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Kerry returns to trail



BY JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS
BALTIMORE SUN

WASHINGTON — John Kerry returned to the campaign trail Thursday after a week of snowboarding and relaxing at his posh Idaho vacation home to face the daunting — and crucial — task of raising tens of millions of dollars to counter President Bush in a quickly intensifying presidential race.

Shuttling around Washington on the equivalent of a political victory lap, Kerry picked up the endorsement

of his one-time rival Howard Dean and a major public-sector union. He capped off the day with a Democratic “unity” dinner featuring former Presidents Carter and Clinton and former Vice President Al Gore.



Kerry
democratic candidate

At a rally in a sun-drenched courtyard at George Washington University, Kerry urged a crowd of students to get involved in the campaign, saying, “The change starts with you.”

“This is an election for a generation, if not a lifetime,” Kerry said, sharing the stage with Dean as he accepted his endorsement. “There is more at stake than I’ve seen at any time that I’ve been in public life.”

Later, the presumptive nominee told a hall full of supporters at the “Democrats United” dinner that he wants to elevate the tone of the campaign.

“America deserves better than a debate full of attacks and distortions,” Kerry said at the fund-raiser, which campaign officials estimated would rake in \$11 million, a Democratic record for direct donations at a single event.

Most of Kerry’s Democratic opponents attended the dinner, where he concluded his remarks by saying, “Now let’s go out there and win this election.”

Behind the scenes, Thursday’s events were driven by the need to finance a long race against Bush, who has amassed a campaign treasury of \$170 million.

Kerry is set to hit the money trail over the next month in events that will take him to 20 cities, with the goal of raising \$20 million by the first week in May. The campaign hopes to raise \$80 million by the end of July, when Democrats head to Boston for the convention.

“It would allow us to conduct the kind of competitive campaign we need to win,” said Michael Meehan, a Kerry spokesman.

The Kerry campaign is at a big cash disadvantage just as a TV advertising war with Bush escalates. While the Bush team has spent \$23 million on ads this month, Kerry has spent just \$4.5 million. But advertising by two well-funded independent groups that back Kerry, MoveOn.org and the Media Fund, are helping to narrow the gap.

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OPERATION DINNER OUT



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

UI biomedical engineering student Michelle Sukup inhales powdered doughnuts during an eating contest in the Seamans Center on Thursday afternoon. The event was part of the weeklong international MECCA (Mechanical, Electrical, Civil, Chemical/biochemical, All) engineering celebration. The three-event contest began with a Peeps-eating contest, in which contestants ate as many as 20 marshmallow birds coated in sugar, followed by the doughnut-eating contest and a pie-eating contest consisting of the only two participants who were still hungry.

Local Haitian watches latest turmoil warily

BY BRIAN SPANNAGEL
THE DAILY IOWAN

Regine Montes phoned her native country of Haiti on Thursday to speak with her father and learned that despite an American-backed council’s appointment of a new prime minister, gunfire still ravages his village, forcing him to stay locked inside his home most of the time.

The UI doctoral student’s parents are at the center of Haiti’s recent political crisis, which erupted in February. Montes worries about her parents living in the country, which has experienced more than 30 revolts since 1804. She is concerned the turmoil has set Haiti back, and she disputes American occupation as the solution, saying Haitians need to be sovereign.

“We are practically back to 1986 again,” Montes said. “I will be happy and surprised if Haiti can go from one election to another without all this trouble.”

Her father, Gesner Montes of Port-de-Paix — 100 miles



Nicholas Wynia/The Daily Iowan

UI music student Regine Montes and her daughter, Angelique, hold up the Haitian Declaration of Independence and a Haitian painting given to Angelique by her grandmother. They are from Port-au-Prince and have several family members who still live there.

from the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince — told her that a young boy who was struck by a stray bullet as he sought candles went without medical attention.

Montes, 27, speaks with her parents over the phone at least once a week now; at the

height of the crisis, they spoke every day.

“People I know in Haiti will not put themselves in trouble. They know what to do and will be OK,” she said.

Montes first came to the

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2 UI students watch horror erupt in Haiti

BY MARY BETH LARUE
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI students Lindsay Bland and Katie Finn ducked for cover with a dozen others as rebels terrorized Port-au-Prince, Haiti, last month and conflict erupted around them.

Their van swerved through gunfire and rioting, racing toward the U.S. Embassy as fast as the driver could go, the duo recalled in recent interviews. Roads and stoplights in the war-ravaged nation were nearly nonexistent, and when their group finally arrived at the embassy, U.S. authorities made them wait, then turned their Haitian driver away.

“We didn’t have any time to think about what was happening,” said Bland, a sophomore majoring in international studies and political science. “What

affected me the most was leaving the embassy and seeing the devastation. The van was completely silent for the whole ride.”

Bland and Finn had traveled to Haiti at the beginning of January to learn more about U.S. foreign policy in regard to AIDS education funding. They returned home with a new cause — saving the country.

“It’s incredibly frustrating being in Iowa because there is only so much I can do,” Bland said. “It has made me realize how much power I have as an American voter. We are failing with our foreign policy regarding the Haitian people.”

Bland and Finn were two of 15 students to visit Haiti on a trip offered by Global Justice, a national human-rights organization.

“The media have been showing

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UI student knows true meaning of pedal to the metal

BY J.K. PERRY
THE DAILY IOWAN

On any given race day, UI student Robbie Ray slides around corners of a quarter-mile dirt track at 75-80 miles per hour. He is pelted by rocks and dirt clods from the lead car as the engine of his 180-horsepower midget car screams under the pressure exerted by trying to pass the front-runner.

Some communications students use their degree to pursue journalism, others to land jobs in public relations. Ray wants to use his to one day

enter the ranks of NASCAR.

“I’m here at school to advance my racing career,” said the 21-year-old Davenport native. “It’s hard to balance it all and hard to tell the teacher that school is second.”

Faced with an ultimatum imposed by himself and his father, Mark Ray, Robbie Ray had to choose between a racing

career or college — a choice he couldn’t make.

His father said Robbie couldn’t expect to leave racing and return to find himself in the same position as when he left. But Ray recognized the effect a degree could have on his ability to function in the world of racing.

“He can use that degree to sell himself to potential sponsors,” said Eric Pethel, a friend and a United States Auto Club chief steward. “Not all young racers realize that.”

Ray began burning rubber



Ray
racer

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ONE FOR THE ROAD

UI student Robbie Ray motors this midget car, pursuing his NASCAR dreams



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Robbie Ray Career Highlights

- 2003 USAC Ford Focus Series Champion
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- 2000 Winged Three-Quarter Midget Association Champion
- 1999 WTQMA Rookie of the Year

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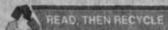
FRIENDLY CONFINES

The Hawkeye softballers look to snap five-game losing streak.
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BULLDOG ON TERROR

Guided by passion and outrage, Bob Kerrey is a force on the 9/11 panel.
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NEWS

City: Bridge project will be safe

BY ANNIE SHUPPY
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa City officials said they are taking precautions to ensure that there will be minimal risk of disturbing contaminants in a Superfund site during replacement of the Burlington Street bridge over Ralston Creek.

Reconstruction and widening of the bridge is slated to begin around May 17, and the work should be completed by Aug. 16. The construction — which is long "overdue," said Assistant City Attorney Andy Matthews — will close a portion of the street.

The construction will take place near the Iowa-Illinois Manor, 505 E. Burlington St.,

the former location of the Iowa City Gas Co., which produced coal gas on the site and contaminated it. The Iowa City Gas Co. was absorbed by Iowa-Illinois Gas & Electric, which was itself later absorbed by MidAmerican Energy Co.

Environmental Protection Agency tests of the ground and water surrounding the complex uncovered cyanide, benzene, and other carcinogens. However, the agency has said the pollutants pose no health risks to tenants.

Although city officials had planned on the bridge being completed at an earlier date, they had to delay the project in light of these "problematic" issues, Matthews said.

Because workers will use the bridge's existing foundation, he said, they will not have to do any intrusive drilling that could kick up the contaminants.

Workers will excavate along the sides of Burlington Street to construct storm water, water main, and sewer main facilities, which have been determined by the city to be problem-free, said Matthews. In addition, material in a holding tank underneath the apartment complex was removed and replaced with concrete earlier this year.

City Councilor Connie Champion said she is confident that the city will not disturb the contaminants. She has heard from residents of the site who are concerned the construction will contaminate the area, but

she reassured them they are not facing much danger.

"If anything does happen, we'll let them know," she said. "We don't keep secrets. They don't have much to be worried about."

UI junior Megan Evans, a resident of the Iowa-Illinois Manor, said she is not overly concerned the project will disturb the contaminants.

"Considering the city is doing it, and it has planned it out, it wouldn't do it if anyone's health was at risk," she said.

Matthews said that if anything suspicious is found, work will stop and MidAmerican, which has assumed responsibility for the site, will come in to take tests.

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De Witt man pleads not guilty to rape

A De Witt, Iowa, man who allegedly raped a woman in her Coralville apartment pleaded not guilty to third-degree sexual abuse, according to court records filed March 24.

James Nieman, 23, was charged with the Class C felony after he allegedly raped a woman who had invited him into her home. Nieman was arrested Feb. 18, three months after the incident allegedly took place.

Nieman, who was the woman's guest, allegedly forced her to the floor as she prepared him a place to sleep, according to court records. He removed her pajama bottoms and forced oral and vaginal sex on her, records state.

The charge is Nieman's first in

Johnson County; his statewide records show other charges such as driving while barred, operating while intoxicated, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

If convicted of third-degree sexual abuse, Nieman faces up to 10 years in prison and fines ranging from \$500 to \$10,000.

— by Seung Min Kim

Bank announces plans for Easy Place site

Iowa State Bank & Trust Co. has proposed a project to replace a local restaurant that burned down last summer.

Daniel Black, a vice president and the property manager of Iowa State Bank, submitted plans to the Iowa City City Council on March 18 to build a one-story, 1,500-square-foot

structure at 119 Iowa Ave. Easy Place Restaurant, housed in a 1,000-square-foot building on the site, was destroyed by a fire in August 2003.

Pending City Council approval of a tax exemption, construction is expected to start May 1, with completion slated for Aug. 1. A lease on the proposed building has not been signed, but project plans state it is likely that the future tenant would be a restaurant or bar.

The 2003 real-estate tax assessment for the property was \$124,950 on the land and \$58,550 on the structure,

for a total of \$183,500. Project plans stated an estimate of future assessment, structure, and land would place the total value at more than \$300,000.

The building's storefront would incorporate extensive use of glass, with added option of opening French-style doors and opening upper windows. The layout provides for an open space at the rear of the building, which could include parking and storage or outdoor seating. The budget for construction costs is \$192,000.

— by Annie Shuppy

CORRECTION

In the March 25 story, "UI students push officials on aid, loans," *The Daily Iowan* incorrectly named Jeremy Morrison as Sen. Tom Harkin's press secretary. Morrison actually works as press secretary for Rep. Jim Leach. The *DI* regrets the error.

POLICE BLOTTER

James Bach, 24, Sioux City, was charged Thursday with operating while intoxicated.

Nathan Cumpton, 21, 611 Clinton St. Apt. 1, was charged Thursday with operating while intoxicated.

Howard Dibbern, 39, 1417 Plum St., was charged Wednesday with domestic abuse.

Dale Doster, 51, address unknown, was charged Wednesday

with public intoxication.

Robert Elliot, 23, 2018 Taylor Drive, was charged Thursday with public intoxication, interference with official acts, and fifth-degree criminal mischief.

Donny Gilmer, 23, Coralville, was charged Thursday with driving while barred, obstruction, and operating while intoxicated.

Joseph Harris, 34, 803 E. College St. Apt. 4, was charged Thursday with

driving while revoked, operating while intoxicated, and possession of a schedule I controlled substance.

Joshua Hazen, 21, Coralville, was charged Thursday with operating while intoxicated.

Wade Johnson, 20, 504 S. Van Buren St. Apt. 6, was charged Thursday with interference with official acts.

Matthew Kennedy, 20, 4520 York

Place, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

John Rappe, 26, 3967 Taft Ave., was charged Thursday with operating while intoxicated.

Leonel Reyes, 20, East Moline, Ill., was charged Thursday with disorderly conduct.

Yamaki Shumpei, 30, 3967 Taft Ave., was charged Thursday with posses-

sion of a schedule I controlled substance.

Dana Taylor, 27, 2010 Davis St., was charged Wednesday with fifth-degree theft by check.

Ricardo Thomas, 20, 2520 Clearwater Court, was charged Wednesday with obstructing emergency communications and domestic abuse.

Lindsay Trenkamp, 20, 500 S. Linn St., was charged Wednesday with operating while intoxicated.

Daniel Wandling, 19, 5603 Daum, was charged Thursday with possession of marijuana.

Johnnie Washington, 28, 1958 Broadway Apt. C4, was charged Wednesday with fifth-degree theft by check.

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Muslims to hold 4th annual confab

BY LESLIE SHAFER
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa Muslim Students Association hopes to unify Muslims, educate non-Muslims, and help close cultural gaps this weekend during its conference "Islam: Unity of Diversity."

A variety of speakers, workshops, prayers, and teen programs will be featured in the IMU and the Pappajohn Business Building in what is expected to draw more than 300 people. Muslim student groups from colleges across the state planned the fourth-annual conference, the second to be held at the UI.

"This conference is to let all people learn about the religion of Islam from Muslims, not the media," said Karim Khan, the vice president of the Drake University Muslim Student Association. "Islam is not just a religion, it is a total way of life, and the conference will show that."

Islamic Conference Weekend Highlights

Friday

3 p.m. Conference check-in begins, Iowa House Lobby
6:30-6:45 p.m. Maghreb prayer, 256 IMU
7-7:15 p.m. Opening remarks, W10 Pappajohn Business Building
• Welcome by Iowa Muslim Student Association and Iowa City Mayor Ernie Lehman
8-9:30 p.m. "Unity of Muslims, Diversity of Thought," Siraj Wahhaj, W10 Pappajohn

Saturday

5:30-5:45 a.m. Fajr prayer, 217 Iowa House
10-10:45 a.m. Workshops
• "Overcoming Racism Through Islam," 347 IMU
• "Islam: Questions and Answers," Panel Discussion, 351 IMU
2-3:15 p.m. "Losing My Religion: A Call for Help," Dr. Jeffrey Lang, W10 Pappajohn
4-4:45 p.m. Workshops
• "How to Find Your Soul Mate the Islamic Way," 351 IMU
• "Unity of Scripture: Sacred Texts in Islam, Judaism, and Christianity," 341 IMU
7:15-8:45 p.m. "The Legacy of Mohammed Alexander Russell Webb: Creating an Islamic Identity in America," Dr. Umar Faruq Abd-Allah W10 Pappajohn

March 28

11:30-12:15 p.m. Workshops
• "Stereotypes and Media Bias," 347 IMU
• "The Struggle to Submit," 341 IMU
1-1:15 p.m. Depart for Mother Mosque of North America, Iowa House Lobby
3 p.m. Closing remarks, Mother Mosque of North America, Cedar Rapids

Source: www.iowamuslims.org

The event will also feature ongoing bazaar that will offer programs for children and an Islamic books, informative video

tapes, and cultural clothing from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Saturday in the IMU.

"Just walking through the IMU bazaar, non-Muslims will be able to get a feel of the Islamic religion and culture," said Amina Mahmood, a UI graduate student and member of the Association of Muslims in America.

Dr. Umar Faruq Abd-Allah, a Chicago teacher and Muslim activist, and Jeffrey Lang, a University of Kansas professor, will be two of the featured speakers. Abd-Allah's lecture, "The Legacy of Mohammed Alexander Russell Webb: Creating an Islamic Identity in America," will cover the life of the first American to convert to Islam.

Lang will speak about second-generation Muslims in "Losing My Religion: A Call for Help," aiming to explain the importance of Islamic assimilation into American culture.

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LOOKING FOR NET PROFIT



Jeff Cook, Quad-City Times/Associated Press
A commercial fisherman returns his net to the Mississippi River at Davenport on Thursday.

JC supervisors approve plan for development

BY CHRISTINA PREISS
THE DAILY IOWAN

Hoping to revive unincorporated towns and unused land around Iowa City, the Johnson County Board of Supervisors amended its land-use plan Thursday to help guide employers who are looking to relocate or develop in rural areas.

The plan's newly amended section, Economic and Community Development Policies for Unincorporated Areas of Johnson County, will provide such communities as Amish, Morse, Windham, and River Junction with a chance to be developed.

"As I look back at Johnson County, this is in the top-five accomplishments we've done in the past five years," Supervisor Terrence Neuzil said, noting that creating an economic-development plan has been a goal of the supervisors for more than four years.

County budget coordinator Jeff Horne said the plan outlines procedures for interested businesses and county involvement.

"We've never had a procedure for companies looking to develop [in Johnson County]," he said.

"It's been a long time coming, and I feel good about it."

If a potential business contacts the county, an ad-hoc work group will be formed to review what county land options are available, he said.

Horne also mentioned that the plan targets no specific types of businesses or employers. The county will "wait and keep an open mind," he said.

Several businesses have expressed interest in the target areas, but Joe Raso, the president of the Iowa City Development Group, said on March 22 he could not disclose any names for reasons of confidentiality.

However, he said, he was pleased with the supervisors' decision.

"It's positive from my standpoint that the county is taking this step," he said. "[The plan] offers some guidance and is a step in the right direction."

Neuzil and Supervisor Carol Thompson, Horne, Raso, and county assistant planner Dan Swartzendruber have served on the committee, exploring the plan, for more than two years.

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Iowa's 'C' in women's status creates move to find solutions

'This project can have a tremendous impact on our state.' — Regenia Bailey, Iowa Women's Foundation executive director

BY MARY BETH LARUE
THE DAILY IOWAN

Approximately 50 women and a handful of men brainstormed possible solutions to social and political inequities between the sexes Thursday in response to Iowa's disappointing grade in a recent report that examined quality of life of women in the state.

"This project can have a tremendous impact on our state," said Regenia Bailey, the executive director of the Iowa Women's Foundation. "We're using a gender lens to develop these goals, but we know that when women's and girls' lives improve, families and communities benefit."

The conference, sponsored by the Iowa Women's Foundation and the Iowa United Nations Association, included group discussions of health development, body image, media marketing, and sex equity in politics — issues raised with the October 2003 release of "The Status of Women in Iowa."

Compiled by the Institute of Women's Policy Research, the report gave the state a "C" after measuring women's progress in several statistical categories.

"This is a great opportunity to dream and envision," said Karen Kubby, the executive director of the Emma Goldman Clinic. "The group rules are if

money and politics didn't get in the way, what would the future for women look like?"

The Women's Foundation will incorporate the goals and measurements into an annual progress report to be released later this year and used as a tool for public education.

"Here we are able to put aside our ethnicity, eye shapes, structure, and think about issues that affect us as individuals," said Chivy Sok, a deputy director of the UI Center for Human Rights. "These events are to identify strategies to focus as individuals."

Bailey hopes the conference, along with the Status of Women in Iowa report, will inspire

change for future generations of Iowa women.

"We are doing this so a 5-year-old girl doesn't face the same obstacles we did growing up," she said. "She should have every opportunity and choice regarding how she lives her life."

"When she says she wants to be president, other students shouldn't laugh at her, but the teacher should ask, 'What is the next step?'"

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NEWS

Kerrey brings passion & outrage to 9/11 panel

'The bottom line for me is, it just pains me to have to say that on the 11th of September, 19 men and less than half a million dollars defeated every single defensive mechanism we had in place — utterly.'

— Bob Kerrey, former Nebraska senator

BY DAVID MONTGOMERY
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Brace yourself: The blunt queries, pointed observations, and stark declarations from the man on the right side of the dais come in staccato barks of rising volume — rising, rising — to a fortissimo of incredulity and horror in the hushed Senate hearing room.

"The bottom line for me is, it just pains me to have to say that on the 11th of September, 19 men and less than half a million dollars defeated every single defensive mechanism we had in place — utterly."

"It wasn't even a close call. They defeated everything we had in place on 11th September, with hardly, it seems to me, any doubt about their chance of success!"

Bob Kerrey is speaking in italics and exclamation points again. The former Democratic senator from Nebraska holds nothing back as a member of the 9/11 commission taking public testimony this week. He has a friendly face, he smiles like Tom Hanks, but don't get him started on how many times Al Qaeda got away with attacking U.S. interests in the eight years before 9/11 with little retaliation.

"What we have is a serial killer on our hands" — Osama bin Laden.

"We had a round in our chamber, and we didn't use it."

"Honestly, I don't understand if we're attacked and attacked and attacked and attacked, why we continue to send the FBI over like the Khobar Towers



Dennis Cook/Associated Press
9/11 commission members Bob Kerrey (left) and Slade Gorton talk on Tuesday before the start of the afternoon hearing of the panel, which is reviewing the 9/11 attacks.

was a crime scene or the East African Embassy bombings was a crime scene."

The witnesses — top officials of the Clinton and Bush administrations — take it like a breaking wave that briefly knocks them speechless. But family members of the 9/11 victims in the front rows break into applause after another display of Kerrey's passion. They trust him to get at the truth of what led up to the terrorist attacks and how future attacks might be prevented.

Not that the nine other commissioners on the panel — formally called the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States — haven't been asking tough questions. They, too, have expressed skepticism toward both administrations' efforts to meet terrorist threats. But the other nine are just a little more ... Socratic: Question-answer, call-and-response, and the truth will out.

That style seems just a little dry for the subject at hand. C'mon commissioners, tell us what you really think! The role Kerrey has adopted is to channel the outrage, pain, and astonishment that much of a smarting nation still feels about 9/11.

"I keep hearing the excuse we didn't have actionable intelligence," he tells former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. "Well, what the hell does that say to Al Qaeda? Basically, it knew — beginning in 1993, it seems to me — that

there was going to be limited, if any, use of military and that it was relatively free to do whatever it wanted."

Kerrey, a lean, boyish-looking 60 despite his cropped silver hair, is the president of New School University in New York. He decided not to run for a third term in the Senate in 2000 to take that job. The former Navy SEAL, who lost part of his right leg in combat in Vietnam, was known as a maverick in the Senate. In 2001, he acknowledged that his SEAL unit mistakenly killed women and children during a raid in 1969, but he denied ordering any such killings. The students at his university, which has a left-leaning tradition, protested in 2002 when he supported the war in Iraq.

The Democrat is bipartisan in his criticism. He manages to lodge his complaints without making it personal, and the witnesses — most of whom he praises for their overall service — don't seem to take it personally.

Sometimes he catches his breath after another riff on so many years of well-intentioned bungling and realizes he hasn't actually asked a question.

"You're — I guess there's no question here, it's just a declaratory," Kerrey says to CIA Director George Tenet.

"I've always learned how to listen to you, senator," Tenet says, and both men laugh.

Staff researcher Bobby Pratt contributed to this report.

receive visits or phone calls from relatives. Officials based the decision on a phone call from a woman who called the jail March 14, two days after the bodies were found.

"We were told [relatives] would request his permission to commit suicide," said Wes Merritt, a chief deputy in Fresno County's Counsel's Office.

At Thursday's hearing, Wesson did not look at four relatives who appeared in court.

The victims of the mass slaying included eight children ages 1 to 17, as well as Wesson's 25-year-old daughter, who also was the mother of one of the slain children,

police said. They were found piled one on top of another, entangled in clothes.

Wesson, who emerged from the house that day with blood on his clothes, could face the death penalty if convicted.

Split House passes budget bill

BY CHARLES BABINGTON
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — The House narrowly passed a \$2.4 trillion budget resolution Thursday that would make it tougher to increase spending — but less difficult to cut taxes — in the fiscal year that starts Oct. 1.

Republicans portrayed the measure, which passed 215-212, as a careful mix of spending hikes for the military and homeland defense, a spending cut or freeze in most other areas, and continued tax reductions to stimulate the economy. Democrats decried it as a package of poorly targeted tax cuts benefiting the wealthy and expanding the federal deficit while short-changing domestic programs such as education and job training.

The vote puts the House at odds with the Senate, which has voted to offset any new tax cuts with corresponding spending cuts or tax increases

elsewhere. Lawmakers will have to reconcile their differences in a conference committee, which could prove difficult. Some Senate aides said the gap might be unbreachable — Congress last failed to enact a budget resolution in 1998 — but House leaders Thursday predicted an eventual accord.

Budget resolutions are non-binding blueprints that help shape annual appropriations decisions, which Congress will start soon for fiscal 2005. Both parties say budget resolutions are important symbolically because they reflect a party's basic values.

The House-passed budget would reduce taxes by \$138 billion over five years, raise military spending next year by 7 percent, in addition to an expected extra \$50 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, devote \$369 billion to domestic programs, slightly less than President

Bush requested, and make an unspecified five-year, \$13 billion cut in entitlement programs, such as welfare and Medicaid.

Before passing the GOP-drafted budget resolution, the House defeated three Democratic alternatives offered by the Congressional Black Caucus, conservative "blue dogs," and the Democratic leadership. It also rejected an alternative by conservative Republicans calling for deeper spending cuts.

Much of the day's debate focused on whether to require future tax cuts to be offset by spending cuts or by corresponding increases in other taxes, a policy known as "pay as you go" or staying "revenue neutral." Despite pressure from Republican moderates, House leaders opted to exempt tax-cut extensions from pay-as-you-go rules. But the offset rules would apply to efforts to raise spending in entitlement programs.

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Man pleads not guilty in Fresno slayings

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — A man accused of killing nine of his children pleaded not guilty Thursday, and his attorney asked a judge to lift an order barring surviving relatives from visiting his client.

"He's still cloaked in a presumption of innocence," Marcus Wesson's attorney Peter Jones said after the hearing.

Judge Brant Bramer scheduled a March 30 hearing on the motion.

Wesson has been kept in isolation at the Fresno County Jail, unable to

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ARTS

Irked by censorship, Stern declares war on Bush

BY BOB BAKER
LOS ANGELES TIMES

For four weeks Howard Stern has been sounding like Lenny Bruce crossed with James Carville.

The sexually obsessed talk-show host, who reaches between 8 million and 9 million people a week, has been regularly interrupting the off-color juvenility of his show to rail against President Bush and urge listeners to vote for — and send money to — rival candidate Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass. Stern, who supported Bush effusively for his response to 9/11, including the invasion of Iraq, now dismisses the president as a tool of the religious right.

Stern's fans have listened to his marriage crumble. They've listened to his tales about visiting a psychiatrist. They've listened to him fall in love again. They've listened to him savor last night's lap dances and paddle the naked bottoms of beautiful women to the beat of rock songs. And now they're listening to him mock Bush as a draft dodger and a president of low intelligence. These daily diatribes fly seamlessly in and out of wacky, tasteless contests or interviews. On March 19, Stern put as much energy into condemning Vice President Dick Cheney's congressional voting record and youthful drunken-driving arrests as he did into belittling Courtney Love's bizarre onstage disrobing.

Bush, a onetime problem drinker who gave up alcohol, and Cheney are "out-of-control men who need Jesus to keep them in line," Stern said pugnaciously. "You know what, man? The Republicans are owned by the right. It's time to reject them summarily. Let's start with Bush. We're taking the biggest guy out first. Him and Cheney."

Stern has always been an angry man on the air, but his war — despite frequent Federal Communications Commission sanctions — was often an unfocused rant against hypocrisy. Ever since Clear Channel, which ran his show on six of its stations, canceled Stern on Feb. 23, contending he did not meet corporate standards, he has channeled his anger into hardball politics. His show is still heard on three dozen stations. Stern says he had begun blasting Bush days before and that Clear Channel was acting in the name of pro-Republican poli-



Ken Hively/LA Times

Facing increased censorship, notoriously raunchy radio talk-show host Howard Stern has become increasingly political in his commentary.

tics, not decency. (Clear Channel says Stern allowed a guest to utter a racial slur and will resume broadcasting his show when "we are assured that his show will conform to acceptable standards of responsible broadcasting.")

Stern also has long reveled in his ability to move his listeners. He endorsed two Republican gubernatorial candidates (Christine Todd Whitman in New Jersey, who reciprocated by naming a highway rest stop after him, and George Pataki in New York) and two presidential candidates (Democrats Bill Clinton, twice, and Al Gore.) He once gave some on-air thought to running for governor of New York as a Libertarian. On March 19, he boasted: "My fans are energizing, 18-to-25 [year-old] white males who sometimes vote, sometimes don't. They just need a cause, and their cause is me. ... They're the only people that you can swing. ... We, the Million Moron March, we will vote against Bush."

Just how much difference Stern can make is questionable.

Of 10 states with close races between Bush and Al Gore in 2000, Stern is not on the air in five: Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, and New Mexico. He has a strong presence in only two of the 10 states, Ohio and Nevada; in one of the most crucial states — Florida — he is now heard only in Fort Meyers. Clear Channel removed him from its Miami and Orlando stations, which means that angry Stern fans may rise politically in those cities or — no longer able to hear the show and his call to arms — make little difference.

Stern has vowed to quit radio if a bill to raise FCC fines for indecency is approved. (The House earlier this month passed the Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act; a similar bill is moving through the Senate.) Skeptics note that Stern has made the same kind of threat dozens of times in past, often in response to the way his flagship station, WXRK-FM in New York, bleeps out extreme sexual content.

"My head wants to explode with everything I'm angry

about," Stern said about an hour into the March 19 6-11 a.m. broadcast. "Then I get nervous I'm talking too much politics. I know what you guys want. ..."

And with that he introduced a snippet of sound by a champion gas-emitter, set to a sports anthem.

Then it was back to politics.

"Jimmy Kimmel made the best point of all," Stern said. "I'll be interested if this gets on [the air]. It's from the Oprah show."

He played a short bit of audio from Kimmel's ABC network talk show, in which Kimmel showed an explicit sexual conversation on Oprah Winfrey's TV show. A guest used a euphemism for an oral sex act that was quickly translated for a titillated audience.

Kimmel noted that on March 18, the FCC had proposed fining Infinity Broadcasting, which syndicates Stern, the maximum \$27,500 for a Stern show broadcast on WKRK-FM in Detroit three years ago. (The FCC received a complaint from a Detroit listener about a show that featured discussions about sexual techniques.)

Will the FCC go after Winfrey, "the filthiest broadcaster on American television?" Kimmel asked jokingly.

But, as Stern had predicted, his own audience didn't hear the definition of the euphemism; the censor at WXRK bleeped it as too graphic.

Stern begged Chiusano to let him play the snippet again, uncensored. His reasoning was that the FCC would never risk the backlash of fining Winfrey's show. ("Let them fine Oprah, the most successful black woman in this country.") So it would either have to lay off him in this case or risk appearing hypocritical. "Let me play it now."

Chiusano left to consult with a station attorney, saying he'd be

back in 10 minutes. Stern took phone calls. A guy name Mike, from Pittsburgh, one of the cities where Clear Channel booted Stern's show, called to say he was a registered Republican who would vote for Kerry. Stern began a litany of sins allegedly committed by Cheney — his votes on the environment, abortion. "He hides his gay daughter! ... The guy's a psychotic!"

The talk turned to whether Stern would actually campaign for Kerry. Would he give a speech? "If we do it at [fabled New York strip club] Scores, I'll do it," Stern said. That led to him and his producer, Gary Dell'Abate, discussing when to throw a party at Scores' new club on the West Side of Manhattan. Gradually, they returned to censorship. Stern told his listeners he was going to post a transcript of the

Winfrey discussion on his website, saying they should copy it and send it as a letter of protest to the FCC.

But Stern lost. And there was nothing left to do but continue to assail the president. ("You think Courtney Love is nuts? The president's 50 times crazier!") and to bring in the next guest: a man who believed he could answer more trivia questions than the sound-effects engineer, Fred Norris, and had brought along an 18-year-old stripper who promised to take all her clothes off if the guy lost. He lost. She walked out from behind a curtain nude. For a few moments, it was just like the old days.

"More fun and games on Monday," Stern said as the show ended, but he was talking about the upcoming action in Washington to raise FCC fines, not about strippers.



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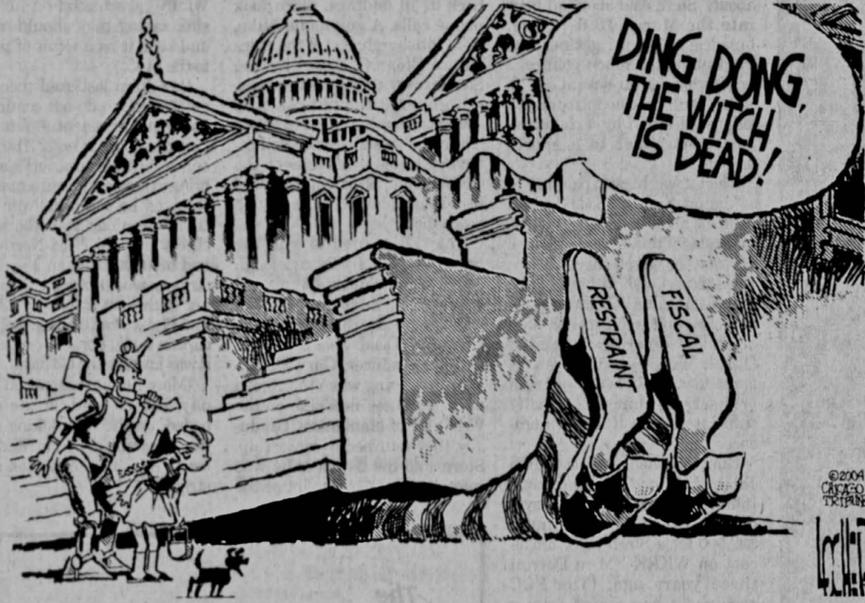
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More than a D.C. junket this time

UISG busts a move on a shoestring in the nation's capital

After coming under heavy fire for spending too much money on travel, UI Student Government's Giant Sloths made headlines in Washington, D.C. UISG President-elect Lindsay Schutte, current UISG President Nate Green, Vice President Mayrose Wegmann, and Graduate Student Senator Nick Klenske spent time on Capitol Hill. Last month, UISG presidential candidate Chad Aldeman criticized the sitting UISG administration and the Giant Sloth Party in general for carelessly spending funds during last month's UISG election campaign — pointing specifically to the annual trip to the nation's capital. This year, UISG took the criticism and advice by streamlining the political pilgrimage. By cutting costs and bringing higher education — although briefly — into the forefront of national politics, Green has given critics of the annual excursion little to complain about.

Because the student leader-liasons only returned Thursday, it's too early to total the cost of the trip. Green estimated the final cost at under \$5,000, significantly less than the \$8,000 price tag of last year's trip. Only four students went this year; eight went last year (although that raises the question: Why the cost wasn't cut in half).

Not only was the cost of the trip cut, but student government got more for its money than previous trips to Washington by taking incoming President Schutte. This gives the new president a chance to watch the lobbying process and make valuable contacts for the next year. In turn, she can show the next incoming president what she learned from the trip, how to lobby and maybe make changes to the process that could only be realized through making numerous trips.

Green expressed his amazement about the reception and attention he and his colleagues received on Capitol Hill, adding that he wished he had gone before he took office. Schutte's experiences from the trip will benefit student government and the university more than will Green's, because he leaves office in a week.

During their trip, the UISG leaders garnered support for a proposal to increase the maximum aid granted in student loans and also lobbied lawmakers for more funding for federal Pell Grants and work-study. While it's too early to predict the extent of UISG influence on national policy, its initiative alone is impressive, and using the trip as part of a transition to the next UISG administration makes it effective regardless of the eventual legislative outcome.

JUMP shots

Knowing when to shut up

Just when you thought athletics officials were finished making inappropriate comments about the Pierre Pierce case, UI Athletics Director Bob Bowlsby pipes up.

"I think it's probably accurate to say it would have been handled by everybody a little bit differently if he had been a white baseball player instead of a black basketball player," Bowlsby said.

OK. And maybe if Bowlsby were a Chinese janitor instead of a white athletics director, he wouldn't get paid so much to mishandle issues such as this one.

Bowlsby's logic is suspect: On the one hand, you have a woman's report, corroborated by medical records showing vaginal and anal tearing; on the other hand, everyone in town might be a racist basketball fan.

Bowlsby may be right on one account. If Pierce had played baseball (not a revenue sport, as basketball is), the athletics department might not have gone to such lengths to get him off the hook.

Hey, hey, they're morons

Two men have pleaded not guilty to charges stemming from the Jan. 31 incident that was investigated as a possible hate crime.

The only people who know exactly what happened are those involved. But what we all do know is that the incident started when one "grown" man approached two people and started making monkey noises at them.

We're not sure the monkey noises were racially motivated, but we are sure they were stupid. While we'll leave it up to the legal system to assign penalties for assault and battery, we do think the monkey noises warrant a mandatory "moron" sign.

Your turtle or your life!

On Tuesday, a man used an assault rifle to rob PetLand. Um, what?

We weren't sure what question to ask first. Why Pet Land? Did he steal cash or cocker spaniels? Why didn't he hold the place up with a swordfish?

Although the owners escaped the situation unharmed, they might be wise to uncage their Dobermans. Otherwise, someone could come and steal their dolphin, and Jim Carrey would ... no wait, that's *Ace Ventura*.

LETTERS

Deafness a disability ...

After reading the article "Living beyond hearing fine for some at UI" (*DI*, March 10) and subsequent letters, I feel obligated to share my perspective. I am profoundly deaf, and I use sign language and interpreters. I don't, however, consider myself to be part of the deaf culture and don't agree with the views the article promotes about deafness.

The article fails to note that there are deaf people who consider deafness to be a disability. Humans are born with the ability to hear, and hearing loss puts them at a constant disadvantage, unlike a hearing person who is "deaf" because he/she wears headphones.

The assertion by the deaf culture that the medical community is trying to "fix" them with cochlear implants is shortsighted. What they don't realize is that the medical community is trying to help them. I know from experience that being deaf has a lot of limitations. Giving a deaf person the chance to hear (to some degree) allows them the freedom enjoyed by the hearing.

Many people feel the need to immerse themselves in a particular

"culture," perhaps from a need to belong where they won't feel different. Cultures promote specific perceptions, both positive and negative, and too often they are biased. Stuart Wood (*DI*, March 22), a friend and colleague, was merely trying to make this point.

I wish *DI* reporter Mark Quiner had sought out varying opinions from other deaf people to give readers a balanced perspective. I realize that many people are unaware that not all deaf people support the views of the deaf culture. I urge readers to keep an open mind about deaf people and their experiences and thoughts as individuals.

Melissa Adamo
Health Care Information Systems

... or a way of life

I have been fortunate enough to take American Sign Language at the UI for the past year and a half, and I have learned many things about the deaf community.

I do not view deaf people as being disabled. They do have to purchase different items to assist them at home. They have phones that allow them to type back and forth to others, or they use a relay service to communicate

with others. They have vibrating pagers that allow them to stay in contact with others during the day. They have devices to let them know when it is time to get up, when the phone is ringing, when someone is at the door, and when the baby is crying.

I am a hearing person, and I also have such devices in my house. My phone has a ringer, my house has a door bell, I use an alarm clock to wake me up in the morning, and I use a cell phone. When my children were young, I had a baby monitor to let me know when they were awake if I was out of earshot from them.

Deaf people communicate by using signs, facial expressions, and their body. If you watch their body, face and signs, you can understand what they are saying to you. I really thought we had grown as a society, where people didn't think that everyone must conform to the majority population.

Diane Schmidke
UI senior

The facts about Bush

Though not an avid President Bush supporter myself (quite the opposite, in fact), I feel the need to speak

out against a notion that was brought to my attention in the March 24 letter "Fact of the Matter." Again, nothing would make me happier than to see Bush out of office, but like Rebecca Sheir, I, too, believe that arguing with the facts is the right way to go.

While it's true that Bush did have some questionable things to say about John Kerry's platform, his own accomplishments must not be overlooked and dismissed. Sheir says, "We've lost 2.4 million jobs since March 2001, and health-care costs have mushroomed by 49 percent since Bush took office."

This is not a fair accusation of the Bush administration. Simply looking at the numbers alone, any red-blooded American would be outraged at what that man has done to our economy. But like so many things, there is more to the story than cold statistics. Has everyone forgotten the terrorist attacks of 9/11?

And I direct this question at every well-meaning Bush pro- tester, not just Sheir, who wrote an overall good letter. When a great tragedy strikes the nation, it doesn't matter who is in office. A devastated economy

will follow. It's true that we've lost 2.4 million jobs, but there are few who could honestly blame Bush for the natural fluctuation of the economy in times of crisis. The same is true for the rise in health-care costs. What Bush is accentuating in his TV ads is the thousands of jobs that have been created since the great tragedy. These are fair statements, which he has every right to stand behind. I understand the displeasure with the way our president has handled many situations. But it is important to remember not to get carried away with misleading statistics and start blaming Bush for every problem our economy has faced in the last four years. It just isn't fair.

Molly Erickson
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A quick study of studying

Because of my recent undesirable test scores, I recently decided to hike over to the library to observe some of the top UI students at work to see how they conquer the task of studying. However, instead of finding role models, I discovered that even veteran studiers have the same problems I do.

The most common study syndrome I witnessed was the heroic I'll-Spend-Five-Hours-Tonight-at-the-Library. I have often attempted unsuccessfully to accomplish this feat. You've all seen it — these students are the ones that bring three full backpacks with them, containing food, study guides, laptops, and frequently, a small pillow or blanket. The five hours usually turns into about 20 minutes, when the student realizes that he or she forgot a necessary paper or remembers a TV show that he or she can just not miss that night. A small percentage of them last an hour or two, until they become so restless that studying is pointless. Scratching, sighing, annoying loud noises, and pen dropping are widespread symptoms.



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I also observed the I-Have-a-Highlighter-and-that-Makes-Me-a-Good-Reader syndrome. This involves a brightly colored highlighter and an impossible reading. I, like many other freshmen, have just recently been introduced to this unreliable method. The highlighting often starts out innocently, accenting just the important parts of a chapter, but soon evolves into a wild mess of uncertainty. The student can often not distinguish vital sentences from unnecessary ones, and soon, the entire page is covered in pink. Another type of highlighting disease is anal highlighter syndrome. This person spends more time making sure no white spaces are left between connected highlighted sequences than deciphering the actual meaning of the words. White-out use denotes an extreme case.

A close relative of the highlighter disease is the ambitious Notes-Will-Help-Me-Remember-This Stuff-Tomorrow procedure, in which a student takes careful notes on a chapter. This, too, often starts out fine, but the note-taker usually finds herself or himself six hours later on just the 15th page, with a third of the notebook filled.

Another popular practice is Eat-While-I-Study. This disorder occurs when the student naively thinks that eating and studying can go together. I'm sure for the good student, this routine is fine, but for the unstable learner, this can go awry all too quickly. Most people who are anal about their highlighting are often anal about other things, including food, and therefore will spend 10 minutes simply arranging their sandwiches the correct way.

Or, if they are quick about setup, they are normally slow and pay careful attention to the food rather than studying. By the time their meal is finished, they check their watches, clean up, and hurry to class without doing any homework at all. Students may also use snacks as incentives, or rewards, and find themselves inhaling six bags of M&Ms before a page has been turned.

After observing all of these too-familiar procedures, I realized these people probably suffered from the same non-public studying habits that I do, such as the old I'll-Just-Study-in-My-Bed trick. I know before I even climb onto my bed that I am going to fall asleep, but for some reason, the student in me thinks that I can resist the temptation to lay my head down. I usually last for 2.5 seconds before I pass out, only to awake four hours later with highlighter soaked onto my cheek and a panic attack on the horizon.

I'm also a big fan of the I'll-Study-in-the-Morning, which has become the bane of my existence in the past months. I study for a few minutes the night before, set my alarm for an ungodly hour, and hop into bed with the confidence that I will rise bright and early and morph into a studying state. However, this technique simply results in me hitting my snooze button several times, (my personal record is 21), and showing up for the class or test in a bad mood.

While identifying all of my problems hasn't changed anything, it has made me realize that even older, wiser students have these problems as well. And for that, I think I'll pull the I've-Earned-a-Study-Break maneuver. ■

ON THE SPOT

How many hours a week do you study?



"Probably 15 hours."

Mitch Monroe
UI senior



"Eight hours."

Aaron Bean
UI sophomore



"Fifteen? Fourteenish."

Melinda Burnell
UI sophomore



"I would say eight."

Katrina Sogaard
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Haitian in IC keeps in touch with home

MONTES

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United States in 1997 to study music at Brooklyn College, and in 2002 she came to the UI, where she is one of a handful of native Haitians. The Registrar's Office reports only one, but that does not include those who, like Montes, have become U.S. citizens. The Office of International Students reported that only 910

of 580,000 international students with a visa in the United States are from Haiti.

"In Haiti, going to the United States is a goal because of the political situation," Montes said. "I love my country, but there is more security here."

Montes says she vividly recalls the fears and struggles of living in Haiti during volatile political times, many of which her parents are still facing.

After the oppressive dictator-

ship of Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier fell in 1986, Haiti flirted with its first attempt at democracy under now-exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, beginning in 1991.

"Once democracy was introduced in Haiti, everything got worse," Montes said. "Lots of Haitians are not educated and don't know what democracy means. They thought they could do whatever they wanted. They thought they could go into your

house and rape you or assault you on the street."

She dreaded the "zenglendo," gangs that arbitrarily broke down doors to people's homes — hers in 1995 — and robbed them of money, jewels, and even appliances, Montes said.

She plans to return to Haiti at some point to open a music school in hopes of giving Haitian students a chance for higher education.

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NATION

Coast Guard rescue Cubans off Florida

LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, Fla. (AP) — The Coast Guard and beachgoers pulled three Cubans to safety from the treacherous surf Thursday after they were spotted bobbing offshore on rafts made of lashed-together inner tubes.

As many as five others were missing from a group that left Cuba for the Florida coast about three days earlier, said Deputy Fire Chief Mark Conn.

"The first man rescued said an hour before the rescue, he only knew of three that were alive," Conn said. "At least five had dropped off somewhere."

A Coast Guard diver rescued one of the Cubans, a woman, from a black inner tube connected to three other tubes with white sheets. She was later hoisted into a helicopter. The two other Cubans, both men, were pulled to shore by people on the beach who were among a crowd of about 100 onlookers.

Students watch Haiti come unglued

STUDENTS

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skewed celebratory reactions by the Haitians," Finn said.

"The people with guns aren't necessarily holding them because they want to — many are fearing for their lives."

The difference between watching the violence on television and seeing it firsthand personifies the experiences of students abroad, said Janis Perkins, the director of the UI Office for Study Abroad.

"You can't learn anything without experiencing it," she said. "You can study a country,

you can study a language, you can study a country's health-care system or even its artwork, but without the opportunity to see the country, you simply can't understand it."

Since ex-President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's election in 2000, the country has been sharply divided over his policies. In February, 300 armed rebels took over the country.

"A democracy has literally just fallen off our shores," Bland said.

"These are the same military rebels who did this in the early '90s until the United States stepped in.

"The point of the matter is

simple: There was a democracy, now there isn't."

Although thousands of miles separate Iowans and Haitians, the students suggest bridging the gap by writing to a member of Congress or writing a letter to an editor to encourage U.S. intervention in Haiti. The women also plan to hold a teach-in day in mid-April.

"It's easy for students to pick a cause and work for it, but it's hard to work for it if you don't know who you are working for," Bland said.

"Traveling to Haiti put a face on what we are fighting for."

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Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan
Katie Finn and Lindsay Bland peruse Haiti updates in a newspaper at the Java House on Thursday.

UI student looks to future in NASCAR

RACER

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at the age of 9, racing go-karts competitively. At 13, he came down with an ear infection and a fever of 104 leading up to a race. The doctor gave him a prescription, some Tylenol, and then Robbie asked if he could race. The doctor left it up to his father, who gave the go-ahead.

"If I remember, he didn't win but took second," his father said. "I know what his life was all about because that was what my life was about when I was that age."

Ray moved into the inaugural USAC Midwest Ford Focus Midget Series in 2003, finishing the season with a

commanding lead in points.

"Robbie could have stayed home the last two nights and the guy in second could have won, but Robbie still would have won [the championship]," Mark Ray said.

Looking out the window from his vantage point in Bruegger's Bagel Bakery, 225 Iowa Ave., Ray explained just how fast the cars are. His machine has topped out at 95 mph on a straightaway of a one-third-mile track.

For those who don't think auto racing is a sport, imagine burning asphalt and tires for 20 laps around a one-third-mile track at an average speed of 83 mph clothed from head to toe in a fire-retardant racing suit, a helmet, piloting a rocket

with no power steering.

"Every muscle of my body aches after a race," Ray said, adding that there is no spring training in auto racing to get adjusted. "You just show up and go."

An independent person by nature, Ray said he enjoys being out on the track because he has only himself to depend upon. His father tweaks the setup, "but once I get out there, it's all me."

Family tradition also plays a key role in Ray's drive to the top — his father raced all over the Midwest, his grandfather owned stock cars in the late '50s and early '60s, and his cousin Davey Ray will hop in the driver's seat this weekend.

So what trophy might be

awaiting Robbie Ray on the horizon?

"I want to get to the top and do something," he said. "I want to get to NASCAR someday."

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Kerry gears up fund raising

KERRY

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At the same time, Kerry has seen his standing in the polls slip, in a signal that Bush's well-funded attack ads are having an effect with voters.

Kerry enjoyed a slight lead over Bush in polls after his decisive "Super Tuesday" victories confirmed his position as the presumptive Democratic nominee. Now, that modest advantage has faded.

At George Washington University, Dean told students — many of them wearing "Dean for America" shirts, stickers and buttons — that he's ready to put the "tough campaign" behind him and work to elect Kerry.

"There are things in the campaign we talked about, focusing on the things that divide us," he said.

"Now, we're going to talk about the things that we have in common."

"I trust John Kerry — that's whom I'm voting for, and that's whom I'm working for. We're

sending George Bush back to Crawford, Texas."

What's less clear is how Dean plans to help Kerry. Dean has converted his campaign into a grass-roots political operation, Democracy for America, which boasts a list of 700,000 backers and potential donors.

Dean plans to write to his and Kerry's supporters asking for donations.

As Democrats, including most of Kerry's former rivals, throw their support to him, many of their top donors and fund-raisers are also flocking to Kerry.

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calendar

- 27th Annual "Bridging the Gap" Minority Pre-Law Conference, 8:30 a.m., Boyd Law Building.
- Iowa City Foreign Relations Council Luncheon, "The U.S. and the U.N.: Can this Marriage Be Saved?," Gillian Sorensen, senior advisor to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, noon, Congregational Church, 30 N. Clinton St.
- Recital featuring works by Mozart, Dvorak, and Borodin, violinist Chenoa Alamu and friends, noon, UIHC Colton Pavilion Atrium.
- Center for Teaching Spring Teaching Circles, "Keeping students' attention," 12:30 p.m., 4039 Main Library.
- "Celebrating Messiaen," symposium with Walter Strauss, Leslie Sprout, Ketty Nez, David Gompper, Michael Eckert, and Greg Marion, 1:30 p.m., Voxman Music Building Harper Hall.
- Industrial Engineering Graduate Seminar, "System Design for Optimal Reliability with Component Lifetime Estimation Uncertainty — Application to Electromechanical Systems," Tongdan Jin, Teradyne Inc., 1:30 p.m., 4030 Seaman Center.
- Geneva Lecture Series, "Against Materialism," Alvin Plantinga, 3 p.m., 107 English-Philosophy Building.
- "Break-dancing chromosomes: Meiosis and DNA repair," Miriam Zolan, Indiana University, 4 p.m., 101 Biology Building East.
- Trans Education Festival, 5 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market St.
- Geneva Lecture Series, "Evolution vs. Atheism," Alvin Plantinga, 7:30 p.m., Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium.
- Fourth Annual Iowa Conference on Islam, "Islam: Unity of Diversity," time TBA, IMU; for information, 621-6375 or www.IowaMuslims.org.

Quote of the Day

We understand that between now and the election, there is a window of time in which terrorists may well wish to influence events, whether it's in the United States or overseas.

— FBI Director Robert Mueller

THE LEDGE

SO, YOU WANT TO PROMOTE YOUR LOCAL BUSINESS ON CABLE TV ...

By Jesse Ammerman

- The key in any commercial is to signal reliability, quality, and financial strength. And if you truly feel that your snot-nosed child is the ambassador of these virtues, get the cameras rolling.
- Prove once and for all that you're not only a car salesman, but also the fastest cue-card reader that Eastern Iowa has ever seen.
- Don't bewilder audiences by speaking in anything other than a slow and steady monotone.
- As a general rule, your tire-service shop should never be described in sing-song form.
- Loosen up a little. You're there to sell power tools, not look like one.
- Bringing your whole family into the commercial is an effective way to both stir up business and get your kids summarily pummeled in the schoolyard.
- More makeup, more hairspray, and bigger jewelry are all essential. Studies show that viewers respond well to a desperate, needy furniture saleswoman.

Little University

- 1 What color code represents a life-threatening emergency in hospital lingo?
- 2 What author's 1,310-page *Harlot's Ghost* became the first work of fiction priced at \$30, in 1991?
- 3 What 1982 war zone was populated with more penguins than people?
- 4 What parts of Madonna and Lara Flynn Boyle have been plucked by Damone Anthony Roberts?
- 5 What Swedish store's impressive growth, according to *Business Week*, proves that "cheap chic" is an international movement?

Answers:
1. Blue
2. Norman Mailer
3. The Falkland Islands
4. Their eyebrows
5. IKEA

happy birthday to ...

March 26 — Rachel Mummey, 21; Becky Bereiter, 20; Nathan Arnberger, 20; Nate Kaeding, 22; Krisin M. Ernst, 22; Meghan Gurewitz, 21; Meghan Brennan, 20
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March 28 — Katie Barnett, 19; Kelly Eckhardt, 18

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

Today — Graduate students: Final exam requests due for students who plan to graduate in May.
Today — Graduate students: Plans of study for May master's recipients due in Graduate College.
Today — Last day to add PE Skills and drop without a "W" PE Skills courses that meet the second half of the semester, 4:30 p.m.
April 5 — Undergraduates: Last day to drop individual semester-length courses, 4:30 p.m.
April 8 — Graduate students: First deposit of theses due in Graduate College
April 13 — Graduate students: Last day to withdraw entire registration or drop individual-length courses, 4:30 p.m.

horoscopes

Friday, March 26, 2004 by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Travel, learning, and discovering will be the flavor of the day. Don't pass up an opportunity to experience something new.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't overreact when it comes to work-related matters. If you are disciplined, you will impress people who can make a difference to your future. Position yourself near influential people.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will be flitting from one thing to the next. You must focus if you really want to get ahead. Personal matters may be hard to deal with if you have not been up-front about your involvement.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be careful not to share your deepest secrets with anyone. There will be plenty to hide if you have been gossiping or meddling in other people's affairs. Focus on your own problems.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You are feeling social, which can lead to a chance meeting with someone influential. The information you receive will enable you to make a decision concerning a group in need of your help.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't let anyone push you into doing something you're uncomfortable with. You are likely to overreact if someone tries to corner you. Don't let anyone take credit for something you did.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You're eager to try something new or travel somewhere different today. Socializing with unusual groups and taking on new territory will feed your imagination and help any creative venture that involves you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It's time to get your life in order. Reorganize your duties, and take another look at your responsibilities. Keep an open mind, and do your best to help others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emotions may be close to the surface today. Try to do something fun. Partnerships may be hanging by a thread, but now is not the time to deal with them. Focus on friendships, family, and large gatherings.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Consider taking better care of yourself and your social life by booking some time off to spend with friends or your lover or on things that will improve your lifestyle and health.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are in a creative cycle that should bring about some terrific new ideas. Getting together with friends will spark enthusiasm if you discuss your plans. It's always nice to get positive feedback.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Changes at home may not be what you had in mind, but if you're patient, everything will turn out. Someone may withhold information regarding family assets. You have a better chance of getting what you deserve if you stay in the loop.

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 2 David Cobb for President
 4 Conversations
 5 U.N. Report
 5:30 Find Balance Through Water, Wood, Wind, & Earth
 6 Gospel Explosion Ministry

7 Country Time Country
 8 Eden
 8:30 Professor Noodle
 9 Independent Media
 9:30 In Christ's Image
 10 Silvis Full Gospel
 11 Tom's Guitar Show (Replay)
 Midnight The Forrest Barnhill Show (Replay)

UITV

6:30 p.m. Culture & Violence
 7:30 The Search for Water at Mars
 9 Live from Prairie Lights Marcos McPeck Villatoro
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by Scott Adams

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BY VIEV

LET'S GO FOR A RIDE, LUCY

WHICH MEANS POPPING YOUR LAZY BEHIND ON MY BACK WHILE I DO ALL THE REAL WORK, RIGHT?

OH, YOU THINK MAKING THE DECISIONS ISN'T HARD WORK?

OH, YEAH... DECIDING TO NOT WALK INTO A TREE IS RE-E-EAL DIFFICULT

OH, YEAH? YEAH!

OH, YEAH?! YEAH!!

THAT REMINDS ME... HOW ARE YOUR CONTRACT TALKS WITH THE STATION GOING, DADDY?

PRETTY MUCH THE SAME, KATE

FUZZ-BUTT!

HELMET HEAD!

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

ONE LAST QUESTION, FROM MY EDITOR, COACH—WHAT DO YOU THINK THE TEAM'S POLICY SHOULD BE?

IT'S VERY SIMPLE—ZERO TOLERANCE, NO MATTER HOW BIG A STAR, FIRST INFRACTION AND YOU'RE GONE!

YOU KNOW, THEY SAID YOU WERE A HEAD CASE, I DEFENDED YOU.

THANKS SO MUCH FOR THAT, BYE NOW!

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

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FRIDAY



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Former Iowa man Robert G. ... an invitation to attend a draft in New York ... The 2003 winner is ... in the top five will be one of the players ... The 6-7, 320 ... Iowa, native ... parents, Mike ... with the rest of ... ily on the trip. "We're very excited for him ... "It will ... "I was hoping people were going to be just what we would get involved in ... Robert G. ... able for com ...

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PHOENIX ... Cubs traded ... and Steve ... Braves on ... league left-h ... infielder Rich ... The Cubs ... three season ... hander mac ... debut in Chic ... a 3.22 ERA ... He fell to ... the next sea ... out of the be ... last year with ... "It's not ... went into the ... Cruz at all. ... had to move ... had a good ... Cubs gene ... Hendry said. ... "When he ... us a couple ... the great S ... said. "He ha ... consistent ... that was pr ... to the back- ... pen-start, t ... year. Someti ... som when th ... scenery. Ho ... good trade ...

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Alford's team continues to dwindle

Freshman guard Ben Rand leaves Iowa men's basketball squad in hopes of finding greener pastures

BY KELLY BEATON
 THE DAILY IOWAN



Ben Rand

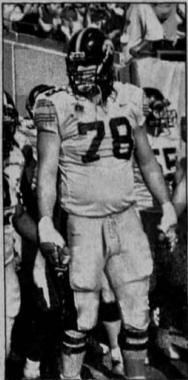
Swarmed by a smattering of reporters, Ben Rand paused and chose his words carefully. "Right now, I'm a Hawkeye," he said. "In terms of next year, we'll see." The emphasis the 6-6 freshman placed on the first two words of that sentence gave a strong hint he wasn't long for Iowa City.

That was March 1. Rand hadn't played in half a dozen games. Twenty-four days later, the Rochelle, Ill., native made an announcement many Iowa insiders had long forecasted — he announced he was leaving the Iowa men's basketball team at the end of the spring semester. The bevy of backcourt mates he would have battled next season thrust Rand through the threshold of Carver-Hawkeye Arena's doors. "I have truly enjoyed my year at the University of Iowa and loved being part of Hawkeye basketball," Rand said in a statement. "But the roster has changed since the time I made my commitment to Coach Alford and the Iowa program. I will

seek to find a program where I can be a major contributor following a red-shirt season." The freshman swingman didn't mention particular schools he was considering transferring to, though Northern Illinois — located in DeKalb, just 15 minutes from his family's home — was the first school to recruit him as a prep. Rand averaged at least 23 points a game in each of his three seasons on the Rochelle

High School varsity, and he was named first-team All-State by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association. In his freshman campaign at Iowa he averaged 0.8 points and 5.2 minutes of play in 19 games. "We hate to see Ben leave," said Iowa coach Steve Alford. "He's a great student, and he was a valuable member of our squad this past season. I respect

SEE RAND, PAGE 6B



Robert Gallery

GOING PRO

Hawkeye invited to attend draft in NYC

Former Iowa offensive lineman Robert Gallery has accepted an invitation to attend the NFL draft at Madison Square Garden in New York City on April 24. The 2003 Outland Trophy winner is projected to be taken in the top five of the draft and will be one of only a handful of players present for the occasion. The 6-7, 320-pound Masonville, Iowa, native will be joined by his parents, Mike and Mary, along with the rest of his immediate family on the trip. "We're very pleased and very excited for him," Mary Gallery said. "It will be fun." "I was hoping for it. All these people were telling us that this was going to happen, but we were just waiting to see if he would get invited." Robert Gallery was unavailable for comment.

— by Brian Triplett

Hawkeyes head home

Coach Gayle Blevins and the Iowa softball team look to snap a five-game losing streak this weekend at Pearl Field.

BY DONOVAN BURBA
 THE DAILY IOWAN

The gray skies looming over Pearl Field on Thursday afternoon foreshadowed a wet weekend for the Iowa softball team at the Hawkeye Classic, but after six weeks of playing everywhere from California to Florida, coach Gayle Blevins' squad is nonetheless happy to finally take the diamond at home.

"Our field is one of the best fields I've ever played on," said third baseman Kylie Murray before Thursday's practice. "[Being home] helps because you know the dimensions, you know how far you can go, stuff like that."

"It's good to know the feel of where you are and not have to pick a place and get accustomed to it right away." Wisconsin and Ball State are Iowa's foes for the two-day event, and the Hawkeyes enter Saturday's 1 p.m. tilt with the Badgers looking to snap a five-game losing streak. All five losses have been close games, with no margin of victory greater than three runs, a testament both to the strength of Iowa's pitching and the inconsistency of its bats.

Ali Arnold and Lisa Birocci have both been solid from the pitching circle; prior to Wednesday night's 3-1 loss at Illinois State, the duo had combined for

SEE SOFTBALL, PAGE 6B

What: Hawkeye Classic
Where: Pearl Field
When: Wisconsin vs. Iowa, 1 p.m. Saturday; Ball State vs. Iowa, 3 p.m. Saturday; Ball State vs. Iowa, 1 p.m. Sunday; Wisconsin vs. Iowa, 3 p.m. Sunday



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

Sophomore Kylie Murray sprints for the base during a hitting drill Thursday at Pearl Field.

Sports and sex parity



FRANK KLIPSCH

THIS COLUMN ISN'T ABOUT the ballsiest statement made yet on the machismo-soaked issue of steroids in baseball. That statement took place on the season premiere of "South Park" this past Wednesday and showed the wide-eyed personages of Barry Bonds, Mark McGuire, and Jason Giambi being screamed at repeatedly for being the greatest of sexist, emasculating euphemisms male locker rooms have ever known (hint: It begins with "P").

But this column is about sports and the two sexes, and because I just finished covering the Iowa women's basketball team's season this past weekend, it will get my primary focus. And deservedly so. Jennie Lillis just finished her career as the first player in school history to finish in the top eight in five major categories, including scoring, rebounding, blocks, steals, and assists while being picked for the academic All-Big Ten team all three years that she was eligible.

Some pretty talented visiting players graced the Carver parquet this year, too. A

SEE KLIPSCH PAGE 6B

NFL

Buc pleads guilty to endangerment

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Tampa Bay running back Michael Pittman pleaded guilty Thursday to one count of endangerment following charges he used his Hummer to ram a car carrying his wife, 2-year-old son, and a babysitter.



Pittman
 Tampa Bay

In exchange for pleading guilty, charges of aggravated assault and aggravated domestic violence were dropped. Under the plea agreement, Pittman could be sentenced to anything from three years of supervised probation to a maximum of two years in prison.

TRADE

Cubs trade Cruz and Smyth to Braves

PHOENIX (AP) — The Chicago Cubs traded pitchers Juan Cruz and Steve Smyth to the Atlanta Braves on Thursday for minor-league left-hander Andy Pratt and infielder Richard Lewis.

The Cubs cut ties with Cruz three seasons after the right-hander made an impressive debut in Chicago, going 3-1 with a 3.22 ERA in 11 starts in 2001.

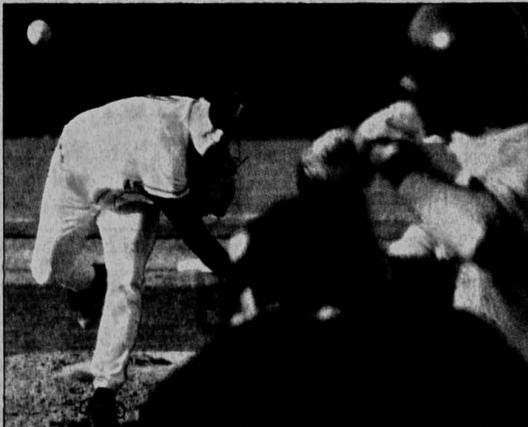
He fell to 3-11 with a 3.98 ERA the next season, pitching mainly out of the bullpen, and was 2-7 last year with a 6.05 ERA.

"It's not something that I went into the spring shopping Cruz at all. It wasn't like I felt I had to move him. He's been such a good prospect for us," Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said.

"When he first came up with us a couple years ago, he had the great September," Hendry said. "He hasn't been quite as consistent ever since. Some of that was probably attributable to the back-and-forth role of the pen-start, the pen-start last year. Sometimes guys will blossom when they get a change of scenery. Hopefully, it will be a good trade for both."

Iowa baseball coach isn't afraid to gamble

BY KELLY BEATON
 THE DAILY IOWAN



Daily Iowan file photo

Hawkeye Nathan Johnson pitches in a game against Minnesota last May. Iowa will face the Golden Gophers, among others, in a four-team tournament at Sec Taylor Stadium in Des Moines this weekend.

We've learned this much about Jack Dahm — he's willing to roll the dice.

The first-year Iowa baseball coach has just 15 games under his belt at the school, but it's already apparent he's willing to risk a few box cars to end up snake eyes.

That approach was noticeable in Iowa's 4-2 loss to Western Illinois on March 23. Dahm had his troops steal four times, only to end up with three notches under the "Caught Stealing" column.

Dahm was undeterred by his strategy's poor results afterward. "We've got too good of athletes and ... we've [only] hit two home runs all year," he said. "So we've got to do that stuff on the bases." A look at the Hawkeyes'

schedule also reflects the 37-year-old's penchant for breaking from the norm.

In recent seasons, Iowa has stuck to a slate chock full of nearby schools in nonconference play — the Southern, Eastern, and Western Illinois of the world.

This season, Dahm strolled into town and brought a barnstorming schedule worthy of P.T. Barnum along with him.

Tonight marks the first of three tours of professional ballparks for the Hawkeyes, taking place in the Iowa Cubs/Hawkeye Classic at Sec Taylor Stadium in Des Moines. The Black and Gold will begin the tournament with a clash with Northern Colorado today at 5 p.m. before taking on Minnesota on Saturday and one final neighboring school, Northern Illinois, to close things out on March 28.

What: Iowa Cubs/Hawkeye Classic
When: Northern Colorado vs. Iowa, 5 p.m. Today; Minnesota vs. Iowa, 2 p.m. Saturday; Northern Illinois vs. Iowa, 2 p.m. Sunday
Where: Sec Taylor Stadium, Des Moines
Tickets: \$4; available at the Iowa Cubs ticket office or by calling 1-800-GO-ICUBS
Radio: KXIC (AM 800)

The Hawkeyes look to rebound off their stinging March 23 defeat, which came in a driving downpour. Western Illinois snuck out of town victors after putting three home runs into the jet stream rolling out to left field, and L.J. Mims flied out with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth.

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SPORTS

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HAWKEYE HISTORY

Hawkeye basketball's 1980 Final Four rally

The City of Brotherly Love was good to Lute Olson and the 1979-80 Iowa basketball team.

In a game for the ages, the Hawkeyes used a three-point play from forward Steve Waite to beat Georgetown, 81-80, in the East Regional Final to advance to the 1980 Final Four — Iowa's first Final Four appearance since 1956.

Iowa trailed by 10 at half and by as much as 14 before mounting a furious rally in the second half to upset the Hoyas, who had a 15-game winning streak heading into the contest. Both teams shot over 60 percent for the game, with Iowa shooting a blistering 70.8 percent in the second half. The Hawkeyes shot 95 percent from the free-throw line, and made all 15 of their attempts in the second half.

"It feels good," Olson said to reporters after the game. "We felt when we came out here, we had a good shot. But we knew it wouldn't be easy."

With the teams trading baskets in the final minutes, Iowa had the ball with 1:55 remaining in the game. Olson went into a four-corners stall, calling two timeouts before setting up

the final play. Waite's three-point play gave the Hawks a three-point lead, and they would need every bit of it. Georgetown scored an uncontested lay-up to pull within one, but time expired before the Hoyas could call a timeout.

"I was fortunate. It's a big thrill to be going to the Final Four," Waite said.

Unfortunately for the Hawkeyes, their dream of a national title fell with All-American Ronnie Lester. Lester was sidelined for most of the season by a knee injury. Lester bruised his knee in the semifinal against Louisville while driving to the basket, and his absence left a huge void on the team. The Hawkeyes fell to the eventual national champions, 80-72. The loss still stings for many of the players, most notably Bobby Hansen, who was a freshman on the team.

"We would've won," he recently told to the *Des Moines Register*. "There's absolutely no doubt in my mind that if Ronnie didn't go down ... the way he was playing ... we would've been national champions."

— by Nick Richards

NBA

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	42	28	.600	—
Miami	34	37	.479	8 1/2
New York	33	39	.458	10
Boston	31	40	.437	11 1/2
Philadelphia	30	42	.417	13
Washington	23	48	.324	19 1/2
Orlando	19	54	.260	24 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	49	23	.681	—
San Antonio	47	25	.653	2
Memphis	45	28	.614	3 1/2
Dallas	44	27	.620	4
Houston	41	29	.586	7
Denver	38	35	.521	11 1/2
Utah	37	35	.514	12

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Sacramento	51	21	.708	—
x-L.A. Lakers	48	23	.676	2 1/2
Portland	36	35	.507	14 1/2
Seattle	33	38	.465	17 1/2
Golden State	30	40	.429	20
L.A. Clippers	27	46	.370	24 1/2
Phoenix	24	48	.333	27

Thursday's Games

Atlanta 84, New Orleans 76
San Antonio 84, Detroit 75
Washington 103, L.A. Clippers 94

Today's Games

Indiana at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Toronto at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Memphis, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Boston, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Miami, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
Washington at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
x-Philadelphia	39	19	14	6	98	222
x-New Jersey	39	24	12	2	92	194
N.Y. Islanders	36	27	10	4	86	219
N.Y. Rangers	25	38	7	8	65	197
Pittsburgh	21	45	7	4	53	178

Northwest

W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	
x-Boston	38	18	14	7	97	195
x-Toronto	42	24	9	3	96	228
x-Ottawa	40	22	9	6	95	247
Montreal	40	28	7	3	90	199
Buffalo	34	32	6	4	78	200

Southeast

W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	
y-Tampa Bay	44	21	8	5	101	232
Atlanta	31	34	8	4	74	205
Carolina	27	31	13	6	73	156
Florida	27	32	14	4	72	172
Washington	22	44	9	2	55	173

Central Division

W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	
y-Detroit	44	20	11	2	101	241
Nashville	35	28	11	3	84	203
St. Louis	35	28	11	2	83	177
Chicago	20	39	11	6	57	178
Columbus	22	42	8	4	56	163

Northwest

W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	
x-Colorado	38	21	13	5	94	225
Vancouver	38	24	10	5	91	215
Calgary	39	29	7	3	88	192
Edmonton	33	27	12	5	83	209
Minnesota	26	28	20	3	75	171

Pacific

W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	
x-San Jose	39	20	12	6	96	206
x-Dallas	40	24	13	0	93	183
Los Angeles	28	25	16	7	79	196
Anaheim	28	32	10	8	74	179
Phoenix	21	32	18	6	66	183

x-clinched playoff spot

Thursday's Games

Toronto 3, Boston 0
Carolina 3, Florida 2
Tampa Bay 2, New Jersey 1
N.Y. Islanders 4, Philadelphia 2
Ottawa 4, Montreal 0
Nashville 4, N.Y. Rangers 2
St. Louis 3, Anaheim 2
Detroit 3, Colorado 1
Minnesota 8, Chicago 2
San Jose 3, Calgary 2

Today's Games

Anaheim at Columbus, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

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EAST RUTHERFORD REGIONAL

Thursday's Games
Oklahoma State 63, Pittsburgh 51
Saint Joseph's 84, Wake Forest 80
Championship
Saturday, March 27
Oklahoma State (30-3) vs. Saint Joseph's (30-1), TBA

ATLANTA REGIONAL

Today
Texas (25-7) vs. Xavier (25-10), 6:27 p.m.
Duke (29-5) vs. Illinois (26-8), 30 minutes after first game
Championship
Sunday, March 28
Semifinal winners
ST. LOUIS REGIONAL
Today
Alabama-Birmingham (22-9) vs. Kansas (23-8), 6:10 p.m.
Georgia Tech (25-9) vs. Nevada (25-8), 30 minutes after first game
Championship
Sunday, March 28
Semifinal winners
PHOENIX REGIONAL
Thursday's Games
Connecticut 73, Vanderbilt 53
Alabama 80, Syracuse 71
Championship
Saturday, March 27
Connecticut (30-6) vs. Alabama (20-12), TBA

IOWA SPORTS

Today

• **BASEBALL** vs. Northern Colorado in Des Moines, 5 p.m.
 • **MEN'S TRACK** at Stanford Invitational.
 • **MEN'S SWIMMING** at NCAA championships in East Meadow, N.Y.

Saturday

• **MEN'S TENNIS** hosts Purdue, 10 a.m. at Recreation Building.
 • **WOMEN'S TENNIS** at

Purdue, 10 a.m.

• **SOFTBALL** hosts Hawkeye Classic at Pearl Field (Wisconsin, 1 p.m.; Ball State, 3 p.m.)
 • **BASEBALL** vs. Minnesota in Des Moines, 2 p.m.
 • **MEN'S GOLF** at Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate.
 • **WOMEN'S TRACK** at Texas-Arlington Invite.
 • **MEN'S TRACK** at Stanford Invitational.
 • **MEN'S SWIMMING** at

NCAA championships in East Meadow, N.Y.

March 28

• **WOMEN'S TENNIS** at Illinois, 11 a.m.
 • **SOFTBALL** hosts Hawkeye Classic at Pearl Field (Ball State, 1 p.m.; Wisconsin, 3 p.m.)
 • **BASEBALL** vs. Northern Illinois at Des Moines, 2 p.m.
 • **MEN'S GOLF** at Dr. Pepper Intercollegiate.

TV SCHEDULE

Today

• **MLB** Preseason, Montreal Expos at Houston Astros, noon on ESPN2.
 • **CBB** NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal, 6 p.m. on CBS.
 • **NBA** Dallas Mavericks at Miami Heat, 7 p.m. on ESPN.
 • **NBA** Milwaukee Bucks at Chicago Bulls, 7:30 p.m. on FSN.
 • **CBB** NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal, 8:30 p.m. on CBS.
 • **NBA** Minnesota Timberwolves at Los Angeles Lakers, 9:30 p.m. on ESPN.
Saturday
 • **WCBB** NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal, 11 a.m. on ESPN.

WCBB NCAA

Tournament Regional Semifinal, 1:30 p.m. on ESPN.
 • **CBB** NCAA Tournament Regional Final, 3:30 p.m. on CBS.
 • **NHL** Chicago Blackhawks at St. Louis Blues, 4 p.m. on FSN.
 • **WCBB** NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal, 5 p.m. on ESPN2.
 • **CBB** NCAA Tournament Regional Final, 6 p.m. on CBS.
 • **NBA** Chicago Bulls at Atlanta Hawks, 6 p.m. on WGN.
 • **WCBB** NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal, 8 p.m. on ESPN.
 • **MLB** Preseason, Chicago Cubs at San Diego Padres, 8 p.m. on FSN.

WCBB NCAA

Tournament Regional Semifinal, 10 p.m. on ESPN.
March 28
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 • **CBB** NCAA Tournament Regional Final, 1:30 p.m. on CBS.
 • **WCBB** NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal, 1:30 p.m. on ESPN2.
 • **CBB** NCAA Tournament Regional Final, 4 p.m. on CBS.
 • **NBA** Philadelphia 76ers at Boston Celtics, 5:30 p.m. on ESPN.
 • **WCBB** NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal, 6 p.m. on ESPN2.

HAWKEYE SPORTS

Men's tennis to host Purdue Saturday

The Iowa men's tennis team continues its Big Ten schedule this weekend when the Hawkeyes host Purdue at the Koltz Tennis Center. It will be the team's first competition in Iowa City outside of the Recreation Building this season, unless inclement weather forces the meet indoors. The match is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday; admission is free.

"Purdue is always a very, very solid team," Iowa coach Steve Houghton said. "It's very well-balanced — very good doubles and very good singles. It will be tough for sure. Hopefully, we'll be able to turn it around against Purdue, but it won't be easy."

Sophomore Sebastian Delgado, who has played primarily No. 2 singles for the Hawkeyes this season, is coming off an injury and has not practiced full-time this week. Despite missing practice time, Houghton expects Delgado will be ready to play in the meet.

The Hawkeyes are coming off their spring trip to Alabama, where they dropped three matches: New Orleans, Alabama State, and Troy

State. However, the Hawkeyes gained some valuable outdoors practice; they had played entirely indoors before the trip.

"That's really the purpose of the (spring trip) is to get used to that," Houghton said. "And we've been practicing outdoors so far this week, so we're certainly used to playing outdoors."

— by Jason Brummond

Diver finishes 15th

Iowa junior Timo Klami finished 15th in the 1-meter diving competition at the NCAA championships in East Meadow, N.Y. on Thursday. The Nodeland, Norway, native posted a score of 283.05 in the preliminary round but did not qualify for the final. Tennessee freshman Jevon Tarantino won the event, recording a 359.35 score in the preliminary round, then 388.65 points in the finals.

Today, Klami will compete in the 3-meter event today, his stronger event of the two. He was the Big Ten champion on the 3-meter in 2003.

— by Jason Brummond



Bob Sell/Associated Press

Adam Scott of Australia blasts out of a sand trap on the 11th hole in the first round of the Players Championship in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., on Thursday. Scott shot a 7-under par 65.

Tiger upstaged by Aussie

BY DOUG FERGUSON

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Tiger Woods and Adam Scott have such similar swings, it's often tough to distinguish them. That was hardly the case Thursday in the Players Championship. The 23-year-old Aussie was in full flight, knocking down flags on his way to a 7-under 65 and a one-shot lead.

Woods continued to search for a swing he could trust, struggling to his fourth-straight round over par, a 75 that put him in a tie for 108th and in serious jeopardy of missing the cut for the first time in six years. Scott was all smiles.

Woods wore a scowl. Playing in the group ahead of the world's No. 1 player, Scott showed the fans what they thought they might see from Woods. He made six of his birdies from inside 6 feet, closing out a superb round with a 9-iron into 3 feet.

Duffy Waldorf survived a wild finish to his round of 66 by making a 15-foot eagle on the 16th, dunking one in the water on the island-green 17th for double bogey, and closing out with a birdie from 10 feet.

It was only his fifth sub-70

score on the Stadium Course in 39 rounds. Kevin Sutherland also had a 66 with a long putter he planned to ditch. He only brought it to keep his clubs stable during his flight from Sacramento, Calif., gave it one last chance after his practice round Wednesday, and made just about everything he looked at inside 12 feet.

There were plenty of crazy tales on a course that brings out the best and worst in everyone's game, from Phil Mickelson chipping in for birdie on No. 17 with his left foot nearly hanging over the edge to David Peoples making a triple bogey on No. 10 despite taking only two putts and not hitting in any hazard.

"If you play well, you can shoot well under par. And if you don't, it eats you up," said Mickelson, who was somewhere in between with a 70.

Retief Goosen, a steady performer and former U.S. Open champion, had three double bogeys.

John Daly never made worse than par in a round of 69. "Bogey-free, that's not happened too many times to me out here," said Daly, who has had five rounds in the 80s on the TPC at Sawgrass. "I didn't shoot myself in the foot, anyway."

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UConn, Okie State, Alabama, and St. Joe's advance to Elite Eight

PHOENIX REGIONAL

Alabama rolls over Syracuse, 80-71

PHOENIX (AP) — Sit down Syracuse. Join top-seeded Stanford on the sidelines.

The Tide is on some kind of roll!

Alabama, a No. 8 seed, beat the defending national champions, 80-71, in the Phoenix Regional semifinals on Thursday night, five days after stunning Stanford.

Kennedy Winston and Earnest Shelton put Alabama (20-12) ahead from the outside in the first half, then Chuck Davis got rough inside in the second and the Crimson Tide is in an NCAA regional final for the first time in the school's history.

Next up is a matchup Saturday against No. 2 seed Connecticut, a 73-53 winner over No. 6 seed Vanderbilt in Thursday's first game.

Shelton scored 22 points and Winston 19 for Alabama, but the difference-maker was Davis, who scored 17

of his 19 in the second half as the Tide pulled away.

The Crimson Tide sank 11 of 12 free throws over the final 8:10 and were 19-of-23 at the line overall.

Gerry McNamara scored 20 of his 24 in the second half, but Hakim Warrick managed just four in the last 20 minutes after a 15-point first half.

Syracuse (23-8), a No. 5 seed, was out to prove it could get back to the Final Four without superstar Carmelo Anthony, who left for the NBA after helping coach Jim Boeheim earn his first national title.

But Bama served notice immediately that it was no pushover.

Alabama's 3-point barrage offset Syracuse's dominance inside through the first half, with the

Crimson Tide up 38-36 at the break.



Crimson Tide up 38-36 at the break.

UConn muscles past Vanderbilt, 73-53

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — Connecticut hit from outside, pounded the ball inside, and just plain dominated Vanderbilt most of the night.

Now the Huskies are a win from becoming the Final Four team they were expected to be.

Ben Gordon had 20 points, nine rebounds, and five assists and UConn beat the cold-shooting Commodores, 73-53, in the semifinals of the Phoenix Regional on Thursday night.

The second-seeded Huskies (30-6) advanced to Saturday's regional final against Alabama.

Rashad Anderson had 15 points and Emeka Okafor added 12 points and 11 boards for the Huskies, who staved off a 16-3 second-half spurt by Vandy that cut the lead to 52-45 on Corey Smith's jumper with 12:07 to play.

Anderson then sank a 3-pointer on his first shot of the half to start an 8-0 run that put

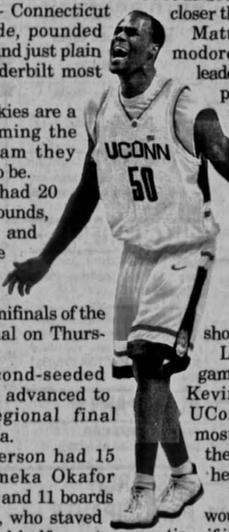
UConn up 60-45 with 8:35 left. The Commodores (23-10), out-rebounded 41-17, never got closer than 13 again.

Matt Freije, the Commodores' career scoring leader, shot 3-18 for eight points after scoring 31 points in the first round victory over North Carolina State in Orlando, Fla.

Smith and Mario Moore each scored 12 for Vandy, which shot 35 percent.

Leading up to the game, Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings called UConn "probably the most talented team in the tournament," and he might just be right.

Vandy knew it would have a difficult time if it didn't play a nearly perfect game, and the Nashville, Tenn., school couldn't even make up ground when Okafor watched from the bench with two fouls for the final 7:02 of the first half.



EAST RUTHERFORD REGIONAL

Oklahoma State knocks out Pittsburgh, 63-51

BY TOM CANAVAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Oklahoma State took Pittsburgh's pushes, shoves, and banging for 33 minutes and then delivered a knockout blow that sent longtime coach Eddie Sutton to his sixth regional final.

Tony Allen keyed a late 17-5 spurt when second-seeded Oklahoma State solved Pittsburgh's tenacious defense and beat the third-seeded Panthers, 63-51, on Thursday night.

Oklahoma State (30-3) will face Saint Joseph's on Saturday in the East Rutherford Regional for the right to go to San Antonio for the Final Four.

Allen lead the Cowboys with 23 points in a game that was much closer than the final score.

Carl Krauser had 15 points and Jaron Brown 11 for the Panthers (31-5), who lost in the regional semifinal for the third straight year.

Neither team led by more than five points in the first 30 minutes of a game that was almost like a heavyweight fight.

For each jab, there was a counter with both teams playing aggressive defense.

Pittsburgh and rookie coach Jamie Dixon seemed to have the edge because Oklahoma State struggled to find its up-tempo game.

The Cowboys finally broke loose after Krauser hit a floater in the lane to tie the game at 42 with 7:51 to play.

Then the Big 12 champions took over. Joey Graham broke the tie with a jumper from the right wing, and Allen stretched the lead to four points on a drive down the left side of the lane.

Allen answered with a 3-pointer and the game quickly got out of hand when Janavor Weatherspoon scored on a fast-break, and Allen got another basket for a 57-47 edge.

Allen was the only constant for the Cowboys. The senior guard went 3-for-6 from the field and hit all four of his free throws.



St. Joe's outlasts Wake Forest, 84-80

BY BEN WALKER
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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jameer Nelson, Delonte West, and Saint Joseph's put on quite an eye-popping performance for Billy Packer.

With their No. 1 nemesis watching from the front row and their fans chanting his name in the final minute, the Hawks showed they were a worthy No. 1 seed.

Nelson and West each scored 24 points Thursday night, keying an 84-80 victory over Wake Forest in the semifinals of the East Rutherford Regional.

The celebration almost came too early, though. Trailing 76-68, Wake Forest whittled its deficit down to 82-80 with 11.9 seconds left.

But then Nelson escaped a double-team trap in the corner and passed to West, who was fouled. West made both free throws, and the Hawk mascot began flapping in earnest.

The only thing left to do for coach Phil Martelli was walk across the court and shake hands with Packer, who had not seen the Hawks in person

before Thursday night. The CBS analyst and Wake Forest alum, having said the Hawks did not deserve a top seed, smiled broadly.

Behind them, Hawks rooters razzed Packer. He turned to them and said, "You're exactly where you should be."

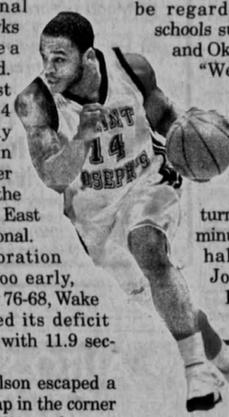
Martelli claimed all along that the Hawks (30-1) should be regarded as highly as schools such as Connecticut and Oklahoma State.

"We certainly don't look like these teams, but we sure do play like them."

The game took a dangerous turn for the Hawks two minutes into the second half when big men John Bryant and Dwayne Jones each drew their fourth fouls.

At that point, Martelli did the only

thing he could with his already smaller team, going to a four-guard offense and putting his fortunes in the hands of Nelson and West. It worked, with both of them hitting shots that turned a 43-42 edge into a 51-44 cushion.



Duke accepts villan role

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
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ATLANTA — J.J. Redick is the face of the Duke Blue Devils. Confident? Go ahead and call him cocky if you like. Hated? No problem, that just goes with the territory. A winner? You bet.

Redick and the Blue Devils find themselves in familiar territory, reaching the round of 16 in the NCAA Tournament for the seventh year in a row. Success always spawns a certain amount of backlash — build 'em up, tear 'em down — but Duke doesn't mind a bit.

In fact, the Blue Devils have settled quite comfortably into the villain role, relishing the notion that so many fans want to see them lose.

"It has a lot to do with the amount of success we've had," said Redick, usually the prime target for opposing fans. "We're the most dominant program in the ACC. We've won a few national championships. There's

a certain amount of jealousy, a certain amount of envy. And we're portrayed like choir boys. People don't like that, either."

Top-seeded Duke (29-5) meets No. 5 Illinois (26-6) in the semifinals of the Atlanta Regional on Friday. No. 3 Texas (25-7) takes on seventh-seed Xavier (25-10) in the other game, the winners to play Sunday for a spot in the Final Four.

Look for Redick to be right in the middle of things.

At Georgia Tech, he wound up on his back in front of the home team's bench during a scuffle with B.J. Elder. North Carolina State's Scooter Sherrill said before a game that Redick "acts like he's gay," then had to issue an apology.

"Just this year, there have been so many incidents," Redick said Wednesday. "Whether it's hard fouls during the ACC Tournament, or trying to start something with me in front of the other team's bench, or rude, crude statements from the other team's fans, there's a great level of hate for Duke."

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SPORTS

Pitching will only take Hawks so far



Hawkeye pitcher Lisa Birocci throws a pitch a game against Wisconsin last season. Daily Iowan file photo

SOFTBALL

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a 1.37 ERA and 197 strikeouts. Arnold was saddled with the loss Wednesday despite giving up just one earned run.

Birocci pitched 3 1/2 no-hit innings in relief.

The junior hurler — last year's Big Ten Pitcher of the Year — changed her delivery during the off-season, an adjustment that, along with a new attitude in the circle, is paying dividends.

"We worked on that a lot in the off-season, and it's just been gradually getting better and better," said Birocci on Thursday. "We've been working a lot on getting every batter, and I think my mental game has changed a lot from last year to this year, and I'm getting more into an aggressive mode and not

so much back on my heels." Blevins said she hasn't decided which pitcher will start which games this weekend, but both will get two starts.

"For the most part, our pitching's done a good job," she said. "But again, it's consistency, and it's maturing. A lot of people kind of question the physical, but it's as much mental as the approach is consistent and the results are consistent."

But as the Hawkeyes have found recently, pitching, no matter how effective, can only take a team so far. During the five-game slide, Iowa has mustered just three runs, a trend that at least one Hawkeye thinks is all but over.

"We're just right on the edge there where just an extra few key hits is going to put us there," said center fielder Laura Chipman. "There's been some shifting in positions, and I think

everyone's just getting used to the roles that everyone plays and the positions that everyone's going to be filling."

"It comes down to making sure we're the first ones to score. That's such an important thing in this game — being able to put the first run on the board is huge."

Wisconsin won the team's first battle, 6-3, on Feb. 20, but Iowa was rusty in its first game of the season and committed four errors. Blevins is confident her team has grown significantly since the loss, which came after Iowa's first tournament of the year was rained out.

"I know that we made good strides behind that game, because we played right behind it and played a much better game," Blevins said. "It just would have helped had we managed to get our games in that first weekend."

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Women put up stronger numbers than the men

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couple of All-Americans stopped by in Nicole Ohlde of Kansas State and Kelly Mazzante of Penn State. And the first game of the season not only featured the nation's leading scorer, Chandi Jones, but also Houston teammate Sancho Lyttle, who did something unfathomable to women's basketball haters: "dunked." (I have to use the quotation marks because technically, Lyttle put the ball through the hoop and yanked down on the rim, which for most people I see out-of-shaping it up at the Field House is considered close enough.)

The women's team put up some nice numbers, too, which look even nicer in comparison with their other sex counterparts. The two teams shot a near-identical mark from 3-point land, with the men at .365 and the women at .364. And in the basketball purist's favorite mark, free-throw percentage, the ladies stuck it to the occasionally dunking

dudes, .769 to .672. And one of the best numbers the women's team put up was the amount of academic all-conference players. Out of the 11 people on the team, eight made it, as opposed to the men's squad, whose total of three was one more than the number of academic disqualifiers.

My purpose with this column is certainly not to pile hate on the guys, either. I love watching Jeff Horner mature, and I think the way Pierre Pierce moves on the court is borderline kinesiological genius. Not to mention Steve Alford, who was a genius himself at moving without the ball as a player and, as a coach, is a genius at looking disgusted.

I'm really concerned with sex issues, and equality, and the rise of the women's game. Actually, I'm pretty much concerned with anything that improves the sport. And although I wasn't shocked to see an incredibly high level of play between North Carolina and Duke in the women's ACC Tournament, I was surprised to see some macho-style chest-thumping, a Tar Heel shove a

Blue Devil under the hoop, and an ensuing technical-foul call. I hadn't see a technical foul called all year. Just as I wondered if these women were becoming more "manly," the camera showed the North Carolina player who did the shoving seated on the bench, a scowl on her face and a cute little Tar Heel painted on her cheek.

I'm not quite sure what the inspiration is for this column, maybe that I just read *The Da Vinci Code* or that I bought a stylish pink Yankees hat while I was in Indianapolis covering the women's Big Ten Tournament. Regardless, I do believe there is an increase in sex parity and the quality of play, especially in terms of the spirit of college athletics and its "student" athletes. Besides, getting on Lillis' good side is a smart thing to do — she could be president one day. Although if you ask her, she'll smile and gladly say that teammate Tiffany Reedy would be a much better candidate.

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Two steps forward

BASEBALL

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The loss came on the heels of an encouraging 4-4 spring road trip to Florida.

"I've talked to a lot of coaches who've been starting up and

trying to turn around programs, and the one thing they talk about is, you're going to take two steps forward, and [then] it always seems like, boom, you take a step or two back," Dahm said. "I think it's a good time for us to go to Des Moines. It should be an exciting tournament over there."

"The big thing is to come out relaxed. We can't start pressing — that's the biggest thing I want to try to keep these guys from doing. Bottom line is ... we've got to take a step up."

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Rand says his goodbyes

RAND

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his decision. Ben understands he would have to be very patient for playing time. I appreciate his work ethic through the year. I have told Ben we will do all we can to assist in finding the best situation for him to continue his college career."

All told, Rand logged just 98 minutes in a season that saw Iowa's roster dwindle to just seven scholarship players in its last 12 games. As the season wore on, Rand was often passed up for playing time in favor of senior Kurt Spurgeon — a walk-on.

"It's really more of a coach's

decision as to whether he's more ready at this point than what [Spurgeon] is," Alford said on March 1, adding that Spurgeon is not "uptight to make mistakes, because he's been there before."

With sophomores Jeff Horner, and Pierre Pierce firmly entrenched in the backcourt, along with sophomore transfer Adam Haluska, freshman Mike Henderson, and incoming recruits Carlton Reed, J.R. Angle, and Alex Thompson looking for minutes next season, Rand's playing prospects looked bleak.

"From my perspective as a high-school senior, it appeared Pierre Pierce would be a senior next season," Rand said. "And

Adam Haluska, with three years of eligibility, was not in the picture. With Pierce, Adam, and Jeff, the guard depth in this program for the next few years is outstanding.

"I wish nothing but success for the coaching staff and my Iowa teammates."

Note: According to Iowa Sports Information, sophomores Greg Brunner and Jeff Horner, who have been a focus of chat-room speculation, have made it a point to confirm to Alford that they are 100 percent committed to the Iowa program and both plan on completing their careers as Hawkeyes.

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Bryant accuser eager for trial

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EAGLE, Colo. — The 19-year-old woman accusing Kobe Bryant of rape asked the judge Thursday to set a trial date so she can stop trying to outrun the media and perhaps put an end to the death threats she has received over the past nine months.

"Her life is on hold, and her safety is in jeopardy until this case is over," the woman's mother wrote in a letter accompanying a court filing seeking "swift resolution" of the pretrial proceedings.

Attorney John Clune said in the filing that his client has been "forced to quit school, she cannot live at home, she cannot talk to her friends, and she has received literally hundreds of phone calls and e-mails threatening either death or mutilation."

"None of these consequences will end until after this case goes to trial," Clune said. Pretrial hearings are scheduled well into May.

Prosecution spokeswoman Krista Flannigan said she could not comment, and Clune declined further comment when reached by telephone.

Bryant has acknowledged having sex with the woman in June 2003 at the Vail-area

resort where she worked, but he said it was consensual. If convicted of felony sexual assault, the 25-year-old Los Angeles Lakers star would face four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation.

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