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Lawmakers cast cold eye on athletes' graduation rates

BY SEUNG MIN KIM
THE DAILY IOWAN

State lawmakers, frustrated with disparities among student-athlete graduation rates, vowed Monday to increase scrutiny on Iowa's public universities, using a task force that will explore ways to close the existing gaps.

Under a recently introduced House resolution, the state Board of Regents will establish a task force to study student-athlete graduation rates and make recommendations on how to close the disparity among different groups, such as ethnicity or sex.

"I want those standards to be looked at

and if we, as a state of Iowa, are doing the best we can for these kids," said the resolution's co-sponsor, Rep. Wayne Ford, D-Des Moines. Both of the resolution's sponsors, Ford and Rep. Scott Raecker, R-Urbandale, are former college athletes.

NCAA statistics show that while student-athletes generally have higher graduation rates than their non-athlete counterparts, a distinct gap exists between the graduation rates of male and female athletes.

At the UI, 65 percent of male athletes graduated within six years, compared with

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2004 GRADUATION RATES AT THE UI:

Baseball: 80 percent
Men's basketball: 50 percent
Men's cross-country/track: 67 percent
Football: 53 percent
Other men's sports: 72 percent
Women's basketball: 100 percent
Women's cross-country/track: 45 percent
Other women's sports: 81 percent

Source: NCAA

The agreed-upon gestures mark the most promising moves at conciliation since the outbreak of the intifada, which has left more than 4,000 people dead

Israelis, Palestinians agree to cease-fires

BY KEN ELLINGWOOD
LOS ANGELES TIMES



Mahmoud Abbas
Palestinian Authority president



Ariel Sharon
Israeli prime minister

JERUSALEM — Israeli and Palestinian leaders have agreed to declare simultaneous cease-fires during Tuesday's summit in Egypt, a breakthrough that could end a bloody four-year uprising and ease the way for more far-reaching steps toward peace.

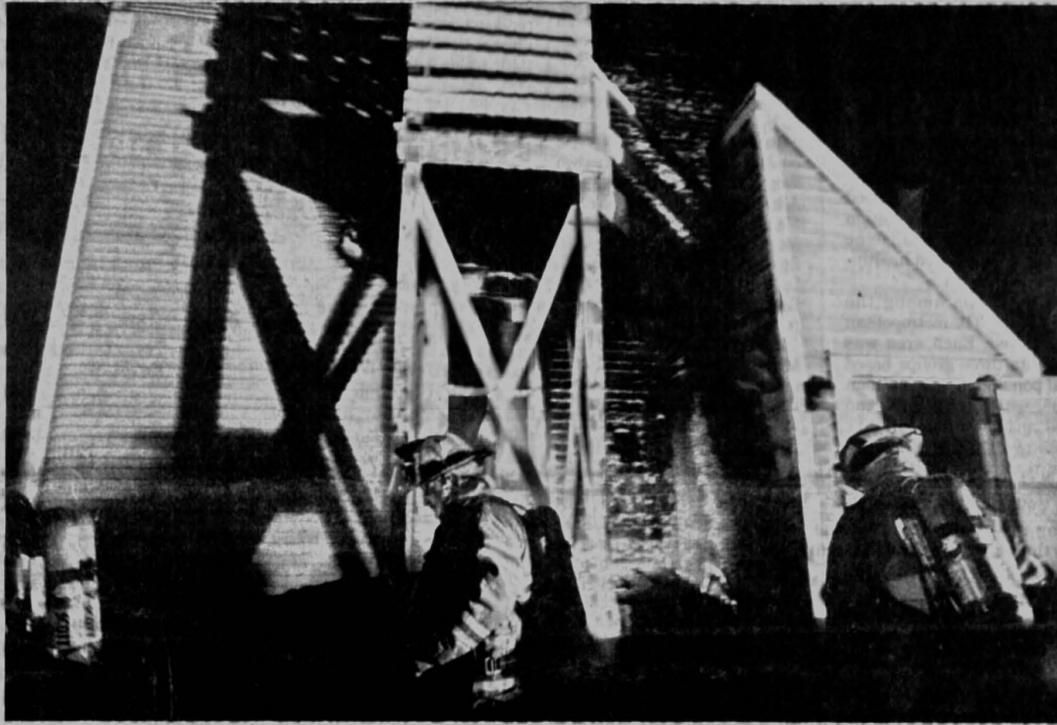
An aide to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said the two sides would not sign a mutual truce but their actions would have the same effect. Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas (who is generally known as Abu Mazen) is to announce an end to the uprising that began in September 2000, while Israel would halt its military activities if the Palestinians make good on their promise to crack down on armed militants, said the Sharon aide, Raanan Gissin.

Israel was also expected to announce it would release 900 Palestinian prisoners and pull its troops from five West Bank cities, handing over security to Palestinian forces.

The agreed-upon gestures — and the air of cooperation that produced them — mark the most

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FIRE AT SHELTER HOUSE



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

Iowa City firefighters walk by embers still hot from a fire that charred the back of Shelter House, 331 N. Gilbert St., on Monday night. The fire displaced 29 shelter residents; it apparently started on a two-story wooden staircase, neighbors said. No injuries were reported as of 11:30 p.m. Monday. The home's management had not yet decided where to house the residents overnight.

For more details, see Wednesday's *Daily Iowan*.

DI Publisher Casey wins state newspaper honor

BY CHRISTINA ERB
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa Newspaper Association presented *DI* Publisher William Casey with the Master Editor-Publisher award on Feb. 4, honoring his 29 years of service with the daily student newspaper.

"We have tremendous kids at the UI," said Casey, 54, of Iowa City. "It is our editors, photographers, and writers that have made this award possible."

Arvid Huisman, the executive director for the Iowa Newspaper Foundation, praised Casey, describing him as the father of many successful journalism careers.

"I am so impressed with the number of journalists that Bill has helped bring to the world," said Huisman, who won the award in 1997. "I realize how long Bill has been there and how he has mentored so many people. It's kind of like reading a who's who list in American newspapers. A lot of people have gone on from *The Daily Iowan* to great success."

Foundation program administrator Deb Mueggenberg said the annual award is designed to honor Iowa publishers who have strong and honorable work ethics.

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Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

Daily Iowan Publisher Bill Casey stands in the unfinished *DI* newsroom in the Adler Journalism Building on Monday. Casey won the Iowa Newspaper Association Master Editor-Publisher Award at the group's banquet in Des Moines on Feb. 4.

Pro-choice activist resists stereotype

BY DANIELLE STRATTON-COULTER
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI junior Andrew Goedeken remembers what confirmed his beliefs about abortion rights — a friend in his Daum Residence Hall floor realized she was pregnant just weeks into her first semester of college.

The woman left immediately, not returning to finish her education.

"While that was her prerogative, I wonder if she didn't understand her options,"

said Goedeken, now the president of the student group Pro-Choice University of Iowa. "I see a cold feeling run through people's veins when they feel out of control. That's the thing about being a male in this: We don't know that fear."

He said he is in the minority as a male pro-choice activist — fewer than a quarter of the group's members are men — but the group's vice president said Goedeken knows more about reproductive issues than any other college student she knows.

"Stereotypically, reproductive rights aren't a 'male issue', but he has taken it upon himself to make it his cause because of how much he cares about his female friends," said UI junior Lauren Thomann.

The Ames native worries that the 32-year-old *Roe v. Wade* decision could be overturned if conservative justices fill expected vacancies on the Supreme Court, one being the likely retirement of Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

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Guster to headline 2nd 10,000 show

BY DANIELLE STRATTON-COULTER
THE DAILY IOWAN

Volunteer registration for the second 10,000 Hours Show is expected to skyrocket this week with Monday's announcement of this year's concert artist and a volunteer fair on Thursday.

Mellow rock favorite Guster will headline this year's show. The band, formed at Tufts University, has released four studio albums, five live CDs, and an EP recording, according to a 10,000 Hours Show press release.

Almost 700 participants have registered thus far. Ben Folds performed at last year's show, drawing approximately 850 volunteers to log more 13,572 hours.

"With the volunteer fair on Thursday, we'll see a surge," said Mark Kresowik, a UI junior and the group's director of volunteering. "I think we'll have over 1,000 [total]."

Members of local reggae band Public Property, which will open for Guster, said they are happy to be a part of the 10,000 Hours Show.

"I think it's awesome," said Public Property lead singer David Bess, a UI graduate. "We're all for the benefits of community service."

Last year's volunteer fair brought more than 200 new members to the project, Kresowik said. Approximately 25 organizations, from the Iowa City Crisis Center to Big Brothers, Big Sisters, are expected to inform prospective workers about possible volunteering opportunities from 12:30-3 p.m. at the IMU.

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PATRIOTIC FERVOR
Once again, New England demonstrates that unity and chemistry trump having big stars. **1B**



BUDGETED
President Bush proposes increases for defense and the sharpest cuts in domestic spending since the Reagan era. **4A**

INSURGENCY RETURNS
Iraqi militants unleashed their most violent attacks since the Jan. 30 elections, killing 30. **5A**

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NEWS

Robbers hit 2 IC stores

BY NICK PETERSEN
THE DAILY IOWAN

Robbers demanded cash from two Iowa City businesses Sunday in incidents that occurred two hours apart; as of Monday, police have not established a link between the holdups.

"That's something we always look into when things like this occur so close together," said Iowa City police Lt. Jim Steffen.

Lone males stole an undisclosed amount of money from the HandiMart, 2545 N. Dodge St., and the Tobacco Outlet, 923 S. Riverside Drive.

While one of the holdups involved a weapon, police reported no injuries during either incident.

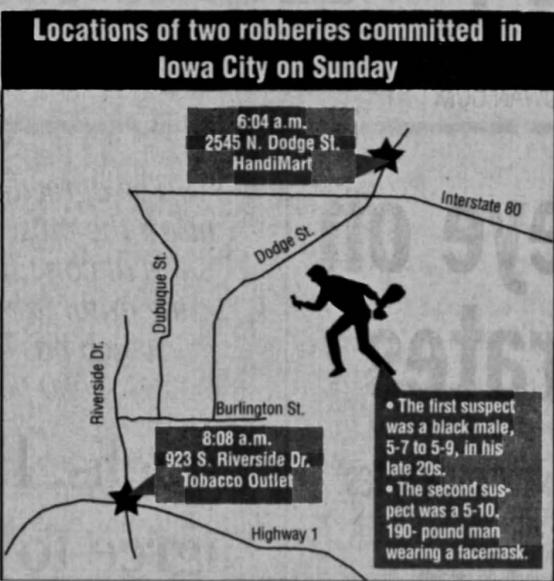
Police responded to the first robbery at 6:04 p.m., after a man threatened the clerk at the HandiMart with a sharp object while demanding money.

After he had the money, the man, who was in his late 20s, fled in a tan or gray four-door car with license plate 833 LXX, according to police records.

Witnesses described him as a black, 5-7 to 5-9 male with a "lengthy" goatee, wearing a white T-shirt, blue jacket, jeans, and athletic shoes.

Two hours and four minutes later, officers were called to the Tobacco Outlet to investigate a similar incident.

The Tobacco Outlet's clerk told police that a man wearing dark clothing and a facemask



confronted her for money without displaying a weapon. The second thief was described as a 5-10, 190-pound male.

The assailant, who witnesses described as between 25 and 35 years old, fled the scene on foot.

Steffen was uncertain whether videotapes of the robberies existed, although he speculated that pictures would have been released immediately if they were available.

The incidents come following a

spate of more than 10 robberies since last October. Steffen said the police department has not implemented any measures to ward off the robberies other than "normal patrol procedures."

If convicted, the criminals could be punished with up to 25 years in prison for armed robbery and 10 years in prison with a maximum fine of \$10,000 for unarmed robbery.

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CITY

Man charged in Dolls incident

An Iowa City man was charged with assault causing injury last week after a Jan. 21 incident at Dolls Inc., in Coralville.

Dennis Joseph Echols, 28, allegedly punched or kicked someone after he saw the person assaulting employees at Dolls around 12:30 a.m. Echols, 1494 Taft Ave., "took the person to the ground," according to police reports.

A Coralville police officer who reportedly witnessed the fight wrote that he saw Echols punch the person "at least 10 times while the victim lay flat and not defending himself."

According to the police report, the victim suffered several scrapes and bruises on his face.

Echols pleaded guilty to third-degree burglary, a Class D felony, in 2001.

Assault causing injury is a serious misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in prison and a \$1,500 fine.

— by Traci Finch

Judge dismisses ex-student's suit

A judge has dismissed a lawsuit filed by a former UI student against her ex-boyfriend after he allegedly sexually assaulted her three times.

In April 2001, Guy Ernest McFarland IV entered a written contract with Erica Emily Barkost agreeing to pay her for "the psychiatric care she needs due to rape and physical abuse." The contract stated that McFarland would pay Barkost \$100 every month for 20 years, but Barkost filed the lawsuit claiming McFarland broke the contract's rules.

The lawsuit was dismissed Jan. 25 by Judge Patrick Grady.

Barkost began dating McFarland on Aug. 24, 1999, when the two lived in Mayflower Residence Hall. According to the lawsuit filed in March 2002, Barkost gave McFarland a ride home from Brothers Bar & Grill, 125 S. Dubuque St. McFarland restrained Barkost and sexually assaulted her, records contend.

On April 22, 2000, Barkost and McFarland were at Brothers celebrating McFarland's birthday. When they were dropped off at Barkost's Mayflower room, McFarland demanded his "birthday present" and sexually assaulted her again, according to the lawsuit.

McFarland sexually assaulted Barkost a third time on Oct. 17, 2000, when he dropped in to see her at her residence and the two began to argue.

— by Traci Finch

Woman charged with assault

An Iowa City woman was arrested Sunday after she allegedly stabbed her live-in boyfriend over the weekend.

Officers responded to a domestic-assault call early Sunday morning at 1112 Hollywood Blvd., where Christie Marie Hahn, 27, and her boyfriend lived.

According to police records, the couple had an argument, and Hahn cornered her boyfriend in the kitchen. Hahn allegedly opened a kitchen drawer, retrieved a knife, and stabbed the man in his chest.

Her boyfriend had a "small stab wound on the right side of his chest," according to police records.

Hahn was charged with domestic assault with the intent to commit serious injury, an aggravated misdemeanor.

— by Traci Finch

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CORRECTION

A photo caption on Page 1A of the Feb. 7 Daily Iowan was erroneously placed; it should have read, "Xiyi Yuan of Cedar Rapids performs the red-kerchief dance during the Chinese New Year celebration in the IMU Main Ballroom on Sunday

night. The Chinese New Year is celebrated on the first day of the first month of the Chinese calendar, which traditionally falls on the day with the second new moon after the winter solstice. This is the year of the rooster." The *DI* regrets the error.

Report: Iowa City 'financially fit'

BY TARA FLOCKHART
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa City area ranks as one of the most "financially fit" metropolitan areas of its size, according to a study released last month.

InCharge Institute of America, a nonprofit organization specializing in finance education and credit counseling, conducted the national study late in 2004, and concluded that Iowa City offers its citizens a sturdy economic climate and plentiful financial opportunities.

City Manager Steve Atkins said he was flattered by the results — which, he said, indicate a reasonable cost of living for Iowa City residents.

"This will definitely set the

bar a lot higher," he said. "It makes you feel good for your efforts and ensures that the efforts will continue."

The research team examined several financial areas, including employment opportunities, credit worthiness, and levels of savings.

"The factors we used to measure financial fitness provide a solid road map for local policymakers to take steps to improve and enhance each region's economic strength," said Rebecca Stiehl, the president of InCharge Education Foundation, in a press release.

Atkins noted several other accolades Iowa City has received, including a third-place ranking by *Forbes* magazine for small metropolitan business areas, a place among 15 cities

that the *American Association of Retired Persons* rated a good place to retire, and recognition from *Men's Journal* magazine as one of the safest and healthiest cities in America.

Iowa City was among the smallest of the 314 metropolitan areas studied. Each area was divided into three groups based on total population — more than 500,000, between 200,000 and 500,000, and fewer than 200,000.

InCharge's study results showed that cities that contain state universities are well represented. Other cities with colleges ranking in the top 10 on the study's three categories are Madison, Wis., Minneapolis-St. Paul, and Bloomington-Normal, Ill.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Alison Adam, 19, 810 Slater, was charged Sunday with possession of alcohol under the legal age.

Michael Beurivage, 25, Coralville, was charged Monday with operating while intoxicated.

Steven Bruck, 19, 625 S. Dodge St. Apt. 6, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Cory Burkholder, 28, 2636 Sterling Drive, was charged Monday with interference with official acts and public intoxication.

Joshua Burkholder, 23, address unknown, was charged Monday with public intoxication and three counts of interference with official acts.

Peter Christensen, 20, 320 Ellis Ave., was charged Feb. 5 with PAULA.

Brian Davey, 20, 625 S. Dodge St. Apt. 6, was charged Sunday with public

intoxication.

John Davis, 37, 983 Scott Park Drive, was charged Sunday with driving while license was suspended/canceled and OWI.

Mustusya Goines, 33, 2027 Taylor Drive, was charged Sunday with domestic abuse assault.

Dakota Held, 19, Des Plaines, Ill., was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana, OWI, and PAULA.

Soo Lee, 30, 132 N. Dodge St. Apt. 4, was charged Sunday with fifth-degree theft.

Daniel Leeney, 23, 1131 3 Ave., was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct.

Jason Madison, 20, Des Moines, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Benjamin McCracker, 20, 808 Gilbert Court, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Matthew Movall, 19, E33 Currier, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Ronald Nichols, 46, address unknown, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Robert Nodel, 26, Coralville, was charged Sunday with driving while license was suspended/canceled.

Roger Phelps, 38, 118 Apache Trail, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Nicholas Ratto, 20, Des Plaines, Ill., was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana and PAULA.

Leslie Rhone, 31, Chicago, was charged Sunday with simple assault.

Jesse Seydel, 26, Coralville, was charged Monday with disorderly conduct, fifth-degree criminal mischief, public intoxication, and interference with official acts.

Thomas Staup, 25, 1438 Ash St., was charged Monday with OWI and driving while license was revoked.

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The Nickel & Dimed experience

BY KATIE TROTSKY
THE DAILY IOWAN

Local workers and policy experts discussed their real-life connections to the UI's current mainstage production, *Nickel and Dimed*, during a Public Access TV forum on Monday night.

UI theater Professor Eric Forsythe, who is directing the nation's first university performance of the play, appeared on the PATV program "Live and Local," hosted by Gary Sanders. The show also featured Roberta Till-Retz, the board president of the Iowa Policy Project, UI history Professor Colin Gordon, Iowa City temporary worker Gloria Williams, and Christina Frank, a UI graduate student and the star of the UI production.

Nickel and Dimed is based on the book written by well-known author Barbara Ehrenreich, in which she recorded her experiences and struggles trying to live on minimum-wage jobs.

"It was remarkable work — extraordinary," Forsythe said. "I thought it would make a good play."

Gordon, who is involved in the Iowa Policy Project and the UI Center for Human Rights, said it is much harder for a family today to subsist on a minimum-wage income than it was a few decades ago. There must be at least two full-time workers in one household making minimum wage today in order to be just above the poverty level, he said.

"In 1968, minimum wage could raise you and two kids above poverty level," he said.

Minimum wage is \$5.15 an hour. Till-Retz said mostly women and minorities have these jobs, and they face many other struggles besides bills.

She added that the U.S. has unique public-



Jessica Green/The Daily Iowan

Josh Goding, a PATV producer, adjusts the cameras before "Live and Local" airs on PATV, while UI graduate student Christina Frank prepares to give her monologue from the play *Nickel and Dimed*. Host Gary Sanders titled the episode "Nickel and Dimed: The play and the reality of low-wage work in America."

policy laws that do not do enough to provide health care to these workers; they also make joining a union difficult.

The national average for a cashier in a nonunion job is \$8.05 per hour, while a cashier in a union earns \$10.97 per hour. Till-Retz and Gordon agreed that the United States has one of the worst union policies in the world, noting that other countries make unionization much easier for workers.

Despite Till-Retz's characterization of Ehrenreich's stories as "compelling and

desperate," Forsythe takes a hopeful look at the situation of low-wage America.

"In spite of all of that, they do survive, and they do find a way to make it," Forsythe said.

Williams, who has held various low-wage jobs, including as a waitress, housekeeper, and cashier, said she could identify with Ehrenreich's character.

"I left in tears. I couldn't speak after the end. I was very touched by it," she said.

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Bid on Horn project \$130,000 below estimate

BY KELLY REHAN
THE DAILY IOWAN

In the midst of handling 10 school construction and renovation projects, the Iowa City School Board on Monday approved its latest contractor, SG Construction Co., for work on the Horn Elementary School classroom addition project.

Out of nine bidders, the Burlington-based company submitted the lowest bid (\$693,000), more than \$130,000 below the project's original approved cost. The highest bid was \$762,000.

Superintendent Lane Plugge attributed the low bids to a "great deal of interest" from the contractors.

The Horn project, which will add classrooms for such programs as art and music, is expected to begin as soon as weather permits.

"Every staff person at Horn, every parent, is totally committed to this project," said Jan Harvey, the school's principal. "We're ready for it to get started, and we can't wait for it to get finished."

Plugge said the ongoing projects at Lucas and Van Allen Elementary Schools, City High, and the new alternative high school, Tate High School, were all making progress. In addition, Plugge updated advancements made for the new junior high and said heavy-duty work is slated to begin later this spring.

To date, the board has awarded 86 percent of the district's total planned construction work, said Paul Bobek, the board's executive director of administrative services. The remaining 14 percent is scheduled for projects at Coralville Central, Kirkwood, and Wood Elementary Schools, which are

awaiting bid offers. Contractors can start bidding for the Wood addition on Feb. 25.

In other business, the board proposed the installation of a physical plant and equipment levy advisory committee to help evaluate and guide decisions regarding the possibility of opening new buildings and

maintaining those in existence.

"It's very important that we maintain [diversity]," said board member Don Jackson, saying that the committee needs people with different ideas to contribute. "I want to keep the process as open as possible."

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STATE

Plan would make insurance accessible

DES MOINES (AP) — Gov. Tom Vilsack on Monday visited a South Side grocery to announce a proposal intended to make it easier for small businesses to provide their workers with health insurance.

Under his plan, businesses would be prohibited from "cherry picking" the coverage they offer. Insurance

companies would be banned from automatically driving up rates for companies with fewer than 10 workers, a move he said is common practice.

The governor also called for a study of new ways to pool workers at small businesses to hold down costs.

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AFSCME reaches tentative agreement

BY MIKE GLOVER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Gov. Tom Vilsack announced a tentative two-year contract with state workers on Monday, noting that details of the pact won positive comments from lawmakers in a legislative briefing.

The proposed pact with Council 61 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees would provide no general pay raise in the first year, except for changes in job classification or automatic pay-scale increases. Workers would get a 2 percent boost in the second year.

"We appreciate the fact that AFSCME listened to our explanation of the state's budget situation and acted on that understanding," the governor said. "This shows leadership and cooperation. It proves that the collective-bargaining process works."

Vilsack had asked union leaders to accept a modest pay increase because of the state's projected budget shortfall of \$250 million.

He said he approved the tentative contract and said the

union has until Feb. 22 to ratify it. He urged lawmakers to "continue in this cooperative spirit" by finding the money for the contract.

House Speaker Chris Rants, R-Sioux City, said the first year of the contract would cost \$27.7 million as workers get automatic increases in pay grades.

"We've been pretty critical in the past, but this appears to be a reasonable compromise," he said.

He said his concerns had been eased after being briefed on details, saying the state would pick up only approximately \$1.2 million more in health costs.

Workers' contributions to their own health coverage also will increase, with the state and workers maintaining a 60-40 split on health costs.

Rep. Bill Dix, R-Shell Rock, who heads the powerful House Appropriations Committee, had a mixed reaction.

"It's better than some had projected what we might hear," he said. "It's still inappropriate in my view that we should raise salaries at a time when expenditures are so tight. A pay freeze is what we should have."

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Bush budget proposal cuts domestic programs



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President Bush meets with members of his Cabinet on Monday in the White House. From left to right, Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings, Secretary of Health and Human Services Michael Leavitt, Secretary of Interior Gale Norton, Bush, and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

The president's \$2.57 trillion plan pumps money into the Pentagon and homeland security

BY PETER BAKER
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — President Bush sent Congress a \$2.57 trillion federal budget Monday designed to project U.S. power and priorities overseas while squeezing government programs at home — but despite politically painful cuts would not make a sizable dent in the nation's record deficit next year.

While pumping more money into the Pentagon and foreign-aid programs, the budget for the 2006 fiscal year would slash funding for a broad array of

other government services as part of the deepest domestic reductions proposed since the Reagan era. In the long term, the fiscal plan envisions holding nonsecurity discretionary spending flat for the next five years to fulfill Bush's promise to cut the deficit in half by 2009.

Yet because of the cost of the continuing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, documents released Monday make it clear that the administration may make little if any progress in curbing the red ink in the short run. The budget projects the deficit falling from an all-time

high of \$427 billion this year to \$390 billion next year, but does not count the warfare expenses it expects in 2006. If the administration continues to spend at current rates, it will need more than \$37 billion for the wars in 2006, leaving the deficit undiminished.

Administration officials maintained they would still meet the president's deficit goal by 2009 with sharper reductions in spending in the next few years, particularly as some proposed programmatic restructuring began to yield savings. Bush, who inherited budget surpluses when he took office four years ago, depicted the spending plan as "a lean budget" and pronounced himself "upbeat" that a skeptical Congress would follow his lead.

State officials fret about vote changes

BY ROBERT TANNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—Flaw-proof election machines. Easy-to-read ballots. Registration systems that catch double-voters or dead voters still on the rolls.

For top state election officials meeting here, the pressure is on to make sure the election changes demanded after President Bush's disputed 2000 victory are in place by the Jan. 1 deadline imposed by Congress.

The goal is to have the changes ready for the November 2006 midterm elections, but many state officials who gathered in Washington on Monday for four days of meetings think there are too many obstacles in their way. And they worry the federal government is undermining their authority with an assistance commission that is starting to act like a regulatory agency.

"A lot of states are still trying to sort out how to get to the deadlines," said New Mexico Secretary of State Rebecca Vigil-Giron. "That's a major, major challenge. We're probably a year behind schedule."

The three-term Democrat predicts it won't be until the 2008 presidential election that all the improvements Congress

demand are up and running everywhere.

State and local officials administer elections, not the federal government. But the state officials worry federal election reforms are spilling beyond their boundaries, chipping away at state control and responsibility.

The overriding issue right now is should our elections be run by the national government?

— New Hampshire Secretary of State William Gardner

Their group, the National Association of Secretaries of State, approved a formal resolution that asks Congress to dissolve its oversight organization, the federal Election Assistance Commission, after the 2006 elections.

They also sought assurances from Justice Department officials that states that lag behind the Jan. 1 deadline won't be harshly punished, noting that among other things, states still are waiting for federal standards for new voting machines.

While the disputed 2000 presi-

dential election produced calls for reforms, Congress didn't pass its election law until 2002. Bush then took months to appoint members to a critical oversight commission that disburses money to the states. States have now received \$2.2 billion.

The statewide, computerized voter registries the law demands can go a long way to eliminate the most common problems of valid voters being denied a chance to cast a ballot because of confusion or missing paperwork. They're also supposed to guard against voter fraud.

"We're going to have real checks and balances that did not ever exist there in the past," Vigil-Giron said.

Federal election officials warned the secretaries against seeking a delay in Congress' deadline. Voters already are upset that the improvements weren't in place for 2004, said Paul DeGregorio, a member of the federal commission.

"The average voter wonders why, when they see problems that occurred in this election, or had to wait in line for several hours to vote, why haven't these been fixed?" DeGregorio said.

The secretaries said they're all working hard to improve elections but question the commission's reach.

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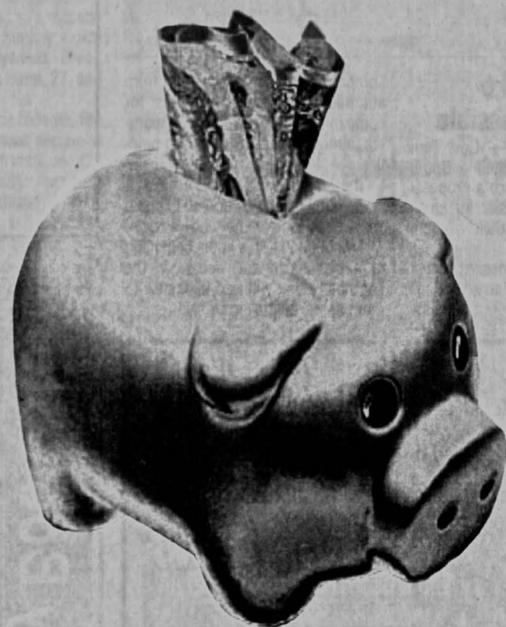
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Iraqi militants kill 30 in attacks

BY JOHN DANISZEWSKI
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BAGHDAD — Insurgents unleashed their most violent attacks in Iraq since the country's elections Monday, killing 15 people in mortar and suicide attacks in the northern city of Mosul and 15 more in a car bombing near a police station northeast of Baghdad.

Turmoil reasserted itself as a new batch of election returns indicated that a Kurdish coalition racked up more than 1 million votes in two northern provinces.

The strength of the Kurdish turnout, with one remaining Kurdish province yet to report, indicated that a coalition put together by Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, a Shiite Muslim, will come in third behind the Shiite coalition of Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani and the united Kurdish front, diminishing Allawi's chances to retain a leading role in the next government.

Results also appeared to confirm low voter participation in Salahuddin province, the Sunni-majority central region of the country that includes Samarra and Tikrit, home of Saddam Hussein's extended clan.

Election officials acknowledged that thousands of people in the Mosul area who wanted to vote during the Jan. 30 balloting were unable to because of security. Fewer than a third of the planned 330 polling centers in Mosul and the surrounding province managed to

open on election day, officials said.

Monday's attacks broke a relative lull in violence since the elections and might have been an indication that the insurgency is trying to reassert itself after millions of voters defied demands for an election boycott.

As has become usual in recent months, Iraqi police and recruits bore the brunt of the attacks.

In Mosul, a man carrying a bomb penetrated a hospital zone where a group of police was staying. The explosion killed him and 12 police officers. Four others were wounded.

"I didn't see anything before the blast; we were just talking and laughing," said Sabah Jabbar, 21, a survivor of the hospital attack interviewed by the Times. "All I remember was seeing this body set ablaze, then I lost consciousness."

Another man, who declined to give his name, said he thought he saw a man in blue jeans and a brown jacket coming quickly toward him just before the blast.

"I am not sure it was him," the man said. "Now it just seems like I am seeing it in a dream."

Mortar attacks in the same city killed three civilians. Insurgents have made some of their strongest attacks in Mosul in recent months. Some insurgents are thought to have moved there after the conquest of their former stronghold of Fallujah by Marines in November.

In Baquba, a farming center northeast of Baghdad on the



Karim Kadim/Associated Press
Iraqi soldiers, seen through the machine gun and ammunition belt of a colleague, check a car suspected of containing a bomb in central Baghdad on Monday. Iraqi security forces were again the focus of insurgent attacks on Monday.

edge of the so-called Sunni triangle, a car bomber was diverted by roadblocks from reaching the police station that was the

apparent target. The bomb exploded near a group of would-be police recruits a short distance away.

11 Guantánamo prisoners allege abuse by troops

BY PAISLEY DODDS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nearly a dozen detainees at the Guantánamo Bay prison camp contend that they were wrongly imprisoned after repeated abuse by U.S. troops in Afghanistan and Pakistan, including beatings with chains, electric shock, and sodomy, their lawyer said Monday.

"These are classic stories of men who ended up in Guantánamo by mistake," charged attorney Tom Wilner, who represents 11 Kuwaiti prisoners held in the detention center at the U.S. Navy base in eastern Cuba.

Most of his clients say they falsely confessed to belonging to Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime or Al Qaeda as a way to stop the abuse, Wilner said. He said one is too angry over his treatment to discuss details of his case, but all argue their detentions are unjustified.

Human-rights groups and defense lawyers have long charged that some information used as the basis for incarcerations at Guantánamo Bay resulted from abuse or torture. Many of the 545 prisoners there have been held for more than three years, most without being charged. Approximately 150 have been let go, but officials have not given explanations for their release.

The government has denied using torture, but numerous investigations into abuse at detention camps in Afghanistan and Guantánamo are under way. It is not clear whether some of the men's statements could be dismissed if investigators confirm there was abuse during interrogations.

Maj. Michael Shavers, a Pentagon spokesman, said all "credible" abuse allegations are investigated, but he suggested the Kuwaitis' claims were consistent with Qaeda tactics to falsely allege abuse or mistreatment.

"That these detainees are now making allegations of abuse seems to fit the standard operating procedure in Qaeda training manuals," Shavers said in response to questions from the Associated Press about the Kuwaitis' accusations.

Although most of 11 Kuwaitis say physical abuse stopped once they arrived at Guantánamo, all complain of mistreatment, such as being locked in cells with scant reading materials and little information on the outside world, Wilner said in a conference call from Washington to discuss recently declassified notes on his meetings with the detainees.

"At Guantánamo, the physical abuse — at least for Kuwaitis — has stopped, but there has been a switch to mental torture," he said.

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Annan suspends 2 in oil-for-food scandal

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Secretary-General Kofi Annan suspended the head of the U.N. oil-for-food program in Iraq and a senior official who dealt with contracts after an independent inquiry accused them of misconduct, a U.N. spokesman said Monday.

Benon Sevan, who was in charge of the \$64 billion humanitarian program, and Joseph Stephanides, the head of the U.N. Security Council Affairs Division, were informed on Feb. 4 that they had been suspended with pay, spokesman Fred Eckhard said.

Sevan and Stephanides were told they would receive a letter "laying out the charges against them," which will allow them to defend

themselves before U.N. disciplinary bodies, he said.

"Suspension is the beginning of a disciplinary process," Eckhard said.

"It means that they should not come onto the premises here unless it's in connection with summoning their defense, which they have 14 days to present in writing," he said.

After Sevan and Stephanides respond to the charges, the U.N. Secretariat headed by Annan will make a final decision on sanctions.

Eckhard said there are three options: The cases could be closed, Annan could decide to dismiss them, or the matter could be referred to the Joint Disciplinary Committee, which would then make a recommendation to Annan.

Sevan and Stephanides are entitled to two appeals; the process can take months.

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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Should student-athlete recruitment policy be reviewed?

A proposal in the Iowa Legislature would "establish a task force to develop a model athlete-recruitment policy and review student-athlete graduation rates" at regent universities.

YES

It seems that the UI's age of athletics-policy reform has arrived unexpectedly. Well, we might be able to see it from here, at least, if we blink through our tears. To some, losing Pierre Pierce may be like losing a brother, but our loss won't be in vain if we use the ordeal to spur a movement. The proposal for study, and possibly reform, affects athletics-recruiting standards and graduation rates, factors that won't change the Pierce scandal but could improve the deteriorating face of UI athletics.

A recent resolution in the Iowa Legislature proposes the establishment of a task force to rework athlete-recruitment policy and study graduation rates at the Iowa regent universities. It notes the disparity between black and white athletes' graduation rates as one potential issue, and it encourages the task force to review the universities' efforts to promote academic excellence among those on sports teams.

The proposed committee (and hopefully, subsequent reform) will help transform the UI athletics department's image. Memories of Pierce's alleged criminal mischief will fade as Iowa athletes graduate at higher rates and perform better academically. This is a Big Ten school, a university dominated by Hawkeye pride. Yet inherent in this title is one word: university. The UI is first and foremost an institution of higher learning; allowing some student-athletes to slip through the cracks undercuts everything the institution stands for. Thousands of students and scholars from around the world flock to Iowa because of its status as a major research institution. But like it or not, public perception of the university is at least partially shaped by the image associated with its athletes. When their reputation is tarnished, it extends to the university as a whole. And student-athletes accused of criminal acts are never good publicity for the schools they represent.

This call for scrutiny and possible reform of athletics policy is not meant to elicit false hope for a utopian world. Nevertheless, collegiate sports are enormous sources of revenue and attract thousands of people to the UI and Iowa City. We need our athletes, but a team is only as strong as its weakest member, and some of ours are struggling. It is naive to expect student athletes to excel equally in both their athletics and academic lives. They work fantastically hard in their sports, and it's understandable that academic priorities sometimes come in second. But the university needs to ensure that their four years spent here are not futile for the sake of their long-term goals (even beyond their athletics careers).

Establishing a task force is crucial. With its results, we can work to raise academic standards. Athletes don't need to be Rhodes scholars, but they do need to achieve at a university level. Anything less than that compromises the university's mission. As we slowly, painfully leave Pierce behind, we move toward a new era — an era in which athletics will, once again, be a source of Hawkeye pride.

— Margaret Poe



NO

This question is prompted by the recent filing of a resolution in the Iowa Legislature. Brought forth by a bipartisan duo — Wayne Ford, D-Des Moines, and Scott Raecker, R-Urbandale — the resolution comes, for those living in caves, on the heels of Pierre Pierce's dismissal from the Iowa men's basketball team. Whether this termination prompted Ford and Raecker to seek points with constituents by encouraging scrutiny of athlete-admissions standards is unclear, but certainly the idea of cracking down on coarse behavior by athletes — through direct or indirect means — is not novel.

And certainly this idea of a task force will win great favor with the public, given the unpleasant week it's been for Iowa athletes

(Pierce's expulsion overshadowed the arrest of an Iowa football player, Antwan Allen, for assault). But, as it is with most news, the arrests command the attention of the public, whereas the positive tends to be under-reported (this same affliction plagues journalists stationed in Iraq). The question, were it not inflamed by public anger, should be thus: Does the magnitude of media coverage afforded these two incidents merit a possible overhaul of the recruitment program for student-athletes?

For the answer to that, I draw attention to a press release from the UI athletics department dated Dec. 21, 2001. In it, we are informed that of the 50 college-football teams competing in bowl games for the 2001-02 season, the Hawkeyes ranked in the top five for team graduation rates — 78 percent, specifically. One school that eclipsed Iowa was Stanford, one of the best universities in the country, and of these top five schools, only Iowa was a public institution.

More recent studies lend credence to the notion that generally the Iowa athletics department does a fine job of graduating its athletes. A Dec. 8 story in the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* reported that the UI graduated 69 percent of its student athletes, which is remarkable when considering that the overall graduation rate for UI students was 64 percent according to that same data. Far from embarrassing, UI athletes are outperforming students in general.

Which brings us back to today's question. By all means, if the Legislature has nothing better to do but form committees and generate press for itself, then sure, let's re-evaluate standards for the thrill of it. But I submit that the current climate here in Iowa City, given the events of the past week, influenced the actions of Raecker and Ford more than the actual cold hard statistics that should compel such an inquiry. So, to the vast majority of student-athletes here at Iowa, good job — your hard work on the field is matched by your diligence in the classroom. A better use of the Legislature's time would be a resolution celebrating your academic accomplishments.

— Robert Schneider

'P' as in pterodactyl

So I see our glorious leader, George W. Bush, has been out and about in the hustings recently, trying to drum up support for his plan to "save" Social Security. Well, he is the president. I suppose he's got to do something with his time once there's no more brush to be cut at the ranch.

But his notion of "saving" Social Security is rather like his notion of "saving" Fallujah: Blow it up.

Which is all fine and well, I suppose, if you don't happen to live in Fallujah.

But most of us who work for a living will eventually live in Social Security-land (and the bad news for college students is that, yes, you, too, will wind up having to work for a living), so when somebody — say, our glorious leader — proposes to take the Security out of Social Security, we sit up and take notice.

At least, I hope we do. I mean, the Super Bowl's over, so it's OK to pay attention to real life again. (And no, this Boston fan is not going to gloat about how many championships currently reside in Beantown. Gloating's not nice.)

(Well, OK, maybe a brief smidgen of gloating. Nice guys never get the girl.)

Meanwhile, back at Social Security (not that it went anywhere), it's been a great deal of fun watching Dubya thrash about as he tries to explain what he'd like to do with the program. (Blow it up.)

In deeply grave tones, he's warned us about the imminent crisis that Social Security faces, sounding more than faintly reminiscent of the administration officials who warned us about the imminent mushroom cloud we were facing in Saddam's Iraq. Looking back at it now, you just have to wonder if the people warning us about mushroom clouds were *doing* mushrooms. (Condi Rice on mushrooms. Now, there's a terrifying thought.)

Dubya had to back off the imminent-crisis claims because, well, there is no imminent crisis. Yeah, sure, in 2020, the payroll taxes going into Social Security will not cover the benefits being paid out, so the program will have to dip into its trust fund. That's why the trust fund is there. In 1983, under President Reagan, a bipartisan panel headed by Alan Greenspan raised the payroll tax to create the trust fund so that when the baby boomers retired, the program would remain solvent. It will not go bankrupt in 15 years, as Bush has hinted.

Some conservatives will claim (have claimed, actually) that the trust fund has no real money, it merely has IOUs. No. The trust fund has almost \$2 trillion invested in U.S. Treasury bonds — which, from everything I've read, are considered to be the most rock-solid, safest investment in the world. That's why people all over the world invest in them. If the United States ever reneges on its Treasury bonds, that means the U.S. economy has pulled an Argentina, and a lot more than Social Security is in a wide world of hurt.

Yes, it's true, down the road Social Security will face a problem when it depletes the trust fund. That will occur in 2042, according to the pessimistic actuaries at the Social Security Administration, or in 2052, according to the Congressional Budget Office. At that point, the program would only be able to pay 73 percent of benefits (pessimistic Social Security figure) or 80 percent (CBO figure).

That's not a crisis; that's a problem. And there are a number of ways you could deal with it. You could raise the payroll tax, à la Greenspan. You could raise the income-level cap — which is currently set at around \$90,000, meaning that any income above that figure is not taxed for Social Security.

What you shouldn't do is what Dubya has proposed: Divert money from Social Security so that people can set up their own private investment accounts. This plan would cost trillions of dollars (according to Dick Cheney), and even administration officials admit that it would do nothing to aid the solvency of Social Security.

In fact, it would hurt the program. Let's see: You have a widely popular program that's going to face a problem in 47 years, so what do you do? You hurt the program now.

Or, in other words, blow it up. Well, that philosophy has worked out so well in Iraq.

Come to think of it, it worked out really keen in Vietnam, too. ■



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LETTERS

Age segregation and Social Security

How many elderly people in the United States are too dependent on Social Security because their families just don't want to deal with them?

Once when I lived with a Hungarian family during an exchange program, the first thing I noticed was that the grandparents lived in the same house with my hosts, the parents and their two children. Later, I was surprised to learn that in fact it is typical for the elderly to live with their families — not just in Hungary, but also in other countries around the world.

Yet here in the United States, age segregation is the social norm for many families. The economic costs of not having more families integrated under the same roof, as in the rest of the world, entails a demand to build more retirement homes and provide more health-care services.

The social costs of age segregation are even greater. As a young Republican, I ask President Bush to not just explore the option to privatize certain divisions of Social Security so that retirees and the disabled have more resources. I also ask that we begin a public dialogue asking if it is possible for American families to be more resourceful.

There will always be a large percentage of seniors who need around-the-clock attention, and their working families are not able to provide the full-time assistance that they need. But in an ideal world, taking care of the elderly shouldn't just be the government's responsibility. It ought to be everyone's responsibility.

Alex Johnson
UI student

Prioritize recycling

I am surprised that many of the apartment complexes in Iowa City have no recycling bins. So I called the Iowa City garbage-collection department and asked the people there about it. They told me that apartments are private properties, so the municipal service can not collect recycled materials there. Then I called my apartment office, and the people there told me that recycling involves expenses they can't afford. Then I called the federal Environment Protection Agency, and the lady on the phone said she lives in Kansas City in an apartment complex, and it doesn't have recycling bins, either.

According to the latest statistics, the average American moves every five years from one city to another, which means many Americans today live in apartment complexes and none of them seem to have recycling bins. What a tremendous damage tenants are doing to natural resources! Shouldn't there be a federal law that requires all apartment complexes to have recycling bins in addition to garbage bins?

However, the situation is not much better on campus, either. While most other services and even student organizations are funded by the university, when it comes to recycling, the university expects volunteers to take care of it because of lack of funds. Why can't we have paid workers to collect recyclable items in addition to the garbage? How much more damage must we do to the planet to realize the grimness of the situation? These are two small but serious examples of the ways we have neglected our duty toward ecology while we continue to spread freedom and democracy to other parts of the world.

Pankaj Jain
UI graduate student

Orwell was right

Wouldn't author George Orwell love life in the United States today? In 1984, Orwell's prophetic novel, he describes the principles of Ingsoc: War is peace, freedom is slavery, ignorance is strength, and so forth.

Here are current examples:

- If you disagree with the party in power, you are called "divisive."
- If you think foreign relations is not an either/or proposition, you don't fit the "either with us or against us" mold.
- If you suggest torture can be lawful, you may be the next attorney general.
- If you think that a solvent government program such as Social Security is "broken," you propose fixing it by dismantling it.
- If you advise the president about going to war with flawed reasoning, you are the logical choice for chief diplomat as secretary of State.
- If you win an election by a smaller margin than any other sitting president, you call it a "mandate" and you "spend your political capital" at a time when the debt in actual monetary capital that runs your government has never been higher.
- If you are the first lady, you promise to "focus on boys for the next four years" while women continue to be treated as non-equals, both in terms of education and wages.

Congratulations, Mr. Orwell, the principles of Ingsoc prevail.

Garry Klein
Iowa City resident

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ON THE SPOT

Should the UI raise academic standards for athletes?



"Yes. If they are good athletes but don't have restrictions on their grades, they won't care about them."

Nadin Abdulhamid
UI sophomore



"I'm not really sure. I think maybe the teams should hold themselves accountable."

Jamie Cavey
UI senior



"Yes, because there are some scholarship athletes who don't pull their weight in the classroom."

Ryan Jordan
UI sophomore



"I think it would be something to consider, but I don't think they should go too overboard with it."

Steve Lesniak
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FILM REVIEW

by Will Scheibel

Sideways

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★★★★ out of ★★★★★

Sideways, the new comedy/drama from indie favorite Alexander Payne, is the most unanimously praised film of 2004.

Aside from a recent, subversive backlash against the glowing reviews and numerous award nominations and wins, this perceptive character study has been gathering a solid reputation since its limited release last October. Now that it finally made its way to Iowa City, the question remains whether it's as good as the hype indicates. I'm happy to report that the answer is "yes."

The film is every bit as mature and charming as *About Schmidt* (2002), writer-director Payne's previous film, and it deserves its Golden Globe for best comedy, as well as its five Oscar nominations (including best picture). Based on the novel by Rex Pickett, Payne (along with co-writer Jim Taylor) blesses this script with smart dialogue, warmhearted humanity,

and brilliantly funny moments. And the cast, led by the always entertaining Paul Giamatti, is just about perfect.

Giamatti plays Miles Raymond, an eighth-grade English teacher who walks the fine line between wine connoisseur and alcoholic. When his old college pal Jack (Thomas Haden Church) is just a week away from marriage, Miles decides to take him on a road trip through California's wine country as one last hurrah. The only thing on Jack's mind is getting laid, but Miles is still hung up on his failed marriage and the fact that his latest, yet-to-be-published novel is in a state of limbo.

These middle-aged guys eventually meet a pair of women, Maya (Virginia Madsen) and Stephanie (Sandra Oh), who are also looking for good drinks and a good time. Like Miles and Jack, their more unconscious search seems to be for a sense of identity and fulfillment. *Sideways* chronicles this quartet's week of sex, booze, and jokes, which eventually leads them to a re-evaluation of their lives. Part of the quirky fun is just listening to these people talk and behave like, well, real people.

In spite of being such a loser, Miles is still a highly sympathetic character. Come on, we all have our little Miles Raymond moments. Just the other day, I was attempting to expound to my girlfriend about how much I loved Francis Coppola wine as we sipped glasses of the delicious Rosso (and, of course, I had little idea what I was talking about).

But Miles is more than simply a likable schmuck. As with the best Woody Allen characters, he's a confused, dysfunctional, intelligent



Publicity photos

Paul Giamatti and Thomas Haden Church star in *Sideways*, a film written and directed by Alexander Payne. The movie chronicles the pair as they travel with a pair of women through California's wine country for a week of sex, booze, jokes, and an eventual re-evaluation of their lives.

man facing a spiritual and existential crisis. While trying to find personal success and redemption in some form or another, he grapples with disillusionment and unhappy relationships — much of which stems from the ideals and ambition he feels forced to cynically abandon.

Contrary to its Bergman-esque conceit, though, the film has faith in the decency of the common man. However grim things may look, we're eventually steered in a surprisingly optimistic direction.

Sideways, just like the bitter-sweet wine Miles loves so much, is a rich, flavorful treat that'll leave you with a smooth buzz and wanting more. Cheers.

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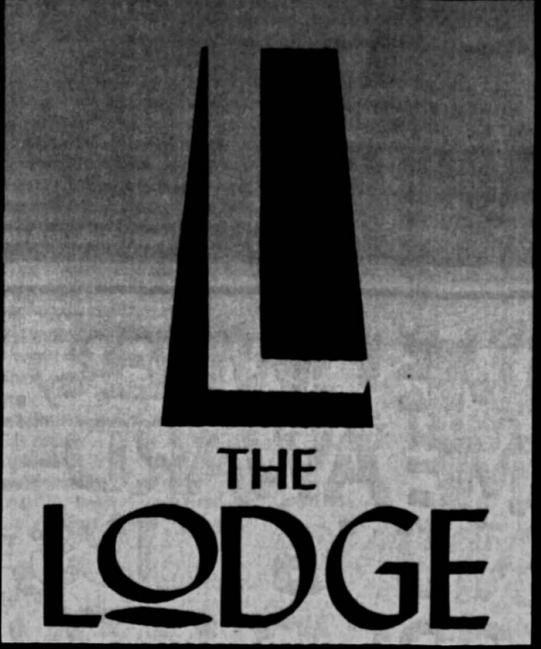
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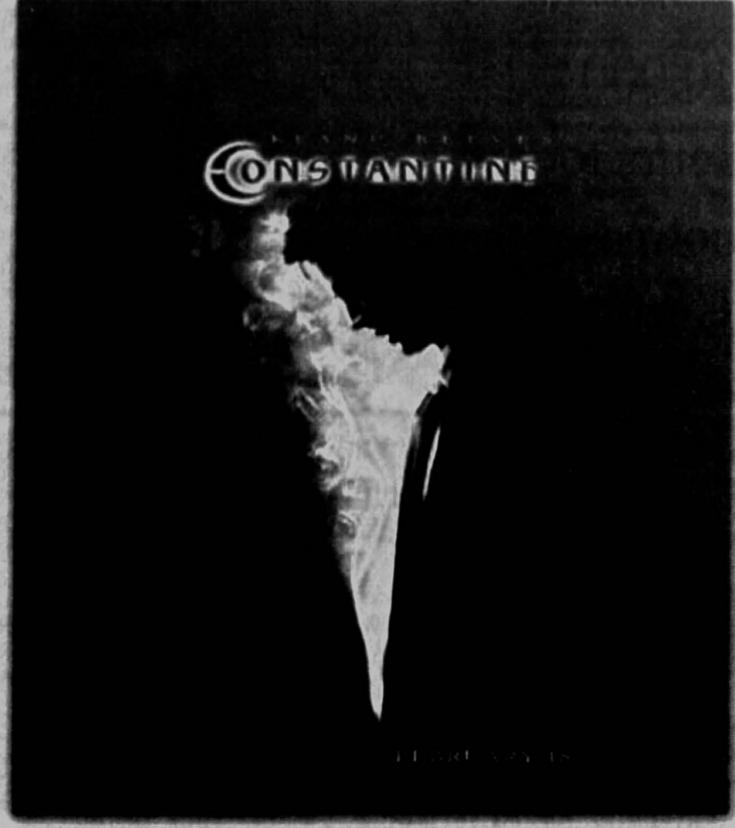
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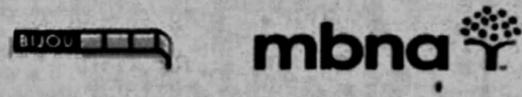
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NEWS

Athletes' graduation rates under scrutiny

At the UI, 65 percent of male athletes graduated within six years, compared with 73 percent of female athletes, according to NCAA statistics. In 2004, 65 percent of all students graduated within six years.

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73 percent of female athletes, according to NCAA statistics. In 2004, 65 percent of all students graduated within six years.

The UI does not yet break down graduation rates according to ethnicity, but UI Associate Athletics Director Fred Mims said university officials were revising their review of the numbers to include various subgroups.

"We need to look at [graduation rates of] the university as a whole," he said, adding that graduation trends between athletes and non-athletes are similar.

Ford said he hopes regents will not only develop a plan to help narrow the graduation gap but also eventually serve as a model for the state's private and community colleges to help minority students.

Interim Regents President

"We need to look at [graduation rates of] the university as a whole."
— UI Associate Athletics Director Fred Mims

Robert Downer said Monday he would welcome a further probe into the universities' graduation rates.

"Certain sports seem to stand out as needing improvements relative to others," he said. "So with respect to that and with respect to any differences based on gender or race, I'd certainly be supportive of taking a look."

The resolution also calls the regents to develop an athlete-recruitment policy that addresses behavioral guidelines for recruiting visits — which, Ford said, was partially spawned by last year's recruitment scandal at the University of Colorado. Recruits

there were allegedly offered alcohol and sexual favors.

The UI amended its recruitment policies last summer in the wake of football recruit Nick Patton, who initially insinuated that Iowa athletics officials had set Patton up with a woman during a September 2003 visit here.

The new guidelines strictly prohibit underage drinking and sexual harassment, require that entertainment for recruits be limited to the Iowa City-Coralville area, and enforce a 12:30 a.m. curfew, among other restrictions.

The three state universities are already operating under a uniform overarching statement addressing various recruitment procedures for the institutions, Mims said.

"It's beneficial that we have some type of consistency, while knowing that every institution is a bit different," he said.

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Activist sticks to pro-choice guns

GOEDEKEN

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Goedeke said the approximately 100-member Pro-Choice UI group would spring into action this semester, lobbying to keep abortion legal and advocating comprehensive sex education that teaches safe-sex methods in lieu of the abstinence-only approach.

"We'll be doing a lot of 'myth-busting,'" he said. "We're just trying to get ready for another four years."

The chairman of UISG's Student Services Committee became a public figure for abortion rights when he began working for NARAL Pro-Choice Iowa as an intern in May 2003. He and Thomann founded Pro-Choice University of Iowa around a year later.

Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, has attended pro-choice educational workshops with Goedeke and participated in a

local pro-choice rally last November.

"I think he's a good role model in terms of women's rights [in general]," Mascher said. "He's not only talking, he's going out and educating people."

A political-science major and former Republican, Goedeke has been publicly active since the age of 12; he served as chairman of Youth for Elizabeth Dole during her senatorial campaign. His conservative roots came from his father's mother, a former Right to Life activist, who pushed him toward an anti-abortion-rights stance, Goedeke said.

As he matured, he studied abortion issues and realized he had begun to identify with his mother's side of the family. His aunt, a reproductive-rights advocate, used to walk women

into abortion clinics in New York to keep them from being intimidated by anti-abortion activists. Goedeke said his liberal family members have helped guide him along the way.

"It's been five years since I switched, and I'm not going back."

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DI publisher Casey honored

CASEY

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David Allen of the *Lamoni* newspaper and Brad Hicks of the *Hampton Chronicle* were also presented with lifetime achievement awards.

"Bill deserves it. He has done this for 29 years, and he has done it well," said Vanessa Shelton, who nominated Casey. "We have one of the best college newspapers in the nation."

Casey's career at the *DI* began in 1972 as a truck driver; four years later he was hired as the publisher of the newspaper at age 25.

"Plenty of people told me, 'Forget it, you're too young,' but you have to listen to your heart," said Casey, a third-generation

"I'm the most proud of students in general who overcame obstacles to become great."

— Daily Iowan publisher Bill Casey

UI graduate. "Give it a shot, if it's what you want to do."

Casey, the father of two, stated that his proudest accomplishment was working with the late Bill Mertens, the former publisher of the *Burlington Hawkeye* and member of the board that oversees the *DI*. The duo helped create a journalism scholarship fund that has doled out more than \$650,000 to freshmen planning to work at the newspaper for four years.

"He is a great guy and a great leader. He always put students first, and that's what makes him so special," said *DI* Editor Tony Robinson.

In 1964, Phil Adler was present-

ed with the Master Editor-Publisher award. The UI's new journalism building, which opened in January, was named in his honor.

The transfer of the *DI* office to the new building, Casey said, marks the end of one era and the beginning of the next.

"I'm the most proud of students in general who overcame obstacles to become great," he said, detailing the achievements of *DI* reporters who came from poor economic backgrounds and have gone on to work for acclaimed newspapers.

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Israelis, Palestinians OK ceasefires

CEASE-FIRES

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promising moves at conciliation since the outbreak of the intifada, which has left more than 4,000 people dead, most of them Palestinian.

Still, memories linger of failed talks two years ago, the last time Sharon held meetings with Abu Mazen, then in a short-lived tenure as the Palestinian prime minister. A similar summit at the time, in Aqaba, Jordan, had also raised hopes for a breakthrough, but subsequent talks bogged down over security and some of the same issues currently being discussed.

Gissin said the climate for progress has improved since

the death of Yasser Arafat, long viewed by Israel as an obstacle to peace. He said further gains would hinge on the Palestinians' ability to preserve calm.

"Security is the word here," he said.

Abu Mazen declined to spell out the ceasefire terms ahead of

the summit in the Egyptian seaside resort of Sharm el Sheikh. Speaking to reporters after a meeting in the West Bank city of Ramallah with French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier, he said the agreement would "open the way for more negotiations to implement the 'road map.'"

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10,000 Hours to showcase Guster

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"It's a great way to get involved in the 10,000 Hours Show and a great way to find a volunteer organization," said UI senior Amanda Styron, the executive director and co-founder of the 10,000 Hours Show.

The formerly Johnson County-based project went statewide this year because of requests from Iowans outside the area who wanted to volunteer.

Tickets to the 10,000 Hours Show will not be available for purchase. Volunteers must log a minimum of 10 hours, which organizations can verify online, before the concert on April 17.

UI junior Andrea Ridgway has attended more than 10 Guster concerts and has met members of the band. She once trekked across three states in three days to see the band perform, adding that she would definitely volunteer for the 10,000 Hours Show to get a free ticket.

"I think it's a great cause, and I would do anything to help out Guster," she said.

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Coach K's after faint

DURHAM, N.C. — Coach Mike Krzyzewski claimed himself two days after the sidelines of the "I got checked make sure," Krzyzewski said. Coach K felt Feb. 5 during the first half of the 65 win over Georgetown on his side onds before a huddle, and the remainder of the game. He blamed it but still took doctor.

"When you you shouldn't Krzyzewski said get checked out. And as he fi plenty of advic daughters abo care of himself. "They said, 'important,' " K "Yes, it is."

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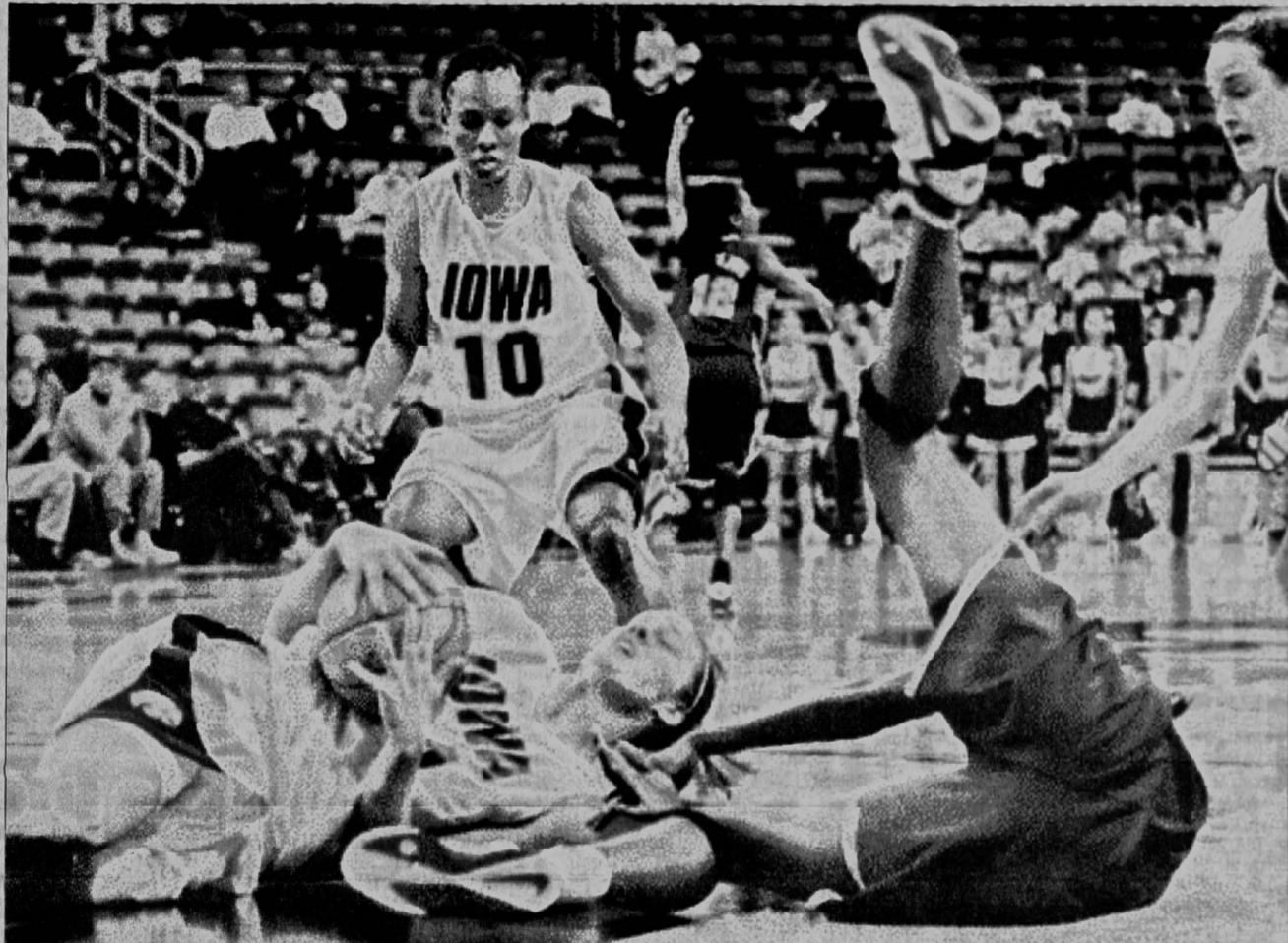
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DOWN but not out

Since the women's basketball team felt the brunt of back-to-back losses, the Hawkeyes' confidence has taken a nosedive. With six losses behind them, they're looking to their next six games to shake it off and regain the winning touch in order to qualify for the NCAA Tournament.



Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye Crystal Smith watches as teammate Johanna Solverson wrestles the ball away from a Michigan opponent on Jan. 27 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

BY TED MCCARTAN
THE DAILY IOWAN

Confidence. It's trust or faith in a person or thing. It's a movie starring Dustin Hoffman. It's inspired hundreds of self-help videos. It's something Tom Brady has and something Iowa coach Lisa Bluder thinks her team may lack.

The Iowa women's basketball team is coming off back-to-back losses, first a humiliating, 81-50 rout courtesy of No. 14 Minnesota on Feb. 3 and then an 88-78 upset at home against Wisconsin on Sunday. In the two games, Iowa had six more turnovers (48) than it did field goals (42).

And it couldn't have been easy when Bluder and Crystal Smith answered the questions from reporters following the game against Wisconsin, a

game the Hawkeyes were favored to win. Bluder's look was somewhere between exhaustion and disbelief, while Smith looked nearly ill. The press room had an eerie feeling, like the awkward silence after an elementary-school teacher scolds a class.

Iowa (15-6, 4-6) gave up an early 15-point lead to lose to Wisconsin (9-11, 3-7), the Hawkeyes' sixth loss in their last eight games.

SEE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, PAGE 4B



Krzyzewski

CHECK-UP

Coach K says he's fit after fainting spell

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski proclaimed himself fit Monday, two days after he collapsed on the sidelines during a game.

"I got checked out, just to make sure," Krzyzewski said.

Coach K fell to the floor on Feb. 5 during a timeout in the first half of the Blue Devils' 82-65 win over Georgia Tech. He lay on his side for several seconds before returning to the huddle, and he coached the remainder of the game.

He blamed it on a dizzy spell but still took time to visit his doctor.

"When you have an episode, you shouldn't be stupid," Krzyzewski said. "You should get checked out."

And as he figured, he heard plenty of advice from his three daughters about how to take care of himself.

"They said, 'Dad, it's not that important,'" Krzyzewski said. "Yes, it is."

SOURCE

Jets' Carter back in rehab

NEW YORK (AP) — Jets reserve quarterback Quincy Carter is back in rehab for an undisclosed problem, a source within the league said Monday.

Carter is seeking medical assistance at a treatment center, the source, speaking on the condition of anonymity, told the Associated Press.

Jets general manager Terry Bradway said through a team spokesman he had no comment. ESPN.com reported that Carter also was being treated for bipolar disorder.

Carter left the Jets four days before their playoff game against Pittsburgh last month to be with his ailing mother in Decatur, Ga. The source said Carter had personal issues and was excused from the team.

A little while after his departure, he entered the program. Carter previously went into rehab in 2003 and 2004.

REPORT

NCAA sex equity improving

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Women accounted for 44 percent of the athletes at NCAA Division I colleges in 2002-03, the same as the previous year, according to the latest NCAA sex-equity report released Monday.

The association has compared men's and women's athletics programs since 1991, when the first survey showed women's participation at 31 percent of the total number of athletes in Division I, 32 percent in Division II, and 35 percent in Division III.

"We've seen minimal gains in the last few years and large gains overall in the last decade, which means improvement is occurring," said Judy Sweet, the NCAA senior vice president for championships and education services. "But we must do better in our efforts to achieve equity in a timelier manner."

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Men's basketball may see more changes in lineup

BY NICK RICHARDS
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa will head into Wednesday night's game at Wisconsin with a possible question mark in the lineup.

Junior Erik Hansen, who has seen his production tail off to the point where he recorded no rebounds in 14 minutes before fouling out in Iowa's 75-64 loss to Michigan State on Feb. 5, could be out of the starting lineup for Wednesday's tilt in Madison.

He contributed just four points, all in the first half on free throws, and had just one blocked shot in the loss to the Spartans.

"We're probably leaning that way [keeping Hansen as the starter]," head coach Steve Alford said. "This is a team that a lot of it might be a game-time decision, because I'm not sure where Wisconsin will go. We

definitely need to get consistent production from Erik and Doug [Thomas]."

With Hansen's status undecided, the Hawkeyes could look to Thomas or freshman Seth Gorney to pick up the slack. Gorney has seen spot duty at times this season and provided good post defense against Minnesota's Jeff Hagen in Iowa's 66-60 win Jan. 15 and against Michigan State's Paul Davis.

"I really think I need to get more confident, but Minnesota and Michigan State are helping me build toward that," Gorney said.

The Hawkeyes will also look for added production from the Waterloo duo of Mike Henderson and Carlton Reed. Henderson played a career-high 33 minutes in the loss to the Spartans, and Reed played 17. However, the duo contributed only two points, both on Henderson free throws, in their combined 50 minutes on the floor.

"I think that a lot of people kind of put some pressure on them just stepping into Pierre's role," junior Adam Haluska said.

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NEXT UP? HOW 'BOUT NEXT YEAR ...

Winning next year is the only goal for the Patriots

BY DAVE GOLDBERG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Deion Branch needed just five little words to explain why the New England Patriots have won three of the last four Super Bowls.

Asked Monday if he had any thoughts of leaving the team when he becomes a restricted free agent, the Super Bowl MVP replied: "My home is in Foxboro."

Then, referring to team owner Robert Kraft, Branch added: "I'm proud of the family that Mr. Kraft has built."

An emphasis on winning over money is what drives the Patriots to success in an era when free agency and the salary cap force major turnover at most teams each season.

Next season's Patriots certainly will be different from this season's. The biggest losses are not players but coaches: Offensive coordinator Charlie Weis is the new head coach at Notre Dame, and defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel accepted the Cleveland Browns' head coaching job immediately after Sunday night's game.

SEE PATRIOTS, PAGE 4B



Ann Heisenteil/Associated Press

New England linebacker Rosevelt Colvin reacts to teammate Rodney Harrison's interception, which sealed the Patriots' 24-21 win over the Philadelphia Eagles in the Super Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla., on Sunday.

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Utah	16	32	.333	17 1/2

Monday's Games

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 Boston at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
 Minnesota at Memphis, 7 p.m.
 Chicago at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
 Utah at Denver, 8 p.m.
 Phoenix at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
 New Orleans at Seattle, 9 p.m.

MEN'S TOP TWENTY FIVE

By The Associated Press
 The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 6, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

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Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Illinois (72)	23-0	1,800
2. N. Carolina	19-2	1,711
3. Kansas	18-1	1,625
4. Boston Coll.	20-0	1,561
5. Kentucky	17-2	1,505
6. Wake Forest	19-3	1,429
7. Duke	17-2	1,349
8. Syracuse	21-2	1,311
9. Louisville	20-3	1,282
10. Oklahoma St.	17-3	1,144
11. Washington	19-3	1,059
12. Arizona	19-4	983
13. Michigan St.	15-4	872
14. Gonzaga	17-4	805
15. Utah	19-3	686
16. Oklahoma	17-4	657
17. Alabama	17-4	646
18. Pittsburgh	15-4	550
19. Connecticut	14-5	535
20. Wisconsin	15-5	309
21. Cincinnati	17-5	250
22. Villanova	13-5	242
23. Texas	15-6	189
24. Pacific	18-2	173
25. Texas Tech	14-5	156

Others receiving votes: Georgia Tech 116, Charlotte 106, Florida 87, Wichita St. 65, Minnesota 50, Vermont 40, Georgetown 17, Maryland 12, Old Dominion 12, Mississippi St. 10, St. Mary's, Cal. Nevada 8, Texas A&M 8, George Washington 7, Iowa 7, Wis.-Milwaukee 6, Marquette 5, Notre Dame 5, UTEP 3, Stanford 2, Holy Cross 1, Miami 1.

THE WOMEN'S TOP TWENTY FIVE

By The Associated Press
 The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 6, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

Record	Pts	Pvs
1. LSU (44)	21-1	1,100
2. Ohio St.	22-2	1,036
3. Duke	22-2	984
4. Stanford	21-2	978
5. Tennessee	18-3	925
6. Notre Dame	20-3	873
7. Baylor	17-3	833
8. N. Carolina	18-3	781
9. Michigan St.	20-3	752
10. Connecticut	15-5	702
11. Rutgers	16-5	670
12. Minnesota	18-4	590
13. Texas Tech	16-4	553
14. Iowa St.	18-2	473
15. DePaul	18-3	459
16. Kansas St.	17-4	449
17. Texas	13-7	377
18. Georgia	18-6	342
19. Maryland	16-5	274
20. Temple	18-3	249
21. Vanderbilt	16-5	237
22. Boston Coll.	15-5	196
23. N.C. State	16-5	146
24. Wis.-Grn. Bay	20-2	90
25. Penn St.	14-8	77

Others receiving votes: New Mexico 48, Florida 35, Purdue 20, Virginia Tech 18, Gonzaga 13, UCLA 13, TCU 12, Virginia 12, Charlotte 9, Houston 6, Southern Cal 4, Chattanooga 2, Iowa 3, Louisiana Tech 2, Louisville 2, Richmond 2, Utah 2, Nebraska 1.

Phoenix rise again to join women's poll

BY CHUCK SCHOFFNER
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

Returning to the Associated Press women's basketball poll is just part of the deal for Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Now that they're in, the Phoenix want to stay awhile.

While LSU swept all 44 first-place votes from a national media panel, and the top six teams remained the same, UW-Green Bay joined at No. 24. The Phoenix (20-2) came in on the strength of a 14-game winning streak, the fourth-longest in the country.

"We're moving up," Phoenix coach Kevin Borseth said. "That's a good thing. That's what we want to do. Certainly, it isn't a goal of ours to get there and be happy and then get bumped out. We want to keep moving up."

The Phoenix did that the last time they were ranked. They joined the poll for the first time in school history on Dec. 16, 2002, and stayed in the rest of the season, rising to as high as 16th. That team finished 28-4, the best ever for the program.

"I don't know if the polls will be quite as kind this time around," Borseth said. "We need to solidify our position a little more. Ultimately we want to get into the national tournament and see what we can do."

Florida State, which had been 24th, dropped out after losing two of three games during the past week. The Seminoles (19-5) joined the poll two weeks ago, the school's first national ranking in 14 years.

LSU (21-1) was No. 1 for the second-straight week and eighth time this season. No. 2 Ohio State and No. 3 Duke each received a first-place vote last week, but LSU got them all this time.

The Lady Tigers had 1,100 points in the voting after

decisive victories over Mississippi and Mississippi State. Ohio State (22-2) had 1,036 points, and Duke (22-2) had 984 — six more than No. 4 Stanford. Tennessee remained fifth, and Notre Dame held at No. 6.

Baylor climbed one spot to seventh after beating Top 25 opponents Kansas State and Texas Tech. The victory at Tech was Baylor's first in Lubbock since 1982.

North Carolina, Michigan State, and Connecticut each moved up one place to complete the Top 10. A 57-44 loss at Connecticut dropped Rutgers from seventh to 11th.

Minnesota was 12th and Texas Tech 13th, followed by Iowa State, DePaul, Kansas State, Texas, Georgia, Maryland, and Temple.

The final five were Vanderbilt, Boston College, North Carolina State, UW-Green Bay, and Penn State.

Iowa State, the surprising leader in the Big 12, went from 19th to 14th for the biggest jump within the poll. The Cyclones (18-2), who already have matched their victory total for all of last season, routed Colorado and beat Texas last week.

Texas fell four spots to 17th, and Boston College tumbled from 16th to 22nd for the biggest drop. The Eagles lost to Notre Dame and St. John's last week, and that wasn't their only setback. Leading scorer Jessalyn Deveney has been lost for the rest of the season with a ruptured Achilles' tendon in her right foot.

Wisconsin-Green Bay has stayed healthy after losing its only seniors, Tiffany Mor and Natalie Yudt, to knee injuries a year ago. The Phoenix still won the Horizon League championship for the sixth-straight year and made the NCAA Tournament for the sixth time in seven years.

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 • Wrestling hosts Minnesota, 7 p.m., Carver-Hawkeye Arena
 • Women's track at Cyclone Invitational, TBA, Ames
 • Men's track at Cyclone Classic, TBA, Ames
 • Softball at Stetson Invitational, TBA, Deland, Fla.
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 • Men's tennis hosts Marquette, 10 a.m., Rec Building

- Men's gymnastics hosts Illinois-Chicago, 2 p.m., Field House North Gym
 • Men's basketball hosts Northwestern, 7:05 p.m., Carver-Hawkeye
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 • Men's tennis hosts Toledo, 10 a.m., Rec Building
 • Women's basketball hosts Ohio State, 2:05 p.m., Carver-Hawkeye
 • Wrestling hosts Michigan, 6 p.m., Carver-Hawkeye
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Pacific makes AP Top 25 for first time

BY JIM O'CONNELL
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pacific moved into the Associated Press men's college basketball Top 25 for the first time in school history Monday thanks to a perfect start in the Big West.

While Illinois was No. 1 in the poll for the 10th-straight week and a unanimous choice for the second time in a row, Pacific joined the rankings at No. 24.

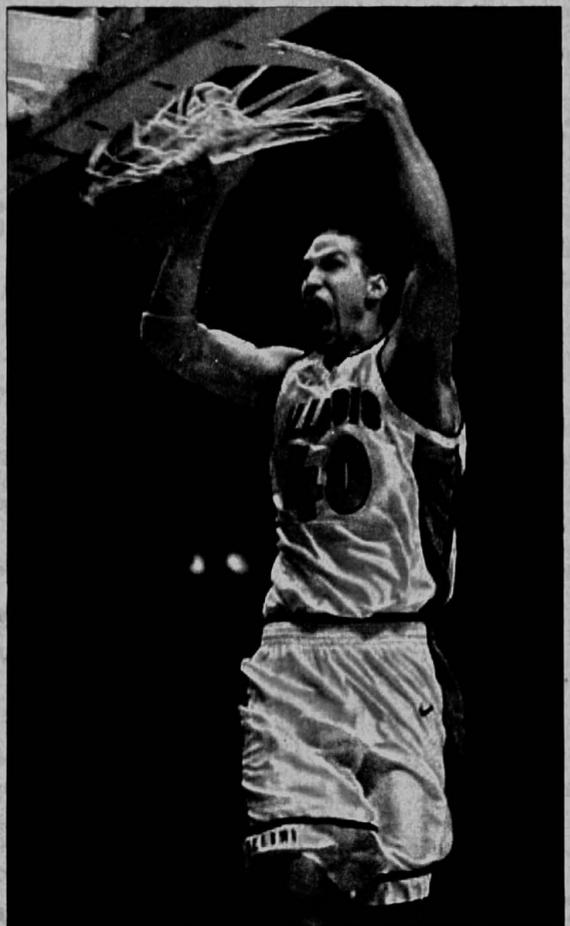
The Tigers (18-2), who have won 14-straight games, are 12-0 in the Big West and off to their best start. Their only losses this season were at Kansas and to San Francisco, and they have a school-record 25-game winning streak in conference play.

"It's great for our town, and our school, and our players," coach Bob Thomason said Monday. "They worked hard the last two years. I think they were a little disappointed they didn't get in last Monday. Now we have to go to Idaho and Utah State. As soon as we get ranked, we have to go play our hardest game of the year, but that's a good challenge for us."

Pacific has made six appearances in the NCAA Tournament, with a loss to UCLA in a regional final in 1967 its best run. The Tigers were a No. 12 seed last season and upset Providence, 66-58, in the first round. Thomason, the 17th-year coach who played in the 1971 NCAA Tournament for Pacific, also led the Tigers to the NCAAs in 1997 with current Minnesota Timberwolves center Michael Olowokandi.

Illinois (23-0), which beat Michigan State and Indiana last week, matched the longest streak at the top since Kansas' 15-week run in 1996-97. Connecticut was No. 1 for 10 straight weeks in 1998-99.

North Carolina (19-2) and Kansas (18-1) remained second and third, while Boston College, the only other unbeaten team in



John Dixon/Associated Press
 Illinois' James Augustine dunks the ball during first-half action against Indiana in Champaign on Sunday. Illinois won, 60-47.

Division I, moved up one spot to a school-record fourth. The Eagles beat West Virginia and Seton Hall to become the first team in Big East history to start a season 20-0.

Kentucky and Wake Forest each moved up one spot to fifth and sixth, while Duke fell from fourth to No. 7 after losing to

Wake Forest and beating Georgia Tech.

Syracuse, Louisville, and Oklahoma State were eighth through 10th for the second-straight week.

Washington was No. 11, followed by Arizona, Michigan State, Gonzaga, Utah, Oklahoma, Alabama, Pittsburgh,

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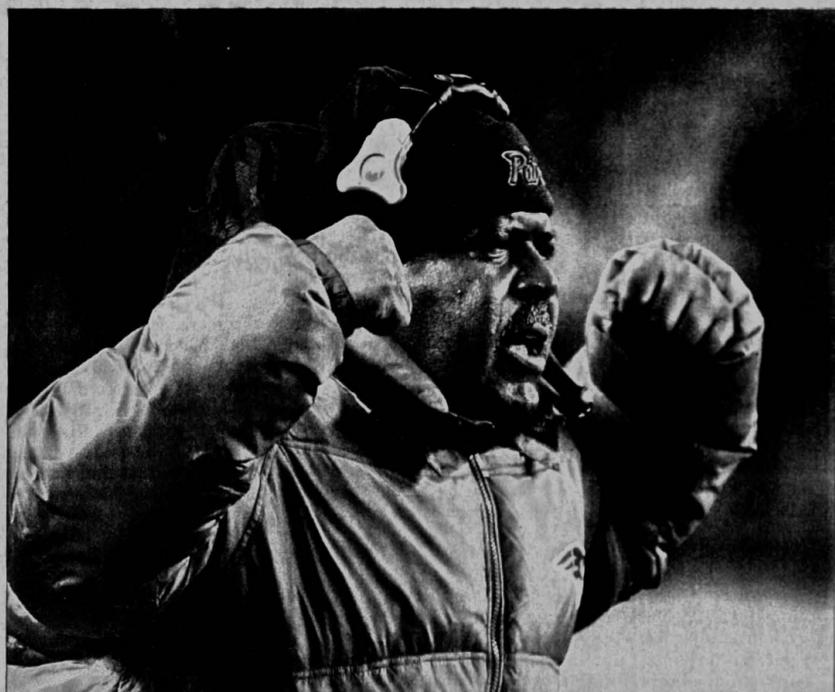
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New England defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel reacts during the AFC championship game against Pittsburgh on Jan. 23 in Pittsburgh. Crennel accepted the Cleveland Browns' offer to be their next head coach on Sunday.

Crennel accepts Browns' coaching job

BY TOM WITHERS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — From dynasty to disaster, Romeo Crennel is going from one NFL extreme to the other. Shortly after helping New England win its third NFL title in four years, the Patriots' defensive coordinator accepted an offer to coach the Cleveland Browns, a chance to advance that he once worried would never come.

"I've been in this business for a little while," Crennel said after the Patriots beat Philadelphia, 24-21, to seal their place among the league's best teams ever. "I've always been told if you work hard and you're good at what you do, you'll get an opportunity to move up."

Crennel's agent, Joe Linta, said Browns President John Collins called him "about two minutes" after the Patriots' win

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— **New England Patriots' defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel**

to offer the 57-year-old Crennel, a five-time Super Bowl winner, his first head coaching job.

"He has accepted, pending us working out a contract," Linta said from Jacksonville, Fla. "Hopefully, we can get it done quickly, and he can begin putting together a staff."

Linta was scheduled to arrive in Cleveland on Monday for contract talks at the team's headquarters in suburban Berea.

As long as things go well, the

Browns will introduce Crennel as their 11th full-time coach — and first black coach — in team history today or Wednesday.

Linta said he will seek a five- or six-year deal.

"He's not like most first-time coaches," Linta said. "He's a guy with more credentials. Although he hasn't been a head coach, he has five Super Bowl rings. The Browns aren't just getting a coach. They're buying into a program. They are getting 25 years of experience and knowledge."

Crennel's move to Cleveland is no surprise. It had been expected for weeks and was only delayed because the Browns weren't allowed to have contact with the 24-year NFL coaching veteran while the Patriots were still playing.

The Browns are hoping Crennel can bring them back to glory, but there's much work to be done.

SUPER BOWL

Eagles plan to come back and win

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia expects to win a Super Bowl in less time than it took to win the NFC championship. Playing in their first Super Bowl in 24 years wasn't enough for the Eagles. They want to come back and win it — quickly — after losing 24-21 to the New England Patriots on Sunday.

"We'll get over it," coach Andy Reid said on Monday. "We'll get through this thing, and we'll come back and learn from it."

Getting back certainly won't be easy — just ask the NFC teams that played in the Super Bowl this decade.

Carolina's repeat bid was sidetracked by a slew of injuries, and it failed to make the playoffs this year. Tampa Bay (2003) was the first team to follow a Super Bowl victory with consecutive losing seasons, and neither St. Louis (2002) nor New York (2001) have returned to the conference championship game.

"I do understand the history of that, and I know it's a tough thing," Reid said. "The reason I think we can get back here is we have a great nucleus of young players who had a taste of this thing."

Maybe that's what separates the

Eagles from so many of the other teams. In this salary-cap, free-agency era, Philadelphia (15-4) seems built to last.

They have \$18 million available to spend, and most of their best young players are signed to long-term contracts.

Corey Simon, Jermaine Mayberry, Jeremiah Trotter, Derrick Burgess, Chad Lewis, and Jon Ritchie are all unrestricted free agents, but only losing Trotter would be particularly damaging.

"You want to think there will be subtle changes, but you never know how it works out," Reid said.

The Eagles made a big splash in the free-agent market last year, signing Jevon Kearse, Hugh Douglas, and Trotter, and trading for Terrell Owens.

Owens led the Eagles with 77 catches for 1,200 yards and 14 TDs, then made a stunning return to play in the Super Bowl just 6 1/2 weeks after ankle surgery. He invigorated the Eagles with his swagger and delivered everything expected, from the electric playmaking to the outrageous antics — including a steamy segment with actress Nicollette Sheridan for the intro to "Monday Night Football."

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SUPER BOWL COMMENTARY

DYNASTY, YES

BY BILL PLASCHKE
LOS ANGELES TIMES

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Yes, their coach was doused in Gatorade.

But while he was wearing an ugly gray sweatshirt and being hugged by his father.

Yes, a couple of their players performed a funky touchdown dance.

But it was completely stolen from the other team.

Their game-winning touchdown drive was fueled by a guy named Faulk, but it wasn't Marshall.

Their record-setting receiver was a guy named Deion, but it wasn't Sanders.

All of which goes to today's question of whether, when referring to the New England Patriots, can you use the "D" word?

The answer is yes, plenty of "D" words.

Dull. Different. Debatably interesting.

And, absolutely, dynasty.

They earned as much Sunday after their third three-point Super Bowl in four years, boring and bruising during a 24-21 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles at Alltel Stadium.

The game was sometimes as awkward as Bill Belichick's pregame entrance — when he ran to the wrong bench.

It was sometimes as ungainly as the fighting, tipping touchdown catch — by one of their linebackers.

But the message, to star-crossed parents and teachers and bosses alike, was as important as it was clear.

"Over the past four years, we have told the world — you don't have to be a star to play like a star," said Troy Brown, the typical Patriot with two children on his lap, a dull brown championship cap on his head, and grass-stained tape all over his hands.

If you are a youth-league coach who wants to build a team around his son, listen. If you are a high-school coach who is afraid of using the bench, watch.

"We've never stood out. We've always symbolized the meaning of team," said guard Joe Andruzzi. "Whether you want to write that as a dynasty, that's up to you."

With pleasure, we will, even if history will cringe, and NFL Films will have to edit.

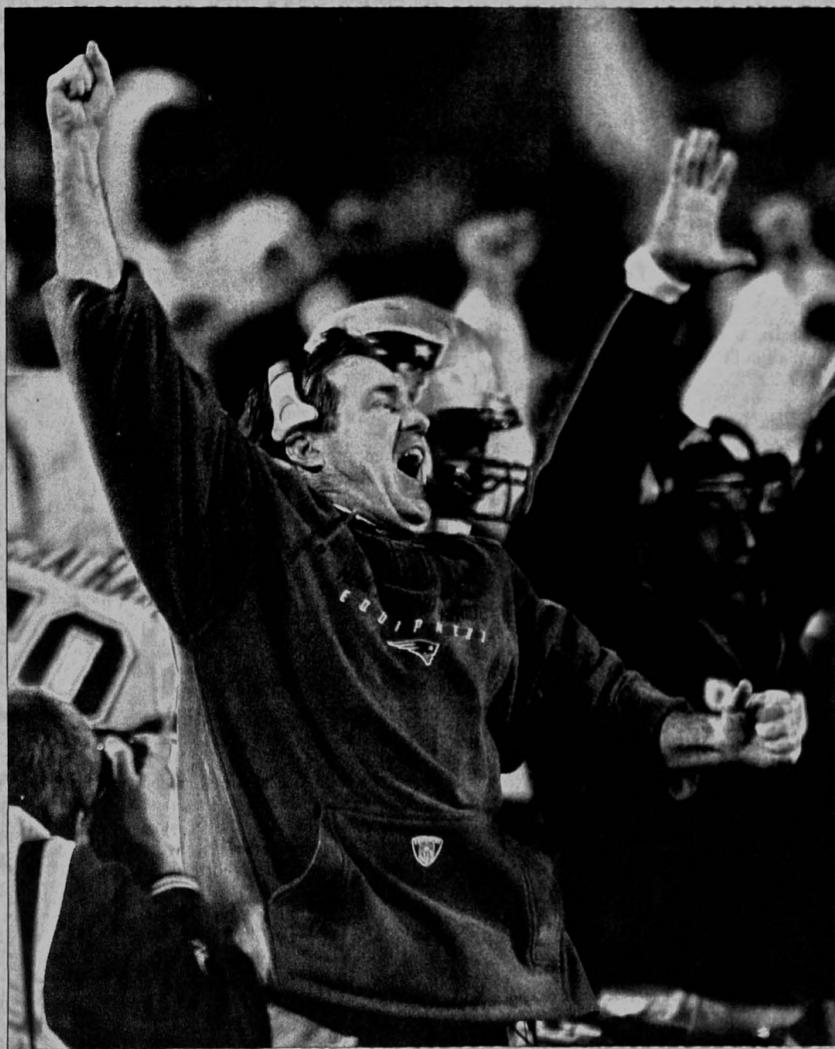
If the Patriots were the old Green Bay Packers, they'd be Ray Nitschke's toothless smile.

If they were the 1990s Dallas Cowboys, they'd be Jimmy Johnson's gel.

Yet that is the company they now keep, joining the Cowboys as the only teams in league history to win three titles in four seasons, while tying the Packers for the longest postseason winning streak at nine games.

Only the Steelers have won more titles — four — with essentially the same key players.

"But in the end, when you get checkmate, it doesn't matter how many pieces you have



Amy Sancetta/Associated Press

New England head coach Bill Belichick reacts as the Patriots beat Philadelphia, 24-21, in the Super Bowl on Sunday.

left on the board," said linebacker Mike Vrabel. "It's still checkmate."

That is indeed what the Patriots did Sunday, falling behind

early amid a raucous pro-Philly crowd, then calmly wearing down the Eagles until they couldn't run a proper two-minute drill for all the gasping.

SUPER BOWL

Boston relatively calm after Patriots' win

BOSTON (AP) — New England Patriots fans celebrated their Super Bowl win amid relative calm throughout the city on Monday. With a few arrests reported as of Monday morning, the fans' jubilation has so far proceeded without any of the rowdiness blamed for two deaths last year.

In Jacksonville, Fla., police officials had to use pepper spray to break up a fracas Sunday night between Philadelphia fans and New England supporters. Upset over their team's 24-21 Super Bowl loss, the Eagles' crowd started lobbing plastic beer bottles. No one apparently was injured.

At the University of Massachusetts campus in Amherst, about 90 miles west of Boston, students blasted "We are the Champions" from dormitory windows. A group of several hundred students formed but was dispersed about 30 minutes later, and university officials said four people were arrested for disorderly conduct.

In Boston, most fans decided not to take to the streets, and those who did were scattered quickly. There were no immediate reports of injuries. Just

two people were arrested, both on assault-and-battery charges, police spokesman John Boyle said.

The city deployed approximately 1,000 officers to try to prevent any deaths similar to those that occurred last year — one after the Patriots won the national championship in February, another after the Boston Red Sox beat the New York Yankees to advance to the World Series. James Grabowski, 21, was killed by a drunken driver; Victoria Snelgrove, also 21, was killed by a pepper-spray pellet fired by a police officer.

Police presence was heaviest Sunday night near Boston's universities and at Faneuil Hall downtown and other spots where crowds typically gather. After last year's pepper-spray death, police administrators had said no force would be used without first seeking approval from supervisors.

The mood was considerably more muted in Philadelphia. Police were assigned to areas of the city known for rowdiness after high-profile sports events — such as Northeast Philadelphia, where fans crowded the sidewalks after the game — but there were no immediate reports of serious incidents.

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Bode Miller speeds down the course on his way to winning the men's downhill at the World Alpine Ski Championships in Bormio, Italy, on Feb. 5.

Surprising Iowa State leads Big 12

BY CHUCK SCHOFFNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMES — Among all the surprises around the country in this women's basketball season, the Big 12 race fits right in.

Just check the standings. Yep, that's Iowa State alone in first place, the same Iowa State team that was picked to finish sixth.

After two seasons off the national radar, the running, shooting, crowd-pleasing Cyclones of old are back.

"I don't think anyone thought we were capable of that," center Katie Robinette said. "We've kind of proved some people wrong and shown that we deserved to be at the top of the Big 12 and ranked in the Top 25."

Iowa State (18-2, 8-1 Big 12) had been a perennial Top 25 and NCAA Tournament team until slipping badly two years ago. The offense that used to bedevil opponents with its 3-point shooting vanished, and the Cyclones finished 12-16, Bill Fennelly's first losing record in 15 seasons as a college coach.

They started to turn things around last season, going 18-15 and reaching the semifinals of the WNIT, and now they've come full circle. No. 14 Iowa State leads the league in scoring (79.8), field goal percentage (.464), and 3-pointers (9.2 per game). That 3-point figure leads the nation.

With the Feb. 5 73-69 victory over then-No. 13 Texas, the preseason favorite in the Big 12, Iowa State improved to 12-0 at home and exceeded last season's win total in the conference.

"All of them are a handful," Texas coach Jody Conradt said. "You almost have to be perfect defensively to beat them [in Ames]. It just seems that they play with so much confidence. I've never been here when they didn't shoot the ball really well."

Iowa State has seven more regular-season games to fatten its victory total, but it won't be easy. Four of the next five are on the road, starting today at No. 13 Texas Tech, the only place in the Big 12 the Cyclones haven't won. They're also looking at a Feb. 19 game at No. 7 Baylor.

"I told the kids, you've got to make a decision on what's going to happen in the next couple of weeks and how far you want to take this," Fennelly said. "We're going to learn real quick. With our schedule, I still think we're a definite long shot. But I've learned not to underestimate some of the people on this team."

A strong senior class has set the tone for the Cyclones.

Guard Anne O'Neil changed her shot last summer and is shooting 62.4 percent from 3-point range while averaging 17.4 points. Robinette, playing her first full season since she was a freshman at Nebraska in 2001-02, has been an



Allison Sickelka, Iowa State Daily/Associated Press
Iowa State's Katie Robinette looks for a shot as Texas' Tiffany Johnson defends on Feb. 5 in Ames. Iowa State won, 73-69.

anchor in the post. Mary Fox is a threat from the perimeter (45 3-pointers) and a good rebounder. Lisa Kriener and Tracy Paustian have given the team valuable minutes off the bench.

"We're trying to get our seniors to the NCAA Tournament," Fennelly said. "Besides my family, that's the only thing I think about every day."

If anyone can appreciate this season's success, it's the seniors who have played four years at Iowa State — Fox, Kriener, and Paustian. They were freshmen when the Cyclones went 24-9 and made the NCAA Tournament in 2002. Thinking that's how it was always going to be, they suffered through that miserable season the next year.

"That's what makes these wins a little sweeter," Kriener said. "We don't take any win for granted. We've been saying to the younger girls, don't take this for granted. This might be the best opportunity."

Miller takes skiing's showcase event

BY ERICA BULMAN
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BORMIO, Italy — Bode Miller has turned the Alpine Skiing World Championships into his personal playground.

Hailed by Italian newspapers as the "Cowboy of the Snow," he already has two golds and the chance for more medals in the next few days. In the only event he failed to win, he lost a ski — and then thrilled fans by sliding down the course on just one ski.

"Bode, we're crazy for you," proclaim banners draped on homes here.

Miller came into the world championships leading the World Cup standings, vying to become the first American since Phil Mahre in 1983 to win the overall title. And his dominance in Alpine skiing has grown during the past 1½ weeks in Bormio.

Miller shocked the powerful Austrian team by winning gold in the super-giant slalom to open the world championships. And he won the downhill this weekend, with

U.S. teammate Daron Rahlves second.

"Obviously, I'd love to have as many medals as events I'm skiing in," Miller said. "I know myself. When it comes to the big day, I don't mess it up. If I do mess it up, it's because I was going for it."

Even when he messes up, Miller is still the story.

In the Feb. 3 combined event, he lost a ski just 15 seconds into the morning's downhill leg, but turned catastrophe into comedy, stealing the spotlight with a rollicking one-legged descent. The following day, European papers ran full-sequence photo spreads of his stunt.

"This is great for the sport. Bode is exciting, dominant, good-looking," said former World Cup downhill champion Ken Read, a Canadian. "He's the best skier in the world, and for all of us on that side of the ocean, it's nice to see that."

If Miller can add Saturday's slalom title, he would become the first skier to win a world title in each of skiing's five disciplines.

He won combined and giant slalom gold medals two years ago in St. Moritz, Switzerland, to go with his super-G and downhill titles in Bormio.

Fans felt a mix of horror and amusement upon learning the 27-year-old lost his gold medal for the combined from the 2003 worlds after using it to hold up the toilet seat at his apartment in Patsch, Austria.

Hours after winning the super-G gold in Bormio, he lost that one, too. The medal was in the pocket of his jacket, which apparently was taken while he was celebrating his victory at USA House — where American team members go for recreation and publicity events. The medal was returned to the bar staff there, but his jacket is still missing.

"I think in some ways Bode's in a lot of people's heads because he operates a little differently," said U.S. men's speed coach John McBride. "He's not your standard person or athlete. He operates in his own way, and his view on things is a lot different. It's skewed a little differently."

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DAILY BREAK

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calendar

- Visiting Speaker Seminar, "Regulation of receptor trafficking by Rab GTPases," Suzanne Pfeffer, 10:30 a.m., 2117 Medical Education and Biomedical Research Facility.
- Camp and Recreation Fair, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., IMU second-floor ballroom.
- Campus Activities Board Event,

- music by Jesse Beck, noon, IMU Wheel-room.
- Center for Teaching, Films at Noon, Making Large Classes Interactive, noon, 137 Schaeffer Hall.
- Faculty Senate Meeting, 3:30 p.m., 166 IMU.

• "Live from Prairie Lights," Maria Doria Russell, fiction, 8 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., and WSUI.

quote of the day

"I'm all in favor of keeping dangerous weapons out of the hands of fools. Let's start with typewriters."

— Solomon Short

horoscopes

Tuesday, February 8, 2005
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Things are looking up, so make your move, and do your thing. You have the talent and the know-how, so take the plunge, and jump into the future with optimism and confidence.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be careful not to offend someone by being a know-it-all. You will get into trouble if you don't stick to what you are supposed to be doing. Better to show what you can do than to toot your own horn.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are in the groove today. Play your cards right, and you'll have everyone eating out of your hand and everything going your way. Love is all around you, so tell someone special how you really feel.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Everything will be riding on the choices you make today. Investment opportunities are apparent, but you mustn't stretch your financial boundaries to play the game. Practical maneuvers will be your best bet.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): So much is riding on how you treat the people around you today. You can be a star or a villain — the choice is yours. A new partnership can lead you in a better direction. Your willingness to pitch in and help will make the difference.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The emphasis is on what you can accomplish. Let your imagination take over, and invent a new angle to something that you already know how to do. It's all about being in the right place at the right time today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You have the edge. You can be spectacular as long as you don't start putting off things you should be getting done right now. The time is right to excel, so get moving.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may want to think twice about something you are planning to do today. Putting things off isn't such a bad idea, especially if you don't feel totally confident that you can do your best.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll be on the go. Everything will fall into place as long as you keep the momentum going. Travel and interaction with others will help you acquire the information you need to get what you want.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): Let your industrious side shine through. You can have a huge effect on others if you are passionate about whatever it is you are working on right now. Opportunity knocks today, so don't miss out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will learn something very important from someone whose lifestyle is totally different from yours. Don't rule out combining a few different ideas in order to come up with something that works for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Getting your act together should be your intent. If you have been wasting time trying to take from others instead of doing for yourself, apologize and work at being more self-sufficient.

news you need to know

Today — Withdrawal of entire spring-semester registration through Friday, student held to 75% of tuition and mandatory fees

Friday — 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

Feb. 17 — First official class lists due, 5 p.m.

happy birthday to ...

Feb. 8 — Alex Ragias, 19

E-mail names, ages, and dates of birth to daily-iowan@uiowa.edu at least two days in advance.

PATV schedule

- 7 a.m. Democracy Now
- 11 SCTV Calendar
- 11:30 SCTV Mature Focus
- Noon Sweethearts Serenade
- 1:20 p.m. Bach's Lunch
- 2 St. Mary's Liturgy
- 3 24-7
- 4 Gospel Explosion Ministry
- 5 Animal House

- 5:30 Music da Camera
- 6 Tom's Guitar Show Live
- 7 U.N. Report
- 7:30 The Zendik Perspective
- 8 PATV Reserved: Local Music
- 9 Medium
- 9:30 Cold & Grey
- 10 4th ci open jam
- 10:30 RBO TV

UITV schedule

- 3 Special News Conference, Coach Jim Zalesky
- 3:30 Flights of Discovery, Documentary on Iowa Physics and Space Pioneer James Van Allen
- 4:40 Ida Beam Lecture: The Nazi Camps with Henry Friedlander
- 6 "Talk of Iowa, Live from the Java House," Cmiel & Burt

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- 9:30 Ueye No. 3
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Little University

- 1 What Middle Eastern nation bills its Ramon Crater as the largest natural crater in the world?
- 2 What homage to beachwear helped launch Sisqó's solo career?
- 3 What U.S. politician quipped in 2001: "You win some, you lose some, and then there's that little-known third category"?
- 4 What remedy for erectile dysfunction, made with 18 herbs, was unleashed in America in 2000 after 50 years as a hot item in China?
- 5 Who interrupted his retirement to play in the 1992 NBA All-Star Game, then was named MVP?

1. Israel
2. "The Hoop Song"
3. Al Gore
4. BellerMAN
5. Magic Johnson

WHAT'S LEFT TO SAY ABOUT THE SUPER BOWL?

— by Nick Narigon

• Who won the Bud bowl?

• Did Rodney Harrison have more catches than Freddie Mitchell?

• With all of the millions of dollars being thrown around over one game, who's getting all that money?

• Who's spending it?

• It wasn't nearly exciting as the Capital One Bowl.

• Did you smell that guy in chemistry lab? He had way too much chili and High Life.

• I don't know; I was watching *Lord of the Rings*.

• Donovan must have given all of his chunky soup to T.O.

• It is tough to sit through three boobless hours of television.

• It's good to see Burt Reynolds working again in those Fed Ex commercials.

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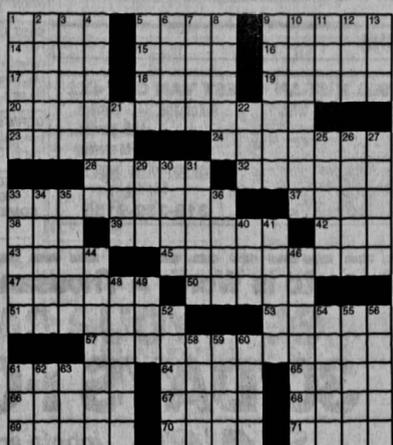


The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 1228

- ACROSS**
- 1 Banned orchard spray
 - 5 Obey
 - 9 Problem with eyeliner
 - 14 "Smooth Operator" singer
 - 15 With the bow, in music
 - 16 Small songbirds
 - 17 Welcome forecast for Santa
 - 18 Undecided
 - 19 Chopin's Mazurka in
 - 20 Double-H of magic
 - 23 "Old MacDonald" refrain
 - 24 Not precise
 - 28 Rwandan people
 - 32 Kind of counter
 - 33 Double-H of film
 - 37 ___ list
 - 38 Author Umberto
 - 39 Nocturnal lizards
 - 42 Sparks's home: Abbr.
 - 43 Birth place
 - 45 Double-H of politics
 - 47 "Seinfeld" role
 - 50 Sawyer of morning TV
 - 51 Secret pros
 - 53 Game where you might hear "7 come 11"
 - 57 Double-H of literature
 - 61 Holy war
 - 64 Prefix with distant
 - 65 Emphatic type: Abbr.
 - 66 To no (unsuccessfully)
 - 67 Imperfect gravy feature
 - 68 Works of Michelangelo
 - 69 Cinema vérité, e.g.
 - 70 Test areas
 - 71 Forest growth
- DOWN**
- 1 "Steady ___ goes"
 - 2 Molokai porch
 - 3 Like a lot
 - 4 Put another way
 - 5 Biblical verb
 - 6 Suffix with smack
 - 7 Neutral shade
 - 8 Title boy of old comics
 - 9 Al Jolson standard
 - 10 Handyman
 - 11 Migratory fish
 - 12 Santa ___
 - 13 Letter run
 - 21 Babies
 - 22 Gerund suffix
 - 25 A long, amateurish piano recital, maybe
 - 26 Gave up
 - 27 Cache
 - 29 It's definite
 - 30 Quite
 - 31 Signed
 - 33 Lumberjack
 - 34 Cause of an intestinal problem
 - 35 Willy of "Death of a Salesman"
 - 36 "Beloved" writer Morrison



Puzzle by Elizabeth C. Gorski

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- 40 Popular laundry detergent
- 41 Matched, after "in"
- 44 Outcome of merciless teasing?
- 46 "Yoo-hoo!"
- 48 Christmas tree drooping
- 49 Miscalculate
- 52 Bloodhound's sense
- 54 Jetsons' dog
- 55 High school exams, for short
- 56 Two-time U.S. Open tennis champ
- 58 Water color
- 59 Without feeling
- 60 Cheese ___
- 61 English sports car, informally
- 62 "___ Got the World on a String"
- 63 Solo in space

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