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Man charged after alleged hammer attack

BY SARAH FRANKLIN

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A 63-year-old Iowa City man was jailed this weekend on an attempted-murder charge after he allegedly attacked his 85-year-old roommate with a hammer.

Viola Comer was taken to UI Hospitals and Clinics after her roommate at 2100 Miami Drive S.E. allegedly struck her in the head on Feb. 28 while she was sleeping. Comer, who awoke during the attack, is expected to survive her injuries, Iowa City police said Sunday.

Her roommate, Michael Ridenour, was arrested and charged after allegedly admitting to firefighters that he had tried to kill her, police said. He allegedly said he wanted to kill himself — he had disabled the smoke alarms and planned on venting the furnace into the house — but Comer would not allow it.

An Iowa City police statement said Ridenour called 911 shortly before 10:30 a.m. and reported that "a woman had accidentally been cut while making breakfast." Asked about the injury, Ridenour responded she had cut her head. The police daily activity log listed the call as an assault but

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UISG
election

Campaigning hits final hours

BY DREW KERR

THE DAILY IOWAN

UI Student Government candidates made their final appeals to students Sunday evening before halting formal campaigning at midnight.

Campaigns will be limited to fliers at the Pentacrest as well as personal phone calls and e-mails during the election on ISIS today and Tuesday. Because of the restriction, each ticket used its last nights as efficiently as possible.

"We'll be out 'flering' until midnight," said UISG presidential candidate Lindsay Schutte during a short dinner break from her Greek-house tour that took much of the night.

In a campaign littered with controversy and negative publicity, UISG executive board candidates took the night to focus on getting already supportive student groups to vote.

"We firmly believe, from the people we've spoken to, that we have enough support to win the election," said Gillian Rosenberg, Schutte's campaign manager. "Now, we just have to make sure they vote."

Presidential candidate Chad Aldeman said he was trying to garner support from groups such as graduate and international students, who might not usually vote and have lacked representation.

"They are a valuable part of the community. We tell

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BY PAISLEY DODDS AND IAN JAMES

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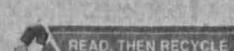
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Wedding bells don't chime for 80

BY CHRISTINA PREISS

THE DAILY IOWAN

At least one city official paid little heed to more than 40 same-sex couples who were denied marriage licenses in Johnson County on Feb. 27, calling it a symbolic gesture given state law.

The Iowa City City Council has not discussed the issue of approving

same-sex marriages because "at the very least, it is a state issue," said Mayor Ernie Lehman.

"That's an issue between two folks," he said. "I have no interest in having the city get involved at all."

As she denied the licenses during the Feb. 27 protest, Johnson County Recorder Kim Painter, who is openly

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GAY MARRIAGE BAN



Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan
Jennifer Gladon fills out forms on the back of Lynne Doxie on Feb. 27 at the Johnson County Administration Building.



Rachel Mumney/The Daily Iowan
Dancers from the Quad Cities Ballet Folklorico perform at the 14th-annual Cultural Diversity Fair in the Field House on Sunday. The fair was host to nearly 4,000 visitors and more than 100 cultures, which showed off a variety of foods, activities, and music.

Cultures go on parade at UI's diversity bonanza

BY MARY BETH LARUE

THE DAILY IOWAN

Nearly 4,000 people gathered in the UI Field House on Sunday afternoon to sample an array of cultures, complete with samosas, a Middle Eastern dance troupe, and salsa-dancing lessons.

The UI's 14th annual Celebrating Cultural Diversity Festival attracted students, community members, and visitors from across

the state for performances, crafts, and food.

"Iowa City is a university town," said UI junior and fair organizer Parash Bhanderi. "I'm a big believer that 90 percent of learning happens outside of the classroom. The fair shows people a variety of cultures they don't usually learn about."

The Field House main deck filled with representatives from the Turkish Student Association, the Black Student Union, and the

International Women's Club, representatives of which spoke to attendees about their organizations and offered informational brochures.

"Coming from Bombay, India, this is a great way to see everyone coming together in Iowa City and see what Iowa City is about," said Nita Raghuran of Iowa City's International Women's Club. "People come together under one umbrella."

The club served a variety of foods including samosas as well as sushi

and cookies.

"The members of the club make different foods from different parts of the world, but we even have American food," Raghuran said.

"We are selling a lot of sushi, and the samosas were gone as soon as we put them out."

Approximately 100 people gathered around a makeshift stage

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2004 OSCAR WINNERS

BEST ACTOR  Sean Penn <i>Mystic River</i>	BEST ACTRESS  Charlize Theron <i>Monster</i>	BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR  Tim Robbins <i>Mystic River</i>	BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS  Renée Zellweger <i>Cold Mountain</i>	BEST PICTURE  <i>Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King</i>
Lord of the Oscars BY DAVID GERMAIN ASSOCIATED PRESS				
LOS ANGELES — <i>The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King</i> won a record-tying 11 Academy Awards on Sunday, including best picture and director, becoming the first fantasy to win the top Oscar. In the acting categories, all the winners took home their first Oscars: Charlize Theron won best actress for her transformative performance as serial killer Aileen Wuornos in <i>Monster</i> , and Sean Penn was named best actor for playing a vengeful ex-hoodlum who falls back on his criminal ways in <i>Mystic River</i> .				
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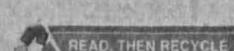
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NEWS

Herbarium friends protest move

BY LESLIE SHAFER

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Candles and paper signs blew in the wind Sunday as peaceful demonstrators gathered to protest the UI's decision to hand its Herbarium over to Iowa State University within two weeks.

Iowa State officials plan to start packing up the facility's contents today, and moving trucks are scheduled to arrive by March 15.

"The Herbarium is the reason that I chose to come here," said UI junior and bioscience major Tom Madsen as he cradled his candle from the wind in front of the Old Capitol.

Herbarium curator Diana Horton, an associate professor of biology, said UI administrators are moving the plant collection as a cost-saving measure, which puzzles her because the schools will share in the nearly \$150,000 cost to transfer the Herbarium.

The main expense for the Herbarium is Horton's salary of approximately \$20,000, but the

Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research has agreed to fund her position in an effort to retain the collection.

UI officials also said that there are not enough students who use the Herbarium, but Horton said that in the past 10 years, "more than 300 students per year in 12 to 15 courses utilize the Herbarium."

Friends of the Herbarium have been unable to arrange a meeting with UI President David Skorton to discuss retaining the facility.

"We respect Skorton, and we want him to respect us," said Glenn Kaiser, the president of the group.

On Feb. 27, the group filed a petition for declaratory and injunctive relief in 6th District Court, contending that the agreement was unlawfully drawn between Iowa and Iowa State and that the Herbarium should not be dismantled until a public trial has been held, according to the group's lawyer, Jim Larew.

The Herbarium acts as the main library for many environmental-science students, Horton said, and to move it would hamper those students.

Education funding, smoking still up in the air, state legislators say

BY ANNIE SHUPPY

THE DAILY IOWAN

Education funding and smoking legislation still hang in the balance this legislative session, state lawmakers told area residents over the weekend.

Speaking at a forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters and UI faculty and staff groups, five state legislators forecasted a busy yet contentious second half of the session as Republicans and Democrats vie to set the fiscal 2005 budget.

The forum's four Democrats — Rep. Mary Mascher and Sen. Joe Bolckom of Iowa City, Rep. David Jacoby and Sen. Bob Dvorsky of Coralville — accused state Republicans of postponing budget decisions until the session's end. Sen. David Miller, R-Fairfield, who represents a small swath of southern Johnson County, found himself on the defensive for the most of the morning.

Legislators said they are waiting for the Revenue Estimating Conference to meet on March 19 for a better estimate of funding the state Board of Regents' universities will receive in fiscal 2005.

"For this particular year, I think we'll be doing well if we just stay the course," Mascher said, predicting that lawmakers could fund higher education at the same level as last year.

Jacoby agreed, adding that holding the university funding level is the "best bet" for this year. Bolckom said future financial changes depend on the national economy



Rachel Mumney/The Daily Iowan

Pat Jensen, a member of the League of Women Voters, waits in line to speak at a Feb. 28 legislative forum.

and the 2004 state election. Others criticized the majority party for not planning for the future.

"It seems like the Legislature this year is sort of in a holding pattern," Dvorsky said. "There doesn't seem to be any interest looking at the long term."

The legislators also sparred over the fiscal 2005 budget and whether tax increases loom in the future. Miller, in opposing a tax increase, said he's "tired" of participating in forums where Democrats

claim to be fiscally conservative. Jacoby, in turn, said he'd like to see the majority party's budget now and not later, so leaders have time to "digest" the bill — a concern echoed by his fellow Democrats.

"Sen. Miller, show us your budget," Mascher said.

Gov. Tom Vilsack's plan to increase the tax on cigarettes and a bill that would enable cities to institute smoking bans also drew Miller's criticism.

"Let's not target one little

group that's politically correct to tax," he said.

Mascher said that for the smoking-ban legislation to progress, lawmakers must lean on Rep. Kraig Paulsen, R-Hiawatha, the bill's co-sponsor, for support from the Republican Party.

"If it doesn't get support and the go-ahead from leadership, it will not get discussed," Mascher said.

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Regent amendment moves closer to passage

BY WILLIAM MIKESELL

THE DAILY IOWAN

An amendment requiring the student representative on the state Board of Regents be enrolled at a state university is gaining support in the Iowa Legislature, passing the Senate Education Committee on Feb. 25.

Student leaders say the amendment, which also dictates that the governor confer with student governments about future student-regent appointments, will help the regents stay better informed of campus concerns.

The bill, introduced by Sen. Donald Redfern, R-Cedar Falls, would force student regents to relinquish their six-year positions after graduation or withdrawal if they do not re-enroll at a regent institution within a year. None of the six student regents appointed since the position was created

have completed a full term.

"It's essential for the student regents to actually be in tune with the issues at the university — they need to be students," said UI Student Government President Nate Green. "They don't have contact with the university if they are not taking classes."

Emiliano Lerda, the University of Northern Iowa student government president, also said the student representative must be informed, adding that student regents who graduate and work full-time are difficult to contact and have different interests.

The bill before the Senate also would require the governor to seek input from the student governments before appointing a student to ensure that the new student regent is representative of students.

On Feb. 19, the regents voiced

disapproval about the proposed measure, but they said they understood the need for student regents to maintain close ties with the universities.

"It was seen it was important for that person to have a close connection to that school," Regent Robert Downer said, adding that he opposed terminating an experienced student regents before they have an opportunity to enroll in graduate school.

Lerda said he was not concerned that students who intend to leave before their tenure expires would lose authority, a notion expressed at the last regents' meeting.

"The credibility of the board members is not determined solely by their time," he said. "This bill is not limiting their tenure."

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Edwards, Kerry crank up irritation

BY JOHN F. HARRIS AND JIM VANDEHEI

WASHINGTON POST

NEW YORK — With time running short to keep his presidential ambitions alive, Sen. John Edwards aggressively challenged the Democratic front-runner, Sen. John F. Kerry, in a televised debate Sunday as a big-spending politician who represents the "same old Washington talk" and whose long career in the capital leaves him ill-suited to force needed change.

His irritation evident, Kerry responded, "Last time I looked, John ran for the United States Senate, and he's been in the Senate for the last five years. That seems to me to be Washington, D.C."

The Massachusetts senator, who has won 18 of the 20 states that have voted so far in this year's nominating contest, said the pivotal issue between him and his last major rival is "who has the experience and the proven ability — proven ability — to be able to stand up and take on tough fights."

in that way." Edwards paraphrased Abraham Lincoln, saying he does not support gay marriage but oppose Bush's proposed constitutional amendment to ban them.

Just hours after Haitian President Jean Bertrand-Aristide departed his country, Kerry and Edwards both chided Bush for doing too little, too late to prevent death and chaos in the Caribbean country. Both candidates support an interna-

tional coalition to stabilize and secure Haiti.

Sharpton, who said he has traveled to Haiti several times and spoken to Aristide recently, said the Bush administration's failure to support the nation by backing World Bank loans "almost set up a situation where Aristide had to fail."

On Iraq, Kucinich said he is the person to challenge Bush "because the war is the singular issue," and he opposed it from start to finish.

Edwards received the endorsement of the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, one of Ohio's leading newspapers, while Kerry was endorsed by four newspapers in New York: the *Buffalo News*, the *New York Daily News*, *Newsday* and the *Times Union* of Albany.

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Ex-Black Panther official describes party's principles

BY MARY BETH LARUE

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because churches were being bombed, women and children beaten," he said. "If the government wouldn't protect us, we'd do it ourselves."

The party, which had members in 47 states and eight countries, existed because of repression and racism and for "the revolutionary struggle for human rights," Hilliard said.

With 27 members killed, 50 still in prison, and seven in exile in Cuba, the Black Panther Party suffered considerable losses.

"I went to prison for four years," said Hilliard, who was arrested for threatening to kill President Nixon in a speech. "All in the party knew they would serve time, but that is better [than death]."

Decent housing, education, health care, and senior services were just a few of the elements the party worked to make available for blacks through the party's "Ten Point Plan."

"Our Breakfast for Children program fed more children than the government could," Hilliard said. "We were able to show that things could be done with a shift in economic priorities."

During a 20-minute Q & A session, Valerie Garr, an assistant director of UI Admissions, asked about the party's relationship with Martin Luther King and Malcolm X, to which Hilliard responded, "King was a catalyst for a people over 30. We were the ones who said, 'Don't trust anyone over 30.' As we matured, we saw King was a very necessary part of our struggle but not the only voice."

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NEWS



People wave Palestinian flags on Sunday during a protest against the barrier Israel is building to separate the West Bank from Israel near the West Bank town of Ramallah.

Israeli court blocks 'fence' section

BY KEN ELLINGWOOD
LOS ANGELES TIMES

JERUSALEM — The Israeli Supreme Court ordered a temporary halt Sunday to construction of a section of the barrier that Israel is building in the West Bank after opponents argued that it would encircle thousands of Palestinians who live in a group of villages outside Jerusalem.

After issuing its order, the court said it would hear petitions filed by eight Palestinian villages next week before ruling whether construction could continue.

The village of Biddu and surrounding areas have been the scene of recent clashes between protesters and Israeli troops. Two demonstrators were killed last week after Israeli troops opened fire on rock throwers protesting the barrier.

Palestinians say the barrier would enclose their villages, separating them from larger centers, such as Jerusalem and Ramallah.

The barrier "will surround these villages on all sides, meaning that these villages will become an enclave," said Muhammad Dahleh, an attorney

for the villagers. "This is illegal. You cannot overnight convert people from free people in their homeland to prisoners."

Dahleh said the petition, filed on Feb. 26, was joined by some residents of a neighboring Israeli community who also opposed the barrier's snaking route.

A spokesman for Israel's justice ministry, Jacob Galanti, played down the ruling, saying it was "a temporary step that gives the court time to discuss the matter and gives the Palestinians who approached the court a chance to have a hearing."

Israel maintains that the 452-mile-long barrier, an amalgam of chain-link fences, concrete barriers, trenches, and patrol roads, is needed to keep suicide bombers from entering Israel to carry out attacks on civilians. Palestinians say it will cut thousands of West Bank residents from their fields and amounts to Israel seizing land on which they hope to build a state.

Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz lashed out at the court injunction, saying that such delays would give militants more time to plan and carry out attacks.

Iraqis politicians agree to charter

Members of Iraq's U.S.-appointed Governing Council attempt to determine what role Islam and ethnic Kurds will play in the new government.

BY ROBERT H. REID
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Iraqi politicians agreed on the draft of an interim charter early Monday, reaching a compromise on the role of Islam and putting off the details of Kurdish autonomy, an Iraqi official said. The charter will likely be signed Wednesday.

Members of the Iraqi Governing Council, with U.S. administrators mediating, ended a second late night of negotiations at 4:20 a.m. local time with "full agreement ... on each article," said Entifad Qanbar, spokesman for Shiite Muslim council member Ahmad Chalabi.

The interim charter, officially the Transitional Administrative Law, will remain in effect until a permanent Constitution is drafted and ratified next year. It underlines that the rights of all Iraqi citizens will be respected and sets aside for women 25 percent of the seats in the provisional legislature, Qanbar said.

According to Qanbar, the interim charter will recognize Islam as a major source of legislation and ban any laws which violate the tenets of the Muslim faith. U.S. officials and secular-minded members got their way with the phrase "a source" — out of many sources — but the ban on laws that violate Islam was aimed

at pleasing conservatives. U.S. administrator L. Paul Bremer had hinted he would veto conservatives' phrasing setting Islamic law as "the" main basis of law, which some feared would create an Islamic state and restrict women's rights.

The interim charter affirmed the principle of federalism but left details of how this would be implemented — particularly in areas where ethnic Kurds enjoy self-rule — to a future elected government.

There was no comment from Kurdish and hardline Muslim members of the Iraqi Governing Council. However, if they accepted the language, that would remove a major hurdle on the path to a new sovereign Iraqi government taking power on schedule June 30.

Approximately eight of the council's 18 Shiite members stormed out of a meeting on the Constitution late on Feb. 27 in a dispute over Islamic law and the women's rights.

The walkout was prompted by a vote to cancel a resolution that would have made Islamic law the basis for such issues as divorce and inheritance. The resolution, pushed through the Governing Council by hardliners in December, angered many women who feared their rights would be restricted.

The document will likely be signed Wednesday, after the Shiite Muslim religious holiday of Ashoura ends, said Qanbar, of the Iraqi National Congress. Bremer must then sign the document.

"There was an agreement among all council members that Iraq will not be an Islamic state," Qanbar said. "The language was put in a way not to offend the Islamic identity of most of the people but not to offend the other side and give the impression that it's an Islamic state."

Search for tanker crew called off

BY SONJA BARISIC
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORSCHE, Va. — The Coast Guard on Sunday night suspended the search for 18 crew members missing from an ethanol-laden tanker that exploded in the Atlantic Ocean, and officials were unsure whether search efforts would resume this morning.

The Coast Guard will decide whether to continue the search after a crew flies over the area, Chief Warrant Officer Gene Maestas said.

"Realistically, the longer the search goes on, the less likely it is that we will find anyone who is still alive," Rear Adm. Sally Brice-O'Hara, the commander of the Coast Guard's 5th District, said at a news briefing on Sunday.

The Bow Mariner, a tanker carrying 3.5 million gallons of ethanol, exploded and sank on the night of Feb. 28 approximately 50 miles off Virginia's Eastern Shore. Three men died, and six were rescued.

Three of the survivors were released Sunday from Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. The others were in good condition and could be released this morning, hospital spokeswoman Ann Keffer said.

Two Coast Guard workers were treated for minor injuries.

Coast Guard officials were investigating the cause of the explosion. Coast Guard spokeswoman Krys Hannum said there was no reason to believe it was anything other than an accident.

Two Coast Guard patrol boats, a helicopter, and a C-130 airplane searched Sunday, but with water temperatures below 50 degrees, the likelihood of additional survivors being found grew increasingly slim.

Hannum said some of the crew members were sleeping at the time of the explosion and some were on deck, so it's unlikely that they were wearing gear that would protect them from the cold water.

The survivors were treated for conditions including hypothermia and had to be decontaminated after being found covered with a petroleum-based substance.

"They look like they've been



Eric Doerzbach, Salisbury Daily Times/Associated Press
Firefighters from several jurisdictions set up a decontamination zone to clean rescue divers on Feb. 28 in Ocean City, Md., after a tanker carrying 3.5 million gallons of industrial ethanol exploded and sank approximately 50 miles off the coast.

through an ordeal, and they're very introspective about what happened," hospital spokeswoman Vicki Gray said of the rescued crewmen, who are Filipinos and did not speak English. "They're very quiet, subdued, like you would expect."

The crew members have declined interview requests, Gray said. Hospital chaplains helped the crew talk to their families in the Philippines by telephone.

Coast Guard officials said that most of the ethanol spewed from the tanker had evaporated, but fuel from the ship's storage tanks has formed a 9-square-mile oil slick in the Atlantic.

Guardsmen don't yet know how much of the fuel aboard the ship spilled; but they say it was carrying 48,000 gallons of stored diesel fuel and 193,000 gallons of fuel oil.

Environmental officials are most concerned about the fuel oil, a sticky, heavy, molasses-like substance that was used to power the vessel.

"That's what we're really keeping an eye on. We don't want that stuff to reach the shoreline," said Mike Sharon, the chief of the emergency-response division of the Maryland Department of the Environment.

Computer models drawn by scientists at the Coast Guard and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

predict the spill will wash out to sea and not glom onto the shores of Maryland or Virginia, said Chief Warrant Officer Gene Maestas of the Coast Guard.

The 570-foot Bow Mariner was en route from New York to Houston Saturday when it sank in 200 feet of water. Lt. Chris Shaffer of Ocean City (Md.) Emergency Services said the explosion came after a fire started on the deck of the ship.

The ship is a chemical tanker built in 1982 and is managed by a Greek company, Ceres Hellenic Shipping Enterprises Ltd. A company spokesman said the ship had a crew of 24 Filipinos and three Greeks.

A spokesman for Norway-based Odfjell, the commercial operator and owner of the Singapore-flagged ship, declined to speculate on what caused the accident.

"We are very grieved about having to report that Bow Mariner has gone down and that many seamen have lost their lives," company Chairman Dan Odfjell said.

Tony Redding, a spokesman for Ceres Hellenic, said the company was sending a technical crew from Greece on Sunday to assist the Coast Guard. Odfjell hired Marine Spill Response Corporation, which dispatched a cleanup ship to standby, Sharon said.

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No marriages for 40 gay couples

MARRIAGE BAN

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gay, said that although it was against her beliefs, she was bound to uphold a 1998 Iowa law defining marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

Close to 150 supporters of same-sex marriages were on hand, singing, "Going to the Chapel" and wearing heart-shaped stickers reading, "Freedom to Marry." Cheers erupted from the crowd as each couple was turned away.

Organizers Janelle Rettig and Robin Butle have been partners for 15 years; Rettig

noted that same-sex couples are denied more than 1,049 federal rights.

"We're seeking access to not just the emotional aspect of marriage, but the legal aspect as well," she said.

As the couples walked away, UI Student Government Vice President Mayrose Wegmann encouraged them to bring their signs and their voices to an additional rally for same-sex marriages on Tuesday at Hubbard Park.

Jen and Dawn Barbon Roske have been partners for 13 years and have two children, ages 2 and 6. The couple was denied a marriage license at the event.

"People need to realize that the love two people have for each other is not a threat," Jen Barbon Roske said. "We lead a very normal life."

In a press conference held after the application process, Painter drew on a historic analogy for the crowd.

"What is happening today in San Francisco is nothing less than the Boston Tea Party of marriage and civil rights of our time," she said.

Rev. Jeff Heavilin held a laminated certificate from the Universal Life Church to verify his right to perform marriages in case the license applications

were approved.

"I believe God is not opposed to anyone wanting to get married," he said. "Love is in the eyes of God, not law or man. [This decision] should be up to the church."

Looking at the crowd, Painter offered encouragement.

"This crowd is the face of equal protection denied," she said. "This has been a tough day, but hats off to everyone here today, making it happen, making your point, and sharing your life stories."

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STATE

Hills residents still worried about water

HILLS (AP) — Residents of this small Eastern Iowa town are still worried about their water and frustrated by the way the unusual case has been handled.

Many are drinking bottled water because a rocket-fuel ingredient has spoiled their wells. They don't

know what caused the pollution, how serious it is, or what they're supposed to do about it.

The toxic chemical is perchlorate, which occurs naturally. It's often used in rocket fuel but also in fireworks, in laboratory work, and in some industrial processes. It can cause thyroid problems, disrupt hormones and stunt infants' mental development.

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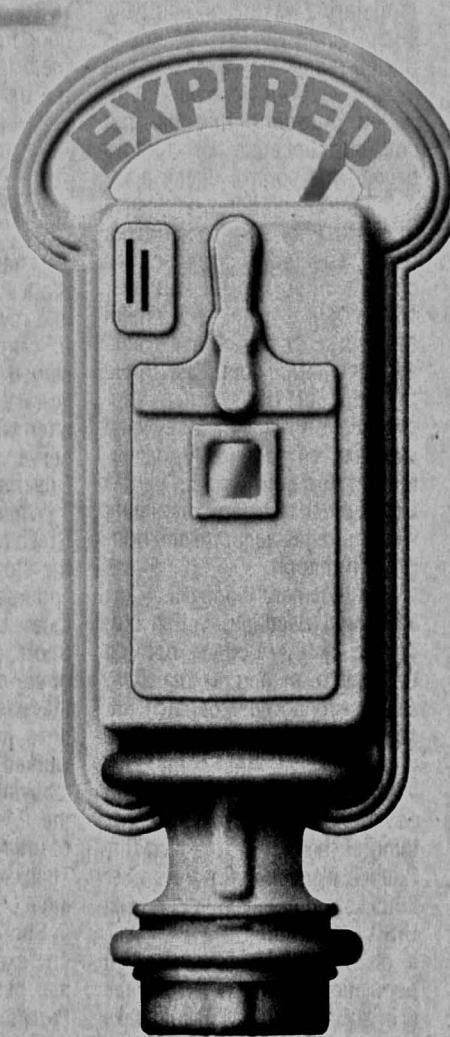
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UISG candidates make final push

UISG

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them, 'You support us, and we'll support you,'" said Aldeman's running mate, Brittany Shoot.

Schutte's running mate, UI sophomore Jason Shore, reached out to some resident assistants, a group he knows well.

"In past elections, residence

halls have been ignored. This year, there are issues that directly affect them," said the Hillcrest RA, who passed out candy to co-workers Sunday to thank them for their support.

A target population for each ticket was the Greek community, as each candidate visited chapters they hadn't spoken to previously.

"There is a line between campus housing and off-campus housing, and this group is right

on the edge," Aldeman said. "They're not getting enough to justify the sanctions they face."

The UI junior pledged to work on getting high-speed Internet for Greek houses — a promise made in last year's election that was never realized — as well as working with the university to help cover the cost of newly mandated sprinkler systems.

The message tonight is representation and inclusion. We

want Greeks to know they have a stake in UISG," Schutte said.

Each ticket visited downtown bars over the weekend, handing out condoms and talking to potential voters. Aldeman rivaled Schutte's condom mantra, "Get booty for Schutte and score for Shore," with condoms bearing the slogan, "Aldeman you can handle."

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IC man faces attempted-murder charge

ASSAULT

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upgraded the charge in its subsequent statement.

Jose Loya, who lives on Miami Drive near the Comer-Ridenour house, said he did not know the two well but often saw them walking together in the

neighborhood.

"They looked nice and said 'hi,'" Loya said. "They looked happy to me."

Another neighbor, John Watson, said he often saw them walking together, each with a walker.

"I had no contact with them other than a wave," he said. "They kept in the house when

they weren't walking around."

A woman who identified herself as Michael Ridenour's second cousin but refused to give her name said she thought Ridenour and Comer were boyfriend and girlfriend.

"They took a few trips together," she said, adding that she had never met him.

The woman also said she had

heard from family members that Ridenour had experienced schizophrenic episodes in the past.

Ridenour was being held at the Johnson County Jail on Sunday on a \$1 million cash-only bond. Attempted murder is a Class B felony punishable by up to 25 years in prison.

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4,000 people attend UI diversity festival

DIVERSITY

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in the center of the gym to watch six women, wearing long, brightly colored dresses, from the Ames-based Mirage Middle Eastern Dance Troupe perform

a type of belly dancing to the beat of hand drums.

"Our troupe has been around for 20 years," said Mirage dancer Juni, who has been dancing with the troupe for six years. "We travel to a lot of festivals and also dance at many Greek restaurants."

UI junior Brett Szymoniak said the expansive event seemed out of place being held in the Field House, but most in attendance seemed to enjoy the atmosphere.

"It's good to see a lot of people here because you generally think people don't really care

about other countries," said UI sophomore Amy Liss. "This turnout means they do."

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Aristide resigns, flies into exile

HAITI

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to help."

Aristide's whereabouts were uncertain late Sunday, with officials saying his jet stopped to refuel in the Caribbean island nation of Antigua. A senior Caribbean Community official said Aristide told him during the refueling stop he was bound for South Africa.

After word spread of the president's departure, angry Aristide supporters roamed the streets armed with old rifles, pistols, machetes, and sticks. Some fired wildly into crowds on the Champs de Mars, the main square in front of the National Palace.

The head of Haiti's supreme court said he was taking charge of the government, and a key rebel leader said he welcomed the arrival of foreign troops.

"I think the worst is over, and we're waiting for the

international forces. They will have our full cooperation," Guy Philippe told CNN.

The crisis has been brewing since Aristide's party swept flawed legislative elections in 2000, prompting international donors to freeze millions of dollars in aid.

Opponents also accused Aristide of breaking promises to help the poor, allowing corruption fueled by drug trafficking, and masterminding attacks on opponents by armed gangs — charges the president denied.

The discontent erupted into violence 3½ weeks ago as rebels began driving police from towns and cities in the north.

On Sunday, France decided to send a detachment of between 120-140 soldiers to Haiti, said Catherine Colonna, spokeswoman for President Jacques Chirac. She said the troops would arrive on today and they would work "in coordination with the United States."

A French military spokesman in Guadeloupe said the contingent would consist of 200 soldiers from the French Caribbean territory of Martinique.

Though not aligned with rebels, the political opposition had also pushed for Aristide to leave for the good of Haiti's 8 million people, angered by poverty, corruption, and crime. The uprising killed at least 100 people.

Anarchy reigned for most of the day in Port-au-Prince. More than 3,000 inmates held in the National Penitentiary were released. Looters emptied a police station and hit pharmacies, supermarkets, and other businesses, mostly on the capital's outskirts.

"Chop off their heads and burn their homes," rioters screamed, echoing the war cry of Jean-Jacques Dessalines, the general who ousted French troops and torched plantations to end slavery in Haiti.

Lord sweeps 11 Oscar categories

OSCARS

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Tim Robbins won the supporting-actor prize for his performance as an emotionally crippled murder suspect in *Mystic River*, and Renee Zellweger took supporting actress as a hardy Confederate survivor in *Cold Mountain*.

After the first two installments of the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy were shut out of major awards, *Return of the King* swept all 11 categories in which it was nominated. It matched the record 11 wins of *Titanic* and *Ben-Hur* and became only the third movie to sweep every nominated category, following *Gigi* and *The Last Emperor*, which both went

nine-for-nine.

"I especially just lastly want to thank our wonderful cast who just got their tongues around this rather awkward text and made it come to life with such devotion and passion and heart," said *Lord of the Rings* director Peter Jackson, who shared the screenplay prize with co-writers Philippa Boyens and Fran Walsh.

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Aldeman best pick for UISG helm

DESPITE SOME CAMPAIGN MISSTEPS, THE UI JUNIOR AND HIS RUNNING MATE, BRITTANY SHOOT, BRING THE BEST IDEAS TO THE TABLE

We want our next UI Student Government president to be intelligent, dedicated, and ready to enact specific proposals aimed at improving the university. Chad Aldeman fits the description.

Although we were impressed by both tickets, the *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board voted unanimously to support Aldeman and his running mate, Brittany Shoot. They would bring realistic and specific goals into office with them, including providing date-rape-drug test kits in the dorms, publicly financing UISG campaigns, and creating an "Advo-kit" to help students wade through UISG's bureaucracy.

Lindsay Schutte and Jason Shore, Aldeman's and Shoot's opponents, are polished speakers and have run a more positive campaign than have Aldeman and Shoot. This doesn't mean they'll make better officials. Schutte and Shore, running under the Sloth Party banner, are long on rhetoric and vague promises but short on specific proposals for enacting their goals.

Just look at the two platforms. Where the Schutte/Shore ticket has "Continue recycling program on UI campus," Aldeman/Shoot has a four-point plan for improving campus recycling. While Schutte and Shore promise to "Fight to keep student fees at reasonable levels," Aldeman and Shoot promise to audit student government spending as their first act in office.

Schutte and Shore have based much of their



Aldeman
junior Shoot
senior

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so impressed us was 2001, when Klenke created the Sloth Party and came from nowhere to win.

Schutte and Shore had difficulty explaining their voting records. What turned us off isn't so

much that they didn't vote in last fall's City Council election — Shoot also failed to cast a ballot — but their political spinning of the issue. When Aldeman mentioned voting records in the *D*/debate, Shore accused him of engaging in "personal attacks." Shore went on to justify his and Schutte's absence at the polls by saying he worked "full-time" as an RA and that Schutte worked "two full-time jobs." Both are exaggerations and silly excuses for not taking the time to vote.

Aldeman didn't run a perfect campaign. He began by accusing UISG of incredible waste, and his numbers turned out to be inaccurate. He focused much of his energy attacking the record of current UISG President Green. While some of his criticisms may be valid — too much money was spent on Campus Cleanup Day and an ineffective voter-registration drive — Aldeman has left himself little room for error if he gets elected. It's understandable for student leaders to make a couple of mistakes, but Aldeman hasn't afforded this luxury to Green, so he won't be able to expect it for himself.

When you vote on ISIS today and Tuesday, however, you're not voting for the best campaigner. You're voting for UISG president. We urge you to vote for Aldeman and Shoot. They bring proposals, not platitudes, and their realistic and specific ideas will lead to tangible results.

LETTERS

Secretary of offense

No more lies

What I object to in Shawn Sebastian's column (*D*, Feb. 25) is that he refers to himself as a "secretary." When office traffic is slow, I use this opportunity to finish non-pressing job duties. I take the initiative to make sure what needs to get done is done — even if there are no specific tasks assigned by UISG executives.

We are all mature enough to realize that we are paid to work, not watch videos on the Internet, work on Lecture Committee projects, or to be a "mole" for the Aldeman/Shoot campaign. Furthermore, without notification, Shawn didn't report to work for three weeks at the start of this semester. Sure, he answers the phone and makes copies, but what I find odd is that when other office assistants report for their shifts after Shawn has supposedly been working, why is there always a number of tasks that still need to be completed?

Does Shawn know how to: use a Blue Requisition form? order office supplies? update web information? reserve rooms? check voice mail? take minutes for meetings? A university is a learning environment, as is any new job. My professors don't hold my hand, so why would I expect my boss to do so, and yes, they may be our peers, but the UISG executives are our bosses. It is all about self-motivation to perform a job to the best of one's ability. Yes, this is a student position, but to not treat it as a real job is immature. Come April 1, I will have my third "new" boss. I will perform my duties for either ticket to the best of my ability, for I take my job seriously.

Shawn talks about misuse of UISG funds. I agree with him on this matter. The only misuse of funds I have seen are those used to pay Shawn Sebastian.

Jason P. Nadziejko
UISG head office assistant

Some of the political tactics being displayed in the UI Student Government elections have me absolutely appalled: dishonesty, empty claims, and vicious personal attacks just to name a few. Since when does the ability of a candidate's campaign and supporters to slander, lie, and make false promises indicate the leadership necessary to represent UISG and the students? Since the campaign began, I have observed unfounded and derogatory accusations leveled by the Aldeman/Shoot ticket against both the Schutte/Shore ticket, the Sloth Party, and UISG as a whole.

First there is the issue of monetary waste, specifically such items as the Campus Cleanup and the Get Out the Vote drive. Both were well-intentioned programs that did not succeed because of factors beyond the control of the planners, and both addressed issues that current UISG candidates have repeatedly stressed are crucially important for students. To denounce them as wasteful seems hypocritical. Other claims about waste, such as those made about UISG office supplies, have already been revealed as based on completely inaccurate information. As a student, I would hope that my president would provide accurate and honest information.

While UISG President Nate Green has been a strong voice for the students, I disagree with his endorsement of the Sloth candidates, Lindsay Schutte and Jason Shore. Some say the Sloth Party offers continuity, which it has in the past. However, this year, it does not. In my Sloth years, I worked on many issues, including lobbying the City Council to stop the 21-ordinance, canceling the Monday-Tuesday before Thanksgiving recess, and creating a pharmacy in Student Health.

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students until then to figure out claims such as these are irresponsible.

Finally, and most disturbing, are the personal attacks being made against the Schutte/Shore ticket. These include comments made during Tuesday's debate, a recent editorial in the *D*/attacking Lindsay Schutte personally, and completely false allegations made about the Schutte/Shore platform. These divisive and dishonest attacks do nothing but tarnish the reputation of the UISG elections.

It is my hope that both the people responsible and voting students will recognize these tactics for what they are — an underhanded smear campaign that destroys the foundation of UISG and student-body cooperation. I hope to never see them repeated during my time at the UI.

Mark Kresowik
UI student

No Sloth this year

I have supported the Giant Sloth Party ticket for three years in a row. I managed the successful campaign of Nick Herbold and served in his cabinet as the public-relations executive. This year, after winning under the Sloth, I serve as the UI Student Government vice president.

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he and Schutte are good students but do not completely understand how this campus works.

I started out favoring their candidacy but said I would give both tickets an equal look. I went to the *D*/debate and have been paying close attention to this election. I was appalled by comments made by Schutte when she was asked how she would reach out to international students.

In this election, I will vote for Chad Aldeman and Brittany Shoot. Both have been active in student life. Aldeman serves on the University Lecture Committee, where he is responsible for a budget of more than \$100,000. Shoot serves as the KRUI programming director, coordinating 140 DJs. Aldeman understands the tuition debate and how the state Legislature works. He served as an assistant to Iowa Legislature and has many connections with the decision-makers from around the state.

Aldeman and Shoot have differentiated their platform through ideas such as publicly financing student elections, creating a blog to help communicate with students, spending UISG funds on students, rather than student government, and by creating a how-to book available for student organizations.

Let's hope they are successful in this election. Only then will UISG become more accountable and accessible to all students.

Mayrose Wegmann
UISG vice president

Voice lessons

Since my freshman year at the university, I have always looked upon UI Student Government with a fair amount of distrust and disdain. The office was always elusive and intimidating, further deepening my aversion to student government. However, my opinion of what UISG could and should be was changed approximately a month

ago — I met Jason Shore and Lindsay Schutte.

Shore is the one of the most amiable people I know, and his determination, passion, intelligence, and kindness make him an asset as a friend, classmate, and student leader. Schutte is hands-down one of the most incredible people I have ever had the privilege of meeting and working with. She shoulders any task, whether big or small, with a fiery drive I have rarely seen in someone of our age. She demonstrates wisdom and skill that are unprecedented, as well as a friendly disposition that could make even the bitterest of old men smile.

Student government needs reform. Student government needs a voice. Student government needs leaders. I have found these people. They do exist, but you have to give them the ability to make the UI the place it can and should be.

The Schutte/Shore team can make UISG the credible, accountable, and accessible student organization that it should have always been. I have found my voice. My voice is no longer cynical or snide; it is full of hope and joy for the next UISG president and vice president. My voice is shouting for Schutte and Shore.

Natalie Wicklund
UI student

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Mutually assured destruction

My DAY-TO-DAY worries include avoiding sexual assault, making sure my indoor kitty doesn't get out, and fretting over whether I'll be able to avoid a part-time job this summer. These are not the worries of someone living under siege. I don't worry about being a victim of a suicide bomber at the Green Room or New Pioneer or on a transit bus, and I don't worry about my neighborhood being bulldozed because my neighbors two houses away hold really loud keggers.

Which means, I do not understand what it feels like to live in either Israel or the Gaza Strip and West Bank territories. I can't say that if I did, I wouldn't want to build a wall or support a martyr's brigade.

But neither Israel's wall or the attacks by radical Palestinian groups will bring peace — to either of them.

The Gaza Strip provides good evidence of this. Smuggling from Egypt into Gaza has happened for years now, through underground tunnels — drugs, cigarettes, prostitutes, weapons. But on Feb. 27, another tunnel was discovered, going from Gaza into Erez, a fortified Israeli industrial zone.

Two attackers crossed over into Erez by using that tunnel, going under the border, not through it.

One Israeli soldier was killed, and two others injured, before the attackers were killed by Israeli forces; the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades took credit for the attack.

Walls are not going to solve the problem of suicide attacks. Nor will this policy of mutual deterrence that Israel has embarked on — *you attack us in Erez, and we'll demolish 120 stores on the way into Erez*.

The Gaza Strip is home to approximately a million people, most of whom are very poor. Destroying their markets and neighborhoods (as Israel sometimes does — remember Rachel Corrie and the Israeli tank that ran her down in order to raze the house she was trying to protect?) will not help. It might reveal the existence of another tunnel — or two — but it will increase the ability of radical groups to sway more of the populace: *Tear down my house, make collateral damage of my 6-year-old, raise my grocery store, and stymie all my hopes for a better future! I have nothing left to lose. My life is worth nothing, and if you did all this to save yourselves, you obviously value yours very much.*

Something very similar to that must have been going on in the heads of the three teenagers recently arrested for planning an attack in the West Bank. "I want to carry out an attack against Sharon's fence. This fence, we will blow it up also, the Islamic Jihad youth movement," wrote Tarek Abu Masen, aged 13, in his thwarted farewell letter. "We want you to give out candies and don't cry for us and hold a big demonstration."

Instead of retaliating against the Palestinian populace, and/or walling it in, Israel needs to engage it. It needs to evacuate its settlements in the territories, all of them (something I do doubt Sharon could do, given Israel's current political structure, even if he wanted to). And then, it needs to help the Palestinians develop economically (so other groups, unkindly disposed to Israel, will not have a window of gratitude through which to manipulate the Palestinians).

Prior to this, Israel should arrest Arafat and probably most of the rest of the current Palestinian leadership. Their decision to not restrain the suicide attackers and to encourage a culture that honors them borders on the criminal, and the ones among them who can be tried, should be: deport the others.

Meantime, the United States needs to step up and flex its influence. As of this writing, two high-level Israeli officials are headed to Washington to discuss Sharon's "unilateral disengagement plan." Washington needs to convey that it's a wrong-headed and futile plan, including the security barriers, and then offer alternatives — and assistance in implementing them.

ON THE SPOT

Does the Men's Basketball team have a chance of making the NCAA Tournament?



"I just can't see them making it."

Bridget Biggio
UI senior



"Slim to none."

Kim Frano
UI sophomore



"I don't think they're going to make it."

Ben Sautter
UI sophomore



"They'll probably make it and won't go very far."

Colin Dangelo
UI sophomore

ARTS



Production photos

All five actors who made *Super Troopers* a stoner classic are back in *Club Dread*, a sex-and-fart-jokes comedy about a serial killer at a Costa Rican Spring-break hot spot.

Just wake up and smell the piña coladas

For loyal *Super Troopers* fans who miss Farva and the gang, *Club Dread* is a must see. Sophisticated film fans, however, might just want to save their money and rent *Pi* or *Fight Club* again.



FILM REVIEW

by David Fulco

Club Dread

When: 12, 2:20, 4:40, 7 and 9:20 p.m.
Where: Cinema 6
★★½ out of ★★★★

Comedy troupes — such as Monty Python — have always had a place in film lore; with the release of its second film,

Club Dread, Broken Lizard attempts to climb the ladder toward absolute comedic recognition. And although *Club Dread* doesn't raise Broken Lizard into the higher echelon of comedic powerhouses, the film has enough big laughs to promise a cinematic future for the group's lovable losers.

Club Dread is a tough film to judge. For fans of Broken Lizard's first film, *Super Troopers*, *Dread* is guaranteed favorite — featuring drug, sexual, and immature innuendoes aplenty. Perhaps there are funnier, better thought-out films in the theaters right now, but *Dread* is, for all intents and purposes, critic-proof.

Nothing a reviewer might write will keep loyal *Super Trooper* fans from seeing the

movie, and nothing will persuade non-fans to spend their money on sex and fart jokes. It is the type of film that people can enjoy without having to believe it as worthy cinema.

The movie takes place on Paradise Island, a Spring Break-friendly, Costa Rican resort in which sex, sand, and sea all merge at the 24-hour bar. The resort is run by Coconut Pete (Bill Paxton), a washed-up singer-songwriter who floats his liver in rum while cursing the name of Jimmy Buffet.

Coconut Pete built his resort as homage to his hakuna-matata lifestyle and does all he can to keep the party rolling on his tropical heaven, going so far as to plead with his staff to

sleep with the vacationers so that they have a good time.

But there is trouble in paradise when the resort staff starts being killed by a machete-wielding maniac. Dressed like a bad George Clinton impersonator, the killer makes his way around the island, offing people to the tune of a Coconut Pete song. The deaths are gory enough to fit into any Wes Craven-helmed film, but there is an element of parody to the film so that we can even laugh when a head finds its way onto a turntable.

This is not to say that *Dread* is attempting to spoof the horror genre à la *Scary Movie*.

Director Jay Chandrasekhar, who also directed *Super Troopers*, seems to want

to combine as many standard Hollywood themes as he can into his film — giving the audience plenty of loud "gotchas" to make us jump while still finding time to give us quiet moments so his actors can interact.

Chandrasekhar also takes a role in the movie, as he did in *Super Troopers*, as an English, Indian, and Caribbean tennis instructor who brags about having taught Agassi a thing or two on the courts. He is not perfect as a director, but he does know how to progress the story while continuing to have fun.

And having fun seems to be the lasting legacy of a Broken Lizard film.

Regardless of how you feel about over-the-top comedy,

every single actor in the movie wants to have a good time. Whether playing in a full sized Pacman maze complete with sound effects or making love to a watermelon-dressed woman in the staff-only shed, all the players in *Dread* make no apology for their insanity, and because of that, we can laugh along with their antics.

Like the Spring Breakers on Paradise Island, the Broken Lizard troupe asks us to just sit back and have fun.

There is plenty that misses in *Dread*, but if you pour yourself another piña colada, perhaps you will be able to relax and laugh.

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'A lot of them are probably high.'

— Jon Stewart, host of "The Daily Show," on the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press finding that 21 percent of people aged 18-29 cited his comedic news show as a place where they regularly get their presidential campaign news.

cent to the network news shows. The people at "The Daily Show" ridicule the idea of people looking to their show as a primary news source.

"A lot of them are probably high," Stewart cracked. "I'm not sure, coming off of robots fighting and into our show, what we're dealing with out there."

Think again, Jon.

Random conversations with nine people, aged 19 to 26, waiting to see a taping of "The Daily

Show" last week revealed two who admitted they learned much about the news from the program.

None said they regularly watched the network evening news shows.

"I'm not really interested," said Michelle Cohen, a 20-year-old New Yorker. "A lot of those shows focus on topics that have absolutely nothing to do with me, like old people's health care."

As if to drive the Pew survey's point home, "The Daily Show" reached a ratings milestone during the two weeks of the Iowa caucus, New Hampshire primary, and State of the Union address. For the first time, Stewart's show had more male viewers aged 18 to 34 than any of the network evening news shows.

One newspaper, *Newsday*, has Stewart listed atop a list of the 20 media players who will most influence the upcoming campaign. Tim Russert, Ted Koppel, and Sean Hannity, among others, trailed.



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Syracuse's Terrance Roberts

COLLEGE HOOPS

Streak no more: Pitt upset at home

PITTSBURGH — Gerry McNamara, held scoreless by No. 3 Pittsburgh for the equivalent of nearly a game and a half, hit a go-ahead 3-pointer and two key free throws in overtime, and Syracuse ended the Panthers' 40-game home winning streak with a 49-46 upset Sunday.

Pitt's streak was the second longest in Division I, behind only Duke's 41-game run. The Panthers had been 34-0 at home since opening the Petersen Events Center last season and hadn't lost in Pittsburgh since being surprised by Notre Dame, 56-53, on Jan. 12, 2002, at Fitzgerald Field House.

Hakim Warrick scored 17 points for the defending national champion Orangemen (19-6, 9-5), who stayed in the running for the No. 4 seed in the Big East Tournament and damaged Pitt's chances of winning the conference regular-season title.

MATCH PLAY

Woods on top of the world again

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — Tiger Woods simply has no match.

Spraying his tee shots all over the course, Woods went 25 holes before he finally took the lead Sunday, then roared past Davis Love III with key putts to win the Match Play Championship for the second-straight year, 3 and 2.

"I was in quite a few places where I was in trouble," Woods said. "The good ol' flat stick is the great equalizer."

Woods won for the 40th time on the PGA Tour in just his 149th start, the quickest anyone has reached that milestone.

INDOOR TRACK

Dragila wins eighth pole vault title

BOSTON (AP) — Stacy Dragila won her eighth national indoor pole vault title Sunday, but failed in three attempts to reset her American record.

Dragila jumped 15 feet, 5 inches for the victory at the U.S. Indoor Track and Field Championships. She did not even come close in her three tries at 15-9, which would have broken her indoor mark of 15-8 1/4.

Nonetheless, Dragila is prepared to take on Russians Svetlana Feofanova and Yelena Isinbayeva at the world championships next week in Budapest, Hungary.

Feofanova holds the indoor record with a height of 15-11, while Isinbayeva holds the outdoor mark at 15-9 1/4.



Dragila
Chasing world record

Hawks hold on in senior farewell

Late Gopher surge almost upset Iowa on Senior day, but the Hawks hold on for a 66-62 victory to keep their grip on fourth place.

BY DONOVAN BURBA

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What started as a dream send-off for four Iowa seniors nearly turned into an embarrassing nightmare as the Hawkeyes squandered a 19-point lead, rallying late to hold off the Minnesota Golden Gophers, 66-62, on Feb. 28 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

For 30 minutes the Hawkeyes played as well as they have all season, using a 15-0 run to build a 39-30 halftime lead.

Jeff Horner led Iowa with 10 first-half points, and fellow guard Pierre Pierce added five assists.

But after increasing the lead to 57-38 with under 12 minutes to play, Minnesota mounted a comeback. Aaron Robinson and Adam Boone led the Gopher charge, while Iowa shot just 32 percent from the field, down from 55 percent before the break.

"We dropped a pass, missed a dunk, and missed a lot of free throws," said Iowa coach Steve Alford, who is guaranteed a .500 regular-season record in the Big Ten for the first time in his Iowa career.

ALSO INSIDE:

Kelly Beaton goes down memory lane with the Iowa seniors.

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"It had more to do with being a little bit passive, missing some shots, and not getting stops on the defensive end."

The Hawkeyes shot just 10-21 from the free-throw line, including one 1-1 stretch.

Pierce in particular struggled, missing on all three of his tries from the charity stripe.

"I just have to get back in, get a good stroke going, get a good rhythm," said Pierce, a 57 percent free-throw shooter on the season. "It'll start falling; it's just something I have to work on throughout my career."

Despite his struggles at the line, Pierce finished with the best line of the day, grabbing 10 rebounds to go along with 12 points and seven assists.

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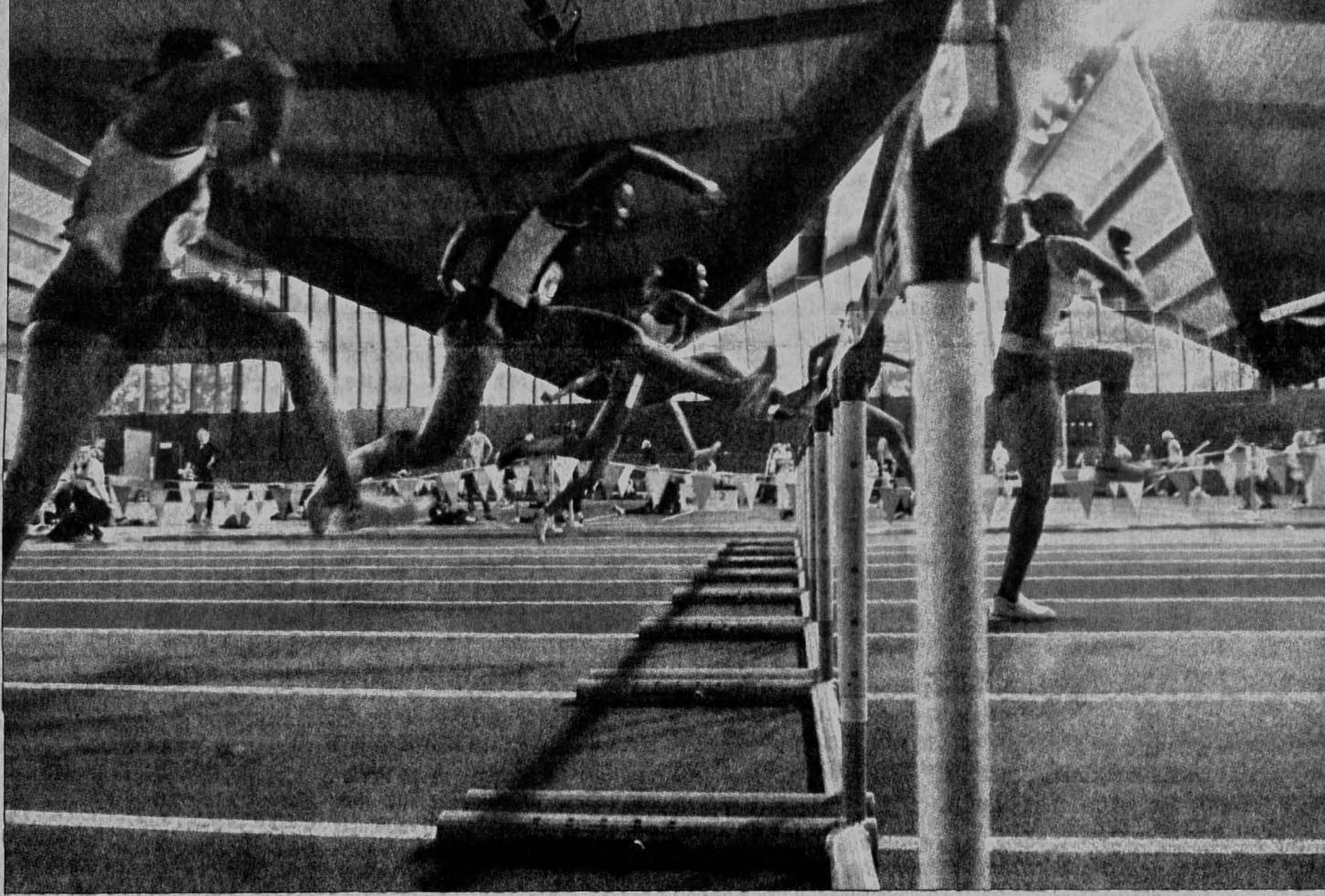


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Iowa's Jeff Horner lunges for a loose ball against the Gophers.

BIG TEN WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

BROKEN RECORD



Amanda May/The Daily Iowan

Big Ten hurdlers compete during the two-day conference championships at the Recreation Building. Iowa hosted the meet for the first time since 1991 and finished third with 89 points, the highest point total in Big Ten history for the Hawkeyes.

Hawks' third-place finish is the highest in school history

Iowa's 89 team points is the most ever scored by the Hawkeyes in the conference meet.

BY NICK RICHARDS

THE DAILY IOWAN

Emotions ran high for Iowa coach James Grant in the Recreation Building Sunday afternoon.

"I'm so happy that I'm in tears right now," he said.

Iowa surprised the field, jumping to third-place in the last

event at the Big Ten women's indoor track championships, and Penn State took home its first team title to cap a wild-and-crazy weekend in the Rec Building.

Iowa finished third with 89 points, the highest point total in Big Ten history for the Hawkeyes. Their third-place finish tied for the highest team finish in school history, also third, in 1981.

Included in some of the fallen records were the shot put, the

Big Ten women's standings:

1. Penn State	115
2. Michigan	98-1/2
3. IOWA	89
4. Ohio State	88.83
5. Indiana	68
6. Michigan State	65
7. Wisconsin	63-1/2
8. Illinois	50
9. Minnesota	38
10. Purdue	26-1/2

"This was our best meet of the year," said distance coach Layne Anderson.

In all, 17 Rec Building records fell, two Big Ten records were topped, two Hawkeyes were automatic NCAA qualifiers, and the 5,000 meters ended in controversy.

Stephanie Gran put on an

equally dominant performance, finishing second in the all-around competition. She won the vault with a score of 9.925, tied for first on the beam, and took second on the floor.

Despite the strong performance from the top guns, Iowa struggled where it normally doesn't.

"Maybe the emotions of the night got to us," Libby said. "It's definitely a hard loss for us. Losing those four kids is devastating to our program, but it's not an excuse."

Iowa will head into the stretch run with a meet next weekend with Washington and Utah in Seattle.

"We'd like to be a second-seed, not a third-seed, and we're capable of doing that," Libby said. "We need to figure out why we're making the same mistakes we're making."

Men defeat No. 9 Minnesota

The seventh-ranked Iowa men's gymnastics team continued its strong performances, defeating ninth-ranked Minnesota, 215.6-212.7, in Minneapolis on Feb. 28.

The Hawkeyes will return to Iowa City next weekend to host No. 6 Michigan and Wisconsin on Saturday in the Field House. The meet marks the last home meet for five Iowa seniors.

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IOWA 89, ILLINOIS 64

Lillis, Faulkner keep tourney hopes alive

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Seniors Kristi Faulkner and Jennie Lillis kept Iowa in contention for an NCAA Tournament berth.

Faulkner scored 25 points against her former school, and Lillis added 20, leading Iowa to an 89-64 victory over Illinois on Sunday in the regular-season finale for both.

Jamie Cavey helped out with 14 points as Iowa (16-11, 10-6) secured a first-division finish in

the Big Ten. The Hawkeyes will have a bye for the first round of the Big Ten Tournament, which starts Thursday in Indianapolis.

Leading 35-33 at halftime, Iowa started the second half with a 21-2 run to break it open. Faulkner, who played at Illi-

nois as a freshman, scored 10 points during the burst and Lillis, who had been in a shooting slump, hit two 3-pointers.

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SPORTS**SPORTS 'N' STUFF****SPORTS ROUNDUP****Lee signs 3-year deal, Wood gets opening day nod**

ASSOCIATED PRESS

For the second straight day, the Chicago Cubs signed a key player to a multiyear deal.



Lee
Inks three-year, \$2.5 million deal



Wood
Will start April 5 vs. Cincinnati Reds

Acquired in a November trade from the world champion Florida Marlins, Lee could have become a free agent after this season and originally signed a \$6.9 million, one-year deal last month.

"You never know how it is going to work out. Obviously, you have the opportunity to maybe go out on the market and make a little more, but you know like I say, 'It's about the money,' but it's not all about the money," Lee said.

The situation, I just felt it was right for me. An opportunity to be good for a while ... for me to turn this down I think I would have been a little bit crazy."

Lee will get base salaries of \$5.5 million this season, \$7 million in

2005, and \$8 million in 2006. He also will receive a \$2 million signing bonus spread evenly over the three years.

The Cubs announced Wood will start the season opener in Cincinnati on April 5 and be followed by Greg Maddux and Mark Prior.

"I'm going with Prior after Maddux to give a different look, plus you know Prior can learn a lot from Maddux, I think," manager Dusty Baker said Feb. 28.

Baker wants to use Maddux, the four-time Cy Young winner who re-signed with the Cubs this month, and his crafty assortment of pitches between power pitchers Wood and Prior.

"Like I said before, we've got — in my opinion — five guys who could start opening day for a lot of teams," Wood said. "We're fortunate to have the opportunity to have a staff where it doesn't really matter what the rotation is."

In Tampa, Fla., Yankees owner George Steinbrenner left no doubt he wants Joe Torre to be his manager beyond this season.

IOWA SPORTS**Wednesday**

- MEN'S BASKETBALL at Northwestern, 7:05 p.m.

Televised on KGAN.

Thursday

- MEN'S SWIMMING at Iowa Senior

Championships in Cedar Rapids, 9:30 a.m.

- SOFTBALL at Speedline Tournament in Tampa, Fla. vs. Baylor (Noon); Boston University (2 p.m.)

- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL at the Big Ten tournament, TBA.

Friday

- MEN'S SWIMMING at Iowa Senior

Championships in Cedar Rapids.

- SOFTBALL at Speedline Tournament in Tampa, Fla. vs. Northern Illinois (2 p.m.); Team USA (5 p.m.)

- BASEBALL at Southwest Missouri State, 3 p.m.

- WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS at Washington w/ Utah, 7 p.m.

- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL at Big Ten tournament, TBA.

• WOMEN'S GOLF at East/West Rio Verde Invitational.

NCAA Last Chance Meet in Ames.

- WOMEN'S SWIMMING at Iowa Senior Championships in Cedar Rapids.

Saturday

- SOFTBALL at Speedline Tournament in Tampa, Fla. vs. Troy State 10 a.m.; Tennessee Chattanooga, Noon

- WOMEN'S TENNIS at Kansas, 11 a.m.

- MEN'S TENNIS hosts Illinois, 12:30 p.m.

- BASEBALL at South West Missouri State, 1 p.m.

- MEN'S BASKETBALL at Purdue, 3:30 p.m.

Televised by KGAN.

- MEN'S SWIMMING at Iowa Senior

Championships in Cedar Rapids, 5:30 p.m.

- MEN'S GYMNASTICS host Michigan at Field House, 7 p.m.

- WRESTLING at Big Ten Championships in Columbus, Ohio.

- WOMEN'S SWIMMING at Iowa Senior

Championships in Cedar Rapids.

- WOMEN'S TRACK at NCAA Last Chance Meet in Ames.

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TV SCHEDULE**Today**

- CBB Seton Hall at UConn, 6 p.m. on ESPN.

- NHL Tampa Bay Lightning at Colorado Avalanche, 7 p.m. on ESPN2.

- NHL Chicago Blackhawks at Nashville Predators, 7 p.m. on FSN.

- CBB Texas at Oklahoma State, 8 p.m. on ESPN.

- CBB Utah at Brigham Young, 11 p.m. on ESPN.

- WOMEN'S BASKETBALL at Big Ten tournament, 8 p.m. on ESPN2.

- WCBB Texas at Oklahoma, 8 p.m. on FSN.

- WCBB New York Mets at Los Angeles Dodgers, Noon on ESPN.

- CBB Georgia Tech at Duke, 6 p.m. on ESPN.

- CBB Missouri at Texas Tech, 6:30 p.m. on ESPN2.

- CBB Iowa at Northwestern, 7 p.m. on KGAN.

- NBA Chicago Bulls at New Orleans Hornets, 7 p.m. on FSN.

- CBB Los Angeles Lakers at Houston Rockets, 8 p.m. on ESPN.

- NHL Vancouver Canucks at Colorado Avalanche, 8:30 p.m. on ESPN2.

- WCBB Big Ten tournament, 1:30 p.m. on FSN.

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- NBA Dallas Mavericks at San Antonio Spurs, 7 p.m. on ESPN.

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- NBA New Jersey Nets at Golden State Warriors, 9:30 p.m. on ESPN.

- WCBB Big Ten tournament, 4:30 p.m. on FSN.

- CBB Georgetown at Notre Dame, 6 p.m. on ESPN2.

- NHL New York Rangers at Boston Bruins, 6:30 p.m. on ESPN.

- NBA Sacramento Kings at Philadelphia 76ers, 6:30 p.m. on TNT.

- WCBB Big Ten tournament, 7:30 p.m. on FSN.

- CBB Cincinnati at DePaul, 8 p.m. on ESPN2.

- NBA Detroit Pistons at Portland Trail Blazers, 9 p.m. on TNT.

- CBB ULCA at Oregon State, 9:30 p.m. on FSN.

- CBB Iowa at Northwestern, 7 p.m. on KGAN.

- CBB Wake Forest at Virginia, 6 p.m. on ESPN2.

- CBB Auburn at Mississippi State, 8 p.m. on ESPN.

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- NBA Boston Celtics at Minnesota Timberwolves, 6:30 p.m. on ESPN.

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Atlantic Division W L Pct GB

New Jersey	36	22	.621	—
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New York	26	35	.426	11
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Miller	25	36	.417	12
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Boston	25	36	.410	12
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Philadelphia	24	36	.400	13
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Washington	18	39	.318	17
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Orlando	17	44	.279	20
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Central Division W L Pct GB

Indiana	43	17	.729	—
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Dallas	39	20	.661	3
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Milwaukee	38	20	.655	5
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Memphis	35	24	.593	7
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Houston	34	25	.576	8
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Denver	33	26	.568	10
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Sacramento	43	15	.474	24
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Portland	29	30	.492	14
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Golden State	25	33	.431	18
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L.A. Clippers	20	41	.328	24
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Phoenix	20	41	.328	24
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Western Conference W L Pct GB

Minnesota	33	16	.682	—
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A look back: Iowa seniors say their goodbyes



It's something I dreamed about every night living back in Dugger — playing Big Ten basketball. There's not too many 5-10 kids in the Big Ten, so I appreciate that.

— Brody Boyd



I'd like to thank Coach Alford and his coaching staff for giving me the opportunity to come to Iowa. The fans here have been great.

— Jared Reiner



I want to thank the fans here ... and most of all, my teammates. I've had a great time with them the last two years.

— Kurt Spurgeon



We appreciate your support. And, the people who put us down: We'd like to thank you too, because you give us the motivation to keep going.

— Glen Worley

Boyd embodies seniors' wild ride



KELLY BEATON

AS ANY SENIOR on campus can tell you, it's a long, strange trip between the first day your parents drop you off at the dorm to graduation day.

After nearly five years, I'm just now starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

We all start our college days with lofty aspirations. For instance, I should be halfway through chiropractor school by now.

Instead, I'll be lucky to land a job covering JV basketball in Kerrville, Texas, or some other hellhole next year.

It's safe to say the five bright-eyed youngsters who came to play for Steve Alford in the fall of 2000 thought their days at the UI would play out differently as well.

Cortney Scott, once a spark-plug off the Iowa bench, is currently toiling in obscurity in Oakland (Mich.) in the Mid-Continent Conference.

Sean Sonderleiter showed flashes of burgeoning stardom last season with such performances as his 18-point, 11-rebound effort at Penn State a year ago. Now he's playing his final games at the UI on Thursday nights — in intramurals.

Jared Reiner chose Iowa over such basketball powers as Kentucky. He planned on spending the spring semester of his senior season improving his NBA draft prospects. Instead, he's fighting for a fifth-year medical redshirt after fracturing his right foot earlier this season.

Glen Worley also came to Iowa after a long flirtation with tradition-packed schools, including North Carolina. After being tabbed Iowa's Mr. Basketball following his final high-school campaign, he likely planned an NBA career. That seems unlikely after his star-crossed days as a Hawkeye.

And finally, there's Brody Boyd, the senior who received possibly the most raucous ovation from fans during postgame Senior Day ceremonies. The gunner came to Iowa after scoring 2,632 prep points for Union High School of Dugger in the basketball hotbed of Indiana.

Most Hawkeye faithful were drooling at Boyd's future at Iowa after hearing of his high-school feats, such as when he drilled 12 consecutive 3's

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Being a tough player, getting down and dirty on defense, and being a leader, that's something we're going to miss next year.'

— Pierre Pierce,
on Iowa teammate Brody Boyd.

in an all-star game. Those expectations only rose when he guided the Hawkeyes to an improbable win over his home-state Hoosiers as he poured in 22 points in the championship game of the Big Ten Tournament with sniper-like accuracy from downtown.

Black and Gold boosters were equally disappointed when Boyd, limited by injuries, averaged just 3.9 points per game in his sophomore campaign. By that time, the 5-10 guard had been tabbed as a 3-point threat and little else.

"I didn't know how to play defense coming in here," he admitted after his Feb. 28 finale in a Hawkeye uniform.

Largely as a result of that subpar sophomore season, expectations for Boyd were limited by many pundits entering 2003-04. Many expected him to add a spark to the Iowa offense off the bench, but not much else.

Yet here we are, with two games to go, and Boyd led the Big Ten in steals entering the Minnesota game with an average of 2.4 per game.

And, despite being perceived to have underachieved like much of his senior-class brethren by some Iowans, Boyd will leave Iowa at least third in school history in 3-pointers (186).

A player's true worth can often be heard in the comments of teammates. Listening to Boyd's fellow Hawks, he means just as much in the huddle as he does on the hardwood.

"Brody's been a great guy for four years," said teammate Pierre Pierce. "Just his heart and resiliency on the court. Being a tough player, getting down and dirty on defense, and being a leader, that's something we're going to miss next year."

The expectations of fans — and yes, the media as well — were overwhelming for Boyd and the other members of Alford's first true recruiting class. Did the group fully meet those lofty expectations? Probably not. But even the most crass of Hawkeye critics must admit talk radio and Internet message boards often over-inflate expectations.

Expecting players such as Boyd to walk into the Big Ten at 5-10 and torch the nets for eight 3's a night from the second he walked on campus was more than a little unrealistic.

And, you know what? Boyd will most likely depart from Iowa City with a degree in tow — and as a fan favorite. In the end, isn't that enough?

The smile on his face as he walked off the court Feb. 28 sure seemed to say as much.

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Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan
An emotional Brody Boyd stands close to his mother, Freida Boyd, during senior ceremonies on Feb. 28. Four Hawkeye seniors made their final appearance in Carver-Hawkeye Arena during Iowa's 66-62 win over Minnesota. The Hawks finish their regular season with a pair of road games this week.

Penn State breaks two Big Ten records in win

TRACK

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Penn State, which finished with 115 points, broke two Big Ten records. On Feb. 28, senior Ja'Nai O'Connor set a Rec Building and Big Ten record in the shot put with a throw of 55-2. On Sunday, Consuelo Moore, a seven-time All-American, won both the 200 meters and the 60 meters, setting track records in both the events, automatically qualifying in both, and setting a Big Ten record in the 200 with a time of 23.44.

"It feels great," she said. "These are my first medals in the 60 and the 200."

Ohio State junior Keturah Lofton, the winner in the 20-pound weight throw and the key to an Ohio State sweep in the event, shattered the Rec Building record, throwing a 65-7 $\frac{1}{4}$. Lofton set a record every time she threw Sunday.

"It was a very exciting day for me," she said. "I feel very blessed to have reached this goal that I had for myself."

The 5,000 meters was protested by Anderson. Iowa freshman Nikki Chapple finished second in the event with a time of 17:02.61, but along with several others in the race, had to run an extra lap because of a lap-counting error by the track officials. Instead of running the required 25 laps, some ran 26.

"It didn't effect the first six, but it affected Nikki and the Penn State girl [Molly Landreth]," Anderson said. "That would've been a national qualifying time. It probably wouldn't have put them in the meet, but it would've gotten them on the list and put Nikki on the all-time list here as one of the best we've ever had."

The race, won convincingly by Michigan State's Jamie Kryzminski, was under review for more than an hour.

"It takes away from what was a great performance," Anderson said. "It was a human error."

Another highlight for the Hawkeyes was the performance of Peaches Roach. Roach, a freshman from Kingston, Jamaica, won the high jump with a jump of 5-11 $\frac{1}{4}$, the first time in the history of the school that a Hawkeye had won the high jump. Roach also finished fifth in the 60 meters with a time of 7.50.

"We are happy," she said. "We are so happy."

Men finish in 10th place

The Iowa men's track and field team placed tenth at the indoor track championships in Ann Arbor, Mich. Iowa, who finished with 13 points, recorded five top-10 finishes on the day, led by a fifth-place finish in the 1,600 meter relay. Wisconsin won its fourth team title in five years with 174.5 points.

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Hoopsters experience Carver for final time

BASKETBALL

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With Minnesota trailing by only four with 1:15 to play, Glen Worley drew a charge on Boone. After Horner missed a 3, Iowa corralled the rebound, forcing the Gophers to foul. Boyd missed his first free-throw, made the second, then all but sealed the game with a steal underneath the Minnesota basket with 29 seconds to play.

Boyd finished with a team-high 16 points, pleasing the large contingent of fans from his hometown of Dugger, Ind., who made the trip to Iowa City.

"It was just the last of my everything," he said. "The last time I was going to run out of the tunnel, my last first half, my last second half. But I fought through all that, and it's all over with. I had a great career, and it's been a lot of fun, and the fans have been great to me. I've enjoyed playing here."

The Hawkeyes got the lively crowd into the game early, peaking when Boyd hit Greg Brunner with a behind-the-back pass in transition, leading to a lay-up and a foul. Brunner got a standing ovation when he went to the bench soon after. The

junior forward earned his sixth career double-double, scoring 13 points and grabbing 12 boards.

Minnesota played without star Kris Humphries, who sat with an ankle injury. The Gophers missed the presence of the 6-9 forward, who leads the Big Ten in both scoring and rebounding.

"It changed our game plan quite a bit," said Minnesota coach Dan Monson. "We really missed his presence on the defensive end of the floor and in rebounding. He is such a consistent rebounder for us and a real physical presence."

NCAA hopes alive

Iowa's win, coupled with Purdue's loss to Wisconsin on Sunday, puts the Hawkeyes in sole possession of fourth place in the Big Ten with two games left to play before the conference tournament. One analyst says that might not be good enough to land the Hawks a berth in the Big Ten Tournament.

"They're 15-10 right now overall, but their RPI is [high]," said ESPN's Andy Katz Saturday night. "They've got a lot of work to do here in the final week to get into the tournament. They may have to win the Big Ten Tournament."

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IOWA SPORTS

Baseball opens with win, follows up with losses

Rome wasn't built in a day. Likewise, the Iowa baseball program can't be expected to turn into a national power in over one off-season.

A glimpse of the positives that may be on the horizon when the leaves and sunshine return come springtime came on Feb. 27, however, as Iowa won Jack Dahm's first game as coach of the Hawkeyes.

Keyed by juco transfer Jesse Brownell, the Hawkeyes doled out an gentleman-like 11-5 beating to the host Centenary Gents in game one of the three-game series.

The Hawkeyes' celebration didn't last long, however, as they dropped a pair of ball-games to the tiny Louisiana school Feb. 28.

"We knew as a coaching staff coming in here this wasn't going to be easy," Dahm said. "I guarantee you this much: We're going to get better every weekend."

— by Kelly Beaton

Softball team blanked by Louisville after three wins

After shutting out its opponents in three-straight games, the Iowa softball team got a taste of its own medicine Sunday afternoon when Louisville blanked the Hawkeyes, 2-0, in the final game of the Red and Black Classic in Louisville.

Hawkeye coach Gayle Blevins attributed her team's final-game struggles to a sometimes lax attitude.

"Sometimes, our players look at the opposite side and think that certain pitchers require a certain effort, and that's the effort they give," she said. "They don't think the other pitchers are capable of handling us, and then they handle us."

— by Donovan Burba

SPORTS**Dr. Tom is back**BY CHUCK SCHOFFNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — The tempo of play has increased and so has the attendance. Drake basketball is starting to become an event again in Des Moines.

What's happened this season is exactly what the university had hoped when it hired Tom Davis as coach. The administration wanted improvement, and it wanted to get the fans back. Davis, the former Iowa coach, has delivered on both counts.

"It will only get better," junior guard Lonnie Randolph said. "I can't imagine how it's going to be next year when we'll be even better than we are this year. I'm expecting sellout home crowds. It's amazing the energy and excitement he's brought here."

Drake (12-14, 7-10 Missouri Valley Conference) is assured of finishing sixth in the league after beating Evansville, 81-71, on Feb. 28. That might

seem a modest accomplishment, but this was a team picked to finish ninth in the conference — and that was before Luke McDonald, the only senior and top returning scorer, left the program.

If the Bulldogs beat Illinois State in their regular-season finale tonight and steal a couple of victories in the conference tournament, they'd be guaranteed to finish .500 overall.

Last season, Drake was 10-20 under coach Kurt Kanaskie, who resigned in April. Drake hasn't had a winning season since 1986-87.

"I hope they're pleased with what they've done," Davis said. "On the other hand, I want them to think they're good and think we can win this whole thing."

Davis was out of coaching for four years after he was let go at Iowa even though he was the all-time leader in men's basketball victories and had won at least 20 games the five previous seasons.

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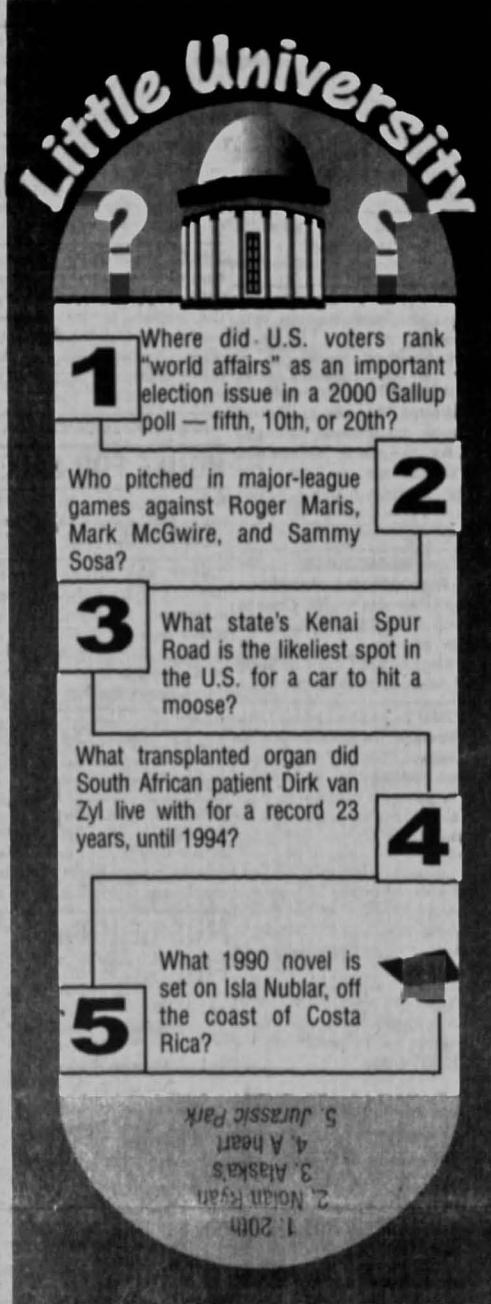
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- Plasma Physics Seminar, "Dusty Plasma Experiment and Theory for Natural Phonons in a One-Dimensional Yukawa Chain," Bin Liu, physics/astronomy, 1:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen Hall.
- Colloquium, "Gamma Ray Astronomy in the GLAST Era," Olaf Reimer, Ruhr-Universität, Bochum, Germany, 3:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall.
- Simply Living, "Discovering and Discussing the Art and Pleasure of Living Simplified," 6:30 p.m., Women's Resource & Action Center.
- Amnesty International Meeting, 7 p.m., 349 IMU.
- "Live from Prairie Lights," Matthew Pearl, fiction, 8 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St.

- Spalding Memorial Lecture, "Nostalgia for Catholicism in Calvin's Geneva," Robert Kingdon, 8 p.m., 140 Schaeffer Hall.



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 1:30 Music da Camera: Violin & Piano
 2 Lessons from the Ancient Forest
 2:55 A Little Bit of Iowa
 3 Letterpress Opry
 3:25 Captured by Fear
 4 Country Time Country
 5 The Geneva Lecture Series: John Calvin & the Problem of American

Quote of the Day

The fact of the matter is we live in a free society, and freedom means freedom for everybody. And I think that means that people should be free to enter into any kind of relationship they want to enter into.

— Dick Cheney, during a 2000 campaign debate.

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horoscopes

Monday, March 1, 2004

by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The more you do to please the ones you live with, the better you will fare when you want help in return. An opportunity to invest in something unique should be considered.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make arrangements with neighbors if you need some help with a community event. The more you get involved, the more people you'll meet along the way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Put your energy into what means the most to you. Once you have made up your mind what it is you want to pursue, the rest will fall into place. Your past experience will help to guide you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your emotional sensitivity will be easily recognized so don't be afraid to follow through with a few words about the way you feel and what your intentions are. You'll be happy you did.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't be the one to divulge secret information. Keep busy so you aren't tempted to share — not even with your closest confidant. Listen, don't reveal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Jump into a leadership position if you are given the chance. Stop procrastinating and follow your heart. Someone you are involved with may think that you have taken on too much but will eventually join your crusade.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A chance to make a change in your career or personal life will be to your benefit. Disputes with your family are likely. You will have to put yourself first today regardless of opposition.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get involved in community events. The more you have to do with people of diverse backgrounds, the more you will learn about yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Watch out for shysters who want to take your money. Fast-talking investment brokers will only dazzle you with unlikely possibilities. Losses are likely if you are reckless.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may be feeling a little down in the dumps. Plan to spend time with someone who really touches you. The more attentive and affectionate you are, the better.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can make money if you put your mind to it. Draw from that vivid imagination, and let your creative side develop an idea that will bring you the extra cash.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Physical events that require mental agility and stamina should be exactly what you need. Move in a more lucrative — and exciting — direction. Romance is likely.

THE LEDGE

WHAT WE WERE DOING DURING THE ACADEMY AWARDS

By Jesse Ammerman

- Waiting breathlessly for any potential wardrobe malfunctions.

- Admitting that you would have enjoyed *Lost in Translation* more if Bill Murray had been equipped with a ghost-zapping proton pack.

- Complaining that Cuba Gooding's lack of nominations for *Boat Trip* is just another sad example of old-style Hollywood bigotry.

- Getting just a little too excited about the documentary short-subject category.

- Experiencing a sudden, inexplicable emotional involvement with Renée Zellweger's choice of outfit.

- Hoping that when Oscar hype subsides, Sean Penn will finally have a chance to respond to your letters, e-mails, and chat-room postings.

- Surprising guests with assortment of *House of Sand and Fog*-themed cupcakes.

- Vowing never to bet that much money on Djimon Hounsou again.

- Basking in the opportunity to ignore textbooks for three more glorious hours.

- Noting disgustedly that an awards program that completely neglects *From Justin to Kelly* deserves no further credibility.

- Briefly considering renting some of the nominated films, shifting attention back to page 32 of *US Weekly*.

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