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A 'curious, open-minded' voice is gone

Mertens recalled by those close to him as thoughtful, tolerant

BY ANNIE SHUPPY
THE DAILY IOWAN

Bill Mertens, a UI alumnus whose journalistic achievements stretched over more than three decades, was a soft-spoken man with an effective voice.

In meetings, the blue-eyed veteran newspaperman was a voice of calm in disputes. He chose his words carefully and with an unusual ability to defuse controversy rather than provoke, friends recalled. It's a voice they will miss, but never forget.

The 55-year-old editor and publisher of the *Hawk Eye* of Burlington died on Wednesday of cancer-related complications after less than four months of battling the illness. He graduated from the UI in 1970 and remained active with the school on numerous boards, including the one that oversees *The Daily Iowan*.

"He wasn't one who would speak a lot, but when he did, he always had something to say," said *DI* Publisher Bill Casey. "He was always very thoughtful, a role model for all of us to think before we talk."

Diagnosed with cancer in early November, Mertens balanced his obligations gracefully, friends said, and continued to visit his news-

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room while undergoing chemotherapy. He even wrote the *Hawk Eye's* editorial endorsement of John Kerry.

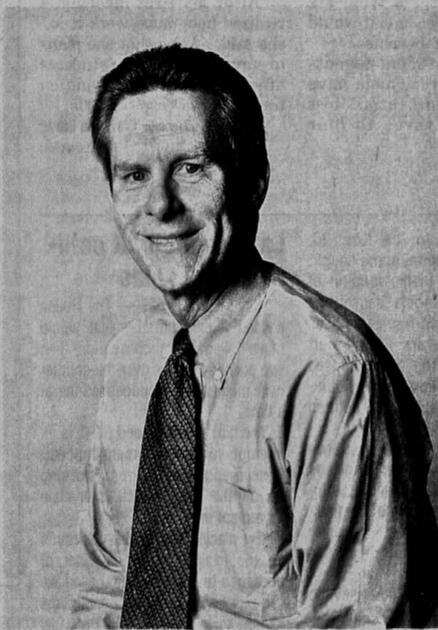
The more problems he faced, Casey said, the calmer he became.

The "curious, open-minded, and tolerant" journalist approached his illness the way he approached any other task in his life — by asking questions and focusing on the positive aspects, said Dale Alison, the *Hawk Eye's* managing editor.

"It was remarkable, the way he did all the little things without drawing attention to himself," Alison said. "If there were more Bill Mertens, it would be a better world."

Whether managing his paper or serving on the Student Publications Inc. Board, which oversees the *DI*, Mertens remained a pillar of wisdom for those who knew him.

"What was amazing to me was that he was always busy, he was always in a meeting, but he put out a great newspaper and was a great husband and a great father," Casey said. "He did it with enormous grace. He never ran in here looking



John Gaines, *Hawk Eye*/Associated Press
Bill Mertens, 55, the longtime editor and publisher of the *Burlington Hawk Eye*, shown in a June 2001 file photo, died early Wednesday of cancer in Burlington, Iowa.

like he'd just come from another meeting."

An active alum

Friends said the married father of three was proud of the UI and committed to helping to educate future journalists.

He stood by the UI School of Journalism and Mass Communication when it lost accreditation more than two decades ago, helped select more than a dozen *DI* editors, and

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Friends, colleagues remember an icon

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— Dale Alison, *Hawk Eye* managing editor

'I just liked his grin. He had a great grin.'

— Mary Sharp, Iowa editor of the *Gazette*

UI & BUDGET

UI hit with \$7.8 million budget cut

BY CHRISTINA ERB
THE DAILY IOWAN

The state Board of Regents on Thursday agreed to cut \$7.8 million from UI funding, a move that could result in a loss of 82 UI faculty and staff positions.

The \$18.1 million mid-year budget cuts to Iowa's three public universities come in the aftermath of Gov. Tom Vilsack's 2.5 percent across-the-board budget cut in October 2003. Before the cuts were enacted, state universities had already completed their budgets for the academic year.

The projected loss of 82 positions would include 37 faculty, 19 professional and scientific, and 26 merit employees.

Now, four months later, the UI, the University of Northern Iowa, and Iowa State University are scrambling to make up the shortfall.

However, UI President David Skorton said layoffs will be a last resort in cutting the budget. He hopes early retirements in June will alleviate the need to cut faculty and staff.

Moments before the proposed reductions were passed, the three university presidents pleaded for additional funds.

During the last five years, the UI has lost tenure-track faculty in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, has enlarged class sizes, and eliminated two administrative vice presidents.

Budget cuts

The state Board of Regents voted Thursday to require Iowa's three public universities to cut their budgets by the following approximate amounts:

- Total: \$18.1 million
- UI: \$7.8 million
- ISU: \$8.3 million
- UNI: \$2 million

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UI & TUITION

Regents block tuition/financial aid proposition

BY CHRISTINA ERB
THE DAILY IOWAN

After nearly an hour of debate, the state Board of Regents opted Thursday not to implement a policy requiring Iowa's public universities to provide at least half of all tuition-based undergraduate financial aid to students in need.

Instead, the regents asked the state universities to fund individual studies on the socioeconomic status of students statewide.

The bill would have required the UI, Iowa State University, and the University of Northern Iowa to designate a minimum 7.5 percent of their tuition revenues for financial-aid packets. Of that amount, 3.75 percent would have been used for need-based grants. The universities then could have dispersed the rest as they saw fit — a policy the UI already follows.

The regents blocked the measure after Regent Mary Ellen Becker proposed creating a statewide study on students' financial status.

"When it comes to a proposal, I think we may be premature," she said. "I don't think we know who needs aid."

She presented a 2003 national study, "Knocking at the College Door," as a model of what she hopes the three universities would follow in acquiring concrete socioeconomic data.

The study, conducted by Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, shows that families with an annual income of \$50,000 or less are typically not receiving enough financial aid from public universities.

"[The study] makes sense," said UI interim Provost Patricia Cain, adding that the study will show whether the university is doing an

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Regents shoot down a bill to change their student-regent policy.
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Kerry captures endorsement of AFL-CIO



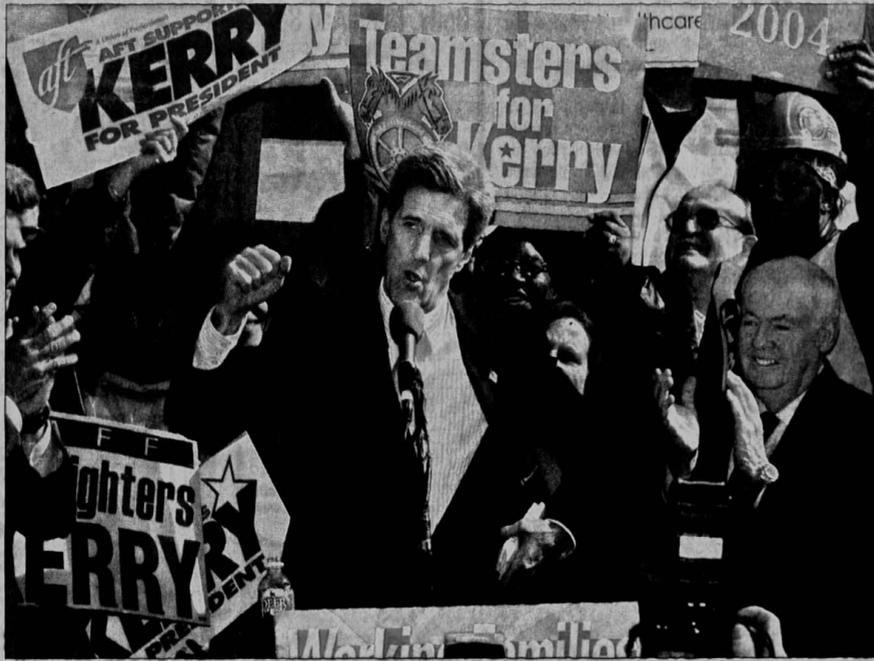
BY JOHN F. HARRIS AND JIM VANDEHEI
WASHINGTON POST

ATLANTA — Democratic front-runner John Kerry on Thursday won the backing of the nation's largest and most influential labor union, the AFL-CIO, an important boost for him in a nominating battle that increasingly has become a contest over who promises to be tougher in scrutinizing free-trade agreements and blocking the flight of jobs overseas.

Hoping not to be outdone, challenger John Edwards offered his most formal statement to date on the principles he said would guide him as president in judging whether trade pacts are in the national interest.

The North Carolina senator also stepped up his rhetoric against what he called the skewed priorities of Wall Street and corporate executives and the indifference of the Bush administration to the human distress caused by economic upheaval. "This is more than an economic issue, this is a moral issue," Edwards told college students in Georgia, one of the March 2 "Super Tuesday" states where he is devoting special effort in his last-stand bid to halt Kerry.

While Edwards made the case for himself, Kerry, the senator from Massachusetts, may have had something better — AFL-CIO President John Sweeney making the case for him at a downtown Washington rally. Noting Kerry's career record of



Ron Edmonds/Associated Press

Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., accompanied by AFL-CIO President John Sweeney (right), gestures in Washington on Thursday, where he earned the endorsement of the AFL-CIO.

A MONTH AFTER THE FIRST-IN-THE-NATION CAUCUSES PUT IOWA INTO THE INTERNATIONAL SPOTLIGHT, SOME UI STUDENTS CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THEIR CANDIDATES AND LOOK FORWARD TO FUTURE ELECTIONS

Politics still courses hotly through many UI students

BY ALEX LANG
THE DAILY IOWAN

Even though Iowa exited the center of the political universe a month ago, many UI students are still active in the political process and continue to push for

their candidate — even after their campaigns have been suspended.

Mayrose Wegmann, the UI Student Government vice president and a Howard Dean supporter, said she was in Wisconsin earlier in the week. She campaigned

for Dean for several weekends after the Iowa caucus and during the final push in Wisconsin, but, she said, his dropping out of the race "was inevitable."

"Of course I'm

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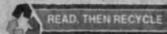
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NEWS

Student-regent plan draws fire

Bill proposed to change student regent's term is source of opposition and confusion

BY CHRISTINA ERB
THE DAILY IOWAN

The state Board of Regents displayed fierce opposition on Thursday to a proposed legislative measure that would force student regents who graduate to leave the board while ensuring that each university is represented for a full six-year term.

Hailed by student-government presidents as a way to amplify the student-regent voice, the proposed bill would mark a drastic change in the way student regents fulfill their term — requiring student regents to resign by the end of the calendar year they graduate. But the

regents characterized it as "poorly written" and "ineffective."

UI Student Government President Nate Green touted the bill along with the University of Northern Iowa and Iowa State University's student-government presidents and Sen. Donald Redfern, R-Cedar Falls, at the regents' meeting at the IMU.

"My concern — and I haven't seen the full wording of the bill yet — is about the effectiveness of the [student regent] would be jeopardized," said Regent Mary Ellen Becker. Although sympathetic, she said she is concerned student regents would lose authority if they

were not treated the same as other board members.

The bill is the second proposal that has attempted to change the policy on student regents in a decade — currently, student regents must be appointed while attending a state university and can serve up to six years. The regents also opposed a 1995 bill that would have shortened the student term from six years to four because it would minimize the experience.

Of the six student regents who have served, none have completed a full term. Most resign after three to four years.

"I don't know why we have to take a position on this bill," said Regent David Neil. "If Sen. Redfern feels so strongly about this, then he should convince his colleagues. He didn't seek out our advice, so he can float his own boat."

Student Regent Jenny Rokes said she agreed with the bill initially but has since reversed her stance.

"After my first meeting, I realized how much work it is," she said, adding that she plans to stay in contact with students after her expected graduation from UNI in December 2005.

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CITY & STATE

Supervisors OK bridge fund

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors approved a \$2.7 million budget transfer Thursday for a bridge replacement near the Coralville Reservoir.

The Reservoir Roads Trust was moved to the Secondary Roads escrow, designated in previous meetings for the Mehaffey Bridge Project. The trust, a \$1.809 million settlement acquired in 1981 because of road destruction by the U.S. Corps of Engineers, has accrued more than \$900,000 interest and now totals \$2.7 million.

The settlement money had no previous use before the approval; it was chosen for the bridge project because it roughly offset anticipated costs, said Jeff Horne, the county budget coordinator.

The Mehaffey Bridge Project, slated to begin construction in 2012, is located on Mehaffey Road, between North Liberty and Solon. A feasibility study conducted by NNW Inc., a Midwest civil-engineering firm, based the time frame on the current bridge's life expectancy and cost estimates, said Al Miller, an assistant county engineer.

"It was a good move for the board to take," said Supervisor Sally Stutsman.

— by Christina Preiss

Third Musser trial moved

Riding a wave of pretrial publicity that has taken him to three counties thus far, Adam Musser will now stand trial in a fourth — this time, roughly 80 miles from where his alleged crimes were committed.

The 23-year-old's trial was moved to Tama County on Thursday after his attorney argued yet again that the case had generated too much pretrial publicity.

The high-profile case has garnered media attention from local newspapers and broadcasting stations in the Iowa City and Cedar Rapids area, making it difficult to find a jury pool

that has not viewed pretrial coverage, said defense attorney Kelly Steele.

In last week's trial, 18 out of the 25 prospective jurors had heard about the case before the trial began. The final panel of 12 jurors deliberated for two hours before finding Musser guilty of transmitting HIV to a then-17-year-old Coralville woman.

"I know with each case, it's going to get more difficult for my client to get a fair trial," Steele said Thursday. The new location, he said, was "acceptable."

Musser was charged with four counts of criminal transmission of HIV last year for allegedly not telling his partners he was infected.

Musser has been convicted on two of the HIV-transmission charges; he has filed motions for new trials in both cases.

— by Seung Min Kim

UI, regents discuss Old Capitol fire settlement

The state Board of Regents and the UI are in the midst of settlement discussions with a South Dakota construction firm that they allege is responsible for the Nov. 20, 2001, Old Capitol fire.

University General Counsel Mark Schantz said Thursday that the suit, filed against Enviro Safe Air Inc. in October 2003, will most likely be resolved out of court. The suit alleges negligence and breach of contract.

Sixth District Judge Kristin Hibbs issued an order to the parties on Wednesday that warned the case will be dismissed on March 31 unless the plaintiffs show good cause for failure of service, which Schantz said is a formality because of the ongoing settlement discussions.

Factory Mutual Insurance Co. of Rhode Island, the UI's insurance provider, is also named as a plaintiff.

The regents, the UI, and Factory Mutual contend that despite repeated warnings from the university, Enviro Safe workers used open-flame devices, such as heat guns and propane torches, to remove exterior and interior coating during an Old Capitol renovation project.

At about 9 a.m. on Nov. 20, 2001, the Old Capitol dome caught on fire because of the ignition of combustible materials caused by one of the open-flame devices Enviro Safe workers used, court records show. The blaze caused more than \$5 million worth of damage to the Old Capitol, the petition states.

While Factory Mutual has been making insurance payments, the suit contends the UI also sustained uninsured damages because of the fire.

If the case is not settled before March 31, Schantz said, they'll "do what they can do."

"We hope that it wouldn't have to be done through court," he said. "We've been in touch with them and their lawyers, and I hope that it will be resolved before March 31."

— by Seung Min Kim

Man charged with sexual abuse

A DeWitt, Iowa, man has been charged with third-degree sexual abuse after he allegedly raped a woman who had invited him into her home.

James Nieman, 23, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant issued after a Nov. 4, 2003, incident in which he allegedly raped a woman at her Coralville apartment.

According to court records, Nieman was the woman's guest, and as she prepared a place for him to sleep, he allegedly forced her to the floor. He then removed her pajama bottoms and engaged in oral and vaginal sex with the alleged victim, according to the police reports.

The charge is Nieman's first in Johnson County; statewide records show he has past convictions for driving while barred, driving while intoxicated, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Nieman is being held in Johnson County Jail on a \$15,000 bond. If convicted of third-degree sexual abuse — a Class C felony — he faces up to 10 years in prison and fines ranging from \$500 to \$10,000.

— by Seung Min Kim

Law would limit cold-medicine sales

DES MOINES (AP) — The House passed a bill Thursday that would make it illegal to purchase more than two packages of the over-the-counter cold medication pseudoephedrine at a time.

The bill, which passed 97-0, is an attempt to prevent methamphetamine manufacturers from stocking up on the drug, which is a main ingredient in meth.

"By placing reasonable restraints on the availability and number of packages that can be purchased we can reduce the number of meth labs we see in our state," said Rep. Clei Baudler, R-Greenfield, sponsor of the bill.

He said Iowa ranked second in the nation in the number of known methamphetamine labs last year with 1,266. Missouri had the most with 2,760, and California was behind Iowa in third place with 1,247, said Baudler, a retired Iowa State Patrol trooper.

The bill also requires retailers to place packages of pseudoephedrine behind the counter, within 20 feet of the counter within sight of the store's clerk, or place an anti-theft device or lock on the area containing the drug if it's not within sight of the clerk.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Twan Alexander, 25, 461 Highway 1 W. Apt. 32, was charged Wednesday with fifth-degree theft.

Jarmarie Arrington, 26, 331 S. Lucas St. Apt. 3, was charged Thursday with violation of a domestic-abuse protective order.

Scott Bennett, 39, Utah, was charged Thursday with operating while intoxicated.

Traei Clothier, 27, 2254 S. Riverside Drive Apt. 47, was charged Wednesday with having a vicious animal at large.
Samuel Dull, 17, 1411 Plum St., was

charged Wednesday with fourth-degree criminal mischief.

Aaron Green, 17, Coralville, was charged Monday with reckless driving.

Brittany Haworth, 20, Ainsworth, Iowa, was charged Feb. 14 with possession of a schedule I controlled substance.

Christine Klein, 25, Oxford, was charged Thursday with operating while intoxicated, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of marijuana.

Seth Nicolson, 419 S. Johnson St. Apt. 2, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

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Aldeman win to benefit center

UISG presidential candidate pledges \$5,000 to Crisis Center

BY JIM BUTTS
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI Student Government presidential hopeful Chad Aldeman promised \$5,000 to the Crisis Center of Johnson County on Thursday if he is elected, and he used the event to yet again criticize outgoing President Nate Green.

Surrounded by six supporters wearing green campaign T-shirts as well as his running mate, UI sophomore Brittany Shoot, the UI sophomore signed a large symbolic check over to the Crisis Center. The event — complete with a press release and campaign supporters taking photographs — outside the Crisis Center, 1121 Gilbert Court, was partly about helping the organization and partly in response to a recent news report, Aldeman said.

The news report suggested Green was seeking to raise the yearly UISG presidential salary from roughly \$7,900 to \$10,000. The report also suggested that the chief financial officer's salary would be raised and that

'People do this to put it on their résumés, but I'm in it for the right reasons.'

— Chad Aldeman,
UISG presidential candidate



'It'd be nice if he'd back up his criticism with factual claims.'

— Nate Green,
UISG president

both raises would be funded through a pay cut for other student-government positions.

"To say, 'Well they don't deserve their salary, give it to me instead,' I just think that's outside the lines of what's reasonable," Aldeman said.

Green refuted the news report on Thursday, saying he was misquoted and calling any changes in UISG salaries mere speculation.

"It's simply an idea I discussed in the office," he said, adding that Aldeman's comments were

premature. "If he's up in arms on that, I think he's jumping the gun."

In response to Green's denial, Aldeman said he was "going with" the news report, adding that it was irrelevant — he still plans to donate the money and any additional funds that would come with a possible raise.

Aldeman recently accused Green of mismanaging student fees, but after a *Daily Iowan* investigation, the accusations proved to be false. Aldeman later apologized for the incident, saying,

"This is not the way I intended to begin my campaign."

Throwing snowballs outside the center with his campaign supporters, Aldeman was cautious but critical of the current UISG president's use of funds. He and Shoot said the UISG budget shows a misallocation of funds, with top priority programs such as the Lecture Committee and Student Video Productions taking budget cuts.

"People do this to put it on their résumés, but I'm in it for the right reasons," Aldeman said.

Crisis Center Executive Director Ross Wilburn said he appreciates the donation and others that have come from UISG in the past.

Green also approved the gesture but said he was trying to stay out of the campaign. He appreciates constructive criticism, he said, but didn't approve of Aldeman's comments.

"It'd be nice if he'd back up his criticism with factual claims," Green said.

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Budget cuts could hit left of the dial

UI, IOWA STATE, AND UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA'S RADIO STATIONS FACE POSSIBLE LOSS OF FUNDING

BY TIM CRIMMINS
THE DAILY IOWAN

The UI's public radio station could lose hundreds of thousands of dollars in state funding a year as part of a larger \$18.1 million budget cut for the state's three public universities, according to document issued by the state Board of Regents Wednesday.

WSUI, a National Public Radio news and information station, and sister station KSUI, which features classical music, were advised by regents to work together with Iowa's two other public radio stations, the University of Northern Iowa's KUNI-KHKE and Iowa State University's WOI Group, to save funds to deal with potential budget losses.

Steve Parrott, the UI director of University Relations, said WSUI and KSUI could lose funds from the university's general-education budget, which accounts for nearly 30 percent of the stations' funding. The remaining costs are supported by fund raising, grants, and investments.

The extent of the budget losses will be determined on or before April 15 by the UI General Education Task

Force, a committee appointed by President David Skorton in response to the statewide, across-the-board cuts in spending last October.

Parrott said the exact amount of the potential budget loss is unknown.

"It could be anything," he said, adding that the task force is looking to reduce all budgets not related to teaching.

Iowa's other public radio stations could also lose state funding, and Parrott said the three public stations have met to do strategic planning.

WSUI Program Director Dennis Reese said the stations are going to launch a study on how to become more financially efficient this spring.

"We're also continuing to talk about collaborative efforts," he said.

Currently, WSUI in Iowa City and WOI in Ames both produce "Talk of Iowa," a daily call-in show that is the first joint arrangement in the nation between public radio stations involving daily programs, according to the UI Faculty and Staff News.

"It's a huge, huge project," Reese said. "We still have improvements to do."

Since beginning its first official coordinated fund raising in 2001, WSUI/KSUI has raised more than \$1 million in direct donor support through measures such as on-air pledge drives.

The AP contributed to this report.

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Drake subpoena targets castigate gov't tactics

BY RYAN J. FOLEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Students and administrators at the center of a federal investigation earlier this month into an antiwar forum at Drake University said on Thursday that they were intimidated by the tactics used by prosecutors.

Students who organized the Nov. 15 event said they initially thought the subpoena asking Drake to identify them was a joke, but later worried the investigation would impede their legal careers.

"Who knows what could have happened?" asked Jane Riessen, a law student who helped organize the event.

University Provost Ron Troyer said he discussed with President David Maxwell the consequences of not complying with the subpoena. Maxwell told him: "I'll bring the deck of cards so we'll have something to do in jail."

The students and administrators spoke on Thursday at a forum in a packed lecture hall at Drake to reflect on lessons learned from the federal grand jury investigation.

After receiving nationwide attention, federal investigators withdrew Drake's subpoena as well as subpoenas ordering four antiwar activists to appear before a grand jury. A judge then lifted a gag order that had kept Drake officials from discussing the case.

The investigation appeared to center on whether those attending the antiwar forum had hatched a plan to trespass the following day at a protest at Camp Dodge in Johnston, the headquarters of the Iowa National Guard, where 12 were arrested.

The activists say the forum included routine training on how to protest nonviolently.

Administrators said the forum was exactly the type of event they want to have on campus and the prosecutors' tactics were an assault on the basic principles of the university.

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NEWS

GI's 'suicide' raises questions

Texas soldier's death in Iraq causes grief and suspicion

'No matter how he died or what happened, he still deserves respect and honor. I just want some honor for my son.'

— Rena Mathis, Suell's mother

BY THEOLA LABBE
WASHINGTON POST

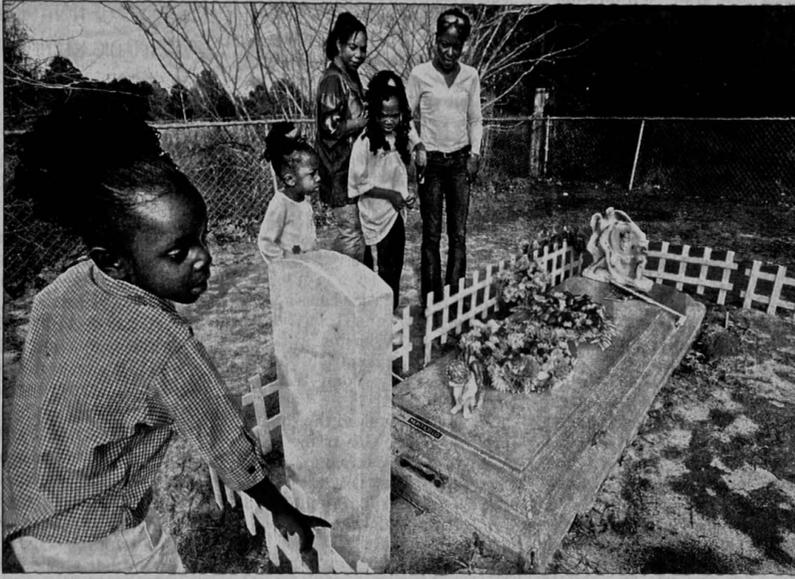
LUFKIN, Texas — In Lufkin, population 32,000, the names and faces of local troops serving in Iraq hang in the Lufkin Mall; shoppers pause briefly to look before continuing their stroll. A picture of Joseph Dewayne Suell, an Army petroleum supply specialist out of Fort Sill, Okla., is there. It has also been on the front page of the local paper, which is reporting his death as a suicide by drug overdose.

Rena Mathis, Suell's mother, said she avoids the beauty salon and sometimes skips the Wal-Mart Supercenter just to get away from the chatter. "No matter how he died or what happened, he still deserves respect and honor," she said. "I just want some honor for my son."

Floyd Slaughter, 74, who owns Lufkin Army Navy, doesn't know what to believe about whether Suell committed suicide.

"What could have happened — fright? If he did, we don't have any proof except the word of the Army — and it protects itself," said Slaughter, who added that he supports a just war but not this one, because no weapons of mass destruction were found.

"If he did, he was scared and saw no way out. The officers should have caught that, pulled that boy out, and sent him home."



Melanie Burford/Washington Post

Jakayla Suell (left), 4, straightens the picket fence that surrounds her father's grave at the Cedar Grove cemetery in Lufkin, Texas. Accompanying her are, from left, cousin Kaya Miles, 3, grandmother Rena Mathis, cousin Ty Shepherd, 6, and mother Rebecca Suell.

Suell went against his mother's wishes when he enlisted in 2000. But when he returned from basic training, Mathis said the Army had made a man out of her son.

The family moved to Fort Sill, Okla. Suell went on a yearlong tour to Korea and missed the birth of his younger daughter. His wife called to complain that she was distressed and that Suell wasn't granted a short visit home from his tour.

During the Iraq tour, too, Rebecca Suell pleaded, but she said she wasn't taken seriously. Her husband asked her to talk to his commander and say that his family needed him. She was working at Wal-Mart and attending school. She felt it was

too much for one parent. "The commander said, 'We'll do everything that we can to get your husband home, it'll take a while' — they ignored it," she said. "If he just had some time with his family, he'd still be here."

In his letters, Joseph Suell wrote that Iraq was a shadowy conflict. "Over here you never know what's going to happen next," he wrote to his mother-in-law, Janice Doggett, 41. "So I just keep faith in Jesus and keep my eyes open."

To his widow, those are not the words of a suicidal man. He had no history of mental illness, and even while in Iraq, he was making plans. Married at City Hall, he and Rebecca planned a church wedding upon his return.

Maybe he took some pills because he couldn't sleep, Rebecca Suell suggested. Or because he was feeling a little bit stressed. But the intention was not death.

"When he got his teeth pulled, he wouldn't even take one pill for the pain," Rebecca Suell said. "Why would he take a bottle?"

At the cemetery, one of two black burial places in Angelina County, Texas, she circled the perimeter of the grave, stopping to straighten a fallen section of the white wooden fence. Nearby, her two children and nieces squealed as they ran around on the red Texas dirt.

Cancer-vaccine firm applies for Iowa's development funds

BY DAVID PITT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — An Iowa company working to develop vaccines that would prevent lung and breast cancer has applied for \$6 million in state economic-development funding, Gov. Tom Vilsack announced Thursday.

New Link Genetics, an Ames biopharmaceutical company founded in 1999, is among 28 companies seeking up to \$20 million in grants and loans from the Iowa Department of Economic Development for new projects and expansions.

"We've never had a day like this. We've never had a month like this," Vilsack said. "This is the largest month of activity in the department's history."

The projects would create approximately 1,200 new jobs and retain more than 500 existing jobs, said Mike Blouin, the director of the Iowa Department of Economic Development.

"The impact will be international. It will spotlight Iowa like it has never been spotlighted before, and the ripple effect of that can't be exaggerated," he said.

New Link Genetics President Charles Link said his company has received Food and Drug

Administration approval to begin clinical testing of a newly developed lung-cancer vaccine. Testing is beginning at the National Cancer Institute.

If testing is successful, a vaccine for public use is three to four years away, he said.

Clinical tests on the breast-cancer vaccine will begin in March at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines, he said.

New Link Genetics would add or retain 350 jobs.

Another of the companies vying for state money was Phytodyne Inc. of Ames, which uses genetic modification to improve crops. Its expansion would add or retain 78 jobs.

The company's founder and chief executive, Daniel Voytas, said his company made a breakthrough in plant genetic modification a few months ago. The new process allows scientists to change the genetic code of plants with precision, highlighting or removing specific characteristics of a plant leaving the remaining portions untouched.

He called it a long sought-after advancement in plant biotechnology that will enable farmers to grow designer crops to be used for specific products.



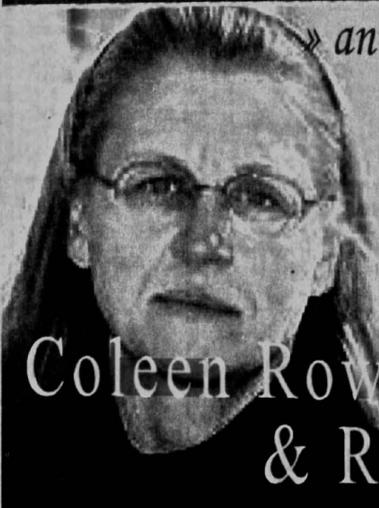
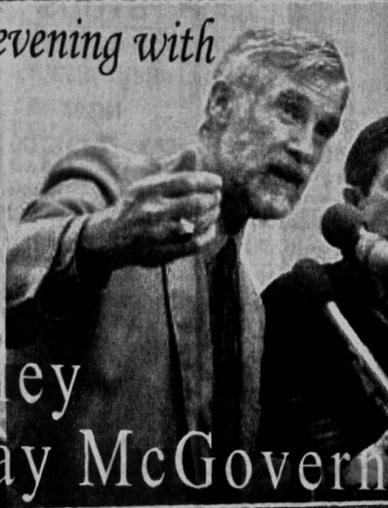
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voting with the labor 91 percent of the time, Sweeney said, "It is so important we come together now to put a friend of working families in the White House next year."

The speakers outside the AFL-CIO's 16th Street headquarters were cranked so loud that some in the crowd plugged their ears, and Sweeney's voice echoed loud enough to be heard several hundred years away at the White House, which was apparently the point.

The 2004 election so far has been a story about the impotence of high-profile endorsements of unions and famous politicians. Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean had many of both, but that did not prevent his sudden crash. Even so, Thursday's nod was an undeniable prize for Kerry. The AFL-CIO represents 64 unions and 13 million workers and plans to spend tens of millions of dollars this year on the Democratic nominee, most of it in the general election.

Even in an age of declining union membership, in 2000 one of every four voters lived in a union household.

Most significantly in the near-term, the union's backing may help Kerry play defense against Edwards' spirited campaign, which is relying heavily on the North Carolina Democrat's claim that he is a more empathetic and reliable friend of average workers.

Kerry voted for the 1993 North American Free Trade Agreement, which Edwards regularly denounces on the campaign trail.

Edwards was not in Congress at the time the measure was passed at then-President Clinton's urging, and he mentioned the issue only in passing during the 1998 campaign that sent him to the Senate.



Charlie Riedel/Associated Press

U.S. Sen. John Edwards, D-NC, talks to the media after delivering a speech at Columbia University in New York on Thursday.

Regents slash \$7.8M from UI

UI & BUDGET

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"I wish I could say the quality of education has not been affected, but I think we are going in the wrong direction," Skorton said.

Iowa State University President Gregory Geoffroy echoed his sentiments.

"We are progressively falling down a slippery slope. We are becoming less a public-funded university and more of a public-related university," he said.

ISU's budget will take an \$8.3 million hit; UNI faces a \$2 million cut.

The UI is considering eliminating 50 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences courses or laboratory sections, 15 summer session courses, one academic department, and two UI police security guards in reaction to the reduction in funds.

However, Skorton remained concerned about the vulnerability of the current four-year graduation plan.

If classes become more limited in size and availability, students will find it more difficult to fulfill graduation requirements within a four-year period.

"Students will have to pay more because they will be attending school a year longer," said Regent Deborah Turner.

"This is an issue of the quality of education for the state of Iowa, and we are at the point where we don't know how much longer we can protect the quality of our institutions," she said.

Many other regents voiced sympathy for Iowa's three public universities and pointed to the state Legislature's continuing decline in appropriations as the root of the problem.

In order to combat budget cuts and dwindling state appropriations, the regents unanimously passed a policy requesting that the Legislature permit the board to set tuition rates as late as March — four months after the current November deadline.

Prior to the regents' approving the policy, Regent Robert Downer voiced concerns about its effectiveness. Previously, students dependent on financial aid knew the tuition level before Christmas.

However, Regent John Forsyth said he thought it was a significant improvement, assuring the other regents that legislators have shown support for the policy.

The measure will allow regents more flexibility when setting tuition and will allow them to take legislators' expected state allocations into consideration.

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Many UI students still high on politics

POLITICS

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disappointed," she said, adding that she was satisfied with the campaign as a whole. When the campaign started, Dean was low in the polls, and supporters brought him to the top before he slid back.

"Politics is a roller coaster —

some days you are up, some days you are down, and the Iowa caucuses were one of Howard Dean's down days," she said.

However, for some UI students, the caucuses and the primaries that followed have been anything but a disappointment.

"Iowa sent a message to the nation," said John Kerry supporter Megan Heneke.

Several of Kerry student-

supporters went on to campaign for him in other states, she said, but she did not.

Cary Covington, a UI associate political-science professor, said candidates wishing to capture Dean supporters will have to make an effort to persuade them to join their campaign because they are not likely to jump on their own accord.

Wegmann said she had mixed

feelings about Kerry's progress in the race. She added that she will continue to support Dean and will be his supporter for life.

Covington said because Dean was not forced out of the race, his supporters should not be turned off politics — an option Wegmann has not even considered.

"In politics, you're not going to win every time — this just makes you want to win more

the next time," she said.

Many of Kerry's supporters had never participated in the political process, Heneke said, and when the campaign ended in Iowa, they had more reasons to participate in future elections. As for herself, she said, being part of the political campaign has made her want to stay involved in politics for the rest of her life.

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Regents want studies on financial aid

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adequate job in meeting both financial and minority needs.

Although Cain showed support for the policy Thursday, Lola Lopes, the UI associate provost for undergraduate education, has already begun to worry about the difficulties of acquiring such data.

At present, the UI does not collect socioeconomic figures.

"We know a lot from federal forms because students are required to fill out the form," Lopes said. "But students who don't apply for loans do not fill out these forms."

She also raised concerns about such a study's cost — the university must hire additional staff for every study the regents require.

"We have fewer people working in the offices that collect the data," she said, adding she will wait for further instructions from the regents before beginning the study. "Some things that we are currently doing will have to be cut."

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Mertens remembered for 'moral tone'

Many looked forward to working with, learning from the professional

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watched as officials broke ground on the Adler Journalism and Mass Communication Building in September 2002.

As a member of the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Mertens "was keenly interested in what was taking place here and encouraging us to move forward," said Kenneth Starck, the school's former director.

Vanessa Shelton, the director of the Iowa High School Press Association and a SPI Board member, praised Mertens for his humility.

"You respected him so much because of his dedication and the energy he put into whatever project he was working on," she said.

Mertens became the president of the UI School of Journalism and Mass Communication's Professional Advisory Board in September 2003, though his tenure was short-lived. Pam Creodon, the school's director, said she looked forward to working with a man who had so many great ideas and "cared so deeply about journalism education."

"Whenever he was present somewhere, he was present," she said. "He wasn't thinking about what he had to do next or what was going on at home."

Jeff Liebermann, a UI Foundation development officer for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, described Mertens as "a perfect example of what an alumnus should be." Mertens was particularly active with the journalism school's fund-raising campaign, never missing a committee meeting, he said.

'No one else with exactly that same kind of background'

Mertens, a Lime Springs, Iowa, native, began his newspaper career as a city-hall reporter for the *Hawk Eye* after graduating from the UI. The former *DI* staffer was named managing editor at the *Hays Daily News* in Kansas in 1977,

then served as executive editor of the *Salina Journal* in Kansas. He returned to the *Hawk Eye* as editor in 1984, and assumed the role of publisher in the following year.

Mary Sharp, Iowa editor of the *Gazette*, was a member of Mertens' close-knit circle of "rookie" journalists at the *Hawk Eye* in the mid-1970s. The group, made up mostly of people in their 20s, "played hard and worked hard," she said.

"I just liked his grin," she said. "He had a great grin."

Despite his quiet nature, Mertens was aggressive in his questions and pursuit of information, said Phyllis Fleming, another SPI Board member. His experience with both the news and business side of journalism gave him a "well-rounded viewpoint," she said.

"He'll definitely be missed because he was a real contributor not only to *The Daily Iowan* but to newspapers in Iowa in general," she said. "There's no one else with exactly that same kind of background."

Mertens served as president of the Iowa Newspaper Association from February 2003 to this month. He "set a moral tone" on the board, Executive Director Bill Monroe said, advocating the most ethical decisions instead of the easiest or most profitable. Passionate about government relations, Mertens staunchly believed government bodies should hold open meetings.

"I think anybody you would talk to would say he was going above and beyond with everything in his life," Alison said.

The 2004 Iowa Newspaper Association Convention, held Feb. 6, was one of its few yearly events Mertens missed since joining the organization. The attendees — a collection of the state's newspaper reporters, editors, and publishers — gave him a standing ovation.

Told about the praise, Mertens said, "That was very nice."

"He never would have asked for it," Monroe said.

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Friends, colleagues remember an icon

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"It's one thing to have fond memories of your school, it's another thing to dedicate hours of your personal time to that institution. He was similarly dedicated to his community, his family, and our institution."

— Bill Monroe, executive editor of the Iowa Newspaper Association

NATION

San Francisco to sue on gay-marriage ban

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — After sanctioning more than 2,800 gay marriages in the past week, the city sued the state of California on Thursday, challenging its ban on same-sex marriages on constitutional grounds.

Two judges already are considering challenges from conservative groups seeking to halt the marriage spree that began last Thursday.

The city's lawsuit, filed late Thursday afternoon, asks that those cases be consolidated into one.

"The city and county of San Francisco is going on the offensive today to protect the mayor's action" allowing gay marriage, City Attorney Dennis Herrera said.

Mayor Gavin Newsom said he doesn't regret giving out marriage licenses before the city filed a legal challenge to the state's marriage laws, but added that he's glad the question is now in the courts.

"I think what we have done is affirm marriage here in San Francisco," Newsom said.

"We affirmed it because we are celebrating people coming together in their unions. I feel affirmed as a married man by what's happened here in San Francisco."

A lawyer for a group trying to halt the gay marriages described the city's move as a delaying tactic.

"This is as much a maneuver to

keep this in court and keep the issue alive as it is anything else," said Benjamin Bull, an attorney with the Alliance Defense Fund.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said San Francisco's same-sex marriage licenses "fail to meet legal standards."

"The attorney general has assured me that he will vigorously defend the constitutionality of the law" barring gay marriage, Schwarzenegger said.

The city is asking Superior Court Judge James Warren to declare unconstitutional three sections of the California Family Code that define marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

City officials want the judge to determine if barring same-sex couples from marrying violates the equal protection and due process clauses of the state constitution.

On Tuesday, Warren gave the city the choice of ending the same-sex wedding march or returning to court in late March to show why the process has not been halted. The city said it would continue issuing such licenses until forced to stop.

Judge Ronald Quidachay is considering a lawsuit filed by another conservative group, the Campaign for California Families. He said Tuesday he was not prepared to issue a ruling, and scheduled another hearing for Friday.

Like the city, conservatives want the two cases consolidated into one, but they want Quidachay to hear it instead of Warren.

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U.S. dumps its plan to hold Iraqi caucuses

BY ROBIN WRIGHT AND COLUM LYNCH
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is abandoning the core idea of its plan to hold regional caucuses for an Iraqi provisional government and will instead work with the United Nations and Iraqis to develop yet another plan for the transfer of political power by June 30, U.N. and U.S. officials said on Thursday.

The U.S. decision, forced by rejection of the caucus system by a wide range of Iraqis, means that the Coalition Provisional Authority led by U.S. Ambassador L. Paul Bremer will instead hand over authority to some kind of caretaker government until direct elections can be held, officials said.

In a meeting at the United Nations on Thursday, Secretary-General Kofi Annan told a gathering of diplomats with interests in Iraq that the Iraqis

themselves should determine the participants and form of a caretaker government that will be credible to Iraq's disparate society, said U.N. officials who attended.

Annan is prepared to dispatch his special envoy, former Algerian Foreign Minister Lakhdar Brahimi, back to Baghdad in the coming weeks to help mediate a new formula if the Iraqis and the U.S.-led coalition do not come up with a new plan, U.N. diplomats and U.S. officials said.

"We need to find a mechanism to create a caretaker government and ... help prepare the elections later," Annan told reporters after briefing U.N. members who belong to the world body's 46-nation Friends of Iraq group.

As expected, Annan told the group that the United Nations does not believe elections can be held before June 30, the date the U.S.-led coalition has declared it will end the occupation. In a report to Annan, U.N. officials

say, Brahimi cites broad agreement in Iraq that elections should be held in late 2004 or early 2005.

The United States repeated its determination Thursday not to extend the June 30 deadline for ending the occupation.

"There are 133 days before sovereignty returns to an Iraqi government," Bremer said at a Baghdad news conference. "Changes in the mechanism [for forming] an interim government are possible, but the date holds. And hold it should."

With just over four months remaining, the United States effectively finds itself back at square one on how to create a provisional government to assume sovereignty. Because Iraqis have rejected other ideas, the challenge for the U.S., the U.N., and Iraqi leaders will be to come up with a formula, quickly, that will provide the needed political stability and be embraced by the majority of Iraqis as legitimate.

WORLD

Ex-Enron CEO Skilling indicted

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Enron Corp. CEO Jeffrey Skilling was brought to court in handcuffs Thursday, charged with fraud, insider trading, and other crimes in the highest-reaching indictment yet stemming from the energy trader's colossal collapse.

Skilling is accused of participating in widespread schemes to mislead government regulators and investors about the company's earnings. He pleaded not guilty to all 35 federal counts against him and posted his \$5 million bond with a cashier's check.

Skilling's indictment leaves former Chairman Kenneth Lay as the only major Enron executive not charged. It's unclear whether the latest charges make an indictment against Lay more likely; many close to the Enron case doubt Skilling would agree to cooperate with an investigation into Lay or anyone else in exchange for leniency.

"Skilling's been a pretty cool customer. I don't think so," said James Finberg, an attorney who represents former Enron shareholders.

The indictment, handed up Wednesday and unsealed Thursday, accuses Skilling, 50, and Richard Causey, Enron's former chief accounting officer, of taking part in the schemes to mislead regulators and investors. Causey, 44, was indicted a month ago; he is free on \$500,000 bond.

Ten of the counts accuse Skilling of insider trading that generated \$62.6 million from stock sold from April 2000 through September 2001, approximately a month after he quit the Houston-based company. According to the indictment, shares of Enron fell from \$87 in September 2000 to \$31 a year later.

Skilling, flanked by a pair of attorneys, turned himself in at the Houston FBI offices just before daybreak. Around 15 minutes later, his hands behind him in cuffs, he was placed in a car for the trip to the federal courthouse.

The charges against Skilling were among the most anticipated in the Justice Department's investigation, which passed its two-year mark last month.

Iranian villagers bury 320 after train explosion

DEHNOW, Iran (AP) — Bulldozers digging graves in this tiny Iranian village Thursday drowned out the wails of mourners waiting to bury loved ones killed when a runaway train derailed at more than 90 mph and exploded, killing 320 people and injuring hundreds more.

The provincial governor said negligence or brake failure probably caused 51 train cars to roll down the tracks before dawn Wednesday, picking up speed for 31 miles until all but three derailed, caught fire, and exploded several hours later.

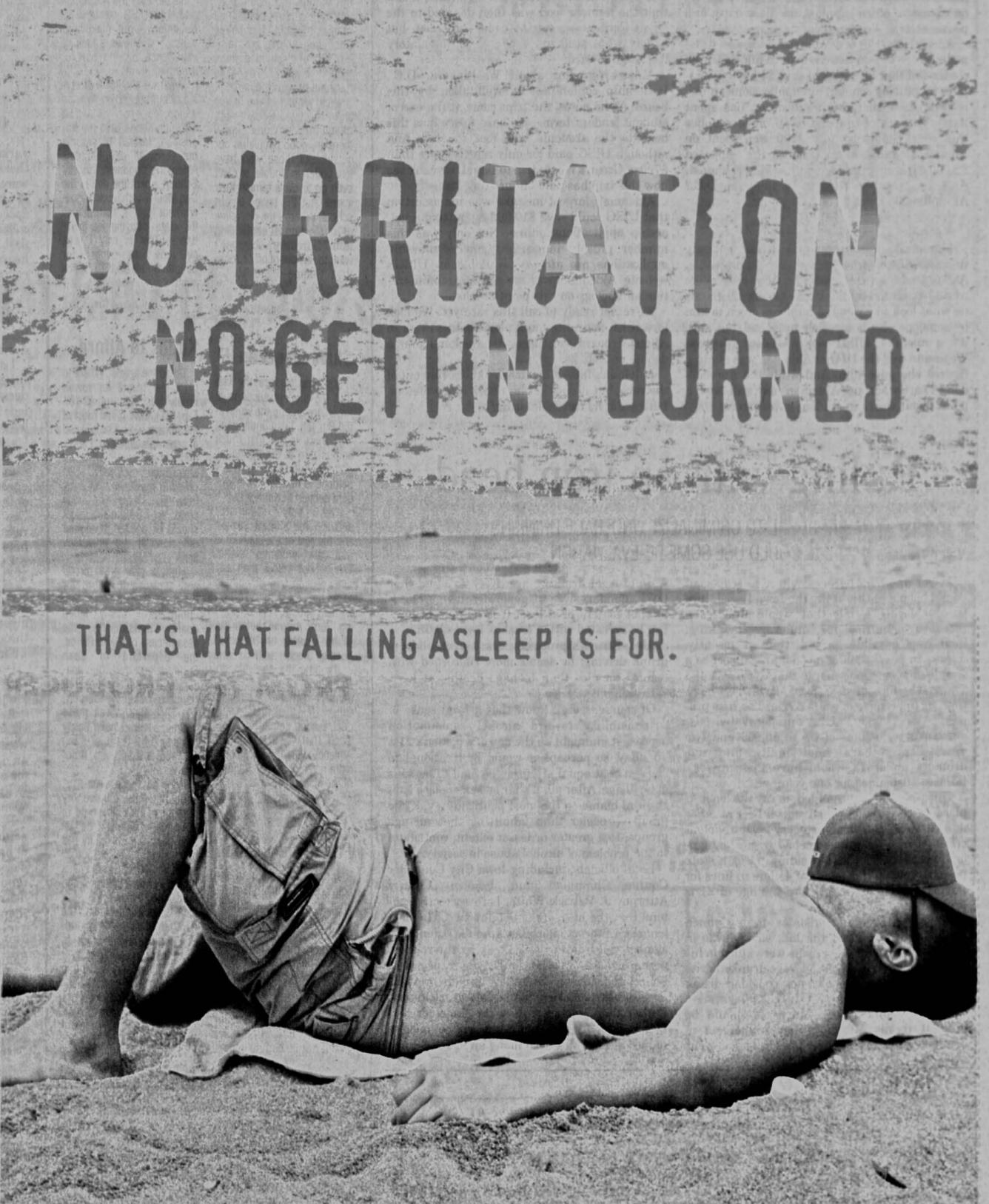
Many of the dead were firefighters who had nearly extinguished the blaze when gasoline, fertilizer, and industrial chemicals in the freight cars detonated. Other victims were villagers whose clay homes collapsed from the force of the blast. Approximately 460 people were injured.

In this village near the train tracks, women clutched their black, all-covering chadors and wailed near the bodies of eight victims. Men sat in the dirt nearby, holding their heads in grief. An old man prayed, bending down and touching his forehead to the ground.

"I don't want to live; I have lost everything," said a sobbing Hossein Ghassemabadi, whose son and daughter-in-law were killed. "She was pregnant. I was waiting to see my grandchild."

Others tried to console him as he beat his chest and face.

The train, with no one on board, was loaded with gasoline, fertilizer, sulfur, and cotton when it somehow started rolling out of a rail yard before dawn Wednesday. It traveled 31 miles before hitting a sharp turn at the next station. There, all but three cars derailed, with some catching fire.



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We would certainly welcome the check.

Ross Wilburn, executive director of the Crisis Center, on UISG candidate Chad Aldeman's pledge to donate \$5,000 if elected.

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Aldeman's missteps bad, but not exactly fatal

It seemed incredible earlier this week when UI Student Government presidential candidate Chad Aldeman asserted that the current UISG administration has wasted thousands of dollars on excessive office supplies, needless trips, and poorly attended cleanup days.

And, as we learned Wednesday, those statements were indeed not credible. While Aldeman contended that UISG could save \$10,000 in supplies by putting scholarship applications online, records show that the organization has spent barely a tenth of that figure on office supplies this year. Similarly, only \$700 was spent on campus cleanup, in contrast to the supposed \$2,000 expenditure Aldeman had railed against. And the executive trips to Washington, D.C.? Around \$6,500, not \$8,000.

Pretty damning, right?

But wait. Aldeman's misstatements, while entirely unacceptable, are not necessarily unforgivable. As students, we understand that people make mistakes. Granted, Aldeman's basing his claims on what look like inflated numbers given to him by someone else is a rather huge one, but still, it's a mistake. UISG vice president Mayrose Wegmann told the *DI* that Aldeman was quoting figures she gave him. And while the numbers don't exactly add up, Aldeman may still have a point about waste in student government.

While campus cleanup didn't cost \$2,000, it shouldn't have cost \$700, either. UISG President Nate Green notes that too much food was bought in anticipation of a high turnout and that the leftover food was then donated to the Crisis Center — a worthy cause, no doubt, but hardly what students expect their mandatory fees to go toward.

Aldeman's point about Washington, D.C., leadership conferences is well-taken by this board. As he notes, the trips come at the end of student leaders' terms; it's hard to see how this benefits the students who foot the bill. And although UISG paid for only a little more than \$700 of Green's recent trip to Israel, we can't see how this trip has paid off for students.

Aldeman's largest mistake was his assertion that UISG could save \$10,000 by putting scholarship applications online. Not only was this number grossly inaccurate, but scholarship applications are already available on UISG's website. Aldeman owes the current administration an apology on this point at least.

We're not ready to call this race yet. We look forward to learning more about both tickets in editorial board meetings this weekend and a debate on Feb. 24.

Aldeman's false start doesn't knock him out of the race, but it does set him back a few meters. Let's see if he can make it up.

Ruling with an iron head

A PROPOSAL TO CRIMINALIZE UNDERAGE DRINKING COULD USE SOME RE-EVALUATION

In yet another concerted effort to scapegoat young people in this state, the Iowa Legislature is considering a bill that would drastically increase penalties for underage drinking, including possible prison time. Currently, minors in possession of alcohol are subject to a simple misdemeanor charge that carries a \$100 fine on the first offense (local tickets run more than \$140 because of court costs). The new proposal would make PAULA an aggravated misdemeanor with fines of up to \$5,000 and two years behind bars. Additionally, underage drinkers under 18 would have their driver's licenses suspended for one year.

This proposal is misguided, to say the least. It places a 19-year-old who drinks a beer at a bar downtown in the same category with a violent criminal who assaults someone with a dangerous weapon. The idea of ending up in a state prison or owing thousands of dollars in fines for having a glass of wine before the age of 21 is laughable.

Doug Struyk, the legislator from Council Bluffs who introduced the bill, said it was in response to two teenagers who were killed in his hometown as a result of underage drunken driving. Apparently, he does not consider drunk drivers aged 21 and over to be a legitimate threat to public safety. Maybe it should be brought to his attention that 76 percent of drunk drivers arrested in Iowa City last year

were of legal drinking age. Keep in mind that OWI offenders over 21 generally have a blood-alcohol content of at least 0.08; minors in Iowa can be arrested with a level as low as 0.02.

Also, Struyk's proposal doesn't even address drunk driving; he seems more concerned with teenage parties than teenage deaths, at least with this bill.

Of course, we all know that a total sense of responsibility toward alcohol consumption arrives at midnight on the day of a person's 21st birthday, so perhaps it would be irrational to suggest that equal attention be paid to persons of legal age. After all, it's far easier to place substantial blame on the most politically weak age group — easier than admitting that all age groups, to a greater or lesser extent, contribute to the problem of alcohol abuse in society.

Local officials, including Iowa City Councilor Connie Champion and Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White, both correctly contend that the measure is too punitive. The foolishness of practicing this iron-fist mentality against youth is surpassed only by the relative permissiveness toward adults who cause alcohol-related carnage. State law already provides formidable penalties for underage drinking. Rather than solely pointing the finger at persons under 21, greater effort should be made to reduce alcohol offenses among all ages.

LETTERS

Out with Alford

In response to the *Daily Iowan* articles printed on the inconsistencies of Steve Alford and the Iowa men's basketball team over the past few years, I think the concerns were right on and are widely felt throughout the school. A growing contingency of supporters feel many of our Hawkeyes (including Alford) are nothing but undisciplined jerks who expect benefits because of who they are.

Well, we expect you to win and expected a lot more out of you, Coach Alford. I know there are good people on our squad. But those who have left, gotten in trouble, or can't even go to class tarnish their image and the image of our school. Where's the discipline of a Division I contending team? Now there's someone I want to see out of office more than George W. Bush ... Steve Alford.

Jackson Doran
UI student

he is making phone calls organizing a protest against the 21-ordinance?

UISG office assistants go to the office, do their job, leave, and have nothing to worry about. They should clock in because that is the most logical way to hold them accountable.

To simplify the accountability of a UISG executive to punching in/out makes no sense and shows a lack of experience on the part of Aldeman/Shoot.

What we should be worrying about are issues such as tuition, for which Aldeman/Shoot have no real position. Instead of passing out fliers all day Monday, Aldeman's opponent, Lindsay Schutte, spent the day in the Des Moines with student-government leaders from across the state lobbying for lower tuition. That is why I urge everyone to vote for Schutte/Shore on ISIS March 1 and 2.

Aaron Greenberg
UI student

Students get an 'F'

It's time to face the fact that the student sections at the UI are among the worst in the Big Ten. I can understand why there is not that much enthusiasm at the basketball games, but what is really pathetic is how lame the student section at Kinnick is.

The only difference between the student section and the rest of the stadium is that the students stand. They're not louder than any other section, they do nothing to get the crowd involved, and nothing special, such as playing "Jump Around" before the fourth quarter or "rowing," goes on there.

It's time the students do something to make the student sections special. Otherwise, I think that the student section should be abolished. That way, at least the UI Athletics Department can gain extra revenue from getting rid of the discounted seats.

Mike Constantine
UI student

Part of the solution

Instead of deploring the acts by student organizations as "complete stupidity," why don't we applaud them for trying to help. The College Republicans are trying to help. I'm not even part of this organization but respect that it is trying. I have a strong feeling that if this group represented liberal Democrats, the writer would not be complaining.

Jeff Schrader
Iowa City resident

Real accountability

As I was reading the Aldeman/Shoot issues on the ticket's website, I couldn't help but wonder some things. Aldeman and Shoot kicked off their campaign by punching in "on the clock." They want the president and vice president and all the UISG executives to punch in "on the clock" when they are working. Do we really want our UISG executives to punch in and out? What about when UISG President Nate Green is responding to the many e-mails from concerned students while at home? Should he punch in? What about when he goes to lunch with our state legislators? What about when

Kudos to Alford

I read the article "Where to place the blame for Iowa's Empty Nest Syndrome" (*DI*, Feb. 17) knowing that most of the fingers would be pointed at coach Steve Alford. I agree that a coach can easily affect attendance, especially when off-court headlines take away from what is happening on the court. Yet I believe the finger should be pointed in another direction, at the university itself.

First, I give great credit and applause to Alford for keeping together a team that could have easily fallen apart. Considering the assault case of Pierre Pierce, the departure of Sean Sonderleiter, and the academic ineligibility of Erik Hansen, Mike Henderson, and Nick DeWitz, all these problems could have easily turned a 14-9 team, (7-5 Big Ten) into a 9-14 team, if not worse.

With all these problems, shouldn't the university attempt to pick up some of the slack for Alford? The last few years, the university has been caught up-in football season. More awareness brings in more students and more fans. Ticket prices also have caused a decline in the number of students attending games. Many students pay for the majority of their college tuition, and having to pay \$180 for season tickets isn't easy. A reduced price would, at the least, have more students consider attending basketball games.

So I say to the university, stick up for your coach. Let him stay a few more years, reduce ticket prices, and promote basketball season — maybe then will students attend more games. I know I would.

Matt Esche
UI student

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Slurring toward hate

WHEN I CAME to college, I expected some of the high-school annoyances — cliques, labels, trends — to follow me. I was fully prepared to go through another four years of shallowness — perhaps not quite as bad, but all the same, I was ready.

What I did not expect to find was the immature hate language that was thrown around so casually in high school running rampant at the UI.



TRACI FINCH

I thought "gay," "fag," and variations of these two words were finally out of our everyday speech, now that we were mature college freshmen. However, the very first night I spent in my dorm, I heard the familiar pattern start right back up when I saw a girl walking down my floor.

"Hi, I'm Traci."
"Hey, how are you? Can you believe how hot it is in here? These dorms are so gay."

I opened my mouth to say something, but then stopped. A major decision faced me: make my first college friend or stand up for my beliefs. I found myself, like it or not, transported back to a familiar high-school dilemma.

In high school, I wasn't the prom queen or the class clown, the preppy or the goth. I was The Girl Who Didn't Use The Word "Gay." I gained enemies right and left by speaking out against hate language and asking classmates not to say "that's so gay." While at the end of my senior year, most of my graduating class had forgiven me and accepted this about me, I now found myself asking, Do I really want to go through that torture again?

I'm such a drama queen. I smiled at the girl, and agreed with her. "Yeah, I'm not sure how I'm going to sleep tonight."

A few weeks into last semester, a UI freshman who lived in my dorm was verbally attacked because he is an open homosexual. I felt terrible for not speaking up, and immediately I re-evaluated my decision to not speak up.

It had been a long time since I actually thought about why this sort of hate language hurts so much. It's become automatic, an immediate, familiar discomfort I feel whenever I hear these words and phrases used inappropriately.

People who use hurtful language usually don't even realize they are doing it. They use those words, which can be equated with racial slurs, so much that the meaning is completely lost — to them. A Maine high-school student has described the word "faggot" as rotting him out from the inside; hopefully, after realizing the pain they are inflicting, we will stop speaking these words.

However, as 18- and 19-year-old men and women, shouldn't we be responsible enough to at least think about what we say? We really must rethink how much every utterance means.

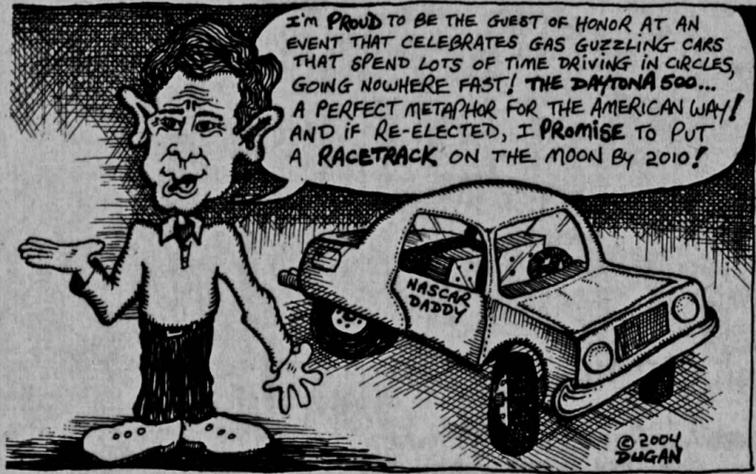
After finally voicing my concerns to my UI friends, I got a variety of reactions — everything from an exasperated *Traaaaace* to "I didn't mean it that way," annoyed that I thought they were trying to insult gays and lesbians.

When I ask them to rephrase their sentence, the most common change is from the word "gay" to "stupid." "That quiz was so gay" turns into an "I just took a stupid quiz." Equating homosexuals to idiots is something I am sure none of us want to do.

After informing my friends or someone I hear use this language of the mistake they have just made, I expect them not to do it again. A repeat would imply that although they know what they are saying, they consciously chose to cause hurt. I often try to push my other unwelcome beliefs on my friends, but this is one that I insist on.

Statistics say that nearly one-fourth of college students use anti-gay language. I don't usually hear this from upperclassmen, although there is no doubt in my mind whether it happens, just not so often. I like to think that next year as sophomores, my peers will magically stop using these words.

Words such as "gay" and "fag," when used dismissively, should not be tolerated but rather thought of as the incredibly serious insults that they are. ■



ON THE SPOT

What is an appropriate punishment for underage drinking?



"Tickets — less than they are now."

Emily Sjostrom
UI junior



"It's bad enough how it is. Just keep the punishment the same."

Ben Jorgensen
UI sophomore



"Just give them a ticket, about \$75."

Lindsey Bratvold
UI senior



"I think progressive punishment. A fine at first, then another, then maybe revoke their licenses."

Michelle Benhart
UI senior

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R&B legend Andre Williams will bring 50 years of experience with sex, blues, and Motown to Gabe's today.

The *DI* contacted Andre Williams, who recently turned 68, to talk about music, money, and becoming one of the most influential solo artists and songwriters in the business.

Singin' that kind of blooze

BY RICHARD SHIRK
THE DAILY IOWAN

Sex. Blues. Motown. Andre Williams has lived through it all in his 50 years as a R&B legend.

As a prolific solo artist, songwriter, and through-and-through badass, his contributions to music have ranged from a writing for Parliament, scoring a solo top-10 hit in 1956 ("Bacon Fat"), and writing scores of B-sides for Motown singles such as "My Guy" by Mary Wells.

Perpetually a mover on the periphery of Motown, and Chess Records, and the careers of everyone from the aforementioned Parliament to Stevie Wonder and Ike Turner, Williams has — in recent years — re-emerged from hiatus with a string of releases that redefined the strutting, broken-string stomp and sleazy blooze that he helped invent.

His albums, such as *Silky, Bait and Switch*, and *Greasy* are the work of an artist sounding younger and twice as libidinous as when he first sang "Jailbait" in 1957.

The *Daily Iowan* reached this legendary Dirty Old Bastard during his day off between shows in Chicago.

DI: Do you still dig your career in the music business after such a long time? Do you like it better now, or did you dig doing stuff with Motown more?

Williams: Look at it now. I make more money now in an hour than I made in six months back then. They weren't paying anybody any money back then.

DI: What do you like most about playing live shows?

Williams: Doing my own songs. The way that the people know the words and just being around people, man.

DI: Your music is very sexual. How do you explain the link that has always kind of connected rock 'n' roll, R&B, and the blues to sex?

Williams: Heh. I decided after being in the business this long that I needed to find a slot that had no competition — there ain't no No. 1 and No. 2 and No.

3 Dirty Old Bastards. I'm the only one.

DI: You've been recording a lot lately ... you've recorded more albums in the past six years than you have in the previous 40. What's driving you?

Williams: I love what I'm doing, and I have a great fan base. I have some fantastic followers who come from all over the world to see me. I have a bunch of a great musicians spread all over the world. That's what's keeping me alive. That's the drive. I drive on hop-pin' on the airplane and goin' to the gig.

DI: Does your lifestyle stand in the way of your religious beliefs?

Williams: I don't think about it. I make up my mind, and I do. You know, I've got enough wisdom, I've been down the trail to know where the traps are. If I make up my mind to do something, I just go and do it. Like the airplanes on, whatever, I take a lot of time to evaluate the consequences and see if I can avoid the jail time for the crime. Then I just go. I put it on automatic pilot, man.

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- Computer Service Committee Brown Bag Lunch, noon, 3210 Seamans Center.
- Center for Teaching Spring Teaching Circles, "Classroom dynamics," 12:30 p.m., 4039 Main Library.
- Ida Beam Distinguished Visiting Professor Colloquium, "Situating Simulation in the Human Conceptual System," Lawrence Barsalou, Emory University, 3:30 p.m., S207 Pappajohn Business Building.
- Café Central, 4:30 p.m., International Center Lounge.
- Alternative Valentine's Dance, 7 p.m., 10 S. Gilbert St.
- InterVarsity Graduate Christian Fellowship, Habits of the Heart, "The gift of time," 7 p.m., First Mennonite Church, 405 Myrtle Ave.
- Journeys in Faith Speaker's Forum, "Without A Vision The People Perish: Imagination, Faith, and the Future," 7:30 p.m., W10 Pappajohn Business Building.
- "Live from Prairie Lights," John D'Emilio, nonfiction, 8 p.m., 15 S. Dubuque St., and WSUI.
- Iain Quinn, organ, 8 p.m., St. Andrew Church, 1300 Melrose Ave.
- 28th Annual Women in Law Conference, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Boyd Law Building; keynote speaker, FBI whistleblower Coleen Rowley, 1 p.m., Levitt Auditorium.
- UI Percussion Ensemble, Dan Moore, director, 3 p.m. Saturday, Clapp Recital Hall.
- Family Adventures in Science, "The Wavy Face of light: Darkness, and Shadows, and Fringes," 4 p.m. Saturday, 70 Van Allen Hall.
- Guided Public Tour, "American Tableaux: Selections from the Collection of Walker Art Center," 2 p.m. Feb. 22, Museum of Art.
- American Tableaux Film Series, *Scorpio Rising, Castro Street, and Hold Me While I'm Naked*, 2 p.m. Feb. 22, Museum of Art Carver Gallery.
- Honor band concert, 2:30 p.m. Feb. 22, 2:30 p.m. Feb. 22, Hancher Auditorium.
- University Chamber Orchestra, William LaRue Jones, director, 3 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall.
- "Civil Liberties Versus the Need for Effective Investigation," Coleen Rowley and Raymond McGovern, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22, IMU Main Lounge.

Little University

- 1 What's the last U.S. state slated to get its own quarter, at the end of 2008?
- 2 What stage hit prompted *Newsweek* to quip, "Funny how the word 'monologue' scares people in Hollywood"?
- 3 What sportswriter revealed in his 2000 book *Flashing Before My Eyes* that he once saved Ethel Kennedy from a crazed coatimundi?
- 4 What anti-apartheid editor's escape from Africa was the focus of the 1987 film *Cry Freedom*?
- 5 How many cell-phone owners lived in the U.S. by 2000 — 25 million, 50 million, or 100 million?

1 Hawaii
2 The Virginia Monogues
3 Dick Schaepp
4 Donald Woods
5 100 million

Black History Month Facts

Harold Washington was elected the first black mayor of Chicago on April 12, 1983.

— provided by the Black Student Union

happy birthday to ...

Feb. 20 — Lizzy Hoffman, 21; Katie Dakken, 19; "Neighbor Lyndsay", 21; Rob Skatrud, 20; Jenny Johannsen, 20; Jeff Nemetz, 22; Erica Kimura, 20; Erica Cerrone, 20; Erin Heath, 22; Kaitlyn Miller, 19
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horoscopes

Friday, February 20, 2004 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Regardless of what you had planned on getting done today, you will find it difficult. Nothing will be as it appears. Make your own decisions if you want to be happy with the outcome.
- TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Don't give in to the demands being put on you. You are right, and you must not doubt yourself for even one minute. Patience will pay off big time.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Put your time and effort into learning something new rather than trying to persuade everyone to do things your way. Someone will try to meddle in your affairs, which could break a long-time friendship.
- CANCER** (June 21-July 22): You will be in the mood to get things done, so don't waste time. Join groups that can offer you as much as you can offer them. Relationships developed today will be satisfying.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Go back over your personal papers to guarantee the tax breaks to which you're entitled. Make adjustments that will lead to a higher income or better return on your money.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Listen to the grievances of both your business and emotional partners. You can make a difference and build a strong alliance if you are patient. Don't let your own emotions get in the way.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It's time to center yourself and determine what will make you feel the most relaxed. Once you have mastered a state of calm, you will be able to excellently perform your duties.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Love relationships will develop if you are single. If you are in a relationship, you can certainly rekindle the flame. You will develop an idea you have wanted to pursue for some time now.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Not everything will be as it appears today. Don't trust what you are told. Someone will leave out some vital information that could make a difference to the choices you make.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Conversations will be packed full of new thoughts and ideas today. It's time for you to follow your heart and your dreams.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If you want to make a work change, this is probably the time. Don't waste time procrastinating — set your goals high, and shoot for the stars.
- PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): You may be feeling a little stressed out today. It may be time to backtrack and address what it is you are willing to do so you can move forward.

PATV

- 7 a.m. Democracy Now
- 10 Emma Goldman: Menopause
- 11:45 Packing the Courts
- Noon Peace Through Tae Kwon Do
- 12:30 p.m. Eggnog No. 2
- 1 Trackside
- 1:30 ProtostarR
- 2 ProtostarR No. 2
- 2:50 That Funny Dog Is In A Mine!
- 3 SOA: Guns & Greed
- 3:20 The New Patriots

- 3:40 Shade of Blue
- 4 Conversations
- 5 U.N. Report
- 5:30 Independent Media
- 6 Gospel Explosion Ministry
- 7 Country Time Country
- 8 Eden
- 8:30 Professor Noodle
- 9 An Evening with the D. Anthony Big Band
- 10 Silvis Full Gospel
- 11 Tom's Guitar Show (Replay)

UITV

- 6:30 p.m. Iowa Basketball with Steve Alford
- 7 The Search for Water on Mars
- 8:30 Invent Iowa
- 9 Live from Prairie Lights: Mary Swander
- 8 Eden
- 10 Lisa Bluder Press Conference

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by Scott Adams

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YOU MUST LEARN TO AGREE WITH YOUR SUPERIORS NO MATTER WHAT THEY SAY.

FOR PRACTICE, I'LL MAKE STATEMENTS AND YOU AGREE. REMEMBER TO USE YOUR FAKE SMILES.

STATEMENT ONE: I SHOULD BE PAID 400 TIMES MORE THAN YOU BECAUSE I HAVE TO LOOK AT YOUR FACES.

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BY VILEV

...SO THE WORLD IS NOW SAFER WITH SADDAM HUSSEIN REMOVED FROM POWER.

I THINK EVERYONE CAN AGREE ON THAT, SIR...

...BUT WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT...

9-11! DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION?

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

YOU WANTED TO SEE ME, BOSS?

YEAH, ARI...

I KNOW HALLIBURTON'S HURTING US, BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR TAKE THIS WEEK? NONE OF OUR BOSS' ARE EARNING!

THAT'S BECAUSE EVERYONE'S HOME GETTING READY, BOSS.

READY? READY FOR WHAT?

THE COMING CIVIL WAR.

OH, PLEASE. THAT'S MONTHS AWAY!

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0109

- ACROSS**
- 1 Antediluvian
 - 16 What "they" have been saying
 - 17 Helter-skelter
 - 18 Jazzman Adderley
 - 19 "Flashdance" director Adrian
 - 20 Some records, for short
 - 21 Rusedski of tennis
 - 23 Break
 - 25 "Adventures in Good Music" host Karl
 - 28 Mideast map abbr.
 - 32 Little bit
 - 35 Melt alternative
 - 36 Present for a picky person?
 - 41 Hangover sufferer's lament
 - 42 It often has islands
 - 43 N.Y. neighbor
 - 44 List keeper
 - 45 Tip of one's tongue?
 - 46 Big name in foreign news
 - 48 Good source of antioxidants
 - 50 Indian improvisation
 - 54 Little bit
 - 57 Sommer of Berlin
 - 60 Three in a season: Abbr.
 - 61 Biblical battles
 - 66 Extremely rare
 - 67 Holistic health remedies
- DOWN**
- 1 Blowing away
 - 2 Whale spotter
 - 3 Captivate a crowd, perhaps
 - 4 Carrier of "bad" cholesterol, briefly
 - 5 Sugar
 - 6 "Only the Paranoid Survive" author
 - 7 A criminal may be caught in one
 - 8 Successfully navigate a narrow passage
 - 9 Part of a bray
 - 10 Suffix with opal
 - 11 Modern address starter
 - 12 Dander
 - 13 Regulus is in it
 - 14 Gridiron great Ford
 - 15 City planning concerns: Abbr.
 - 22 Beginnin'
 - 24 Goes where one shouldn't, maybe
 - 26 Basic counters
 - 27 E'en if
 - 28 A Dutch master
 - 30 Give what for
 - 31 Make more secure
 - 33 "___ worse than death"
 - 34 One with a special touch
 - 36 Leg of lamb

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- 37** Zelnicke (celebrity's maiden name)
- 38** Fun or song followers
- 39** Charged
- 40** Do the dishes?
- 47** Moundsman Dave
- 49** Cold
- 51** At full throttle
- 52** Perplexed pronouncement
- 53** Some remains
- 55** 1998 Sarah McLachlan hit
- 56** Mark Twain's jumping frog
- 58** First name in diplomacy
- 59** A.C., e.g.
- 61** Schnook's cry
- 62** Chemical suffix
- 63** TV
- 64** Vet's service spot
- 65** "Lord, is ___?"

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 Minnesota 6, Vancouver 2

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Seniors will say their goodbyes to Carver

BY BRIAN TRIPLETT
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Four Iowa wrestlers who entered the program as untried freshmen in 1999 will wave their last goodbyes to Hawkeye fans as battle-tested seniors in Carver-Hawkeye Arena tonight.

While their peers have come and gone over the years, Luke Eustice, Ryan Fulsaa, Cliff Moore, and Tyler Nixt have stuck through the long days of training. They will test their skills for a final time in front of their home crowd against Ohio State (8-9, 4-3) today at 7 p.m. in Iowa's last regular-season meet.

"Being a senior, it's always good to be able to wrestle your last dual meet of the year at home," Eustice said. "Hopefully, I'll wrestle to the best of my ability and put on a good show."

The four senior leaders have accumulated the four best winning percentages in the starting lineup so far this season (for a combined record of 88-9), and along with hoping to end on a good note individually at Carver-Hawkeye, they are looking to get

IOWA HOSTS OHIO STATE

Today at 7 p.m.
 Carver-Hawkeye Arena
 Senior Farewell: Iowa seniors Luke Eustice, Ryan Fulsaa, Cliff Moore, and Tyler Nixt make their final appearance in Carver

a boost heading into the Big Ten championships with a victory over the Buckeyes.

"It's important in the individual point of view, and it's important in a team point of view," Iowa coach Jim Zalesky said.

Although he feels there are wrestlers on his team who can step in once the seniors have graduated, Zalesky said the experience of the group will be hard to replace.

"This year, we've got four seniors who have been wrestling here for three or four years," he said. "It kind of gets your emotions running."

Eustice, like his senior teammates, said the reality of competing at Carver for the last time has not sunk in yet, and he won't let stuff like that get in

the way of his preparation.

"I think that when it will probably hit me the most is after the dual meet," he said.

Jason D'Agata is the only other senior on the team, but he has not been a Hawkeye as long as the others after transferring from Upper Iowa University in 2000.

Eustice, Fulsaa, Moore, and Nixt, however, lived in the same dorm together as freshmen and have shared the ups and downs ever since.

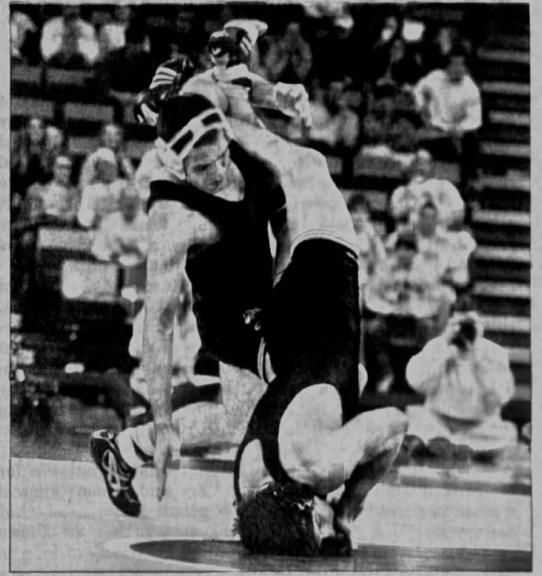
"We've been here through the thick of it," Fulsaa said. "We stuck together, and we're putting together a journey that will hopefully be successful."

The journey will not stop tonight, with the Big Ten and national championships creeping up, but it will mark an important point on the long road.

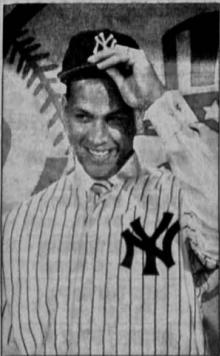
Wrestling in Carver-Hawkeye Arena for the final time will most likely spark a lot of memories in the seniors' minds.

"Mostly the crowd, the loud, big meets is what I'll remember," Nixt said.

E-mail DI reporter Brian Triplett at: brian-triplett@uiowa.edu



Amanda May/The Daily Iowan
 Iowa senior Tyler Nixt works on taking down Northern Iowa's Eric Hauan earlier this season. Nixt is 27-1 in dual competition.



MLB

A-Rod boosts NY's ticket sales

NEW YORK (AP) — In just four days, Alex Rodriguez has nearly paid for himself this season, at least as far as the New York Yankees are concerned.

The team has sold nearly 104,000 tickets worth a total of \$2 million since Monday, when it acquired last season's American League MVP from the Texas Rangers. The sales are double the amount for the same period last year, the Yankees said Thursday.

By acquiring Rodriguez, the Yankees committed themselves to an additional \$1.6 million in salary this season. They owe Rodriguez \$14 million and are saving \$12.4 million in what would have been paid to Aaron Boone, who is out with a knee injury, Drew Henson, who left baseball to play football, and Alfonso Soriano, who was traded to Texas in the deal for Rodriguez.

NCAA FOOTBALL

LSU coach signs 7-year contract

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — LSU's Nick Saban has signed a seven-year contract that guarantees at least \$2.3 million this year, making him the highest-paid college football coach.



Saban highest-paid college FB coach

The deal was approved Thursday by a panel of the LSU governing board and was expected to easily receive final approval from the full board today.

Saban can earn an extra \$400,000 based on postseason game appearances and team graduation rates, similar to the incentives included in his previous contract. Under the incentives built into the contract, Saban could make up to \$2.7 million this year and up to \$3.4 million in 2010, the final year of the contract.

NFL

Brunell reaches deal with Redskins

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mark Brunell agreed to a seven-year, \$43 million deal with the Washington Redskins late Thursday, clearing the way for a trade next month.

The former Jacksonville quarterback will receive an \$8.6 million signing bonus, according to agent Leigh Steinberg, who wrapped up several weeks of negotiations with Redskins owner Dan Snyder.

Brunell is expected to displace Patrick Ramsey as the starter, giving Joe Gibbs the veteran he sought in the coach's first season back in Washington after an 11-year retirement.

"Mark and Joe Gibbs have been talking every day, sometimes multiple times," Steinberg said. "Mark's comfort level and excitement level with coach Gibbs has grown every day."

IOWA 81, MINNESOTA 61

Hawks smother Gophers



Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan

Iowa senior Kristi Faulkner looks to pass through the Minnesota defenders on Thursday night. The Hawkeyes stuffed the Gophers, 81-61.

BY FRANK KLIPSCHE
 THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa women's basketball team played a crescendo on Thursday night at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in a 81-61 victory that sang the Minnesota Golden Gophers out of the building and back up North.

Iowa's strongest note was a smothering defense that forced the Gophers into 23 turnovers.

"Tonight, they threw the first punch, and they kept throwing it," said Minnesota guard Shannon Schonrock.

Iowa's strong defensive effort carried to the other end of the floor, where the season-long harmony of Kristi Faulkner, Jennie Lillis, and Jamie Cavey continued to hit the high-notes, combining for 53 points, 22, 16, and 15 respectively.

"When your shot's on, it's a lot easier to get on a roll than when it's not," Lillis said.

The Hawkeyes employed a full-court and half-court pressure defense as a reaction to the absence of the Gophers' usual floor conductor, guard Lindsay Whalen. The senior was averaging 20.7 points per game before a hand injury put an end to the regular season for Minnesota's all-time leading scorer.

"Obviously, we know they were without one of their major weapons," said Iowa

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ROSEANNA SMITH

A last dance for all

Senior day isn't until Feb. 22 for the three Iowa women's basketball players, but it hit me about an hour before tip-off on Thursday that it was my last time covering the team at Carver-Hawkeye arena.

It won't be the last time ever — I'll travel to the Big Ten Tournament the first weekend of March, and I'm banking on the fact that Lisa Bluder and her squad will take their game to the long NCAA road. I spoke to senior Kristi Faulkner a week ago about whether the season would be complete without the sacred journey, and she gave me the most evil of eyes and said, "We're not thinking about that at all."

I'm not, either. As the Hawkeyes scarfed down No. 11 Minnesota, 81-61, everything I've come to love over my four years as a

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Shot putter Kemeny a 'rare breed' athlete

BY NICK RICHARDS
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Big-name athletes could use an ego check from Ken Kemeny. While the smaller sports such as track and volleyball might be doomed to eternal obscurity, he wouldn't have it any other way.

"There's no pettiness in the small sports," said Kemeny, who will compete today when the Hawkeyes host the Iowa Open.

Kemeny, a junior thrower from Palatine, Ill., is an athlete who comes from a rare breed. As opposed to athletes that let their

HAWKEYES HOST IOWA OPEN
 Iowa Recreation Building
 Today at 5:30 p.m.
 Teams: Augustana, Coe, Loras

stardom get to their heads, he prefers the opposite.

However, he might not have that obscurity for long. Since stepping on the Iowa campus in 2001, Kemeny has provided immediate dividends for the men's track team and head coach Larry Wiczorek.

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Clarett irks NFL scouts by missing workout

BY MICHAEL MAROT
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Maurice Clarett was more prepared to handle questions Thursday than he was to perform for NFL scouts.

The running back who won a challenge to the NFL's draft system announced he would skip today's workouts at the scouting combine because he wanted more time to train after missing all of last season due to a suspension.

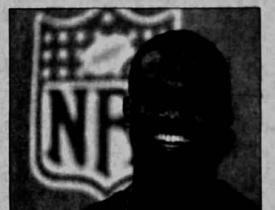
Scouts must now wait until April to see Clarett's audition,

a decision that angered some of the NFL's top evaluators.

"That's a farce," Buffalo general manager Tom Donahoe said. "That was expected, but that's ridiculous."

Clarett, 20, will become the first true sophomore in the NFL draft but said his mother advised him not to work out at the combine.

There was another reason, too. Clarett weighed in at a porky 237 pounds, seven pounds higher than his playing weight at Ohio State, and he acknowledged he wasn't in top



Michael Conroy/Associated Press
 Maurice Clarett laughs as he's questioned by the media at the NFL combine on Thursday.

condition despite training the past couple weeks.

Scouts wondered why Clarett didn't arrive for the weeklong combine in better shape after missing an entire

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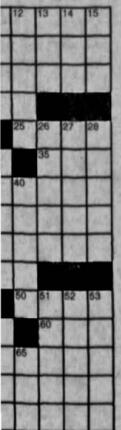
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Barnett was 'backed onto a cliff'

ANALYSIS

BY STEVE WILSTEIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Colorado football coach Gary Barnett looked as if he didn't know what hit him.

In an atmosphere of anger, fear, and outrage amid a burgeoning sex scandal, Barnett was tripped up by his own thoughtless words and knocked out by a school that found him a convenient scapegoat.

Barnett's banishment Wednesday night took the form of paid administrative leave, a nice way of saying he's out while the school and police investigate all the seamy allegations swirling around the football program.

Accusations of rapes by Colorado players, stories of alcohol-fueled sex parties to lure high-school recruits — with every passing day over the past three weeks it became clearer that Barnett would take some of the blame. He would go down, it seemed inevitable, despite his claims that he had nothing to do with all the nasty stuff that may have gone on.

If he didn't know what was going on, one side of the argument went, he should have. If he did know, the other side held, he deserves to be fired.

Either way, Barnett was backed onto a cliff. He got pushed over, finally, not because of one of the above, but because he said the wrong thing the



Barry Gutierrez/Rocky Mountain News

Colorado football coach Gary Barnett apologizes at a news conference Wednesday for criticizing the performance of former Colorado place-kicker Katie Hnida, who said she was raped by a teammate.

wrong way at the wrong time.

Talking about former Colorado kicker Katie Hnida, who alleged she was raped by a teammate four years ago, Barnett responded to questions about her talent on the field and why she transferred to New Mexico after the 1999 season.

"It was obvious Katie was not very good. She was awful," Barnett said. "Katie was not only a girl, she was terrible. OK? There's no other way to say it."

There were plenty of smarter ways of saying it. Even if he didn't belittle Hnida's accusations, Barnett's remarks smacked of callousness.

"They were extremely inappropriate and insensitive. Rape is a horrific allegation, and it

should be taken seriously," school President Elizabeth Hoffman said.

There was nothing in Barnett's statement to suggest he wasn't taking rape seriously or that he was blaming a possible victim. But his impolitic comment gave Hoffman all the excuse she needed to sideline him and show she was taking action. Her own job, she acknowledged, was at stake, too.

After Hoffman's announcement, a clearly shaken Barnett read a statement apologizing "for answering that question in a manner where I must have come across as insensitive."

Barnett said his remarks had been taken out of context or mis-

interpreted. He said that he had sought to give Hnida a chance to be on his team and that he's "very sensitive" to her allegations.

Barnett disagreed with Hoffman's decision but said he accepted it, calling himself "a team player."

Hoffman also said she was "distressed" over comments attributed to Barnett in a 2001 Boulder police report filed by another woman who said she was raped by a football player.

The report quotes an unidentified woman as saying, "She was told that Coach Barnett would take care of this problem and would make sure [name deleted] got treatment. She was also told that he would back his player 100 percent if she took this forward in the criminal process."

Barnett said Wednesday night the report contained "some inaccuracies."

It's easy to point a finger at Barnett and assign him a share of the blame for all the ugly things that may have been going on with Colorado during his tenure.

It's much tougher for school presidents, alumni, students, and parents to look at themselves and ask how much they contributed to a campus culture that tolerates, even if it doesn't condone, wild behavior by football players.

Colorado didn't suddenly turn into a school for scandal under Barnett. It has been that way for decades.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Police investigate Colorado football accusation

DENVER (AP) — Police said Thursday they are investigating whether a woman was raped by a University of Colorado football player after leaving a bar in 2002 — the seventh allegation of its kind to surface since 1997.

"This was a particularly brutal case," Boulder Police Chief Mark Beckner said. The alleged victim said she was sodomized.

The Colorado football program is at the center of a scandal concerning accusations that recruits were lured to the school with sex and alcohol. It may end up costing coach Gary Barnett his job.

Three women have sued the university in federal court, saying they were raped by football players in 2001 and that school officials did nothing after a high-school student accused a player of rape in 1997.

Recently, three more cases have been disclosed. Former Colorado player Katie Hnida, a placekicker, says she was raped by a teammate

in 2000, and a one-time Athletics Department worker says she was assaulted by a player in 2001.

In the latest case, the woman told police she met two men at a bar the night of Aug. 23, 2002, but had trouble remembering what happened afterward. She told police "she may have been drugged."

The woman reported a bump on her forehead and bleeding from what she told police was a sexual assault. One witness interviewed by police, a bartender, refused to disclose the names of two men in the bar that night.

"He said he would not risk getting them into trouble because, 'They're on scholarships; I can't do that to them,'" police said.

Beckner said the victim had difficulty identifying a suspect, but authorities eventually focused on two football players. DNA tests ruled out one as a suspect, while tests on the second player's sample haven't been completed, he said.

The case has not yet been presented to the district attorney's office for review. Beckner said the woman wants the case prosecuted.



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HAWKEYE SPORTS ROUNDUP

Softball opens vs. Arizona State

After a rainout last weekend at the Georgia State First Pitch Classic, the Iowa softball team will begin regular-season play today at the Arizona State Louisville Slugger Classic.

The competition in the Arizona State tournament, led by the No. 22 host Sun Devils, is expected to be much tougher than that in the Georgia State event. Iowa dropped two games to Arizona State last year in the same season-opening tournament.

Iowa will open against Wisconsin at noon. A game against Illinois State will follow at 2 p.m. On Saturday, the Hawkeyes will play Utah State at 9 a.m., then take on Arizona State at 4 p.m. Iowa wraps up action with another showdown against the Sun Devils at 10 a.m. on Feb. 22.

Hawkeye coach Gayle Blevins is just 29 wins away from the 1,000 victory mark for her career, a milestone that only one Division I coach has attained. Fresno State's Margie Wright enters 2004 with 1,078 wins.

Pitchers Lisa Birocchi and Ali Arnold lead the Hawkeyes. Birocchi was the Big Ten Pitcher of the Year in 2003, and she holds the school record for strikeouts with 267. The junior posted a 29-9 record a year ago. Arnold went 14-6 with a 1.47 ERA as a freshman last season.

Stacy May moves from third base to shortstop to fill the hole created by the loss of All-American shortstop Kristin Johnson. May had a Big Ten-best .450 batting average in conference play in 2003.

Men gymnasts take on Illinois

The sixth-ranked Iowa men's gymnastics team will return to action Saturday to face No. 1 Illinois. It will be the Hawkeyes' first meet as a team since Jan. 31, when they competed against Oklahoma.

"We've been doing a little work, so we're a little tired," said Iowa coach Tom Dunn. "Unfortunately, we're a little hurt."

Among Iowa's long list of walking wounded is junior Linas Gaveika, who

sprained his knee and missed the last two weeks. Senior Mike Kelly has also been injured (shoulder) for the last several weeks. He returned to practice for the first time this week.

"Linas just started working out this week, so he's a little out of shape," Dunn said. "We'll have to be cautious with it."

Illinois comes into the meet on an incredible hot streak. In its last meet, against Illinois-Chicago, the Illini posted a 221.575-211.375 rout, which was the highest team score in the nation, and broke eight school records in the process.

"We're preparing a little more long-range," Dunn said. "We're doing a lot of work that should pay off at the end of the season, so we're not exactly preparing for this weekend. We should be more prepared this weekend, though, than we were for Oklahoma."

The meet is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. on the Field House main deck. Tickets are \$3.

Women's swim team struggles

After beginning the Big Ten championships with a solid performance on Wednesday, the Iowa women's swimming team hit a speed bump with Thursday's slate of events. The Hawkeyes scored team points in only 2-of-5 events, and are currently in seventh place.

Iowa's 200 freestyle relay team of Abby Van Maaren, Katie Haegar, Katie Martin, and Emmy Haegar finished 10th with a time of 1:33.95. The quartet was only 0.65 seconds short of tying the school record.

Hawkeye junior Jennifer Skolaski placed 11th in the 500 freestyle, earning Iowa six team points. The Madison, Wis., native finished the race in 4:49.72. The swim was her second best time ever and her best this season.

Iowa did not have anyone compete in the finals of the 200 Individual Medley, 50 freestyle, or the one-meter diving competition.

"[Today] and Saturday I think we have a lot more opportunities to get into the scoring heat, so we are looking forward to the next two days of competition,"

coach Garland O'Keefe said Thursday night.

Michigan (213 points) and Wisconsin (199) are currently neck-and-neck atop the standings to earn the Big Ten title. Iowa has 76 points. The competition in Minneapolis continues with seven events today, and seven more on Saturday. Preliminaries begin at 11 a.m. on both days, with the finals starting at 7 p.m.

— by Jason Brummond

Men's tennis at home

The Iowa men's tennis team prepares for a pair of home matches this weekend after garnering their first victory on Feb. 15 over DePaul. The Hawkeyes (1-3, 0-1 Big Ten) entertain Marquette on Saturday (2:30 p.m.) and Indiana State on Sunday (10:30 a.m.). Both matches are at the Recreation Building; admission is free.

Marquette has posted a 3-1 mark this season after losing to South Florida last weekend. Coach Steven Rodecap is in his first season with the Golden Eagles, and Iowa coach Stephen Houghton said they are an improved team from what they have been in recent history.

The Indiana State Sycamores fields a young team like the Hawkeyes, Houghton said. Coach Ryan Ray has led his team to a 1-1 record after a win over Eastern Illinois last weekend. Houghton has stressed winning the doubles point this weekend.

"The other thing we're doing is we're still experimenting with doubles teams just because we have still not won the doubles point," the 23-year Iowa coach said. "We're just not getting the right combination for all three positions. That's one of our big things. We got by last week, but we need to start winning the doubles point."

Houghton labeled freshman Ryan Reid, who did not play against DePaul, as "doubtful" for competition this weekend. Houghton said a few other Hawkeyes had "minor, nagging injuries," but he predicted they will be able to compete in at least one of the matches.

"This will be the first time this year that we'll

play two matches in one weekend," Houghton explained. "That will be a test just to see how we bounce back physically and mentally after playing one on Saturday and then play one on Sunday — that shouldn't be much of a challenge, but you never know the first time."

— by Jason Brummond

Women's gymnastics away

The record-breaking Iowa women's gymnastics team will finish the third leg of its road trip this weekend in Normal, Ill., taking on the Illinois State Redbirds. The GymHawks are coming off a 197.150-196.325 win over Maryland last weekend, a meet in which Iowa broke the school record for team score in a meet.

"Because we don't look at scores, I don't think that will spur us on down the stretch," said associate coach Larissa Libby. "We're going to rest some people this week. We're trying to use the opportunity as we go into postseason to give the all-arounders a little bit of a break on their legs."

Iowa received a strong all-around performance from the entire team. Annie Rue finished third in the all-around competition with a score of 39.175. Sophomore Kortny Williamson continued her hot streak, finishing second on vault, and tying for fifth on the floor exercise.

However, the story on the team was the performance of senior Alexis Maday, who recently earned her third Big Ten Gymnast of the Week award for this season. She shattered the school record in the all-around, scoring a 39.75 in taking the title. She also won the floor, vault, and bars, and nearly won the balance beam, tying for second.

"That's now five Gymnasts of the Week we've won this year," Libby said. "We've won five out of seven this year, which is unheard of." Senior Stephanie Gran has won the other two.

The team will return home for its final home meet of the year next week against Minnesota. The meet will mark the last time the senior class of Maday, Gran, Brandy Killian, and Nicole Wong will compete in the Field House.

— by Nick Richards

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SPORTS

With two new pitchers, Astros face decisions

BY MARK BABINECK
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HOUSTON — The Houston Astros' biggest problem might be figuring out who gets to start on opening day.

Does six-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens get the honor? Or will it be fellow newcomer Andy Pettitte? And what about holdovers Wade Miller and Roy Oswalt?

Only one can throw the season's first pitch against Barry Bonds' San Francisco Giants on April 5. Manager Jimmy Williams didn't want to think about it before the team starts spring training on Feb. 22.

"I'd like to get all of our starters in the same ZIP code in Kissimmee, then I'll get them all together, and we'll talk about it," he said. "I think that's the best way to do it, rather than having to make five phone calls."

Clemens would be the obvious choice, especially because he came out of retirement to play for his hometown team after leaving the New York Yankees.

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Former New York Yankee pitchers Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte talk during a news conference on Jan. 12 in Houston.

longer than I have, and he sure has done a lot more."

One thing is for sure: Tim Redding will be the fifth starter. He was 10-14 with a 3.86 ERA last season.

"I'm starting to get excited because it's getting close," Pettitte said. "It seems like I signed a year ago. The fans, the town, everybody is so excited, and I'm extremely excited myself."

Jerome Robertson, who led the team with 15 wins last year despite a 5.10 ERA, is headed to the bullpen. Carlos Hernandez, Rodrigo Rosario, and Brandon Duckworth will be either middle relievers or wind up at Triple-A. Setup man Octavio Dela becomes the closer after the trade of Billy Wagner to the Philadelphia Phillies, and Brad Lidge takes over as the setup man.

The other bullpen slots are uncertain, with Robertson, Hernandez, Rosario, Duckworth, Ricky Stone, Dave Veres, Dan Miceli, Brandon Backe, Kirk Saarloos, and Mike Gallo in the mix.

"There's going to be some competition in camp," said Williams, whose team is coming off two second-place finishes that failed to earn it a playoff berth.

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SPORTS

One last huddle

SMITH

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women's basketball reporter surfaced in waves. Jennie Lillis swished her trademark 3-pointer, blocked shots, and celebrated alongside the 3,427 in attendance. She pumped her fist triumphantly as the team shot lights out against Minnesota, trampling over the team that used its sold out arena and end-of-the-game run to beat the Hawkeyes at home in January.

Jamie Cavey made her physiologically impossible shots fall and posted up strong to disrupt arch-nemesis Janel McCarville before she fouled out with 10 minutes remaining. Faulkner displayed her brilliant pull-up jumper, and Crystal Smith picked the ball from what seemed like every opposing player's pocket — three times in the first half alone.

Johanna Solverson showed her maturity in the first half, taking a huge charge from McCarville in the paint on a fast-break play. And every member of the Iowa team took the floor for at least a few minutes.

The little girls made me wince as they opened their jaws like oversized baby birds and clamored for T-shirts from the cheerleaders. The trio of older gentlemen who spring from their seats immediately to the right of the press box shook their bright yellow pompons and yelled emphatically for every Iowa field goal — 29 on Thursday.

As for every home game, Joe and Peg Meder sat in their courtside seats opposite the Iowa bench. Though their daughter, Lindsey Meder, graduated two years ago, they support the next generation of Hawkeyes. Pam Cavey looks on in her usual front row seat in section EE with a concentration little can disrupt.

In their black-and-gold hockey jerseys, the Iowa pep-band members swung their instruments in time, usually looking as if they could fall from the bleachers because of the kick-dancing. I remember talking to members after the women won the Big Ten Tournament in the 2000 season — a set of guys shaved their heads, adding outlines of numbers of Iowa players.

Coach Bluder paced the sideline nervously though the Hawkeyes' lead flirted around 20, shouting, clapping, waving on plays, wincing when calls went against her team. The class act welcomed injured all-American Minnesota guard Lindsey Whalen before the game, cordially offering up her encouragement and welcome to opposing coach Pam Borton.

I've come to expect her emphasis at midweek and postgame press conferences of the team's improvement in an area — usually rebounding or defense. She always respects opponents — if they have a 0-11 record or are ranked No. 11 in the nation, and can give a brief but deserved quip on



Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan
The Iowa women's basketball team huddles before the game Thursday.

any player — on her roster or another one.

Her quality coaching philosophy trickles down through wins and losses as she sends the roster up to the north entrance of the arena to sign autographs and take the time to give something back.

There's the sticky sweet aroma of baked caramel corn and frozen yogurt — and the sound of rowdy fans who prove there's nothing like a scrum for a jump ball, terrific defense, a no-look pass, or women's basketball on any night or day of the week.

Over my four years, I've seen Iowa play always-ranked Purdue and Penn State tough, sending each home with tears and vinegar for the next matchup. I've watched players leave the arena injured and bloody, only to come back in the second half inspired.

Freshmen matured as they were thrust into the spotlight; players have answered the same questions multiple times because all the reporters who wanted to know about them at media day couldn't get their tape recorders close enough.

I thank the players and countless others — parents, coaches, friends, siblings — for sharing their experiences with me and trusting me to tell them here.

And for as much as I've loved my job, I'll be happy to come back next year to just cheer, because there's so much to remember.

E-mail/DI reporter Roseanna Smith at: roseanna-smith@uiowa.edu

Hawks tied for third in Big Ten standings

BASKETBALL

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coach Lisa Bluder. "But despite that, I thought we came out and played a tremendous game."

Iowa's key run began just a minute and a half into the action. Following an offensive rebound and put back by McCarville, the Hawkeyes mounted a 12-2 spurt that both established an up-tempo, high-energy defense and an offensive rhythm that put the momentum, the bench, and most of the 3,427 people in attendance into a pitch that held true for the entire night.

"Crystal [Smith] coming in, having five steals, was a key point," said Bluder.

Smith hounded the Gopher ball handlers up and down the court all night, intercepting passes, tipping the ball from behind, and in one case, stripping Schonrock bare in the center of the court.

Following the 10-point swing, McCarville knocked down two free throws to cut the lead to eight with just under 13 minutes to play. However, the energy was clearly in Iowa's favor, and when Lillis dropped in a tough bucket in the lane, the difference was back to 10.

The Gophers were buried, never coming any closer the rest of the way.

"We got McCarville into foul trouble and that was a big problem for them," said Bluder.

McCarville, a junior, has been Minnesota's leading scorer in the absence of Whalen. She picked up her second foul of the night halfway through Iowa's early run. On the play, she stepped through an Iowa trap below the Hawkeyes' basket and dribbled hard with her left hand the length of the court. Just like the Hawkeye momentum, she couldn't be stopped and slammed into Iowa's Johanna Solverson, sending an echoing thud throughout the arena.

When McCarville was on the court, she initiated the action

for Minnesota. When she wasn't setting blind, brick-wall picks on Smith, Faulkner, and point guard Lindsay Richards, she was cleaning up the offensive glass and attacking the rim hard. But not too much can be done from the bench, which is where McCarville found herself with 10:20 remaining after charging into Cavey for her fifth and final foul of the night. At first, McCarville just stood in front of her open seat, prompting the 40 members of the Iowa pep band to chant for nearly four minutes. After finally being prompted to sit down, McCarville finally took her seat.

"We came out with a different defensive tenacity tonight, and it just kind of fed the whole way through," said Lillis. "These are fun games when you have people playing three or four minutes that don't usually play any."

The Hawkeyes, who are now tied with No. 20 Michigan State for third place in the Big Ten standings, will close out their regular season home stand with an important battle against Penn State on Feb. 22 at 2 p.m.

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MINNESOTA (19-5)
Bolden 3-6 2-2 9, Anderson 4-6 0-1 8, McCarville 5-8 2-2 12, Royland 1-7 3-4 6, Schonrock 2-10 0-8, Dinitroff 0-1 0-2 0, Garry 0-0 0-0 0, Brobak 3-6 3-4 10, Collison 0-1 3-4 3, Podominick 2-2 1-3 5. Totals 21-47 14-22 61.

IOWA (15-9)
Solverson 1-4 3-4 6, Lillis 5-8 4-4 16, Cavey 6-9 3-3 15, Richards 2-4 1-2 6, Faulkner 8-19 4-4 22, Smith 2-4 0-0 4, Armstrong 0-2 0-0 0, Geoffroy 1-2 0-2 2, Reedy 3-4 0-0 7, Kasparek 0-1 0-0 0, McCann 1-2 1-1 3. Totals 29-58 16-18 61.

Halftime—Iowa 40-22. 3-Point goals—Minnesota 5-12 (Schonrock 2-5, Brobak 1-3, Bolden 1-2, Royland 1-2), Iowa 7-16 (Lillis 2-3, Faulkner 2-3, Solverson 1-1, Richards 1-2, Reedy 1-2, McCann 0-1, Smith 0-2, Armstrong 0-2). Fouled out—McCarville, Rebound—Minnesota 31 (McCarville, Collison 6), Iowa 29 (Lillis 9). Assists—Minnesota 10 (Anderson, McCarville, Schonrock, Brobak 2), Iowa 20 (Lillis, Richards, Reedy 4). Total fouls—Minnesota 19, Iowa 19. A—3,427.

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SPORTS

Women's track keeps improving

The women's track team, fresh off a strong performance at the Iowa State Classic in Ames last weekend, will return home for the Iowa Open tonight at the Rec Center against Augustana, Coe, and Loras.

"This meet will be a low-competition meet for us," said Hawkeye coach James Grant.

Last weekend was a big one for the team. Senior Shelle Williams automatically qualified for the NCAA indoor championships in the 400 meters, and her time of 52.83 set a school record.

She added the distance medley to her list of qualifying events when the team of her, Michelle Lahann, Sarah Arens, and Shannon Stanley won the event with a time of 11:30.36.

Freshman Peaches Roach also provisionally qualified in the high jump with a jump of 5-10 $\frac{1}{2}$. Hers marked the sixth event in which Hawkeyes have qualified for the NCAAAs, including Nikki Chapple in the 3,000, Lahann in the mile, and Williams in the 200.

"This weekend gives us a chance to rest up for the Big Ten meet next weekend," Grant said.

Iowa will host the 2004 Big Ten indoor championships Feb. 28-29 in the Rec Center.

— by Nick Richards

St. Bonaventure gets probation

OLEAN, N.Y. (AP) — St. Bonaventure's men's basketball team was put on three years' probation Thursday and barred from the 2004 postseason for a player eligibility scandal.

Citing "a lack of institutional control," the NCAA also cut two of the team's scholarships for 2004 and one for 2005.

Kemeny could challenge record

KEMENY

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"Ken's really important to our team," Wiczorek said. "He's a good athlete, a good student, and he's a good leader for our team. He's got this year and a big senior year coming up next year."

Despite his size (he's considered small for the shot put), he was considered one of the top throwers in the country going into his senior year of high school, and several schools recruited him — including Iowa, North Carolina, Western Michigan, and Washington.

He had just finished a stellar prep career in Illinois, where he was the state and sectional champion in the shot put as a senior and was a two-time *Track & Field News* All-American.

"Ken came in from a very successful high-school program, so he knew the basics when he came in," said assistant Hawkeye coach Scott Cappos, whose main focus is developing the field

event athletes. "He has a great desire, and he loves to throw."

Kemeny's impact on the Iowa program was felt immediately, and it is still being felt. He has finished in the top eight at the Big Ten indoor and outdoor meets four times, including a fifth-place finish last year. He won three meets last year alone, and he has qualified for the NCAA meet four times, twice each for the indoor and outdoor seasons. Last season, Kemeny qualified in the shot put every time he threw. His current PR of 59-10 $\frac{1}{2}$, most recently accomplished last weekend at the Iowa State Classic in Ames, is the third-best distance in school history. That record-tying throw last weekend was the

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— Ken Kemeny,
Iowa shot putter

fifth-longest distance by a Big Ten thrower this year.

"Ken's probably in the top 20 right now," Wiczorek said. "He's certainly one of the best. He's not in that top 10 yet, and that's where he wants to be. I think he's taking the right steps to get there. It's just a matter of time."

Despite Kemeny's achievements at Iowa, he

would rather remain out of the limelight and be a positive influence on team chemistry. Track lacks the competitiveness that comes in the more popular sports, and he likes that.

"We don't get a lot of the publicity and money and all that, and there isn't a lot of jealousy among guys," he said. "It's really

friendly; you're friendly with the guys you're competing against; everyone's cheering for each other. It's like a brotherhood. It's a positive atmosphere."

Constant perfection is one of his most valuable assets. While he is provisionally qualified again in the shot, he isn't happy with the result.

"I feel like, so far this season, I haven't had a throw that really reflects how my training has been going," he said. "The marks I think I'll have in April will blow my scores out of the water. I think there is a lot of room for improvement."

Wiczorek believes Kemeny has more in store than just third-best in school history.

"We've built a strong throws program since I became head coach years ago," Wiczorek said. "We believe he can make a run at Jeremy Allen's school record."

After all, Kemeny wouldn't have it any other way.

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Clarett expects to talk to 32 teams

CLARETT

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college season and then challenging the NFL's rule requiring underclassmen to complete three years of school before declaring for the draft.

Clarett said simply that he needed to train at a higher level and promised to be ready when he holds his personal workout in Columbus, Ohio, the first week of April.

"It was just normal training, lifting weights and conditioning," he said. "It wasn't like I was getting ready to jump right into the league. That

level is a whole different level. The intensity of the training has to increase. I'm going to take these next four weeks, and get back to eating right, and training right, and try to take my training up a notch."

The explanation was not well received by those who wanted to see Clarett run. It also raised questions about his attitude.

"I just want to see what he looks like," Detroit Lions President Matt Millen said.

"We've got to do our homework, and he's got to do his."

Clarett was grilled by reporters for about 15 minutes in a preview of what he is likely

to face later Thursday night when teams begin interviewing players one-on-one.

The NFL limits teams to 60 interviews, and Clarett said he expected to talk to all 32 teams.

He was asked repeatedly about his character, medical history, durability, and whether he was prepared physically and mentally to jump to the NFL.

Clarett even dodged a question about his agent, saying he hadn't yet made a decision even though he is believed to have chosen Jimmy Sexton.

And Clarett promised to show a different side in the NFL.

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