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11TH-ANNUAL DANCE MARATHON | Starts today at 7 p.m.

Kicking up their heels for the kids



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Last year's Dance Marathon participants begin to close out the 24-hour event on Feb. 7, 2004. The Marathon saw more than 850 dancers raise \$625,758 to benefit cancer patients and their families.

Dance Marathon has raised more than \$3.4 million in its 10-year existence

BY JULIE ZARE
THE DAILY IOWAN

Adrenaline will rush, tears will tumble, and pies will be tossed in faces as more than 1,000 UI students endure the unimaginable this weekend at the UI's 11th-annual Dance Marathon. At 7 p.m. today, hundreds will gather in the IMU Main Lounge to kick off the 24-hour event. In its 10-year existence, the largest student organization west of the Mississippi has

raised more than \$3.4 million to help children battling cancer at the UI Hospitals and Clinics and Children's Hospital of Iowa. Organizers hope to exceed the \$650,000 raised last year.

More than 300 families will join the Dance Marathon dancers. Children battling, in remission, and recovering from cancer will gather for what they describe as an event "better than Christmas."

This year's event will feature more entertainment than in past years, including drag queens, a magician, various bands, DJs, and games. Ten sponsored families will also speak to dancers and thank them for their support.

"Although it's the hardest thing I've ever done, you see kids

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Family waits, hopes after transplant

BY DANIELLE STRATTON-COULTER
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Contributed Photo
Taylor Krueger, 3, seen here in her hospital bed, is one of more than 300 children fighting cancer who are benefiting from this year's Dance Marathon.

Shawnee Krueger watches daughter Taylor tug at the bundle of IV lines that tether the 3-year-old to a metal rack hung with morphine, saline, and antibiotic drips. Taylor steps over piles of books and toys that clutter the hospital room she shares her mother, father, and baby sister, Sydney. The IV stand teeters behind her.

"Watch it, honey, you're on a short cord," says Shawnee Krueger. Just eight days ago, Taylor Krueger received a bone-marrow transplant to fight off acute lymphoblastic leukemia, a cancer that produces excess white blood cells. The Kruegers are one of more than 300 families benefiting from Dance Marathon, a 24-hour cancer fund-raiser that will begin today at

7 p.m. in the IMU. The event works to ease the burden on families and children such as Taylor, who suffer countless rounds of chemotherapy, blood transfusions, and bone-marrow transplants.

Through Dance Marathon, Taylor and her family receive meal and parking vouchers and help with hospital bills. The event even donated funds to renovate the UI Hospitals and Clinics room in which the Kruegers have crammed Sydney's portable crib at the foot of the pull-out sofa where Shawnee and Ryan Krueger, her husband, sleep. The Kruegers could live there for up to six months while Taylor recuperates.

Taylor was first diagnosed with leukemia at 19 months old. What began as a series of ear infections turned out to be a drastically low blood-platelet

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Pierce mulls his options, may fight dismissal

BY JASON BRUMMOND AND TRACI FINCH
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'I am exploring every available option.'

— Pierre Pierce, former Iowa basketball player

Pierre Pierce will fight his dismissal from the Hawkeye men's basketball team with legal action, if necessary, but he is also considering transferring or a professional career while bracing for potential criminal charges, the ex-basketball star said Thursday.

"I am exploring every available option," he said in a statement, adding he won't make a decision for at least two weeks.

During his weekly press conference on Thursday, Iowa coach Steve Alford said the former Hawkeye guard, who is at the center of a West Des Moines police probe, "betrayed" the trust of both his coaches and teammates, fumbling the second chance administrators gave him after he was charged with sexual assault in 2002.

Alford said he made the best decision for Pierce and his team.

"I think that was the only appropriate response that I had, and that was the hand that I had to play," he said. "It had nothing to do with whether you're looking at charges being pressed or not."

Police are investigating a break-in involving Pierce's longtime girlfriend at her West Des Moines townhouse, where Pierce allegedly stole or vandalized \$1,300 in property.

The alleged incident occurred days after Pierce and his girlfriend of 2 1/2 years spent a weekend together in Iowa City, going to the movies and dinner. Between 11 p.m. on Jan. 27 and the early morning of Jan. 28, Pierce allegedly stole or damaged a television, stereo, photos, and bedroom furniture on the 200 block of South 79th Street.

Pierce could face four charges, including first-degree burglary, second-degree criminal mischief, false imprisonment, and assault with intent to commit sexual abuse.

Alfredo Parrish, Pierce's attorney, decried the UI's handling of the situation, which may hinder the possibility of a fair trial, he said.

The university should "hang its head in shame," the lawyer said, describing the university officials' actions rash and unwarranted.

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'I think that was the only appropriate response that I had, and that was the hand that I had to play.'

— Steve Alford, Iowa men's basketball coach

Shiite coalition takes large early lead in Iraq

Election officials have said full official results might not be ready until Tuesday

BY BASSEM MROUE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Iraqi officials Thursday released the first partial returns from national elections, showing a commanding lead by candidates backed by the Shiite Muslim clergy. Sunni insurgents unleashed a wave of attacks, killing at least 29 people, including three U.S. Marines and a dozen Iraqi army recruits.

Meanwhile, election officials said strict security measures may have deprived many Iraqis in the Mosul area and surrounding Ninevah province of their right to vote. The admission is likely to fuel complaints by Iraq's minority Sunni Arabs, who make up the heart of the insurgency, that they were not represented in the vote.

The results released by the election commission four days after Sunday's balloting came from Baghdad and five provinces in the southern Shiite heartland.

As expected, they showed that the United Iraqi Alliance, backed by Iranian-born Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, was leading — with 1.1 million votes out of the 1.6 million counted and certified so far. Some 14 million Iraqis were eligible to vote.

The ticket headed by interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, a

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UI looks for funds for Dey House addition

BY SEUNG MIN KIM
THE DAILY IOWAN

After requests from the state Board of Regents to go back to the original Dey House renovation design, which featured three skylights, the UI will now try to find a new way to fund renovations for the historic facility, the home of the internationally renowned Iowa Writers' Workshop.

University officials had to nix the first plan for the Dey House addition, which included three light monitors on the roof of the building that would flood the facility with light, because of a lack of money.

Though the revised plan, which was proposed to the regents Thursday, met the needs of the crowded workshop, both university officials and regents longed for the original plan.

"The original one was spectacular looking," newly appointed Regent Michael Gartner said. "Rather than to cut back and get something that is nice but not great, it seems to me there is a wide array of people you could've gone to to raise money."

Now, the UI will try to find an additional \$390,000 to pursue the original model, said Rod Lehnertz, the director of campus and facility planning in Facilities Management. Regardless of when construction begins on the project, the Dey House renovations will be completed in roughly a year, he added.

The university will update the regents of the Dey House progress in March.

Meanwhile, university officials

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UI PROJECTS APPROVED THURSDAY BY THE STATE BOARD OF REGENTS

• UI Hospitals and Clinics Patient and Visitors Service Center
Begin: Spring 2005
Finish: December 2006

Features: Patient admitting and registration services, volunteer program gift shop, patient- and guest-relations services, main entrance lobby, seating functions, bookstore, coffee/food kiosk.

• Phase 3, Old Capitol renovation

Begin: Spring 2005
Finish: Spring 2006

Features: University Gallery, a flexible space that will rotate exhibitions that feature various academic areas of the UI; Discovery Center, an educational center with interactive learning stations and exhibits about the Old Capitol; and administrative areas, storage space, rest rooms, and building mechanical space.

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Mostly sunny, light winds

HENDERSON THE REIGN KING

The Pierre Pierce era is over, so it's time for Mike Henderson to step it up. **1B**



WRITERS' WORKSHOP FINAL CUTS

The UI announces the names of the four finalists for the job of succeeding Frank Conroy. **2A**

PIERCED AGAIN

Pierre Pierce is no longer a Hawkeye hoopster; for the *DI* Editorial Board, that was long overdue. **10A**

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UI rights official recalls Croatia

The new deputy director for the UI Center for the Human Rights, **AMY WEISMANN**, remembers her journey to a refugee camp in the former Yugoslav republic

BY CHRISTINA ERB
THE DAILY IOWAN

Amy Weismann boarded a plane 12 years ago and headed to war-ravaged Yugoslavia to bear witness for two weeks at Kamenjak — a refugee camp in Croatia, a former Yugoslav republic.

To her parents' distress, the new deputy director for the UI Center for Human Rights, then fresh out of college, didn't leave the region for another two years.

"I had such a strong longing to feel like I had a place in this world," she said, adding that the memories continue to fuel her desire to play an active role in the international human-rights arena. "My parents bravely let me go, not knowing where I would end up or where the path I had chosen might lead me."

Her firsthand experience with refugees taught her about the intense physical and mental struggles that some people must endure. She later served as a legal intern at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, helping to prosecute perpetrators of crimes against humanity.

Weismann replaced former Deputy Director Chivy Sok, who left the UI in November after completing the Child Labor Research Initiative. Weismann joins incoming Director Kenneth Cmiel, a UI professor of history and American studies, who succeeded founding director and professor emeritus Burns Weston in January.

"Amy's application rose to the top right away for the search committee. She has great legal credentials," Cmiel said. "She has just lived right into working with the students."

Her predecessor, Sok, also expressed happiness about the choices for the new leadership.

"For three years, we did an awful lot. Now it's time for the center to go even further and move to the next level," Sok said. "This will happen under Professor Cmiel's and Weismann's leadership."

Perhaps, the greatest praise for Weismann came from her husband of three years, Amir Hadzic, a Bosnian refugee.



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Amy Weismann, seen here in her third-floor Communications Center office, is the new deputy director of the UI Center for Human Rights.

"It was a job she was meant for," said Hadzic, who met Weismann in Pula, Croatia, after he escaped through an underground tunnel from war-torn Sarajevo, Bosnia.

Weismann and Cmiel are formulating ways to get UI students more actively involved with human-rights issues, including an internship fund for students seeking

work at international and national nonprofit organizations in the human-rights sector. They also hope to create a resource center that will be located at 300 Communications Center, which students could use to learn more about human rights.

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CITY

UI shows off master plan

In their campus master plan outlined for the state Board of Regents on Thursday, UI officials detailed a need to accommodate pedestrian and transportation needs on campus while preserving green space and adapting to Iowa City's increasingly urban environment.

"A lot of changes are needed to make it more friendly for pedestrians with convenient parking and giving access to what we have on campus," said Doug True, the UI vice president for Finance. "Also, the Iowa River is important, and we need to take full advantage of that."

The details presented in the university's campus master plan are geared toward creating a "more robust approach" to campus planning.

UI Provost Michael Hogan is heading up the writing of the draft of the university's overall strategic plan, which will be completed in March. Using two national planning consultants, the final university's campus master plan for the next five years will be completed this fall.

Since 1998, when the university last presented such a plan to the regents, the school has created the College of Public Health, enrolled 1,000 more students, expanded outdoor recreation opportunities, seen a

54 percent increase in sponsored research, and seen 140,000 additional visits to the UI Hospitals and Clinics annually, a 24 percent increase.

— by Seung Min Kim

Guilty plea entered in sexual-assault case

A Chicago man who had pleaded not guilty to third-degree sexual assault last summer pleaded guilty to assault with intent to commit sexual abuse on Thursday.

Ronnie Seals, 21, received a two-year suspended sentence and was ordered to register as a sex offender, in addition to entering into a sex-offender treatment program.

In March 2004, Seals sneaked in a bedroom window at a Coralville residence with his then-16-year-old cousin, Seals, 20 at the time, had consensual sexual intercourse with a 14-year-old female who was at the home.

According to records, two people witnessed the sex act, and the 14-year-old admitted to police she engaged in sexual intercourse with Seals.

In Iowa, performing a sex act with a person 13 or 14 years of age while being four or more years older than the young person is considered third-degree sexual abuse, a Class C felony.

— by Traci Finch

No disarray or loss of focus, regent leader says

'Nothing is substantively different in this regard. Some spokespersons may have changed, but the plan, the message, and the commitment have not.' — INTERIM REGENT PRESIDENT ROBERT DOWNER

BY SEUNG MIN KIM
THE DAILY IOWAN

Responding to allegations that the state Board of Regents is in disarray, interim Regent President Robert Downer said Thursday that the board's focus has not changed and that he wished to move forward with plans to streamline education in the state universities.

The recent shuffling on the board does not signal a different direction for the regents, nor will it abandon the transformational plan that, if approved by the state, will give schools an extra \$40 million annually while matching tuition increases to the inflation rate, Downer said.

The plan also calls for universities to reorganize and consolidate operations internally in order to be more efficient.

"Nothing is substantively different in this regard," Downer said. "Some spokespersons may have changed, but the plan, the message, and the commitment have not."

Meanwhile, state Senate Co-President Jeff Lamberti, R-Ankeny, said lawmakers still wanted to know how new appointments, stemming from the resignations and current terms that are scheduled to expire in April, would affect the regents' plans.

Though Downer's proclamation reassured the Ankeny senator, Lamberti said, he wanted to sit down with Downer to discuss the situation.

"We're talking about essentially replacing the majority of the Board of Regents within a month or 45 days, and we are a little bit concerned about who those appointments are going to be," Lamberti said Thursday.

"We are interested in making sure that the entire board is committed to the transformation process, because we think it needs to happen."

The chain of resignations began two weeks ago when Regent President John Forsyth stepped down because of a potential conflict of interest regarding insurance company Wellmark Inc., of which he is chairman.

David Neil, who Gov. Tom Vilsack appointed as the new state labor commissioner this week, resigned along with Forsyth. Regent Sue Nieland notified Vilsack this week that she would quit the board soon.

Newly appointed Regent Michael Gartner finished his first round of regent meetings Thursday but did not vote in board decisions. Fellow appointee Teresa Wahlert was not present, and

Vilsack has yet to appoint Nieland's replacement.

Despite skepticism from some in the state Legislature regarding the regents' focus and direction, Regent Executive Director Greg Nichols emphasized that all votes regarding the transformational plan were unanimous.

In addition, new appointees Gartner and Wahlert have shown strong support for the board's general direction, Nichols added.

"We'll miss people, but it's not going to change anything," he said.

The regents' plan received a ringing endorsement from Vilsack earlier this week as the governor recommended the full \$40 million for the regents' institutions. The plan is pending approval by state lawmakers.

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NEWS

EXPLORING FAITH



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A collection of student religious groups on Thursday night attended a forum designed to stimulate debate over their beliefs. Responding to such questions as, "How would you compare the Bible with the Koran?" the panelists described religious intolerance they have faced and shared their thoughts on life after death. The panel, coordinated by student group Campus Crusade for Christ, included representatives from Hillel, the Foundation for Jewish Campus Life, the Hindu Student Council, SPIRAL/Pagan Student Union, and the UI Association of Muslims in America.

Backers want all gas in state to be ethanol

BY MIKE GLOVER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Ethanol backers said Thursday they are renewing their push to require that all gasoline sold in the state be blended with the alcohol distilled from corn, setting the stage for a battle with the petroleum industry.

"I think the time to promote ethanol is when its flourishing," said Senate Democratic President Jack Kibbie of Emmetsburg. "Today in Iowa, with cheap corn and high-priced gas, ethanol plants are doing great."

Ethanol is used as a fuel additive to reduce vehicle emissions and improve performance.

Kibbie has drafted legislation along with Republican Sen. Hubert Houser of Carson that would require that all gasoline sold in the state contain at least 10 percent ethanol. Minnesota has already taken that step and is considering increasing the amount of ethanol required in gasoline, Kibbie said.

"We ought to set an example," Kibbie said. "This ought to be a no-brainer."

Supporters say ethanol creates a new market for corn and can drive up prices. While ethanol can be distilled from a wide variety of plants, corn is among the cheapest and most efficient.

Each bushel of corn can be distilled into about 2.8 gallons of alcohol, and Kibbie argued that the residue of the grain is still high-quality livestock feed.

"This is certainly a step in the right direction," he said. "This issue has been around a long time. It's time for the Legislature vote on it."

David Smitherman, a lobbyist for the petroleum industry, said the industry needs a national energy policy. With gasoline routinely piped around the country, a patchwork of state laws won't work, he said.

"The industry would support a national energy policy which contained a comprehensive approach to fuel supply, not an approach where states try to do their own individual

requirements," said Smitherman.

The requirement is opposed by many Republicans, who argue that the market ought to determine ethanol's fate. With the Senate tied at 25-25, the measure faces big hurdles because both parties must agree on legislation to be debated.

Senate Democratic Leader Michael Gronstal, of Council Bluffs, said the ability to veto consideration of legislation is something that both parties should use sparingly.

"Our job is not to stop everything that we have some dislike for," said Gronstal. "That power is something that has to be used very sparingly."

Ethanol critics argue the industry is heavily subsidized and survives only through the clout of the farm lobby. Gronstal said changes in the industry leave those claims outdated.

"There were some legitimate critics of ethanol in the late 1970s and early 1980s," said Gronstal. "Those folks are looking at numbers that are 25 or 30 years old."

Software snafu snarling vehicle registration, official tells board

A \$10 million program provided by the state is to blame

BY MATTHEW SORAPARU
THE DAILY IOWAN

Johnson County Treasurer Tom Kriz told the Board of Supervisors on Thursday that a \$10 million software system installed statewide in January is backing up lines and overworking his employees.

The software, which was provided by the Iowa Department of Transportation, was supposed to make vehicle registration more efficient. Instead, the software is botching paperwork and creating delays, Kriz said.

"So far the system just hasn't done what it's supposed to do," he said. "It has caused us to lose a lot of registration records, so we find ourselves having to recreate many of

them manually as the customers wait."

Kriz blames the DOT for being "unprepared to handle a crisis" and said there is no resolution in sight. DOT officials were not available for comment Thursday evening.

Supervisor Pat Harney said the board's ability to help Kriz is limited.

"I wish the state could do more to hold up its end and be more cooperative because it's real evident that there is a problem," he said.

The new software system promised to help the Treasurer's Office meet the goal of "never make a customer wait more than five minutes." But Kriz said wait times have escalated to as much as 45 minutes, and his employees

have become exhausted from having to catch up on backlogs with overtime hours.

"Our deputy treasurer, Jim Pregon, has already put in a seven-day week at more than 10 hours a day," he said, adding that many other employees have contributed significant overtime work over the past month.

Other counties are also experiencing headaches from the new software.

"Everything we do now is different from what we used to do," said Polk County Treasurer Mary Maloney. "No one in the state had more than two days of training for the new system, and now we're behind and have to work overtime."

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Bush pressures skeptics in Social Security campaign tour

BY JIM VANDEHEI AND MIKE ALLEN
WASHINGTON POST

FARGO, N.D. — President Bush pressured skeptical lawmakers on Thursday to back the most dramatic Social Security changes in the program's 70-year history, targeting potentially politically vulnerable Democratic senators to rally support for his plan.

One day after he used his State of the Union address to promote his plan to carve private accounts out of the public retirement system, Bush emphasized the financial benefits of allowing Americans younger than 55 to invest a portion of their payroll taxes into personal retirement accounts.

"It's your money," Bush told thousands of supporters at the University of North Dakota. "It's money you can decide to leave to whomever you want. It's money the government can never take away."

In his campaign-style appearances, Bush did not address the costs and risks associated with his proposal. But back on Capitol Hill, his plan met stiff opposition. Democrats and a few key Republicans warned that private accounts would push budget deficits to dangerous heights and inject too much uncertainty into a program that has offered seniors a guaranteed benefit for the past seven decades.

In an unexpected blow to the administration, Rep. Jim McCreery, R-La., the chairman of the subcommittee that handles Social Security, said the Bush plan needs to be changed in a fundamental way if it is to have a chance. He said Bush should



President Bush is welcomed by Janet M. Klaus-Cummins of Bozeman, Mont., at the Montana ExpoPark on Thursday in Great Falls, Mont.

scrap the idea of funding the accounts with money earmarked for the Social Security trust fund.

"It seems to me that if we insist on diverting payroll-tax revenue, we have ensured opposition from the AARP and probably every single Democrat in the House and Senate, and that's not a good place to start," McCreery said in a telephone interview.

Divided Senate confirms Gonzales

BY CHARLES BABINGTON AND DAN EGGEN
WASHINGTON POST



Gonzales attorney general

The confirmation culminated weeks of debate — including three days on the Senate floor — that focused on Gonzales' role in crafting administration

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted 60-36 Thursday to confirm Alberto Gonzales as attorney general, but only a handful of Democrats backed him after days of often strident debate over his role in setting controversial interrogation policies for detainees.

Gonzales, 49, becomes the first Latino attorney general in U.S. history. Within minutes of the vote, President Bush congratulated Gonzales, a longtime friend, by phone and Vice President Dick Cheney swore him in as attorney general at a private White House ceremony.

Like Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Gonzales assumes one of the government's most prominent posts trailed by strong Democratic opposition that stems from the administration's war and terrorism policies. Gonzales could face the same kind of rocky relations with Congress as his predecessor, John Ashcroft.

With only six Democrats voting aye — the smallest level of minority-party support in decades — the Senate action provided further evidence that tensions between the two parties rival those during the Vietnam War and Watergate eras.

policies that many Democrats say led to the torture and abuse of detainees at U.S. military facilities in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Guantánamo Bay, Cuba.

The nominee was, as White House counsel, at the center of internal discussions in 2002 on how aggressively U.S. personnel could interrogate terrorist suspects without violating laws against torture. Gonzales also wrote in a legal opinion that some of the Geneva Conventions' human-rights protections were "quaint" and did not apply to alleged Qaeda or Taliban members.

GOP senators defended Gonzales, sometimes angrily, saying Democrats had distorted his record to attack Bush's Iraq policies. Some Democrats "have gone on at great length about what they misleadingly allege is the Bush administration's torture policy and how Judge Gonzales somehow acted to condone torture," Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said on the floor. "Nothing could be further from the truth."

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A U.S. hospital ship (foreground) navigates alongside the USS Abraham Lincoln after arriving in the Indian Ocean near Banda Aceh, Indonesia on Thursday. The USS Abraham Lincoln, with a crew of 5,300, formed the core of the largest foreign military deployment in the area and the most extensive U.S. operation in Southeast Asia since the Vietnam War. Helicopters from the ship flew hundreds of missions to deliver food, water, and other aid along the devastated western coast of the Indonesian island of Sumatra. The ship will now head for Singapore; it is expected back in its home port of Everett, Wash., in mid-March. "I'm glad to have been out here to help," said Craig Stark, a sailor from Memphis, Tenn. "We did our time and did some good deeds for the people — but it is great to go home."

Productivity caps three-year run

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The productivity of American workers, the critical component for rising living standards, increased by 4.1 percent in 2004, capping a remarkable three-year period in which worker efficiency climbed at the fastest pace in a half century.

However, the Labor Department reported Thursday that productivity for the final three months of the year was up at an annual rate of just 0.8 percent, which was the slowest quarterly increase in almost three years.

The rapid gains in productivity began slowing in the July-September quarter when productivity rose by just 1.8 percent after increases of 3.7 percent in

the first quarter and 3.9 percent in the second quarter last year.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average dipped 3.69 points to close at 10,593 Thursday as investors worried that the sharp slowdown in productivity gains over the past six months will fuel inflation fears at the Federal Reserve, prompting policy-makers to begin moving rates up faster. There have been six moderate quarter-point increases since June including the latest rate hike on Wednesday.

But private analysts said productivity growth, while slowing from the supercharged rates of the past three years, should remain at healthy levels through 2005.

"We should see productivity settle in at rates just above 2

percent, which will be a solid level consistent with low inflation and low interest rates," said Mark Zandi, the chief economist at Economy.com.

Productivity, the amount of output produced for each hour of work, is the key factor in boosting living standards because it allows companies to pay their workers more based on their increased efficiency without having to resort to raising the price of their products, which would increase inflation.

Productivity rose by 4.4 percent in both 2002 and 2003. The 4.3 percent average annual gain for the past three years was the strongest productivity performance in more than a half-century of record keeping. The only three-year period that came

close to that performance was a 4.2 percent average turned in from 1949 through 1951.

The downside of that increased efficiency is that companies, by getting more output from their existing work force, are able to avoid hiring new workers.

That is what occurred during the recession year of 2001 and the following two years in which job losses mounted as companies, pressed by increased global competition, strove to get increased production from slimmer work forces.

In other economic news, the nation's retailers reported solid sales in January as consumers braved late-month snowstorms in the Midwest and Northeast to head to the shopping malls.

Flight delays, lost luggage up in 2004

BY LESLIE MILLER
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WASHINGTON — Congested skies and bad weather last year resulted in more flight delays, more mishandled baggage, and more complaints about airline service than in 2003, the government announced Thursday.

Arriving at least 15 minutes late last year were 21.9 percent of flights for the biggest airlines, which carry the vast majority of passengers. That represents a 22 percent increase in late arrivals over 2003, the Bureau of Transportation Statistics says in a report.

The lowest fares since 1988 have drawn more passengers than ever onto commercial airlines, according to the Air Transport Association, which represents major airlines.

David Stempler, the president of the Air Travelers Association, said many of those people are now being carried on smaller planes.

"Each airplane is a unit that the Federal Aviation Administration has to deal with, whether it holds 50, 150, or 350 passengers," Stempler said. "The more of these regional jets and small aircraft that enter the system, the more delays we'll experience."

Last year, the FAA began taking steps to minimize delays. Air traffic controllers started to hold some planes on the ground longer if they were headed toward crowded airports. That way, backed-up planes could get into the air more quickly when the weather clears because the space over the airport was less crowded.

Hawaiian Airlines had the best arrival performance, landing on schedule 93.8 percent of the time. Delta subsidiary Comair had the worst, at 62.5 percent.

One flight, SkyWest Airlines Flight 6973 from Indianapolis to Chicago, was late 100 percent of the time.

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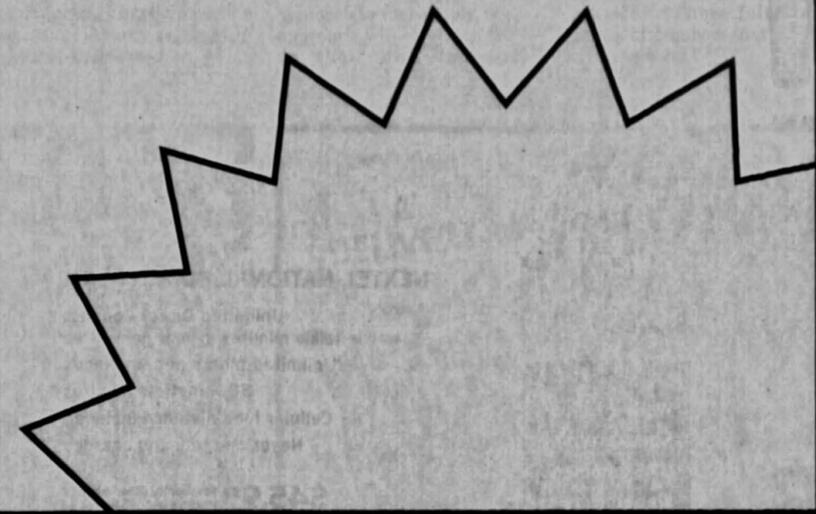


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Annan rebukes official implicated in oil/food mess

'I am reluctant to conclude that the U.N. is damaged beyond repair, but these revelations certainly point in this direction.' — HENRY HYDE, ILLINOIS REPUBLICAN

BY EDITH M. LEDERER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS — Secretary-General Kofi Annan ordered disciplinary action against the head of the U.N. oil-for-food program in Iraq on Thursday after a report sharply criticized Benon Sevan for "undermining the integrity" of the United Nations through a "grave conflict of interest."

The investigation report said Sevan solicited oil allocations from Saddam Hussein's regime on behalf of a trading company between 1998 and 2001, and it

raised concerns he may have received kickbacks for the help.

Based on the report, Annan has decided to discipline Sevan and another U.N. official, Joseph Stephanides, who was chief of the U.N. Sanctions Branch, said Mark Malloch Brown, Annan's new chief of staff. Malloch Brown said the type of disciplinary action would be announced early next week but gave no details.

In its report released Thursday, the investigation led by former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker accused Stephanides of "tainting"

bidding for a contract. Stephanides now heads the Security Council Affairs Division in the U.N. Department of Political Affairs.

Allegations of corruption in the \$60 billion oil-for-food program — which allowed sanctions-bound Iraq to sell oil to buy humanitarian supplies — have raised steady criticism from members of Congress.

"I am reluctant to conclude that the U.N. is damaged beyond repair, but these revelations certainly point in this direction," said Illinois Republican Henry Hyde after Thursday's report.

His House International Relations Committee is running one of several U.S. investigations.

Despite Sevan's claims that he never recommended any oil companies, Volcker's Independent Inquiry Committee said it had evidence that Sevan asked Iraq to give a small Swiss-based oil company, African Middle East Petroleum Co. Ltd. Inc., the opportunity to buy oil. The company received the allocations and earned \$1.5 million from them.

Volcker's panel said it is still investigating "the scope and extent of benefits" that Sevan received for his requests.

The report did not say Sevan received kickbacks, but it expressed concern at \$160,000 in cash that he said he received from his aunt in his native Cyprus from 1999-2003. The report questioned this "unexplained wealth," noting that his aunt, who recently died, was a retired Cyprus government photographer living on a modest pension.

"The most disturbing finding is the accumulation of evidence that the executive director of the program Benon Sevan did in fact solicit oil allocations for a small trading company," Volcker said at a news conference.

"The Iraqis, who were assigning such allocations, certainly thought they were buying influence."

The report said Sevan's solicitations on African Middle East Petroleum's behalf "presented a grave and continuing conflict of interest, were ethically improper, and seriously undermined the integrity of the United Nations."

Asked whether the committee found any criminal wrongdoing, Volcker said, "We are not a criminal tribunal. Other people will have to draw conclusions from the facts that we have presented."

WORLD

Fears ease as pope improves

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Easing fears about Pope John Paul II's latest health crisis, the Vatican said on Thursday that he was improving and breathing more easily but hinted the frail 84-year-old pontiff may have to spend up to a week in the hospital to fully recover.

Prayers and good wishes poured in from around the globe, including a hand-scribbled note from the imprisoned Turk who tried to assassinate the pope on St. Peter's Square in 1981.

John Paul has not suffered from any more throat spasms, and he spent a second restful night at Rome's Gemelli Polyclinic hospital, where a team of doctors was watching him carefully for any sign of complications from his flu, the Vatican said in a medical bulletin.

"The Holy Father's general and respiratory conditions show a positive evolution," it read. "The Holy Father spent a restful night."

Papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls suggested the pope might spend up to a week at the clinic's heavily guarded papal suite, telling reporters: "When I've had the flu, it lasts seven days."

Italy's ANSA news agency, citing medical sources at the hospital, said the pope had a few sips of water Thursday, which would suggest his throat was more comfortable.

Court sets DNA tests in 'Baby 81' case

KALMUNAI, Sri Lanka (AP) — In soothing tones, a Sri Lankan judge on Thursday assured a distraught couple they would get back the baby they are fighting a court battle to claim — if a DNA test next week proves they are the parents.

The judge also said he would consider ruling on the case much earlier than the April 20 date he previously set, raising hopes of a quick resolution to the couple's agonizing custody battle for "Baby-81," an infant boy who survived the Dec. 26 tsunami disaster.

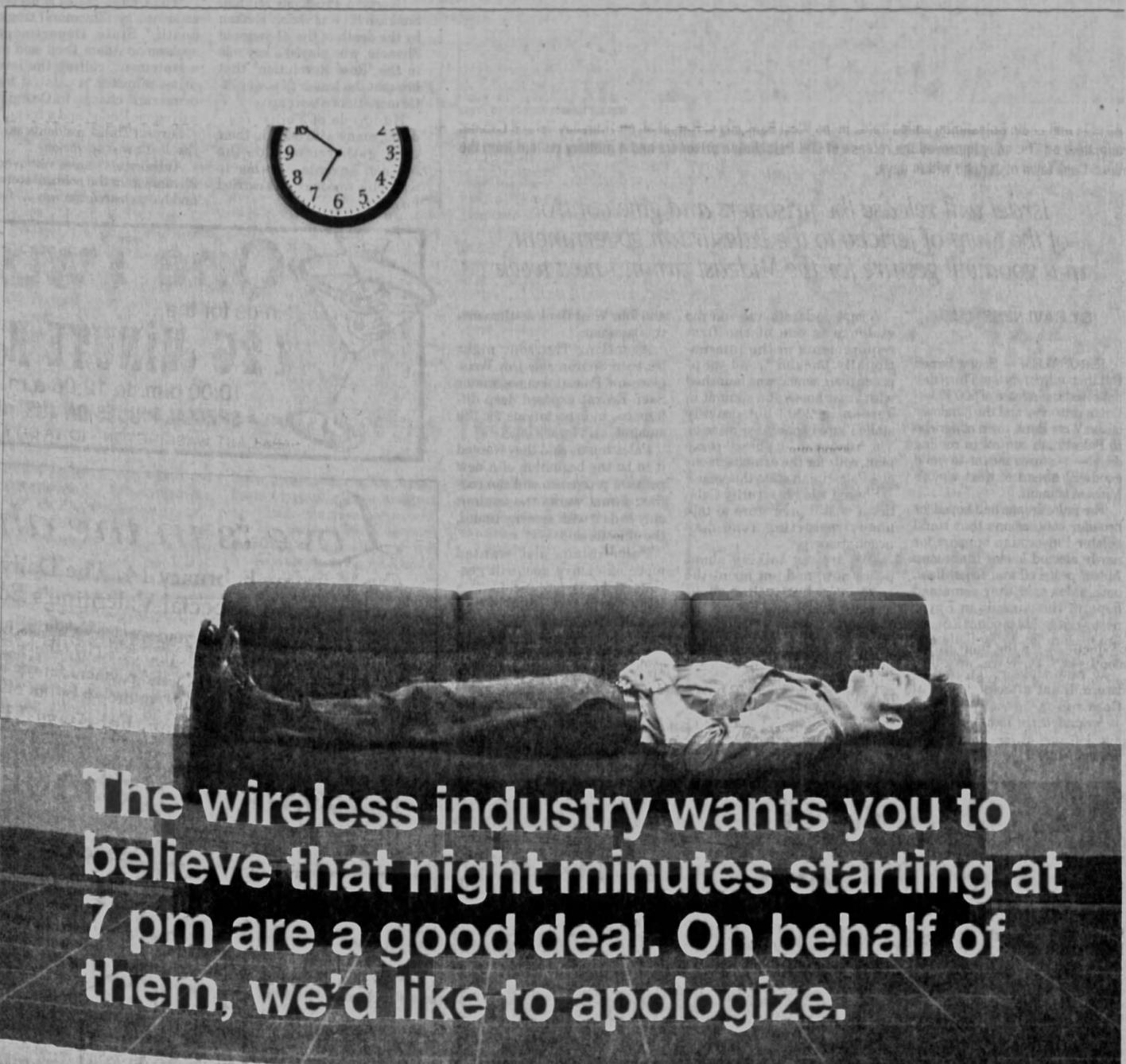
"Don't fight," Judge M.P. Mohaideen told Jenita Jeyarajah and her husband, Murugupillai. "The government will give you the baby if the DNA test says it is your baby."

Mohaideen ordered the DNA tests Wednesday and ruled that the baby should remain in a hospital's care until the court reconvenes on April 20 — a pronouncement that set off a melee and prompted the couple and their supporters to march to the hospital to demand the child.

The Jeyarajahs and two supporters were arrested and briefly held by police for allegedly roughing up nurses.

They reappeared Thursday before the judge, who let them off with a warning and said he would consider a request to decide the case more quickly.

The couple — looking red-eyed and haggard — were relieved.



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NEWS

Israel to release 900



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An elite unit of the Palestinian police trains in the West Bank city of Ramallah on Thursday. Israeli Cabinet ministers on Thursday approved the release of 900 Palestinian prisoners and a military pullout from the West Bank town of Jericho within days.

Israel will release the prisoners and give control of the town of Jericho to the Palestinian government in a goodwill gesture for the Mideast summit next week

BY RAVI NESSMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Senior Israeli Cabinet ministers on Thursday approved the release of 900 Palestinian prisoners and the handover of the West Bank town of Jericho to Palestinian control in coming days — gestures meant to build goodwill ahead of next week's Mideast summit.

The Palestinians had hoped for broader concessions that could bolster Palestinian support for newly elected leader Mahmoud Abbas' peace efforts. Regardless, both sides said they remained hopeful the summit in Egypt next week would produce a ceasefire declaration to formally end more than four years of fighting.

In new violence Thursday, two militant attacks — one in Gaza and one in the West Bank — wounded six Israeli soldiers and left one of the Palestinian attackers dead.

A joint declaration to end the violence is one of the first requirements in the internationally backed "road map" peace plan, which was launched with great hopes at a summit in Jordan in 2003 but quickly stalled amid continued attacks. The "road map," a phased peace plan, calls for the establishment of a Palestinian state this year.

Sharon told his security Cabinet it is still premature to talk about restarting road-map negotiations.

"We are not talking about peace now, and not about the road map, but rather about phases that come before the implementation of the road map," Sharon said, according to participants in Thursday's meeting.

Israeli officials say Sharon does not want to begin new peace talks now, fearing they will interfere with his plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip

and four West Bank settlements this summer.

A meeting Thursday night between Sharon aide Dov Weisglass and Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat exposed deep differences in expectations for the summit, said Israeli officials.

Palestinians said they wanted it to be the beginning of a new political process to end the conflict; Israel wants the summit only to deal with security issues, the officials said.

Palestinians also wanted more extensive goodwill gestures from Israel, including a wider prisoner release and Israeli withdrawal from more towns, Palestinian officials said.

Israeli government spokesman David Baker said the Israeli concessions were made "despite scores of terror-related incidents in Gaza, and the Palestinian Authority has not made one meaningful arrest."

CO kills Georgian prime minister

A gas leak from a heater is to blame for the death

BY MISHA
DZHINDZHIKHASHVILI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TBILISI, Georgia — Georgian Prime Minister Zurab Zhvania was found dead Thursday following an apparent gas leak from a heater, dealing a blow to the young government's efforts to wipe out corruption and resolve two simmering separatist conflicts in the former Soviet republic.

Authorities played down any hint of foul play, but many Georgians were skeptical, given the impoverished country's history of often violent political intrigue. One lawmaker linked Zhvania's death and a car bombing in a town west of the capital two days earlier and hinted at Russian involvement.

Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili was visibly shaken by the death of the 41-year-old Zhvania, who played a key role in the "Rose Revolution" that brought the leader to power little more than a year ago.

Hundreds of Tbilisi residents, many with tears in their eyes, gathered outside the home of Zhvania's mother to watch his wooden coffin carried inside.

Saakashvili said he would take on Zhvania's duties but did not give any information about naming a replacement.

"I assume control over the executive branch, and I call on members of the Cabinet to return to work and to continue their work as normal," Saakashvili said after lighting candles in Zhvania's memory at St. Trinity Cathedral.

Eduard Shevardnadze, the longtime Georgian leader who was forced from power by popular protests in late 2003 led in part by Zhvania, called the death of his onetime ally "an irreparable loss."

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice also called Saakashvili on Thursday to express condolences, the State Department said.

"The United States is deeply saddened by [Zhvania's] tragic death," State Department spokesman Adam Ereli said in a statement, calling the late prime minister "a catalyst for democratic change in Georgia, a dynamic leader, and a friend."

Several Tbilisi residents said the death was suspicious.

Authorities "have removed Zhvania from the political scene and have cleared the way ... for

themselves," said Kote Dgebuadze, a 55-year-old engineer.

An autopsy was under way. Initial tests showed Zhvania's blood had nearly double the fatal level of carbon monoxide, a forensics service spokeswoman said.

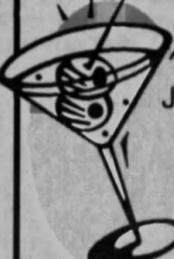
FBI experts also would help conduct forensics tests, either in the United States or in Turkey, according to the prosecutor general's office.

The prime minister was visiting the Tbilisi apartment of his friend, Zurab Usupov, the deputy governor of the Kvemo-Kartli region, who also died, Interior Minister Vano Merabishvili said on Rustavi-2 television.

Zhvania arrived at the apartment about midnight Wednesday, and when his security guards heard no signs of life about four hours later, they broke in through a window, Merabishvili said.

"It is an accident," he said. "We can say that poisoning by gas took place."

A gas-fired heating stove was in the main room of the apartment. An open backgammon set, along with a loaf of bread and pieces of sausage, was on a table in the room.



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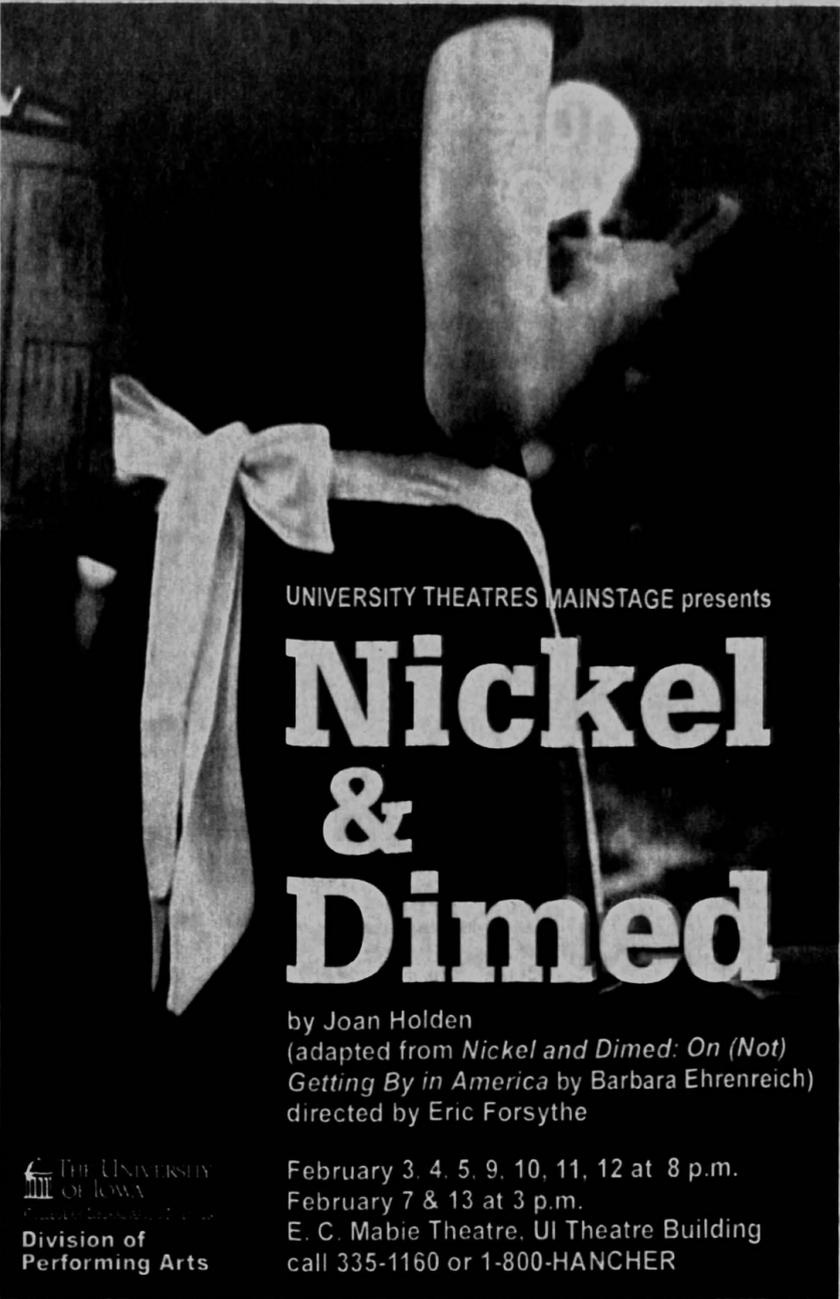
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NEWS

Pierce may fight dismissal

PIERCE

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"He should have been given some prior notice," Parrish said Thursday night, adding that the university has no definition for "betrayal of trust" — the grounds given for dismissing Pierce.

The Hawkeyes will play in their first game without Pierce on Saturday against Michigan State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, with Alford looking for players to flourish in the leading scorer's absence. Pierce is third in the Big Ten with 17.8 points, first in steals, and fifth in assists.

Alford said the Westmont, Ill., native was on track for conference MVP consideration. He's now a void on the roster.

"This was a team captain, so

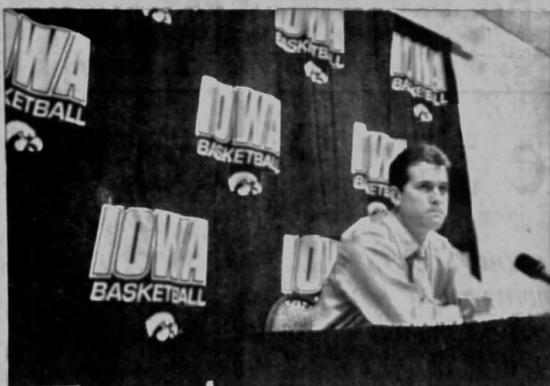
that's not easy," the coach said.

"This is a guy they were following." Guard Mike Henderson will start against the Spartans in Pierce's place because of his defensive quickness, Alford said, but the sophomore has had only one career start.

The Hawkeyes (15-5, 3-4) need at least five more wins to be considered for the NCAA Tournament — which observers say will be more difficult without the team's best player — but the coach and teammates played down the loss. Alford admitted the rest of the season will be an uphill climb.

"I think it's definitely gotten steeper, losing that kind of player," he said. "But we're optimistic."

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Jessica Green/The Daily Iowan

Iowa basketball coach Steve Alford listens to a question during his weekly basketball press conference at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Thursday. Alford says his decision to dismiss Pierre Pierce was correct, citing betrayal and misconduct on the part of Pierce.

Dancers set for exhaustion, exhilaration

DANCE MARATHON

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battling cancer next to you and think that you can get through the 24 hours if they can battle cancer," said Holly Hanson, the marathon's executive family-relations director.

Dance Marathon organizers, who have been working throughout the past year, say the dancers are the foundation of event.

To earn the \$450 necessary to participate, dancers endured the "healthy challenge" by asking for donations downtown and writing letters to family and friends.

"People are very receptive to the cause," said Anna Schulte, the group's executive PR/marketing director.

Although visitors are not allowed to visit the dancers at certain times, people are encouraged to stop by for an hour at a

time during the marathon.

The money raised in the annual event is used to provide counseling, art projects, financial assistance, and miscellaneous daily comforts to the sponsored families.

Since its first year, the event has become increasingly larger; it is now the largest Children's Miracle Network philanthropy in the nation.

"What sets us apart from other schools' dance marathons

is the support," Hanson said.

The UI is the only university that has direct and intimate contact with a nearby hospital, Schulte said. Out of the hundred or so universities who participate in the activity each year, the UI usually donates about one-fourth of the money earned, she said.

"It's incredible ... no words can describe the experience. You must be there," she said.

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Family hopeful after bone-marrow transplant

FAMILY

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count, a warning sign of cancer. The family's doctor in their hometown of Van Horne, Iowa, told them to rush Taylor to the UIHC immediately.

"I asked him if we had time to pack our bags," Shawnee Krueger said. "He said he wouldn't advise it."

Taylor required emergency blood and platelet transfusions and a bone-marrow aspirate, a

procedure that determines the type of leukemia. The family drove back and forth for the treatments, which eventually pushed the cancer into remission. But months later, Taylor relapsed. They had to start all over again, waiting for four months to find a genetic match to donate bone marrow.

Now, the Kruegers are waiting to see if the latest transplant will take hold.

"We're waiting to find out if it's grafted, but so far, everything's going fine," said Shawnee Krueger.

Each Dance Marathon family have a representative assigned specifically for their support. UI graduate student Tom Mulrooney, the Kruegers' representative, said he visits about once a week and e-mails the family frequently.

"I see my role in this as not just [being] there for Taylor but being there for the whole family," he said.

Because Taylor Krueger can't participate in the weekly Dance Marathon group activities, Mulrooney comes to the hospital to paint or "do whatever Taylor wants to do."

"That's the best thing when

you're all in this room together, to have someone to entertain them," said Shawnee Krueger, bouncing Sydney on her lap.

Though Taylor can't attend Dance Marathon this weekend, Mulrooney and two dancers plan to bring the fun to her. Mulrooney said the group would stop by Taylor's unit Saturday afternoon, almost 20 hours into the marathon. Mulrooney doesn't mind the long hours.

"When you get to be around kids, it's energizing," he said.

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UI to raise funds for Dey House project

CONSTRUCTION

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reported that most of the boxes and club seats for Kinnick Stadium, now undergoing \$87 million renovations, have been sold.

Of the 46 boxes, 43 have been sold, said Athletics Director Bob Bowsby. The department also has commitments to 103 of the 130 indoor club seats, while all 1,150 outdoor club seats are gone.

Bowsby also said the department will launch a grass-roots fundraising campaign in July, during which he expects to raise approximately \$2 million for the stadium.

"We're within shouting distance of our goal right now, and I have every expectation that we will exceed it substantially," he said.

Construction on the stadium project is also ahead of schedule, Lehnertz said.

The regents also gave the green light to two other university projects Thursday. Construction on the UI Hospitals and Clinics Patient and Visitor Services Center, a \$4.4 million project that will decongest the hospital's entrance area, will begin soon and will be completed by December 2006, officials said.

The final phase of the Old Capitol renovations, which include museum display space on the building's lower level, was also approved. The project, which will cost approximately \$1.35 million, is slated to be completed in spring 2006.

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In early Iraqi returns, Shiites jump into lead

IRAQ

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U.S.-backed secular Shiite, trailed in second with more than 360,500 votes.

But the returns — from 10 percent of the country's 5,200 polling centers — were too small to indicate a national trend.

Shiites make up an estimated 60 percent of Iraq's 26 million people, and the al-Sistani-backed ticket had been expected to roll up such huge margins in the south that the other 110 candidate lists would have to struggle for votes in the rest of the country.

Shiites turned out in huge numbers in cities such as Basra, Nasiriyah, Karbala, and Najaf, urged on by clerics who said voting was a religious duty.

However, many Sunni Arabs apparently stayed home, either out of fear of insurgent attacks or in response to boycott calls from their own clerics.

Election officials have said full official results and determine turnout might not be ready until Tuesday.

Seats in the 275-member National Assembly will be determined based on the percentage of the nationwide vote won by each ticket.

The count appeared to have been delayed somewhat by controversies in Ninevah, a region with a large Sunni Arab population.

On Thursday, the electoral commission said it had sent a team to the northern city of Mosul to investigate complaints that some stations never opened or ran out of ballots.

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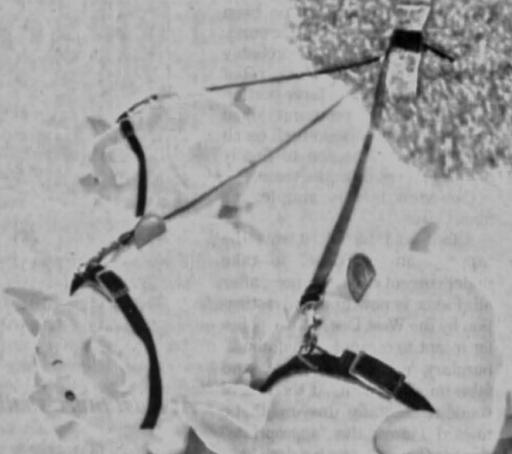
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Long past time for Pierce to go

Hawkeye athletics have already suffered enough because of a serious lack of good judgment and self-control on the part of Pierce; allowing this to happen for a second time is not only an embarrassment to the Iowa men's basketball team, but to the university.

Surprise, surprise — Pierre Pierce is in the news again, and it's not for his performance on the basketball court. And because history has a tendency to repeat itself, we can conclude from this latest drama that it would have been better had the lesson been learned the first time around. Nevertheless, there was probably a sigh of collective relief Wednesday among a large portion of the university community upon hearing of men's basketball coach Steve Alford's decision to finally dismiss Pierce from the team.

Our view is very simple: It's about time.

Alford said he felt it was the "appropriate response" to take under current circumstances; after all, Pierce is now under investigation by the West Des Moines police for intent to commit sexual abuse, burglary, criminal mischief, and false imprisonment. At the risk of sounding brutally unsympathetic toward Pierce, the "appropriate" circumstances for such a decision arose way back in the fall of 2002, when he pleaded guilty to assault causing injury for allegedly engaging in inappropriate sexual conduct with a fellow athlete. It became fairly obvious, as the intricacies of that story unraveled, that the UI's policies for dealing with such behavior were inadequate and ill-conceived. Pierce's behavior more than two years ago warranted his dismissal from the team. It's somewhat absurd that this step is only now being taken.

This undermines the university's self-assigned identity as an institution requiring high standards of behavior from its student-athletes.



At least there's still one place we can see Pierre in action!

Moreover, it stigmatizes the entire university body. An attitude of leniency toward Pierce — and any other student, whether an athlete or not, who commits acts of this nature — will also undermine the UI's efforts to recruit distinguished students in the future.

It's been more than two years since a university faculty task force recommended toughening penalties in the athletics department for student-athlete misconduct — in the wake, of course, of the first Pierce scandal. A new code of conduct for student-athletes was drafted and approved in April 2003, but to date, no protocol has been established for penalizing athletes who violate the stipulations of the code. This is troubling, to say the least, and it highlights the negative aspects of a bureaucracy that is attempting to effect change ineffectively.

Protests have already been made — by Alfredo Parrish, Pierce's attorney, among others — that Alford's decision was unfair

and too extreme because formal criminal charges have not been filed against Pierce. However, the mere fact that such allegations are being made against the Hawkeyes' star basketball player for the second time in under three years should be reason enough to dismiss him. Formal charges were filed the first time around, and Pierce admitted some guilt but was allowed to stay. Hawkeye athletics have already suffered enough because of a serious lack of good judgment and self-control on the part of Pierce; allowing this to happen for a second time is not only an embarrassment to the Iowa men's basketball team, but to the university.

Pouting and pessimism

In case the collective consciousness of America forgot why it did not choose the dour, ponderous Sen. John Kerry as its next president, his "Meet the Press" appearance this past Sunday provided an ample reminder. Here, for example, are two consecutive questions posed to Kerry and his words in response to them. I encourage you to appreciate the "nuance":

TIM RUSSERT: Do you believe that Iraq is less a terrorist threat to the United States now than it was two years ago?



ROBERT SCHNEIDER

KERRY: No, it's more. And, in fact, I believe the world is less safe today than it was two-and-a-half years ago.

(several seconds later)

RUSSERT: Is the United States safer with the newly elected Iraqi government than we would have been with Saddam Hussein?

KERRY: Sure. And I'm glad Saddam Hussein is gone, and I've said that a hundred times. But we've missed opportunity after opportunity along the way, Tim, to really make America safe and to bring the world to the cause.

Later in this interview, Kerry claimed that he "delivered weapons to the Khmer Rouge on the coastline of Cambodia." Which is confusing, because in a speech on the Senate floor in 1984 (the same speech in which Kerry claimed to be in Cambodia on Christmas of 1968), he remembered "what it was like to be shot at by Vietnamese and Khmer Rouge and Cambodians."

Of course, at this point, it is all water under the bridge in terms of bizarre contradictions from the Massachusetts junior senator. Which brings us to today's topic: the Iraqi elections. Displaying the political acumen that cost him a presidency, Kerry admonished Russert that "no one in the United States should try to overhype this election." Meanwhile, over on CNN's live feed, joyous Iraqis of both sexes and all ages were dancing in the streets of their towns, holding up their ink-stained index fingers, and engaging in what generally appeared to be election-overhype. To Kerry's certain chagrin, the Iraqis were too busy practicing democracy to listen to the pedantic lectures of a lifetime politician.

But with the Democrats' spectacularly poor track record, why should Iraqis listen to Kerry or any of his liberal friends? Jimmy Carter, for one, told "The Today Show" last September that he was confident elections would not take place because of the security situation. With sulky behavior more appropriate to a petulant third-grader, the Carter Center, whose website announces its goal as "advancing human rights," as I write this column has yet to release a congratulatory statement.

This newspaper's own Editorial Board offered its firm assurances, back on Dec. 3, that the elections would be a disaster unless they were delayed. Indeed, the term "endless downward spiral," the catch-phrase of the editorial's assessment of Iraq, reminds us why the Democrats, whose sentiments are echoed in the Editorial Board's gloomy pronouncements, continue to lose elections — pessimism does not inspire confidence in the electorate. Grudgingly, this newspaper on Tuesday halfway conceded that maybe, perhaps, Bush's decision to keep the Jan. 30 election date was wise, and maybe, perhaps, the elections were "encouraging." Unfortunately, this admission was a "yeah, but," that allowed for the cataloguing of other ailments, real and perceived, that plague a country less than two years removed from underneath a tyrant's fist. Yet these partial congratulations raise the question: What other inspiring, defiant feats do the Iraqis have to pull off to gain the direct admiration of liberals?

And so — after three years of "experts" clamoring for enough air time to tell us what would unquestionably inevitably! immutably! go wrong with Iraq and Afghanistan, from the "brutal Afghan winter" to "a massive refugee problem" to "the angry Arab street" to the "looming election fiasco" — only to be proven wrong time and time again, anymore, does anyone really think the left has any clue on foreign policy?

This question, and similar ones asked in the weeks to come, will most likely be interpreted as gloating. If pointing out to ceaseless pessimists that the continual — not to mention gross — errors of their prognostications is "gloating," then so be it. But the perpetual gloom-and-doom wailings from the left, for the past three years inevitably exposed as laughingly specious, have become as tired as their mantra: If Bush does it, it is wrong. This past Sunday revealed just how vacuous that political strategy really is. ■

GUEST OPINION

Let the tenant beware

'Tis the season to be apartment-hunting, which means many students are scouring Iowa City or Coralville for a place to live next year. I would like to share some things I have learned through my own (in)experience as a tenant.

When looking for an apartment, it is easy to head off to the nearest property-management company and peruse its listings; however, the newspaper is also a good source of properties owned by independent landlords. What's the difference between a property-management company and an independent landlord? When renting from a property-management company, tenants are a dime a dozen. A property-management company simply manages other people's properties. On the other hand, independent landlords usually own their properties and have a vested interest in maintaining and improving them. That said, there are some property-management companies in Iowa City that will treat you fairly and others that won't. You may have heard negative things about one company in particular. If you have, proceed with extreme caution. Where there's smoke, there's usually fire.

Before you rent an apartment, see it. Ask the current tenants if they have had any problems. Ask about the laundry facilities (one of the washers in my building is sporadically broken, and I've often had to pay to re-wash my clothes). You might also ask about the cost of the utilities and which are included (if any) in the rent. Is the building noisy? Ask about appliances — do they frequently break down? Does the roof leak? How about parking? Does anyone come to plow snow? I've fallen more than once in my parking lot because of the buildup of snow and ice, which is very dangerous both for you and your guests.

When you move into your new apartment, check everything. Some companies will give you an inspection form to show what damages existed when you moved in. Aside from your lease, this piece of paper is the most important item you will fill out. Make at least one copy of it for yourself. If damage is found at the checkout

As a college student, you won't be given the benefit of the doubt: It will be assumed you're a party animal, and your apartment will be inspected meticulously when you leave. Good luck, and beware.

inspection that you didn't previously indicate, it is assumed that you caused it. Whether you did or not doesn't matter — even vandalism caused by other people can be your responsibility. Take pictures of the damages, preferably using a camera that shows the date. When filling out the inspection form, be very detailed. Check for stains on the carpet, curtains, ceilings, and in the bathrooms. Are there burns on the counters, dings in the walls, or problems with light fixtures? Do the windows work? Last

— and I say this with emphasis — check your doors. Don't just look at the front and the back — check the sides, frame, hinges, and latch. If you see cracks, indicate which door and where the crack is. Doors are apparently very expensive to replace (in excess of \$200 for a bedroom door and \$400 for a front door). A few minor dings on your doors could equal your whole deposit.

Before you move out, buy a \$7-set of drip pans for your stovetop; letting your property-management company replace them may cost up to \$25. Clean your apartment, but know you may still be billed up to \$40 per hour for cleaning.

My last bit of advice concerns moving out. If there is an inspection, stay until the inspector is finished. Don't just hand over your keys and walk out — walk around with the inspector. Show your move-in inspection form. Remember your rights as a tenant — the UI has a Tenant-Landlord Association to help you understand those rights and Student Legal Services to help you defend them.

I have learned all of these things through my own inexperience, and I hope you will benefit from what has taken me several years and hundreds of dollars to discover. Take my advice, and be very careful when renting from a property-management company with a lot of apartments downtown. As a college student, you won't be given the benefit of the doubt: It will be assumed you're a party animal and your apartment will be inspected meticulously when you leave. Good luck, and beware.

Laura Klever
UI student

LETTERS

Unanswered questions in Pierce case

- The recent handling of the Pierre Pierce matter leaves more questions than it answers:
- When will the athletics-department policy be in place? Why didn't UI President David Skorton ensure that it was moving along?
 - Under what policy was Pierce terminated from the team, and who made the decision? Without a policy in place, how do we know that future "problems" will be dealt with only after a complete investigation and under a consistent policy?
 - Is coach Steve Alford going to be investigated? Did he know that Pierce was out of control again?
 - Pierce was legally innocent and not yet charged with a crime. Was there an independent

investigation by the university eliciting facts that justified his termination? While the university does not have to rely on criminal charges before bringing discipline, it has to rely on something. Was it newspaper reports? Interrogation of Pierce?

• What assurances are there, absent a disciplinary policy in the athletics department, that the ad-hoc decision-making that seems to be operational will not result in inconsistent and subjective decisions?

Until these questions are answered and a new policy is in place, the UI is not redeemed as an educational institution — it sits in a mire of both racism and sexism.

Clara Oleson
West Branch resident

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ON THE SPOT

How do you feel about Pierre Pierce's dismissal from the Hawkeye basketball team?



"He got what he deserved."

Sarah Gwinnup
UI sophomore



"About time — it should have happened the first time."

Willa Hamilton
UI junior



"They should have let him go through due process before kicking him out."

Dan Kirkpatrick
UI graduate student



"It's a good thing because he keeps on messing up."

Andrea Charles
UI junior

CALENDAR-WORTHY

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Making truly heavy metal



BY RUSSELLA LUCIEN
THE DAILY IOWAN

People may often overlook metalsmithing as an art form, but beginning tonight, the graduate metalsmithing and jewelry class will hold an exhibition and sale of its work at the Galleries Downtown, 218 E. Washington St. The pieces on sale range from basic jewelry to one-of-a-kind items.

The proceeds from the sale will fund a trip for the students to the 2005 Society of North American Goldsmiths Conference and Competition in June in Cleveland.

Instructor Kee-Ho Yuen says the trip is to give students the opportunity to make connections within the

metalsmithing field. The exhibition will run through Feb. 15.

The graduate metalsmithing and jewelry program is approximately three years in length, during which students learn the technical skills of fabrication and explore their creative side.

"I want them to have their own voice rather than follow a trend," Yuen said.

The program also allows students to work within the industry. Students take turns instructing the class to prepare them for the working world. The class size fluctuates from eight to 10, and the 14 graduate and advanced undergraduate students reflect the large diversity of styles within the program.

Graduate student T.J. Lechtenberg describes his style as "more modern with very clean lines." He said he came to the program because of the faculty and the tradition of creative flexibility and expression. Most of his pieces in the show involve fabricated metal objects.

Jillian Moore uses spices and nontraditional objects in her designs. She is in the process of applying to the program; her work focuses on organic elements and hints of nature.

One project she has been working on included resin embedded with star anise, beet powder, and turmeric. She will offer approximately 12 pieces with a price range of \$30-\$300.

ART RECEPTION Graduate Metalsmithing Exhibition

When: 5 p.m. today
Where: Galleries Downtown, 218 E. Washington St.

LEFT: T.J. Lechtenberg, a UI grad student in metals, files a piece at the metals studio for the opening reception being held today at Galleries Downtown. The show will help students to raise money to attend the Society of North American Goldsmiths Conference and Competition in Cleveland in June.

Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan

Natasha Overholtzer describes her style as "organic forms, by working with silver and gemstones." One particular piece is a freeform lapel pin with a lab-created sapphire. The exhibition will feature roughly 15 pieces of her artwork, which range in price from \$25 to \$70. She said she came to the program because she fell in love with the department, and it is a springboard to her future career aspirations.

"I hope that I will be able to open my own business and sell jewelry," she said.

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Physically articulating

BY SARA CONRAD
THE DAILY IOWAN

This week, Hancher will bring to Iowa City an interactive and educational performance to help celebrate Black History Month. Brooklyn, N.Y.-based Ronald K. Brown/Evidence Dance Company will perform at Hancher Friday night to wrap up a week of thought-provoking entertainment encouraging cultural understanding.

While most intellectuals might lecture about history and social issues, award-winning choreographer Brown dances. Through his original African-inspired contemporary style, Brown/Evidence physically articulates ethnicity, class, sex, and assimilation issues.

Following today's performance, the company will invite audience members to engage in a discussion about the social and historical issues highlighted in Brown's choreography.

Brown, winner of a National Endowment for the Arts Choreographers' Fellowship, among other honors and numerous awards (including a New York Dance and Performance Award and a Black Theater Alliance Award), has traveled with the troupe since 1985, and his choreography is laden with spiritual and religious symbolism as well as historical and social significance.

Employing the sound of Fela Anikulapo Kuti — who has been referred to as "the Nigerian Bob Marley" — and various American jazz selections, the company will present three pieces. "Grace," which Brown originally choreographed for the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, involves humanity's ignorance of grace, while "Come Ye" depicts



Publicity Photo

The Evidence Dance Company performs for Black History Month.

DANCE

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warriors and angels risking their lives for peace. "Upside Down" reflects on the social consequences of losing a community member.

Hancher Marketing Director Rob Cline said that this particular performance will appeal to both dancers and UI students because of its unique use of contemporary dance and Marley-inspired music. He added that it also represents the "quest for spiritual community in everyone's life."

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Market: An Empirical Analysis," Jiawei Chen, Johns Hopkins University, 3:30 p.m., C121 Pappajohn Business Building.

• Finding God At Iowa Lunch Forum 2004-05, "Faith in the Contemporary University," panel discussion, moderated by law Professor John Reitz, noon, IMU River Room 1.

• "Let's Fall in Love: The Dan Knight Trio plays Harold Arlen," 5 p.m., Museum of Art.

• "A Defense of Stable Invariantism," Baron Reed, 3:30 p.m., 107 English-Philosophy Building.

• InterVarsity Graduate Christian Fellowship Dinner and a Speaker, "Surprised by God: Discovering Jesus in Nature, People, and Pilgrimage," Kevin Kumer, 7 p.m., First Mennonite Church, 405 Myrtle Ave.

• Tow Seminar, "Two-Sided Matching and Spread Determinants in the Loan

quote of the day

"I can't believe it: He's using knitting as a babe magnet."

— Elise Goldschlag, talking about her 19-year-old son, Dillon, who pulls out his yarn and needles whenever he wants to meet girls at the Rhode Island School of Design. Dillon Goldschlag is part of the latest hot thing: males who knit.

horoscopes

Friday, February 4, 2005

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Prepare for lift-off. You've had your share of difficulties, but it's payback time, so prepare to excel in whatever way you've been held back. Both personal and career gains can be made.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Go over everything with a fine-toothed comb. Errors are likely to be made and will cause setbacks in your plans. Don't argue about personal matters. You won't win.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Say no more. You will have everyone eating out of your hand with little effort. Don't take advantage, however, or you will have to deal with someone who doesn't forget or forgive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'd best focus on work, making money, and doing your best to get out of debt. The more you can do to offset your expenses by cutting back on unnecessary bills, the better.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): There is so much happening that it will be hard for you to know where to begin. Put love at the top of your list, and you will have no regrets. No challenge will be too great for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There isn't much point in arguing or taking matters too personally. Try to put your efforts into being unique and doing a good job. Work by yourself, and you will accomplish the most.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will be hard to resist no matter what you do today. Both business and personal partners will back you. You will have original ideas that will be considered ideal solutions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may want to get things done, but it won't be easy if you continue to let other people dump additional responsibilities in your lap. Learn to say no before it's too late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your ability to stay ahead of the competition will lead to victory. You will have an innate ability to choose wisely. Luck is in your corner, and gifts will come your way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't try to do too much. You will be overloaded with unexpected tasks. Overreacting, overdoing, and overindulging must all be kept in check. Put yourself first today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will have the answers when it comes to inventing something to solve a problem you face. Your ideas will be clear-cut and simple. Follow through, and you will receive praise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Nothing will be cut and dried today. You will have to jump through hoops to get things done. Don't be so hard on yourself; you need time to put things in place. Take your time.

news you need to know

Feb. 7 — Withdrawal of entire spring-semester registration through Feb. 11, student held to 75% of tuition and mandatory fees

Feb. 11 — Fall 2005 course offerings proof copy due

— Last day for tuition and fee adjustment for withdrawal of entire registration, 4:30 p.m.

— Withdrawal of entire registration after Feb. 11, student held to 100% of tuition and mandatory fees

Feb. 15 — ALL CURRICULAR CHANGES DUE IN REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

— General Catalogue 2005-06 copy due in Registrar's Office

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Feb. 4 — Dance Marathon, 11; Luke Peters, 19; Ryan Pianetto, 19; Sam "Know-it-all" Klahn, 20; Rachel Steffensmeier, 20; Ethan McCreary, 22; Samuel "Wingfield" Wills, 24

Feb. 5 — Gregory Bava, 19

Feb. 6 — Jacob "Big Kat" Kurtz, 21

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7 a.m. Democracy Now
11 White Privilege 101
11:50 Black Opals No. 4
Noon Islam: Dispelling the Myths
1 p.m. 2004 Big Ten Cross-Country Championships
1:40 Tai Wai Hua
2 Partners to History
3 The Geneva Lecture Series: Politics & the Cross
3:50 Green Chesters
4 Conversations

5 U.N. Report
5:30 Stop the Destruction on the World No. 2
6 Gospel Explosion Ministry
7 Country Time Country
8 Eden
8:30 Respect for Life
9:30 In Christ's Image
10 Fellowship Temple
11 Tom's Guitar Show (Replay)
Midnight PCP Fest
2 a.m. The Cousin Arnold Show (Replay)

UITV schedule

3 p.m. The Modernization of Torture and Slavery: A Human Rights Lecture
3:50 Eagles and Wolves: Roman Soldiers in Peace and War
5:12 A Conversation with William Kristol
6 Special Media Conference with Iowa Head Football Coach Kirk Ferentz
6:30 Coach Steve Alford News Conference
7 "Talk of Iowa, Live from the Java

House," Kelly Joe Phelps
8 Student Video Productions Presents Iowa Desk & Couch No. 3
9 Student Video Productions Presents KRUI-TV No. 3
10 Dangerous Anthropogenic Interference—How Manmade Activities are Competing with Natural Effects on Climate
11:30 Ueye No. 5

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Little University

- 1 What "virtual human zoo" did Dickinson College student Jennifer Ringley create, with the help of a few webcams?
- 2 What Coen brothers movie takes place mostly in Minnesota, despite its title?
- 3 Who was the first black featured on the cover of *Sports Illustrated's* swimsuit edition?
- 4 Who lost his "most eligible bachelor" status when he married Carolyn Bessette in 1996?
- 5 What new sports league kicked off a San Jose's Spartan Stadium, with Eric Wynalda doing all the scoring?

1. Jennifer.com
2. Fargo
3. Tyra Banks
4. John F. Kennedy Jr.
5. Major League Soccer

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THE MANY BENEFITS OF DATING A GUY FROM THE UI

— by Nick Narigon

- It is very probable that you will be his first ever.
- No pressure to dress up.
- You get your choice of sandwich from any of Iowa City's fine sub shops.

• Facial hair. We know just how much girls love scratchy, untrimmed beards.

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• He will serenade you with any of the three songs he knows on guitar, one of them being a Dave Matthews song.

• If he had the choice of going on a date with you or Drew Tate, he might choose you.

• But only if you were the girl they chose for the center-fold of *Playboy*.

• Pierre Pierce represents only a small portion of UI students.

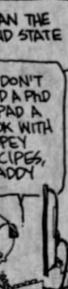
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- 1 Parts of some Correggio paintings
- 8 Handheld shooter
- 15 Beyond the blue
- 16 Calixa Lavalée composition
- 17 1962 #1 hit for five weeks
- 19 Natural shades
- 20 Idea of a musical composition
- 21 Fortune
- 22 Drivers' choices: Abbr.
- 23 "I Was ___ War Bride"
- 24 Mother of Artemis
- 25 Umpire's call
- 26 Tarzan film actress Markay and others
- 27 Stop along the way
- 28 "It's not clear-cut"
- 30 It may be hair-raising
- 31 Some jars and bottles
- 33 Out of the blue?
- 36 Bugbear
- 40 Not to be taken seriously
- 41 Veins
- 42 Had
- 43 Boxer's attire
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- 49 Senior's complaint
- 52 Bar
- 53 Activity of one who's paper-trained?
- 54 Became involved in
- 55 Cobbles, in a way

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- 1 How best to judge
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- 4 Victim of Hermes
- 5 They're pitchfork-shaped
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- 29 Together
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- 32 So-o-o scrumptious
- 33 Station slot
- 34 White guys?
- 35 Home
- 37 Lead ceremoniously
- 38 Together
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- 41 Used weasel words
- 44 Her "Collected Poems" won the 1952 Pulitzer
- 45 Start
- 47 See the sights
- 48 1912 painter of Picasso
- 50 Suffix with malt
- 51 Underground wealth

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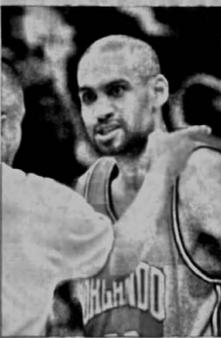
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NBA ALL-STARS

Grant Hill edges Jermaine O'Neal in fan voting

NEW YORK (AP) — Grant Hill of the Orlando Magic edged Indiana's Jermaine O'Neal by slightly more than 65,000 votes for a starting spot on the Eastern Conference All-Star team.

Hill received 1,497,489 votes in fan balloting to O'Neal's 1,432,438, allowing him to join Shaquille O'Neal, Allen Iverson, Vince Carter, and LeBron James as the starting five for the East at the All-Star game Feb. 20 in Denver.

Yao Ming of the Houston Rockets received a record 2,558,278 votes in winning the starting spot at center for the Western Conference for the third straight year. He will line up alongside Minnesota's Kevin Garnett, Tim Duncan of San Antonio, the Lakers' Kobe Bryant, and Houston's Tracy McGrady for the 54th version of the league's showcase event.

Shaquille O'Neal's 2,488,089 votes were the second highest in All-Star balloting history, the NBA said Thursday in announcing the starters. The previous record of 2,451,136 for Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls was set in 1997.

COORDINATOR

Titans interested in USC's Chow

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher wants to talk with Southern California offensive coordinator Norm Chow about the Titans' coordinator job.

Fisher, a USC alumnus, is looking for a new offensive coordinator after losing Mike Heimerdinger to the New York Jets last month.

He has interviewed assistant head coach George Henshaw and quarterbacks coach Craig Johnson off his own staff.

But Fisher had held off talking with college coaches until national signing day passed on Wednesday.

Fisher said on radio Thursday morning that he is trying to talk with Chow, and a Titans spokesman said Chow is one of many coaches Fisher is interested in.

NHL LOCKOUT

NHL, players' union still talking

NEW YORK (AP) — One day after the NHL players' association rejected the league's latest salary-cap proposal, the sides met again in what could be the last chance to save the hockey season.

The union invited Commissioner Gary Bettman and players' association chief Bob Goodenow back to the table Thursday after the leaders sat out the previous five sessions over a two-week span. The meeting began around 1:30 p.m. and was still going on over four hours later.

Players turned down the NHL's offer on Wednesday, sticking to their vow that they will never accept a salary cap.

The 4½-month lockout reached its 141st day on Thursday and has wiped out 772 regular-season games and the All-Star game. The remainder of the 1,230-game schedule could be called off within days if significant progress isn't made quickly.

IOWA VS. MICHIGAN STATE

TODAY, AT CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA, 1:32 P.M. CDT, ESPN

HOW WILL THEY FARE?

BY NICK RICHARDS
THE DAILY IOWAN

Remember the other 13 players on the Iowa roster?

Lost in the media frenzy that is the Pierre Pierce drama, the remaining players return to life after Pierce with a tough visit from 10th-ranked Michigan State, which comes into Saturday's 1:32 p.m. tilt after suffering an 81-68 home loss to top-ranked Illinois on Tuesday. Approximately 1,000 tickets remain for the game.

"We all just have to elevate our game to another level," said sophomore Mike Henderson, who will take Pierce's spot in the starting lineup. "I'm not going to be Pierre myself. That's a great player. I just think we all need to step up our game a notch and have a collective team win."

The Hawkeyes will look to the former Waterloo East duo of Henderson and freshman Carlton Reed to replace Pierce's production of 17.8 points, 5.2 rebounds, 4.1 assists, and 2.5 steals per outing. While Henderson will start, he and Reed will split the 38 minutes Pierce averaged a game.

"[Replacing Pierce as a starter is] a tall order for Mike," Iowa coach Steve Alford said. "He doesn't have near the experience Pierre has, but Mike has been working very hard, and this is an opportunity for him."

Reed, more of an offensive threat than Henderson, has played well, giving Iowa an additional outside threat. He is averaging only 3.3 points a contest, but he scored eight in Iowa's 75-74 loss to Northwestern, and he is shooting 40.7 percent from 3-land on the year.

"Everyone's going to have to pick up his game a little bit," guard Jeff Horner said. "Mikey's going to have to get in the lane and find open people, and Carlton's going to have to make plays."

Now that the Hawkeye are down to four guards, Alford is considering all options, including going big and using 6-9 freshman forward Alex Thompson as a guard.

Another boost for the Hawkeyes is a healthy Adam Haluska, who injured his ankle at the end of Iowa's 72-57 win over Indiana Jan. 29. The injury appeared to be serious but wasn't as bad as initially thought.

"We all just have to elevate our game to another level. ... I just think we all need to step up our game a notch and have a collective team win."

— Mike Henderson, replacing Pierre Pierce as a starter



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

Iowa guard Mike Henderson goes in for a lay-up during the Hawks' Jan. 29 win against Indiana. Henderson will take over the guard position left open by Pierre Pierce's dismissal from the team.

"His ankle is fine," Alford said. "He's done a great job rehabbing it. ... It was still a turned ankle, but he didn't pop it. I think he'll be full-go by Saturday."

The Spartans offer an athletic test for the Hawkeyes. Michigan State features slashers Alan Anderson, Shannon Brown, Maurice

Ager, and sixth-man Kelvin Torbert to combine with center Paul Davis, who leads the team in rebounding at 6.5 a contest, and shooter Chris Hill, who is averaging 9.2 point per game and is shooting 38.8 percent from the 3-point arc. The Spartans feature five players in double figures, with Ager leading the

way at 14.2 points per game.

"This team you have to rebound with for 40 minutes," Alford said. "You have to play football for 40 minutes, and you have to take away their transition for 40 minutes, and that's not easy. They are very good at it."

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IOWA, 50 VS. MINNESOTA, 81

Early upset for Hawkeye women's basketball



Tom Olmscheid/Associated Press

Minnesota's Jamie Broback (left) and Hawkeye Johanna Solverson fight for a loose ball during the first half Thursday in Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Jamie Broback showed Thursday that Minnesota can survive without Janel McCarville on the floor and thrive when they're on the court together.

Broback scored 21 points and grabbed nine rebounds on Thursday to lead the No. 14 Gophers to a 81-50 win over Iowa.

McCarville, Minnesota's all-America center, fought through foul trouble to add 16 points and eight rebounds for the Gophers (17-4, 7-2 Big Ten), who bounced back in style from a loss at conference-leading Penn State on Sunday.

"Our team has done such a good job when Janel's not on the floor," Gophers coach Pam Borton said. "But [McCarville] and Jamie complement each other on the floor. They play so well together."

McCarville, a 6-2 senior, and Broback, a 6-3 sophomore, dominated the first 10 minutes of the second half as the Gophers put the game away early. McCarville opened the second half with three quick hoops, and a Broback 3-pointer helped push the Gophers' 14-point halftime lead to 21. A 13-0 run keyed by six more points by McCarville buried the Hawkeyes midway through the second half.

SEE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, PAGE 3B

Secret to victory for Eagles is in the TOs

BY BARRY WILNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — To win the Super Bowl, the Philadelphia Eagles need lots of T.O. and no T.Os.

Of course, with All-Pro receiver Terrell Owens coming off six weeks on the sidelines with a leg injury and the Patriots' penchant for forcing turnovers, that's not such a simple formula.

At least Owens will be available for the first time since Dec. 19 and was listed as a starter for Sunday's title game.

He even caught several long passes in practice Thursday.

Now he has to be a contributor, because T.O. as a decoy isn't likely to work against the Pats for more than, say, one play.

"That is just like putting Shaq on the court and not giving him the ball," Owens said.

"First of all, T.O. IS going to be a decoy," Donovan McNabb added, smiling broadly. "We are not going to throw him the ball, so that makes me Allen Iverson."

Not quite. McNabb, who also played basketball at Syracuse, won't be ignoring his prime target any more than the Patriots will. While Freddie Mitchell, Todd Pinkston, and Greg Lewis have performed relatively well in Owens' absence,

SEE SUPER BOWL, PAGE 3B

ATHLETICS BUDGET

Bad week for Tigerhawks

BY NICK PETERSEN
AND JANE SLUSARK
THE DAILY IOWAN

The UI Athletics Department is reeling from a week choked by a litany of troubles, including two star players coming under criminal investigation and mounting money problems.

In the last seven days, the department has watched \$250,000 vanish from its fiscal 2006 budget, dismissed its signature basketball player amid an investigation into his alleged fight with a girlfriend, and watched as Hawkeye cornerback Antwan Allen was arrested for assault causing injury.

"My hope is that when these things happen, we can move on," said Steve Parrott, the director of University Relations. "We hope by being honest and open, we're doing the right thing."

In the fall of 2002, the university was highly criticized in a report by the Board in Control of Athletics for its handling of the third-degree sexual-assault charges against Pierre Pierce. The report denounced university officials for preaching Pierce's innocence during the investigation and inadequately supporting the victim.

"There were different people here handling that, and when you're wrong or doing things badly, you have to admit it," Parrott said. "We're fallible human beings."

In addition to the public-relations nightmare in 2002, the university did not have a uniform procedure for punishing student-athletes and still doesn't, despite forming a committee to draft one.

SEE ATHLETICS, PAGE 3B

SPORTS

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

NO. 14 MINNESOTA 81, IOWA 50

IOWA (15-5, 4-4)
 Solverson 1-2-2-4, VandeVenter 2-6-4-4-8, Caley 7-13-4-8-18, Smith 5-11 1-2-12, Armstrong 1-4 0-0-3, Emmert 0-1 0-0-0, Pope 0-1 0-0-0, Grahm 1-2 0-0-2, Schaeckel 0-1 0-0-0, Reedy 0-3 3-4-3, Kaspensk 0-1 0-0-0. Totals 17-47 14-20 50.
MINNESOTA (17-4, 7-2)
 Bolden 1-3 1-2-3, Broback 7-15 5-7-21, McCarville 8-11 0-0-16, Calhoun 2-5 2-2-8, Schonrock 5-9 0-1-14, Royland 2-8 3-3-7, Garry 0-0 0-0-0, Alsdorf 1-2 0-0-2, Lacey 1-3 0-0-2, Knight 0-0 1-2-1, Collihan 0-0 0-0-0, Podominick 1-3-5-6-7. Totals 28-59 17-23 81.
HalfTime—Minnesota 41, Iowa 27. 3-Point Goals—Iowa 2-10 (Solverson 0-3, Smith 1-3, Armstrong 1-3, Reedy 0-1), Minnesota 8-17 (Bolden 0-1, Broback 2-4, McCarville 0-1, Calhoun 2-3, Schonrock 4-7, Royland 0-1). Fouled out—McCarville. Rebounds—Iowa 29 (Caley 7), Minnesota 37 (Broback 9). Assists—Iowa 13 (Solverson 6), Minnesota 19 (Royland 5). Total fouls—Iowa 23, Minnesota 21. Technical Fouls—Iowa bench, A—8,031.

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| Purdue | 5-5 12-9 |
| Iowa | 4-5 15-5 |
| Wisconsin | 2-7 8-11 |
| Indiana | 2-8 9-11 |
| Northwestern | 2-8 5-18 |
| Michigan | 1-9 5-18 |
| Thursday's Games | |
| Minnesota 81, Iowa 50 | |
| Indiana 71, Wisconsin 66 | |
| Penn State 76, Michigan 61 | |
| Illinois 66, Purdue 56 | |
| Michigan State 101, Northwestern 40 | |
| Sunday's Games | |
| Wisconsin at Iowa, 2:05 p.m. | |
| Penn State at Purdue | |
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| Minnesota at Michigan | |

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| Indiana at Illinois | |

TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men's Scores

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| #2 North Carolina 95, North Carolina State 71 |
| #13 Washington 99, USC 69 |
| #14 Arizona 97, California 76 |
| #17 Gonzaga 66, St. Mary's 63 |

Women's Scores

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| #1 Louisiana State 82, Mississippi 58 |
| #3 Duke 72, Miami (Fl) 63 |
| #4 Stanford 91, Arizona 74 |
| #5 Tennessee 91, Florida 82, OT |
| #11 Connecticut 57, #7 Rutgers 44 |
| #10 Michigan State 101, Northwestern 40 |
| #14 Minnesota 81, Iowa 50 |
| #18 Georgia 72, Alabama 63 |
| #20 Maryland 84, Georgia Tech 67 |
| #21 Vanderbilt 106, Mississippi State 98, 2 OT |
| #23 Penn State 76, Michigan 61 |
| #24 Florida State 73, Lipscomb 49 |
| #25 North Carolina State 62, Virginia 56 |

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

By The Associated Press

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| Atlantic Division | W | L | Pct | GB |
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| Philadelphia | 21 | 24 | .467 | 1/2 |
| New Jersey | 19 | 27 | .413 | 3 |
| Toronto | 19 | 27 | .413 | 3 |
| New York | 18 | 27 | .400 | 3 1/2 |
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| Miami | 34 | 14 | .708 | — |
| Washington | 26 | 18 | .591 | 6 |
| Orlando | 25 | 20 | .556 | 7 1/2 |
| Charlotte | 10 | 32 | .238 | 21 |
| Atlanta | 9 | 35 | .205 | 23 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

| Southwest | W | L | Pct | GB |
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| San Antonio | 38 | 10 | .792 | — |
| Dallas | 30 | 14 | .682 | 6 |
| Memphis | 27 | 21 | .563 | 11 |
| Houston | 26 | 21 | .553 | 11 1/2 |
| New Orleans | 8 | 37 | .178 | 26 1/2 |
| Northwest | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Seattle | 31 | 13 | .705 | — |
| Minnesota | 24 | 22 | .522 | 8 |
| Denver | 20 | 26 | .436 | 12 |
| Portland | 18 | 26 | .409 | 13 |
| Utah | 15 | 31 | .326 | 17 |
| Pacific | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Phoenix | 37 | 11 | .771 | — |
| Sacramento | 31 | 14 | .689 | 4 1/2 |
| L.A. Lakers | 24 | 20 | .545 | 11 |
| L.A. Clippers | 23 | 23 | .500 | 13 |
| Golden State | 12 | 33 | .267 | 23 1/2 |

Thursday's Games

Miami 100, Cleveland 88
 L.A. Clippers 106, Memphis 103
 San Antonio 103, L.A. Lakers 91
Today's Games
 Dallas at Indiana, 6 p.m.
 Atlanta at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
 Washington at Toronto, 6 p.m.
 Orlando at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
 Houston at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
 New York at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
 Charlotte at Portland, 9 p.m.
 New Orleans at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
 Detroit at New Jersey, Noon
 Indiana at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Washington, 6 p.m.
 Chicago at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Orlando at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
 New Orleans at Utah, 8 p.m.
 New York at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
 Golden State at Denver, 8 p.m.
 Charlotte at Seattle, 9 p.m.
 Sacramento at Portland, 9 p.m.
Sunday's Games
 Dallas at Toronto, Noon
 Boston at Minnesota, Noon
 L.A. Clippers at Philadelphia, Noon
 L.A. Lakers at Houston, 2:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

American League
 TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to terms with OF Joey Gattight on a one-year contract.
National Basketball Association
 NBA—Suspended Indiana G Stephen Jackson one game without pay for verbally abusing an official at the end of a Feb. 2 game.
 MIAMI HEAT—Placed F Christian Laettner on the injured list. Activated F Donald Wright from the injured list.
National Football League
 ARIZONA CARDINALS—Announced the retirement of RB Emmitt Smith.
 CHICAGO BEARS—Named Rusty Jones strength and conditioning coordinator.
 DALLAS COWBOYS—Named Todd Bowles secondary coach.
 SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Announced Mike Reinhold will join the club as a consultant.

POINT/COUNTERPOINT
 Who will win in the Super Bowl?

The Patriots are the NFL's version of NBA superstar Tim Duncan. Boring but good. They have self-proclaimed themselves as boring, the NFL's vanilla ice cream. The defending Super Bowl champions have a mind-numbing, methodical formula that even led linebacker Mike Vrabel to declare that his team "sucks" on media day.

CNN, Tom Hanks, and the State of the Union Address. Boring. Judeo-Christian. Forgive me, but extremely pallid. Movies with the musically blessed — enough to scream "Ughh" and "Yeah" — hip-hop turned big screen. Boring.

According to Jeeves, boring is the Portland Art Museum, a library in Kuala Lumpur, and the aesthetics of symmetry.

"Something so lacking in interest as to cause mental weariness" is a little extreme for a description of the Patriots. They are worth watching. Because unlike your team, my team, and John Schoop's offense, boring works for them. Two rings and a pretty-boy quarterback later, the Patriots are on the verge of a third championship in four years. What party?

With a defensive unit that most people, Freddie Mitchell included, have a hard time naming, the Patriots have been the model franchise in the NFL these past few seasons. And for some reason, no one gets it. Not Sean Salisbury, not John Clayton, not one of these ESPN "experts" can figure out their arithmetic. Except for the boring New Englanders, who, despite injuries and a lack of pro-bowlers or big-name players, win almost every time they take the field.

The Patriots are a few Belichick schemes, Corey Dillon spin moves, Tom Brady dump-offs, and maybe a Troy Brown interception away from becoming a dynasty.

They're boring. They suck. They are about to win their third championship in four years.

Not bad for boring.
 — by Bryan Bamonte

All the talk the past two weeks during Super Bowl preparation has been about New England establishing its spot as a modern-day dynasty, and I have hated every minute of it. Yes, the Patriots are in their third Super Bowl in four years, but I think all the dynasty talk will end Feb. 6, when the Philadelphia beats the Patriots in the Super Bowl.

With almost the whole world picking New England and Philly being a 7-point underdog, the Eagles will be playing with a chip on their shoulder pads. Philadelphia isn't some scrub team that luckily found itself in the Super Bowl.

This was the best team the NFC had to offer. The Eagles had the division and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs locked up so early that Andy Reid had the choice of resting his starters the last two games of the regular season.

Outside the T.O. self-promotional tour and Freddie Mitchell trying to find every red light on every camera, the Eagles have remained well-grounded. Donovan McNabb is prepared for this game, and even though Terrell Owens will play, I think McNabb can pull off a great game even without him. But having T.O. back will make the Patriots' secondary focus on the All-Pro receiver, even if T.O. is only running decoy routes.

I think the strength of both teams is defense. Both teams have notable All-Pro's, whether it's Tedy Bruschi or Jevon Kearse, but they both have no-namers who are crucial to the defense's success. Cornerback Randall Gay, an undrafted rookie, has stepped in huge once both starting CBs for New England stepped down, and linebacker Ike Reese for the Eagles made the Pro Bowl as the special-teams representative.

Look for Brian Westbrook to motor the Eagles' offensive success. If he has a big game, the Patriots are in trouble. And let's not forget that Owens will play, and I think the Eagles will shock the sporting world and beat the Pats by a touchdown.
 — by Justin Skelnik

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 • Women's basketball hosts Wisconsin, Carver-Hawkeye, 2:05 p.m.
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BIG PAY OFF

BY KRISTI POOLER
 THE DAILY IOWAN

When Mindi Levitz decided to attend Iowa, it wasn't because she was promised a gymnastics scholarship.

For the three seasons that she has been a part of the women's gymnastics program, she hasn't received a cent. Now, in her final season as a Hawkeye, Levitz is seeing all of her hard work and training pay off — literally.

At just 5-0, what she lacks in size she makes up in strength, skill, and determination on the floor. These qualities are the reason that, finally, as senior, she has reaped the rewards of all of her efforts in the form of a full athletics scholarship.

"The impression that I was under when I came here was that it could be possible [to receive a scholarship]," Levitz said. "They didn't tell me that I would or wouldn't but that if I worked hard and I was contributing and being a valid team player, that it could be possible under the right circumstances."

"The process for a walk-on athlete to receive a scholarship is not easy. A coach must see that the athlete has dedicated her or his time and committed to the sport as well as excelling in competition.

"The likelihood of a scholarship coming open is very rare," said head gymnastics coach Larissa Libby.
 Giving a scholarship to an

Iowa senior and UI gymnast **MINDI LEVITZ** used her skills and determination to receive an athletics scholarship in her final year

"It's kind of crazy that I can get paid to do this job, because I love to work out, and I love talking to people. Every session I've done I've gone over time because I just keep talking, and I love to share with people my ideas and learn more about them."
 — Mindi Levitz

athlete such as Levitz, who is already on a team, means that the team will be short one athlete in their recruiting class, she added.

The senior, a New York native, comes from a tradition of athleticism, but the Levitz family was a common fixture at the local tennis club, not the gymnastics building across the street.

Levitz and her older sister, however, were drawn to the gymnastics floor, and as a 4-year-old, she began taking lessons. At 8, Levitz began competing.

She continued gymnastics through high school. Although her school did not have a gymnastics program, she found a way to indulge her passion by joining a club team. Club gymnastics was a necessary step to improving her skills as a gymnast; however, she wanted more.

"I always admired the team aspect of college gymnastics," Levitz said, describing the solidarity of club gymnastics.

Despite her desire to compete at the collegiate level, she was almost taken out of contention by an injury. When she lost a year of competition as a junior because of a fractured tibia, she was unsure whether she would

have a future as a collegiate gymnast.

Luckily, Levitz received a call from former women's gymnastics head coach Mike Lorenzen. He invited her to visit the Iowa campus and meet the team.

"I always knew that I wanted to go far from home," Levitz said. "It was also important to me not just to walk on, but I wanted to compete. I didn't want to walk on at a school where I wouldn't compete."

Although Lorenzen told her she would not receive a scholarship, she met the women on the team and became hooked.

Since she walked on, her outgoing personality has made her a natural leader and inspiration to the rest of the program.

"She came onto the team as a freshman with not as much training as many of the women, and she has become one of the competitive five," Libby said. "She is truly a team leader."

A self-proclaimed exercise addict, Levitz has led the team in workouts and takes spinning, step, and kickboxing classes on top of her daily training schedule. She also runs three miles nearly every morning, including

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T.O. key to Super Bowl win

SUPER BOWL

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they could be overmatched by the Patriots' defensive alignments that tend to hide any weaknesses.

So T.O. will need to be a strong semblance of, well, T.O.

"I am excited to see that he still has that drive, that determination to get back out there on the field," McNabb said. "I am not saying he is going to be fully at 100 percent, but when you get so close to this ultimate dream and know that you are at 85-90 percent, the first thing that comes to mind when you get out there is calming yourself down. I am sure his adrenaline is going to be at a high. He will probably be bouncing around the locker room. But if he can control that and have the full confidence in the ankle, as well as the mindset, T.O. will be back to the old T.O."

Which means a playmaker. Owens, acquired from San Francisco to be the gamebreaker the Philadelphia offense lacked, was just that for almost 14 games. He had 77 receptions for 1,200 yards and 14 TDs. He required double and even triple coverage.

If that is the Owens who shows up in Alltel Stadium, it significantly multiplies Philly's chances to win its first NFL crown since 1960. And even if he isn't fully healthy, he could still be a factor.

Indeed, T.O.'s mere presence on the field should give the Eagles a lift.

"When I'm in there, I am going to play 100 percent. Anytime I am on the field, I expect to have an impact," he said.

Not surprisingly, the Patriots are preparing for a fully fit, ultradangerous Owens. They certainly won't be intimidated by him, not after the way they shut down MVP Peyton Manning and the Colts in the playoffs.

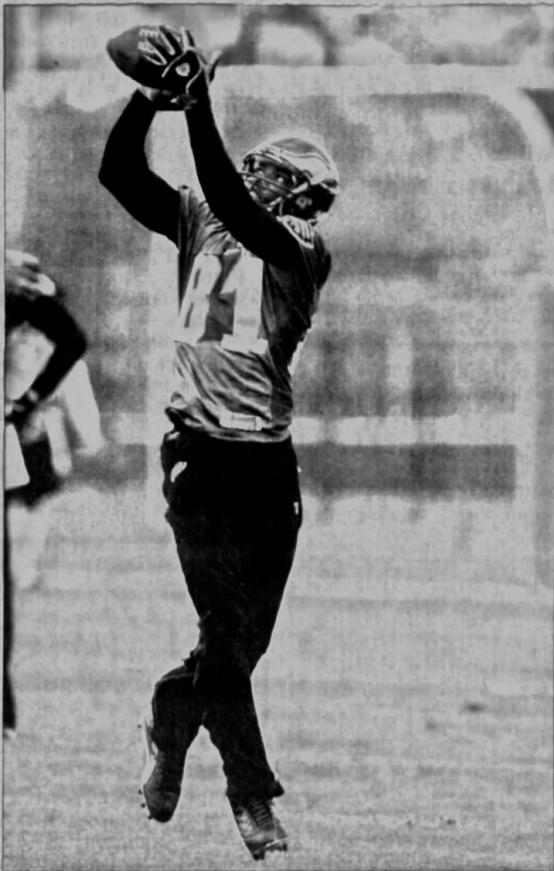
New England, despite being without its top two cornerbacks (Ty Law and Tyrone Poole) for months, tends to get the best of

any matchups because of the brilliance of coach Bill Belichick's schemes.

So don't be surprised to see linebacker Tedy Bruschi or safety Rodney Harrison or perhaps a lineman dropping into coverage during a zone blitz to help cornerbacks Asante Samuel or Randall Gay — or even wideout Troy Brown, who had three inter-

ceptions as a fill-in nickel back.

"Players make plays," Harrison said. "If you don't make plays, what is a scheme? You can engineer a great car, but if you don't have the people putting it together, the car won't turn out to be anything. I think the main thing that our coaches have is a great awareness of our strengths and weaknesses, and they play to that."



Rusty Kennedy/Associated Press
Philadelphia wide receiver Terrell Owens jumps to catch a ball during practice Thursday in Jacksonville, Fla.

Athletics facing budget cuts after rough week

ATHLETICS

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So when Allen confided in head football coach Kirk Ferentz about his alleged violent altercation, there was no official protocol to handle the matter, and Allen played in the Jan. 1 Capital One Bowl. Iowa Athletics Director Bob Bowlsby and Ferentz disciplined Allen with community service because charges had not been filed, Bowlsby said.

More than two months after the alleged fight, the Iowa City police charged Allen for knocking a man unconscious and breaking his jaw on Nov. 28.

Allen "came in and said he got in an altercation downtown, and Ferentz dealt with it," Bowlsby said. "Had there

been charges filed, we would have reacted differently."

Iowa officials are bracing themselves for another wave of fervor in the wake of Pierce's termination and Allen's charges. The first case against Pierce fueled a boycott among some Hawkeye basketball fans and incited ridicule from opposition fans.

"The last Pierce situation, after the verdict was decided upon, there was some obvious fluctuation in [men's basketball] ticket sales," said David Sandstrum, the athletics ticket manager. "We are down this year from where we were three years ago."

Parrott said the Pierce situation "obviously has an effect on basketball attendance," and he "hopes the team does well the next year and in

the Big Ten tournament."

Decreasing basketball attendance is worrisome to the department, which just had \$250,000 hacked from its budget last week.

"It's impossible to assess [the impact of the budget cut] right now," Bowlsby said. "There is at least another couple of months before we get the budget together. We don't know where that money will come from."

In April 2003, he warned that a cut of \$300,000 or more would force the department to consider eliminating a nonrevenue sport. But in a recent interview, he said administrators will try to disperse the shortfall among several programs.

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Hawks can't hold back Gophers

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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"The guards were really hitting from outside early, so I knew it would open things up inside for me," said McCarville, who had just four points and two fouls in 10 minutes in the first half. "I just worked on getting good position down low, deep in the post."

Jamie Cavey led Iowa with 18 points and seven rebounds, and Crystal Smith added 12 points for the Hawkeyes (15-5, 4-5), who have lost five of seven. Iowa ranked sixth in the nation in field-goal percentage at 48.0 percent but shot just 36.2 percent from the floor and committed 26 turnovers.

"Their physical play took us out of what we wanted to do," Iowa coach Lisa Bluder said. "It was hard to run our offense. We're not going to win too many games turning the ball over 26 times — that's just horrific. Their defensive pressure was fabulous and it led to a lot of their points."

Brobback came up with five of Minnesota's 11 steals, using her reach on the perimeter and size underneath the basket to keep the Hawkeyes' offense off-balance.

"Coach was saying, 'Keep playing physical,'" Brobback said. "That's how we win games. We were the more physical team tonight."

Junior guard Shannon Schonrock got Minnesota off to a hot start, hitting three 3-pointers in the game's first five minutes. The third one erased Iowa's final lead and triggered an 11-0 run that helped the Gophers pull ahead 20-10. Schonrock finished with 14 points.

"We had her labeled on our scouting sheet — don't let her get open 3-pointers," Bluder said. "But she comes out and hits four of them in the first half. She set the tone, I think, for the game early."

Brobback later hit a 3-pointer, then went end-to-end with a steal for a layup that pushed the Gophers' lead to 39-23.



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Iowa wrestling heads to Penn St., Ohio St.

Just like last weekend, the Iowa wrestling team will face Big Ten opponents on the road on back-to-back days starting this evening.

The Hawkeyes (6-4 overall, 1-2 Big Ten) will take on Penn State at 6 p.m. today in University Park, Pa., at the Nittany Lions' Rec Hall, and will face Ohio State at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at St. John's Arena in Columbus, Ohio.

Penn State is 8-7 on the season (2-2 Big Ten) and has lost its last seven meets against Iowa.

The Buckeyes are 7-7 overall this season (0-3 Big Ten) and have lost 29 straight to the Hawkeyes. The last and only time Iowa lost to Ohio State in Columbus was in 1966.

Iowa will compete at home on Feb. 11 against Minnesota for the first time since Jan. 23.

— by Brian Triplett

Women's tennis head to Nebraska

The Iowa women's tennis squad will travel to Lincoln, Neb., this weekend to face Nebraska and Washington State.

Both teams are ranked below the Hawkeyes, with Nebraska at No. 74 and Washington State at No. 68. Iowa hasn't faced the Cornhuskers since 1999, a meet the Hawkeyes won. Washington State holds a 1-0 lead in the series against Iowa, with the only meeting coming in 1997, when the Cougars won 8-1.

The Hawkeyes swept Drake last weekend prior to falling to Denver. After the 7-0 defeat of the Bulldogs, Iowa was unable to upend the 45th-ranked Denver team despite an impressive upset by Meg Racette and Hilary Mintz in doubles competition, where they knocked off the 30th-ranked doubles team.

Iowa heads into the weekend ranked 44th nationally, according to the ITA poll.

Competition is slated for 2 p.m. today against Nebraska and 10 a.m. on Saturday against Washington State.

— by Bryan Bamonte

Men's tennis faces off against Illinois

The Iowa men's tennis team, fresh off an opening-day trouncing of Northern Illinois, will head down I-74 to face Indiana State on Saturday before traveling to Indianapolis on

Feb. 6 to take on Butler.

The Hawkeyes should fare well against both opponents; Iowa slammed the Sycamores of Indiana State a season ago, while the Bulldogs carry a 1-5 record into their meet with the Hawks.

Houghton's crew was successful its first time out; the Hawks defeated Northern Illinois, 6-1, in a nearly flawless performance. Iowa was one win shy of sweeping the showdown, and junior Chaitu Malempati wasn't at full strength in the Hawkeyes' lone loss.

This will be the first time Houghton can see how his "inexperienced" bunch responds to the road.

— by Bryan Bamonte

Men's track travels to UNI open in Cedar Falls

The Iowa men's track-and-field team will travel north for this weekend's UNI Open, to be held on Saturday in Cedar Falls. The Hawkeyes will be one of nine teams participating in the event.

The Hawkeyes will look to add more provisional qualifiers for this year's NCAA Indoor Championships. Iowa has had at least one competitor qual-

fier in each meet this indoor season.

— by Justin Skelnik

Men's gymnastics head to Sin City

While the sixth-ranked Iowa men's gymnastics team as a whole has the weekend off, four individuals will travel to Las Vegas to compete in the USAG Winter Cup today and Saturday.

Michael Reavis, Michael McNamara, and Curtis Kleffman will compete in the all-around, and Kenny Lin will compete on the vault and rings.

"This competition is a chance for these individuals to qualify for the national team," said Hawkeye coach Tom Dunn. "While these four individuals worked on their routines, the other team members got a chance to test out new routines."

— by Justin Skelnik

Women's track heads to Husker Invite

The Hawkeye women's track-and-field team will travel to Lincoln, Neb., to compete in the Husker Invitational.

"This will be our toughest meet to date," said coach James Grant. "We are taking only those athletes who

have qualifying standards."

This meet will be Iowa's first at the national level this season.

"I am looking for continued improvement from all of the athletes," Grant said. "Because this meet is at the national-competition level, I am looking for my athletes to perform at that level. They should be at the prime of their competition before the Big Ten championships coming up in a few weeks."

Nineteen teams will compete at the Husker Invitational this weekend. Today's competition will begin at 1 p.m. at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. On Saturday, events will start at 10 a.m.

— by Kristi Pooler

Men's swimming travels to face Northwestern

The Iowa men's swimming team will travel to Evanston, Ill., to compete in its final dual meet of the

season against Northwestern.

The Hawkeyes, 0-4 in the Big Ten, will look for their first conference victory on Saturday against a Wildcat team that, while posting a 500 record (2-2 in the Big Ten), has fallen four times to teams ranked in the top 15. Northwestern's strength of schedule would make selection committees giddy; it has faced six nationally ranked opponents with quality wins over No. 21 Notre Dame and others.

Iowa lost to Missouri and Penn State at the Field House in its final home meet last weekend. The Hawkeyes will have no easy task looking for a victory on the road against the 14th-ranked conference opponent.

Interim head coach Marc Long will be looking for his first win as coach of the men's team after taking over midway through the season.

Competition is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Saturday in Evanston.

— by Bryan Bamonte

Smith retires as NFL's all-time leading rusher

BY DAVE GOLDBERG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — NFL career rushing leader Emmitt Smith retired Thursday, calling his 15-year career "a tremendous ride."

Smith, who starred for the Dallas Cowboys for 13 seasons and spent the last two years with Arizona, made the announcement at the Super Bowl — a fitting spot for a three-time champion.

"I've given everything I can possible to the game, on and off the field," Smith said.

Wearing a pinstripe suit — blue, of course — Smith thanked dozens of people from Pee Wee football to the Cardinals and every stop inbetween. He broke down several times and had tears streaming down his face as he clutched his wife's hand.

"The memories that I have, the relationships that I'm taking away from the game, are something dear and something I will take with me for the rest of my life," he said. "I'm moving on to another chapter in my life, and that's a chapter I'm looking forward to."

Smith said he planned to pursue some business opportunities but vowed to stay close to the game and give something back to the fans.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, one of the many Smith thanked through tears, gave the best reason for the long list of salutations.

"When you've established yourself as royalty, then you have to mention everybody," Jones said. "That's the price you pay."

The 35-year-old Smith ran for 18,355 yards and 164 touchdowns in his career, both NFL records. He rushed for 937

yards and nine touchdowns for the Cardinals this season.

Smith said the Cardinals had decided not to re-sign him for next year.

"That made my decision a whole lot easier," Smith said, adding that he turned down offers to continue his career elsewhere. "I have a home. It's with my family."

Smith was more consistent than he was spectacular, a running back who could be relied on to get tough yards when tough yards were needed.

He rushed for 1,000 yards or more every year between 1991 and 2001. He led the NFL in rushing in 1991, 1992, and 1995 and in touchdowns in three different seasons.

But despite his impressive statistics, he won just two major awards in 15 seasons — NFL MVP in 1993 and the Super Bowl MVP that same season, when he rushed for 130 yards and two touchdowns in the Cowboys' 30-13 win over Buffalo in Atlanta.

He won those despite missing the first two games in a contract dispute with Jones. Smith finished the year with perhaps his greatest game, an overtime win over the New York Giants at the Meadowlands.

The Cowboys and Giants were both 11-4. The winner got the NFC East title, home-field advantage in the playoffs, and a first-round bye. The loser got a wild-card game the following week.

Smith separated his shoulder in the third quarter but returned to the game, which went into overtime tied at 13. He carried the ball on nine of the Cowboys' 11 plays in the extra period — at one point raising his aching shoulder to stiff-arm Lawrence Taylor on his final run, which set up Eddie Murray's game-winning field goal.

He finished with 229 total



Mike Fiala/Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith looks to the crowd after scoring his third-quarter touchdown against the Arizona Cardinals on Nov. 15, 1998, in Tempe, Ariz. NFL career rushing leader Emmitt Smith is retiring after 15 years, two sources within the NFL said.

yards and a touchdown on 32 carries, along with 10 receptions — the heaviest workload in team history. Then he spent the night in a hospital.

Had the Cowboys lost that game, Smith probably wouldn't have been able to play the following week in a wild-

card game.

That would have made the road much more difficult in what turned out to be the Cowboys' second of three Super Bowl victories in four seasons.

"Emmitt has never forgot he was part of a team and what the team meant," Jones said.

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Sosa a hit with Orioles

BY DAVID GINSBURG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BALTIMORE — It's too soon to determine whether the trade that brought Sammy Sosa to Baltimore will revive his sputtering career and salvage his sullied reputation.

This much is certain: By acquiring one of the greatest home run hitters, the Orioles turned around a frustrating off-season in which the most notable event was jail time served by the ace of the staff.

After being denied in its pursuit of free agents Carl Pavano, Richie Sexson, and Carlos Delgado, Baltimore landed a prestigious catch in Sosa, the only major leaguer to hit 60 homers in three seasons.

"I know there was some frustration throughout the city during the wintertime," manager Lee Mazzilli said. "But I think we answered that call in getting Sammy Sosa."

By giving up backup second baseman Jerry Hairston Jr. and two prospects, the Orioles added punch to a lineup that ranked ninth in the American League in home runs last season. Sosa also brings star quality to a team that faces competition for the fan dollar from the nearby Washington Nationals, which also had talks with the Cubs to land the 36-year-old slugger.

At the news conference Wednesday to announce Sosa's arrival, Orioles Vice President

Mike Flanagan stared into the sea of camera lights in the crowded room and said, "It's a good day for the Baltimore Orioles."

It's also a great day for Sosa, who was eager to leave Chicago after a 13-year run that was ultimately scuttled by irreconcilable differences involving decreasing production at the plate, a corked bat, a rift with Cubs manager Dusty Baker, and an exit from the ballpark before completion of the 2004 season finale.

"All the problems I had in Chicago, it's in the past. What happened, happened," Sosa said. "Just like a marriage, sometimes you just have to get a divorce. We're all smart guys. We know it was time to move on."

Although Sosa's 80 RBIs last season were his fewest since 1994, he will bat cleanup for the Orioles, probably behind Melvin Mora (who hit .340 in 2004) and Miguel Tejada (34 HRs, 150 RBIs) and ahead of Rafael Palmeiro (23 HRs, 88 RBIs) and Javy Lopez (.316, 86 RBIs).

"We're going to have left-right balance, depth, and flexibility of position," Flanagan said. "It's one of the best lineups in the game."

Flanagan and Executive Vice President Jim Beattie hoped to land a frontline starting pitcher and a right-handed power hitter this off-season. Before Sosa came to town, their most notable acquisition was reliever Steve Kline, whose arrival was addressed in a press release rather than a news conference.



Gail Burton/Associated Press

Sammy Sosa, the newest member of the Baltimore Orioles, smiles after trying on his jersey and hat Wednesday in Baltimore. The trade that sent Sosa to the Orioles from the Chicago Cubs was completed Wednesday after Commissioner Bud Selig approved the deal and the slugger passed his physical.

When the Orioles arrive at training camp later this month, Sosa will divert attention from Sidney Ponson, whose off-season workouts were interrupted by a Christmas Day fight that earned him a seven-day stay in an Aruban jail.

Ponson is part of a young rotation that the Orioles hope can profit from another year of experience and a bullpen enhanced by the addition of Kline and free agent Steve Reed.

"Knowing this lineup is hit-

ting behind them, it's got to help the starters," said Jay Gibbons, who will move from right field to first base to make room for Sosa. "All they have to do is give us five, six good innings. Our bullpen, which is much better, can handle the rest."

The Orioles probably aren't ready to compete with the World Series champion Boston Red Sox or high-spending New York Yankees in the AL East, but Sosa expects Baltimore to make the division race interesting.

IOWA STATE FOOTBALL

Yelk gets sixth year at Iowa State

DES MOINES (AP) — Tony Yelk is getting what he wanted — one final season to kick for Iowa State's football team.

Yelk learned Thursday that the NCAA has granted him a sixth year of eligibility because of a hip injury that kept him out last fall. Normally, a player has five years to complete his four years of eligibility, but the NCAA makes occasional exceptions and it did for Yelk.

"I was excited," said Yelk, who heard the news from coach Dan McCarney. "It was what I was hoping for and praying for, and it ended up happening."

Yelk sat out his freshman year in 2000 as a redshirt, then kicked for three seasons. He did both the placekicking and punting in 2001, but was almost exclusively a punter the next two years.

Then, while practicing field-goal kicking last summer, he felt something pop in his right hip and

the injury bothered him the rest of the year. Yelk would warm up during games but wasn't able to kick.

"I'm still not 100 percent," he said. "I'm trying to kick once a week, trying to work back into it."

The hip feels fine when he punts but wears out when he kicks more than 10 field goals. Yelk said he hopes to be at full strength for spring practice, which starts March 23.

"We are happy this worked out for Tony," McCarney said. "It is extremely rare, but his injury now will not rob him of a final year as a Cyclone."

Yelk's career punting average of 42.3 yards is the second-best in school history. But he has been inconsistent as a placekicker, missing 14 of his 25 field-goal attempts.

Poor kicking hurt Iowa State last season until McCarney gave the job to freshman walk-on Bret Culbertson, who finished 8-for-10 on field goals and made all 16 of his extra points. Junior Troy Blankenship averaged 38.4 yards as the punter.

For problem gamblers, Super Bowl is a big, unavoidable temptation

BY JOHN CURRAN
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EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, N.J. — One by one, they filed in for a Tuesday night meeting of Gamblers Anonymous.

One man wore an Eagles sweatshirt. One remembered the Super Bowl Sunday he spent babysitting his granddaughter, only to find himself with an uncontrollable urge to bet \$10,000 on the game, 10 years after his last bet.

Then there was the newcomer, facing his first Super Bowl since he quit a lifelong addiction in which he bet up to \$12,000 a game on the NFL.

"It's a tough week," he told the gathering. "It's the trifecta: We've got football, the Super Bowl, and my favorite team playing."

For gambling addicts like these, the Super Bowl is anything but super. The buildup to Sunday can be even worse: It is a time to relive bad memories, to fight gnawing temptations, to avoid thinking about the event everyone seems to be talking about.

That's a difficult proposition, especially here — in a southern New Jersey community awash in Philadelphia Eagles fever. There are "Go Eagles" signs on

cars, grocery store circulars advertising Super Bowl snacks, and seemingly nonstop coverage of Terrell Owens' injury on radio and TV.

"They just have to ignore it, and it's really difficult in this area because of all the hype about the Eagles," said Harvey Fogel, a compulsive gambling counselor. "If they were in Minnesota, it wouldn't be that big a deal. It's worse here. There's more hype because of the Eagles."

The same is true in New England, where Patriots fans are immersed in the team's hunt for a third NFL title in four years. The game also is the subject of advertising, news media coverage, office pools, and watercooler talk about the Patriots, who are favored by a touchdown to beat the Eagles.

"Certainly, this is a hard time for folks in recovery from sports betting," said Marlene Warner, program director of the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling. "In particular, the media's hyping the Super Bowl, saying it's a dynasty here in New England, and the Patriots are favored to win."

"It's kind of a 'We can't lose' attitude, and I'm sure that's sending signals to people that it's a sure bet, that if you're

going to bet, this is the time to do it. That starts thinking in people like, 'Well, maybe this one time, I can do it,'" Warner said.

To recovering gamblers whose passion was sports betting, the Super Bowl means super temptation.

It is an opportunity to salvage a losing season, a chance to erase debts with one big victory — lots of chances, in fact: There are dozens of possible bets, including who wins the coin toss, whether the game's first punt will hit the ground or be caught cleanly, and whether the reigning champs' point total will be an even number or an odd one.

Nevada sports books anticipate taking up to \$100 million in legal bets on the Feb. 6 game. Millions more dollars are expected to be wagered on the Internet.

Many others will bet with bookies who accept wagers on credit. All the gambler needs is a telephone.

"There's a romanticism to it," said one recovering sports bettor, a 41-year-old man from New Eng-

land who asked that his name not be used. "You want to hear every nuance, every detail, every injury report. It's a whole thing. You're romantically connected to the sport and to the players."

And come Monday, the 1-800-GAMBLER helpline run by the New Jersey Council on Compulsive Gambling expects to see its annual spike, with bottomed-out gamblers seeking help. Typically, the lines see a 50 percent increase in calls in the week following the game, according to Ed Weed, who runs it.

"They say 'I've had it,' or 'I thought for sure so-and-so would win,' or 'I took the points,'" Weed said.

Others spend the week scrambling to raise money to pay their debts and end up calling for help the following week.

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SPORTS

Dillon fitting in just fine with defending champs

BY JIMMY GOLEN
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AUGUSTINE, Fla. — He heard himself called a selfish player, a malcontent, a bad teammate. What really got to Corey Dillon was that for the first seven years of his career he never heard anyone call him a winner.

"For years, I really lost hope," the New England Patriots running back said as he prepared to play the Philadelphia Eagles in the Super Bowl. "I really thought I'd never get to this stage, but I just kept pressing. ... I love going to work and working hard to try to help this organization win."

Dillon had never been in the playoffs before this year, slogging through in Cincinnati, growing dissatisfied with the losing and the team's increasing dependence on him to carry the offense. He ran for a then-record 278 yards in a single game in 2000, and he had more than 1,100 yards in each of his first six seasons.

But in 2003, his last year in Cincinnati, he injured his groin and grumbled about becoming part of the "Bungles" legacy of losing. He wanted out, and by that time, the Bengals were happy to get rid of him. It was almost unfair when the defending Super Bowl champs — winners of two NFL titles in the previous three years — got Dillon for a second-round draft pick on the Massachusetts holiday called Patriots Day.

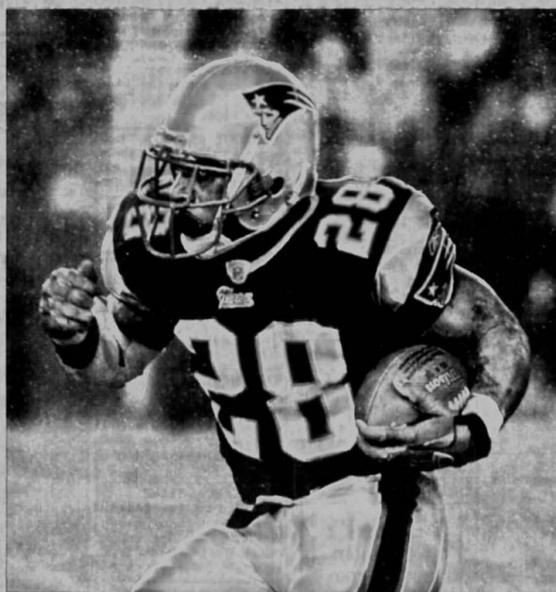
Antwain Smith was a steady but unspectacular running back on the two championship teams, and there was no doubt whether Dillon was an upgrade. But many wondered if he would fit the team-first attitude of the New England locker room, where dissension is discouraged and going public with your complaints is just not done.

In vetting Dillon with his former teammates, coaches, and friends, the Patriots concluded he wouldn't be a problem at all.

"He was a heck of a player with the Cincinnati Bengals, and he's been really good with us," said Scott Pioli, the Patriots' head of player personnel. "All of us have reputations that precede us. So you sit with a person, man or woman, and find out what and who they are for yourself. We try to avoid judging people before we spend time with them."

Dillon was concerned enough about his reputation that he addressed his new teammates when he arrived, asking them to keep an open mind. They did, and Dillon thrived in a system where no single player is the focus of the offense, in a locker room where no player is treated like a star.

"Nobody really passed judgment on me," Dillon said. "I'm pretty sure that it was in everyone's mind: Let's see what this guy is all about and see if the



Elise Amendola/Associated Press

New England running back Corey Dillon carries the ball against Indianapolis during their AFC playoff game on Jan. 16 in Foxboro, Mass.

rumors are true. But just right off the bat, everyone welcomed me with open arms. Everyone has been great."

And so has Dillon. He ran for more than 100 yards in nine of 15 games this year — and never for fewer than 79. He missed the biggest game of the regular season, at Pittsburgh, with a thigh injury. Without him, New England ran for five yards on six carries and lost to the Steelers on Oct. 31, ending its 21-game winning streak and costing it home-field advantage for the AFC title game.

In his playoff debut against the Colts on Jan. 16, Dillon carried 23 times for 144 yards as the Patriots ran Indianapolis out of the postseason, earning him the nickname "Clock-Killin' Dillon."

"You have to hit him. You have to play sound fundamental football" to stop Dillon, Eagles linebacker Jeremiah Trotter said. "He is a big guy. He is a guy who will run hard and try to run over you, but he can break the big one. You definitely have to have a lot of guys around him with the football."

And that opens the field for the passing game.

"He's added a great element to this team," quarterback Tom Brady said. "He brings toughness to the offense just by the way he runs the ball, and he's very excited. You can tell in practice."

Even as he distanced himself from teammates and media in Cincinnati, no one ever questioned Dillon's work ethic or his talent. But he recoiled when asked to be a leader in the locker room, and he began complaining when a groin injury forced him to share the job with Rudi Johnson.

After the last game of his final season there, he threw his pads, spikes, and jersey into the

stands, then cleaned out his locker. His teammates criticized him, and the Bengals had no choice but to trade him.

Dillon acknowledged he brought to New England "that stigma of being a bad guy in the locker room and being selfish." But he has maintained he was only worn down by year after year of losing.

"I think the thing that irritated me the most was when they said that I was a cancer to the team. That really kind of ruffled me a little bit," Dillon said. "For a guy that, for seven years, went out and put his heart and soul on that field, and at the end of the day he looked upon as the reason why we weren't successful — that rubbed me the wrong way."

No matter what happens Feb. 6, Dillon has already shed his image as a malcontent. Should the Patriots win, he will have a new reputation.

SUPER BOWL XXXIX HALFTIME SHOW

NFL to 'Let It Be' with Sir Paul on halftime stage

BY EDDIE PELLIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — A year removed from the Janet Jackson debacle, the NFL has come up with the perfect way to clean up its act at halftime of the Super Bowl: Hire a British knight to entertain.

Sir Paul McCartney will be the only performer during the NFL's 12-minute extravaganza. He promises not to cause the same furor Jackson stirred up last season when Justin Timberlake tore open her top at the end of the show and revealed her bare breast — the infamous "wardrobe malfunction."

And so, the former Beatles star has come full circle. Considered among the most edgy entertainers in the world during the 1960s, he has now become the safe choice.

"I had a slight inkling that there might be something like that attached to it," McCartney said at a news conference Thursday. "That's OK. It's an honor to do it."

McCartney's play list — he has hundreds of songs to choose from — is a secret, although everything has been vetted and approved by the NFL to ensure he doesn't sing anything that might be offensive.

The 62-year-old icon, who

was knighted in London nine years ago, joked about the possibility of exposing flesh during the halftime show.

"I can assure you I won't," McCartney said. "Because I'll be naked."

Fox, which is televising the game, has opted against an eight-second delay of the telecast as a way of preventing something inappropriate from airing. Short delays on live events became much more popular in the aftermath of the Jackson affair.

"Basically, we're treating the Super Bowl as a news event," Fox spokesman Dan Hill said. "We don't believe in tape delaying news events."

Last year, CBS broadcast the game, and the NFL farmed out the halftime show to MTV, which, along with CBS, is a subsidiary of parent company Viacom. The league was sorely disappointed.

The Jackson episode dominated conversation about the game for weeks afterward. It prompted congressional hearings, stricter Federal Communication Commission rules, and triggered \$550,000 in fines against the 20 CBS-owned stations that carried the game.

The NFL swore it would never give up control of its entertainment again. It hired producer Don Mischer, who has experience with the Emmys and other awards shows, political conventions, and a past Super Bowl.

"We're not anticipating anything" going wrong, Mischer said. "But you never know. Live TV is live TV. Someone could do something."

The NFL is touting this show as one that keeps in line with the Super Bowl theme in Jacksonville, "Building Bridges." Few singers have done that better during the last 40 years than Sir Paul.

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