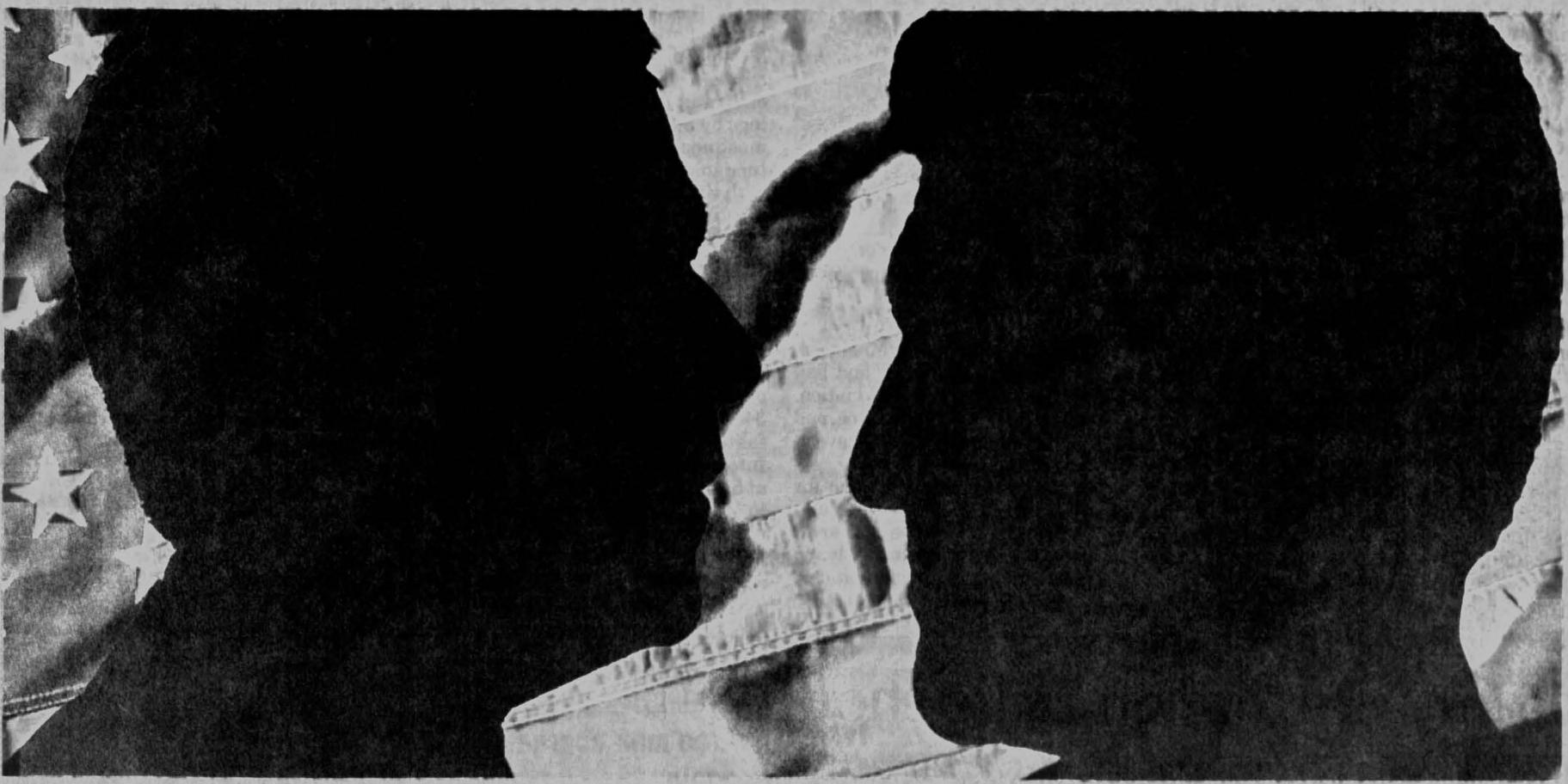


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FRENETIC FINISH TO A DEAD HEAT

The Bush and Kerry campaigns rocket through the swing states in an 11th-hour push



ELECTION
2004

Race for
President

BY DAN BALZ AND DAVID S. BRODER
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — After the longest and costliest campaign on record, President Bush and challenger Sen. John Kerry remained deadlocked nationally and in key battleground states Monday, with both sides expressing confidence that late trends and their Election Day get-out-the-vote operations will deliver a victory when the polls close tonight.

As the two blitzed through their final rallies in Florida, Ohio, Iowa, Wisconsin, and other states late into the night, a flurry of national polls completed over the weekend showed them in a statistical tie. Neither candidate has been able to establish clear momentum.

Several of the national polls were tied. In the others, the president led more often than the senator from Massachusetts but by margins so minuscule — a single point in some cases — as to be meaningless in attempting to predict the outcome. But Bush

generally remained just below 50 percent nationally, a potentially risky place for an incumbent.

Even before the opening of polls across the country today, a record number of Americans had voted, either by absentee ballot or under state laws that allow early voting. In the battleground states, more than 5 million Americans have voted, according to a Democratic Party analysis. The long lines in Florida that have kept some voters waiting for two hours or more symbolize the engaged electorate.

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LOCAL VOTING

Iowa could see record turnout, experts say

Although both campaigns say their candidate will take Iowa, 'no one knows for sure,' says Johnson County Auditor Tom Slockett

BY NICK PETERSEN
THE DAILY IOWAN

As Iowans head to the polls today, the Democratic and Republican candidates will struggle to tug Iowa's seven electoral votes into their camps with last-minute efforts.

In an election that drew President Bush and Sen. John Kerry to the state 13 and 10 times respectively, both campaigns said they are confident they will take Iowa, and experts say either could win.

"There's an expectation that it's going to be a close election, but no one knows for sure," said Johnson County Auditor Tom Slockett.

The seven votes Iowa will contribute pale in comparison with Florida's 27 and Ohio's 20, but they could help revive a candidate from a loss in either of these two close states.

Both campaigns recognized Iowa as a possible win early. Al Gore won the state by less than 1 percent in the 2000 election — 4,144 votes.

Because of Gore's narrow victory and the candidates' concentration on Iowa, experts are expecting turnout to surpass the 1.32 million voters

who went to the polls in 2000.

Slockett said a record-high registration, absentee voting, and participation in this year's caucus point to an unprecedented turnout. More than 1.37 million Iowans must cast their ballots to best the record set in the 1992 election.

Experts have speculated that this election would also produce high turnout for 18- to 24-year-olds. In Johnson County, approximately 95 percent of that demographic is registered, according to the county auditor's office. Both campaigns have worked to encourage turnout.

Last weekend, Johnson County Democrats knocked on roughly 9,000 doors, said Sarah Swisher, the chairwoman of the

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BEST VOTING TIMES

- Johnson County polls are open from 7 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Mid-morning and mid-afternoon are the best times to vote
- Early evening tends to be the busiest time.

The race for Iowa's seven electoral votes is still too close to call

BY J.K. PERRY
THE DAILY IOWAN

DES MOINES — President Bush and vice-presidential hopeful John Edwards blitzed through Iowa on Monday, seeking to bolster support and thanking weary volunteers in the hours before Iowans trek to the polls.

More than 5,000 rain-soaked Republicans gathered in the confines of the Varied Industries Building on the Iowa State Fairgrounds to hear Bush summarize his platform and close out his campaign bid.

"Go to our fellow Republicans, wise independents, and discerning Democrats. And tell them, if they want a stronger America, a safer America, and a better America, to put me and Dick Cheney back in office," he said.

A myriad of polls — some giving the nod to the commander in chief and others to Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry —

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BUSH: Think of how far Iraq has come | **EDWARDS:** We'll work for you for the next 4 years

BUSH, EDWARDS SCRAMBLE THROUGH DES MOINES



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President Bush and daughter Jenna Bush react as Laura Bush makes a surprise appearance at a campaign stop at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines on Monday.

depict the race as being too close to call. In 2000, Bush lost Iowa to Al Gore by just over 4,000 votes.

In the company of daughters Barbara and Jenna Bush,

the president remarked that the crowd could single-handedly wrap up the state for the GOP. He thanked activists for putting up signs and placing phone calls in the days before

the election and said, "There is no doubt in my mind we will carry Iowa and win a great victory on Tuesday."

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drizzle

CROSS-COUNTRY REALLY CROSS

What's a combination of a bar fight, struggling for air in the pool, and a full-contact sport? Cross-country, of course. **1B**



TEEN BOMBER HITS TEL AVIV

A 16-year-old suicide bomber kills three and injures 32 in an Israeli market. **5A**

RADIO SHOW IRKS GOP

County Republicans complain about Supervisor Terrence Neuzil's appearance on a local radio show. **2A**

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NEWS

Local Muslims celebrate Ramadan

The 'month of blessing' is a time of fasting, prayer, and charity

BY KATE MCCARTER

THE DAILY IOWAN

The UI Muslim Student Association is trying to entice non-Muslims into not eating or drinking this week during daylight hours.

The "Fast with Us Challenge" is part of Ramadan Awareness Week, an effort the group makes each year to inform the community about the Muslim tradition.

"We want people to realize that Muslims are doing something different right now," said Fuseina Mohamad, the president of the Muslim group. "People may invite their friends to a party or to lunch and not realize that they can't eat at those times."

Ramadan is a "month of blessing" to celebrate the unveiling of the Koran, Islam's religious book. The holy month is celebrated through fasting, prayer, and charity. From Oct. 15 to Nov. 14, Muslims may not eat or drink anything — including water — from sunrise to sunset.

Fasting is one of the Five



Zach Boyden-Holmes/The Daily Iowan
Imam Ahmed Diken leads a prayer at the Iowa City Mosque on Monday evening.

Pillars, or duties, of Islam.

"We fast as a way to give thanks to God for what we have and to empathize with the people that have less," Mohamad said. "It reminds us of the suffering of the poor."

The challenge is described as an opportunity to cleanse the body and mind and practice self-control.

"Fasting makes me much more

focused," said Amina Mahmood, a UI graduate student and liaison for the Muslim association. "Food takes up so much time, and when you know you can't have it, you can get a lot more done."

Ramadan is also a time for Muslims to avoid the vices and temptations of the material world, such as swearing, lying, or partaking in sexual relations.

"It is important time because

it helps you realize what's really important," Mahmood said. "We often get caught up in going for the best job or making the best grades, but it's more important to be a good person and not hurt anyone along the way."

Although good deeds and charity are always important in Islam, they have greater significance at the end of Ramadan, Mahmood said. As the month draws to a close, Muslims are obligated to share their blessings by making contributions to mosques and spending extra time in worship. Ramadan ends with the festival of Id al-Fitr, or "Festival of Breaking the Fast," which is one of the two most important Islamic celebrations.

The Muslim association encourages students to discuss Ramadan and share their fasting experiences during this week of awareness. Events include a question-and-answer session in 346 IMU today at 7 p.m. and a fast-breaking dinner at the International Center on Friday at 5 p.m. All students are invited to sign up for the fast challenge and dinner at the group's table in the IMU basement.

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Republicans cry foul on radio show

Supervisor Terrence Neuzil's appearance on a show in which the GOP was told to vote Wednesday causes a complaint

BY NICK PETERSEN

THE DAILY IOWAN

The Johnson County Republican Party filed a complaint with the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board on Monday because of comments made by a radio call-in host while the Board of Supervisors' chairman, a candidate for re-election, sat in on the show.

Todd Versteegh, a co-chairman of the county Republican Central Committee, said Terrence Neuzil's appearance on the KCJZ show was unethical because the host, Steve Soboroff, told Republican viewers



Neuzil
county supervisor

misleading information.

"We feel it is extraordinarily inappropriate for Mr. Neuzil to do this as chairman of the Board of Supervisors," Versteegh said. "He should be giving proper information to voters about their rights."

Neuzil said Soboroff's remarks were "off-the-wall comments." Soboroff told listeners that Republicans should vote on Wednesday and that they would have to pay \$5.25 for pencils, Neuzil said.

"It's unfortunate that, one, people would actually take Steve seriously, and, two, that people would think that I would say anything to discourage people from voting," Neuzil said. "It's an absolute slap in the face from the people who are making these accusations against me."

As a supervisor, Neuzil votes to certify the results in Johnson County — which made his actions

unethical, Versteegh argued. He added that Republicans are "evaluating the options" for filing complaints with the Federal Elections Commission and the Federal Communications Commission.

Soboroff, who also owns the radio station, said the comments were offered and taken as a joke and that Neuzil had no input on what was said.

"Does the Republican Party think its members are so stupid they will vote on Wednesday?" he said.

Neuzil, who is a host on another KCJZ show, iterated that he did not make any of the comments but acknowledged laughing in the background.

"For Republicans to do this on election day is pretty desperate," Neuzil said.

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CITY

City Council agrees to aid rail study

The Iowa City City Council agreed Monday to add \$10,000 to an area study that would gauge the feasibility of an excursion rail system connecting Cedar Rapids, the Amana Colonies, Coralville, and Iowa City.

The city of Cedar Rapids had asked Iowa City to help fund the study, and while many councilors were skeptical about the rail system's potential — the locations are less than an hour's drive apart — the majority felt a study would address

their concerns.

"I have serious questions whether it will be useful, but we can't support or criticize it without a study," said Mayor Ernie Lehman.

Councilor Connie Champion said she thought the idea was "wonderful" but unlikely to succeed. "I hate to say it, but it sounds like the rain forest — somewhat like a pipe dream," she said.

The Johnson County Council of Governments will discuss the study at its Nov. 10 meeting.

Cedar Rapids is offering to pay \$74,000 of the \$150,000 study, and

city councilors there believe they can receive \$40,000 from Linn and Iowa Counties. The remaining \$36,000 has been requested from Coralville, North Liberty, the UI, Johnson County, Tiffin, and University Heights, in addition to Iowa City.

The rail system, to be called the Cedar-Iowa River Rail Corridor, would provide a scenic tourism transit system allowing users access to several area attractions, including Hancher Auditorium, Hawkeye athletics events, and the Amana Colonies.

— by Heather Loeb

CITY

Area man charged again

A North Liberty man with previous legal troubles was arrested Oct. 29 after he allegedly threatened and assaulted another man, sending him to the hospital.

Kyle Anthony Marin, 18, was charged with willful injury and obstruction of emergency communications.

Police alleged that Marin lured a man into an isolated area in the parking lot of the Coralville Walmart on Oct. 29 and assaulted him, leaving injuries to his face, head, left knee, and elbow that required hospitalization.

During the assault, Marin allegedly picked up a brick and said to the man, "This will be the last thing you see," police said.

The man said Marin had previously threatened to injure him

POLICE BLOTER

Trenton Bender, 19, 727 E. Jefferson St., was charged Sunday with interference with official acts and keeping a disorderly house.

Chelsea Depree, 18, S222 Currier, was charged Oct. 29 with possession of alcohol under the legal age.

Matthew Fink, 21, Durant, Iowa, was charged Oct. 29 with public urination and public intoxication.

Chad Fountain, 30, 59 Indian Trail, was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

David Fox, 30, Coralville, was charged Oct. 29 with public intoxication.

Christopher Gelbuda, 20, 400 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 1416, was charged Oct. 30 with PAULA and misuse of a driver's license to buy alcohol.

Jerome Reichenbach, 23, Swisher, Iowa, was charged Monday with operating while intoxicated and possession of a schedule II controlled substance.

Aaron Schoen, 18, 4226 Burge,

was charged Oct. 29 with misuse of a driver's license to buy alcohol and PAULA.

Helen Thompson, 20, 728 Westwinds Drive, Apt. 3, was charged Sunday with domestic abuse.

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Trial opens in firefighter's case

An Iowa City firefighter is charged with pointing a shotgun at his teenage son

BY TRACI FINCH
THE DAILY IOWAN

In opening statements Monday, a defense attorney painted the alleged victim in a March incident as an "extremely frightening" and troublesome individual, while the prosecution tried to show the now-19-year-old as a shaken son of a hostile man who pulled a gun on his child.

Roger Allen Knight Sr., an Iowa City firefighter, was charged with assault while displaying a dangerous weapon in March after a domestic dispute at his Coralville apartment, where he lived with two of his children. Police records show that Knight Sr. allegedly confronted his son, Roger Allen Knight Jr., with a shotgun.

The jury of five men and eight women heard from six prosecution witnesses, along with three witnesses presented by the defense. Proceedings are expected to end this morning.

According to testimony from Knight Jr. and several Coralville police officers, the incident

began following an argument between Knight Jr. and his father's girlfriend, Debbie Knapp, over the cleanliness of the apartment.

After Knapp "stormed" out of the apartment, Knight Jr. said, his father told him to tidy up "right now." When the then-high-school senior didn't, Knight Sr. attempted to throw his son's jacket outside the apartment window.

"I tried to grab it back from him, and when I had it I lost my balance and we both went down," Knight Jr., who has a walking handicap, testified.

While both he and Assistant Johnson County Attorney Anne Lahey said the son's physical impairment caused him to fall, defense attorney Patricia Kamath argued his disability wasn't severe enough to cause a fall — the tumble was deliberate.

"If a 300-pound young adult, in a rage, jumps on top of you and knocks you flat on the floor, maybe going in and getting a gun — which you will hear from Mr. Knight was not loaded — maybe that's lesser than all the evils," Kamath said in her opening statements. She was referring to events after the fall, when Knight Sr. allegedly retrieved the gun, which prosecutors said was loaded, from his bedroom and held it to his son's head.

"Looking down the barrel of the shotgun with my father saying he was going to

kill me" was scary, Knight Jr. said.

When Knight Jr.'s younger sister, Abigail, took the stand, she discussed her frustration with her brother, shedding tears when asked to recall the March 7 incident.

"When Dad was never home, Roger was always mean and very aggressive," the 16-year-old said, adding that her sibling would threaten her with such phrases as "I'm gonna break your neck in half" or "I'm going to cut you up into little pieces."

Knight Jr.'s therapist also testified for the prosecution about a phone call he had received in April from his client's father, in which Dr. Tim Ruppert said he told the defendant, "no matter what [Knight Jr.] was doing, that it did not warrant pointing a loaded gun at his head," to which Knight Sr. responded, "I know."

If convicted of the aggravated misdemeanor, Knight Sr. faces a maximum of two years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. The 47-year-old, whom Iowa City fire Capt. Larry Kahler said was on duty Monday, was charged with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon in June 2001, when he threatened a bicyclist with an open blade, according to court records. The records show he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two years' probation April 2002.

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STATE

Black athletes lag in graduation rates

DES MOINES (AP) — Black athletes at three of Iowa's largest colleges graduated at rates far below the national average for Division I schools, the *Des Moines Register* reported.

Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa reported that 33 percent of black athletes at the schools graduated within six years. Drake University reported a graduation rate of 25 percent, according to a copyright story in the *Des Moines Sunday Register*.

The national average, according to the 2004 National Collegiate Athletics Association report, is 49 percent.

"There are a number of factors involved, but we definitely are working hard to improve our academic retention and success rates," said Donald Reed, an assistant athletics director for

academic affairs at Iowa State. The report showed that officials at the three universities reported the lowest graduation rates for black athletes in five years.

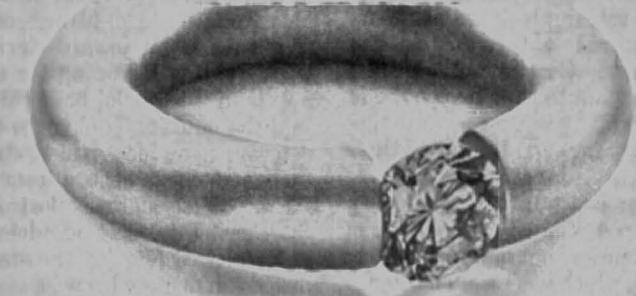
The UI had a graduation rate of 50 percent, but that was down 8 percentage points from 2003 and down 19 points from 2001, according to the report, issued last week.

The report shows that the overall graduation rates for all athletes, whites and minorities, at the four schools ranged from a low of 59 percent at Iowa State to a high of 69 percent at the UI. Drake reported a 65 percent overall graduation rate, while Northern Iowa finished at 63 percent.

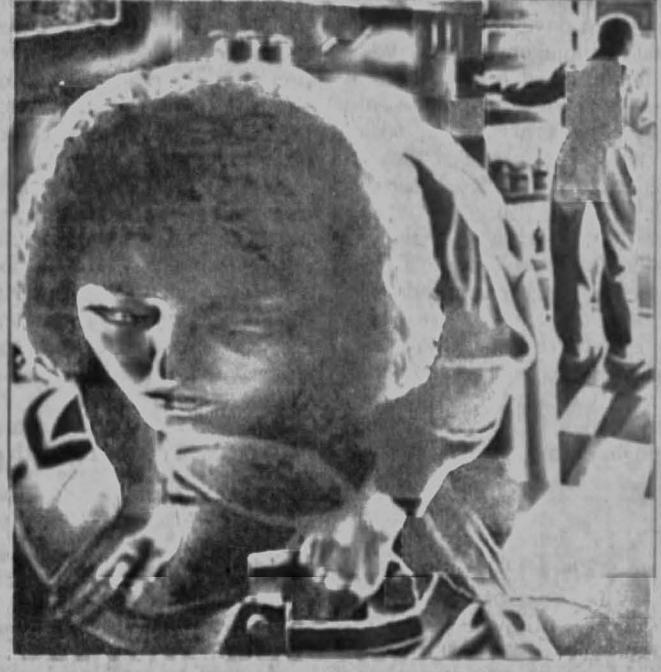
Officials at the schools said the report shows a need for improvement.

"I've become increasingly concerned about this and, in fact, have been harping on this some," said Fred Mims, a UI associate athletics director.

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ACCIDENT



Rachel Mumney/Daily Iowan

A woman lost control of her red Geo Prism as she was traveling southbound on Highway 218 near the Interstate 80 interchange at 2:30 p.m. Monday, law-enforcement authorities report. The car slid into a ditch and flipped over on its roof. The driver, whose name was not released, sustained head injuries and was taken by ambulance to the UI Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa State Patrol Officer Jagat Sandhu said. No passengers were in the vehicle. The totaled car was pulled from the ditch by a tow truck. Tiffin authorities arrived at the scene first, followed by the State Patrol and Johnson County Sheriff's deputies.

Prof shows club scene created new mash units

BY BRIAN SPANNAGEL
THE DAILY IOWAN

The legendary opening rifts from Nirvana's "Smells like Teen Spirit" blared from UI Assistant Professor Kemble McLeod's boom box. What came next wasn't singer Kurt Cobain's grungy voice, but a soulful touch of Christina Aguilera. Was the pop-star really singing her breakthrough

hit "Genie in a Bottle" to the instrumentals that carried grunge into the mainstream? Yes, she was, thanks to a new breed of music sampling called "mash-ups" or "bastard pop," which blends the lyrics and instrumentals of hits from two distinct music genres.

McLeod lectured on Monday about mash-ups to a crowd of approximately 20 as an International Monday speaker,

sponsored by the UI International Programs. He said mash-ups constitute a new genre that has rapidly sprawled into mainstream culture since emerging from London's club scene in 2001. A mash-up song has yet to reach the Top 10 on U.S. charts, but such songs have been regular hits in the United Kingdom.

The genre's growing popularity in the United States will likely raise music-industry eyebrows regarding copyright issues, just as file-sharing has, McLeod said.

"These cultural texts are overflowing with authors," he said, adding that there are disagreements over whether the owners of the mashed songs or the DJs who did the mashing should get credit.

Mash-ups, a form of sampling, make a new song from the components of other songs, something that Sean "P Diddy" Combs popularized. However, they are rarer because they only use previously recorded songs and never interject original lyrics or beats, as does

traditional sampling.

During a five-day stint in September 2003, McLeod, who has written for *Rolling Stone* and *Spin*, submerged himself in London's club scene for a documentary, interviewing Coldcut, Scanner, and other famous DJs who pioneered mash-ups. Today, mash-ups are not just done by professional DJs but also by sampling enthusiasts who use a computer program to blend a pop song's vocals with a rock song's instrumentals and vice-versa.

"There is a certain amount of mischief involved with doing a mash-up," McLeod said. "Part of it is the idea to undermine the power and the original authorial intention of the song."

After the lecture, Renee Suepel, a UI clerk who is studying for a museum certificate, said mash-up artists should be considered independent of the artists who wrote the songs that were sampled.

"I [compare] it with data-collages," she said. "In both, you take parts of a whole art piece and create something new by mixing it with other whole pieces."

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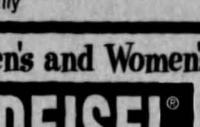


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NEWS

Costliest race all tied up

ELECTION DAY

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Both sides are braced for problems at the polls, with teams of lawyers in many states poised for battle over voting procedures. Tuesday's voting promises to be the most heavily monitored and potentially the most disputed in modern times. The prospect of further legal warfare and a drawn-out process of counting the vote could aggravate the raw feelings of partisans in both parties.

The first presidential election since the terrorist attacks of 9/11 and subsequent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan find the country as deeply divided as it was in the aftermath of the disputed 2000 election that put Bush in the White House. Bush lost the popular vote but took the necessary electoral voters after the Supreme Court sided with him in a dispute over a recount in Florida. This year's campaign was marked by relentless attacks from both sides.

For much of the year, Bush has run against a headwind of bad news, particularly out of Iraq, which has negated some of the usual advantages of incumbency. In the past week, headlines told of kidnappings and casualties in that country. A report about missing munitions provoked days of debate about Bush's management of the war.

In their last assessments of the race, both campaigns said they see several combinations of states that would yield the 270 electoral votes needed for victory. Two of the biggest battlegrounds, Florida and Ohio — both in Bush's column in 2000 — were too close to call Monday.

But Pennsylvania, once seen as leaning to Kerry, may have tightened up over the weekend. A victory by Bush in Pennsylvania, which Democrat Al Gore won four years ago, would create

a huge hurdle to Kerry's hopes of winning the White House. Democratic strategists said they expect to win the state, albeit more narrowly than they once believed.

In Florida, each campaign said it was encouraged by the early voting. But the state's size and the diversity of its electorate, coupled with the emotions remaining from the 2000 recount, make it perhaps the most difficult battleground state to read.

Ohio, which no Republican has lost and still won the White House, appeared to be a tossup. The University of Cincinnati's Ohio Poll Monday put Bush at 50.1 percent and Kerry at 49.2 percent, and a *Columbus Dispatch* poll on Sunday called the race 50-50, the closest in the race's history.

Three upper Midwest states also remain close. Minnesota continues to tilt toward Kerry, with Bush still hoping for an upset. In Wisconsin, both sides said the outcome is likely to be determined on the ground today. Bush strategists believe Iowa is the most likely state to take from the Democrats, but one adviser to Kerry said Monday the state has begun to move his way.

Bush's campaign also sees New Mexico as a potential pickup, and Kerry's team believes the Democrat will take back New Hampshire. Democrats see Nevada as still in play, but the Bush camp believes it will remain in the red-state column. Bush is still fighting to win Michigan but appears to have an uphill fight.

Karl Rove, Bush's chief political adviser, predicted victory, saying the president will win Florida and Ohio and "two, three, or four states" won by Gore in 2000. Matthew Dowd, the campaign's chief strategist, predicted that Bush will win the popular vote by 3 percentage points.

Kerry campaign spokesman Joe Lockhart countered with an

optimistic appraisal of his own. "We think nationally this race is a dead heat, but in the battleground states, we have a significant advantage," he said. "We think we have an advantage in both Ohio and Florida, and New Hampshire and Nevada are well within range."

Donna Brazile, the manager of Gore's 2000 campaign, said: "I have not seen this kind of energy and excitement in the African-American community since Jesse Jackson was running for the nomination back in 1984. People are pumped."

Brazile said that when she began making pro-Kerry calls to black radio stations at 7 a.m. Monday, she found that many had already heard the same message from former President Bill Clinton.

Strategists in the two campaigns said four factors are likely to determine the outcome.

The first is how many people vote. Four years ago, approximately 106 million Americans cast ballots, and everything points to an increase this year.

The second question is which party is better at turning out its vote. Republicans hope to narrow or eliminate what has been a historical disadvantage on Election Day. In the past several presidential elections, Democrats made up about 39 percent of the electorate to the Republicans' 35 percent.

A third key variable is how many first-time voters and young voters turn out.

Finally, the two campaigns disagree about the electorates in the battleground states. Bush campaign strategists say the battleground states will track the national returns, but Kerry strategists say the senator has an advantage in the battlegrounds because they have seen the candidates constantly and have absorbed advertising nonstop since March.



Zach Boyden-Holmes/The Daily Iowan
Democratic vice-presidential candidate Sen. John Edwards greets the ticket's Iowa campaign staff in the Des Moines headquarters on Monday.

BUSH, EDWARDS BLITZ THROUGH IOWA

Campaign stops mark the final push through the swing states

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The final push in the state capital was among several other trips Bush made Monday to the swing states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Mexico, and Wisconsin.

The Republican candidate vowed to the boisterous crowd to protect and nurture the country if he is re-elected.

Quoting fellow Texan Tom Lea, an artist and writer, the president said, "Sarah and I live on the east side of the mountain. It is the sunrise side, not the sunset side. It's the side to see the day that is coming, not the day that is gone."

But his following remarks were not without political rancor when he said Kerry has spent much of the campaign talking about the day that is gone.

Of concern in the coming years are five clear choices for American families that Bush detailed: the budget, quality of life, retirement, family strength, and national security. He rehashed common campaign talking points, including his

wish to cut more taxes, and his claim that the economy is growing faster than at any time in 20 years. He also noted that democratic elections are set for January in Iraq.

"Freedom is a powerful force to transform society," he said. "Iraq is dangerous. It is dangerous because democracy is advancing. But think of how far that country has come."

Following the speech, Des Moines resident Christy Wise paused long enough to share her thoughts on the president before venturing from the building's bright warmth to the dreary drizzle outside.

"He sends a clear message. His integrity comes through, especially in a setting like this, and I think that's what we need to get back to," she said. These values, she added, are common among Iowans and are a key to Bush winning the state.

Earlier Monday, Edwards dropped by the bustling headquarters of the Iowa Democratic Party to personally address 200 volunteers, some manning phones and others hoping to glimpse the young candidate.

"We need to ask you to work

one more day," he urged volunteers. "Because if you'll work for us through tomorrow, we're gonna work for you the next four years."

The North Carolina senator briefly told supporters that Iowans have been integral in formulating his and Kerry's plans to reform health care, create jobs, and affect the outcome of the war in Iraq. Before departing, he vehemently declared that Iowa would send Kerry to the White House.

For the volunteers sitting before a dozen phones in the small room, wading through the long lists of potential voters in a frenzied rush to get people to the ballot box, the conclusion is within shouting distance. Leslie Irvin, taking time to break away from her phone, said the process was worth the effort.

"The people we talk to are just as excited as we are," she said. "People know this is the election of a lifetime, and they need to make it out [to the polls]."

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Observers see tight race in Iowa

LOCAL ELECTION

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county Democrats. Local Republicans have also visited homes and placed phone calls to mobilize Bush supporters.

Swisher added that Democrats have pushed early voting. Almost 15,000 Democrats and nearly 5,000 Republicans have voted early as of Oct. 30, according to the auditor's office.

Republicans have examined thousands of absentee ballots in the county to check for irregularities. Todd Versteegh, a co-chairman of the Johnson County Republicans, said the Republican Party of Iowa sent the local group a list of 4,000 absentee ballots that raised red flags. Of those ballots on the list, they will

challenge fewer than 500.

Versteegh said the GOP's intention was not to throw out the irregular ballots. He repeated the mantra, "Trust, but verify."

"We want to preserve the integrity of the voting process," he said.

The ballots in question include those in which no voter registration could be found or those whose addresses could not be verified, Versteegh said.

Swisher said she hopes students will not make up the bulk of the challenged ballots.

"I would hate to see any effort to keep students from exercising their full right to vote," he said. "I would hope that the Republican Party wouldn't try to capitalize on the fact that students are a transient population."

Amid the prospect of lawsuits to contest election results, both political parties say they're poised to act in case anything should go amiss.

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Teen bomber kills 3 in Israel

The mother of the 16-year-old condemns the militants who sent him as 'immoral'

BY GAVIN RABINOWITZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEL AVIV, Israel — A 16-year-old Palestinian laden with explosives blew himself up Monday in a crowded outdoor market in Tel Aviv, killing three Israelis, wounding 32, and scattering body parts and blood-splattered vegetables on the ground. The bomber's mother said the militants who dispatched him were "immoral."

The attack tested Israel's promise to show restraint during the absence of the ailing Yasser Arafat. Palestinian leaders — including Arafat — immediately condemned the attack, the first since a Sept. 22 bombing in Jerusalem.

From a military hospital near Paris, the 75-year-old Arafat "appealed to all Palestinian factions to commit to avoid harming all Israeli civilians and he appealed to [Israeli Prime Minister Ariel] Sharon to take similar initiatives to avoid harming Palestinian civilians," Arafat's spokesman Nabil Abu Rdeh said.

The blast occurred shortly before noon, when the suicide attacker detonated an 11-pound bomb in the Carmel market, ripping apart a dairy store,



A victim of a bomb explosion awaits medical help in the Carmel market in Tel Aviv, Israel, on Monday.

damaging a vegetable stall, and sending screaming shoppers running.

"The explosion was huge, there was fire and smoke ... it knocked me over," said David Hayu, who owns a nearby butcher shop. "No one knew what to do. People were looking for their sons, their daughters, their husbands and wives."

The blast ripped off the dairy

store's sign, covering it with blood and leaving loose wire dangling out of the wall. Lettuce and parsley splattered with blood were strewn on the pavement, along with spices and packages of children's socks.

Paramedics wheeled away bodies in black plastic bags. Rescue workers scoured the pavement and dug through piles

of cheese and spices in search of body parts.

The attack was the 117th suicide bombing since the outbreak of Israeli-Palestinian fighting in 2000, and it was the first since Arafat left for France, where he has been treated since Oct. 29 for an unknown disease. In all, 494 Israelis have been killed in such attacks.

Insurgents kidnap 6 in Baghdad, kill Iraqi official

Baghdad's deputy governor is killed as voter registration begins Monday

BY JIM KRANE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Militants kidnapped an American, a Nepalese, and four Iraqi guards in a bloody assault on their office in the capital Monday, and gunmen assassinated Baghdad's deputy governor in a drive-by shooting, new violence that came as voter registration began for vital January elections.

West of the capital, U.S. troops clashed with Sunni insurgents, and American artillery pounded suspected insurgent positions in Fallujah, witnesses said.

U.S. forces are gearing up for a major offensive against Fallujah, the strongest bastion of Sunni insurgents. The order to launch what would likely be a bloody assault must come from Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, who warned Sunday that his patience

with negotiations was thinning. U.S. and Iraqi officials hope to curb the insurgency in time for national elections by the end of January.

A handful of Iraqis showed up for the first day of voter registration in central Baghdad on Monday. They refused to allow TV cameras to film them for fear of future retaliation.

To help protect the voting, fresh American soldiers arrived in the capital Monday — reinforcements that push the total U.S. military presence in Iraq to around 142,000, the highest level since the summer of 2003.

The latest in Iraq's wave of kidnappings came when gunmen stormed the offices of a Saudi company in the upscale Mansour district of Baghdad, sparking a battle with guards during the evening iftar meal when Muslims break their daylong fast in the holy month of Ramadan, police said.

One attacker and one guard were killed in the fight, before the gunmen made off with their captives, police said. Police Lt. Col. Maan Khalaf identified the captives as an American, a Nepalese, and the four Iraqis.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Bob Callahan confirmed that the fourth victim was an American.

"We heard gunfire. I went outside to see what's going on when a man pointed a machine gun at me and said: 'Get in or else I'll shoot at you,'" said Haidar Karar, who lives in the neighborhood.

From his house he saw "at least 20 attackers, some masked, and some not."

He said some were wearing traditional Arab robes and all were carrying automatic weapons.

The office is approximately 500 yards from a residence from which residents kidnapped two Americans and a Briton in September. All three were later beheaded. An Al Qaeda-linked group led by Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi claimed responsibility for the slayings.

Twelve Americans have been kidnapped or are missing in Iraq, and at least three of them have been killed, including an American slain by al-Zarqawi's followers in April. The group also claimed responsibility for the abduction of a Japanese hostage whose decapitated body was found on Oct. 30, wrapped in an American flag and

dumped on a Baghdad street.

Also Monday, gunmen opened fire on a car carrying Baghdad province's deputy governor, Hatim Kamil, to work Monday morning, killing Kamil, said Baghdad Governor Ali al-Haidari. Two of Kamil's bodyguards were wounded, Interior Ministry spokesman Col. Adnan Abdul-Rahman said.

A known militant group, the Ansar al-Sunnah Army, claimed responsibility for the attack in southeastern Baghdad.

"This is the fate of whoever is aiding or supporting the Crusaders against the Muslims and mujahideen," the group said on its website. It was impossible to verify the claim's authenticity.

Insurgents have killed dozens of Iraqi politicians and government workers in recent months in a bid to destabilize the country's reconstruction.

The group also said it was behind the assassination of the deputy governor of Diyala province on Friday in the central Iraqi city of Baquba. Aqil Hamid al-Adili, the assistant to the governor for projects affairs, was killed by unidentified gunmen as he was sitting in a friend's office.

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Rehnquist undergoing chemotherapy, radiation

BY GINA HOLLAND
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WASHINGTON — Chief Justice William Rehnquist revealed Monday that he is undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatment for thyroid cancer, signs he has a grave form of the disease and probably will not return to the bench soon.

The election-eve disclosure by the 80-year-old justice underscores the near certainty that the next president will make at least one appointment to the Supreme Court and probably more.



Rehnquist
chief justice

Rehnquist had planned to join his colleagues when they returned to hear arguments Monday after a two-week break. Instead, he issued a statement from home about the treatment he's receiving. It said he plans to work from home and made no mention of leaving the court.

The chief justice did not disclose what type of thyroid cancer he has, how far it has progressed or the prognosis.

Dr. Ann Gillenwater of the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston

said the combination of chemotherapy and radiation is the usual treatment for anaplastic thyroid cancer, a fast-growing form that can kill quickly.

Approximately 80 percent of people with that type of cancer die within a year, even with treatment, according to the Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy.

"Unfortunately, it rarely responds very well, and this is just a holding action for most patients," said Dr. Herman Kattlove of the American Cancer Society.

Rehnquist's statement was a more somber announcement than the one a week ago, when he first made public that he had been hospitalized for cancer treatment but said he planned to be back at work in a week.

"According to my doctors, my plan to return to the office today was too optimistic," said Rehnquist, who spent a week in the hospital. "While at home, I am working on court matters, including opinions for cases already argued. I am, and will, continue to be in close contact with my colleagues, my law clerks, and members of the Supreme Court staff."

News of Rehnquist's cancer has energized conservative and liberal groups, which have tried to draw voters' attention to the court's delicate balance on such issues as abortion, affirmative action, and the death penalty.

NATION

Vaccine protects against cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Efforts to develop the world's first vaccine to prevent cervical cancer took a key step forward Monday with test results suggesting that it can provide long-lasting protection.

Four years after getting the vaccine, 94 percent of women were protected from infection with the virus that causes most cervical cancers, and none had developed precancerous conditions, a study showed.

"We're thrilled about these results. The immune responses seem to be really long-lasting," said Dr. Eliav Barr, who leads development of the vaccine for Merck & Co. The company plans to seek U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval next year for an expanded version of the vaccine that also could be used to prevent genital warts in both women and men.

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TODAY IS THAT ALL-IMPORTANT DAY...

...so get out and vote. Then send us your reactions to the election at: daily-iowan@uiowa.edu

Trust the system on election

Problems may arise again, but mechanisms exist for dealing with them

Today, millions of Americans across the country will go to the polls to cast their votes, joining millions more who already have. By Wednesday, what can probably be considered a uniquely bitter and divisive election will hopefully be over. But if there's anything we've learned from the last time America tried to elect a president, it's that the contest may not end with the closing of the polls.

Ohio has already been labeled the "new Florida" because, according to news reports, thousands of Republicans plan to go to the polls and challenge any voter whom they suspect may not really be eligible. Republicans say the Democrats may try to stuff the ballot boxes by bringing people to vote when they shouldn't be able to. Democrats say the Republicans are trying to suppress turnout of people who might vote for Sen. John Kerry and are sending out volunteers to challenge the challengers.

And it's not just Ohio. There are accusations of Florida officials suppressing the black vote and of officials interfering with registering American Indian voters in New Mexico. Students at Iowa State University have said they were unfairly turned away from the polls. A nationwide hotline, 1-866-OUR-VOTE, has been created for people to call if they feel they have been disenfranchised. But most disturbing is the idea that many already predict the result may not be legitimate (or, more bluntly, stolen) — though perhaps only if their side loses.

These are serious problems, and they need to be addressed. Very little is more important to our nation's principles than making sure elections are fair, that everyone who is eligible to vote is able to do so, and that all votes are counted. This is not and should not be a partisan issue.

We at *The Daily Iowan* are sadly too aware of the impact of partisanship on honest discussion. To some degree, America is divided by every election. But this year, the intensity of feelings on all sides of the partisan debate has been remarkable, reaching from the county sheriff's race all the way up to the presidency — and, inexplicably, to our own front page.

So what do we suggest? Everyone — and we include ourselves here — should take a step back to put things in perspective. Though they have important differences on vital issues, neither Bush nor Kerry will bring an end to democracy if elected. The election will have problems, but we have a Constitution and a legal system that can settle them to the greatest extent possible. If there are Republicans who suppress the vote or Democrats who try to stuff the ballots, then they should be punished as harshly as the law allows. But we are not a nation of one-man juries. We should wait for the courts to do their jobs, not declare the verdicts for them. In short, we are asking our readers to have faith in America and not jump to conclusions as soon as the polls have closed.

And in the meantime, as per request of the Editorial Board, lay off the Bush-Cheney sticker on Robert Schneider's car.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Like all members of the *Daily Iowan* staff, I was immensely embarrassed and appalled by the erroneous headline regarding the UI College Republicans that was published on the front page of our Oct. 29 edition. Very understandably, we have received a great deal of feedback from the community concerning this untimely mistake, and we have taken those comments into consideration as we continue our efforts to be a fair and unbiased source of news and viewpoints for this university and city.

Clearly, last week's mishap seriously undermined these efforts for everyone on staff at the *DI* and, as a consequence, our credibility and

reputation has been called into question. To that end, as the Opinions editor, I want to assure our readership that the Editorial Board played no part in the publication of the false headline; board members, including myself, were completely unaware of its existence until it was already in print. We consider the error to be a disgrace to the integrity of our work, one that we must all work to avoid in the future, regardless of where blame ultimately lies.

As Editor Tony Robinson aptly pointed out, there is no secret about the *DI* Editorial Board's partisan stances. However, in no way do we seek to stifle dissenting views, a message that I have

tried to reinforce this year by publishing columns and letters to the editor that represent diverse political persuasions. We welcome the opinions of all readers to promote an inclusive dialogue, and I want to iterate my original message, which is that this Opinions Page is for everyone.

On behalf of all Editorial Board members, I extend my deepest regrets for last week's misrepresentation and invite anyone with concerns about this page to contact me, either in writing or by phone.

Peter Warski
DI Opinions editor

LETTERS

Denial does not erase problems

During the presidential debates, President Bush claimed not to think much about Osama bin Laden, as if his threat would be defused through simple denial.

On Oct. 29, a video released on Al-Jazeera networks shows bin Laden mocking our so-called president for continuing to read *My Pet Goat* while the second plane crashed into the twin towers. Bin Laden apparently reads the papers more than our so-called president.

Meanwhile in Iraq, more than 1,090 American men and women have sacrificed their lives for a what we are told is U.S. security. A recent scientific report estimated Iraqi deaths at 100,000 since the U.S. invasion. The situation is getting worse, putting both Americans and Iraqis at risk and, more pertinently to this administration, increasing risk to American business ventures in that country.

Wake up, America! It is time to show we still believe in the democracy on which this country was founded! Get out and vote!

Jeffrey Banks
UI graduate student

have been accepted to college, you are obviously bright. If you have spent any time in a lecture hall or a discussion section, you have been learning to become a critical thinker. And if you were born during or after 1980, you know how to go on the Internet and search "compare presidential candidates."

My fellow Americans, I don't want to see history repeat itself. Please become informed and vote! Please encourage your classmates, roommates, and housemates to look up the candidates and go vote.

Jessica Horst
UI graduate student

Grass-cutter favors the rich

I think tax cuts are a great idea. I love being able to keep my hard-earned dollars. I understand, however, that the government needs money to function. So, I imagine the people receiving tax cuts should be those who need the money.

Unfortunately, Charles Grassley — the self-proclaimed "tax mechanic" of Washington — and George W. Bush decided to give the majority of their tax cuts to multimillionaires. Well, Mr. Grass-cutter (as George lovingly calls Grassley), poor college students need tax cuts too! Iowa tuition has flown the coop. I pay \$2,000 more now than when I started college. Sure, some tax incentives do exist, but they were created years ago, when instate tuition at the UI was about half what it is now.

Art Small, Iowa's Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, has proposed allowing all young people starting out in life to deduct the first \$80,000 they earn as long as the money goes to college, the purchase of a first home, or the care of children.

These are the type of tax deductions America needs, not giveaways to the rich so they can buy a new jewel-encrusted toilet seat. Sen. Grass-cutter can go back to mowing his lawn. I want someone who will work for America in the Senate, not someone who robs from the poor to give to the rich.

Kim Kullmer
UI student

Uninformed is no excuse

Today's election will be the second time I vote in a presidential election. The first time, I was a college student in Boston. Several months after the election, people were still talking about popular vote versus the Electoral College and the infamous Florida recount.

In May 2001, I reported for jury duty and while I was waiting, I ran into a classmate. Naturally, I brought up the election. She told me, "I didn't feel very well informed, so I didn't vote." I shrugged it off and I thought to myself, "Well, you wouldn't want to make an uninformed decision."

Two days later, however, I felt very angry. Shame on her! There is no excuse for a college student to be uninformed. If you

A new report published by researchers from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore (only covered by media in Europe) says deaths of Iraqis have soared to 100,000 since the beginning of this war. Most of these deaths are women and children. The report found, "The risk of death from violence in the period after the invasion was 58 times higher than in the period before the war."

The report finds that close to 16,053 Iraqi civilians have been killed from U.S. air strikes and ground war. It also states, "Most individuals killed by coalition forces were women and children." Many other deaths are attributed to the destruction of water facilities by U.S. forces.

Can this "war on terror" be won through acts of terrorism? The war on the people of Iraq is a despicable affair, and all those who align themselves with humanity and life should oppose it.

Corin Raze
Iowa City resident

Choice words for Kerry supporters, war opponents

I seriously want to throw up every time I read some dumb college student say that we need to end the war in Iraq, or vote for John Kerry, because "our troops are dying there."

I know that there are more reasons that people have for the United States to not be in Iraq and for people to vote for John Kerry, but the argument that "our troops are dying" is complete bullshit! Soldiers have died in every war and in every country since civilization began. Stop saying that using our Reserves in the war is a "quasi-draft," because that is bullshit, too. All involved in any aspect of the military in this country did so voluntarily.

Whatever their reasons, they knew that they could go to war and possibly die. I don't care if people are against the war in Iraq, but please, at least try to have intelligent opinions.

Annette Blumenthal
UI student

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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ON THE SPOT

Who will be the next president of the United States?



"I think it's going to be a toss-up. It could go either way."

Jessica Maassen
UI junior



"Well, I'd like to say Kerry, but I believe it probably will be Bush."

Todd Boyle
UI senior



"I'm thinking John Kerry, because the Redskins lost."

Jim Hardiman
UI senior



"Bush."

Anne Maher
UI freshman

Dress the windows

And so the big day has finally arrived. Well, thank God, I say, even though I'm not a believer. That's the great thing about a free country — even the atheists can say, Thank God.

Even a political junkie such as me is glad to see this campaign end. For one thing, I haven't been able to properly bask in the glow of the extraordinary exclamation point that the Red Sox put on the baseball season. Sheesh.

For another thing, I've never seen such a rancorous campaign, or a nation so bitterly split. The brand of slash-and-burn politics that Newt Gingrich pioneered in the '80s and '90s — fueled by the hating-right-wing talk radio — has reaped its reward: America, it seems, is more deeply divided than the French and Germans prior to the two world wars.

Maybe we



BEAU ELLIOT

should just call the whole thing off. The bedrock Republican states could take their hal-llelujah chorus and be one nation, and the solid Democratic states could be another. The swing states could be a free-trade zone or something.

The great advantage of this would be: Texas would be in another country. Think of it. Oh, we'd miss the Austin music scene, probably, but freedom, as our president keeps reminding us, comes with a price. Besides, have you ever driven across Texas? It's the myth of Sisyphus in action. No wonder those people are so crazy.

It'll never happen — making like an amoeba and splitting. Which means we're probably due for many more campaigns similar to this one, with Swift Boats and Zell Millers becoming the norm.

Of course, if you're like me and have a dark (some would say twisted, but they're my friends) sense of humor, the campaign did have its highly entertaining moments. In a Terry Southern kind of way.

Take Zell Miller, for instance. That speech at the Republican Convention, in which he did a passable imitation of Mount St. Helens, was priceless. There he was, speaking to a sea of Republicans, criticizing John Kerry backing national-security positions in the '80s that were also supported by Dick Cheney, the then-secretary of Defense, and the first President Bush. The Republican faithful (and we do mean faithful) cheered wildly. As I said, priceless.

Then there was the whole Kerry-is-the-most-liberal-senator buffoonery, which Bush and Cheney and conservative commentators rolled out each day like so much breakfast cereal. Well, it was surreal. They all pointed to the *National Journal*'s ratings as their basis for the charge, rather conveniently ignoring the *Journal* editor's column on Aug. 30 in which he noted that anybody attempting to use the rating to label Kerry as most liberal was "just plain wrong."

The sample size was too small, he explained; Kerry, campaigning for president, missed too many votes for the rating to have any meaning. In his career, Kerry is not the most liberal, as Cheney asserts; Mark Dayton of Minnesota is. Kerry is 11th. John Edwards, for what it's worth, is 27th.

Well, Kerry shouldn't have missed so many votes, you say. Maybe so, but running for president is a seemingly endless task. Sisyphean, perhaps. When George W. Bush was governor of Texas and running for president, he spent 17-consecutive months outside of Texas on the campaign trail.

But, you protest, the governor of Texas is window-dressing. The lieutenant-governor holds the real power.

I think "window-dressing" goes a long way in explaining this presidency that the Supreme Court handed us.

The phrase also goes a long way in deciphering Cheney's rather jaw-dropping comment last week, in which he said the Iraq war is a "remarkable success story."

Let's see. You invade an Arab country that poses no threat, thus enraged Arabs everywhere, not to mention provoking criticism from most of the rest of the world. You don't use enough troops, so ammunition bunkers and nuclear-reactor sites get looted. You don't use enough troops to prevent a major insurgency from spawning, and the result is nearly daily bombings and kidnappings. Your reconstruction effort is so flawed that 19 months after the invasion, electricity is still three hours on, three hours off.

And the actions you have taken have aided in recruiting Islamist jihadists.

Much more success like this, to paraphrase Pyrrhus, and you're done for.

What a campaign. Me, I'm going to watch a DVD of the Red Sox's amazing 11-day march. There's a remarkable success story.

No window-dressing. ■

OPINIONS

LETTERS

Why vote Democratic

The Republican Party's refrain that its perspective best serves national security is odd. While most of the Democratic leadership has served in the military, most of their Republican counterparts have not. Democratic determination and patriotism is self-evident. Historically, the Republicans have been isolationists. Democratic presidents undertook both world wars.

Bush flip-flopped on homeland security, and he hasn't applied money where it is most needed. His adventure in Iraq has strained our ability to confront those who attacked us and allowed Al Qaeda to regroup. He says he defers to no one on matters of security, except apparently Iraqi interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi. Terrorist attacks were up worldwide last year. Republicans are still isolationist, though, in a perverse new way that pits us against the world. We are not more secure despite the rhetoric.

The singular achievement of the Republican economic ideal is the Great Depression. "Failed liberal policies" developed infrastructure and human capital, bringing us a standard of living now slipping from our grasp. Many detractors are themselves beneficiaries. A focus on "need, not greed" has always been a win-win proposition. Who really thinks a tax break now is worth mortgaging our future to the Chinese?

Truman proposed universal health care. What could we have accomplished with the redirection of resources in the last 56 years? You want rationing? We have it. You either get health care, or you don't. Sometimes that means you live or die.

Republicans seem less interested in what works than what is ideologically correct. When they have held power and made a mess of things, the Democrats have played janitor. The cleanup of Reagan's deficits was on track when George W. Bush was appointed. Four more years, and I fear that neither I nor perhaps my unborn grandchildren will ever see the end of it. I'll vote for John Kerry.

Gary Smith
Iowa City resident

Wrong to disagree with Bush?

I was amused by David W. Jenkins' letter (*DI*, Oct. 26). Everyone who disagrees with him has been waiting for him to explain to them why they're angry. Thanks for that gesture.

So, a Machiavellian cadre of like-minded crypto-socialists is conspiring to feign outrage in an effort to "make law rather than interpret it." Your idea does intrigue me.

In response to your theory regarding "the unparalleled hate directed toward President Bush," I'll pretend for a moment that you actually want someone to answer your question.

In Ohio, Republicans have recruited 3,600 "election monitors" — many in heavily Democratic urban neighborhoods of Cleveland, Dayton, and other cities — to challenge the eligibility of as many voters as possible. Each challenge takes a long time, creating long lines at the polls, causing people to leave without voting. Similar efforts are ongoing in other swing states.

The Bush administration also seeks to marginalize and homogenize dissenting voices. According to Bush's rhetoric — the very rhetoric you parrot in your fallacious and disingenuous letter — judges who disagree with him are "activist judges." Kerry supporters have, as you put it, an "extreme socialist and secular agenda." To oppose Bush policies is to oppose a stronger and more united America. Those with the insolence to question our invasion of Iraq are anti-American and are disrespecting our troops.

Neither Jenkins, nor the Bush administration, nor the corporate-owned media profiting from Bush's policies will rob me of my right to participate in this democracy. I'm more worried than angry. Bush lacks a willingness to reflect upon his decisions. He asserts that God told him to invade Iraq. This failed businessman, this Vietnam-combat-evading warhawk, this dry alcoholic who chokes on pretzels wields our military arsenal, and his deluded conflation of personal and divine will is dangerous.

Isaac Sullivan
UI graduate student

Religion has no role in politics

One of the many impediments that continues to prevent the evolution of this country is a topic that both Kerry and Bush seem to rely on for votes: religion. Unfortunately, here in America there is a big enough choir for them to preach to.

Is there that big of a void in these people's lives that they need to fill with dogmatic rules and the delusion that there is some invisible man in the sky guiding us through life? Both candidates reference God and their faith in almost every notable speech. Kerry is not so bad as Bush, but the mere fact that he has stated that he looks to God to help him with decisions is depressing enough.

If I wasn't convinced already that Bush may be a few tweaks away from a healthy psyche, his comment in the debate about feeling when the world prays for him gave me all the evidence I need. If you feel the need to base your life on mythological fairy tales, at least keep that to yourself and don't allow that to dictate your rhetoric and political ideology.

I commend Kerry for his responses in the debate regarding abortion, being that he is a Catholic and abortion is against Catholic law. He has recognized that not the entire country shares his Christian views, and thus he will not allow that to shape his policies. Of course, many argue that without religion we would have no morals or sense of right and wrong.

But Bush touts his Christian morals, and he starts unnecessary wars in which humans kill (not fetuses, not microscopic cells) other humans.

If you need religion to secure a moral compass and ethical values, then your arguments are meaningless. The topic of God rarely surfaces in European politics, so why must America still be shackled to it?

Rob Novotny
UI student

Liberals in trouble if Bush re-elected

If President Bush is re-elected, I predict there will be a significant political backlash against liberals in this country. Consider all of the things they have charged him and/or his administration with:

- Bush going AWOL from the National Guard;
- Invading Iraq for its oil;
- Leaking the name of a CIA agent;
- Giving tax cuts for the rich;
- Giving billions to the pharmaceutical companies with Medicare reform;
- The Abu Ghraib scandal;
- The missing weapons cache south of Baghdad;
- The biggest loss of jobs since Herbert Hoover; and
- Not speaking English well.

If all of this doesn't stick, after all of these charges, after spending millions from MoveOn.org and America Coming Together, after all of the endorsements from the majority of America's news organizations, the liberal message will resonate as null and void. I'm not voting for Bush, but the constant attacks against him are unwarranted and pathetic.

Nathan Benn
UI graduate

Kerry victory won't end Bushism

The Anybody But Bush crowd is predicting disaster if George W. Bush wins the election. However, the disaster lies in accepting the limitations of the two-party system and supporting a corporate-backed pro-war candidate in the hopes that he will be a lesser evil. It has never been clearer why the Democratic Party is the graveyard of social movements.

The economy is in the toilet, the occupation of Iraq is going badly, and more than half the nation and

the majority of people in the world are against this war. But instead of building on this, the antiwar movement has largely disappeared from the streets and is backing John Kerry, a man who has essentially promised to be a better general.

At the same time, many progressives are working to undermine any alternative by furiously opposing Ralph Nader's antiwar campaign.

We find most of the left backing a man who opposes same-sex marriage, has said he is willing to appoint anti-choice judges in order to provide "balance" on the Supreme Court, and promotes tax credits for corporations and scapegoating workers in other countries as the solutions for saving American jobs. Voting for Kerry may defeat Bush, but it won't defeat Bushism.

Don't forget that congressional Democrats have time and again provided the margin of victory for Bush and his neo-con pals.

We need an alternative to these two rotten choices. You can show your support for that alternative in Election 2004 by supporting the independent campaign of Nader and Peter Camejo. They oppose the U.S. occupation of Iraq, support union rights and the government programs that both Republicans and Democrats want to cut back, and represent a left-wing challenge to the political stranglehold of the two corporate parties.

Michael Rack

Iowa International Socialist Organization

Explaining a voting decision

This closely contested presidential election has brought to my attention many of the endearing qualities of our nation's democratic process and the great sacrifices undertaken to preserve those freedoms. Before you

go to polls this week to choose the leader of the free world, I would like to explain the reasons for my choice. I must warn you: I am not a famous celebrity, an expert in foreign affairs, or a person with a financial stake in the election's outcome. Instead, I write as an average college student who cares about the future of our country.

These last four years have given rise to the great challenge that will define our generation. It is not a war, a social movement, or a budget deficit; this challenge is our ability to overcome terror on a global scale that threatens those very rights we express this week. The 2004 presidential election is a referendum on the actions taken by President Bush to address this new reality.

He presents a coherent and progressive foreign policy constructed around the concise premise that America's national security requires treating nations that harbor and finance terrorist organizations no differently from the people who detonate themselves aboard buses in Tel Aviv or fly aircraft into buildings in Manhattan. After our nation was attacked three years ago, the president recognized the structural problems present in separating intelligence-gathering and law-enforcement agencies and sponsored legislation to remove those restrictions.

He continues to strengthen America by renewing his call for an all-volunteer army more prepared for safe overseas deployment than a conscription-based service, and he seeks to earn America's international respect by engaging North Korea in multilateral negotiations.

I respect your right to disagree with my reasons or my candidate. All I ask is that you know yours and register them at the polls.

Tom Niblock
UI student

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Taking a long, soulful ride with Ray



Ray is a no-holds-barred look at the extraordinary life of a talented musician



FILM REVIEW

by Laura Jensen

Ray

When: 1, 4:30, and 8 p.m.
Where: Coral Ridge 10
★★★½ out of ★★★★

Ray could have been a made-for-TV biopic that garnered praise, maybe an Emmy, then was forgotten. In director Taylor Hackford's (*Proof of Life*) beautiful meditation on the music legend, perfectly embodied by Jamie Foxx (*Collateral*), we get so much more. The director's goal was to take the audience on the journey that was Ray Charles' life, and it is a fascinating ride.

The film picks up when Charles is a teenager scamming his way onto a bus to Seattle to jump-start his musical career. There, he is used by a club owner and a fellow band member, who cheat the blind man out of his money until he gets a better offer,

storming out with the help of none other than a young Quincy Jones (Larenz Tate).

Soon, Charles is on the road as a band's piano man, but again he is an outsider. The band members do not want to baby-sit a blind man, and the manager does not want to pay him in singles. Desperate for a sense of belonging and haunted by his past, Charles turns to heroin.

When he signs with Atlantic records, he struggles to find his own sound after impersonating such greats as Nat King Cole. With the help of friend and producer Ahmet Ertegun (Curtis Armstrong, *Conversations*), he finds his first small success, but he does not develop that signature Ray Charles style until he finds Della Bea Robinson (Kerry Washington, *Save the Last Dance*), a gospel singer who captures his heart and falls madly in love with him.

They are quickly married, and Charles begins touring as his records top the charts with such hits as "I Got a Woman," a phrase that was always true for him. He is soon sleeping with a female singer he hires, who leaves in a jealous rage after he takes up with a new mistress, Margie (Regina King, *Legally Blonde 2*), a backup singer.

His music prowess is unbelievable, and he climbs to the top of jazz, R&B, pop, and even country charts, but his personal life is on a downward spiral as he mistreats the women who love him,



Publicity photo
Jamie Foxx, an actor and trained classical pianist, gives an Oscar-worthy performance as Ray Charles.

betrays his friends, and becomes ever more addicted to dope.

Foxx's Oscar-worthy performance makes this film to an extraordinary level. The actor, who just happens to be a trained classical pianist, bears an uncanny resemblance to the musician and nails Charles' mannerisms and voice with his twitches, head rolls, teetering walk, and scratchy, quick speech.

However, this role is clearly more than an impression. No matter how badly you want to smack Charles when he acts like a jerk, Foxx allows us to see the struggle and turmoil raging beneath the surface, causing your heart to break in empathy, not pity, for the man.

Foxx receives support from fine actors as well. Each of the women who plays a suffering

wife or mistress is perfect. King and Washington especially drive home the idea that they are wise to Ray's behavior and it kills them, but the audience members also have some understanding, when they watch him sing or when he opens up to them briefly, why the women stay — making their pain all the more difficult to watch. Newcomer Sharon Warren gives a powerful performance as Ray's dirt-poor mother struggling through a difficult life.

Hackford does a brilliant job of showcasing the star's life. The smoky, dark-colored present gives way to a lush, richly hued past in Charles' flashbacks to his pre-blindness childhood. The lights that filter onto him when he is at the piano allow the audience to see him isolated, for once

by his choosing, in his own world, feeling every note. The only drawback comes with the abrupt ending, which too neatly wraps up his psychological struggles and feels as though the director ran out of time in the editing room and tried to sum up the last 30 years of his life in a few sentences.

Overall, though, the film is a fascinating look at an incredible life, with no holds barred. Charles is not deified, he is humanized, making the movie much more interesting. Even if you don't find the rather long movie always captivating, as I did, you will certainly leave the theater humming the most incredible part of the whole story — the music.

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ARTS

Some razzle, some dazzle, some election-night caution

NEW YORK (AP) — It's a theatrical flourish that might seem more at home in an *Ice Capades* extravaganza than in a newscast. NBC, along with corporate siblings MSNBC and Telemundo, will deliver election-night returns from sets perched high above the Rockefeller Center skating rink — where a 65-foot map of the United States has been embedded in the ice and awaits filling in with red and blue states as the evening progresses.

For good measure, graphics will be projected up 12 stories of the GE Building, named for NBC's corporate parent, in back of the rink. A few blocks away in Times Square, CNN is taking over a 96-screen video wall inside the NASDAQ headquarters to showcase the incoming results from all 50 states. Its coverage will be beamed outside as well on the seven-story NASDAQ Tower, itself a video screen.

There's nothing like a little razzle-dazzle to try to blot out bad memories of election night 2000. It was a debacle of historic proportion for TV broadcasters, who ended up having to endure congressional hearings to explain what went wrong with their long-standing exit-poll system, which generated wrong results from Florida, leading to bad calls, first for Al Gore, then for George W. Bush, and finally for no one. The bad reporting added to the chaos and confusion surrounding an election outcome that wasn't ultimately decided for several weeks and led to charges of bias by the networks.

Notwithstanding the flashy elements that NBC and CNN will be employing, caution is expected to rule the night this time around. "We're all going to be trying to be last," said Linda Mason, a CBS News vice president.

This year, there is a new collective exit-polling system in place, the National Election Pool, which uses a different statistical model that, reportedly, better considers absentee ballots. The Associated Press will provide actual vote counts. Networks have pledged not to project any state winners until all polls in a state have closed, which will push back some calls by at least an hour.

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Wally Backman

Hired

Diamondbacks hire new manager

PHOENIX (AP) — Wally Backman was the scrappy, intense second baseman for the World Series champion New York Mets 18 years ago. He promises to bring that same style to the Arizona Diamondbacks as their new manager.

Backman, who took himself out of contention for the Mets managing job last week, was hired Monday to take over an Arizona team coming off one of the worst seasons in major-league history.

"My style is hard, aggressive baseball," Backman said. "If my brother is second baseman for the Los Angeles Dodgers, and if it means taking him out at second base, that's what I expect my players to do. That's the way we play the game."

Autopsy

Report: Drugs caused Caminiti's death

NEW YORK (AP) — A drug overdose killed former baseball star Ken Caminiti, the city medical examiner ruled Monday. Caminiti tested positive for cocaine in the weeks before he died, at age 41. He had admitted using steroids during his playing days.

Coronary artery disease and an enlarged heart were listed as contributing factors in the death Oct. 10, medical examiner's spokesman Grace Brugess said. The death was ruled an accident.

The 15-year major-league veteran, who won the National League's Most Valuable Player title in 1996, admitted in a Houston court just days before he died that he had tested positive for cocaine.

Tissue and toxicology tests confirmed Caminiti's cause of death as "acute intoxication due to the combined effects of cocaine and opiates," Brugess said.

Stepping down

Huskies' Gilbertson to step down

SEATTLE — Washington coach Keith Gilbertson will step down at the end of the season, ending a difficult two years as Rick Neuheisel's replacement.

"Coach Gilbertson and I have talked for several weeks about the football program, and we mutually agreed that it needs an immediate boost," Washington Athletics Director Todd Turner said in a statement Monday.

TRIVIA

Do you know the answer?

Q: What and when was the first-ever bowl game?

CHECK YOUR ANSWER WITH THE CORRECT ONE, 2B

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL NEW YORK 41, MIAMI 14

Fish flop — Jets run over hapless Miami

BY ANDREA ADELSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — No miracles needed this time.

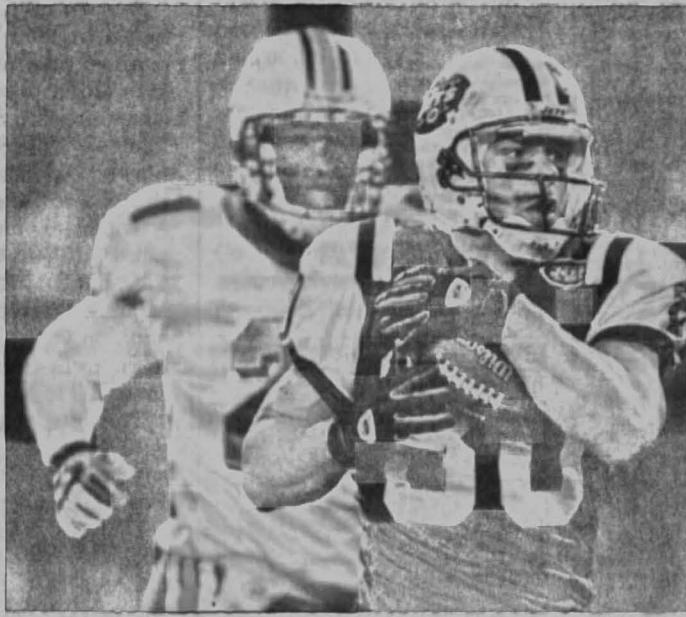
Curtis Martin and LaMont Jordan each ran for 115 yards and a score to help the New York Jets rout the hapless Miami Dolphins, 41-14, Monday night.

The last time the teams met on Monday night, the Jets erased a 23-point,

fourth-quarter deficit for a 40-37 overtime win in 2000 in what is known as the "Monday Night Miracle."

There was no chance of a comeback this time around. The Jets (6-1) scored 34 unanswered points, stifling the ineffective Dolphins offense and embarrassing the proud Miami defense, which entered the game ranked fourth in the NFL.

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Bill Kostroun/Associated Press

New York Jet wide receiver Wayne Chrebet catches a pass and runs for a touchdown as Dolphin Antuan Edwards chases after him Monday night at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

IOWA MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY

Cross-country RUNNERS deal with tough terrain and tougher opponents, where pushing and falling are all in a day's work.



Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan

Runners pump up a hill on Sunday during the Big Ten Cross-Country championships on the Ashton Cross-Country Course. The Hawkeye cross-country men, running on their home course, placed third, their best finish since 1967.

SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

BY TED MCCARTAN
THE DAILY IOWAN

What do bar fights, struggling for air at the public pool, and full-contact sports have in common with cross-country? A lot. To those who have never attended a cross-country race, the sport can get more physical than you might imagine.

There were 166 feet in the men's Big Ten championships on Sunday, every one of them off at the shot of a gun, taking around 8,000 strides as they treaded toward the finish.

The announcer Sunday once described the view of the racers as "mass humanity coming over the hill." And he was right. There were around 40 runners stampeding over a rise at the Ashton Cross-Country Course, each seemingly depending on the notion that the man a step ahead of him was sure-footed enough not to wipe out. If he does slip up, it

either causes a pileup, an obstacle course, or both.

"If someone in front of you goes down, you trip over him — you're down, too," said Tony Rakaric, an Iowa senior and the men's cross-country team captain.

He recalled an instance at the Roy Griak Invitational, an annual meet in Minneapolis, in which a large number of runners fell at the start of the race. Rakaric said at that particular race, the course narrows quickly, forcing the field to funnel itself onto a path through a forest.

And when you do fall?

"There's no place to go," he said. "You got people trying to shove you from the back to get past you; there's no chance of you getting up."

It's kind of like getting out from under the Shamu floating device at the pool. And being on the ground at a cross-country meet makes an individual susceptible to those feet that are

seemingly everywhere. The problem, other than inconsistent patterning? Metal spikes.

Baseball players get cleated; cross-country runners get spiked. Neither is pleasant. "When you get spiked, it doesn't feel very good," Rakaric said.

At the 2002 national meet, then-senior Joe Welter got spiked and finished the race with blood running down his leg. It turned out he had to go to the hospital to get stitches, and said junior Brian Rae, his leg was broken.

"It was two years ago — Esche went down at the Big Ten meet, Dan Trainor went down at the regionals, and at the nationals, Joe Welter went down," Rae said. "This year, we've been fortunate — no major falls."

A fall that sticks out in Rae's career happened at an Illinois state meet when he was in high school. He got tripped up and grabbed the jersey of now-Iowa teammate Rakaric. "We're bud-

dies now, though," he said.

Other than the risk of falling, getting dragged down, or getting spiked, a lot of shoving and pushing occurs during races.

Rae cited Sunday's Big Ten meet as an example of the shoving, which occurred approximately 800 meters in.

"No one went down; I was right in the middle of it," he said.

Rakaric and fellow senior teammate Matt Esche got into it with an opposing runner at a meet a year ago.

"He got tripped somehow, and he thought it was me, and he thought I was Esche, and he started yelling and I'm like, 'Quit yelling at me,'" Rakaric said, describing a race, not a bar fight. "And it's the wrong person to mess with at the wrong time, especially when Matt and I are right there, and we're not gonna sit there and let it happen to the other teammate."

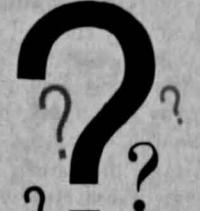
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DEBATING SPORTS

The election may be over, but the debating never ends — Pregame Editor Jason Brummond and Sports Editor Brian Triplett take on sporting issues from BCS vs. Playoffs to gambling on college sports. 1B

VOTING FOR HEISMAN

See who sports dudes Nick Richards, Ted McCartan, Jason Brummond, and Brian Triplett select for this year's Heisman Trophy. Inside sports



IN LESS THAN SIX months, the NBA has undergone an overhaul, as more players swapped teams than wives in Hollywood.

And tonight, while most of the world waits to see which swing state will decide the election, the new-look league will get underway.

First, the NBA's version of "The OC," the Lakers, gave us more story lines than the Jackson family. The baddest dude in the league was given a one-way ticket to Miami so Kobe Bryant could hold the throne. And speaking of superstars, while one arrived in Florida, another one departed. Orlando's Tracy McGrady is now with the Rockets and has a big man of his own.

The NBA had more adjustments than Britney Spears' body. The Denver Nuggets went shopping and found a blue-light special at K-Mart (Kenyon Martin). Carlos Boozer made a promise and then broke it when he found a fool's fortune in Utah, the same team that dished out \$50 million plus for Mehmet Okur, who averaged fewer than 10 points a game last season.

Nash found a bridge to Phoenix (Suns), Jamal Crawford found Isiah Thomas (Knicks), while Gary Payton found a Doc (Celtics). There's a block party in Charlotte, where Emeka Okafor and the Bobcats are welcomed into the NBA. Certain teams offered to host the party, including the Golden State Warriors and Atlanta Hawks, who will forego their season and allow college teams to use their facilities.

Ahh, excitement. There's nothing better than watching Shaq dunk on (fill in the blank if you can name another center in the East) or the Pistons beat the Celtics, 71-55. I know, the East holds the trophy, but if you want to avoid D-league games, pick up a six-pack of Red Bull and stay up late.

The West contains the jewels, with high-octane offenses spouting out points. Where else do you find a 7-foot German who can actually do more than drink?

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IN WEDNESDAY'S DI

Do you know the answer?

Q: What and when was the first-ever bowl game?

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1902 Rose Bowl

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

By The Associated Press

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	6	1	0	.857	168	124
N.Y. Jets	6	1	0	.857	168	116
Buffalo	2	5	0	.286	115	120
Miami	1	7	0	.125	100	162
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	5	3	0	.625	145	146
Houston	4	3	0	.571	158	149
Indianapolis	4	3	0	.571	218	178
Tennessee	3	5	0	.375	151	178
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	6	1	0	.857	170	134
Baltimore	4	3	0	.571	127	100
Cleveland	3	4	0	.429	147	147
Cincinnati	2	5	0	.286	126	166
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	5	3	0	.625	166	141
San Diego	5	3	0	.571	219	156
Kansas City	3	4	0	.429	206	177
Oakland	2	6	0	.250	138	223
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	7	0	0	1.000	186	104
N.Y. Giants	5	2	0	.714	151	113
Dallas	3	4	0	.429	158	177
Washington	2	5	0	.286	98	123
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	6	2	0	.750	191	170
New Orleans	3	4	0	.429	154	191
Tampa Bay	2	5	0	.286	109	154
Carolina	1	6	0	.143	100	158
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	5	2	0	.714	183	162
Detroit	4	3	0	.571	137	154
Green Bay	4	4	0	.500	206	186
Chicago	1	5	0	.167	85	108
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	4	3	0	.571	158	165
Seattle	4	3	0	.571	152	116
Arizona	2	5	0	.286	126	142
San Francisco	1	5	0	.167	105	159
Sunday's Games						
Dallas 31, Detroit 21						
Buffalo 36, Arizona 14						
Tennessee 27, Cincinnati 10						
Green Bay 28, Washington 14						
Houston 20, Jacksonville 6						
Kansas City 45, Indianapolis 35						
Philadelphia 15, Baltimore 10						

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• WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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CORRECTION

In the Nov. 1 edition of *The Daily Iowan*, the headline "Women's cross-country finishes 17th" incorrectly reported the team's finish. The women finished seventh in the race. The *DI* regrets the error.

Singh on unimaginable ride toward riches

BY DOUG FERGUSON

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The mayor wanted a picture with him. The owner of the Jacksonville Jaguars wanted a word with him. Civic leaders simply wanted to shake his hand.

Vijay Singh was the star attraction Monday at a luncheon where the PGA Tour announced \$2.25 million in charitable giving from the Players' Championship. It was another example of just how far the 41-year-old Fijian has come.

He was a club pro in Borneo in 1985, making minimum wage plus \$10 a lesson and practicing in his free time. He was a bouncer in Scotland two years later, stashing away money to play in a two-bit tournament in Africa, the first small step toward a European tour card, then a PGA Tour card.

He stood before the lunch crowd in a downtown hotel as the No. 1 player in the world and the first \$10 million man in golf, a rags-to-riches story unlike any other on the PGA Tour.

They listened intently when Singh was asked what he thought about this week's Tour Championship, where he can join Sam Snead, Ben Hogan, and Byron Nelson as the only players to win at least 10 times in one year.

"I'm really thinking of taking this week off," Singh said as the room erupted in laughter.

Everyone knows better.

His work ethic is legendary, and it has carried Singh to unimaginable heights.

Despite reaching No. 1 in the world two months earlier, Singh continued his routine of working out in the gym and on the range, sometimes before and after his round. Small wonder that he captured the Chrysler Championship at Innisbrook on Sunday, his ninth victory of the year.

It was his fourth PGA Tour victory in his last five starts. The other time he finished second.

The season finale is East Lake in Atlanta, where Singh won two years ago. The other two times he played at East Lake, he finished third (2000) and lost in a playoff to Hal Sutton (1998).

"I'm going there with a little

fire in the belly now," Singh said. "I think my game is OK."

There was a time not long ago when Singh and the rest of his peers would see Tiger Woods' name atop the leaderboard and figure the tournament was over. Woods had that aura about him, having won the career Grand Slam at 24 and eight majors by 26.

Singh used to wonder how anyone would be able to push Woods aside.

"Now, when I look at the leaderboard, I see everyone coming after me," Singh said. "It's a good feeling."

If he is comfortable in the lead — Singh now has won 11-straight tournaments with at least a share of the 54-hole lead — he also is more at ease in front of a large crowd.

And he is starting to give back to the community he lived in the last 10 years.

The Singh family — including wife Ardena and 14-year-old son Qass — established the Vijay Singh Charitable Foundation to provide relief for women and children who are victims of domestic abuse. The Betty Griffin House of St. John's County will be one of the first beneficiaries.

"It's about time we took a step forward and did something with the community," Singh said. "If we can touch even one or two lives, it will make a big difference."

Singh has said it might take him a while for the success to sink in. The season must feel like a blur at times as Singh goes from one tournament to the next, usually leaving with the trophy. Only Hogan, Snead, Nelson, Woods, and Paul Runyan have won at least nine times in a year.

Singh has reached that level where no one is surprised to see his name atop the leaderboard. When he made consecutive bogeys early in the third round, he was six shots behind Jeff Sluman. By the end of the day, he was leading the tournament. And when it was over, Singh won by five shots, his biggest blowout of the year.

"It's amazing," Jesper Parnevik said. "It's just as amazing as Tiger was four years ago."

PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem recalls seeing Singh in

Auburn moves into third place in BCS

BY RALPH D. RUSSO

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title game (Dec. 4) in Atlanta.

"I don't think we'll have that problem with Georgia coming in," Tuberville said. "Then of course, the last game it doesn't make a difference where you're ranked or where Alabama is ranked going into that game. That's just a battle anyway."

Simply winning out might not be enough to get the Tigers a trip to Miami.

The Tigers had been in fourth place in the first two BCS standings, but they took advantage of Miami's upset loss to North Carolina on Oct. 30 to creep closer to the front-runners. The Hurricans fell to No. 10.

The top two teams in the BCS standings after the regular season will meet in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 4.

USC has a BCS grade of .9895. The Trojans are No. 1 in the Associated Press Top 25 and the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll. They are also tied with Oklahoma for the best computer ranking.

The Sooners, No. 2 in both polls, have a grade of .9648. Auburn's grade is .9238, placing third in each poll and the computer rankings.

The AP media poll and coaches poll each count for one-third of a team's BCS grade. Total points received in the polls are used. A compilation of six computer rankings make up the other third of a grade, with the highest and lowest computer rankings for each team thrown out.

Auburn's BCS ranking is the highest in school history.

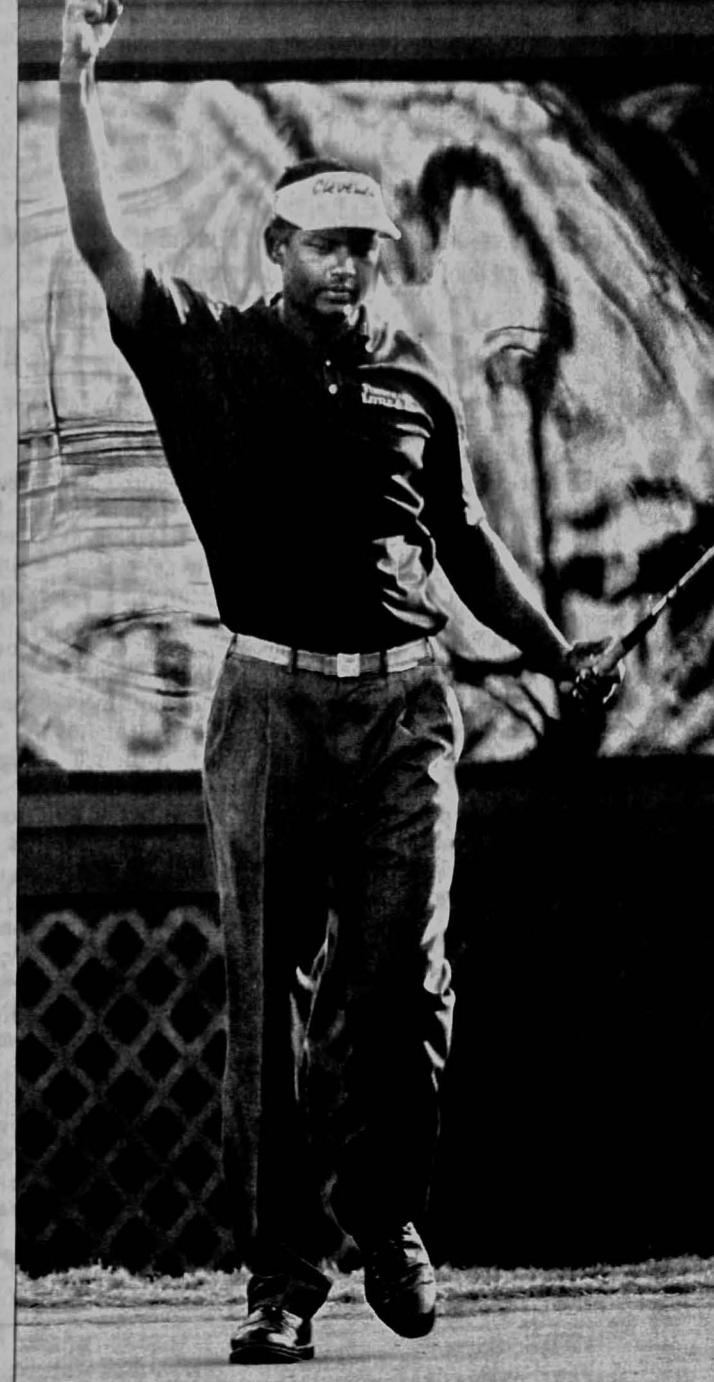
Tigers coach Tommy Tuberville said he would talk to his team during this off week about trying to meet increasingly high standards and not being distracted by all the BCS talk.

The Tigers finish the season against Georgia (Nov. 13) at home, at Alabama (Nov. 20), and in the Southeastern Conference

against the SEC title game will be a rematch with Georgia or Tennessee, which is eighth in the BCS standings.

The Sooners remaining schedule isn't as formidable as Auburn's, with Texas A&M, Baylor, and Nebraska. If the Sooners reach the Big 12 title game, they'll get another game against one of the relatively weak members of the Big 12 North.

The Tigers could sway the voters by beating good teams while the Sooners win unimpressively.



Steve Nesius/Associated Press
Vijay Singh celebrates after sinking a birdie putt on the 18th green during the final round of the Chrysler Championship on Sunday in Palm Harbor, Fla. It was Singh's ninth win of the year, and he became golf's first player to earn more than \$10 million in one year.

the gym around Christmas some five years ago. The Fijian was pumping weights, and Finchem asked why.

"He said, 'I need to hit it

further. I've got to hit it where Tiger is if I'm going to beat him,'" Finchem recalled. "He's hitting it there now, and he's hitting it in the fairway."

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Jets fly over Dolphins

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— Tony Rakaric, UI Cross-Country team captain

SURVIVING THE RACE**CROSS-COUNTRY**

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"At the end of the race he apologized, so that's all it turned out to be. It wasn't bad sportsmanship," he said. "I do have a cast right now; it works pretty well. To fend people off, I can kind of smack them about," Rae said jokingly.

But Rakaric insisted that the shoving is something that

comes with the sport and isn't carried past the finish line.

"I don't think the shoving and stuff is a personal vendetta against anyone else, I think it's more people don't want to get tripped, and they don't want to fall," he said. "When they feel like people are getting too close and in danger of getting spiked, they're going to start making room for themselves."

"Emotions start going, and

you don't think about what you're doing, you're just like, 'I'm going to do my best in this race, and you're not going to stop me,' and then you let the physical actions take over the talk."

That's why in cross-country, "Watch your step" is an expression that is taken literally.

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There are a lot of new reasons to watch this year's NBA season**NBA**

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The Nuggets will fly higher than balls at Coors Field. McGrady and Yao Ming might actually halt the diminishing hairline on Rockets coach Jeff Van Gundy, while C-Webb and Peja's bickering will find Rick Adelman seeking employment. I hear the Hawkeyes might be looking for somebody after the season.

There were approximately 70 players who changed teams, eight new coaches who were handed the reins, and plenty of promotions and demotions. Mike Woodson and Sam Mitchell were promoted from their assistant spots to head coaches in Atlanta and Toronto, while Mike Montgomery was demoted from the Stanford Cardinal to the Golden State Warriors. Byron Scott gave up his ESPN job to move to the Big Easy, while Rudy T was lured out of retirement because Coach K wasn't crazy.

Players were so tempted to move that many decided to go to the local papers with the trade-me-because-I'm-a-baby proposition. Peja ripped Sactown, Baron Davis was more desperate than Bill Clinton's sex drive as he pursued a trade to the Clippers, Wally Szczerbiak's stylist must have messed up his hair because Minnesota's pretty boy is pouting over playing time, and Ray Allen's name popped up on every rumor mill in America. However, these players are staying put, as is Vince Carter, whose name was not aforementioned because he wanted out of Canada. I must agree, eh.

Kidd wanted out of Jersey faster than Junior Soprano. And Latrell Sprewell is apparently unhappy. Who can blame him? Choke your coach, sit out for a while, then come back and make millions. Rough way to make a living.

And while all this was going on, the NBA sent its circus act overseas to display its prominence in the Olympic Games. Hey, David Stern, next time you want to flex your muscles, tell the committee to build a team that can shoot. LeBron James and Richard Jefferson — they dunk. Oh, one more thing, you know that advertising campaign the NBA had last year — "24 seconds to live"? I don't think any fan would mind if that were never shown again. Ever. Try

finding something original, like the Leon ads. Hell, half the NBA could play his role.

I can see it now — the game is on the line, McGrady with the ball, then the phone rings, it's his boy Carmelo Anthony, who tells him that the gang (Damon Stoudamire, Eddie Griffin, and Rasheed Wallace) are cruising in the H2 and looking for some "dank." Now that's entertainment.

Don't worry, Mr. Stern, the league is in good hands. I mean, what's better than 18-year-olds with \$100 million and a junior-varsity education?

When the season tips off tonight, there will be many reasons to tune in and many reasons to turn on CNN.

If you see the Pistons, rookies such as Dwight Howard, or any player willing to pass the ball, leave it. You may also want to tune in to a Knicks game to see IT revamp the Knicks roster at half-time or a Mavs game to watch Mark Cuban and his white-trash "wrassling" T-shirt. If you see Antoine Walker, Ricky Davis, or Eddy Curry, change it. And if you see Tim Duncan, then you know are watching CNN.

As the season begins, many hellos, farewells, and congrats are in order as well.

See ya, Scottie; you've definitely earned your 50-greatest-player reputation since Jordan retired.

Same to you, Rick Fox. I hear Vanessa was sneaking around behind your back at some hotel with Kobe. Did you see the ring on her finger?

Great to have you back, Grant Hill. I hope the same goes for you, Alonzo Mourning. Stay healthy, guys.

Welcome to America, Andris Biedrins, Pavel Podkolzin, Victor Khryapa, Sergei Monia, Sasha Vujacic, and Beno Udrih. First-round picks in this year's

draft continue the influx of foreign players. A good thing, because these players understand the entire game, not just "give me the ball so I can shoot." If you need evidence, watch Andrei Kirilenko play.

Congratulations, John Stockton, the Utah Jazz will retire your number this season (just make sure they lengthen the shorts on the statue). Congrats to you also, Mr. Rodman, for making an NBA roster. Wait, you didn't. Well, congrats for that.

Good-bye, Reggie Miller — your career is over. As is yours, Karl Malone. It was great while it lasted.

The NBA new year is upon us, so I will leave you with my predictions. They are just my opinions, but you're wrong.

Best off-season acquisition: Shaq. They gave up a lot, but they got a lot — 325 pounds.

Worst off-season pickup: Erick Dampier. 10 points + 10 rebounds = 70 million?

MVP: Kobe Bryant. Let's just say he knows how to score.

Rookie of the Year: Dwight Howard, the best of a stacked bunch. Andre Iguodala is my sleeper.

Eastern Conference champs: Pistons. Either because of their "team" concept or the sum of missing parts in the rest of the league.

Western Conference champs: Spurs. Duncan may be boring, but he's good. Real good.

NBA champs: Spurs. Manu is sick. Barry can shoot. Tony Parker is the best point guard in the West. And Duncan has some hardware himself.

First coach fired: Lenny Wilkens or Rick Adelman.

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The defense harassed Jay Fiedler the entire game, sacking the Dolphins quarterback four times and picking him off twice. Miami got a meaningless score as the game ended, when Fiedler threw a 29-yard touchdown pass to Derrick Thompson. Fiedler finished 20-of-41 for 218 yards.

But the complete humiliation of the Miami defense was perhaps the most confounding part of the game.

Pennington connected on one big passing play after another on the vaunted Miami secondary, repeatedly taking advantage of cornerbacks Sam Madison and Patrick Surtain. Coming into the game, no Jets wide receiver had a touchdown reception this season.

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The last time the Jets had two 100-yard rushers in a game was Sept. 28, 1975, when John Riggins ran for 145 yards and Carl Garrett had 135 in a 30-24 win over Kansas City. Miami (1-7) last allowed two 100-yard rushers on Oct. 29, 1989, at Buffalo, when Thurman Thomas had 148 yards and Larry Kinnebrew added 121.

Chad Pennington threw three touchdown passes and went 11-of-19 for 189 yards before being lifted for Quincy Carter in the fourth quarter. The Jets finished with 472 yards of total offense.

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Kidd on injured list for opener, Mourning on roster

BY TOM CANAVAN

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — While Jason Kidd will open the season on the injured list for the New Jersey Nets, center Alonzo Mourning will be on the active roster less than a year after receiving a kidney transplant.

Kidd, who had surgery on his left knee in July, was placed on the injured list on Monday along with two other players.

The All-Star point guard just started running on Monday; he has not practiced with the team.

"He came here and shot, and then his rehabilitation was at noon," said Lawrence Frank, who will begin his first full season as coach on Wednesday when the Nets open at home against Shaquille O'Neal and the Miami Heat.

Frank said there is no timetable for Kidd's return.

"This is going to be a long process," Frank said.

The Nets also placed center Jabari Smith (left ankle sprain) and Awee Storey (left ankle sprain) on the injured list.

Center Kyle Davis, who did not play in the Nets' eight preseason games, was waived.

The moves mean that Mourning will be in the lineup, probably in a backup role to Jason Collins.

The 34-year-old Mourning appeared in a game on Oct. 28 for the first time since the transplant, scoring 12 points in 19 minutes.

"It is going to be a process," Frank said of Mourning. "We have to keep things in perspective. He is 11 months removed from Dec. 19, his kidney transplant."

Mourning has made great strides, Frank said, adding that he was "shocked" that Mourning was able to play 19 minutes in his first game. "At the same time, you can't go from zero to 150. Every day he keeps getting better, and that's what we are looking at."

Mourning will face a major test on Wednesday going against O'Neal, who is one of the biggest players in the league.

Frank has not set a time limit on how much Mourning will play. He intended to use the seven-time All-Star eight to 10 minutes on Thursday, but he played twice that amount.

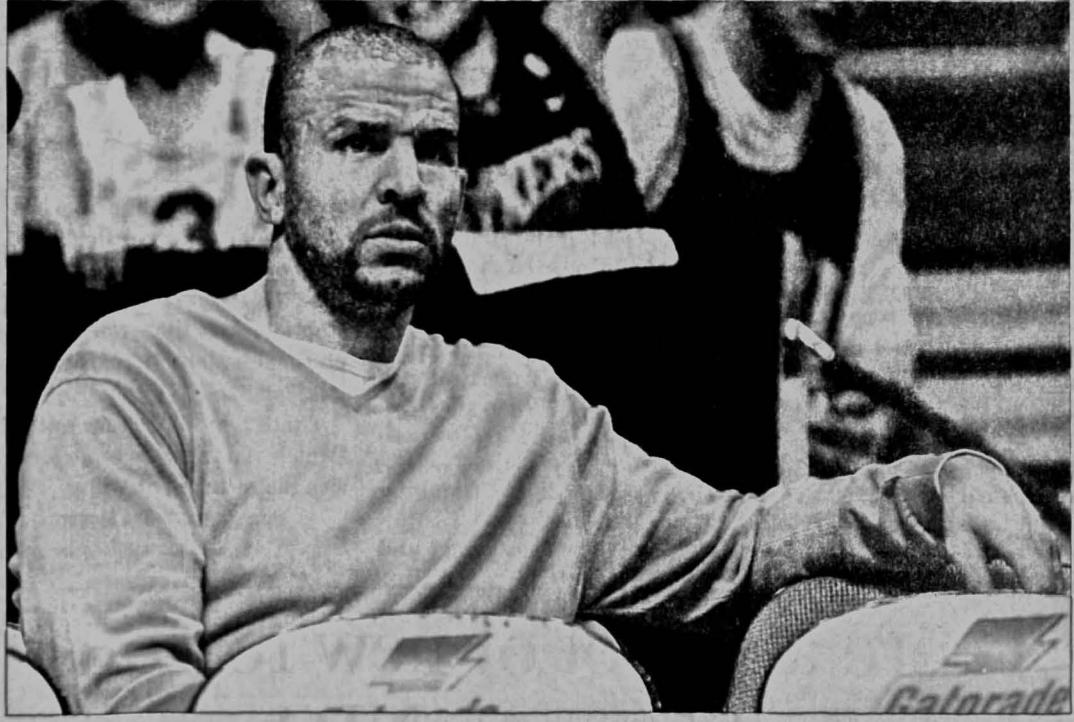
"We all support Alonzo in getting out on the floor," Frank said.

The game does not discriminate, in the sense that once he steps on the floor, he understands the risk involved, and, as a coach, I understand the risk involved. That doesn't mean we don't care any less about him. The guy is such a special individual, but at the same time we all assume the same risk. You are going to do what's best for him and, what's more important, best for the team."



Mourning

On New Jersey active roster after kidney transplant



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New Jersey Net Jason Kidd watches from behind the Nets' bench as they play the Philadelphia 76ers on Oct. 28 in East Rutherford, N.J. Kidd will open the season on the injured list.

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DAILY BREAK

calendar

- DeGowin Blood Center Blood Drive, 8 a.m.-noon, South Quad Lounge.
- Biochemistry Workshop, Eric Brown, 10:30 a.m., Bowen Science Building Auditorium 2.
- Dance Gala 2004 Preview, noon, UIHC Colloton Pavilion Atrium.
- Open Forum with President Skorton for P&S and MSE/C Staff, noon, Center
- for Disabilities & Development Rembold Room.
- Math/Physics Seminar, "Eigensolutions of Interacting Relativistic Systems," William Klink, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall.
- Operator Theory Seminar, "Disintegration-of-Measure Techniques of Multivariable Weighted Shifts," Raul Curto, 2:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall.

- Celebrating Austria's 2004 Nobel Laureate in Literature: Readings from the Works of Elfriede Jelinek, 5 p.m., 315 Phillips Hall.
- Camp Adventure Information Meeting, 7 p.m., 335 IMU.
- Ramadan Awareness Week Q&A, 7 p.m., 346 IMU.

quote of the day

"It's a wonderful title, No Child Left Behind ... But kids are all different and, unfortunately, this calls for a cookie-cutter approach to education that doesn't take difference into account."

— Richard Guida, a lawyer for the Reading, Pa., School District, which sued the federal government over its low performance rating, arguing its Spanish-speaking students couldn't read the tests.

horoscopes

Tuesday, November 2, 2004

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Put your time and effort into your domestic chores and preparing for what's to come. The less you give others to complain about, the better. Money matters may be an issue today.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Relationships will be your prime concern today. You should be able to join an organization or a group of individuals who have the same agenda as you do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If you aren't satisfied with your current position, pick up some new skills. Be prepared to change your direction.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your emotions may be a little out of control. You will succeed if you relax and do the best you can. Consider a minor change to your appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Put your effort into your personal life and in learning how you can turn your assets into something even bigger. Do what you can to make your place more comfortable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Today is a good time to meet new people or get to know someone you like a whole lot better. Engage in life, love, and events that you enjoy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Not everyone will be thinking the same way you do. Concentrate on work and doing the best job possible. Avoid personal problems that will only slow you down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): As long as you are true to yourself and your beliefs, nothing will stop you from following the course you choose. You will be capable of drumming up support.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may have to take it easy today. Pushing yourself too hard will result in ill health. Make some positive changes to your home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone important will be thinking about you. You can seal a deal or lock in a partnership. Love is apparent.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Work-related events will bring you a new opportunity. Take an unusual approach to your work, and you will be successful. Don't let anyone steal your ideas.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Children or younger friends will brighten your day. The more you can do socially, the better. Let your creative imagination take over.

news you need to know

Today — First day for students to request a change in Final Exam Schedule
Nov. 9 — Last day for graduate students to drop individual-length courses or withdraw entire registration, 4:30 p.m.

happy birthday to ...

Nov. 2 — Carrie "Bradshaw" Poulson, 21

Wish your friends a happy birthday.
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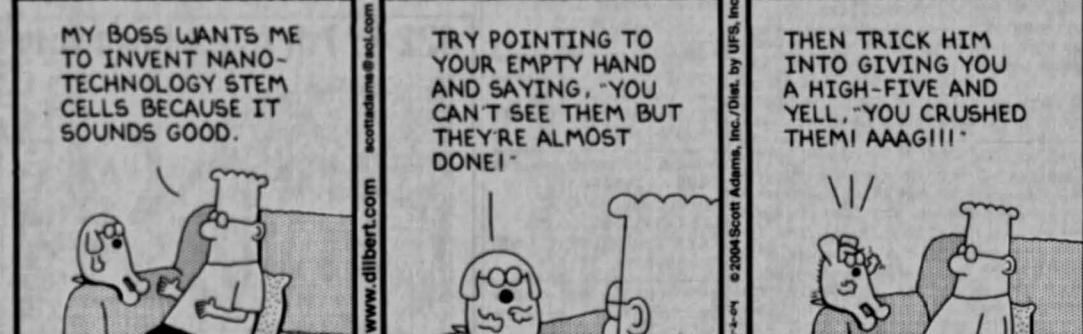
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| 7 a.m. Democracy Now | 6 Tom's Guitar Show Live |
| 11 SCTV Calendar | 7 U.N. Report |
| 11:30 SCTV Mature Focus | 7:30 1 VOTE |
| Noon Candidate Forum Johnson County Board of Supervisors & Sheriff | 7:40 Kerry for President |
| 1 p.m. NLGE 172 | 7:55 Hatteracks |
| 2 St. Mary's Liturgy | 8 Tonight with Bradman Live |
| 3 Uncovered: The Whole Truth About the Iraq War | 9 PATV Reserved: Local Music |
| 4 Gospel Explosion Ministry | 10 Cold and Grey |
| 5 Animal House | 10:30 RBO TV |
| 5:30 The Power of Choice | 11 Ford Hall Forum "Elections 2000 - A Review" |

UITV schedule

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| 3 p.m. UI-CSSA Chinese National Festival & Mid-Fall Party | Marvin Bell |
| 4:45 Van Allen Day Lecture Series, Jupiter's Radiation Belt and Pioneer 10 & 11 | 11:30 Coach Kirk Ferentz News Conference, Replay |
| 6:30 Coach Kirk Ferentz News Conference, Replay | |
| 7 Teaching from Above and Below: The Humanities in the 21st Century | |
| 8:45 "The Vortex," by Eliot Weinberger | |
| 10:30 "Live from Prairie Lights," | |

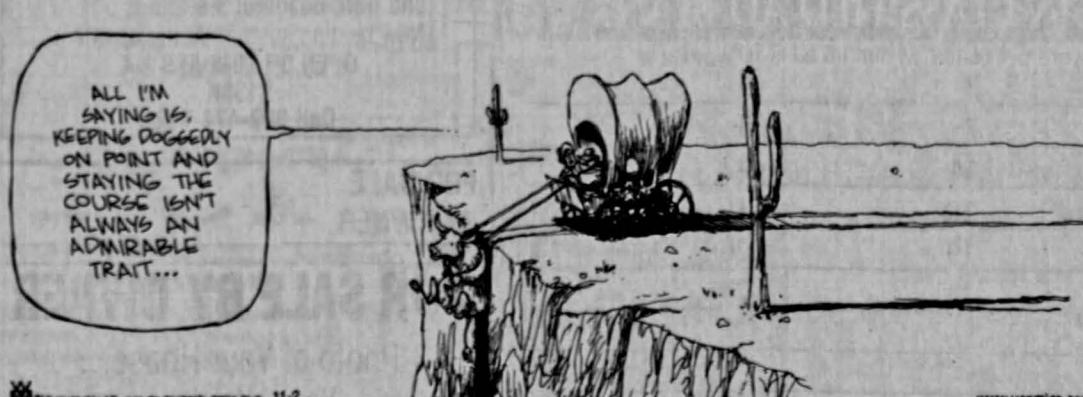
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ACROSS	DOWN
1 Unconsciousness	61 Mob
5 Govt. security	62 "I smell ___!"
10 Tell all	63 Slow-boil
14 Eve's mate	64 Got up
15 North of talk radio	65 Hunky-___
16 Leave in the dust	1 See 3-Down
17 Player of Ginger	2 "Garfield" dog
19 A few chips in the pot, maybe	3 With 1-Down, tailless pets
20 Kind of scene in a movie	4 Doctor's org.
21 Other, to Ortega	5 Overly
22 Inspirations	6 Squib on a book jacket
23 Player of the title role in 37-Across	7 Ancient Greek class reading
26 [Woe is me!]	8 Fleur-de-___
30 Social historian Jacob	9 Name that's a homophone of 8-Down
31 Charles Lamb, pseudonymously	10 Shibs
32 Desist	11 Society avoider
	12 Nick and Nora's pooh
	13 Spelling contests
	14 Gray wolf
	15 Harvard, Yale, Princeton, etc., for short
	16 Rub out
	17 Not yet final, at law
	18 Mixture
	28 Greasy
	29 Actor Linden or Holbrook
	32 Magna ___
	33 Essay writer's class: Abbr.
	34 Shiny on top?
	35 "Three Men ___ Baby"
	36 Summer drinks
	38 Some prayer leaders
	40 Actor Chaney
	44 Boat on 37-Across
	45 Shoved
	46 Lost
	47 Result of squeezing, maybe
	48 Mild cigar
	49 Japanese form of fencing
	50 Partner of starts
	51 Latin 101 verb
	53 Prefix with nautical
	54 Slightly open
	55 Creative
	57 Responses to a masseur
	58 Home stretch?
	59 Irish fellow

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— by Josh Bald
(Sorry I didn't write a Ledge Monday; I've been campaigning intensely at Dols for the past 72 hours.)

As your president, I will:

- To the best of my ability, uphold the ideals of the People Who Hate People Party.

- Eliminate the federal deficit of oral sex in the Oval Office.

- Stay out all night partying while my Cabinet (some white people, token black person, and He-Man) do all the work.

- Tax the crap out of all of you to finance moving the White House to the Moon.

- Dedicate the first-ever "Tony Robinson Editorial Gaffe of the Year" award.

- Withdraw all troops from Iraq and deploy them in Canada to pillage their stores of cheap pharmaceuticals so my grandmother will stop hitting me up for cash.

- Sign an executive order making Salma Hayek my concubine.

- Try to get South Carolina to secede again, then bomb it back to the Stone Age.

- Settle international disputes with friendly games of disc golf (including smoking the peace pipe behind the big tree on hole 14).

- Put a stop to those cheesy "President's teenage daughter runs away from spotlight to live a normal life and make out with boys" movies.

- Poet Laureate? Ludacris.

