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Gore throws his weight behind Dean

BY RONALD BROWNSTEIN AND MATEA GOLD
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — Former Vice President Al Gore will endorse Howard Dean today, culminating the former Vermont governor's transformation from little-known insurgent to the commanding front-runner in the 2004 Democratic presidential race.

Sources close to the Dean campaign say Gore, the party's 2000 nominee, will appear with the former Vermont governor this morning in New York's Harlem neighborhood and then campaign with him later in the day in Iowa.

The Dean campaign did not confirm the reports, but by Monday night, the impending endorsement was a subject of open discussion among top Dean supporters, close advisers to Gore, and members of other Democratic campaigns.

The announcement is sure to provide another burst of momentum for Dean, who has led in the latest polls in Iowa and New Hampshire — the states in which the nominating contests begin in January — and also has raised more money than any of his rivals.

"This is a tremendous, tremendous boost to the Dean candidacy," said Democratic strategist Donna Brazile, who managed Gore's 2000 presidential campaign.

As Dean's candidacy has surged in recent months, his Democratic opponents have hoped that members of the party establishment still uneasy about his prospects as a general election candidate might unite behind one of



Dean candidate Gore endorsing

them in an effort to stop him.

But Gore's endorsement — following Dean's embrace last month by two of the nation's most politically potent labor groups, the Service Employees International Union and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees — will drive home that critical segments of the party have grown comfortable with the notion of Dean challenging President Bush.

"If there is any Democrat in the country that wants to beat George Bush again, it's Al Gore ... and he's saying that Dean should be the leader of the Democratic Party going into this election," said Gerald McEntee, the president of the municipal employees union. "I think it dispels all of this talk among people in Washington saying Dean can't win, he can't run against Bush."

Gore's backing of Dean could prove to be especially important among Democrats just tuning into the race — which analysts believe describes the vast majority of those living in states other than Iowa and New Hampshire.

"It has to be a very big factor" nationwide, said McEntee. "If [Gore] doesn't carry juice in a national campaign, nobody

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UI to interview dropouts

BY SARAH FRANKLIN
THE DAILY IOWAN

Beginning in January, UI students who elect to withdraw from classes will be required to attend a meeting with Registrar's Office officials to discuss their reasons for leaving the university.

The pilot program is targeting students who leave in the first month of a term, before they have a chance to really assess the UI, said Registrar Larry Lockwood. Each semester, more than 400 students withdraw from the university; so far this semester, 478 stu-

dents have left.

The purpose of the program is to determine why these students choose to leave the university and to see if there is anything officials can do to help them, Lockwood said.

"We want to know what has changed to force students to leave the UI," he said. "They may have very good reasons, but it may be that they don't like their roommates, or it may be a financial-aid situation where there is something we can do."

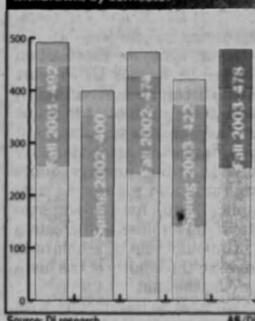
Lockwood and three officials will conduct interviews in Jan-

uary and February. If the program is successful, they will expand the program during the semester and the next academic year.

Currently, students who are withdrawing go to the Registrar's Office and fill out a withdrawal card. Once students have left the university, they are sent a survey. Only 30 percent of the people return the survey once they have left school, Lockwood said.

"We are going to be more proactive and talk to students

Number of UI students that have withdrawn, by semester

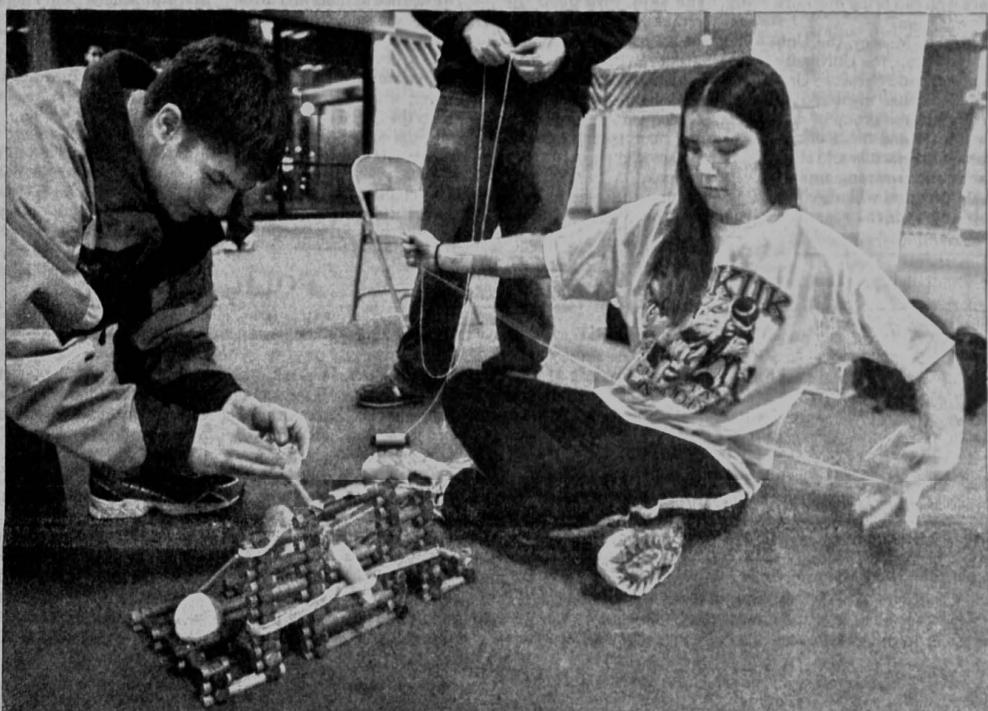


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ENGINEERING FEAT



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Engineering students Tim Kennelly and Stephanie Grimsley prepare to launch their catapult made of Lincoln Logs on Monday evening. The project is part of Engineering Problem Solving 1, taught by Associated Professor Gary Fischer, to demonstrate the engineering-design process.

Learning to really wing it

BY MEGHAN SIMS
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI Assistant Professor Jeffrey Agrell asked an enthusiastic audience for colorful names of animals, reasons for an argument, and emotions as he scribbles on his clipboard, an eccentric welcome to the improvisational recital held Monday night in the Voxman Music Building's Harper Hall.

"Unicorn," one yelled. "Toilet seat left up," said another. "Euphoria."

He then disappeared, and nine performers emerged for an hour-long performance that featured student musicians pouring themselves into their instruments and audience members banging away on household utensils they were instructed to bring.

The suggestions Agrell wrote down acted as parameters the students worked with; some pieces worked with nouns or a loose plot. But in any performance, Agrell said, audience participation is invaluable to the process of creating an improvised work.

"The hardest way to play is if someone says, 'Play something,'" he said. "But if you say 'dark,' 'gloomy,' 'big monster,' or 'Frankenstein,' you have an



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The Introduction to Improvisation class of Jeff Agrell, a UI assistant professor of music, performs in Harper Hall on Monday night.

idea of what you will play." For the entire semester, 21 students geared up for these final performances, which are open to the public. They are the culmination of a new course in the UI School of Music, Introduction to Improvisation, taught by Agrell and graduate student Evan Mazunik.

Because of overwhelming interest at registration time, the class has twice the anticipated enrollment. Consequently, half of the group performed Monday night, with the other half slated for 8 p.m. today in Harper Hall.

Students in the class — made up of undergraduates, a

graduate student, music majors, and non-music majors — have been honing their abilities to improvise music. Mazunik said students possessed the skill before entering the class, but they initially were hesitant because they were scared of making mistakes.

"The challenging thing wasn't necessarily teaching them something new, it was removing the barriers and the fear of failure," he said. Agrell added that "accidents are essential to the process."

Although students were apprehensive in August when

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M.D. finds calling in small clinic

BY SEUNG MIN KIM
THE DAILY IOWAN

Seated in a blue armchair in a small waiting area no bigger than a child's bedroom, Charles Walker flips through *ESPN The Magazine* while waiting for his appointment with David Bedell at the Lone Tree Family Practice Center.

"They treat you good here, and Dr. Bedell is a very good doctor," the bespectacled 60-year-old said. "The people here get the patients in and take care of them."

Sure enough, nurse Marybeth Doerrfeld then opens the door and says, "Charles, we're ready for you."

Walker stands up quickly,

flashes a grin, and heads for his regular checkup.

"I've been telling everyone to come here, even those who live in Muscatine," he says. "News travels fast, you know."

The Lone Tree Family Practice Center — headed by Bedell, a UI assistant professor of family medicine — serves 20 to 25 patients per day, who travel from such places as Lone Tree, Columbus Junction, West Liberty, Nichols, and Conesville, in addition to more distant locations such as Muscatine, Burlington, Washington, and Iowa City.

It's a busy Tuesday morning for Bedell. He's running a little behind schedule, most likely because of the three 8 a.m.

appointments he has scheduled.

"We keep him busy here," said nurse Kristie Thompson, laughing. "We don't treat him nicely."

Life as a bilingual doctor has been quite a transition for Bedell, who didn't decide to pursue medicine until after he received his undergraduate degrees in German and psychology from Colorado College in 1975.

After graduation, he found his calling while working at a Seattle halfway house for people with chronic mental illnesses, he said.

"If I really wanted to have more independence and say in what I was doing, I knew I

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Bush inks controversial Medicare act

BY DANA MILBANK AND CLAUDIA DEANE
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — President Bush Monday signed into law the largest expansion of a federal entitlement program in decades, launching a program to extend prescription-drug coverage to millions of older Americans.

The expansion of Medicare, forecast to cost \$400 billion over the

next decade, is the most significant change to the health-care program for the elderly since it was created in 1965, and it follows years of partisan stalemate on the subject.

"We kept our promise and found a way to get the job done," a beaming president said before signing the legislation.

Even before the ink was dry, the two political parties prepared to make the issue a focus of the 2004 elections. Bush, who defied

conservatives in the Republican Party by backing a massive increase in a federal program long championed by Democrats, heralded the act as a strengthening of "compassionate government." And Democrats, calling the legislation inadequate and harmful to many seniors, drafted substantially more generous prescription coverage and vowed to

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NEWS

Candidate focuses on undergrads

BY SEUNG MIN KIM
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To diversify campuses and build future generations of scholars, academic leaders need to take a proactive role in seeking out the potential in undergraduates, the third candidate for UI provost said on Monday.

Luanna Meyer, the assistant vice chancellor at Massey University in New Zealand, commended the UI for its emphasis on research, its academic potential, and even its Web site while fielding questions from more than 40 university faculty and staff members during an hour-long forum.

Meyer, vying for the position vacated by former UI Provost Jon Whitmore last summer, cited undergraduate programs as a key university component that demands attention. By building strong undergraduate programs and mentoring academically talented young students, universities will create a continuous cycle of scholars to preserve the quality of the institutions, she said.

"We need to link faculty with the new academic learners so they can be exposed to everything the university has to offer," she said. "We also need to keep our eyes out for the young scholars who can bring diversity to the profession."

In stints at Massey, the University of Hawaii, the University of Minnesota, and Syracuse University, Meyer has mentored an ethnically diverse group of doctoral students and made efforts to hire minority faculty and staff.

Developing a strong undergraduate program will also help in nabbing federal research



UI provost candidate Luanna Meyer, the assistant vice chancellor at Massey University in New Zealand, answers a question from Vicki Grassian, a UI associate professor of chemistry, on Monday afternoon.

grants, she said, which are dwindling because of budget cuts nationwide.

"It is important to prepare the next generation to attract funding," she said. "We need the stars to take people under their wings so we have a future generation that can get grants."

Meyer, who will handle internal faculty issues if selected as provost, also emphasized teamwork and open communication as a key factor in successful faculty relations.

She added that she is well-equipped to handle the fiscal woes

the UI will almost inevitably face in the future. At Massey, a school of 40,000 students with a \$230 million budget, she said she has learned to "do more with less."

"We learned to share and to collaborate," she said. "Rather than seeing it as an obstacle, it encouraged us to develop a model better than what we've had before."

Meyer, who provoked laughter from the crowd several times during the forum, is the third excellent candidate chosen by the Provost Search Committee, said Micheline Chalhoub-Deville, a UI associate professor of

curriculum and instruction.

"She was very articulate and showed a great deal of knowledge and experience," Chalhoub-Deville said. "She is a first-rate scholar, and I hope she would accept the provost position if she were offered [it]."

The public will have one more opportunity to interact with Meyer today in a scholarly symposium at 2:30 p.m. in W401 Pappajohn Business Building. The fourth candidate for provost will be announced Wednesday at noon.

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POLICE LOG

Terry Aron, 40, Oxford, was charged on Sunday with child endangerment and domestic assault causing injury. According to court records, Aron allegedly punched his ex-wife in the eye while she was holding their 4-month-old grandchild, causing swelling and discoloration. The woman allegedly fell to the ground, but the grandchild was not injured. Aron allegedly became agitated after his ex-wife asked him to leave the residence, the records show.

Lucinda Brooks, 55, 422 Elmira St., was charged on Dec. 6 with assault on a peace officer. According to court records, Brooks allegedly struck an officer with her right arm as he attempted to stop her from getting away during an arrest. She was being detained on operating while intoxicated charges, court records show.

Craig Kendall, 49, Coralville, was charged Dec. 4 with domestic assault causing injury. Coralville police records show Kendall and his wife were engaged in a verbal disagreement that turned physical. The report indi-

cates Kendall's wife ended up with marks on her neck and upper chest.

Michelle Lippoldt, 32, Exline, Iowa, was charged Dec. 6 with possession of methamphetamine precursors and third-degree theft. According to court records, Lippoldt allegedly emptied three boxes of pseudoephedrine tablets from Cub Foods, 855 Highway 1 W., into her pants pocket and walked out.

Tanya Mann, 32, 2555 Clearwater Court, was charged on Dec. 6 with first-degree harassment. According to court records, Mann allegedly yelled at and cursed an individual at 2001 Keokuk St. No. 9. Mann then allegedly said she would beat up, kill, and stab the person with a knife, court records show.

Pedro Perez, 30, and **Karina Rojas**, 27, addresses unknown, were charged on Sunday with second-degree robbery. According to police records, Perez and Rojas were allegedly videotaped concealing two bottles of Johnny Walker liquor in Cub Foods, 855 Highway 1 W., and leav-

ing the store without paying. When they were approached by store employees outside, Rojas allegedly pushed them out of the way to escape, and Perez allegedly punched one of them.

Juan Renteria, 28, West Liberty, was charged on Dec. 6 with possession of a schedule II controlled substance with intent to distribute. Coralville police records show that in October 2001, Renteria was allegedly found in possession of 12.31 grams of cocaine, 69.3 grams of marijuana, an undisclosed amount of cash, measuring scales, and drug paraphernalia. Renteria was also allegedly found in possession of a 9 mm pistol.

Steve Selverston, 19, 634C Mayflower Hall, was charged on Sunday with possession of a schedule I substance with intent to deliver. According to court records, police allegedly found a scale, a vacuum sealer, a bag of a green leafy substance, and money-transfer records in Selverston's dorm room. A witness allegedly stated that Selverston was selling marijuana.

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Agency touts abused-kids plan

BY TODD DVORAK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CEDAR RAPIDS — The Iowa Department of Human Services shared details on Monday of its sweeping new plan for improving the safety, health, and long-term stability of abused and neglected children.

The plan, called "Better Results for Kids," is designed to give state social workers more time with families and less time on paper work and to involve more community resources in child cases, said Human Services Director Kevin Concannon.

It demands that Iowa's child-welfare system focus more on results than the process and asks agency officials to devise ways to measure achievement.

"Our new system will engage the entire family, not just the vulnerable child," Concannon said. "We'll also insist on good results, not just good services."

The new plan has emerged slowly over the last six months.

It was crafted by agency officials, social-service providers, and the Private Strategies Group, a Minnesota consulting firm hired by the state to improve and streamline government.

Concannon said the department would begin implementing ideas next month and phase in other changes throughout the year.

Because a critical component of the plan is giving case workers more face time with children and families, Concannon said, the agency will soon begin the process of easing the paper-work burden by 50 percent.

He also expects to begin talks with federal officials in an attempt to reduce federal reporting requirements that keep case workers in their offices.

"We are willing to go on record for improved results in exchange for relief on service documentation," he said.

"We know from experience that there's a direct connection

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— KEVIN CONCANNON,
HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR

between good results and the amount of time actually spent with the family. We're trying to give our social workers the ammunition to do what they do best."

Concannon said it's also critical for the state to get community resources more involved in providing care, assistance, and education to children and families.

The agency has expanded the role of coaches, teachers, neighbors, ministers, and volunteer mentors in 33 of Iowa's 99 counties. The goal is to introduce similar programs in every county by 2007, according to the plan.

Human Services has been forced to absorb about \$30 million in budget cuts in recent years.

Although the new strategy hopes to streamline the agency and save money, Concannon said funding remains a critical component to the department's mission.

"We are reliant on federal funds, and I would expect we will continue to be reliant on them," Concannon said. "But we're going to need help from the Legislature on a long-term basis."

Amid cries of pork, House OKs budget

BY DAN MORGAN
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — The House on Monday approved a \$328 billion bill that would fund 11 government departments through next September while pouring billions of dollars into special projects for states and communities.

Republican sources, however, said it was doubtful whether the Senate would act on the legislation before Congress reconvenes Jan. 20.

The huge measure was passed by a 242-176 vote. It lumps seven annual spending bills into one and provides funds for most of the government's nonmilitary activities, including foreign aid, the space program, the National Weather Service, education, health, and veterans' programs.

Also tucked into the 1,182-page bill and accompanying report is \$50 million to help build a controversial "educational" facility in Coralville housing an indoor rain forest and several million dollars to help young people learn to play golf.

Democrats and some Republican conservatives have denounced such projects as wasteful pork-barrel spending, but the bill received 184 votes from Republicans and 58 from Democrats. Voting "no" were 38 Republicans, 137 Democrats, and one independent.

House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, hailed the bill's passage, saying Congress had made "difficult and important choices and reaffirmed our commitment to fiscal discipline." Spending on domestic programs that receive yearly appropriations at Congress's discretion will increase by less than 3 percent, he said.

The Senate is to convene today to consider the spending measure. But Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., has vowed to block an immediate vote, probably delaying final congressional action until January or later.

The delay would mean that 11 Cabinet-level departments — Agriculture, Commerce, Education, Health and Human Services, Housing and

Urban Development, Justice, Labor, State, Transportation, Treasury, and Veterans Affairs — would continue operating under temporary spending authority at current levels. The 2004 fiscal year began Oct. 1.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., told colleagues last month that they would not have to return for recorded votes until January. That promise, coupled with the approaching holidays, made it doubtful whether Frist could produce the 60 votes to cut off a Byrd-led filibuster and pass the bill, GOP sources said.

Last week, President Bush urged Frist to push for a Senate vote this month.

Although spending bills generally are highly popular and relatively nonpartisan, much of the Democratic-Republican rancor in evidence during the pre-Thanksgiving debate on Medicare was evident Monday in the House.

The legislation bears the strong imprint of the White House, which set strict limits on nonmilitary spending in the budget plan it sent to Congress in January. The administration also interceded during final congressional negotiations to make sure several provisions approved by the House and Senate were eliminated from the legislation.

One would have revised media ownership rules issued this year by the Federal Communications Commission. Another would have blocked the Labor Department from redefining eligibility for overtime pay for approximately 8 million U.S. workers. Workers earning more than \$65,000 a year could be denied overtime if their employers categorized them as administrators, professionals, or other exempt employees.

The White House successfully lobbied for inclusion of language authorizing a school-voucher program in the District of Columbia. The bill also includes a controversial provision requiring the FBI to destroy gun-purchase applications after one day. Currently, such records must be kept 90 days.

Supreme Court to examine plea bargains

BY DAVID G. SAVAGE
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — If a criminal defendant agrees to plead guilty in exchange for a lighter sentence, does he have a right to back out of the deal if the judge refuses to impose that sentence?

The Supreme Court took up that question Monday in a drug case, and the outcome is expected to clarify the rules for plea bargains.

Last year, more than 95 percent of the nearly 71,000 convictions in federal court were obtained through guilty pleas. "The criminal-justice system depends on guilty pleas in general and plea bargaining in particular," government attorneys told the Supreme Court.

The federal rules make it clear that a plea agreement between prosecutors and the defendant is not binding on the judge. Moreover, the rules say a defendant "has no right to withdraw the [guilty] plea" if the judge later decides to impose a higher sentence.

But the 9th U.S. Circuit

Court of Appeals called it a "miscarriage of justice" to enforce a guilty plea against a defendant who was not warned that his plea must stand even if the government does not uphold its side of the deal.

The ruling came in the case of Carlos Benitez, who on May 28, 1999, arrived at a restaurant in Anaheim, Calif., with two other men carrying plastic bags containing methamphetamine. The man they were to meet was a government informant, and all three men were arrested.

Five months later, Benitez entered into an agreement with prosecutors in which he would plead guilty and they would recommend a sentence of around six years in prison. His crime had not involved violence or the use of a weapon, and Benitez was not a major participant in a drug-dealing gang.

He was brought before U.S. District Judge Alicemarie Stotler, who explained to him the details of the agreement. Normally, his drug crime would bring a mandatory minimum of

10 years in prison, she said. And the judge was not required to give him the more lenient sentence that had been agreed to, she added.

Benitez said he understood and signed the plea agreement.

But in March 2000, Stotler imposed a 10-year prison term because she had learned Benitez had prior crimes on his record.

In the meantime, Benitez had asked for a new lawyer and said he was not responsible for the drug crime. "Somebody sought me. I didn't look for a crime," he said. But the judge said it was too late to withdraw his guilty plea.

In *U.S. vs. Benitez*, the Supreme Court will decide what legal standard should govern such cases when a defendant says he was misled into pleading guilty.

Government attorneys conceded that at the initial hearing, Stotler failed to warn Benitez that he could not withdraw his guilty plea, even if the agreement for a lighter sentence was withdrawn.

They said a "minor flaw" such as the judge's failure to warn the defendant should not permit him "to escape the effect of his plea." They said a defendant such as Benitez should be required to prove he would not have pleaded guilty had he been fully warned that he could not withdraw his plea.

By contrast, the 9th Circuit ruled the judge's failure to warn Benitez was a "plain error" that required a reversal of his conviction.

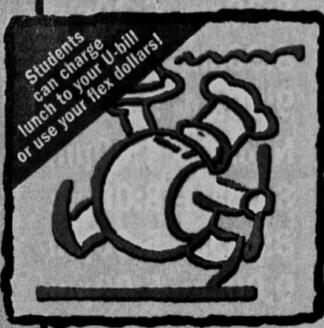
Myra Mossman, a lawyer in Santa Barbara, Calif., now represents Benitez; she pointed to academic studies concluding that a significant percentage of wrongful convictions are because innocent people who, facing long prison terms, agree to plead guilty to a lesser charge or in exchange for a lighter sentence.

She urged the justices to affirm the 9th Circuit's rule that a defendant's conviction must be reversed when a judge fails to warn the defendant that his guilty plea cannot be withdrawn.

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U.S. mounts new Afghan battle

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL, Afghanistan — The U.S. military launched its largest postwar offensive against Taliban and Qaeda insurgents Monday, sending 2,000 soldiers into a lawless swath of Afghanistan to put down a wave of attacks.

The operation began as Afghan and U.N. officials warned that one of the military's most tragic blunders — the weekend killing of nine children in an air strike — could drive more Afghans into the arms of the rebels.

Operation Avalanche, in southern and eastern Afghanistan, "is the largest we have ever designed," Lt. Col. Bryan Hilferty told reporters at the coalition military headquarters at Bagram, north of the capital Kabul. The enemy "isn't going to know when we hit, he isn't going to know what we're doing."

"Right now, I'd say there are four infantry battalions involved" of around 500 men each, he said. Some Afghan National Army and militia forces also will be involved, he said.

He gave no details about the operation, including when it started or what provinces were targeted.

Taliban fighters have stepped up attacks — particularly against aid workers and civilians — in provinces near the Pakistani border and in Ghazni and Zabul provinces south of the capital.

On Monday, one Pakistani engineer was shot dead and his Afghan driver was wounded when gunmen attacked their vehicle on the main Kabul-Kandahar highway in Ghazni province. A second Pakistani engineer was missing, and two escaped.

A French U.N. worker was gunned down last month in

Ghazni, and three international workers were kidnapped in past weeks.

The wave of Taliban attacks against aid workers, U.S. soldiers, and Afghan government officials has belied American claims that it is winning the war to stabilize the country. Two years after the fall of the Taliban, some 11,700 soldiers — mainly Americans — remain in Afghanistan on combat missions against the Taliban and their allies, remnants of Al Qaeda, and followers of renegade warlord Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

But the Dec. 6 air strike — which targeted a local Taliban militant but killed children playing in a village in Ghazni province — highlighted the risk that a heavy U.S. military hand may only alienate Afghan civilians.

"Every innocent who is killed has brothers, uncles, sisters, and nephews — and behind them the tribe," said Sadokhan Ambarkhil, the deputy governor of Paktika, one of the most dangerous provinces for coalition troops and their Afghan allies. "If 10 people are killed, how many people are saddened?"

The warplane attack also was criticized outside Afghanistan.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan was "profoundly saddened" by the children's deaths and called for a thorough investigation. "The fight against terrorism cannot be won at the expense of innocent lives," Fred Eckhard, Annan's spokesman, said in New York.

Seven boys and two girls, the oldest age 12, died when the A-10 warplane sprayed a dusty field with 30 mm high-explosive rounds in Hutala village, approximately 150 miles southwest of Kabul, the Afghan capital.

The attack also killed a man that U.S. officials say was Mul-

lah Wazir, a former district Taliban commander suspected of attacking aid groups and workers on the Kabul-Kandahar road — a top U.S.-funded reconstruction project.

But villagers say the dead man was Abdul Hamid, a laborer in his 20s who had returned from Iran just days before his death, and that Mullah Wazir cleared out days before.

Residents and local officials suggested the Americans were fed bogus intelligence — a suspected cause of earlier deadly bombings of civilians — and criticized what they called a careless use of military might.

"I don't know why the U.S. forces did this," said Khial Mohammad, the deputy governor of Ghazni province, where the attack took place. "Mullah Wazir wasn't there. He's not a famous commander, but he is famous for smuggling."

Hilferty, the coalition spokesman, said DNA was taken from the scene to try to prove the strike had hit its target.

On Monday, at a briefing at the U.S. military headquarters in Bagram, north of Kabul, Hilferty said only that "we're still working on identifying him."

Aware of the damage such incidents can do to their own image, senior U.S. officers flew to the village Sunday to offer condolences and help.

U.S. officials insist they had prepared the attack carefully and were unaware of the children when the order was given to fire.

The slaying of the Pakistani engineer came when gunmen attacked the team's vehicle on the Kabul-Kandahar highway, said Fatima Kazmi, executive director of Bahar, a Pakistani construction firm. Workers on the road, a prestige reconstruction project mainly funded by the United States, have been targets in a series of attacks and abductions by suspected Taliban militants.

Gas crunch sours Iraqis

BY CAROL J. WILLIAMS
AND SAMIR ZEDAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BAGHDAD — As a gasoline shortage hit Iraqis in recent days, one motorist pulled out a gun and fired two shots in the direction of another car trying to cut in line at a station here in the capital.

In Mosul, to the north, a U.S. soldier was killed in a drive-by shooting Monday while standing guard at another crowded and volatile filling station.

Drivers in the central city of Karbala became so outraged at the sudden nationwide shortage at government-run stations that they set tires on fire to block access to a set of pumps and jeered the U.S.-led coalition until Polish troops stepped in to avert a riot.

To most observers, the mounting anger and unrest stirred by gas lines often snaking three cars wide and a mile long are seen as new evidence that the occupiers have failed to restore prewar services or social order seven months after President Bush declared the end of major combat on the deck of an aircraft carrier.

The latest shortage is created in part by an unexpected rise in demand. But the return of long lines at the pump, a problem that plagued Baghdad drivers immediately after the declared end of the war, has been greatly exacerbated by enterprising car owners who are taking advantage of a disparity between the pittance charged for gas at the stations and the price many drivers are willing to pay to avoid a six-hour wait to tank up.

Thousands of jobless car owners are earning money by filling up and then siphoning the fuel into containers for friends or relatives to sell along roadsides at up to 20 times the official price of less than 4 cents a gallon.

"My father brings me the gasoline in his car, and sometimes we buy more from other drivers. There is a big demand for gasoline," boasted Alawi Khalid, who mans one of the ubiquitous roadside pit stops for motorists too busy to spend a full workday filling their tanks. The elder Khalid idles away hours in line, fills up, then transfers the gas to his son's containers so he can quickly return to queue for a second or third daily refill.

The highest price the market seems willing to bear amounts to less than 80 cents a gallon, a bargain by comparison with U.S. or European prices but a relatively high price for Iraqis, who, if lucky enough to be among the estimated 40 percent with jobs, on average earn less than \$150 a month. But the black market that has emerged over the past few weeks provides thousands of jobless men with incomes of at least \$5 a day — about the same as those in government positions.

Some gas-station managers, although state employees, admit privately that they have been taking bribes from black marketers to sell them gas when their stations are closed.

The long lines, which coalition officials insist will be resolved in a week or so, also reflect higher demand for fuel from the slow growth of pros-

perity and the soaring number of cars entering the country as Iraqi exiles return. At least 250,000 more cars now ply the streets of the capital than before the April fall of Baghdad to U.S. troops, said Coalition Provisional Authority spokesman Dan Senor.

"Black-market manipulations continue to be a problem," he said Monday, adding that a recent strike among Turkish tanker-truck drivers hurt supplies around Mosul and inspired hoarding.

Coalition troops are being dispatched to drive away illegal roadside vendors, who so far have been running their itinerant filling operations without interference. The civilian authority also has issued orders to some of Baghdad's 105 gas stations to stay open round-the-clock to ease the backlog, Senor said.

Iraqi officials in the coalition-appointed Iraqi Governing Council and Cabinet bemoan the sudden return of aggravating gas lines despite what might be seen as encouraging upsides.

One could argue that the problem reflects an outbreak of entrepreneurial spirit, said Mouwafak Rabii, one of 25 members of the Governing Council. "But this is the ugly face of capitalism," he said.

Asim Jihad, an adviser for the government's Oil Products Distribution Co., blames persistent problems with Iraq's heavily damaged electricity grid for power cuts that idle refineries, preventing gas producers from stepping up output to meet an expanding market.

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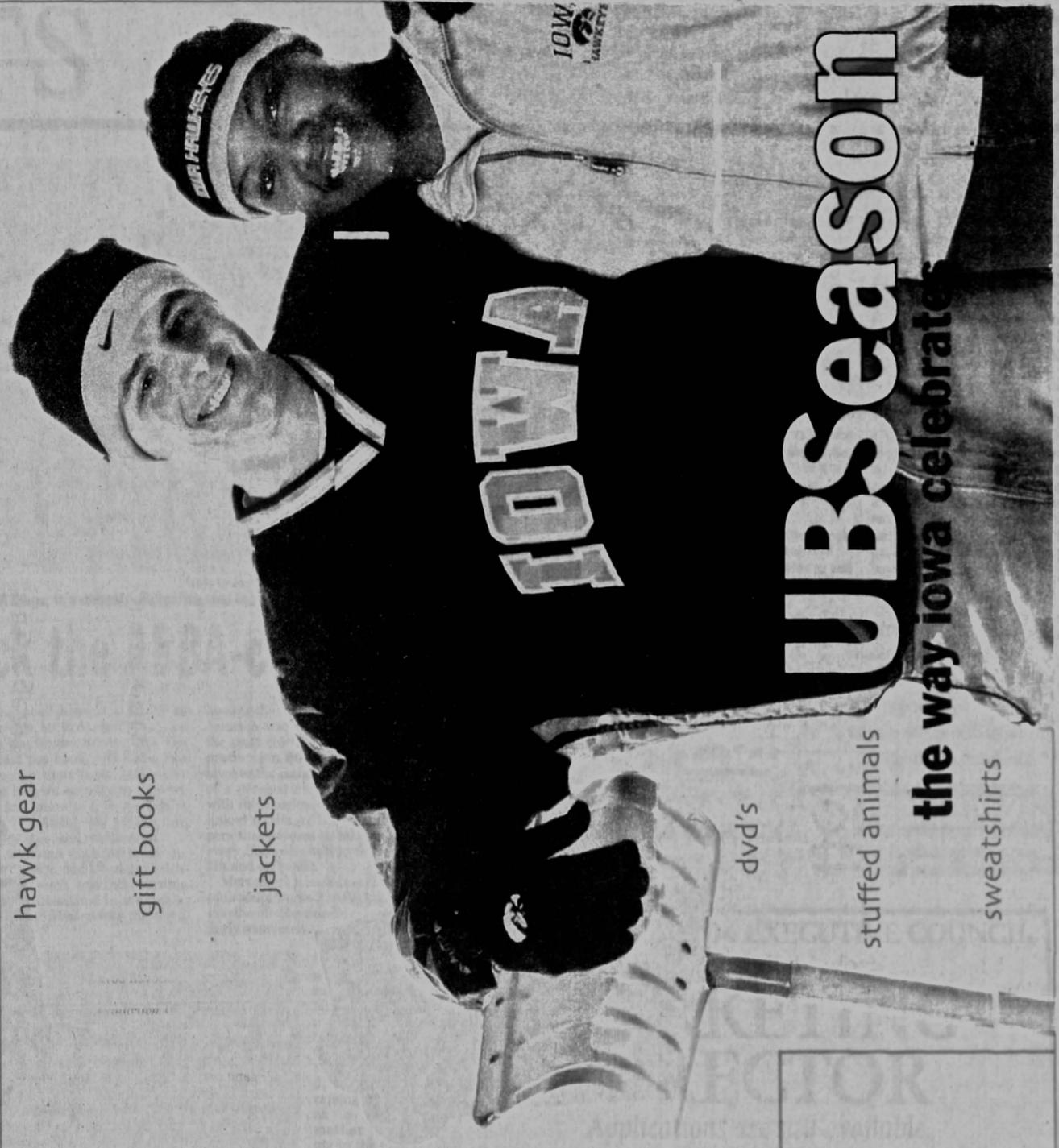


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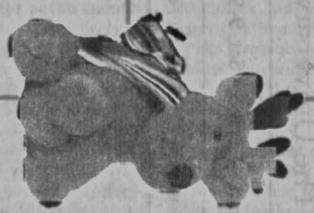
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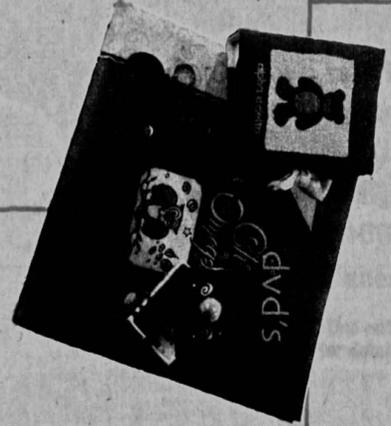
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Mamma Mia!, which features 22 ABBA songs, is a comedic, outlandish, and famously fun experience.

Bringing back the ABBA-cadabra

BY RICHARD SHIRK
THE DAILY IOWAN

When the lights are raised tonight at Hancher Auditorium's production of *Mamma Mia!*, Iowa City will be coaxed from mid-December doldrums by the music of ABBA and a romantic comedy that has broken box-office records worldwide and prompted thousands to belt out "Dancing Queen" with unparalleled gusto.

Unfolding on the sun-drenched banks of a fictional Greek Island, *Mamma Mia!* is the tale of the farce surrounding the wedding of 20-year-old Sophie (played by Kristie Marsden), complicated by the unexpected return of the three men who may or may not be the father of the bride. Add Greek boys in scuba gear, reunited lovers, cold feet on the wedding night, and plenty of laughs and romance, and the accompanying music by anyone other than Swedish pop band ABBA would seem absurd.

ABBA, in case you don't know, might be the most exact model of what a pop band should be. One of the biggest selling musical acts of the 1970s, the four Swedes who made up the super-group — Anni-Frid Lyngstad, Benny Andersson, Björn Ulvaeus, and Agnetha Fältskog — were all accomplished musicians prior to forming the band in 1973. With cutting-edge pop arrangements drawing from cabaret, disco, and Motown, and a fair dose of camp aesthetic, the music made prior to the band's dissolution in 1982

produced nine No. 1 hits in Europe, six in Australia, and one in the United States. Like any great pop band, ABBA also had enough tumultuous back story for its own soap-opera musical: fame, money, a feature film (1977's *ABBA: the Movie*), two marriages, and two divorces.

Although the band broke up, Andersson and Ulvaeus continued to work together, turning their attention to musicals. *Mamma Mia!* marks the third,

making the rounds on Broadway. Johnson wrote not only one of the most crowd-pleasing acts in production but also one that invokes the associated memories of a generation that grew up with its experiences inseparably linked to the ABBA chart-toppers that seemed to leak out of every European hi-fi in the late-'70s and early '80s.

More than a backdrop, Johnson's script works 22 ABBA songs into the Mediterranean narrative fairly seamlessly.

The pulsing Euro-pop of a song such as "Money, Money, Money" is sung by Sophie's mother (Monique Lund) to articulate the difficulties of raising Sophie as a single mother working in the local tavern.

Many songs, however, end up in unexpected new perspectives, such as when the character of Sam Carmichael (Don Noble) turns ABBA's torch song "Knowing Me, Knowing You" into a touching statement of affection between the potential father and the would-be daughter.

As expected from any work using the songs of ABBA as the basis for scenario, *Mamma Mia!* is a comedic, outlandish, and famously fun experience soaked in equal parts laughter and kitsch. For some, this is also a musical that may dredge up lingering nostalgia for the days of discotheques and polyester as the conflicts arc toward a raucous finale. But for those too young to remember the '70s, at least we can dance in the aisles to the Swedish disco that helped define an era.

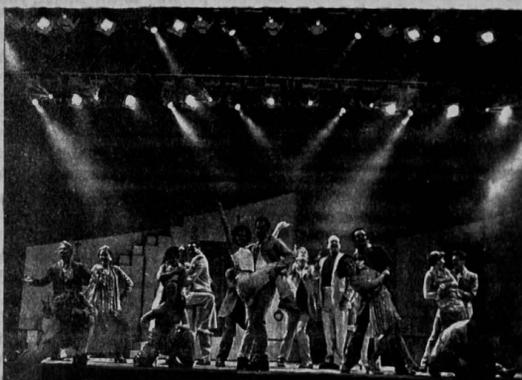
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With the mission of creating a musical around the music of ABBA, the duo approached acclaimed playwright Catherine Johnson. And, unlike the host of band bio-plays about everyone from Buddy Holly to Boy George



ARTS

Not so universal

LOS ANGELES (LA Times) — With great fanfare, Universal Music Group last month dramatically cut the prices it charges retailers for its CDs in hopes of boosting lagging sales. But the impact on consumers who go to stores this week to buy the latest hit albums from Jay-Z, No Doubt, or G-Unit will vary dramatically, depending on where they shop. Universal, the parent company whose labels include Interscope, Geffen, A&M, and Island/Def Jam, said in announcing the price cuts that it hoped reducing wholesale prices about 25 percent across the board would level the playing field between traditional record stores and mass merchandisers such as Best Buy, Wal-Mart, and Kmart.

Those giants now dominate the record business and often are given special discounts because of the huge quantities of music they sell.

But Universal's price break isn't always reaching consumers, for a couple of reasons. Some retailers are still selling Universal CDs for roughly the same price at which they sell all their CDs to pump up their profits in a business in which, stores claim, they make just a few cents on a CD that sells for \$14 or \$15.

In other cases, smaller retailers who get their CDs through intermediaries called one-stops don't get Universal's discount — that goes to the one-stop, which may or may not pass it along to the record-store owner.

Additionally, while Universal said its discount would be universal — applying to its new releases as well

as the older albums in its vast catalogue — some retailers say it ain't necessarily so.

"It's an uneven test," said Joe Nardone Jr., the vice president of the Music Monitor Network, a group of 105 independent record stores across the country. "What I hear is that we're getting inconsistent cooperation across the industry."

Nardone says industry executives like to blame the ease of downloading music from the Internet for many of its economic woes, but he suggests that "some days too much is made about accessibility of music and not enough is made about price and what people put on their records. ... Nobody wants to admit that nobody is making albums compelling enough for people to want to buy them."



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We want our Al Sharpton TV!

On Dec. 6, as much of America watched presidential candidate Rev. Al Sharpton lampoon himself on "Saturday Night Live," Iowa residents were treated to one of the show's reruns. All four of Iowa's NBC affiliates decided not to air Sharpton's SNL appearance, fearing they would run afoul of the Federal Communications Commission's equal-time rules for political candidates.

Under the FCC's rules, a station that sells or gives one minute to a certain candidate must sell or give the same amount of time with the same audience potential to all other candidates for the particular office. The rules are intended to prevent domination of the airwaves by a single candidate.

The equal time rule would apply nationally if Sharpton were on the ballot in at least 10 states. Because Sharpton hasn't qualified in 10 states, the rule only affected stations in states where Sharpton has already qualified

for the ballot.

Of course, there are exceptions to the rules. Stations that give time to candidates on regularly scheduled newscasts, news interviews shows, or on-the-spot news events would not have to offer equal time to other candidates for that office. In September, in a controversial case, the FCC ruled that then-California gubernatorial candidate Arnold Schwarzenegger could appear on the "Howard Stern Show" without giving time to the other candidates because the "Howard Stern Show" could be classified as a news program.

How a show that serves almost exclusively to humiliate strippers, mentally handicapped persons, and New York City derelicts could be classified as a news program is a question that can only be answered by the FCC itself. The point is that, although there are rules in place, there are ways to circumvent them.

By pulling Sharpton's SNL appear-

ance, the Iowa NBC affiliates kept viewers from seeing the only media attention Sharpton would receive in Iowa. Because he is not actively campaigning in Iowa and is getting only scant attention in the papers, many Iowans probably have little familiarity with Sharpton, save for his reputation as a civil-rights activist. Twenty-two minutes of sketch comedy (the time Sharpton was allotted on the show) could hardly sway voters to his side, and such an appearance shouldn't be subject to campaign equal-time rules.

Much is written about the apathy of young adults when it comes to voting. Surveys show that young people are relying on talk shows and satirical news programs such as the "Daily Show" to stay abreast of current political issues. "Saturday Night Live" should have proposed that the FCC classify the Dec. 6 show as a news program. It may have heightened young people's interest in the political process.

A start, but only a start, on AIDS plan

The World Health Organization this week released details of its "3 by 5" plan — by which it means to put 3 million HIV-infected people on anti-retroviral drugs by the end of 2005. Eight thousand people a day die of AIDS. Even if the WHO accomplishes its ambitious goal, it will reach only around half the people who urgently need the drug therapies that can convert HIV from a death sentence into a manageable chronic condition. Still, the WHO program — along with the Bush administration's commitment to spend \$15 billion over the next five years and the efforts of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria — is a critical and belated response to a disease that is ravaging sub-Saharan Africa.

The problem of AIDS in Africa is so daunting that it has long paralyzed policymakers. Africa's health-care infrastructure is meager. Drugs are

expensive. AIDS patients cannot simply be cured and sent home; they have to be treated for life. The principal accomplishment of the WHO plan is providing manageable standards for delivering care to large numbers of patients in settings that have long been considered too difficult to reach. The plan jumps the high hurdles by simplifying everything: delivering a standardized package of anti-retroviral therapies, for example, and training community health-care workers in dispensing them and providing related services. Drug prices are expected to come down as more doses are purchased. Infrastructure will be created. The document provides, for the first time, the outlines of a strategy for attacking a global problem on a global level.

The estimated \$5.5 billion needed to make this happen is meant to come from various sources: governments in

affected countries, the Global Fund, donor nations. There is enough money in hand at least to get started. Congress is poised to appropriate \$2.4 billion, including \$550 million for the Global Fund — significantly more than President Bush requested — and the Global Fund is ramping up spending as well. But over the longer term, there is still a significant gap. Despite having the second-largest economy in the world, Japan has contributed less to the Global Fund than has the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Australia has not given a cent, and the oil-rich Gulf states have collectively pledged a mere \$10 million. The world's resource commitment must be generous, broad-based, and, as long as AIDS remains incurable, ongoing. The WHO has produced a kind of road map for making care available, but a map is only useful if people are willing to follow it.

This editorial appeared in the *Washington Post*.

LETTERS

Who's laughing now?

A year ago, Democrats laughed at me because I told them I was supporting Howard Dean for president. I saw his commitment to health care, education, human rights, and fiscal responsibility. I saw a man who gave hope.

My political friends said, "Dean, what a waste of a vote." They said, "John Edwards, he has the most money, the best looks, and is from the South," and "John Kerry has military experience."

Now, they say, the candidate with the most money doesn't matter. It is about the history of the candidate and the ability to beat George W. Bush. But right now, all of the candidates aren't even looking past the primary. They are all working in fear that Dean will be the Democrats' nominee. They attack Dean for being too liberal or for being too conservative or because he isn't a lifetime politician from Washington, D.C., or because he is the candidate of anger. They say he takes money from rich people, poor people, Republicans, Democrats, and independents. They criticize him for this.

This only affirms my support for him. He brings in liberals and conservatives, the rich and the poor. There are a lot of things out

there to be angry about in this country. Dean is the only candidate who speaks to us with truth and offers us hope for tomorrow. My advice to those out there supporting a different candidate: Stay true to the person you believe in. Support that candidate on caucus night. Don't just look for the candidate that can best beat Dean. You won't find one. Choose the candidate who can best beat George W. Bush. In the end, you will find only Dean. He is the candidate for all. Join the movement for a better tomorrow.

Mayrose Wegmann
UI Student Government vice president

Edwards for ordinary Americans

As residents of Iowa, we are given the opportunity to exert real influence in the presidential nomination process. However, every day in Washington, D.C., the voices of ordinary Americans are silenced by powerful special interests. One especially startling case involves Thomas Scully, the head of Medicare. Scully was a lobbyist before he took his administration job at Medicare. Now we learn that the top lobbying firms whose clients will benefit the most from the new bill were negotiating with Scully —

while he was writing the Medicare bill! After abusing a job in public administration for personal gain, Scully may take up a lobbyist position after he leaves his job.

I would like to see to a president that I could trust to stand up for the interests of the hard-working people of this country. Sen. John Edwards has demonstrated

a commitment to decreasing the influence of lobbyists in public policy that affects us all. He wants to prevent politicians from taking lobbyists' money and close the revolving door between lobbyist jobs and top government positions. This is the right thing to do, and Edwards wants to do it for the right reason. He is the only candidate who has never taken a dime

of money from PACs or Washington lobbyists. He doesn't just talk the talk, he leads by example. He believes that our government should work for all of us and not just a privileged few. I urge you to support Edwards at the Jan. 19 caucuses.

Nicole Nowacki
UI student



Looks like another peanut butter and jelly night.

ON THE SPOT

Are you happy with the Hawkeyes' Outback Bowl selection?



"Yes. I wish I could be there, but I can't because of conflicts. I'll be there in spirit!"

Kirstin Kloss
UI sophomore



"I didn't even know about it, but I'll take it. Florida is nice."

Courtney Danhoff
UI senior



"I don't know much about sports, but for the sake of Hawkeye pride, I'll assume it's a good thing."

Jessica Nichols
UI freshman



"Yes. Hopefully, the second half of this year's bowl goes better than last year's."

Dave Winkler
UI sophomore

Fantabulous time for a Moon Dance

WORD FROM INSIDE the Beltway, that mythological place also known as Washington, D.C., has it that the administration is casting about for a "Big Idea" (as the *Washington Post* put it) so that the Cowboy in Chief can articulate a "national purpose" in his re-election campaign.

That "vision thing," as Dubya's father once so eloquently put it.

And, you ask (a bit hesitant, wary, even), what sort of "Big Idea" is the Cowboy administration considering?

Glad you asked. The White House, in all its accumulated wisdom, has this vision of putting a man on the Moon.

Yep. Never mind that this "Big Idea" was the rather large notion of 1962, which was 41 years ago if you're keeping score. And never mind that we actually *did* put a man (two, if you're still keeping score) on the Moon 30-odd years ago (and if nothing else, the years have been odd).

And never mind that, once we put some guys on the Moon, nobody could figure out why we had, other than the Soviets hadn't.

Oh, yeah, we got some Moon rocks out of the deal. But hey, you want rocks, you don't need to go all the way to the Moon; you could, say, go to the Rockies. Hell, for that matter, you could go to my backyard; it's a veritable rock garden out there. Or so my lawn mower reports.

I don't mean to suggest that some people in the White House have rocks for brains, but this particular "Big Idea" does raise a couple of questions: What on earth are they smoking in the White House?

And where can the rest of us get some?

I know, it's hard to imagine the disconnected lunacy in which putting a man on the Moon would seem like a really keen "Big Idea," but this is the Cowboy administration, after all, and it seems to specialize in really keen ideas. Remember how the Iraqi people were going to greet our troops with flowers?

That was going to happen right after we freed the Iraqis from Saddam's weapons of mass destruction. That "Big Idea" worked out really swell.

No, really. It's just that nobody figured that the flowers were going to be delivered via rocket-propelled grenades. And viewed from one corner of the room, the man-on-the-Moon notion has a certain twisted logic to it. This administration is all about window-dressing — flying onto aircraft carriers, stealth trips to Baghdad. So why not go to the Moon?

It has that early '60s, before-life-got-so-complicated cachet to it. And if there's anything that conservatives revere, it's that idyllic life before Lyndon B. Johnson's "Great Society." (Life, of course, wasn't so idyllic back then if you happened to be black or Latino or Asian or an American Indian or, for that matter, a woman, but details, details.)

That's why, just to take a for instance, the Cowboy in Chief on Monday signed the Medicare bill with such relish. It doesn't help Medicare at all; in fact, it's the first step in dismantling the program. But conservatives have always hated Medicare — LBJ's biographer, Robert Dallek, reports that Ronald Reagan "saw Medicare as the advance wave of socialism, which would invade every area of freedom in this country." In the '90s, Newt Gingrich compared Medicare to the "centralized command bureaucracies" in Moscow.

The bill Dubya signed does have a small prescription-drug benefit but delivers it, for the most part, through private insurance companies. The legislation prohibits the government from negotiating for lower drug prices or discounts, and it bans the importation of cheaper drugs from overseas. It will force Medicare, in 2010, to begin competing against private health plans, which will be subsidized by Medicare money.

The bill, basically, is a prescription to kill Medicare. Hello, pre-Great Society, here we come.

So if we're going to return to the "Ozzie and Harriet" era, let's put a man on the Moon. Makes perfect sense.

See, Larry. See what happens when you let Karl rove about the halls of the White House unfettered.

Of course, the real reason the Cowboy administration wants to go to the Moon is the geniuses that be think that's where Saddam hid his weapons of mass destruction. ■

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Gore to endorse Dean in Dem race

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"There's a bandwagon effect here, and Dean is the beneficiary of it," Marshall said of the support developing for Dean. But he added: "I guess I would prefer to

see some actual voters vote."

Gore won the popular vote in 2000, but Bush claimed the White House with a razor-thin Electoral College majority after being declared the winner of Florida's disputed vote recount.

Gore considered seeking the 2004 nomination, but he announced last December that he had decided he would not run. Since then, he has made a series of speeches harshly critical of Bush on several issues, including the war with Iraq. Dean first began drawing support for his candidacy with his tough attacks on the war.

In deciding to back Dean, Gore passed over his own centrist running mate in 2000, Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, to select the candidate who has proved most popular among Democratic liberals. Lieberman aides said Gore did not notify the senator of the decision.

In a statement, Lieberman noted that he had delayed his own candidacy until Gore

announced his plans for the 2004 race. "I have a lot of respect for Al Gore — that is why I kept my promise not to run [for next year's nomination] if he did," Lieberman said. "... I will continue to make my case about taking our party and nation forward."

Gore's embrace of Dean leaves former President Clinton and his wife, New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, as the most influential Democrats who have not announced a preference for 2004. Clinton has given no indication he intends to endorse; his wife has explicitly ruled it out.

Gore's decision may say as much about his evolution as Dean's growing political strength. As vice president, Gore was identified with the centrism that Clinton promoted. But by endorsing Dean, Gore could cement his estrangement from the "New Democrat" agenda associated with the Democratic Leadership Council, a moderate group that has been Dean's

sharpest critic inside the party.

In his 2000 campaign, Gore emphasized more traditional liberal themes, especially a sharp-edged economic populism.

In the last year, he has continued to identify with the party's more liberal wing through his denunciation of the war with Iraq and his calls for repeal of the Patriot Act, the law passed after the 2001 terrorist attacks that provides Washington increased authority to monitor suspected terrorists.

Dean's campaign manager, Joe Trippi, would not confirm the reports of Gore's endorsement. Discussing Tuesday's campaign schedule, he said, "We made a promise to people to stand together ... and let them in their own words talk about what they're doing and why they're doing it."

Gore's rivals struggled to find a silver lining in what Gore is expected to say.

Huge Medicare act becomes law

MEDICARE

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"take back our Medicare."

A new poll shows public opinion is up-for-grabs on the subject, with large numbers of Americans saying they did not pay attention to the legislation and still had no opinion of it. A Washington Post/ABC News poll also found that a plurality of Americans near or beyond retirement age disapproved of the new law.

When asked whether they approved or disapproved "of the

Medicare changes voted on by Congress last month," the public broke roughly into thirds: 38 percent said they disapproved, 32 percent approved, and 30 percent did not yet have an opinion. But these proportions mask real partisan divides on the subject: Republicans with an opinion favor the bill 2-1 (49 percent vs. 23 percent), while Democrats oppose it roughly 2-1 (52 percent versus 22 percent). Political independents leaned toward opposition.

The poll suggests a plurality of those ages 65 and over oppose the bill.

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Improv class goes out with a bang

IMPROV

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Agrell told them that this week's final concerts would include no prepared material, the instructors say they have helped students conquer their fears.

Michael Helman, the only graduate student in the class, laughed when asked about any pre-performance jitters.

"Nothing has been done before in this medium," he said. "So if we come with the right expectations, and the audience does, it'll be a lot of fun."

Agrell was confident about the performances Monday, saying the past three months has been the toughest part.

Several members of this fall's class will expand what they have learned in an advanced version of Introduction to Improvisation next semester.

Agrell said students in the follow-up course could draw inspiration from paintings by an on-stage artist.

The ideal situation for Agrell is one in which the audience and the musicians are part of the same vision, adding that improvisation works best when both parties are "seeing something evolve as it happens, and the audience realizes what we're trying to do and helps shape the performance."

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UI physician brings laughter to small town

DOCTOR

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needed more education," Bedell said, who graduated from the University of Washington School of Medicine in 1982.

That knowledge, coupled with his curiosity and desire to explore the world, led him to El Salvador in January 1986 as a medical volunteer — training future physicians and providing medical care. He called the small Central American country home for the next eight and a half years and endured the difficulties and tribulations of the Salvadorian civil war, 1980-1992, and its aftermath.

Even though Bedell was sometimes felt the fear of war, other concerns filled his mind.

"It was difficult to accept the differences between myself and the people in terms of life opportunity," he said. "Even though we were eating the same food and living in the same house, I knew I could go back to the States any time I wanted to."

He returned to the United States in 1994, ready for a more domesticated life. After he was hired by the UI, Bedell was asked to staff the Lone Tree clinic.

Along with his medical and social knowledge, Bedell, now a 51-year-old father of three, has also garnered praise such as the Teacher of the Year award from the Department of Family Medicine in 1999 and the Arnold Gold Humanism Award this year from the UI Carver College of Medicine.

Colleagues say the awards are well-deserved.

"Dr. Bedell is very congenial and also very patient-centered," Doerrfeld said. "He's also got a great sense of humor, so there's a lot of laughter in the clinic."

Operated by the UIHC Department of Family Medicine, the cramped facility is los-

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ing money and looking for other means to compensate.

Linda Forbes, the clinic's practice administrator, said fund-raising plans are in the talking stages.

"The university has been very appreciative of the clinic, but it's not very interested in investing in the project," Bedell said.

"It has a tight budget, so we're trying to see if people in the community here would be interested in raising money."

But financial matters are not the top priority for him and his staff. Waiting patients are greeted with a smile and a sense of familiarity from the nurses, receptionists, and Bedell himself. It is this approach that has earned the praise of patients such as Lone Tree resident Jennifer Pechman.

"Dr. Bedell takes his time and acts like he genuinely cares," said Pechman, 57. "They know your family history here, and it makes you feel very comfortable. He's awesome."

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UI will interview those who withdraw

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before they leave, not try to get survey information afterwards," he said, adding that changes in life patterns, marriages, transfers to a different school, or financial difficulties are the main reasons that students leave, according to the returned surveys.

Lockwood estimated that each interview would take around 20 minutes.

"The time commitment will be high, but it is something we want to try," he said, adding that retaining students is an important goal of the university.

"Trying to maintain students to graduation is important for

any institution," he said. "We want to make sure students graduate, so we look at students withdrawing. Even if we save 25 percent, that's 25 percent more students who are on the path to graduation."

The Registrar's Office is still in the process of developing a list of around 15 questions to be used.

UI Student Government President Nate Green applauded the effort.

"It sounds like a good thing. Anything the UI can do to find out why students are leaving is good," he said. "If students are leaving for financial reasons, if it costs too much, we would certainly be interested in that."

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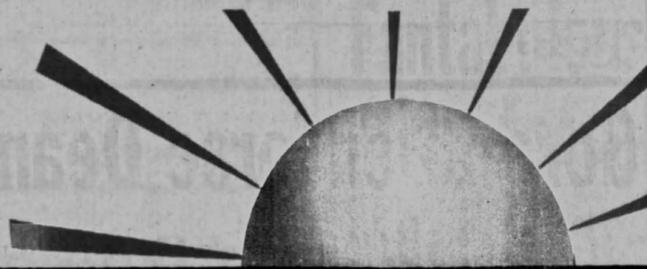
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

What this says is that all these Washington insiders who have been gnashing their teeth, wringing their hands, and clinging to their cocktail cups can relax now. Dean's been knighted by the ultimate insider.

— Democratic consultant Dean Strother of Washington, on Al Gore's endorsement of Howard Dean.



The Daily Break

calendar

- **UI Staff Development Special Events, Stress Reduction Solutions**, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., IMU Richey Ballroom.
- **Physiology & Biophysics Seminars**, "Regulation of myogenic signal transduction by protein tyrosine phosphatases," Anton Bennett, Yale University School of Medicine, 9:30 a.m., 669 Bowen Science Building.
- **Visiting Speaker Seminar**, "The Role of Cyclin-Dependent Kinase Inhibitory proteins (CKIs) in the active maintenance of quiescence and tumor suppression," Martine Roussel, 10:30 a.m., 2189 Medical Education

and Biomedical Research Facility.

- **Iowa City Foreign Relations Council Luncheon**, "U.S. Policy Toward Colombia," Lisa Haugaard, noon, Congregational Church, 30 N. Clinton St.
- **The Heartbeats, UIHC Volunteer Choir**, noon, UIHC Colleton Pavilion Atrium.
- **Campus Activities Board Event**, Bari Koral concert, noon, IMU Wheelroom.
- **Materials Physics/Solid State Physics Seminar**, 12:15 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall.

- **"Are There Genes for Aging?"** Richard A. Miller, 1:30 p.m., 2117 Medical Education and Biomedical Research Facility.
- **Operator Theory Seminar**, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall.
- **Provost Candidate Public Symposium**, 2:30 p.m., W401 Pappajohn Business Building.
- **Math/Physics Seminar**, "Time Evolution as a Stochastic Chaos Expansion (and Many Worlds Theoretic Glosses Thereof)," W. Boos, 2:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall.

- **Faculty Council Meeting**, 3:30 p.m., 345 IMU.
- **Gallery Art**, "Overcast and Fireworks" artist's reception, Brandon Buckner, 4 p.m., IMU Terrace Lobby Gallery Space.
- **Pain Research Program Seminar**, "Mechanism of Opioid-Induced Pain and Antinociceptive Tolerance," Frank Porreca, 5 p.m., 2-322 Bowen Science Building.
- **March for Choice Informational meeting**, 7 p.m., 218 MacLean Hall.

Little University

- 1 What major league ballpark do locals call "the BOB"?
- 2 What island is home to an estimated 2,000 dragons and fewer than 100 humans?
- 3 What index was redefined in 2001 to reduce the effect of winds on the perceived temperature?
- 4 What sport crowns a Miss Pit Spiff?
- 5 What "Beverly Hills 90210" star was conspicuously absent from the final season's retrospective show?

1. Bank One Ballpark
2. Kotoro
3. The wind chill index
4. Cherry-pit spiffing
5. Shannen Doherty

public access schedule

- 7 a.m. Democracy Now
11 SCTV Calendar
11:30 SCTV Mature Focus
Noon Banning the Bomb
12:30 p.m. The Good News
1 Beej's Yoga No. 2
1:30 Bernaltown
2 St. Mary's Liturgy
3 Power of Victory
4 Gospel Explosion Ministry
5 Animal House
5:30 American Cancer Society National Lung Screening Test
6 Tom's Guitar Show Live
7 U.N. Report
7:30 Stop the Terror
7:55 slowwwd
8 Tonight with Bradman Live
9 PATV Reserved: Local Music
10 Cold and Grey
10:30 RBO TV
11 An Evening with the D. Anthony Big Band
Midnight The Best of the Best of No Shame Theatre

UITV schedule

- 6:30 p.m. - Iowa Basketball with Steve Alford
7 - Provost Search Forum Luanna H. Meyer
8 - College of Education: Invent Iowa
8:30 - Ueye
9 - International Engineering Service Project
10 - Student Video Productions

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horoscopes

Tuesday, December 9, 2003

by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Spend time with your best friend or a close sibling. Much can be gained through the conversations you have today. Use your brain to get what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take your mind off personal issues, and focus on getting ahead in the workforce. Life is slowly improving, so be patient. Brush up on what you do best.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Let things develop naturally in your personal relationships. Make some new friends, try some new activities, and learn something new about yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Offer to help an older relative with the season's festive preparations. Luck is in your corner; if you are going to buy lottery tickets, this is the day to do so.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Offer your services to a group that helps the less-fortunate. Your kindness and generosity may lead to a partnership. You will meet someone who will change your life dramatically.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If someone tries to confuse you today, prepare to get to the bottom of things quickly. Put your work first to ensure a secure future.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The short jaunts you make won't be in vain. You should be able to find exactly what you are looking for. A new relationship can blossom if you are open about the way you feel.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will be involved in some last-minute paperwork that could affect your future. Give a little more time to family matters; loss or discord may be evident if you refuse.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get out and mingle today, but be careful. You are likely to meet someone who isn't who he or she appears to be. You may find yourself in the middle of a scandal if you are too trusting.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The more time spent working alongside your peers, the better. The admiration you receive for a job well-done will make you feel good about your future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can use your mind to capture any audience you have today. New partnerships can form if you meet someone equally imaginative.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Tread carefully in your personal life. Problems at home may set you back if you haven't made room for error. Initiate change too soon, and you will have to do some fancy footwork.



HOW TO PROCRASTINATE EFFECTIVELY

by Jesse Ammerman

- You might notice an assortment of strange objects in your sink. These are commonly called "dishes," and washing them may actually help reduce study time.
- If *G.I. Jane* is airing on TBS, be sure to watch the film in its entirety so as not to miss any critical plot twists.
- Just finished a full page? Sounds like time for another beer break.
- Wow — look at all those numbers programmed in your cell phone. Now would be a good time to call each of them.
- Nothing good on TV? You better flip through the channels another three or four times to be sure.
- As long as you have high-speed Internet access, make it your responsibility to keep a vigilant watch over the latest J-Lo rumors.
- Sure, it's doubtful whether any questions regarding the "Real World/Road Rules Challenge" will appear on your exams. But because you never know, it's best to view the episodes repeatedly just in case.
- Though it's never been empirically proven, notes are much easier to understand when covered with a sufficient amount of doodles.

DILBERT

by Scott Adams

IT'S NICE TO BE RETIRED. I'LL DO A-A-ANYTHING I WANT TO DO ALL DAY LONG.

I GUESS YOU'LL BE BANGING YOUR HEAD AGAINST A WALL TODAY, TRYING TO EARN MONEY FOR THE SOCIAL INFRA-STRUCTURE.

DO YOU EVER FEEL GUILTY? IS IT A WARM, TINGLY SENSATION THAT MAKES YOU WAG?

ON SECOND THOUGHT, MAYBE WE SHOULD TAKE A PRIS ON THIS ONE, FATHER...

TODAY'S PRAYER VIGIL FOR: MICHAEL JAC

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

THANKSGIVING DAY AT THE BAGHDAD AIRPORT.

WHAT'S THE HOLDUP, MAN? RELAX, RAY...

WE'RE GETTING SOME KIND OF SPECIAL GUEST. SUPPOSED TO BE JAY LENO OR SOMEONE.

YEAH, WELL, I DON'T CARE IF IT'S THE GHOST OF BOB HOPE, MAN—I'M BORED AND HUNGRY AND...

TEN-HUT! SURPRISE!

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 1028

- ACROSS**
- 1 Jacks, in cards
 - 7 Bikini part
 - 10 Links org.
 - 13 One of baseball's Alou brothers
 - 14 Underage temptation, slangily
 - 16 Mobile maker Alexander
 - 17 He wants you
 - 18 Some toy dogs, for short
 - 19 Go kaput
 - 20 French denials
 - 21 Astronaut Grissom
 - 22 Big bother
 - 24 Reclined
 - 26 Criticize harshly
 - 27 Beatnik's "Gotchal"
 - 30 2003 war zone
 - 31 ___ Baba
 - 32 Glass splinter
 - 34 Dessert ___
 - 35 "There, there"
 - 37 Traffic marker
 - 38 "Simone" star Al
 - 40 Coquettish
 - 41 Excursion
 - 42 ___majesté
 - 43 Challenge for a rat
 - 44 Affirmatives
 - 45 1831 Poe poem
 - 47 PC screen
 - 48 Calvary inscription
 - 51 Si, across the Pyrenees
 - 52 Military medal, e.g.
 - 54 Way to sway
 - 56 Declarer

DOWN

- 1 The Colonel's restaurant inits.
- 2 Kind of tide
- 3 Loyalty to the cause
- 4 Traitor of Norway
- 5 Blunted blades
- 6 Sun, talks
- 7 Send far, far away, maybe
- 8 Puts through a food press
- 9 ___nighter
- 10 El ___ Tex.
- 11 Composer Carlo Menotti
- 12 20's dispensers, briefly
- 14 Traitor of Jesus
- 15 Traitor of America
- 22 Sentry's cry
- 23 Small, in Dogpatch
- 24 Like a wet noodle
- 25 "He's ___ nowhere man" (Beattles lyric)
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

BOWL TICKETS

Student tickets on sale Friday

Student tickets for the Jan. 1, 2004, Outback Bowl in Tampa, Fla., will go on sale Friday at 9 a.m. Tickets will only be sold at the ticket office located at the north entrance of the Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The limit of two tickets per valid ID, with tickets costing \$55, must be present to purchase tickets.

The game between No. 10 Iowa and No. 17 Florida is off to a hot start, with Iowa leading 14-0 at the 11:00 a.m. kickoff. Iowa's ticket sale was the first of the season, with tickets costing \$55. The game was announced on Monday, Iowa's ticket sale was the first of the season, with tickets costing \$55. The game was announced on Monday, Iowa's ticket sale was the first of the season, with tickets costing \$55.

Both Iowa and Florida are contributing their ticket allotment to season-ticket holders, boosters, and students, but schools have said they will use their tickets to help fund their programs. "We knew it would be our hottest tickets ever, so we wanted to make sure we had enough for our fans," said Jim McVay, the director of the ninth Outback Bowl. The game was known as the "Fame Bowl" for nine years before it was sponsored by Outback Steakhouse.

Most fans at Raymond Stadium, which has a capacity of 65,657, will likely be cheering for Iowa.

David Sandstrum, the director of ticket operations, managed to get another 10,000 tickets added to the original allotment.

"Many bowls love Iowa because of the fan support we bring to town," he said.

The Hawkeyes last played in the 1983 Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla. Iowa lost 17-21.

— by A

RECRUITING

Men's gymnastics inks trio of recruits

The Iowa men's gymnastics program announced Monday that it has signed three recruits who have signed letters of intent to compete for the Hawkeyes in 2005.

"We have set the cornerstones for these three guys, and we are standing recruiting class," Tom Dunn said.

Jacob Becker, Curtis and Tom Buese will be the Hawkeye squad next fall. Becker, a native of North Carolina, competes for the Lehigh Sports Academy; he was a junior national pomona champion.

Kieffman competes for Parkettes National Gymnastics Training Center in Allentown, Pa. He holds a state all-around title and is a former member of the Future Stars national team. Buese was the 2000 national floor exercise champion of the year and Region VIII floor exercise champion in 2002 and 2003.

"This is, by far, the best group we have ever signed in the early signing period," said Dunn.

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Did you know?
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The game between No. 13 Iowa and No. 17 Florida is officially a sellout, bowl officials said Monday. Iowa's ticket allotment of 11,000 was sold within two hours of Sunday's announcement that the Hawkeyes would be playing in the Outback Bowl, including the 1,000 student tickets that will be sold on Friday morning.

Both Iowa and Florida are still distributing their ticket allotments to season-ticket holders, alumni, boosters, and students, but both schools have said they will use all the tickets they have, bowl officials said.

"We knew it would be one of our hottest tickets ever, as both schools have such large followings," said Jim McVay, the president of the ninth Outback Bowl. The game was known as the Hall of Fame Bowl for nine years before it was sponsored by the Outback Steakhouse.

Most fans at Raymond James Stadium, which has a capacity of 65,657, will likely be cheering for Florida.

David Sandstrum, the Iowa director of ticket operations, said he managed to get another 4,000 tickets added to the Hawkeyes' original allotment.

"Many bowls love Iowa because of the fan support we bring to town," he said.

The Hawkeyes last played the Gators in the 1983 Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla. Iowa lost, 14-6.

— by Ali Noller



Rivalry is also a recruiting battle

SUNDAY'S WIN OVER THE HAWKEYES WILL BENEFIT CYCLONES IN THE LONG RUN, ISU COACH SAYS

BY BRIAN TRIPLETT
THE DAILY IOWAN

While the Iowa wrestling team watched its 30-match winning streak over Iowa State come to a crashing halt in the Hilton Coliseum in Ames on Sunday, the Cyclones saw it as much more than that.

They saw it as an opportunity to begin a streak of their own.

Although the schools are considered to have two of the premier wrestling programs in the nation, the Hawkeyes have proven to be the Hawkeye state's perennial powerhouse in the past. But with the victory over Iowa for their seventh win in seven tries to begin the season, the Cyclones may just be showing signs the gap is narrowing.

"It's great for the program," Iowa State redshirt freshman Kurt Backes said after the victory. "We're making big jumps. This is just the beginning for us."

Backes credited coach Bobby Douglas for instilling confidence in the team prior to the meet and said that despite the 30-match losing streak, Douglas had a pretty good feeling Iowa State would capture the victory.

"Overall, the guys had a script, and they followed it," said Douglas, who answered a phone call from his wife during the post-meet press conference by nonchalantly saying "Hello ... yeah, we won," and then hanging up as if the victory was nothing out of the ordinary.

Although the match was just one more step in the Cyclones' season, Douglas feels it will greatly benefit his program in the larger scheme of things.

"I think it's going to help us with instate recruiting, and this is where we have not been able to really break in," the 12th-

year Iowa State coach said. "I think this could really help us. In order to win a national title, we're going to have to have home grown kids to do that. You can't do it by recruiting everybody out of state."

While Iowa is known for its ability to sign the top-notch instate high-schoolers, Iowa State has reached out as far as Hawaii to bring in recruits.

"Iowa does get most of the instate recruiting," said red-shirt freshman and Council Bluffs native Travis Paulson, who along with his twin brother, Trent, chose to go to Iowa State after being heavily recruited by a handful of other schools. "I definitely think this will help out, open some eyes. I think a lot of people follow the bandwagon, and we're trying to show them that Iowa's not the only team out there."



John Richard/The Daily Iowan
Kurt Backes rides Paul Bradley on his way to a 4-3 decision on Sunday.

SEE WRESTLING, PAGE 6B

IOWA 76, UNI 67

Cavey ignites Iowa offense

BY ROSEANNA SMITH
THE DAILY IOWAN

CEDAR FALLS — Jamie Cavey wouldn't let the fact that she played just nine minutes in the first half keep her down.

She cheered for her teammates and hoped for the best.

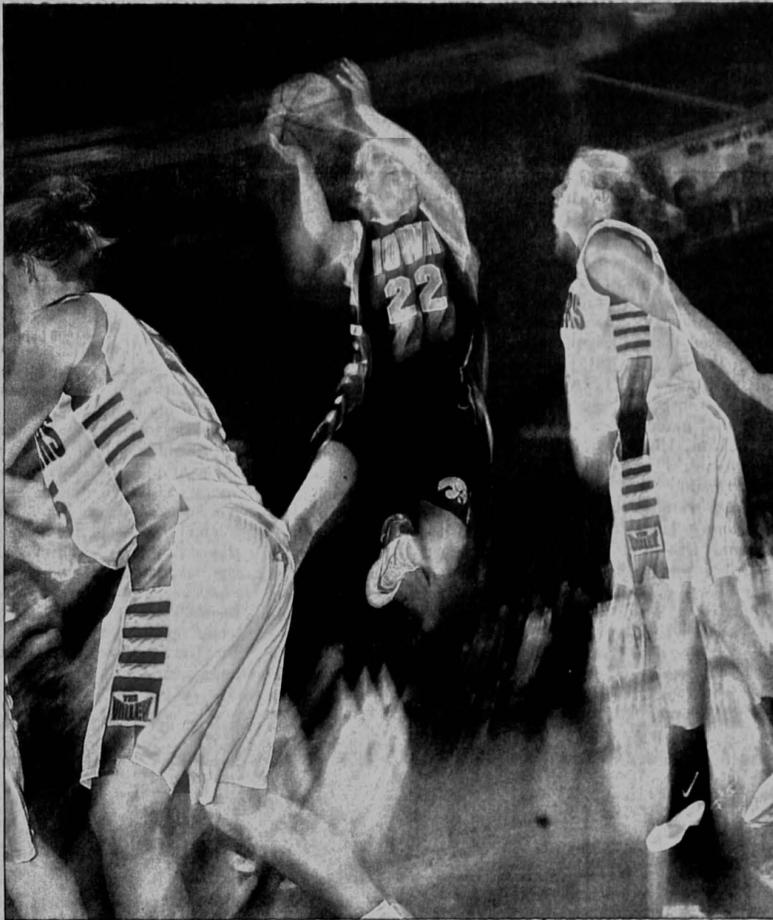
"It's all you can do and hope someone steps up," she said, after two early fouls sidelined her with two points in the opening minutes.

But in the second half, Cavey broke open a close game — powering on despite being whistled for her fourth foul with 13 minutes remaining. With six minutes left, Cavey tied up the game at 59 and subsequently scored the points that led to a 76-67 Hawkeye victory in the UNI-Dome.

The win was Iowa's fourth in five road games, and coach Lisa Bluder's 100th career game with the team.

"Jamie has been playing great," said teammate Kristi Faulkner, who led the team with 17 points and gave Iowa a 36-35 halftime lead. "You look at Jamie, and you know. She has a smile on her face, and it's exciting to be out there when she's playing like that. It brings everyone else up."

Scoring 11 of her 15 points in the final six minutes, Cavey and Jennie Lillis worked the top-bottom play several times to the team's advantage. With 2:05 left in the game, Lillis used the play and again at 1:40, this time to give the Hawkeyes a seven-point advantage.



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan
Hawkeye senior Kristi Faulkner makes her way toward the basket against UNI on Monday. Faulkner finished the contest with 17 points in the 76-67 Iowa victory.

SEE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, PAGE 6B

MEN'S HOOPS AT UNI • 7 P.M. TODAY, UNI-DOME

Ranked Hawks to battle Panthers

BY DONOVAN BURBA
THE DAILY IOWAN

When the Iowa Hawkeyes suit up tonight at the UNI-Dome to face Northern Iowa (2-3), they will do so as a nationally ranked team for the first time since 2001. The 6-0 Hawks debuted at No. 24 in Monday's AP poll, just in time for their second of three games against instate rivals. Iowa defeated Drake, 74-56, on Nov. 25.

But although Iowa is back in the national spotlight, coach Steve Alford made sure to put the situation in perspective.

"We're only six games into this thing. We've got a long, long way to go; we've got some

tough tests coming up on the road that we've got to take care of," said the fifth-year coach. "I would hope this team appreciates any kind of ranking that it gets, if that happens, but [also] really looks at the big picture of how we get better each week."

The biggest reason that the Hawkeyes are still unbeaten is their tough defense. Iowa opponents are averaging just 62 points per game, and the

Hawkeyes have forced nearly 19 turnovers per contest. With the offense playing inconsistently at times and struggling with turnovers as well, Iowa's ability to keep the other team off the board is all the more important, particularly on the road.

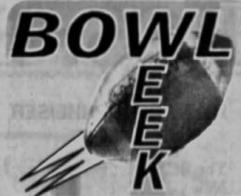
"We have to be able to guard each time out because you don't know whether you're going in to a dome atmosphere that you're not used to," Alford said.

"The shooting may not always be there, but the defense has got to be a constant."

The Panthers' three biggest scoring threats are forwards David Gruber and Matt Schneiderman and guard Ben Jacobsen. The trio accounts for nearly two-thirds of UNI's points, and although not one is taller than 6-7, they can still affect the game in a number of ways: The three combine for more than 20 rebounds a game, too.

Alford touched on why Gruber, who often plays center despite being just 6-6, can be so successful.

SEE MEN'S HOOPS, PAGE 6B



Looking back: Top 10 Iowa bowl games

BY JASON BRUMMOND
THE DAILY IOWAN

DI reporter Jason Brummond looks at the top-10 bowl appearances by Hawkeye squads, dating back to 1957. In Wednesday's DI, football reporter Donovan Burba will take a look at bowl matchups that should have happened (USC-LSU, anyone?).

- 1. 1959 Rose Bowl**
Iowa 38, California 12 — Jan. 1, 1959
Led all season by Big Ten MVP and All-American quarterback Randy Duncan, the Hawkeye ground game exploded for 429 yards. Iowa finished the season ranked No. 2 in both the Associate Press and United Press International polls.
- 2. 1986 Holiday Bowl**
Iowa 39, San Diego State 38 — Dec. 30, 1986
Rob Houghtlin's 41-yard field goal as time expired concluded an 18-point outburst in the final nine minutes to inch the Hawkeyes past the Aztecs, 39-38. Quarterback Mark Vlasich threw two touchdown passes in the fourth quarter to give Iowa a 36-35 lead. San Diego answered with a 21-yard field goal with 0:47 left to give it a 38-36 advantage. But Kevin Harmon returned the ensuing kickoff to the San Diego 37-yard line, and Houghtlin kicked the game-winner.
- 3. 1957 Rose Bowl**
Iowa 35, Oregon State 19 — Jan. 1, 1957
Coach Forrest Evashevski led the Hawkeyes to their first-ever bowl. Iowa tallied more than 400 yards of offense in what was a rematch of their regular-season bout on Oct. 6 at Iowa Stadium, when the Hawkeyes squeaked by the Beavers, 14-13.
- 4. 2001 Alamo Bowl**
Iowa 19, Texas Tech 16 — Dec. 29, 2001
In Iowa's first bowl in the Kirk Ferentz era, Nate Kaeding drilled a 47-yard field goal with 44 seconds to play in the game, and then Bob Sanders

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CBB: Iowa at Northern Iowa, 7 p.m. on Fox.
CBB: Arizona vs. Texas, 8 p.m. on ESPN.
CBB: Temple at Arizona State, 9:30 p.m. on FSN.

WOMEN'S TOP 25

By The Associated Press
 The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 7, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1	Connecticut (47)	6-0	1,175	1
2	Tennessee	3-0	1,111	3
3	Duke	5-1	1,054	4
4	Texas Tech	8-0	1,022	5
5	Texas	7-1	961	2
6	Stanford	5-0	943	6
7	Penn St.	5-1	936	8
8	Purdue	6-1	846	7
9	Minnesota	7-0	813	9
10	Georgia	5-1	734	11
11	Kansas St.	5-2	638	12
12	Louisiana Tech	3-1	619	10
13	Ohio St.	4-0	578	14
14	Oklahoma	6-0	499	16
15	UC Santa Barbara	4-1	463	15
16	North Carolina	6-1	461	13
17	Colorado	6-1	438	17
18	LSU	3-2	356	18
19	TCU	5-0	323	21
20	Virginia Tech	6-0	275	23
21	Utah	5-2	192	19
22	Oregon	6-1	140	20
23	Boston College	5-0	122	22
24	Auburn	6-2	114	25
25	Michigan St.	5-1	74	24

Others receiving votes: Washington 63, Rutgers 56, Old Dominion 52, Baylor 39, DePaul 37, Vanderbilt 36, Arizona 32, Villanova 26, Notre Dame 9, Clemson 8, South Carolina 5, Virginia 5, Cincinnati 3, Richmond 2, SW Missouri St. 2, Wis.-Green Bay 2, Houston 1.

MEN'S TOP 25

By The Associated Press
 The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 7, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1	Florida (46)	5-0	1,732	2
2	Connecticut (9)	6-1	1,593	3
3	Missouri (6)	3-0	1,512	4
4	Duke	5-1	1,422	5
5	Kansas	3-1	1,364	1
6	Texas (3)	4-0	1,351	8
7	North Carolina (3)	5-0	1,339	10
8	Kentucky (1)	4-0	1,324	9
9	Arizona	2-1	1,212	7
10	Georgia Tech (4)	7-0	1,167	13
11	Oklahoma	5-0	1,071	14
12	Saint Joseph's	5-0	986	12
13	Stanford	4-0	941	21
14	Illinois	4-1	829	11
15	Wake Forest	5-0	754	18
16	Purdue	6-0	725	20
17	Gonzaga	6-1	693	17
18	Cincinnati	4-0	573	19
19	Syracuse	2-1	567	16
20	Pittsburgh	6-0	457	22
21	Michigan St.	5-1	417	5
22	Marquette	6-0	415	24
23	Wisconsin	4-1	373	15
24	IOWA	6-0	132	—
25	Dayton	6-0	118	—

Others receiving votes: Louisville 60, Vanderbilt 36, Oklahoma St. 35, Maryland 32, UCLA 26, Oregon 24.

Auburn 15, BYU 15, Florida St. 14, Georgia 14, Mississippi St. 14, South Carolina 8, N.C. State 7, Virginia 6, LSU 5, Notre Dame 5, Texas Tech 5, Kent St. 3, Boston College 2, Murray St. 2, Niagara 2, Butler 1, George Washington 1, Manhattan 1, N. Illinois 1, S. Illinois 1.

NBA

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	11	10	.524	—
New Jersey	9	11	.450	1 1/2
Boston	9	12	.429	2
Washington	7	12	.369	3
New York	7	14	.333	4
Miami	5	15	.250	5 1/2
Orlando	2	19	.095	9

CENTRAL DIVISION

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	16	5	.762	—
New Orleans	15	7	.682	1 1/2
Detroit	14	7	.667	2
Toronto	12	8	.600	3 1/2
Milwaukee	9	12	.429	7
Atlanta	6	15	.286	10
Chicago	5	15	.250	10 1/2
Cleveland	5	15	.250	10 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	13	7	.650	—
Houston	12	7	.632	1 1/2
Minnesota	12	8	.600	1
Memphis	11	8	.579	1 1/2
San Antonio	12	10	.550	2
Portland	10	8	.556	6
Phoenix	9	8	.529	6 1/2
Golden State	9	9	.500	7
Phoenix	8	12	.400	9
L.A. Clippers	6	10	.375	9

PACIFIC DIVISION

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	17	3	.850	—
Sacramento	13	5	.722	3
Portland	10	8	.556	6
Seattle	9	8	.529	6 1/2
Golden State	9	9	.500	7
Phoenix	8	12	.400	9
L.A. Clippers	6	10	.375	9

Cincinnati 7, 6, 0, .538, 281, 297
 Pittsburgh 4, 9, 0, .385, 250, 284
 Cleveland 4, 9, 0, .308, 212, 250

West

Team	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
x-Kansas City	11	2	0	.846	388, 267
San Diego	8	5	0	.615	324, 233
Oakland	3	10	0	.231	229, 335
San Diego	3	10	0	.231	247, 349

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	10	3	0	.769	281, 222
Dallas	8	5	0	.615	236, 244
Washington	5	8	0	.385	256, 287
N.Y. Giants	4	9	0	.308	209, 296
South	4	7	0	.364	277, 267
Carolina	3	5	0	.375	248, 249
New Orleans	6	7	0	.462	263, 292
Tampa Bay	6	7	0	.462	244, 198
Atlanta	3	10	0	.231	241, 342
North	3	10	0	.231	241, 342
Minnesota	8	5	0	.615	344, 302
Green Bay	7	6	0	.538	332, 276
Chicago	5	8	0	.385	240, 281
Detroit	4	9	0	.308	209, 294
West	4	9	0	.308	209, 294
St. Louis	10	3	0	.769	373, 266
San Francisco	5	5	0	.500	308, 273
San Francisco	6	7	0	.462	298, 244
Arizona	3	10	0	.231	180, 387

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 Tampa Bay 14, New Orleans 7
 San Francisco 50, Arizona 14
 Buffalo 17, N.Y. Jets 6
 New England 12, Miami 0
 Denver 45, Kansas City 27
 Atlanta 20, Carolina 14, OT
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 St. Louis 26, Cleveland 20
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 Carolina at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.
 Green Bay at San Diego, 3:15 p.m.
 N.Y. Giants at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.
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 Philadelphia at Miami, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

By The Associated Press
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Claimed LHP Mark Malaska off waivers from Tampa Bay.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Named Dave Widler director of player development.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Claimed LHP Cliff Barshoff off waivers from Detroit.

DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Pat Abernathy, RHP Brian Schmack, INF Rayner Bautista, INF Danny Klassen, INF Warren Morris, RHP David Cortes, RHP Ariel Prieto, LHP Tim Christman, LHP Ricardo Palma, C Jorge Meran, C Guillermo Rodriguez, 1B Andy Barkart, INF Brent Abernathy, INF Jason Smith, OF Jeff Inglin, and OF Marcus Thames on minor league contracts. Assigned RHP Jorge Cordova and OF Andres Torres outright to Toledo of the IL.

MINNESOTA TWINS—Assigned RHP Willie Eyring outright to Rochester of the IL.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Assigned OF Matt Diaz outright to Durham of the IL.

TEXAS RANGERS—Claimed OF Jason Tyler off waivers from Tampa Bay.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with RHP Kerry Ligtenberg on a two-year contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CINCINNATI REDS—Named Bill Wood special assistant to the general manager. Announced the contract of Ray Knight, coach, will not be renewed. Renewed the contract of Freddie Benavides, minor league infield coordinator. Agreed to terms with RHP Todd Van Poppel on a minor league contract.

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BCS: Bogus Crummy System

BY TONY KORNHEISER
 WASHINGTON POST

The BCS must go. Now. Bump it. Thump it. Dump it. By wedging Oklahoma into the national-championship game and shutting USC out, the letters BCS can no longer stand for Bowl Championship Series but for Bogus Crummy System. Oklahoma simply does not deserve to play for the national championship. Not after losing the way the Sooners lost to Kansas State on Dec. 6. They got drilled, 35-7, on national network television with tens of millions watching, which ought to put an end to the Bob-Stoops-is-God talk. Please don't tell me that this was a meaningless game that should have no grand effect on Oklahoma's rung in the hierarchy, because it's merely Oklahoma's first loss. That's nonsense. This was for the Big 12 championship. Let me make this as plain as possible: Any football team that can't win its own conference championship can't be allowed to play for the national championship. For those of you who'll argue that all three — Oklahoma, USC, and LSU — have one loss apiece and that one loss some-

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1) Oklahoma (12-1)	3	3	1.17	.44 (11th)	5	5.11
2) LSU (12-1)	2	2	1.83	1.16 (29th)	0	5.99
3) USC (11-1)	1	1	2.67	1.48 (37th)	0	6.15

* Better computer rankings and schedules vaulted Oklahoma and LSU over USC in the final BCS rankings.

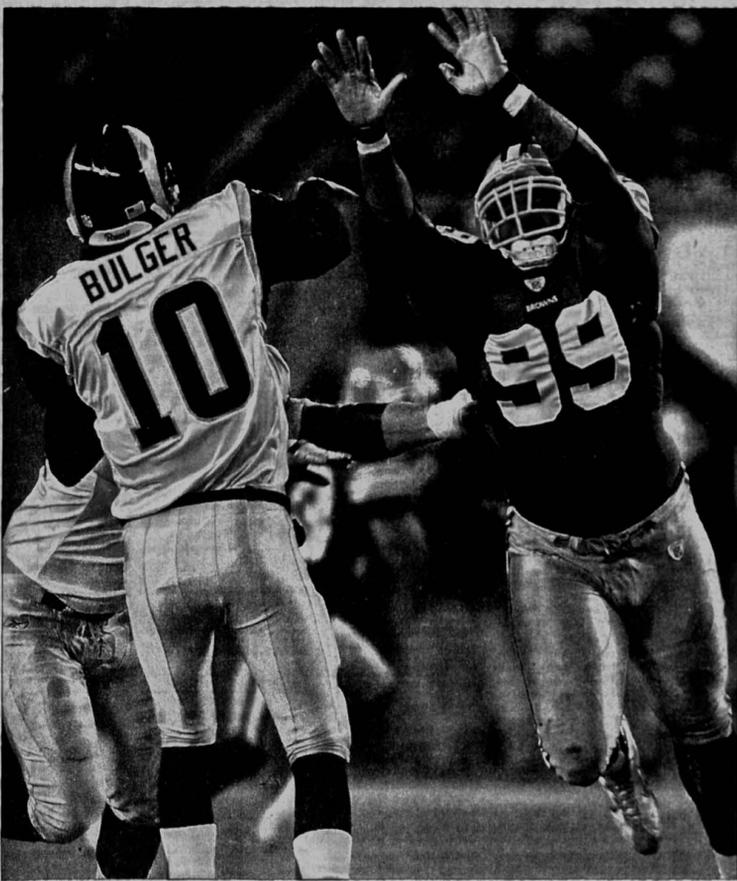
how equalizes them and makes it important that a computer formula sorts them out, let me ask you something: Are you nuts? Do you trust a machine over what you saw with your own eyes? On Dec. 6, all three teams were on display on national TV — network, not cable. USC rolled 52 points against a pretty good (7-4) conference opponent, Oregon State. LSU stuffed Georgia, 34-13, in the SEC championship game. And undefeated Oklahoma threw up on itself, losing 35-7 to Kansas State, which already had three losses. These were all "must" games. Two teams won them, USC and LSU. They should play for the championship. I know it's only one loss for Oklahoma — but it's a far worse loss than USC and LSU had. USC's loss was by three points in numerous overtimes; LSU's loss was by 12 points; Oklahoma's was by 28. Do the math. And it does matter when you lose, and how. USC lost in

September. LSU lost in October. Oklahoma lost two days ago, for heaven's sake. By the way I'm not here to make a case for USC because I feel the Trojans are better than LSU. I would say the same thing if LSU were the odd team out in this. Oklahoma played its way out of the title game. (And if all of the votes aren't in yet, Jason White may have played his way out of the Heisman Trophy.) What we have now is what we had in 2001, when Nebraska was selected to play for the national championship, despite losing the Big 12 championship to Colorado. Excuse me, did I say "losing"? How about 62-36! This idiotic computer system somehow kept Nebraska in the top two and sent it against Miami in the national-championship game. Miami demolished the Cornhuskers, 37-14. Nebraska gave up 99 points in two games. Maybe the same scenario won't happen to Oklahoma. But who wants to find out? The sole purpose of the BCS was to devise a way to make

sure the best two teams played for the national championship. Who outside of Norman, Okla., watched all three games on Dec. 6 and still thinks Oklahoma is one of the two best teams? I mean, besides Mike Tranghese, who heads the BCS? In your heart of hearts you may believe Oklahoma is a great team — even the best team in the country — and what happened to it against Kansas State was a total aberration. But it happened. We all saw it. You can't wish it away. How do you put the Big 12's second-place team in the national championship game? Some of my friends

SPORTS

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL



Mark Duncan/Associated Press

Cleveland lineman Orpheus Roye tips a pass from St. Louis quarterback Marc Bulger on Monday.

Rams are playoff bound

CLEVELAND (AP) — The St. Louis Rams are going back to the NFC playoffs, and their high-potential offense didn't have very much to do with it. Aeneas Williams had two interceptions — the first for a 46-yard touchdown — in the final 1:04 of the first half as the Rams clinched a post-

season berth, holding on for a 26-20 win Monday night over the Cleveland Browns. Williams' two picks enabled the Rams (10-3) to score 14 points in a 42-second span at the end of the first half, giving St. Louis a 23-7 lead. Jeff Wilkins kicked four field goals — 26, 28, 29, and 37

yards — for the Rams, who won their fifth straight game and advanced to the playoffs for the fourth time in five years. But they had to withstand a valiant comeback by the Browns (4-9), who were making their first regular-season appearance on "Monday Night Football" since 1995.

MLB

Matsui arrives in New York to join Mets

NEW YORK (AP) — Kazuo Matsui arrived in New York on Monday to take a physical and complete his \$20.1 million, three-year contract with Mets.

The Japanese star shortstop announced his decision to accept the Mets' offer during a news conference at Narita International Airport, then boarded a plane for the trip to New York.

He was welcomed at John F. Kennedy International Airport by Mets chief operating officer Jeff Wilpon and New York general manager Jim Duquette.

While New York hasn't formally acknowledged the signing, Mets spokesman Jay Horwitz said Matsui will have a physical today and the team will hold a news conference Wednesday.

In addition to his salary, Matsui's contract includes a full no-trade clause and gives him the right to become a free agent again after the 2006 season, a baseball source told the Associated Press, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

The contract includes performance and award bonuses, and the Mets will make payments for housing, transportation, plane tickets, and two translators.

Matsui, protected by Port Authority police, was given flowers by the Mets upon his arrival. Accompanied by his wife and daughter, he spoke briefly outside the airport terminal, then left in a stretch limo.

"We're naturally thrilled that he's in New York, and we're looking forward to completing things in the next couple of days," Duquette told Matsui, Horwitz said.

Earlier in Japan, Matsui said he was also pursued by the Anaheim Angels, Los Angeles Dodgers, and New York Yankees.

"The Mets made me feel most wanted," Matsui said. "I'm very excited to be going to New York and am looking forward to my first year as a major leaguer."

Nicknamed "Little Matsui," the shortstop is not related to New York Yankees outfielder Hideki Matsui. Kazuo Matsui is a seven-time All-Star and a three-time Gold Glove winner in Japan, hitting .305 with 33 home runs and 84 RBIs last season for the Seibu Lions.

"I'm not thinking about the numbers. My first priority is to play in every game," he said. "I've got a lot of work to do. I'll be facing all new pitchers, and I have a lot of learning, but I'm looking forward to seeing how far I can go. I know there are a lot of expectations for me, and I'll just have to do my best."

The 28-year-old Matsui is a switch-hitter who led the Pacific League in stolen bases twice and was the league's Most Valuable Player in 1998.

Matsui will become the first Japanese infielder to be signed by a major-league team, although St. Louis outfielder So Taguchi played several games in the infield last season for the Cardinals.

Woods top player, again

BY DOUG FERGUSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — A wild season in golf came to a familiar conclusion Monday when Tiger Woods was voted PGA Tour player of the year for the fifth-straight time, narrowly beating Vijay Singh.

Woods failed to win the PGA Tour money title or a major championship for the first time since 1998. Still, his peers decided his season was the best on tour.

Woods won five times, including two World Golf Championships, had the lowest scoring average, and was second on the money list, despite playing only 18 times.

"There's a tremendous amount of satisfaction because it just shows that guys on the tour respect that I was consistent, that I've won numerous times," Woods said. "I think that's what the award reflects."

The PGA Tour does not release vote totals.

Ben Curtis was voted rookie of the year for winning the British Open in his first appearance at a major. Peter Jacobsen was voted comeback player of the year for winning the Greater Hartford Open at age 49, his first tour victory in eight years.

Woods won for the sixth time in seven years; no one else has won player of the year more than twice since it was created in 1990.

He became the first player since Greg Norman in 1995 to win the award despite not winning a major.

Woods led the PGA Tour in victories for the fifth-straight year, and his 68.41 adjusted scoring average was the second-lowest in history behind his 68.13 mark in 2000.

While Woods has said majors are the most important, more than that went into this vote.

"Number of wins and quality for the entire year," he said. "I had the second-lowest scoring average in tour history next to mine in 2000, so that shows I played at a consistent level for the entire year."

Singh was equally consistent, winning four times and ending Woods' four-year reign atop the money list with \$7.5 million.



Chris Weeks/Associated Press

Tiger Woods participates in an impromptu news conference at Sherwood Country Club after it was announced that he was voted PGA Tour player of the year for the fifth-straight time on Monday.

The 40-year-old Fijian was consistent from start to finish, and he was particularly strong at the end of the year with two victories and eight-straight finishes in the top 10 as he surged past Woods to win the money title.

"He was more consistent than he's ever been," Woods said. "Toward the end of the year, he just got on a roll and was very consistent with his game. He had a lot of confidence. It just seemed like every single week he was in the top 10. That's what it's all about."

Singh finished ahead of Woods in three of the majors, although neither won any of the four Grand Slam events.

Masters champion Mike Weir, U.S. Open champion Jim Furyk, and Davis Love III, whose four victories included the Players Championship, also were on the ballot.

It was believed to be the closest vote since 1998, when Mark O'Meara and his two majors got the pick over David Duval and his four victories, the money title, and the Vardon Trophy.

That was the only season Woods failed to win player of the year since his first full year on the PGA Tour.

"If you look at my career so far, the only year I really didn't win a big award was '98," he said. "I'm very proud of that because it shows consistency at a high level for an extended period of time."

Even more satisfying for Woods is that he missed the first five weeks of the year while recovering from knee surgery, and he wasn't sure how it would affect his game.

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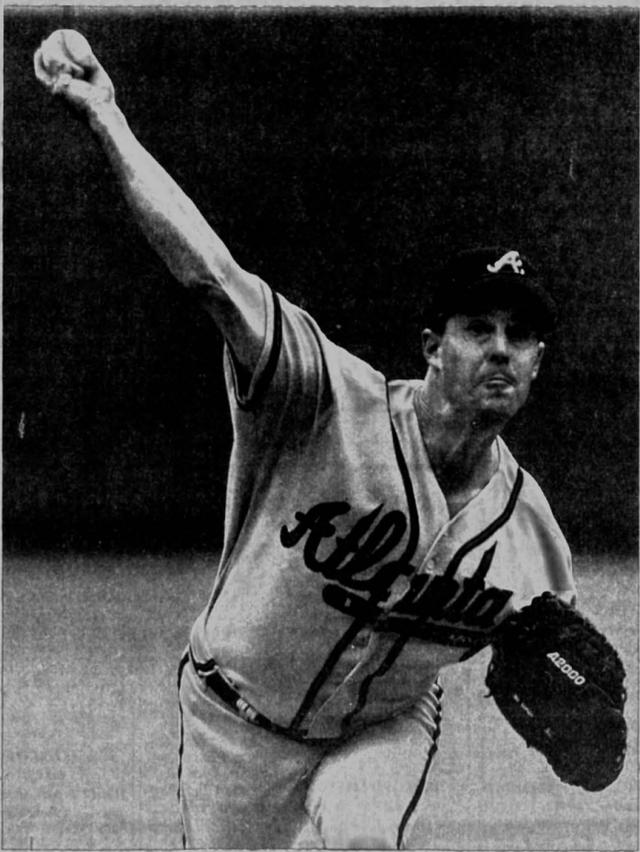
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MLB

Maddux departs Braves, Rodriguez leaves Marlins



Rusty Kennedy/Associated Press

Atlanta starter Greg Maddux throws a pitch during a game against the Phillies last season. Maddux was not offered salary arbitration and can't resign until May 1.

BY RONALD BLUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) — Greg Maddux and Ivan Rodriguez will have new teams next season, and so will Vladimir Guerrero, Rafael Palmeiro, and Juan Gonzalez.

Philadelphia offered arbitration to Kevin Millwood, extending the negotiating period with the right-hander for another month. Also among the 25 players offered arbitration were Chicago White Sox right-hander Bartolo Colon and Oakland shortstop Miguel Tejada, the 2002 AL MVP.

Atlanta also didn't offer arbitration to Javy Lopez or Gary Sheffield, meaning the Braves won't get draft picks as compensation if the outfielder completes his deal with the Yankees.

Fifteen players who faced the midnight deadline agreed to re-sign, including Minnesota outfielder Shannon Stewart, who got an \$18 million, three-year contract from the Twins, and Seattle reliever Shigetoshi Hasegawa, who received a \$6.3 million, two-year deal.

Maddux, who helped the Braves reach the playoffs during his 11 seasons in Atlanta, was not offered salary arbitration and can't re-sign until May 1.

Last year, the four-time Cy Young Award winner was offered arbitration and accepted, with the sides later agreeing at \$14.75 million. The 37-year-old right-hander went 16-11, moving within 11 wins of 300.

Rodriguez and the World Series champion Marlins failed to agree to a contract during negotiations at Miami International Airport. The catcher's previous deal prevented Florida from offering salary arbitration to the 10-time All-Star.

On Dec. 5, Rodriguez asked for a \$40 million, four-year contract. He made \$10 million last season.

"I tried my best to remain a Marlin by not requesting a salary increase," Rodriguez said in a statement issued by his agent, Scott Boras. "To my knowledge, I'm the only major leaguer in recent times who won the World Series and received a postseason MVP award, and yet his club did not offer a higher salary."

Marlins general manager Larry Beinfest said the team offered a package with an annual salary "in the range" of \$7 million annually, but that Boras and Rodriguez were "immovable" off the \$10 million request.

"We'll all go to sleep tonight knowing we tried very hard to bring Pudge back," Beinfest said. "It didn't work out."

Players who received arbitration offers have until Dec. 19 to accept and can re-sign with their old teams through Jan. 8.

Among those not offered arbitration were Chicago Cubs outfielder Kenny Lofton and Anaheim first baseman Scott Spiezio.

The Yankees offered arbitration to left-handers Andy Pettitte and David Wells, and Wells' agent said his client was close to a deal.

Texas general manager John Hart would like to know by the end of the winter meetings on Dec. 16 whether Alex Rodriguez, the American League MVP, will remain with the Rangers for next season. The Rangers have been discussing a deal that would send him to the Red Sox for Manny Ramirez.

"As long as this potentially is alive, it precludes us from having a road map of what we can do with anybody else," Hart said Sunday.

We'll all go to sleep tonight knowing we tried very hard to bring Pudge back. It didn't work out.
— Larry Beinfest, Marlins general manager

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Michigan receiver Edwards may go pro after Rose Bowl

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Michigan receiver Brayton Edwards is considering skipping his senior season and entering the NFL draft. "It's like 80 percent that I'm staying," he said on Monday. "After the Rose Bowl, I'll investigate matters. It's about what's best for me and my family."

Fourth-ranked Michigan will face No. 1 Southern California in the Rose Bowl. The 6-foot-3, 205-pound junior leads Michigan's talented receiving corps with 75 catches, 1,031 yards, and 14 touchdowns.

Edwards caught 67 passes for 1,035 yards and 10 TDs as a sophomore.

Less than two months ago, Edwards said he would return next season because he wanted to win a national championship and earn his degree. Professing his love for Michigan football, Edwards said his decision would not change even if he was projected as a top-10 pick.

Edwards said he did not regret his previous comments or what he said Monday.

"I like to keep controversy going," he said. "I'm not mad about what I said before. I said it, and I meant it, and now I'm getting feedback on it. It's not guaranteed that I'm staying, and I'm not saying that I'm leaving."

Michigan coach Lloyd Carr was on a recruiting trip and was not available for comment. Edwards said he had not talked to Carr about his decision.

"If he's surprised, that means he's not thinking outside the box," Edwards said. "You've got to be real with a decision like this. We're going to talk."

"He'll try to advise me to stay, but he will not beg or plead. Coach Carr will be supportive either way it goes, that's just the kind of guy he is."

USC assistant Nick Holt hired as Idaho's head coach

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) — Southern California assistant Nick Holt is the new head coach at Idaho. Holt will continue to coach the linebackers at No. 1 USC through the Rose Bowl.

A former Idaho assistant from 1990-97, Holt replaces Tom Cable, who was fired a 3-9 season and an 11-35 record over four seasons.

He was also an assistant at UNLV and Louisville, with former Vandals coach John L. Smith. He has been the linebacker coach at USC for three seasons.

"I could have stayed at USC and been happy with perhaps the best program in the nation," Holt said. "But I want to have my own program, run my own show, and be my own boss."

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SPORTS

Bench played big role in win

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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"Jennie was all about the high-low," Cavey said after the game. "[Lillis] said 'we're going to keep doing it until you get it. That was OK with me because I'm like, 'Well, you're getting the assist.'"

Lillis ended with 11 points and seven assists — a team high.

After the game, Bluder said she was impressed with the play of her bench — which scored 22 points to UNI's six. Tiffany Reedy scored seven points and played tough defense against the Panthers' go-to scorer, Amy Swisher.

Morgan Kasperrek and Becca McCann filled in for Cavey and Lillis — who also sat out 11 minutes of the first half with fouls.

Kasperrek ended tying a career-high six points, and she came up with a crucial offensive rebound and steal. She and McCann, who scored two and had three assists, were critical to the Hawkeyes' first-half rally.

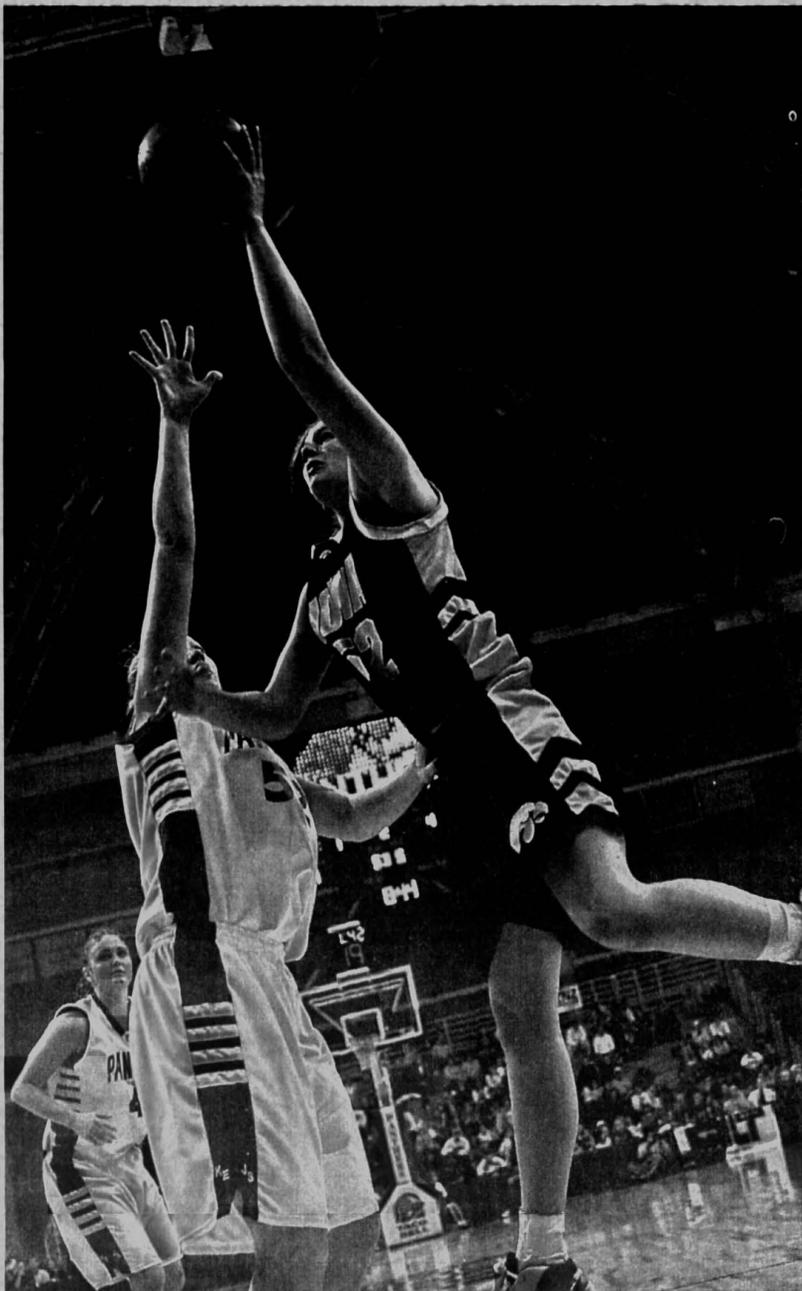
"It was nice to see we could hold our own with our bench," Bluder said. "Ours was definitely stronger than theirs tonight, which, with people in foul trouble, was key."

In the opening minutes, UNI went on a tear — rolling off six unanswered points. Iowa trailed by as many as eight points before Faulkner scored nine of her first-half 11 points in the final five minutes. The Hawkeyes used rebounding, a strip from Richards and defensive intensity to go on a 6-0 run at the end of the first half.

Faulkner hit a lay-up and then a jumper with five seconds left to give the Hawkeyes momentum going into halftime.

The Panthers provided Iowa with a challenge shooting — three players ended in double figures, led by Alex Cooks' 20 points and 12 rebounds. Cook shot 9-13 from the field and hit key points to keep UNI hunting for the lead down the stretch. Swisher scored 19 points, struggling at the end under tough Iowa defense. Emily Berry had 16 points — six from outside the three-point line.

Bluder said she was proud of her team's intensity after playing five-straight road games and going into the team's home



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Iowa junior Jamie Cavey goes up for a lay-up against the Panthers. Cavey finished the night shooting 7-11 from the field with 15 points.

opener on Friday.

"I told the team, 'You'll never have to do this again.' Kansas State is a team nobody thinks we can play with. It'll be an opportunity to get back the Iowa State (Dec. 3) or Houston (Nov. 22) loss."

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IOWA 76, UNI 67

Iowa Hawkeyes (5-2)
 Richards 0-2 5-6 5
 Faulkner 6-9 3-4 17
 Solverson 2-5 2-2 6
 Lillis 3-12 5-5 11
 Cavey 7-11 1-5 15
 Smith 2-5 0-0 4
 Armstrong 1-1 0-0 2
 Reedy 2-4 3-4 7
 Kasperrek 3-5 0-0 6
 McCann 1-4 0-0 2
 Totals 27-59 19-26 76.

Northern Iowa Panthers (0-4)
 Irons 0-2 0-0 0

Berry 6-11 2-2 16
 Swisher 8-25 2-2 19
 Cook 9-13 2-3 20
 Hansen 3-8 0-0 6
 Faas 1-2 2-3 4
 King 0-3 0-0 0
 Hallie 0-1 2-2 2
 Totals 27-65 10-12 67

Halftime — Iowa 36, UNI 25. 3-pointers: Iowa 3-8 (Richards 0-1, Solverson 0-2, Faulkner 2-3, Armstrong 1-1, Reedy 0-1), UNI 3-14 (Irons 0-1, Berry 2-6, Swisher 1-7). Assists: Iowa 15 (Lillis 7), UNI 12 (Irons 6). Steals: Iowa 8 (Faulkner 2, Richards 2), UNI 9 (Irons 3). Rebounding: Iowa 38 (Lillis 6), UNI 33 (Cook 12). Fouls: Iowa 17, UNI 24.

Hawks won't go hungry this time

MEN'S HOOPS

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"I love his approach to the game; he's got a tough mentality," Alford said. "He gets a lot done inside around the basket. He picks and chooses when he makes plays. Guys who work hard and play the game at high level of intelligence are the guys who get things done, and I think that David does that on a regular basis."

The Hawkeyes desperately want to avoid a repeat of their 2001 trip to Cedar Falls, when UNI prevailed in a 78-76 upset.

Following the game, Alford distributed pizza meant for his team to Panther fans in the parking lot.

"We didn't get to eat that game," said guard Brody Boyd. "That stuff we remember, and we're going to learn from that and make sure it doesn't happen again."

Tonight's game is Iowa's fourth in eight days, but the Hawks won't play again until Dec. 22, when they travel to Dallas to play Bobby Knight's Texas Tech team. They play the final leg of the in-state series on Jan. 21 at Iowa State.

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Despite loss, Iowa still claims 30 of 31 wins

WRESTLING

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The brothers have had an immediate effect on the Cyclones lineup this season, including capturing back-to-back victories against the Hawkeyes to improve their combined overall season record to 21-0.

Although the win was sweet for those in the Cardinal and Gold, the Hawkeyes still hold the upper hand in the overall picture.

"You have to credit Iowa because it's had to work hard, and it had to do a lot of the right stuff to get a [17-season] streak

on us," Trent Paulson said. As for the streak being broken, Iowa coach Jim Zalesky said it doesn't bother him.

"Streaks happen because you take care of business those days," he said following the meet. "We didn't take care of business today. They outwrestled us."

When it comes to bragging rights, Iowa State can claim the most recent victory, but Iowa has still won 30 out of the last 31 meetings.

The gap of dominance may be narrowing, but only the future will tell how much.

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Long highlights some of Iowa's top performances

IOWA BOWLS

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intercepted a Texas Tech pass in the end zone on the final play to seal Iowa's victory.

5. 1987 Holiday Bowl

Iowa 20, Wyoming 19 — Dec. 30, 1987

The Hawkeyes put up 13 points in the fourth quarter, while shutting out the Cowboys in the second half. Iowa received touchdowns from its defense and special teams, and Merton Hanks blocked a 52-yard field-goal attempt in the last minute to secure Iowa's victory — despite the fact that Wyoming tallied more yards with the football.

6. 1984 Freedom Bowl

Iowa 55, Texas 17 — Dec. 26, 1984

Chuck Long accumulated 461 passing yards and six touchdowns on 29 of 39 attempts as the Hawkeyes humbled the Longhorns in the inaugural Freedom Bowl. Iowa amassed 560 yards of total offense despite a steady rain and scored 31 unanswered points in the third quarter.

7. 1996 Alamo Bowl

Iowa 27, Texas Tech 0 — Dec. 29, 1996

Iowa's stingy defense held 2,000-yard rusher Byron Hanspard to 64 yards on 18 attempts. Hawkeye running back Sedrick Shaw countered

that with a 20-carry, 113-yard, one-touchdown performance, and Tim Dwight caught six passes for 105 yards.

8. 1991 Holiday Bowl

Iowa 13, Brigham Young 13 — Dec. 31, 1991

The 1990 Heisman Trophy winner, BYU's Ty Detmer, passed for 350 yards, but he was unable to surmount a 13-0 deficit. Iowa running back Mike Saunders ran for 103 yards and two touchdowns. Carlos James intercepted a Detmer pass at the goal line with less than a minute remaining as the Hawkeyes escaped with a tie.

9. 1982 Peach Bowl

Iowa 28, Tennessee 22 — Dec. 31, 2002

Chuck Long completed 19-26 passes for 304 yards and three scores to propel the Hawkeyes over the Volunteers. Then-wide receiver Ronnie Harmon caught three passes — two of them for touchdowns.

The game was the first non-Rose Bowl postseason game in school history.

10. 1995 Sun Bowl

Iowa 38, Washington 18 — Dec. 29, 1995

The Hawkeyes jumped out to a 24-0 lead in the third quarter behind three Brion Hurley field goals from 45-plus yards. Sedrick Shaw (135) and Tavian Banks (122) each rushed for more than 100 yards.

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NFL

Ramsey out for season

(AP) — Washington Redskins quarterback Patrick Ramsey suffered countless welts, whacks, and wallops that unofficially made him the most

punished quarterback in the NFL.

However, Ramsey's second season has ended because of a less visible injury — a bone bruise to his right foot that will force surgery.

On Monday, the Redskins placed Ramsey on the injured reserved list so he can undergo surgery by a Charlotte-based foot specialist. Ramsey is expected to rehabilitate for

up to three months before the foot is fully mended, giving him enough time to be ready for quarterback school in March. The Redskins didn't provide details about the surgery.

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