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UI sophomore Nicole Parisi sings "Like a Virgin" during the "Iowa City Idol" karaoke contest at Diamond Dave's on Monday. She was one of 12 contestants who competed in the event, which was sponsored by Public Relations Student Society of America. See Wednesday's *DI* for further coverage.

UISG election

Funds the fuel of UISG fire

BY DREW KERR
THE DAILY IOWAN

Anyone can run for UI Student Government — if she or he has the money.

UISG executive-board nominees spent more than \$1,000 each on their campaigns — a cost many other prospective candidates can't handle, said UISG presidential nominee Chad Aldeman.

Part of his platform stipulates that student fees should help finance campaigns. The former mock trial participant says spending be capped and distributed equally among those running.

"It's the best way to promote diversity and ensure democracy," he said.

UI political-science Professor Peverill Squire said whether UISG elections should be publicly financed should be explored empirically.

"The best thing to do would be to find a comparable institution," said Squire, who suggested the issue be voted on in a student

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City looks at lower property taxes in budget

BY WILLIAM MIKESELL
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa City City Council is expected to approve a proposed operating budget for fiscal 2005 tonight that would lower property taxes with revenue from new building permits and a library-bond payment.

Although the property-tax rate dropped 1.39 percent from the previous year to 17.352 percent, the property-tax base, which makes up 65 percent of the general fund, has grown for the fifth-straight year

thanks to more than \$100 million in new construction and building permits. Also lowering the levy rate is an expected bond payment of \$500,000 from the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St.

Little margin exists for cuts if state legislators enact a repeat performance of last year's \$1 million slash, which forced the City Council to revamp the budget nearly two months after its approval.

"I don't know what else to cut," City Manager Steve Atkins said. "The formula-driven state aid is all gone."

He presented the fiscal 2005 operating budget to the City Council on Monday in addition to a three-year financial plan that includes two years of projections as a planning tool. No members of the public spoke about the budget during the open forum.

The proposed budget, which is due March 15, is only an estimate of revenue for fiscal 2005, which includes an expected \$2.1 million in state appropriations, Atkins said.

He credited a 4.2 percent increase in revenue to new industry, low loan rates, and interior housing

remodeling that "represents prosperity in the community in general."

A lack of flexibility resulted in no major operational changes, Atkins said.

City Councilor Bob Elliott said he plans to approve the balanced budget he calls "a job well-done," even though he is doubtful whether any councilor is fully satisfied.

"I am unhappy there are some fire and police positions that might be

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Football ticket price blamed on tuition cost

BY DAN SHEA
THE DAILY IOWAN

Hawkeye football fans will feel the effect of rising tuition when they visit Kinnick Stadium next fall.

The UI Board in Control of Athletics approved increases for season and individual tickets on Feb. 26, despite one fewer home game on the schedule compared with last season.

"The cost of tuition continues to grow, and it hits us uniquely hard," Athletics Director Bob Bowlsby said.

To cover the rising cost of tuition, the Athletics Department will pay the university an additional \$550,000 to cover tuition, room and board, and student fees built into its scholarships. The department expects to pay out \$7.3 million next year in student scholarships, a marked increase from 1999, when it paid \$3.4 million in scholarships.

The ticket increases are expected to create an additional \$500,000 in revenue to partially meet the hike.

With one fewer home game, UI students will pay the same \$105 for season tickets, a 16.7 percent increase per game.

UI freshman Erin Soger, who held season tickets last season, still plans to purchase tickets for next year despite having one fewer game. She is more disappointed about tailgating restrictions at the Field House parking lot.

Season tickets for the general public will rise from \$246 to \$250, a jump of 18.6 percent per game. Prices for general admission season tickets are still considered average in the Big Ten, with Michigan and Ohio State selling season packages for around \$350 and Minnesota and Illinois hovering around \$200.

Individual general-admission tickets will see a 10 percent increase compared with last season, from \$40 to \$44. Last year, ticket prices soared in the largest increase ever when individual general admission tickets jumped 25 percent, from \$32 to \$40.

This year's home schedule includes four Big Ten matchups: Purdue, Michigan State,

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Polaroid no longer outcast from the hip & the cool

BY ANDREA K. WALKER
BALTIMORE SUN

Word about a new hip-hop song with a line about Polaroid pictures began to create a quiet buzz at the camera company's headquarters in Massachusetts last summer.

Then the buzz became a roar. The Grammy-winning song by OutKast, "Hey Ya," and its catch phrase "Shake it like a Polaroid picture," begin to shoot up the music charts. *Entertainment Weekly* described it as one of the hottest lines of the year. Everyone from 59-year-old presidential candidate to teenagers not even born during the camera's heyday were singing along.

It's the kind of lucky break any company would wish for — and far from what Polaroid Corp. ever imagined. The company's image was suddenly elevated into the realm of what's cool. Although the value the publicity is incalculable, companies get enormous lengths and expense to place their products in popular culture.

The song has shaken up Polaroid's image as a throwback technology. Its pictures appear a little more hip to a digital era generation (even though the company had to issue a disclaimer after the song's rise that its instant photographs no longer need shaking to dry).

"We certainly have enjoyed the publicity," Polaroid spokesman Skip Colcord said.

"We're very thankful for the different brand exposure the song has given us."

The Waltham, Mass., company had no idea its name would appear in the song, he said.



As a private company, Polaroid doesn't release sales numbers, and it can't say whether revenue is up. But the company's awareness meter has definitely jumped.

"Polaroid is retro, something we think of having when we were kids," said Jennifer Chang Coupland, a professor of marketing at Pennsylvania State University. "But they're also trying to update Polaroid and make it fun and hip again. In

some ways, it has helped revive Polaroid."

Recognizing the opportunity, Polaroid's advertising company, Euro RSCG MBVMA partners, brokered a deal with OutKast to carry the cameras on-stage during performances. Group members held the cameras at the Grammy awards, New Year's Eve performances, on "Saturday Night Live," and at the Vibe Awards on Viacom's UPN.

OutKast's double album *Speakerboxxx/The Love Below* has sold 7 million copies and been on the *Billboard* 100 Top Five for 21 weeks. The group performed the song before millions of viewers at the Grammys, MTV music awards, and the halftime show at the NBA All-Star game recently.

Even though hip-hop is increasingly mainstream, the Polaroid line has reached into new territory.

"I don't know much about hip-hop. But I do know how OutKast can make you shake it like a Polaroid picture," said retired Gen. Wesley Clark during a campaign stop before he abandoned his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination. Teen magazine *Elle Girl* recently ran the phrase on the spine of its publication.

Many consumer products have been helped over the years by mention in a song or an appearance in a movie, television show, or music video — sometimes accidental, sometimes deliberate. Manufacturers of everything from cigarettes to greeting cards have sponsored shows since the birth of

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FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH

The women's tennis team discovers that youth can really serve. See story, Page 1B



DANCING IN HAITIAN STREETS

Rebels enter the Haitian capital, as the exiled ex-leader says the U.S. forced him out. See story, Page 4A

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NEWS

School funding delayed

Republican leaders are holding an education funding bill that Gov. Tom Vilsack vows to veto

BY DAVID PITT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Further legislative action on education funding doesn't appear to be imminent as Republican leaders are holding on to a bill that Gov. Tom Vilsack has vowed to veto when he gets it.

Voting along party lines, the House and Senate passed a bill Feb. 17 that would boost basic school funding by \$65 million in 2005, significantly less than Vilsack's proposed \$74 million increase.

The bill also would provide \$44 million to replace across-the-board cuts made last year, for total K-12 spending of \$1.9 billion.

The Republican-drafted bill does not include Vilsack's proposals to fund class-size reduction and teacher-compensation programs.

Under the bill, basic school funding for 2006 would increase by \$44.8 million, less than half of Vilsack's proposed \$93 million increase.

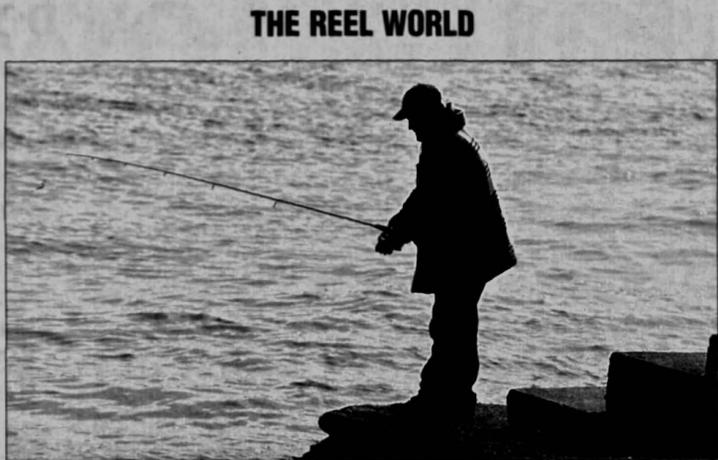
The bill has not yet been vetoed by Vilsack because lawmakers haven't sent it to him yet.

House Speaker Chris Rants, R-Sioux City, said Monday the bill is still on his desk.

"There's no requirement when it goes downstairs, and it'll get down there eventually," he said.

Democratic leaders said it typically would take a few days for a bill to get to the governor's office once it is passed by both chambers.

"It's a silly childish effort to try to force people disagreeing with you into doing something," said Senate Minority Leader Michael Gronstal, D-Council Bluffs. "It's not the way this place should operate."



THE REEL WORLD

Rob VanderVoort fishes for walleyes on Sunday along the Mississippi River in Burlington, Iowa. Springlike temperatures have coaxed Iowa anglers out from winter hibernation.

John Lovretta, Hawk Eye/Associated Press

GOP takes aim at regulations

The Senate Business and Labor Relations Committee approved a bill that will help prevent doctors from being pushed out of business by malpractice-insurance costs

BY AMY LORENTZEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Republican lawmakers said Monday they are continuing to propose regulatory changes intended to create a more business-friendly environment in Iowa.

The latest effort targets medical-malpractice claims. The Senate Business and Labor Relations Committee on Monday approved a bill that would cap non-economic damages, such as pain and suffering, at \$250,000.

Committee Chairman Sen. Neal Schuerer, R-Amana, said the change is needed to keep doctors from being pushed out of business because of high malpractice-insurance costs.

House Majority Leader Chuck Gipp, R-Decorah, said the proposal will see committee

time in the House before the end of the week.

A medical group planned to lobby at the Capitol on Thursday for changes to malpractice liability.

Opponents of the change, led by the Iowa Trial Lawyers Association, planned to lobby lawmakers Wednesday. They said medical-malpractice costs have risen because insurance companies' investments are hitting a cyclical slump, not because claims have jumped.

Robert Hunter, the insurance director for the Consumer Federation of America, told lawmakers recently that limits on malpractice claims would neither prevent the insurance industry from increasing premiums nor result in lower health-care costs.

Gipp said such regulatory changes give Iowa businesses a boost.

"These are things that businesses and health-care providers have pointed out that are obstacles either to providing health care in this state or growing their business in this state," he said.

The Republicans' effort comes just one year after Gov. Tom Vilsack vetoed similar regulatory changes from the bill that created the \$503 million

Iowa Values Fund, an economic-development program.

Changes that Vilsack struck from the bill included making it more difficult for injured workers to collect benefits and for consumers harmed by defective products to collect damages.

Republican legislative leaders sued the governor, asserting that he exceeded his authority in using a line-item veto. Arguments in the case are expected before the Iowa Supreme Court this spring, Gipp said.

He said the proposals to change the business climate will move ahead.

"We're going to continue doing that ... so we can remove some of these business obstacles," he said.

As part of Republican efforts this session, the GOP-led Legislature approved a bill to limit to \$25 million the bond a company would have to pay to appeal a court judgment against it.

Vilsack vetoed that bill on Monday.

Senate Minority Leader Mike Gronstal, D-Council Bluffs, said it's likely the governor would veto the other business-regulation proposals, too. Republicans have made no effort to meet with Vilsack about them, he said.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Sherry Barry, 36, Dubuque, was charged Sunday with fourth-degree theft.
Jeremy Berg, 22, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with operating while intoxicated.
Shany Burks, 48, was arrested on a warrant Sunday for delivery of a cocaine base.
Arnold Burgess, 67, Florida, was charged Feb. 28 with operating while intoxicated.
Jeffery Burdette, Camp Point, Ill., was charged Feb. 28 with having an open container in a vehicle and driving while revoked.
Rosemary Christian, 46, 519 S. Dodge St. Apt. 3, was charged Monday with having an open container.
Charles Hiatt, 20, 3993 Lakeridge Ave., was charged Monday with public intoxication.
Kyle Hoffman, 20, was charged Sunday with fourth-degree theft.
Sara Keyes, 19, S228 Currier Hall, was charged Sunday with possession of alcohol under the legal age.
Joseph Martens, 27, West Des Moines, was charged Monday with operating while intoxicated, driving while barred, and interference with official acts.
Damon Owens, 24, 3168 N. Dubuque St., was charged Sunday with operating while intoxicated.
Justin Parker, 24, Davenport, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.
Joshua Peck-Voss, 27, 505 S. Van Buren St. Apt. 10, was charged Monday with operating while intoxicated.
Jason Slater, address unknown, 33, was charged Monday with having an open container in a vehicle, driving while barred, obstructing officers, possession of precursors, and aiding and abetting.
Nicholas Staub, 23, Bettendorf, was charged Sunday with simple assault and public intoxication.
Derrick Watson, 22, Burlington, was charged Sunday with operating while intoxicated.
Jian Zheng, 29, 908 Sandusky Drive, was charged Monday with operating while intoxicated.

STATE

Wedding off; assault charge on

WATERLOO (AP) — Authorities say a Leap Day wedding was called off because the groom was in jail for allegedly assaulting the bride-to-be.
According to police, William Joseph Heacock, 38, assaulted Rhaea Janelle Baity, 28, at their home on Feb. 28.

Baity went to a restaurant that night to decorate it for their wedding the next day, police said. She stayed later to have a drink with a friend.

When she returned home, Heacock was upset with her for staying out, police say.

He allegedly started pushing her around, picked her up and carried her to the basement, hit her with his fist in the chest and hand, bit her in the cheek, and would not let her leave the residence, police say.

She called police after he fell asleep.

Heacock allegedly admitted to all of the facts of the assault, except the biting, according to police records.

Heacock was arrested Sunday morning for aggravated domestic

assault. While he was being booked in the Black Hawk County jail, he asked to use the phone to call people to let them know the wedding was off.

Chief wants prosecutor pulled from case

NEVADA, Iowa (AP) — An attorney for the city's police chief, who faces a witness-tampering charge, wants Story County's top prosecutor off the case.

Mark See, 45, is charged in an investigation into allegations that he pointed a loaded shotgun at some of his officers last year. See is accused of trying to influence their statements about that alleged incident to state investigators.

See's attorney, William Kutmus of Des Moines, wants a judge to prevent County Attorney Stephen Holmes from prosecuting the police chief.

"Holmes has abused his position as chief law-enforcement officer of Story County by failing to recuse himself from the case," according to court documents filed on Feb. 26.

CITY

Deputy auditor enters plea bargain

A Johnson County deputy auditor charged with two counts of child endangerment and possession of a controlled substance pleaded guilty to lesser charges Feb. 27, and he will now pay a fine.

John Charles Deeth, 40, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct — a simple misdemeanor — after prosecutors offered to dismiss his charges if he entered the plea, his attorney, Leon Spies, said on Monday. He will now pay a \$150 fine within 60 days, Spies said.

"Mr. Deeth was obviously pleased that the case was concluded in a fashion that allowed him to continue in his personal and professional life," Spies said.

Deeth was charged in February 2003 after officers allegedly found a bag of cocaine on a dresser during a narcotics investigation at his 714 Brookside Drive home.

Deeth was arrested at his 418 Brown St. apartment, and court records show that although the drugs belonged to his wife, Laura Poisel, Deeth said he knew about her drug use but had to "look the other way" or be kicked out.

Deeth and Poisel also allegedly failed to properly medicate their 13-year-old adopted daughter, who suffers from a life-threatening illness. Poisel pleaded guilty to drug and child endangerment charges in October 2003.

— by Seung Min Kim

Sex offender relocates

Iowa City police reported Monday that a local sex offender has changed his address.

Justin Dean Bergman, 20, now living at 1339 Santa Fe Drive, was convicted of assault with intent to commit sexual abuse in Johnson County on March 20, 2003.

The Iowa Department of Public Safety and the Division of Criminal Investigation consider him a "moderate risk" to re-offend.

He was originally charged with third-degree sexual abuse and assault with intent to cause injury in December 2002 after he allegedly forced vaginal intercourse on a female. He pleaded guilty to the lesser charges of assault with intent to commit sexual abuse, third-degree criminal mischief, and third-degree harassment in March 2003.

Authorities warn that anyone who

takes action against Bergman, such as vandalizing his property, making oral or written threats against him, or physically assaulting him faces possible arrest and prosecution.

The Iowa Sex Offender Registry lists 15 sex offenders in Iowa City as "at risk" to re-offend.

— by Sarah Franklin

City may allow alcohol at downtown festivals

Nonprofit downtown festivals may serve alcohol this summer if the Iowa City City Council further approves changing an ordinance that previously expanded alcohol sales to City Park.

Councilors called for an ordinance that would permit alcohol sales in City Park to be more inclusive of other public events. The ordinance previously only allowed alcohol sales at the Riverside Theatre's Shakespeare Festival.

The Iowa City Art Festival and the Jazz Festival may be among outdoor events serving alcohol in contained areas if the ordinance passes three times, beginning at tonight's formal council meeting.

"It would be a big boom for our cultural things that draw big

crowds," Councilor Connie Champion said.

Councilors called for loosened alcohol regulation in parks, but they expressed hesitation by enacting the ordinance on a limited basis.

"I don't see why if people want to have a wedding reception at City Park they can't have some alcohol," Councilor Bob Elliott said. "I think this is modestly inclusive, and I can go along with that."

City Attorney Eleanor Dilkes said the council would have greater discretion on public alcohol vendors than it does over bars. Licensing approval could happen more often than annually to ensure "that the entity would be controlling space and controlling those who have access to the space," she said.

Councilors said alcohol is already being consumed in parks legally in beer tents during such events as RAGBRAI and illegally on holidays and weekends. They expressed concern that the ordinance would allow for alcohol sales in other public areas, such as conference rooms at the airport and water plant.

"If you do it responsibly, that's all we're asking," said Councilor Mike O'Donnell.

— by William Mikesell

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- Compensation provided.

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Kerry looks for Super KO

With the Democratic nomination at stake, Edwards realizes he needs to start winning primaries instead of merely exceeding expectations



BY JIM VANDEHEI AND JOHN F. HARRIS
WASHINGTON POST

DAYTON, Ohio — Sens. John F. Kerry, D-Mass., and John Edwards, D-N.C., barnstormed through crucial battlegrounds Monday, with Kerry looking to put a lock on the Democratic presidential nomination with an overwhelming show of strength in Super Tuesday's balloting in 10 states.

With more than half of the delegates needed to win the nomination at stake, Kerry was poised for a possible sweep, leading in polls everywhere. Edwards and his advisers consoled themselves with the knowledge that he has outperformed the polls with strong finishes in other primaries, but they were braced for bad news.

Kerry ignored Edwards in his speeches Monday, focusing his criticism on President Bush, but his travel schedule underscored a determination to knock his rival out of the race. Kerry campaigned in three states where Edwards has been looking for a possible upset: Ohio, Georgia, and Maryland.

Edwards said he plans to stay in the race regardless of today's results, but he acknowledged the reality that soon he must begin to win primaries, not simply exceed expectations. "At some point, I've got to start getting more delegates, or I'm not going to be the nominee," he said.

He hopes to stay alive long enough to move the race to four Southern contests March 9. But a bleak showing today will bring pressure from party leaders to stand down and let Kerry begin to unify the party, as well as conserve his limited resources for a general-election contest in which Bush will have far more money.

With supporters predicting he will win nine and perhaps all 10 states today, Kerry made last-minute appeals to a mostly black audience at Morgan State University in Baltimore and a mostly white audience at Ohio State University in Columbus, before finishing the day with a rally in Atlanta.

Kerry is strongly favored to win six states: the two biggest prizes of the day, California and New York, and New England states Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Vermont. He has not bothered to campaign in any of the four.

Kerry played it safe Monday by holding rallies instead of freewheeling town hall meetings and generally avoiding the national press. He criticized Bush on issues including health care, deficits, and strategy in the war on terrorism.

"This isn't going to be one of those mealy-mouthed campaigns where we just walk around the country and people can't tell the difference," Kerry said in Baltimore. "There is a better way to make America safe than this president has chosen."

Kerry's solution: Work with world leaders to internationalize the operation in Iraq and bring stability to that country.



Charles Krupa/Associated Press
Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. John Kerry gestures during a rally at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Md., on Monday.

"This isn't going to be one of those mealy-mouthed campaigns where we just walk around the country and people can't tell the difference. There is a better way to make America safe than this president has chosen."

— Presidential front-runner John Kerry

"You need to do the one thing better than this administration has done worse, which is cooperate" with other nations," he said a few hours later in Columbus.

Kerry echoed another JFK, John F. Kennedy, as he encouraged a historic shift away from America's dependence on foreign oil. Kerry told the students to "dream" of changing the nation's predominant energy source within two decades and "march" with him on civil rights.

But while he tried not to talk about Edwards, he used a local television interview in Georgia to take a swipe at his rival. Noting that Edwards has been in the Senate for just five years, Kerry said: "There is no showing that he has a stronger record than I do with respect to putting people back to work. ... I also believe I have the experience in foreign policy, national security, and military affairs, which is critical if we are going to prove to the nation that we Democrats know how to keep the country safe."

Edwards spent Monday in a sprint across Ohio. It is a state he has targeted as favorable ground, though no evidence has emerged

in polls that the extensive time spent here over the past two weeks will yield him a victory.

A morning appearance at the University of Toledo was followed by airport stops at Dayton and Cleveland. From there, Edwards flew to Georgia — another state in which he has campaigned aggressively — for an appearance in Macon with the rock band Hootie and the Blowfish.

Edwards' day at times had a desultory air. At Dayton, a large aircraft hangar felt decidedly drafty, as only 120 or so people gathered to hear him.

At the University of Toledo, he campaigned in the same student union in which Kerry had appeared last week. According to some in the audience who attended both events, Kerry drew a larger and more boisterous audience.

"More people believe Kerry's far enough ahead that nothing can stop him," said Kirby Wahl, a faculty member in the theater department. Wahl said he finds both men appealing potential nominees but plans to vote for Edwards to give him a boost when he needs it and keep the race alive.

Edwards told a Dayton television station he feels upbeat about Ohio. "I think in Ohio we are seeing enormous movement, a lot of energy," he said.

Edwards, who had a hoarse throat in the morning, raced through his stump speech. Instead of the usual 20- or 25-minute pep talk, he cut it to 13. He also bobbed a line or two — rare for a candidate famous for his polish.

Blacks line up behind Kerry

Black voters have overwhelmingly cast their votes for Kerry in primaries, citing his ability to beat Bush

BY VANESSA WILLIAMS
WASHINGTON POST

ATLANTA — In the heart of downtown Atlanta, only a sprinkling of blacks joined the dozens of supporters who filled an ornate room at the Georgia Capitol last week to hear North Carolina Sen. John Edwards. A few days earlier, Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry drew more than 1,000 to a lively town hall meeting in the city's Buckhead section, and except for the dozen or so black leaders who sat behind him on stage, the audience was mostly white.

But that does not mean that black voters such as Antonio Bolton are uninterested in today's Democratic presidential primary. Bolton, 40, a father of two who counts himself fortunate to have a well-paying job, said he is furious at President Bush, blaming him for running up the federal deficit and dragging the country into war with Iraq. He studied the Democratic candidates by watching televised debates, reading newspapers, and surfing the Internet. He has decided to vote for Kerry.

"He's the strongest Democratic candidate we have, and we need to get the Republicans out of there," said Bolton, who lives in the East

Point section of Atlanta.

With little prodding from the two major candidates, black voters have joined the Democratic Party's quest to take back the White House this year. Turnout among black voters in states that have held primaries is 10 to 20 percent higher than it was in 1992, the last time the party had a real contest for the nomination, according to the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a Washington-based liberal think tank.

Here in Georgia, a nonbinding referendum on the state flag — lawmakers are still trying to settle the long-running debate over whether the Confederate flag should be depicted in the Peach State's official banner — could bring out more black voters today. In the 2000 Democratic presidential primary, more than 40 percent of Georgia voters were blacks.

Edwards has targeted Georgia as one of the 10 Super Tuesday states that he hopes to win to keep his campaign alive. But with the exception of South Carolina, where Edwards was born and has posted his only first-place showing, black voters have overwhelmingly cast their ballots for Kerry, citing his experience and their belief that he can defeat Bush. Al Sharpton, the New York civil rights activist, has failed to recreate the large black participation that Jesse Jackson brought to the Democratic primaries in 1984 and 1988. Black voters say they appreciate Sharpton's candidacy, but they have no interest in using their votes to

make a statement — they want to oust Bush, and they think Kerry is their best shot.

In states where black voters are significantly represented, Kerry polled higher among black voters than among white voters. In Virginia, where blacks make up approximately a third of Democratic voters, Kerry got 46 percent of white voters and 61 percent of black voters. In South Carolina, where around half the electorate was black, Kerry ran only 3 percentage points behind Edwards' 37 percent share of the black vote, with Sharpton getting 17 percent.

"For black Democrats and white Democrats, their calculus is pretty much the same: They want to get rid of George W. Bush," said David Bositis, the senior political analyst at the Joint Center. "George W. Bush represents everything — war, violation of civil rights, tax cuts for the rich, and program cuts for everybody else. There's not one issue that really matters; it's the whole package."

If any single issue matters, exit polls have shown, it is the economy, which was the top issue for black voters in South Carolina, followed by health care. White voters expressed the same priorities. In Virginia, the economy again ranked first for black and white voters, with health care a close second among blacks; the war in Iraq was second for whites. The electability factor ranked higher for white voters, although it was among the top three traits that blacks sought in a candidate.

3 bodies found; relative charged

BY SHELIA HARDWELL BYRD
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YAZOO CITY, Miss. — The bodies of three family members who disappeared from their home on Valentine's Day were found in a wooded area of Mississippi on Monday, and a relative was charged with murder, authorities said.

District Attorney James Powell told the Associated Press late Monday that the bodies had been identified as Michael and Rebecca Hargon and their 4-year-old son. An autopsy was scheduled for late Monday night or today.

"It's awful. You deal with bad stuff all the time but rarely where the whole family was killed," Powell said.

Bill Hirtz, Rebecca Hargon's father, said the discovery of the bodies gave him a measure of solace. "At least I know where they were at," he said in a telephone interview Monday night.

The discovery of the remains and the charges against Earnest Lee Hargon capped an intense three-week search for clues in the case. Earnest Hargon, a 43-year-old truck driver, was arrested on unrelated drug charges Feb. 27, and authorities rushed to the search area in southern Mississippi on Monday morning.

Teams of law officers using portable lights searched

through scattered rain and into the evening hours for the bodies.

In a Yazoo County courthouse, approximately 100 miles away, Earnest Hargon heard the three capital murder charges read and was ordered held without bond.

He is a cousin of Michael Hargon, 27, who disappeared on Feb. 14 along with his 29-year-old wife and their son, James Patrick. Friends and relatives of the family, many visibly shaken, attended the brief court appearance.

Blood and spent bullet casings were discovered at the family's home in Yazoo County after their disappearance. Investigators have not found a .22-caliber weapon that apparently was fired in the house.

Powell said the slayings occurred during the kidnapping of one or more of Michael Hargon's family members. He said Earnest Hargon had acted alone.

"We've been saying all along since we've anticipated filing these charges that our case is rock solid," said Warren Strain, a spokesman for the Mississippi Highway Patrol.

Investigators have been checking a piece of land that Michael Hargon recently inherited from his uncle, Charles Hargon, to determine if it is linked to the disappearance, said Jennifer Hargon, Michael's sister.

Earnest Hargon, Charles Hargon's adopted son, was not included in the will, she said. Strain said the property is a consideration in the case but not necessarily a motive.

"It could be a potential motive, but it's not the only one," he said.

Family members at the hearing declined to discuss the deaths. Louis Fischer, Michael Hargon's first cousin, screamed a profanity at Earnest Hargon after being turned away from the crowded courtroom.

"It's been a long, emotional 17 or 18 days, and I let my emotions get the better of me," Fischer said later. "I promised my aunt [Michael Hargon's mother] that I wouldn't do that."

Minutes before law officers were to bring Hargon into the courtroom Monday, Strain announced a delay because of "profound new developments" in the county where the search is being conducted.

State troopers and deputies closed entrances to the land while helicopters and state Crime Lab trucks moved in to assist in the ground search. The property consists mostly of pine woods.

Intense searches of Hargon's home and 160 acres around it were carried out over the weekend by teams using horses, off-road vehicles, a helicopter and tracking dogs.

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NEWS

1000s of Haitians welcome rebels to capital

DEPOSED PRESIDENT ARISTIDE SAYS HE WAS FORCED OUT BY U.S. TROOPS

BY PAISLEY DODDS AND IAN JAMES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Rebels occupied the national police headquarters but kept away from the U.S.-guarded presidential palace after their convoy entered the capital Monday to the cheers of thousands celebrating the ouster of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Dozens of insurgents packing an eclectic array of weapons dating to World War II swarmed around a posh hotel where rebel leader Guy Philippe met with members of the political coalition that opposed Aristide. He was joined by rebel commander Louis-Jodel Chamblain, who is a former army death-squad leader and a convicted assassin.

With U.S. military forces on the ground and more on the way, Aristide contended that they forced him to leave Haiti and told him they would "start shooting and killing" if he refused, according to a telephone interview with the exiled president after he was flown aboard a contracted U.S.-government plane to the impoverished Central African Republic.

Aristide was put in contact with the Associated Press by the Rev. Jesse Jackson on Monday following a news conference in Atlanta, where the civil-rights

leader called on Congress to investigate Aristide's ouster.

U.S. officials called the allegation — repeated earlier by other U.S. critics who said they were called by Aristide — "nonsense" and "absurd."

Philippe said he planned to make preparations for the new president, former Supreme Court Chief Justice Boniface Alexandre, to assume office, as called for in the Constitution.

"We're just going to make sure the palace is clean for the president to come ... that there is no threat there," he said as his convoy of 70 rebels approached the capital.

But a half dozen U.S. Marines guarded the National Palace at the Champs de Mars plaza, and the rebels did not approach the facility. Philippe has said that he has no political aspirations but wants to reinstate the Haitian army, which ousted Aristide in 1991 and which Aristide disbanded in 1995.

In the capital, there were reports of reprisal killings of militant Aristide supporters accused of terrorizing people. An AP reporter saw four bodies at Carrefour, on the outskirts of the capital, three of them with hands tied behind their backs and shot in the head execution-style.

The fourth body was that of a man allegedly shot by police, said witness Charlie LaPlanche. "He ran out of the [police] pickup truck, and then it became a manhunt. He went into a house. They found him. And then they took him out and executed him," he said.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said U.S. forces "will have a lead role" initially in restoring order to Haiti following the three-week rebellion that swept



Haitian rebel leader Guy Philippe (center) is accompanied by rebel soldiers as they drive into Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Monday.

Aristide from power. The U.N. Security Council late Sunday approved the deployment of a multinational force to Haiti.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld estimated that between 1,500 and 2,000 U.S. troops would go to Haiti for a "relatively short period." They would participate in an interim force, which could include as many as 5,000 troops from several countries, that would stay until replaced by a U.N. peacekeeping force.

There were no clashes between the rebel force and the U.S. and French troops, who were establishing security at

diplomatic missions and other sites. Philippe earlier said he welcomed the peacekeepers. Powell said he did not want

certain rebel leaders to take any role in a new government. Philippe was an officer in the army when it repressed dissident politicians.

"Some of these individuals we would not want to see re-enter civil society in Haiti because of their past records, and this is something we will have to work through," Powell said.

Amnesty International called for international peacekeepers to arrest Chamblain and Jean-Pierre Baptiste, also a rebel, who escaped from jail after being convicted in the 1994 massacre of 15 Aristide supporters.

As Aristide spent his first day in exile, his home in the Port-au-Prince suburb of Tabarre was looted and trashed. Pictures, documents, and a grand piano were dragged out onto the courtyard of the three-story villa, then abandoned.

Family and school pictures lay among the disorder. Broken plates littered the area by the pool. Books strewn about included several written by Aristide and one about Marcus Garvey, a black nationalist leader from Jamaica.

Whatever the circumstances, Aristide's departure clearly rattled President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela, who has had a rocky relationship with the U.S. government.

AP reporters Mark Stevenson, Joseph B. Frazier, and Joseph Benamse contributed to this report.

Putin called Fradkov 'a good, strong administrator' who is 'familiar with the law-enforcement sector.'



Vladimir Suvorov, Gazeta/Associated Press Mikhail Fradkov, a little-known former trade minister, is seen during a news conference on Jan. 22, 2003.



Alexander Zemlianichenko/Associated Press Russian President Vladimir Putin heads the Cabinet meeting in Moscow on Monday. President Vladimir Putin surprised Kremlin watchers by announcing that Mikhail Fradkov would become the new prime minister.

Putin astonishes observers with prime-minister choice

BY PETER BAKER
WASHINGTON POST

MOSCOW — President Vladimir Putin pulled a second surprise in as many weeks Monday by naming an obscure former tax-police chief to be prime minister and to form a new government aimed at "fighting corruption."

Mikhail Fradkov, a career bureaucrat who currently serves as Russia's envoy to the European Commission, will return from Brussels to assemble a Cabinet for Putin's second term, which he is universally expected to win in a March 14 election. The State Duma, the lower parliamentary house controlled by Putin's allies, prepared to confirm Fradkov on Friday.

In making the appointment at a meeting of the outgoing Cabinet, Putin called Fradkov "a good, strong administrator" who is "familiar with the law-enforcement sector" from his days as head of the tax-inspection agency and as deputy national-security adviser. "Therefore, he has thorough experience in fighting corruption," Putin said.

The selection came less than a week after the president abruptly fired his long-serving prime minister, Mikhail Kasyanov, in the pre-election run-up with a promise that his replacement would clarify

Putin's intended course for Russia for the next few years. But instead of providing clarification, Fradkov's appointment only muddies the waters further because he has not been strongly associated with either of the main camps warring within the Kremlin: the pro-business reformers or the hard-line KGB and military veterans.

Fradkov appeared on nobody's public list of potential candidates in recent days, and he is a virtual unknown even to experienced political and economic figures in Moscow. A database search of Western and Russian news reports turned up not a single mention of his name in connection with any issue over the last three months. Even Fradkov seemed unprepared for the promotion — he was not even in Moscow for the announcement.

A 53-year-old survivor from the old Soviet government, Fradkov served in the 1990s as then-President Boris Yeltsin's foreign trade minister and then became head of the tax police under Putin in March 2001. He was ousted from that job last year when the department was dismantled and put under another agency's control. Putin then sent him to Brussels as his EU envoy.

Analysts tried to discern from his résumé which way he might lean. In post-Soviet Russia, the

tax police has been a widely feared organ often used as a political weapon, with masked gunmen swooping into the offices of targets who had angered powerful rivals. The government has cited tax evasion as a main reason behind its politically charged campaign against Yukos oil company and its imprisoned chief shareholder Mikhail Khodorkovsky.

On the other hand, as an English-speaking representative to Europe who oversaw trade, Fradkov has had more contact with the West than many other prospective candidates.

"We can only guess what the new government's economic policy will be," Nikolai Kharitonov, the Communist presidential candidate, told Interfax news agency. "It is rather difficult to make any predictions."

Other candidates concurred. "His nomination may be a signal for the West because he speaks English, but we have not received an answer to the question of what policy the new prime minister will hold," said Irina Khakamada, the most prominent pro-market reformist challenging Putin.

"It is a dull and faceless candidate," added Vladimir Zhirnovsky, the leader of an ultranationalist faction in the Duma who generally supports the Kremlin. "Fradkov has not shown his worth."

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Iraqi gov't up in air

BY JIM KRANE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Iraqi leaders must still decide on the form of a new government to take power June 30 despite approval of an interim Constitution at the end of a protracted and sometimes stormy debate, officials said Monday.

Members of the Iraqi Governing Council agreed to the interim document before dawn Monday — two days after the deadline. It establishes a bill of rights and cements compromises on the structure of a future presidency and the role of Islam.

The document calls for elections by Jan. 31, 2005, to create a legislature, with a goal of having women in at least a quarter of the seats. It does not say what kind of government will run the country from June 30, when the U.S.-led coalition hands over power, until Jan. 31.

Council member Adnan Pachachi said the form of the new administration will be included in an annex to the interim Constitution once agreement is reached.

The charter also leaves open the question of Kurdish autonomy after negotiators were unable to agree on that issue.

The new Constitution will be signed by top American administrator L. Paul Bremer and made public Wednesday after the Shiite Muslim religious holiday of Ashura, a coalition official said on the condition of anonymity. The charter will remain in effect until a permanent constitution is drafted and ratified next year.

With approval of the interim Constitution, the last remaining step is to decide how to consti-

'It was a very emotional moment. We established a bill of rights like no other in the region. It was quite a remarkable thing.'

—Salem Chalabi, representative from the Iraqi National Congress

tute a new government to take power from the U.S.-led occupation authority on June 30.

Council members and U.S. officials have been divided for weeks over a formula for putting together the government — and it appears likely the United Nations will have to intervene to help find a solution.

The American blueprint called for choosing a legislature through regional caucuses, but the plan fell apart after Shiite clerics called that method illegitimate and demanded a national election. A U.N. mission then judged that elections before June 30 are infeasible, leaving all sides looking for a new alternative.

The agreement on the Constitution came on the third night of marathon talks — two days after the deadline agreed to by the council and U.S. officials. When the deal was finally struck at 4:30 a.m. Monday, delegates gave a standing ovation.

"It was a very emotional moment," said Salem Chalabi, a representative from the Iraqi National Congress, told the Associated Press. "We established a bill of rights like no other in the region. It was

quite a remarkable thing" — even more so for being hammered out in the former Military Industry Ministry, a bulwark of Saddam Hussein's ousted regime.

"Compromises were made. Not all got what they wanted," he said. But "everybody was happy."

The charter has a 13-article bill of rights, including protections for free speech, religious expression, assembly, and due process and spells out the shape of an executive branch.

Under the terms of the document, Iraq will have a president with two deputies who would choose a prime minister and Cabinet. Chalabi said decisions by the presidents and deputies would have to be unanimous.

Council members refused to say, however, how the presidency and his deputies would be chosen — and it was not clear whether there had been agreement on that issue. Shiites have demanded that the president be a Shiite, with Kurd and Sunni vice presidents, but other council members have resisted Shiite attempts to dominate the executive.

One of the toughest issues was how to enshrine Islam in the charter.

U.S. officials and liberals on the council succeeded in ensuring Islam is "a source" of legislation out of many — as opposed to "the" principle source as conservatives had sought.

UISG hopefuls spar on financing

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referendum after sufficient research.

Aldeman's opponent, UISG presidential candidate Lindsay Schutte, said she would not advocate such a measure.

"If you want to do it, you will find the money," said Schutte, who said she pays all her own bills. "It's a little scary to look at the bills, but I'm good at managing my money."

The UI junior added that placing a spending cap on campaign finances would limit the possibilities for candidates to meet as many people as possible.

Schutte's campaign manager, UI senior Gillian Rosenberg, added that learning to manage

money during a campaign is an important part of learning how to manage funds while in office.

"This is the time to show that you can do that. You have to show you can balance everything," said Rosenberg, who learned about campaigning through working for Sen. John Kerry's presidential campaign.

This year's UISG candidates have been forced to step back from their regular jobs to focus on the election. Some students simply can't afford to do so, said Aldeman, the University Lecture Committee finance chairman, who called the last two weeks a "vacation from normal life."

"I have friends with good ideas, but they can't afford to take two weeks off of work because they're trapped between financial-aid status and having to pay for their

education," said Brittany Shoot, Aldeman's running mate.

Aldeman estimated that he has spent around \$1,000 on his campaign, purchasing T-shirts, stickers, condoms, and printing materials. His financing has come from a \$500 private donation, as well as his and his parents' checkbooks, the UI junior said. He refused to identify the source, but the Student Elections Board requires candidates to cite their donors in their campaign-finance records, due 48 hours after the election.

Schutte said she has funded much of the Giant Sloth campaign with her debit card, estimating that she has spent between \$800 and \$1,000 on supplies, including wristbands with her name on them, condoms, stickers, and T-shirts.

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Council ponders 2005 budget

COUNCIL

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eliminated," he said. "I would like for the council to say we'll do whatever it takes to put a fire station on the North Side."

Other projects in limbo, pending the availability of future financing include upgrading the

Dubuque Street and Foster Road intersection, improving Benton Hill Park, connecting existing trail systems, filling potholes, developing the Sand Road Recreation Area, and expanding recycling.

By slowing projects in their conceptual phase, the city can save money, said Councilor Dee Vanderhoef.

"The positive things are that we are keeping our debt limit and carry-over to keep our Triple-A bond rating," she said.

"Our real problem in the budget is the cap put on us compiled with the fact that the state has chosen not to change the rollback."

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Rising tuition lifts football-ticket cost

TICKETS

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Ohio State, and Wisconsin. The Iowa-Iowa State game on Sept. 11 will cost \$55 for the general public, the price set by both schools.

Bowlsby said none of the revenue from ticket sales will go toward the \$88.5 million Kin-

nick Stadium renovation set to take place the next two years. Funding for that is met by the sale of private boxes and club seating, he said.

Bowlsby admitted that he is worried the ticket-price increase could affect attendance, adding that raising prices is always a last resort.

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Hit hip-hop song a big hit for Polaroid

POLAROID

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broadcasting to attach their name to popular media, but product placements are a more recent outgrowth.

Companies first realized the benefit of such "product placement" in 1982, when Reese's Pieces were eaten by the orphan alien in *E.T. The Extraterrestrial*, one of the top-grossing movies of all time.

The Hershey Co., which paid nothing for the appearance, saw a 65-percent spike in sales of the candy.

Since then, companies have paid hundreds of thousands of dollars in some cases to get their products in movies and songs.

Apple Computer Inc. created a staff position to accomplish that sole purpose. Its computers have appeared in more than 1,500 television shows and movies.

The hit television series "Seinfeld" did wonders for an array of foods, from Snapple to Pez candy to Junior Mints, by incorporating the products into story lines. Snapple has a contract with a product-placement agency that searches out such opportunities.

"We've become reliant on it as part of our marketing mix," said Steve Jarmon, a Snapple spokesman.

The practice has become so frequent that the advocacy group Commercial Alert filed com-

plaints with the Federal Trade Commission and Federal Communications Commission last year to complain about the rising tide of subliminal advertising.

"It's inherently deceptive because people don't realize they're watching ads," said Gary Ruskin, the group's executive director. "They're basically turning television into an infomercial medium."

Emerging technologies, such as TiVo boxes that allow viewers to override commercials more easily, make product placement even more attractive.

"Advertisers are totally freaked out," said Sean Carton, the chief experience officer at Carton Donofrio Partners Inc., a Baltimore ad company. "Now you have the ability to skip the commercial, which is the worst-case scenario for advertisers."

Accidental placements, such as OutKast's Polaroid reference, are becoming less common because of the potential financial gains for doing it intentionally, but there are examples.

When rappers Run DMC sang about "My Adidas," the sneakers instantly gained popularity among inner-city youth. Busta Rhymes' hit collaboration with P. Diddy and Pharrell, "Pass the Courvoisier Part II," helped worldwide sales of the cognac jump 20 percent, according to the *Beverage Network*, a trade journal, even though Courvoisier paid nothing for the publicity.



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'All' does mean all, Iowa City

EMULATING SAN FRANCISCO'S RECENT EXAMPLE COULD ENHANCE IOWA CITY'S REPUTATION FOR TOLERANCE AND ACCEPTANCE

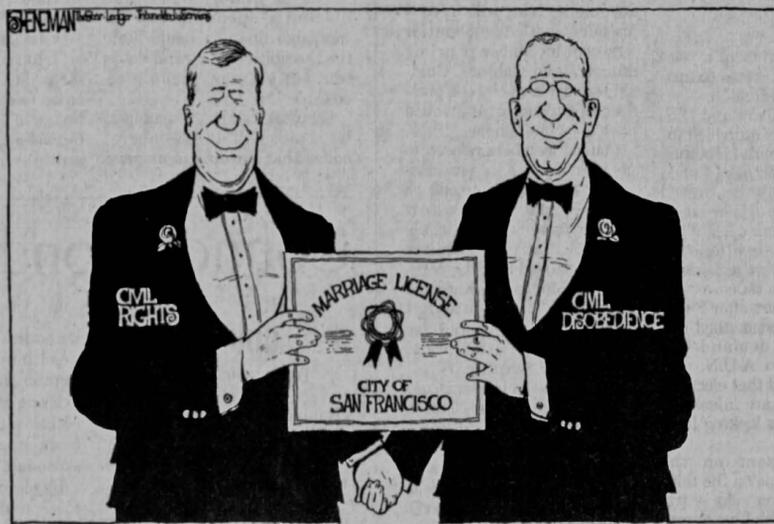
Iowa City was slightly reminiscent of San Francisco last week — and not because of cable cars or landmark bridges.

Nearly 40 same-sex couples rallied for equal rights under the law at the Johnson County Administration Building on Feb. 27, filing marriage licenses that were promptly denied because of an Iowa statute that defines marriage as being the union of a man and a woman.

OK, so maybe it wasn't quite the same scale as what's been happening in California recently. After all, approximately 3,500 licenses have been issued to gay and lesbian couples in San Francisco, publicly defying the law of a state that also requires marriages to be heterosexual. But what happened here just a few days ago is a step in the right direction. It's a sign of hope for the gay and lesbian community in Iowa City that this issue won't go unnoticed. And there's more to come: UI students will have the opportunity to participate in a rally at 6 p.m. today in Hubbard Park to protest a federal amendment banning gay marriages recently proposed by President Bush.

Mayor Ernie Lehman said the Iowa City City Council has not discussed the subject of same-sex marriages and will not take a position on it because it is an issue for the state, not the city. Johnson County Supervisor Pat Harney added that although the Feb. 27 rally was an appropriate way to make a statement, the licenses could not have been issued because to do so would be to violate Iowa's current law.

It is commendable that area officials are concerned with upholding the law, but the city and



county should take a more proactive stance on an issue that is continuing to develop social divisions in this country. Particularly in a community with a relatively large population of gay and lesbian residents compared with the rest of the state, local leaders need to do more to facilitate participation in this hot debate. If that means making allowance for a number of homosexual couples who wish to fight for equal rights in the face of a discriminatory law, it is the right move to make.

If there is any place in this state that can serve as a suitable battleground for gay rights, it is here. City and county officials should not take such a passive stance on a controversy that is growing right in our own backyard. This is a dispute over equal rights. Iowa City has the opportunity to enhance its reputation of being a place of tolerance and acceptance, and this can be accomplished by affirming the concept that marriage should not be an exclusively heterosexual privilege.

LETTERS

Vote Schutte-Shore in '04

Lindsay Schutte and Jason Shore are the only UI Student Government candidates who have consistently advocated a positive message for improving the UI. As proven leaders running on the proven record of the Giant Sloth Party, Schutte-Shore is committed to bringing fresh ideas to UISG, such as extending Campus hours until 2 a.m. all week to promote campus and downtown safety, fighting the 21-ordinance, creating a Landlord Evaluation Service to protect student tenants, posting a Professor Rating Program on ISIS, and creating a Textbook Reimbursement Program to combat rising book prices.

As the president of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, an executive-committee member for Dance Marathon and the 10,000 Hours show, and an employee working two jobs, Schutte has proven that she is capable of the leadership needed to be UISG president. Jason Shore is equally accomplished, having served this year as a resident assistant in Hillcrest and as a two-year UISG senator. They understand what it means to make ends meet as tuition increases. They know what it takes to lobby, being the only candidates to join UISG in its trip to Des Moines to lobby at the Statehouse.

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Democrats AND Greens. Schutte-Shore is committed to representing the voices of ALL students no matter their race, ethnicity, sex, party affiliation, or student background.

Schutte and Shore have risen above the inaccurate and misleading attacks waged upon them by their rival ticket and have continued to promote their positive message. Please join me in logging onto ISIS to vote today. Vote for honesty. Vote for integrity. Vote for inclusion. Vote to ensure that UISG is YOUR voice. Vote Schutte-Shore.

Nate Green
UI Student Government president

Avoid constitutional discrimination

In his Feb. 23 speech to the governors, President Bush stated that he supports "... a government that encourages ownership, and opportunity, and responsibility."

I am a citizen of the United States — I vote, I pay taxes, I teach Sunday school, and I am a lesbian. Yet my president, who by his own words claims to "stand for a culture of life in which every person counts and every person matters," would take away a right — a right I don't even yet have — to marry the person I choose. Where, then do I count, where do I matter if the Constitution is amended to say I can't marry? Why should I be denied all the benefits, legal and otherwise, that marriage affords?

Perhaps you agree with Bush; perhaps you think the

Constitution should be amended. Or maybe you feel as strongly as Rep. Dwayne Alons, R-Hull — that gays and lesbians are no different from polygamists or people who commit bestiality. I know many couples (gay and straight) who are pet owners; to my knowledge, none of them wish to wed their dog, cat, or ferret. Remember Prohibition? The last time the Constitution was used to take rights away? Had that plan worked, the phrase "tastes great, less filling" would probably bring to mind soy milk.

Regardless of your feelings about gays and lesbians, you must recognize that using the Constitution to limit rather than expand our rights is setting a dangerous precedent. What will we be asked to give up next?

Brenda Bruce
Iowa City resident

Bush's misplaced priorities

President Bush says "people," not the courts, need to resolve the issue of gay marriage. Funny, he had no problem with the courts, not the people, deciding the last presidential election.

Aren't there other ways to harass gays other than resorting to a constitutional amendment? How about simply burning crosses on the front lawns of any who dare marry?

The sole effect of this amendment is to put a legal stamp of approval on discrimination and homophobia. It won't strengthen any relationships. It won't

increase the number of heterosexual marriages nor prevent heterosexuals from divorcing. It won't reduce promiscuity.

Rather than getting involved in our bedrooms, Bush should get out of bed with Halliburton, Enron, the oil industry, and pharmaceutical companies. His marriage with these special interests has allowed them to run the government for their own financial benefit.

William Stosine
Iowa City resident

Aldeman a friend to int'l students

Confronting ignorance is one of the greatest challenges facing our community. Individuals who point out ignorance in other people or within university institutions are often accused of being negative. International students and other "minorities" regularly face an atmosphere of ignorance regarding their concerns. It's important for UI Student Government candidates to make a special effort to reach out to all students. This is especially true in light of the fact that our school is home to more than 2,100 international and 2,500 non-white students.

UISG presidential candidate Chad Aldeman has demonstrated that he understands the problems that face international students and minority groups, as well as students in general. We were happy to see him participate in — but not campaign during — last

week's anti-hate event. His proposals — creating an International Students' Senate position, allowing students to pay their U-bills in 10 installments; supporting Gov. Tom Vilsack's proposed budget increase for education, and lobbying for construction of sidewalks and watering facilities at the community gardens — directly address the needs of international students and other groups. Aldeman will work with the new international students' senator on the problems at Hawkeye Court and possible destruction of Hawkeye Drive and address international students' problems re-entering the United States. He also promises to use UISG to facilitate dialogue about international students' lack of protection under the law. We find Aldeman's courage to point out problems refreshing and necessary, not negative, and we believe that as president he'd reach out to every group of students on campus.

Elliott Campbell, Anjali Khosla, and Ethan Grundberg
UI students

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The passion of the building

THE GOOD NEWS is that Mel Gibson has come galloping to our salvation. The bad news is that Mel Gibson has come galloping to our salvation.

His *The Passion of the Christ*, which has outdone Janet Jackson's bare boob in terms of hype (man, we pay attention to important things, don't we?), has finally opened. The good news is that the Jews in the movie are not forced to wear big, yellow Stars of David. The bad news is the film is a gore fest, leaving one full of wrath rather than peace, love, and salvation. Well, it's Mel Gibson. *Road Warrior* meets the Gospels is to be expected.



BEAU ELLIOT

Probably he should have called it *BraveChrist*.

Returning to the real world, such as it is, the other good news is the White House has figured out a way to create manufacturing jobs. This is heartening, because under Dubya's economic miracle, 2.6 million of these jobs have been shed.

The cloud outside the silver lining is the manner in which the jobs would be created: According to the musings of the Cowboy in Chief's economic Einsteins, we simply reclassify flipping burgers from service-industry jobs to manufacturing because the fast-food burger flipper is "building" burgers.

Yeah, I know — priceless, isn't it? This posse we have running things is scaling heights of Newspeak that hard-core Stalinists never dreamed existed. Or as Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., says, "Will special sauce now be counted as a durable good?"

Of course, you could look at the bright side: Because of the Hindu relationship to cows, hamburger cook is one job that won't get outsourced to India. And if flipping burgers is a manufacturing job, then so is washing dishes, because the dishwasher is "building" stacks of clean platters. The same with computer-software geeks — they're "building" code. Teachers and researchers — they're "building" a storehouse of knowledge. Just look at all the manufacturing jobs we can create. Writers are now of some use to society — they're "building" sentences and paragraphs. Even economic advisers to the White House — they're fabricating jobs.

The bit about flipping burgers is in the same White House report that predicts the economy will add 2.6 million jobs by the end of the year. That works out to more than 200,000 a month; Dubyanomics has been struggling mightily (and generally failing) to add half that number. As Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry says, "I've got a feeling that this report was prepared by the same people who brought us the intelligence on Iraq."

And how is Iraq going? you say. It's going about as well as trading A-Rod to the Red Sox. The U.S. plan for building peace in Iraq (See? Another manufacturing job. They're all over the place, unlike Iraqi WMD.) is on its 145th version. But who's counting? A few weeks back, America quietly discarded its plan to export the Iowa caucuses to Iraq this summer, which is probably just as well. We Iowans have already caucused once this year; we didn't want to go to Iraq and do it all over again. For one thing, none of us could stand hearing Howard Dean and his going-ballistic screech again.

One thing about Dean, though — he was spot on when he said capturing Saddam would not make America any safer. Consider: In the four weeks after his capture, more U.S. troops were killed than in the four weeks prior.

There's a funny thing about Iraq: A sizable segment of the U.S. population believes we are somehow defending American freedoms over there. This despite the lack of any evidence that Saddam posed a threat to America.

The other funny thing is that these same people are more than willing to deny gays and lesbians the full rights and freedoms accorded to straight Americans. They are so willing — no, eager — to do this they want to amend the Constitution to include their bigotry. Chief among them is the Cowboy in Chief.

Some people really know how to defend freedom, don't they?

Building bigotry — that's a manufacturing job, isn't it? ■

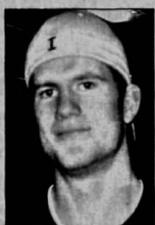
ON THE SPOT

Should gay couples have the right to get married?



"Sure, I think it's their right. They should be able to do what they want to do."

Emily Anderson
UI junior



"Yes, I think it comes down to equal rights for everyone."

Ian Lowe
UI junior



"I don't think so. Our perception about family is a man and a woman."

Atta Gebril
UI grad student



"No, I view marriage as something that should be sacred between a man and a woman."

Megan Ansley
UI junior

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Norah Jones

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Publicity photo

Norah Jones remains true to herself and not her sudden fame on her sophomore effort, *Feels Like Home*.

What's a girl to do when she goes from being an unknown to the so-called savior of the music industry? More of the same simple sweetness that got her there in the first place.

Being quite simply at home

BY DANNY KIMBALL
THE DAILY IOWAN

What can Norah Jones do now, after her 2001 debut album, *Come Away with Me*, sold 18 million copies, won eight Grammys, and transformed her from an unknown to what many call the savior of the music industry? And you thought your life was stressful.

You wouldn't know it by listening to her. She doesn't exactly sound like someone under a lot of pressure. On her follow-up album, *Feels Like Home*, Jones remains her mellow, laid-back self and sticks to the style that won her so much acclaim. At the center of her album are the smoky vocals and smooth piano that have garnered her so much attention.

She also returns with the same backup, the Handsome Band. Jones has shown she wishes to be a member of a band, not just through her commitment to the instrumentalists but also because most songs have been written in part, or entirely, by other band members.

This is important because this record's forte, as was with *Away*, is the elegant synthesis of divergent genres. The blend of blues, jazz, folk, and country the band plays effectively shows off Jones' voice and piano. While this sound may not be so unique as some have made it out to be, there are just not many musicians who do it as deftly today.



CD REVIEW
Norah Jones
Feels Like Home

There is something decidedly old-fashioned about Jones and her band, which is likely a big part of her widespread appeal.

While many critics have made much of this record not wandering far from the territory of the first, there is a slightly different sound here. There is a faint emphasis on the folksy country elements, compared with the frequent lounge-jazz-leaning tracks on *Away*.

The first single and opener, "Sunrise," immediately shows off the folksier tendency of this album. The creamy vocal harmonies and playful piano, along with the strolling bass and acoustic guitar, evoke the warm, summery feel that the lyrics suggest. The steady gait of the Tom Waits cover "The Long Way Home" and the captivating

vocals of "Carnival Town" also successfully employ the rustic mood. The best tracks here though, are the ones that rely on a blues foundation, such as "In the Morning" and "What Am I to You?" — both have clever lyrics, coy keyboards, soulful vocals, and a great blues guitar.

However, when Jones ventures too far into any one particular genre, she comes up short. For instance, "Creepin' In," a duet with Dolly Parton, is a straight-up country two-step that just sticks out.

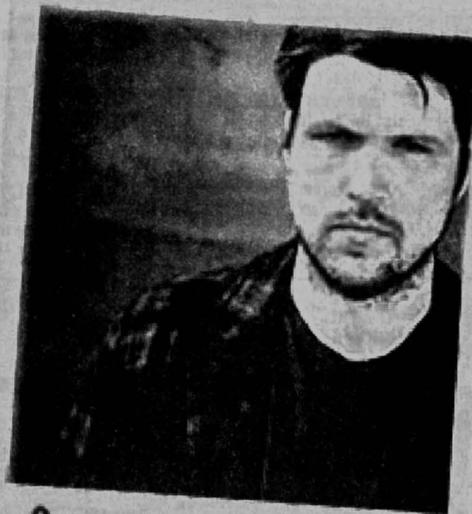
With this record, it is likely that people will continue to point to Jones as the savior of the music industry. However, her greatest strength, it seems, is that she knows she's not; this album would have been incalculably different if she did not know. As a result, she has ended up making an album just as simple and charming as the one recorded three years ago as an unknown pianist.

The most impressive element of *Home* is its surprising subtlety. Neither this album nor the first were exceptional — they are no extraordinary masterpieces. However, they aren't intended to be.

Somehow, she has managed to not believe in her own myth. She doesn't want to be the savior of the music industry. She is just trying to make well-crafted pop music. And at that, she has succeeded.

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Singing songs for the wounded



Richard Buckner

BY ALISSA VAN WINKLE
THE DAILY IOWAN

His lyrics are tangled emotions, stinging desolation, and honest passion — even his love songs end in loss as he takes us down the scabbed road he calls his own. Desperate, ominous, and fragile are only a few words that describe the powerfully authentic songs of Richard Buckner.

He's loud and solo — a burly man with some feedback that plugs into the rock/alternative-country sound, reminiscent of Uncle Tupelo and steering along the territory of Bruce Springsteen's *Nebraska*. With a

deep warble, Buckner's husky voice fills every syllable with emotional stowage.

He's from the mold of Lubbock, Texas, famed maverick Butch Hancock, to which Buckner is no stranger. Lloyd Mains produced Buckner's debut album, *Bloomed*, which carries the essence of Main's work throughout.

Buckner brings a reality through his lyrics too delicate and ambitious to be a product of Nashville's country scene. Fearlessly direct, this modest San Francisco soul is brazen in his performances, allowing himself to strip away his bits and pieces to reveal just how robust his defenseless songs are.

In 1994, he released *Bloomed* on indie label Dejadisc, followed in 1995 by *Unreleased* — a cassette-only collection he used as concert souvenirs in his early years. Since his second album and first album on major label MCA, *Devotion + Doubt*, his lyrics have given way to love's paranoia, ever mindful of past attempts and failures at life's most confusing sentiment. He released a self-titled album in 2000, but his most haunting album is *The Hill*, released in 2000 on Overcoat Records, where Buckner interprets lost souls with heartfelt intimacy. The album is based on Edgar Lee Masters' *Spoon River Anthology*, 244 epitaphs from fictional Spoon River, Ill., in which the dead relay details of their lives in poetry. Buckner's most recent album, *Impasse*, was recorded in 2002 in his home studio in Canada.

His words speak from the soul, and his voice carries it to the bitter end. He will play a solo performance today at Gabe's, 330 E. Washington St., with Ben Weaver. Door open at 9 p.m.; cover is \$8.

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calendar

- "The Ethics of Randomized Clinical Trials and Special Problems Presented by Placebo Controls," Robert Levine, Yale University School of Medicine, 8:30 a.m., E331 UIHC General Hospital.
- Physiology & Biophysics Seminar, "Oligomeric assembly of G protein-coupled receptors in receptor ontogeny and regulation," Michel Bouvier, University of Montreal, 9:30 a.m., 5-669 Bowen Science Building.
- "Standards for Ethical Conduct of Research Involving Human Subjects; Their Development in Response to Public Perceptions," Robert Levine, Yale University School of Medicine, 10:30 a.m., E331 UIHC General Hospital.
- Open Forum with President David Skorton, brown bag lunch, noon, 22 Nursing Building.
- Campus Activities Board musical event, Deidre McCalla, noon, IMU Wheelroom.
- Math/Physics Seminar, "Quantum Information Processing and Quantum Computing," Fernando Souza, mathematics, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall.
- Special Astrophysics/Space Physics Seminar, "The Infancy of Observational Cosmology at Gamma Ray Wavelengths," Olaf Reimer, Ruhr-Universität, Bochum, Germany; 1:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen Hall.
- "From Security Checks to SEVIS: How International Student Regulations Impact UI," 2 p.m., W401 Pappajohn Business Building.
- Operator Theory Seminar, "Graph C*-Algebras," Paul Muhly, mathematics, 2:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall.
- "P&D, a Reality Show with President Skorton and Dean Jones," 7 p.m. Main Library North Exhibition Lobby.
- Public Lecture, "The Romance of Violence in Western Culture," 7 p.m., 1505 Seamans Center.
- "Live from Prairie Lights," Brenda Hillman and Patricia Dienstrey, poetry and nonfiction, 8 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., and WSUI.

Little University

- 1 What rock star spent weeks in the back seat of a Plymouth Valiant after being evicted from his Olympia, Wash., apartment?
- 2 What Florida site attracted nearly half the world's shark attacks in 2001 — Flager Beach, New Smyrna Beach, or Wabasso?
- 3 What 1999 Keanu Reeves effort did *Shift* magazine anoint "geekdom's favorite movie"?
- 4 What brand-name object did Ted Martin spend nine hours kicking a record 63,326 times without a miss in 1997?
- 5 What jailed mobster saw his daughter skip the family business for a job at the *New York Post*?

1. Kurt Cobain
2. New Smyrna Beach
3. The Matrix
4. A Hefty Sack
5. John Gotti

Quote of the Day

It's now official. There is nobody left in New Zealand to thank.

— Billy Crystal, the Academy Awards show host, after *Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King* swept 11 Oscar categories on Sunday, including best picture and director.

happy birthday to ...

- March 2 — Ali Montag, 20
- March 2 — Karl Marker, 22
- March 2 — Kyle Marxen, 22
- March 2 — Jon Bon Jovi, 42
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- March 2 — Megan Roth, a.k.a. "balls", 21
- March 2 — Tawnia Cunningham, 21

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

news you need to know

Longfellow Elementary is having its annual carnival on Friday from 5-8 p.m. at the school. Walking tacos & pizza will be served before the games start at 5:30 p.m. All funds raised will be used by the PTA to purchase playground equipment. We want to thank the many businesses that donated goods for the raffle and silent auction.

For more information, please call Mary Ellen Hein, the PTA co-president, at 354-6548.

horoscopes

Tuesday, March 2, 2004 by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You must get your temper under control and show a little compassion toward your family, friends, and your lover. Minor mishaps will cause delays.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your involvement with groups or even just with friends will result in opportunities you least expect. Being proactive will be to your benefit, so don't be afraid to voice your opinions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your Gemini way of handling things and your fun approach to everything will pay off today. If you feel stifled or bored, you will fall behind in making your dreams come true.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will have difficulties dealing with personal matters. Let things out, and find out how others feel about you, as well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You are a big talker, but when it comes to making promises, you'd better be sure that you follow through. A poor reputation will follow if you aren't ready to stand behind your word.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may have some difficulty letting go of someone or something that is holding you back. Put your efforts into helping others, and you will bypass your own fears. You will meet new people and form new alliances.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You must watch your back. You will be doing superb work, and someone may be jealous of your accomplishments. Do what will help you get ahead, and don't worry about what others think.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your physical vitality should improve, allowing you the discipline to get into shape, quit a bad habit, or make personal changes. Romantic activity is evident and could come about quite suddenly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Property investments or home improvements will result in financial gains. Make some changes to your personal papers that will bring you the added security you need. Secret activity will bring you huge benefits.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Emotional matters may be brought to the surface. Interacting with people who can give you greater insight into your personal life will be beneficial.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have some very innovative ideas and, if you put them into play, you will get ahead in the material world. Jump at any chance you get to talk to a decision-maker.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will be charming and alluring and certainly have the magic touch when it comes to dealing with people today. Focus on being the best you can be, and romance is sure to follow.

THE LEDGE

SO, YOU'RE GOING TO AN EVENT AT HANCHER ...
By Jesse Ammerman

- Be sure to arrive at the parking lot no fewer than three hours before a show starts to secure premium tailgating spots.
- Make absolutely sure to bring a lighter, so you'll have something to wave during the show's more inspiring moments.
- Most people express their appreciation by clapping. But hey, the dog-bark thing works fine, too.
- Some say that these types of events enhance your "cultural" awareness. And here you were, thinking all those "Will & Grace" episodes would suffice ...
- While your topless tendencies certainly impressed the fans and band members at last summer's Poison concert, your breasts might not be as well received by the cellists on stage.
- Smoking is prohibited in the theater. What you're supposed to do with all that reefer, then, is something you'll have to think about.
- If you see somebody bringing small kids to an avant-garde musical set, contact local child-protection officials immediately.
- Hancher offers wide, elegant rows and unobstructed views, making it almost perfect for your next attempt to start the "wave."
- For some in the audience, this is their big opportunity to take in some scenery each week. Make it your big opportunity to take a shower this week.

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- 4 Gospel Explosion Ministry
- 5 Animal House
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- 5:45 Lies, Government Cover-up, Terrorism
- 6 Tom's Guitar Show Live
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- 7:30 Independent Media
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- 10 Lisa Bluder Press Conference

DILBERT

by Scott Adams

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YIPPEEE!!!
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BY WLEV

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

GOOD LORD... SEXUAL ASSAULT?

YES, AND SHE'S NOT THE FIRST WOMAN TO COME FORWARD.

AS ACTING COACH, I CAN'T IGNORE THIS. I'M THINKING OF SUSPENDING THE PROGRAM PENDING A FULL INQUIRY.

THE WHOLE FOOTBALL PROGRAM? FOR HOW LONG?

HOWEVER LONG IT TAKES, I KNOW IT SEEMS DRASTIC...

I'LL SAY. WHAT ABOUT THE NEW STADIUM?

WE CAN STILL USE IT FOR THE RENAISSANCE FAIR.

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0120

Note: The circled letters will show a "change in the weather."

- ACROSS**
- 1 Punching tool
 - 4 Minus
 - 8 Purity units
 - 14 "Quiet down!"
 - 15 Lie next to
 - 16 Supreme Egyptian god
 - 17 Summer weather phenomenon
 - 19 Deadlocks wearers
 - 20 With little effort
 - 21 Itinerary word
 - 23 Nervous twitches
 - 24 Like an old cigar
 - 25 Repel, as an attack
 - 27 25-Down, e.g.
 - 28 Within view
 - 30 Marina event
 - 35 Drum majors' props
 - 39 Basin accompanier
 - 40 Coeur d'Idaho
 - 42 Feminine suffix
 - 43 Amaz and Ball's studio
 - 45 Eat quickly
 - 47 Pick up
 - 49 Bering, e.g.: Abbr.
 - 50 Dark, heavy type
 - 53 A black key
 - 58 Colombian city
 - 59 Bruised item, maybe
 - 60 Automat, e.g.
 - 61 Ersatz gold
 - 63 Winter weather phenomenon
 - 65 Launderer, at times
 - 66 Sheriff Taylor's son
 - 67 Former New York City mayor
 - 68 Admits, with "up"
 - 69 Not very much
 - 70 Part of CBS: Abbr.
- DOWN**
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 - 18 Up to, briefly
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 - 28 Some prom night drivers
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 - 32 Loser to D.D.E.
 - 33 Lots and lots and lots
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 - 51 "Stand and Deliver" star
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 - 54 McHenry and Sumter: Abbr.
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Kobe Bryant

BRYANT CASE

Accuser's sexual past to be questioned

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — Kobe Bryant's defense team can ask the 19-year-old woman accusing the NBA star of rape detailed questions about her sexual past when she makes her first appearance in court, a judge ruled Monday.

The decision raises the likelihood of a long, emotionally wrenching day for the woman when she testifies behind closed doors today. It will be the first time she will be in the same room with Bryant since the alleged attack at a mountain resort last summer.

The defense subpoenaed the woman to testify, saying Bryant has a right to confront his accuser. The move prompted complaints from the prosecution and women's advocates that the defense is simply trying to "embarrass" and "humiliate" her.

State District Judge Terry Ruckriegle, however, rejected a prosecution bid to limit defense questioning as he determines whether the woman's sexual conduct is relevant to the case and can be used against her at trial.

BASKETBALL

Webber's school won't forfeit titles

BEVERLY HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Chris Webber's high school refused Monday to forfeit three state championship basketball titles he helped win, a day after the Michigan High School Athletic Association ruled he should not have been allowed to play because of his relationship with a former Michigan booster.



Webber

violated amateur eligibility

The Sacramento Kings star violated his amateur standing and was ineligible during the time he played at Detroit Country Day, the governing body said Sunday. The association had left it up to the school to decide whether to forfeit games in which Webber played, including three state championships.

COLLEGE FB

BCS agrees to add 5th bowl game

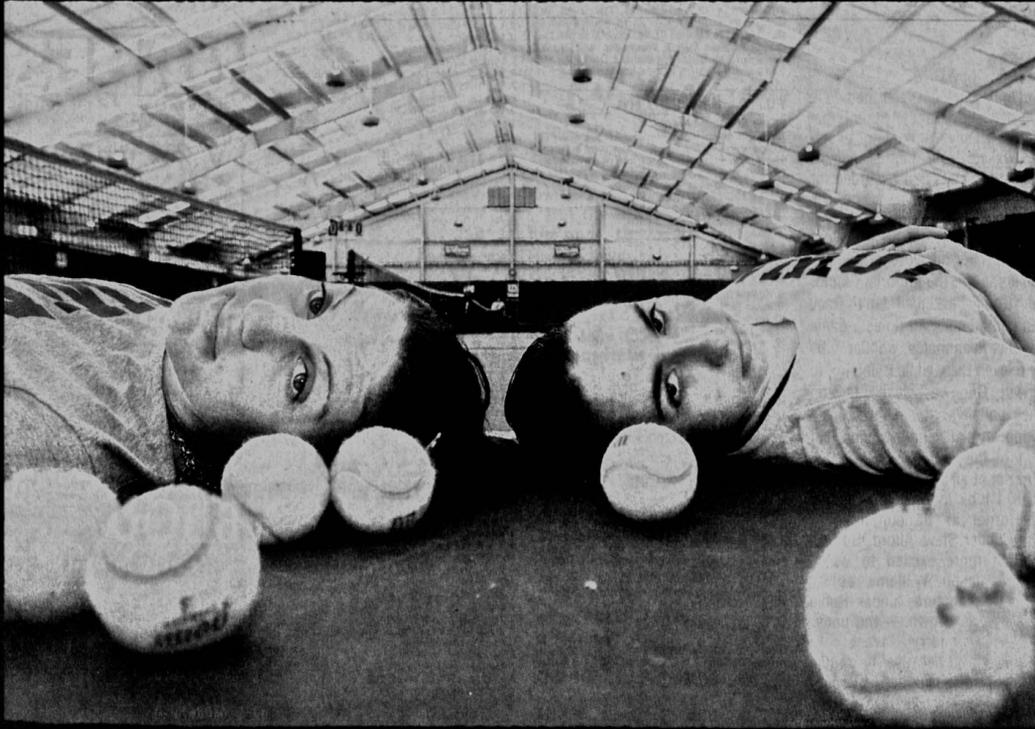
(Washington Post) — The rancorous dispute over which college football teams get to compete for the national title and share the postseason's financial spoils was put to rest Feb. 28 with a tentative agreement to add a fifth bowl to the Bowl Championship Series in the 2006 season.

It's unclear whether it will be an existing game — such as the Cotton or Capital One bowl — or a new creation entirely. But if market forces support its addition (a significant caveat), this fifth BCS bowl would assume the stature of the Fiesta, Orange, Rose, and Sugar bowls, boast the same payout (currently \$14 million), and join the annual rotation to host the national-title game.

The agreement, which was unveiled in a conference call Feb. 28, represents a huge victory for football-playing schools from the NCAA's mid-major conferences, who had been shut out of competing in the BCS bowls by rules devised by the six major conferences.

IOWA WOMEN'S TENNIS

Youth will be served



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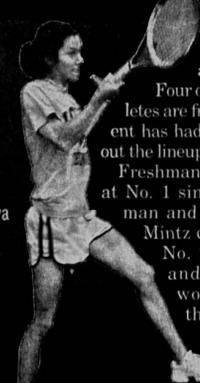
Iowa freshmen Megan Racette, left, and Hillary Mintz are the top doubles duo for the Hawkeyes with a 1-0 conference record.

Pair of Hawkeye freshmen are courting success

BY RYAN LONG • THE DAILY IOWAN

THE RACETTE FILE

HOMETOWN: Urbandale
BEFORE IOWA: Spent a semester at Texas; Was a four-time Iowa high-school singles champion
WEAPON OF CHOICE: Her backhand.



THE WOMEN'S tennis team members have had one theme on their minds all season: youth.

Four of the seven scholarship athletes are freshmen, and the young talent has had an instant effect throughout the lineup, starting at the top.

Freshman Megan Racette competes at No. 1 singles, while fellow freshman and doubles partner Hillary Mintz covers the baseline at the No. 2 spot. Friends both on and off the court, the two women have helped lead their team to a 1-0 Big Ten start and a 6-2 dual meet record, losing only to No. 5 Vanderbilt and No. 11 Clemson.

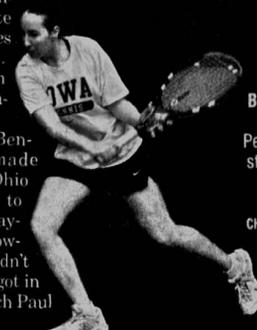
The solid start to the spring season is one that both Racette and Mintz have been anticipating over the past few months.

"After the fall, I thought we could be really good," Racette said. "Everyone's just improved a ton, and we're really young. There are two seniors, and the rest are pretty much freshmen and sophomores. We click, and so far, we've done pretty well."

Mintz agrees. "I think the moment that I knew that we could be really good was when we played Wisconsin and Northwestern [in the fall]," she said. "We had never played as a team before, and playing those teams that we beat was really fun. It gave us a preview of what was to come."

THE MINTZ FILE

HOMETOWN: Bensalem, Pa.
BEFORE IOWA: Two-time Pennsylvania state singles champion
WEAPON OF CHOICE: She's an all-court player.



Both were decorated high-school players; Mintz was a two-time state singles champion in Pennsylvania, and Racette was a four-time singles title holder in Iowa. But the two women came to Iowa on separate paths.

Mintz hails from Bensalem, Pa., and made recruiting visits to Ohio State and Minnesota to pursue her goal of playing Big Ten tennis. However, her recruiting didn't go as planned, so she got in contact with Iowa coach Paul Wardlaw.

"We talked on the phone a number of times, and he told me about the school," she said. "I came on a visit here and fell in love with the place."

Racette's story is quite different. Living near Des Moines, in Urbandale, she chose to leave the state to take a stab at Big 12 tennis at the University of Texas.

"I was there my first semester, and things didn't quite work out," she said. "I decided I wanted to be closer to home, and I really liked the atmosphere of being in the Big Ten."

Wardlaw has been the most impressed and somewhat surprised by his talented No. 1 doubles team.

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Alford, Hawks under a new kind of pressure

BY DONOVAN BURBA
THE DAILY IOWAN

Steve Alford has spent his five years as the Iowa men's basketball coach dealing with pressures of every variety, from replacing an Iowa legend to juggling star egos to dealing with players' legal and academic problems.

But this week he is under the heat lamp for a much more appealing reason: With one week to play, his team has a legitimate shot at earning an at-large bid for the NCAA Tournament. While selection committees and complicated mathematical formulas will ultimately decide his team's fate, he stressed that the Hawkeyes can't get caught up in the speculation.

"We just really try to focus in on the things that we have some



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan
Iowa's Steve Alford and Jeff Horner are trying to burst the NCAA Tournament bubble.

control over, and it seems like each year you get less and less control," Alford said on Monday.

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BIG TEN NOTEBOOK

Rand says, I'm a Hawk...for now

BY KELLY BEATON
THE DAILY IOWAN

Biding time on the bench gives a man a lot of time to think.

Ben Rand has had plenty of that of late. Perhaps too much.

The freshman guard has not seen the floor since Iowa lost at Michigan State Feb. 4 — a span of six games. Rand was held out of a clash with his home-state team, Illinois, on Feb. 25 because of a mild concussion he says he incurred when he caught an elbow in the nose from teammate Erek Hansen in a Feb. 21 practice.

Why hasn't Rand seen action in the other handful of games?



Rand
hasn't played since Feb. 4

Alford, who added that Spurgeon is not "uptight to make mistakes, because he's been there before."

"I feel like I'm getting better as a player," Rand said Monday. "I'm not 100 percent sure [about the lack of

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Big Ten women's hoops is Big Time



FRANK KLIPSCH

ASK ANYONE WHO was sitting in the Iowa pressroom following the last women's home basketball game of the season what it felt like to hear Jennie Lillis speak about the loss to Penn State, and the answers will probably sound something akin to the written description of jazz music, which is a stuttering, incomprehensible, and futile affair.

Huge emotions just don't translate well into words. What huge emotions do translate into is action, into poetry and art, or into fights and revolutions. And in the case of Lillis and the Hawkeyes, emotions translate into exciting basketball, which will be displayed all over the Big Ten Tournament, which starts Thursday in Indianapolis.

A good argument can be made for the merits of either college or NBA basketball (see today's point/counterpoint, for example). For those who argue for the college brand, the women's version might be the epitome of that argument. Players tend to be more humble, (probably) unencumbered by recruiting scandals and booster improprieties. And because there is less of a proliferation of professional basketball for women, more players at the college level accept that when the season ends — and for roughly half of the basketball players in the Big Ten, it will be in one week — so do their playing days. So while I plan to hear the "leave it all on the floor" cliché muttered ad nauseam over the next couple weeks, I'll know there's far more credence to the old coach's stand-by when it refers to the women's game.

On a national level, Big Ten women's basketball is tough. For the majority of the year, the conference was the toughest of all, with an RPI rating higher than any in the land. Although the Big 12 recently snuck into the top spot, the Big Ten still has six teams in the top 40 (the Hawkeyes' RPI is 37.) Five teams are ranked in the top 25.

The league's competitiveness is also expressed in the conference standings, where league champion Penn State (15-1, 23-4) is still ranked two spots behind runner-up Purdue. The fourth-ranked Boilermakers, lead by All-American Shereka Wright, also received two first-place votes. In addition, Minnesota is ranked no. 12 in the country and is sitting at sixth place in the conference, although part of that anomaly is because of star guard Lindsay Whalen missing the last month of the season with a broken hand.

This year's Big Ten bunch also features two of the conference's all-time leaders.

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SPORTS

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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Which is more fun to watch: college or the NBA?

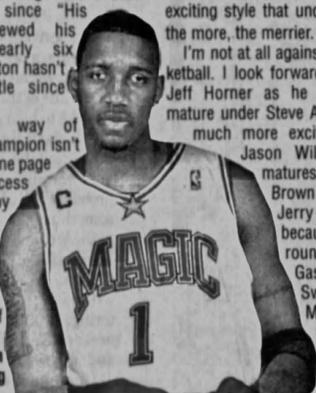
I'd rather cheer for the pride and pageantry of college hoops than for the traveling big men of the NBA.

The amount of fan support across the board in college basketball simply dominates the NBA. The No. 1 aspect of sports is that fans will always support winning teams and teams that traditionally display a winning style of play.

Now take the traditional powers in the NBA; I'll use the Bulls and Celtics as examples. Chicago hasn't seen the playoffs since "His Airness" renewed his retirement nearly six years ago.

The NBA's way of crowning a champion isn't even on the same page as the process conducted by the NCAA. I'll watch a lower level of talent over the egos of the pros any day of the week.

— by Ryan Long



IOWA SPORTS

Men and boys.

The difference between the two is why I have no hesitation stating that NBA basketball is far superior to college basketball. A human being's potential is tested and rewarded far more in the NBA than in college.

Ability is not the important factor here. Good basketball isn't Tracy McGrady shooting 40 times a game while his teammates wonder why they're even there while trying not to screw up.

I'm not at all against college basketball. I look forward to watching Jeff Horner as he continues to mature under Steve Alford. But I'm much more excited to watch Jason Williams as he matures under Hubie Brown — and under Jerry West — because he's surrounded by Pau Gasol, Stromille Swift, Mike Miller, and Shane Battier.

— by Frank Kilpsch

MEN'S TOP TWENTY FIVE

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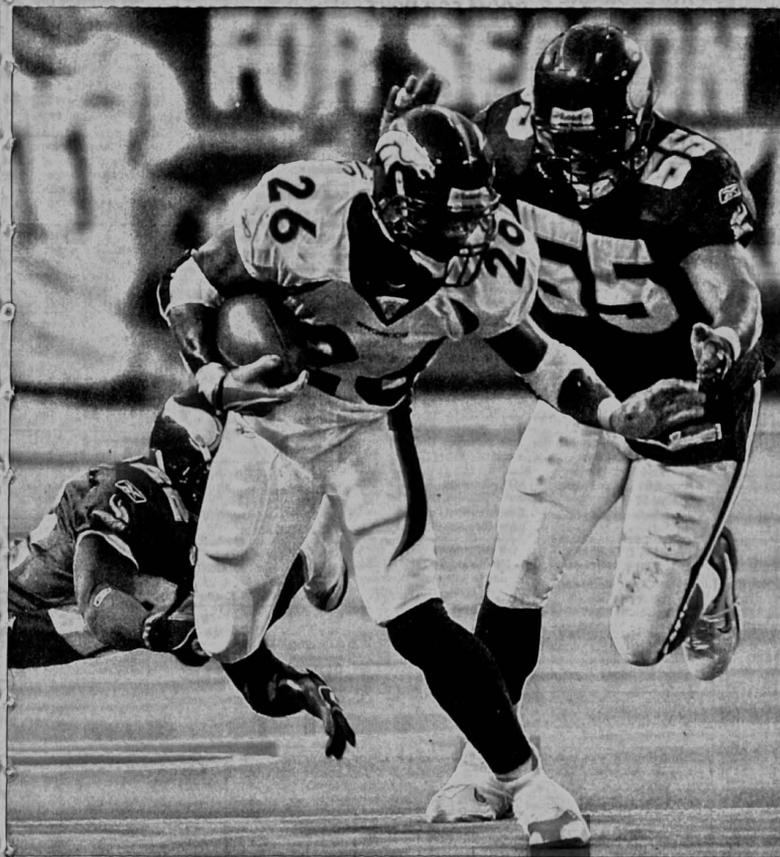
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Tom Olscheid/Associated Press

Denver Broncos running back Clinton Portis (26) breaks away from Minnesota Vikings defenders for yardage during the second quarter in this Oct. 19, 2003 game in Minneapolis. Portis agreed to an eight-year, \$50.5 million contract with the Washington Redskins on Monday, while Champ Bailey neared completion of a deal with the Denver Broncos the way for a Portis-for-Bailey trade later this week.

Portis agrees to deal with Redskins

BY DAVE GOLDBERG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

On a day other teams were figuring out ways to cut costs to get under the salary cap, the Washington Redskins — as usual — were spending money.

The Redskins agreed Monday to a \$50 million, eight-year deal with running back Clinton Portis, all but completing the trade that will send four-time Pro Bowl cornerback Champ Bailey and a second-round draft choice to Denver.

But that can't become official until Wednesday, the start of the free-agent season.

A lot of NFL players lost jobs, and others got new deals as teams prepared to get to the \$80.6 million cap. Another player got an early surprise: Carson Palmer was designated the starting quarterback by the Cincinnati Bengals even though he has yet to take an NFL snap.

"Drew Rosenhaus, Portis' agent, confirmed the deal for his client, who gained 1,591 yards

for the Broncos last season. The package includes \$17 million in bonuses.

Bailey was still working on a contract with the Broncos, but the sides appeared close.

"Everything is skating right along on schedule," said his agent, Jack Reale. "Things could be wrapped up quickly, maybe by tomorrow."

In Cincinnati, meanwhile, coach Marvin Lewis awarded the Bengals' quarterback job to Palmer, the 2002 Heisman winner and the No. 1 overall pick in last season's draft.

He will replace Jon Kitna, who was the NFL Comeback Player of the Year last season for keeping the Bengals in playoff contention until the final week of the season.

Lewis said the reason he made the announcement now was to get the other players prepared for the change.

"It puts the pressure on the rest of our football team," he said. "That's why right now is the time to do this. I want everybody to understand the responsibility

that comes to them."

Kitna, the only quarterback to take every snap for his team last season, said the team was essentially starting over.

"I thought offensively we were pretty good, and we'd really done some positive things and did some things that people said we couldn't do, both individually and as an offense," he said.

In other moves:

• Buffalo cut eight-time Pro Bowl guard Ruben Brown, who would have been due a \$1.8 million roster bonus. Team President Tom Donahoe said other factors figured into the release, although he did not specify them.

• Carolina re-signed wide receiver Steve Smith, who could have become a restricted free agent. Smith led the Panthers last season with 88 receptions for 1,110 yards, then had 19 catches for 424 yards and three touchdowns in the playoffs as Carolina made it to the Super Bowl. The Panthers also re-signed defensive lineman Al Wallace, a key reserve.

Wright hopes to salvage career

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Remember Jaret Wright?

You know, the guy who was only 21 when he started Game 7 of the World Series. The guy with the 95 mph fastball and the slider that buckled knees. The guy who could have been the next Roger Clemens.

Well, seven years and two operations later, Wright has a chance to get his star-crossed career back on track with the Atlanta Braves.

"It took a lot of work to get to this point," he said, sitting at his locker in the Braves' spring-training clubhouse. "I never thought once, 'What if this doesn't work out?' I just tried to stay focused every day."

Still just 28, Wright already has been through enough exhilarating highs and crushing lows to last a baseball lifetime.

But the Braves, who picked him up for the final month last season, believe his career is salvageable. Wright is getting a shot to make the starting rotation. If that doesn't work out, he might take a key setup role for John Smoltz in the bullpen.

"I told him with his stuff, he should be able to get out every right-handed hitter he faces," pitching coach Leo Mazzone said.

Sort of what many were saying seven years ago. After beginning the 1997 season in Double-A, Wright was in the Cleveland Indians' rotation by late June. Come October, with the season down to one game, he got the ball for the World Series finale against the Florida Marlins.

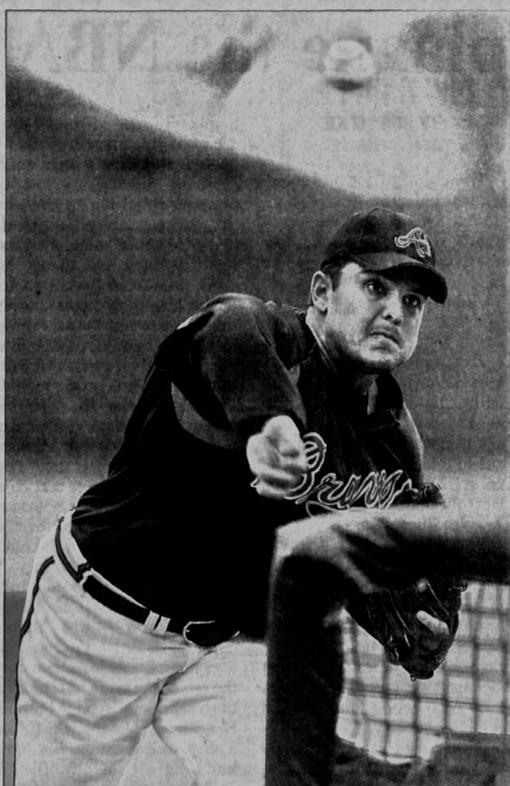
At that point, Wright already had a 3-0 record in the postseason, including the win that knocked the defending champion New York Yankees out of the playoffs.

The son of former big-league pitcher Clyde Wright wasn't all that nervous about going out for Game 7 in the World Series.

"It definitely came fast," Jaret Wright remembered. "I didn't really have a chance to slow stuff down and really enjoy what was going on. Of course, if I had tried to slow it down, I probably would have screwed up on the mound."

He sure didn't screw up Game 7, even though he was the second-youngest pitcher ever to start such an important contest.

Keeping his eyes firmly on his catcher — "You can have 100,000 in the stadium, but it only looks like 5,000 behind the plate" — Wright mowed down the Marlins through six shutout innings. The Indians



Scott Audette/Associated Press

Atlanta Braves pitcher Jaret Wright works from the mound during batting practice Feb. 27 at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

had a 2-0 lead and were just nine outs from their first Series championship since 1948.

But Bobby Bonilla homered in the seventh off Wright, the Cleveland bullpen squandered the lead in the ninth, and Edgar Renteria won it for the Marlins with an RBI single in the 11th.

The ending is still painful for Wright, who allowed just two hits in 6 1/3 innings.

"I've only seen it on tape once or twice," he said. "It was definitely tough. We were very close to being world champions."

If Wright thought that was tough, he was in for a rude awakening. After winning 12 games as a sophomore, the injuries began to pile up. He went on the disabled list twice in 1999. Shoulder surgery in 2000 was followed by another operation the next year. His career in Cleveland — once so promising — came to an end after his ERA soared to 15.71 in 2002.

"Right when I got hurt, I was going through the process from throwing to pitching," Wright said. "Once you make that transition, that's how you stay in the big leagues. You can't just throw

and get away with it. But all my focus was on the injuries instead of learning how to pitch."

After signing with San Diego, he appeared to hit rock bottom a year ago. He was a bad pitcher (1-4, 8.74 ERA) on a bad team, having totally fallen off the radar of most teams. But, when the Padres put him on waivers in August, a surprising team put in a claim.

He was in his hotel room when manager Bruce Bochy called with the news.

"He told me that Atlanta had claimed me off waivers," Wright said, breaking into a smile. "I thought he had called the wrong room."

He went from last place to a team that was cruising to its 12th-straight division title. The Braves were impressed with Wright's velocity and saw a glimmer of that hard-throwing rookie from '97. He took to the move right away, going 1-0 with a 2.00 ERA in 11 games to earn a spot on the postseason roster.

"There's nothing more you can ask for than going to a team in the last month that's going to the playoffs," he said. "It was amazing."

Witness was in room at time of shooting

SOMERVILLE, N.J. (AP) — A key prosecution witness in the manslaughter trial of Jayson Williams told jurors on Monday that the former NBA star attempted to transfer a slain driver's fingerprints to his shotgun moments after the fatal shot was fired.

Kent Culuko, a friend of Williams, said he was standing by the door of a bedroom and that Williams uttered an expletive moments before driver Costas "Gus" Christofi was killed with single shotgun blast.

Culuko said Williams ordered him to move the shotgun after "trying to lightly touch Gus' fingerprints to the gun."

His testimony was the first by someone present in Williams' bedroom since the trial started three weeks ago.

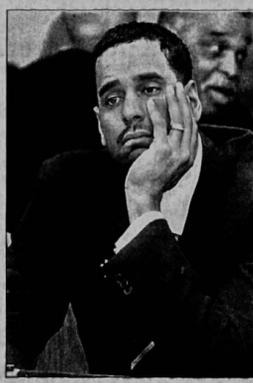
Williams, who played center for the New Jersey Nets, is accused of recklessly handling his shotgun and then attempting to make the shooting look like a suicide and persuading others to lie that they were downstairs when Christofi was shot in the early hours of Feb. 14, 2002.

Williams' defense maintains that the shooting was an accident, suggesting that he did not know Christofi had entered the room and that the weapon malfunctioned.

Defense lawyers are attempting to show that Culuko, not Williams, organized a failed cover-up, based on cross-examination of many of the prosecution's 20 witnesses to date.

Last week, two state troopers and two friends, including Culuko's brother, testified they heard Williams order his guests not to talk to police about the shooting until his lawyer arrived.

Three witnesses said they entered



Daniel Hulshizer/Associated Press

Former New Jersey Nets star Jayson Williams listens to testimony during his manslaughter trial at the Somerset County Courthouse in Somerville, N.J., Tuesday, Feb. 24. Williams is on trial for the shotgun killing of limousine driver Costas Christofi at Williams' estate in Alexandria Township, N.J., Feb. 14, 2002.

the bedroom after the shooting and saw Williams wiping down the shotgun, with two saying they saw him try to put it in the hands of the dying man. One of the three witnesses said they also saw Culuko wipe the shotgun, while another said they saw Culuko handle the shotgun.

Culuko, who pleaded guilty to evidence and witness tampering, faces probation under a deal with prosecutors.

Williams, 36, faces eight charges, including aggravated manslaughter and witness tampering, that could carry up to 55 years in prison. The least of the charges carries a penalty of up to 18 months in prison, but would likely result in probation.

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Authority issues plague the NBA

BY JIM LITKE
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Think you've got a problem with authority?

Well, this is how conflicted people around the NBA are about the officiating at the moment: On Sunday, Rasheed Wallace actually restrained someone else from going after a ref.

That someone was his coach, Larry Brown, who put the finishing touches on one of the most lawless stretches in memory by getting himself tossed out late in the first quarter of an eventual 100-83 win by his Detroit Pistons over the Los Angeles Clippers.

The details aren't worth recounting beyond the man-bites-dog angle that Wallace, one of the league's genuine match-heads, provided by stepping between Brown and referee Bill Spooner as a peacemaker. Then again, a lot of people in the NBA have been acting funny around the officials lately.

Orlando star Tracy McGrady kicked off ref-a-palooza in a game against Denver 10 days ago. Upset over a call, McGrady punted the basketball into the stands, and as soon as it was returned, punted it back into the crowd. That same night, Wizards coach Eddie Jordan

began ripping official Leon Wood right after the final buzzer and didn't stop until security guards intervened. Sensing rebellion in the air, Seattle's normally mild-mannered Ray Allen went off on the refs that night, too, though he saved his rant for the postgame.

The league responded with the usual wrist slaps, fining McGrady and Allen \$10,000 each and letting Jordan off with \$7,500. Fat lot of good that did. Two nights later, the Wizards' Jerry Stackhouse vented his frustration over a call by tossing a basketball into the stands, a heave that cost him \$5,000. But all those episodes did was set the stage for the Feb. 25 game between the Lakers and Nuggets at Denver.

With the Nuggets leading, 111-109, late in the game, a shot by Denver's Andre Miller appeared to brush the rim, and teammate Carmelo Anthony got the rebound. Before he could put the ball back up, referee Michael Henderson blew the whistle for a shot-clock violation. But after huddling with fellow officials Jack Nies and Jess Kersey, they decided to instead label the call an inadvertent whistle. The Lakers won the subsequent jump ball, and Kareem Rush hit the game-winning 3-pointer with 3.2 seconds left.

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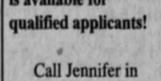
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For the season, Rand is averaging one point per game and has seen action in 16 contests.

The Rochelle, Ill., native was originally recruited by Northern Illinois, which is located in DeKalb, just 15 minutes from his home.

"Right now, I'm a Hawkeye," Rand said. "In terms of next year, we'll see ... Anybody who doesn't play, he's lying if he says he's not frustrated."

Hawks look to earn day of rest

Like a table full of 5-year-olds forced to close their eyes and ingest a helping of steamed carrots to earn a piece of pie à la mode, the Hawkeyes will go the four-day route in the Big Ten Tournament if need be, but they would like to avoid it all costs.

Iowa pulled off an unprecedented four-day run in claiming the 2001 conference tourney. This year's squad doesn't have the luxury of a deep bench like that group of Hawks had, however.

How important is it to land that first-round bye on March 11?

"We don't know ... we haven't had a first-round bye yet," Alford joked when posed the question during his weekly Big Ten conference call. "We only know how to do it the other way. Obviously, with only playing seven guys — and barely playing seven guys — I would think with rest and just being sharp and fresh through the entire weekend, playing three games would be a lot better than four. But, our focus right now is not on the Big Ten Tournament. We've got two very big road games, and if we don't take care of those two games, then we're obviously going to be playing on Thursday. If we take care of them, we'll be playing on Friday.

We kind of control that, even though we're going away from home."

Alford stumps for Pierce

On the eve of the UISG election across the Iowa River, Alford did his best Bill Bradley on Monday in endorsing a member of his cabinet for Big Ten postseason honors.

While throwing out such names as Bo Ryan and Tom Izzo for Coach of the Year, and Devin Harris for league Defensive Player of the Year honors, Alford threw a name nearer and dearer to his heart into the ring. The fifth-year Iowa coach said it would be hard to pinpoint particular players from his squad for postseason recognition for the most part, but he did make a pitch for Iowa guard Pierre Pierce in the battle for the league's top defensive award.

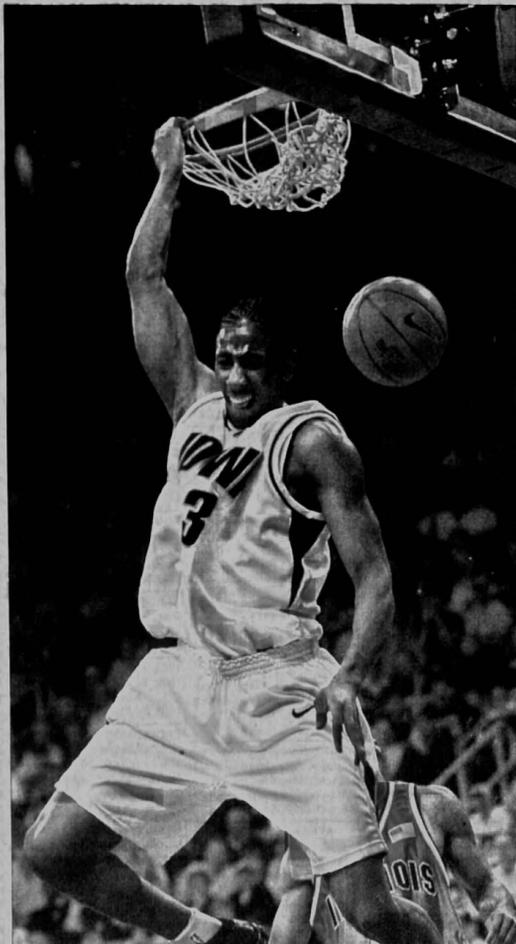
"I just really like what Pierre's done from a nonconference standpoint and what's he's done during the conference season. Not only has he been consistent offensively, but he's just really done a nice job night in and night out taking an opponent's best guard. And sometimes that's [Jan] Jagla from Penn State, who's 7 feet tall, it's a point guard, or it's a slashing guard. And he's just met the challenge time and time again for us."

Ministers of defense

Senior guard Brody Boyd and sophomore center Erik Hansen have their sights set on claiming conference crowns in a couple of individual defensive categories.

Heading into the final week of the regular season, Boyd leads the Big Ten in steals with 2.71 a game, while Hansen leads with 2.27 blocked shots per game.

The last Hawkeye to claim a conference title in thefts was Dean Oliver in 2001, while former Iowa center Acie Earl led the league in blocked shots in back-to-back campaigns in 1991 and 1992 and remains the school's all-time leader in the category with 365 career swats.



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan
Iowa guard Pierre Pierce slams the ball during the first half of a 78-59 loss to the Fighting Illini on Feb. 25.

Sweet seats

The Hawkeyes landed perhaps the best allotment of tickets for the Big Ten Tournament since its inception in 1998, according to the Sports Information Department. Iowa's

section will be located just behind the scorer's table in Indianapolis' Conseco Field House. Fans can call 1-800-IA-HAWKS for tickets.

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Tourney a must-see

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Kelly Mazzante from Penn State has scored more points than anyone else in conference history. Mazzante, just named the Big Ten Player of the Week for the 17th time in her career, has 2,795 points, 12th in all-time NCAA scoring. Erika Valek, her backcourt partner, is heading into the postseason tourney having started every game in her career.

The all-time leading rebounder in the conference will also be on display Thursday, although that is just one of many accomplishments for Illinois' Cindy Dallas. The sixth-year senior will finish her college career with two undergraduate majors,

in English and history, as well as a master's in educational-policy studies. She has also battled her way through three ACL surgeries and two arthroscopies.

The Hawkeyes just defeated Dallas' Illini squad Sunday in Champagne to close out the regular season. Following the game, Illinois head coach Theresa Greutz was asked to comment on her veteran. Rather than discussing Dallas' ability to get position beneath the boards or to read the opponent's defense, Greutz gave voice to why the women's game should be celebrated. She talked about Dallas' strong will, her commitment to a well-defined set of values, and her ability to lead, not just a team, but an entire community. It's easy to root for that.

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Iowa maintains grip on fourth place

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"But the things that we do have control over, that's got to be utmost in our minds."

Iowa (15-10, 8-6) sits alone in fourth place in the Big Ten with two games to play before the conference tournament, and the Hawkeyes do, for the most part, control their own destiny. If they beat Northwestern on Wednesday and Purdue on Saturday, they would finish with 10 conference wins, long a benchmark for a NCAA Tournament berth.

Although both games are on the road, Alford and his players defied conventional logic on Monday, saying going on the road can mentally be easier than playing at home, where wins are always expected.

The Hawkeyes looked tight in a critical Feb. 25 loss to Illinois at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, and they nearly blew a 19-point lead to Minnesota three days later before pulling away in the end.

Conference	W L PCT			All Games		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Mich. St	12	3	.800	17	9	.654
Illinois	11	3	.786	20	5	.800
Wisconsin	10	4	.714	19	6	.760
IOWA	8	6	.571	15	10	.600
Michigan	7	7	.500	16	9	.640
Purdue	7	7	.500	17	10	.630
Northwestern	7	7	.500	12	13	.480
Indiana	6	8	.429	12	13	.480
Ohio St	5	9	.357	13	14	.481
Penn St	3	11	.214	9	16	.360
Minnesota	2	13	.133	10	17	.370

"I think our team felt pressure last week. I think that's the first time all year that we really played with that pressure of, 'You're at home; you're supposed to win the home games.' You feel a lot of heat late in the year," Alford said. "Now, I think that pressure goes back to the home teams. We're on the road, we get away from home — hopefully, they can relax and play a little bit more loose than what we did last week."

Iowa opened the Big Ten season on Jan. 3 with a win

over Purdue at Carver, but dropped a home game to Northwestern three days later.

The importance of the coming week isn't lost on Hawkeye forward Greg Brunner. When asked if he thought the team played well on the road because it had nothing to lose, he replied, "We have everything to lose, in my opinion. If we lose these games, it's going to be hard for us to even get in [the NCAA field]. Maybe with one [loss], but definitely with two."

Alford, the man with the most to lose in the coming weeks, started the season on the hot seat after four-straight years without a winning record in the Big Ten. That dubious mark, along with the myriad recent off-court struggles that left Iowa's roster severely depleted, led some to speculate that this year may be Alford's last if the Hawkeyes don't make the Big Dance.

But the man at the center of the storm brushed off such rumors Monday, saying no coach is ever entirely comfortable or safe.

"I don't know of any coach anymore, with this business the way it is, that you don't always feel like your seat is either warm or hot," Alford said. "I think that's all part of the territory."

He pointed out that his Iowa teams have the best record (8-3) in the history of the Big Ten Tournament, including a tourney championship in 2001. The Hawkeyes advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament that year.

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Duo has set the tone for several key meets

TENNIS

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"We have a small squad, and the general energy has been positive and productive, and they've been a big part of that," he said. "I think they've adjusted well enough that they've been able to make an immediate impact."

The women's chemistry on the court has helped set the tone for a number of the Hawkeyes' meets, including victories over Marquette, Minnesota, and highly ranked Georgia Tech and Kansas State.

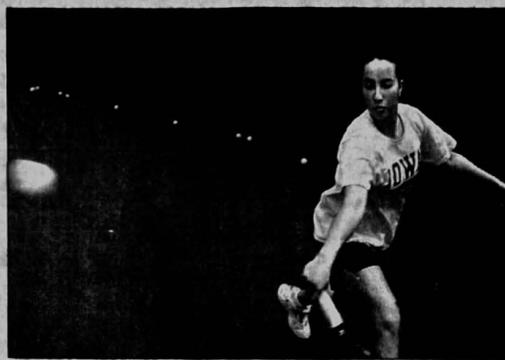
Racette said the manner in

which they feed off of each other helps them to control the tempo of a match.

"So far, we've been clicking, and everything's been working real well," she said. "We have a good sense of each other's play ability."

Mintz enjoys their teamwork as well.

"If I'm down, then she's going to pick me up, and if she's down, then I'm going to pick her up," she said. "We've beaten a couple of really good teams, and it's given us a lot of confidence. The chemistry it's just — I don't know, it's strange the way things work out. But, so far so good."



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan
Hillary Mintz, a freshman on the Iowa tennis team, works out in the UI Recreation Building. Mintz is the No. 2 singles player and half of the No. 1 doubles team.

Wardlaw also emphasized their commitment to the women's squad.

"I think they're both very hard workers who play and practice

with a lot of enthusiasm. You can tell they get a lot of enjoyment from being on the court and being on the team."

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