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UIHC NURSING AWARD



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UIHC clinic nurse Liz Bulgarelli holds the hand of Virginia Campbell before she goes in for surgery. Bulgarelli is just one of the many UIHC nurses to become the first in the Big Ten to win "magnet" status, a prestigious honor awarded to roughly 1 percent of all U.S. hospitals for success in retaining nurses.

Caregiver revels in aiding recovery

VETERAN NURSE LIZ BULGARELLI IS ONE REASON THE UIHC IS THE FIRST IOWA HOSPITAL TO GAIN "MAGNET" STATUS. SEE WEDNESDAY'S *D* FOR ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF UIHC NURSING EXCELLENCE.

BY MEGHAN SIMS

THE DAILY IOWAN

Wrapped in sterile hospital sheets and a wave of disorientation, Helen Corcoran stares blankly at the ceiling as her doctor and a surgical nurse complete a 45-minute procedure to repair her droopy eyelids and then exit the room.

Heavily drugged and unsure of her surroundings, the 76-year-old looks frail and lonely under the cluster of lamps hanging from the ceiling. But one person stays behind.

UI Hospitals and Clinics staff nurse Liz Bulgarelli grasps Corcoran's hand and rubs her shoulder, departing only once to retrieve a blanket.

"How did it go?" Corcoran asks slowly.

It went well, Bulgarelli responds. There wasn't much bleeding. Still, the 48-year-old eye clinic nurse promises to remain with her patient for the hour-long recovery.

The situation was exactly how the Minneapolis native prefers to practice patient care — one-on-one.

"I'm a caregiver through and through. I love people, I love to help people, and I belong here," says the 48-year-old who has worked in hospitals since she was 13.

The veteran misses the days when one nurse oversaw a patient's total care. Now, with eight nurses sometimes looking after more than 400 patients daily, there simply is not

time for the one-on-one.

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John Richard/The Daily Iowan
Liz Bulgarelli adjusts the equipment as Dr. Keith Carter examines a patient's eye following surgery. The UIHC is the 100th U.S. hospital to achieve "magnet status" and the first in Iowa. Magnet status, for which hospitals are re-tested every four years, refers to a facility's ability to attract and retain nurses.

U.S. declares Shiite cleric an 'outlaw'

BY ANTHONY SHADID AND SEWELL CHAN

WASHINGTON POST

BAGHDAD — U.S. officials declared Shiite Muslim cleric Muqtada Sadr an outlaw on Monday and said a warrant had been issued for his arrest as the confrontation in Baghdad between his armed militia and the American military entered a second day. Fighting was reported in Shiite-populated areas in southern Iraq, and U.S. Marines surrounded Fallujah, the western city where four American security contractors were killed last week.

In Karbala, Sadr's followers attacked a police station and a television station. In Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, they occupied the governor's office and traded fire with British troops.

In nearby Amarrah, members of Sadr's militia, the Mahdi Army, marched in the streets, clashing with British soldiers

near the governor's office. Two Iraqis were killed, witnesses said.

In Najaf, near the Spanish military base where some of the fiercest fighting occurred Sunday, government offices were closed, as were schools and colleges. Members of the Mahdi Army were out in force near the Imam Ali shrine. In nearby Kufa, Sadr's militiamen controlled police posts and government offices.

U.S. military commanders, who have nearly completed a massive troop rotation, said the clashes between their forces and the Mahdi Army on Sunday amounted to the heaviest fighting since nearly a year ago, when President Bush said major

Sadr
cleric

combat had ended in Iraq.

"They've essentially declared themselves hostile to us, and so now we're looking for them specifically," said Maj. Gen. Martin Dempsey, the commander in charge of troops in Baghdad.

The military also said a 1st Infantry Division soldier died in Kirkuk in northern Iraq as the result of a car bombing Sunday that wounded six other U.S. soldiers. Another soldier died in a bombing in the northern city of Mosul on Sunday, a spokesman announced.

The day's deaths brought to 614 the number of U.S. troops killed in Iraq in hostile and non-hostile situations.

The U.S. administrator of Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, hastily canceled a planned trip to Washington to testify before Congress. "We will reassess the law and order which the Iraqi people expect," Bremer said. "We have a difficult security situation. We

have a group under Muqtada Sadr that has basically placed itself outside the legal authorities, the coalition and Iraqi officials. ... Effectively, he is attempting to establish his authority in the place of the legitimate authority. We will not tolerate this."

A spokesman for Bremer, Daniel Senor, announced that Sadr was wanted for conspiracy to commit murder in the death of a Shiite cleric, Abdul-Majid Khoei, in Najaf on April 10, 2003.

Senor would not say if or when Sadr, 30, who remains in seclusion in his mosque in Kufa, would be detained.

ALSO INSIDE:

More than 1,000 Marines surround Fallujah in preparation for a major operation, while U.S. officials ponder a troop increase if violence in Iraq rises sharply.

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2 area road projects may get U.S. funding

BY ANNIE SHUPPY

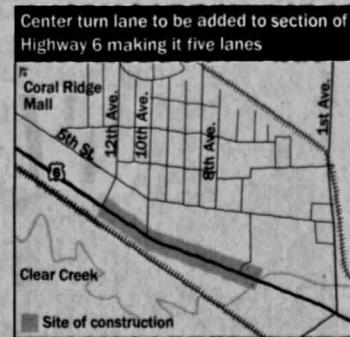
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Two Johnson County transportation projects could receive federal funding from a bill passed by the U.S. House of Representatives late last week.

Rep. James Leach, R-Iowa, announced on April 1 that within the Transportation and Equity Act of 2003, \$5 million is slated for the extension of Mormon Trek Boulevard in Iowa City and \$900,000 will fund construction on U.S. Highway 6 in Coralville.

The bill will move on to the Senate. If it passes, it faces a possible presidential veto.

Leach press secretary Jeremy Morrison, who is fairly optimistic that the bill will pass the Senate, said that he is glad it has come this far.



"From our standpoint, we're very pleased that the projects got funding," he said, adding that Leach's staff had to "jump through a lot of hoops" to secure passage.

The multi-phase Mormon Trek Boulevard extension project — which would stretch the road to Highway 921 — is

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windy

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One-man play focuses on rape

BY LESLIE SHAFER
THE DAILY IOWAN

Uncomfortable laughter filled Clapp Recital Hall on Monday night during "You the Man," a one-man play and panel discussion about unhealthy relationships, dating violence, and sexual assault sponsored by the Rape Victim Advocacy Program.

"If I buy her dinner, I wanna go home a winner," said solo actor Walter Simpson. "But even if you buy her 31 flavors, she owes you no favors."

Dressed all in black and using only a few props — such as sunglasses and a basketball — he portrayed six different male characters from a virgin to a professor dealing with violence against women. The situations went unresolved so the audience could examine possible responses and outcomes.

"I wanted to find a creative way to teach people about sexual assault," said Sarah Anthony, the RVAP prevention/education coordinator. "I saw the play at a conference, thought it was exciting, and decided to bring the show to Iowa City."

April Sexual-Assault Awareness Month Activities

- "Sexual Assault: Myths and Facts," today, 8 p.m., Currier Multipurpose Room
- "Stop Rape: What Men Can Do," Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., Quadrangle Recreation Room
- "Teal Ribbon Day," April 20
- "War Zone," April 20, 7 p.m., Bijou
- "Clothesline Project," April 24, IMU River Room

Source: Rape Victim Advocacy Program

The play, which kicks off Sexual Assault Awareness Month, was attended by approximately 200 people who watched Simpson act out situations that people deal with every day.

"Last year, 266 rapes were reported to us," said Karla Miller, the executive director of RVAP.

Started in 1973 at the Women's Resource and Action Center, RVAP is a university and community organization affiliated with UI Student Government.

The program consists of volunteers and staff on call 24 hours a day to help victims deal with sexual assault through peer counseling, support, and risk reduction, Miller said. RVAP covers



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan
Traveling actor Walter Simpson portrays Stan the Man in "You the man." Simpson plays six separate characters in Cathy Plourde's one man show on dating violence, unhealthy relationships, and sexual assault.

four counties — Cedar, Iowa, Washington, and Johnson.

Each time he performs the play, the response is stronger, Simpson said, adding that a man talking about sexual assault on women fortifies the message.

"I came here for extra credit but was really blown away at how powerful the play was,"

said UI junior Kris Cromer.

The night ended with a question-and-answer session among audience members and a panel consisting of Simpson, and representatives from RVAP and the Domestic Violence Intervention Program.

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IC CITY COUNCIL

Group calls for central 911 dispatchers

BY WILLIAM MIKESELL
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa City City Council is considering centralizing emergency dispatch systems to better coordinate area police, fire, and ambulance services.

The Johnson County League of Women Voters presented a study calling for better cooperation among the services on Monday to the City Council.

A centralized system would eliminate redundancies and

inefficiencies, group said. The league highlighted three problems with the current system:

- City and county dispatch units do not use the same frequency, preventing direct communication.

• Iowa City dispatchers provide help but must call the less-qualified Johnson County dispatchers to send an ambulance.

- There is no uniform access to criminal records.

A centralized dispatch center would eliminate duplication

and produce faster response times.

"These benefits would accrue to the community from a merged county-wide system," said Pat Cancilla, a co-chairwoman of the league.

"It seems to make a great deal of sense if we're already upgrading our radios," Councilor Mike O'Donnell said.

Councilors were committed to advancing the proposal even if some doubted the cost benefits.

"It may not save anything,

but it might provide a better service," Councilor Connie Champion said.

Out of the eight services in need of merging identified by the league, the study initially called for integrating fire dispatch because it has clearly identifiable problems, Cancilla said.

The 111,006 people in Johnson County are served by 12 fire departments, only two of which have professional, paid staff.

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Rain-forest project to get an Iowa City face

BY NICHOLAS BERGIN
THE DAILY IOWAN

Organizers of the Iowa Environmental/Education Project named Iowa City businesswoman Nancy Quellhorst to be the project's vice president Monday at the Coralville City Hall.

"It's time we put someone on the ground full time in the Iowa City area. We have a five-day-a-week job that needs to be done within the community," said project director David Oman.

The initiative includes the creation of an indoor tropical rain forest, a freshwater aquari-

um, an educational center, a restored tall-grass Iowa prairie and wetlands, and interior galleries on the prairie ecosystem.

Quellhorst's new duties will require her to work closely with local business, governmental, and educational communities.

The Iowa Environmental/Education Project encompasses elements for which I have personal and professional passion," she said. "Environmentalism, education, and workforce development are all very near and dear to my heart."

Quellhorst said she made

many connections with local government, business, and educational communities while working as program coordinator for the Workplace Learning Connection — an organization dedicated to introducing college students to careers.

Organizers of the Coralville project offered Quellhorst the position based on her previous work, passion for education, and connections within the community, Oman said.

"We evaluated several people for this position, and Nancy is absolutely the best choice," he said.

Procuring further funding for

the \$180 million project will be the next step for Quellhorst and Iowa Child, Oman said. Approximately half of the funding has already been acquired, according to the Iowa Child Institute.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Jason Adams, 23, 518 E. Davenport St., was charged Monday with operating while intoxicated.

Alisa Christoffel, 19, Ames, was charged Monday with possession of alcohol under the legal age.

Martha Diaz, 29, Washington, Iowa, was charged Monday with assault causing injury.

John Berg, 24, Orland Park, Ill., was charged April 3 with public intoxication.

Abigail Jons, 19, North Liberty, was charged Monday with possession of marijuana.

Nicole Kruser, 22, Dubuque, was charged Monday with operating while intoxicated.

Jordan McDonald, 19, Toddville, Iowa, was charged Monday with operating while intoxicated.

Martin McDonald, 27, 338 S. Governor St. Apt. 5, was charged Monday with operating while intoxicated.

David Wydra, 19, Fox Grove, Ill., was charged Sunday with criminal mischief.

Donald McIntosh, 61, Homestead, Iowa, was charged April 2 with simple assault.

Aaron Preusch, 19, 201B Mayflower, was charged April 3 with operating while intoxicated.

Jonathan Schlorholtz, 18, 1503 Burge, was charged Sunday with criminal mischief.

Ryan Silhavy, 19, 522 N Linn St. Apt. D, was charged Sunday with criminal mischief.

Woodson Spring, 24, 837 N. Summit St. Apt. 2, was charged April 3 with public intoxication.

Jonathan Wieseler, 21, 407 Westwinds Drive, was charged Monday with operating while intoxicated.

Robert Weuve, 18, N305 Hillcrest, was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct, public intoxication, and criminal mischief.

David Wydra, 19, Fox Grove, Ill., was charged Sunday with criminal mischief.

Cleaster Yusef, 38, address unknown, was charged Monday with fourth-degree theft and public intoxication.

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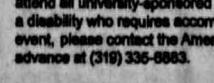
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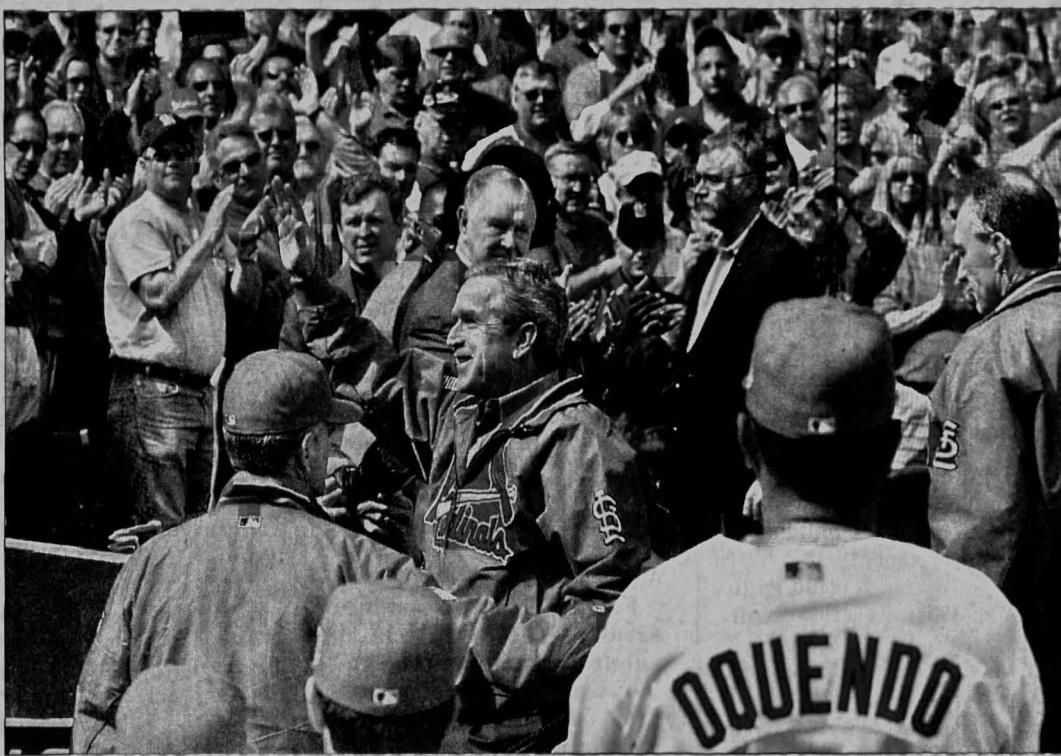
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President Bush throws the ceremonial first pitch in St. Louis to open the Cardinals-Brewers game.

Bush vows to stay the course in Iraq

BY DANA MILBANK AND MIKE ALLEN

WASHINGTON POST

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — President Bush asserted Monday that he would not postpone the June 30 transfer of power in Iraq, as the administration gave an understated public reaction to flaring violence in that country and some of the heaviest fighting since Saddam Hussein's fall.

Bush and his press secretary blamed the Shiite resistance in Baghdad — where bloody clashes killed scores over the weekend — on the work of "one man," cleric Muqtada Sadr, who helped trigger a Shiite Muslim uprising. And except for a seven-minute exchange with

reporters that was added to his schedule to address the turmoil, the president went about his schedule, including his last fund-raiser for his re-election campaign and an appearance at a baseball game in St. Louis.

"The intention is to make sure the deadline remains the same," Bush said when asked about the scheduled transfer of civilian authority from the U.S.-led coalition to Iraqis on June 30. "The date remains firm."

The president's studied calm was in contrast to spreading worry at home and abroad about the Iraq situation. Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, suggested over the

weekend that the transfer date may need to be delayed.

Qatar's foreign minister, Hamad Bin Jasim Thani, warned Monday that he fears "we are facing a civil war" in Iraq, and L. Paul Bremer, the U.S. administrator in Iraq, canceled plans to travel to Washington so he could remain in Baghdad to deal with the crisis.

There, U.S. helicopters fired on Shiite insurgents Monday, a day after 48 Iraqis, eight U.S. soldiers, and a Salvadoran died in clashes. At least 610 U.S. troops have been killed in Iraq.

Vice President Dick Cheney also threw out a first pitch on Monday — his was in Cincinnati — and spoke at a Republican

fund-raiser. National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice worked on Iraq and other issues but spent part of the day reviewing notes for her testimony Thursday before the independent commission investigating the 9/11 attacks. Secretary of State Colin Powell was in Haiti. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld made no public appearances.

Administration officials bristled at the idea that they were either disconnected from events in Iraq, or trying to appear so. They said they view Iraq as part of a long, hard war that will have daily ups and downs and said they will not allow Bush to be trapped into responding to every development.

Report blames utility in 2003's huge outage

BY H. JOSEF HEBERT

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Disregard for voluntary rules intended to ensure the flow of electricity opened the way for last summer's blackout in eight states and Canada, investigators said Monday in their final report. They urged government standards with teeth to ward off future outages.

There was a clear understanding long before the blackout last August that the Ohio region where the problems began was highly vulnerable to grid instability, said the report

from a joint U.S.-Canada task force.

Had the situation been properly addressed, the cascading blackout that sped across states from Michigan to New York and into Canada probably would have been averted, the report concluded. Something as simple as shutting off 200 megawatts of power an hour before the blackout might have kept the problem from spreading, investigators said.

But FirstEnergy Corp., the Ohio utility whose lines initially failed, had little understanding of its own power-transmission system because it had not car-

ried out the recommended long-term planning and safeguards — and backup monitoring system — that it needed, the report said.

Many of those safeguards and procedures aimed at detecting and responding to potentially devastating system problems, were outlined — but also ignored — under voluntary industry standards that were in place, said the report.

Investigators said they found at least seven violations of industry-sponsored North America Electric Reliability Council reliability rules linked to the blackout.

The task force, created by the U.S. and Canadian governments to examine the nation's worst blackout, urged creation of mandatory government reliability standards with penalties for those who violate them. The electric council, which issues the voluntary standards, has no enforcement authority.

It's been eight months since the blackout, and Congress has yet to act on any measures that might improve grid reliability. Provisions to establish mandatory rules on the electricity industry have been caught up in a partisan fight over broader energy legislation.

NATION

LA Times wins five Pulitzers

NEW YORK (AP) — The Los Angeles Times captured five Pulitzer Prizes on Monday for coverage ranging from devastating wildfires in its backyard to a civil war on the other side of the globe — the second-most awards ever won by a newspaper.

Coverage of the war in Iraq led to two prizes: Anthony Shadid of the Washington Post for international reporting, and David Leeson and Cheryl Diaz Meyer of the Dallas Morning News for breaking news photography.

The New York Times won the public-service award for a story by David Barstow and Lowell Bergman

about worker safety at a company where lax enforcement allegedly contributed to thousands of injuries and some deaths. The Wall Street Journal claimed a pair of Pulitzers: one for explanatory reporting and a second for beat reporting.

As news of the Pulitzers reached

the LA Times' newsroom, staff members erupted in cheers and applause.

"My feeling is this reflects the depth of talent at this paper and the depth of dedication across all departments," Editor John S. Carroll told the staff.

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Court to rule on use of drug dogs

Police could be ordered to obtain permission before using a drug-smelling dog in searches

BY DAVID G. SAVAGE
LOS ANGELES TIMES

tices said that the use of a drug-sniffing dog did not invalidate a legitimate search.

Moreover, a sniffing dog does not violate anyone's right to privacy, she said, because dogs simply detect odors in the air.

"Drug-detection dogs have become an effective and widely used law-enforcement tool," she added. They have been used at airports to sniff baggage and in some schools to detect drugs in lockers and classrooms.

Despite approving comments in their past opinions, the justices have not ruled squarely on whether a sniffing dog amounts to a search by police.

In the Illinois case, the state judges said that while officers had the full authority to pull over a speeding motorist and to ask him questions, they did not have the authority to bring in a drug-sniffing dog to check the vehicle.

"Calling in a canine unit unjustifiably broadened the scope of an otherwise routine traffic stop into a justification," said state Supreme Court said.

If that decision is upheld, it could limit the use of drug-sniffing dogs to situations where the police hear the state's appeal.

On Monday, however, the

Supreme Court said it would

hear the state's appeal.

State prosecutors asked the

high court to rule that a dog

sniffing the air does not

amount to a search.

"A canine sniff is not a search

under the Fourth Amendment," said Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan in her appeal. She cited past decisions involving luggage and highway checkpoints in which the jus-

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UIHC clinic nurse Liz Bulgarelli holds a mirror for Dr. Keith Carter as he examines a patient's eye following surgery.

Nurse with a human touch graces UIHC

NURSE

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enough time for those "external, superfluous things — the niceties."

Dr. Keith Carter, Bulgarelli's coworker of 16 years, recalls his first encounter with the woman he says "has a heart of gold." After stitching up Corcoran's eyelid incisions, he tells a story of how Bulgarelli told him to make sure the unit didn't finish late and re-enacts the memory with his finger wagging vehemently.

He laughs and says, "I

thought the honeymoon was still going on."

In her 25 years in the clinic, Bulgarelli has witnessed the evolution of the physician-nurse dynamic. The doctors are still chiefly in control, but nurses are far from "following their orders" anymore. In recent years, Bulgarelli believes nurses have become more active in patient advocacy and voicing their assessment of the patient as a whole, balancing the physician's evaluation of the specific ailment.

As a circulating nurse, Bulgarelli darts back and forth between surgical rooms, taking

care of Bill Sangster, a post-operation patient, while Corcoran's surgery is underway.

"Holy smokes, you look great," she tells the 82-year-old, whose droopy eyelids were lifted also. "Here comes the ice," she warns him before laying a soothing pack on his swollen face.

Moments later, she is back in Corcoran's room to stroke the patient's head while warning her of the anesthesia's "sting" before surgery.

Bulgarelli no longer monitors an individual's care for days as she used to, but the 30 to 45 minutes she spends educating

them on the operating process, she finds, is enough to build a rapport with the patients and their families.

The handful of surgeries Bulgarelli facilitates gratifies her because of its immediate benefit to the patients. With the schedule board at the clinic's nurses station consistently filled, she admits gestures such as back rubs have become gratuitous.

She still finds ways to connect with her patients, with encouraging words or hand squeezes, always aware of the others waiting.

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Pessimists stress 'realistic thinking'

PESSIMISTS

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Vic Rafferty, a club member and Oskaloosa, Iowa, resident — who said that he will remain eternally pessimistic — believes the group started as a running joke that continued to grow. Every year, like-minded groups meet in Iowa City on April 14, the day the Titanic sunk, for their annual convention.

The Titanic, Duvall said, is the perfect example why people should not be optimistic.

"That was so unrealistic," he said. "Of course it was going to sink."

Duvall said he has been a pessimist since he was a young boy growing up in the Wrigleyville

area of Chicago. When asked why he is a pessimist, he replied, "Just watch CNN for 20 minutes."

Pessimism equates to realism, a trait that would serve America well, Duvall said, adding that outside every silver lining there is a dark cloud. He joked about his disappointment that no one from the Bush administration is involved in the pessimists' club; he said the government was too optimistic about its plans for success in Iraq.

The club is not a group of cynical or negative people, Duvall said, adding that the group is often misunderstood.

"We believe in realistic thinking," he said, noting that wishful thinking is the root of most unhappiness.

"Most pessimists are happy.

Because 90 percent of the time we're right, and the other 10 percent we're pleasantly surprised."

David Duncan, a member of the Cen-Tex chapter located in Austin, Texas, said pessimism comes with age.

"Eventually, everyone will be a pessimist," he said. "There is no pot of gold at the end of the rainbow."

The club's annual event attracts people from all over the country to share stories. Although there is no member

list, Duvall said, there are hundreds of members locally and thousands nationally.

He added that the club also awards certificates of merit to members of achievement in pessimism.

This year, Duncan said, he is not planning to attend the annual convention because, after all, that would be optimistic. However, he said, he might be pleasantly surprised to find himself there.

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Leach's office helps 2 local highway projects

TRANSPORTATION

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designed to improve the city's transportation system as developers build in the southern part of town, said Iowa City City Councilor Dee Vanderhoef. She described the potential funding as great news for the city, adding that the project will help it expand its economic development and tax base.

Phase 6 of the U.S. Highway 6 project, which is expected to begin next fall pending funds, will convert a four-lane section of the highway to five lanes by adding a center turning lane. Officials say it will resolve operational and safety issues at an accident-prone site, which stretches from Clear

Creek Bridge to 12th Avenue.

Coralville city engineer Dan Holderness said the town has been waiting to carry out the \$6.9 million project for several years but had to wait for additional funding. He described Leach's staff as "very helpful and very responsive."

"We're very anxious to move the project forward, and this is the last money we need to make it happen," Holderness said.

Members of Leach's staff have been working on the Transportation Equity Act since last year, Morrison said. Since then, the bill has been through much "rigmarole," he said.

"It's great news for us, and these are important funds for the community," he said.

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WORLD

Strong quake rattles Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A powerful earthquake jolted the remote Hindu Kush mountains along Afghanistan's northeast border with Pakistan on Tuesday.

The quake was felt hundreds of miles away. It rattled windows in Kabul, 175 miles to the southwest, and sent some frightened residents

into the streets in their nightclothes.

The quake was centered in Afghanistan's Badakhshan province, which borders Pakistan, Tajikistan, and China.

The tremor struck at 2:24 a.m. today local time. The U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo. said it had a magnitude of 6.6. Pakistan's Seismological Center, based in the northwestern city of Peshawar, put the magnitude at 6.8.

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Rachel Mummey/The Daily Iowan
Hugh Downs lectures in a jam-packed Hancher Auditorium about aging gracefully and society's portrayal of senior citizens.

Downs takes aim at myths about aging

DOWNS

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"When someone dies, and they say, 'Oh, he died because he was very old,' it's as ridiculous as saying, 'Someone was born because they were very young,'" said Downs, adding he feels as good now as he did at age 15.

He also sought to dispel the belief that old age always slows the mind. As people age, they lose 20 percent of their brain mass, but compensating for that loss is easy because humans only use 20 percent, he said.

Bonnie McIntosh, a spokeswoman for the UI College of Nursing, which sponsored the event in addition to 25 other groups, said Downs was brought in as a speaker because of his own success while growing older. He has also written several books.

"He has covered aging for years and has his own personal interest in the subject," she said. "He is an expert in his own right."

"I think everyone was relating to him and connecting with the message he was offering."

While a majority of the audience were elderly, the few

students who attended left optimistic about their futures.

"I really like how he still feels young, even at such an old age," said UI sophomore Becky Allabough. "I hope that I can feel that way when I am older."

Many older audience members could relate to his lecture, including Steve Berry, a UI associate professor of journalism.

"Downs puts into perspective the thoughts of people of my age and older," Berry said. "We recognize we are getting older physically, but we don't feel older mentally. It is depressing to see 'old' portrayed as close to 'senile' because it is contrary to how people our age feel."

Following his lecture, Downs held a question-and-answer session, addressing everything from his pet dolphin, DeDe, to his newest book and his thoughts on medical marijuana — it's OK with him.

Downs was forced to cancel a scheduled lecture earlier Monday in the IMU because of flight complications that delayed his arrival in Iowa City.

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CITY

Coralville genetics firm returns 'home'

One of the largest spin-off companies the UI has ever produced will return to the university in the near future to work on genetic research.

Officials announced Monday that Integrated DNA Technologies leased a 7,200-square-foot building to expand into the UI Oakdale Research Park. The move is part of a five-year, \$26.5 million capital-expansion program that often uses the university as "the first stop for recruits," Warner said.

— by Alex Lang

The Coralville-based company was founded with the UI Technology Innovation Center at Oakdale before moving to commercial space in Coralville in 1989.

"It's wonderful," Aaron Warner, the company's senior vice president of information systems, said about returning to the university.

Integrated DNA interacts with student organizations in the College of Engineering and offers an internship program that often uses the university as "the first stop for recruits," Warner said.

ARTS

Bringing a comic book to hellacious screen life



FILM REVIEW

by Dave Fulco

Hellboy

When:
1:10, 4, 6:50, and 9:40 p.m.

Where:
Coral Ridge 10
★★★ out of ★★★

Film adaptations of comic books have been hit-and-miss in recent years, with far too many missing the mark. *Hellboy*, however, which is based on the comics of Mike Mignola, is right on target.

Hellboy opens in 1944 with a band of Nazis, a staple of comic-book villainy, looking to open a portal to the dark side to summon the Seven Gods of Chaos. Hitler, we are told, has become desperate to find any way to destroy the Allies, and as in *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, he is will-

ing to invest time into studies of relics and legends. Leading the expedition is Grigori Rasputin (Karel Roden), a Russian psychic who promises that the Seven Gods will not only bring about the Apocalypse but will also usher in a new Eden.

There to thwart the Nazis' sinister plan is a group of American GIs led by Professor Bruttenholm (John Hurt), who is the head of President Roosevelt's Department of Paranormal Research. Although the Nazis are able to open the portal, the Americans are quickly able to close it — but not before Rasputin and a small red demon are sucked through. Bruttenholm finds the small demon, and with love and a Baby Ruth bar, adopts him and names him Hellboy.

Flash forward to the present, and Hellboy (Ron Perlman) is a sure-fire superhero working for the government and ridding the world of things that "go bump in the night." He lives in New Jersey with Bruttenholm and a strange fish-man/psychic named Abe Sapien (Doug Jones). Hellboy, or HB as he is known, feels out of place in the world, as would anyone who is 7 feet tall, bright red, and horned. And although he enjoys his day job fighting beasts, he can't help pining for Liz Sherman (Selma

Blair), a paranormal who can shoot fire from her hands but has checked herself into a psychiatric facility to escape her powers. It is a solitary life for our hero who is kept company only by the plethora of cats he has in his cell.

But what is a comic without a villain? Writer/director Guillermo del Toro chooses to bring back the Nazis from the film's opening sequence and resurrect Rasputin to once again attempt to take over the world. The Nazis, who have been given eternal life by Rasputin, break into a museum and unleash a monstrous hound with tentacles and slime, which Hellboy is forced to deal with for the rest of the film. When the Nazis attempt to reopen the portal again, only Hellboy can save the world.

Hellboy has enough fight scenes to go around, and the special effects keep pace, allowing for some truly entertaining scenes of ostentatious ferocity. Although the action sequences occasionally drag on into monotony, they still feel true to their comic-book roots. One can almost see the POWs and the WHAMs emanating from each gargantuan punch. Del Toro, who passed up working on Harry Potter 3 in order to work on *Hellboy*, injects his film with an enthusiasm and a passion



Publicity photo

Ron Perlman stars in *Hellboy*, a remake of the popular comic, which topped box-office sales last weekend.

that, when one remembers the lackluster direction of the dreadful film rendering of the *Daredevil* comic, is greatly appreciated. Del Toro's fan-like gusto has allowed him to do the comic book justice.

The true bright spot in *Hellboy* is Perlman's approach to the title character. Although he no

doubt spent hours every day in the makeup chair transforming into the big red beast, he acts with a glee that is undeniable. His cigar-chomping, wise-cracking Hellboy is a perfect study in how we as audience members can believe in an impossible character if we are given an actor who is enjoying his

craft. Perlman blends empathy, power, and heart in his character, and Hellboy comes to life in ways which few movie superheroes have been able to do.

Paid: \$5

Worth: \$8 (check out a *Hellboy* comic after)

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Remembering an icon of journalism

BY JOEL ACHENBACH

WASHINGTON POST

The other day, Madelyn Kelly was going through papers in her kitchen when she came across a Post-it note with a smudged notation that said: "Death of the 3rd God (Marx/Freud/Darwin)."

It was a mysterious Michael memo. A bulletin from an energetic mind.

Michael Kelly had a habit of jotting things down on slips of paper, including story ideas. He also had a propensity to lose things (ATM cards, credit cards, mysterious jotted memos). Madelyn Kelly, whom everyone calls Max, left these scraps of her husband's thoughts scattered around the house in odd places. That way she could continue to stumble upon them — could still suddenly hear his voice.

He was killed a year ago while covering the invasion of Iraq. He had maneuvered into one of the forward units of the 3rd Infantry Division as it was bearing down on Baghdad on April 3, 2003. His vehicle came under fire and crashed into a canal. The first American journalist to die covering the war, Kelly left behind a grief-stricken family and millions of words. Max Kelly spent months going through his writings for an anthology, just published, titled *Things Worth Fighting For*.

"The book was enormously helpful," she said by phone from her home near Boston, where she lives with her sons Tom and Jack. "I know all too many widows these days, and I feel I had something that none of them did, which was the ability to surround myself daily, for the eight months after he died, with his voice."

Michael Kelly possessed one of the most distinctive and controversial journalistic voices of his generation. He could turn a delicate phrase with the best of them, and he was a master of the run-on sentence, but most of all could throw a verbal punch right in the kiss of whatever lying politician or media wimp had the bad fortune to get in his sights.

When searching through her husband's archive, Max Kelly came across one of his syndicated columns for the *Washington Post*, from 1998. She was struck by a passage describing the qualities of the iconic male of the 1930s and 1940s:

"He possesses an outward cynicism, but this is understood to be merely clothing; at his core, he is a square. He fights a lot, generally on the side of the underdog. He is willing to die for his beliefs, and his beliefs are, although he takes pains to hide it, old-fashioned. He believes in truth, justice, the American way, and love. He is on the side of the law, except when the law is crooked. He is not

BOOK Things Worth Fighting For

Available: Just released
Where: Book stores
About: Journalist Michael Kelly who died in Iraq last year

taken in by jingoism, but he is himself a patriot; when there is a war, he goes to it."

That was Mike, she realized. And this became the first piece in the book.

"This book is for my kids," she said. "What a blessing that they have his thoughts on so many things, including them, and on what it means to be a father, and what it means to be a man, and what it means to be a citizen, and a journalist, and a man of integrity."

Anyone wondering how Kelly could be so prodigious a writer needs merely glance at any of the feature articles, columns, essays, and war dispatches in the book. He knew exactly what he believed. There is no handwringing in his prose, nor in his politics. He championed the recent invasion of Iraq and implored the nation not to go wobbly in the war on terror. And then he went to the frontlines, an embedded reporter, thrilled to be in the field.

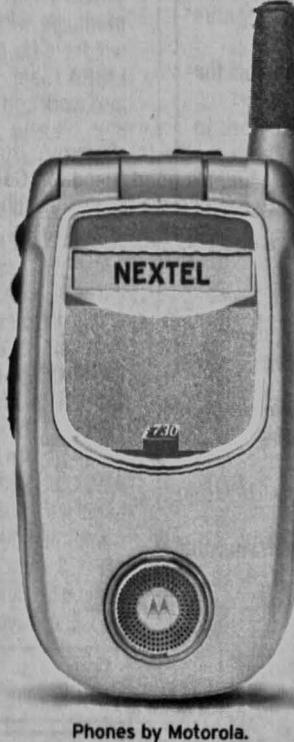
"During the war, he was as charged up as I remember him being in years," Max Kelly said. "He was back there where he belonged. Not back being in Iraq — back reporting and writing."

Kelly's writing voice was capable of eviscerating hypocrites, phonies, dummies, weak-kneed liberals, sensitive New Age guys, Saddam Hussein, Jesse Jackson, Teddy Kennedy, Al Gore, Warren Beatty, the Clintons, political chameleons, and so on. His attacks on Gore and the Clinton administration got him fired as editor of the *New Republic*; his columns about President Clinton's difficult relationship with the truth earned Kelly the label of a conservative zealot.

His stridency as a columnist made him something of a social outcast. Some old friends gradually stopped talking to him.

He might have made some enemies and outraged some readers, but at his memorial service, more than 1,000 people thronged the church.

The war reporting anchors the book. He ended a column the *Post* headlined "Across the Euphrates" with a Hemingway-esque line: "By full dusk, the sporadic mortar fire had ceased, and everything was quiet except for an occasional bit of light arms fire in the farm fields beyond the bridgehead."



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Dmitri Young

TIGERS ROAR

Tigers, Pudge shock Blue Jays with win

TORONTO (AP) — Ivan Rodriguez, Rondell White, and Jason Johnson made sure the Detroit Tigers had a different start in 2004. Rodriguez and White homered in their first game for Detroit, backing Johnson in a season-opening win, 7-0, over the Toronto Blue Jays on Monday.

Roy Halladay, the reigning AL Cy Young Award winner, was knocked around for seven runs — six earned — and 10 hits in 6½ innings. Halladay, who struck out nine, dropped to 9-2 against the Tigers.

Last year, Detroit began 0-9 and set an American League record with 119 losses. The Tigers, who hadn't won an opener since 2000, spent the off-season trying to rebuild a franchise that hasn't finished with a winning record since 1993.

Johnson, signed by the Tigers after Baltimore let him go, allowed four hits in six innings.

FOOTBALL

Juco QB to walk on for Hawkeyes

Junior-college quarterback Junior Alexis has decided to walk on to the Iowa Hawkeye football program next season. The 6-2, 205-pound signal-caller will have two years of eligibility remaining for his Hawkeye career.



Alexis

This year, the Delray Beach, Fla., native attended Ellsworth Community College this year. Alexis completed 110-of-228 passes (48.2 percent) for 1,632 yards in the 2003 season for Ellsworth. He threw 12 touchdown passes but had 13 interceptions. He also scored three rushing touchdowns.

As a senior at Spanish River High School in Boca Raton, Fla., Alexis was ranked by Rivals.com as a two-star prospect and the 34th best dual-threat quarterback in the country. He received scholarship offers from Central Florida and Nevada and had low interest but did not receive an offer.

— by Jason Brummond

HALL BOUND

Clyde 'Glides' into Hall with six others

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Clyde Drexler and Lynette Woodard led a group of six elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame on Monday.

Joining Drexler, chosen among the top 50 players in NBA history, and Woodard, an Olympic gold medalist and the first female Harlem Globetrotter Bill Sharman, already in the hall as a player who will be inducted as coach, the late Maurice Stokes, the 1956 NBA rookie of the year, Jerry Colangelo, the chairman of the Phoenix Suns, and Drazen Dalipagic, an international star from Yugoslavia.

Drexler, nicknamed "The Glide" for his speed, ball handling and swooping moves to the basket, was selected to the hall in his first year of eligibility.

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Dahm hopes youth brings change

Hawkeyes will go with younger lineup against Illinois State to try to improve offense

BY KELLY BEATON

THE DAILY IOWAN

You can expect to see an ABC camera crew at Banks Field any day now. Jack Dahm's Hawkeye baseball squad is in the midst of one truly "Extreme Makeover."

Just like the participants on the popular TV show, Iowa will take on a much more youthful

appearance in the weeks ahead. Several youngsters will get a long look from the Hawkeyes' coaching staff as Iowa (6-16) looks to rebuild a once-proud program.

Five first-year Hawkeyes should see significant time tonight. Freshman Cole Grandfield will take over for senior Mike Best at first base after seeing action in just two previous contests, and designated hitter Mike Mogard and second baseman Jason White will continue their ascent into the everyday

Iowa (6-16) vs.
Illinois State (9-12)

WHEN: 6 p.m.
WHERE: Duane Banks Field
TICKETS: \$3
RADIO: KXIC (AM 800)

lineup after seeing earlier action in 14 and 16 games, respectively. Marshalltown Community College transfer Justin Petty should also get a look at the DH slot.

Freshman Casey O'Rourke, a

2003 first-team All-State selection at Williamsburg (Iowa) High School, will take the mound for the Hawkeyes tonight against Illinois State. The lanky 6-4 righty enters his showdown with the Redbirds carrying an 0-2 mark and a 5.40 ERA, and will be making just his second career start.

"I'm excited to get out there and pitch because we're struggling," he said, referring to his team's recent slump — the Hawkeyes have dropped eight of their last nine games.

The lineup now consists of six players in their first year of playing for the Black and Gold and no longer features any seniors.

"We've got quite a few guys on our roster, and some guys have not had the opportunity to show us what they can do," Dahm said. "With a couple of guys struggling in the lineup, I think everybody deserves a chance. All 40 guys have worked extremely hard."

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UConn dominates

Huskies, Okafor too much for Georgia Tech in 82-73 victory

BY EDDIE PELLS

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — The Connecticut Huskies really do have it all: the All-America center, the flashy guards, the coach who gets everything right, and now a national title, which they won with ease.

Led by 24 points from Emeka Okafor and 21 from Ben Gordon, the Huskies outclassed Georgia Tech, 82-73, on Monday night to win the championship many predicted they'd get from the very start of the season.

The looked like champions from beginning to end, running when they wanted, controlling the middle at other times, grabbing just about every loose ball, and making the Yellow Jackets look ordinary.

UConn became the first team since the 1996 Kentucky Wildcats to win the title after being ranked first in the preseason. The Huskies wound up on top of the college basketball world, thanks to a tall, quick, deep, and talented roster put together by coach Jim Calhoun.

Calhoun missed making the Basketball Hall of Fame by one vote this week. After the way he built and guided this team, it's hard to imagine why. He coached UConn to its second championship in six seasons, and joined Mike Krzyzewski and Bob Knight as the only active coaches with multiple titles.

Today, tiny Storrs, Conn. — the home of the Huskies — could become the undisputed capital of the basketball universe. The women's team takes on Tennessee in the title game in New Orleans, and with a win, Connecticut would become the first school to sweep both championships.

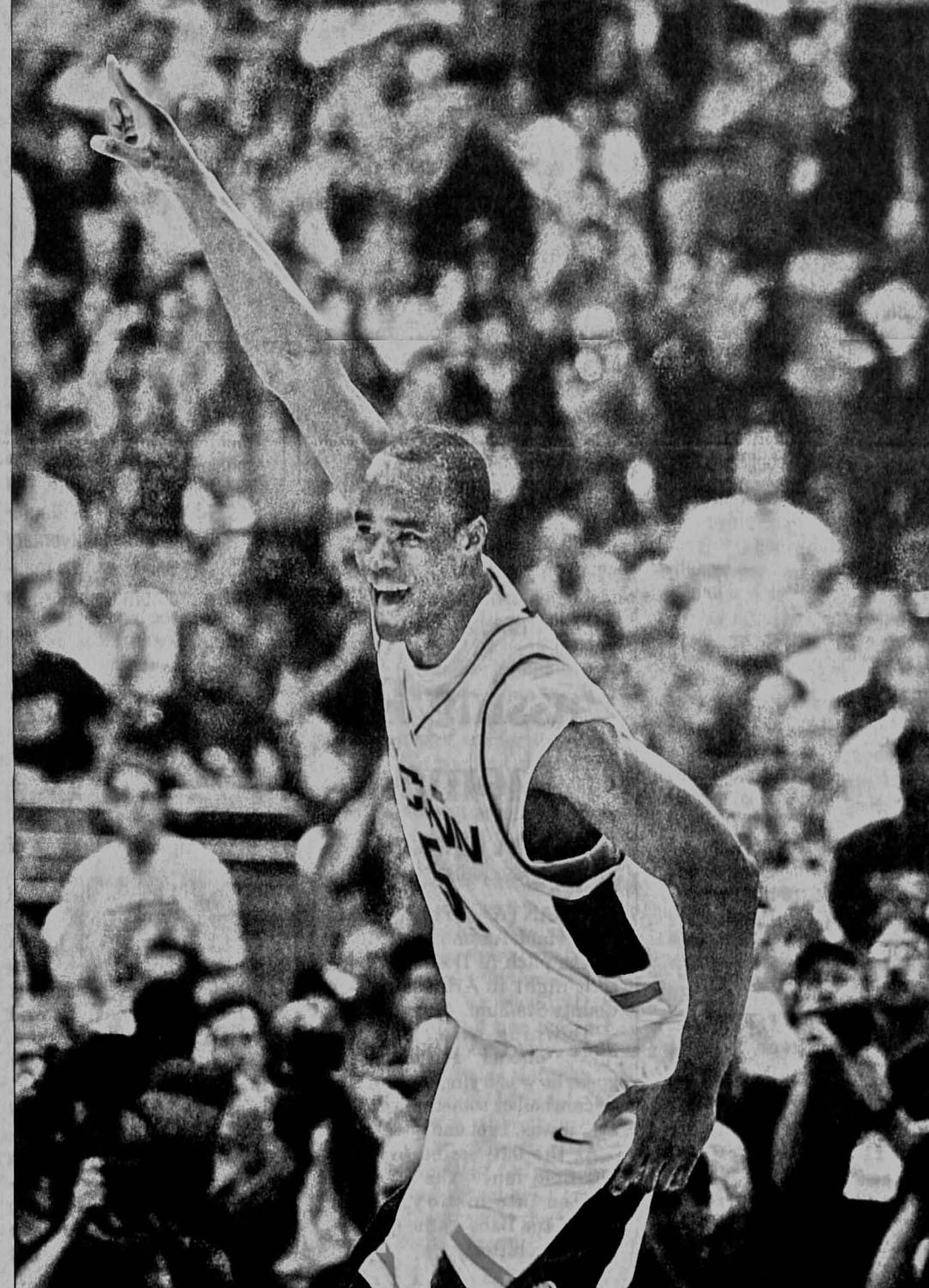
Some say the Huskies' success starts with Okafor, the All-American who had 15 rebounds for his 24th double-double of the season, which was marked by persistent injuries. Prowling the lane on both ends, using his lanky 6-10 frame to block two shots and alter dozens more, he dominated on offense and negated Tech's Aussie center, Luke Schenscher.

Early in the second half, Okafor kept his hands straight up and denied three-straight Tech attempts to get the ball toward the basket. Yellow Jackets coach Paul Hewitt buried his head in his hands and turned around toward the crowd. He couldn't believe there wasn't a foul — or maybe he just couldn't stomach what was happening to his team.

By that point, the lead had grown to 20, and although Tech's furious rally cut the deficit to seven in the final seconds, the outcome was never in doubt.

Of course, UConn has more — much more — than Okafor, and every element was working.

Gordon, a junior who led the



Connecticut's center Emeka Okafor celebrates the Huskies' 82-73 win over Georgia Tech in the NCAA championship game Monday night. The All-American Okafor finished the contest with 24 points and 15 rebounds — his 24th double-double of the season.

team in scoring, hit all three of his 3-pointers during the first 20 minutes to help the Huskies take a 15-point lead at halftime. His backcourt mate, Taliek Brown, bounced back from a rough game in UConn's semifinal win over Duke to finish with nine points, six rebounds, and four assists.

Josh Boone, Rashad Anderson, Charlie Villanueva ... the list goes on and on. No fewer than 10 UConn players made significant contributions in this one.

Anderson celebrated at the end of the game by running around the court with the game ball, laughing and holding his index finger in the air as Okafor chased him. They eventually hugged — a fond farewell for Okafor, a junior who earned his degree in three years and will



Michael Conroy/Associated Press
Connecticut's Rashad Anderson and Emeka Okafor double team against Georgia Tech's Luke Schenscher in the first half of the NCAA championship game.

Baseball puts golf to shame



DONOVAN BURBA

Somewhere up there in Sports Heaven, the God of Scheduling is having a laugh. How else to explain playing the Masters, the annual snore-fest in Augusta, Ga., that pays tribute to unathletic, whiny men in plaid pants, during baseball's first full weekend of play? You couldn't design a better way to embarrass the golf world, short of making Craig Stadler wear a Speedo.

While Sammy Sosa and Barry Bonds are hitting 99-mile-an-hour fastballs as 40,000 people scream obscenities at them, Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson will demand absolute silence in order to hit a ball that isn't even moving. Perhaps golf's finest moment came when Mickelson, preparing to hit a drive, testily asked a photographer to stop winding his camera. No word on whether Phil's going to bring his own falconer to Georgia to eliminate any stray bird that might tweet during his backswing.

While Juan Pierre and Carl Crawford are sprinting from first to second, diving in headfirst to beat the catcher's throw on a stolen-base attempt, Sergio Garcia and Mike Weir will be leisurely walking down the fairway while another man carries their clubs. After all, these world-class "athletes" can't be expected to carry their own clubs, can they?

While Pedro Martinez and Randy Johnson are putting incredible strain on their shoulders and wrists to throw blazing fastballs and darting sliders past hitters, Davis Love III and Ernie Els will be intensely studying a 3-foot patch of turf before tapping a ball into an unprotected hole — to absolute silence, of course.

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SPORTS**SPORTS 'N' STUFF****POINT/COUNTERPOINT**

Is this the Cubs' year?

For the first time in years, defending the Cubs as favorites in the National League is actually easy. No longer do I have to pretend that Danny Jackson is a legitimate ace, or that Candy Maldonado will thrive at Wrigley. From top to bottom, left to right, Chicago's deeper than any team in the NL and, save for the Yankees, in the majors.

Pitching wins championships, and it's no secret that the Cubs' starting rotation of Kerry Wood, Mark Prior, Carlos Zambrano, Matt Clement, and Greg Maddux is baseball's best. There's been some handwringing about Prior's Achilles injury, but keep this in mind: After a stint on the DL midway through last season, he closed out the campaign 10-1.

Another typical Wrigley weakness, the bullpen, was shored up with the crucial pickups of LaTroy Hawkins and Kent Mercker, both of whom posted sub-2.00 ERAs last year.

Finally, the Cubs added even more pop to an already potent offensive attack, trading for first baseman Derrek Lee. Lee, Sammy Sosa, and Aramis Ramirez should each hit 30 homers, and Corey Patterson, back from an ACL injury, looks to have a breakout year. He's off to a good start; the second pitch he saw in Monday's game against Cincy, he put in the seats.

You can talk all you want about hexes and jinxes, but those will only hurt believers. The Cubs don't believe in curses anymore, and neither do their fans, and that is as important as anything in putting Chicago over the top.

— by Donovan Burba

Just as any smart baseball team takes great caution to never speak of an ongoing no-hitter, a good sports fan knows you never risk jinxing your team with a bold pre-season prediction.

Cubs fans can now cower in fear thanks to the good folks at *Sports Illustrated*, who made the ill-fated move of plastering Kerry Wood on their cover recently. As if losing Mark Prior for an extended period because of an Achilles injury weren't enough, Windy City fans can now look forward to various appendages falling from Woods' frame.

The North-Siders' *SI* jinx reminded me of Jan. 17, 1999, when my uncle called to say he was "working on Super Bowl tickets" for our beloved Vikings just as the ancient Gary Anderson lined up for a 38-yarder to salt away a Minnesota win over Atlanta late in regulation of the NFC Championship Game. Not so surprisingly, Anderson promptly hooked the attempt Scott Norwood-style. Fifteen excruciating minutes of overtime later, I was in the fetal position on the floor, weeping and asking "Why?!" to a God I no longer believed in.

That's why I implore you — for the sake of your mental well-being — start thinking pessimistically. You need to do whatever you can to get the Cubs back into their lovable underdog role.

Maddux, Lee, Hawkins, Mercker — all great additions, yes. But, if anybody asks, just tell them they'll only be good enough for a runner-up slot to the 'Stros. You'll be that much happier come October if they prove you wrong.

— by Kelly Beaton

IOWA SPORTS**TODAY**

- **BASEBALL** hosts Illinois State, 6 p.m. at Banks Field.

Wednesday

- **SOFTBALL** hosts Northern Illinois, 4 p.m. at Pearl Field.

- **BASEBALL** at Iowa Cubs, 7:05 p.m.

Friday

- **MEN'S TENNIS** hosts Northwestern, 2 p.m. at Koltz Tennis Center.
- **SOFTBALL** at Indiana, 3 p.m.
- **BASEBALL** hosts Michigan, 6 p.m. at Banks Field.

Tournament Final

- 7:30 p.m. on ESPN.

- **NBA Portland Trail Blazers** at Los Angeles Lakers, 9 p.m. on TNT.

Wednesday

- **MLB Chicago White Sox** at Kansas City Royals, 1 p.m. on FSN.

- **MLB Teams to be announced**, 2 p.m. on ESPN.

- **NHL Conference Quarterfinal**, 6 p.m. on ESPN.

- **MLB San Francisco Giants** at Houston Astros, 7 p.m. on ESPN2.

MEN'S TRACK at Arkansas.

- **ROWING** at George Washington Invitational in Washington D.C.

MEN'S TENNIS at Boilermaker Invitational.

- **MEN'S TRACK** at Sea Ray Relays in Knoxville, Tenn.

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Bush throws first pitch at Busch

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wearing a red Cardinals warm-up jacket, President Bush strolled out to the mound and waved to a sellout crowd in St. Louis.

For the third time in a week, it was opening day in baseball. This one finally felt right.

Greeted by a mixture of cheers and boos on a crisp Monday afternoon, Bush threw an inside strike to catcher Mike Matheny before the Cardinals' game against Milwaukee.

"It just goes to show you a guy can get lucky occasionally," Bush said.

St. Louis was the site of one of nine games around the majors, highlighted by Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants playing the Astros in Houston.

In Cincinnati, the Reds opened with a tribute to former owner Marge Schott, a ceremonial first pitch by Vice President Dick Cheney, and a 7-4 loss to Sammy Sosa and the Chicago Cubs.

Schott died last month at age 75, ending a tumultuous chapter for baseball's first professional team. Instead of Schott sounding the siren to start the annual opening day parade in Cincinnati, an elephant did it using its trunk.

Meanwhile, Cheney got a loud ovation when he walked onto the field. Standing in the grass in front of the mound, he threw a right-handed strike to crouching Reds catcher Jason LaRue.

"It turns out we don't need a radar gun on him, either," Bush joked.

Hometown hero Ken Griffey Jr. was out of Cincinnati's lineup, reluctantly taking a few more days to rest a strained calf. The injury-prone outfielder paced in the dugout with a bat in each hand.

Several other injured stars were missing on opening day, including Nomar Garciaparra, Mark Prior, Jason Schmidt, and Larry Walker.

Not Bonds, who was dogged by questions about steroids all spring. He entered the season with 658 homers, two shy of tying his godfather — Willie Mays — for third on the career list.

"I feel very proud because I had him at 5 years old in my locker many times and on the field," Mays said Monday in the visitors' dugout at Minute Maid Park. "Who else could I pick to pass me?"

On Monday night, Bonds was to face right-hander Roy Oswalt — pitching for the Astros ahead of Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens.

At Dodger Stadium, Don Newcombe, winner of the first Cy Young Award in 1956, presented Los Angeles reliever Eric Gagne with his plaque for earning last year's honor.

New center fielder Milton Bradley, acquired from Cleveland on Sunday, singled in his first two at-bats with the Dodgers.

The biggest opening day crowd in Kansas City history (41,575) packed Kauffman Stadium, where fans are fired up because the small-market Royals could challenge for the AL Central crown.

They stood five rows deep around the lower concourse and rocked the ballpark with applause as Challenger the eagle flew in from center field at the end of the national anthem.

"This is the biggest crowd I've seen in years, and I've been coming to opening day on and off for 20 years," said Dan Webb of Kansas City.

Then the Royals really gave their fans something to get excited about, rallying for six runs in the ninth inning and a



Mark Humphrey/Associated Press

Connecticut players celebrate in front of Minnesota after a 67-58 win in the women's NCAA national semifinals Sunday in New Orleans. UConn will play for its third-straight national championship today against Tennessee.

What else is new? Huskies, Vols to meet for title for fourth time

TENNESSEE LOOKS FOR FIRST WIN OVER THE HUSKIES IN THEIR LAST FIVE MEETINGS; CONNECTICUT SEEKS A THIRD-Straight NATIONAL TITLE AND ITS FOURTH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME WIN OVER THE VOLUNTEERS SINCE 1995



Pat Summitt

Tennessee head coach

Geno Auriemma

UConn head coach

Morgan Valley — to their third-straight title game.

"You're never really used to it," Conlon said. "It's a different place, a different team. Every one is special in its own way. This one is different from last year and the year before."

So what was all this talk about parity? Coaches keep saying there are more good players and more good teams, that anyone can lose. Which is true. Four different teams, including UConn and Tennessee, were ranked No. 1 this season, there were several upsets in the NCAA Tournament, and LSU and Minnesota both made the Final Four for the first time.

Still, look who's still standing at the end.

"I just think the expectations that are placed on the players by the respective coaching staffs of both of those schools are just different from some of the expectations placed on kids at other schools," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said.

"That might be the best way I can explain it. There's an expectation level that exists, and there is no choice. You don't congratulate yourself and have a parade for losing in the Sweet 16 or going to the final eight and well, we'll get there next year. Maybe it's that kind of mentality that allows us to play well at this time of year."

The Connecticut-Tennessee rivalry is not especially long, just intense. They first met midway through the 1994-95 season, when UConn won, 77-66, and replaced the Lady Vols at No. 1 in the polls. The Huskies beat Tennessee again 2½ months later to win their first national championship, and they've met every season since.

Connecticut leads the series 12-6 and has won the last five games, including an 81-67 victory in Knoxville on Feb. 5.

"It never gets old," UConn's Jessica Moore said. "UConn, Tennessee. It is women's basketball in a nutshell. We are the two most popular teams in the country, and I'm sure it will give ESPN some good ratings."

BY CHUCK SCHOFFNER

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — Somehow, an NCAA Tournament that seemed so unpredictable at the start has come down to a most familiar finish.

Connecticut and Tennessee, the two heavyweights of women's basketball, will play for the national championship tonight.

If that sounds like a rerun, well, it is. They've met three times before in the title game, including last year, and Connecticut won all three.

The Huskies are back, in search of their third-straight title and fourth in five years, and they're making no apologies for being here.

"For the most part, I would think people would like someone else to be in the finals," UConn star Diana Taurasi said. "But as long as I'm wearing the Connecticut jersey, I don't care what people think. We're going to be in the finals."

Connecticut returned to the

championship game with a 67-58 victory over Minnesota on Sunday night, its 17th-straight win in NCAA Tournament play. To run that streak to 18, the Huskies will have to beat the only program that has won three-straight championships.

Tennessee squeezed past LSU, 52-50, in the semifinals, and it will try for its seventh title, but the first since 1998. It was the Lady Vols' third-straight last-second victory by two points, but they see no reason to apologize, either.

"I guess the way we feel is that we're supposed to be here because we keep finding ways to win," Tennessee's Shyra Ely said.

Ely helped Tennessee (31-3) find a way against LSU. The ball squirted her way when LSU's Temeka Johnson fell as she was bringing it up the floor, and Ely alertly fed LaToya Davis for a wide-open lay-up with 1.6 seconds left.

Connecticut (30-4) held off repeated comebacks by Minnesota to send its three seniors — Taurasi, Maria Conlon, and



Al Behrman/Associated Press

Chicago Cub Corey Patterson (20) is congratulated by Sammy Sosa after Patterson hit a solo home run off Cincinnati Reds pitcher Cory Lidle in the first inning Monday in Cincinnati.

Patterson homer gives Cubs 7-4 win

BY JOE KAY

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Corey Patterson homered, and Moises Alou doubled with the bases loaded Monday, leading the Chicago Cubs to a 7-4 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

After winning their first division title in 14 years, the defending NL Central champions got a good start on their next image-busting quest: back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1971-72.

The Reds had another disappointing debut in Great American Ball Park, where 42,122 fans sat watching Patterson's homer land in the outfield stands, putting the Cubs ahead to stay.

Sammy Sosa went 0-for-4 with a walk, failing to get the ball out of the infield in his first three at-bats. He put his mark on the ballpark last season — a dent in the top of the batters' eye in center — but couldn't put his mark on the game.

Neither could Kerry Wood, who needed 95 pitches to make it through five innings. The right-hander gave up five hits and four runs, striking out six, and he repeatedly worked deep in the count.

Alou doubled home three runs in the third inning off Cory Lidle, who took the loss in his first opening-day start.

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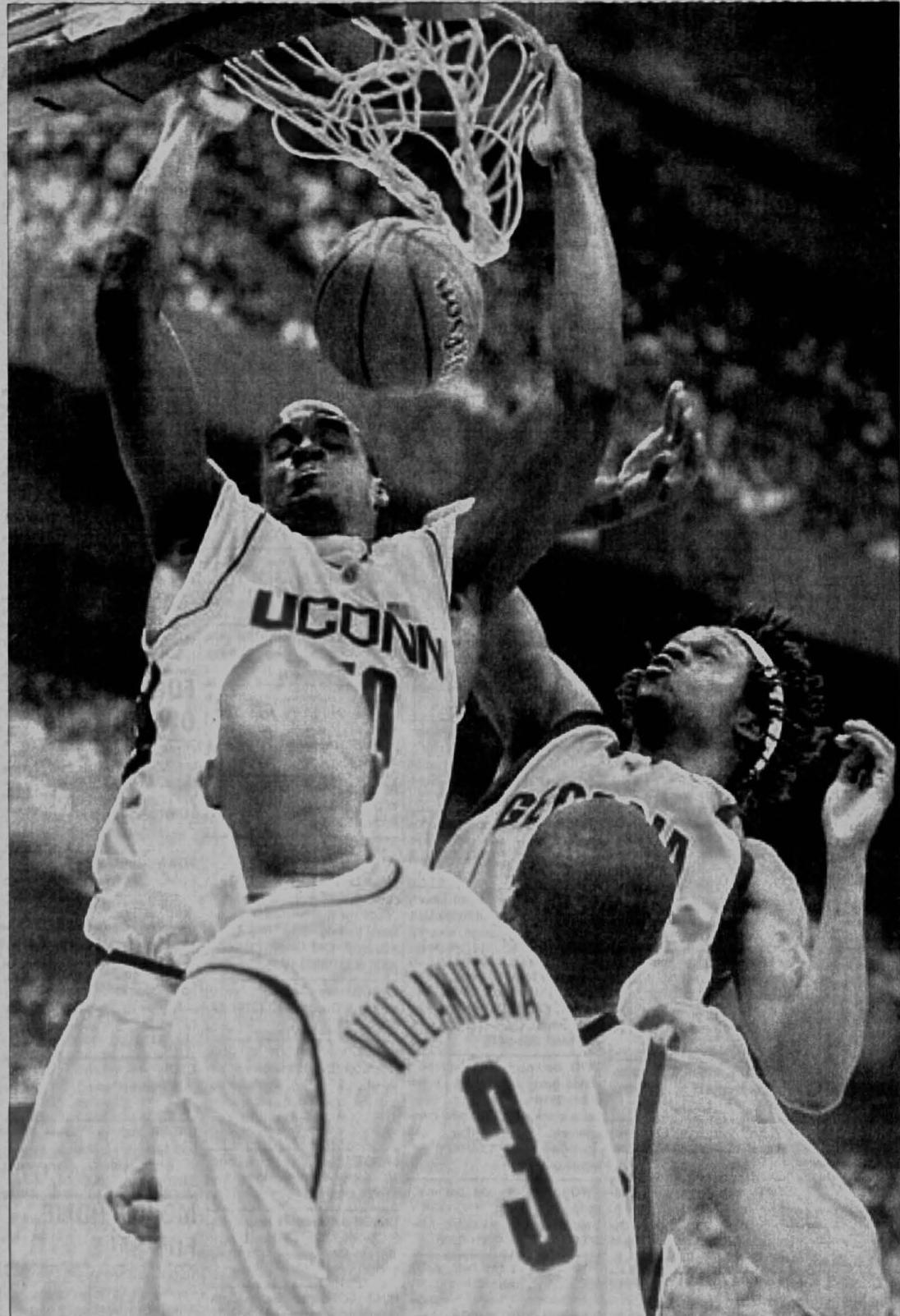
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SPORTS



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Connecticut's Emeka Okafor dunks over Georgia Tech's Clarence Moore during the first half.

Georgia Tech shot only 38 percent

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almost surely leave for the NBA.

The two hooked up beautifully just before halftime, when Okafor snatched a missed free throw, turned and, while still airborne, threw to Anderson, who dribbled to the top of the

key and swished a shot at the buzzer. The Huskies pulled it off in five seconds and looked as if they were the only ones on the floor, instead of playing against five Yellow Jackets.

Tech got nine points and 11 rebounds from Schenscher. Will Bynum led the Jackets with 17, and B.J. Elder had 14, but they simply couldn't shoot on this

night. That they shot just 38 percent from the field was understandable, given they were going against Okafor and a lineup that included two more 6-10 guys.

But 12-for-21 from the free-throw line? That was a killer, and it allowed the Huskies to push the lead to double digits much more easily than they might have.

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Hawkeyes look to raise money for the American Diabetes Association

The Iowa baseball team has its sights set on another trip to a pro venue, Veterans Memorial Stadium in Cedar Rapids.

The Hawkeyes will take on instate rival Northern Iowa in the first I-380 Corridor Classic on April 20 starting at 6:30 p.m.

Not only will the game give fans of both squads a chance to watch the two squads in a neutral environment, it will also raise money for the American Diabetes Association. Fans can vote for one of their favorite Hawkeye coaches to kiss a pig for \$1 per vote. A \$5 contribution gives a fan five votes and enters her or him in a seventh-inning drawing to win a Harley-Davidson Sportster motorcycle.

Tickets to the event run \$20 each for pavilion seats, which include a game ticket plus all you can eat or drink, \$8 for box seats, and \$5 for bleacher or lawn seats.

Fans can purchase tickets through the Iowa Athletics Ticket Office, located in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, or by calling 1-800-IA-HAWKS. Tickets are also available at the Cedar Rapids Kernels' box office at Vets Stadium in Cedar Rapids.

E-mail *D* reporter Kelly Beaton at beatonkelly2003@yahoo.com

Projected lineups

Iowa Hawkeyes

SS	Jeff Gremley, Jr.	.270
CF	L.J. Mims, So.	.272
C	Kris Welker, Jr.	.220
LF	Jesse Brownell, Jr.	.312
1B	Cole Grandfield, Fr.	.250
RF	Nate Yoho, Jr.	.256
3B	Andy Cox, Jr.	.153
DH	Justin Petty, Jr.	—
2B	Jason White, Fr.	.150

P Casey O'Rourke, 0-2, 5.40 ERA

Illinois State Redbirds

CF	Nate Whitney, Sr.	.366
SS	Chris Shepard, Jr.	.320
DH	Jay Molina, So.	.317
LF	Jeremy Pickrel, Jr.	.315
3B	Lucas Baughman, Fr.	.340
RF	Matt Bolt, Jr.	.270
C	Greg Blaesing, Sr.	.318
1B	Kyle O'Brien, Fr.	.200
2B	Brian Wilkin, Fr.	.394

P Dan Frega, 0-0, 6.23 ERA

Okafor at the center of championship

BY BEN WALKER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — Emeka Okafor powered inside, slammed home a rebound, and got the Connecticut cheering section to go crazy.

At the center of everything, Okafor put on an All-American performance in the biggest game of his life, punctuating it with that rim-shaking dunk late in Monday night's 82-73 win over Georgia Tech for the NCAA championship.

And somehow, up in the stands, Pius Okafor managed to stay relaxed. With fans around him standing and shouting, he politely applauded his son's stuff while 10 other family members looked on.

"I'm very calm," Okafor's father said in the closing minutes. "I'm so proud of him and so excited that he's playing at this level."

Oh, and this from Dad: "He's played better than this."

Maybe, but certainly not in a game of this magnitude.

The most dominant player in college basketball was picked as the tournament's Most Outstanding Player after scoring 24 points and getting 15 rebounds.

Okafor raised his arms high after corralling the final carom. He controlled the glass at both ends by setting up shots on offense and altering attempts on defense.

"It was a great season," the 6-10 center said. "We had our ups and down. This moment makes it all worthwhile."

"We came out and snuck by Duke. Then we came out and grabbed the national title," he said.

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Golf provides recreation, but isn't a sport

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Don't be under the impression that I think golf is easy. I've played it plenty, and I know it's an incredibly challenging and usually frustrating game. That does not, however, make golfers "athletes" in the same class as baseball players, or basketball players, or football players. Physics and chemistry are tough, too, but you don't see Stephen Hawking on the cover of *Sports Illustrated*.

The rise of Woods brought a rise in the ridiculous notion that a man who uses a titanium club to hit a ball engineered to go as far as possible should be talked about in the same breath as Michael Jordan, Lance Armstrong, and Joe Montana. Woods won as much, if not more, than those legends — but he won at golf, and winning at golf is akin to winning at darts or bowling.

Regardless of what ESPN might think, not every competitive leisure activity is a sport. Sports

require a much higher degree of physical involvement than golf, or darts, or (Lord help us) poker. There's a reason people relax by hitting the links and not the gridiron.

So when you turn to the Masters between innings this weekend and hear the announcers, in their hushed tones (don't want to risk the wrath of Phil, remember), discussing the great athleticism of a man who won't even carry his own clubs, try not to laugh.

At least not during the backswing.

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