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The brain trust of the air

BY MARY BETH LARUE
THE DAILY IOWAN

As Ben Kieffer leans into the microphone, his eyes trained on the digital clock counting down the seconds until airtime, one burning question lingers in his mind: Can spit actually freeze before it hits the ground?

Kieffer, the host of WSUI's new radio program "Our Big Brain," encourages listeners to call in not only with questions but also answers ... or at least educated guesses. His own question originated one frigid day as a teen when he spat — he swears that the saliva hit the ground as a solid object.

"The name 'Our Big Brain' is because we can think of ourselves as brain cells in a collective brain," Kieffer said in his dimly lit broadcast room, which smelled faintly of coffee. "Together, we can work as a big brain to answer questions."

"Just think of the vast knowledge you would have if you could take the brains of our thousands of listeners and meld them into one big brain."

The show, set to air every three weeks, premiered on Jan. 15 with special guest Stephen Bloom, a UI associate professor of journalism.

Bloom asked listeners, "What is so important about the middle finger?" The moment Kieffer announced the program's phone number, the line was filled with callers.

"I have so many questions I want answered I would have to be on the show for days," said Bloom, who believes the show will be syndicated within five years. "The university and 'Our Big Brain' are the best places to find these answers."



WSUI radio host Ben Kieffer on Thursday morning speaks with Doug Smith, the project manager for the Strengthening Communities of Youth project, on the radio program "Talk of Iowa."

Kieffer, a UI alum and former KRUI radio host, began hosting "Talk of Iowa" two-and-a-half years ago, when he returned to Iowa City after working as a public radio correspondent in Germany.

"I came back to where I grew up with completely different eyes," said Kieffer, who worked as a producer, consultant, and translator. "I came back to my first love of public radio."

His love for radio extends to his respect for the listeners.

"Public radio listeners are the most educated in the country," he said. "That is statistically true. They are insatiable when it comes to knowledge."

The show's directors weren't sure how people would react to the original format but discovered it was an instant success.

"We were going to see how people adjusted to the idea of our show, and it definitely struck a chord," Kieffer said. "Usually, radio shows have an expert, but on this show, either nobody is an expert or everybody is an expert."

While some of the show's questions may be entertaining, Kieffer is quick to say the content is not "fluff." During the first show, listeners asked

such questions as, "What is the origin of Lawrence Welk's accent?" and "Why are races run counterclockwise on a track?"

"We are not looking to be funny," Kieffer said. "It may happen in the course of the show, but entertainment value and humor are not the point of the show."

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Local workers earning more

TIM CRIMMINS
AND DREW KERR
THE DAILY IOWAN

Local Iowa City workers earned \$1.66 more per hour in the month of August than the average laborer nationwide, according to a Bureau of Labor Statistics survey of metropolitan-area workers released Thursday.

The National Compensation Survey evaluated straight-time earnings for occupations employing more than 50 workers in private industry and in state and local governments. The survey included 104 firms employing 29,000 workers in the Iowa City area.

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Harkin touts Vilsack as having VP timber

BY RYAN J. FOLEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack has positioned himself to be tapped as a vice-presidential candidate, Sen. Tom Harkin said Thursday.

Vilsack, who in 2000 was said to be on the short list of vice-presidential candidates, has said he is focused on running the state, but there are mounting signs he has national ambitions.

Harkin, in a conference call with reporters, made the case for Vilsack as a running mate. He argued that the most important region the party needs to carry in November is the Rust Belt, including Ohio, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Michigan, and he said Vilsack can help deliver those states.

"I think Gov. Vilsack is up there," Harkin said. "I think he's in a key position. He's shown he can win. He can win in a fairly Republican state."

Vilsack's solid win over Republican challenger Doug Gross was one of a few bright spots in the 2002 election for Democrats across the country.

Harkin pointed to Vilsack's

position as the president of the Democratic Governor's Association, a title that helped launch the national ambitions of Bill Clinton and Howard Dean. In that capacity, Vilsack has traveled the nation delivering speeches and offered rebuttals to President Bush's radio addresses.

The Iowa caucuses also helped Vilsack, a lawyer from Mount Pleasant, raise his profile among the national media.

On Wednesday, Vilsack endorsed Sen. John Kerry, the front-runner after winning in Iowa and New Hampshire, saying Kerry has the best chance to beat President Bush. Vilsack also said he would campaign for Kerry when his schedule allows.

Kerry, who has extensive foreign-policy experience, would benefit from tapping Vilsack to fend off assertions he's an out-of-touch Northeastern liberal, said Jeff Link, a veteran Democratic strategist.

"I think he'd be an ideal fit for John Kerry," Link said. "He's in a position that makes him a very attractive vice presidential candidate."

Link said Vilsack, who originally is from Pennsylvania, would guarantee a win in Iowa, which Al Gore carried by 4,100 votes in 2000, and could help

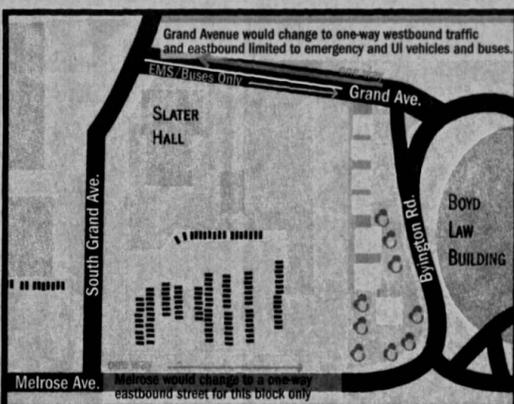
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Vilsack

City, UI look at Grand Ave. traffic changes

BY WILLIAM MIKESSELL
THE DAILY IOWAN



Source: DI research AS/DI

UI faculty and staff members, the city of Iowa City, and neighborhood groups are suggesting a modified one-way loop system to ease congestion and reduce accidents by rerouting traffic in the area around Rienow and Slater Residence Halls, the Field House, and the Gerding Athletics Learning Center.

The project, costing slightly more than \$1 million, suggests turning Melrose and Grand Avenues into one-way streets to relieve traffic bottlenecks caused by the lack of a left-turn lane on South Grand Avenue, poor traffic signal coordination

at Melrose Court, bus stops at the two dorms, and the unconventional intersection at Grand Avenue and Byington Road.

Concern for traffic, bus, and emergency-vehicle routes and an expected rise in traffic congestion from the Athletics Learning Center and the Field House ramp parking extension prompted developers to survey the intersections, said traffic planner Jeff Davidson.

He plans to present the project report to the Iowa City City Council on Feb. 2 so that the first stage of the project — a \$415,000 widening of South Grand Avenue, can proceed.

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Med student knows anatomy of the law, too

BY PHIL DAVIDSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

When he graduates in May, UI medical student Ryan Sewell will have an accolade on his résumé separating him from the rest of the field: a law degree.

Sewell will be the first UI student to graduate with a combined M.D./J.D., after the Provost's Office approved the curriculum earlier this month. Though he plans to practice medicine, having both degrees grants him numerous career opportunities, said Cheryl

Erwin, an assistant professor of biomedical ethics.

"The program allows [candidates] to see problems from at least two perspectives, medicine and law," she said. "They'll see solutions that someone in one discipline might miss."

The combined M.D./J.D. program could help doctors to understand the intricacies of medical malpractice and policy issues, she said.

The program, expected to draw two to three students per year, is the latest curriculum to be added to the UI Carver College of Medicine, joining

the M.D./Ph.D., M.D./M.P.H., and M.D./M.B.A. programs. The M.D./J.D. program at the UI is one of 15 of its kind across the country, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Sewell, 30, earned acceptance in both the law and medical schools after graduating from the UI with a degree in electrical engineering. He deferred his medical-school acceptance and decided to study law, only to watch his enthusiasm for law wane during his first year.

"I liked law school but decided

during my first year that I didn't want to be a lawyer that badly," Sewell said. "I thought I might be a better fit as a med student."

Sewell, who doesn't consider himself especially bookish, spent three years in medical school before deciding to go back to law school for another year. He will finish the course work for his combined degree in six years, one fewer than what is normally required for both areas of study.

"With a combined degree, you can complete both degrees

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HYPE TIME FOR A GAME

Finally, an end to the hype is in sight, and they'll play the game already.
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THE BIG DIGGER

Jenny Rokes, the new student regent, describes herself as a "big question-asker."
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NEWS

Dean hopeful displays wit, ideas

BY CHRISTINA PREISS
THE DAILY IOWAN

The fourth UI College of Law dean candidate, UI alumnus Morgan Cloud III, displayed a humorous and laid-back attitude Thursday before he shared his thoughts on improving the law school.

The Indianola native, who is hoping to replace Dean N. William Hines, began the public forum at the Boyd Law Building by removing his sport coat and saying, "Don't worry, I'm not having a Howard Dean moment."

Cloud stressed the need to preserve the law-school community, encourage faculty scholarship, and provide resources as three ways to improve the law school.

"For a school to maintain itself, resources need to be found and secured," he said. "The next law-school dean needs to provide



— Morgan Cloud III, law-school dean candidate

more support for the students and staff."

Cloud received his M.A. in American civilization from the UI in 1972, and he returned in the spring of 2000 as the Robert Daniels Visiting Professor at the law school.

"When he taught here, he was a very good teacher, and the faculty liked him very much," said UI law Professor Randall Bezanson. "He's a great scholar

and nationally known. He's very much involved with the profession and has the personality and sense of judgment."

For Cloud, the most exciting part of becoming the next law dean candidate is seeing people succeed, he said.

Currently the Charles Howard Candler Professor of Law at Emory University in Atlanta, Cloud specializes in criminal law, criminal procedure, and constitutional law.

Before joining the Emory faculty, he practiced as a trial lawyer in Florida and California. He has taught at the University of Konstanz Law School in Germany and at the Central European University in Budapest, and he was a German Marshall Fund distinguished guest lecturer at the University of Konstanz.

When asked what his greatest accomplishment has been, without hesitation he replied, "My wife and two daughters. Family is very important to me."

Personal endeavors he hopes to accomplish in the future include writing and teaching as well as playing the odds.

"Well, I keep buying those lottery tickets," he joked.

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Johnson County may try cyber voting

BY BRIAN SPANNAGEL
THE DAILY IOWAN

Johnson County residents could become the first Iowans to vote online if county Auditor Tom Slockett's request for funding the endeavor is approved by the state Legislature.

Cyber voting could take place as early as next year.

Earlier this month, Slockett applied for \$100,000 from the Reinvention of Government Act to fund researching an Internet voting system that, he says, will increase voter turnout and decrease county voting costs if implemented. His proposal includes two options, an Internet voting system accessed through personal computers and one used at polling sites.

The act has almost \$1 million in available funds; 70 governments throughout the state have filed for a portion of the money.

Two years ago, the UI began using online voting for student

and faculty elections, with staggering results. Voter turnout for student-government elections doubled to nearly 20 percent of the students in the first year. Those numbers were repeated this year.

Slockett hopes student turnout in government elections will also rise once Internet voting is introduced to Johnson County.

"Eighteen- to 30-year-olds have the lowest turnout," he said. "These are the people who use computers more than any other group, and this is a way to reach out to them as well as everyone else."

While Slockett noted that a comparison between university and government elections is not precise, he said the benefits of poll convenience and voting by out-of-towners is similar. But critics are wary that Internet voting is an invitation for tampering.

"I am extremely suspicious of it," said Douglas Jones, a UI associate professor of computer science. "It's not that the technology is impossible, but it is a great leap of faith."

Slockett said the possibility exists for hackers or deceitful system programmers to wreck an Internet voting system, but he believes the system's security can be protected.

"There must be a way to check each line of the code. This is the kind of question we are looking at," he said.

The Michigan Democratic Party plans to use Internet voting in its February caucuses. Internet voting was also used by the Arizona Democratic Party during its 2000 primary, but the practice was suspended after complications over the ownership of voter names arose, said Deputy Campaign Director Kris Garcia.

UI Student Government President Nate Green also supports Internet voting in Johnson County.

"I would guess it would raise student turnout," he said. "I would like for the government to reach out to younger voters because their voice is important."

Slockett does not expect Internet voting to be ready by the upcoming presidential election. Voting at polling sites, he said, would still be an option for voters if Internet voting comes to Johnson County.

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Supervisors mull change in road plans

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors is exploring alternatives to its road-construction plans for the North Corridor after residents in the area petitioned for further discussion of the matter.

The original five-year plan proposed by the county's secondary-road department called for widening Prairie Du Chien, Newport, and Sugar Bottom roads

and building a new road connecting Prairie Du Chien and Newport in hopes of accommodating future residential growth in the area.

Performance standards require that if traffic exceeds 700 cars per day, the road must be upgraded unless it already meets standards. Upgrades can include widening and improving drainage, said Supervisor Sally Stutsman.

Opponents contend that the original plan would encourage speeding and destroy thousands of trees.

"We want to keep our natural beauty out here," said Betty Kemp, a North Corridor resident.

Resident Harvey Henry gave the supervisors a proposal that calls for citizen representation in the planning process, a delay to consider more options, and a change of proposed materials.

Stutsman said the supervisors hope to work together with citizens to develop a plan that will maintain the beauty of the area and allow the roads to be upgraded.

— by Colin Van Westen

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FIRE AND ICE



Tim Hynds, Sioux City Journal/Associated Press

Marcus, Iowa, volunteer firefighter Russ Hansen on Thursday morning sprays water on hot spots after a fire at Marcus Lumber destroyed two storage buildings.

After shooting, police try to unravel troubled teen's motive

BY RYAN J. FOLEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Investigators on Thursday said they were trying to determine why a troubled teenager would shoot his counselor and a housekeeper and then drive to Colorado before killing himself.

"We're trying to come up with the motive or reason and get some insight into what he was thinking," Johnston Police Chief Bruce Gaddis said. "That's the million-dollar question. We've gotten a lot of information, but I would say nothing that's a motive — or none that makes sense to a normal mind."

A nationwide bulletin was issued Tuesday for Tyler Pirtle, 16, after the bodies of Sarah

Dahlke, 21, and Greg Gaul, 41, were found in his family's home in suburban Des Moines. Pirtle's body was found the next morning in a car along a remote stretch of Interstate 70 in western Colorado. He had shot himself in the head, a coroner ruled.

Authorities were searching the car Thursday and planned to send any evidence, including the gun, back to Iowa, said Wendy Likes, a spokeswoman for the Mesa County sheriff's office.

Investigators in Johnston were working to produce a timeline of the slayings and a motive, Gaddis said. They were interviewing friends of Tyler's who had knowledge of the crime, but "we're pretty convinced he acted alone," the chief said.

Pirtle's father, who had been vacationing in the Cayman Islands, returned home Thursday and issued a statement in which he vowed to help local authorities "uncover what triggered this horrible tragedy."

"I am in total shock and could not have imagined anything like this ever happening," said Matthew Pirtle, 47. "I am distressed beyond belief by the events of the last few days and the loss of my son, Tyler."

He offered sympathy to the families of Dahlke, an intern at Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc. who was housesitting while he and the woman he lived with were away, and Gaul, who was providing counseling to his son.

New regent not 'retiring'

BY CHRISTINA ERB
THE DAILY IOWAN

University of Northern Iowa junior Jenny Rokes may appear to be the perfect student — she's a resident adviser, a volunteer at a local middle school, and the latest student appointed to the state Board of Regents.

But that doesn't stop her father, Michael Rokes, from teasing her.

Asked to describe his daughter, the terms "high maintenance" and "Type A" roll off his tongue along with a roaring laugh.

But after chuckling for a moment, Michael Rokes admits that his daughter is both personable and an overachiever.

"She's not a retiring person," he said, adding she has always pushed her limits. "It will be a great experience that probably 99 percent of the people in this state will never have."

But for the 21-year-old whose answering-machine message opens with a cheery "hello friends," the added responsibility is a welcome challenge.

"I am going to be a social-studies teacher," the Dike, Iowa, native said, adding she plans to be a regent two of the five possible years. Serving on the board "is a big way to learn what Iowa Legislature is about."

A former valedictorian, Jenny Rokes will serve as an interim appointee until the state Senate confirms her appointment in late March.

"Jenny has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to community service and academic achievement, and I am confident that she will be a voice for all of Iowa's university students," Gov. Tom Vilsack said in a statement.

Melinda Meacham, a UNI resident adviser and close friend of Jenny Rokes, agreed. "You know

when you have her working with you, you know she's going to give it everything she's got," she said.

Jenny Rokes said she thinks she will bring a lot of qualities to the regents.

"I am not usually intimidated," she said, adding she thinks the budget will be the big issue this year. "I'm a big question-asker — my professors can vouch for that."

She will begin training as a member of the regents next week, attending monthly meetings and aiding fellow regents. Regent Robert Downer said new regents will tour the public universities and meet with both faculty and staff during training.

The student-regent position rotates between UNI, the UI, and Iowa State. Most students serve two out of a possible five-year term.

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NEWS

NASA honors 17 fallen astronauts

BY MARCIA DUNN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — With the first anniversary of the Columbia tragedy just a few days away, NASA employees throughout the country paused Thursday to remember the 17 astronauts who have died during the space agency's 46 years.

NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe declared that the last Thursday in every January be set aside as a Day of Remembrance within the agency to honor the memory of the crews of Columbia, Challenger, and Apollo 1.

Space exploration is dangerous enough, and accidents should never be the result of "complacency, indifference, a failure to attend to detail," O'Keefe told employees in a televised address. This should be their solemn pledge, he said.

Standing alone on an auditorium stage at NASA headquarters in Washington, O'Keefe choked up as he read the roll of the dead.

"They are not with us today because when it mattered most, we failed. And so it is incumbent upon us to remember not just today, not once a year, not on the anniversaries, but every day," he said. "Every single day that the consequences of us not getting it right are catastrophic, and each of those families will live with this consequence for the rest of their lives."

The three anniversaries fall



Bill Ingalls, NASA/Associated Press

NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe visits the Challenger Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery on Wednesday, the 18th anniversary of the loss of the space shuttle Challenger and its crew.

within five days of each other.

A fire on board Apollo 1 while the spacecraft was parked on the launch pad killed three astronauts on Jan. 27, 1967. Seven astronauts died when the Challenger shuttle exploded just after launch on Jan. 28, 1986, and another seven were killed

when Columbia disintegrated during re-entry on Feb. 1, 2003.

At Kennedy Space Center in Florida, a moment of silence was observed at noon, and flags flew at half-staff. Later in the day, those who helped recover debris from the Columbia gathered in the giant Vehicle Assembly Building to

dedicate the new resting place for the crated wreckage.

NASA workers were asked to also remember the two men who died in a helicopter crash in Texas last March while searching for Columbia debris and all the early pioneers who were killed pushing the limits of aviation.

Kerry, Dean clash

BY DAVID S. BRODER
AND JOHN F. HARRIS
WASHINGTON POST

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Howard Dean charged on Thursday that John Kerry had not passed a single one of 11 health-care bills he sponsored in the Senate, as the dethroned leader in the Democratic presidential race challenged the new front-runner in a televised debate.

After an hour that he criticized as "mellow" to the point of blandness, the former Vermont governor said his own achievements in insuring thousands of youngsters contrasted with Kerry's record.

The Massachusetts senator replied that if Dean understood Congress better, he would know that Kerry — like any other senator — often saw his ideas come to fruition in bills that do not carry his name. He cited as examples the Family and Medical Leave Act, a bill guaranteeing parity in Medicare treatment for mental illness, protection for veterans suffering from Agent Orange, and the extension of health insurance to children in all 50 states — including Vermont.

Dean dismissed that response as "what I consider a real Washington answer," suggesting that the senator was boasting of legislation rather than actual results. "With me, you'll get results," Dean said, "because I've been a governor."

The Dean-Kerry exchange was among the most energetic moments in a 90-minute forum marked by generally polite, policy-oriented comments. Even though Kerry prevailed in the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire's primary Tuesday — making him the man to beat for the nomination — Dean was the only one to challenge him directly.

Carried nationally by MSNBC and moderated by Tom Brokaw of NBC, the debate among the seven Democratic hopefuls came five days before South Carolina and six other states vote on the 2004 election's biggest day so far.

Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, who calls South Carolina a must-win primary for his candidacy, allowed Kerry to disclaim a statement earlier in the campaign that it was a "mistake" for Democrats to believe they had to defeat President Bush's hold on the South in order to win in November.

Cost of Medicare measure to skyrocket

BY AMY GOLDSTEIN AND
JULIET EILPERIN
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — The White House has concluded that adding prescription-drug benefits to Medicare will cost one-third more than the \$400 billion advertised by Congress and the administration when President Bush signed the bill into law less than two months ago, federal sources said Thursday.

The budget Bush is to propose on Feb. 2 will say that the new Medicare act, which sets in motion the largest expansion of the program in its history, will require \$534 billion during the next decade, \$134 billion more than the president and lawmakers promised, according to congressional and administration sources.

Word of the escalation in the spending forecast immediately enraged lawmakers and policy

analysts at both ends of the ideological spectrum. Congressional Democrats and conservative Republicans alike vowed that they would intensify efforts they already had been planning to alter major aspects of the Medicare law this year. "This is a work in progress," said Rep. Jack Kingston, R-Ga., a conservative who voted for the law.

Administration officials would not explain the precise

reason for the discrepancy. White House spokesman Trent Duffy said putting a price tag on Medicare "is a terrifically difficult area to try to predict" that hinges on "any number of unknowns," including how many older Americans buy the drug coverage, how much pharmaceutical prices rise, and how many people on Medicare switch to private health plans, as the law encourages.

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Blast kills 7 U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL, Afghanistan — An explosion at a weapons cache killed seven U.S. soldiers and wounded three more Thursday in one of the deadliest incidents since U.S. forces were deployed to Afghanistan more than two years ago.

The U.S. Central Command also said an American soldier was missing.

An Afghan interpreter also was wounded by the 3 p.m. explosion near the city of Ghazni, 60 miles southwest of the capital, Kabul. The soldiers were working around a weapons cache when the blast happened.

Central Command spokesman Capt. Bruce Frame said the cause of the blast had yet to be determined.

Sporadic fighting has continued in Afghanistan even after the Taliban was driven from power. Earlier this month, the U.S. death toll reached 100. Sixteen of those deaths occurred in combat, including seven when two helicopters were hit by enemy fire in March 2002.

The toll includes deaths in other areas of Operation Enduring Freedom, such as a helicopter crash in the Philippines nearly two years ago that killed 10 American soldiers. Seven soldiers were also killed on Jan. 9, 2002 when their tanker plane slammed into a mountain in Pakistan.

The United States provides 9,000 of the 11,000-member coalition troops stationed in Afghanistan. The Army is preparing a spring offensive against Taliban and Qaeda holdouts amid concern that operations in the

country are not as effective in breaking up terrorist networks as they had hoped.

Separately, investigators sifted through evidence Thursday from suicide bombings that killed British and Canadian soldiers in Kabul the two previous days. The ousted Taliban regime has claimed responsibility for both blasts.

The wounded soldiers from Thursday's blast were evacuated to a hospital at Bagram Air Base, headquarters for U.S.-led coalition in Afghanistan.

The names of the victims were being withheld pending notification of relatives.

Troops at Camp Souter, the British base in eastern Kabul, held a memorial ceremony Thursday for the soldier killed the day before by a suicide bomber. The victim was identified as Pvt.

Jonathan Kitulagoda, 23, from Plymouth in southwest England.

Kitulagoda was killed when a suicide bomber detonated a yellow-and-white taxi next to an open-topped British jeep. Four other British soldiers were wounded. The attack came a day after a Canadian soldier was killed in a similar suicide attack.

Investigators pored over evidence from the two suicide bombings. Afghan police said they identified the original owner of the taxi, but no one had been arrested and police refused to release any other details.

Police in Kabul boosted security in the capital city in response to the attacks. Officials said they had more uniformed men on the sidewalks, more patrol cars on the roads, and extra undercover officers moving among the city's 3 million residents.



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The former director-general of the BBC, Greg Dyke, (center-left) greets staff outside the BBC's Television Centre in West London on Thursday. Dyke became the second top BBC official to step down after a judicial inquiry harshly criticized the BBC's journalistic standards.

Reeling BBC sees 2nd resignation

BY GLENN FRANKEL
WASHINGTON POST

LONDON — The BBC, the world's largest and best-known broadcast-news organization, faced one of the worst crises in its fabled 82-year history Thursday following the forced resignation of a second senior executive, an unreserved apology to its political overseers, and a walk-out by hundreds of staff members across Britain in protest.

Greg Dyke, the corporation's director general and editor-in-chief, stepped down while the corporation apologized to Prime Minister Tony Blair and other government officials for reporting they had exaggerated prewar intelligence about Iraq's access to weapons of mass destruction.

Dyke's resignation came the day after a judicial inquiry concluded that the BBC had broadcast "unfounded" allegations against Blair and his aides and then had failed to adequately investigate their complaints. The corporation's chairman, Gavyn Davies, resigned Wednesday after the inquiry's report was published.

Critics lashed into Lord Hutton's report. Rod Liddle, the "Today" program's former editor, said the judge had completely swallowed the government's self-serving version of events for both the compilation of the dossier and the leaking of Kelly's name to the news media. The *Independent's* blank front page bore the word "Whitewash?" A poll in the *Evening Standard* newspaper reported that 56 percent of respondents said Hutton's criticism of the BBC was too harsh, while 36 percent said the findings were convincing.

At first, the BBC also challenged some of Hutton's findings in statements by both Davies and Dyke, even though Dyke included

a partial apology for those aspects of the story that were inaccurate. But the prime minister's official spokesman made it clear Thursday morning that Blair was not satisfied. Shortly after noon, Dyke announced his resignation, and the new acting chairman, Richard Ryder, issued a new statement with a full apology.

"On behalf of the BBC I have no hesitation in apologizing unreservedly for our errors and to the individuals whose reputations were affected by them," Ryder said.

Blair, who received full exoneration from the inquiry, welcomed Ryder's apology and said it signaled an end to the bitter eight-month dispute between his government and the BBC. The accusation, first made in a BBC radio report last May, that Blair and his aides had knowingly published intelligence data that they knew was probably false "has now been withdrawn, and that's all I ever wanted," Blair told reporters.

"It allows us to draw a line and allows the BBC to get on with their job and for us to get on with ours," added Blair, whose aides and supporters had accused BBC journalists of adopting a relentlessly anti-government line during the war in Iraq.

But hundreds of BBC staff members walked off their jobs Thursday evening, calling for Dyke's reinstatement. Many expressed fears that the resignations and the subsequent climb-down would do serious damage to the state-funded corporation's journalistic autonomy and integrity.

"The atmosphere is bleak," said a member of the staff of "Today," the radio news program that first aired the intelligence allegations. "People inside the BBC are desperately anxious that this affair doesn't lead to the unraveling of our independence."

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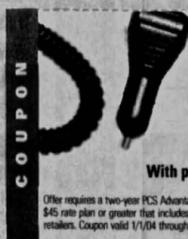
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NEWS



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A body is carried from the scene of a suicide bomb attack in downtown Jerusalem on Thursday. A bomb exploded inside a bus, killing at least 11 people and wounding approximately 50.

Jerusalem bomb kills 11

BY JOHN WARD ANDERSON
WASHINGTON POST

JERUSALEM — A violent explosion triggered by a Palestinian suicide bomber ripped through a crowded commuter bus in central Jerusalem on Thursday, killing at least 11 people, including the bomber, and dealing a sharp setback to a new U.S. effort to restart Middle East peace talks.

The 9 a.m. bombing, which was so powerful that it sprayed body parts into surrounding apartment buildings, wounded more than 50 people, Israeli police and rescue officials said.

It occurred in the middle of an intricately orchestrated prisoner swap between Israel and Lebanon's radical Hezbollah militia, which began early Thursday when prisoners and human remains held by both sides were flown to an air base in Germany.

Hezbollah's release of an Israeli businessman and the bodies of three Israeli soldiers in exchange for the release by Israel of more than 400 Palestinians and other Arabs and the remains of 60 Lebanese militants was completed despite a 24-hour rash of violence that left at least 10 Israelis and nine Palestinians dead.

"Today, again, cruel Palestinian terror struck in the heart of Jerusalem, murdering innocent civilians without distinction," Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said during a memorial service Thursday night at an Israeli air base outside Tel Aviv, where families of the dead soldiers received their remains on their return from Germany.

"The reality of our lives sometimes imposes on us a horrible mixture of sadness with sadness, sadness with happiness," Sharon said. "To some extent, we have a feeling of relief for the families who have known no

rest for the last 40 months, who now can feel that their sons can be at ease and rest at peace."

Thursday's bombing occurred approximately a block from Sharon's official residence and around four blocks from the residence of President Moshe Katsav, in the Rehavia neighborhood of central Jerusalem. Katsav was at home at the time of the blast, but Sharon was at his family's ranch in southern Israel, aides said.

The 15-pound bomb, which was carried in a sack packed with pieces of metal to increase its destructive power, was detonated approximately two-thirds of the way toward the back of the bus shortly after it pulled away from a passenger kiosk, police and eyewitnesses said.

Staff researchers Samuel Sockol, Hillary Claussen, and Ian Dietch and special correspondent Nimer Awine contributed to this report.

WORLD

Israeli, Hezbollah swap prisoners

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A long-awaited prisoner swap between Israel and the Lebanese guerrilla group Hezbollah was completed Thursday, with the arrival of more than two dozen Arabs in Beirut and an Israeli businessman and three soldiers' remains in Tel Aviv.

Earlier, Israel freed more than 400 Palestinian prisoners to jubilant relatives waiting for them in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The welcoming crowd cheered and praised Hezbollah

— Israel's arch enemy and listed by the United States as a terror group.

The complex swap went ahead despite a suicide bombing of a bus in Jerusalem that killed 10 bystanders. Israel also returned the remains of 60 Lebanese to Lebanon as part of the deal.

Thousands of people swarmed an airport highway in the Lebanese capital to greet the returning prisoners, including Shiite cleric Abdel Karim Obeid and Lebanese guerrilla leader Mustafa Dirani. They carried Lebanese, Palestinian, and Hezbollah flags, loudspeakers blared national and Hezbollah songs, and fireworks erupted.

Hezbollah said it was planning a welcoming ceremony. Lebanese President Emile Lahoud, Cabinet ministers, and Hezbollah guerrilla leader Sheik Hassan Nasrallah were on hand at Beirut International Airport for the red carpet return.

In Tel Aviv, a plane carrying a businessman Elhanan Tannenbaum and the bodies of three soldiers killed on the Israeli-Lebanese border landed after sundown.

The planes departed at the same time from Cologne, Germany, where Hezbollah and Israeli delivered the prisoners early Thursday for the exchange.

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IC workers earn above average

WORKERS

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"The reason Iowa City wages are higher [than the national average] is because there aren't a lot of low-skill positions," said UI economics Professor Forrest Nelson.

The average hourly wage in Iowa City is \$18.84, with white-collar employees averaging \$21.70 per hour and accounting for 61 percent of the workforce. Blue-collar and service employees averaged \$15.37 and \$12.89 per hour respectively and

accounted for the remainder of the workforce.

Blue-collar union workers took in an average of \$16.50 per hour, while their nonunion counterparts earned \$14.73, according to the survey.

The UI and ACT's national offices are the primary reasons for the higher percentage of white-collar employees in Iowa City, Nelson said. However, he played down the survey's significance.

"The survey won't tell you much about the future of employment in Iowa City," he said. "[But the survey's findings]

might make the city more attractive to employers that need higher-skill workers," such as law firms.

Karen Ransom, a representative of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, agreed with Nelson's assessment of the money being earned by white-collar workers.

"The high markings are due in large part to the high number of state employees and union workers," she said, adding that firms with 50-99 employees traditionally earned \$5.70 less than establishments with 500 or more workers, because the larger firms have a

more managers, who usually earn higher wages.

Iowa City City Councilor Connie Champion said the survey's findings reflect the city's employment situation and high cost of living.

"It shows that we have a better quality workforce and low unemployment," she said.

According to a Bureau of Labor Statistics survey released a year ago, Iowa City laborers on average earned \$1.12 more in 2003 than in 2002.

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Traffic near Slater, Rienow may change

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The City Council has been receptive to the findings of the study and anticipates its approval at the Feb. 2 hearing.

"It's obviously needed. A lot of work went into it," Councilor Mike O'Donnell said, adding that he hasn't heard any concerns from neighborhood groups opposed to the changes.

Of the three intersections surveyed, Earth Tech Inc., a local engineering consultant preparing the report, found the intersection of Grand Avenue and Riverside Drive to be the most dangerous.

The company also plans to

remedy the significantly high broadside collision rate at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Byington Road.

The committee developed recommendations after analyzing crash records for the past five years and simulating traffic through the proposed road construction in a computer model.

The proposal recommends establishing one-way roads above other costly alternatives because of fixed underground utilities. It bans west-bound traffic on the small section of Melrose Avenue east of the South Grand Avenue intersection and limits east-bound traffic on Grand Avenue to buses and emer-

gency and UI vehicles.

Extended plans also call for widening Melrose Avenue to allow for left-turn lanes.

To accommodate the larger amount of traffic rerouted east on Melrose Avenue to Riverside Drive, the project calls for a reconstructed curve, retaining wall, and left-turn lane at the intersection with Byington Road.

Research for the road re-routing did not involve surveying traffic during large sporting events, but the recommended system can accommodate an increase in motorists, the report concluded.

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UI student hits medical, law jackpot

DEGREES

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in less time than if you did the degrees sequentially," said Linda McGuire, an associate law dean. "We'll take medical school courses and let students apply them to J.D. electives."

Sewell said 12 of his total semester hours counted as credit toward both of his degrees, which saved him an extra year of tuition. Because he alternated between law courses and medical courses each year, he paid tuition accordingly.

After graduating this spring, Sewell will begin a residency in otolaryngology at the University of Nebraska Hospitals.

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Harkin pushes Vilsack as possibility for VP

VILSACK

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win in the Midwest as well as in key swing states, such as Ohio and West Virginia.

Vilsack said it is too early for the candidates to talk about their picks for vice president.

"I suspect lots of names are

going to be tossed around in the months ahead," he said. "If mine is among them, I hope it's because folks think I'm doing a good job serving the people of Iowa and helping move our great state forward."

"Frankly, though, I don't think any of the presidential candidates are worrying about potential running mates at this

point. It's way too early in the process."

Many Democrats are eyeing a ticket of Kerry and Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina. Harkin cast doubt on that idea.

"I think it would be very hard for two senators to be on the same ticket," he said.

Local radio host uses his 'brain'

BIG BRAIN

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Those tuning into the show may call in during the show or e-mail Kieffer in advance with a few questions or answers of their own.

"It's always important to support local independent radio, especially new shows," said Dylan Reynolds, a UI graduate student who enjoyed the first

broadcast. "I would maybe call in with a question, if it was something I couldn't look up on the Internet or in an encyclopedia."

The next show will be Feb. 5 from 10-11 a.m.; future shows will include special guests Max Allan Collins, the author of *Road to Perdition*, and Ethan Canin, whose short story "The Palace Thief" inspired the film *The Emperor's Club*.

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Taxing the upper-class

WHY TUITION DIFFERENTIALS FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS ARE A BAD IDEA

Sophomores, freshmen, and all future UI students, beware.

Beginning in the fiscal 2006, the state Board of Regents could charge more in tuition for upperclassmen than for underclassmen. A UI task force considered other tuition differentials, such as charging more for more expensive majors, but it rejected all except the proposal that would charge juniors and seniors more.

Patricia Cain, the UI interim provost and head of the task force, justified the change by saying juniors and seniors "can more equitably bear the cost because they are closer to employment."

That may come as a surprise to many juniors and seniors who have trouble both paying their current tuition and finding a postgraduation job.

If anything, it's less fair to raise tuition on upperclassmen than it is on incoming freshmen simply because the upperclassmen expected better when they signed up to go to school here. Fourth-year seniors started college in 2000-01, when the average in-state tuition at a regents university was \$2,906. Today, these same students pay \$4,342. If they were required to pay even more simply because they are upperclassmen,

their tuition might run more than \$5,000, a 70 percent increase from when they enrolled.

On the other hand, it makes sense at first sight to dramatically increase tuition for incoming freshmen — but then guarantee that it would not go up for that class over the next four years. The task force rightly rejected this solution, however, because it doesn't account for unpredictable state appropriations, which change yearly.

We understand Cain's concern that setting tuition by expense of major would discourage students from choosing certain majors simply because of the cost. However, setting higher tuition for upperclassmen might force fourth-year students, only a few credits from a degree, to drop out of school. Surely this should be a greater concern than discouraging certain majors.

As the task force pointed out, juniors and seniors are sometimes more expensive to educate because they often take smaller classes taught by tenured professors, but that is not always the case. UI Student Government President Nate Green criticized the plan, saying a lot of students get their required courses for their major done in their freshman

and sophomore years and then take electives during their last two years.

Green also said underclass students use more resources, such as academic advisers and the ITCs. Students who use less should not pay more, especially when they came here expecting to pay less than \$3,000. If the university is intent on charging upperclassmen more, we suggest placing this burden on the UPPERclassmen — those of us who, for one reason or another, have enjoyed the advantages of a state-subsidized undergraduate education for five, six, or even seven years. Perhaps this would encourage students to be more diligent in following their four-year plans, thus reducing the institutional cost of supporting students for more than four years and boosting the university's four-year graduation rate.

We hope UI President David Skorton does not forward his panel's recommendation to the regents, because it is unfair to students who came here expecting more from the university and because it may force upperclassmen to leave school. We realize that our super-senior proposal will not solve all of the UI's problems, but the task force's solution will solve none of them.

JUMPshots

Glub, glub, glub

Howard Dean tried to shake up his floundering presidential campaign this week. The cure, however, may be worse than the disease.

Dean fired campaign manager Joe Trippi, widely recognized as the man who brought the former Vermont governor out of obscurity and into the information age. Insiders consider Trippi one of the best in the business, and it may have been a mistake to replace him with Roy Neel, a member of the Democratic establishment Dean has so long railed against.

Dean staffers loyal to Trippi must be no happier with the candidate's next plan for rejuvenation: suspending their pay for two weeks as the campaign attempts to find its financial footing.

To top it off, the campaign is looking past the Feb. 3 states, campaigning lightly in comparison with several other candidates.

Much of Dean's bad luck lately hasn't been his fault. But if these "solutions" are any indication, he may soon have something real to scream about.

Living up to the hype

WE LIVE in a world of hype. No matter where you are, there is someone trying to demonstrate the importance of something that on second look is insignificant. We are overwhelmed by commercials insinuating that we can't do without their products. The television stations try to convince us that a particular program is a "must-see."

Never has so much effort been made to dupe so many. In the information age, everything and everyone have been reduced to sound bites. From politics to entertainment to education, hype is the way information is disseminated in the 21st century.



BODE OLAKANMI

Hype sounds great, but it never lives up to expectations. Recent years have witnessed so much hype that only a bit remains fresh in our collective memories. Many people probably still remember Tiananmen Square, Princess Di, or the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Initially, pundits called each of them a watershed. China was supposed to be transformed into a pseudo-democratic society in response to the demands of a group of students. Princess Di and her death were supposed to initiate the demise of the British royal family. Bill Gates created the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in an attempt to rescue his poor public image, which promised money to promote serious scientific research but awarded it essentially for social engineering.

Stem cells and hormone-replacement therapy constitute a pair of hyped technologies, with some great hopes that quickly dried up. Stem-cell enthusiasts talked about their project as if it offered a panacea to cure all diseases, even though no one yet understands how a single stem cell differentiates into the various specialized tissues in the body. The whole thing may one day be as discredited as Dolly the lamb and the publicity-hound cloned babies. As for hormone-replacement therapy, following so many conflicting studies, it now seems as if it is no therapy at all. After promising better health, both technologies are still mired in controversy.

E-commerce was the fad of the 1990s. All commerce went electronic. For quite some time, it appeared as if the dot-coms had taken over and the classical way of running businesses was out of date. The creators of the Web sites were worth millions, and money continued to pour in until the whole bubble burst, and the perceived wealth disappeared with the 20th century itself.

The most recent hype is Howard Dean's political juggernaut. For the past year, Dean campaigned in Iowa while other Democratic contenders waited in the wings. Dean, who worked for Jimmy Carter's campaign in 1976, patterned many of his techniques after his former employer. But Dean forgot to learn the most important trait of Carter — humility. Until the other candidates decided to turn up the heat, Dean pounded on and insulted everyone, both Democrats and Republicans. In fact, he was so hard on other Democrats one could easily have assumed he was a Republican.

Anything was fair game to him as long as it kept him ahead in the polls and in fund raising. Although he sounded angry with anyone who knew where Washington, D.C., is located on the map, he was ready to accept endorsements from the Washington insiders he so detested. Despite his claim of support from every corner of the state, he imported thousands of supporters from out of state to knock on Iowa doors rather than to rely on local supporters. Even before a single vote was cast, he was reported to be asking another candidate to give up and agree to become his running mate. It was no surprise that Iowa clipped his wings to protest his arrogance.

Dean showed his true self as an angry man after he lost to John Kerry and John Edwards in Iowa. His raving and ranting made him the laughingstock of the nation and brought him back to earth. For the past four months, he reveled in the attention of front-runner status. Now, his campaign blames the press for his demise. Hopefully, Dean has learned a lesson or two in humility. We can only hope so. ■

LETTERS

A Republican prayer?

A prayer that has made the rounds on the Internet since 1996 was read recently as part of the opening prayer on the floor of the Arizona House of Representatives. Democrats are furious over the reading of this prayer, and one really has to wonder why. Do Democrats not pray for the same things as the rest of us do? Here is the prayer.

"Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know your word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and inverted our values. We confess that: 'We have ridiculed the

absolute truth of your word and called it pluralism.

"We have worshiped other gods and called it multiculturalism.

"We have endorsed perversion and called it alternative lifestyle.

"We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.

"We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation.

"We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

"We have killed our unborn and called it choice.

"We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.

"We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem.

"We have abused power and called it political savvy.

"We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it

ambition.

"We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.

"And we have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

"Search us, O God, and know our hearts today; try us and see if there be some wicked way in us; cleanse us from every sin and set us free.

"In the name of your son, the living Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen."

Mike Thayer
Coraville resident

Young independent

Shawn Slaven's piece "Resisting the Chatter" (*DI*, Jan. 26) stands out as one of the best pieces I have read in *The Daily*

Iowan. It's additional evidence that students today are politically more mature than many of their elders. They seem less given to blind partisanship and thoughtless hatred.

Panayot Butchvarov
philosophy department

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GUEST COLUMN

Belly-dancing the Arab night away

Much of Dubai's resident expatriate population hits the multi-ethnic restaurants and "cool" Western-style bars in the evening, but not too many of them go to the Arabic cafés. For one thing, these restaurants don't kick into high gear until after 10 p.m. Also, if you don't understand Arabic, the traditional songs all sound the same: somewhat dissonant, the pitch of the singer's voice rising and falling like a roller coaster.

Last night I went with my friend George, a Syrian Christian, to one such restaurant, located in the depths of a palatial Holiday Inn to see some belly dancing.

Like most Arabic late-night restaurants, the place was dimly lit, the stucco walls barely illuminated. I felt like I was walking into the interior of a cave. But the tables were elegantly set, the waiters wore suits, and high-tech theatrical lighting fixtures hung from the ceiling in front of a tiny stage. Five musicians sat resting as we entered, holding an array of strange-looking instruments.

One musician held an oud, a half-pear-shaped string instrument held rather like a guitar. Beside him was a man cradling a tablah, a small hand drum. Just so there would be enough percussion, another musician had his taar, a frame drum that looks like a huge tambourine. I also saw a keyboard, and then an older local man dressed in his crisp white dishdasha — the only guy in the restaurant so garbed — waved George and me over to his table. Beside him was a lovely, though

slightly chunky, blond woman. I thought she must be Russian. Another woman sat opposite her. Two Syrian businessmen, our hosts for the evening, rounded out the table.

I was a bit overwhelmed as we sat down. In true Arabic fashion, all manner of dishes were spread across the table: finger bowls of hummus, olives, salads, sliced meats, and caviar. At my end of the table stood a bottle of whiskey, and wine chilled in a bucket. I felt the financial alarms ringing.

"I thought this was just going to be some belly dancing," I whispered to George. As the musicians started playing, George said, "Salim's paying. Remember, he owns a gold shop."

The belly dancer came out, a gorgeous Lebanese woman with flowing black hair, exotic eyes, and, well, not a lot of clothes. She danced across the floor, shimmying and swaying, smiling all the while. The girl's wiggling wildly flung the tassels that veiled her crimson-colored bikini bottom. At one point, the man with the taar descended a step onto the dance floor, beating his drum with heavy strokes. The girl produced a short cane and dazzled the audience by laying it across her breasts — where it magically stayed.

Now for a quick interruption while I give some background on belly dancing, which is shrouded in myth. For one thing, the term "belly dancing" was coined by Sol Bloom, an exhibitor at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. His exhibit was titled "The Streets of Cairo," and he needed to attract customers.

Middle Eastern women have always danced, but primarily for their own entertainment — for the most part, at festivals, wedding celebrations, and the like. It was also a way of helping women prepare abdominal muscles for labor. Incidentally, the word "harem" comes from the Arabic word "haram," which means "forbidden." Men were not allowed into the parts of the houses in which the womenfolk lived.

So why was this young woman flitting about the dance floor and moving her hips at warp speed? Because European colonial powers, and later Hollywood and Sol Bloom, created the image, and tourists to the Middle East want to see "belly dancers." The West solidified the image of the scantily clad harem girl with a gem in her navel (another Hollywood invention).

The woman danced for 20 minutes or so and took a well-earned break. The band continued to play, and as the wine flowed, a few couples wandered onto the dance floor, one young woman in Levis doing imitations of the belly dancer. The crowd was happy; arms undulated in the air like crazed cobras (I've noticed enthusiastic Arabs do this). The old guy in the dishdasha kissed his Russian "girlfriend," and I saw the tiny golden cross hanging around her neck. I drank another glass of wine, thinking of tassels.

Scott Sutton, a native Nebraskan, teaches English in Dubai.

ON THE SPOT

Should the UI charge higher tuition for upperclassmen?



"I don't think it is fair to raise tuition based on your year in school."

Jessica Fischhoff
UI sophomore



"No. Everyone will be upperclass someday, so we should all pay the same."

Barry Van Boord
UI sophomore



"Absolutely not; they already charge us enough as it is."

Evan Brown
UI senior



"Bad idea."

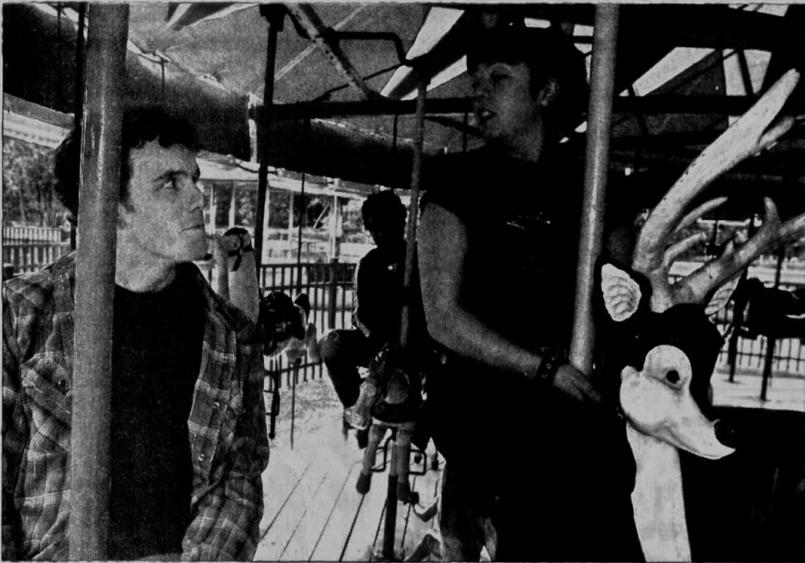
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CALENDAR-WORTHY

Local magician Nate Staniforth, famous for throwing himself into the Iowa River while chained up, will perform his show *Spellbinder* today at Public Space One, 6½ S. Dubuque St. The wonders start at 8 p.m.; admission is \$3.



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Local foursome Burn Disco Burn will return to Iowa City and headline Gabe's on Saturday after a tour of the Midwest and Northeast and time in the studio. A Is Jump and Valyn will open the show.

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There is a light that never really goes out

BY RICHARD SHIRK
THE DAILY IOWAN

A year and a half ago in Iowa City, there was as much likelihood of seeing Burn Disco Burn, Alto Heceta, or Troubled Hubble on a bill at Gabe's or the Greenroom as finding a love story in an art-house cinema. It was expected and familiar, predictably enjoyable, and probably about the only sure thing about life in a college town.

Burn Disco Burn will return to Gabe's on Saturday, and, like many who haven't seen the former local standby for more than a couple months, the question is this: What has Burn Disco Burn been up to?

Needless to say, it's easy for things to change over 18 months. Alto Heceta has split up. Troubled Hubble is touring on an ascending arc of popularity. And a year and a half after releasing *I Love You And What You've Done With The Place* (Peachy Keen) — a fantastic debut bursting with disillusionment, broken hearts, and pop-song hooks — Burn Disco Burn is basking in some down time before the next phase of its four year-long career.

"Burn Disco Burn has kinda

abandoned Iowa City lately," admitted guitarist Chris Ellis during a recent E-mail interview with *The Daily Iowan* detailing the ups and downs of the band's fall tour and Burn Disco Burn's plans for the future.

"[We] learned a lot about what to and what not to do," he said, recalling the two months spent playing the Midwest and Northeast. "For example, when you're an unknown band playing in Ashbury Park, N.J., don't agree to play last ... nobody — and by nobody I mean nobody, including the other bands on the bill — will stick around to hear you play."

The tour built on the college-radio success of *I Love You*. While the four-some won over audiences and met new friends, they also had to acclimate to crashing on living-room floors and sleeping in the van.

The group's music caught the ear of MTV executives somewhere along the way. The network has used the band's music more than half a dozen times as soundtrack snippets during

such shows as "Road Rules," "The Real World," "Sorority Life," and "Fraternity Life."

Since returning from tour, the band has also been back in the studio, busy recording a new, as yet untitled follow-up — "*Best Divorce Ever, Vegas Lit Places, Right Turn on Red* [or] a slew of others. We haven't settled on one yet," Ellis said.

More upbeat and driving in contrast with aching-heart pop-didge tendencies of the debut, Burn Disco Burn aims to wrap up the album before appearing at the 2004 South By Southwest Music Conference in Austin, Texas.

As Burn Disco Burn prepares itself for the next orbit and a bright future, what we can expect from the band Saturday will be more than just an hour-long set of pop songs reminding us of what it's like to fall in love. It will be a reminder of what it was to fall in love with Iowa City music in the first place.

E-mail *DI* reporter Richard Shirk at: rshirk2003@yahoo.com

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ARTS

Slices of Elvis

NEW YORK (AP) — A New Jersey company is offering Elvis Presley fans a chance to buy what it says is a slice of history.

And it really means a slice — 2-inch snips of a tape reel featuring some of the King's earliest recordings.

"This is a piece of the history," said Tony Bongiovi, an engineer and record producer involved with trying to

authenticate the reel. "Here's a chance to get something that nobody has."

At a news conference at a recording studio in Manhattan on Tuesday, Michael Esposito, the president of Bloomfield, N.J.-based Master Tape Collection, showed reporters and guests the reel of tape, which was purchased at an auction in Tennessee in 1992. He cut off a 2-inch section, meant to be put in a plaque and presented to Presley's estate.

On the reel are recordings of the first songs a then-unknown Presley put together in a studio in the early 1950s. They're known as the "Sun Sessions," a series of songs released by Sun records before Presley moved to a major label.

The reel is in bad condition and can barely be played. Copies have been made of what was recorded on it. Bongiovi said he doubted the original could be heard again without falling apart.

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- **Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Event, Martin Luther King Jr. Diversity Research Symposium,** John Paul Chaisson-Cardenas, noon, Lindquist Center Jones Commons.
- **Center for Teaching Spring Teaching Circles, "How to urge students to come to class prepared,"** 12:30 p.m., 4039 Main Library.
- **Cultural Frameworks for Civil Liberties Lecture Series, "Fighting for Democracy: African American Military Stories about World War II,"** Kimberley Phillips, College of William and Mary, 4 p.m., 704 Jefferson Building.
- **Anthony Swofford, reading,** 8 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St.
- **Night Games,** 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Field House.
- **Liberation Theology Seminar, "The Need for a New Theology,"** 2:30 p.m. Feb. 1, Newman Catholic Student Center, 104 E. Jefferson St.
- **Electronic Music Studios,** Lawrence Fritts, director, 8 p.m. Feb. 1, Clapp Recital Hall.
- **Institute for Sacred Music 2004,** location and time TBA; contact 335-1160.

Little University



- 1 What indoor sport refers to its competitors as "arrowmen"?
- 2 What outfit was the first to squeeze 1 million transistors onto a single microchip, in 1989?
- 3 What author was the victim of an Internet hoax claiming he'd told MIT graduates his most important advice was: "Wear sunscreen"?
- 4 What Western U.S. state endured a salmonella attack initiated by the Rajneeshee cult in 1984?
- 5 What pop chameleon reinvented himself for the umpteenth time with *Unrecoupable One Man Bandit* in 1999?

5. Boy George
4. Oregon
3. Kurt Vonnegut
2. Intel
1. Darts

quote of the day

We think the court is wrong in thinking that the Constitution lets the government assume that sexual orientation has anything to do with good parenting.

Paul Cates of the American Civil Liberties Union, on an appeals court ruling upholding Florida's ban on homosexual couples adopting children.

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Are you interested in running for UI Student Government, but don't know anything about it? Please attend one of these informational meetings held by the Student Elections Board:

- Feb. 2: 5:30-6:30 p.m. 351 IMU
- Feb. 3: 5:30-6:30 p.m. 351 IMU

At these meetings you will be given a chance to talk to members of the current UISG executive branch and ask them any questions you may have. In addition, the Elections Board will be present to help explain the election process. If you have any questions, please contact the UISG office, 46 IMU, or check out its Web site: <http://www.uiowa.edu/~uisg>.

horoscopes

Friday, January 30, 2004 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Hard work will bring rewards. Doors are opening, and your options are growing. Take on extra work, and you will be praised for your ability to get things done.
- TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You must not take anything or anyone for granted. Make your plans carefully, leaving no room for error. Include the people you care most about so that no one feels left out.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): You will be indecisive about everything today. You will probably be given the wrong information about something you are working on. The more you can do to improve the issues causing you grief, the better.
- CANCER** (June 21-July 22): What you do today could alter the way things turn out in your future. You can secure a relationship or earn a higher position in an organization you belong to.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): You may be questioned if you have made promises that aren't being honored. You will have to counteract any negative action by taking positive action. Backtrack if you must, but get the job done.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Listen to advice from someone you respect on how to face the present situation. You can incorporate some of the methods you learn into your everyday life in order to make things better.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Time may be a factor when it comes to a deal you are involved in. Contracts that are not in your favor must be dealt with. If you have to walk away from a deal, be prepared to do so.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): New romantic encounters will develop through events you attend or a hobby you are trying to develop. The support you drum up, coupled with your magnetic ability to lead, will bring great results.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Consider applying for a position that will give you the freedom to do what you enjoy doing the most. Don't settle for anything less than what you know you are capable of doing.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Get involved in social activities. Partnerships can form, and opportunities will occur. Travel should be in your plans.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look at the big picture, and you can avoid arguments that will lead to grief. Include the whole family in your plans, or you may hurt someone's feelings.
- PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Your sweet and congenial way of dealing with people will result in love and romance today. Take the initiative to get involved in something that will introduce you to a whole new group of people.

THE LEDGE

HOW TO HOST A SUCCESSFUL SUPER BOWL PARTY

- By Jesse Ammerman
- Show sensitivity toward any Bears fans that might be present, as they are not accustomed to viewing such fast-paced professional talent.
- Tortilla chips are a Super Bowl dream, but a carbohydrate nightmare. Try serving something more Atkins-friendly, such as sausages, ham hocks, or chicken gizzards.
- Some find the commercials to be the Super Bowl's most entertaining feature. Do your best not to invite people with such perverse priorities.
- Halftime entertainment often makes or breaks the experience. So be sure to have a backup plan in case Aerosmith or Beyoncé can't make it to the apartment.
- Watching football is made more exciting with a solid knowledge of the game. Help enlighten guests by mentioning each player's season statistics and arrest records while the contest unfolds.
- Avoid a repeat of last year's unfortunate halftime "performance" by drinking less beer and keeping your pants up.
- Remember that a good host always makes sure there's enough body paint to go around.
- Finally, a chance for you and your friends to showcase those deep allegiances to the Carolina Panthers. Don't let any nonbelievers disrupt this momentous occasion.

public access schedule

- Noon Music da Camera: Mu Daiko/Taiko Drums
- 12:30 p.m. Kucinich for President
- 1 Decorating with Nature
- 1:35 Aerohawks/Video Rental
- 1:55 Hy-Vee Song
- 2 Maktabi Piano Recital
- 2:55 All About Eve
- 3 Satsang with Gangaji
- 4 Conversations
- 5 U.N. Report
- 5:30 Breaking the Bank
- 6 Gospel Explosion Ministry
- 7 Country Time Country
- 8 Eden
- 8:30 Professor Noodle
- 9 Uncovered: The Whole Truth About the Iraq War
- 10 Silvis Full Gospel
- 11 Tom's Guitar Show (Replay)

UITV schedule

- 6:30 p.m. Iowa Basketball with Steve Alford
- 7 Steve Alford Press Conference (Rebroadcast)
- 7:30 Lisa Bluder Press Conference (Rebroadcast)
- 8 College of Engineering: Intellectual Property and Patent Law
- 9 Ida Beam Sponsored Lecturer Sherry Simon
- 10 Student Video Productions

DILBERT

by Scott Adams



DOGBERT DOES P.R.
YOU KNEW YOUR PRODUCT WAS DEADLY BUT YOU DID NOTHING UNTIL YOU WERE SUED.

THE GOAL OF PUBLIC RELATIONS IS TO TAINT THE JURY POOL. WE'LL SHOW THAT THE VICTIMS HAD IT COMING.

MAYBE WE SHOULD DISCUSS THE MORAL IMPLICATIONS OF THAT STRATEGY.

BAH!

'NON SEQUITUR

BY WILEY



UH... WHERE ARE WE?

IN MY ZONE OF CONTENTMENT

OH... COOL...

...DOES THAT MEAN YOU'RE DONE WITH YOUR HOMEWORK?

POOF

THANK YOU, MISS BUZZKILL...

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



HI, I'M CALLING FROM THE DEAN CAMPAIGN...

"DR. DEAN IS RUNNING TO STAND UP TO BUSH AND TAKE BACK OUR COUNTRY..."

SO IS HIS CLARK!

SURE! HE'S A PROVEN, DYNAMIC LEADER WITH A ROBUST VISION OF AMERICA'S FUTURE.

HE IS?

NOW... CLARK SOUNDS GREAT.

FOCUS, SARAH! FOCUS!

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

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ACROSS	28 M. M. Kaye's "The Far Pavilions," e.g.	50 In 24 hours
1 Eastern competitor	29 Weirdo, in modern slang	52 Friend of Dorothy
4 Regrettably	33 Peer Gynt's mother	53 "Bon ___"
8 Dogma	34 Women, in old parlance	54 Literary monogram
13 "I figured it out!"	35 Austin-to-Dallas dir.	55 Talking trash
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		8 Without holding back
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		11 Columnist Goodman
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		34 Period of unrestricted activity
		37 Goes downhill
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		42 Port of old Rome
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		51 Fly catcher

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FRIDAY, J

ROA

Hawks
The Iowa team stung Wildcats, 76-63, on Thursday. The victory on the road in the Hawkeyes, who go to 11-7 overall. Further information available at www.uiowa.edu.

Up Next

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Florida
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Dodgers

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SCOREBOARD

NHL
 Capitals 5, Hurricanes 3
 Lightning 5, Penguins 1
 Predators 6, Blue Jackets 4

Red Wings 5, Devils 2
 Bruins 2, Islanders 1
 Canucks 4, Blues 2
 Canadiens 3, Wild 2

NBA
 Nets 89, Magic 79
 Blazers 93, Hawks 85
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ON THE BRINK: HAWKS NEED WIN TO KEEP TOURNEY HOPES ALIVE. SEE PAGE 3B

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ROAD KILL

Hawks roll

The Iowa women's basketball team stung the Northwestern Wildcats, 76-61, in Evanston, Ill., on Thursday night. The victory was the first on the road in the conference for the Hawkeyes, who saw their record go to 11-7 on the season. Further details were not available at press time.

Up Next

On Feb. 1, Iowa coach Lisa Bluder's bunch will head to East Lansing to take on the Michigan State Spartans. The 1:05 p.m. tipoff will be broadcast on Internet radio at Hawkeyesports.com. The Spartans have been a rebounding force in the Big Ten thus far, dominating the glass for a league-leading margin of nine. Michigan State averages 40 rebounds a game, first in the league, although only 2.3 rebounds ahead of third-place Iowa. The Spartans are led by Liz Shimek, second in the league in rebounding at 8.9 boards per game. She also leads Michigan State in scoring at 12.9. Lindsay Bowen averages 12.3 for the Spartans, who have five players averaging in double figures.

ON A ROLL

No. 1 Duke beats Florida State, 56-49

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Chris Duhon scored 11 points and hit a key 3-pointer in the final minute to lift No. 1 Duke past Florida State, 56-49, on Thursday night. J.J. Redick scored 24 points to lead the Blue Devils (17-1, 6-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), who have won 14 straight overall and 37 in a row at home. Sean Dockery went scoreless but had two big steals late as Duke remained the only unbeaten team in ACC play. Tim Pickett scored 16 for the Seminoles (14-6, 3-4), who were trying to beat a top 10 team in three straight games for the first time in school history. Florida State, which had beaten North Carolina and Wake Forest in the last week, fell to 0-14 all-time at Cameron Indoor Stadium. The Seminoles had beaten the Blue Devils at home in each of the past two seasons. But they had never fared well at Cameron, losing their 13 previous games by an average of 21 points per game. They hung around most of the way Thursday, playing scrappy defense and giving Duke one of its toughest challenges since taking the No. 1 ranking two weeks ago.

SOLD

Baseball approves Dodgers' sale

NEW YORK (AP) — The \$430 million sale of the Los Angeles Dodgers from News Corp. to Boston real-estate developer Frank McCourt was unanimously approved Thursday by baseball owners. The highly leveraged purchase, likely to be finalized within a week, probably will set off the third change in management in six years for the marquee franchise, which hasn't advanced to the playoffs since 1996. "The Dodgers are one of our great franchises," Commissioner Bud Selig said in a telephone interview. "We need stability there. We need a lot of energy. Having an unresolved ownership situation was, frankly, hurting the franchise."



Selig

News Corp. bought the team in March 1998 from the O'Malley family for \$311 million. The corporation quickly tired of running the club, and former movie executive Robert Daly took over as chief executive officer in October 1999 after purchasing a minority stake.

THE ROAD TO THE SUPER BOWL

Carolina Panthers (11-5)

PLAYOFF GAMES
 Week 1: Dallas 29-10
 Week 2: at St. Louis 29-23 (2OT)
 Week 3: at Philadelphia 14-3



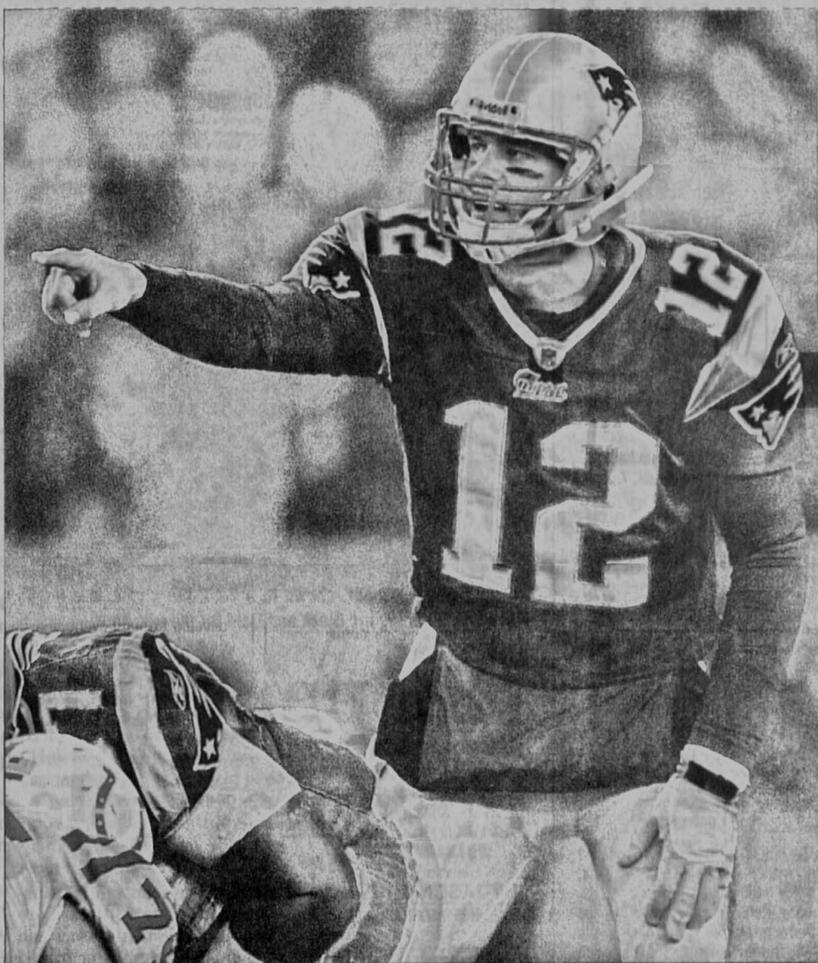
New England Patriots (14-2)

PLAYOFF GAMES
 Week 1: Bye
 Week 2: Tennessee 17-14
 Week 3: Indianapolis 24-14

Spotlight shines on Brady in faceless Super Bowl

BY BARRY WILNER
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — The media mass was six deep straining to hear the words of New England quarterback Tom Brady, one of the few recognizable faces in this otherwise faceless Super Bowl. Not far away, sitting alone at a table and reading a newspaper, was teammate Richard Seymour, an All-Pro defensive tackle and probably the Patriots' best player. On Feb. 1, it's possible Seymour will have more impact on who wins the NFL championship than any other Patriot. On Thursday, though, he was hardly an attraction. The same can be said for many of his teammates and most of the Carolina Panthers. Most casual football fans will have no idea whom they're watching on TV. Hey, even the stars on these teams barely sparkle compared with the Sapps and Keyshawns and Rices and Woodsons who populated last year's Super Bowl. "I listen to some of the stuff on TV and it says, 'This team doesn't have a lot of superstars, but they have a lot of good players,'" said the Patriots' Willie McGinest, a Pro Bowl end/linebacker. "I don't understand what qualifies as a superstar. We have a Super Bowl MVP on our team. We have guys going to the Pro Bowl. We have guys who have been playing well. What's a superstar if you can't go to the big game?"



Jim Rogash/Associated Press

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady signals from the line against the Indianapolis Colts during the AFC Championship Game on Jan. 18. The Patriots will take on the Carolina Panthers in Super Bowl XXXVIII on Feb. 1.

SEE SUPER BOWL, PAGE 6B

Agassi says bye to Australian Open

BY JOHN PYE
 AP SPORTS WRITER

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Andre Agassi put his fingers to his lips and bowed after going five sets with Marat Safin. He blew kisses to all corners of the court in what has become a postmatch ritual. "You never know when it's your last," Agassi said. "So you want to say bye properly." It was certainly goodbye for the 33-year-old Agassi at this Australian Open. The defending champion rallied after dropping the first two sets but lost Thursday's semifinal to an opponent

who has fortified his game and is playing as if he were No. 1 again. Safin, who upset top-ranked Andy Roddick in the quarterfinals, won 7-6 (6), 7-6 (6), 5-7, 1-6, 6-3 in a calm, consistent and powerful display. The unseeded Russian ended Agassi's 26-match winning streak at the Australian Open — an Open era record — and denied the American a shot at a ninth Grand Slam tournament title. "It couldn't go any better," said Safin, the 2000 U.S. Open champion. "I think I played one of my best matches in my whole life."

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Rick Stevens/Associated Press
 Andre Agassi makes a backhand return during his semifinal match.

Eustice strives to put team back in motion

BY BRIAN TRIPLETT
 THE DAILY IOWAN

While the matchups scheduled for this weekend may look similar to the pair of meets the Hawkeyes competed in a week ago, Iowa wrestling coach Jim Zalesky is hoping for an outcome with a different twist. The Hawkeyes (7-3, 2-1) will host No. 6 Penn State (8-3, 1-1) today at 7 p.m. in Carver-Hawkeye Arena — a match Zalesky said looks quite comparable with his team's 16-20 loss to Michigan one week ago — followed by a 1 p.m. meeting with Michigan State (1-6, 0-2) at home on Feb. 1 — the one-week anniversary of a 23-9 Hawkeye victory over Purdue. Iowa carries a respectable No. 10 national rank, but senior Luke Eustice is hoping to see the team progress. "I'd say we're just kind of standing still right now," the 125-pounder said. "I don't think we're off track, but I don't think we're on track. Certain guys have to make a

decision whether they want to give a little more." After this weekend concludes, the Hawkeyes will have the luxury of a 12-day break from competition, with one exception. Eustice (16-1) will compete on Feb. 2 at the 38th annual NWCA All-Star dual at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls, where he will take on Michigan's Mark Moos for the second time in two weeks. In the Hawkeyes' loss to the Wolverines on Jan. 23, Eustice dominated Moos in a 13-3 major decision in Ann Arbor. While the two are ranked No. 2 and 3 in the nation in their weight class, Eustice feels that his victory was no mistake. "I wasn't surprised by the score, personally," he said. "I know I have a lot of confidence in myself, and I know that if I wrestle that way, I could do that to a lot of people. "I'm looking for the results to be the same. I don't want people to think that was a fluke the first time." Eustice was the only Hawkeye chosen to compete at the event, but the Blue Earth, Minn., native felt teammates Tyler Nixt (23-1) and Cliff Moore (19-2) were equally deserving of the honor.



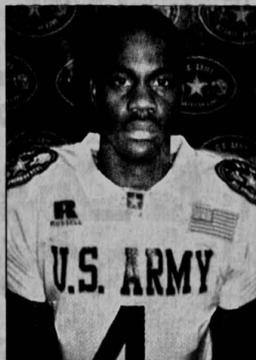
Eustice

only Iowa wrestler to compete at the 38th annual NWCA All-Star dual on Feb. 2

SEE WRESTLERS, PAGE 6B

Iowa receiver follows his heart to Michigan

BY JASON BRUMMOND
 THE DAILY IOWAN



Iowa prep Adrian Arrington chose to play football at Michigan over Iowa. He said telling Iowa "no" was more difficult than choosing between the two Big Ten rivals.

CEDAR RAPIDS — Iowa prep Adrian Arrington was forced to make one of the toughest decisions in his life. Did he want to stay in-state and play for Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz only 30 minutes away? Or, did he prefer to take a scholarship offer from tradition-rich Michigan and coach Lloyd Carr? He went with his heart, and his heart told him to pack his bags for Ann Arbor. "It pretty much came down to my heart versus my gut feeling,"

Arrington said Thursday afternoon at Cedar Rapids Washington High School. "I kind of went with my heart on this one. My heart is at Michigan, and it's always been at Michigan." The 6-4, 180-pound wide receiver is ranked by Rivals.com as the 17th best player at his position and the top player in the state of Iowa. Arrington chose the Wolverines over scholarship offers UCLA and Pittsburgh, along with Iowa. He recorded 57 receptions for 914 yards and 10 touchdowns during

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SPORTS

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

HAWKEYE HISTORY

In 1989, the field-hockey world revolved around Iowa

BY ALI NOLLER
THE DAILY IOWAN

It was 1989, and record-setting crowds watched the Iowa field-hockey team dominate No. 6 Providence, 5-0, on its way to the Hawkeyes' fourth-consecutive NCAA Final Four appearance.

A total of 951 Hawkeye fans watched the No. 3 Iowa team put an exclamation point on an already impressive journey back to the Final Four, which included a 19-0-2 regular-season record. Iowa was the only undefeated team in the Division I field to make it to the Final Four in 1989, setting an Iowa field hockey record along the way.

Although the Hawkeyes finished fourth at the NCAA Tournament in 1989, it was the beginning of an impressive career for an Iowa field-hockey

legend, Kristy Gleason, who competed for the first time as a Hawkeye in 1989.

Gleason's freshman campaign marked the beginning of a career that included four first-team All-American honors. Gleason scored 26 goals in 1989, and she remains the all-time leading scorer in Iowa field-hockey history with 132.

"Kristy is an athlete that comes along once in a decade," then-Iowa coach Beth Beglin said in 1989. "She's an unbelievable athlete. She is definitely the best freshman I've ever dealt with."

In the next 14 seasons, the Hawkeyes would return to the NCAA Tournament eight times, including an NCAA runner-up finish in 1992, Gleason's junior season of eligibility.

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NHL

All Times CST

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
Philadelphia	25	11	11	5	66	142
New Jersey	26	13	10	1	63	117
N.Y. Islanders	24	20	5	2	55	143
N.Y. Rangers	19	21	7	4	49	134
Pittsburgh	11	33	5	3	30	102
Northwest						
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	28	13	7	3	66	174
Toronto	27	13	8	3	65	137
Boston	23	14	11	4	61	126
Montreal	25	19	6	2	58	127
Buffalo	21	25	5	1	48	124
Southeast						
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	25	16	6	3	59	134
Atlanta	21	23	6	2	50	142
Florida	17	21	11	3	48	115
Carolina	17	24	9	2	45	98
Washington	16	29	5	2	39	125
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
Detroit	29	15	7	2	67	170
St. Louis	25	17	7	1	58	123
Nashville	25	18	6	2	58	124
Columbus	14	27	7	3	38	107
Chicago	12	28	7	5	36	112
Northwest						
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	29	11	8	2	68	156
Vancouver	29	14	7	2	67	151
Calgary	25	18	4	3	57	118
Minnesota	17	20	15	1	50	114
Edmonton	20	23	8	1	49	131
Pacific						
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	24	12	11	4	63	127
Dallas	24	20	9	0	57	109
Los Angeles	20	15	11	5	56	134
Phoenix	18	17	13	2	51	125
Anaheim	15	22	8	6	44	107

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and over-time loss.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division	W	L	T	OL	Pct	GB
New Jersey	24	20	5	45	—	—
Boston	22	25	4	46	3 1/2	—
New York	20	27	4	46	5 1/2	—
Miami	19	27	4	41	6	—
Philadelphia	19	27	4	41	6	—
Washington	13	31	2	29	11	—
Orlando	13	35	2	27	13	—
Central Division						
W	L	T	OL	Pct	GB	GB
Indiana	34	13	7	23	—	—
Detroit	30	16	6	62	3 1/2	—
New Orleans	28	19	5	57	7	—
Milwaukee	25	20	5	56	8	—
Toronto	21	22	4	48	11	—
Cleveland	17	28	3	37	16	—
Atlanta	14	33	2	29	20	—
Chicago	13	33	2	28	20 1/2	—
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Midwest Division	W	L	T	OL	Pct	GB
Minnesota	31	13	7	05	—	—
Dallas	29	17	4	30	3	—
San Antonio	30	19	8	25	3	—
Houston	26	19	5	57	5 1/2	—
Memphis	25	19	5	56	6	—
Denver	27	21	5	53	6	—
Utah	23	22	5	51	8 1/2	—
Pacific Division						
W	L	T	OL	Pct	GB	GB
Sacramento	32	12	7	27	—	—
L.A. Lakers	27	15	8	43	4	—
Seattle	22	22	5	50	10	—
Portland	20	24	4	45	12	—
L.A. Clippers	19	24	4	42	12 1/2	—
Golden State	19	25	4	42	13	—
Phoenix	17	30	3	36	16 1/2	—

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia 3, Florida 3, tie
Washington 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
St. Louis 1, Atlanta 1, tie
Dallas 5, Ottawa 3
San Jose 4, Calgary 1
Los Angeles 4, Anaheim 3, OT

Thursday's Games

Washington 5, Carolina 3
Nashville 6, Columbus 4
Tampa Bay 5, Pittsburgh 1
Boston 2, N.Y. Islanders 1, OT
Detroit 5, New Jersey 2
Vancouver 4, St. Louis 2
Montreal 3, Minnesota 2, OT
Ottawa 4, Phoenix 1
Edmonton 5, Chicago 2
Colorado at Los Angeles, late
Today's Games

Buffalo at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Colorado at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, Noon
Boston at Montreal, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Carolina at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Vancouver at Washington, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Florida at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.

NBA

All Times CST

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Atlantic Division	W	L	T	OL	Pct	GB
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Miami	19	27	4	41	6	—
Philadelphia	19	27	4	41	6	—
Washington	13	31	2	29	11	—
Orlando	13	35	2	27	13	—
Central Division						
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Milwaukee	25	20	5	56	8	—
Toronto	21	22	4	48	11	—
Cleveland	17	28	3	37	16	—
Atlanta	14	33	2	29	20	—
Chicago	13	33	2	28	20 1/2	—
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Midwest Division	W	L	T	OL	Pct	GB
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San Antonio	30	19	8	25	3	—
Houston	26	19	5	57	5 1/2	—
Memphis	25	19	5	56	6	—
Denver	27	21	5	53	6	—
Utah	23	22	5	51	8 1/2	—
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Thursday's Games

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IOWA SPORTS

- Today**
- MEN'S SWIMMING at Missouri, 5 p.m.
 - WRESTLING hosts Penn State, 7 p.m. at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.
 - WOMEN'S TRACK at UNI Invitational, 3 p.m.

- Saturday**
- MEN'S BASKETBALL hosts Penn State, 7:05 p.m. at Carver-Hawkeye Arena
 - WOMEN'S TRACK at UNI Invitational, 11:30 a.m.
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- Sunday**
- NFL Super Bowl, Carolina Panthers vs. New England Patriots, 5:20 p.m. on CBS.

IOWA TRACK

Track teams prepped for invitationals

The Iowa men's and women's track teams head to Cedar Falls this weekend for the UNI Invitational at the UNI-Dome. The meet will include Northern Iowa, Minnesota, and Kansas State.

The women's team will also send a small group of competitors to the Illini Invitational in Champaign, Ill., for a meet with Illinois, Southwest Missouri State, and Southeast Missouri State.

"We're looking for a total team performance this weekend," said men's coach Larry Wiczorek. "This is an important meet for us to make some progress."

IOWA GYMNASTICS

Gymnastics squads ready to resume action

The men's and women's gymnastics teams will return to action this weekend for a coed meet Saturday on the main deck of the Field House. The women, ranked No. 8, will take on North Carolina State, while the third-ranked men go up against fourth-ranked Oklahoma, the two-time defending national champions.

"This is the first coed meet we've had at the Field House in three years, and it was an exciting time," said women's coach Mike Lorenzen.

The women, coming off a big win against Michigan, feature two of the top six gymnasts in the country in seniors Stephanie Gran and Alexis Maday. The two are ranked fifth and sixth respectively all-around. Gran won the Big Ten Gymnast of the Week this week after winning two individual titles and the all-around competition against the Wolverines. The honor was her third as a Hawkeye.

"It was overdue recognition for what she's been able to do the last two years," Lorenzen said. "For her to beat Elise Ray in the all-around was great."

The men's contest is a rematch of the Rocky Mountain Open of Jan. 16 and 17 in Colorado Springs. Oklahoma squeaked by the Hawkeyes, winning the college division. Iowa is coming

The teams are coming off a strong performance at the Minnesota Gold Country Classic in Minneapolis. Seniors Ken Kemery and Shellee Williams provisionally qualified for the NCAA indoor championships, with Kemery qualifying for the shot put and Williams qualifying with a collegiate-best mark of 24.11 in the 200 meters.

"We'd like to see some of our guys step up to Ken's level," Wiczorek said.

The women's team won four events last week in Minneapolis. Freshman Tiffany Johnson won the triple jump and the 60 meters for the second-consecutive week. Nikki Chapple won the mile in her collegiate debut, beating her closest competitor by over three seconds.

— by Nick Richards

off a spectacular performance against Nebraska last weekend. The Hawkeyes won three events and set a school record for a team score — 217.75. The win propelled Iowa to No. 1 as a team in the vault and No. 3 in the pommel horse, rings, and floor exercise.

"We're starting to get some consistency," said men's coach Tom Dunn. "They're starting to hit their routines, especially the floor exercise."

The Hawkeyes feature sophomores Michael Reavis and Michael McNamara, who carried the team the last week. Reavis has moved to No. 8 in the all-around; McNamara is now No. 14 in the all-around.

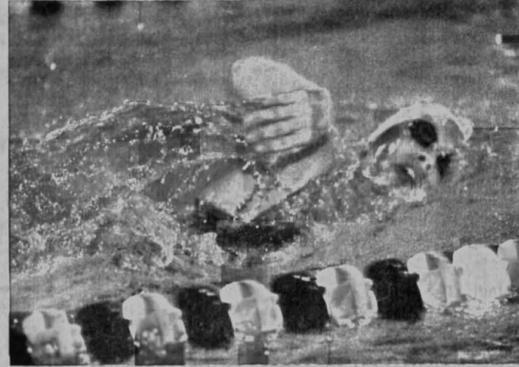
"We'd really like to beat Oklahoma," Dunn said. "It's won 42-straight meets. It beat us by only a half point in Colorado. We'd like to take the momentum from the Nebraska meet and carry that into Saturday."

The Sooners are led by senior co-captains Quinn Rowell and Heath Mueller. Josh Gore is ranked third on the parallel bars, while David Henderson is third in the all-around competitions.

"[The Sooners] don't have the team they had when they won the title last year," Dunn said. "I think they are beatable."

The meets will begin at 2 p.m. at the Field House.

— by Nick Richards



Senior Christie Hooper, shown in a 2002 file photo, is a month away from donning the Black and Gold for the last time.

Hooper leads in senior role

BY JASON BRUMMOND
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Feb. 1 women's swimming home dual meet finale is a special occasion.

Four Iowa swimmers are a month away from finishing their collegiate careers and becoming Hawkeye coach Garland O'Keeffe's first recruiting class to graduate. Senior Christie Hooper said all of the seniors have a special bond with the four-year coach because they are the first swimmers she recruited.

"It's gone by so fast," O'Keeffe said. "It's always pretty special when you can see a class all the way through, and Christie's been a big part of that class."

Hooper is possibly the unique recruit in O'Keeffe's premier class. The Gallatin, Texas, native was recruited by the Hawkeyes as a long-distance swimmer — she swam the 500 and mile in high school — and she has become one of the team's top sprinters and middle-distance freestyle swimmers.

"I just think it's a real tribute to her and her character to be able to adapt, and change, and grow within our program," O'Keeffe said. "I think that really says a lot about her that she was able to change and really grow into that role."

"That's why I think she's been able to be successful — she's kind of kept pushing herself to try different things."

In addition to being a co-captain this season, Hooper was one of the team's tri-captains a year ago — an honor voted by her teammates. O'Keeffe said she is a hard worker who has shown valuable leadership skills during her tenure as a Hawkeye.

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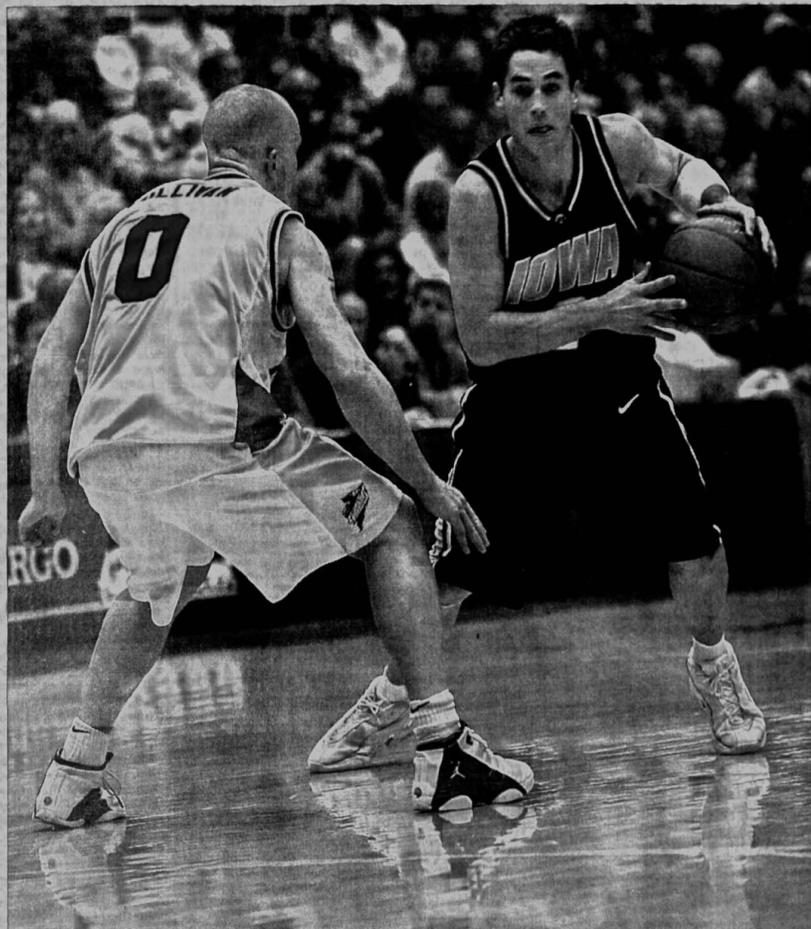
example, Hooper has transformed herself into a more vocal leader this season, and O'Keeffe said she's embraced the role fearlessly. Hooper said her involvement in the swimming team has translated into maturity in other aspects of her life.

"I've had to deal with more problems, and leadership, and getting along with coaches, and learning how to talk to them," the 21-year-old explained. "It's definitely helped me realize the importance of communicating with others."

Along with being a leader, O'Keeffe said the best way to describe Hooper is a caring person. She is often more concerned about her teammates than herself, O'Keeffe said, noting that Hooper will compete in events not necessarily her best to give the team the best chance to win.

Hooper holds the school record in the 200 freestyle and is a member of the school's top 800 freestyle relay. She will swim in the 100, 200, and 500 freestyle at the Big Ten championships in late March, O'Keeffe said.

SPORTS



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Jeff Horner drives on Iowa State's Jake Sullivan on Jan. 21 in Ames. The sophomore guard has scored at least 20 points in three of Iowa's last five games.

Hawkeyes walking a tournament tightrope

BY KELLY BEATON
THE DAILY IOWAN

Just how slim is the Hawkeye men's margin for error in their quest to make the NCAA Tournament? Think Mach 3, Tracer FX, Lady Gillette.

In other words, razor thin. Iowa (10-7 overall, 3-3 in conference) finds itself staring up at six other teams in the Big Ten standings and is tied with one other, Saturday night's opponent, Penn State (9-8, 3-3).

In a year in which the Big Ten is being torn to pieces by pundits for mediocre play, the Hawkeyes likely still have a long way to go if they have any hope of dancing in mid-March. Only 10 league contests remain, and even 20 overall wins and a winning conference mark have left the Hawkeyes out in the late-winter cold in the past — the 1997-98 season, for instance.

Despite the fact only one Big Ten squad appears in the top 40 of the RPI, most coaches hold out faith that the conference will right itself come postseason play.

"I think let's wait until the end of the year," Penn State coach Ed DeChellis said on Thursday, adding that the league, which has long been viewed as a powerhouse, still has a certain cachet among selection-committee members. "I think we'll still have a number of teams in the NCAA Tournament," said the first-year Nittany Lion coach.

If the Hawkeyes are to rebound and save their season, one malady that must be remedied is the team's number of

turnovers.

Iowa was ranked third-worst in the Big Ten with a minus-2.25 assist/turnover ratio entering this week's play, and the Hawks were especially charitable in the first half of their 90-84 loss at Michigan Jan. 28, when they had 13 giveaways.

"We literally just gave them some points off turnovers," Iowa coach Steve Alford said afterwards. "Turning the ball over is getting frustrating ... Turnovers have been our Achilles' heel."

Luckily for the Hawkeyes, their opponent Saturday has nary an eye-opening league win to date.

The Nittany Lions have three victories in Big Ten play, but those have come against the trio of teams that appear at the bottom of the standings — Minnesota, Ohio State, and Northwestern, which they knocked off, 63-61, on Wednesday.

Penn State has encountered some bumpy stretches on the road, where it is 1-5 overall in 2003-04.

"It's tough," DeChellis said. "You go to some venues, and it's very hard."

The Nittany Lion head man also intimated that his squad has been a target of some questionable calls by Big Ten refs away from Happy Valley, and he said he'll watch the officials closely in Carver-Hawkeye.

"I hope I don't get fined for saying this, but if you looked at free-throw shooting — how much you shoot at home versus how much you shoot on the road — I'll bet the disparity is wide," he said.

One Lion the Hawkeyes will have to watch closely is Jan

Jagla, a 7-0 junior forward who averages 15.2 points per game. The Berlin native has led Penn State in scoring in eight of its 17 contests this season, and he has poured in more than 20 points on five occasions, including a season-high 28 in a 75-72 win over Minnesota on Jan. 7.

Outside of Jagla, though, no Penn State player averages more than 12 points per game. The opportunity for the Hawkeyes to pounce seems apparent. And with little more than five weeks remaining on the Hawks' docket, it may be now or never for them to make a run to the upper echelon of the Big Ten.

"There are an awful lot of games left, and just like us, I think there are a lot of teams left in this league that are fragile," Alford said in his weekly Big Ten teleconference. "You don't know how injuries are going to happen, you don't know about illnesses, you don't know about timing of games and who starts playing well."

"We just have to hope, from our standpoint, that we can keep getting better as a basketball team ... If we do that, then we can be competitive. If we don't, then I think it'll be a very difficult year for us."

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Illinois	3	3	.500	9	8	.529
Michigan St.	4	2	.667	9	8	.529
Michigan	3	3	.500	12	5	.706
Iowa	3	3	.500	10	7	.588
Penn State	3	3	.500	9	8	.529
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Johan Bergenas is one of the few returning starters on the men's tennis team. Iowa will host Minnesota on Feb. 1.

Houghton starts season with many new faces

BY JASON BRUMMOND
THE DAILY IOWAN

Subtract the four top players from a year ago, and add six freshmen into the mix. It's hard to find a better example of rebuilding.

Iowa men's tennis coach Steve Houghton knows that the team is fighting an uphill battle with lack of experience.

I think we'll get better throughout the year, but I think there will be plenty of growing pains along the way.

Steve Houghton, Iowa men's tennis coach

Women start NCAA-berth push Feb. 1 at Drake

The Iowa women's tennis team will be back in the hunt for an NCAA Tournament berth when dual-match play begins Feb. 1 at 3 p.m., when it hosts Drake. Iowa will bring momentum to the meet after defeating Iowa State, Northern Iowa, and Northern Illinois at last weekend's Hawkeye Invite.

"This is certainly on paper a pretty heavy-duty rebuilding year," he said. "It's a real talented group but simply guys who don't have a lot of college experience, obviously. I think we'll get better throughout the year, but I think there will be plenty of growing pains along the way."

Sophomore Chaitu Malempati will begin the season as the squad's No. 1 singles player after being the No. 5 player last season. Sophomore Johan Bergenas would have been Iowa's top returning player, but knee surgery has left him out indefinitely, and his status for this season is uncertain, Houghton said.

The Hawkeyes host 18th-ranked Minnesota this weekend in their second meet of the spring season. The Gophers are 1-1 after beating Virginia and losing to Northwestern last weekend. Competition is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 1 at the Recreation Building; admission is free.

"We're not ready for Minnesota right now by any means," the 23-year Iowa coach said. "Minnesota is one of the top two or three best teams in the Big Ten."

Iowa lost its opener to Northern

Illinois, 6-1, on Jan. 25. In the team's singles lineup, only one player had played a dual match for the Hawks before.

Because of so much youth, Houghton said, the Hawkeyes have not established specific goals for the spring season but instead have the ongoing objective of improving every day in practice. He has already noticed a high intensity level in practice from last fall, which he partly credits to the spring season's team concept.

While the number of victories may not determine how successful the season is, Houghton said, the team has talent, and it will only take time for it to fully bloom.

"The thing that I think we've done well over the years is player development," he said. "A couple times we've recruited guys who aren't the very top-ranked high-school players in the country, but I think we've done a very good job of developing them."

"I really feel that the talent level of this group is probably as good as any other one we've had. They're just really inexperienced right now."

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Iowa coach Paul Wardlaw believes his team will be poised and focused against the Lady Bulldogs.

"We seem to be playing well," he said. "We're playing well in practice, and the kids seem very confident ... I feel like we're prepared going into the meet."

Iowa's youthful lineup includes four freshmen. Meg Racette will play in the No. 1 slot this weekend, with fellow freshman Hillary Mintz playing behind her at No. 2.

In addition to Iowa's youthful talent, Wardlaw is pleased with the attitude of the upperclassmen.

"We've got good senior leadership with Jennifer Hodgman and Dani Alexandrova," he said. "Where we are right now, I'm really pleased. As we head into the season, it looks like we're going to have a really good year."

Iowa's confidence will be tested against Drake, considering the Lady Bulldogs have one of their most talented teams in recent years. Drake is 0-2 in spring play after losing to Wisconsin and Western Michigan. Before facing the Hawkeyes, Drake will face off against Illinois-Chicago today and Iowa State on Saturday.

— by Ryan Long

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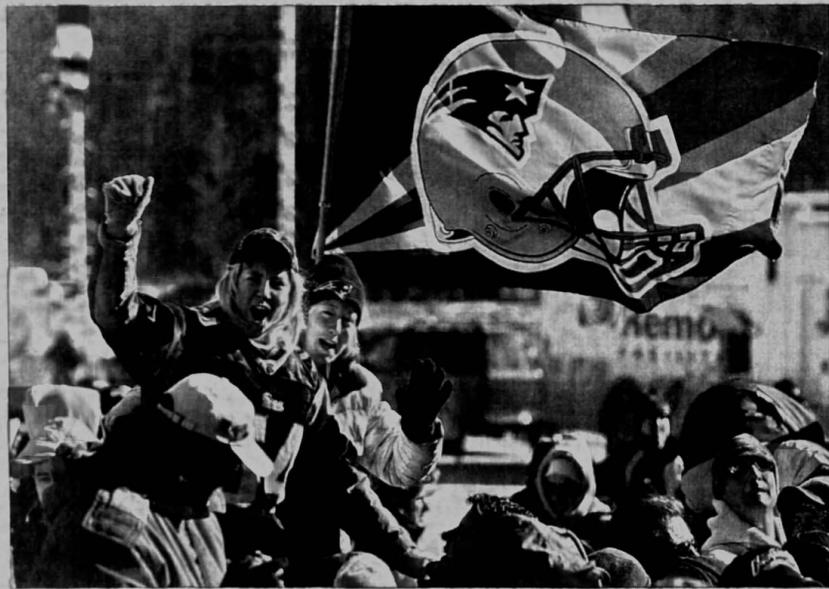
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Two unidentified Patriots fan cheer at a pep rally as the team boards a bus at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass., on Jan. 25 en route to Houston.

Worries start on Monday

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Cleveland, who fathered the illegitimate child of a Buffalo, N.Y., prostitute? I'd rather honor the entire Buffalo community, who got screwed four years in a row.

Don't get me wrong, I'm patriotic. That's exactly why I feel this Monday should be declared "Patriots Day."

The best part of this whole concept is that the Super Bowl combines the traditions of all the other holidays into one.

Similar to an Easter egg hunt, I spend countless seconds at the start of the pregame show scurrying about my living room to find which couch cushion the remote control has decided to burrow itself under.

Drawing parallels to Valentine's Day, at halftime of this year's Super Bowl, the Playboy Channel will feature the Lingerie Bowl (not that I know anything about it or plan on dashing across to my neighbors' apartment to catch a glimpse on their satellite TV).

Like Thanksgiving, Super Bowl parties offer an endless amount of food and beverage. Like Halloween, folks are dressed up like Buccaneers, Cowboys, and Bears (not lately).

The Super Bowl also boasts its unique traditions. Where else can you see bottles of beer battle it out on the gridiron? During what other television broadcast do you take your bathroom breaks during the show and hurry back for the commercials?

The Super Bowl is unlike any other sporting event. In fact, it is THE sporting event of our time. This year it's the Panthers and the Patriots, and 90 percent of America can't name a single player on either team.

So what! It doesn't matter. As long as the food is warm, the beer is cold, and the TV is cranked up for the \$2.25 million 30-second commercials, the 40 percent of Americans who watch the big game each year will enjoy every minute of it.

You can't say that about the World Series (who won that again?), or the NCAA championship college football games (plural). And you certainly can't say that about Punxsutawney Phil's appearance out of his hole (or whatever he does).

Whether you declare it a national holiday or not, George W., the celebration will go on. It's just waking up Monday morning that we're worried about.

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Super unknowns clash

SUPERBOWL

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Rarely have two conference champions been more team-oriented than the Patriots and Panthers.

"Guys can self-promote all they want," McGinest said. "If they're at home at the end of the season watching, what good is that? We're all about team here. Maybe the team concept isn't that popular in the league, but it works for us."

Sure does. The Patriots are just the second team to win 14-straight games in one season, joining the undefeated 1972 Dolphins. Yet only Seymour and Rodney Harrison are All-Pros. They didn't have a rusher in the top dozen of the AFC or a receiver in the top 20. Their top sack man, Mike Vrabel, wasn't in the top 15 in the league.

No big-time stats means few headlines. At least the Patriots, after winning the championship

just two years ago, have something of a nationwide following.

The Panthers, who toil in the heart of NASCAR country, are often overlooked in their own state. Being just down Tobacco Road from Carolina's college-basketball mecca doesn't help, either. Not only are they surprise qualifiers for the Super Bowl, they come to the game with nothing resembling a Dale Earnhardt Jr. or Mike Krzyzewski to attract attention.

"These guys might not have big names," said defensive end Mike Rucker, one of the NFL's best (and least known) pass rushers, "but if you work hard and succeed, people will begin to recognize you. If you win a Super Bowl, everybody gets recognized."

Well, not quite. The Patriots are living proof of that.

Not that they care. Self-promotion is as taboo as open practices in New England, and that's the way this group likes it.

So Seymour can digest an

entire tabloid in peace and quiet during a media session, only occasionally being interrupted to answer a question.

"I tell you what, the more we win, the more we'll get in the national spotlight," he said. "More people will want to know who the Patriots are. Winning takes care of that."

For now, though, the "Who's that?" quotient is off the charts. While the likes of Jordan Gross, Dan Morgan, Deon Grant, and DeShaun Foster easily could be difference-makers Feb. 1, how many viewers will know anything about them? How many will be able to tell the difference between those Panthers and Matt Light, Tedy Bruschi, Tyrone Poole, and Antowain Smith of the Patriots?

No big deal, Carolina safety Grant claims.

"When you're a champion," he said, "it doesn't matter if they know your name, only that you're wearing that ring."

Safin may play Wimbledon champ

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Safin next meets the winner of Friday's semifinal between Wimbledon champion Roger Federer and French Open champ Juan Carlos Ferrero, a showdown for the No. 1 ranking.

Justine Henin-Hardenne and Kim Clijsters will play for the women's No. 1 spot after winning their semifinals.

Henin-Hardenne downed No. 32 Fabiola Zuluaga of Colombia 6-2, 6-2, and Clijsters eliminated No. 22 Patty Schnyder of Switzerland, 6-2, 7-6 (2).

This will be the third all-Belgian final in four Grand Slams, and the second straight not to feature the Williams sisters. Clijsters is 0-3 in Grand Slam finals, including two losses to Henin-Hardenne.

"In those matches, I knew where the problem was laying and I knew that it wasn't psychological," said Clijsters, who has a 9-8 edge in head-to-heads. "I was a little bit exhausted at the end of those two Slams. This year, I think I've become a little bit smarter."

Henin-Hardenne made 25 unforced errors, including 15 in the second set against

Zuluaga, the first Colombian woman to reach a Grand Slam semifinal.

"People are going to make a lot of noise, again — it's an all-Belgian final, which I understand is huge for a little country," Henin-Hardenne said. "But I think that both Kim and me are getting familiar and used to this situation."

Agassi won Australian titles in 2000, 2001 and 2003 and hadn't lost a match at Melbourne Park since the fourth round in 1999.

"You have to play really great against Andre to beat him," Safin said.

Telling Iowa 'no' more difficult than deciding for prep Arrington

ARRINGTON

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his senior season.

"He wasn't going to make or break that Iowa class," said Jeremy Crabtree, national recruiting analyst for Rivals.com. "He was a kid who obviously was at a key, impact position, and was the No. 1 player in the state. Sure, it's disappointing [to lose a top in-state recruit], but it is going to win a bunch of football games or lose a bunch of football games? Probably not."

Arrington said telling Iowa "no"

was even more difficult than choosing between the two Big Ten foes. He said he called Iowa assistant Reese Morgan to break the news to him, adding that the Hawkeye offensive line coach was disappointed but was supportive of his decision.

Carr offered him a scholarship during his sophomore year, Arrington said. He will be given the chance to play next year as a true freshman, and his performance in preseason camps will determine how much playing time he gets.

With the addition of Arrington, Michigan's recruiting class now

includes six wide receivers. He is not worried about competing with his future classmates for playing time and has his mind set on an ultimate goal.

"I think the most important factor was my goal to reach the NFL," Arrington said. "I know Michigan puts in the most wide receivers and quarterbacks into the NFL. They're in the top three strength and conditioning programs in the nation, so they can build me up to be the best player I can be so I can reach my goal."

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Zalesky: Eustice good choice for meet

WRESTLERS

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Eustice knows firsthand that it all depends upon when the rankings come out after he was bumped from No. 1 to No. 6 last season following a loss at Midlands just prior to the NWCA meet.

"Ideally, you'd like to have

your whole team invited," said Zalesky, who will travel with Eustice to Cedar Falls.

"[Eustice] was a good choice. He's well-deserving of it," Zalesky added.

While competing three times in four days will most likely take a toll on Eustice, Zalesky pointed out that it will be good practice for the senior because it

is similar to the formats used in the Big Ten and NCAA meets at the end of the year.

"We've got to go through Friday and Sunday before Monday," Eustice said. "Right now, getting the team going and on the right track is more important than Monday."

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