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President Bush gestures during a news conference in the White House on Tuesday night.

Bush: Iraq action correct

BY DANA MILBANK
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WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — President Bush mixed an expression of concern about violence and lawlessness in Iraq with an absolute certainty that his course of action is the correct one in a prime-time news conference Tuesday night — his first since the war in Iraq began 13 months ago.

He indicated he will increase the number of U.S. troops in Iraq after what he called “a tough, tough series of weeks for the American people.”

Although acknowledging disappointments with developments in

Iraq and grief over the losses of 9/11, Bush said there was no reason to apologize for the government’s performance before the attacks and that he could think of no mistake he had made since the attacks.

Bush said that he will dispatch Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage to Iraq to help negotiate the June 30 transition to Iraqi sovereignty and that he will return to the United Nations to increase international participation in Iraq after the transfer of power. “I’d like to get another U.N. Security Council resolution out that will help other nations to decide to participate,” he said.

The president gave his clearest indication yet that he will increase

the U.S. troop level in Iraq from the current 135,000, rather than decrease it to 115,000 as had been planned. He said Army Gen. John Abizaid, who is overseeing Iraq operations, “is clearly indicating that he may want more troops. It’s coming up through the chain of command. And if that’s what he wants, that’s what he gets.”

After a 17-minute overview of the situation in Iraq, Bush endured three-quarters of an hour of sharp questioning from reporters on just two subjects: the uprising and power transfer in Iraq and his actions before and after the 2001 attacks, which have

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW:

AMY VALESH, UI GRADUATE,
WORLD TRAVELER, AND
NURSE PRACTITIONER

Ex-nomad weds and settles in

Nearly four years ago, *The Daily Iowan* followed a handful of students through a year in their lives at the UI. This is the second story in a series about how the UI experience changed their lives — namely, where they are now.

BY MEGHAN SIMS
THE DAILY IOWAN

Sweeping changes accompanied the years following Amy Valesh’s graduation, the most momentous of which came with a simple addition to her name: She’s now Amy Valesh-Peterson.

“I was just a blubbing, tearful mess,” the UI alumna said about her July 5, 2003, wedding. “I knew I would cry, but I never thought that much.”

In the three years since *The Daily Iowan* first profiled her, the 27-year-old has run the gamut of personal and professional events: She finished graduate school, lost a lot of weight, bought a house and a dog, and moved from Iowa City to Davenport to settle in to her new job as a nurse practitioner, in addition to wedding her four-year boyfriend, Mike Peterson.

Globetrotting was a satisfying part of Valesh-Peterson’s life — she has traveled to Japan and most of Europe and the United States — and she misses it considerably but realizes that being a new homeowner, paying off grad-school bills, and working full-time don’t allow for expensive excursions.

“If you want to sleep on the floor, you can go on vacations all the time,” she said, laughing.

The Oelwein, Iowa, native isn’t entirely the nomad she once thought she was. In her 2001 interview, she said she planned to uproot herself from Iowa after graduation, but growing older has shown her the significance of staying close to family.

“When I was your age, I wanted to get the hell out of Iowa,” she said, but she now appreciates that her Davenport location, “smack-dab in between” the couple’s parents’ homes, allows them to visit both sets of in-laws.

A “more severe adjustment” was taking her job as a family nurse practitioner at the Genesis Hospital, she said. Between yelps from her 5-month-old shih-poo, Bella, Valesh-Peterson said she now conducts more advanced physical exams, orders X-rays and other tests, interprets test results, and diagnoses ailments.

The former UI Hospitals and Clinics staff

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Valesh-Peterson
UI Graduate

DUCKING OUT



UI student Kitty Montgomery practices gesture drawing along the riverbank with her Elements of Art class on Tuesday evening.

Rachel Mummy/The Daily Iowan

School Board weighs plan for growth in elementaries

BY COLIN VAN WESTEN
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa City School Board tentatively scheduled a timeline Tuesday to change school boundaries to accommodate student growth in the North Corridor area. Demographic projections presented at Tuesday’s meeting showed Lincoln, Wickham, and Penn Elementary Schools exceeding their capacities by 2007. District estimates predict that the total elementary-school population will increase by more than 425 students over the next five years, with 60 percent concentrated at Wickham, Penn, and Lincoln. Transfer and special-education students were not included in the projections.

The redistricting proposal is aimed at narrowing the margin between the projected enrollment and the capacity at the three schools while allowing established student communities to remain. It also seeks to balance students ethnically, socially, and economically and minimize student disruptions — all while moving much of the difference to the North Corridor elementary.

The district overall is projected to increase by 500 students, not including transfers and those in special education. Projections also show a continued increase in the district’s northwestern region, while the southeastern



Plugge
Superintendent

is predicted to stay stable through 2008.

The projection fueled further discussion of a possible fourth “pod” addition to the new North Corridor elementary school. The extra class space would accommodate another 110 students.

“The data tell us the growth is at Wickham and Penn,” said Superintendent Lane Plugge. “The data are telling us we really need to look at that fourth pod.”

While School Board officials said the North Corridor is the area most in need of redistricting, they did not rule out changes in other areas, such as initiating talks with the Clear Creek-Amanda School District about growth overlap in that area before it becomes a problem. The issue will be discussed further at the April 27 meeting.

“Clearly, if you were to draw boarders today, you would not keep the boundary between Clear Creek [Amana] and Iowa City in the same place,” said board member Don Jackson. School Board President Lauren Reece added, “The bottom line is, we are growing and projected to continue to grow.”

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Ziesche pleads not guilty in Jan. incident

BY SEUNG MIN KIM
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI senior Alan Ziesche on Monday added his name to the list of men denying guilt in a January altercation originally alleged to be a hate crime.

Ziesche, charged with assault causing serious injury — a Class D felony — pleaded not guilty in 6th District Court to charges that he allegedly punched Thomas O’Malley, 27, during the Jan. 31 encounter. O’Malley sustained several fractures to his facial bones.

Hate-crime allegations sparked from claims that at one point during the early morning incident, Ziesche’s companion, UI student Charles Holden, called O’Malley’s girlfriend, Janis Chang, a “fucking Chink” and made monkey-like noises toward the couple.

According to police investigation, Holden first accosted O’Malley and Chang in the 10

block of South Dubuque Street and made the monkey noises. After an exchange among the O’Malley, Holden, and three other men accompanying Holden, O’Malley walked away but came back to continue the argument.

Police also allege that at one point during the encounter, O’Malley spit on Holden. It was then that Ziesche allegedly punched O’Malley in the face and fled from the scene.

Iowa City police and the Johnson County Attorney’s Office decided not to pursue hate-crime charges after the investigation concluded. According to the investigation, only one person — Chang — out of six witnesses heard the alleged ethnic slur.

Ziesche’s attorney, Leon Spies, did not return messages placed to his office Tuesday.

Holden and O’Malley pleaded not guilty to their

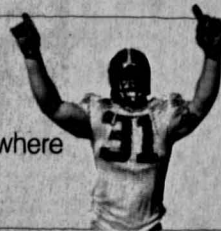
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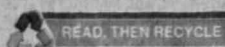
SPRINGTIME FOR HAWKEYES

The football Hawks are trenchant about where games are won — in the trenches.
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NO TERRORISM INTEREST

An ex-FBI official says John Ashcroft didn’t want to hear about terrorism before 9/11.
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NEWS

Iowa Senate rejects gay nominee

Gov. Tom Vilsack's nomination of Jonathan Wilson for the state school panel fails, 22-24

BY AMY LORENTZEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — The Senate on Tuesday blocked the nomination of a gay-rights activist to the state school board after a heated debate lasting two days.

Some Republicans said they feared that Gov. Tom Vilsack's nominee, Jonathan Wilson, a Des Moines lawyer who had served 12 years on the Des Moines School Board, would try to promote a gay agenda.

Sen. Nancy Boettger, R-Harlan, said she got many letters from constituents opposing the appointment.

"I have heard from more people than I have ever heard from about a confirmation," said Boettger, the chairwoman of the Senate Education Committee. "They don't want any hint of pushing the gay lifestyle through our school system."

Other Republicans said they simply questioned Wilson's qualifications and whether he could move Iowa's educational system forward.

'It's a sad day for the state of Iowa. It sends the wrong message to gay and lesbian citizens.'

— Jonathan Wilson,
school board nominee

The nomination failed, 22-24. Wilson needed two-thirds of the vote — 34 — to be confirmed.

Wilson was asked to appear before the Senate Education Committee last week, where he and his Democratic supporters defended his record.

While serving on the Des Moines School Board, Wilson also served on the National School Boards Association's board of directors and a National Council on Education Standards and Testing task force.

Sen. Matt McCoy, D-Des Moines, said Tuesday that the opposition is motivated by bigotry and hatred and "is clearly discriminatory."

"We have the most qualified candidate that we have ever had



Bill Neiberger, Des Moines Register/Associated Press. Gay-rights activist Jonathan Wilson answers questions as he appears before state senators on April 8 at the Statehouse.

... yet he is being taken apart by rumor, innuendo, hatred, bigotry, and a sense that he's not good enough to serve Iowa because he has a different sexual orientation," McCoy said.

Wilson said the Senate's decision shows that Iowa is not a welcoming place for homosexuals.

"It's a sad day for the state of Iowa," he said. "It sends the wrong message to gay and lesbian citizens."

Wilson had served 12 years on the Des Moines board when he publicly announced in January 1995 that he was gay.

His 1995 re-election bid failed. Sen. Neal Schuerer, R-Amara, said Wilson's views on education were the issue, not his homosexuality.

"It's time now that we look to leaders who will make a difference. We don't need someone who's spent time traveling over the country promoting an education agenda that hasn't worked for Iowa," Schuerer said.

Senate Minority Leader Mike Gronstal, D-Council Bluffs, called it an embarrassing day for all Iowans.

"Once again, Republicans have pandered to a hateful minority, discouraged our young people from making Iowa their home, and sent a negative message about Iowa to the rest of nation," he said.

Coralville considers limited smoking ban

Councilors ponder how a ban on smoking for city-owned property could be enforced

BY JESSICA SEVESKA
THE DAILY IOWAN

Coralville city councilors weighed in on a proposed smoking ban for city-owned property Tuesday night with cautious optimism and a lot of questions about how the town will enforce the sweeping measure.

How, councilors wondered, do you stop a golfer from lighting up on the Brown Deer Golf Club's green? Can you realistically snuff out a picnic-goer's Marlboro at S.T. Morrison Park? And what about weddings or parties in public places?

"It's logistics," said Councilor Jean Schnake, one of the proposal's critics. "What do you do if people don't follow the policy?"

Unlike Iowa City's now-defunct ban — which had prohibited smoking in establishments that make more than 50 percent of their revenue from food sales — the Coralville policy would halt smoking in such places as parks and recreation facilities. Restaurants and other private venues would remain unaffected.

One thing is certain, Councilor Tom Gill said about the bill

he presented to the public at Tuesday's meeting: The policy, if passed, would make Coralville a state leader in the push to crack down on smoking.

"This is a health issue," Gill said, noting that cities such as Minneapolis have successfully enforced similar policies. Coralville, he said, is a "healthy" city whose facilities should reflect "healthy" attitudes.

Other councilors, such as Henry Herwig, suggested a more moderate approach, such as designating certain areas for smoking. The city will share the idea with its Parks and

Recreation Department before moving ahead.

"You don't want to adopt a policy you can't enforce," warned city administrator Kelly Hayworth.

Iowa City's smoking ordinance, hailed as a victory for anti-smoking activists, crumbled in May 2003 when the Iowa Supreme Court overturned a similar ban in Ames. That ordinance might return, however, as state lawmakers continue efforts to remove the law on which the court based its ruling.

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Online crime reporting

A new Iowa City police service will allow Iowa City residents to report certain crimes on the Internet with the department's new online incident-report form.

The system is available for non-criminal matters such as lost property and criminal matters classified as simple misdemeanors when there are no suspects or witnesses to the crime.

Iowa City police Sgt. Brian Krei said it will help in a variety of ways.

"We won't have to send an officer to the call. If there is a lost bike, it may take 15 minutes for officers to reach the location. Then they have to file a report, then return to their patrol area," he said. "It may take 45 minutes of their time with a lost bike and no suspects or no witnesses."

Citizens will also be able to file a report at their convenience, he said.

After the report is submitted, it is entered into the department's system, and police then send a reply and incident number for insurance purposes within three business days.

If the report indicates that there is a suspect or a witness to the crime, a message will appear informing people to contact the Iowa City police.

The incident being reported must occur within the city limits. Incidents that occur on UI property must be reported to the UI police.

The report form can be accessed at the police website, www.icgov.org/police.

— by Sarah Franklin

CITY

UI gets grant for cystic-fibrosis

UI researchers will receive a grant for approximately \$8.2 million to fund five years of cystic-fibrosis research, a hereditary lung disease, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, announced on Monday.

The funding was approved by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute on April 1; it will be distributed over the next five years — with the UI receiving approximately \$1.633 million each year — to fund salaries, research supplies, equipment, and other miscellaneous costs, said the project's principal investigator, UI internal medicine Professor Michael Welsh.

The project has five primary UI researchers, as well as other scientists from across the United States, exploring a "gene-transfer" technique that uses genetically modified viruses to transfer healthy DNA into those with the abnormal genes.

"We let the shell of a virus carry in the DNA, like a Trojan horse," Welsh said.

He will submit yearly progress reviews to the institute to ensure continued funding, he said. He is "very happy" about grant, he said, and optimistic that the scientists, who have been conducting the study for more than 10 years, will find success in numbers.

"The idea is to create synergy by having numerous people attacking one problem," he said.

— by Jim Butts

Musser guilty in fourth HIV case

Adam Musser sat in an Iowa County courtroom Tuesday as an eight-woman, four-man jury found him guilty of not telling a sexual partner he was HIV-positive — his fourth and final conviction for the Class B felony.

Musser, 23, was charged with this count of criminal HIV transmission in July 2003, when he had unprotected sex with a woman twice and did not disclose his HIV-positive status.

The jury deliberated for approximately 40 minutes, said Assistant Johnson County Attorney Victoria Dominguez.

"I believe the jury reached a fair verdict based on the evidence and the law," said Dominguez, who called five witnesses during the two-day trial.

Defense attorney Kelly Steele said he was "obviously disappointed," adding that Musser is also "disappointed but taking it in stride."

Musser did not testify, and the defense did not call any other witnesses, Steele said.

As in his other trials, Musser faced a jury pool with some who had heard of his charges. Steele said out of the original pool of 40 potential jurors, 30 said they heard of Musser's name or details about the case.

The victim in this case has not tested positive for HIV, Dominguez said.

Because of pretrial publicity, Musser's four trials have been held in four different venues to find a pool of jurors who had not heard about the case.

"On the behalf of the people of Johnson County, I'd like to thank the people of Benton, Jones, Tama and Iowa Counties for giving up their time [for these trials]," Dominguez said.

A sentencing date for this conviction has not yet been set. Criminal transmission of HIV is a Class B felony punishable by a maximum of 25 years in prison. Musser has already received a 25-year sentence for his first conviction; his remaining sentences are set for next month.

— by Seung Min Kim

POLICE BLOTTER

Chad Claney, 21, Cedar Rapids, was charged Tuesday with driving with a suspended license.
William Ketsenburg, 37, Houston, was charged Tuesday with operating while intoxicated.
Mariyolu Melendez, 19, 2128 S. Riverside Drive Apt. 19, was charged

Tuesday with driving with a suspended license.
Phillip Travis, 23, 1717 Grantwood Drive, was charged Tuesday with operating while intoxicated.
Ronald Williams, 36, Kalona, was charged Tuesday with possession of marijuana.

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Jackson faces another child-abuse allegation

BY TIM MOLLOY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Detectives are investigating a new allegation of child abuse against pop star Michael Jackson involving a person who claims to have been victimized in the late 1980s, a police spokeswoman said Tuesday.

Jackson has pleaded not guilty to child-molestation charges in Santa Barbara County. Jackson attorney Benjamin Brafman said he was unaware of the Los Angeles Police Department investigation.

"We have never been informed by the LAPD of any investigation that they are conducting of Michael Jackson," he said. "I would point out that since I have been involved in this case, I have addressed literally dozens of

completely baseless rumors on a daily basis, and this appears to be just another one of them."

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office asked the LAPD to investigate the new allegation a month ago, said Mary Grady, the commander of the department's public-information office.

"The victim alleges the acts took place in the city of Los Angeles in the late 1980s," she said.

The allegations are being investigated by the Child Protective Section of the department's Juvenile Division. Grady declined to elaborate on such details as the age or sex of the alleged victim.

Los Angeles district attorney's spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons declined comment.

"This is a matter under investigation by the LAPD," she said. "We are not the investigative agency."

Santa Barbara County prosecutors did not immediately return calls for comment Tuesday evening.

Steve Cron, a defense attorney who has represented clients accused of molestation, said the new alleged abuse would be within the statute of limitations if it occurred in 1988 and later. He said the accuser could also help prosecutors in the Santa Barbara case show a pattern of abuse, though the amount of time since the alleged acts could hurt the accuser's credibility.

"The questions are asked: Why didn't this allegation surface earlier? Why didn't he report it to someone a long time ago? How accurate is his recollection? How accurate is his ability to relay the events to someone else?" Cron said.

Cancer-test accuracy questioned

Virtual colonoscopy proves to be less reliable than traditional method

BY LINDSEY TANNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Virtual colonoscopy — a cancer-detecting procedure that gives doctors a computer-generated 3-D view of the colon — is less reliable than previously thought and not ready for widespread use, researchers say.

Its accuracy varies considerably, depending on the training and methods of the doctors performing it, according to a study of 600 patients at nine major clinics.

In conventional colonoscopy, a long, flexible viewing tube about the thickness of a garden hose is inserted in the rectum and threaded several feet into the colon. A device on the end of the tube is used to remove suspicious growths, which are later tested for cancer.

Virtual colonoscopy is designed to take some of the discomfort out of the examination. A narrower rectal catheter is inserted, and a CT scanner produces images of the colon.

In the latest study, the patients underwent virtual colonoscopy first, then traditional colonoscopy on the same day.

The virtual method detected 55 percent of patients with at

least one suspicious polyp at least 10 millimeters in diameter, compared with a 100 percent success rate for traditional colonoscopy. For smaller tumors, at least 6 millimeters in diameter, the results were worse: 39 percent for virtual colonoscopy versus 99 percent for the traditional method.

Eight patients ultimately were diagnosed with cancer; virtual colonoscopy missed the disease in two of them.

As recently as December, a widely reported study found that virtual colonoscopy was at least as accurate as the conventional variety.

But the authors of the new research said many of the previous studies were largely based on data from a single hospital and did not take real-world conditions into account.

The leader of the research team called the latest findings "a bucket of cold water" thrown on the growing enthusiasm for virtual colonoscopy.

While the technique might be effective "in the hands of experts, it has yet to be proven that this expertise can be taught and disseminated reliably into daily practice," said the research team, led by Dr. Peter Cotton, a gastroenterologist at Medical University of South Carolina.

"If this technique is worth doing, it's worth doing by regular folks," Cotton said.

Nevertheless, Cotton said doctors should not give up on virtual colonoscopy. "I suspect that in five years' time, with better software and training and maybe some more intelligent computing ... this will become a useful technique," he said.

The study appears in today's issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Participating radiologists were required to have performed at least 10 previous virtual colonoscopies. Only one of the centers had substantial previous experience with the procedures and it had the best results, detecting 82 percent of patients with at least one of the smaller polyps. The eight other centers combined had a detection rate of 24 percent.

"The differences between what virtual colonoscopy can do and what it will do if applied in ordinary practice circumstances are so great that physicians must be cautious," Dr. David Ransohoff of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill said in a *JAMA* editorial.

The American Cancer Society recommends that people over 50 get a conventional colonoscopy every 10 years, calling it the "gold standard" of colon cancer screening. The society concluded that there is not enough evidence to recommend the virtual test for those with average colon cancer risk.

National sorority office apologizes for blood-drive gaffe in Missouri

BY SCOTT CHARTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, Mo. — The national office of a sorority whose members were urged to lie about their health to boost turnout in a competitive campus blood drive apologized Tuesday.

In a statement from its national office in Colorado, Gamma Phi Beta said it "regrets the e-mail sent regarding mandatory participation in a campus-wide blood drive and apologizes to the community, the Red Cross, and campus."

The American Red Cross tells those who are sick or have

recently received tattoos or piercings not to donate blood, both to protect the health of donors and to lessen the risk of transmitting diseases to recipients.

Sorority members at the University of Missouri-Columbia were urged by a fellow member to lie about their health.

In an e-mail sent on April 6 to approximately 170 members of Gamma Phi Beta, sophomore Christie Key, the chapter's blood-donation coordinator, wrote: "I don't care if you got a tattoo last week. LIE. I don't care if you have a cold. Suck it up. We all do. LIE. Recent [piercings]? LIE."

She added: "Even if you're going to use the Do Not Use My Blood sticker, GIVE ANYWAY." Donors who have second thoughts at the donation site can discreetly attach a sticker to a health questionnaire indicating their blood shouldn't be used.

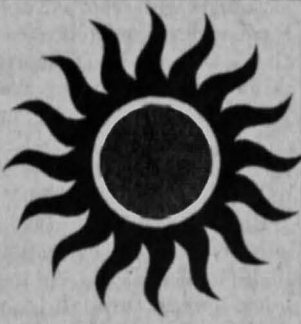
Key declined to comment Monday and referred questions to Gamma Phi Beta's chapter president, who did not immediately return a call.

Approximately 3,300 units of blood were collected at the Missouri event. The Red Cross reassured the public that its blood supplies are safe; saying all donations are routinely tested for safety.

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NEWS

Bush to maintain course on Iraq

BUSH

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come under renewed scrutiny because of the 9/11 commission.

Bush presented what he called a "somber" portrait of recent events in Iraq. "There's no question it's been a tough, tough series of weeks for the American people," he said. "It's been really tough for the families. I understand that. It's been tough on this administration. But we're doing the right thing."

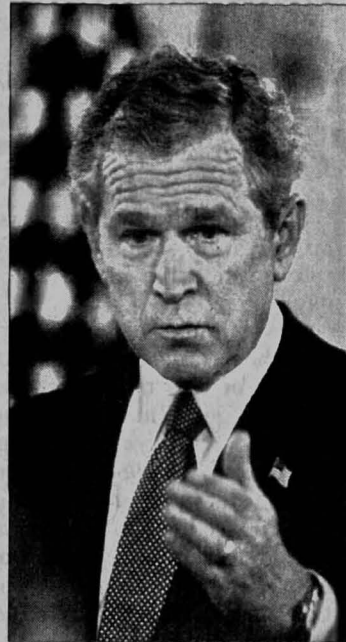
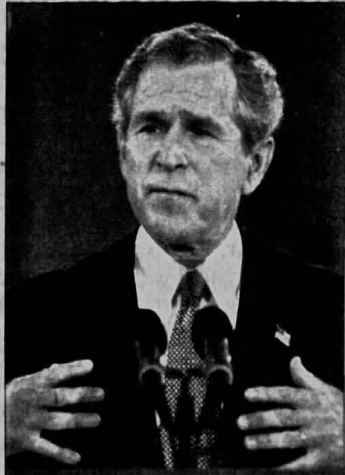
The president acknowledged more adversity in Iraq than he has in other recent remarks, but he held to his view that the rebellion there is relatively small. Those responsible "want to run us out of Iraq and destroy the democratic hopes of the Iraqi people," he said in an opening statement. "The violence we have seen is a power grab by these extreme and ruthless elements. It's not a civil war. It's not a popular uprising. Most of Iraq is relatively stable. Most Iraqis by far reject violence and oppose dictatorship."

Though Bush has had a dozen news conferences since taking office, his appearance Tuesday night was his first prime-time news conference since the war in Iraq began. He has criticized such events as opportunities for network correspondents to preen, instead favoring informal exchanges with reporters or hastily called news conferences early in the day. But he has resorted to prime-time news conferences during particularly crucial moments in his presidency: a month after the 9/11 attacks, on the eve of war in Iraq, and Tuesday night.

Bush was under unusual pressure to speak to the nation in a highly visible forum. As the violence spread through Iraq last week, leading the U.S. military to repel uprisings by both Shiite and Sunni Muslims, Bush was out of public view for five-straight days

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— President Bush, first press conference in 13 months.



Associated Press

President Bush gestures during a news conference in the East Room of the White House on Tuesday.

on his ranch in Texas. Republican lawmakers, who were back in their districts for Easter and heard from constituents, implored Bush to go before the American people.

The White House saw the session as a way for the president to address twin troubles — the Iraq rebellion and the 9/11 panel's hearings — that have caused his political standing to drop to the lowest of his presidency, with less than half the American public approving of his performance in office, according to some polls. With fewer than seven months until the election, and 78 days until the transfer of power in Iraq, Bush faces a tight timetable to regain control in Iraq and to rebuild his credentials on his response to terrorism — long his strongest attribute as president.

A *Newsweek* poll, released April 10, found that six in 10 Americans thought the administration underestimated the threat of terrorism before the attacks. At the same time, most Americans do not share Bush's optimistic view about the Iraq insurgency, which he iterated Monday. In a *Time* magazine poll released Sunday, 45 percent viewed the recent violence as a major uprising that will have a long-term effect in Iraq, and 17 percent saw it as the start of a new war. A third believed the attacks are short-term, isolated incidents.

Bush's Democratic opponent, Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., issued a statement before Bush's appearance criticizing the president for not recruiting more foreign help in Iraq. "It's been almost a year since the president declared 'mission accomplished' — but after the last several weeks it's even clearer that the mission is not accomplished in Iraq," Kerry said. "The president needs to address how he's going to fix this."

Bush's task Tuesday night regarding Iraq, analysts said, was to rebuild domestic support for the U.S. occupation of Iraq — despite the rebellion there that has claimed the lives of at least 82 U.S. troops this month and nearly 700 since the war began — and to assure Americans that he has a solid plan for Iraq even though the administration does not know which group of Iraqis will assume power when it is transferred on June 30.

On the subject of the 9/11 commission, Bush has been battling in recent days to avoid damage from an Aug. 6, 2001, presidential intelligence briefing, declassified Saturday, that indicated Al Qaeda was in the United States, was interested in hijackings, and was believed to have designs on New York and Washington. Bush has said the information was not specific enough to trigger actions, but his opponents said the information should have sounded more alarms.

WORLD

Cheney confers with Chinese leaders

BEIJING (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney praises China for its efforts to prod North Korea to give up its nuclear ambitions and promised Tuesday to "do good work together" on a range of issues.

But U.S. officials cautioned against expecting breakthroughs on the stalled North Korea nuclear talks. Tensions also remained over Taiwan and Hong Kong.

In an unusually blunt appeal, China's vice president asked Cheney during a one-on-one meeting for the United States to stop selling defensive weapons to Taiwan, Chinese state media reported. Zeng Qinghong's appeal to Cheney shortly after his arrival in Beijing reflected the intensity of China's frustration with U.S. support for self-ruled Taiwan, which the communist mainland claims as part of its territory.

"There is only one China and Taiwan is part of China," an announcer, citing Zeng, said on the state television evening news. "We hope the United States can carry out its commitment and not sell weapons to Taiwan and not send wrong signals to Taiwan independence forces."

The official Xinhua News Agency said Cheney affirmed U.S. policy, which doesn't support formal independence for Taiwan.

Beijing's anxiety over U.S. ties with Taiwan is expected to be a key issue during Cheney's three-day visit.

It is almost unheard of for a senior Chinese leader to deliver such a direct, potentially confrontational message to a visiting foreign leader. That Zeng, a member of the Communist Party's nine-member Standing Committee, the center of Chinese power, did so in Cheney's first meeting in Beijing showed China's emphasis on the issue.

Ziesche pleads not guilty to charges

ZIESCHE

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respective charges of third-degree harassment and disorderly misconduct last month.

The trials for Holden and O'Malley are set for August. A

trial date has not yet been set for Ziesche.

If convicted of assault causing serious injury, Ziesche can face up to five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$7,500.

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UI alum drops globetrotting

VALESH-PETERSON

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nurse, who treated outpatient conditions such as diabetes and asthma, relishes the challenge and intensity of the emergency room now, but she initially felt "helpless" with the unfamiliar atmosphere and duties.

"It's hard to go from a role where you know what you are doing and then turn around and be totally lost," she said, adding that support and exchanging experiences with her graduate schoolmates has strengthened her.

Amid finishing school, planning her wedding, and working part-time, Valesh-Peterson shed 42 pounds, after deciding that living across the street from New Life

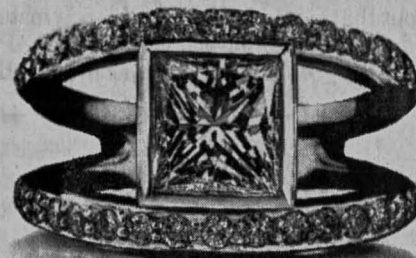
Fitness Center afforded her "no excuses" not to get into better shape. Motivated by the approaching wedding date, she worked with Weight Watchers from April to December 2002 as well.

The wedding now past, she wants to maintain her level of fitness and make a definitive lifestyle change, perhaps through her new vocation: landscaping.

Peterson mows the pair's lawn and Valesh-Peterson is responsible for the garden, a challenge she characteristically accepts, even if uneasily.

"I don't know anything about plants, but I'll have to find out how to try to keep them alive," she said with a laugh.

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NEWS

Ashcroft refused terror briefings, ex-FBI official tells Sept. 11 panel

BY DAN EGGEN AND WALTER PINCUS
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — The former acting director of the FBI testified Tuesday that Attorney General John Ashcroft rejected any further briefings on terrorist threats in the weeks before the 9/11 attacks and did not view combating Al Qaeda as "a top item on his agenda."

Thomas Pickard, who ran the FBI for several months prior to the attacks, also told the commission investigating the terror strikes that Ashcroft rejected a plea that summer for an extra \$58 million to combat Al Qaeda. Pickard testified that he received the formal denial on Sept. 12, 2001, the day after the attacks.

The allegations — which came during another day of dramatic and often tense testimony before panel — prompted an aggressive defense from Ashcroft, who denied barring Pickard from offering him threat reports and said he was highly focused on the dangers posed by terrorists that summer.

Ashcroft sought to blame the Clinton administration for many of the shortcomings in counterterrorism strategies before the attacks, taking the unusual step of publicly citing the work of a Democratic member of the commission, Jamie Gorelick, who served as a deputy attorney general in the Clinton administration. Ashcroft announced the



Attorney General John Ashcroft testifies before the 9/11 commission on Tuesday in Washington.

declassification and release of a 1995 memo she wrote that outlined legal rules on sharing intelligence information, characterizing the guidelines as "the single greatest structural cause for the Sept. 11 problem."

"We did not know an attack was coming because for nearly a decade our government had blinded itself to its enemies," Ashcroft said.

His pointed remarks capped a day of fingerprinting by current and former law-enforcement and intelligence officials, who defended their own roles in assessing and fighting the Qaeda threat while generally criticizing the missteps of others.

The staff of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, as the panel is known, also released

two new reports that broadly condemned the FBI and CIA for missing clues that might have revealed the workings of the 9/11 plot. The reports repeated a now familiar list of lost opportunities in 2001 to follow leads that might have helped them unravel the impending assault and disclosed new details about financial and policy failures that contributed to the problems.

U.S. troops mass outside al-Sadr's city

BY DENIS D. GRAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NAJAF, Iraq (AP) — A 2,500-strong U.S. force, backed by tanks and artillery, massed Tuesday on the outskirts of Najaf for a showdown with a radical cleric, raising fears of an assault on the holiest Shiite city. In besieged Fallujah, two intense battles killed a Marine, forced down a U.S. helicopter, and severely strained a truce.

Meanwhile, a State Department official said four bodies have been found in Iraq. The bodies may be those of private contractors missing since an assault on their convoy outside Baghdad amid a wave of kidnappings of at least 22 foreigners.

With the killings of the Marine and a soldier Tuesday, April became the deadliest month for the U.S. military since the Iraq war began in March 2003. At least 83 troops have been reported killed in action in less than two weeks. Last November, 82 were killed.

In the south, Iraqi politicians and ayatollahs tried to negotiate a solution to avert a



An Iraqi man walks toward the charred remains of a U.S. helicopter that was shot down Tuesday outside Fallujah, Iraq.

U.S. attack on Najaf, which would outrage the nation's relatively pro-U.S. Shiite majority and could turn what has been a limited revolt by a single militia into an outright Shiite rebellion. A military advance could also inflame Shiites in neighboring Iran.

The vehemently anti-U.S. cleric, Muqtada al-Sadr, was holed up in his office in Najaf,

shielded not only by gunmen but by the presence of the city's main shrine only yards away. He vowed to continue what he called "a popular revolution" to end the U.S. occupation of Iraq.

"I fear only God. I am ready to sacrifice my blood for this country. But I call on the Iraqi people not to let my killing put an end to their rejection of the [U.S.] occupation," al-Sadr told Lebanon's Al Manar television station.

U.S. commanders vowed to kill or capture al-Sadr, though officials suggested they would give negotiations a chance.

"The target is not Najaf. The target is Muqtada al-Sadr and his militia," said Brig. Mark Kimmitt, deputy head of U.S. military operations in Iraq. "We will hunt him down and destroy him. We would prefer it not in Najaf or Karbala. We have very great respect for the shrines, for the Shiites."

In Fallujah, a truce called by both sides since Sunday — three days after the Marines called a unilateral halt — was strained by new fighting. One Marine was killed by mortar fire.

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Intelligent life in the GOP?

AT TIMES I FIND the university environment to be a world unto itself, a place that is so sheltered that it is surreal. Most of the people one encounters here grew up in the middle class, are working toward earning a degree, are from somewhere in the Midwest, and are between their late teens to mid-20s. Within this relatively homogenous population, people specialize even more.

One of the reasons that I was attracted to my current group of friends is because we shared a common vocabulary of movies, music, literature, politics, and other components of our worldview.



SHAWN SEBASTIAN

Now that I'm graduating soon, I'm not prepared to enter a world in which friends have to find babysitters before they go out, where I work with people who have served in wars, where I encounter people daily who have lived and are living in poverty. Hell, I'm not even prepared to enter into a world where people haven't seen *The Big Lebowski* at least five times and don't own the Pixies' *Doolittle*.

But the thing that scares me the most is that I will be entering a world where half of the people I know will be Republicans.

Hey, don't get me wrong, I mean, Republicans are some of my best friends. Well, not *best* friends, I suppose. I mean, I'd say I'm *aware* of a total of four openly Republican people in the periphery of my acquaintances and colleagues ... and of those, it would be fair to say that I'm on speaking terms with two of them.

I wish I knew more of them. The reason I'm afraid of encountering Republicans is because I feel unprepared. When my friends and I discuss politics, whether it be economic news, the 9/11 hearings, or the environment we wonder who this 50 percent of America is that continues to support what we see as transparently misguided, fraudulent, and corrupt policies. We inevitably conjure up images of NASCAR-attending, tobacco-chewing, snake-handling fundamentalists or white-haired, three-piece-suit wearing, 401K-raiding corporate robber barons.

These are obviously caricatures that are false, and there are legitimate reasons that intelligent, thoughtful people vote Republican. I just don't know what they are because I don't know any Republicans. It's just that for all the opportunities that college affords to encounter a diversity of people of different backgrounds, ethnicities, and opinions, my natural tendency was to sequester myself with people that I have a lot in common with. As a result, it's been difficult to achieve real communication with a group of people I'm not exposed to and who I disagree with.

Any discussion of politics I have encountered inevitably leads to railing against the unseen and unknown entity of "Republicans" with people who agree with me. I don't know how to engage in a productive dialogue with someone on the other side of the issue because, frankly, I haven't practiced enough.

According to many, there are "culture wars" raging with the nation evenly divided along partisan lines on religion, foreign policy, women's rights, homosexual rights, and other issues. This perception of "us versus them" is congruent with the current administration's penchant for casting issues in black and white, for taking the closed-minded view of the world as being split between good and evil and right and wrong. This oversimplified assessment of politics, both domestic and international, is my primary problem with the current administration.

I don't want to engage in a "war" with the opposing side, I want to talk to them to figure out what they believe and why they believe it — then, if I don't agree, find ways to communicate what I believe.

As the election season gains momentum and the political dialogue intensifies, I just hope that I resist the temptation to look at politics with the same oversimplified perceptions I wish to eliminate. ■

JUMP shots

Where to cut?

So, the UI might have to cut one of its varsity sports next year to make ends meet.

We're torn. We don't want to see a men's program get cut, as non-revenue men's athletics have long borne the brunt of the well-intentioned Title IX, which effectively requires that universities give as many athletics scholarships to women as to men. Because football accounts for nearly 100 scholarships, non-revenue men's athletics scholarships are sparse.

On the other hand, we don't want to see a women's sport get cut, either. Equal opportunity for women in athletics is important to the UI and to us.

So what to do? While the football and men's basketball teams account for 94 percent of revenue, they also spend well more than all other sports combined. They're already pulling their weight, but surely there are corners to be cut. It's not as if the quality of the men's basketball team could get much worse.

Whatever happens, it would be a shame to follow in the footsteps of Iowa State and cut baseball. This is America, after all.

Har, har, har

You know, we're getting a little sick of people who think they're funny.

On April 8, some clowns put up fliers around the university advertising an actual magic show with their own slogans. "White Power Variety Show," the fliers advertised, lending the moniker "eat the black children" to a performer as his middle name — without letting the performer in on the joke.

Some things in life are funny, take George W. Bush's college grades or John Kerry getting Botox treatments, for example. Other things — mass graves and an "Aryans only" sign — are not.

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Mike Depew
UI math major



Matt Hanzel

Amazonian misspending revisited

In the latest round of public scrutiny directed toward the Iowa Child Project — the 5-acre indoor rain forest proposed for a strip of land along the Iowa River just south of Interstate 80 in Coralville — a national watchdog group has labeled the endeavor one of the greatest wastes of taxpayer money in the country during the past year.

Citizens Against Government Waste, a nonpartisan organization based in Washington, D.C., released the 2004 "Pig Book" last week, listing the most prominent pork-barrel projects across the nation that have been approved for funding within the past fiscal year. The \$50 million grant secured by Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, according to the publication, "will do nothing for Iowa's population, energy industry, or the environment, but it will soak the taxpayers." The indoor rain forest appears on the list with other questionable expenditures of tax

money nationwide, including \$500,000 for tourist buses for Anaheim, Calif., \$8.5 million for a research center in Alaska, and \$6.1 million for wood-utilization research in numerous states. (At least tourism in Anaheim and research in Alaska don't sound ridiculous on their face. But anacondas in Iowa?)

We've already voiced our disagreement with the whole rain-forest proposal, and we concur with this latest assessment of the idea. Perhaps now that an organization beyond the state level is also crying foul over this, more taxpayers will begin to show interest. The nation is facing a \$7.1 trillion debt that will not be overcome by spending more money in places where it need not be spent. The Iowa Child Project stands head and shoulders above all the other pork projects in its category of energy and water spending; the next highest amount of money allocated to any initiative of this kind is a

mere \$16 million. And the \$50 million already devoted to the indoor rain forest will cover less than one-fourth the total cost — driving the nation further into debt to fund merely one-fourth of a rain forest in Iowa just doesn't make any sense.

Proponents of the idea, including former Iowa Gov. Robert Ray, say that it will have numerous benefits for the state — that more people will be drawn to visit and perhaps move here, that it will serve as an educational tool, that it will enhance the quality of the UI, and that it will create jobs and tourist income for the region. All of these arguments are shortsighted when we consider that the success of this idea is far from guaranteed and that, quite frankly, a rain forest does not belong in the middle of Iowa. We trust that publications and watchdog groups such as this one will reveal the truth of this ongoing controversy.

LETTERS

Honoring duty

I have had *The Daily Iowan* dropped at my door step since I separated from service in August. Occasionally, I'll find myself in disagreement with an article, but I seldom ever find myself disgusted with one. I have listened quietly while writers criticize the government and any military involvement in the Middle East.

However, I will not stand for any personal attack against a soldier who performs her or his duties with honor. That is an insult to all soldiers past and present and especially disrespectful to the families and friends of the Iowans who have paid the ultimate price while serving our country.

Tiffany Jenkins did not ask to be sent to Iraq. It was not her decision to go. She was sent there, and she risked her life for you and me. She protects your right to mock and belittle her, and that is a strange bit of irony. I do not know Jenkins personally, but I am proud of her, and I welcome her home. She is a hero, and she does not need to prove anything to someone who does not appreciate the costs of their freedoms.

So to the author of "Returning

Soldiers" (*DI*, April 12), in trying to discredit a soldier, you have brought disgrace and discredit upon yourself. If you ever decide to express your political views again in such a public forum, use the government to make your point. Leave the soldiers out of it, because despite our differing political views, Americans love and support the troops.

Isaac M. Johnson
Iowa City resident

Fuzzy math

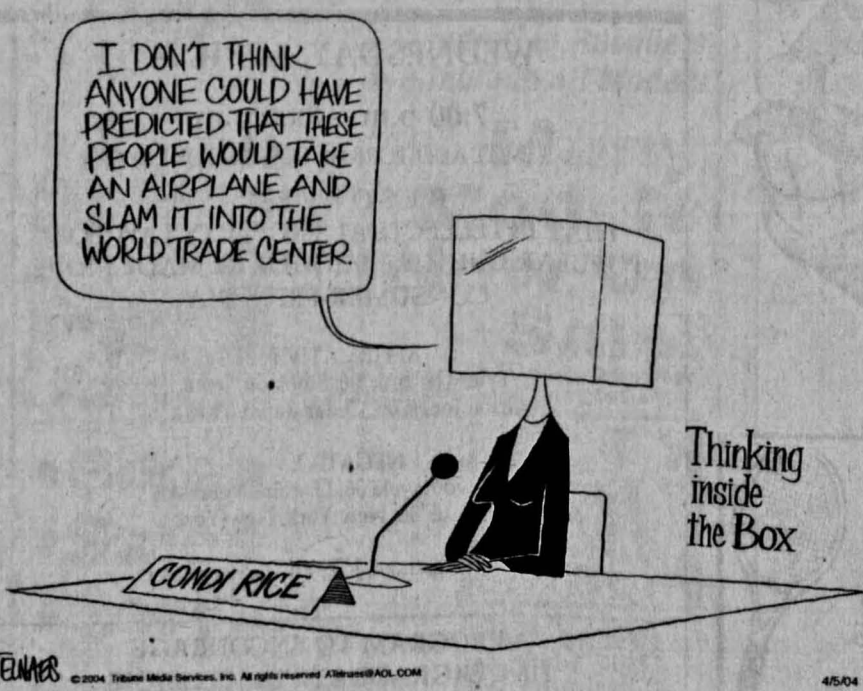
This "math equation" proposed by Noah Siela (*DI*, April 8) is very misleading. Pearl Harbor, 9/11, and Oklahoma City weren't events that happened over the span of 63 years. We did not lose 88 lives a year because of these events. The day the Pearl Harbor attack occurred, we lost 2,403 lives. The day of the Oklahoma City bombing we lost 168 lives, and on 9/11 we lost around 3,000.

There was no 88 a year. If you want to compare lives lost over time, think about the fact that two of the events mentioned involved losing thousands of people in one day, more than three times the number lost in Iraq over the last year. Consider that in one

day on 9/11, a terrorist act on American soil cost us around 3,000 innocent civilians, almost equal to the number of soldiers we lost in Pearl Harbor and Iraq put together, both of which are military battles. In Iraq over the last year, we lost approximately two lives a day, compared with 168 a day, again to 2,403 a day, and once more to 3,000 a day in the other three events.

I'm not saying this war is a good thing, but I'm sick of seeing the arguments against it involve such nonsense as this. Even though I disagree with most of them, there are plenty of sensible arguments against the war, so why try to make up a reason that isn't logically sound?

Mike Depew
UI math major



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ON THE SPOT

If you had to choose, which varsity sport would you eliminate?



"Girls' tennis."
Jason Fahrenbach
UI freshman



"Golf. It doesn't have as big of a draw as football or wrestling."
Nicole Dehmen
UI sophomore



"Girls' basketball."
Dan Lindberg
UI senior



"Men's basketball."
Elizabeth Miller
UI senior

ARTS



The music of Dave Matthews Band comes to Iowa City on Friday when Trippin' Billies falls into the Q Bar. Publicity photo

Trippin' the cover fantastic

The biggest thrill for Chicago-based cover band Trippin' Billies is when an audience member comes to love Dave Matthews Band after seeing one of its shows

BY TONY SOLANO
THE DAILY IOWAN

No need to pack into a crowded arena, wait in a long ticket-sale line, or use binoculars to hear the music of Dave Matthews Band in Iowa City. Cover band Trippin' Billies will bring the music of Dave Matthews to a more intimate setting when it performs at the Q Bar on Friday.

Bill Denny, the lead guitarist and founder of the Chicago-based band, said that eventually the group plans to perform original music; for now, however, he says the most efficient way to expand its fan base is to cover songs that attract large crowds.

"The greatest marketing tool we have is that if we do a good show, people spread the word," he said. "It's important that we give 100 percent at each show because word of mouth is the ultimate advertising tool."

Although Trippin' Billies plays one or two original songs during any given set, the band wants to live up to its reputation as a Dave Matthews cover band. Denny said the band respects the songs but also tries to inject some of its own personality by tweaking the music.

"We've arranged our instrumentation in a way that if it

weren't for the visual, the audience wouldn't miss the violin," Denny said, noting the absence of a violinist in the band. "If a song's not in our set, it's either because we haven't gotten around to it yet, or we don't like it."

Saxophone player Chris Greene agreed, adding that because most audience members know the songs, the group can't stray too far from the original versions for fear of offending the fans, but the spirit of the music remains no matter what tweaking occurs.

"We're not taking [the songs] so far from the original that they're not recognizable — jam sessions are when we get to take them somewhere a little differently," Greene said.

Greene and Denny agreed that one of their favorite songs to play is "Jimi Thing" because they both have solos in the middle of the song and there's a lot of room for improvisation.

Putting forth maximum energy and effort in order to electrify the intimate crowds they play for is something Trippin' Billies takes very seriously.

"If we're not incorporating every single note, we've

replaced it with huge amounts of stage energy," Denny said. "We've really pushed the envelope as far as that's concerned."

He began by performing acoustic acts in pubs around the Chicago area. He incorporated a lot of Dave Matthews Band songs into his act and slowly formed a complete band. The process of creating original music, however, has been slow.

"The problem has always been isolating 45 days in a row where we can just live in the studio and work on original music because we're always so hungry to expand our markets," Denny said. "I view every day as a chance to expand our regions."

Performing in a cover band is most rewarding, Greene and Denny said, when fans tell them that they came to like Dave Matthews Band after seeing a Trippin' Billies show. And though it's difficult to juggle their desire to do original songs with the expectations of Dave Matthews Band fans, the continual increase in attendance has been encouraging.

"I don't think we've reached our full potential in the Iowa City market," Denny said. "Hopefully, the show on Friday will be the one that puts us over the edge."

The show begins at 10 p.m.; admission is \$8.

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ARTS

CBS bullish on being 'upfront'

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS Chairman Leslie Moonves on Tuesday predicted double-digit advertising price increases for his first-place network during next month's market for commercial time.

He stopped short of predicting that CBS will top NBC in revenue during the annual ad-buying frenzy known as the "upfront," when clients traditionally snap up approximately three-quarters of the commercial time available for the next TV season.

"We're feeling very bullish about where we are," he said at a news conference.

NBC took in an estimated \$3 billion during last year's upfront, with CBS second at \$2.2 billion. CBS has more viewers — it is averaging 2.5 million more than NBC in prime-time this season — but is forced to charge less money because CBS viewers tend to be older and less desirable to advertisers.

NBC is first among viewers aged 18-to-49, with CBS narrowly behind Fox for third.

CBS is anxious to shed its old-fogey reputation, touting its stable schedule and potential for growth.

"There is a foundation here," Moonves said. "We are going to have leadership, not just for this year, but for many years."

Jack Myers, the editor of the "Myers Report," an industry newsletter, agreed with Moonves that CBS will get a double-digit increase in its cost-per-thousand-viewers prices, larger than any other network.

"If you find people in the market who do not believe CBS will have the largest [cost-per-thousand-viewers] increases, they're not watching it carefully," Myers said.

Still, NBC seems too strong to overtake in terms of total revenue, he said.

The battleground between CBS and NBC is most intense on Thursdays, the most lucrative night of the week for ad spending. With "Friends" leaving NBC's schedule, CBS hopes to benefit from a big shift in spending.

The success of "The Apprentice," however, may help NBC hold the line. Moonves conceded that the Donald Trump reality show "saved their bacon on Thursday night."

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- **UI Staff Development Special Events, "Secrets to Creating Electrifying Employee Performance,"** 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., IMU Richey Ballroom.
- **Greek Week Blood and Bone-Marrow Drive,** 10 a.m.-5 p.m., IMU Ballroom.
- **Grants and Proposals Workshop Series for Graduates/Undergraduates, discipline-specific sessions, natural sciences,** 4 p.m., 118 MacLean Hall.
- **Ida Beam Distinguished Visiting Professorship Lecture, "The Future of Plant Sciences,"** Marc Van Montagu, Ghent University, Belgium, 4 p.m., 101 Biology Building East.
- **Discussion on "Leading Edge" Medical Imaging,** Michael Graham, and Alan Stolphen, 6:30 p.m., Holiday Inn, 1220 First Ave., Coralville.
- **The A. Craig Baird Debate Forum, "Resolved: That intellectual property law for popular culture should be made more consumer-friendly,"** David Hingstman, moderator, 7 p.m., Boyd Law Building Levitt Auditorium.
- **Iowa Bibliophiles monthly meeting, lecture and discussion with Robert Wachal on his collection of culinary mysteries,** 7 p.m., Main Library second-floor conference room.
- **"Japanese Spirit: In the Hands of the Contemporary American Metalsmith,"** Rosanne Raab, 7:30 p.m., E109 Art Building.
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Victoria Brown, nonfiction, 8 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., and WSUI.
- **Spring 2004 Career Programs, "Evaluating Offers: Industry Experts Share Tips" (Joint Program),** 5 p.m., location TBA; for details, contact 335-1023 or www.careers.uiowa.edu.

quote of the day

Asia can ignore a lot of things when it deems it convenient. But these reports make it very hard for the regional powers ... to pretend publicly that North Korea doesn't already have a significant nuclear capacity.

— Kurt Campbell, a senior official in the Clinton administration, on reports that Abdul Qadeer Khan, the father of the Pakistani nuclear bomb, was shown three nuclear devices during a '99 trip to North Korea.

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April 14 — Heather Stein, 22
April 14 — Jessie Kriebbs, 29

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news you need to know

April 19 — SUMMER AND FALL 2004 EARLY REGISTRATION, APRIL 19-30
April 19 — Undergraduates: Last day to withdraw entire spring semester registration, 4:30 p.m.
April 21 — Last day to drop PE Skills courses that meet the second half of the semester, 4:30 p.m.
April 21 — Undergraduates: Last day to submit work to faculty for removal of Incompletes
April 23 — Last day to file request for changes of final-exam conflicts or more than three exams on the same day, 4:30 p.m.
May 3 — Graduate students: Final-exam reports due in Graduate College.

Little University

- 1 What nation arrested bus driver Terry Timms for displaying indecent Belgian garden gnomes?
- 2 What British sitcom chronicles the adventures of Edina Monsoon and Patsy Stone?
- 3 What nation banned all handguns after Thomas Hamilton killed 16 kids and a teacher in 1996?
- 4 What herb is widely taken in Britain to prevent migraines — fenugreek, feverfew, or flaxseed?
- 5 Which European nation offers students the most universities — Britain, France, or Spain?

Answers: 1. Belgium, 2. Britain, 3. United States, 4. Fenugreek, 5. Britain

public access schedule

- 7 a.m. Democracy Now
- 10 David Cobb for President
- Noon Our Bodies, Ourselves
- 12:20 p.m. Johnson County Democratic Convention '04
- 2 First United Methodist Church
- 3 QM No. 2
- 4 Our Redeemer Church
- 5 by Judy Finkle
- 6 Riptip Sports! Live
- 7 Sports Opinion
- 8 PATV Reserved: Premieres
- 9 The Cousin Arnold Show Live
- 10 Nation's Worship Center
- 11 Video Games 4
- 11:25 Captured by Fear
- Midnight Cold & Grey

UITV schedule

- 6:30 p.m. No Child Left Behind: Policy Implications
- 7 A Conversation with Salman Rushdie
- 9 Turkey: Internal Politics, External Negotiations
- 9:30 Live from Prairie Lights, Amy Hassinger

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By Jesse Ammerman

- Finally, you'll realize why that machine won't play your tapes or DVDs. Apparently it's some sort of "dishwasher."
- As always, the best way to approach those Miller Lite stains on the carpet is to neutralize them with a heavy application of ice-cold Bud Light foam.
- Pine-Sol: it's not just for sniffin' anymore.
- As a scholarship athlete, you need not waste time with such laborious tasks. Instead, track down the kid who writes your papers and see how he handles a mop.
- A Dustbuster can truly work wonders. But save at least some of those tasty floor crumbs for yourself.
- Invest in a jug of rubbing alcohol, as this will both eliminate grime and serve as an emergency vodka substitute at your next party.
- Can't find a sponge? Don't worry — your roommate's shirts and ties can scrub out even the toughest stains.
- Be patient with all those food scraps on the counter. The rats might just need another week to take care of that.
- If your roommates won't respond to your nagging, they should surely respond to your innovations in electro-shock therapy.

horoscopes

Wednesday, April 14, 2004 by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get involved in a cause you believe in. You will feel much better about yourself and will meet someone who will help you in the future.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may find that someone you have to deal with is being underhanded today. Double-check everything you do. A fast talker may try to engage you in something that will cost you money.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): This is the perfect day to talk about what you want and why you think you should have it. Go for interviews, or speak your mind at a group event that concerns something you really believe in.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Get a second opinion if you have had any legal, financial, or medical problems drop in your lap today. It isn't likely you'll get the best advice the first time around.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Tension will mount if you haven't been pulling your weight or if you have been ignoring your other half. Make amends by taking time to listen.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Over-worrying about your health or your position will only make matters worse. Being a team player can be beneficial. Praising those around you will ensure the support you need.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): This can be a perfect day to host a get-together. You can find terrific purchases if you shop and meet interesting people, or if you take part in unusual activities.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will face some discord if you have been secretive. You can expect changes at home as a result of a disagreement over someone's habits. Prepare to discuss things amicably.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take time off to think through issues you've been pondering. The more you learn, the more ammunition you will have when the time comes to go after your goals.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may be considering making a job change — be sure you are doing so for the right reasons. Misguided motives could lead you in the wrong direction; use your past experience as a barometer.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll be inventive, innovative, and very unpredictable today. Let your imagination wander, and follow your heart, but don't do anything that may hurt someone else's feelings.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may have to do some finagling if you are involved in a financial situation that has not been going well. Avoid any involvement in secret affairs, which could link you to something that could hurt your reputation.

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Edited by Will Shortz No. 0303

ACROSS

- 1 Check, as the horizon
- 2 Pick out
- 3 Home feature
- 4 Lotin additive
- 5 Walk in water
- 6 They may be spent in France
- 7 Restaurant lines?
- 8 Atlas section
- 9 Some transportation stocks
- 10 End of a line
- 11 Swamp goo
- 12 Charged particle
- 13 Move with stealth
- 14 The Merry Men, e.g.
- 15 Like a wallflower
- 16 "___ as good as another"
- 17 Symbol of stubbornness
- 18 Race in an H. G. Wells story
- 19 Ending for a line
- 20 Curved lines
- 21 40.2%, maybe
- 22 Tolerate
- 23 26 of 26
- 24 Up for something
- 25 Film components
- 26 Quadrennial convention goer
- 27 Sci-fi writer Frederik
- 28 Ending line
- 29 Bond before Dalton
- 30 Joint problem
- 31 Creep (along)
- 32 Oktoberfest air
- 33 "When in ___"
- 34 Clothing line
- 35 Hint of light
- 36 Fashioner's line
- 37 One getting a decoration

DOWN

- 1 1950's-'60's singer Cooke
- 2 Staff symbol
- 3 Top-of-the-line
- 4 Ones getting "worry lines"?
- 5 "Dirty Dancing" co-star
- 6 Stickum
- 7 Garfield's pal
- 8 Go lickety-split
- 9 Certain
- 10 36-Across
- 11 Greg Evans comic strip
- 12 Diva's lines
- 13 Car payment
- 14 Curved line
- 15 Settle down for the night
- 16 Sal of "Exodus"
- 17 Shade of yellow
- 18 Harden
- 19 London coppers
- 20 Montana city
- 21 "It's a Sin to Tell ___" (1936 hit)
- 38 Stadium cheer
- 39 Taj Mahal city
- 40 Tone down
- 41 Weaving machine
- 42 Winter wear
- 43 Feather in one's cap
- 44 Hammer or tongs
- 45 Operation memento
- 46 Auto ad stat.
- 47 Doughnut's center
- 48 Med. care plan

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 San Diego 6, L.A. Dodgers 3
 Chicago White Sox 12, Kansas City 5
 Baltimore at Boston, ppd., Rain
 Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, ppd., Rain
 Oakland 10, Texas 9

Toronto 7, Detroit 5

NHL

Boston 4, Montreal 3, 2OT
 Nashville 3, Detroit 0
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Team concentrating on growing line

BY NICK RICHARDS
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Spring is a time of growth for a football team, and that growth couldn't come at a better time for the Iowa football team.

"We have a lot of work to do right now," said Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz.

That growth could be most important for the offensive and defensive lines, where youth will likely be served for the Hawkeyes next fall.

"It's a real important area for us right now," Ferentz said. "We have a veteran group up front. We lost two guys, Howard [Hodges] and Jared [Clauss], two excellent players, but Tyler [Luebke] and Derreck

[Robinson] both got a lot of chances to play last year and did a nice job."

Behind the quartet of Jonathan Babineaux, Matt Roth, Luebke, and Robinson, the Hawkeyes will be forced to go with four freshmen in the two deeps. The group of Kenny Iwebema, Alex Wilcox, George Eshareturi, and Bryan Mattison will all be forced into early playing time with the departure of Matt Neubauer, who left the team last week.

"We're seniors, then right down to freshmen, four freshmen, behind them," Ferentz

FOOTBALL
Spring Game

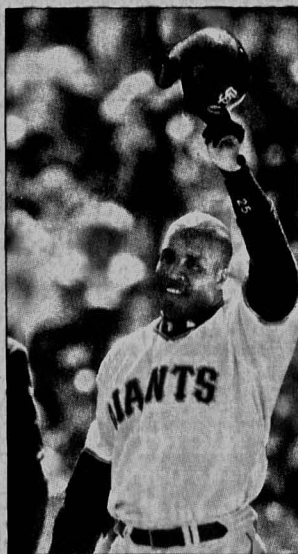
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said. "It's real imperative right now that those guys continue to move forward. They are getting a lot of good work this spring. We need to get them ready to play, because they are going to have to

next year." Similarly, the offensive line could face the same problems as the defensive line. Of the returning players, only Peter McMahon and Mike Jones return with starting experience. The current lineup consists of Lee Gray, who



File photo/The Daily Iowan
 Senior defensive end Matt Roth has made quarterbacks scramble for three seasons as a leader in QB sacks. He was named to the 2004 Playboy preseason All-America team on Monday.



Bonds

MLB

Bonds hits 661st homer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds outdid his godfather — and he has just two more hitters to chase.

Bonds hit his 661st homer Tuesday night, passing Willie Mays to take sole possession of third place on baseball's career list.

In the seventh inning, Bonds hit a 1-2 pitch from Milwaukee right-hander Ben Ford over the right-field arcade and into McCovey Cove, reaching the water for the second straight day. The San Francisco slugger hit his 660th on Monday to nearly the same spot.

Only Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron still loom above Bonds. If Bonds maintains his unbelievable pace of the past four seasons, he could pass Ruth's 714 homers early next season.

NHL

Bruins, Sharks dominate play

Bruins 4, Canadiens 3, 2OT

MONTREAL (AP) — Glen Murray took advantage of Alex Kovalev's mistake to score on a breakaway 9:27 into the second overtime.

Boston, which took a 3-1 series lead, tied it when Mike Knuble scored with 30.7 seconds remaining in regulation.

Sharks 4, Blues 3

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Scott Thornton and Alexander Korolyuk each scored his first two goals of the playoffs. San Jose, the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference, has a 3-1 series lead and can close it out in Game 5 Thursday night at home.

After losing the first two games, the Blues had a strong showing in Game 3, outshooting the Sharks 25-8 in the first two periods of a 4-1 victory.

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Predators even the series with Red Wings

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RECRUIT

Forward to sign on with Iowa

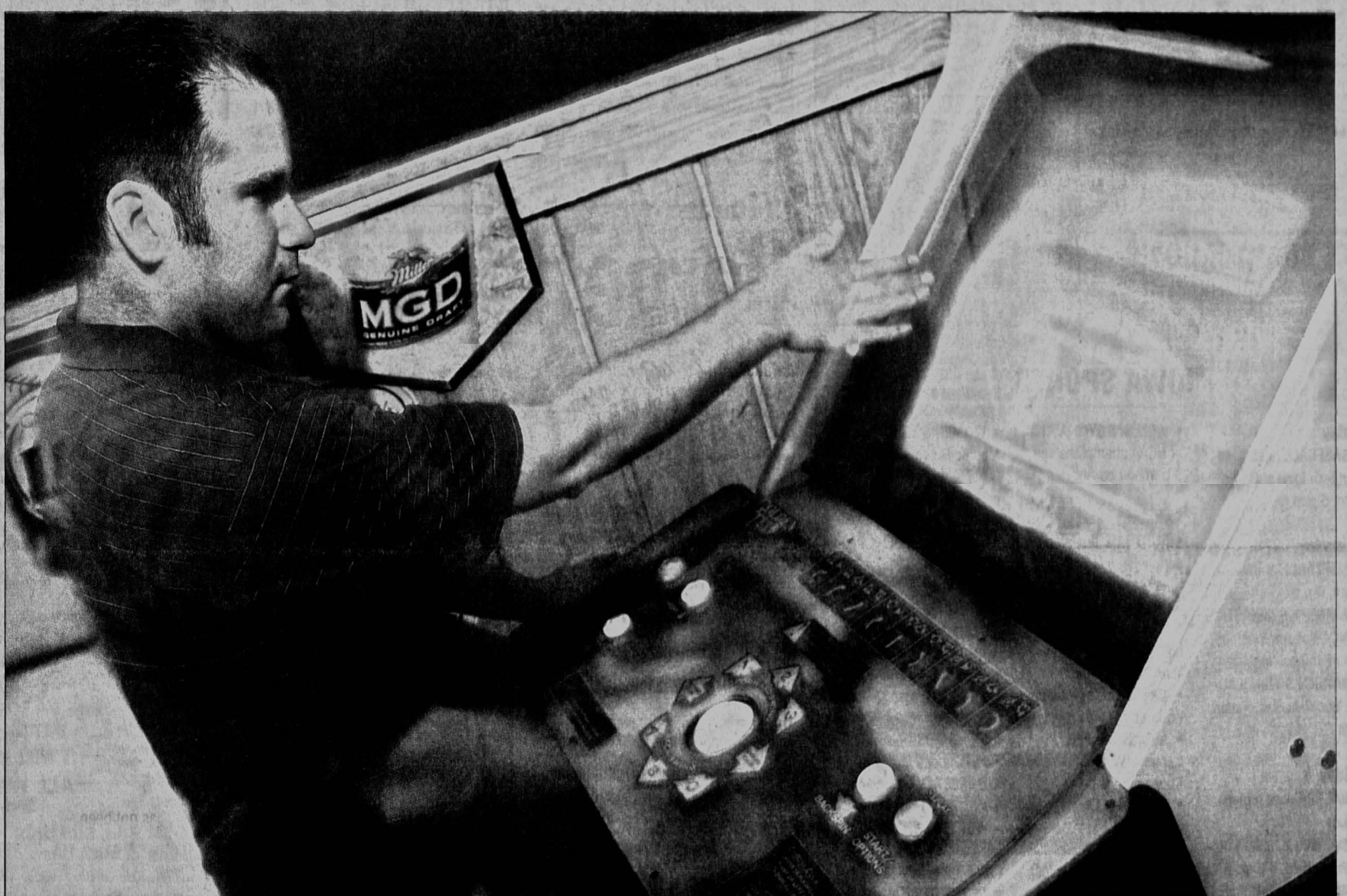
IOWA CITY (AP) — Doug Thomas, a forward who spent the past two seasons playing at Southeastern Community College, will sign a letter of intent to play at Iowa next year, school officials said Tuesday.

Thomas, a 6-8, 250-pound sophomore, averaged 10.1 points and 6.7 rebounds per game last season in helping lead Southeastern to its second-straight national junior-college championship.

Thomas was initially recruited by Iowa coach Steve Alford two years ago but was declared academically ineligible. He transferred to Southeastern in West Burlington and vowed to return to the Hawkeyes in two years.

NCAA rules prohibit Alford from talking until Thomas signs his letter of intent today.

Thomas will give the Hawkeyes some much needed depth and an athletic presence in the post, but he could also pose some off-court challenges.



Rachel Mumme/The Daily Iowan
 Brian Bernhardt plays Golden Tee at Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar on Monday evening. Bernhardt, a competitive player, practices up to nine hours a week.

Living life as a Golden Tee party

UI senior ranked in national top five of competitive Golden Tee arcade game

BY RYAN LONG
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa senior Brian Bernhardt has a schedule that includes playing a video game for five hours a day.

But he's not just your average college student wasting time.

Bernhardt plays the competitive arcade game Golden Tee and is ranked in the top five for average score and league points in the Golden Tee 2005 courses.

After re-enrolling at the university this spring, Bernhardt was selected to attend an invite-only tournament known as the Not In Vegas, which will be held in Richmond, Va., on Friday,

despite having only played Golden Tee for three-and-a-half years.

Bernhardt discovered the interactive online golf video game three years ago at a bar in his hometown of Vernon Hills, Ill.

"My parents and I went out one evening," said Bernhardt. "Some guy that was pretty intoxicated kept on buying me free games."

He transferred to Iowa from the College of Lake County in the fall of 2000 and began working at Colonial Lanes and Marsh Advantage America as an account coordinator. He also had a full-time general-education course schedule. After the completion of the 2001 spring

semester, Bernhardt realized he was ready for a break from school, but not from Golden Tee. The golf simulation was becoming part of his daily routine.

Bernhardt noticed his talent for the game in the Iowa City bars. After being noticed by the local arcade vendor, Camden Amusement, he was told about a website, UnderdogSports.net, containing information about Golden Tee tournaments all over the country. Bernhardt found out he could play for prizes up to \$ 5,000.

"I went to a number of tournaments across the country, met new people, and learned [how] to compete against them," said the 23-year-old.

Short shots:

- When Iowa senior Brian Bernhardt had a Golden Tee machine in his apartment, he played the game 25 hours per week. Now he plays five to 10 rounds at least four days a week — up to nine hours a week.

Top finishes:

- Second place in the Summer Tour tournament held in Cedar Rapids, August 2002
- First place in the Summer Tour tournament held in Cedar Rapids, August 2003
- Fifth place in the Southern Classic II in Atlanta, September 2003
- Third place in the Racine (Wis.) Open, January
- Invited to the 16-person Player of the Year tournament in June

SEE GOLDEN TEE, PAGE 6B

Intrastate rivals Iowa, Northern Iowa to face off

BY KELLY BEATON
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Keith Jackson won't be announcing "Whoa Nelly" over the airwaves from the Banks Field press box tonight.

Nor will Dicky V. bellow any malaprops behind the mike.

Iowa's and UNI's rivalry doesn't exactly hold the historical significance of, say, Alabama-Auburn, or Duke-North Carolina. Nevertheless, quietly, this one could be turning into a beauty. In recent months, Iowa offi-

cials tried to woo legendary UNI volleyball coach Bobbi Petersen to replace the departing Rita Buck-Crockett.

Kirk Ferentz swooped in to scoop up highly touted UNI gridiron recruit Brandon Myers on the eve of signing day in February.

And last fall, before Jack Dahm was inked to a deal to take his perch at the top step of the Banks Field dugout, the name of UNI skipper Rick Heller was tossed out as a possible candidate.

Considering all those factors, you'd expect the two schools' baseball squads to be at each other's throats when they meet tonight in Iowa City for the first of three scheduled contests over the remainder of the season.

Yet, in the days leading up to tonight's tilt, no bulletin-board material was

BASEBALL
Iowa (8-19) vs. Northern Iowa (11-16)

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 Where: Duane Banks Field
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doled out from either side. Just grudging respect.

"I know what a good job Heller has done there. I have a ton of respect for that program," said Iowa's Dahm.

"They've probably had a lot more success over the years than Iowa has had. We hope to change that soon," he added, referring to UNI's solid fourth-

place showing in the always-tough Missouri Valley Conference a year ago.

Despite Iowa's 8-19 record thus far in Dahm's inaugural campaign, the instate series still probably means more to the little guys.

"I'm not too sure what type of rivalry there is right now between Northern Iowa and Iowa," the Iowa coach said.

Iowa will be without center-fielder L.J. Mims, who

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SPORTS

Tate listed as starting QB

FOOTBALL

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has the unenviable task of replacing Robert Gallery, Jones, Mike Elgin, Ben Cronin, and McMahon. The possible return of David Walker, who underwent knee surgery this spring, could be extremely important.

"It doesn't make me nervous because it's pretty early right now," McMahon said. "We've had a pretty good spring so far. A lot of young guys have had a good spring. I know David is going to try as hard as he can to get back."

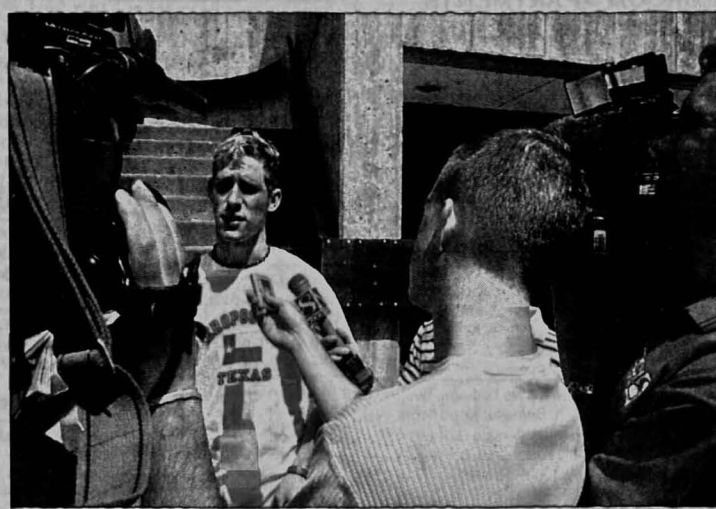
Much of the growth on the offensive side of the ball has been at the quarterback position, where freshman Drew Tate and sophomore Jason Manson have separated themselves from Eric McCollom and Cy Phillips. Tate is still listed as the starter, but Manson has improved dramatically from last year.

"Drew's having a real nice spring," Ferentz said.

"I'm really pleased with the way they are practicing. Drew's moving forward, but I think Jason has really made some major strides."

Notebook: Should Gallery be the top pick in the NFL draft, he would be the second Hawkeye taken with the first pick. Quarterback Randy Duncan was taken with the No. 1 pick in the 1959 draft by the Green Bay Packers. Duncan, the 1958 Heisman runner-up, rejected the Packers' base offer of a \$15,000 salary and a \$2,500 signing bonus and instead signed with the British Columbia Lions. Duncan signed with the Lions for \$17,500 a year with a \$4,000 signing bonus.

Playboy: Senior defensive



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Freshman Drew Tate will be the No. 1 quarterback in Saturday's spring game. Tate, who is listed at 6-0 and 170 pounds, played seven-on-seven high-school football in Texas.

end Matt Roth was named to the 2004 *Playboy* preseason All-America team. Roth is the 14th Hawkeye to earn the award and the third in the last two years. Last year, Gallery and Nate Kaeding were named to the team, as was Ferentz, who was named preseason Coach of the Year. Roth is also a candidate for the 2004 Ted Hendricks Defensive End of the Year Award.

Infirmity: Redshirt freshman linebacker Zachary Gabelman injured his knee last week and underwent ACL surgery Monday. Redshirt freshman lineman Chris Felder had been on the depth chart at the start of spring practice, but he has since suffered a neck injury, which has forced him to the sidelines.

Freshman Tom Busch, who had switched positions from linebacker to fullback, suffered a lower leg injury last weekend, and will miss the rest of spring practice.

"He is out for the spring and really won't be full speed proba-

bly until sometime in late May or early June," Ferentz said.

Depth chart moves: Among the numerous depth chart moves since the beginning of spring practice is the move of Marcus Paschal to replace Bob Sanders at strong safety.

"I think Marcus has elevated himself to a pretty firm No. 1," said Ferentz.

Warren Holloway passed Calvin Davis for the starting split end spot, and Ben Gates moved into the two-deeps with the injury to Felder.

Hawk Shop sale: The Iowa Hawk Shop will hold a sale Saturday morning at the southwest corner of Kinnick Stadium from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. to sell Hawkeye apparel at discount prices.

The sale will include a photo opportunity for fans with the Floyd of Rosedale trophy and Iowa's bowl trophies. The photo opportunity will be on the west side of the stadium.

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Golden Tee is way of life

GOLDEN TEE

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After working the same two jobs for nearly two-and-a-half years and placing in tournaments from Cedar Rapids to Nashville, Bernhardt found out about the Golden Tee World Championships, known by many competitors as "the Olympics of Golden Tee."

"In order to qualify I had to spend three months playing blind games. These are games that I had played against no competition except myself," said the North Liberty resident. "The top 24 people in the gold, silver, and bronze divisions were all invited to go to a tournament in Hoffman Estates [Ill.] to compete against each other."

Bernhardt ended up qualifying for the team in the gold division, making him one of the youngest competitors in a pool ranging from 21 to 60 years old. He and his Team

U.S.A. teammates were flown, all expenses paid, to Orlando. Bernhardt had one goal in mind: to compete for the Golden Tee World Championship crown and a first-place prize worth \$15,000.

Bernhardt lost in the first round to eventual champion Chris Eversole and ended up finishing 19th, which was good enough to receive \$1,000.

Even though he had set his sights high, Bernhardt was more than satisfied with his visit to Orlando.

"Going to Orlando was a great experience. I wish that anybody would have the opportunity to do it," he said.

This great experience was his automatic bid for this weekend's tournament in the blind category.

"It's nice being in the blind category," he said. "It gives me a chance to practice more online."

Since he began competing in Golden Tee tournaments, his ultimate goal has been to earn a substantial profit or break even.

"It took me three years to be where I am now, and it's all

kind of falling in place a little bit. Hopefully, I can start winning some tournaments, which will bring in more money," Bernhardt said. "If I do win a tournament, then that would bring in \$4,000 or \$5,000."

Bernhardt's girlfriend and roommate Allison Higgins supports the Golden Tee obsession.

"Of course you question how somebody gets involved with this machine," Higgins said. "You think it's funny because it's Golden Tee, but then you think it could be worse, such as a gambling addiction. But this hobby is harmless."

He said he's now able to balance academics with his play.

"It's been a change in priority because it's been two years since I've been in school. I'm obviously going to focus on school more, but because I'm only taking one class, it doesn't take up too much of my Golden Tee time."

"I just gotta hope they don't have any tests around tournament time."

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Iowa's hitting average cause for concern

BASEBALL

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sustained a broken nose April 11 when he had a bunt attempt deflect sharply off his bat. The Cedar Rapids native had started every game to date.

"He had about 13 or 14 stitches," Dahm said. "We're going to let the swelling go down, fit him for a mask, and everything we've been hearing is good."

Being deprived of both Mims' bat and speed, the Iowa lineup, which has struggled to score runs of late, will be saddled with an added burden. The Hawkeyes are hitting just .244 on the year and are also last in

the Big Ten with just three home runs through 27 games. As a result of the anemic offense, the Hawkeyes dropped the last three games of the series with Michigan over the weekend.

The Panthers (11-16) have also struggled of late. Heller's squad dropped the last three games of its weekend series with Southwest Missouri State, and sits at just 3-9 in Missouri Valley play.

Despite its recent downturn, UNI has experienced a few highs this season. Before knocking off Southwest Missouri — which appeared in the 2003 College World Series — in a 3-2 affair on April 9, the Panthers scratched

out a 7-6 win on April 7 over Minnesota, a perennial threat for the Big Ten's penthouse.

The boys from Cedar Falls are led by designated hitter Dan Grant, who has clubbed five homers and 21 RBIs while batting .361 in 24 games this season.

So, while the squads carry a combined winning percentage of .351 into tonight, some fireworks could still be in store for fans.

As the Hawkeyes attempt to make an ascent in the world of major-college baseball, wins in a majority of midweek games, such as tonight's tilt with UNI, will be a must.

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Freshman ready to lead as ISU quarterback

AMES (AP)— Bret Meyer says he's ready to lead Iowa State's offense. Coach Dan McCarney agrees, at least for now.

Meyer, a redshirt freshman from Atlantic, will be the first-team quarterback in Iowa State's spring football game on Saturday. A good performance will cement his place as the starter going into fall practice and the Sept. 4 opener against Northern Iowa.

"I'm real excited about getting out there and showing everybody what this year is going to be like," Meyer said. "I feel I'm ready."

Last year's most effective starter, sophomore Austin Flynn, will run the second team. He could play with the starters later in the game, McCarney said.

Inconsistency was a problem with Iowa State's quarterbacks last season, when the Cyclones finished 1-10, leaving the position wide open. Meyer has out-

performed Flynn so far this spring and was rewarded with the spot on the No. 1 team.

"I want to see him lead that offense and hopefully do the things he's capable of doing, which is make plays," McCarney said.

Once the newcomers report in the fall, Meyer will be one of more than 60 freshmen and sophomores on scholarship, about three-fourths of the team.

If Meyer keeps the job, he would become the second redshirt freshman in as many years to start an opener for the Cyclones. Flynn began last season as the starter, though Cris Love and Wayne Terry also started games.

"We're going to have to live with some mistakes," McCarney said. "But what's the upside? It's pretty big."

The offense has been tweaked a bit under new offensive coordinator Barney Cotton, and so has

the team's attitude.

The Cyclones had the second-worst rushing defense in the Big 12 last year and averaged just 120.7 yards a game rushing. McCarney is determined to change that and toughen up his team, particularly at the line of scrimmage.

One-on-one tackling drills have become a regular practice event.

"We were getting pushed around everywhere," nose guard Nick Leaders said.

"We've been doing a lot more [physical] drills."

Senior Tony Yelk has established himself as the starting kicker and punter. He also will handle PATs and kickoffs. Yelk has attempted just seven field goals the previous two seasons, making three.

"I'm really proud of his work ethic and consistency," McCarney said.

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