

Imagine how he might play if healthy.

Woods could get an answer soon. He received clearance from his doctors Jan. 25 to hit a driver and as many practice balls as he wants. He'll decide next week whether he is fit enough to return Feb. 13 for the Buick Invitational in San Diego.

If not, Woods said he would

try to play either of the following weeks, in the Nissan Open at Riviera or the Match Play Championship.

Woods first revealed his left knee was hurting at the season-ending Tour Championship. He showed few signs of pain during the year, when he finished out of the top 10 only twice after winning the Masters.

"It was a good acting job," he said.

Woods had knee surgery while in college, although he says this injury is unrelated. He started feeling intermittent pain about two years ago, but it was never sore long enough for him to pay attention.

"Last year, toward the end, it was brutal," he said. "A lot of times, I didn't want to go out there and play. I felt nausea because the pain was so great. I had it injected numerous times to play last year."

"I know what other athletes go through with those needles," he said. "It's not fun."

Woods said the pain affected him in some of the majors. It was hard to tell.

He won the Masters and U.S. Open by three strokes each, finished second by one stroke in



Mark J. Terrill/Associated Press Despite cysts in Tiger Woods' knee ligaments, Woods won the season's first two majors.

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SPORTS

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All Times CST			
EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct
New Jersey	31	14	.689
Boston	26	19	.578
Philadelphia	24	22	.522
Orlando	24	23	.511
Washington	22	24	.478
New York	19	25	.432
Miami	16	29	.356
Central Division			
Indiana	33	13	.717
Detroit	29	15	.659
New Orleans	24	22	.522
Milwaukee	22	22	.500
Chicago	17	27	.386
Atlanta	17	29	.370
Toronto	11	34	.244
Cleveland	9	37	.196
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Midwest Division	W	L	Pct
Dallas	35	9	.795
San Antonio	29	16	.644
Minnesota	27	18	.600
Utah	27	18	.600
Houston	24	20	.545
Memphis	13	31	.295
Denver	10	35	.222
Pacific Division			
Sacramento	32	14	.696
Portland	28	16	.636
Phoenix	26	21	.553
Seattle	20	23	.465
L.A. Lakers	20	23	.465
Golden State	20	24	.455
L.A. Clippers	16	28	.364

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

All Times CST					
EASTERN CONFERENCE					
Atlantic Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts
New Jersey	30	12	3	4	67
Philadelphia	27	13	8	2	64
N.Y. Islanders	23	20	5	2	53
Pittsburgh	21	21	4	5	51
N.Y. Rangers	21	26	8	1	49
Northeast					
Ottawa	32	12	6	1	71
Boston	26	18	5	1	58
Toronto	26	20	4	1	57
Montreal	21	19	7	5	54
Buffalo	15	24	7	3	40
Southeast					
Washington	23	19	7	3	56
Tampa Bay	21	19	7	4	53
Florida	15	19	9	8	47
Carolina	17	24	6	5	45
Atlanta	17	26	3	4	41
WESTERN CONFERENCE					
Central Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts
St. Louis	27	15	6	4	64
Detroit	27	15	7	2	63
Chicago	21	18	9	3	54
Nashville	17	22	8	4	46
Columbus	19	25	5	2	45
Northwest					
Vancouver	29	16	6	0	64
Minnesota	25	18	8	1	59
Edmonton	24	16	5	6	59
Colorado	19	14	11	5	54
Calgary	17	25	7	3	44
Pacific					
Dallas	30	11	11	1	72
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San Jose	19	20	6	5	49
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Los Angeles	19	24	4	4	46

Dallas 4, Calgary 1
Edmonton 5, Minnesota 1
Ottawa at Anaheim, late.

Today's Games
Pittsburgh at Washington, 6 p.m.
Nashville at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
Florida at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Boston, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Colorado at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Vancouver, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

EAST
Boston U. 63, Maine 53
George Washington 74, Saint Joseph's 68
Hartford 80, Albany, N.Y. 68
Hofstra 64, Delaware 62
Minnesota 76, Penn St. 75
Northeastern 59, Binghamton 48
Old Dominion 72, Drexel 69
Rhode Island 76, Fordham 68
Rider 73, Marist 60
Columbus 19, 25 5 2 45 144

Northwest
W L T OL Pts GF
Vancouver 29 16 6 0 64 156
Minnesota 25 18 8 1 59 126
Edmonton 24 16 5 6 59 143
Colorado 19 14 11 5 54 140
Calgary 17 25 7 3 44 112

Pacific
W L T OL Pts GF
Dallas 30 11 11 1 72 165
Anaheim 20 18 7 4 51 119
San Jose 19 20 6 5 49 134
Phoenix 19 21 7 4 49 128
Los Angeles 19 24 4 4 46 125

Kent St. 82, Cent. Michigan 78
Marquette 80, East Carolina 48
Miami (Ohio) 73, E. Michigan 58
Missouri 63, Nebraska 56
Notre Dame 66, West Virginia 69
Purdue 70, Ohio St. 65
S. Illinois 75, Bradley 72
Wisconsin 69, Northwestern 50
Youngstown St. 77, Wis.-Green Bay 76

TRANSACTIONS

American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with LHP B.J. Ryan on a one-year contract and INF Jeff Reboutet and INF John Valentin on minor league contracts.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with RHP Billy Koch on a two-year contract.
DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with INF Kevin Witt on a minor league contract.
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Francisco Cordero on a one-year contract.

National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Agreed to terms with LHP Ron Villone and RHP Mike Jackson on minor league contracts.
COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with LHP Darren Oliver on a minor league contract.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with RHP Mike Flynne on a minor league contract.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Agreed to terms with 1B Andres Galarraga on a minor league contract.

National Basketball Association
NBA—Suspended Utah coach Jerry Sloan seven games for showing an official in a Jan. 28 game, and Indiana F Ron Artest four games for an altercation and flashing an obscene gesture during a Jan. 27 game.
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Activated F Tyrone Hill from the injured list.
SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Activated C David Robinson from the injured list.

National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Promoted Pete Margurian to offensive coordinator and moved Mike Johnson to quarterbacks coach. Named George Stewart receivers coach.
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Named Mike Maser offensive line coach.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed LB Paul Locoche, WR Roy Williams and DB Kevin Jordan and allocated them to NFL Europe.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed FB Matt Stanley.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Named Dwayne Board defensive line coach.

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Union steps toward grievance

BY RONALD BLUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Baseball players have taken the first step toward a possible collusion grievance against owners.

Michael Weiner, a lawyer for the players' association, filed a request on Jan. 23 for management documents about negotiations with free agents during this offseason.

The request was confirmed to the Associated Press on Tuesday by a pair of baseball officials who spoke on the condition they not be identified. Players asked for "documents that would reflect interclub communications and communications between the commissioner's office and clubs about free-agent negotiations," one of the officials told the AP.

Several agents told the union in November and December of 2002 that their clients received similar offers from several different teams, three agents said earlier this month on the condition they not be identified.

Union officials asked them to maintain the records of the bids,

Our view is that any suggestion that there was any improper activity in this market was ludicrous.

Rob Manfred,
baseball management's top labor lawyer

and the agents said the union was contemplating a grievance. Baseball's labor contract says teams may not act in concert with regard to free agents.

Owners were found by arbitrators to have conspired against free agents following the 1985, 1986, and 1987 seasons, and management settled those cases in 1990 for \$280 million.

Under baseball's labor contract, grievances must be filed within 45 days of the alleged violation. By filing the document request last week, a grievance would cover events starting in early December.

Union head Donald Fehr declined comment. Rob Manfred, management's top labor

lawyer, confirmed receipt of the document request and denied the collusion allegations.

"Our view is that any suggestion that there was any improper activity in this market was ludicrous," Manfred said Tuesday.

"The market was characterized by extensive competitive bidding for top free agents.

"Moreover, there are important external factors that one would have expected to have an impact on the market, including baseball's economics, the economy generally, and the new agreement."

Manfred said owners would respond to the document request "in due course."

Baseball's new labor contract, agreed to last summer, increases revenue sharing in 2003 and places a luxury tax on high-payroll teams, factors that have combined to decrease spending by some clubs.

Agents have pointed to the relative lack of bidders for high-profile free agents such as Greg Maddux, Jim Thome, and Ivan Rodriguez, but management cited aggressive bidding for free agents by the Philadelphia Phillies, New York Yankees, New York Mets, Boston Red Sox, and Chicago Cubs.

Any collusion case would be heard by baseball's independent arbitrator, currently Shyam Das.

If owners are found to have violated the anti-collusion provision, damages could be substantially higher than they were in the 1980s.

The average salary in the major leagues increased from \$412,000 in 1987 to \$2.3 million last year, and since 1990 the labor contract has included a provision that any collusion damages be tripled.

BASEBALL COMMENTARY

Rose continues to live with reckless abandon

BY JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Commissioner Bud Selig must have been thrilled to pick up the newspaper recently and find out that Pete Rose is still hitting.

The casinos, sports books, and racetrack, that is.

Rose continues to live the way he played — with reckless abandon. Just about everything Pete has picked up since he put down his bat has turned out to be trouble. Last week's revelations that the Internal Revenue Service has slapped a lien on a home he owns in suburban Los Angeles suggests that nothing has changed.

It turns out Rose owes \$151,689 in federal taxes from 1998. It's the kind of thing that can happen to anybody, except that Rose served a five-month prison sentence a decade ago for filing false income tax returns. He admitted not reporting \$354,968 in income from autograph appearances, memorabilia sales, and gambling from 1984 to 1987. And those who have crossed the taxman once will usually go out of their way to see that it doesn't happen again.

One Cincinnati paper reported the tax troubles. A second Cincinnati paper reported that Rose was seen gambling at the Bellagio casino in Las Vegas and hanging around the sports book at nearby Caesars Palace.

Two high-ranking officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, told the Associated Press last week that baseball's security department began investigating Rose earlier this month. But both stories apparently caught the commissioner by surprise. What was particularly stunning was the timing — both of them coming when Rose's chances for reinstatement were better than at any time since the late Bart Giamatti, then the commissioner, ban-



Rose

ished Rose from baseball in August 1989.

The latest effort began with secret negotiations late in 2001, went public last month amid signs that Selig was softening,

and had a chance to gain some serious momentum when Selig announced plans to convene the living members of the Hall of Fame at a meeting in Los Angeles and take a poll on how they would feel about Rose joining their ranks. The timetable was for a decision by the commissioner before spring training.

Now, as Rose himself might say, all bets are off.

Passing Pete off as rehabilitated was impossible even before this latest round of setbacks. Giamatti said that Rose would have to "reconfigure" his life before he would be reconsidered for reinstatement, and while there's nothing to suggest he's done anything illegal, recent events have made clear that the only reconfiguring Rose is doing at the moment is calculating the changing odds on a tote board.

In the past, Rose has shrugged off his paid appearances in Sin City by claiming he doesn't play casino games, and other than the ponies, that he no longer even bets on sports.

He's also said that the only reason he's taken up so many questionable outside employment opportunities — as a greeter, shill, and spokesman — is because he's banned from making a living inside baseball. Funny how that never kept him away from the same places during his playing career.

In any case, if Selig and his inner circle are fast becoming convinced of anything, it's that



Ronen Zilberman/Associated Press
Pete Rose is up to his old tricks again. He owes \$151,689 in federal taxes from 1998 after evading taxes just like he did in the 1980s.

Rose isn't likely to change. Like Tonya Harding, another disgraced flimflam artist, he's decided to play the victim and keep asking for do-overs until the end of time. The difference between the two — so far — is that Harding didn't show up on the Home Shopping Network selling souvenirs the same night she got thrown out of her sport.

That memory alone should serve to keep the commissioner from considering any request for reinstatement anytime soon. A member of Selig's inner circle

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SPORTS

Determination continues

BAILEY

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came back to his old high school to speak at basketball camps.

"The inspiration he gives the kids is obvious," Gingrich said. "It's amazing."

Then in 2000 when Seth went in for a final checkup, the doctors found spots in his lungs which turned out to be tumors, a common occurrence of synovial sarcoma. Seth came back to the University hospital in Iowa City and surgery was performed to remove the tumors; the following year he battled through chemo and radiation therapy on his way to recovery.

Seth spent the spring semester of 2002 at the University of Iowa, not knowing he was so close to something that would later be a major part of his life.

It wasn't until the summer of 2002, while interning in Colorado for the U.S. Olympics committee, that Seth met Sarah Arens — one of the other interns who was coincidentally a student at the UI.

Seth and Sarah grew very close over the summer in Colorado and soon began dating.

After returning from Colorado, Seth went in for another routine checkup and the doctors once again found tumors in his lungs, and two separate surgeries had to be performed.

Before the surgeries, Seth had something else on his mind. He asked Sarah to go with him on a spur of the moment trip to a place he loved — the slopes of Colorado.

Six days later the two were off on their adventure, and a little over a week after returning, Seth was back to the hospital — a place he had grown all too familiar with.

The first of the two surgeries went smoothly, and after the second surgery on Dec. 6, the doctor called it "a piece of cake."

It wasn't as simple as it sounded, however, as surgery complications became noticeable when Seth's heart rate reached 240 on Dec. 21 and he spent the night in the Intensive Care Unit. Three days later, on Christmas Eve, he was back to

Seth Bailey Benefit

What: Benefit dinner and silent auction for Seth Bailey who is battling soft-tissue synovial sarcoma — a rare form of cancer.

When: Saturday, Feb. 1, 4-8 p.m. **Where:** Mid-Prairie Middle School - 713 F Ave., Kalona, Iowa 52247.

Why: Proceeds will cover the expected costs of \$25,000-\$30,000 for experimental cancer treatment not covered by insurance.

Note: Call in to bid for the silent auction anytime after 1 p.m. on Feb. 1 if you cannot attend. (319) 430-0837.

How else you can help: Monetary donations can be made out to Support For Seth and sent to: Freedom Security Bank, 402 B Avenue, Kalona, IA 52247 or Hills Bank & Trust Co., 131 Main Street, Hills, IA 52235; Donations for the Benefit (dinner or auction items) please contact: Kirk & Karma Bailey (319) 679-2390, Steve & Jean Gingerich (319) 646-2012, Paul & Ruth Hershberger (319) 656-3113, Bud & Kim Juilfs (319) 646-6706, Marv & Grace Rempel (319) 683-2681.

the ICU because of respiratory failure, and was then diagnosed with pneumonia.

The weeks in Intensive Care were not easy for Seth or those who loved him, but the positive attitude in the air was strong.

"Even when he was being ventilated, you would hold his hand and he would squeeze and he wouldn't let you go," Arens said. "He wanted people to be there with him."

Arens, who runs track and cross-country for Iowa, decided to redshirt the indoor track season so she could be by her boyfriend's side.

"This will sum Sarah's role up," Seth's mom began to say as she sat in the waiting area with tears rolling from her eyes. "She is a gift from heaven. She was sent by God. That's really it. She's an angel."

Along with Sarah, Seth's family, including relatives from Colorado, Virginia, and Minnesota, took mattresses from the storage room and camped out overnight in the waiting room of the ICU to stay near Seth's side.

Friends, neighbors, and co-workers all joined in to give their support as well.

"You can't even begin to imagine the support that everybody has given us, and that's what has made it possible to get through this," Jackie Bailey said. "There's no way you can get through it without people praying for you. There's not much else you can say except he's in God's arms and he's in the arms of thousands of other people."

Last week things continued to get better as Seth was released

from the ICU. Although he will still remain in the hospital for awhile, the continuously growing prayers and support are helping him along his road to recovery.

The next step for Seth is a trip to San Diego for an alternative treatment at the Livingston Medical Foundation.

The theory behind the treatment is to strengthen the body as opposed to killing the cancer.

The treatments will not be covered by insurance, however, so a fundraiser is being held to help cover the costs. It will take place on Feb. 1 from 4-8 p.m. at Mid-Prairie Middle School in Seth's hometown of Kalona, Iowa.

The pages of Seth's inspirational story are still being written, and his road has many more miles to be traveled.

Throughout the past few years, Seth has developed a passion for swimming. Through vigorous training and a trip to a swimming clinic in Chicago, Seth's dreams of swimming in the Paralympics in Athens in 2004 have become a near reality.

Karma Bailey, Seth's aunt who has been a large contributor to the planning of the fundraiser, has thoughts of what is down that road for Seth.

"I see a very determined individual who's going to succeed at whatever he wants. First of all, he will get out of the hospital and he will build his strength up by walking down the gravel road. And then he'll be jogging down the gravel road. Then he'll be swimming."

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Woods ready to return, play

WOODS

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the PGA Championship and was in contention at the British Open until an 81 on a cold, blustery Saturday at Muirfield.

"You've got to put it aside and play," he said.

The worst he felt was at Sherwood Country Club in December, when he made up seven shots on Pdraig Harrington in the final round before losing by two. He told his agent the night before he might have to withdraw.

"In the morning, it was borderline I would play," Woods said. "I took painkillers, and it still hurt. As it started getting warmer, I was feeling better and said, 'Let's give it a try.'"

The one-hour surgery removed fluid from inside and around the anterior cruciate ligament, and removed benign cysts. Woods' doctor said the long-term recovery prospects are good.

"But once you've had the procedure done, you're susceptible to having the same procedure," Woods said. "Hopefully, that won't be the case."

Woods never got too far away from golf. He putted on his carpet, chipped into pillows and onto his bed, and started hitting wedges by the end of the year.

The real test comes this week. Woods said he hasn't felt any pain since he started hitting a few practice balls at his home outside Orlando, Fla.

"I need to know if this knee will hold up in a full practice session," he said. "Once I know that, I'll be fine competing. I

may be rusty when it comes to hitting one shot. ... Playing my way into shape is going to take a little time."

There could be some interesting ramifications.

Woods is closing in on Byron Nelson's record of making 113 consecutive cuts on the PGA Tour. He is at 96, and narrowly avoided the weekend off at Torrey Pines last year.

He also is going for a record fifth-straight money title. During his rehabilitation, Ernie Els won the first two tournaments of the year in Hawaii, and Vijay Singh won in Phoenix.

"I'll be fine," he said. "Once it's time to play, it's time to play. Whether it's all the things outside the gates, or the fact I'm trying to win three in a row — all that goes away once it's time to tee it up."

Commission considers change

TITLE IX

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Percy Bates, the director of Programs for Educational Opportunities at Michigan.

The laborious pace nearly exasperated some commissioners, and it was followed by another prolonged discussion and two votes over the merits of just one sentence of statistics contained in the report's background section.

The back-and-forth caused the board to get a late start on its primary purpose — tackling 24 wide-ranging recommendations culled from five public hearings across the country.

"Can we just start the meeting? Please?" Maryland athletic director Debbie Yow said at one point.

Title IX prohibits sex discrimination in programs that receive federal funding. Critics say the law has, in effect, punished male athletes to provide more opportunities for women.

I just want to make sure all sports have a chance to survive.

Dan Gable,
former Iowa coach

basis to determine whether athletic programs accurately represent that interest.

Other proposals would tie a college's male-female athlete ratio to that of high schools in its area. Others would keep the current standard, but allow leeways of 3.5, 5, or 7 percentage points.

Several women's groups, fearful the commission will substantially weaken Title IX, protested outside the hotel where the meeting took place.

"Title IX got me where I am today," women's national soccer team goalkeeper Siri Mullinix, who was among the protesters.

Also at meeting were representatives of the College Sports Council, which is supporting a lawsuit by the National Wrestling Coaches Association. The suit claims the proportionality standard has led to the elimination of hundreds of men's sports teams.

"I just want to make sure that all sports have a chance to survive," U.S. national wrestling coach Dan Gable said.

Hoosiers, Hawkeyes working to build confidence after losses

WOMEN

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"When you are in a shooting slump, you have to stay in the gym," Bluder said. "You got to get through it mentally."

Much like the Hoosiers, the Hawkeyes need to work on building their confidence; they have lost five of their last seven games. The two Iowa has won were at home.

Bluder is happy the team will return home for a two-game stretch before it has to go back on the road for three more.

"I'm glad we have two at home this week," she said. There is definitely a confidence and comfort factor playing at home and having the familiarity of the rims

when we play at home."

Although the Hawkeyes had a rocky road trip, Bluder knows the team is primed for the game against Indiana. Memories of last year's loss to the Hoosiers in the Big Ten Tournament still linger in a lot of Hawkeyes.

"Indiana is a team I don't think I'll have too much trouble getting the team excited to prepare and play for," she said. "We're excited to play against a team that really hurt us last year."

Notes: This is Jenna Armstrong's third game back after a sore hamstring. Bluder thinks she will be close to healthy at game time ... Bluder is looking for her 50th overall win and 25th win in the Big Ten ... Indiana freshman Cyndi Valentin has made 24-consecutive free throws

... The Hoosiers are ranked first in the the Big Ten in defensive rebounds and the Hawkeyes are second ... The Hawkeyes hold a 17-3 edge against the Hoosiers in games played in Iowa City.

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SPORTS

Francis embraces Yao like brother

BY RACHEL NICHOLS
WASHINGTON POST

HOUSTON — There is simply no way around it. As much as Steve Francis likes to affectionately refer to Yao Ming as his "little brother," the fact remains that when Francis walks across the court to counsel his 7-5 center, his intense brown eyes gaze deeply and directly into Yao's, well, armpits.

"OK, maybe not little brother," said Francis, 6-3, smiling as he corrected himself and grappled with another way to describe his relationship with the NBA's first truly world-famous rookie.

In a mere four months with the Houston Rockets, Yao has become not just a force but a phenomenon, a complex symphony of hands, humor, and humanity so much more lush than anyone anticipated from a player who could have merely trumpeted the one-note simplicity of his size. And yet through all of Yao's giant achievements, there has been Francis, conducting his own game with a selflessness and maturity that has eased not only Yao's adjustment but everyone else's.

Mentor-and-protégé?
"No, not really. He's my teammate, but he's more than that too," Francis said, still hunting for the right phrase.

"I've learned from Steve," Yao summed up from across the locker room, using an interpreter to translate his words but needing no one to convert the playful look in his eye. His tone suggests he might be talking less about basketball than the BET music videos Francis makes him watch, but it hardly seems to matter as the two laugh and joke before heading onto the court at Compaq Center, the future of the NBA reflecting in their smiles.

Two nights later, they will come out firing against the Los

Angeles Lakers and make the guard-center duo of Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal look a couple of steps slow and a few inches short. Six days after that, they will be the only two teammates named as starters in the NBA All-Star Game.

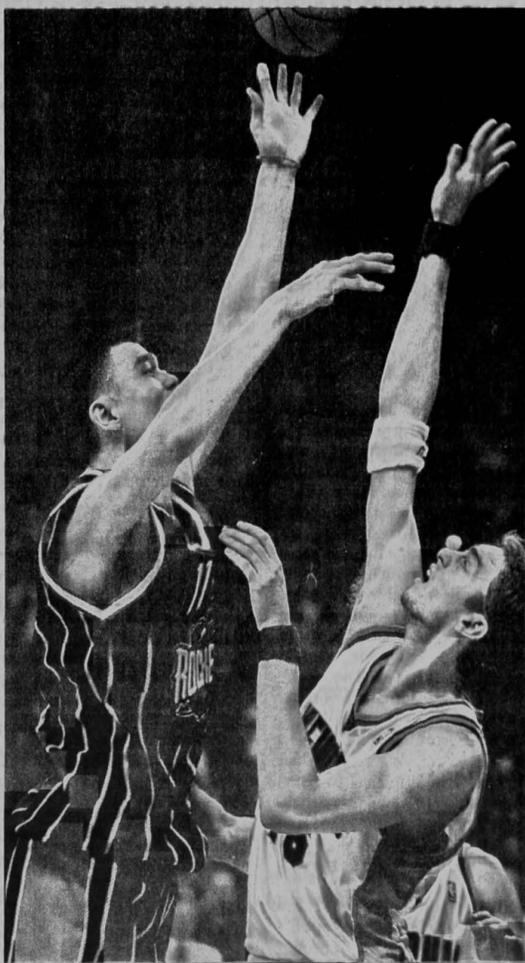
But in this moment, they are just two guys having a blast playing basketball together, even if they are the most unlikely of friends. Yao is the prodigy, the son of two former basketball stars. By 14 years old, he had a nickname, the Little Giant. By 17, he had leapt from high school to the Chinese professional leagues; by 21, he was the most-heralded No. 1 NBA draft pick since O'Neal's Ping-Pong ball popped Orlando's way a decade earlier.

Francis is the kid from Takoma Park, Md., who started just one game in his high-school career, the one who grew up undersized and unrecruited. He went through two junior colleges before becoming a star at Maryland, and while he parlayed his year with the Terrapins into the No. 2 pick in the 1999 draft, he was still considered something of a consolation item behind 6-8 forward Elton Brand.

Now, nearly four years later, he is no one's door prize. Averaging 22.9 points, six assists, and 6.2 rebounds a game, he is more quick and agile than ever, thanks to hours in the weight room and a decision to trade junk food for a refrigerator he says "looks like the inside of a Whole Foods Market." He also has a new six-year, \$85 million contract extension, the richest in Rockets history, but even more striking is his freshly pressed sense of authority and responsibility.

As much as he jokes about being a big brother to Yao, he has in fact become the big brother to the entire Rockets locker room — their leader, undisputed.

"When they signed me for six years for an amount of money I



Yao Ming is quickly becoming one of the NBA's most respected and accomplished players.

never, ever thought anyone would get paid, much less me, it changed things for me," Francis said. He is just weeks away from turning 26 but of late has been sounding quite a bit older.

"It's like a family when dad is gone and someone has to take the reins," said Coach Rudy Tomjanovich. "There are guys who think leadership is about scoring, but Steve realizes that good leadership is bringing people together."

NBA ROUNDUP

Kidd leaves game to injury, Nets win

ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Kenyon Martin had 19 points and a career-high 21 rebounds, and Anthony Johnson led the Nets on a game-changing run after Jason Kidd left with an injury in New Jersey's victory over Washington on 86-78, Wednesday night.

Richard Jefferson added 24 points for the Nets, who held Michael Jordan to eight points — his lowest-scoring game ever at the Meadowlands.

Johnson had replaced Kidd late in the third quarter. Johnson committed six fouls in the fourth but gave the team almost 15 minutes of leadership.

Kidd appeared to strain his groin when he jumped in an unsuccessful effort to stop an outlet pass that Jerry Stackhouse turned into a dunk with 4:24 remaining in the third.

Johnson replaced Kidd with 3:22 left and hit his first shot 17 seconds later, a 16-footer that cut Washington's lead to 57-55. Johnson added a lay-up and an assist as New Jersey closed the quarter with a 6-0 run for a 65-59 lead.

San Antonio 106, Indiana 97

INDIANAPOLIS — Tony Parker scored 28 points to lead six San Antonio players in double figures as the Spurs defeated Indiana.

Stephen Jackson had 18 points and a crucial steal that held off an Indiana rally in the fourth quarter. The Pacers trailed by as many as 17 in the period but cut the deficit to six before Jackson's steal and dunk made the score 100-92 with 1:22 to play.

San Antonio scored 10-consecutive points to build a double-digit lead in the second quarter that it never relinquished.

A dunk by David Robinson ignited the run, giving the Spurs a 43-40 lead with 3:30 left in the half. Malik Rose had two-consecutive baskets and hit two free throws before

Emanuel Ginobili's dunk gave the Spurs a 51-40 lead.

Jermaine O'Neal led the Pacers with 31 points.

Reggie Miller had 19 points for Indiana.

Atlanta 97, Philadelphia 83

PHILADELPHIA — Glenn Robinson scored 33 points, and Shareef Abdur-Rahim added 20 points and 14 rebounds, leading the Hawks to a victory over the 76ers.

Allen Iverson had 37 points, and Eric Snow added 11 points, 15 assists, and eight rebounds for the Sixers.

The Hawks led by 24 in the second quarter, 22 at halftime, and didn't let Philadelphia get within single digits until Iverson hit a 3-pointer with 1:50 left that made it 92-83.

Robinson scored seven of Atlanta's first 11 points on a driving lay-up, a 15-footer and a 3-pointer. The Sixers couldn't stop him the rest of the night. Robinson finished 14-21.

Orlando 113, Cleveland 108

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tracy McGrady returned from a one-game absence to score 31 points, grab 12 rebounds, and make three foul shots in the final 13.7 seconds as the Magic defeated the Cavaliers.

McGrady had 14 points in the fourth quarter. McGrady made two free throws to put the Magic up 112-108 with 13.7 seconds left.

Smush Parker then missed a shot for Cleveland. McGrady got the ball, was fouled and made one free throw for the final margin.

Mike Miller finished with 21 points for Orlando. Darrell Armstrong scored 16 off the bench for the Magic and Pat Garrity added 12.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored 22 points and grabbed seven rebounds for the Cavaliers. Parker had a season-high 21 points.

The Cavaliers opened the fourth quarter with a three-point play by Michael Stewart to take a 85-84 lead.

Williams strives to return from bench

BY SEAN DEVENNEY
THE SPORTING NEWS

Last Sunday, before an afternoon game against the Rockets, Bulls rookie Jay Williams was working with assistant coach Bob Thornton on making cuts to the baseline, curling around an imaginary screen and launching shot after shot. Whether Williams made the shots was not important. What mattered was the health of his left ankle, which he sprained Jan. 4 in a game against the Cavaliers.

Williams was called to play through the pain, but he became hesitant, struggled with his shot, and seemed to lose confidence, something he never lacked in his three years

at Duke. After a miserable performance Jan. 18 in Miami, where he took four shots, had five points, and committed six turnovers, a confused Williams said, "I feel average."

Of course, given the way he was struggling, the Bulls gladly would have accepted average.

It has been a very disappointing season for Williams, the No. 2 pick in the draft and the rookie who seemed most ready to make an immediate impact. The point guard spot was open for Williams in Chicago, a perfect place for a three-year collegian and the national Player of the Year. There have been bright spots — the triple-double he put on the Nets in November, the 14

points and 13 assists he had against the Pacers in December — but Williams has bottomed out the last few weeks.

"This is not what I expected, obviously," he said. "Really, I don't think anyone expected this out of me coming in, and I think that is why it seems worse for me to struggle than other rookies."

After the Miami game, the team and Williams agreed he should go on the injured list to rest the ankle, a move for which Williams was criticized by fans, media, and teammates (most notably Jalen Rose). But there is wisdom in the move — Williams and the Bulls hope the stint will help him scale the always-imposing rookie wall that some of this year's young-

sters already are running into. Williams understands that few people agreed with his sitting out but says he pays little attention to the criticism. Whether it is working on the practice floor with Thornton or just talking about his injury, it seems the crisis of confidence has passed. He says he is aiming for the Bulls' game Saturday in Seattle for a return.

"I can't worry about what other people say," Williams said. "I know what is out there, but I don't really pay any attention to it. Everybody has his opinion, but I can only worry about myself. I'm the only one who can really tell. The ankle is feeling better, and my legs are feeling better."

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Robbins hit bottom before Super Bowl

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Barret Robbins was incoherent and didn't know where he was the night before the Super Bowl, Oakland Raiders coach Bill Callahan said Wednesday in his first public comments about the troubled All-Pro center.

Robbins, who has a history of depression, spent Super Bowl Sunday in a San Diego hospital after disappearing from the team's hotel the night before. Callahan would not reveal Rob-

bins' current whereabouts.

The 6-foot-3, 320-pound lineman reportedly had stopped taking his medicine for depression. He missed a team meeting, a position meeting, and a walk-through practice Saturday, Callahan said.

"I was fearful something wrong was occurring," said Callahan, who decided to bench Robbins on Saturday night, then later chose to send him home.

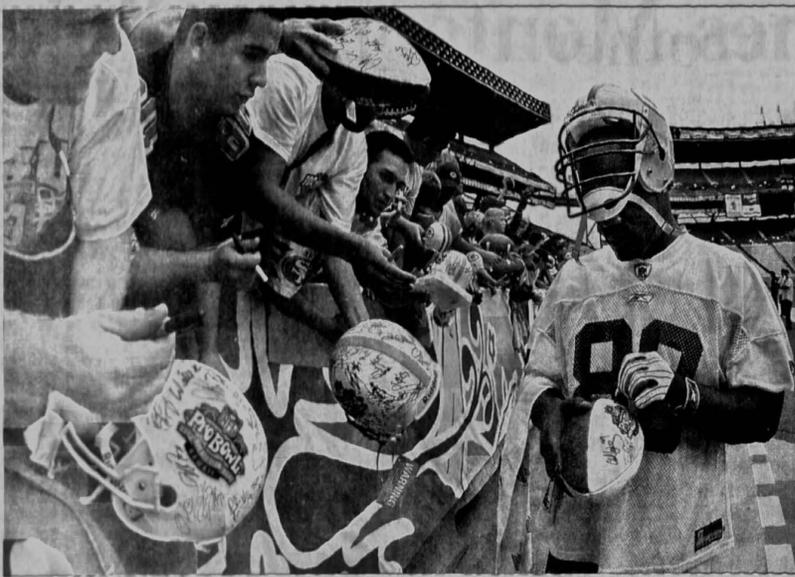
The Raiders lost to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 48-21.

Robbins could not make flight arrangements from San Diego

to Oakland because his wallet and identification were missing, Callahan said.

A man who says he was among a group that drank with Robbins on the day before the Super Bowl told the *San Francisco Chronicle* that heavy drinking left the Raiders' center despondent and suicidal.

"He was crying and totally depressed about his life and the pressure he was under," said Cartier Dise, who owns a vehicle customizing business that has provided rims and wheels for the vehicles of Raiders players.



Ronen Zilberman/Associated Press

Green Bay Packers tight end Bubba Franks signs autographs during an NFL Pro Bowl practice at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu, Wednesday.

Eagles everywhere: Philly stars flock to Pro Bowl

BY GREG BEACHAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU — Except for the warm weather and the quiet fans, Brian Dawkins' third trip to the Pro Bowl has been a whole lot like a Philadelphia Eagles minicamp.

The All-Pro safety's teammates and coaches were everywhere he looked during the NFC's brief workout Wednesday at Aloha Stadium. The Eagles lost the conference championship game to Tampa Bay, giving them plenty of time to make it to Honolulu in an impressive Philly contingent at the NFL's all-star game.

"Seems like half the team is here," Dawkins said after signing autographs for a few hundred mellow fans. "I'm not surprised everybody got on the plane. It was 10 degrees when I left town. There's a comfort level for all of us, especially on defense. I wish our coaching staff wasn't here, though."

There are 10 Philadelphia players at the Pro Bowl, and they'll be led by the Eagles' coaching staff — the dubious honor given to the coaches of the losing teams in the conference title games. Though defensive end Hugh Douglas missed

Wednesday's workout because of a minor illness, green helmets and hats dominated the field.

Eight Philadelphia players were among the original 43 selections to the NFC team, and tackle Jon Runyan and quarterback Donovan McNabb were added as injury replacements. Even Green Bay tight end Bubba Franks left practice wearing an Eagles T-shirt — the result of the traditional gear-trading rituals of Pro Bowl week.

"We want to run an offensive play where we have all of our guys on the field," McNabb said with a grin. "We'll need a center, but that's all. The rest of the guys can have the day off."

NFC coach Andy Reid still is awaiting the arrival of Tampa Bay's six Pro Bowlers. Some of the Buccaneers were expected to fly in Wednesday, fresh from their victory parade in Florida.

"It's a good opportunity to keep things simple and have some fun," said Reid, coaching the NFC for the second-straight year. "Having so many of our guys here is a help to us, but we're just doing basic things and trying to enjoy the week."

The only rookie at the Pro Bowl is tight end Jeremy Shockey of the New York Giants. Fans eagerly sought the long-haired

All-Pro's autograph, shouting his name and waving photos.

"It's a great honor to be here with all of these great players in my first year," Shockey said. "A lot of guys who aren't here don't enjoy another week of football, but I don't want to take it for granted, because you never know when you'll get another chance to get back here. It's special."

There are 12 first-time Pro Bowlers on the NFC roster. There will be 13 with the AFC, including New England center Damien Woody, a last-minute replacement for Oakland center Barret Robbins.

San Francisco quarterback Jeff Garcia took nearly all the snaps at the NFC's practice on Wednesday, since Tampa Bay's Brad Johnson hasn't arrived. In his third Pro Bowl trip, Garcia has learned his way around Honolulu enough to enjoy himself. He brought along his father, who sat in the stands wearing a cap with the letters "JG" on the 49ers' logo instead of the familiar "SF."

"This is much more fun than the regular season in a lot of ways," Garcia said. "It's an enjoyable week to eat some good food, hopefully go out and see the water a little bit, and play a little football at the end."

NHL ROUNDUP

Toronto ends three-game losing streak

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RALEIGH, N.C. — Mats Sundin had two power-play goals as the Toronto Maple Leafs snapped their scoring drought and three-game losing streak with a 3-2, victory Wednesday night over the Carolina Hurricanes.

Sundin's second goal, 1:48 into the third period, gave the Maple Leafs a two-goal lead.

Jan Hlavac scored less than two minutes after Sundin's sec-

ond goal. But the Hurricanes failed to beat Ed Belfour over the final 16 minutes.

Alexander Mogilny helped seal it with his goal with 3:15 left.

Ron Francis added a short-handed goal for Carolina with 1:22 remaining.

The Maple Leafs managed just seven shots on Arturs Irbe in the first period before Sundin and Mogilny got their team's offense going.

Rangers fire Bryan Trottier after 54 games

NEW YORK (AP) — Rookie coach Bryan Trottier was fired by the New York Rangers on Wednesday as the league's highest-paid team faces a sixth-straight season without a playoff berth.

The Rangers have a payroll over \$70 million but are last in the Atlantic Division just over halfway through the season.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Norman not offered invite to US Masters

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Three-time runner-up Greg Norman has not been offered a special invitation to play in the U.S. Masters.

Utah's Sloan penalized for seven games

NEW YORK — Jazz coach Jerry Sloan was suspended seven games by the NBA for shoving an official, a steep penalty that will keep him off the sidelines until the middle of February.

Sloan pushed referee Courtney Kirkland in the chest and was ejected during the first quarter of Utah's 102-92 victory at Sacramento on Tuesday.

"Obviously his behavior was out of line, and the message is clear that that type of behavior cannot be tolerated," NBA vice president Stu Jackson said.

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SPORTS

IAAF looking into Jones-Montgomery link

BY STEPHEN WILSON
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LONDON — Marion Jones and Tim Montgomery are under pressure to explain why they're working with Ben Johnson's former coach.

Five-time Olympic medalist Jones and 100-meter record holder Montgomery left coach Trevor Graham last month.

They since have been seen training in Toronto with Charlie Francis, Johnson's coach when he failed a drug test and was stripped of his gold medal and world record after winning the 100 at the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

Now USA Track & Field and the International Association of Athletics Federations are demanding an explanation.

"This is about the reputation and image of the sport. This is raising so many eyebrows and causing so much public debate and interest.

"We believe it is our duty to get involved," IAAF General Secretary Istvan Gyulai said in an interview Wednesday.

"Marion and Tim are idols to many millions of people around the world. The fans deserve some clarification,



Jones Montgomery

some explanation. Marion and Tim are high-earning athletes who should feel responsibility for the well-being of the sport."

Francis was banned for life by Canada's track and field federation in 1989.

He can't work with members of Canada's national team but is allowed to work with other athletes.

Francis testified before a 1989 Canadian commission looking into drug use by athletes that he introduced Johnson to anabolic steroids eight years earlier because of the need to keep up with the competition.

Gyulai said an IAAF committee would meet Friday to consider what action to take, including the possibility of sending someone to Toronto to speak with the runners.

IAAF President Lamine

Diack wants to arrange a meeting with Jones to try to persuade her to stop training with Francis.

"It does not mean that Marion Jones is going to take doping to improve," Diack told *The Times* of London.

"I don't expect that, she is a nice girl. But it's not very good for her image and for the image of our sport."

USA Track & Field also is getting involved.

"We have initiated discussions with the athletes and their representatives," USATF spokeswoman Jill Geer said Wednesday.

"The discussions are ongoing. Any time track and field is portrayed in a negative light, it's cause for concern."

Organizers of Europe's elite Golden League series said they might consider not inviting the two sprinters to their meets this year because of links to Francis.

When Jones announced in December she was leaving Graham, she said she would work with little-known Canadian Derek Hansen.

"Why change a coach after so much success?" Gyulai said.

"It's difficult to understand."

Gyulai said the IAAF had been unable to contact the sprinters directly.

He said the federation reached their agent, Charles Wells, who promised to issue a statement soon.

A recording on Wells' voice mail said he would be away until Feb. 4. A phone message left Wednesday was not returned immediately.

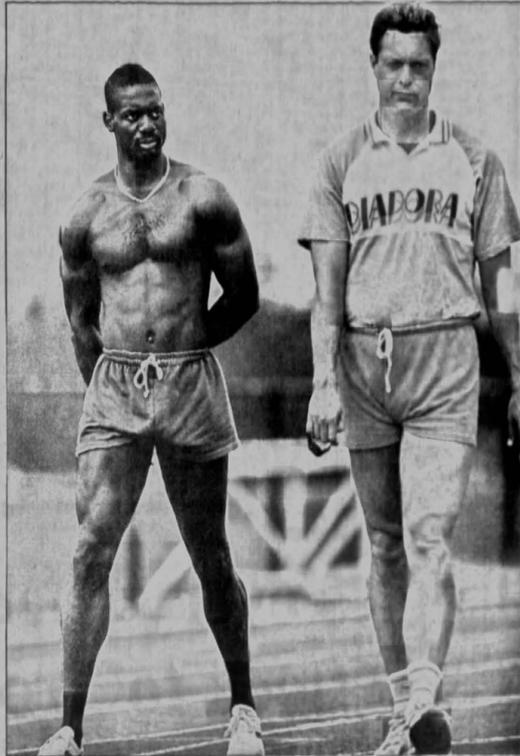
Jones was unbeaten last year in finals at 100, 200 and 400 meters.

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Rise and Shine with The Daily Break

calendar

- Lunch with the Chefs, "Rio Carnivale," today at 11:30 a.m., IMU Main Lounge.
- TOW Seminar, "Time Dependent Bounded Recall Equilibria in Discounted Repeated Games," Mehmet Barlo, University of Minnesota, today at 4 p.m., S107 Pappajohn Business Building.
- Women and Money Workshop, "Paying for Kids' Education," today at 6:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St.
- Journeys in Faith and G.K. Chesterton Discussion Group, Kathie Staley and Fr. John Stecher, today at 7:30 p.m., Newman Catholic Student Center, 104 E. Jefferson St.

quote of the day

It's apparently Osama bin Forgotton.
— Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.,
on President Bush's reluctance to talk about the founder of Al Qaeda these days.

horoscopes

Thursday, January 30, 2003 by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): One-sided partnerships are likely to end in disaster. Be sure to get promises in writing. Deception is apparent when dealing with both your personal and professional life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make plans to travel. You need to provide mental stimulation to offset boredom. Expand your knowledge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't overspend or give too freely to others. This is a time for fiscal restraint. Work out a budget that will enable you to save a little extra.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Partnerships will be tense. Sudden romantic infatuations won't be lasting. You may just want to keep to yourself for the time being.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Colleagues may not be telling you all the facts. Someone may be trying to make you look bad. You may feel uncertain about the future of the company you work for. Diversify.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Include friends and family in cultural events. Everyone will appreciate your efforts and be inspired by your creativity. Don't let children talk you into spending money unnecessarily.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't bother trying to make someone you live with see your point of view; it will be a waste of time and energy. Put your efforts into redecorating or inviting friends over.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take the time to catch up on overdue phone calls. Get together with those you find interesting and who have different philosophies. Expand your horizons.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be careful how you help those less fortunate. Diplomacy will be of the utmost importance. Don't lend your cash to others; give of your time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your uncertainty will be difficult for loved ones to comprehend. Your communication skills are somewhat lacking, so do not overreact or get involved in senseless disputes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take the time to review your past; it will shed light on the present. You will find it easier to make decisions concerning your goals if you have a better handle on the circumstances that surround you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your ability to see both sides of the coin will put you into a position of leadership. Others will admire your abilities and be willing to support your efforts.

The Ledge

by Nick Narigon

What dogs would say if they could talk

- Feed me.
- Hey man, get off the couch and feed me.
- Mmmmmm. My crotch tastes funky.
- Wow. His crotch tastes really funky!
- After a long day of barking at falling leaves, there's nothing better than lapping up some toilet water.
- Damn, she's not wearing any underwear!
- I don't remember eating crayons.
- Hey pal, maybe somebody should cut off your balls.
- Scratch my butt, scratch my butt. Ooooh, that feels nice.
- I only bark because I care.
- No, seriously. Get off the damn couch and feed me, I'm dying here.

THURSDAY PRIME TIME												
IC	UI	6:00	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
HOME ANTENNA												
KGAN	2	(2)	News	Millionaire	Star Search (ITV)	CSI: Crime Scn	Without a Trace	News	Late Show (10:35)	Extra		
KWVL	7	(7)	News	Fortune	Friends	Scrubs (7:40)	Will-Grace	ER	News	Tonight Show (10:35)	Late Night	
KEXA	8	(4)	Frasier	Seinfeld	Stupid	Stupid	Pulse	News	Raymond	King-Hill	Home Imp.	Star Trek: Voyager
KCRG	9	(9)	News	Friends	Women's College Basketball: Indiana at Iowa.	Primetime Thursday	News	Dharma	Friends	Nightline		
KIWI	13	(13)	NewsHour	Ask This	Iowa	Dying to Tell the Story	Frontline (9:05)	Business	Vicar-Dbly	News	Rose	
KWMB	20	(16)	Little Hse.	Will-Grace	Surreal	Surreal	Surreal	70s Show	70s Show	Will-Grace	Just Shoot	Blind Date
CABLE CHANNELS												
WISN	10		Audio programming									
WGN	3	(3)	Home Imp.	Will-Grace	The Love Bug (G. '69) *** (Dean Jones)	News	Justice	Rockford Files	Heat			
ROVW	4		Johnson County Board of Supervisors' Meeting (5:30)				Kirkwood Houses	Transnational Teen	Our Land			
PAX	6		Shop-Drop	Fam. Feud	It's a Miracle	Diagnosis Murder: Town Without Pity (02)	Miracle	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.		
LIBR	10		Off Shelf	Off Shelf	Poetry in Motion	Adult Children of Aging Parents	History for Lunch	Library Information				
EDUC	11		DPO Meeting		Iowa City Community School District Board Meeting			Kirkwood Currents				
OSMN	14	(23)	House of Rep.		Prime Time Public Affairs			Prime Time Public Affairs				
OSMN2	15	(21)	U.S. Senate Coverage		Public Affairs			Public Affairs				
CRBC	16	(29)	Brian Williams		Kudlow & Cramer	Capital Report	Brian Williams	Kudlow & Cramer	Capital Report			
UITV	17	(3)	France	Spanish	Movie		Avengers	Korean	Greece	France	Argentina	
WUBL	18		Hope UMC		Grace Church	Revival in Oxford	Lifessues	Glory	Power of Victory	National Gallery		
FXC	23	(28)	Fox Report		O'Reilly Factor (Live)	Hannity & Colmes	On the Record	O'Reilly Factor	Special Report			
MTV	27	(44)	Direct Effect		Prime Time Players	MTV Special	3 South	Real Wld	Real Wld	All Things Rock		
CNN	28	(28)	Crossfire		Connie Chung Tonight	Larry King Live	Newsnight-Br.	Chung	Moneyline	Larry King Live		
DISC	29	(5)	New Detectives		Evidence-Gacy	Afghanistan	Top Secrets	Evidence-Gacy	Afghanistan			
ACE	30	(38)	American Justice		Biography: Webb	Columbo: Murder in Malibu (90) (Peter Falk)	Third Watch	Biography: Webb				
USA	31	(34)	JAG: The Game of Go.		JAG	The Bone Collector (R. '99) *** (Denzel Washington)	Dead Zone	Nash				
LIFE	35	(36)	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries	Outrage (98) ** (Rob Lowe, Jennifer Grey)	Golden	Golden	Nanny	Nanny		
WVE	34	(30)	Weather	Weather	Strm Story	Strm Story	Evening Edition	Strm Story	Strm Story	Evening Edition		
FX	35		Buffy Vampire		Grumpier Old Men (PG-13, '95) (Jack Lemmon)	Animals Attk II	Practice	Grumpier Old Men				
INTL	35	(35)	Listen Up		NBA Basketball: Timberwolves at Mavericks	NBA Basketball: Sacramento Kings at Seattle Sonics	Inside NBA					
VH1	37	(43)	Elvis and Me (3) (88)		Skin Deep	Rides	What	Night With	Driven The Rock	Porn to Rock & Rap		
ANIM	38		Animals	Animals	Funnies Animals	Animals	Animals	Animal Videos	Funnies Animals	Animals	Animals	
AMC	41		True Grit (4:35) (69)		The Poseidon Adventure (72) *** (Gene Hackman)	Dillinger (9:25) (73) *** (Warren Oates)	Poseidon					
SPEED	42		Auto Racing: FIA World Rally Championship		Garage	Car Crazy	Shoestring Showman	Year in Racing	Auto Racing: FIA			
DISN	43		Sister, Sis. Lizzie		Kids	Gotta Kick It Up (02) ***	Lizzie	So Raven	Even	Boy World	Smart Guy	
FOXSP	44	(33)	See This	See This	Women's College Basketball		See This	College Basketball: Oregon at UCLA (Live)	Sports			
COM	45	(42)	Late Night		Saturday Night Live	Groove	South	Insomniac	Insomniac	Daily	Presents	Insomniac
BRV	49	(39)	Actors Studio		Hard Eight (R. '96) *** (Philip Baker Hall)		Page to Screen: LOR	Hard Eight (R. '96) *** (Philip Baker Hall)				
NICH	49	(18)	Arnold	Rugrats	Thornberr	Ginger	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers	Coach	Cosby
ESPN	50	(45)	Sportstr. Reporters		NHL Hockey		(40) Sportscenter (9:40)	Winter XGames				
ET	51	(45)	ET News		TV Tales "Saturday Night Live" hosts.	Anna	Star Dates	Howard S.	Howard S.	Wild On...		
ESPN2	51	(17)	Time Sqd	Dexter	Bravo	Courage	Pokemon	Ed, Edd	Samurai	Powerpuff	Futurama	Lupin the Inuyasha
ESPN2	51	(46)	College Basketball: Butler at Duke (Live)		Winter XGames	Road-Pro Bowl	Strong	Interrupt	NFL	NHL		
BEI	57	(40)	106 Park	Biker	Turnstyle	Access	We Do It	Holla	Comicview	News	Tonight	Midnight Love
TNN	59	(37)	Taboo	Blind Date	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Madonna: Truth or Dare (R. '91) ***	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Blind Date				
HIST	60	(37)	Modern Marvels		UFOs: Then and Now	UFOs: Know	Modern Marvels	Murders	UFOs: Then and Now			
IBS	61	(32)	Friends	Seinfeld	Coming to America (R. '88) *** (Eddie Murphy)		The Golden Child (9:45) (86) (Eddie Murphy)	Coming				
UNI	62	(24)	Gata Salvaje		Las Vias del Amor	Amor y Odio	Aqui y Ahora	P. Impacto	Noticiero	Mejores Famil		
TRN	70		Wheaton	Dino	Behind	Michael Y.	Bishop	Your Day	Praise the Lord (Live)	T. Tenney	Damascus	
PREMIUM CHANNELS												
WBO	550	(14)	A Walk to Remember		Inside the NFL	Training Day (R. '01) (Denzel Washington)	Real Sex: Dirty	Inside the NFL				
MAX	552	(15)	Ghosts of Mars (5:30)		Just Cause (7:15) (95) ** (Sean Connery)	The Mothman Prophecies (02) (Richard Gere)	Desire-Decep.					

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Fourth Floor

by Troy Hollatz



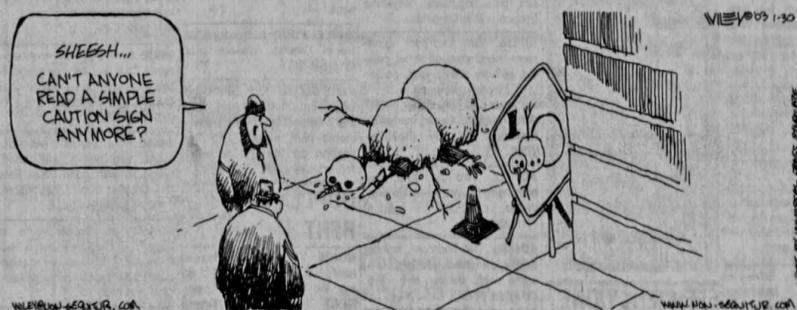
DILBERT

by Scott Adams



'NON SEQUITUR'

BY WLEY



Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



public access tv schedule

- 8 a.m. Democracy Now
- 11 Four Iowans Who Fed the World
- 1 p.m. Scotty Hayward Plays Kalimba
- 1:25 IDFG Promo
- 1:30 Life Issues
- 2 First United Methodist Church
- 3 24/7
- 4 Our Redeemer Church
- 5 Getting to Know Islam
- 6 DV 2002
- 7 Sports Opinion
- 8 Soleil's Cooking Show (Replay)
- 8:30 PATV Reserved: Premieres
- 9:30 Iowa City Other News
- 10:30 Right to Life
- 11 UI Student Film and Video Show

UITV schedule

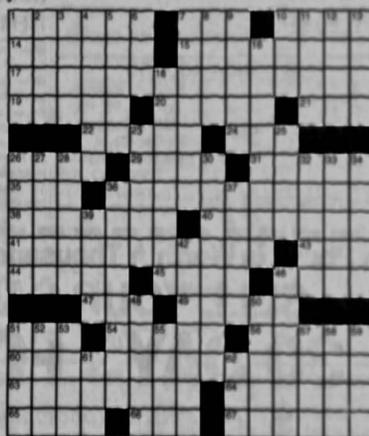
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. — Richard S. Levitt Distinguished Lecture, featuring Thomas Friedman (REBROADCAST)
- 7:30-8:30 p.m. — "Iraq Under Siege" with Rania Masri
- 9-9:30 p.m. — "College Spirits"

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 1219

- ACROSS**
- 1 Big drops
 - 7 Small intake
 - 10 Rib
 - 14 British medical journal, with "The"
 - 15 One of the Aleutian Islands
 - 17 Debut of Sherlock Holmes
 - 19 Seeker's question
 - 20 Understands, slangily
 - 21 Need to pay
 - 22 In ___ (isolated)
 - 24 1st, 2nd and 3rd, e.g.: Abbr.
 - 26 60's TV kid
 - 29 Henry James biographer Edel
 - 31 Freezing
 - 35 Headed
 - 36 Debut of Kinsey Millhone
 - 38 Distributes, as tasks
 - 40 Bun toppers
 - 41 Debut of Philip Marlowe
 - 43 Haughty outburst
 - 44 Fall ignominiously
 - 45 "Stop rowing" command
 - 46 Comfortable, as accommodations
 - 47 Blue
 - 49 World Cup legend Maradona
 - 51 Milk source for Romano cheese
 - 54 First capital of the kingdom of Italy
 - 56 "Camelot" composer
 - 60 Debut of Lew Archer
 - 63 Black Canyon carver, with "the"
- DOWN**
- 1 Dig sans tools
 - 2 Work (out)
 - 3 Table payment
 - 4 Winding road section
 - 5 Daughter of King Aetees
 - 6 Bay of pigs?
 - 7 Option not available in a convertible
 - 8 ___ many words
 - 9 Smokers' units
 - 10 Disturb
 - 11 Christiania, now
 - 12 Bias
 - 13 More than antipathy
 - 16 Closing moment
 - 18 Weak yes
 - 23 React to some static
 - 25 Ward on TV
 - 26 Declaim
 - 27 Ottoman Empire governor
 - 28 Miniature photo, maybe
 - 30 Leader's aid
 - 32 Transitional state
 - 33 Girder
 - 64 Samuel Barber's ___ for Strings
 - 65 Door fixture
 - 66 Brown with His Band of Renown
 - 67 Render harmless, in a way
 - 68 Depend (on)
 - 69 Frozen food brand
 - 70 Peter who directed "The Truman Show"
 - 71 Town on the Thames
 - 72 Heavy-duty looks?
 - 73 Smidgen



Puzzle by Patrick Barry

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

AWES AGA IRWIN
DIAL ERLE SCHMO
ANGELFACE TAINI
MELEE MORPH TOE
DEVILMAYCARE
ESE STONED
EKO NOAH STIPE
SWORDOFDAMOCLES
MALAY TOJO EER
ENDING ALS
FLATASABOARD
APE SONAR ALARM
COVET KINGMAKER
ELEMI ALIS DECI
DORIC SEA ASKS

- 34 Like good gossip columnist
- 36 Bolshevik, e.g.
- 37 Kyle ___ "The Terminator" hero
- 39 Wading bird
- 42 Unmanageable horses, in the Southwest
- 46 Triumphant shout
- 48 2001 British Open champion
- 49 David ___
- 50 Clearing
- 51 Do work on glass, say
- 52 Shout from a coach
- 53 Slender fish
- 55 Depend (on)
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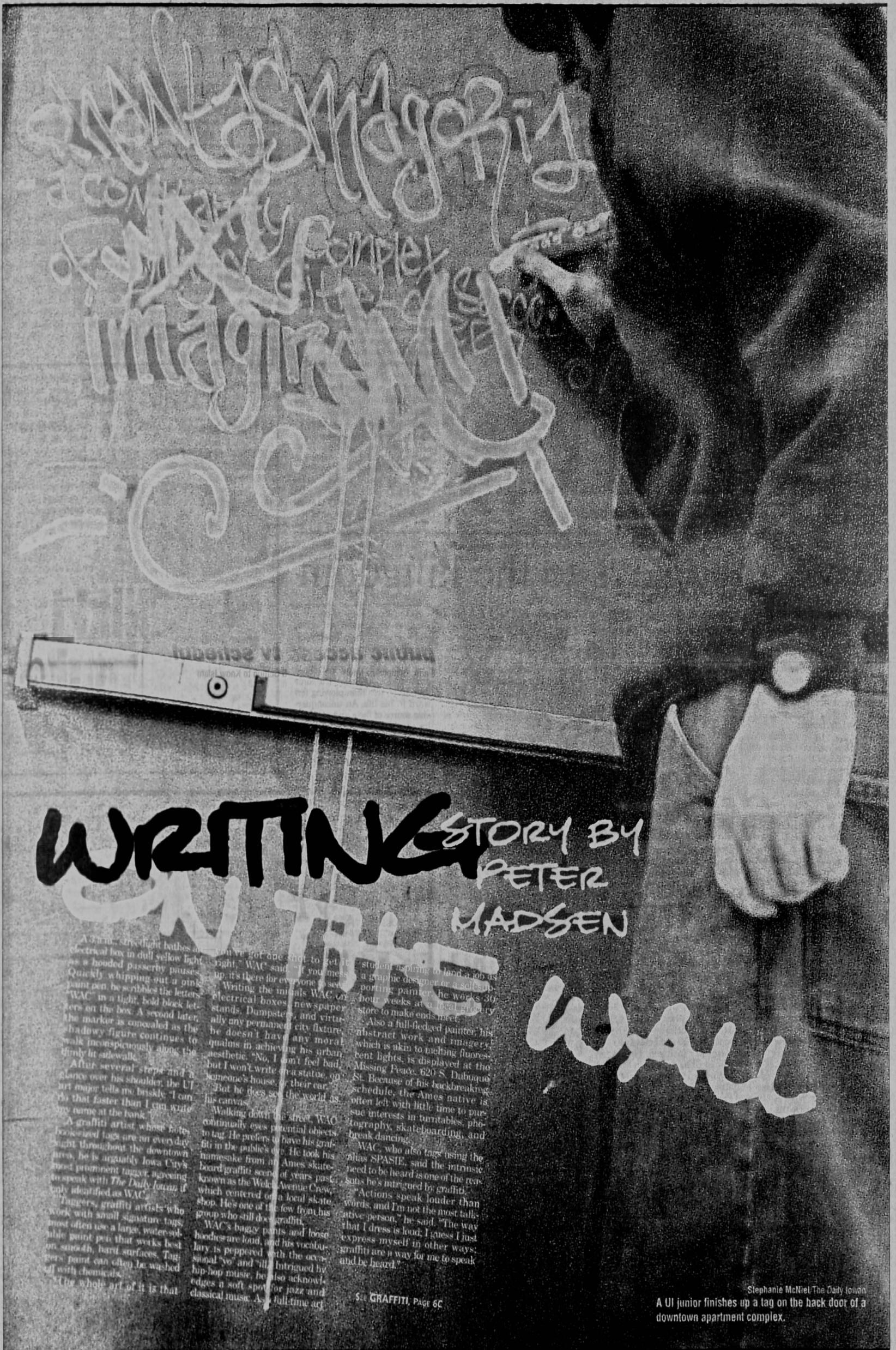
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WRITING ON THE WALL

STORY BY PETER MADSEN

A 3 a.m. streetlight bathes an electrical box in dull yellow light as a hooded passerby pauses. Quickly whipping out a pink paint pen, he scribbles the letters "WAC" in a tight, bold block letters on the box. A second later, the marker is concealed as the shadowy figure continues to walk inconspicuously along the dimly lit sidewalk.

After several steps and a glance over his shoulder, the UI art major tells me briskly, "I can do that faster than I can write my name at the bank."

A graffiti artist whose notes, scribbled tags are an everyday sight throughout the downtown area, he is arguably Iowa City's most prominent tagger, agreeing to speak with *The Daily Iowan*, if only identified as WAC.

Taggers, graffiti artists who work with small signature tags, most often use a large, water-soluble paint pen that works best on smooth, hard surfaces. Taggers' paint can often be washed off with chemicals.

"The whole art of it is that you've got one shot to get it right," WAC said. "If you mess up, it's there for everyone to see."

Writing the initials WAC on electrical boxes, newspaper stands, Dumpsters, and virtually any permanent city fixture, he doesn't have any moral qualms in achieving his urban aesthetic. "No, I don't feel bad, but I won't write on a statue, on someone's house, or their car."

But he does see the world as his canvas.

Walking down the street, WAC continually eyes potential objects to tag. He prefers to have his graffiti in the public's eye. He took his board graffiti from an Ames skate shop, which centered on a local skate shop. He's one of the few from his group who still does graffiti.

WAC's baggy pants and loose hoodies are loud, and his vocabulary is peppered with the occasional "yo" and "ill." Intrigued by hip-hop music, he also acknowledges a soft spot for jazz and classical music. As a full-time art

student aspiring to land a job as a graphic designer or a self-supporting painter, he works 30-hour weeks at a local grocery store to make ends meet.

Also a full-fledged painter, his abstract work and imagery, which is akin to melting fluorescent lights, is displayed at the Missing Peace, 620 S. Dubuque St. Because of his backbreaking schedule, the Ames native is often left with little time to pursue interests in turntables, photography, skateboarding, and break dancing.

WAC, who also tags using the alias SPASIE, said the intrinsic need to be heard is one of the reasons he's intrigued by graffiti.

"Actions speak louder than words, and I'm not the most talkative person," he said. "The way that I dress is loud. I guess I just express myself in other ways; graffiti are a way for me to speak and be heard."

Stephanie McNeil/The Daily Iowan
A UI junior finishes up a tag on the back door of a downtown apartment complex.

See GRAFFITI, PAGE 6C

• **TRENCH-ROCK WARFARE**
DI music critic Richard Shirk breaks down the year in local rock 'n' roll.
FOR REVIEW, SEE PAGE 4C



• **SAILING INTO ROCK**
The Yacht Club is back and boasting live music, a Kansas City barbecue menu, and an underground atmosphere very similar to the original.
FOR STORY, SEE PAGE 2C

• **BROADWAY GOES MULTIPLEX**
Chicago, starring Richard Gere and Renée Zellweger, has two advance screenings this weekend.
FOR REVIEW, SEE PAGE 5C

Resurfacing with deep roots intact

BY RICHARD SHIRK
THE DAILY IOWAN

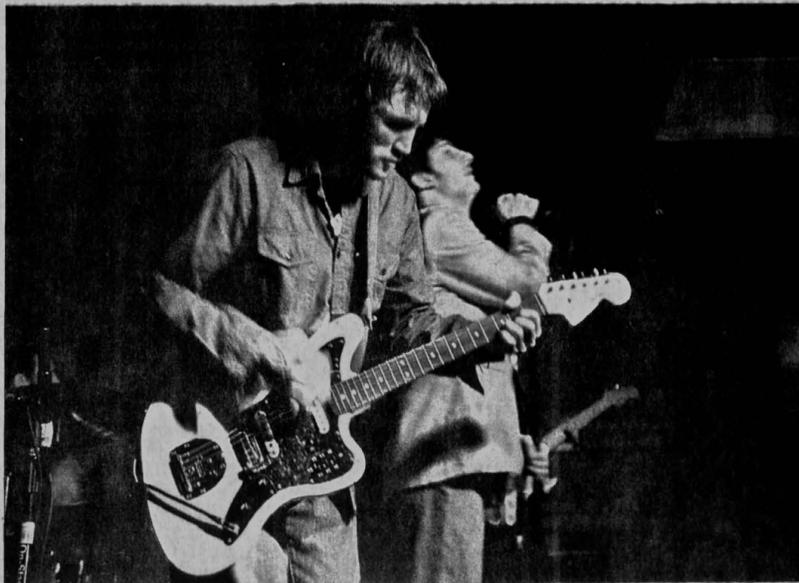
An underground club is usually a figure of speech. But in the cavernous basement below the former site of Ruby's Pearl is the Yacht Club — a venue that, for concert-goers who weren't here from 1988 to 1995, previously existed only in Iowa City folklore as a cool, dark club that was both a hang-out and the premier place for seeing roots-rock and blues in Iowa City.

With a blow-out featuring Chicago-relocated Iowa City popsters Jet Set Cutie and roots-rock-er Dave Zollo, the reopening of the revised and revamped Yacht Club on Jan. 24 seemed like as good of a time as any to scope out what is sure to be a venue for live music on par with the Green Room, Gabe's, and maybe even its former incarnation.

Jan. 24, 9:12 p.m., Opening Night with Jet Set Cutie, Dave Zollo

As IDs are checked (the Yacht Club is 21 and over) at the street-level entrance, the subterranean murmur of the club can be heard. Down the stairs, flanked by hand-painted murals and triangular Yacht Club banners, the room is dark and loud with clinking glasses, bar-room chatter, and the skronk and hum of the members of Jet Set Cutie setting up and preparing to play.

Edging past, between, and through the crowds, it's impossible to determine the number of people in the room — the L-shaped club is a surprisingly large space filled with corners, nooks, wooden tables, and booths and is lit only by stage lights, bar lights, and rows of 40-



John Richard/The Daily Iowan
Corey Stanley and Chase Zaputil of Jet Set Cutie perform for a packed crowd at the Yacht Club.



John Richard/The Daily Iowan
Dave Zollo plays at the Yacht Club on Jan. 24.

watt fixtures along the farthest brick wall. The patrons seem to be an even mix of curiosity seekers, enthusiastic Zollo fans, and those who saw bands during the club's first incarnation.

As Jet Set Cutie launches into the first set, one person who remembers enthusiastically watching Zollo play in High and Lonesome in the early '90s is standing in the back of the room by the well-stocked bar.

"I have to admit, it's a little bit self-serving ... I just wanted a nice, clean, dark place where I could see some great bands. This basement was empty," said Scott Kading, the Coralville resident and new proprietor of the

establishment. "It used to be a pretty good place for live music, and I didn't think there was enough of that in town."

Jan. 24, 10:53 p.m.

Zollo and the Body Electric have taken the stage, and the familiarity with which he treats the room is more than just his onstage charisma. It's clear that Zollo has been here before.

Zollo embodies the unmistakable sense of history that lingers in the Yacht Club, which boasts live music, a Kansas City barbecue menu, and acoustics made warm and focused by the brick walls. Some things have changed — the bands that used to play in the middle of the room now perform on a low stage at one end of the stone-floored space, and most of the bands that were regulars are now defunct. Artists such as Zollo and Tom Jessen (who fronted High and Lonesome and the Dimestore Outfit respectively) still perform around Iowa City, albeit as solo-acts.

Local concert-goer Chad Mueller remembers the spectacle of Bruce Willis flying into

Cedar Rapids in '93 and arriving at the club by limo to play harmonica with the Red Devils — a seasoned blues outfit and one of Willis' favorite bands. "It was a very incognito thing," said Mueller, who went on to detail meeting Replacements frontman Paul Westerberg in a dark booth at the Yacht Club following the band's concert at Carver in February '91.

As Zollo finished up, the energy of the crowd seemed genuine enough. The Zollo fans were treated to a flawless set of the veteran musician's drawling bar-room blues. The old regulars who frequented the Yacht Club back in the day were more than pleased with returning to the familiar, yet rejuvenated bar, while the curiosity seekers had experienced an unusually posh new venue, distinct in its layout, vibe, and band schedule.

Even though it took eight years to resurface, judging by the Jan. 24 show, the Yacht Club seems unlikely to drown in the generic sea of Iowa City bars.

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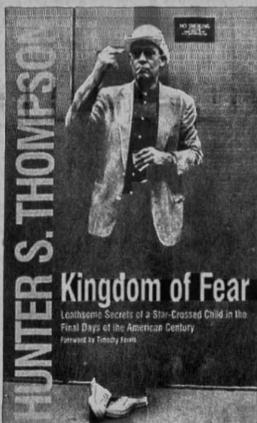
Hunter S. Thompson's novel, *Kingdom of Fear: Leathome Secrets of a Star-Crossed Child in the Final Days of the American Century*, is the latest in his outpourings of personal vignettes and political commentaries.

Abrasive and honest and laugh-out-loud funny, Thompson's 13th novel starts with one of his earliest realizations that power (i.e., the FBI) can essentially be powerless if you ask the correct questions quickly enough.

Kingdom of Fear, a chronicle of Thompson's life, is a memoir in which, time and time again, Thompson proves that if there is a cause worthy of writing about, he will do basically anything to experience it, both intellectually and viscerally. The seamless collection of essays, letters, and newspaper articles that Thompson either wrote himself or was in some way directly related to flows from fiction to autobiography with a very hazy line in between.

Strung together with relevant issues and ideas, Thompson uses these collections as stepping stones that allow us to understand his need for speed (not the drug, although Thompson is a notorious drug fiend due to such work as *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*), his love for the underbelly of the Triple X world, and his own attempts at a political toe-hold.

The book also chronicles his 30-year love affair with a story assignment, "The Death of the American Dream," which Random House innocuously assigned him in 1968. The affair began when a whim led him to the



Democratic convention in Chicago, and he found himself among the throes of protesters and the cops who beat them. Thompson was outraged and shocked to the point where hysteria truly did win out. More than the thought of being physically beaten or even jailed for years, the realization that our top-ranking government officials had given the OK to destroy whatever was in their way made Thompson physically ill.

He doesn't fail to leave his thoughts on our current political situation, either. Two post-Sept. 11, 2001, articles in which Thompson specifically addresses war and terror are included. For a man who could have potentially fought in Vietnam, who purposely found a reason to cover the invasion of Panama, and who continues to take more drugs than the average teenager on the streets, his left-wing views on politics and the new war are brutally true — especially for today's 20somethings.

Kingdom of Fear is both a commentary and a warning. Moving back and forth between the politics of the day and the politics back in the day, Thompson continually reminds us that the present is inextricably linked to the past. He also reminds us, with every turn of the page, that when you find your groove, it is going to take a lot more than drugs, the government, or any political downfalls to snap you out of it.

Reading *Kingdom of Fear*, you will turn the page. Even if just to find out what Thompson's idea of a good birthday present for Jack Nicholson was, you'll learn how this present ended up creating a veritable Search and Destroy Mission for the Aspen County Police Department. You might even pick up the quick throw to our very own UI.

Kingdom of Fear is one of a kind, present in mind, and accessible. Throughout, Thompson considers himself a professional and a warrior. But his quest for fun, both for himself and those around him, might be the force that keeps this man plowing forward in his life. An unconquerable source of facts and opinions, he continues to entertain and educate us with *Kingdom of Fear*.

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Believing in one in a million

So there I was, standing (dripping wet) on the shore of Lake Michigan, a mere five days before Halloween, wearing nothing but blue boxers with glow-in-the-dark stars.

Minutes earlier, three of my best friends from high school and I had stripped out of our jeans, sweaters, and coats, stood starting-line style on the beach with one hand in the sand and the other making sure our respective equipment didn't steal out of our boxers, and run screaming into the arctic water.

Behind us on the beach, a 14-month-old brown-and-white cocker spaniel stood with her front paws in wet sand, back paws in dry sand, wondering what the hell was going on. When her understandably small brain couldn't come up with a logical explanation for what her colorblind eyes had just witnessed, she decided to do what most of us with a small brain would have done in her position — she followed us in.

Thus began my love affair with the puppy that wasn't mine.

You see, on Oct. 10, I sent out a desperate plea in the form of a column. It said basically this: I miss my dog, I want to play with dogs; does anyone want me to walk or play with her or his dog? That same day, I got multiple responses, one from a freshman named Lianna. She told me all about her cocker spaniel puppy named Ruffy, who had to live with her dad because she couldn't have a dog in the dorms.

To make an already long story short, Lianna agreed to loan me her dog before even meeting me. So for just over two months, her beautiful cocker spaniel puppy lived in my house with my four other roommates; Lianna paid for all food and vet care, and she took Ruffy home during all university breaks.

It became the perfect system — my roomies and I fed Ruffy, let Ruffy out, played with Ruffy,



DREW BIXBY
After further reflection

cuddled with Ruffy, etc. And Lianna, whose dorm is only two blocks from my house, got to see Ruffy whenever she wanted.

There was only one problem: our landlord (which happens to be one of the largest property-management companies in the city) strictly prohibits animals from living in our house. It was in the lease, we knew this ahead of time, but we figured it wouldn't be an issue. What it didn't know couldn't hurt it, right?

So Ruffy came to live with us, and let me tell you, this dog was an absolute sweetheart. Because I most often fed her, let her out, and walked her, she quickly chose me as her favorite. Being her favorite was a big responsibility. It meant that she hogged my bed at night, that I had to clean up her puke when she drank too much water at one time, that I had to wipe up her pee when she got too excited, and that I had to clean up the garbage that she tore through when she was left alone for too long. But it also meant that she was always lying at my feet, always begging to be loved,

always willing to give kisses, and (almost) always a good listener.

Ruff 'n' Stuff (as we affectionately called her, among other nicknames) became a fixture in our house. She waited anxiously, tail wagging, for each of us to come home, and she cried pathetically whenever we left. She hopped up on our laps while we watched TV on the couch, and she napped on our beds with us when we got tired. She went on road trips with us (to Minnesota and Door County, Wis.), and she went on walks with us when we left the house.

We invented games for her, like the one in which we ran from couch to couch to get her riled up and then howled at the top of our lungs until she could match our pitch with her own howl. Or the one in which I carried her in my arm like a football to parties so that she could play with people outside. (And no, we never once gave her alcohol, human food, or any other substance harmful to humans or animals). One of her favorite games was hide-the-cheeseburger (her favorite plastic squeaky toy). This dog was incredible — she could climb on top of couches and tables to get her cheeseburger, and if you even mentioned the word, she'd search the house high and low until she found it. We always rewarded her with a t-r-e-a-t and a long belly rub (which she loved more than anything).

More than just constant love, affection, and laughs, Ruffy was therapeutic for our house. If I came home from just a really terrible day, I'd pick her up in my arms, and we'd wrestle on my bed for a half hour until I felt better. Or if I was just tired and grumpy, she'd kiss my face and cuddle with me until I fell asleep. Our friends loved this dog, too. The girls who live across the street from us would regularly come over and ask if Ruffy could come to their house

and play or if they could take Ruffy for a walk. Everyone benefited from her presence.

But then something went horribly wrong. Somehow (and we're still not exactly sure how), our landlord found out about Ruffy and nailed us with a \$150 fine and an eviction threat. I was devastated. This tiny little puppy, who could cause no damage to the house or to any person was being ripped from my life because of a company policy.

I thought about it for a long time, and finally decided that I wanted to go meet with our landlord, and ask them if we could either A) pay more rent in order to keep this beautiful dog or B) put down a sort of "doggy deposit" that could be kept in the case that she did cause any damage to the house. Unfortunately, my landlord was always too busy to return my phone calls, and my plea was never heard — I'm afraid that it never will be.

I miss Ruffy a lot. She wasn't even my dog, but in the two months that she lived with us, she was my best friend. I loved that dog (almost in the way that I love people, not in the silly way that I love chocolate milk), and I will miss her terribly.

Ruffy may be gone forever, and if that's the case, she will be remembered fondly. But the point of the story is this: I took a one in a million chance three months ago when I wrote the column about wanting a dog. When Lianna contacted me, I took another one in a million chance that Ruffy would work out in our house. And Lianna and I took a one in a million chance in each other (before we'd ever met), and, well, I think that's awesome.

So if taking a one in a million chance every once in a while means having a beautiful dog make my life better — even for just two months — then I think I'll take more of these chances in the future.

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All the way to Hell



FILM REVIEW

by Eric Baker

Hell House

When:

7 and 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday through Feb. 5

Where:

Bijou

★★★★ out of ★★★★★

I have just seen the movie of the year.

Christopher Guest has made a name for himself making "mockumentaries," faux documentaries (such as *Waiting for Guffman* and *Best in Show*) in which the filmmaker attempts to take the subject seriously, all the while inserting precision jabs. But there isn't a substitute for the real thing: People who really believe in what they are saying.

Hell House is that film, which is not to imply it is laugh-free. In fact, I laughed throughout the whole 85 minutes. Set in the Trinity Assembly of God Pentecostal Church in Cedar Hill, Texas, the movie is about a brand of haunted house that is church-sponsored and intended to teach/scare people into choosing God over Satan. Certain scenes are so good, you could not make them up.

Director George Ratliff starts us off with auditions infinitely better than anything on "American Idol." He continues by including snippets of parishioners speaking in tongues, a father saving his epileptic son by praying, and a church leader cajoling reticent teens about

what kind of message Hell House actually sends.

The movie also takes us into the planning stages of the Hell House, involving mainly what issues are to be tackled in a series of skits whose speeches sound like they were written by David Hasselhoff. One scene deals with teen suicide after a date rape occurred at a rave, another with a gay man suffering from AIDS, still another with a married woman who is having an online love affair with someone she does not know. The idea is these images, along with various odors and sounds, will show the unconverted that Jesus is their savior.

Ratliff refuses to pander to the audience despite the obvious temptation; he knows his material is so good it sells the story on its own. Though he does interview certain participants about their beliefs and life experiences with a completely white background ("A warlock told me, 'You'll never find white at an occult gathering'"), the director also shows the daily life and motivations of his subjects without a gauzy lens: One teen female gets ready for a date while describing the limits she imposes on her relationships before marriage.

Sloppy camerawork and odd zooms are more than compensated for by the zeal of the leaders running the church. When contemplating whether to include a scene for the haunted house that echoed warning signs from the Columbine High School shooting, Pastor Jim Hennessy was unapologetic about using it, in spite of, or perhaps because of, bad press from CBS News and the *New York Times* when they did a Columbine re-enactment the previous year.

"Is our youth ministry driven by fear?" asks Hennessy.

"No. But is fear a part of it? Absolutely. A part of salvation is being afraid of going to hell."

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You've seen the preview far too many times; now see the movie. A sneak preview of *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days* will be held Saturday at Coral Ridge 10 at 7:10 p.m. In the film, Matthew McConaughey stars as a ladies' man who bets his friends that he can stay in a relationship for more than 10 days. Unfortunately for him, the girl (Kate Hudson) he meets is writing an article on how to lose a guy in the same time. Whose mission will prevail? Will love conquer all?



Chris Pizzello/Associated Press
Kate Hudson and Matthew McConaughey at the *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days* premiere on Jan. 27.

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Cinema 6

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AL PACINO STARS AS WALTER BURKE, WHO RECRUITS JAMES CLAYTON (COLIN FARRELL) FOR THE CIA. WHEN JAMES DECIDES TO LEAVE HIS POSITION, HE IS GIVEN A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT TO ROOT OUT A MOLE.

Coral Ridge 10

About Schmidt
Cinema 6

★★★ out of ★★★★★

Jack Nicholson stars as a widower who treks across the country in order to attend his daughter's funeral. Slow in parts, but funny and touching at the same time. Nicholson is worthy of accolades in a relatively subdued part, but Kathy Bates steals the show.

Adaptation

Campus 3

★★★★ out of ★★★★★

Adaptation is a wonderfully puzzling ride that captures the inner workings of a writer as few films have been able to do. Like a test drive in a souped-up Lamborghini, *Adaptation* takes us on one of the most dazzling trips we have ever been on and leaves us wanting more.

Antwone Fisher

Coral Ridge 10

Not yet reviewed

Based on the true story of Antwone Fisher, a Sony Pictures security guard who eventually gains fame as a writer and Hollywood producer.

Bowling for Columbine

Campus 3

★★★★ out of ★★★★★

Michael Moore returns to filmmaking in this powerful documentary on guns in American culture. It is one of the greatest documentaries ever made and one of the most important American films of the year.

Catch Me If You Can

Coral Ridge 10

Cinema 6

Not yet reviewed

Leonardo DiCaprio stars as Frank Abagnale Jr., a young boy who works as a doctor, a lawyer, and a co-pilot for a major airline all before he turns 18. He becomes a master of deception and a brilliant forger whose skills bring him infamy.

Confessions of a Dangerous Mind

Campus 3

Not yet reviewed

Sam Rockwell stars as Chuck Barris, "The Gong Show" host who spent time as a CIA assassin, making hits while under the guise of chaperoning game-show contestants who won vacation prizes.

Darkness Falls

Cinema 6

Not yet reviewed

Chaney Kley stars as Kyle Walsh, who returns home to confront his troubled past and save a childhood sweetheart. The town they live in, Darkness Falls, has been plagued with unrelenting evil for more than 100 years.

Die Another Day

Coral Ridge 10

Not yet reviewed

Pierce Brosnan returns as James Bond in this 20th installment of the superspy series. Bond circles the world in an effort to prevent a catastrophic war and crosses paths with Jinx (Halle Berry).

Gangs of New York

Coral Ridge 10

★★★★ out of ★★★★★

At three hours, this gangland drama about the carving of New York City in the mid-19th century may sound overlong, but director Martin Scorsese squeezed so much material into his labor of love it feels muddled. The result, however, is a beautifully designed, acted, and photographed version of one of the bloodiest periods in American history.

A Guy Thing

Coral Ridge 10

Not yet reviewed

Paul wakes up the morning after his bachelor party with a beautiful woman in his bed, but when he finds out that she is his fiancée's cousin, he spends the week before his wedding covering up his infidelity.

Harry Potter and The Chamber of Secrets

Coral Ridge 10

★★★★ out of ★★★★★

Daniel Radcliffe is back as the young wizard Harry Potter. He and his friends face new challenges during their second year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft as they try to discover the dark force that is terrorizing their school.

Just Married

Coral Ridge 10

Not yet reviewed

Ashton Kutcher and Brittany Murphy star as newlyweds who go to Europe for a honeymoon and come back to the U.S. on bad terms.

Kangaroo Jack

Cinema 6

Not yet reviewed

Two friends from Brooklyn chase a kangaroo through Australia after it takes off with a coat full of Mob money.

The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers

Coral Ridge 10

★★★★ out of ★★★★★

The fantasy epic based on the popular Tolkien novels focuses more on battles and their preparation than Hobbits and Gandalf the wizard, yet the special effects and computer-generated images, especially the miserable Gollum, rank among the very best.

Maid in Manhattan

Coral Ridge 10

★★ out of ★★★★★

Jennifer Lopez stars as independent, single mother Marisa Ventura. She works as a maid in a first-class Manhattan hotel to support her son, Ty, and dreams of a better life. When she

meets a handsome politician staying in the hotel, mistaken identity leads her to start falling for a man she normally would have judged from a distance.

My Big Fat Greek Wedding

Coral Ridge 10

★★ out of ★★★★★

A comedy of manners about a Greco-American daughter (Nia Vardalos) who falls in love with a non-Greek Midwesterner (John Corbett) and must get her family to accept the newcomer. When Corbett's parents meet up with the big fat Greek family, hilarious consequences ensue.

National Security

Cinema 6

Not yet reviewed

After getting kicked out of the police academy, Earl Montgomery (Martin Lawrence) is forced to work as a lowly security guard at "National Security." He and a colleague discover a sophisticated smuggling operation and possible police cover-up, and everyone wants Earl and his colleague dead.

Two Weeks Notice

Coral Ridge 10

Not yet reviewed

Sandra Bullock plays an intelligent but neurotic attorney. Hugh Grant plays her charming, irresponsible, and wealthy boss who always needs her help.

The Wild Thornberrys

Coral Ridge 10

Not yet reviewed

In Nickelodeon's animated film about a family who takes wild adventures around the world, a 12-year-old girl discovers a poacher's plan to kill an elephant herd and tries to stop him.

OPENING TODAY

AT THE BIJOU

Hell House

Bijou

Not yet reviewed

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DIE ANOTHER DAY (PG-13)

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WILD THORNBERRYS (PG)

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The Windy City goes Broadway



FILM REVIEW

by David Fulco

Chicago

When:

Advance Screening

Friday through Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. only

Where:

Campus 3

★★★★ out of ★★★★★

In 1975 Bob Fosse, fresh off of his Academy Award-winning directorship of 1972's *Cabaret*, sauntered onto the Great White Way with the musical extravaganza named *Chicago*. With its sizzling choreography and sultry songs, the musical about a sweet-faced chorus-girl killer met with grand success, including a much renowned revival on Broadway in 1996 that took home six Tony Awards.

But despite the obvious success that *Chicago* had on Broadway, the musical remained movie-resistant, as major studios seemed reluctant to invest in a film whose very identity rested in capturing Fosse's amazing dance routine. Could a film such as *Chicago* find an audience in the oversaturated present-day world of Cineplexes and brainlessly big-budgeted action flicks?

Miramax believed that *Chicago* could work, and it has finally released the film across the country for moviegoers to experience the old razzle-dazzle in all of its amazing brilliance.

Chicago is set in the glittering world of the Roaring '20s, when mobsters grabbed the headlines



Publicity photo

Catherine Zeta Jones stars as Velma Kelly, a double-murderer who is the most infamous and beautiful killer in all of Chicago. She meets Roxie Hart (Renee Zellweger) in jail.

on all of the Chicago newspapers, and speakeasies and gin joints gave even the most common man a chance to feel the rush of breaking the law. Into the scene of sex and sin walks Roxie Hart (Renee Zellweger), a wannabe vaudeville stage-show singer looking to break into the business. Roxie has unwisely married the sweet and innocent Amos Hart (John C. Reilly) who, despite his caring nature, does not possess Roxie's ambition for greatness. Roxie therefore begins shacking up with a furniture salesman named Fred Casely (Dominic West), who promises her stardom as long as she takes him to bed. But when Roxie discovers that Fred is a no good two-timing liar, she guns him down and punches herself a one-way ticket to Death Row.

But Death Row in Chicago during the 1920s bears little resemblance to the grisly horrors that one might think of today. Death Row in fact works as a perfect tool, allowing killers to become famous and notorious on the screaming headlines of the daily press. In jail, Roxie meets up with Velma Kelly (Catherine Zeta Jones) a double-murderer who is the most infamous and beautiful killer in all of Chicago. Velma, in her own self-serving

manner, teaches Roxie the ropes, introducing her to the head warden for the female penitentiary named Mama (Queen Latifah), who can get inmates what they want as long as the price is right.

But can Roxie beat the rap for her unbelievably heinous act? There is no one better in the state of Illinois at getting people off for capital murder cases than the flamboyant and manipulative Billy Flynn (Richard Gere). The high-priced attorney works like a ring leader, turning the courtroom into a circus all the while turning his clients into bona fide stars. But is this wildness enough to get Roxie off? And once she has tasted the life of fame, will Roxie be able to live without the popping of a camera's flash?

Director Rob Marshall, who directed the television version of *Annie*, does a remarkable job of staying true to the original Fosse stage show in his filming of *Chicago*. Much like Fosse did in *Cabaret*, Marshall allows the musical numbers to play out in the minds of Roxie and the other characters. The characters do not break out into song but instead are given their own private stage to perform on — the stage of the mind. This tactic allows the film to avoid the

campiness of musicals from decades past while allowing the film to stay true to its origins. Marshall celebrates the world of the musical in *Chicago* while still allowing the real world to remain evident.

There is always uproar when movie musicals cast non-singers and dancers as leads, but here, both Zellweger and Gere hold up nicely. Gere's tap-dance numbers may seem a little stacy in parts, but he gets through it with wit and charm. Zeta Jones was herself a chorus dancer before she decided to make it big as an actress, and even Reilly (who sings the hilariously touching "Mr. Cellophane") had some background in musical theater. These actors are in no way Liza Minnelli, but they are up for the challenge both physically and vocally, and it is a complete pleasure to watch them at their craft.

Chicago is that rare film that is able to blend theater and movie seamlessly in absolutely perfect harmony. *Chicago* is a film that will make you cheer, make you laugh, and make you want to sing along.

Like a full-size, flashy Broadway show, *Chicago* will make you want to applaud after every heart-pounding, foot-tapping number. The energy is high, the smiles are bright, and the fun is undeniable. Broadway has come to America, and all that jazz.

Paid: \$6

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MUSIC

RABBIT RABBIT, A SPARSE AND METHODICAL ART-ROCK DUO, WILL PLAY AT GABE'S ON FEB. 5 AT 9 P.M. TICKETS ARE \$5.

TODAY

MUSIC

- House DJs **Kevin Basset** and **DJ Sonar**, Green Room, 509 S. Gilbert, 9 p.m., \$5.
- **2nd Best, My Life Anthem, Led By Last**, and **Jordan Mayland**, Gabe's, 330 E. Washington, 8 p.m., \$5.
- **Jenn Bulechek**, Rock's Roadhouse, 1701 Highway 1 W., 6:30 p.m., free.
- **B.F. Burt and the Instigators**, Yacht Club, 13 Linn St., 9 p.m., \$3.
- **Jazz Jam**, Sanctuary, 405 S. Gilbert, 9:30 p.m., \$2.

THEATER

- **Proof**, Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert, 7 p.m., \$10-25.

FRIDAY

MUSIC

- **Clean Livin'** and **Chris Ranallo Band**, Green Room, 9 p.m., \$4.
- **Nefesh and Panda**, Gabe's, 9 p.m., \$4.
- **Randall Goodgame**, Iowa City Church of Christ, 4643 American Legion Road, 7 p.m., free.
- **Craig Cramer**, organ, Clapp, 8 p.m., free.
- **Diplomats of Solid Sound**, Yacht Club, 9 p.m., \$5.
- **Nikki Lunden**, Q Bar, 211 Iowa Ave., 9 p.m.
- **Odd Bar Band**, Sanctuary, 9:30 p.m., free.

THEATER

- **No Shame**, Theatre Building, 11 p.m., \$1.
- **Proof**, Riverside Theatre, 8 p.m., \$10-25.

SATURDAY

MUSIC

- **Saphine** and **Winegarten**, Green Room, 9 p.m., \$4.
- **DJ Alert, Misuggah, Justone**, and **Jethro**, Gabe's, 9 p.m., \$5.
- **Dianne Reeves**, Hancher, 8 p.m., \$28/26/23; UI students \$22.40/10, senior citizens \$22.40/20.80/18.40, and youth \$14/13/11.50.
- **Dave Huckfelt** and **Ben Ramsey**, Sanctuary, 9:30 p.m., free.

THEATER

- **Proof**, Riverside Theatre, 8 p.m., \$10-25.

SUNDAY

MUSIC

- **Lotus** and **Protostarr**, Green Room, 9 p.m., \$5.
- **Electronic Music Studios**, Lawrence Fritts, director, Clapp, 8 p.m., free.

THEATER

- **Proof**, Riverside Theatre, 2 p.m., \$10-25.

MONDAY

MUSIC

- **Blues Jam** hosted by Blue Tunas, Green Room, 9 p.m., \$1.
- **Dead to Fall** with **Preacher Gone to Texas, Provoke**, and **Last American Virgin**, Gabe's, 8 p.m., \$5.
- **Indigo Girls**, IMU Main Lounge, 8 p.m., \$23.

WORDS

- Lecture, installation artist **Ana Tavares**, E109 Art Building, 7:30 p.m., free.

TUESDAY

MUSIC

- **Funkin' Jazz Jam** hosted by Matt Grundstad and friends, Green Room, 9 p.m., \$1.
- **Coheed and Cambria** with **One Line Drawing, Hopesfall**, and **Code Seven**, Gabe's, 8 p.m., \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door.

WEDNESDAY

MUSIC

- **Nad Navillus, Rabbit Rabbit**, and **Ed Gray**, Gabe's, 9 p.m., \$5.

WORDS

- Lecture, sculptor **Paul Chaleff**, E109 Art Building, 8 p.m., free.

MISC.

- **Poetry Slam**, Green Room, 9 p.m. \$3.

CONTINUING EXHIBITS

- **Pioneers on Paper: Works by Women from the Collection**, Museum of Art, through Feb. 23.
- **Top 40! The Stoner Collection of 20th-Century Sculptors' Drawings**, Museum of Art, through Feb. 23.
- **The White Station**, Museum of Art, through March 2.
- **Seifollah Samadian**, Museum of Art, through March 2.

Lettering Iowa City's walls

GRAFFITI

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He first gained interest in graffiti as a young teen after seeing graffiti in Chicago and New York City. He then came across copies of graffiti magazines and eventually developed his own tags to put up around town.

"It's a form of modern art; it's abstraction in letter form. Graffiti goes against the classical aspect of painting and academics," he said.

In Iowa City, WAC estimates that there are approximately 10-12 different taggers, seven of whom write frequently. These taggers compete with each other in a practice called battling, in which one tagger marks over the tag of another—a grave insult.

But unlike most artistic circles, these taggers don't know any more about each other than what they write on the wall.

"I could be sitting in class next to a tagger whom I'm having a battle with and not even know that it's him."

However, the law comes into play when artistic expression infringes on property rights. Defacing public property in the form of graffiti constitutes criminal mischief, an offense that ranges in severity from a simple to serious misdemeanor, said Iowa City police Sgt. Brian Krei.

The crime is punishable by a fine of roughly \$150, including restitution. However, severe property defacement can land larger fines and possible jail time.

Writing graffiti on public property brings immediate charges of criminal mischief, while recourse for defacement of private property depends on individual property owners, Krei said.

"Just the mere fact that you get caught by the cops doing [graffiti] doesn't necessarily mean that you're going to get charged," he said.

Although Iowa City police have never charged WAC for his tagging, he said he has had three or four close calls in which he had to run to avoid apprehension. He was caught once last year after running away, but was only charged with evading arrest because of a lack of evidence; he was fined \$350. The fine for evading arrest is now \$500, police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said.

If WAC sees flashing lights now, he said, he plans to stay and pay the lesser fine for criminal mischief. But he will never regret picking up a paint pen.

"I know what I'm up against, but graffiti are a part of me. If I'm in class or with a pen and paper, I'm doodling tags and working on new styles."

WAC spoke of the direct correlation between calligraphy and graffiti in the shared importance placed on the angle of the tool, fonts, lines, and overall aesthetic value.

With rear entrances opening to narrow alleys, some downtown businesses have seen graffiti gradually cover their backdoors.

"Graffiti are a low-level irritation more than everything," said Craig Carman, the manager of Dick Blick Art Materials, 223 E. Washington St. "We do have customers who pick up products at the back door occasionally, and I don't know if [the graffiti] give them a feel-good experience."

Carman said that he hasn't repainted the store's door because he knows that taggers will come back and mark it up again.

Dick Blick carries a variety of the colored paint pens that are often used for graffiti. Regardless, Carman said, he'll continue to carry the paint pens because they serve artists with a number of uses.

"We're not going to say this marker is great for tagging," he said. "We don't encourage people who take that on as a form of art."

He admits that every time

someone buys a big marker, he does wonder whether it will be used for graffiti.

"There's always that thought that runs through my mind—I sure hope they're not heading for my backdoor," Carman said, laughing.

Conversely, some businesses don't see graffiti on their property as a large issue.

"It's not really a problem [in Iowa City] compared with some major cities like Chicago or Detroit," said Kevin Arnan, the general manager of Hawkeye Waste Systems, a company whose dumpsters have seen a fair amount of graffiti.

WAC said he is well-aware of the mixed emotions that Iowa City residents feel toward graffiti and those who do it.

"I can totally see their angle. They think, 'This didn't have this tag before, and now it's ugly to me.' And I see their angle when I look at poorly done tags," he said. "I want to make things beautiful to the eye."

"I work, pay my bills, pay my rent, go to class, get good grades. I'm a responsible kid in most respects. I'd be more involved [with other interests] if I had more time."

The spontaneous nature of graffiti lends itself well to WAC's hectic lifestyle. He does most of his tagging in the early morning hours. His tagging sessions last anywhere from a couple minutes to an hour.

WAC encourages those interested in graffiti to begin experimenting with designs and tags but not to rush out and mark up walls right away. People should instead study the styles of other artists and develop their own style.

"I put a lot of pride in the work that I put up on a wall," he said. "Make sure you're proud of what you're putting up because your tag will be judged."

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