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## New program to aid nurses

BY DREW KERR  
THE DAILY IOWAN

A program unveiled Monday will help repay UI nursing students' and educators' student loans who agree to work in Iowa after graduation.

Gov. Tom Vilsack, Lt. Gov. Sally Pederson, and the Iowa Student Loan Liquidity Corp. introduced the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program on Monday in hopes of ending a nursing shortage that has plagued the state.

"There is a global shortage of nurses," said UI Hospitals and Clinics media director Tom Moore. "The UIHC is no exception — we are just as affected as every hospital."

Under the program, students who enter nursing professions will be eligible for between \$750 and \$15,000 toward their student-loan debt, while nursing educators could receive up to \$20,000.

Though recent statistics on College of Nursing enrollment are stable, the state is facing an overall shortage in nursing. Admissions to registered-nursing programs declined 40 percent in the 1990s.

"The need is definitely there, especially because most nursing students hope to continue their education after graduation," said UI sophomore nursing student Michelle Grundmeyer, who is looking at up to \$20,000 in debts.

Another UI nursing student, sophomore Jessica Phillips, feels that a program such as this is

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## UISG election

## Alderman team on the clock as campaign opens

BY SARAH FRANKLIN  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Standing in front of the Old Capitol on Monday morning, UI Student Government presidential candidate Chad Alderman and running mate Brittany Shoot officially clocked in for their campaign.

Pledging to hold student government leaders more accountable and to eliminate fiscal waste if elected, the duo posed with a time clock to demonstrate a key point in their platform.

"Office assistants have to clock in, but the president and vice president don't have to clock in or have office hours. It can be hard to find them," Alderman said, adding that he would require all UISG leaders to keep regular office hours.

The University Lecture Committee finance chairman said he does not approve of how the Giant Sloth Party — which has won the last three UISG elections — chooses its candidates.

"It just hands it down to whomever," said Alderman, who is not affiliated with a party. "The students don't elect; [party leaders] elect."

"We want to say the Giant Sloth Party is dead. We are here to make a bold statement. UISG needs new blood."

Rowan Swanson, Alderman's campaign manager and a candidate for senator, worked on the Giant Sloth campaign for Nick Klenske in 2001, but, he said, the party has now gone off course.

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## STUDENT LEADERS TAKE CASE TO DM

Student government presidents from UI, UNI, ISU join forces

BY DREW KERR  
THE DAILY IOWAN

DES MOINES — Student government leaders from Iowa's three public universities combined efforts Monday to lobby Gov. Tom Vilsack and state legislators about funding for higher education.

UI Student Government President Nate Green and his counterparts from Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa addressed a crowd of more than 100 at the Statehouse at a time as lawmakers mulled their higher-education budget.

Vilsack has released a proposal for fiscal 2005 that would give the UI \$14 million more than last year. Legislators were supposed to decide on the budget Monday, but the vote was delayed, as it has been in recent years. Their decision could be delivered as late as this summer.

"State support will at least be at the level it was last year," Green said. "But funding that remains at the same level is essentially a cut because of mandated increases from unions that will increase the university budget \$10 million to \$12 million next year."

Green, UNI Student Government President Emiliano Lerda, and ISU Student Government President Mike Banasiak promised unity at the event, saying three governments can accomplish more than one.

"Combining our efforts provides a more resolute presence that speaks to legislators and regents," Lerda said.

Green told of friends who have been forced to take semesters off to make money for school or drop out all together.

"The first step toward rebuilding our schools is stability and predictability. Students can't go year to year not knowing how much they are going to have to pay," Banasiak said.

Vilsack then addressed the crowd, stressing that state officials are just as concerned as students.

"Higher-education funding is a significant priority for us," he said.

The governor also noted the importance of keeping public universities public, noting that state appropriations are putting too much pressure on students, who have to make up the deficit.

"We now face the possibility of tuition exceeding public support," Vilsack said. "It will be a sad day in Iowa when that happens. We need to emphasize the fact that these are our universities."

Lobbying state representatives, Green met with Sen. Daryl Beall, D-Fort Dodge, to push the issues concerning students.

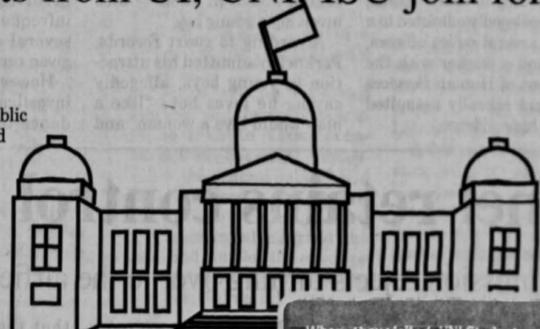
He described the competition among state Board of Regents universities, community colleges, and K-12 education as an "Machiavellian monster."

"No one entity can afford to be mutually exclusive now. We need to have unified support at every level," Beall said.

Green said he will communicate with representatives on a daily basis and return to Des Moines with Iowa's other student-government presidents.

"We have a lot of Democrats on board with some crossover support, but we need to get majority by trying to convince Republican leadership that continued and stable funding is essential," he said.

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Whom they visited: UNI Student Government President Emiliano Lerda, ISU Student Government President Mike Banasiak, Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack, Sens. Daryl Beall, D-Fort Dodge, and Joe Bolckcom, D-Iowa City

Purpose: stabilizing public higher-education funding and state appropriations

Destination: 114 miles

On Board: 4  
(UISG President Nate Green, UISG presidential nominee Lindsay Schutte, UISG Sens. Megan Heneke, Betsy Bryant)

## 9/11 whistleblower and UI alumna to lecture

Coleen Rowley, Raymond McGovern to speak on U.S. intelligence problems

BY PHIL DAVIDSON  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Now famous after her much-publicized memo to FBI Director Robert Mueller criticizing the department's handling of 9/11 intelligence, UI law-school alumna Coleen Rowley will lecture on the USA Patriot Act and national defense at the UI on Feb. 22.

Rowley, *Time's* 2002 Co-Person of the Year, will speak in the IMU in a free public lecture, "Civil Liberties Versus the Need for Effective Investigation."

Raymond McGovern, a former CIA analyst scheduled to speak about U.S. intelligence problems in the war against Iraq, will join Rowley in the event, which was organized by the University Lecture Committee.

In a conference call with reporters Monday, Rowley said that despite some criticism of the Patriot Act, she agrees with 85 percent of its provisions.

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"The Patriot Act has almost become a symbol because people don't really know what's in it. It's become a symbol of, I suppose, people's criticism of the government, repression, and other things."

— Coleen Rowley,

UI law-school alumna who will speak at the UI on Feb. 22

become a symbol because people don't really know what's in it," she said.

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In Rowley's 9/11 memo, she criticized the difficulties that field agents have in dealing with the FBI bureaucracy.

She wrote that bureau officials ignored warnings from agents that Zacarias Moussaoui had terrorist ties when he was taken into custody on federal charges in

Minneapolis on Aug. 15, 2001.

"I don't know that there have been huge improvements in the one area that I said gave the generals in the field more power and decentralized authority," Rowley said.

On the issue of miscues in intelligence leading up to war in Iraq, McGovern said it's difficult to tell what information President Bush's advisers presented to him and whether Bush knowingly lied about that intelligence.

"I think it would be worse to have a president who is so under the control of his advisers," the

27-year CIA veteran said. "I guess I would feel that that's even worse than a president who lied deliberately."

As evidence of half-truths the Bush administration relayed to the public, he pointed to White House officials' knowledge of a 1991 order from former Iraqi weapons head Hussein Kamel to destroy Iraq's chemical and biological weapons.

McGovern, who has recently written for numerous alternative publications, said the mainstream press will not print what he writes.

"We have less-than-a-free press in this country right now," he said.

Patrick Finn, the Lecture Committee co-chairman, said the panel has been trying to book Rowley for the last couple of years.

"We're totally excited," he said. "This is one of our most timely lectures; she will be speaking about a pressing, pertinent issue."

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### WEATHER



↑ 32 ..  
↓ 21 ..  
Mostly cloudy to partly sunny, breezy

### THAT EMPTY FEELING

Something seems to be missing in Carver for men's hoops games this winter — students.  
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### EDUCATING IOWA

GOP leaders unveil a K-12 budget less than one-fourth of what school officials had wanted.  
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NEWS

# Iowa City man charged with abusing boy

BY SEUNG MIN KIM  
THE DAILY IOWAN

A 55-year-old Iowa City man who allegedly had sexual relations with a 10-year-old boy a dozen times last summer was arrested late last week and charged with numerous counts of sexual abuse.

Michael Laurence Perkovich, 2128 S. Riverside Drive Apt. 86, is accused of committing 12 counts of sexual abuse against the boy between July and August 2003. According to court records, Perkovich allegedly admitted to a neighbor, several police officers, doctors, and a worker with the Department of Human Services that he had sexually assaulted the boy at his residence.

Such acts included two instances of oral sex and an attempt to perform anal sex, court records allege.

Perkovich also allegedly admitted to filming a video of himself and the boy as they undressed. The video was later found during a search of Perkovich's home, court documents show.

The defendant has no other significant offenses in Iowa, but police reports show Perkovich was convicted of third-degree sexual abuse in 1983 — also involving a young boy.

According to court records, Perkovich admitted his attraction to young boys, allegedly saying he loves boys "like a man would love a woman" and

that his "urges" to have sex with young boys were "uncontrollable."

Perkovich was being held Monday night in the Johnson County Jail on a \$32,500 cash-only bond. Committing a sexual act with someone under the age of 12 is considered second-degree sexual abuse in Iowa — a Class B felony punishable by a maximum of 25 years in prison for each count.

Iowa City police Sgt. Bill Campbell said sexual crimes involving juveniles are not infrequent; police investigate several of these cases at any given time.

However, it is unusual when investigators have enough evidence to warrant numerous

counts. "In past cases, we may not have been able to prove other times [of possible sexual abuse]," Campbell said. "But [in this case], they have evidence that will support charges in 12 different incidents."

Recent incidents of sexual acts with a minor include 21-year-old Hona "Tony" U, who was charged in August 2003 of raping and impregnating a 15-year-old girl. Also, Iowa City resident Craig Edmonds, 45, was arrested in November 2003 for allegedly impregnating a 12-year-old girl who baby-sat his grandson on three different occasions.

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# Panel retains control of city's airport

Commission rejects turning over to the airfield to the Iowa City City Council

BY ALEX LANG  
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa City Airport will remain independent following the Airport Commission's decision to reject a proposal to turn control of the airfield over to the Iowa City City Council during a Feb. 12 meeting.

When Iowa City Airport Commission Chairman Baron Throver initially moved to transfer executive control of the airport and have the commission serve as an advisory board to the council, the motion did not receive a second.

Commission member Daniel Clay said he did not back the idea because he did not understand how the airport would benefit from the switch.

The Airport Commission now holds the power to run the airport as a city would, with the exception of selling the field, because the land is

owned by the city. The airport has accumulated a total of \$3 million in debt — \$1.3 million for the hangers and \$1.7 million for the Aviation Commerce Park, which is land prepared for further development.

Jay Honeck, the owner of the Alexis Park Inn, an airport-themed hotel located next to the airport that houses those who frequent the airport, justified the management change by saying the airport has continually lost money.

"Both the Airport Commission and the city have the same goal: a vital and successful airport," Clay said, adding

that the difference between the two parties is how to achieve the goal.

'We understand how much of an asset the airport is to the community. We just want to keep pushing forward.'

— Mike O'Donnell, councilor

Concerned citizens fear that a city-controlled airport's budget may diminish, forcing the facility to close, he said. Even if the airport proves to be profitable, the city will have the option to

close the airport in 20 years when a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration expires.

Clay said the city could close the facility earlier, but it would have to pay the grant money back to the FAA.

Honeck said he doesn't see

any problems with current councilors managing the airport, but he is concerned that the face of the council could change drastically in five or 10 years.

Councilor Mike O'Donnell said that if the city were to take control of the airport, residents would see no visible changes to the airport. Most of the changes would be financial efforts to make it profitable again.

"We understand how much of an asset the airport is to the community," he said. "We just want to keep pushing it forward."

To switch control to the council, the commission would have to approve an amendment and voters would have to turn power over to the council. Clay said he doesn't think the airport commission will lose its power over the facility any time soon.

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# UI sees health-care schools' enrollment rise

BY JIM BUTTS  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Most UI colleges specializing in health sciences saw a higher enrollment this spring compared with the last year, according to a report released by the Registrar's Office on Feb. 13.

Two-hundred and one more undergraduates, graduates, and professional students enrolled in the UI's health science schools this semester because of program availability and reputation, university officials said. The Carver College of Medicine led the way with 140 professional students, followed by the graduate College of Nursing with 28 graduates.

"Pre-nursing, pre-pharmacy, pre-med — they're all up in enrollment and in student interest," said UI Admissions Director Michael Barron. "There's a

marked increase across the country and with interest here in Iowa."

**UI enrollment in various colleges**

SCHOOLS	Spring '02	Spring '03	Spring '04
<b>Undergrad</b>			
Dentistry	1	1	2
Engineering	1,077	1,099	1,101
Medicine	121	126	147
Nursing	529	535	540
Public Health	n/a	2	1
<b>Graduate</b>			
Nursing	n/a	44	16
Public Health	n/a	4	13
<b>Professional</b>			
Dentistry	308	314	320
Medicine	1,359	1,361	1,501
Pharmacy	431	426	418
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,826</b>	<b>3,912</b>	<b>4,059</b>

He added that the university was well-positioned to garner interest because of its highly regarded health-care programs.

Much of the enrollment increase is due to new pro-

grams available for the medical field, Registrar Larry Lockwood said. A host of newer field-specific programs are offered, including graduate nursing, emergency medical technicians, radiology, cancer research, and others.

"It's a very expensive program but it's very lucrative when you consider nurses will be making \$50,000 out of college," Lockwood said.

Dave Nielsen, the head of the UI division for associate medical sciences, noted that many health-care-related fields at the university take a specific number of applicants, keeping enrollment relatively steady. However, he did mention an increase in demand from employers.

"We've seen significant improvement in recent years. I get contacted four to five times a week by recruitment agencies,"

Nielsen said. He added that this is the first year the university expanded its physical-therapy program, creating a professional degree.

The UI Colleges of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Education, and Law showed the largest decrease in student enrollment with 210, 45, and 31, respectively.

Although there were 239 fewer undergraduate students attending the university, Barron said, the number was probably not "statistically significant."

He speculated that the drop might have been a result of a higher graduation rate than past years and because the university deliberately accepted 101 fewer freshmen in the fall in an attempt to level off student growth.

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## POLICE BLOTTER

**Mario Aguirre**, 20, Joliet, Ill., was charged Sunday with possession of alcohol under the legal age and having an open container in a vehicle.

**Alanna Davis**, 22, 422 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 14, was charged Sunday with operating while intoxicated.

**Alex Fair**, N320 Currier Hall, was charged Sunday with possession of alcohol under the legal age, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana.

**James Geer**, 24, Chicago, was charged Feb. 14 with operating while intoxicated.

**Erich Herz**, 19, N208 Currier Hall, was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana.

**Michael Jacobsen**, 18, Woodstock, Ill., was charged Sunday with possession of alcohol under the legal age and public intoxication.

**Joseph Knebel**, 18, 1525 Burge Hall, was

charged Feb. 13 with public intoxication.

**Todd Plagman**, 18, N219 Hillcrest, was charged Sunday with being in a bar after 10 p.m. and possession of alcohol under the legal age.

**Jason Rogers**, 18, 921 Slater Hall, was charged Feb. 14 with public intoxication.

**Tana Sanders**, 18, 127 Reinow Hall, was charged Sunday with possession of alcohol under the legal age and having an open container in a vehicle.

**Kyle Smith**, 18, Schaumburg, Ill., was charged Sunday with possession of alcohol under the legal age and public intoxication.

**Mata Taylor**, 21, 2010 Broadway Apt. K, was charged Sunday with forgery and fifth-degree theft.

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## CITY

### Iowa man arrested at Wal-Mart

A Conesville, Iowa, man was charged with second-degree robbery Monday after allegedly stealing from a local Wal-Mart and choking his daughter.

Javier Neri-Mera was arrested at the store while allegedly trying to steal a light from the Coralville Wal-Mart on Sunday.

According to court records, Neri-Mera removed a light from its package and tucked it into his right front coat pocket.

The 36-year-old was stopped by

a store loss-prevention officer when Neri-Mera allegedly grabbed his daughter by the neck and started to choke her. The Wal-Mart officer allegedly tried to force Neri-Mera to release the girl, but he refused.

All three fell to the ground, and the Wal-Mart employee allegedly sustained an injury to the arm, court records show. No other injuries were reported in court records.

Neri-Mera was being held at the Johnson County Jail on Monday night on a \$10,000 bond.

— by Seung Min Kim

## STATE

### Study seeks to curb costs of treating seniors

ADEL, Iowa (AP) — A health-care model being tested at a nursing home in this central Iowa town may hold the key to alleviating overcrowded hospitals and reducing costs while improving long-term health care for frail seniors, doctors say.

Dr. Robert Bender, a geriatrician with Iowa Health System, said the pilot program for 50 senior citizens at the Adel Acres Nursing Home takes the evolving field of preventive medicine to a new level.

Bender and a physician's assistant on site "apply everything we know about prevention" in caring for the patients, who have long-term health problems such as dementia, heart disease, and diabetes, he said.

The goal of the study, funded by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is to reduce nursing admissions from this nursing home by at least 30 percent in one year and show others how to do the same. The study, likely to last two years, will also attempt to determine how much money can be saved in the process.

"The question is: Can we improve how we take care of folks, decrease their suffering and at the same time cut costs?" Bender said. "If we can do that, that would be magic."

Bender says the program has already prevented some visits to the hospital. A woman who fell on her head was treated on site, as were others who developed pneumonia that might otherwise have required hospitalization, he said.

Physicians assistant Dave Michael, who works full-time at the home, said his presence will prevent hospital visits and suffering by detecting health problems before they become a crisis.

That's why he spent Monday telling Edith Reynolds, 86, to cut out the sweets in her diet so her diabetes stays under control; checking Ken Hawbaker's heart and weight to monitor his congenital heart failure; and making sure the medicine he gave Leona Brown, 90, for her sore throat helped out.

"I think it's wonderful," Reynolds said of the program, even after she admitted to Michael she ate forbidden chocolate on Valentine's Day. "He takes good care of us and we can ask him questions and he answers them."

## EDITOR WANTED

An aggressive, talented individual is sought as editor of The Daily Iowan, Iowa City's largest newspaper, with an editorial staff of more than 60 young professionals, an editorial budget exceeding \$300,000 and circulation of 20,000. The board of Student Publications Incorporated and the publisher of The Daily Iowan will soon interview candidates for the position of editor for the term beginning June 1, 2004 and ending May 31, 2005.

The editor of The Daily Iowan must have strong journalistic abilities, skills in management and a clear sense of editorial responsibility. The board will weigh heavily scholarship, previous news writing and editing experience (including working at The Daily Iowan or another daily newspaper), and proven ability to lead, organize and inspire a staff.

Applicants must be enrolled in a UI undergraduate or graduate degree program. Candidates must submit completed applications and supporting materials by noon, Friday, February 27, 2004.

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**William Casey**  
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## LUNCH WITH THE CHEFS

Thursday, February 19, 2004



- Insalata Caprese
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- Baked baby artichokes
- Focaccia
- Strawberry Tiramisu

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# Schools plan draws Dems' fire

BY DAVID PITT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Republican legislative leaders intend to fund Iowa's schools in 2006 with less than a fourth of the amount school officials said they would need.

The planned \$44.8 million for basic school funding is far less than the more than the \$220 million requested by school organizations and falls short of Gov. Tom Vilsack's proposed \$93 million.

Vilsack also recommended another \$37 million for student achievement and teacher compensation programs. The GOP lawmakers said they are still thinking about whether to provide additional money for teacher pay and other initiatives.

The total education budget for school districts would come to \$1.93 billion in fiscal year 2006 under the lawmakers' plan compared to Vilsack's proposed \$2.4 billion.

"While we are looking at virtually no new revenue, our priorities are clear: We will increase funding for education," said House Speaker Chris Rants, R-Sioux City. "Despite these tough budget times, we have fulfilled our promise to keep education as our top priority."

Rants said the total taxpayer spending in Iowa equates to approximately \$90,000 per

classroom, which includes state and local property-tax dollars.

"This amount of funding is unprecedented," said Senate President Jeff Lamberti, R-Ankeny.

The lawmakers said their plan comes to approximately 2 percent allowable growth, the per-student funding formula that provides school districts the state portion of their general fund budgets.

Vilsack had proposed about 4 percent allowable growth plus the 2 percent for class size and teacher pay.

The governor suggested he might veto a funding bill with only 2 percent allowable growth. "We've got to do better," he said.

Democratic legislative leaders called the Republican plan pathetic.

House Minority Leader Pat Murphy, D-Dubuque, said the plan really amounts to about 1 1/2 percent.

"If Republican leaders truly believe that a 1 1/2 percent increase is significant and unprecedented and makes education a top priority, then they are seriously out-of-touch with the problems in our public schools," Murphy said. "This budget level undermines the education of every public school student in the state of Iowa."

Republican leaders said they also plan to change the current

school funding law passed in 1995 that requires lawmakers to set spending nearly two years ahead of time.

They said it would restore predictability and reliability into school funding.

"We want to keep the promises that we've made and I think it's unfair when we set it out in front pretty near two years," said Senate Majority Leader Stewart Iverson, R-Dows. "It makes more sense to set it six months before the beginning of the year instead of 18 months before the beginning of the fiscal year."

Gov. Tom Vilsack said he opposes the change.

"If we basically eliminate the requirement of setting allowable growth in advance we send a signal that education is no longer our top priority," Vilsack said. "Secondly we do not give school districts the ability hopelessly to plan into the future more than they had under the old system."

An organization representing local school boards across the state said funding levels proposed by the legislative leaders will force teacher layoffs and lead to higher local property taxes to pay for education.

"That would take us to five record years of low funding in the state of Iowa," said Margaret Buckton, spokeswoman for the Iowa Association of

## Proposals for K-12 education for fiscal 2006

**Gov. Tom Vilsack's proposal:**  
Allowable growth: 4 percent  
Student achievement/teacher compensation: \$37 million  
Basic school spending: \$93 billion  
Total education budget for school districts: \$2.4 billion

**Republican legislative leaders' proposal:**  
Allowable growth: 2 percent  
Student achievement/teacher compensation: none specified, under discussion  
Basic school spending: \$44.8 million  
Total proposed state education spending: \$1.93 billion

School organizations had requested \$220 million in basic school funding.  
— Associated Press

School Boards. "It would be a continued shift back to the local property taxpayer which we know is the least favorite funding source."

Since state funding is a per pupil formula, Buckton said many districts will see no funding increase in their budgets because they've lost students.

# Suspicious powder closes Iowa center

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOONE, Iowa — A mail center in this central Iowa town sent workers home on Monday after a suspicious white powder fell out of an envelope, authorities said.

Authorities said late Monday that tests were being conducted on the powder at the Communications Data Services site by a mobile laboratory from National Guard's 71st Civil Support Team, assisting the state Division of Criminal Investigation's crime lab.

"There are no reported injuries, and there appears to be no threat to [Communications Data Services] employees or the general public," said Jim Saunders of the Department of Public Safety.

A woman who sorted the mail and handled the envelope at the mail center was sent to the hospital as a precaution, and the work area was closed off, said Des Moines Fire Inspector Brian O'Keefe.

A hazardous-materials team from Des Moines was sent to Boone, which is approximately 40 miles north of Des Moines.

"The worker notified everyone. The area was isolated," O'Keefe said.

A decontamination kit was brought in, and the worker

removed her clothing and showered. She was taken to the hospital and later released, he said.

The woman's name was not made public.

"There were no problems with the woman — no injuries or illnesses," O'Keefe said.

He did not know how much powder was involved.

"It was enough that she brushed it off her initially," he said.

The haz-mat team, which donned hazardous materials suits, was taking samples of the powder, which were also being sent the Iowa Hygienic Laboratory in Iowa City.

A telephone message to the state lab was not immediately returned.

Communications Data Services spokesman Dennis Luther said the company was waiting on the test results.

"We're still in a period of not knowing anything yet," he said. "We can't do a thing until they give us the move-forward signal. We're just plain shut down at that site."

The plant in Boone handles more than 2 million pieces of mail every month for more than two dozen different publishers. Mail primarily is sorted by machine, but some pieces are opened by hand.

# Study: Possible link between ire, smoking

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON D.C. — If you're easy to anger, you might have a brain especially susceptible to nicotine.

Scientists using powerful scanners have documented nicotine triggering dramatic bursts of activity in certain brain areas.

Researchers made the discovery when studying people wearing nicotine patches. Intriguingly, the nicotine jazzed up the brains of not just smokers who are aggressive but those of nonsmokers, too.

It's the first biological evidence that people with certain personality traits are more likely to get hooked on smoking if they ever experiment with cigarettes.

And it may help explain why it's so much easier for some people to kick the addiction than others, says psychiatrist Steven Potkin of the University of California-Irvine, who led the study.

It's almost, he says, as if some people are born to smoke.

Other scientists won't make that leap, noting that it's not clear how much of a person's personality is genetic and how much stems from childhood environments. Smoking habits can depend greatly on whether people grew up surrounded by smokers and the social and cultural conditions under which they try to quit.

"We're looking for the variety of things that could make people likely to smoke, and this could be one of them," says William Corrigall of the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

It also has important implications for teenagers. Adolescents are prone to periods of aggression before parts of the brain that control impulse and behavior finish forming.

If doctors could predict who's most at risk of getting hooked after their first few cigarettes, perhaps they could better target those people with

smoking-prevention programs.

Previous surveys had suggested that Type A personalities are more likely to be big smokers, especially when nervous or irritated. Also, some scientists have put smokers into brain scanners while infusing them with nicotine, to see what brain areas the drug targets.

Potkin's study took the crucial step of adding nonsmokers to the mix. And he asked 86 people to do various tests while a PET scanner monitored their brain activity before and after receiving low- or high-dose nicotine patches or a sham patch.

"No one has looked at nicotine in this way," says Kenneth Perkins, a psychiatry professor at the University of Pittsburgh who also is studying predictive traits of smoking.

The PET scans showed no brain effects of nicotine on people whose personalities were more relaxed and cheerful.

In people rated as having more hostile tendencies nicotine triggered dramatic changes in activity in brain regions important for controlling emotion and social response.

For some people, nicotine increased energy metabolism, for others, it decreased, depending on dose.

Despite the common assumption that nicotine can be calming, actually "nicotine made them even more aggressive," Potkin says. "They may smoke to feel better, but they don't feel better."

That's a curious finding, Perkins says, but it may be because the study used different doses. Low nicotine doses sometimes stimulate brain activity while high doses suppress other activity.

The next step: Seeing how the brain reacts when people smoke instead of having carefully controlled doses of nicotine administered via a patch. For that study, Potkin can't induce nonsmokers to start smoking, so he'll compare regular smokers to people who puff a few cigarettes every so often.

# 20% of Iowans' incomes fall short, report says

BY TODD DVORAK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

IOWA CITY — The annual incomes of one in five Iowa families falls short of covering the basic costs of running a household, according to a study by Iowa State University researchers.

The report is based on the notion of an "Iowa self-sufficiency wage," defined as the annual income required for a family with either a single mother or two parents to cover household necessities, such as rent, food, bills, and clothing.

Researchers blamed low wages, too few well-paying jobs, and high costs of health care for the financial challenges some Iowa families face.

"These people work hard. The problem in Iowa is low wages," said Jan Flora, a sociology professor at Iowa State and the co-author of the report.

"People are working long hours and still having a tough time making ends meet," he said.

The report was prepared for

the Iowa Policy Project, a liberal think tank based in Mount Vernon.

The report determined that the self-sufficiency annual income for 2001-02 in Iowa was \$27,600 for a single mother with two young children. That amount is nearly twice the government's official \$14,494 poverty threshold.

For a family of four, the figures are \$32,800 and \$18,244 respectively, according to the report.

The self-sufficiency wage takes into account a no-frills household budget, no discretionary cash for leisure activities or luxury goods, and no savings for retirement, a down payment for a home, or college.

On average, those two types of families must make 85 percent more than the official poverty level to pay for basic needs. Yet researchers say that 166,000 families — about 21 percent — were below the self-sufficiency level in 2002.

Researchers also reported that most families that earn a self-sufficient wage are likely

to not have health insurance from their employer.

"The bottom line is these families don't have money to save, which means that whether they're insured or not, a health crisis puts the economic well being of the family in a precarious situation," Flora said.

The report found little difference among families who live in Iowa's biggest cities, those who live in rural areas near urban centers, and those in more isolated rural areas.

"We thought maybe we would find in rural communities that wages were much lower compared with the difference in cost of living," Flora said. "But we didn't find a huge difference. The cost of living is fairly constant."

The report also makes several policy recommendations for

improving the earning potential and health of lower-income families.

Suggestions include:

- Raising the minimum wage, now at \$5.15 per hour, to between \$6.85 and \$7.70.
- Enact "living wage" laws to assure that on state or local government contracts, at least a self-sufficiency wage is paid.
- Target business incentives to firms paying self-sufficiency wage jobs and benefits.
- Expand access to high-quality, affordable child care, and health insurance.

The report also suggests making the Iowa Earned Income Tax Credit refundable, meaning Iowans who have no income tax liability but pay a disproportionate share of their income in sales tax because they spend all they earn would get a refund.

## NATION

### Disney board rejects offer from Comcast Corp.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The board of directors of The Walt Disney Company on Monday unanimously rejected a takeover bid from cable television giant Comcast Corp. as too low, but said it would consider a higher offer.

The rejection came one week after Disney chairman Michael Eisner rebuffed an offer for talks that came from Comcast chairman Brian Roberts in a brief phone call.

Comcast responded Monday and said the offer still stands.

The board in a statement expressed support for current chairman and chief executive Michael Eisner and said the company's current structure and strategy are sufficient to maximize shareholder value. But it left open the possibility it would sell for a higher price.

"We are committed to creating shareholder value now and in the future and will carefully consider any legitimate proposal that would accomplish that objective," the statement read.

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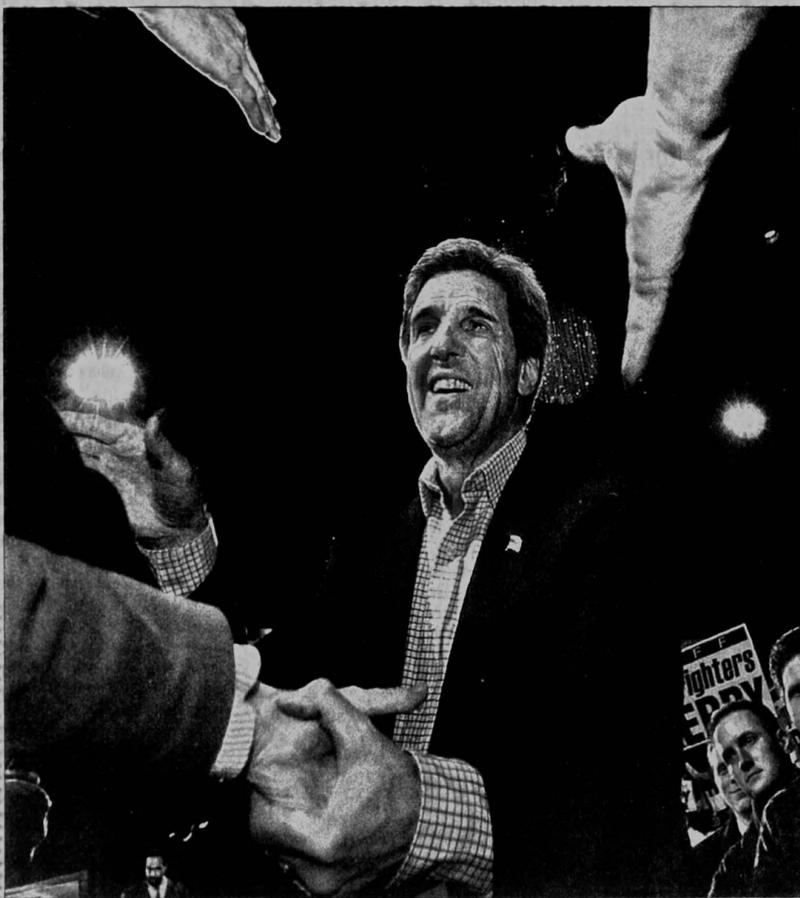
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Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry shakes hands with supporters as he arrives at a rally at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee on Monday. Charles Krupa/Associated Press

# Kerry poised for victory

BY JIM VANDEHEI AND DAVID S. BRODER  
WASHINGTON POST

APPLETON, Wis. — Struggling to keep their White House bids viable, John Edwards and Howard Dean on Monday implored Wisconsin voters to shake up the race for the Democratic nomination by delivering an upset in today's crucial primary. But Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., the winner of all but two of the first 16 delegate contests, appeared headed for another victory, perhaps by a large enough margin to knock the former Vermont governor or the senator from North Carolina out of the race.

Edwards, buoyed by Monday's endorsement by the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, this state's largest and most influential newspaper, told a packed room at a technical college here "there are differences" among the leading candidates that Wisconsin voters must consider before making their decision for the Democratic presidential nomination. The biggest, Edwards said, is that he opposed the North American Free Trade Agreement, and Dean and Kerry embraced it.

"It's so important to me as a presidential candidate and will be critical to me as a president to stand up for protecting our jobs, making sure we have a trade policy that works

for everybody," Edwards told approximately 200 people at Fox Valley Technical College. "And this is a difference between John Edwards and at least a couple of the other candidates."

He vowed to stick with his campaign at least until March 9, though advisers privately acknowledge a big loss today could sound the end.

Dean, distracted by news that campaign Chairman Steve Grossman quit and that he was flirting heavily with the Kerry campaign, predicted he could still win this state, even though privately many of his aides are planning to follow Grossman out the door as early as Wednesday.

# Same-sex wedding flood unabated

BY LEE ROMNEY  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

SAN FRANCISCO — More than 600 gay and lesbian couples — some of whom waited all night outside City Hall because a court today could put a halt to this city's government-sanctioned same-sex marriages — wed here Monday as volunteers sang, tap danced, and even handed out wedding cakes.

By day's end, the number of same-sex unions recorded since Mayor Gavin Newsom directed city officials to begin issuing the modified licenses on Feb. 12 had

risen to more than 2,200.

Hundreds of volunteers — including workers from nearly every city department and dozens of gay and straight Bay Area residents — spent the Presidents Day weekend at City Hall to help shepherd the couples through the process.

"If you see someone with a volunteer sticker, give them a hug, because that's all they're going to get today," said a weary yet beaming City Assessor Mabel Teng, who has overseen the unions since Feb. 12.

To tearful shouts of "We love you, Mabel," Teng outlined her

staff's efforts to conduct a record-breaking number of marriages. Deputy Assessor-Recorder Minna Tao stayed up most of Sunday night reprogramming computers that normally perform property valuations so they could process the marriages. The modification enabled city staff to increase the number of recorded unions from 485 on Feb. 14 and 487 on Sunday to 650 Monday.

Teng stressed that all city employees working extra shifts through the weekend — she included — were volunteering "out of love and commitment to equal rights."

# Pricy restaurants hopping on the low-carb bandwagon

BY SARAH KARUSH  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — As Burger King promotes bunless burgers and Subway hawks low-carb sandwich wraps, some upscale restaurants are pouring on the cream and perfecting flourless batter in their own appeal to those on Atkins-style diets.

The Rattlesnake Club, one of Detroit's most fashionable restaurants, added a low-carb menu around a year ago. Another local hot spot, Opus One, added nine low-carb entrées to its lunch menu last fall.

"It's because, quite frankly, I eat that way," said Opus One co-owner James Kokas.

His low-carb menu is a fairly simple substitution process: Hold the croutons on the chicken caesar salad and serve the meat with a béarnaise sauce, consisting primarily of butter and egg yolks.

In emphasizing protein over starch, many high-end restaurateurs say they are simply following their own changing preferences.

Rattlesnake Club chef-owner Jimmy Schmidt says he has long avoided refined carbohydrates such as white flour, white rice, and refined sugar in his own diet, and he tries to



Francis Specker/Associated Press  
Jimmy Schmidt, the chef-owner of the Rattlesnake Club in Detroit, poses with his low-carb meal of salmon steak, shrimp, and a dessert of chocolate peanut-butter crisp.

keep those ingredients to a minimum in the Rattlesnake's overall menu.

Around a year ago, he took it a step farther with a separate low-carb menu, which offers three choices each for appetizer, entrée, and dessert, as well as two salad choices. Schmidt estimates it accounts for 20 percent to 30 percent of his Detroit sales and up to 50 percent at the other Rattlesnake Club in Coachella, Calif.

Customers "are thrilled because they don't have to say, 'Well, I'd really like the tenderloin of beef, but I don't want the potatoes,'" Schmidt said. "This simplifies it."

From Malpeque oysters in champagne (net carbs: 3 grams) to the "gingered pumpkin creme brûlée martini" (also 3 grams), the Rattlesnake's low-carb menu doesn't sound like diet fare.

# Crane collapse kills 3 in Toledo

BY JOHN SEEWER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOLEDO, Ohio — A crane collapsed onto a construction site at an interstate bridge Monday, crushing a tractor-trailer and killing three workers, fire officials said.

Five other injured workers, including one in critical condition, were taken to St. Vincent Medical Center, hospital spokeswoman Gloria Enk said. Authorities at the scene said no one else was trapped, and no motorists were injured.

Traffic had been open on Interstate 280 when the crane collapsed about 2:30 p.m. and fell between the northbound and southbound lanes on the highway's approach to the bridge over the Maumee River north of downtown, Toledo fire Capt. Robert Krause said.

Dawn Croydon and her

husband were driving south across the bridge when they saw a huge dust cloud. As they approached and the dust cleared, they saw workers hanging limp in their safety harnesses.

"I'm still shaking," Dawn Croydon said from her home in suburban Northwood.

The crane was being used in a \$227 million project to build a new six-lane freeway bridge alongside the four-lane Craig Memorial Bridge north of downtown.

The 2 million-pound, 315-foot-long steel crane was moving but wasn't lifting any construction materials at the time it collapsed, said Joe Rutherford, spokesman for the Ohio Department of Transportation. The cause of the collapse was under investigation.

Known as an erection truss, the crane lifts 85-ton sections of

roadway into place for workers to attach them, Rutherford said. The crushed truck and another tractor trailer had just arrived with sections for the crane. Part of the crane also struck the back of the second truck.

Fire Chief Mike Bell said firefighters pulled injured workers out of the bridge construction wreckage, as well as some pinned by debris on the ground. A smaller crane was used to retrieve the body of one worker hanging from a support for the new bridge.

Lucky Davis, 33, of Toledo, said he was driving north on I-280 about 50 yards from the crane when he heard a crack.

"It was like the loudest thunder I've ever heard in my life," Davis said. "It was like a split second and I heard people screaming. I was in shock."

The interstate was closed in both directions after the collapse.

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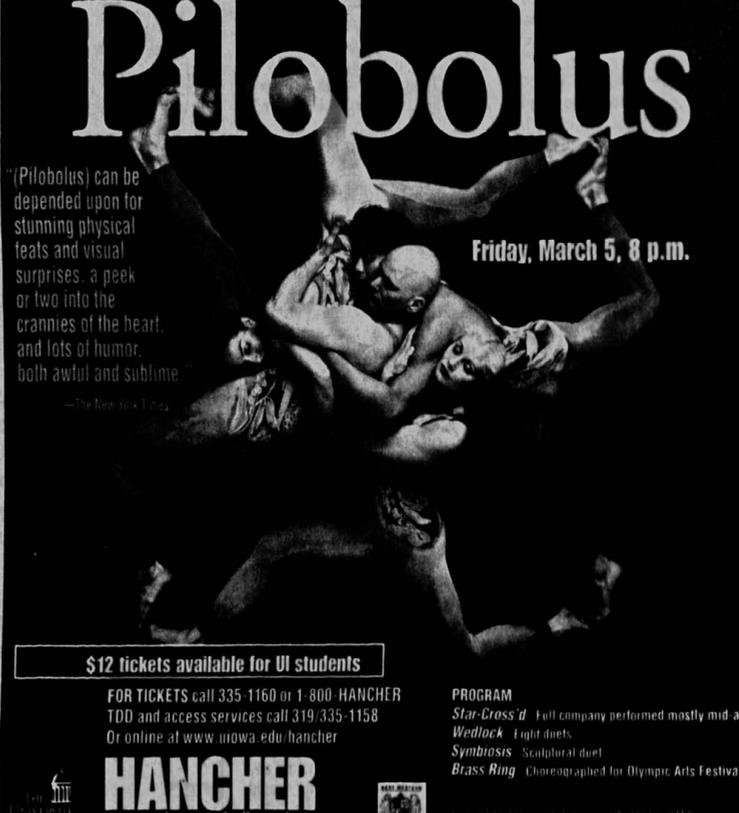
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# U.S. would block sharia in Iraq

BREMER BACKS RIGHTS FOR IRAQI WOMEN IN INTERIM CONSTITUTION

BY ROBERT H. REID  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's U.S. administrator suggested Monday he would block any move by Iraqi leaders to make Islamic law the backbone of an interim Constitution, which women's groups fear could threaten their rights. Roadside bombs killed two more American soldiers.

The U.S. military also said Monday that gunmen killed an American Baptist minister from Rhode Island and wounded three other pastors in a weekend ambush south of the capital.

A grenade exploded Monday in an elementary school playground in Baghdad, killing one child and wounding four others. The children apparently triggered the explosive while they were playing, Iraqi police said.

During a visit to a women's center in Karbala, administrator L. Paul Bremer said the current draft of the interim Constitution, due to take effect at the end of this month, would

make Islam the state religion and "a source of inspiration for the law."

Mohsen Abdel-Hamid, the current president of the Iraqi Governing Council and a Sunni Muslim hard-liner, has proposed making Islamic law the "principal basis" of legislation.

Iraqi women's groups fear that could cost them the rights they hold under Iraq's long-time secular system, especially in such areas as divorce, child support, and inheritance.

Bremer was asked what would happen if Iraqi leaders wrote into the interim charter that Islamic sharia law is the principal basis of legislation. "Our position is clear," Bremer replied. "It can't be law until I sign it."

He must sign all measures passed by the 25-member council before they can become law. Iraq's powerful Shiite clergy wants the interim Constitution to be approved by an elected legislature. Under U.S. plans, a permanent Constitution would not be drawn up and voted on by the Iraqi people until 2005.

Under most interpretations of Islamic law, women's rights to seek divorce are strictly limited, and they only receive half the inheritance of men. Islamic law also allows for polygamy and often permits marriage of



ABC "This Week"/Associated Press  
U.S. administrator for Iraq L. Paul Bremer is seen in this image from television during a broadcast interview from Baghdad on ABC's "This Week" on Sunday. Bremer on Monday said the United States would not allow sharia to be the basis of law in Iraq.

girls at a younger age than does secular law.

Earlier this month, 45 members of the House of Representatives signed a letter to President Bush urging him to preserve women's rights in Iraq.

U.S. leverage with the Iraqis will decline, however, after the U.S.-led coalition returns sovereignty to an Iraqi administration at the end of June.

The United States also hopes to hand over more responsibility for internal security to U.S.-trained Iraqi forces, which could reduce American casual-

ties as the U.S. presidential election approaches.

In the latest attacks, an American soldier from Task Force Iron Horse was killed and four were wounded in a roadside bombing Monday in Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad. One of the wounded was critically injured; the other three were in guarded condition, the military said.

Two Iraqis were arrested, one with a cell phone that may have been used to detonate the bomb, said Master Sgt. Robert Cargie, a spokesman in Tikrit.

# Pakistan and India resume peace talks

BY ASHOK SHARMA  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yashwant Sinha said in New Delhi.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — India and Pakistan held their first peace talks in 2½ years Monday, praising a "new momentum" and working on a timetable to resolve decades of conflict between the nuclear-armed neighbors over Kashmir, terrorism, and other issues.

As the two countries back down from the brink of their fourth war, in 2002, the three-day talks are to lay the groundwork for ending a half-century of tension since their 1947 partition.

"There is realization in India and Pakistan that war is not an option, that you have to look at ways to find a peaceful resolution of the outstanding disputes between the two countries," Pakistani spokesman Masood Khan said after a meeting between Foreign Ministry officials of the two countries.

"There's new momentum; this momentum must be maintained," he said.

The two sides discussed dates for future talks, and a formal timetable was expected to be decided over the next two days. The talks include discussions on eight issues, including Kashmir, confidence-building measures in the nuclear field, terrorism and drugs, economic cooperation, and a river dispute.

"I am quite optimistic over the outcome of this round of talks," Indian Foreign Minister

The rapprochement was started by Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, who agreed to resume the dialogue last month. A July 2001 summit in Agra, India, failed to make any progress.

Jalil Abbas Jilani, a director-general in Pakistan's Foreign Ministry, and Arun Kumar Singh, a joint-secretary in India's External Affairs Ministry, shook hands and smiled before the start of the Monday meeting. The talks will run through Wednesday, culminating in a face-to-face between the countries' foreign secretaries.

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A protester is detained by police during an opposition march in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Sunday.

# Rebels gain in Haiti as fighting continues

BY MARK STEVENSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GONAIVES, Haiti — Haiti's rebellion spread to the central city of Hinche on Monday as rebels and former soldiers killed at least three officers at a police station. President Jean-Bertrand Aristide pleaded for foreign help to stop the bloodshed.

The rebels descended on the police station in Hinche, approximately 70 miles northwest of Port-au-Prince, according to a Haitian security official who spoke on the condition of anonymity. They killed district Police Chief Maxime Jonas, pushed police out of the city, and threatened government supporters, the official said.

At least 56 people have died since the rebellion aimed at ousting Aristide exploded on Feb. 5 in the city of Gonaives.

Louis-Jodel Chamblain, a former Haitian soldier who led a paramilitary group known as the Front for the Advancement and Progress of Haiti, which killed and maimed hundreds of people between 1991 and 1994, reportedly led the attack, witnesses said.

The attack was considered a serious blow and the first to the city of 50,000 people where corn, millet, and beans are produced. The rebels now control most roads leading in and out of the Artibonite district, a rich agricultural area home to almost 1 million people.

"Blood has flowed in Hinche," Aristide told reporters at a news conference late Monday, saying he had asked for technical assistance from the Organization of American States. "It may be that the police cannot cope with this kind of attack."

Aristide refused to talk about strategies for halting the unrest or whether he would ask for military assistance. He did,

however, say the government would use peaceful means to quell the uprising that has prevented food, fuel, and medical shipments.

"A group of terrorists are breaking democratic order," Aristide said. "We have the responsibility to use the law and dialogue to take a peaceful way."

Rebels armed with machetes and rifles escorted an aid convoy led by the Geneva-based International Committee of the Red Cross into Gonaives on Monday. The convoy was carrying 1.6 tons of supplies, including blood and surgical equipment.

A surgeon and a physician were also sent to treat some 40 people wounded in the fighting.

"We are here to bring urgently needed medical assistance to Gonaives," Pedro Isely, leader of the Red Cross mission in Haiti, said Monday after arriving in the city.

In addition to the medical relief, the international non-governmental organization CARE began distributing food to people in Gonaives. Approximately 50,000 people will receive a gallon of vegetable oil, while others will get sacks of cereals, said Sandy Laumark, the director of CARE in Haiti. The distribution will last about 10 days.

The rebels launched the rebellion from Gonaives, 70 miles northwest of Port-au-Prince, unleashing a deadly wave of violence that has spread to more than a dozen towns. Both sides have suffered casualties.

On Sunday night, Aristide loyalists reportedly killed two anti-government supporters in the port town of St. Marc.

Although the rebels are thought to number less than Haiti's 5,000-member police force, exiled paramilitary leaders and police have joined their forces, vowing to oust Aristide.

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SWING OUT



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Conan and Xixuan Collins swing dance at the Field House on Monday night. The pair teach swing lessons every Sunday and Monday night.

# Ticket touts platform

UISG

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"It has run out of time and hasn't fulfilled [its promises]. It is using the same promises as last year," Swanson said. "It is using the accomplishments of three years ago."

If chosen to lead UISG, Aldeman promised, he would cut down on what he sees as fiscal waste. He pointed to what he called three examples of the current UISG administration wasting student funds.

By cutting down on office supplies and putting scholarship applications online, instead of on paper, he said, UISG would save \$10,000. He also pointed to an \$8,000 leadership conference in



Aldeman junior



Shoot senior

Washington, D.C., attended by UISG officials and \$2,000 spent on the annual campus cleanup that drew only 10 students.

"We want to show our commitment by making donations to student committees," he said. "The key is to give the money back to students."

Shoot, the KRUI programming director, and Aldeman said they decided to run after

seeing the manner in which student funds were being spent.

"I've seen the problems firsthand," Aldeman said. "I had been thinking about running for a while but especially when I heard the details on how they were spending money."

To spread their message, Aldeman and Shoot plan to hand out fliers and visit student groups and Greek houses.

"Fraternities and sororities vote a lot," Shoot said.

"Promises made to them last year didn't happen. For example, they were promised that all houses would have high-speed Internet, and that hasn't happened."

The UISG election will be held on ISIS on March 1 and 2.

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# Palestinian Authority drops its share of cell-phone firm

BY LARA SUKHTIAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Short of cash to pay government salaries, the Palestinian Authority has sold its stake in the local cellular-phone company, a top official said.

The deal, announced Sunday, is also a step toward reforming an administration plagued by corruption charges.

The Palestinian Authority

turned over its 35 percent share in the Jawal phone service to Paltel, which runs the cellular-phone monopoly, in exchange for \$43 million, Palestinian Economic Minister Maher Masri said.

He said the money would go toward the salaries of 125,000 government workers. The sale is also in line with the government's privatization plans.

"At the end, we will not have any government-owned companies. We will only be partners in

some companies," Masri said. "This is all part of the greater policy of reform."

Palestinian business people welcomed the deal. "The presence of the Palestinian Authority as a shareholder acts as an obstacle," said Abdel Malik Jaber, the chairman of the executive board of Paltel. "Selling its shares would eliminate any accusations of government corruption."

Corruption charges have dogged the Palestinian Authority

since its inception in 1994. The Palestinian bureaucracy is bloated, leading to charges of nepotism, and competing security forces provide jobs to thousands.

Donor nations, meanwhile, have been scaling back aid amid complaints that Yasser Arafat's government is slow on reforms and not doing enough to rein in militants, a key requirement of a stalled U.S.-backed peace plan.

Since the outbreak of Israeli-Palestinian fighting in 2000, with

the Palestinian economy increasingly weakened, donors have paid about 60 percent of the annual budget of the Palestinian Authority.

For 2004, the Palestinian government seeks \$1.2 billion in foreign aid. However, with peace efforts deadlocked, there is increasing reluctance to pay, and the World Bank says the Palestinians could fall \$400 million short. In recent months, the Palestinian government has taken out bank loans to make

the public payroll.

Donor fatigue is also linked to persistent reports about slush funds and secret accounts in Arafat's name. French prosecutor are investigating the alleged transfer of \$11.4 million to Arafat's wife, Suha, at the Arab Bank and at the French bank BNP between July 2002 and September 2003. However, French judicial officials said there is no evidence of illegal activity.

# Riots follow death of teenage Aboriginal during police chase

BY MIKE CORDER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SYDNEY, Australia — Mainly Aboriginal rioters set fire to a train station and pelted police with gas bombs Monday during a nine-hour street battle that began after a teenager died, allegedly while being chased by officers.

The overnight rioting in the Redfern neighborhood, an Aboriginal ghetto of Australia's most-populous city, left 40 officers injured and highlighted continuing tensions between authorities and the nation's original inhabitants.

The street battle followed the death of a 17-year-old Aboriginal, Thomas Hickey, who was impaled on a fence when he fell from his bicycle.

His mother claimed officers were chasing the teen, an allegation that police deny.

"It's got to stop, the way they treat our kids," Gail Hickey said. "They treat our kids like dogs ... they manhandle them."

Hundreds of police in full riot gear doused rioters with high-pressure water hoses during the fighting.

The hospitalized police officers mostly suffered broken bones while one was knocked out after being hit by a flying brick.

All but one had been released by Monday afternoon. There was no immediate word on injuries to rioters.

Four people were arrested and charged with involvement in the fighting.

Waites said police had identified other suspected rioters and expect to make more arrests in coming days.

New South Wales state political leader Premier Bob Carr ordered an investigation into the cause of the riot and said the state coroner would probe Hickey's death and any possible police involvement.

In the overnight rioting, about 100 attackers set fire to Redfern railway station, torched a car and smashed windows.

"They burnt out one vehicle and they in fact were throwing Molotov cocktails both at police and at Redfern railway station during the course of the riot," assistant commissioner Bob Waites said.

Television images showed young men surrounding a police patrol car and slamming it with bricks.

It was not clear if there were officers in the car at the time.

Waites said rioters stockpiled garbage bins full of paving stones and beer bottles to throw at police.

Aboriginal community leader Lyle Munro said anger in the community had been simmering long before Hickey's death.

"These young people are very, very upset about what happened to this young man, and they're very upset about what's

happening to their young friends on a continual basis," Munro told Sydney radio station 2UE.

"It was a preventable death, like most of the deaths of young Aboriginal people today."

Munro accused police of harassing people who live in a squalid grid of near-delinquent houses known as "The Block."

"This is an everyday occurrence — the harassment and intimidation of our young people," he said.

"You could interview every Aboriginal kid down there that comes from The Block, that comes from this area in Redfern in particular, and the majority will tell you to your face ... that they've all been bashed by the police."

Aborigines make up 400,000 of Australia's 20 million people. They are the poorest, least healthy and most imprisoned members of society.

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# UI unveils plan to aid & keep nurses in area

NURSES

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essential to draw people into the nursing program.

"The workload that nursing students receive keeps me busy studying 20 or more hours a week," she said. "Add that in with your time working, and there's little left."

Phillips could face an even greater debt than Grundmeyer,

possibly exceeding \$60,000 after she obtains her bachelor's degree.

"That's all paid for by me, so of course I would like to see this program work," she added.

The program requires graduates to work in Iowa, graduate from an accredited Iowa university or college, work full-time as a nurse or nurse educator, and pass the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses.

E-mail/DI reporter Drew Kerr at: drew-kerr@uiowa.edu

# Rise and shine with The Daily Break

## calendar

- **Campus Activities Board Musical Event, Easily Amused**, noon, IMU Wheelroom.
- **2004 Intramural Women's 3-Point Shootout**, 7-9 p.m., Field House South Gym.
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Haven Kimmel, fiction, 8 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., and WSUI.
- **UI Progressive Career Fair**, 1-5 p.m., IMU.
- **UI College of Health Information Fair**, 2-4:30 p.m., 179 IMU.
- **Fitness Assessments**, 5-7 p.m., Field House Main Deck.

### Little University

- 1 What nation boasts the world's richest royal family — Britain, Japan, or Saudi Arabia?
- 2 What Fleetwood Mac member offered the words of wisdom: "One should not live without dimmers. Life is all about the lighting"?
- 3 What populous nation was finally admitted as the 143rd member of the World Trade Organization in 2001?
- 4 Who is Petunia Dursley's famous nephew?
- 5 What team sport sent the most 5- to 24-year-olds to the emergency room in 1998?

Answers:  
1. Saudi Arabia  
2. Stevie Nicks  
3. China  
4. Harry Potter  
5. Basketball

## Black History Month Facts

**Bessie Smith made her first recording for Columbia Records in 1923.**

— provided by the Black Student Union

## happy birthday to ...

Feb. 17 — Brady Gries, 20  
Feb. 17 — Kevin "Frumpy" Frawley, 32

Wish your friends a happy birthday. E-mail their name, age, and date of birth three days in advance to [daily-iowan@uiowa.edu](mailto:daily-iowan@uiowa.edu).

## news you need to know

The UI Committee on Paper or Plastic tries to educate students on the importance of wise use of credit. As part of the program, free financial counseling is available to students who feel as though their debt, whether it be student loans or credit-card bills, is out of hand.

For more information, call Emily Cornish, an assistant director of marketing at the UI Alumni Association, 335-2214.

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## horoscopes

Tuesday, February 17, 2004 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Problems with your professional position could lead to worry and anxiety if you haven't been keeping up with the changes going on in your industry. Stay calm, and do your best.
- TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You can make financial gains today if you are swift to pick up on an idea or project that interests you. Travel for business purposes, and you will make a good contact.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Take on the task of fixing up your living quarters. Take care of some important personal papers you have neglected. Tax breaks or incentives must be put into place.
- CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Going it alone will not satisfy you no matter what you do today. Relationships can develop if you put a little effort into compromising and sharing.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Take charge today, and you will be successful in your endeavors. Voice your objectives. You will have an opportunity to make changes to your professional and financial situation.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The more information you pick up, the more apparent it will become what you should do in the future. Look to newfound friends for answers.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may not be feeling too sure about your feelings or your personal life. Don't put up with any abuse from someone who is just trying to bully you into letting her or him have their way.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Getting together with friends or family will lead to some very important information. New friendships may be established if you hook up with someone who has tagged along with one of your old friends or relatives.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take time to develop your ideas today. Consider starting your own small business out of your home, but don't quit your day job just yet. Take on extra work.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You are ready for a change, so stop procrastinating. You are in control, so make things happen, and you will not have any regrets.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It's time to do something about your financial situation — downsize and budget. You've been avoiding the inevitable, and it's time to put an end to the worry by turning your life around.
- PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): The more you do for others, the more you will get in return. Get involved in volunteer work, and you'll meet someone who grabs your attention and enriches your life.

## PATV

- 1 p.m. Emerging Dynamic Super Globe
- 1:30 ci chicago
- 2 St. Mary's Liturgy
- 3 Power of Victory
- 4 Gospel Explosion Ministry
- 5 Animal House
- 5:30 Independent Media
- 6 Tom's Guitar Show Live
- 7 U.N. Report
- 7:30 Music da Camera: Violin & Piano
- 8 Tonight with Bradman Live
- 9 PATV Reserved: Local Music
- 10 Cold and Grey
- 10:30 RBO TV
- 11 Underground Live

## UITV

- 6:30 p.m. Know the Score
- 8:30 Ueye
- 9:00 Lisa Bluder Press Conference
- 9:30 Steve Alford Press Conference
- 10:00 Student Video Productions

## DILBERT

by Scott Adams

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## 'NON SEQUITUR

BY WILEY

**The 'Booster' Report**  
A review of stupid events by our news correspondent, Elaine Booster.

Today's lead story: Women join the ranks of suicide bombers...

TO TELL THE TRUTH, IT WAS THE ONLY WAY OUT OF THE HOUSE WITHOUT A CHAPERON...

## Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

HALLIBURTON DOES SEEM TO HAVE QUITE A RECORD OF SLEAZEBAGS, GIRL...

WHY WOULD MR. CHENEY WORK FOR A COMPANY SO DISREPUTABLE?

IT'LL COME TO YOU, HONEY.

HMM...

HE WANTED TO CLEAN IT UP?

RIGHT, AND I'M REBUILDING IRAQ.

## THE LEDGE

### HOW TO PRETEND YOU'RE FROM A RURAL TOWN

By Jesse Ammerman

- Do not align with any presidential candidate until Toby Keith has made his official endorsement.
- There's no need to get worked up about all those crazy flashing signs above the streets. But it is wise to inquire as to why so many red and green lights are still up this long after Christmas.
- When discussing your aversion to pork products, explain that you wouldn't want to eat anything you might once have dated.
- Politely excuse yourself from any conversation in which the subject strays from NASCAR or rasslin'.
- Demonstrate that gravy isn't just a tasty topping for biscuits or potatoes — it also serves as a revitalizing shampoo/conditioner when needed.
- Next time you yell at those girls from your pickup, refrain from the lewd suggestions. Really, is that any way to treat your own cousins?
- You might not be one of them fancy activist types, but don't let that stop you from protesting over the disturbing lack of spots for mule parking on campus.
- Don't believe it when some city slicker tries to fool you into thinking that men have made buildings taller than the Sheraton at the Ped Mall.
- Hey, if nobody wants to join in on your Spring Break road trip to the Super Wal-Mart in Columbia, Mo., that's their own damn problem.

For complete TV listings and program guides, check out Arts and Entertainment at [www.dailyiowan.com](http://www.dailyiowan.com).

## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

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## Premature attack on violent attack

The attack in downtown Iowa City on Jan. 31 may have been a hate crime. However, police and media interviews have turned the incident into a public "they said/they said" scenario.

In the meantime, although police, news outlets, and the UI administration have carefully called it an "alleged hate crime," the effect of the publicity and open speculation have left large numbers of the public believing that it was a hate crime, even if one hadn't occurred that Saturday night.

The Iowa Code permits special consideration for prosecution of hate crimes. The argument for tougher punishment for such acts comes from the effect they have beyond their immediate victims. Hate crimes terrorize entire groups and/or communities.

UI President David Skorton's condemnation was distributed throughout the university community Feb. 11. While his

denunciation was firm, it was also general, saying, "I call on the entire UI community to join me in soundly rejecting any act of this type, now and in the future." The

message, and subsequent news coverage, also did was prematurely instill fear and concern in the community.

This incident has roused the

laws are supposed to prevent were solicited by this attack's premature label as a hate crime.

The public's rally against bigotry and hate crimes is reassuring. However, this violent attack could still be just that — a violent attack. The hate-crime label has eclipsed the violent nature of the attack. This is a primary argument critics bring up against hate-crime laws — that the crime itself will be overshadowed by its motivation.

The hasty labeling of the Jan. 31 attack as a hate crime did more harm than good. Public outcry has already begun against something that may not have happened, and that outcry could hamper a fair trial for the perpetrators of the attack.

While Skorton's announcement of the investigation of a hate crime was also a call to end and prevent bigotry, and the public reaction has been admirable, these reactions might have been premature.

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message was likely intended to assure the public that the university would investigate the incident and pursue severe punishment should the allegation be proven true. What

public. Even if the vicious attack is proven not to be ethnically motivated, the reaction to the "alleged hate crime" can't be erased. The fears that hate-crime

### LETTERS

#### Court rulings vital to republic

The Founding Fathers set up the form of our republican government to create a balance between the will of the people and what is right for the equal protection of all. To simply allow the "rule of the people," they reasoned, was but a small step from mob rule. Certainly, there are times in American history that the will of the people was successfully and rightly usurped by judicial intervention; the integration of schools in Mississippi comes to mind, and another recent ruling regarding an election. Indeed, it seems our forefathers saw the need to temper popularity with the chance for esteemed individuals elected or appointed by the elected to use the tools of reason to temper public sentiments and to provide for alternate means to achieve liberty for all. Judges have been provided this power since the 1803 Supreme Court decision *Marbury v. Madison*, in which Justice John Marshall wisely determined that the court should have the means to define the law.

The judges in Massachusetts see legislation that would seek to subvert equality and liberty for a class of persons within the American citizenry and seek to define the applicability of the law within the context of judicial review. Whatever the decision or reasoning, their actions are completely within the law.

If a state chose to constitutionally establish a legal provision that revokes or denies equal protection of law to a class of persons, there is nothing that the courts could do to circumvent that measure. Until that time, I am relieved that the courts exist to ensure my equal protection as a member of society from any majority or plurality of the populace that would seek to

undermine that protection.

Chris Forbes  
Iowa City resident

#### Axis of weasel

From his first days in office and even before, President Bush was planning for war with Iraq. That decision having been made, the president ran a campaign of misinformation, hype, and hysteria that led America, and more importantly, American soldiers into an unnecessary war.

Before the war, Bush was repeatedly told there was no definitive evidence that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction. He knew Iraq was not a nuclear threat. He knew there was no Iraq connection to 9/11. He knew Iraq posed no imminent danger to the United States.

Yet, he relentlessly led us into a war that has cost 500 American lives, left 3,000 seriously injured, and wasted billions of dollars that could have been spent on education, health care, or new jobs.

I sincerely hope our senators, Charles Grassley and Tom Harkin, will censure Bush for misleading us into this extremely costly war.

Chris Weber  
UI student

#### Depth in Middle Earth

I am responding to Shawn Sebastian's column (*DI*, Feb. 11). I agree that small independent films such as *American Splendor* are often overlooked by the academy; however, stating that *Return of the King* — indeed, the entire *Lord of the Rings* trilogy — is simplistic and escapist does the movies and the books a grave disservice. More than just a battle between good and evil, the movie is also about fighting for what you believe in and is a preacher of hope. The complete deterioration

of Frodo shows that no one is immune to corruption and therefore confronts something most people would rather not confront.

As for the academy, popular fantasy movies have been ignored and dissed as much as "cult" or "indie" films, so whether *Return of the King* will win any significant awards remains to be seen. I, for one, hope it wins best picture simply because it's a damn good movie.

Ben Sparrow  
UI student

#### An assault on us all

On Jan. 31, every member of the UI and Iowa City communities was violated. When an Asian-American student, or a queer student, or a black student, or a Latino/a student is harassed, bullied, beaten, or threatened by a member of our community, that

hatred resonates throughout all of our lives. It is deplorable that public officials and the press seem set on acting as though these incidents are isolated, our community is safe, and "things like that don't happen here."

What makes Iowa City so different that hatred has no holds here? Why can our public servants act as though the societal environment that they foster and protect are without blame in these incidents? Violence and hatred in our community stem from a broad base of ignorance in our society, and it takes acts of dedicated education and outreach to eliminate that ignorance. That outreach is the job not only of the citizens but also of the police, government, and media, as they are role models and news providers for the general public.

Iowa City is not a haven without prejudice, without hatred, without violence. This community

should be coming together in these days to support those affected and the communities to which they belong; communities, like families, suffer along with individuals out of anger, fear, and sadness. There must be some mechanism by which we can effect change in our society, or sooner or later, we all will fall victim to this rampant and unchecked hate.

Cianán Russell  
UI Student  
Iowa City Anti-Violence Project

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### ON THE SPOT

Will elections in Iraq be held in June as scheduled?



"From the things I've seen, I don't expect there to be that kind of progress this quickly."

Adam Reiber  
UI sophomore



"I do, because I think that they will follow through with it."

Becky Gay  
UI sophomore



"No, because there are too many resistance movements out there."

Katherine Betts  
UI freshman



"Not really, because I don't think enough time has gone by."

Natalie Simek  
UI freshman

## Clementis' cap theory of life

In the opening of his novel *The Book of Laughter and Forgetting*, Milan Kundera relates this story: As the communists are taking power in 1948 Czechoslovakia, Communist leader Klement Gottwald is making a speech from a balcony. It is a cold winter day, and Gottwald has forgotten his hat, so a comrade named Clementis places his own hat on Gottwald's head.



BEAU ELLIOT

A photograph is taken, with Gottwald wearing the hat and Clementis standing beside him.

A few years later, comrade Clementis is executed in a Stalinist-type purge, and he is airbrushed out of all the propaganda photos, including the one from that cold day on the balcony — so that, in Kundera's words, "All that remains of Clementis is the cap on Gottwald's head."

So I couldn't help but remember Clementis' cap when the photo of John Kerry and Jane Fonda showed up on the Internet on Feb. 12. Fonda became the conservatives' poster-child whipping girl for her anti-Vietnam War stance back in the days of peace and love, earning the moniker "Hanoi Jane" after she traveled to Hanoi in 1972. And the photo was obviously an attempt to tie Kerry, who returned from combat in Vietnam to help start Vietnam Vets Against the War, to Hanoi Jane.

There's just one problem: The photo doesn't actually exist. As demonstrated by the *New York Times* on Feb. 14, the original photograph shows young Kerry circa 1970 seated before a microphone, holding some papers. No one else is in the picture. The new, improved version shows Fonda seated next to Kerry.

She's been digitally inserted, of course. Clementis' cap lives on.

Oh, I know, technically, it's the opposite of the Clementis-cap story; an image was added, not subtracted, although in this case, I think you could say addition equaled subtraction. Anyway, the effect is the same: to rewrite history for political gain.

And the photo dovetails nicely with another photograph that surfaced last week on ex-Green Beret Ted Sampley's website, which is virulently anti-Kerry. This photo, taken at a 1970 antiwar rally, shows Kerry seated a few rows behind Fonda, and it popped up seemingly everywhere.

The story behind the photograph is a mite bit interesting. According to the *Times*, it seems Sampley had searched unsuccessfully for months for a Kerry/Fonda photo, and then last week, an e-mail from a stranger told him where to find one.

How odd. Especially odd when you recall that the FBI and military intelligence (no cheap oxymoron jokes, please) were all over the antiwar demonstrations, among other things, taking photos.

I'm not suggesting anything, of course.

Just that it's odd. Particularly so when you consider that the attempt to demonstrate a Kerry/Fonda connection comes at a time when the Cowboy in Chief's supporters are trying to dampen the fires of speculation about Dubya's service in the Texas Air Guard. Such as, did he leapfrog a year-and-a-half waiting list? Seems so. Such as, was he missing when he was supposed to be serving in an Alabama unit? Quite possibly, but maybe not. On one hand, you've got 16 ex-officers of the unit saying the Cowboy was never there. On the other hand, you've got one ex-officer saying he was, at least once (where was this guy four years ago, when the story first broke in the *Boston Globe*?). On the other other hand, you've got one Dubya dental appointment at the Alabama base (he had cavities).

Well, Dubya's got cavities more places than in his mouth. Iraqi WMD, just for instance. Job creation, just for instance.

And as the Cowboy drops in the polls (Kerry beat him, 52-43 percent, in a *Washington Post* poll last week; a *Post/ABC News* poll showed that 52 percent of Americans think Dubya is "honest and trustworthy," his worst numbers since March 1999), we can expect more mysterious photos and rumors about Kerry to pop up, seemingly out of the ether.

Clementis' cap lives on. ■

# ARTS

CALENDAR-WORTHY

Haven Kimmel will read from her novel *Something Rising (Light and Swift)*, the story of a young girl who becomes a pool hustler, today at Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque St. The reading begins at 8 p.m.; admission is free.

## Transcending video games with a re-release



### VIDEO GAME REVIEW

Super Mario Bros. 3  
Available for:  
Nintendo GameBoy Advance

★★★★ out of ★★★★★

BY WILLIAM SMITH  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Dozens of video games are released every month, flooding retail shelves with gaudy packaging that cries out for attention. Most of these games are forgotten the week after release, while the rest go on to moderate popularity.

A few games, however, grow so popular that they transcend the medium and become staples of pop culture. The Super Mario Bros. franchise not only transcends video games, it has become the representative for the entire game culture.

Super Mario Advance 4: Super Mario Bros. 3, which is available for the Nintendo GameBoy Advance, is a graphically enhanced re-release of the apex of Mario games. For those who haven't played the game in years or missed out on it entirely, this is one of the best portable purchases around.

There is a reason Super Mario Bros. 3 is the third-best selling game of all time (the top-selling game is the original Super Mario Bros.). It is one of the best games ever made, and it's still more fun than most of the games released today. The game elevated popular game-designer Shigeru Miyamoto to the status of golden god, topping his previous achievements of *Zelda* and *Metroid*.

The premise behind Super Mario Bros. 3 involves getting

Mario from one end of the level to the other without dying. This is accomplished by jumping on enemies' heads and grabbing special items, which can make Mario shoot, swim, and even fly.

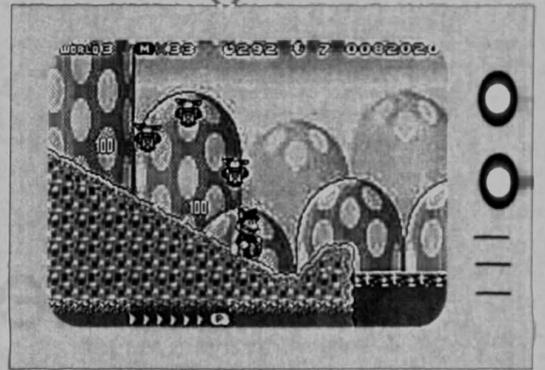
While the game play remains the same, the graphics have been beautifully updated to take advantage of the GameBoy Advance. The biggest change in this edition is the ability to save the game. This feature takes a monumentally difficult game that had to be beat in one sitting and makes it accessible for everyone. Some hard-core gamers will complain that it neuters the challenge, but they can always refuse to save the game and start over every time.

The developers also added extra levels and items that can be accessed by scanning Super Mario 3 cards into the optional e-Reader.

Although this is a great idea, the clunky and expensive setup will exclude most gamers from experiencing the extras. Accessing the extra levels requires an e-Reader (\$40), a link cable (\$10), and another GameBoy Advance (\$100) or the cheaper GameBoy Player (\$50).

However, the GameBoy Player requires a GameCube (\$100) to work. The game comes packed with a few e-Reader cards, but the rest of the cards are sold in packs that cost \$5 apiece. The developers should have included some of these extra levels in the actual game as a reward for beating it. Squeezing gamers for extra money will only backfire in Nintendo's face.

Super Mario Bros. 3 is such a part of American culture (imported from Japan, of course) that most gamers have played through it at least once. Nintendo



screen shot/www.nintendo.com

also added the original Mario Bros. arcade game onto this cartridge to add a little variety, but it seems halfhearted. The inclusion of the fun but limited Mario Bros. doesn't really add more incentive to buy this game. Including an updated version of the original Super Mario Bros., however, would have made this the perfect package.

Although the extra content of this re-release could have

been handled better, most GameBoy Advance players will find themselves shelling out \$30 to play as Mario again. It's simply too fun not to take on the road with you. Save a little extra cash and rent the movie *The Wizard* after finishing the game. It may be a wonderfully horrible film, but it's the definitive Super Mario Bros. 3 commercial.

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## Michael J. Fox proves you can go home again

When Michael J. Fox announced his retirement from TV's "Spin City" during its third season in 1998, he also disclosed a secret that he'd been harboring for many years: He revealed that he is a victim of Parkinson's disease, and Americans knew that they'd be seeing less of this beloved actor on screen.

It's entirely understandable for Fox to want to spend more time with his family and research his fatal, incurable illness instead of furthering his career. Personally, though, I still couldn't help feeling a sense of great loss when Fox went public with the news.

That's why seeing him in something of a television comeback now is almost like being reunited with an old friend. He appeared as a guest star on both "Scrubs" and "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" last week, and he will return to "Scrubs" for tonight's episode (NBC, 8:22 p.m.).

Fox launched his career playing Alex Keaton, the conservative son in a very left-wing family, on NBC's popular sitcom "Family Ties" (1982-89). He then smoothly made a transition onto the silver screen with Robert Zemeckis' *Back to the Future* (1985), a hugely successful science fiction/comedy that was followed by two sequels (1989, 1990). Zemeckis' classic put Fox on the map and saved him from a couple of routine roles he was reduced to during his initial stage in Hollywood. Fox became one of the biggest young stars of the '80s, appearing in such other comedies as *Teen Wolf* (1985) and *The Secret*

of *My Success* (1987). He also tried his hand out with drama, starring in *Light of Day* (1986), among others.

In the early '90s, Fox settled into a niche with more lighthearted comedies, including *Doc Hollywood* (1991) and *For Love or Money* (1993). After establishing himself as a truly reliable talent, he then went on to do supporting work in *Where the Rivers Flow North* (1993), and *Cold-blooded* (which he also co-produced in 1995).

Just before his return to television with ABC's hit sitcom "Spin City," he starred in Peter Jackson's horror/comedy *The Frighteners* (1996). Throughout his career, Fox has appeared in several made-for-TV films, most notably Woody Allen's wonderful *Don't Drink the Water* (1994).

Currently, his jobs in the movies are confined to voice-over work in such family pictures as *Atlantis: The Lost Empire* (2001) and *Stuart Little 1 and 2* (1999, 2002).

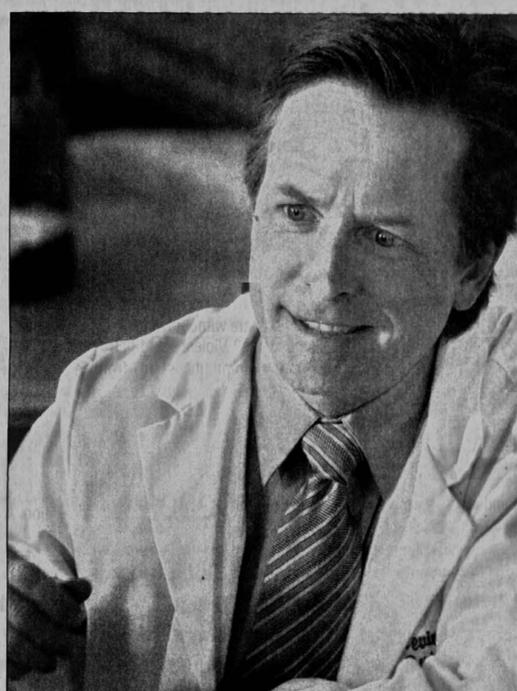
However, it's a tragedy that his incomparably energetic and appealing screen persona will be seen less regularly.

Fox is a genuinely great actor. I grew up with the *Back to the Future* trilogy, and it's earned a special place in my heart over the years (I commonly cite them as my personal favorite movies of all time). Fox's acting is one of the emotional connections I have with the series, and it's what makes most of his films so endearing.

He's an everyman, and just about any male audience member



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Carin Baer, Touchstone/Associated Press

Michael J. Fox portrays Dr. Kevin Casey in his second appearance on the NBC comedy series "Scrubs" in this undated publicity photo. He is shown in the second episode, which will air tonight.

can instantly relate to his likable, good-hearted blend of insecurity and cockiness. His characters are almost always sympathetic and realistically defined, made all the more believable by his amazingly naturalistic style. Fox is brilliant when it comes to verbal wit, reaction time, and physical humor, but he's

also a competent dramatic performer. There are few other actors I can think of who can be a human and charming romantic lead while so perfectly embodying the spirit of being young and idealistic. Seeing this underrated star doing what he does best on "Scrubs" is what great TV is all about.

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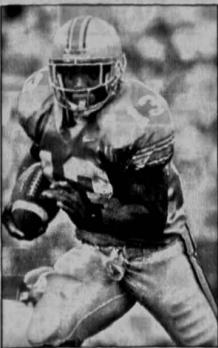
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MOVING UP

Clarett preparing for NFL combine

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Maurice Clarett has hired an agent, ending any possibility that the running back would return to college next season.

Clarett's attorney, Alan Milstein, said Monday that the former Ohio State star was working with an agent in preparation for this week's NFL combine in Indianapolis, a move that would make him ineligible under NCAA rules. Milstein would not identify the agent.

On Feb. 5, U.S. District Judge Shira Scheindlin ruled that an NFL rule barring eligibility to Clarett and other underclassmen from April's draft violates antitrust law.

Last week, Scheindlin refused to suspend her ruling, and Milstein said Clarett would be in the draft.

IOWA WRESTLING

CSTV.com to video stream OSU dual

NEW YORK (AP)—Jim Zalesky's Hawkeyes will be featured on College Sports Television (www.cstv.com), the first 24-hour college sports network, when it hosts Ohio State on Friday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

CSTV is presenting the best of college wrestling on-demand as it streams dual meets as well as the Big Ten wrestling championships. The other dual meet to be featured is No. 10 Oklahoma at No. 2 Nebraska on Feb. 23 at 6 p.m.

Iowa's dual will be broadcast on Feb. 28 at 9 p.m. Fans can log on to <http://www.cstv.com/wrestlingvid eo.htm> for information on how to access the streaming events through the "College Sports Pass" subscription service.



Zalesky Last home dual on Friday

NBA TRADING

Three teams make five-player deal

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Isiah Thomas dealt Keith Van Horn to Milwaukee and acquired Tim Thomas and Nazr Mohammed in a three-team trade. The Atlanta Hawks acquired Michael Doleac and a 2005 second-round draft pick from the Knicks, along with Joel Przybilla from Milwaukee.

The NBA trading deadline is Thursday, and nobody should rule out another deal by the Knicks — or perhaps more than one.

"I inherited a situation that wasn't good," Isiah Thomas said. "Until we're the best, we're not done."

Since taking over the team in late December, the ex-Pistons star/Pacers coach has ridged the roster of all but seven players who were with the Knicks when he came aboard. Along with the coaching change of Lenny Wilkens for Don Chaney, Thomas has turned over a majority of the franchise's assets in a very brief amount of time.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE STUDENTS GONE?



THE PLAYERS

From the assault case of star wingman Pierre Pierce to Nick DeWitz's departure and Mike Henderson's academic ineligibility, should the players be more responsible for their actions?



THE TICKET SYSTEM

Successful student sections at schools such as Michigan State and Michigan offer more seating options to students — often near midcourt. Would a change in the system help Iowa's sales?



THE COACH

Since his start as Iowa's coach five years ago, Steve Alford hasn't had a winning record in the Big Ten (31-44), and he has only taken his team to the NCAA Tournament once, back in 2001.

## WHERE TO PLACE THE BLAME FOR IOWA'S EMPTY-NEST SYNDROME

BY KELLY BEATON  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Not so long ago — in the fall of 2001, to be exact — the Hawks Nest was the place to be.

On a brisk Saturday morning in September that year, a line of UI students snaked all the way around Lot 6 near the UIHC in hopes of securing a spot in the section. Some had camped out for days in front of the Field House to save their spot at the head of the line.

Fast forward two and a half years, and times have clearly changed. One glimpse at the gaping hole of empty seats behind the basket nearest the student section can attest to that.

Student-section ticket sales have plummeted from 3,800 in 2001-02 to around 880 this season (which includes 510 Hawks Nesters), said Jess Rickertsen, the Iowa assistant director of ticket operations.

Alford to blame?

The reasons for the drop in the amount of students at men's games are plentiful.

Some say Iowa coach Steve Alford is among them.

Alford arrived in Iowa City in March 1999 as a 34-year-old up-and-comer in the coaching ranks, fresh off leading Southwest Missouri State to an appearance in the Sweet 16. And his tenure in Carver-Hawkeye Arena hasn't been devoid of success: Despite having yet to post a winning

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Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Iowa freshmen Mark Phelan and Brett Antran sit in the student section during the Penn State game on Jan. 31.

STUDENT REACTION:

"I think the main problem is Steve Alford. He recruited the wrong players, and he can't keep the players he does recruit. He's not doing his job."

— Ryan Mullins, a UI sophomore

DROPPING NUMBERS

Game attendance

The average attendance has dropped from 13,235 in 2002-03 to 11,877 this season.

Student ticket sales

Student-section ticket sales have plummeted from 3,800 in 2001-02, to around 880 this season.

Other Big Ten student sections thriving even with losing teams

BY DONOVAN BURBA  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

While the Hawks Nest has been in steady decline, student sections elsewhere in the Big Ten are thriving, even in places with less successful teams than Iowa.

The most notorious student section in the conference is Michigan State's Izzone, named for current coach Tom

Izzo. The Izzone, which has been in place for eight of Izzo's nine years in East Lansing, boasts 953 members who sit in the lower bowl of the Breslin Center. Rather than progressing upwards in the arena, as the Hawks Nest does, the Izzone rings the court in very close proximity to the action. The result is the Big Ten's most hostile

SEE BIG TEN, PAGE 6B



KELLY BEATON

Apathy toward Alford growing

JUST A FEW WEEKS ago, on the day Iowa played archrival Iowa State in Ames, I was walking home from class when I asked my buddy, an avid sports fan, how he thought the Hawks would do that night.

His response to my request for a prediction for arguably the biggest game of the season for the Hawkeyes?

"Who are they playing?" he asked, with a quizzical look.

My friend's lack of interest is emblematic of nearly every student I've talked to this season in regards to Steve Alford's squad.

And, as for their opinions on Iowa's coach, most of those aren't fit for print.

Of course, it's always easy to dismiss fan apathy, and even anger, with numerous notches in the loss column. And Iowa has a number of those — nine, to be exact.

"Traditionally, the quickest to go and come

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COMING IN WEDNESDAY'S DI

Too high a price? The DI analyzes Steve Alford's basketball contract.

They had varying expectations when they both started coaching Iowa teams 5 years ago, but Alford's and Kirk Ferentz's careers have veered in opposite directions.

'She's a sparkplug — she comes out with a lot of energy'

### Small but mighty, Smith sparks Hawks

BY ROSEANNA SMITH  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Crystal Smith doesn't look much like her favorite male athlete Shaquille O'Neal.

At a listed 5-6, likely measured in her tallest gym shoes, Smith is usually the smallest woman on the basketball court and is 19 inches shorter than the Shaq attack.

But that doesn't stop her from making big contributions — ask anyone on her team.

Fellow guard Kristi Faulkner says Smith is electric.

"She's a sparkplug — she comes out with a lot of energy,

and she's so quick she can get her hands around a lot of things."

Assistant coach Jenni Fitzgerald commends her strength, which improved over the summer with the help of Bill Maxwell.

"She's like a little mighty mite," Fitzgerald said. "She's probably the strongest player — weight and size-wise."

Smith has a knack for swiping the basketball from unsuspecting victims. And, despite her mismatched stature on the blocks, Smith nabs important

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Whitney Kidder/The Daily Iowan  
 Crystal Smith dives for a loose ball.

### It's official: Rodriguez will join Yankees' lineup

BY RONALD BLUM  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — It's a done deal: Alex Rodriguez is a Yankee.

Commissioner Bud Selig approved the record-setting swap Monday, allowing the reigning American League MVP to be traded to New York by the Texas Rangers.

"I'm pretty excited. This is a big, big one," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said.

"It ranks with when we

signed Reggie," he said, a reference to when slugger Reggie Jackson joined the Yankees before the 1977 season.

Texas will pay \$67 million of the \$179 million left on Rodriguez's \$252 million, 10-year contract, the most cash included in a trade in major-league history. The Rangers get All-Star second baseman Alfonso Soriano and a player to be named — but they also will pay Rodriguez through 2025.

ALSO INSIDE:

Will A-Rod's arrival in New York put an end to Boston's World Series dreams? See Page 2B

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Who will make the World Series: Yanks or Sox?

What I thought was a lightly penciled-in World Series trip for the New York Yankees before this weekend has now been shaded over with a Sharpie in thick, dark lettering.

The Yankees will be playing in the 2004 Fall Classic, like it or not.

The Bronx Bombers officially acquired the best player in baseball Monday, shortstop Alex Rodriguez, for All-Star second baseman Alfonso Soriano and a player to be named later. In this deal, Soriano is the equivalent to a penny on the street that you don't even consider stopping to pick up.

The addition of A-Rod makes this team so good it's scary.

New York has six potential All-Star invitees (Rodriguez, Derek Jeter, Jason Giambi, Jorge Posada, Gary Sheffield, and Hideki Matsui). Whom would you want to pitch to? The 2004 Yankees arguably have one of the most potent lineups in baseball history. The salaries and offensive production from top to bottom of this order are unfathomable.

How does a team lose pitchers of the caliber of Andy Pettitte, Roger Clemens, Jeff Weaver, and David Wells — only to have an even better rotation the following year? Enter Kevin Brown and Javier Vazquez. Brown brings experience and expertise, while Vazquez is one of the most underrated starting pitchers today.

The Yankees have the best lineup, a starting rotation comparable with anyone's, and the best front office in baseball. The best franchise in baseball history will return to where it belongs — on top.

— by Jason Brummond

As a member of the Red Sox Nation, the Evil Empire's trade for A-Rod was just another chapter in the tragedy that is Red Sox baseball. It's another psychological wound that must heal over time. The Yanks weren't even interested in A-Rod until Aaron Boone got hurt, and now the Red Sox have two curses to fight: the Curse of the Bambino, and the Curse of Aaron Boone.

While the Yanks stole our man right out from under our noses, the A-Rod deal will not put the Yankees over the top. The old thought that good pitching beats good hitting still holds true, and good pitching is something the Red Sox finally have in large supply.

The Yankees must have lost the book they wrote on how to win a championship. George Steinbrenner must have forgotten why the Yankees have won four World Series titles and six AL pennants since 1996. The Yankees won with timely hitting and great team chemistry, speed, defense, and pitching. Somehow, they have lost that formula.

The Yankees lost the core of their pitching staff in Andy Pettitte, David Wells, Jeff Weaver, and Roger Clemens.

Most importantly, the Red Sox finally have a solid pitching staff. Since the Sox signed Pedro Martinez, he's been their lone gun. But with the signing of Curt Schilling, the Red Sox now have a second starter of equal talent to Pedro.

The Sox also signed closer Keith Foulke, which solidified the bullpen. The key to the Sox rotation will be guys such as Derek Lowe and Tim Lincecum.

Lowe needs to revert to his 2002 form, and Wakefield will have to shake off his

Game 7 gaffe in the ALCS.

If he pitches like he did in Games 1 and 4, the Sox stand a great chance of ending the Yankees' run atop the AL East.

— by Nick Richards

MEN'S TOP 25

By The Associated Press  
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 15, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1	Stanford (64)	21-01, 721	2	2
2	Saint Joseph's (8)	22-01, 713	1	1
3	Duke	21-21, 613	1	1
4	Mississippi St.	21-11, 541	6	6
5	Pittsburgh	23-21, 491	4	4
6	Gonzaga	21-21, 481	7	7
7	Oklahoma St.	19-21, 394	10	10
8	Connecticut	19-21, 225	5	5
9	Kentucky	17-41, 153	8	8
10	Louisville	17-41, 005	9	9
11	Texas	17-4	964	11
12	Wisconsin	17-4	915	17
13	N.C. State	16-5	884	21
14	Arizona	16-6	869	16
15	Wake Forest	15-6	852	20
16	North Carolina	15-7	638	14
17	Cincinnati	17-4	620	13
18	Georgia Tech	18-6	580	15
19	Providence	17-5	441	24
20	S. Illinois	20-2	376	23
21	Kansas	15-6	319	12
22	Texas Tech	18-6	244	18
23	Memphis	21-21	005	5
24	LSU	17-4	227	—
25	South Carolina	20-5	213	25

Others receiving votes: Syracuse 194, Utah 117, Air Force 94, Illinois 87, Oklahoma 59, Florida 57, Dayton 40, Seton Hall 40, Charlotte 26, Kent 26, W. Michigan 25, Michigan St. 14, Boston U. 8, Maryland 6, Nevada 6, DePaul 1, ETSU 1, Hawaii 1, Manhattan 1.

WOMEN'S TOP 25

By The Associated Press  
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 15, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1	Texas (33)	22-21, 139	2	2
2	Connecticut (14)	20-21, 139	2	2
3	Tennessee	21-21, 074	3	3
4	Duke	20-31, 021	4	4
5	Purdue	21-21, 005	5	5
6	Louisiana Tech	19-2	891	6
7	Penn St.	19-4	885	8
8	Kansas St.	19-3	868	9
9	Texas Tech	17-4	749	7
10	Stanford	19-5	673	11
11	Minnesota	19-4	650	10
12	DePaul	22-2	645	13
13	Colorado	19-4	606	12
14	Auburn	20-5	522	14
15	LSU	20-4	575	16
16	North Carolina	18-5	459	15
17	TCU	20-4	364	22
18	Georgia	17-7	309	19
19	BYU	19-6	277	18
20	Michigan St.	19-5	272	17
21	Houston	21-3	239	25
22	Miami	18-4	151	—
23	Boston College	18-5	136	—
24	Oklahoma	16-6	110	—
25	Utah	19-4	97	—

Others receiving votes: SW Missouri St. 81, Florida 61, Ohio St. 57, Virginia Tech 29, Notre Dame 23, West Virginia 22, Villanova 14, George Washington 13, Montana 9, Arizona 6, Marquette 6, Chattanooga 5, Southern Cal 3, UC Santa Barbara 2, N.C. State 1, Nebraska 1.

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By Intermat  
Rankings for 2/10/04

Rank	Team
1	Jason Powell (Nebraska, Sr)
2	Luke Eustace (Iowa, Sr)
3	Mark Mico (Michigan, Jr)
4	Tom Noto (Hofstra, Sr)
5	Matt Valenti (Pennsylvania, So)
6	Tom Clum (Wisconsin, So)
7	Kyle Cr (Illinois, Sr)
8	Ehren Caballero (CalS/Bakersfield, Jr)
9	Vic Mereno (CalPoly, Jr)
10	Adam Smith (PennSt, Jr)

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01. Travis Lee (Cornell/Univ, Jr)  
02. Foley Dowd (Michigan, Sr)

03. Zach Robertson (IowaSt, Sr)
04. Josh Moore (PennSt, Sr)
05. Mark Jayne (Illinois, Jr)
06. Johnny Thompson (OklahomaSt, Sr)
07. Darrell Vasquez (CalPoly, Fr)
08. Matt Sanchez (CalS/Bakersfield, Jr)
09. Mike Simpson (ArizonaSt, Jr)
10. David Hoffman (VirginiaTech, So)

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01. Scott Moore (Virginia, Sr)
02. Nate Gallick (IowaSt, So)
03. Teyon Ware (Oklahoma, So)
04. Jacob Westler (CentralMichigan, Sr)
05. Cliff Moore (Iowa, Sr)
06. Cory Cooperman (Lehigh, So)
07. Coyte Cooper (Indiana, Sr)
08. Dylan Long (NorthernIowa, Sr)
09. Andy Simmons (MichiganSt, So)
10. Robert Becker (GeorgeMason, Sr)

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01. Jesse Jantzen (Harvard, Sr)
02. Zach Esposito (OklahomaSt, So)
03. Jeremy Spates (Missouri, Sr)
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06. Dustin Marotti (CentralMichigan, So)
07. Ryan Churella (Michigan, So)
08. Ty Eustace (Iowa, So)
09. Jeff Eckloff (Oklahoma, Fr)
10. Matt Stormilo (PennSt, Fr)

157
01. Alex Trappele (Illinois, So)
02. Matt Gentry (Stanford, Jr)
03. Jake Pericoli (OhioSt, Jr)
04. Johnny Hendricks (OklahomaSt, Fr)
05. Ryan Berlin (Michigan, Jr)
06. Kenny Burleson (Missouri, Sr)
07. Phillip Simpson (Army, Jr)
08. Travis Paulson (IowaSt, Fr)
09. Joe Johnston (Iowa, So)
10. Matt Lebe (WestVirginia, So)

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01. Troy Letters (Lehigh, So)
02. Tyrone Lewis (OklahomaSt, Sr)
03. Matt R. King (Edinboro, Sr)
04. David Boydard (CentralMichigan, Jr)
05. Pat Owen (Michigan, Sr)
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01. Chris Pendleton (OklahomaSt, Jr)
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01. Greg Jones (WestVirginia, Jr)
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04. Jake Rosholt (OklahomaSt, So)
05. Travis Pascoe (Nebraska, Jr)
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07. Eric Bradley (PennSt, So)
08. Matt Pell (Missouri, Fr)
09. Justin Dyer (Oklahoma, Fr)
10. Kurt Backes (IowaSt, Fr)

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01. Damon Hahn (Minnesota, Sr)
02. Ryan Bader (ArizonaSt, So)
03. B.J. Padden (Nebraska, So)
04. Matt Montano (CalS/Bakersfield, So)
05. Chris Skretkovic (Hofstra, Jr)
06. Matt Greenberg (Cornell/Univ, Sr)
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07. Clint Walbeck (FresnoSt, So)
08. Mike Behnke (Illinois, Fr)
09. Israel Blevins (Purdue, Sr)
10. Bill Stouffer (CentralMichigan, Jr)

Stanford represents fifth change at top

(AP) — The last two unbeaten teams are 1-2 in the rankings. Stanford replaced Duke at No. 1 in the Associated Press men's college basketball poll Monday, and Saint Joseph's moved up to No. 2 for the first time in nearly 40 years.

The Cardinal and the Hawks, the only undefeated teams in Division I, each rose one spot after Duke (21-2) lost to North Carolina State, 78-74, Sunday night.

That ended the Blue Devils' 18-game winning streak and their four-week stay at No. 1.

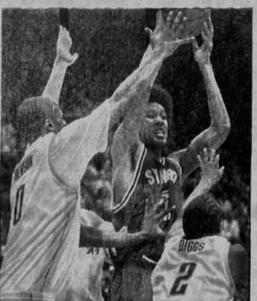
This is the third season in which Stanford (21-0) has reached No. 1, after five weeks in 1999-00 and seven weeks in 2000-01.

"It lets us know that we're working hard, and people are respecting us, and we're doing something right," Stanford junior forward Josh Childress said Monday.

He and his teammates weren't fazed when Duke was voted higher than Stanford even though the Blue Devils had lost.

"Coming into the season, Duke was ranked ahead of us, and it always was, so it was natural for it to take it. It didn't bother us," Childress said. "We kept playing hard and working hard, and that's paying off."

Stanford received 64 first-place votes and 1,791 points from the national media panel. The Cardinal beat California, 69-58, in their only game last week, and they are the fifth



Ben Margo/Associated Press  
Stanford moved into the No. 1 spot in the AP poll on Monday, followed by St. Joseph's at No. 2. Both teams remain unbeaten.

team to top the poll this season. The other schools with appearances at No. 1 were Connecticut (eight weeks), Kansas (one week), and Florida (one week). The Gators dropped out of the Top 25 completely Monday.

Saint Joseph's (22-0) received the other eight first-place votes and 1,721 points to match the highest ranking in school history. The Hawks, who beat Dayton and Rhode Island last week, were ranked No. 2 for two weeks in 1965-66.

After No. 3 Duke, Mississippi State (21-1) moved up two spots to fourth, matching the Bulldogs' highest ranking since the final poll of the 1961-62 season.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Four newcomers in women's poll

(AP) — The changes in The Associated Press women's basketball poll occurred at the bottom this time.

While newcomers held the final four spots Monday, Texas led a top six that remained the same, ending weeks of movement within that group.

Miami, Boston College, Oklahoma, and Utah, all ranked earlier this season, joined the poll at Nos. 22 through 25. Florida, Virginia Tech, Southwest Missouri State, and Arizona dropped out.

Four newcomers were the most in any week this season. Thirty-eight teams have been ranked so far — three more than last season.

Texas, which became No. 1 last week for the first time since December 1987, increased its lead over No. 2 Connecticut despite two close games.

The Longhorns (23-2) received 33 of 47 first-place votes from a national media panel and had 1,159 points. Connecticut (20-2) got the remaining 14 first-place votes and had 1,139 points.

Last week, Texas led 29-18 in first-place votes.

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- Wednesday**
- **WOMEN'S SWIMMING** at Big Ten Championships in Minneapolis, 11 a.m.
  - **MEN'S BASKETBALL** at Ohio State, 7:05 p.m. Televised on KGAN.
- Thursday**
- **WOMEN'S SWIMMING** at Big Ten Championships in Minneapolis, 11 a.m.
  - **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** hosts Minnesota at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 7:05 p.m.
  - **SOFTBALL** at Glendale CC (exhibition), 2 p.m.
- Friday**
- **WOMEN'S SWIMMING** at Big Ten Championships in Minneapolis, 11 a.m.
  - **WRESTLING** hosts Ohio State at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 7 p.m.

- **MEN'S TRACK** hosts Iowa Open, 5:30 p.m.
- **WOMEN'S TRACK** hosts Iowa Open, 5:30 p.m.
- **WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS** at Illinois State, 7 p.m.
- **SOFTBALL** at Arizona State Tournament in Tempe, Ariz. Games and times TBA.
- **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** hosts the Miracle Game vs. Penn State at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 2:05 p.m.
- **WOMEN'S TENNIS** at Vanderbilt, noon.
- **MEN'S TENNIS** hosts Indiana State at the Recreation Building, 10:30 a.m.
- **MEN'S GYMNASTICS** hosts Illinois at the Field House, 2 p.m.
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TV SCHEDULE

- Today**
- **CBB** Purdue at Michigan State, 6 p.m. on ESPN.
  - **CBB** Louisville at TCU, 6 p.m. on ESPN2.
  - **NBA** Toronto Raptors at Chicago Bulls, 7:30 p.m. on FSX.
  - **CBB** Florida at Georgia, 8 p.m. on ESPN.
- Wednesday**
- **SOCCER** United States at Netherlands, 1:30 p.m. on ESPN2.
  - **CBB** Texas Tech at Colorado, 6 p.m. on ESPN.
  - **NHL** Phoenix Coyotes at Detroit Red Wings, 6 p.m. on ESPN2.
  - **CBB** Iowa at Ohio State, 7 p.m. on KGAN.
  - **CBB** Duke at Wake Forest, 8 p.m. on ESPN.
  - **NBA** Los Angeles Clippers at Portland Trail Blazers, 9 p.m. on ESPN2.
- Thursday**
- **CBB** Georgia Tech at Maryland, 6 p.m. on ESPN2.
  - **NBA** Sacramento Kings at Minnesota Timberwolves, 6:30 p.m. on TNT.

- **NHL** Boston Bruins at Philadelphia Flyers or San Jose Sharks at Chicago Blackhawks, 7 p.m. on ESPN.
  - **WCBB** Wisconsin at Penn State, 7 p.m. on FSX.
  - **NBA** Philadelphia 76ers at Seattle Sonics, 9 p.m. on TNT.
  - **CBB** Arizona at Oregon, 9:30 p.m. on FSX.
- Friday**
- **NBA** Minnesota Timberwolves at Detroit Pistons, 7 p.m. on ESPN.
  - **NBA** Philadelphia 76ers at Los Angeles Lakers, 9:30 p.m. on ESPN.
- Saturday**
- **CBB** Northwestern at Michigan State, 11 a.m. on KGAN.
  - **CBB** Syracuse at Georgetown, 11 a.m. on ESPN.
  - **CBB** Creighton at Kent, 11 a.m. on ESPN2.
  - **CBB** Dayton at Xavier, 1 p.m. on ESPN.
  - **CBB** Manhattan at Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 1 p.m. on ESPN2.

- **CBB** St. Louis at DePaul, 1 p.m. on FSX.
- **CBB** Purdue at Minnesota, 1:30 p.m. on KGAN.
- **CBB** Stanford at UCLA, 3 p.m. on KGAN.
- **CBB** Illinois at Penn State, 3 p.m. on ESPN.
- **CBB** College of Charleston at Western Michigan, 3 p.m. on ESPN2.
- **WCBB** Oklahoma State at Colorado, 3 p.m. on FSX.
- **CBB** Gonzaga at Tulsa, 5 p.m. on ESPN2.
- **WCBB** Nebraska at Iowa State, 5 p.m. on FSX.
- **CBB** Alabama-Birmingham at Memphis, 6 p.m. on ESPN.
- **CBB** Florida at Mississippi, 7 p.m. on ESPN2.
- **CBB** Oakland at Oral Roberts, 7 p.m. on FSX.
- **NBA** Memphis Grizzlies at Chicago Bulls, 7:30 p.m. on WGN.
- **CBB** Texas at Oklahoma, 8 p.m. on ESPN.
- **CBB** Hawaii at Southern Illinois, 11 p.m. on ESPN.

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**SPORTS**



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Kevin Toth tested positive for the steroid THG and the stimulant modafinil at the U.S. championships in June 2003 at Stanford.

**In steroid case, athletes could be the next target**

BY ROB GLOSTER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Though no athlete has been indicted in the alleged steroid distribution case, some sports stars who testified before the grand jury could face sanctions from their sport — or perjury charges from the federal government.

Dozens of athletes from five sports, including the NFL and Major League Baseball, testified last fall before the panel that issued the indictments. They were offered limited immunity in exchange for testimony, but they could be charged with perjury if prosecutors believe they lied about their drug use.

Those who told the truth could be in trouble, too. Olympic athletes who admitted to grand jurors that they took steroids and other banned drugs would not be prosecuted in court, but they could be suspended from competition —

even if they never failed a drug test. Section 9 of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency's protocol gives that agency the authority to bring a drug case against an athlete in lieu of a positive drug test "when [the agency] has other reason to believe that a potential doping violation has occurred, such as admitted doping."

The agency covers anti-doping issues for U.S. Olympic athletes, including those in such sports as track and field, NFL and baseball players wouldn't face agency sanctions, except in the case of baseball players who also participate in international tournaments.

On Monday, the U.S. Olympic Committee announced that shot-putter Kevin Toth tested positive for the steroid THG and the stimulant modafinil at the U.S. championships in June 2003 at Stanford, where he won his first national title. He could be suspended for two years.

**SPORTS**

**Watson to play in Allianz Championship**

DES MOINES (AP) — The Allianz Championship has landed a major draw for its 2004 tournament, receiving a commitment from Tom Watson, one of golf's most popular players.

The Champions Tour player of the year in 2003, Watson will compete in the 4-year-old Allianz event for the first time. The tournament has moved from its August date to May 17-23 at Glen Oaks in West Des Moines.

Watson, 54, finished in the top 10 in 10 of the 14 Champions events he entered last year and won two majors, the Senior British Open and JELD-WEN Tradition.

He's sixth in Champions Tour earnings this year and finished second at the ACE Group Classic in Naples, Fla., last weekend.

Don Pooley is the defending Allianz champion. He'll be in Des Moines March 24 to help promote the tournament.

**Vroman named Big XII Player of the Week**

DALLAS (AP) — Iowa State's Jackson Vroman won Big 12 Player of the Week honors Monday after averaging 18 points and 10 rebounds in the Cyclones' last two games.

Vroman, who leads the league in rebounding, had his fifth double-double of the season with 16 points and 11 rebounds in a 90-59 loss at Kansas State.

In Iowa State's 78-77 upset of Texas, Vroman scored 20 points on 9-12 shooting and grabbed nine rebounds. A 6-10 senior, Vroman is averaging 13 points and 10 rebounds a game while shooting 58 percent from the field.

Oklahoma's Drew Lavender was selected as Newcomer of the Week. He scored 31 points — the most by an Oklahoma freshman in 20 years — in the Sooners' 78-72 win over Texas A&M.

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SPORTS

# Defectees deter student support

## HAWKS NEST

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record in Big Ten play, Alford possesses the most wins (eight) of any conference coach in the league's postseason tournament.

The fifth-year coach still has his share of supporters on campus as well. "I think he's done good," said Tony Taylor, a fifth-year UI senior. "Obviously, he's not Coach Davis, yet — I don't know if he ever will be — but, I think he's done a good job."

### Hawks Nest struggles to fill seats

Judging from the sparse gatherings of students at games this season, Alford proponents are in a minority. The silence coming from the student section has often been deafening.

When asked for his thoughts on the Iowa student section following the Hawkeyes' win over Penn State on Jan. 31, Nittany Lion forward Jan Jagla was less than impressed.

"Well, to be quite honest, we've definitely seen tougher places, let's put it that way," said the 7-footer.

One possible factor in the drop-off of student support at Carver this season was the move to general-admission seating for the first time in Hawks Nest history. The move was in an effort to bolster student involvement in the section, said Laura Gaudian, a fifth-year UI student who heads the Hawks Nest's student committee.

"This was something we thought would make it kind of like at the football games — have the crazy fans go up front, because they want to be there earlier," she said.

The pharmacy student added that her committee tried to spread the word about the Hawks Nest in the fall, but "everyone was stuck in football mode. The football team was doing really good," she said. "The basketball team — I mean, it's not terrible or anything — there's just not much hype about it."

Most UI students who spoke with *The Daily Iowan* expressed a desire to have the Hawks Nest duplicate the raucously renowned sections at schools such as Michigan State and Michigan, where students are given more choice seating — often near mid-court — as opposed to a view from behind the basket.

Gaudian said duplicating such sections as MSU's "Izzone" would be difficult, if not impossible.

"That's definitely something we have no control over," she said. "The only way that would [happen] is if they built a new arena, because people who have been buying tickets for so long, they're not going to give up their tickets."

Freshman Heather Johnson had a simpler plan on how to improve the Hawkeyes' student support at games: Give them access to more seats for a cheaper price than the current \$120 for a partial

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— Andrew Johnson, UI sophomore

season package (all home games other than those that occur over Winter Break) and \$180 for the season.

"Make more seating available and just have more tickets available for students, because they're high in price," she said. "They need to lower the price because students don't have big budgets. That way more students would come."

The university made tickets more accessible to students midway through this season starting with the Jan. 10 home game against Northwestern, when it offered general-admission seats to individual games for \$15 apiece for students. The offer was also extended to members of the general public, who could purchase the tickets for \$26 a game.

Who has taken the majority of those type of seats?

"Mostly, they're public," Rickertsen said.

To Alford's credit, he was the main instigator in bringing the Hawks Nest to fruition when he arrived at Iowa in 1999. Despite that, the head Hawkeye is taking a hands-off approach when it comes to giving the section any sort of facelift.

"I think when I got here, I was instrumental in getting the section to begin with," the coach said. "So if they're wanting a different section, or a different seat in the arena, then that would have to take place from seeing the administration, because I don't have anything to do with that."

### Negative image of program?

Another reason a growing number of Iowa students have turned their backs on the men's basketball program appears to be the negative image acquired following the near mass exodus of players from the program during Alford's five years in Iowa City.

Thus far in his tenure, at least seven players have either left the program early or been dismissed by the coach (excluding freshman Mike Henderson, who will return to the team next year if academically eligible). The students have clearly taken note of the amount of defectees who didn't buy into Alford's program.

"It's kind of his fault ... he lets his players run wild, and then whenever they get in trouble, he defends them," said UI sophomore Andrew Johnson. "It's kind of his own doing."

Following the well-documented September 2002 assault case of star swingman

Pierre Pierce, Sean Sonderleiter left the team Jan. 29, citing personal reasons, and Alford has had to deal with recent academic foibles by his players.

As a result, first-year Hawkeyes Nick DeWitz and Henderson were ineligible for the second semester. The ruling led to DeWitz's prompt departure to Oregon State.

"I think the main problem is Steve Alford," said Ryan Mullins, a UI sophomore. "He recruited the wrong players, and he can't keep the players he does recruit. He's not doing his job."

### Alford stays focused on positives

Despite his squad's numerous defections, Alford remains positive.

"I just think the things that have happened here are not the fault of any guys in the locker room," he said recently. "And that's what I told them. I said, 'Hey, you've been a tough group, a resilient group. You can't control the happenings of academics, the happenings of family issues, and you can't control injury. You can just control what you have the power to control."

"You still have to make the most of it," Alford said, adding that his squad can't afford to "worry about the what-ifs or if [injured center] Jared [Reiner] was here, if Sean was there, if Mike was in good academic standing how he'd be helping us. We can't sit around thinking about those things."

Certainly, Alford has had more than his share of unfortunate circumstances during his time in Iowa City. However, some question his lack of accountability on issues they feel he could've prevented.

"I think Alford hasn't been accountable for everything since he's been at Iowa," said UI sophomore Ted McCartan said, pointing to the recent academic ineligibility issues with Henderson and DeWitz. "It's not like the UI is out there recruiting bad kids. Kids that we recruit are just like just like every other student-athlete recruited all over the nation. If our kids aren't getting good enough grades to stay eligible here, at a major Big Ten university, I've got to place that on some of their leadership, which of course, would be Steve Alford."

When asked during a Feb. 6 teleconference what his response would be to critics who argue that it's a coach's job to see to it his players get to class, Alford responded with a joke.

"I don't pay a lot of attention to critics. I think that's part of the business," the Hawkeye coach said, recalling a recent TV ad in which the Green Bay Packers' famous passer walks around town taking his chance to second-guess fans. "There are Monday Morning quarterbacks all over the place. If I had my chance, I'd probably do a Brett Favre commercial."

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# Michigan State's Izzone doesn't rest

## BIG TEN

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environment, even though other schools may boast a bigger student presence.

Izzone co-director Brian Doepker said approximately 2,000 to 2,500 students apply for the few hundred new openings created each year because of graduation. The coveted ducats are awarded through a lottery, a system that the group's directors are trying to make fairer, Doepker said.

The Izzone doesn't rest when the Spartans hit the road. Doepker said members make as many as three trips to Michigan State road games, drawing around 200 members. In addition, for other road games the directors rent out a room at Tripper's, a local restaurant, and provide Izzoners appetizers during the game.

The reason for the Izzone's success isn't hard to figure out — the Spartans have made three Final Four appearances since 1999, including a national championship in 1999-00. But Michigan and Minnesota, both teams with recent records comparable

Big Ten school	No. of student ticket holders
Wisconsin	2,100
Minnesota	1,085
Michigan State	953
IOWA	880

with Iowa's, have student sections of 1,961 and 1,085 respectively.

Michigan's Maize Rage has grown 600 percent since last season, said Michigan Assistant Athletics Director Tom Wywrot. Students pay \$115 for 11 games, along with the option to buy more for the two games scheduled over Spring Break. In addition, for the first time the group is a university-chartered, giving it more financial freedom to run events for road games, among other things.

Like Iowa, Minnesota has had its share of controversy, with coach Clem Haskins resigning in disgrace following the 1998-99 season because of rampant academic fraud. Still, the Gopher Hole increased every year prior to this season, when it lost 130 members. The group has 1,085 members, even though the Gophers

haven't been to the NCAA Tournament since Haskins left.

Deborah Diamond of Minnesota's sports marketing department said the biggest key to the section's growth was simply lowering student ticket prices. Student tickets used to be the same price as regular tickets, giving students no incentive to join. Now, Gopher Holes can choose two packages, getting tickets to all games for \$185 or \$145 for all except those scheduled over school breaks.

Indeed, most schools are aware that students are on a tighter budget than are other fans. The average cost across the board in the Big Ten is in the \$150-\$180 range, or approximately \$12 per game (Wisconsin, at \$7 a game, attracts 2,100 to the Grateful Red).

In the end, winning is still the most powerful selling point. Wisconsin has won back-to-back Big Ten titles, and it's that kind of success, not the campus-wide e-mails, free T-shirts, or clever nicknames, that fill the seats.

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