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A woman browses through heaps of toys during Project Holiday, an event sponsored by the Salvation Army. The group is servicing close to 600 families this holiday season.

Ring up a storm of goodwill

BY MEGHAN SIMS
THE DAILY IOWAN

There he stood — bell in hand, shifting his weight gently to the rhythm, his face aglow with an unwilting smile. Many Wal-Mart shoppers ignore Tom Orr as he solicits donations for the Salvation Army — a woman once said, "If you're going to get drunk off this, I'm not going to put any money in" — but every so often, as the wind whips past the store's entrance, someone stops to contribute.

The generosity warms him. "I get a personal satisfaction when it's cold and people take time to dig in and donate," the 57-year-old ringer said. The Johnson County Salvation Army, a nonprofit organization that provides the financially disadvantaged with such community services as evening meals, showers, laundry facilities, bus fare, and gas and clothing vouchers, needs to raise \$21,000 to meet its Dec. 24 goal of \$80,000.

The bar for the Christmas collection was raised this year after the foundation exceeded its 2002 goal of \$65,000 by \$7,000. Operating costs, however, have risen from \$272,000 to \$290,000 in the past 12 months. Capt. Terry Smith, an ordained minister with the group, said nearly 95 percent of the funds go directly into helping the local community. "I make almost as much as the international leader," the highest-paying position, he said.

Smith has worked at locations throughout the Midwest, and though he knows of other groups that failed to meet their Christmas goals, this has never been the case for him. Despite the intimidating amount of money needed six days from today, he says, he does not contemplate failure. He was encouraged by the \$5,000 taken in on Dec. 13, and he laughed when asked about the stressful days preceding the deadline.

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Court backs breath tests in OWI cases

BY CHRISTINA ERB
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa Supreme Court on Wednesday ruled that drivers' breath-test results are admissible in court, a decision that means more than 100 cases statewide will return to pretrial status.

The court's decision reverses a 6th District Court decision that had found data from the CDM DataMaster — a blood-alcohol test — inadmissible in trials. "Ultimately, we find no fault with the process by which the commissioner [of public safety] has approved the methods for breath-alcohol concentration testing," the court said in a six-page opinion.

On March 28, 6th District Associate Judge Stephen Gerard barred the use of DataMaster data as evidence, forcing local law-enforcement agents to conduct urine and blood tests on suspected drunken drivers. The Iowa Public Safety Commission had not properly documented or approved the way police collect data from

alleged drunken drivers, the judge ruled.

Authorities also used the DataMaster incorrectly by pushing the "NV" or "No Volume" button — a bypass that sucks breath from subjects unwilling to blow into the apparatus, Gerard found. The NV is known to produce inaccurate results.

Officers were allowed to use DataMasters again after the state officially adopted the machine as an acceptable measure of intoxication — a decision separate from Wednesday's ruling.

Iowa's current limit for legal intoxication is .08. If the state's high court had upheld the Gerard's decision, more than 100 Iowans might have received lesser penalties or deferred judgments, or they might have had their charges dismissed. Now, the cases — some close to a year old — will continue.

"It is really unfortunate that Judge Gerard has disrupted

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Nicholas Wynia/The Daily Iowan

Megan Wettach holds prom dresses at her Premier Prom and Gift Boutique store in Mount Pleasant. Megan was one of the winners of the Pappajohn New Venture Business Competition for her new line of pageant suits called the Megan Amanda Collection.

Surfing all the news that's fit to sting

BY ALEX LANG
THE DAILY IOWAN

With headlines ranging from "Strom Thurmond May Have Fathered Thousands" to "Gore Endorses Dean After Long Internet Romance," a former UI professor and alum has entered the news arena with a satirical Web site. Preston Coleman looks to not only provide readers with satirical news but a different perspective on world events with realstupidnews.com, which was launched on Halloween.

"I want the site to be something more than just a satire site to provide readers a chuckle, which I hope it does," the Georgia resident

said. "I hopes it broadens their news consumption, it gives them more geographic diverse news, more ideologically diverse news coverage."

The Web site has links to some of the top national and international news sources to encourage readers to read about world events, he said. In addition to having actual news content, he said, his Web site differs from other satire publications, such as *The Onion*.

"There is a depth to my satire. It

is more 'sting-y' or more biting, unlike *The Onion*," he said. Coleman still enjoys reading *The Onion*, but he added that it only publishes once a week, whereas he will post new stories almost daily.

The best part of having a "fake news" Web site is the ability to pull celebrities "down to his level," he said. He says he also satirizes media outlets and news coverage to give people a "deeper understanding of the news business."

Realstupidnews.com started off receiving only a hundred visitors a day; it now receives 2,200 hits daily, he said. His Web site is ranked among the top 100,000, according to alexa.com.

The Web site got its start

after Coleman posted a satirical news story on his first Web site, rebelholler.com, which is dedicated to short stories. Interest in that story inspired him to create realstupidnews.com.

Until the fall of 1997, Coleman taught courses in the UI communications program. He then moved to the Athens, Ga., area to teach at four local universities as an adjunct professor.

Coleman said he plans to start another lampoon Web site next year that will be written exclusively by college students. He said rightontimes.com should be the first news site of its kind.

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Coleman
UI alum



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U.S. Rep. Christopher Cox (right) walks in an Istanbul street near the bombed Neve Shalom synagogue on Tuesday. Neve Shalom was one of two synagogues bombed in a string of suicide attacks in Istanbul in November that killed 62 people.

Turkish bombers switched targets

BY SELCAN HACAUGLU
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Osama bin Laden proposed attacking a Turkish military base used by the United States, but militants stymied by tight security bombed civilian targets instead, killing Muslims and upsetting Qaeda leaders, Turkish officials have told the Associated Press.

The information came from interrogations of a top suspect in last month's deadly bombings in Istanbul that authorities believe

were carried out by Turkish militants trained by Al Qaeda in Afghanistan, the officials said.

The suspect, Fevzi Yitiz, told interrogators that bin Laden approved attacks in Turkey on condition that Turks were not killed, a top intelligence source told the AP this week.

But the militants instead bombed two synagogues, a London-based bank, and the British Consulate, killing 62 people, mostly Muslims.

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Student entrepreneurs set for their new digs

BY MEGHAN SIMS
THE DAILY IOWAN

An abandoned fraternity house will open its doors to as many as 18 student businesses next semester, including three award-winning entrepreneurial projects.

Using the Sigma Alpha Mu house, which the UI closed last year, members of the Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center will help students launch their businesses while creating important development concepts, said Lynn Jahn, the center's assistant director.

Students will receive counseling through the early planning phases of their endeavors while

members monitor and guide their progress until graduation.

Shoos for office space are the recipients of the Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Award, announced on Dec. 5. This year marks the first in the state competition's three-year history that all three winners chosen were UI students. In addition to a \$5,000 cash prize to help jump-start their programs, Jahn said, the three innovators "get a lot of good feedback on business plans from staff who figure out how to improve their businesses."

Nominations were collected through the centers, and 12

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Cloudy, windy

INDICTING GOV. RYAN

The former governor of Illinois, to no one's surprise, faces federal racketeering and fraud charges. See story, page 5A



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Britta and Margit Vogele share a passion for Iowa soccer — and some genes. See story, page 1B



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NEWS

Hopeful focuses on undergrads

BY WILLIAM MIKESSELL
THE DAILY IOWAN

The sixth and final candidate for the UI's vacant provost position, an experienced Big Ten administrator and agricultural expert, pledged Wednesday to encourage faculty research without compromising the integrity of undergraduate education.

Robert J. Jones, the vice president and executive vice provost at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, said he would try to further academic research at the UI by providing monetary incentives to faculty members — but not at the expense of hindering undergraduate teaching.

"We try to create a situation [at Minnesota] where we make it perfectly clear to faculty that they have to be excellent in their scholarship but also in their undergraduate teaching," he said.

Moderator Ann Marie McCarthy asked Jones what he would do as provost to encourage excellence in teaching.

"I believe I have the breadth and depth of experience that is required to serve at this institution. Because I have had an opportunity to work in a complex institution, it prepared me to serve as a very effective chief academic officer."



Robert J. Jones
provost candidate

"It is to clearly identify undergraduate education and experiences as being a strategic priority for the institution," he responded, citing his experience shifting public perception of Minnesota from an institution of scholarly research to an educational institution.

Jones, no stranger to managing a large institution, served as an active faculty researcher in addition to his academic and financial management duties at "one of the most complex institutions in higher education."

"I believe I have the breadth and depth of experience that is required to serve at this institution," he said. "Because I have had an opportunity to work in a complex institution, it prepared me to serve as a very effective chief academic officer."

Although he has never held a dean or departmental position, he said, his nontraditional career path has allowed him a "comparable set of experiences that department chairs and deans have." As the Minnesota vice provost, he is responsible for

hiring faculty, allocating tenure, budgeting, composing curriculums, and promoting diversity.

Coming from "meager beginnings," Jones grew up on a Georgia peanut farm. The son of a sharecropper, his curiosity in agriculture led him to a bachelor's degree in agronomy and master's and doctorate degrees in crop physiology.

"Iowa has always been very, very good to me," Jones said about the University of Minnesota partnership with Johnson-based seed company Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc.

The approximately 60 faculty and administrators who attended the public forum seemed pleased with Jones' vision of the UI.

"He has extraordinary experience in promotion and tenure across a wide variety of disciplines," said Joe Kearney, a Provost Search Committee member. "He has broad experience in an institution that is very much like ours."

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No divorce coming for UI and UIHC

BY CHRISTINA PREISS
THE DAILY IOWAN

Outraged UI administrators and a hospital spokesman disputed reports Wednesday that the UI Hospitals and Clinics might separate from the university, despite a passing mention at this week's state Board of Regents meeting.

The idea was one of several university-comparison points raised by the University HealthSystem Consortium, a national consulting firm, during a meeting Monday. Schools in Florida, Colorado, Maryland, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Indiana have already cut ties with their hospitals, allowing many to operate free from state budget cuts.

"Can you hear me? Am I speaking clearly? That's not

going to happen," said a clearly upset Tom Moore, the hospital's media-relations coordinator. "... We have no reason to make any kind of plan."

Several university hospitals that separated did so because they "were in the red," he said. "We assured the regents that [UIHC] is in the black, meaning that patient volumes are up and revenues are up."

UI President David Skorton, a career researcher who has worked at UIHC for more than two decades, said the suggestion is not to be taken seriously.

"There is no evidence that anyone on the board is in favor of doing this," he said. "It was a passing remark by someone doing a tutorial."

Several regents, likewise, said separation is highly unlikely.

"The meeting was more for background information," said Regent Mary Ellen Becker. "We have a strong relationship between the medical school and the hospital. Our board is trying to find more time to focus on the hospital."

Regent Robert Downer, who did not attend the meeting, said he heard immediate concern about the rumor.

"Frankly, I have sensed no support of this suggestion from the university or the hospital," he said. "UIHC existing as a university hospital has worked very well. I personally would not want to see that relationship become disturbed."

The University of Minnesota-Twin Cities separated from its hospital in 1997 to handle dwindling annual revenue and make the facility more competitive.

"After the change, there were difficulties meshing the university and community culture," said Frank Cerra, the school's senior vice president for Health Science. "But since that time, the amount of revenue has actually gone up. We are programmatically and financially more stable."

Negative feelings about the possibility of a university-hospital separation stem from their complementary relationship. Established in 1898, UIHC hosts more than 200 health-care specialties while consistently ranking among top hospitals in the *U.S. News & World Report* — credentials that attract thousands of patients per year.

DI reporter Anna Wilkinson contributed to this report.
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STATE

Iowa farmers named to Bush re-election team

AMES, Iowa (AP) — President Bush's campaign introduced a team of Iowa farmers on Wednesday who will work for his re-election.

Glen Keppy, a Scott County farmer, will serve as state chairman for the president's Iowa Farm Team Steering Committee.

"President Bush has been a strong leader for farmers in Iowa," Keppy said.

"He signed into law the 2002 Farm Bill, which has had a tremendous impact on Iowa farmers. He has also been unwavering in his support of the ethanol and biodiesel portions of the energy bill."

Rusty Harder, of Story County, will be the committee's co-chairman for agribusiness. Dean Kleckner, of Des Moines, and Merlin Plagge, of Franklin County, both former presidents of the Iowa Farm Bureau, will serve as honorary co-chairmen. The team has 44 members.

POLICE LOG

Jason Blevins, 24, and Jennifer Stewart, 22, both of Coralville, were charged in Maryland on Dec. 16 with forgery. Between July and August, Stewart and Blevins allegedly stole several checks from Stewart's mother and made them payable to themselves for amounts totaling \$1,725.

Andrew Johnson, 45, 2018 Waterfront Drive No. 72, was charged Dec. 17 with the second-degree sexual abuse of a preteen female. According to police records, the girl told her caseworker that Johnson had sex with her several times. A physical examination of the girl show a stretched and eroded hymen indicative of sexual abuse, records show.

James Levy, 53, was charged Dec. 17 with assault on a peace officer. According to court records, Levy allegedly attempted to steal a bottle of Black Velvet whiskey from Hy-Vee, 812 First Ave. When authorities arrived, Levy allegedly rammed his wheelchair into an officer, causing pain.

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Bryce Rosel waits for the elevator in Daum residence hall to reach the main floor on Wednesday afternoon. Rosel will graduate this semester with a degree in Actuary Science and Mathematics.

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Town buries snowmobile victims

BY MIKE WILSON
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIERSON, Iowa — More than 1,000 people crowded into a middle school Wednesday to remember four young girls killed in a snowmobile accident on a country road.

Kylie Koch, 10, Andrea "Andie" Phillips, 13, Kallie Phillips, 10, and Lauren Herbold, 11, were the best of friends. They died "doing the kind of things they wanted to do," the Rev. Bill Cotton told the community.

The girls were crossing from one field to another, zipping across a road just below the crest of a hill on Dec. 12 when a pickup truck struck them. The driver, a 16-year-old boy, didn't have time to stop.

Investigators called the accident unavoidable and said trees and snowdrifts obscured any view of the approaching snowmobiles.

This town of approximately 360 people was quiet Wednesday — no one was outside, and stores were closed as townspeople trudged through the snow to pay their respects to the girls and their families.

A neatly shoveled path led through the snow to the school gymnasium, where four white caskets sat side-by-side against a backdrop of floral arrangements and pictures.

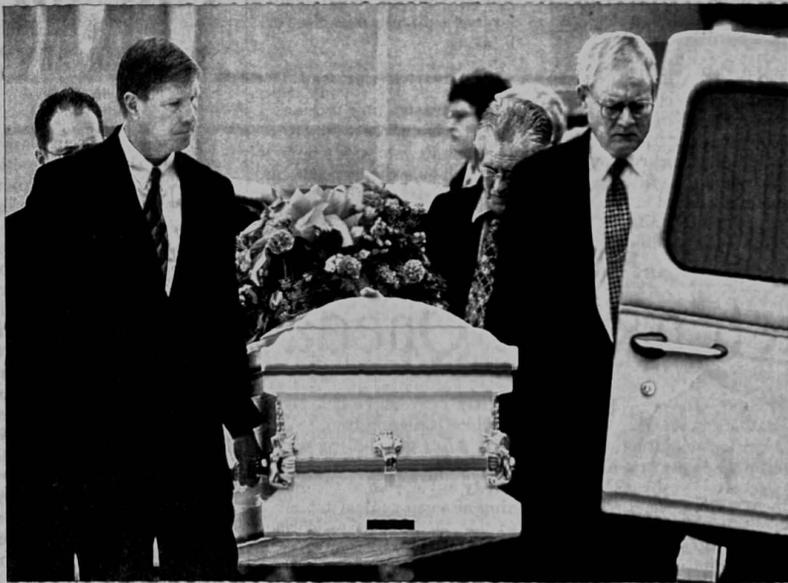
The crowd overflowed into the school's cafeteria, where the service was shown on television monitors.

Outside, school buses waited to carry mourners from the school to the small cemetery south of town, where the girls were buried.

Cotton said the girls were inseparable but very different.

"Kylie was a person who didn't like macaroni and cheese," he said. "Can you imagine a child not liking macaroni and cheese?"

Kallie Phillips decorated her room with Betty Boop memorabilia



Jim Lee, Sioux City Journal/Associated Press

Pallbearers on Wednesday walk toward a hearse following the funeral services at Kingsley-Pierson school in Pierson, Iowa, for four girls killed in a snowmobile accident on Dec. 12.

As we think about this tragic accident that happened, let us focus on... that they were enjoying life to the very last.

— Rev. Bill Cotton

and wanted to be a fashion designer someday, he said. Her sister Andie decorated her room with angels and bears and wanted to be a lawyer.

Lauren Herbold was "very positive about life and active in the school band," Cotton said.

The Rev. Duane Meisner, his voice cracking with emotion, recalled how the four girls were

friends with his youngest daughter, Hannah.

"Whether they were sitting at a ball game or over at our house playing, they were always talking and laughing together," Meisner said.

"I don't know how many times I've answered the phone and heard the voice of one of those friends wanting to talk to her," he said. "But when that phone rang last Friday, it was a call none of us wanted to hear."

Stacey Sisco, a conservation officer with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, said she would review reports from the Woodbury County sheriff's office Wednesday as she completed her investigation.

Children as young as 12 can ride a snowmobile on public lands in Iowa if they have a

safety certificate issued by Natural Resources, but there are no restrictions on private land.

Sisco doubted whether any citations would be issued. She said the girls had been riding their snowmobiles on family-owned farmland — until they crossed the road.

All the snowmobiles were licensed, and Andie Phillips had a safety certificate, Sisco said.

In many cases, riding snowmobiles is part of the culture of small towns, particularly in northern Iowa. Seeing young children riding snowmobiles alone is commonplace, Sisco said.

There are about 35,000 snowmobiles licensed in Iowa.

"As we think about this tragic accident that happened, let us focus on... that they were enjoying life to the very last," Cotton said.

STATE

Teen wins new trial in homicide by vehicle

DES MOINES (AP) — A Muscatine woman convicted of vehicular homicide won a new trial Wednesday when the Iowa Supreme Court said she was denied an opportunity to argue self-defense at her trial.

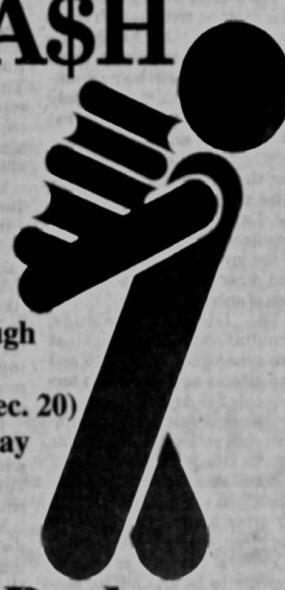
Heather Begey, 19, was convicted of vehicular homicide and involuntary manslaughter in the July 2001 death

of Jay Sissel. She was accused of taking Sissel's car and driving away with him clinging to the hood. Sissel fell off and later died of head injuries.

Begey, convicted in November 2001, was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

The Supreme Court said Begey should have been given an opportunity to present evidence that she was justified in continuing to drive the car because she feared Sissel would harm her if she slowed down.

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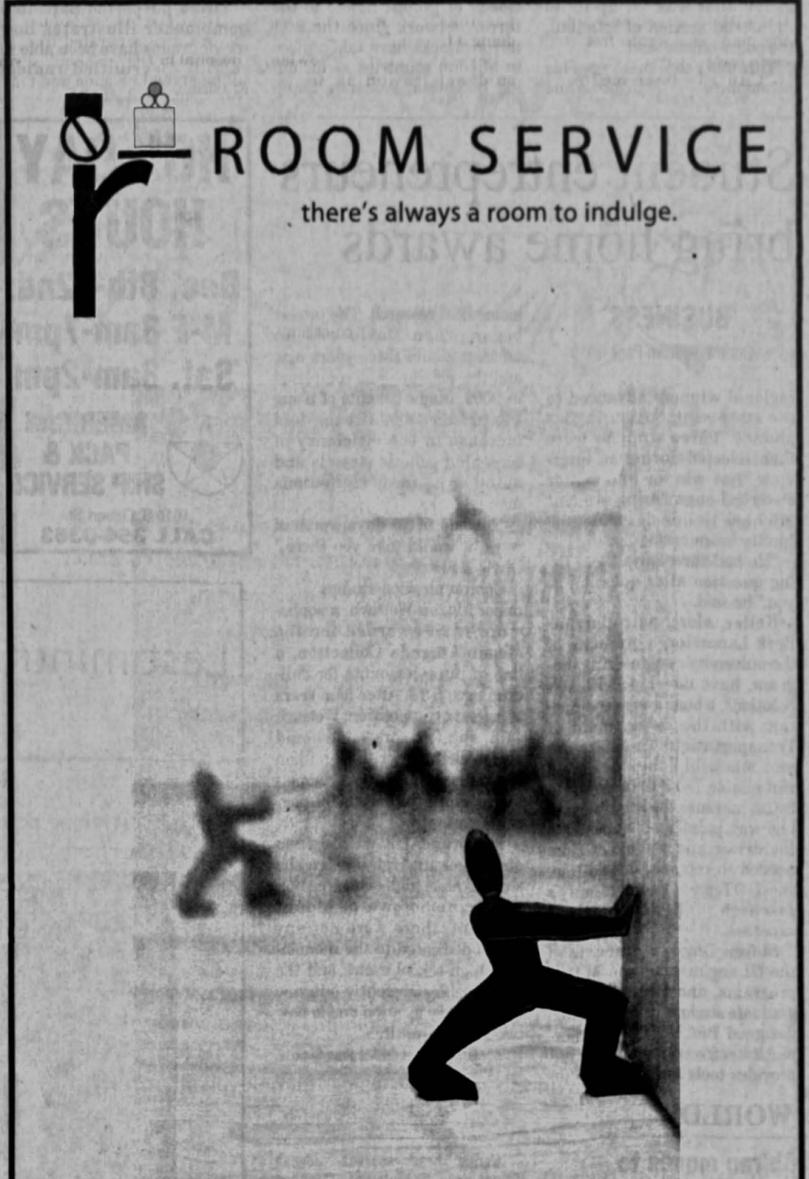


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NEWS

Court strikes down breath-test ban

DATAMASTER

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the lives of that many people," said Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White. "I think it's a real shame they had to wait so long to be told that Judge Gerard decision's was untenable, illogical, and unacceptable."

Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller agreed. "The court has upheld and validated the DataMaster blood/alcohol breath-testing program, which is used by all levels of law enforcement all over the state," he said in a statement. The district court had ruled there was no uniform guide of how to properly operate the DataMaster. The judge based his decision on the testimony of

an official in Iowa's Division of Criminal Investigation Criminalistics Laboratory. However, the Supreme Court disagreed, finding the DataMaster instructions and training were foolproof and met standard requirements. There was "no fault with the process by which the commissioner has approved the methods for breath-alcohol concentration testing," it said. Iowa City police Sgt. Troy

Kelsay said the department favors breath tests over blood or urine tests. "[DataMasters] have instantaneous results; they are the least intrusive and the least embarrassing," he said. "And you don't have to wait a period of the time for the tests results to come back." E-mail *DI* reporter **Christina Erb** at: christina-erb@uiowa.edu

Army looks to ring up Yule goal

SALVATION ARMY

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The weekend before Christmas, not Thanksgiving weekend, is the busiest shopping time of the year, which offers one last chance to squeak by, he said. "Typically, the last week is the most nerve-racking time for a Salvation Army officer," he said. Smith cites weather for the organization's financial shortfalls. He witnessed a decline in the bell-ringing staff over the past two weeks and said that although the congregation can man 14 different stations with bell-ringers, only four were staffed during some recent cold days. To achieve the target amount, more volunteer groups are needed to fill the remaining posts, Smith said. The organization relies

heavily on the holiday season to make the funds last a year. If the goal is not reached, the group might continue bell-ringing through Jan. 1, and it would have to consider cutting programs or eliminating a paid position, Smith said. Howard Griffin, who works in the human-service industry, emptied his pocket into Orr's kettle Wednesday afternoon before heading into Wal-Mart. "If we're not going to do it, who is?" he said. Orr said the customary "thank you" and kept ringing. Part of the group's seasonal events includes Project Holiday, a distribution of 5,000 toys to needy children that ends today. Such programs are all in the spirit of giving, he says. "That's the motto of the Salvation Army — helping others help themselves." E-mail *DI* reporter **Meghan Sims** at: meghan-sims@uiowa.edu

Turkish target switch irks Al Qaeda

TURKEY

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The attacks appear to be part of a growing trend in terrorism — bombings by Al Qaeda-trained activists who have returned to their home countries and are maintaining only weak ties with the central group, terrorism experts say. "They planned and carried out the attack independently after receiving the blessing of bin Laden," said the Turkish intelligence official who is part of the investigation. The official and others spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Ibrahim Kus, who have been identified as key suspects — met with bin Laden in Afghanistan in 2002, the intelligence official said. The two militants told bin Laden "they wanted to do something in Turkey for the jihad," the intelligence official said. Yitiz told police bin Laden replied, "I am approving it on condition that it is directed against the Americans and their allies but not the Turks." The killing of mostly Muslim Turks led top Qaeda officials to criticize the attacks, according to Yitiz, the intelligence official said. Yitiz said he heard from Aktas, who had fled to Iran before the attacks, that Al Qaeda "considered the bombings as a failure because it mostly killed Muslim Turks," the intelligence official said.

Arabia, Turkey, Morocco, Tunisia, and Yemen. Bin Laden, during his meeting with Aktas and Kus, first suggested an attack against Incirlik Air Base, a sprawling facility used by U.S. troops or U.S. or Israeli ships using the Mediterranean port of Mersin, according to the police description of Yitiz' interrogation. But security at the air base and the Mersin harbor made the attack too difficult. Coast Guard cutters protect the harbor, and Turkish forces patrol the base's perimeters. A high wall also was erected around the base before the Iraq war. That forced the alleged conspirators, Aktas, Kus, and Azad Ekinici — all of whom are believed to have trained in Afghanistan — to change the attack plans, the police official said. It took a few months for the attackers to pick new targets and recruit four suicide bombers, the police said. Binoculars, wireless radios, and cameras were seized in raids after the attacks. Turkey has been chasing possible links between local Islamic groups and Al Qaeda since a notebook containing instructions in Turkish on how to carry out suicide bombings was found in a deserted Qaeda training camp in Afghanistan in 2001. Yitiz's purported path to a bombmaker illustrates how terror groups have been able to recruit disgruntled radical Muslims.

Yitiz is from Van, a poor province bordering Iran, police said. After graduating from high school, he attended a university in Pakistan at the prodding of some radical Islamic friends, the intelligence official said. Broke and far from home, he was drawn to a Qaeda camp in Afghanistan, where he was told that he could study the Koran and Islam for free, the intelligence official said. It was not clear whether Yitiz had other training or maintained direct links with Qaeda leaders after 1994 in Afghanistan. He later returned to Van and worked in a restaurant. Then he traveled to Istanbul, where he began to sympathize with Turkish Hezbollah, a radical group not related to the Lebanese group of the same name, the intelligence official said. Yitiz was briefly detained by police in 1998 and questioned about his ties to Hezbollah, which is not suspected of playing a role in the Istanbul attacks. He reportedly traveled to the Netherlands and to Iran for business. His brother, Servet, told *Hurriyet* that Yitiz found himself jobless in Van, and he left for Istanbul seven or eight months ago, telling his family that he started selling detergent. The detergent business, however, was allegedly a cover for bomb-making.

The information attributed to Yitiz was based on his meetings with other accomplices in Turkey and recently in Iran, officials said. Yitiz's brother, Servet, told the *Hurriyet* daily that Yitiz was innocent and had never traveled to Afghanistan. "He is religious and prays, but he is absolutely a moderate," Servet said. "Our brother is innocent, and we will prove that." Almost all of the world's terrorist attacks attributed to Al Qaeda or groups linked to the terror network since the 9/11 terror attacks have taken place in Muslim countries — including Indonesia, Pakistan, Saudi

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WORLD

Sharon's speech will spark division in Likud

JERUSALEM (AP) — A day before a major policy address by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, his ruling party appeared bitterly divided Wednesday over proposals that Israel withdraw from parts of the West Bank and Gaza even without negotiating with the Palestinians. Egyptian mediators, meanwhile, ended an unsuccessful effort to win a no-violence pledge from Palestinian militants. Sharon has said Israel is committed to the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan, which envisions an independent Palestinian state by 2005. In the interim, the plan requires Israel to freeze settlement activity in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and calls on the Palestinians to dismantle militant groups — moves neither side has taken. Settlers at the outpost of Mignon, north of Jerusalem, welded trailers together and blocked roads on Wednesday ahead of an anticipated army move to evacuate the outpost.

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Student entrepreneurs bring home awards

BUSINESS

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regional winners advanced to the state competition in Des Moines. Three winners were then selected during an interview that winner and senior electrical-engineering student Michael Keller described as "pretty intimidating." "He had three guys there firing question after question at you," he said. Keller, along with partner Bryk Lancaster, a graduate of the university's engineering program, have developed Flexon Solutions, a business in conjunction with the Department of Transportation. The software and microchip they designed will enable DOT road crews to better measure the brightness of highway paint as it appears to the driver and the exact time needed to repaint. In addition, the DOT pays the company's research and development expenses. Steven Davis, a graduate of the UI engineering and M.B.A. programs, and Brian O'Leary, graduate student in engineering, designed Bio::Neos, a bioinformatics software company that provides tools and solutions for

biomedical research. The project began when Davis was an undergraduate three years ago, and the software was completed in 2002. Major benefits of using the product are a seven-fold increase in the efficiency of screening genetic strands and automating formerly tedious manual tasks. "Instead of 20 days worth of work, it would take you three," Davis said. Communication-studies major Megan Wettach, a sophomore, was awarded for the Megan Amanda Collection, a line of interview suits for children ages 6-14. After four years of pageant competition, Wettach said, she felt someone should design clothing for the 3 million to 4 million contestants competing at more than 700,000 pageants annually. The project follows the prom and pageantry retail store she started as a high-school senior. In her hometown of Mount Pleasant, there were not any stores dedicated to the momentous high-school event, and the dual business recently outgrew its two-story location and is now two separate entities. E-mail *DI* reporter **Meghan Sims** at: meghan-sims@uiowa.edu

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Chirac moves to outlaw religious symbols in schools

PARIS (AP) — Despite protests from Muslim leaders, France must outlaw Islamic head coverings, Jewish skullcaps, and other obvious religious signs in schools and regulate them in the workplace, President Jacques Chirac announced Wednesday. Such action, the French president said in a televised national address, is needed to reaffirm France's secular foundations. "It is not negotiable," he asserted.

Islamic head scarves, Jewish yarmulkes, or oversized Christian crosses "have no place" in public schools, Chirac said, and he called on Parliament, in which his conservative government has a majority, to pass a law banning them before the start of the next school year, September 2004. While widely expected, Chirac's dramatic proposal capped months of debate about mainly Roman Catholic France's struggle to hold together the multi-ethnic, multicultural but often poorly integrated society it has become after waves of immigration from North Africa and elsewhere.

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BY ROBERT E. WASHINGTON

CHICAGO — Federal Gov. George Ryan this year for the Prize, was indicted grand jury charges of racketeering and tax fraud, and enforcement agent. Federal prosecutor that Ryan improper vacations, partial information to used it for personal brokered side deal, sonal cut of public. The value of the and loans alleged \$167,000. Ryan is with directing \$300,000 worth of es, and loans to a the transactions, about them to inv. "The state of Ill sale," U.S. Atto Fitzgerald said at Wednesday. was cronyism. given inside info they acted on. . . was breaking the Ryan, 69, left of to cheers and boos. opponents were e one of his last acts commuted the dea 167 people to life culmination of a three-year review death penalty. It action that he was the Nobel Peace Pr But opponents to empty death that Ryan, a Re advocated the d when he was elect ly trying to det from his impendi bles. His tenure a overshadowed by licenses-for-bribe occurred while he of state, from 1 What began as a

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Feds indict ex-Ill. Gov. Ryan

BY ROBERT E. PIERRE
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CHICAGO — Former Illinois Gov. George Ryan, nominated this year for the Nobel Peace Prize, was indicted by a federal grand jury Wednesday on charges of racketeering, mail and tax fraud, and lying to law-enforcement agents.

Federal prosecutors alleged that Ryan improperly accepted gifts, vacations, passed confidential information to friends who used it for personal gain, and brokered side deals for a personal cut of public contracts. The value of the gifts, services, and loans allegedly totaled \$167,000. Ryan is also charged with directing more than \$300,000 worth of gifts, services, and loans to a friend, hiding the transactions, and then lying about them to investigators.

"The state of Illinois was for sale," U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald said at a news conference Wednesday afternoon. "It was cronyism. People were given inside information, and they acted on it. ... He knew he was breaking the law."

Ryan, 69, left office in January to cheers and boos. Death-penalty opponents were elated when, in one of his last acts as governor, he commuted the death sentences of 167 people to life in prison, the culmination of an exhaustive three-year review of the state's death penalty. It was for that action that he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

But opponents of his decision to empty death row charged that Ryan, a Republican who advocated the death penalty when he was elected, was merely trying to detract attention from his impending legal troubles. His tenure as governor was overshadowed by the case of a licenses-for-bribes scheme that occurred while he was secretary of state, from 1991 to 1999. What began as a scandal over

the selling of driver's licenses soon broadened into an investigation of cronyism and corruption in which prosecutors allege that Ryan and his political friends treated public employees and the state treasury as personal property.

Sixty-six people have been indicted, and 59 have been found guilty, including Scott Fawell, Ryan's chief of staff while he was secretary of state.

The five-year investigation had long hinted at the prospect of a Ryan indictment, so news of the indictment was a shock to few.

"Everybody was working under the assumption that eventually it was coming down the pike — so it's business as usual in the capitol," said Richard Kling, a law professor at Chicago Kent College of Law.

Ryan is the third Illinois governor to be indicted in 40 years. Some hope he will prove to be the last. "Historically, the state's culture of corruption has seemed intractable," said U.S. Sen. Peter Fitzgerald, R-Ill., in a statement. "But with today's development, perhaps Illinois turns a new corner."

In December 2002, federal prosecutors alleged that Ryan was present in 1998 when Fawell ordered state employees to destroy evidence that he suspected authorities would seek as part of the investigation. A phone call to Ryan's home in Kankakee Wednesday went unanswered. When charges against Fawell and the Ryan campaign were filed last year, the then-governor said:

"As everyone knows, there are two sides to every story, two sides to allegations leveled by individuals claiming to recollect conversations and actions from several years ago. I will only repeat what I have said many times before: My conscience is clear, and, in every public office I have held, I have respected the public trust."



Seth Perlman/Associated Press
Former Illinois Gov. George Ryan listens to Gov. Rod Blagojevich's inaugural speech on Jan. 13 in Springfield, Ill. Ryan was charged in a federal racketeering indictment Wednesday for allegedly taking payoffs, gifts, and vacations in return for government contracts and leases.

The 91-page indictment released Wednesday portrays a money-hungry politician who at every turn sought to enrich himself and friends at the taxpayers' expense. U.S. Attorney Fitzgerald said Ryan took free vacations as recently as last year by writing checks and receiving cash in return. In one case, he is alleged to have given a friend inside information on where a new prison was to be built. The friend then accepted \$50,000 in fees from a private

company to lobby for the site, never telling the company that its preferred site had already been chosen.

In Wednesday's court filing, Ryan was added as a defendant to a previous indictment of Chicago businessman Lawrence Warner. Warner, who has made \$3.1 million in profits from state leases and contracts since 1991, is charged with illegally collecting cash from state vendors and landlords and funneling it to Ryan and a lobbyist.

Dean's quick mouth gets him in trouble

BY JIM VANDEHEI AND
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WASHINGTON POST

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Howard Dean's penchant for flippant and sometimes false statements is generating increased criticism from his Democratic presidential rivals and raising new questions about his ability to emerge as a nominee who can withstand intense, sustained scrutiny and defeat President Bush.

Dean, for instance, recently spoke of a "most interesting theory" that Saudi Arabia had "warned" Bush about the terrorist attacks of 9/11. While Dean said he does not believe Bush was tipped off about the assaults that killed nearly 3,000, he has made no apologies for raising the rumor.

"How is what I did different from what Dick Cheney or George Bush ... did during the time of the buildup of the invasion of Iraq?" the former Vermont governor said Tuesday night aboard his campaign plane. "There were all these theories that they mentioned. Many of them turned out not to be true. The difference is that I acknowledged that I did not believe the theory I was putting out."

Bush this week called the theory an "absurd insinuation."

Dean's remarks, his critics say, are in keeping with his history of making statements that are mean-spirited or misleading. He has distorted his past support for raising the retirement age for Social Security and slowing Medicare's growth. He has falsely said he was the only Democratic presidential candidate talking about race before white audiences. And he made allegations — some during his years as governor — that turned out to be untrue.

After saying at his last gubernatorial news conference that he was sealing his official records to avoid political embarrassment, Dean now says he was joking and is not sure what is in the files.

When Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., unveiled his health-care plan in April, Dean, through his campaign, belittled the lawmaker's record on the subject. Dean later walked away from the statement, saying it did not reflect his views. But this fall, in debates and TV ads, Dean has resurrected the criticism, accusing his congressional rivals, including Gephardt, of producing only rhetoric on health care in comparison with his record in Vermont.

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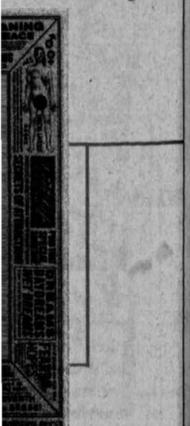
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OPINIONS

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Preston Coleman,
on his satirical news site, realstupidnews.com.

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Poor timing for Vilsack's bonuses

In an effort to retain and attract quality state administrators, Gov. Tom Vilsack is offering bonuses to directors of state agencies who meet new job-performance targets. For example, Vilsack's "carrots" will go to administrators whose departments raise Iowa students' test scores and reduce highway-accident deaths.

Though retaining quality employees is important to Iowa's economy, there are some problems with the governor's plan.

For one, since when do adults require incentives to do their jobs? Giving bonuses to directors whose departments perform well is comparable with college-football teams who give helmet decals to players for making great plays. Do state directors, like the football players, need bonuses just for doing their job, albeit well?

Education Director Ted Stillwell earned \$126,000 last year, and Public

Safety Commissioner Kevin Techau brought home \$106,000. Now, if these two meet goals set by Vilsack, they'll each make a bonus of up to 5 percent of their salaries. Techau's goals include a 1 percent cut in annual traffic fatalities, a 2 percent rise in seat-belt use, and a 2 percent decrease in fire-related deaths. Vilsack aims for Stillwell to increase the state's high-school graduation rate by 5 percent and reverse the trend of eighth-graders performing poorly in math.

Vilsack said the bonuses are required to keep quality employees from joining the private sector, where they could make significantly more money. Hopefully, some of the directors work for Iowa because they care about the state, not just the paycheck.

Another problem with the bonuses is that they arrive at a time of continued state budget cuts. On Tuesday, the state Board of Regents projected a

\$300 million gap between state revenues and committed state expenditures for fiscal 2005. Greg Nichols, the regents' executive director, said the revenue shortfall could result in a 6-8 percent reduction for the regents' institutions.

Under Vilsack's plan, directors who achieve 75 percent of his goals will be eligible for bonuses next year. It comes down to priorities, but giving a bonus to the director of Administrative Services if the number of court judgments against the state resulting from employee grievances are reduced by 2.5 percent — one of the governor's goals — is questionable in the current budget situation.

Approximately \$470,000 in bonuses was paid to 134 state workers in fiscal 2003, which ended June 30. As Sen. Jeff Lamberti, R-Ankeny, told the *Des Moines Register*, "In the private sector, one of the first things that go in tough times are bonuses."

U.S. must remain fair in Middle East

President Bush has been a staunch supporter of Israel and its prime minister, Ariel Sharon. Washington often refuses to criticize Israel for its tough tactics against Palestinians, tactics that other nations condemn. But last week, Bush and State Department officials warned Sharon's government not to abandon the "road map" to peace drawn up by the United States, Russia, the United Nations, and European countries. That was a deserved reminder that, despite odious Palestinian attacks on Israeli civilians and understandable Israeli reprisals, Washington remains committed to helping find an end to the violence.

Bush told reporters that Israel must not make decisions that increase the difficulty of creating a state for "the poor, suffering Palestinian people." Palestinian statehood is at the center of his plan to stop the fighting.

Bush and other officials are quick to criticize the Palestinian Authority; the administration refuses even to deal with the authority's leader, Yasser

Arafat. Terror groups deserve condemnation, and the authority should do much more to stop them. Israel remains the closest U.S. ally in the Middle East and the only democracy in the region. But Washington's failure to be evenhanded in its criticism upsets Arab allies who could help train Palestinian security forces and provide money for a new state.

The United States has rightly warned Israel that the barrier it is building on the West Bank should not enter Palestinian territory. Washington also has called for quicker action to remove newly built illegal Israeli outposts, one of the first actions called for in the road map.

The more difficult task will be dismantling long-established settlements in the West Bank and Gaza that are home to more than 200,000 Israelis. That is an issue Sharon is expected to address in a speech today. Settlers are calling for right-wing parties to leave Sharon's coalition

government if enclaves are removed. However, a survey last week found that nearly two-thirds of Israelis support evacuating most settlements as part of a permanent peace agreement. More than half favored evacuating Netzarim, a settlement in the Gaza Strip, without waiting for a peace pact with the Palestinians.

That reflects the fact that Netzarim puts an undue burden on Israel's military, which must protect the 50 families from Palestinian attacks and escort them in and out of the settlement in bulletproof buses or armored vehicles. If Israel moves decisively to dismantle its share of roadblocks to peace, the burden will be on the Palestinian Authority to meet its obligations and crack down on terrorists.

Polls show Palestinians and Israelis pleading for peace but also demanding security. Those goals are compatible, and both sides should welcome outside help in achieving them.

This editorial appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*.

Embed and conquer

LIKE MOST FAMILIES in Arkansas and any newsroom in the country, politics is incestuous. By association alone, everyone is in bed with, well, everyone. This arrangement can be advantageous, especially when politicians don't want the public to know whom they're working for or who's working for them. It's especially difficult to get a bead on a person's affiliation if you don't even know which politician or political worker is the pimp and which is the pawn. This confusing atmosphere allows for complete deniability on any unpleasant or legally dubious issue.

The played-to-death attack ad that compares former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean with George W. Bush and tells viewers that Dean received an "A" rating from the National Rifle Association is an example of an unpleasant issue. Therefore, trying to get answers about its origin from the Democrats is like fishing with a low-gauge shotgun. You get plenty of hits but nothing to show for it (at least using firearms is fun).

The McCain-Feingold campaign-finance law, which went into effect Nov. 6, was supposed to get rid of such anonymous attack ads. However, like any other law regulating special interests' use of money, all it does is force politicians to think more creatively. The law was challenged in the Supreme Court as an infringement on free speech but was upheld, 5-4. However, even the majority justices, though seeing the need for campaign reform, recognized the futility of such legislation.

"We are under no illusion that [the law] will be the last congressional statement on the matter. Money, like water, will always find an outlet," Justices John Paul Stevens and Sandra Day O'Connor wrote in their decision. The new outlet for politics as usual are called 527 groups. These independent, not-for-profit groups are not subject to the McCain-Feingold regulations. They are called 527s in reference to the IRS tax code that defines them. It's through these groups that money is being rechanneled. Under the IRS code, the groups do not have to immediately publicly disclose their sources of income.

The anti-Dean commercial is funded by one of those pseudo-political interest groups called "American for Jobs, Health Care, and Progressive Values." Its Web site offers no information about the group, but visitors can play the two anti-Dean commercials all they want. The president of the group is a former Democratic congressman from Ohio named Edward Feighan. According to the Federal Elections Commission, he donated \$2,000 in February to Missouri Rep. Dick Gephardt's campaign. Feighan has also raised funds for Gephardt in the past. Seems pretty damning.

"We have no idea who this group of people is or funds them," said Gephardt's Iowa press secretary. "That would be 100 percent illegal." It would also be 100 percent stupid to have such obvious ties. The alleged press spokesman for the group is Robert Gibbs, John Kerry's former press secretary. Gibbs wouldn't return numerous calls requesting information about the group, which isn't a tendency one would normally look for in a spokesman. Kerry's campaign also denied any affiliation. However, the ties to Kerry's campaign mean very little, given the incestuous nature of politics and the Democratic Party. Tracking down the source of the ad is like trying to arrest a pervert by throwing a tear-gas grenade into a brothel.

Feighan was out of town and unavailable for comment. The true sources of funding won't be available for months. By law, 527s aren't required to immediately disclose their financial sources. Even then, it would take months and an army of accountants to untangle the contributors to verifiable sources. By then, it won't matter. Nonetheless, key, and mostly anonymous, members of the Democratic Party are doing their best to bring down the front-runner by spending gobs of cash and overplaying annoying melodramatic commercials. Is it any wonder the Democrats continue to lose party affiliates and power in our nation's government. I swear that ad will make me join the NRA next time I see it. I may not agree with all its politics, but I like guns, and at least the NRA signs its name to its commercials. ■



JOHN MOLSEED

An Iraqi firefighter wreckage of a bus

Baghdad U.S. A

BY CHRISTOPHER TORCH ASSOCIATED

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LETTERS

The real rankings

Your editorial rating the nine Democratic candidates was nothing short of hilarious. Here's a list of the top nine based on policy, personality, and electability:

9. Dennis Kucinich: A loon. The guy just wants to leave Iraq like nothing happened.

8. Carolyn Moseley Braun: Arguably the best-spoken of the field, her weakness is America's unwillingness to elect a woman and, on top of that, she is a minority. Unfortunately, that's a hard sell to the DNC. But her main slogan recently has been, "Take the men-only sign off the White House." This isn't third grade.

7. Al Sharpton: Funny, but a demagogue.

6. Joe Lieberman: This guy is still too much of a hawk, though he does have name recognition and a plan to restructure the tax code.

5. Howard Dean is the choice of the hard-core liberals and George Bush supporters. "The capture of Saddam has not made America safer," Dean said on Monday. How moronic was that? In a recent poll, 62 percent supported some action in Iraq.

4. John Edwards: More of an outsider than Dean and not from an elitist, Northern family. This guy is the American Dream, and he has the makings of another Bill Clinton, without the scandal. He would keep the tax cuts for the middle class.

3. John Kerry: No. 1 on qualifications and near the bottom at exciting

people. Kerry is a Vietnam vet and has the strongest record on the environment of any candidate, but he is seen as a waverer. He didn't win any points by voting for the Iraq resolution and then against the \$87 billion for funding.

2. Richard Gephardt: He would win the Rust Belt states that Northerners such as Dean or Kerry would have trouble with. Would repeal the entire tax cut to provide health care for everyone.

1. Wes Clark: He's a leader and a winner. He's provided the only legitimate way of getting out of Iraq. Plus, he taught economics at West Point, so he does know a thing or two about domestic issues.

Strategy for Iowa voters who want to win the White House in 2004: Vote for Gephardt to slow down Dean and watch Clark win the rest of the way.

Shawn Showers
UI senior

The electability myth

Focusing on candidates' electability, especially now, is silly and self-defeating. Here's why.

1. When half the nation's Democrats can't name a single candidate, and "Undecided" and "Don't Know" are the winners, numbers mean little.

2. Knowing who's the most popular among Democrats doesn't answer "who can beat Bush?"

3. Polls reveal, as of today, no candidate can beat Bush. You

want "electable"? Find a 10th candidate.

4. The same polls indicate all nine do about equally. Bush pulls 49 to 51 percent. Top Democrats range between 40 to 43 percent. Who's "most electable" when (a) all lose, and (b) by percentage differences within the margin of error?

5. It's too early to predict November 2004. Subsequent primaries, and the

Democratic Convention next July, can more appropriately address electability.

6. Media reports of Iowa's caucuses ignore precinct attendee counts. Candidates with fewer than 15 percent get no "state-equivalent" delegates — or recognition. Bottom line? Democrats who want to defeat Bush had best focus on a program to win back the disaffected.

One candidate is truly independent of corporate pressure. His practical, popular program is unique among the nine: universal, single-payer health care, child-care and college tuition for all, Defense spending cuts.

No candidate is "most electable." But Dennis Kucinich's program clearly is. Think about it.

Nicholas Johnson
Iowa City



I figured Santa would be a safer bet than actually trying.

ON THE SPOT

What are you doing over Winter Break?



"I'm going to the International Sledding Competition in Vail."

Matt Johnson
UI senior



"I'm going to Cancun and going on a cruise."

Raine Van Oort
UI junior



"I'm going back to McHenry to work at Target."

Rebecca Hartman
UI freshman



"I'm going sledding and building snow-ports back in Illinois."

Amy Michael
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An Iraqi firefighter sprays water at the scene of a truck explosion in Baghdad on Wednesday. The wreckage of a bus is seen in the background after a fuel tanker rammed into it.

Baghdad blast was accident, U.S. Army investigators say

BY CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — A fuel tanker exploded after a collision in a Baghdad intersection, killing at least 10 Iraqis, U.S. military officials said. They said the blast was an accident, not an attack.

Earlier, Iraq's Deputy Interior Minister Ahmed Kadhim Ibrahim said the truck was packed with explosives and the intended target was a police station.

After U.S. experts investigated, Capt. Jason Beck of the 1st Armored Division, which oversees security in Baghdad, said: "It was a fuel truck that had a traffic accident, caught fire, and exploded. ... There was no evidence of a bomb."

Military explosives experts concluded the blast was accidental after conducting crater analysis and other tests at the site, Beck said. In Washington, a senior Pentagon official said on the condition of anonymity that it was an accident.

North of Baghdad, U.S. forces launched a major sweep in the town of Samarra, breaking down doors and searching shops for pro-Saddam Hussein guerrillas in an effort to stamp out the insurgency in the area, which has seen a number of ambushes on U.S. forces.

The coalition scored a major victory Dec. 13 by nabbing Saddam, who Iraqi officials revealed Wednesday was being held in the Baghdad area. But violence has continued in the capital and in predominantly Sunni areas west and north of Baghdad, once Saddam's power base. In the northern city of Mosul, assailants shot and killed a policeman Wednesday, police said. And Iraqi security forces there opened fire on pro-Saddam protesters, injuring nine, witnesses said.

The truck explosion in al-Bayaa, a poor district in southwestern

Baghdad, raised immediate suspicions of a new suicide attack after several in the capital and elsewhere since Saddam was seized.

The truck collided with a bus not far from a police station that has been attacked in the past. The resulting explosion wounded 20 people, hospital officials said. The charred, crumpled bus lay in the intersection, and body parts were scattered in the area. Two nearby cars were destroyed.

In Wednesday's raid, dubbed Operation Ivy Blizzard, the 4th Infantry Division and Iraqi forces detained at least a dozen people in Samarra, which in recent weeks has emerged as center of anti-U.S. attacks in the so-called "Sunni Triangle" north and west of the capital.

Backed by armored vehicles and Apache helicopters, U.S. troops conducted door-to-door searches in the predominantly Sunni town of 200,000 people.

"Samarra has been a little bit of a thorn in our side," said U.S. Army Col. Nate Sassaman. "It hasn't come along as quickly as other cities in the rebuilding of Iraq. This operation is designed to bring them up to speed."

Sassaman's deputy, Capt. Matthew Cunningham, said Samarra has a core of about 1,500 fighters.

On Tuesday, U.S. troops captured a leading guerrilla, Qais Hattam, and 78 others in a nearby village. Maj. Josslyn Aberle, spokeswoman for the 4th Infantry, said all those captured in the raid were in one room and apparently conducting a meeting to plan future attacks. The night before, guerrillas ambushed a U.S. patrol in Samarra, sparking a gun battle in which 11 of the attackers were killed.

A member of the U.S.-appointed Iraqi Governing Council said the U.S. military is holding Saddam in the Baghdad area. U.S. officials have previously said the former dictator

was at an undisclosed location in Iraq.

"He is still in greater Baghdad," said council member Mouwafak al-Rubaie. "Maybe he will stay there until he stands trial."

Al-Rubaie spoke at a news conference where council members issued a statement asking for Iraqis to seek reconciliation following Saddam's capture. The council has established a war-crimes tribunal and hope to put him on trial for human-rights abuses.

Council member Adnan Pachachi said "all stages of the trial will be public." He added that international experts "are always welcome" because the tribunal allows for the appointment of foreign judges.

Saddam's capture sparked an outpouring of anger in Sunni Triangle cities Monday and Tuesday, with loyalists storming the office of a U.S.-backed mayor in Fallujah and clashing with American troops in Ramadi. On Tuesday, a pro-Saddam demonstration in Mosul ended in violence, with a policeman killed and a second injured.

A roadside bomb wounded three American soldiers in Saddam's hometown of Tikrit.

President Bush said Saddam deserved the "ultimate penalty" but it would be up to the people of Iraq to decide whether he should be executed. In an interview with ABC News, the president also said Iraqis are "capable of conducting the trial themselves."

The United Nations, the Vatican and many countries oppose putting Saddam on trial before any court that could sentence him to death.

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Richard Myers, said Tuesday in Baghdad that military planners were preparing for U.S. troops to stay in Iraq for up to two more years.

WORLD

Poll: 43 percent of Americans feel Israel threatens world peace

JERUSALEM (AP) — Some 43 percent of Americans believe Israel is a threat to world peace, according to a poll presented Wednesday by a Jewish group, but many more are concerned about North Korea, Iraq, and Iran.

The Anti-Defamation League said its survey showed much less concern about Israel among Americans than a recent poll in Europe, where Israel was at the top of the list of countries perceived as threatening world peace.

The poll showed that 43 percent of Americans believe Israel is a threat to world peace, placing it behind seven other countries. In last month's Eurobarometer poll, 59 percent of Europeans chose Israel, ranking it No. 1.

North Korea ranked first in the U.S. poll at 77 percent, with Iraq and Iran tied for second at 76 percent. Approximately 37 percent of Americans said the United States itself was the greatest threat.

A Boston-based research firm interviewed 1,200 American adults by phone earlier this month for the Anti-Defamation League. The survey's margin of error was 4 percentage

points. The poll was presented during a national-security conference in Herzliya attended by Israeli leaders and world figures.

The poll showed approximately 40 percent of Americans sympathize primarily with Israel in the Mideast conflict, compared with just 15 percent who sympathize with Palestinians, numbers Foxman said have remained consistent since 1991.

Approximately 73 percent said the United States was more likely to be attacked by terrorists because of its support for Israel, but 62 percent who gave that answer said the support should continue anyway.

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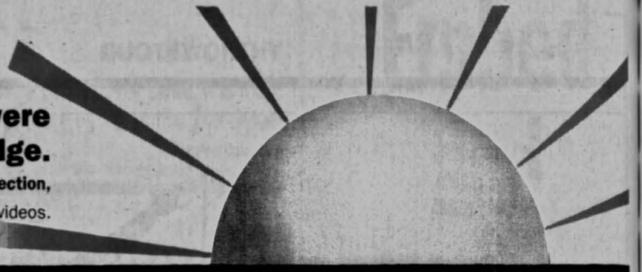
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The Daily Break

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- Provost candidate public symposium, 2:30 p.m., W401 Pappajohn Business Building.
- "A Child's Christmas in Wales," read by Dai Gwilliam, 8 p.m., Sanctuary, 405 S. Gilbert St.

Little University

- 1 What band name did Perry Farrell coin after the Rodney King verdict set L.A. ablaze?
- 2 When was the last U.S. nuclear warhead assembled?
- 3 What college-football team plays home games in a venue David Letterman likes to call David Letterman Stadium?
- 4 What LA edifice did the Travel Channel rate the "craziest, wildest, most mind-boggling party spot in the world" in 2001?
- 5 What singer canceled plans to write a book titled *Canceled* about her canceled sitcom in 2001?

1. Porco for Pinos
2. 1952
3. Ball State
4. The Playboy Mansion
5. Bette Midler

public access schedule

- 7 a.m. Democracy Now
- 11 Holiday Loop 1997
- 1 p.m. Downtown Winter Carnival
- 1:25 Curves
- 1:30 On Main St.
- 2 Glory 2 Glory
- 2:30 Give Me An Answer
- 3 A Community Meeting with Sen. Charles Grassley
- 4 The Unity Center
- 5 Tabernacle Baptist Church
- 6 Hope UMC
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- 8 Revival in Oxford
- 9 Uncovered: the Whole Truth About the Iraq War
- 10 Power of Victory
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- 11:25 Fat Guy Gets His
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horoscopes

Thursday, December 18, 2003 by Eugenia Last

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will be feeling a bit frazzled today. You may feel the need to make changes in your personal life. Disillusionment regarding a partnership is likely to develop.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Helping those less fortunate will make you feel good about yourself and bring you in contact with interesting people — maybe even a future partner. Your good will could lead to all sorts of interesting possibilities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your restlessness could lead to making a rash decision. Bide your time, and don't be too quick to think that the grass is greener on the other side of the fence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Disharmony in your personal life may lead to your feeling ill or stressed out. Take time for yourself, or you will discover that you are too flustered to get anything done. Take the day to reorganize.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Focus on what you can do to make life easier for the older members of your family. Money matters can be resolved, but they may cost you more than you anticipated. Begin to budget carefully.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your ability to help the needy will make you look good and should impress someone to whom you want to get closer. This is a great day to socialize.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Protect yourself both personally as well as in business. You will attract those who may not be the best influence, so be careful not to believe everything you are told.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll be in the mood to party and have fun. Your joy will make those around you happy and lead to positive interaction. The future looks bright.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Watch your spending habits. If you lend money or possessions, don't expect to get it back. The better you prepare for change, the better the changes will be.

WHAT STUDENTS ARE DOING TO AVOID THE FLU

by Jesse Ammerman

- If flu shots are unavailable, treating body with Jäger shots instead.
- Seeking out isolated areas such as nonalcoholic venues and political gatherings.
- Spending extra time at the Neverland Ranch, where contagion-blocking masks are more commonplace.
- Taking multivitamin before making out with strangers at bars and house parties.
- Wearing knee-high boots with miniskirt instead of flip-flops on weekend nights.
- Hiring trained monkey and/or freshman from Burge to test food items and open doorknobs.
- Discovering that rum & TheraFlu delivers quite a buzz indeed.
- Finally getting into the whole voodoo/sorcery thing.
- Donning lucky socks and underwear until flu season draws to a close.

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- DOWN**
- 1 Defeat
 - 2 It's used for wrap-ups, clearly
 - 3 Grade
 - 4 Kicked about
 - 5 It might react negatively
 - 6 Madame
 - 7 Tony N.Y.C. address
 - 8 30-Across cover
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 - 10 Like some wit at a party
 - 11 Bowling lane feature
 - 12 Incite
 - 13 Who "ever loved you more than I," in song
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 - 21 Like some beer
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THURSDAY, DEC

WRESTLING

Moore named Iowan wrestler of the year

IOWA CITY — Wrestler Cliff Moore named Big Ten Wrestling Week champion after defeating No. 2 Dylan Long of Northern Iowa, 15-4, on Dec. 7.

Moore, a senior from Dubuque, wrestles at 141 pounds; he sparked the Hawkeyes to a 27-10 win over the Panthers.

Moore scored his first win in nine seconds, look back, scoring 15-4 in the match.

Overall, he scored 10-1 in the first period, five in the second, and six in the third.

Moore improved his record to 10-1 with the Iowa coach Jim Zaleski.

Moore has a 100th career win with the win over the Panthers.

Moore and the Hawkeyes will travel to the 41st annual Championships in Eau Claire, Wis., Dec. 29-30.

Moore was a 2002 National Champion, and was an American at the NCAA spring.

SHUT DO

Voters defeat stadium bond

DUBUQUE (AP) — Residents have defeated a bond issue to help fund a minor-league baseball stadium.

The unofficial vote was 9,260 against the bond.

Ballpark supporters had hoped to build the \$15 million stadium along Dubuque's riverfront. They said it would stimulate economic growth in the city.

Opponents, however, considered it a tax and a waste of money.

If the bond had passed, it would have paid for about 4,000 seats.

The stadium would have been financed by the average homeowner paying about \$16 a year for 20 years.

Another \$2 million would have come from the city.

(Mich.) Yankees owner George Steinbrenner had said the Midwest League team to Dubuque would be approved the new stadium naming rights.

Stadium naming rights have contributed a million, while Dubuque and a local economic development group would have paid \$700,000 each.

Supporters said the \$3.6 million would have been used to state and federal subsidies.

Opponents had said the stadium shouldn't be built because of the backs of taxpayers when a budgeted city jobs.

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How many No. 1 picks went on to become the Rookie of the Year awards in the past 50 years?

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Moore scored his first takedown in nine seconds and did not look back, scoring all six takedowns in the match.

Overall, he scored four points in the first period, five in the second, and six in the third.

Moore improved his season record to 10-1 with the win.

Iowa coach Jim Zalesky picked up his 100th career coaching victory with the win over the Panthers.

Moore and the Hawkeyes will travel to the 41st annual Midlands Championships in Evanston, Ill., Dec. 29-30.

Moore was a 2001 Midlands Champion, and was an all-American at the NCAA meet last spring.

— by Ali Noller

SHUT DOWN

Voters defeat \$6M stadium bond

DUBUQUE (AP) — Dubuque residents have defeated a \$6 million bond issue to help pay for a new minor-league baseball stadium.

The unofficial vote on Tuesday was 9,260 against and 5,410 in favor.

Ballpark supporters had hoped to build the \$15 million ballpark along Dubuque's revitalized riverfront. They said it would spur economic growth in the area.

Opponents, however, said they considered it a taxpayer burden and a waste of valuable real estate.

If the bond had been approved, it would have paid for 40 percent of the 4,000-seat ballpark and would have been the largest share of financing for the project. The average homeowner would have paid about \$16 a year for the next 20 years.

Another \$2 million would have come from the Battle Creek (Mich.) Yankees. Owner Michael Gartner had said he would move the Midwest League baseball team to Dubuque if the city approved the new ballpark.

Stadium naming rights would have contributed an estimated \$2 million, while Dubuque County and a local economic-development group would have provided \$700,000 each.

Supporters said the remaining \$3.6 million would come from state and federal sources.

Opponents had argued that the stadium shouldn't be built on the backs of taxpayers, especially at a time when a budget crisis threatened city jobs.

FAMILY TIES: HAWKEYE SPORTS AND SIBLINGS

Double vision, trouble on field

BY NICK RICHARDS
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Many people say getting athletes to come to Iowa City is half the trick in recruiting. No one thought signing one soccer player would lead to signing a replica.

Britta and Margit Vogele — Britta a true junior and Margit a redshirt sophomore — are twins. Britta, the starting goalkeeper, is exactly one minute older than Margit, a back-up defender. Margit also has an additional year of eligibility because of injuries suffered she arrived at Iowa. Despite the eligibility differences, the two are important pieces in the puzzle for the soccer team.

"They are extremely important to our team," said coach Carla Baker. "Unfortunately, Margit has been injured most of her career. We haven't seen the best of her yet. Britta is definitely one of the backbones."

The twins hail from Newport Beach, Calif., one of the many communities in the Los Angeles area, and both came to Iowa in the fall of 2001 as highly regarded players. They were named first team All-Pacific Coast League in their junior and senior years of high school, and Britta was named goal-tender of the year by the *Los Angeles Times*, while Margit was named the team captain her junior and senior years.

Iowa recruited the twins at the same time, but Britta was the first to take a visit to Iowa. Boston College, Northwestern, and a number of small schools in California vied for her services, but the mystery of Iowa and Big Ten athletics lured Britta out of California for a visit.

"I didn't know anything about Iowa, but I knew I wanted to leave California," she said. "I thought it would be a good idea to see what Iowa City was about."

She loved her visit, and as soon as she returned to Newport Beach, she had made her decision to come to Iowa.

"I liked the environment here [in Iowa City]," she said. "It felt like a small town, but it

Football Families

The gridiron is home to several Hawkeye siblings.

Nathan and Scott Chandler
 Senior Nathan, 6-7, 250 pounds, is Iowa's starting quarterback, while true freshman Scott, 6-7, 210 pounds, is a wide receiver. They grew up in Southlake, Texas, and attended Carroll High School.

Robert and John Gallery
 Senior Robert, the Hawkeyes' starting left tackle and recent Outland Trophy winner, is 6-7, 320 pounds. Younger brother John, 6-2, 245 pounds, is a sophomore punter. The Galleries grew up in Masonville, Iowa, and attended East Buchanan High School.

Other Hawkeye siblings:
 Chigozie Ejasi gives his hits on the football field, where he is a junior defensive back for the Hawkeyes. His twin brother, Chikezie, is a rugby player on the Iowa club team.

also felt big enough where I didn't feel like it was too small."

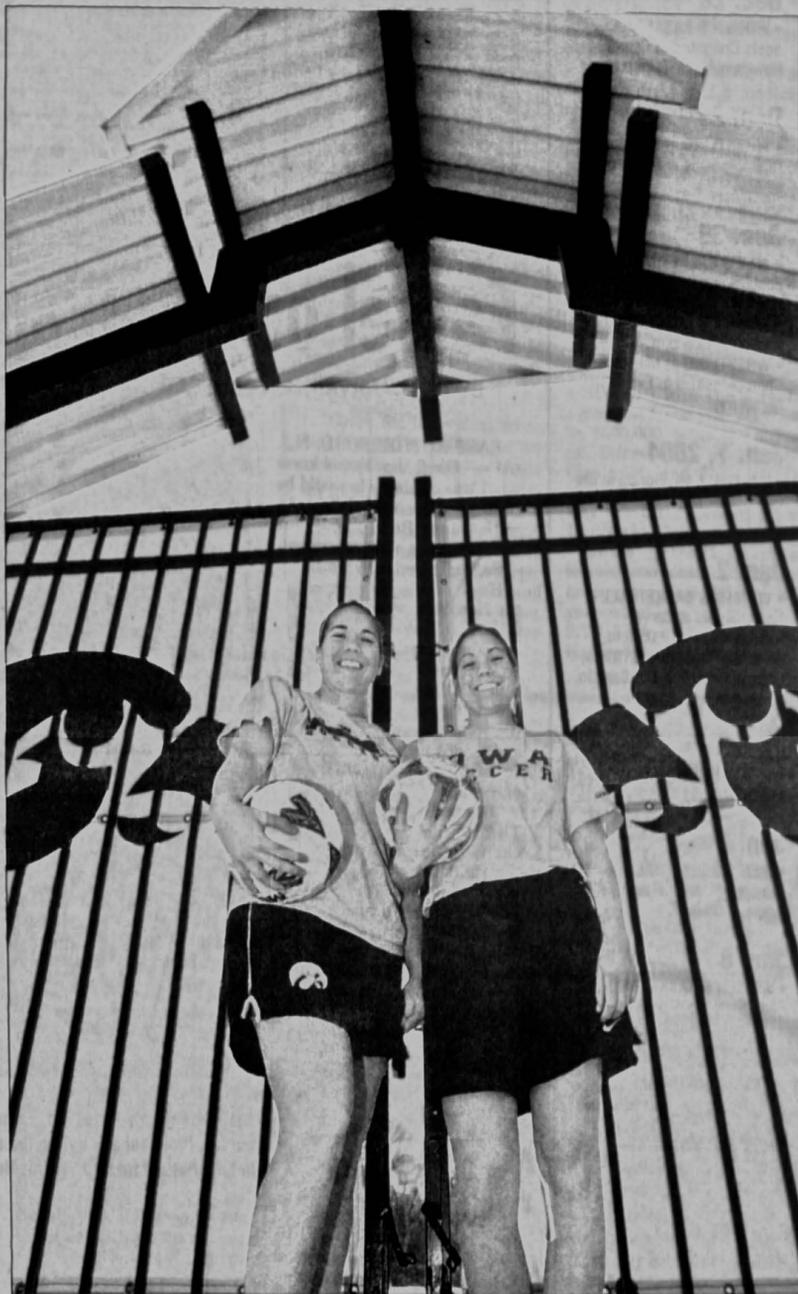
While the decision to leave California was an easy one for Britta, it was not that easy for Margit. Aside from Iowa and one school in North Carolina, Margit hadn't been recruited extensively outside of California, and she was not considering leaving the state.

"To be honest, I didn't think I was interested in visiting Iowa at all," she said. "It had never crossed my mind to leave California."

She finally took her visit after receiving calls from then-Iowa coach Wendy Logan. The calls helped her change her mind on staying in California, and she became sold on Iowa City.

"I finally decided to come on a visit, and I loved it," she said. "As soon as I came, I knew I wanted to come here. We shared the opinion that Iowa City is such a different place than anywhere we've been. But being in the Big Ten conference

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Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan
 Britta and Margit Vogele stand outside the Recreation Building on Wednesday afternoon. The identical twins share many things in life, including a passion for Iowa soccer.

Hawkeyes turn attention from finals to Florida

BY KELLY BEATON
 THE DAILY IOWAN

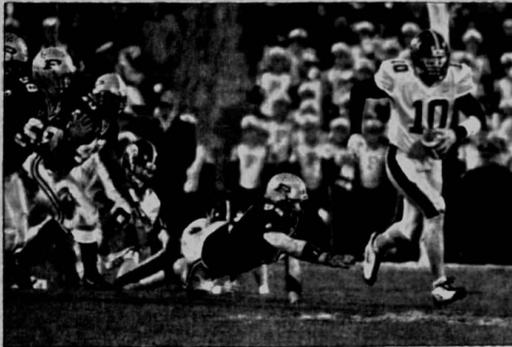
The black and gold fencing that borders the Iowa football squad's practice field says it all: "Preparing to be the best."

A victory in the upcoming Outback Bowl would give Kirk Ferentz's troops a total of 21 over the course of the last two seasons, an unprecedented feat in Iowa school history.

With that in mind, the squad will return to practice later this week with game faces in tow.

"We were able to beat Iowa State, we were able to go undefeated at home, and we've still got one game left where we could accomplish something that didn't happen last year," said Iowa's senior signal-caller Nate Chandler. "Those are all things we set out to do this year."

The Hawkeyes' main objective in their preparation for



DI file photo

Nathan Chandler finds a hole in the Purdue defense.

their Jan. 1 scrum with the Florida Gators will be to avoid the accumulation of rust that took place in the nearly six-and-a-half week layoff between their 2002 regular season finale at Minnesota and an Orange Bowl

showdown with USC.

"We had that extra week due to having that bye week at the end of our schedule, and then I think the break around

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Bluder: K-State loss was a mental change for team

BY FRANK KLIPSCH
 THE DAILY IOWAN

If Iowa coach Lisa Bluder's basketball squad had started its last game — Dec. 12 against Kansas State — at 7:15 instead of 7:05, the Hawkeyes might be 6-2 instead of 5-3 and K-State might have dropped in the national polls. But the game tipped off at a nickel past seven, Iowa spotted the Wildcats an 18-2 lead, and K-State remains firmly planted in the 11 spot of the coaches' poll.

"It's a mental change as opposed to a physical change, and it makes it a tougher problem to deal with," said Bluder about remedying Iowa's problem with slow starts. She added that there will be some amendments to shorten warm-ups, and the defense will be intensified right off the bat.

On Dec. 21 at 2 p.m., Drake (3-4) will come to town

with a Bulldog defense that has already been responsible for a couple impressive wins for the Missouri Valley team.

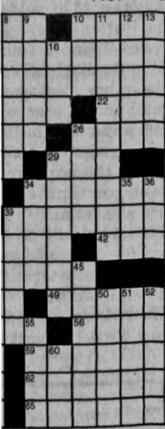
"It will be easy to get our players' attention this week," Bluder said. "I'm going to write up on the chalkboard in practice today: Drake 61, Iowa State 36." Bluder's bunch lost to the Cyclones in a double-overtime game on Dec. 3 in which ISU cracked the century mark in a 101-94 win.

Against Iowa State, Drake catalyst Linda Sayavongchanh started both halves off with a steal. Sayavongchanh, a sophomore from Des Moines who missed the second half of last season because of academic problems, leads the team in scoring (9.3 PPG) and steals (27).

Drake is holding opponents to fewer than 59 points a game. The Bulldogs' ability to

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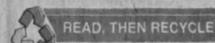
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D.Y.K.
 Did you know?
 How many No. 1 NBA draft picks went on to win both the Rookie of the Year and MVP awards in their careers?
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IOWA SPORTS

Dec. 21
• **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** hosts Drake at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 2:05 p.m.

Dec. 22
• **MEN'S BASKETBALL** vs. Texas Tech in Dallas, 8:05 p.m.

Dec. 28
• **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** hosts Creighton at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 2:05 p.m.

Dec. 29
• **WRESTLING** at Midlands Championships in Evanston, Ill., all day.

Dec. 30
• **MEN'S BASKETBALL** hosts Eastern Illinois at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 7:05 p.m.
• **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** at Missouri, 1:05 p.m.
• **WRESTLING** at Midlands Championships in Evanston, Ill., all day.

Jan. 1, 2004
• **FOOTBALL** vs. Florida in the Outback Bowl (Tampa Bay), 10 a.m.

Jan. 2
• **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** hosts Illinois at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 7:05 p.m.
• **WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS** at Cancun Invitational in Cancun, Mexico.

Jan. 3
• **MEN'S BASKETBALL** at Missouri, 2:05 p.m.

Jan. 7
• **MEN'S BASKETBALL** hosts Purdue at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 7:05 p.m.

Jan. 8
• **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** at Penn State, 6:05 p.m.

Jan. 10
• **MEN'S BASKETBALL** hosts Northwestern at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 1:34 p.m.
• **MEN'S GYMNASTICS** at Windy City Invitational in Chicago, 7 p.m.

Jan. 11
• **WRESTLING** hosts Oklahoma State at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 1 p.m.
• **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** at Minnesota, 2:05 p.m.

Jan. 13
• **MEN'S BASKETBALL** at Minnesota, 6:05 p.m.

Jan. 15
• **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** hosts Indiana at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 7:05 p.m.

Jan. 16
• **MEN'S GYMNASTICS** at Rocky Mountain Open in Colorado Springs, Colo., 7 p.m.

Jan. 17
• **MEN'S SWIMMING** at South Dakota with Truman State, 9 a.m.
• **MEN'S BASKETBALL** at Illinois, 11:05 a.m.
• **WOMEN'S SWIMMING** hosts Minnesota at Field House pool, 11:30 a.m.
• **MEN'S GYMNASTICS** at Rocky Mountain Open in Colorado Springs, Colo., 1 p.m.
• **WRESTLING** hosts Northwestern at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 7 p.m.
• **WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS** hosts Iowa State, 7 p.m.
• **MEN'S TRACK** hosts Hawkeye Open, all day, Rec Center.
• **WOMEN'S TRACK** hosts Hawkeye Open, all day, Rec Center.

TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

- #3 Duke 69, Princeton 51
 - #5 Georgia Tech 74, Alabama A&M 41
 - #7 Arizona 84, St. Mary's 79
 - #16 Cincinnati 79, Clemson 56
 - #18 Pittsburgh 79, Chicago St. 51
 - #19 Syracuse 69, Manhattan 63
- Women
- #2 Tennessee 96, DePaul 89, OT
 - #5 Texas 90, Texas-Pan American 25
 - #10 Georgia 86, Furman 51
 - #15 North Carolina 81, W. Michigan 52
 - #24 Michigan State 71, Pepperdine 55

NBA

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	13	12	.520	—
Boston	13	13	.500	—
New Jersey	12	12	.500	—
Miami	9	16	.360	4
New York	9	17	.346	4.5
Washington	8	17	.320	5
Orlando	5	21	.192	8.5

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Indiana	19	7	.731	—
New Orleans	17	9	.654	2
Memphis	15	10	.600	3.5
Toronto	13	12	.520	5
Milwaukee	12	13	.480	6
Chicago	7	17	.292	11
Atlanta	7	20	.259	12
Cleveland	6	19	.240	12.5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	16	9	.640	—
San Antonio	17	10	.630	—
Dallas	15	9	.625	—
Minnesota	15	9	.625	—
Houston	14	10	.583	1.5
Memphis	14	10	.583	1.5
Utah	13	12	.520	3

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	18	5	.783	—
Sacramento	16	6	.727	1.5
Golden State	12	11	.522	6
Portland	11	11	.500	6.5
Seattle	11	12	.476	7
L.A. Clippers	9	11	.450	7.5
Phoenix	9	16	.360	10

Today's Games

- Houston 89, Cleveland 85
- Oklahoma 94, Indiana 90
- Philadelphia 87, Miami 76
- Detroit 77, Chicago 73
- New Jersey 87, Utah 74
- Golden State 96, Atlanta 85
- Boston 105, Dallas 103
- San Antonio 73, Toronto 70
- Denver 99, Seattle 98
- Milwaukee at L.A. Clippers, late

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	17	4	8	2	44	89	69
New Jersey	16	6	7	0	39	70	61
N.Y. Islanders	13	13	2	1	29	81	81
N.Y. Rangers	11	12	5	2	29	79	71
Pittsburgh	8	16	4	2	22	64	64

Northeast

W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA	
Toronto	18	6	5	3	44	88	82
Boston	13	8	4	3	36	82	82
Montreal	14	13	4	1	33	71	71
Ottawa	13	10	3	3	32	88	88
Buffalo	12	17	2	1	27	69	69

Southeast

W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA	
Atlanta	16	13	3	1	36	86	86
Tampa Bay	13	10	4	1	31	65	65
Florida	10	15	7	1	28	70	70
Carolina	8	12	8	2	26	56	56
Washington	10	19	2	1	23	64	64

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	20	10	3	1	44	119	119
St. Louis	19	9	2	1	41	77	77
Nashville	14	12	2	1	31	71	71
Columbus	8	15	4	3	23	61	61
Chicago	7	15	6	3	23	58	58

Northwest

W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA	
Vancouver	17	8	5	2	41	93	93
Colorado	16	8	5	1	38	90	90
Calgary	15	9	2	3	35	69	69
Minnesota	13	14	5	2	31	68	68
Edmonton	12	14	5	0	29	83	83

Pacific

W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA	
Los Angeles	16	11	1	3	36	84	84
San Jose	10	8	10	0	33	75	75
Dallas	13	15	4	0	30	65	65
Phoenix	10	11	8	1	29	75	75
Anaheim	10	12	4	5	29	67	67

Today's Games

- Calgary at Boston, 6 p.m.
- Pittsburgh at Carolina, 6 p.m.
- New Jersey at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
- San Jose at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
- N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
- Minnesota at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
- Phoenix at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

By The Associated Press
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with RHP Bobby Howry on a minor league contract.
DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with 2B Fernando Vina and OF Ronell White on two-year contracts, and RHP Al Levine on a one-year contract. Designated LHP Andy Van Hekken and C-INF Ben Petrick for assignment.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with C Kelly Starnett on a one-year contract.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with OF Gary Sheffield on a three-year contract.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with 1B-3B Scott Spiezo on a three-year contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Sent LHP David Gassner to Minnesota to complete an earlier trade.

National League
ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with C Eddie Perez on a two-year contract.
COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with RHP Travis Driskill, RHP Jason Gillilan, RHP Tim Lincecum, RHP Marc Kroon, RHP Mike Cosgrove, INF Adonis Harrison and C Willie Morales on minor league contracts.

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with LHP John Franco on a one-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Sent RHP Bobby Korecky to Minnesota to complete the trade for LHP Eric Milton.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Sent LHP John Thomas to Minnesota to complete an earlier trade.

LONG BEACH JAM—Announced F Jerry Dupree has returned to the team.
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed FB Joshua Hunt to the practice squad. Signed DE Aaron Hunt to the practice squad.
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Placed LB Adalius Thomas on injured reserve. Signed LB T.J. Slaughter.
BUFFALO BILLS—Placed S Izell Reese on injured reserve. Signed OT Bernard Robertson.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed DT David Thompson to the practice squad.
DALLAS COWBOYS—Placed DT Leonardo Carson on injured reserve.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Placed LB Deon Humphrey on injured reserve. Re-signed WR Matthew Hatchette.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed C Brian Kinchen. Placed C Sean McDermott on injured reserve.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Fired Jim Fassel, coach, effective at the end of the season.
NEW YORK JETS—Signed LB Mark Brown and DT Alan Harper. Signed P Mark Mariscal and WR Rob Turner to the practice squad. Waived S David Young from injured reserve.
OAKLAND RAIDERS—Placed G Mo Collins on injured reserve. Waived RB J.R. Johnson. Signed DE Grant Irons. Signed G-T Jared Peck to the practice squad.

National Hockey League
ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Sent D Mark Popovic to Cincinnati of the AHL.
DALLAS STARS—Placed G Ron Tugnutt on injured reserve, retroactive to Dec. 14. Activated D Teppo Numminen and RW Aaron Downey from injured reserve.
DETROIT RED WINGS—Activated F Henrik Zetterberg from injured reserve.
MINNESOTA WILD—Waived C Darby Hendrickson.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Recalled F Scottie Upshall and D Ray Schultz from Milwaukee of the AHL. Assigned F Vernon Fiddler and D Robert Schnabel to Milwaukee.
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Traded RW Eric Chouinard to Minnesota for a 2004 fifth-round draft pick.

Fassel out as Giants coach

BY TOM CANAVAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Coach Jim Fassel knew what was coming. He would be fired after a season that began with Super Bowl hopes but turned into an embarrassment.

So, he figured, why wait?

He asked the New York Giants to announce his firing now and allow him to coach the final two games of the season. They agreed.

"It's time.

They need a change. I need a change. It's the right thing to do," Fassel said Wednesday.

After weeks of speculation about his future, Fassel requested a meeting with the owners Tuesday. That's when he was told his seven-year tenure with the team was over.

He leaves as the third-winningest coach (60-54-1) in the Giants' 79-year history — behind only Steve Owen and Bill Parcells.

He will face Parcells' new team in Dallas on Dec. 21, trying to prevent the Cowboys from clinching a playoff berth.

A Super Bowl team three seasons ago, the Giants (4-10) were expected to contend again this year, but they have dropped six-straight games to fall to last place in the NFC East. It's the team's longest losing streak in 10 years.

The low point came Sunday night with a 45-7 loss in New Orleans, the Giants' worst regular-season defeat since 1973.

"We're a franchise in trouble now," said John Mara, the Giants' executive vice president and son of owner Wellington. "We just need to make the right decision."

General manager Ernie Accorsi said the team has a list of potential replacements, but there is no timetable for hiring a new coach.

Among the possible successors to Fassel are LSU coach Nick Saban, former Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin, and the Patriots' two coordinators: Romeo Crennel and Charlie Weis. Coughlin, Crennel, and Weis were Giants assistants under Parcells.

The timing of the announcement caught the players off guard. "I was hoping beyond hope that he would stay," Tiki Barber said. "To hear this is tough for me, it really is. He's the only

IN MEMORY

Graham dead at 82

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Hall of Fame Cleveland Browns quarterback Otto Graham has died, the team announced Wednesday evening.

Graham had been rushed to a hospital earlier Wednesday with a heart problem



Bill Kostroun/Associated Press
New York Giants coach Jim Fassel reacts after the officials call a personal foul penalty during the second quarter at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., in this Nov. 30 photo.

coach I know. And he really has been an inspiration to me. I owe him my career."

The firing comes one week after the Atlanta Falcons dismissed coach Dan Reeves, who, unlike Fassel, decided not to finish the season.

Fassel has a year left on a contract that will pay him \$2.7 million next season. He said he wants to coach again, however, and he wouldn't mind being back on the job next year.

"I don't know what's going to happen," he said. "I have the energy to coach. It all depends on how many jobs open up. I have been rumored for more than one. I am ready to go."

Before becoming the Giants' head coach, Fassel was the offensive coordinator with the Arizona Cardinals. He has been thought to be a candidate for Arizona's head coaching job if it should become vacant.

Fassel took the Giants to the playoffs three times, including a loss to the Baltimore Ravens in the 2001 Super Bowl. Last season, the Giants made the playoffs at 10-6, then blew a 24-point third-quarter lead against the San Francisco 49ers and lost their wild-card

game, 39-38. The game ended on a botched snap and what the league later acknowledged was bad officiating.

In retrospect, that defeat might have caused some indecision at key moments this season for Fassel.

This season began with promise as the Giants opened with a 23-13 victory over the St. Louis Rams, a team now tied for the best record in the NFC at 11-3.

But New York lost a stunner to Dallas in its second game, kicking what appeared to be a winning field goal with 11 seconds left, only to have the ensuing kickoff go out of bounds. That helped Dallas tie the game, then win in overtime.

The Giants were 2-3 going into their first meeting with Philadelphia. New York dominated but lost on an 84-yard punt return by Brian Westbrook with just over a minute left.

The season went downhill from there.

The Giants had plenty of injuries, including tight end Jeremy Shockey, three starting defensive backs, and three starters on an offensive line that wasn't very good to start with.

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CLEVELAND (AP) — Moby and Steve Nouri scored 18 points and made big 3-pointers stretch as Houston tried to win over the Cavs, 89-85.

Rockets shoot by Cavaliers

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cuttino Mobley and Steve Francis scored 18 points apiece and each made big 3-pointers down the stretch as Houston Rockets rallied to win over the Cleveland Cavs, 89-85.

Francis made four free throws in the final 16 seconds for the Rockets, who used a late 12-0 spurt to make up a seven-point deficit in the fourth quarter.

Maurice Taylor added 14 points as Houston snapped a three-game losing streak.

Cavs rookie LeBron James won the matchup of the NBA's last two No. 1 overall draft picks, outscoring Yao Ming 17-12. Cleveland has lost 12 of 14.

The Cavs were playing for the first time since their six-player trade with Boston, and they got a huge lift from new arrivals Tony Battie, Eric Williams, and Kedrick Brown, who combined for 36 points, 15 rebounds, and eight assists.

James' jumper just before the shot clock expired gave Cleveland a 78-71 lead with 5:21 left, and the Cavs appeared to be in control.

But Francis hit a long 3, Taylor dropped in a jumper, and Mobley drained another 3 from the right corner as the Rockets took a 79-78 lead with four minutes to go.

Francis then made another jumper over James, and after a Cleveland turnover, the Rockets do-it-all guard drove for a lay-up to make it 83-78 with 2:58 left.

Down by three, the Cavs twice missed the back end of 1-and-1 free throw chances, and Taylor's 16-footer put Houston ahead 85-81 with 23.6 seconds to play.

After Francis made two free throws with 16 seconds remaining, James banked in a 3-pointer, but Francis hit two more foul shots in the closing seconds to seal it.

76ers 87, Heat 76

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Aaron McKie scored 20 points, and Glenn Robinson had 19 in Philadelphia's victory over the Miami Heat on Wednesday night.

The Sixers, playing without Allen Iverson, snapped a two-game losing streak. Iverson, averaging 28.9 points, has missed three of the last four games with a swollen right knee, an injury that could keep him sidelined into January.

Dwyane Wade scored 22 points, and Eddie Jones added 20 for the Heat, who had a four-game winning streak snapped. The Heat, who started 0-7, had the longest winning



Cleveland Cavalier Tony Battie (4) shoots against Houston Rocket Yao Ming in the third quarter Wednesday in Cleveland. Battie, playing his first game since being traded from the Boston Celtics, scored 14 points.

Mark Duncan/Associated Press

streak in the Eastern Conference, but their momentum stalled on the road where they are only 2-12.

Magic 94, Pacers 90

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Rod Strickland's jump shot with 14.4 seconds left lifted Orlando over Indiana.

Al Harrington missed a wide-open jumper from the left wing with seven

seconds remaining that would have given Indiana the lead.

Warriors 98, Hawks 85

ATLANTA (AP) — The Golden State Warriors climbed over .500. The Atlanta Hawks continued to self-destruct.

Mike Dunleavy scored 25 points and tied a career high with 14 rebounds as the Warriors defeated the Hawks, 98-

85, to win consecutive road games for the first time this season.

Jason Richardson added 22 points for Golden State (12-11), which was coming off a 104-86 victory at New York on Tuesday.

Hawks coach Terry Stotts did not start guard Jason Terry and center Theo Ratliff, who both were late for Wednesday's shootaround.

A-Rod trade held, Vizquel deal fails

BY BEN WALKER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez was still in Texas — for now, at least — after the players' union rejected the reworking of his contract Wednesday and held up a trade to Boston. Omar Vizquel is still in Cleveland, too.

A few deals got done, with catcher Eddie Perez returning to Atlanta, backup catcher Kelly Stinnett going to Kansas City, and pitcher Al Levine heading to Detroit.

On a day in which the New York Yankees finally completed their deal with Gary Sheffield, the biggest baseball news continued to revolve around A-Rod.

Boston and Texas already had settled on a trade, and the Red Sox and Rodriguez agreed to restructure the shortstop's contract.

But in a rare move, the union intervened and rejected changes to Rodriguez's \$252 million contract, which were needed before the Rangers could send the AL MVP to the Red Sox for Manny Ramirez.

Commissioner Bud Selig set a deadline of 5 p.m. today for the trade to be completed. He might also go against the union and approve the restructuring, likely forcing the matter to arbitration.

If the deal does go through, Boston would likely trade longtime shortstop Nomar Garciaparra, possibly to the Chicago White Sox.

"Given the impending deadline imposed by the office of the commissioner, the actions of the players' association may, unfortunately, determine this issue," Rangers owner Tom Hicks said.

The commissioner's office said it was studying the agreement between Rodriguez and the Red Sox, but Gene Orza, the union's No. 2 official, said it was unacceptable.

"It was clear it crossed the line ... and by a huge margin," Orza said after meeting with Rodriguez, his agent, and Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein. "We did suggest an offer the club could make to Alex that would not do that. As was its right, the club chose not to make it."

For Vizquel, the one team he was willing to go to didn't want him. So, the proposed shortstop swap sending Vizquel to the Mariners for Carlos Guillen is off.

"I expect him to be our opening day shortstop," Indians general manager Mark Shapiro said.

Vizquel had waived his no-trade clause and only needed to pass a routine physical exam to complete the deal. At 36, Vizquel was excited about playing in the city where he became known for his defensive skill.

But after putting him through drills and a medical checkup at Safeco Field on Tuesday, the Mariners apparently were concerned about the condition of Vizquel's surgically repaired right knee and called off the deal.

"There were a lot of complicated issues," Seattle assistant GM Lee Pelekoudas said. Perez, the backup catcher for the Braves in seven division-winning seasons, agreed to a \$1.25 million, two-year contract to rejoin the team.

Stinnett and the Royals agreed on a one-year contract for \$500,000, pending a physical. Stinnett, 33, played with Cincinnati and Philadelphia last year, hitting a combined .237 with three home runs and 19 RBIs in 67 games.

Levine and the Tigers agreed to a one-year contract that guarantees him \$925,000. The 35-year-old reliever was 3-6 with a 2.79 ERA in 54 games for Kansas City and Tampa Bay.

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SPORTS

Team roulette continues with MLB players, trades

BY JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

After taking big salary hits by signing All-Star closer Billy Wagner and starter Eric Milton, the Philadelphia Phillies weren't expected to be throwing around money at the just-ended winter meetings.

It must have been sobering to those agents who made the trip last weekend to New Orleans, maybe the best restaurant town in America, to learn that Phillies general manager Ed Wade was eating at Wendy's.

The spending habits at baseball's annual off-season carnival usually provide some indicator of what to expect in the season ahead.

Not this year, despite a flurry of activity that produced 11 trades, eight free-agent signings, and another half-dozen deals agreed to but not immediately announced.

Some of those moves could be called significant — Dodgers starter Kevin Brown to the Yankees, A's shortstop and former MVP Miguel Tejada to the Orioles. Considering the number of stars still shopping for new addresses, it's hard to pin down

a trend. Just like Wade dropping into a fast-food joint, there's no way to know yet whether the clubs were just topping off their appetites or swearing off expensive meals altogether.

One reason is that the mother of all blockbusters still hovers over the game, a deal that involves three of the biggest, priciest names in the game. According to various scenarios, Alex Rodriguez could move from Texas to Boston, after which the Red Sox would ship out Manny Ramirez and Nomar Garciaparra, most likely to Texas and Los Angeles respectively. Given that those three are scheduled to make around \$53 million next season — more than the payrolls of 11 teams at the start of last season — some fans doubt whether baseball will ever go on a diet.

Publicly, the players' agents haven't done much grumbling, but the C-word — collusion — is getting thrown around behind the scenes.

While the Yankees are still spending like the Yankees, and the new owners of the Red Sox spending like the Yankees, too, most clubs are studying the

menu like never before.

Most years, free agents such as Montreal's Vladimir Guerrero, Florida's World Series MVP Ivan Rodriguez, Atlanta's Javy Lopez and Greg Maddux, and Philadelphia's Kevin Millwood would be sifting through a handful of offers by now.

The Orioles reportedly are talking to every one of those players except Millwood. Few other teams have been lured into a bidding war for the difference-makers, let alone the midlevel talent.

And so few players were offered arbitration by their clubs that not long after he took a pay cut to remain in Chicago, Cubs infielder Mark Grudzielanek suggested the owners "are flooding the market."

"There are going to be a lot of free agents out there," he predicted last week, "trying to find jobs."

It's too early to suggest any concerted action by the owners, especially while George Steinbrenner keeps reaching for his checkbook, and Red Sox boss-in-training John Henry keeps beating him to the punch.

There have been a few other big deals by other clubs —

Japanese star Kazuo Matsui got \$20.1 million from the Mets, thanks to a bidding war — but they've been few and far between.

More common have been the two-year, \$6-million contracts that plug gaps. When the Cardinals sent J.D. Drew to the Braves, they risked losing a potential superstar, but they didn't have to pay much to replace him. Reggie Sanders left Pittsburgh to do just that for St. Louis, joining his seventh team in seven seasons.

"My kids are like, 'Dad, what team are you going to play for next year?'" Sanders said. "They're used to it."

Fans might have to get used to it.

Whether the owners learned any lessons from the excesses of the last decade, or from the collusion mess they made of the decade before, remains to be seen.

The World Series victories by the Angels and Marlins the last two years have been cited by some as proof that paying for an All-Star at every position is a waste of money.

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— Reggie Sanders, St. Louis Cardinal

Maybe that's why few clubs are making long-term offers to anyone.

There's still enough time and talent left on the market for the kind of highlight spending that in previous years would have made for an entertaining "Owners Gone Wild" video. But don't count on it.

With salaries slipping and bidders drying up, it could be another decade before the deals that made A-Rod and Ramirez instant zillionaires come around again.

NFL

Johnson shrugs off celebration fine

CINCINNATI (AP) — A \$10,000 fine made little impact on Cincinnati Bengals receiver Chad Johnson, who plans to ignore the NFL's guidelines on celebrations and self-expression. Bengals receiver Chad Johnson's message didn't get through to the NFL office.

The league fined Johnson on Tuesday for holding up a preprinted sign after he scored the first touchdown in a 41-38 victory over San Francisco.

Johnson, who has been fined repeatedly for violating guidelines on uniform appearance and on-field celebrations, didn't agree with his fine or the \$30,000 penalty that New Orleans Saints receiver Joe Horn received for pulling out a cell phone after a touchdown.

"The fine was ridiculous," Johnson said Wednesday. "It doesn't matter. It's OK. I've got two more games left [this season] — that's two more fines, then I'm finished for the rest of my career with the fines."

It was the third time Johnson has been fined this season for touchdown celebrations that violated league rules.

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SPORTS

Chandler: Florida's got speed to burn

FOOTBALL

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Christmas was a little tough," Ferentz said. "Looking back, it just seems to me like it would have made more sense to maybe develop a little bit more of a rhythm through that time period. Hopefully, we'll be in a little better sync this year."

While the Hawkeyes didn't de-plane in Miami until Dec. 26 last year, the team will leave campus on Christmas Eve this year and take part in a much more regimented practice schedule upon arrival in Tampa.

"We'll practice briefly today, we'll be in and out for a quick one, and then finals finish up on Friday," Ferentz said. "Starting Saturday, we'll start to focus back in ... and turn our attention to Florida."

"Starting [today], we'll bunker in a little bit — the entire staff — and we'll start game planning and getting ready for the ball game," added the head Hawkeye, who admitted to having watched little film of the Gators as of yet.

What the Hawkeye coaching staff members do see of their upcoming opponent may cause more than a few cringes.

Florida possesses a treasure trove of talent, which essentially means one thing: The Hawkeyes better bring their track shoes. Speedsters abound on the Gators' roster, led by the likes of freshman phenom quarterback Chris Leak, who spurned the Hawkeyes coming out of high school last winter.

"He's primarily a thrower," Ferentz noted as he began reeling off Leak's laundry list of accolades. "He can certainly pull it down and run with it. He's certainly not a stiff. He's a good athlete."

"I think his biggest attribute is he's a very good passer, and he's very, very poised. Especially considering his level of expertise at this point."

Leak's favorite target in the passing game is second-team All-American Ben Troupe, who

averages 16.4 yards per catch and has hauled in five scores in 2003.

As potent as Florida's offense is (the Gators enter bowl season averaging 31.1 points per game), it is on defense where the Gators' blazing speed is truly evident.

"I jumped on the tape early," Chandler said. "The first thing that stood out was their defensive speed." The Hawkeye quarterback said the Gators' secondary is the true eye-opening element of the Florida attack, comparing it to 2002 national champion Ohio State.

Cornerback Keiwan Ratliff anchors the Gators' ferocious defense, putting the clamps down on opposing receivers to the tune of a school-record nine interceptions.

So how will the Hawkeyes combat the speed of Florida?

"Let the grass grow," Ferentz quipped. "But we don't have any control over that one. We're going to have to try to make the game go the direction we want it to. If we can keep the ball out of Leak's hand a little bit, then that would be a good thing. If we can get a ground game going a little bit, that would certainly help us."

"But we're not good enough to be one-dimensional, I know that," he added. "We're going to have to be balanced when we go down there."

The fact that the Hawkeyes are heading South with a core of seniors such as Bob Sanders, Robert Gallery, and Kaeding leading the way, looking for that coveted 21st triumph, can't be overlooked. The group may be facing a group of Gators who were brought up hearing "five star" and "blue chip" after every utterance of their name, but listening to Iowa's seniors, that might not matter. They hauled too many semi-tires and did too many hang cleans with Chris Doyle over the summer to end on a bad note.

"I think we learned a lot last year with that game. That was a pretty sour taste in our mouth after that one," said Gallery, a recent recipient of the Outland Trophy. "This is it. This is the icing on the cake."

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NOTEBOOK

Ferentz to NFL?

In recent days, ESPN's Chris Mortensen has tabbed Ferentz as one of the top two candidates to succeed Dan Reeves as coach of the Atlanta Falcons. According to Mortensen, St. Louis Rams Defensive Coordinator Lovie Smith tops the wish list of new Atlanta GM Rich McKay, who took over that position Dec. 15. Mortensen also cited LSU's Nick Saban and New England Patriots offensive coordinator Charlie Weiss as possible candidates. Saban is expected to sign a lucrative contract extension with LSU, however, likely ruling him out as an heir to Reeves with the Falcons.

According to WSB-TV in Atlanta, the fact that McKay is a member of the NFL's Minority Hiring Committee could play a factor in lengthening the Falcons' timetable for the hiring process. Smith, an African-American, along with several other minority candidates will likely be interviewed for the post.

"The company line is that they're not going to respond to any rumors until the coach is hired," said Aaron Salkin, the Falcons' Director of Communications.

Of course, television reporters are paid to stir rumors, according to Ferentz. "Thanks to ESPN, I saw my picture on the screen in a Philadelphia hotel room, and that got a rise out of one of our recruit's brothers," said the fifth-year Hawkeye coach with a smirk. "It's not going to go away I don't think."

The head Hawk largely takes the rumors in stride, choosing to brush them off rather than attack those who start them. "They're getting paid to speculate. That's his job, that's what they do," he said, noting that he has never once been contacted by anyone from ESPN regarding the Atlanta opening. And no, Mortensen does not have him on his speed dial.

"I heard last night that I turned down the Nebraska job. Seriously,

that was on TV," he said, failing to stifle laughter.

Hawkeye faithfuls may hear Ferentz' name linked to other job openings in the weeks ahead. The Falcons won't be the only NFL team looking for a new head coach this off-season. The New York Giants have fired Jim Fassel, and the job security of the field generals in Chicago, Cleveland, Miami, and Oakland is shaky at best.

If any of the aforementioned franchises were to put out feelers on Ferentz, he's got his answer ready.

"It ain't happening. My plans are to be at Iowa," he concluded, after toying with reporters a bit on the issue. "I anticipate being contacted, and I anticipate saying no."

Bowl a boon to recruiting?

The Hawkeyes have made no secret of their passion for plucking the state of Florida's finest football players, as evidenced by the eight Sunshine State natives who populate the squad's roster. A second straight New Year's Bowl appearance in the state could help add to that total.

"I think it helps us," said Ferentz. "That's an area we like to recruit, so it's a benefit from that standpoint, but also I think more significant is playing back-to-back in January."

Injury update

Heading into their practice preparation for New Year's Day, the Hawkeyes sport a relatively clean bill of health. Jonathan Babineaux is the only Iowa regular who started in the regular season finale whose status is under the "iffy" category. "I think he has an outside chance, we're certainly not counting on [his return]," said Ferentz. "I think his rehab is going extremely well, I think he feels good about it. We'll see how it plays out. He's got another couple weeks to go."

— by Kelly Beaton

Vogeles tried to make own individual decisions

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was a real draw for me."

At first, the idea of going to the same school had not entered the minds of the twins.

They didn't want their status as twins to affect their college decisions, and they seemed destined to go their separate ways. But in the end,

the decision to stay together was a big factor in their decisions to come to Iowa.

"We wanted to make sure we didn't make our decisions based on going together," Britta said. "We wanted to go where we wanted to go regardless of where the other was going. But looking back on it, I don't think it could've gone any other way."

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Hawkeyes to go against Pegram's blocking skills

HOOPS

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keep scores down was the key to victory not only against Iowa State, in which the Cyclones shot an abysmal 27.5 percent from the field, but also against Michigan. Drake took the Wolverines down, 70-55, on Dec. 5.

Another mainstay in the Bulldog "D" has been Whitney Pegram. Although only a freshman who has yet to make a start, the 6-4 Silver Lake, Kan., native already has 18 blocks on the year, and she was just named the Missouri Valley Con-

ference Rookie of the Week. Against St. Louis, Pegram rejected six shots; she also had five rejections against Maine.

Riding the waves

"Basketball is a game that ebbs and flows," said Hawkeye senior tri-captain Jennie Lillis in an interview last week. "The good, experienced teams are able to stay on top and in control."

Iowa and Drake have both seen their fair share of both positive and negative runs. Neither team has won three games in a row, and the Hawkeyes have managed to go without enduring a losing streak on the year. Both squads are narrowly in the black

in the season's point differential, with Drake scoring an average of 58.9 while surrendering 57.9. Iowa is averaging 74.6 a game while giving up 73.2.

"It's kind of human nature that when something bad happens, you hang your head," Bluder said. "But you can't do that as an athlete."

The Hawkeyes have an edge in experience over Drake in trying to control the momentum. Iowa has a single freshman on the roster, Deb Remmerde, who will most likely make her second appearance of the year following a belated season debut against Kansas State following a stress fracture. On the other hand,

Drake starts two freshmen in addition to reserve Pegram.

Keeping the Bulldogs on track this year has been first-year coach Amy Stephens. Most recently an assistant at the University of Nebraska, Stephens took the reins from Lisa Stone, who departed last March for Wisconsin. Stephens will find her head-coaching debut against the Hawkeyes more difficult because of the return of Iowa's leading rebounder, sophomore Johanna Solverson, who sat the Kansas State game out because of an ankle sprain.

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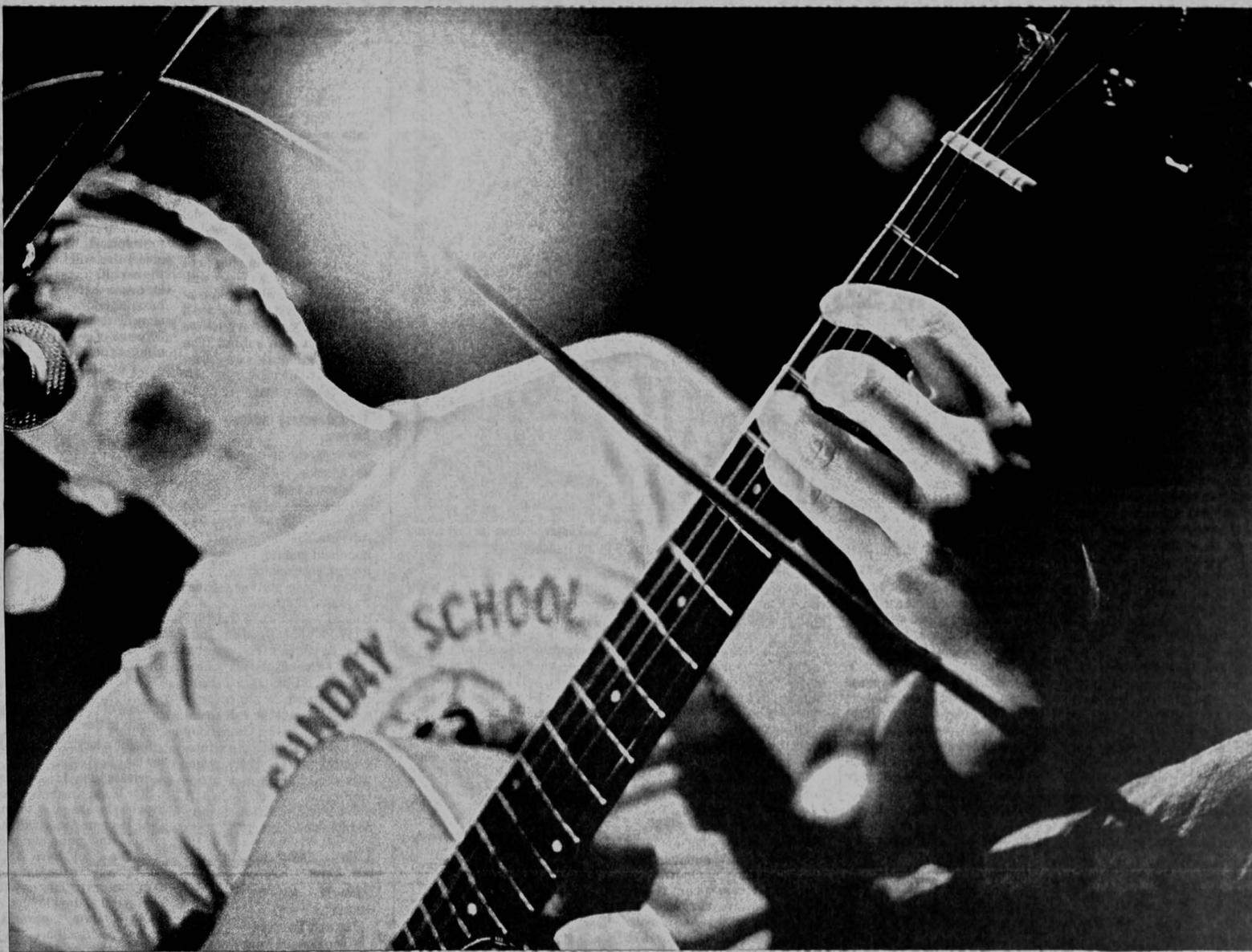
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A strange attraction of local stars

For the past three years, the *DI/KRUI* Local Band Contest has been an event describable only in terms of a cross between a boxing match, *Top of the Pops*, and a historical re-enactment of the siege of Stalingrad. With the most diverse lineup in the event's history, and a handful of bands eager to duke it out on stage — this year was no different. Just more intense.

If there was ever a year when the contest was stripped of the usual battle-of-the-bands hyperbole, it was the rock 'n' roll shoot out at Gabe's on Dec. 12. The five acts painstakingly selected from the deluge of submissions — DNA, Martian Water, Strange Attractor, Brian Jones, and Making Hey! — squared off in a pitched battle, song for song, note for note. The tense mood and the desperate struggle taking place that night was tangible from the first sweaty rows of standing rockers to the booze-hawks at the bar to the barren tundra and broken glass of the deserted beer garden.

At the end of the night, 1:30ish, in a haze of cigarette smoke and exuberance, the panel of five judges — me, Natalia Espina, Bret Szymoniak, Sean Haskins, and Jason Brizzi — was stalled. Filibusters were unleashed, and the relative merits of

each band were argued and spun as the decision teetered between a slim margin and a complete deadlock. We peered out from the bunker to announce a winner, and after struggling toward a firm and unanimous decision out of the most eclectic and competitive lineup this annual event has witnessed, quirky folk-rocker Strange Attractor walked into the cold December night with the Judge's Prize, an armload of door cash, and a spot on the 10,000 Hours Hubbard Park concert in the spring.

Space-rock newcomers Martian Water took home the Audience Choice vote and a headlining spot at the fourth Exodus Music Festival.

But even before the decision was handed down via PA by *KRUI* judge Espina, a sweeping look at the knots of fans and the bands waiting nervously behind the merchandise table revealed something more important than just which group was handed the loftiest crown in town.

Brief history of the 21st century Ghosting around the peripheries of the 200-plus crowd, it seemed that this



year for the contest was an elliptical experience somewhere between a Charles Dickens and Philip K. Dick yarn. After all, this is the third successful year for the event — no small feat considering the time-consuming logistics of wading through piles of submissions, coordinating a panel of judges, organizing the concert, securing a venue, and getting a couple hundred people to take a break from cramming missed legal and ethical readings to venture out in sub-freezing temperatures. As in the previous years, these hours of work were done on a volunteer basis by students at *KRUI* and *The Daily Iowan*, themselves in the midst of finals-week entropy.

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INTENSITY OVER POWER

With a bizarre strain of acoustic folk-rock channeled from the deep layers of Kurt Vonnegut's brain, Strange Attractor won the Judge's Vote at this year's *DI/KRUI* Local Band Contest. Talking post-show to Strange Attractor frontman Jonathan Hansen, *The Daily Iowan* found one of the most persistent and talented musicians in Iowa City caught off-guard with his own victory.

"I was not expecting that a guy with an acoustic guitar would go over well at the battle of the bands," said Hansen, a current sideman in art-punk outfit the Slat and the veteran of power-pop rock 'n' rollers Matchbook Shannon and defunct hip-hop collective Psychosomatic. "I was pleasantly surprised."

Playing songs that ranged from clever and poignant acoustic numbers to a short batch of electrified rock, Hansen for the first time played his music in a venue other than basement house-shows. Normally performing as an acoustic solo musician, with the addition of Louis Doerge's live drumming, Kyle Anderson's guitar, and Will Anderson's backing vocals and flute (all ex-Psychosomatic members), Strange Attractor was a full-sounding outfit with enough volume and intensity to edge out the incidental rock 'n' roll commentary and chatter that usually overpowers an acoustic act in front of a crowd the size of the contest's.

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Curtis Lehmkuhl/*The Daily Iowan*
Top: Jonathan Hansen of Strange Attractor performs at Gabe's on Dec. 12. His performance won the judge's prize.

Nick Loomis/*The Daily Iowan*
Bottom: Judges for the local-band contest at Gabe's confer after the show to determine the winner.

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The many hands behind Hancher

BY LAURA JENSEN
THE DAILY IOWAN

When the dancing queens of Broadway shows such as *Mamma Mia!* roll into Hancher, they bring with them nine semi-trucks of work.

For last week's show, approximately 45 people spent Monday and Tuesday unpacking the trucks and setting up the performance area. Backstage was transformed Monday morning from a quiet barren ghost town into a bustling boom town by Monday night.

The work begins a year in advance, when Hancher Artistic Director Judith Hurtig is responsible for booking the shows and making sure all of a show's technical needs can be met by Hancher's facilities and equipment. The technical aspects of the job fall upon Casey Martin, the auditorium's technical director for the past three years.

Martin looks over the technical rider, so named because the information "rides" with the contract, and works with the company to ensure that it can perform at Hancher. He determines which shows are willing to sacrifice certain set or equipment elements in order to appear on Hancher's stage.

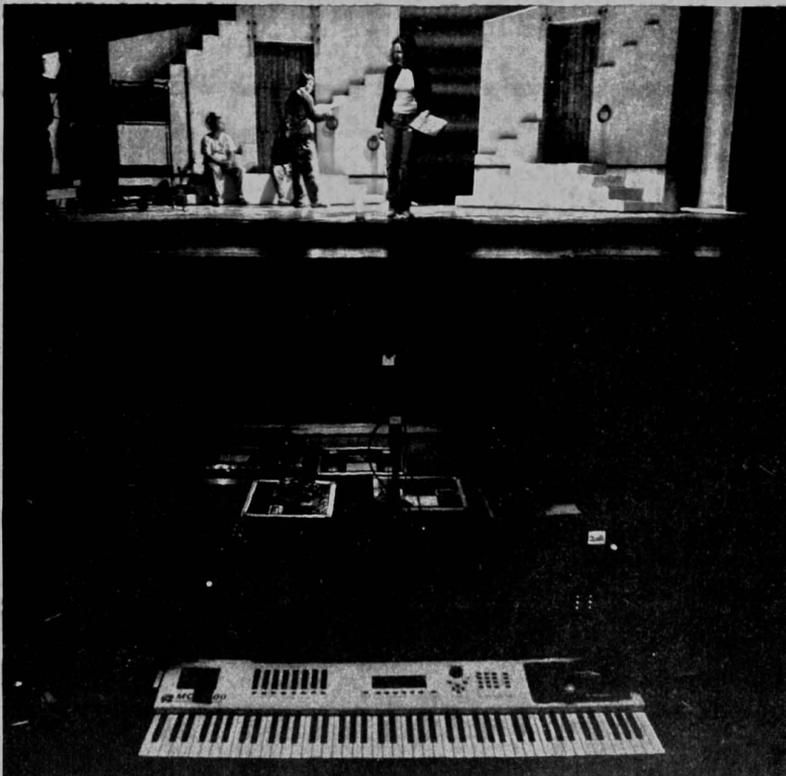
An advance truck that runs ahead of the rest of the tour in order to set up arrives at Hancher the week before the show. The other trucks, eight in *Mamma Mia!*'s case, arrive the day before the show. On Monday, members of the local union of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, 24 during the day and approximately 45 by the evening, begin working to set up the stage and the equipment from the advance truck.

Their tasks include "setting the points," in which the workers set up the intricate pulley system to move all of the set pieces and lights. Workers operate on three levels above the stage, the highest point being just under Hancher's roof at 74.8

feet. On the level just below, where workers actually have to step off the landing onto part of the pulley system, they have safety harnesses, but the use of harness isn't possible on the top level.

Union workers step delicately but fearlessly through the maze of steel pulley cords, joking that you would have to be suicidal to fall through because there are so many beams to catch you on the way down, although the holes are gaping enough to keep this reporter plastered to the wall. They also talk nonchalantly about a man who did fall through but caught himself by sticking his arms out in an iron cross.

On Monday evening, the remaining trucks are unloaded, and the electrical equipment is set up, which takes from 7-11:30 p.m. The set is constructed by noon on Tuesday morning. The afternoon is spent fine-tuning



Stage manager Beth Robertsen sets up light for *Mamma Mia!* on Dec. 9 in the Hancher.

the light cues and sound. Lights are set up above the stage, along the auditorium walls, and above the seats, where some of the lights are so powerful and produce so much ozone that operators must wear long sleeves and masks, and the area must be ventilated. However, the light operators are repaid with some of the best seats in the house.

Hurtig said there is a real sense of accomplishment after the show is over. From beginning to end, Broadway shows are the most difficult. The shows often have to be booked in accordance with a national tour so the

companies cost more. Besides the regular fee, Broadway shows also demand a share of the profits. The fees are calculated throughout the week up to the final performance, and Hancher settles with the company on Sunday night, usually during intermission.

The Hancher Box Office, which handles the sale and distribution of tickets as well as some of the financial reporting to the company, is much busier than usual during a Broadway week. Sales are generally highest when the Hancher lineup is announced in April and then again from about two weeks prior to the show through its run. Last-minute changes in seating arrangements, because of such adjustments as the size of the orchestra pit, add to the hectic time in the weeks before a show.

Hurtig said *Mamma Mia!* sold well from the time of announcement and did "incredible sales during the week," which indicates positive word of mouth. The show was one of Hancher's better sellers, selling 86 percent of capacity.

Connie Tipword, Hancher's front-of-house manager, employs 26-28 ushers, all UI students, for Broadway shows, compared with around 10 for smaller shows. The Hancher Café employs 10-15 students to sell deserts and beverages, including champagne, before the show and during intermission. The café also

hosts several catered, private parties, which are especially popular during the holiday season, including one for nearly every show during *Mamma Mia!*.

The Hancher Guild, a volunteer group, also works overtime during Broadway weeks. Approximately nine volunteers worked during the past week, instead of the usual seven, due to an extra table of sale merchandise for the holidays. Guild buyers Jane Downer and Reiny Jordan said sales were excellent for *Mamma Mia!*; they are generally high for Broadway shows.

As Hancher's directors will attest, all of the staff's hard work pays off in a gratifying climax when the audience gets into the show. On opening night, the crowd ranged in age from 5 to 95, and when the cast came back onstage to perform a few encore numbers, including fan favorite "Dancing Queen," the people were literally dancing in their seats and singing along.

Afterwards, the show is packed up Sunday night immediately following the final performance. The workers worked until 4:30 a.m. Monday, and the local union workers restored the Hancher stage Monday afternoon.

Swanson said he took his traditional walk out onto the stage Monday morning, which is then lit only by the ghost light that stands alone at center stage, and he was amazed as always by the sudden silence and calm after a week of constant commotion.

"Monday, you can walk on stage, and it is silent like nothing happened," he said. "It's a mixed feeling because sometimes you're glad it's gone, but I'm sentimental, and I'm sad that the show is gone, and it's all over."

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A year of epic video gaming

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5. Freedom Fighters

Available for: the Sony PlayStation 2, Microsoft Xbox, Nintendo GameCube, and the PC.

Released: Oct. 1

Freedom Fighters longingly calls out to a generation that grew up in the '80s when the Russians were the bad guys. There are a lot of war games that accurately depict the realism of battle (namely the Medal of Honor series), but Freedom Fighters lets players experience guerrilla warfare in New York City. Fighting back to back with fellow soldiers whom you control raises the stakes, and you'll actually feel bad when you have to leave a man behind. The short length of this otherwise excellent title makes it the perfect weekend rental.

4. Final Fantasy Tactics Advance

Available for: the Nintendo Game Boy Advance.

Released Sept. 8

There were a lot of great titles this year for the Game Boy Advance, further proving that handheld gaming has evolved from an entertaining distraction into a viable platform. Final Fantasy Tactics Advance is basically a remix of the 1997 Sony PlayStation game Final Fantasy Tactics. The portable version expands the play of the original and introduces a new world with new characters, making it one of the best games available for the Game Boy Advance. Although the strategic, turn-based battles are fun, the real addiction here is in tinkering with the job system. A must-have addition to any portable game library.

3. The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker

Available for: the Nintendo GameCube.

Released March 24

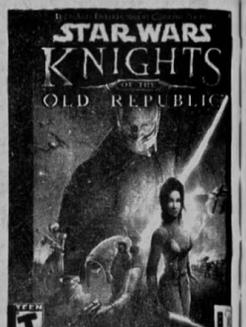
When famous game designer Shigeru Miyamoto created the first Zelda game for the Nintendo in 1987, he started the biggest gaming phenomenon since Super Mario Bros. (which was also his creation). The Wind Waker is probably how he pictured Link's adventures in his head. The game uses a cartoony, cell-shaded look that is absolutely charming. Although the 3-D game engine is basically the same as it was in the Nintendo 64 Zelda games, the power of the GameCube ups the presentation to the point where it feels like you're actually controlling an animated film. Only Miyamoto will be able to figure out how to top this peak of the franchise.

2. Xenosaga Episode I: Der Wille zur Macht

Available for: the Sony PlayStation 2.

Released: Feb. 24

Xenosaga has all the tools to be game of the year, and it barely loses out. Taking place thousands of years in the future, Xenosaga is a role-playing game that attempts to answer questions about the nature of God. This title received a lot of unfair criticism for its extremely long and unplayable cut scenes, but they are actually among the game's strengths. It is only the first episode in a series of six games that will be released over the next 10 years. The story line is so epic that it is necessary to have 20 hours of non-playable story. That still leaves more than 50 hours of game play, which is almost perfectly executed. Xenosaga is the definition of what a classic role-playing game should be and is the most underrated game of the year.



1. Game of the Year: Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic

Available for the Microsoft Xbox and the PC.

Released July 17

Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic breaks all of the rules. That it is an American-made role-playing game and a *Star Wars* title should have sent this game straight to the land of bargain-bin crap. The critically acclaimed developers at BioWare, however, proved that making a game based on the *Star Wars* universe was the best idea since Harrison Ford was chosen to play Han Solo. The game follows a compelling plot that takes place 4,000 years before the events of the *Star Wars* movies. Players must make hundreds of decisions that lead them either to the light side or the dark side, showing unprecedented freedom in a RPG. The temptation to carve those self-righteous Jedi in half with a lightsaber will prove to be too much for most fans. The combat is an original combination of action and menu-driven battle systems, pushing Knights of the Old Republic a step above, making it the other reason besides Halo to own an Xbox.

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Iowa City resident Amy Nye works with the costumes for *Mamma Mia!* on Dec. 9 at Hancher.

trip to Hancher is logical for travel and financial reasons. When the shows actually come, they require greater amount of work to set up, have a longer run, and stretch Hancher's entire staff to its limits.

Despite the workload, Hancher Executive Director Chuck Swanson said Broadway shows are the most fun to work with.

"There is an excitement when the trucks pull up and there is so much activity for a week. Everybody knows about it and is talking about it," he said. "It's like a little city backstage."

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80 HOURS ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Voyaging into a fine-art world

BY SARA CONRAD
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Do you miss your art-history class already or need an educational break from finals? The Mansion and the Hudson River Gallery and Frame Co. are sponsoring an art exhibit and sale of giclée prints of 1800 America this week.

Historic Fine Art Prints of Minneapolis is releasing the prints for sale and show for the first time, featuring artists such as Karl Bodmer, George Catlin, Seth Eastman, Professor Henry Lewis, and McKenney and Hall. Focusing on Western America in the 1800s, most of these prints represent the original landscape paintings and portraits of American Indians.

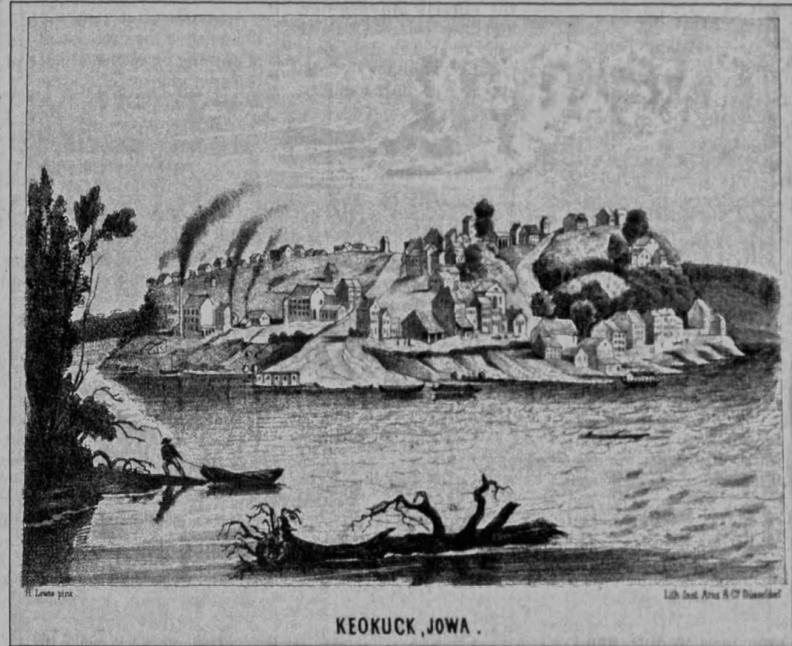
By re-enacting the voyage of Lewis and Clark, painters Catlin and Bodmer (1809-1893) documented the landscapes bordering the Missouri River and throughout Yellowstone. Hired as an artist to help German voyager Prince Maximilian du Wied to visually capture his expedition, Swiss landscape artist Bodmer learned to paint portraits on the spot. Bodmer's originality stems from his use of detail in portraying American Indians and the clothing, utensils, and weapons they used at that time.

Catlin (1796-1872) also produced his paintings by setting out to document areas of the West. He recorded his Western visits for eight years, interacting with more than 48 American Indian tribes. Unlike Bodmer, Catlin also painted the buffalo, which he hunted while on his travels, sometimes alone and sometimes with American Indians. Catlin was welcomed by many of the tribes as a guest of honor.

Thomas McKenney (1785-1859), the U.S. superintendent of Indian trade in 1816, joined James Hall (1793-1868), a historian and newspaper editor and writer, to record the *History of the*



Top right: Art by George Catlin. Top left: Art by McKenney and Hall. Bottom: Art by Professor Henry Lewis.



Press photos

ART EXHIBITION AND SALE

Historic fine art prints by Karl Bodmer, George Catlin, Seth Eastman, Professor Henry Lewis, and McKenney and Hall
When: Friday from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Where: The Mansion, 538 S. Gilbert

Indian Tribes of North America. Complete with more than 120 lithographs of portraits, including some of Lewis, they were eventually moved to the Smithsonian, where the originals were later destroyed in a fire.

Fortunately, prints have been made of these works, and some are available for sale this week. By creating giclée prints of the artwork, Historic Fine Art Prints has succeeded in making the recreations less expensive while remaining true to the originals. The unframed prints will generally sell from \$150 to \$450, rather than the thousands of dollars someone might pay for an original. An original of Bodmer's painting *Tableau 23 Pehriska Ruhpa (The Dog Dancer)* would be worth approximately \$65,000, in comparison.

"If people want to see what things looked like in the early 1800s, they should come to the show. Until now, only cheap posters of the originals at prohibitive prices have been available ... These are wonderful, dramatic images of vanished peoples and landscapes," said Chuck Skaugstad, the owner of the Mansion, in a press release.

The show and sale will run on Friday from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Mansion, 538 S. Gilbert St. Additionally, almost 100 Historic Fine Art Prints' images can be purchased online at www.historicfineartprints.com.

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ARTS

The Ventura Code

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Chalk it up to *The Da Vinci Code*, but folks in Minnesota's capital are squinting for hidden meanings in a new portrait of ex-Gov. Jesse Ventura.

For the state's most colorful governor ever, the painting unveiled last month is fairly traditional. That may be why, as tour guides note, many viewers are looking for more.

Artist Steve Cepello isn't revealing any secrets, but he also isn't discouraging the hunt.

"A magician can never say anything about his magic," said Cepello, like Ventura a former professional wrestler. "I'm not going to deny or say that there isn't anything there because there could be. There could be."

To be sure, the painting is full of obvious symbols.

Behind Ventura, viewers can plainly see a light rail train, a pet project of Ventura's, and there are Navy jump wings on the ex-SEAL's lapel. Ventura's hand rests on a copy of Auguste Rodin's sculpture *The Thinker*, a nod to one of his campaign ads.

Some tourists are sure they see cursive letters in the folds of Ventura's sleeve. Some wonder if the artist's face isn't in the painting. A few swear they see someone else depicted in Ventura's tie.

In a reception after the unveiling, Cepello said he did joke with Ventura about hidden messages. He said he told Ventura he used degenerative oil and, eventually, "it will begin to deteriorate, revealing a naked Jesse with a pink boa."

That, at least, might stop the squinting.

A brawl, a tussle, and a throw down

LOCAL BAND CONTEST

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Former judges (Ben High, Corey Ingle) lurked in the shadows, as did participants of past year's extravaganzas — including Chris Ellis and Matt Heideman from Burn Disco Burn (who also backed Audience Choice winner Lucky James last year), the lineup (minus Orion Meyer) of 2001 now disbanded victors Psychosomatic, and members of 2002's standouts Roger Mexico. The rest of the teeming crowd was a geological core sample of Iowa City hipster culture — familiar faces, loyal followers of individual bands, curious onlookers, concert-going regulars, and local music sophisticats all eager to watch a brawl of monumental proportions between some of the areas most talented and diverse musicians.

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People's choice winner Martian Water finishes its set on Dec. 12.

the year's concert, the crowd was still filing into Gabe's as Hey! played its final notes, flinging the bread-turned-instrument triumphantly into the crowd.

Strange Attractor — a side-project for local music pundit Jonathan Hansen — followed with a mostly acoustic set of bittersweet 'n' angry psych-folk and rock 'n' roll, backed by former-Psychosomatic compatriots Louis Doerge, Kyle Anderson, and Will Anderson, who provided a rich backdrop of minimalist drumming, accented rhythm guitar, flute, and backing vocals.

The third act, Cedar Rapids hip-hopper DNA, commanded the crowd with quick rhymes, quick wit, and a sizable salvo of potent stage presence and charisma. As he walked wireless into the crowd, a sea of arms swayed with the pulsing beats. Followed by a jolting, high-energy set by hard-core combo Brian Jones, and a thick fog of outer-space guitars and grooves from closers Martian Water, it may have still been an even field.

On the beach

When the last bottles lay smashed on the floor, and the final notes reverberated off the tar-blackened walls and evaporated into the smoke-drenched air of eclectic brinkmanship Iowa City had survived another rock 'n'

roll battle with only broken strings, beer-drenched ballots, and looming hangovers standing in the way of appreciating the real beauty of the event. The winners were Strange Attractor with the Judge's Prize and Martian Water with the audience vote. And the losers?

The bottom line when thinking about the contest is not just the artists who won and the artists who lost. In a town such as this, in a show such as this, there is no such thing as a band walking away truly defeated. The performances of the dozens of musicians who have played in the contest since 2001 are important vocal statements of this town's artistic identity — that amid all the perceived hooliganism of college life, there are young, serious, and talented artists in basements and bedrooms writing songs on an acoustic guitar or laying down beats on a four-track. And the fact that these people have had an forum such as the contest is as impressive and uplifting as the fact that close to 1,100 people have turned out to cheer, clap, and dance over the past three years.

To me, this knowledge, this realization, is a victory for everyone.

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From hip-hop to indie rock: A familiar face shines again

STRANGE ATTRACTOR

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If Hansen looked familiar, he should have. Hansen — who holds a Ph.D. in English from the UI — has been playing in bands in Iowa City for nearly a decade. This is the third year in a row in which he has been a member of a winning band, with Psychosomatic victorious in 2001 and the Slats walking away with the prize last year.

"That's a thing I would really like people to understand. I was one-eighth of Psychosomatic," he said. "I think the thing about Psychosomatic is the synergy of all these talented people. And the Slats is 85 percent Brian [Cox]'s songwriting."

And although Hansen has been a contributor to three-consecutive winning bands, Psychosomatic, the Slats, and Strange Attractor are radically different — Psychosomatic featured live-band hip-hop as opposed to the short-circuited punk of the Slats and the odd-ball introspection and dark wit of Strange Attractor.

"This is the first year this has been my project," said

Hansen, detailing the long lineage of Strange Attractor songs — with most numbers, such as "Girlfriend's Gone to Europe" and "Day For Night," accumulating over several years. The common thread of Hansen's material — currently existing only as rough demos — is the combination of pop-song structure, political skepticism, and sardonic humor. With smart rhyme schemes, clever hooks, a Strange Attractor song could be a catchy song about nationalistic melt-down ("The Song I Wrote on September 11th, 2003,") or power-chord-laden indie-rock songs about women and college towns ("Little Ms. Information").

In the coming months, Hansen plans to begin recording a full-length Strange Attractor album and playing more frequently. In the meantime, there seems to be one question that Iowa City can't help but ask.

And what about 2004? "After this year, I don't know," he said. "I feel challenged to do something completely different again. Or maybe take up some of the slack from the people who are leaving town and making sure that [the contest] happens again."

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