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IOWA BOARD OF REGENTS

2 new regents have familiar political names

Gov. Tom Vilsack appoints Ruth Harkin and Tom Bedell, in addition to reappointing Rose Vasquez



NOMINATED

Gov. Tom Vilsack nominated two individuals to fill empty regent seats:

• The Iowa Senate must now approve the two nominations



Tom Bedell:

Age: 55

Occupation: Chairman of Pure Fishing, the world's leading fishing and tackle company, in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

Education: Stanford University



Name: Ruth Harkin

Age: 60

Occupation: Former senior vice president for United Technologies International

Education: Catholic University Law School

BY SEUNG MIN KIM

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The future of the state Board of Regents, which has faced myriad changes in recent weeks, is now in the hands of the Iowa Senate, which must confirm Gov. Tom Vilsack's recent nominations.

Vilsack nominated Ruth Harkin, who is married to Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and Tom Bedell, the son of former Rep. Berkeley Bedell, D-Iowa, on Feb. 9. Regent Rose Vasquez, who stepped in last summer for former regent Deb Turner, was re-appointed to a full six-year term.

"These business leaders understand the importance of continuing the transformational work underway at the Board of Regents," Vilsack said in a statement.

Ruth Harkin was not available for comment, but she said in a statement that she was "appreciative and excited" about the nomination. Neither Bedell nor Vasquez could be reached on Sunday.

Vilsack's announcement filled the holes created on the nine-person panel, which in late January saw the sudden resignations of the regents' President John Forsyth and Regent David Neil.

Regent Sue Nieland resigned earlier this month, and Regent Owen Newlin will retire after 12 years on the board.

Michael Gartner, the former NBC News president, and Des Moines businesswoman Teresa Wahlert had been tapped to fill positions vacated by Forsyth and Neil.

Interim Regents' President Robert Downer described Vasquez as a "quick study" and said he would appoint her as the chairwoman of the regents' human-resources committee.

He also praised the new appointees, especially Bedell, who gave a "very moving and dynamic" speech during a dinner hosted by the UI Tippie College of Business.

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'Everything went pretty quick. There's not much anyone could have done; these RVs go up like matchsticks.'

— Ed Thornell, neighbor

Woman dead after RV blaze



Rachel Mummy/The Daily Iowan

The charred remains of a burnt RV at Jolly Rogers Campgrounds are roped off on Sunday afternoon. The body of a 55-year-old woman was removed from the scene; officials have yet to determine the cause of the fire.

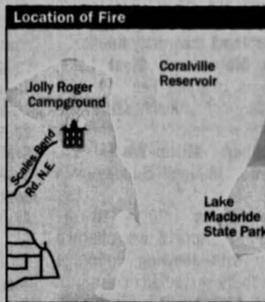
The victim's neighbor said he thought fireworks were going off, then discovered the fire

BY NICK PETERSEN

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Firefighters responding to a rural fire north of Iowa City over the weekend discovered a body after extinguishing the flames, but they have yet to determine the blaze's cause or identify the victim, authorities said Sunday.

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office, investigating the Feb. 12 fire at the Jolly Rogers Campground in North Liberty, offered few details about the blaze on Sunday. But a neighbor who witnessed the fire said the RV's lone resident was a woman in her 50s, a smoker who was



Source: DI Research JS/DI

woman's name was Mary, but he could not recall her last name.

Thornell, who lives directly across a gravel road from the now-charred RV, said he heard what he thought was fireworks minutes before his son spotted the flames. Realizing that the vehicle was burning, Thornell said, he rushed out to save his neighbor, but the fire was too intense. He then ran back into his RV and dialed 911. Firefighters arrived around 20 minutes later, shortly after 11:30 p.m., he said.

"Everything went pretty quick," he said.

"There's not much anyone could have done. These RVs go

up like matchsticks."

Sheriff's deputies and firefighters from North Liberty, Coralville, Solon, and Swisher fought the waning blaze until 2 a.m., Thornell said.

While the Sheriff's Office would not comment on the incident, it said in a brief press release it will continue to investigate with help from the State Fire Marshall's Office and the Johnson County medical examiner.

The campground is located in a clearing overlooking the Coralville Reservoir.

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47th-Annual Grammy Awards



Kevorc Djansozian/Associated Press

Alicia Keys won four awards for her album *The Diary of Alicia Keys* at the 47th-annual Grammy Awards on Sunday in Los Angeles.

Everyone loves Ray — Charles takes 8 Grammys

BY NEKESA MUMBI MOODY

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Ray Charles, whose musical legacy erased boundaries between genres and generations, received a fitting musical eulogy Sunday night as his final album, *Genius Loves Company*, won a leading eight Grammys.

Charles' album of duets, recorded in the final months of his life, was the clear sentimental favorite. It won album of the year and best pop album; the song "Here We Go Again," with Norah Jones, won record of the year and best pop collaboration with vocals.

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Pierce lawyer fights his burglary charge

BY JESSICA SEVESKA

THE DAILY IOWAN

In defending himself against the criminal charges he faces, Pierre Pierce has launched the first of an expected flood of legal actions and appeals to UI officials that will determine both his status as an accused burglar and as the Hawkeyes' star guard.

The formal response to his criminal charges came first, with attorney Alfredo Parrish's motion to quash his first-degree burglary charge. In court documents filed on Feb. 11 in 5th District Court in Dallas County, the defense lawyer argued that the charge requires "aggravating" circumstances that did not apply to his client. First-degree burglary requires that a burglar have a dangerous weapon, inflict harm intentionally or recklessly, or commit sexual abuse.



Pierce

Attorney Alfredo Parrish launched Pierce's first response, questioning the charge of burglary; more moves are expected.

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Virtual-soldier program gets grant

The UI College of Engineering's virtual-soldier research program received a \$1.2 million contract from the U.S. Army, the university announced on Feb. 11.

The program, which is in its second year, received the one-year contract from the Tank Automotive Command Center for its work on computer programs that simulate the human body. These simulations, or "digital humans," are used to test and evaluate armaments, vehicles, and other equipment before they are manufactured, saving time and money.

The program's current project, Santos, is an autonomous digital human capable of evaluating its environment and performing tasks, which gives feedback that can be used in improving product designs.

Karim Abdel-Malek, a UI associate professor of biomedical engineering, hopes the technology will eventually be used for developing products outside the military.

"We feel this same technology will transition into the commercial sector, helping in the design of products for a safer and more 'human-centric'

outcome," he said in a UI news release.

— by Sam Edsill

Ex-student pleads not guilty to sexual assault charge

A former UI student accused of sexual assault entered a plea of not guilty to the charge late last week.

Michael Jason Madej, 18, lived last fall in Hillcrest Residence Hall, where the alleged incident took place. Around 4 a.m. on Oct. 16, a female UI student filed a report with UI police.

According to police records, Madej allegedly "performed a sexual act on the victim while the victim was intoxicated and unable to give consent."

He was arrested and charged with third-degree sexual abuse on Dec. 18, 2004, in Iowa City.

Madej, who has no prior criminal record in Iowa, was released in December under recommended supervision. He was charged with a Class C felony. If convicted, he will face up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

A judge has since granted him

permission to stay in Lemont, Ill., with his parents pending trial. A trial date has yet to be set.

— by Traci Finch

Iowans split on using taxes to aid firms

DES MOINES (AP) — Iowans are divided over whether taxpayer money should be used to help new businesses.

The latest Iowa Poll, published in the *Des Moines Sunday Register*, showed that 46 percent of Iowans support finding money for the Iowa Values Fund, which could provide funds to create new high-paying jobs. But 43 percent say the state should find another way to jumpstart the state's economy.

Those who support the Values Fund are divided over how it should be funded.

Twenty-six percent of Iowans surveyed for the poll think the state should pay for the Values Fund without borrowing money. Another 20 percent say the state should borrow money for the fund.

The poll, taken Jan. 21-26, was based on telephone interviews with 800 Iowa adults. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

The Values Fund, created two years ago, awarded \$61.6 million to 50 projects valued at \$1.2 billion. The fund was derailed by a lawsuit filed last year, and lawmakers are looking at ways to restore funding to the program this year.

Ann Weiss of Oelwein is concerned about the state borrowing money to help the state's economy.

"I am 26 years old, and I went back to school so I could get a job," she said. "Well, now I have a degree, and I don't have a job."

Roger Anhalt, 72, of Waverly said the state needs to help businesses but also is worried about borrowing money to do it.

"There is too much borrowing going on," said Anhalt, who is retired. "I have to [live within my means]. Why shouldn't somebody else?"

Richard Pike, 57, of Des Moines, said the state should act quickly to help the economy, even if it means borrowing money.

"The project is important enough that it needs to be funded," he said. "Anything that is going to encourage businesses in our community, you have to find some way to keep it going."

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POLICE BLOTTER

Brittany Abruzzo, 19, 617A Mayflower, was charged Feb. 10 with possession of alcohol under the legal age.

Robert Armstrong, 19, 140 Slater, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Byron Bacher, 28, Coralville, was charged Sunday with possession of a precursor with intent to manufacture.

Daniel Barnett, 19, 319 E. Court St. Apt. 6, was charged Feb. 10 with PAULA.

Caitlin Becker, 18, 637 Slater, was charged Feb. 12 with operating while intoxicated.

Richard Beckwith, 23, 240 Morgan Court, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Myron Buchanan, 33, 74 Erobi Lane, was charged Feb. 12 with driving while license was suspended/canceled.

James Burgess, 25, 5 Melrose Place, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Michael Busch, 19, N330 Currier, was charged Feb. 10 with public intoxication, fifth-degree criminal mischief, and false use of a driver's license.

Justin Cannon, 19, 440D Mayflower, was charged Feb. 11 with PAULA.

Sean Cannon, 19, 1814 Burge, was charged Feb. 12 with PAULA.

Cole Carrara, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Feb. 11 with PAULA.

Julie Cook, 20, Skokie, Ill., was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Cameron Cooley, 20, Anamosa, Iowa, was charged Feb. 12 with public intoxication.

Ross Coyer, 19, Peotone, Ill., was charged Feb. 12 with OWI.

Kelly Cozza, 20, 18 E. Court St. Apt. 511, was charged Feb. 10 with PAULA.

Daegan Crooks, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Feb. 11 with possession of marijuana.

Mark Dibenedetto, 19, 319 E. Court St. Apt. 6, was charged Feb. 10 with

PAULA and possession of a fictitious driver's license/identification.

Michael Diers, 43, 907 Maggard St., was charged Feb. 11 with OWI.

Colin Dyer, 20, 302 S. Gilbert Court, was charged Jan. 13 with PAULA.

Erica Edwards, 34, 333 Finkbine Lane Apt. 2, was charged Feb. 12 with possession of marijuana.

George Elossals, 20, 436 Third Ave., was charged Feb. 3 with fifth-degree theft.

Chad Erikson, 26, New Brighton, Minn., was charged Feb. 11 with OWI.

Chioma Ezeugwa, 21, Wood River, Ill., was charged Sunday with simple assault.

Adam Galvan, 19, 347 Rienow, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Alejandro Garcia, 18, West Liberty, was charged Feb. 11 with possession of a fictitious driver's license/identification.

Gregg Garrison, 20, Ofallon, Mo., was charged Feb. 12 with public intoxication.

Jordan Gartner, 20, 713 Slater, was charged Feb. 11 with PAULA.

Kristina Grieco, 19, 429C Mayflower, was charged Feb. 11 with PAULA.

Brian Hance, 24, Marion, was charged Jan. 27 with false reports to law enforcement.

Carrie Hanks, 28, 601 Fox Trail, was charged Feb. 11 with fifth-degree theft.

Cody Harms, 318 Ridgeland Ave. Apt. 12, was charged Feb. 12 with PAULA.

David Harper, 18, 808B Mayflower, was charged Feb. 12 with presence in a bar after hours and PAULA.

Filippe Heinz, 20, 30 W. Court St. Apt. 419, was charged Feb. 10 with PAULA.

Adam Higgins, 21, 312 S. Governor St., was charged Feb. 11 with public intoxication.

Justin Howell, 20, Des Moines, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and unlawful use of an authentic driver's license/identification.

Mark Jackson, 46, Ottumwa, Iowa, was charged Feb. 12 with possession of marijuana, OWI, and driving while license was suspended/canceled.

Ashley Jones, 18, 3520 Burge, was charged Feb. 11 with PAULA and presence in a bar after hours.

Brian Kapka, 21, N120 Currier, was charged Feb. 11 with PAULA.

Brandon Krogman, 20, 923 E. College St. Apt. 4, was charged Feb. 12 with keeping a disorderly house.

Rachelle Lacina, 20, 17 Gentry St., was charged Feb. 12 with public intoxication.

Steven Lepeltak, 18, 519 E. Burlington St. Apt. 6, was charged Feb. 11 with PAULA.

Jessica Levendurky, 20, 409 S. Johnson St. Apt. 7, was charged Feb. 12 with PAULA.

Joseph Lindquist, 21, Burlington, was charged Feb. 12 with possession of marijuana.

Jacob Luksetich, 21, Burlington, was charged Feb. 12 with possession of marijuana.

Jacob Meseck, 22, 115 Woodside Drive Apt. 1B, was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

Joseph Meyer, 20, Clear Lake, Iowa, was charged Feb. 11 with fourth-degree criminal mischief and public intoxication.

Christopher Miller-West, 20, Ames, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Monica Mims, 20, 716 E. Burlington St. Apt. 16, was charged Feb. 10 with allowing underage patrons to be served alcohol.

Michael Murphy, 44, Coralville, was charged Feb. 11 with OWI.

Stewart Nelson, 20, 114 Evans St., was charged Feb. 12 with PAULA.

Joseph Parisi, 19, Mundelein, Ill., was charged Sunday with PAULA.

George Parker, 49, 1833 Muscatine Ave., was charged Feb. 11 with driving while license was revoked.

Brandee Pettengill, 18, Coralville, was charged Feb. 11 with OWI.

Emily Pick, 18, 501A Mayflower, was charged Feb. 11 with OWI.

Nathan Pirie, 19, 2139 Quadrangle, was charged Feb. 11 with PAULA.

Curtis Rains, 18, 128 Apache Trail, was charged Feb. 11 with driving while license was suspended/canceled.

Krishna Rajeev, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Feb. 12 with PAULA.

Terry Randle, 66, North Liberty, was charged Feb. 12 with OWI.

Jeremy Reed, 24, North Liberty, was charged Feb. 11 with OWI and driving while license was revoked.

Michael Reilly, 22, Wheaton, Ill., was charged Feb. 12 with public intoxication.

Michael Schiel, 18, Dubuque, was charged Feb. 11 with public intoxication.

Richard Simnick, 22, Park Ridge, Ill., was charged Feb. 11 with possession of marijuana.

Justin Smestad, 18, N312 Currier, was charged Feb. 11 with PAULA and presence in a bar after hours.

Cody Smith, 19, Ames, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Tara Sojka, 28, 1405 Spruce St., was charged Sunday with domestic abuse assault.

Craig Soll, 20, 6238 Rockwell Drive N. Apt. 102, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and PAULA.

Akella Srinivus, 19, 10 N. Dodge St., was charged Feb. 12 with PAULA.

Jason Steward, 18, Des Moines, was charged Feb. 12 with possession of marijuana, PAULA, unlawful use of authentic driver's license/identification,

and presence in a bar after hours.

Tina Stroud, 35, 1522 California Ave., was charged Jan. 11 with third-degree burglary.

Michael Thompson, 27, 2835 Brookside Drive, was charged Sunday with possession of a precursor with intent to manufacture and driving while barred.

Ryan Wheeler, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Feb. 11 with PAULA.

Kerry Whipple, 18, 4127 Burge, was charged Feb. 12 with PAULA.

Matthew Williams, 18, Channahon, Ill., was charged Feb. 11 with possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication.

Mary Willis, 53, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. A3, was charged Feb. 10 with keeping a disorderly house.

Levi Wilson, 20, Coralville, was charged Feb. 11 with possession of marijuana.

Brandi Yerington, 22, Davenport, was charged Sunday with simple assault.

Kevin Zeock, 19, 700 Stanley, was charged Feb. 11 with PAULA.

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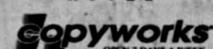
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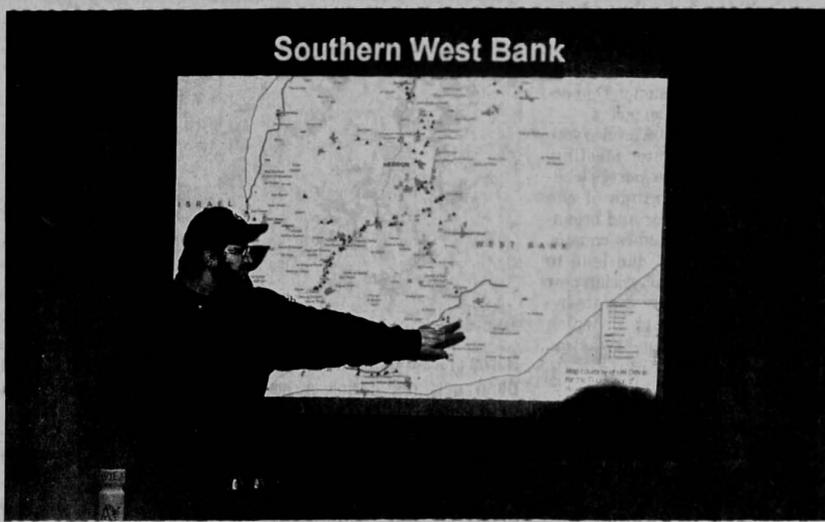
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Journey to Palestine opens local woman's eyes



Southern West Bank

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Joseph Carr points to areas where the Israeli settlements have sprung up in the West Bank. Carr, from Kansas City, has spent time in nonviolent activism in the West Bank.

BY CHRISTINA ERB
THE DAILY IOWAN

For UI theater lecturer Lisa Schlesinger, growing up in the United States in the Jewish faith always meant that she felt

she was never quite at home. Her grandfather's passion for Zionism led her to travel to Israel — the Jewish homeland that was established in Palestine after World War II.

"As a Jewish person, I could

see how a person could say they are going back to the homeland in a very romantic way," she said.

Schlesinger's tour of Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories, however, changed her outlook, she told a crowded

room Sunday in the IMU. The ongoing strife between Israelis and Palestinians brings out the worst in each, she said in a talk sponsored by the People for Justice in Palestine and the General Union of Palestine Students.

"Before going there, I couldn't penetrate the complexities of the problem," she said.

Schlesinger said she feels compelled to use the written word to describe the nature of the security wall that Israel continues to build around the Palestinian territories and how the wall affects an average Palestinian's life.

"As a playwright and a writer, I've been trained to tell stories," she said.

The Israeli government began building the 440-mile-long security fence that encompasses Palestinian territories in 2002. The wall, it argues, acts as a defense against Palestinian extremists. However, the fence also generates a number of problems for Palestinians, including a requirement to obtain permits to travel from one city to another.

"It's a conflict of real estate with papers from God," Schlesinger said, describing how the recent security

measures have negatively affected the Palestinian way of life. "You can see the land being divided. More than 600 shops have closed."

Schlesinger spoke with Joseph Carr, a peace activist, in hopes of creating more awareness about the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.

In 2003, Carr witnessed Israeli soldiers kill fellow activists Rachel Corrie and Tom Hurndall in the Palestinian territories. The experience continues to fuel his advocacy for the Palestinian people.

"We were there together opposing the occupation," he said, saying they would physically block bulldozers from

demolishing homes. Corrie, Carr said, was standing near him, protesting when a bulldozer crushed her to death. An Arab Israeli soldier shot and killed Hurndall as he was accompanying a group of grade-school children to school.

Although the region has been unusually peaceful since the Jan. 9 election of Mahmoud Abbas as president of the Palestinian Authority, the two argued that peace will never last unless the Israeli government removes its settlements from land that Palestinians claim and dismantles the security fence.

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Bush cuts threaten program for poor students

'The elimination of these programs would leave many deserving students without a place to go for help in preparing for college.'

— Jeanne Meyer, the UI Upward Bound project director

BY TARA FLOCKHART
THE DAILY IOWAN

The UI's funding to prepare nearly 100 poverty-stricken middle- and high-school students for college, along with the state's funding for 10,000 such students, is slated to be eliminated under President Bush's recent budget proposal to Congress.

The cuts would slash \$550,000 from the UI's Upward Bound program and \$8.7 million statewide. Nationwide, the cuts would total \$460 million, erasing all 1,400 Upward Bound and Talent Search programs. These national programs serve impoverished youth who aspire to attend college by providing tutoring, mentoring services, workshops, and summer camps, according to the Department of Education.

"The elimination of these programs would leave many deserving students without a place to go for help in preparing for college," said Jeanne Meyer, the UI Upward Bound project director.

Pam Ehly, the Iowa City School District director of instruction, said some of the funding could be switched to parts of the No Child Left Behind Act that benefit low-income students.

"Although the loss of programs like Upward Bound would be unfortunate, the money wouldn't be lost altogether but rather switched to other areas," she said.

The cuts may also affect UI admissions, which has generally admitted Upward Bound students.

"There's no doubt from an admissions standpoint that the loss of ... programs such as

Upward Bound would be significant," said Michael Barron, the university's director of Admissions. "The university benefits from the program's students being well-prepared."

Because most of the programs are located on college campuses, they provide students with a smooth transition into college life by exposing them to the atmosphere.

"It's also easier for college institutions to run these programs because they have the academic infrastructure and personnel necessary for the programs to work," said Susan Trebach, the vice president of communications for the Council for Opportunity in Education, a nonprofit advocacy group that works on behalf of low-income students.

The local School District, in conjunction with the UI, offers some alternative tutoring and

mentoring programs available to disadvantaged students, including the Multi-Ethnic Engineering and Science Association, which uses university science and engineering students to tutor local kids in grades five through 12.

The program, which has been in effect for roughly 10 years, draws a crowd of 50 to 130 students every Tuesday night.

"We offer help in all academic areas, from Spanish to physics, and try to help in whatever way possible," said Victor Rodgers, a UI chemical and biochemical engineering professor.

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NEWS

No love lost on these Valentine's bar crawls

BY SAMANTHA HART
THE DAILY IOWAN

To heck with boys, at least for Valentine's Day, is UI senior Janelle Gates' philosophy this year.

The journalism major recently broke up with her boyfriend of four years and decided that this year, she was going to make her own fun.

"I believe girls need to recognize they don't need a man to be happy," she said.

So she decided a bar crawl was the path to that recognition. Hers was one of many Valentine's Day bar crawls to hit downtown over the weekend.

"We're having the best night of our lives," said a jolly Gates on Feb. 12, five bars into the crawl.

That mantra was heard over and over again as the more than 30 crawlers spent \$2 a drink to wash away love sorrows. Many bar patrons in Gates' crowd said

they put on the red and black shirts proclaiming the theme "Screw Cupid, let's get stupid" in public protest of the holiday.

Like Gates, they don't have a date, so "they're each other's Valentines."

These anti-Valentine bar buddies were common sights in Iowa City. UI senior Kwesi Seals, a bartender at the Third Base, said bar crawls often grace downtown Iowa City near Valentine's Day.

"All I saw this weekend were red and pink shirts, all obnoxiously printed with Valentine's Day themes," Seals said.

Such was the case for UI senior Jennifer Delaney, clad in a pink shirt on Feb. 11 for her "Roses are red, violets are blue, I hate Valentine's Day so can I screw you?" crawl.

"I'm sure if I had a boyfriend it would be different," she said. And yes, there are unintended

(or intended) consequences of being single and bar-hopping — trotting into one of Cupid's arrows, as Amber Schmidt did.

She met her now ex-boyfriend on a bar crawl last year. The two parted ways at the seven-month mark.

"He and his friend approached us, and we started talking; it turned out we were from the same town and worked at the same hospital," Schmidt said.

"That was kind of nuts and definitely the last thing I expected from that night."

Meanwhile, at this year's bar crawl, Gates kept to her word to remain single, and she wasn't alone.

In between bars, she was among a line of bar crawlers who skipped to the next bar as laughter filled the air.

As Gates put it, "It's definitely more fun being single."

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Dean pledges to rebuild Democratic Party

WASHINGTON (AP) — New national Democratic Chairman Howard Dean promised on Feb. 12 to rebuild the party in the most conservative regions of the country, help develop state and local organizations, and let congressional Democrats set the tone on policy.

Electing Dean on a voice vote during their winter meeting, Democrats put the party's leadership in the hands of the skilled fund-raiser and organizer whose sometimes caustic, blunt comments can lead to controversy. The physician now must contend with a state-by-state political map in which Republican red overwhelms Democratic blue.

"I'll pretty much be living in red states in the South and West for quite a while," Dean told reporters. "The way to get people not to be skeptical about you is to show up and say what you think."

The normally outspoken Dean appeared to be trying to shift his role from flamboyant presidential candidate to cautious party chairman.

"The proper place for the day-to-day battles is Congress," Dean said in response to a question about his opposition to the war in Iraq. "My views are well-known, but most of the policy pronouncements will be coming from the leaders in Congress and not from me."

He has plenty of other chores to keep him busy.

President Bush just won his second term. Republicans are firmly in control of the House and the Senate. And the GOP is gaining strength in conservative states in the South and West.

The former Vermont governor promised to learn how Democrats can communicate positions more effectively.

Dean says that no one is "pro-abortion," but "we are the party in favor of allowing women to make up their own



Evan Vucci/Associated Press

Newly elected Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean gestures during a news conference on Feb. 12 in Washington, D.C. Dean will take over for Terry McAuliffe.

minds about their health care."

And Democrats are not for "gay marriage," but "we are the party that has always believed in equal rights under the law for all people," he says.

He is determined to seize the moral high ground from Republicans, arguing Democratic positions on helping the poor and protecting children are consistent with religious values.

The new chairman sounded like a man in a hurry. "Republicans wandered in the wilderness for 40 years before regaining Congress. ... The American people cannot afford to wait 40 years for us to regain control in Washington and put the government back to work for Americans."

Dean has been criticizing Republicans all week and has promised to stay on the offensive, but GOP Chairman Ken Mehlman contacted Dean to congratulate him and then put out a statement describing Dean as "a strong leader for his party."

The kid-glove treatment is unlikely to last. Reminded on Feb. 12 that former Republican House Speaker Newt Gingrich had said Dean would be the perfect leader for Democrats if they have a "death wish," Dean

smiled broadly and said: "I'm looking forward to the opportunity to prove Newt wrong."

On Feb. 12, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts gave the DNC another \$225,000, donated by Kerry supporters, for grassroots development. The 2004 presidential nominee gave \$1 million last week.

As Dean takes on his new DNC duties, his brother Jim takes over the former governor's political action committee — Democracy for America.

Howard Dean replaces outgoing party chief Terry McAuliffe, who raised more money than Republicans in the last election cycle, developed a sophisticated voter file and e-mail list, and left the party in the black after the presidential election.

Democrats generally sounded an optimistic tone about Dean, hoping for the best from their new chairman who is attempting to show more restraint.

When Dean was asked about anonymous criticism from both Democrats and Republicans, he quickly brushed it aside, saying, "I'm not going to respond to blind quotes."

Decision week for Legislature

BY MIKE GLOVER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — The Legislature this week moves toward key decisions on what to do with Gov. Tom Vilsack's call for a \$129 million increase in the state's cigarette tax, a centerpiece of the spending plan he's proposed.

Lawmakers have spent much of the early weeks of this year's session in private meetings, where fiscal advisers brief them on the details of the budget Vilsack has crafted.

The Legislature is traditionally at a disadvantage in that debate because the governor has months to assemble a complex budget that lawmakers must digest in a few weeks. Leaders said the time has come to begin making decisions.

"We wanted to make sure they were fully informed and we spent a lot of time doing that," said Senate Republican President Jeff Lamberti of Ankeny. "We told them to go home over the weekend and give it some thought because we need to proceed pretty quickly on this."

Senate Republican Leader Stewart Iverson of Dows said

lawmakers are split on the proposal, but they need to resolve the issue because the decision on how much a cigarette-tax increase is planned will dictate overall spending levels.

"I think it needs to be done in the next couple of weeks," he said. "We may do something, we may do nothing, but we need to resolve that."

For their part, legislative Democrats aren't trumpeting their support for Vilsack's proposal. "We remain skeptical of higher taxes," said Senate Democratic Leader Michael Gronstal of Council Bluffs.

The political reality is Democrats are likely to provide votes for the increase once Republicans acknowledge it's needed, a move that makes it far more difficult to use the issue on the campaign trail next year.

Vilsack has called for the increase largely to cover a projected \$100 million shortfall in the Medicaid program offering health care to the poor and elderly. Lawmakers have rejected that step in past sessions, but things may be different this year.

Some argue that it's possible to cover the shortfall this year

by shifting money around in the \$5 billion budget.

"You don't need a tax increase of any kind to make this budget work," said House Majority Leader Chuck Gipp, R-Decorah.

Many lawmakers worry, however, that soaring medical costs mean the Legislature is likely to be faced with a Medicaid crisis again next year, and an election-year tax increase would be even more painful.

In addition, there is a significant number of lawmakers in both parties who favor an even larger cigarette tax — up to an extra \$1 a pack — in an effort to cut down smoking rates.

"We have some members who would support an increase for other reasons, for health reasons," Lamberti said.

Echoing that argument, a coalition of health groups is pushing lawmakers to \$1 per pack in new cigarette taxes, saying that would cut down smoking, particularly among young people who couldn't afford the higher price.

Vilsack has proposed adding 80 cents per pack to the cigarette tax, which is currently 36 cents per pack.

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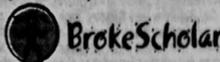
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Man opens fire in mall, injures 1

A Sunday at the Hudson Valley Mall in Kingston, N.Y., turned dangerous until a lone gunman armed with an assault rifle was subdued

U.S. spread millions in cash around Iraq, ex-official maintains

BY LARRY MARGASAK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials in postwar Iraq paid a contractor by stuffing \$2 million worth of crisp bills into his gunnysack, and they routinely made cash payments around Baghdad from a pickup truck, a former official with the U.S. occupation government says.

Because the country lacked a functioning banking system, contractors and Iraqi ministry officials were paid with bills taken from a basement vault in one of Saddam Hussein's palaces that served as headquarters for the Coalition Provisional Authority, former CPA official Frank Willis said.

Officials from the CPA, which ruled Iraq from June 2003 to June 2004, would count the money when it left the vault, but nobody kept track of the cash after that, Willis said.

"In sum: inexperienced officials, fear of decision-making, lack of communications, minimal security, no banks, and lots of money to spread around. This chaos I have referred to as a 'Wild West,'" Willis said in testimony he prepared to give today before

a panel of Democratic senators who want to spotlight the waste of U.S. funds in Iraq.

A senior official in the 1960s at the State and Tran then-President Ronald Reagan, Willis provided the Associated Press with a copy of his testimony and answered questions in an interview.

James Mitchell, a spokesman for the special inspector-general for Iraq reconstruction, told AP that cash payments in Iraq were a problem when the occupation authority ran the country, and they continued during the massive U.S.-funded reconstruction.

"There are no capabilities to electronically transfer funds," he said. "This complicates the financial management of reconstruction projects and complicates our ability to follow the money."

The Pentagon, which had oversight of the CPA, did not immediately comment in response to requests on Feb. 11 and over the weekend. But the administrator of the former U.S. occupation agency, L. Paul Bremer, in response to a recent federal audit criticizing the CPA, strongly defended the agency's financial practices.

'Everyone was running and screaming. Then I heard the shots.'
— witness Heather Craig

BY MICHAEL HILL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KINGSTON, N.Y. — A lone gunman opened fire with an assault rifle Sunday inside a crowded mall in upstate New York, wounding one person before running out of ammunition and being subdued by employees, authorities said.

The gunman began shooting inside the Hudson Valley Mall shortly after 3 p.m. in Kingston, nearly 90 miles north of New York City.

The 24-year-old gunman went into a Best Buy store and started firing. When he ran out of ammunition, he was captured by mall employees, police said.

Police did not identify the suspect. Capt. Wayne Olson said investigators did not know the exact number of shots fired.

An Army recruiter was shot in the leg but was not the target of the attack, said Lt. Col. Paul Fanning, a National Guard spokesman. The recruiter was evacuated by helicopter to an Albany hospital, where he was listed in critical condition.

Another person was injured in the hand, but police said the injury was not a gunshot wound. Ulster Town Supervisor Fred Wadnola identified the gunman's weapon as an AK-47 assault rifle.

The mall was evacuated after



Ken Bizziotti, Times Herald Record/Associated Press

Louis Savva, of Kingston, N.Y., is shown near the Hudson Valley Mall in Kingston following a shooting inside the mall Sunday. Savva heard about the shooting at the mall and came looking for his daughter, Barbara. She was safe.

the shooting, but an unknown number of workers remained inside after police surrounded the building.

"Everyone was running and screaming. Then I heard the shots," witness Heather Craig told Fox News. "People were running over people. Other people were just standing there dumbfounded."

All mall entrances remained blocked off by police Sunday evening.

Michael Bovalino, the chief executive officer of the mall's parent company, said crisis

counselors would be available for mall employees today.

"Our main concern at this

point is the well-being of those that were injured," he said in a statement.

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IRAQI ELECTION

Shiites win Iraqi vote

But the group falls short of being able to form a government by itself, so a coalition is likely



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Kurdish supporters speed through Kirkuk, Iraq, on Sunday, waving Kurdish flags and portraits of Kurdish leader Massoud Barzani as they celebrate the Kurds' strong showing in the recent Iraqi elections. Iraq's majority Shiite Muslims won nearly half the votes, but they will probably have to form a coalition in the 275-member National Assembly with the other top vote-getters — the Kurds.

BY JASON KEYSER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Iraq's majority Shiite Muslims won nearly half the votes in the nation's landmark Jan. 30 election, giving the long-oppressed group significant power but not enough to form a government on its own, according to results released Sunday.

The Shiites likely will have to form a coalition in the 275-member National Assembly with the other top vote-getters — the Kurds and Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's list — to push through their agenda and select a president and prime minister. The president and two vice presidents must be elected by a two-thirds majority.

"This is a new birth for Iraq," Iraqi election commission spokesman Farid Ayar said while announcing results. Iraqi voters "became a legend in their confrontation with terrorists."

Minority Sunni groups, which largely boycotted voting booths and form the core of the insurgency,

rejected the election — raising the prospect of continued violence as Iraqis try to rebuild their country.

In an interview with Al Jazeera television, Mohammed Bashar of the anti-American Association of Muslim Scholars said that there were no international or U.N. monitors in Iraq made him question the figures.

"Those who boycotted the elections are more than those who took part in it," he said. "Boycotting the election does not mean that the boycotter will renounce his rights."

The Shiite-dominated United Iraqi Alliance ticket received 4,075,295 votes, around 48 percent of the total cast, Iraqi election officials said. The Kurdistan Alliance, a coalition of two main Kurdish factions, was second with 2,175,551 votes, 26 percent, and the Iraqi List headed by the U.S.-backed Allawi finished third with 1,168,943 votes, approximately 14 percent.

Those three top finishers represent approximately 88 percent of the total, making them the main power brokers as the assembly chooses national

leaders and writes a Constitution.

"That's really part of that democracy that we're all so happy that they're working toward," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.

Of Iraq's 14 million eligible voters, 8,550,571 cast ballots for 111 candidate lists, the commission said. Approximately 94,305 were declared invalid.

The Iraqi Electoral Commission said the turnout was 58 percent, about what was predicted.

In the ethnically mixed, oil-rich city of Kirkuk, Kurds took to the streets to celebrate the results. Cars sped through the streets blaring their horns and waving flags of Kurdistan.

Since Saddam Hussein's ouster, Kurdish leaders have focused on influencing political decisions in Baghdad with the aim of reinforcing autonomy in their northern provinces.

"I'm a Kurd. I'm the mother of a martyr," said Shamsa Saleh, 57, carrying a Kurdish flag in her hand. "I feel like he has come back to life. We have a chance now."

Worried by threats, Sharon vows to crack down on hard-line Israelis

BY JOSEF FEDERMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Responding to threats against government ministers, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon ordered law-enforcement agencies Sunday to crack down on Jewish extremists opposed to the planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip.

Cabinet ministers said the charged climate is reminiscent of the period before the 1995 assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, and one minister warned that Sharon himself could become a target.

Despite those concerns, Sharon's Cabinet approved a list of 500 Palestinian prisoners to be released in coming days, and several hundred Palestinian workers were permitted to return to jobs in Israel in line with agreements reached at a Mideast summit last week.

Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, meanwhile, was to present a new Cabinet to his Fatah movement for approval Tuesday. Abbas was expected to appoint new Interior, Foreign,

and Information ministers but keep on many current government members, officials said.

Israeli officials have voiced concerns about extremist opposition to the pullout plan for months. But with this summer's planned withdrawal quickly approaching and a recent warming of ties with the Palestinians, the level of alarm has been raised.

Sharon instructed law-enforcement agencies to report back to the Cabinet as soon as possible with steps that can be taken to "rein in the violent rampage" of extremists opposing his plan, a statement said.

Several Cabinet ministers said they have received threatening letters in recent days, and last week Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had his tires slashed and slurs shouted at him while attending a wedding.

Netanyahu, a former prime minister, was targeted just days after Education Minister Limor Livnat was whisked away from an event where she was screamed at by hard-line Jews.

Extremists also have put up posters across the country with

implicit death threats to Sharon. The posters say Rabin and Sharon's wife, Lily, who is deceased, are "waiting for Sharon."

Meir Sheerit, one of the ministers to receive a threatening letter, said every step should be taken to punish those behind the threats.

"It sets off a warning light, and we should take tangible steps before there is another political murder," he said.

Cabinet minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer presented the ministers a copy of a letter he received. The letter described the Iraqi-born Ben-Eliezer as "the epitome of evil, a miserable Iraqi, a Nazi with Arab blood. You love Arabs more than Jews."

Ben-Eliezer then said to the ministers, "I am telling you: They will try to kill the prime minister," according to the Haaretz daily.

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(From left) Tim McGraw, Scott Weiland, Alicia Keys, Stevie Wonder, and Bono perform for tsunami relief at the 47th-annual Grammy Awards.

Grammys had Ray on its mind

GRAMMYS
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"I'm going to cry, actually," Jones said as she accepted the trophy for record of the year. "I think it just shows how wonderful music can be. It's at a hundred percent with Ray Charles."

Other winners included Alicia Keys and Usher, each nominated for eight Grammys. Keys won four, while Usher had three. They shared one award, for best R&B performance by a duo or group with vocals for their No. 1 duet, "My Boo."

U2 also had three awards, including best rock performance by a duo or group, while Green Day, the most nominated rock act with six nods for their politically charged punk rock opera *American Idiot*, won best rock album.

"Rock 'n' roll can be dangerous and fun at the same time, so thanks a lot," lead singer Billie Joe Armstrong said as he accepted the award.

Keys was chasing a record Grammy haul — she could have won more than any other woman in one evening. In 2002, Keys won five Grammys for her debut album, *Songs in A Minor*, becoming only the second woman to win that many in

one night. (Lauryn Hill won five in 1999; so did Jones in 2003.)

The most nominated artist of the year may be the most multifaceted — Kanye West, the songwriter-producer who made his rap debut in 2004 with the cutting-edge CD *The College Dropout*. He was nominated for 10 Grammys, including album of the year. In the pre-telecast ceremony he won two, including best rap song for "Jesus Walks."

But he was upset in the best new artist category, losing to Maroon 5 in a race that also included country singer Gretchen Wilson, the Los Lonely Boys, and soul siren Joss Stone.

Maroon 5's Adam Levine seemed almost apologetic after winning.

"Kanye West, I want to thank you so much for being wonderful," he said. The camera cut away to West, who looked less than pleased.

Some expected West to have a meltdown like at the American Music Awards, where he complained bitterly backstage after losing the same award to Wilson. But on Sunday night he went on to deliver an eye-popping performance of "Jesus Walks" and an emotional acceptance speech for the best

rap album award.

After referencing the car accident a few years ago that almost took his life, West promised to live life to the fullest: "I plan to celebrate, and scream, and pop champagne every chance I get because I'M AT THE GRAMMYS BABY."

He also referenced his American Music Awards embarrassment. "Everybody wanted to know what would I do if I didn't win. I guess we'll never know," he said, holding his trophy up high.

At least West didn't have to wait decades to get a trophy, as did some veterans finally honored by the Recording Academy.

Steve Earle's left-leaning "The Revolution Starts ... Now" won for contemporary folk album. And Rod Stewart — who had complained in recent years about never winning a Grammy — won for traditional pop vocal album for his standards recording "Stardust ... The Great American Songbook Vol. III."

Brian Wilson, who released his album *Smile* after a more than three-decade wait, won best rock instrumental performance for "Mrs. O'Leary's Cow." He had never been honored before, even as leader of the Beach Boys. The big irony: The man who did more for vocal harmony than anyone in rock 'n' roll won in an instru-

mental category.

"I waited 42 years for this Grammy, and it was well worth the wait," he said backstage.

Vilsack appoints 2 new regents

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"He obviously has a very strong commitment to higher education and is a very successful businessperson," Downer said. "Also, I have met Mrs. Harkin, and I certainly have every expectation that she'll be an excellent regent."

Some lawmakers speculate that questions may rise during the confirmation process about Ruth Harkin, who maintains residences in Washington, D.C.,

and Cummings, Iowa.

Sen. Jeff Angelo, R-Creston, who serves on the Education Committee, said Sunday that his primary question was how familiar Ruth Harkin would be with issues facing the regents.

"The nature of the Harkin name tends to side with political activity on behalf of the Democrats and the liberal cause, so there is always that initial emotional reaction," he said. "But regardless of who the real person is, you have to evaluate that person's agenda and capability."

Fellow committee member Sen. Herman Quirnbach, D-Ames, said he doesn't believe Ruth Harkin will have trouble during the confirmation process, and he complimented her past positions, especially as one of the first female prosecutors in the country.

"People don't get those kind of jobs and hold them without a substantial degree of competence," he said.

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Pierce's attorney contests charges

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Parrish, who did not return calls on Sunday, also contended that the assault charge lacked probable cause.

The 21-year-old UI junior's next challenge will come on Tuesday, when he tries to persuade Iowa coach Steve Alford to take him back on the basketball team. Should Alford uphold his Feb. 2 decision to oust him, on the grounds that he "betrayed" the trust of coaches and teammates, Pierce will then take his case to Athletics Director Bob Bowsby.

Pierce was charged Feb. 9 after West Des Moines police investigated an alleged fight at his girlfriend's West Des Moines townhouse, where she reportedly locked herself in her bedroom after Pierce allegedly assaulted her. She reportedly insisted that he leave, but Pierce allegedly hid in the house until

the woman came out of her room, when he allegedly assaulted her.

Pierce was also charged with two counts of domestic assault, false imprisonment, fourth-degree criminal mischief, and

assault with the intent to commit sexual abuse. He was arrested and charged in West Des Moines and released on his own recognizance.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Countering decline with vitality, not tax breaks

Recent talk in the Iowa Legislature has focused on addressing the state's prolonged "brain drain" problem — young people who stay in Iowa just long enough to finish school and then promptly leave, creating a shortage of educated and skilled workers. Chief among the latest proposals — though it appears that this idea has fizzled as quickly as it materialized — was to cut state income tax for Iowans under 30, an incentive for them to stick around and help build the state's professional workforce.

We've already endorsed this proposal as a good start, but we suggested that the problem is much bigger than what will simply be solved by giving a certain age group a tax break. After all, seven states don't have an income tax, regardless of age; giving Iowa's youth a reason to stay won't do much good without addressing the reasons for which they're leaving in the first place.

Iowa has plenty to recommend itself. A low average crime rate, reputable health-care facilities, and good schools are just a few perks of living here. Those characteristics make the state a great place to live for middle-aged couples who are established in their careers and have young children to worry about. But we have to be honest with ourselves — for the 22-year-old unmarried college graduate, the rural tranquility of Iowa doesn't offer much.

Of course, there are traits this state lacks that we can't do anything about. No legislative proposal will produce mild winters, sandy beaches, snowcapped mountains, or lush rain forests (except perhaps under a glass dome next to Interstate 80). But steps can be taken to make the state more attractive to young professionals who might otherwise rush off to such foreign territories as Chicago, or Minneapolis, or even New York City.

What do those places have that Iowa lacks? Obviously, they are big cities into which the entire Des Moines metro area could fit numerous times. But beyond that, they are all cities that have a pulse. Let's face it — many young people such as those who flee Iowa have little desire to live in a city that completely shuts down after 5 p.m. (read: Des Moines — a.k.a. Dead Moans — or Cedar Rapids). The lackluster nightlife and vitality of these cities is such that walking through their downtown streets after dark

is tantamount to walking through a ghost town.

And that's a problem that can be addressed but hasn't been — or at least not with noticeable results. In fact, such cities as Des Moines are working against themselves when they allow sprawling shopping malls to be built on their fringes, devouring not only valuable farmland but also any life that may have previously existed in other areas of the city, including the downtown business district.

Downtown Des Moines has a lot of insurance buildings, parking ramps, and skywalks, but little of anything else; shopping options are basically nonexistent, good restaurants are in short supply, and the only nightlife to be found is in the so-called Court Avenue district, which is hardly hopping. Downtown Cedar Rapids is a similar case, with the exception of the U.S. Cellular Center, which occasionally draws crowds, but only on evenings when events are being held there.

This is the type of environment that repels rather than attracts the younger population. If cities and towns in Iowa would invest more time making themselves more friendly to this demographic, they might see a few more college graduates staying for at least a few more years. Quality-of-life initiatives that draw people to urban centers — and encourage them to live there — would help. This means stepping up nightlife and entertainment options, coupled with cultural venues and dining and shopping destinations that give cities their character and vitality. The caliber of the newly opened Jordan Creek Town Center in West Des Moines is what we're referring to; if only it had been constructed in a more sensible location, it could be the key to resuscitating Des Moines, whose core is gasping for life.

Just like the tax-break idea, revamping Iowa's cities to suit a younger crowd isn't a panacea. It won't turn Cedar Rapids or Waterloo into the Paris of the Midwest, and it won't transform Iowa's landscape and climate into Hawaii. But if the state wants to keep its educated youth, it has to cater to that group. Giving young people half-baked incentives to stick around without addressing the cause of their exodus is hardly a solution.

Security issues

Let's clear out some shared ground on Social Security. First, private accounts are an excellent idea. Second, we should absolutely reform the program well before it starts combusting in 13 years. Third, there's no Social Security trust fund per se, but government bonds do stand in the stead of that trust fund. If America were to start defaulting on its bonds (every knee-jerk reformist is calling them "IOUs"), then we'd be in a ton of financial trouble, and Social Security weak spots would seem like molehills next to the Himalayas.

Now, let's get to the butts.

Private accounts will not solve the program's woes.

The program will go into the red in 2018 (or 2020, according to the most recent Congressional Budget Office report), when money coming in from payroll taxes will be less than money going out to pay benefits. Allowing individuals to divert 4 percent of their Social Security taxes into private accounts will only fan the flames licking at the heels of the program, because in its day-to-day accounting, those diverted funds function like a payroll tax cut.

President Bush is big on tax cuts, if you haven't noticed, and an unhappy result of that is that he hasn't been keeping the government's income higher than its expenditures. Been watching that deficit? It hit \$412 billion in 2004 — but he ain't calling that a crisis.

Social Security isn't in crisis today, but if we leave it alone, someday it will be. The Social Security taxes of 16 workers used to support one beneficiary; today, the taxes of three workers support one beneficiary, and in the future, there'll be only two workers per beneficiary. (This is part of the reason 4-percent skims would cut the program so badly.) Who cares if the crisis hits when your parents retire, or you, or your kids? It's a big-ass problem, and we should tackle as soon as we can.

Head it off at the pass.

The hard truth is, though, that long-term solvency will be achieved only by a mix of raising those taxes and cutting those benefits. Raising taxes could mean making all wages taxable (now, only the first \$90,000 you earn in a year is subject to Social Security taxes). Cutting benefits could mean raising the retirement age. Regardless, these changes will sting everyone, whether they're paying taxes or collecting benefits, and that's why no politician facing re-election wants to talk about it. What you can put off till after re-election, for heaven's sake, put off!

Bush obviously isn't worried about re-election, but he should be worried about our governmental debt. In its first 10 years, his private-account program would set Social Security in the red to the tune of \$1.4 trillion (including interest), \$4.9 trillion in the first 20 years. That's what taking out your 4 percent from the program would mean, if two-thirds of us under 55 went for the accounts. (Those numbers are from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.)

That's why private accounts should be an add-on to the system. Allow us to invest funds less than or equal to, say, approximately 4 percent of our Social Security taxes into a controlled grouping of funds (such as are options under the federal-employees Thrift Savings Plan), and don't tax it. Don't let us take the money out before we retire, and don't let us borrow against it.

And, cut benefits and raise taxes as necessary. This is where I feel most despairing — and also most hopeful. Bush has never raised taxes, but he's also never vetoed anything.

If Democrats find their own Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani (who rejected the previous unelected phased-in political handover of Iraq and insisted on those delightful elections) and band together with the true fiscal conservatives, can they offer a genuine alternative that showcases fine-tuned benefit cuts and tax increases right next to private accounts?

If so, would the president call it "Mission Accomplished" and sign it? Here's hoping. ■



ALLISON HEADY

LETTERS

Animal-rights rhetoric lacks logic

Deciding to rear her head (which may or may not contain a working brain) once again for the crusade of animal "rights," Leana Stormont wrote a miniature exposé on the cruel machinations of the evil slaughterhouses of America (*Opinions, DI, Feb. 10*). Touching, but where's the logic?

Not once in her bleeding-heart rant did she address why animals have intrinsic rights. It's because she can't. All these people are capable of doing is feeding us the same sad stories of torture time and again. Because they can't possibly win in the arena of logic, they're forced by desperation to employ more deplorable tactics. Stratagems of pulling the strings of our hearts with tear-jerking stories to stonewall, ironically, the very capabilities that separate us from, and give us dominance over, the animal kingdom — the capabilities that come from logical thought and cognition.

It's also here where the analogy to the civil-rights movement of blacks falls short. Not only is it a spit in the face on what separates the moral patient from the animal, but it is also insulting to the ethnicity. This insult is furthered by the fact that February celebrates the history of black Americans — a history that focuses on accomplishments that add to the pride of progress. This is progress that animals could never contribute to in the same way that the mind of a person has.

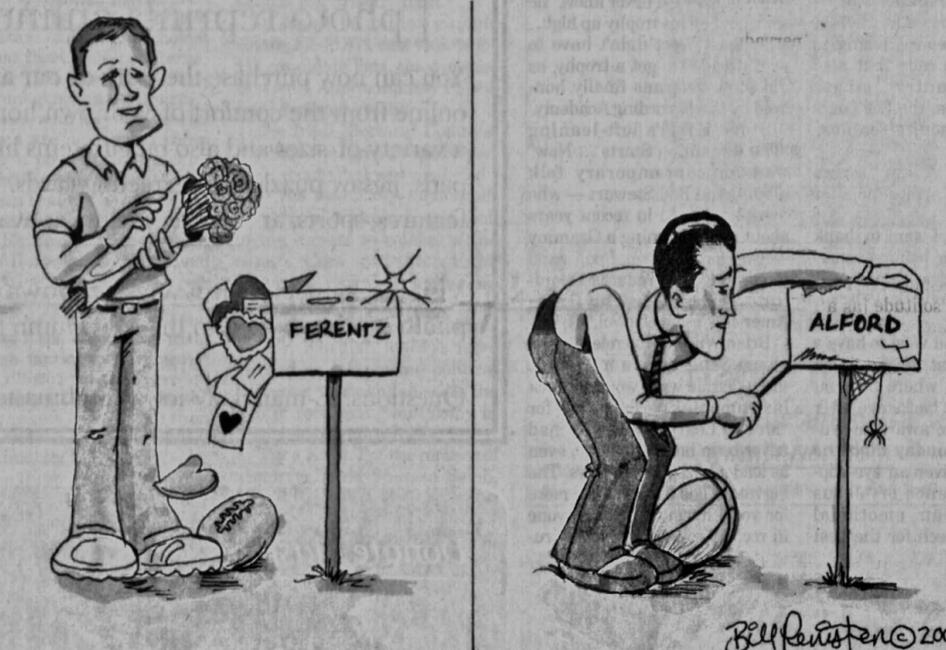
So, unless Stormont can produce chickens that, aside from making great test subjects and meals, can contribute to the overall state of civilization, I suggest she try retaking some of those philosophy courses that I'm pretty sure are required for law degrees and try taking on a more logical stance.

Silly me, I forgot that there was no logical stance for the intrinsic value of the humane treatment of animals.

William Montague
UI student

Offensive behavior from Hawkeye fans

I was in attendance at the Iowa-Michigan State men's basketball game recently, and I must admit that I was appalled at the behavior of the majority of students in the Hawks'



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Nest. I was sitting there, and throughout the game, I was jumping up and down, cheering for my team. As a UI student and an avid Hawkeye fan, I am usually unable to make it to the games, mostly because of high ticket prices and my busy schedule. One can imagine my excitement to finally be sitting in the Hawks' Nest, watching my favorite team play.

Unfortunately, my excitement quickly turned to embarrassment when, following an offensive foul on Iowa called by one of the referees, Ed Hightower, the student section began to chant "F—k you, Eddie," over and over. Regardless of whether the call seemed fair or not, it is inappropriate and embarrassing for students to be yelling obscenities directed at any of the referees, or anyone in the arena, for that matter. Hawkeye sports should be about good sportsmanship and encouragement of the team, and I can guarantee that our team did not benefit in any way by its student section yelling obscenities. Anyone who joins in yelling those chants during the games needs to remember that we are there to encourage our team, not make a fool of ourselves. If Hawk fans feel the need to do this, stay

home next time and yell at your televisions.

Jen Plagge
UI student

Don't gamble on the future

I offer the following on why Social Security privatization is a bad idea:

First, the system isn't broken. It is true that the government projects the Social Security trust funds will be drawn down to nil by 2042. However, the government has also predicted that Social Security payroll taxes will be sufficient to finance 75 percent of the payments that will be owed to the program's beneficiaries at that time. These projections are based on conservative estimates about economic growth. If our economy continues to perform well, there is likely to be no shortfall at all.

Second, balances accumulating in the Social Security trust funds are earning returns that will help meet future commitments to retirees. If the revenues flowing into the trust funds were diverted into private accounts, there would be fewer resources to pay benefits to future retirees, and we would be more likely to face a shortfall.

Third, administrative costs of privatization are high. Administrative costs for the current Social Security system are less than 1 percent of benefits, compared with the average administrative costs of 12-14 percent for private insurers.

Economist Peter Diamond has shown that the administrative costs in countries that have set up individual accounts (see Britain, Chile) reduce benefits by 20-30 percent compared with what the U.S. Social Security system would pay given the same resources.

Finally, there is risk in privatization. Currently, Social Security trust funds earn a modest rate of return because they are invested in the most secure and conservative assets: U.S. government bonds. Privatization exposes people to precisely the risk that Social Security guards against.

In 1934, President Roosevelt proposed Social Security, describing old age as "a landscape of uncertainty and risk." Why risk the future on a new gamble?

John Richards
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ON THE SPOT

What would encourage young people to stay in Iowa after they graduate?



"A break in property taxes; they're really expensive in my town."

Hellea Haut
UI freshman



"Better job placement within Iowa."

Michelle Carroll
UI senior



"There would have to be a larger city around here."

Steve French
UI sophomore



"There's very little they could do for me. There's not really much for me to do here in the film industry."

Dan Eyer
UI sophomore

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Fiction writer **RATTAWUT LAPCHAROENSAP** will read at Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque, today at 8 p.m. The reading is free and will be aired on WSUI.

Mei-Ling Shaw screws hardware into one of her pieces that will be on display at the Glass Lodge beginning today. She calls her work assemblage rather than sculpture; her favorite uses the skeleton of a swan.



Jessica Green/The Daily Iowan

Unsilent friend of many distances

BY PETER MADSEN
THE DAILY IOWAN

Asking someone to break down the constructs of her love, art, or obsessions is assigning her a difficult task.

Local artist Mei-Ling Shaw, in talking about her intricate, taxidermal shadow boxes displayed at the Glass Lodge, paused before answering: "To bridge the inability we all have to truly communicate with people."

Seated at the kitchen table of the farmhouse she shares with friends and a meowing tabby that was circling her feet, the 25-year-old artist said she isn't good with words. In explaining her art, Shaw relies on Rainer Maria Rilke to illustrate her sense of entrapment, Friedrich Nietzsche for her seeming eremitism, and conservationist William Hornaday for her love of natural beauty. Don't be mistaken — Shaw isn't a dusty

academic, and she doesn't linger in coffeehouses.

"Nature is so magnificent — it's the greatest engineer," she said. "Everything is so carefully crafted — I don't want the creature to rot. I want to preserve their beauty and [expose] the fineness of the bones, something I find very pleasing."

Not surprisingly, elements of philosophy and literature pervade Shaw's shadow boxes. Her creatures — symbolic of ruined affairs and delicate hope — are trapped by invisible barriers. For Shaw, her pieces aren't odes to dead writers as much as they are to the unbridled consciousness they evoke in her.

"[These writers] make me think of the people I love: my friends, my family, and my lovers," she said. "They make me feel less alone — not in the sense that I equate myself to them, but they talk about solitude [as a necessity for making art]."

A tattered ribbon inked with a Nietzsche quote frames the piece "Chaos Swan," a gold-painted skeleton hanging before a black, silken drapery. Shaw placed a chimney sweep in its ribcage and an astigmatic lens in the side of the box. Viewers are able to gaze down the swan's spine as it flaps its wings toward a lightless expanse.

Another piece, "I am, O Anxious One," borrows its title and pervading sense of reluctance from Rilke. A woodpecker clutches a ring of thorns. It bares a velvet chest cavity from which a tiny pair of hands cradles a bundle of golden disarray, and it extends its wing in a final farewell.

Despite Shaw's self-imposed social retreat, she said hosting art

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show receptions and displaying her work gives her a sense of cohesion.

"I think it's great if someone can see something [in a piece] different from my intentions," she said. "Through my art, I communicate what I can't in words."

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FILM REVIEW

by Will Scheibel

Reconstruction

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The Bijou got a hold of Christoffer Boe's *Reconstruction* just in time for Valentine's Day. Forget *Hitch*, this smoky romantic thriller from Denmark is the date movie to see tonight.

Winner of the Camera d'Or (best debut feature) at the 2003 Cannes Film Festival, Boe riffs familiar ideas with enough sexiness, suspense, and surprises to rival most mainstream Hollywood movies of last year. Like a lot of first-time filmmakers, he can be accused of pretentious self-indulgence. This minor distraction, however, is easily forgiven by watching him effectively pile on a moody and compelling style that coolly stands on its own — aside from the solid performances and tight plot.

We open on a noirish Copenhagen café as a young photographer, Alex (Nikolaj Lie Kaas), meets a pretty stranger named Aimee (Maria Bonnevie). They

engage in clipped small-talk over cups of coffee. Have they met before? Is this a dream? Are they figments of someone's imagination? This ambiguous set-up is only the beginning of a Chinese box of twists.

The story loops back over itself like swirls in a snail's shell, with only a low-key voice-over narration to guide us through the maze. It turns out the characters' first meeting was on a subway, where we learn that Alex abandoned his loyal girlfriend, Simone (also Bonnevie), to follow Aimee back to her hotel room. Aimee is married to an older novelist, August Holm (Krister Henriksson), the film's narrator, and has sex with Alex while her husband is out.

Alex manages to elude suspicious August, but his return to his neighborhood proves to be a nightmarish turn of events. Nobody, including Simone, seems to know who he is. What started as Krzysztof Kieslowski-type characters stuck in a Raymond Chandler novel now spins into *Twilight Zone* territory, but it's not even that simple. I know I'll have to see the film at least once more before I can claim to "get" everything.

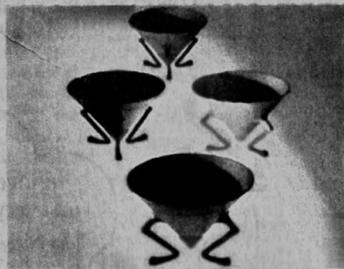
Logically, it's difficult to follow a plot this brilliant and frustrating. Emotionally and psychologically, though, it makes perfect sense. So if dark love stories and maddening brain trips are your bag, you and your significant other should be happy to know that there is an alternative to Will Smith teaching white guys how to loosen up.

The film is in Danish and Swedish with English subtitles.

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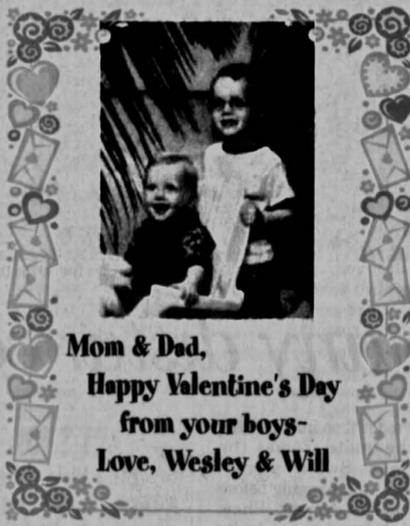
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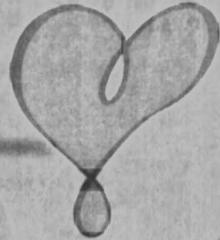
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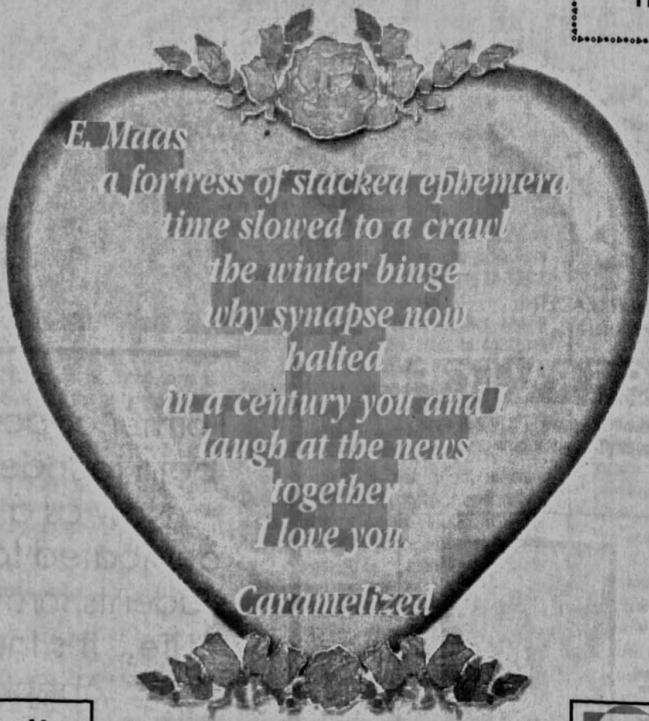
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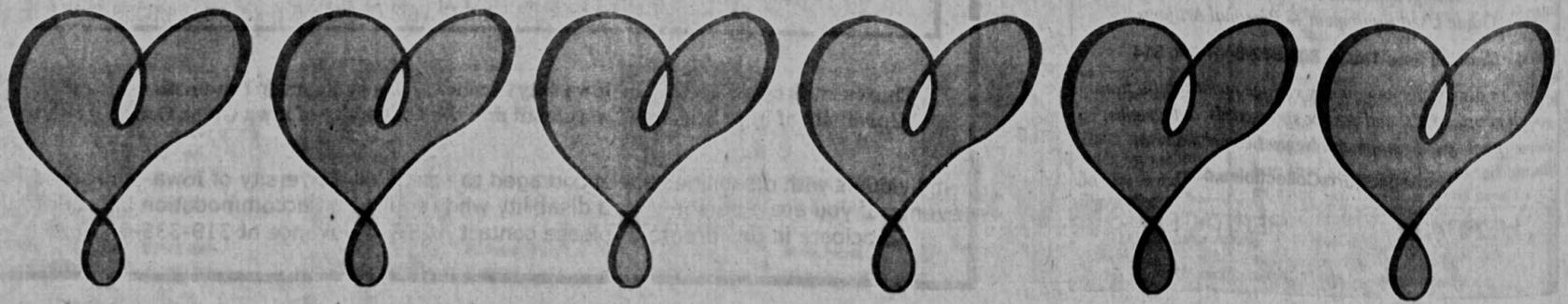
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PRO BOWL

AFC 38, NFC 27

HONOLULU (AP) — Peyton Manning was still at the peak of his game in the Pro Bowl, and Michael Vick showed he's only beginning the climb.

Manning threw three touchdown passes to extend his career record in the NFL's all-star game, while Vick led the NFC to 17 points in a second-half comeback that fell short in the AFC's 38-27 victory Sunday.

Pittsburgh's Hines Ward caught a touchdown pass and returned an onside kick for a score, and three Chargers stars led the clinching TD drive in the fourth quarter of the AFC's seventh victory in nine meetings.

Manning, the regular-season MVP after breaking Dan Marino's NFL record with 49 touchdown passes, completed just six passes for 130 yards. But three were spectacular scoring tosses, and the Colts quarterback was named the MVP in his fifth trip to the Pro Bowl.

The game didn't quite have the offensive fireworks of last season's 107-point marathon, but Manning and Vick thrilled the 26th-straight sellout crowd at Aloha Stadium with exhibitions of their strengths: Manning's expert throws and Vick's jaw-dropping elusiveness and creativity.

UNI CONTRACT

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McDermott's contract

CEDAR FALLS (AP) — Northern Iowa basketball coach Greg McDermott has signed an extension that will keep him under contract at the school through the 2010 season.

The contract guarantees that McDermott's salary will increase to at least \$250,000 by the 2008-09 season. His deal already included use of a courtesy car, a country club membership, and improved salaries for his assistants.

Athletics Director Rick Hartzell said the salary increase would be paid for with private donations, not state money.

"I am confident that this contract will be one that will keep him at UNI for the long term," Hartzell said.

McDermott's current contract runs through the 2009 season and renews itself each April.

In his fourth season at Northern Iowa, McDermott is 63-50 with one NCAA Tournament appearance. The Panthers are 17-8 this season.

COLLEGE B-BALL

No. 2 North Carolina 77, No. 19 Connecticut 70

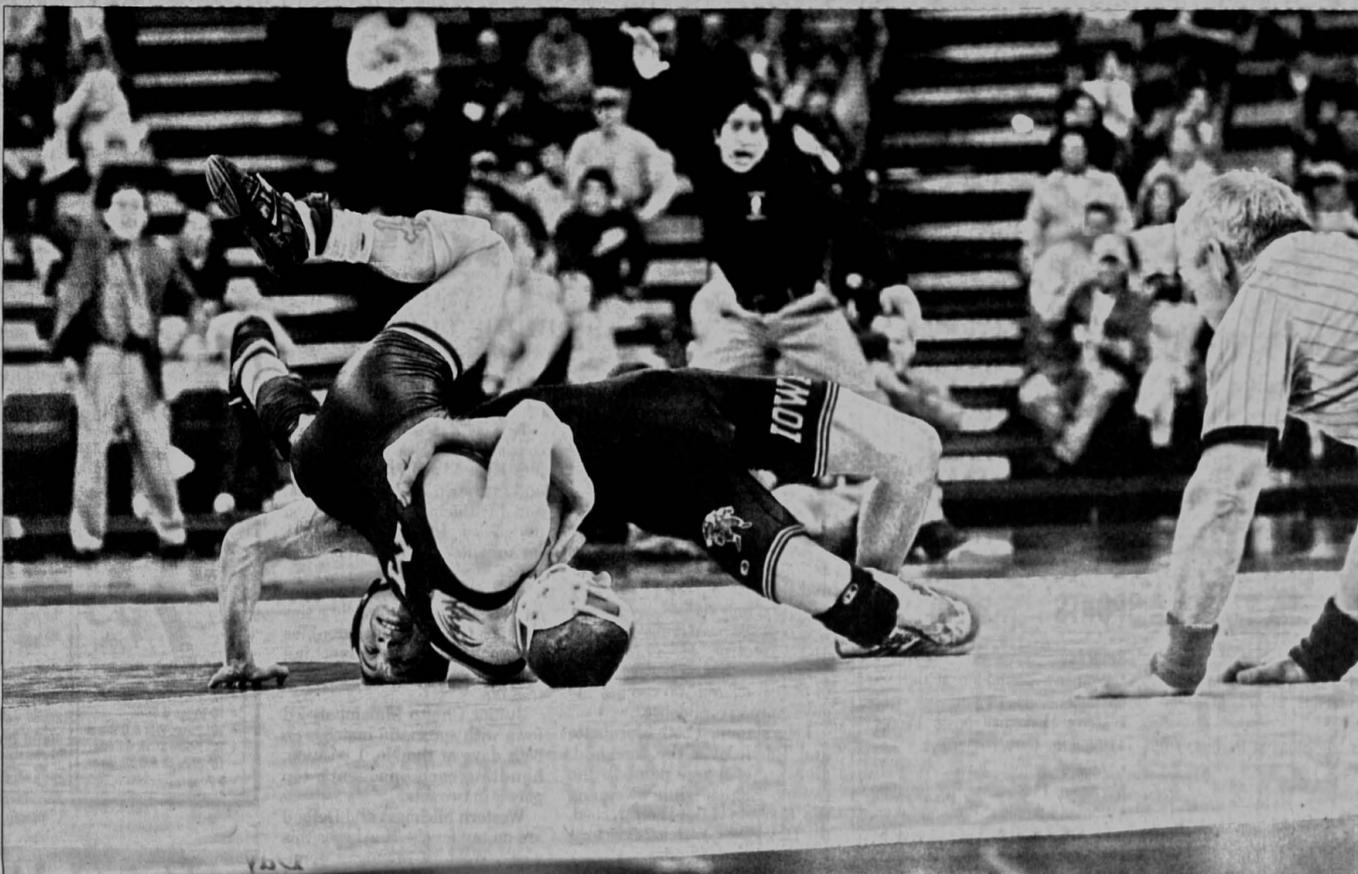
HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Rashad McCants and Raymond Felton had big second halves Sunday to help No. 2 North Carolina bounce back from a tough loss with a 77-70 win over No. 19 Connecticut.

McCants had 11 of his 15 points in the second half for North Carolina, while Felton had 14 of his 16 points and seven of his 10 assists in the final 20 minutes.

The performances by the junior stars enabled the Tar Heels (20-3) to leave the court at the Hartford Civic Center with smiles on their faces instead of the stunned looks they were following the last-play breakdown in a 71-70 loss at No. 7 Duke on Feb. 9.

NO. 10 IOWA (4-3), 11 VS. NO. 4 MICHIGAN (11-1), 21

NEXT UP: FEB. 20, 2 P.M., AGAINST INDIANA, CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA



Mario Galanakis contorts his body in an attempt to get a takedown during his match with Michigan's Mark Moos. Galanakis won, 14-5, but the Hawkeyes went on to lose to the Wolverines.

Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan

DOWNED

Iowa beat Minnesota on Feb. 11, but fell to Michigan on Sunday

BY BRIAN TRIPLET
 THE DAILY IOWAN

For the first time since the 1966-67 season, the Iowa wrestling team has lost five dual meets in the a regular season.

The No. 10 Hawkeyes defeated Minnesota, 23-14, at home on Feb. 11, but they fell, 21-11, against No. 4 Michigan in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday, dropping their record to 9-5 overall, 4-3 in the Big Ten. Iowa

has only one meet remaining against Indiana before hosting the Big Ten championships on March 5-6.

With seven new faces in the lineup this year, including four freshmen who wrestled against the Wolverines, the Hawkeyes didn't expect anything to come easy this season. But the one thing Iowa coach Jim Zalesky wants to see out of his young team the most is forward progress, and he didn't get his wish against Michigan.

SEE WRESTLING, PAGE 3B

IOWA (16-7) 64, VS. NORTHWESTERN (11-12) 54

UP NEXT: WEDNESDAY, 7:05 P.M., AT PURDUE, ESPN PLUS

CHARMED

The Hawkeyes were able to overcome a three-game losing streak with the help of ADAM HALUSKA, who scored 20 points

BY JASON BRUMMOND
 THE DAILY IOWAN

The fourth time's a charm for the Iowa men's basketball team.

The Hawkeyes snapped their three-game losing streak against Northwestern, 64-54, on Feb. 12 in Carver-Hawkeye Area, keeping alive their hopes for an invitation to March Madness.

And it appears guard Adam Haluska wants to personally deliver that ticket to the NCAA Big Dance.

The sophomore poured in 20 points and added eight rebounds, five assists, and four steals in perhaps the most complete all-around game by any Hawkeye this season. He converted 7-of-14 shots from the floor, including four 3-pointers in 36 minutes, while turning the ball over just once.

Haluska has averaged 20 points in the three games without leading scorer Pierre Pierce on the team — eight points more than his average in Iowa's first 20 games.

"He's filled in the gaps very well, and he's a potent player," Iowa coach Steve Alford said. "I think he's starting to gain some momentum and some confidence. He's becoming one of those go-to guys."

Iowa (16-7, 4-6) pulled away from the Wildcats with a pair of runs around halftime — a 12-0 stretch in the last 4:05 of the first half and a 14-2 surge over a

five-minute period early in the second half.

The Wildcats (11-12, 4-7), down by 13 at the break, responded with a 7-0 run to open the second half to come within 39-35 with 16:19 left. But Northwestern's offense crumbled and faced a 53-37 deficit with 10:27 remaining.

"It just didn't seem we could get there," Northwestern coach Bill Carmody said. "I felt good about our chances right then that we'd be in the game with five minutes to go, but it didn't turnout that way."

Wildcat forward Vedran Vukusic, who has haunted the Hawkeyes in the past two seasons, struggled on just 4-of-15 shooting from the field, including six missed shots from beyond the arc. But he still led Northwestern with 11 points and seven rebounds.

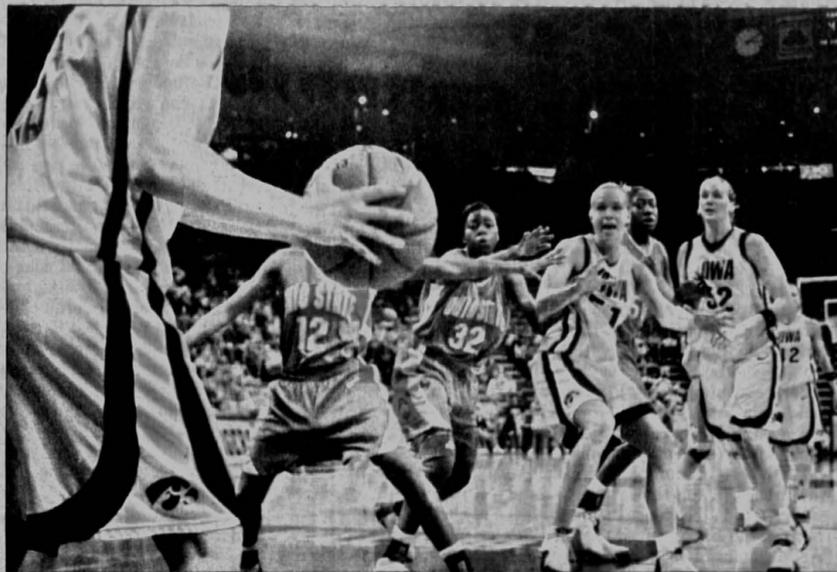
Freshman Alex Thompson started in place of the ineffective Erik Hansen, scoring five points and snagging four rebounds. Hansen picked up three fouls in six minutes — a trend for the lanky center. In 10 conference games, the 7-footer has averaged 1.8 points, 1.6 rebounds, and 3.9 fouls — and he has fouled out four times.

Interior play has to be the biggest concern for Alford. Other than Greg Brunner, who scored all 16 of his points in the first half, there has been no consistency

SEE MEN'S BASKETBALL, PAGE 3B

IOWA (5-7) 60, VS. NO. 2 OHIO STATE (11-1) 67

NEXT UP: THURSDAY, 7:05 P.M. AGAINST MICHIGAN STATE, CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA



Melanie Patterson/The Daily Iowan

Abby Emmert looks for a teammate to pass to during the second half of the Ohio State game on Sunday. The Buckeyes won, 67-60.

ALMOST:

The women's basketball team made sure that No. 2 Ohio State earned its win in Sunday's close game

BY TED MCCARTAN
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa was ready for Ohio State, the second-best team in the nation, as the Buckeyes' trip to Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday afternoon demonstrated. The lead exchanged hands 13 times in the game, and the score was tied nine times.

But in the end, Ohio State (24-2, 11-1) fought back from two deficits — one of 12 points in the first half and one of six points in the second half — to defeat Iowa (16-7, 5-7), 67-60.

"I feel good, at least we came out, and we competed today,"

said Iowa coach Lisa Bluder. "I told the team afterwards that this is a team [Ohio State] that's better than UConn, better than Tennessee, better than Duke, and we came out and we competed."

In the first half, Iowa came out with an intensity that had been lacking in recent weeks, and offensively, shots were falling. The Hawkeyes made seven of its first 12 3-pointers. With 8:25 seconds remaining, senior guard Jenna Armstrong made a 3. Only seconds later, following a Johanna Solverson steal, and while the cheerleaders were still hurling T-shirts

into the stands, Armstrong hit another trey. Iowa took advantage of the momentum, and Armstrong's rainmakers prompted a 14-2 run, which ended with 6:09 remaining in the first half, after Tiffany Reedy flushed yet another triple.

After the flurry of long-range shots, Ohio State coach Jim Foster took a 30-second time out to stop the bleeding. He hoped to quiet a Carver-Hawkeye Arena that was the loudest it has been in any women's basketball game this season.

SEE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, PAGE 3B

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Michigan St.	9-2 17-4
Wisconsin	7-4 16-6
Indiana	6-4 11-10
Minnesota	6-5 16-8
Ohio State	5-5 17-8
Iowa	4-6 16-7
Northwestern	4-7 11-12
Michigan	3-8 12-13
Purdue	2-8 6-15
Penn St.	1-9 7-16

Saturday's Games
Iowa 64, Northwestern 54
Illinois 70, Wisconsin 59
Indiana 71, Minnesota 56
Michigan State 64, Michigan 49
Ohio State 65, Penn State 56

Today's Game
Texas A&M Corpus Christi at Northwestern

Tuesday's Game
Indiana at Ohio State

Wednesday's Games
Iowa at Purdue, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Michigan State
Illinois at Penn State

Saturday's Games
Iowa at Iowa, 11:15 a.m.
Michigan State at Purdue
Penn State at Northwestern
Ohio State at Minnesota

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Indiana	24	26	.480	6 1/2
Milwaukee	20	28	.417	9 1/2

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Memphis	30	22	.577	10
New Orleans	10	41	.196	29 1/2

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Jessica Green/The Daily Iowan
Hawkeye junior Chaitu Malempati slams the ball toward his Toledo opponent. Malempati and all his Iowa teammates won their singles matches in straight sets.

UNDEFEATED

...and gaining confidence

BY BRYAN BAMONTE
THE DAILY IOWAN

In 23 seasons, Steve Houghton has accumulated a 258-243 record, but, until Sunday, he had never been the coach of a 5-0 squad.

After dismantling Toledo on Sunday, the Hawkeyes were undefeated and more importantly, gaining confidence.

"The guys have really picked it up in practice," Houghton said. "And it has definitely carried out to the court, and you can see the guys gaining confidence."

Iowa slammed both Marquette and Toledo over the weekend, allowing only one point to the Golden Eagles while sweeping the Rockets. Like their record, the Hawkeyes, with a 7-0 victory, were perfect on Sunday.

"It's just a great start," Houghton said. "The team really struggled in these [dual] matches last season, and they have brought energy and enthusiasm to every match, which has really carried us so far."

Brett Taylor was the final Hawkeye on the court Sunday, quickly disposing of his foe in the fastest match of the day while earning the nickname "Dangerous" from the crowd for his serving prowess. Taylor has yet to be defeated in dual play, notching

victories in all of his singles and doubles games.

Newcomers to the Hawkeyes continued to fit in nicely — juniors Kyle Markham and Taylor and freshmen Bart van Monsjou and J.P. Ritchie were undefeated in doubles play, with Ritchie suffering the only loss in singles play.

Iowa swept the doubles matches on Feb. 12 for the third time this season, improving its doubles record to 13-2, something Houghton feels has fueled the team thus far.

Junior Chaitu Malempati led Iowa with successful matches on both days at the No. 1 position, handling each opponent's top player in two sets.

Western Michigan and DePaul are on tap for the Hawkeyes this week. Western Michigan dominated Iowa a season ago, and DePaul appears tougher than any opponents Iowa has faced so far. Against these teams, 7-0 may mean Iowa is for real.

"We want the guys to be pleased with the beginning and the way they have played in the dual matches," Houghton said. "At the same time, we told them not to be too confident and to realize the tougher increments are coming up."

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Illinois	5-8 13-10
Wisconsin	4-8 10-12
Indiana	3-10 10-12
Northwestern	2-10 5-20
Michigan	1-11 5-18

Sunday's Games
Ohio State 67, Iowa 60
Michigan State 64, Wisconsin 60
Penn State 63, Illinois 56
Indiana 54, Northwestern 53
Minnesota 71, Purdue 49

Wednesday's Game
Northwestern at Illinois

Thursday's Games
Michigan State at Iowa, 7:05 p.m.
Wisconsin at Penn State
Texas A&M Corpus Christi at Indiana
Minnesota at Ohio State

IOWA SPORTS

Wednesday

- Women's swimming, Big Ten championships, Bloomington, Ind., 10 a.m.
- Men's basketball at Purdue, 7:05 p.m. (KGAN)

Thursday

- Women's swimming, Big Ten championships, 10 a.m.
- Women's basketball hosts Michigan State, 7:05 p.m., Carver-Hawkeye Arena

Friday

- Women's swimming, Big Ten championships, 10 a.m.
- Women's tennis at Marquette, 4 p.m.
- Men's track hosts Iowa Open, TBA, Recreation Building
- Softball, Arizona State Tourney, Tempe, Ariz., TBA
- Women's track hosts Iowa Invitational, TBA, Rec Building

Saturday

- Women's swimming at Big Ten championships, 10 a.m.
- Men's basketball hosts Illinois, 11:06 a.m., Carver-Hawkeye
- Men's tennis hosts Western Michigan, 11:30 a.m., Rec Building
- Women's tennis at Bowling Green, noon
- Women's basketball at Michigan, 6:05 p.m.
- Women's gymnastics hosts Iowa State, 8 p.m., Carver-Hawkeye
- Men's gymnastics hosts Minnesota, 8 p.m., Carver-Hawkeye
- Softball, Arizona State Tourney, TBA

Feb. 20

- Men's tennis hosts DePaul, 11:30 a.m., Rec Building
- Wrestling hosts Indiana, 2 p.m., Carver-Hawkeye
- Softball, Arizona State Tourney, TBA

Urgently restoring their NCAA hopes

Let's swallow our pride and painfully rewind to Jan. 26.

On that fateful day in Evanston, the Hawkeyes collapsed. Holding a 12-point lead with 3:09 remaining, they fell apart. Their NCAA soul was crushed with a flourish of 3's and lay-ups from Vedran Vukusic, and they lost, 75-74, in overtime to the Wildcats.

Fast forward to Feb. 12. Iowa held a 13-point halftime lead. Suddenly, that lead vanished as quickly as it was built. In 3:02, that lead shrank to four with a 9-0 run from the Wildcats. It nearly dropped to two with T.J. Parker standing at the line with two foul shots. He missed both, and the Hawkeyes never looked back. This time, there was no soul crushed. Instead, Iowa rose from the dead, earning a huge win with a 64-54 triumph. There was no choking this time.

"We needed to challenge them," Hawk coach Steve Alford said. "We saw an awful lot of pressure from Northwestern being up 12

with three minutes to go at their place, and we folded."

He challenged his team this week, and the Hawks responded. He told them the Feb. 12 game was a make-or-break game. Last year, two losses to Northwestern sank Iowa's NCAA hopes. Another would've done the same thing to the Hawkeyes this year. This time, the players stepped up to the plate.

"I had to make absolutely sure that they understood the [NCAA pressure]," Alford said. "I told them that part of college athletics. You've got to learn to deal with pressure."

Granted, a win over Northwestern can hardly be counted as a big win, and when the NCAA committee looks at Iowa for consideration, it isn't going to look at a win over Northwestern and automatically put Iowa in a bracket. However, after you've lost three straight to the Wildcats dating back to last season, dropped games to Michigan State and Wisconsin, and lost

Pierre Pierce in the span of two weeks, a victory over Northwestern is big.

A huge weight was lifted off the shoulders of both the players and the coaches. This team proved it can win without Pierce, even if it is against Northwestern. The proverbial monkey has been removed, and the players' relief after the game was visible.

"It was a big win," guard Adam Haluska said after registering his best all-around performance of the season, finishing with 20 points, eight rebounds, five assists, and four steals. "Northwestern's playing well, and we've lost to them three-straight times. I really think this team came out and played with urgency. I think we were resilient and came out with the win."

The popular word postgame was "urgent." Haluska used it twice in his comments. All the Hawkeyes have to do is get wins, and the rest will take care of itself.

"We've got to get wins, and we've got to play hard and do

whatever it takes to get in that tournament," Haluska said.

This was a start for the Hawkeyes to restore their NCAA hopes, and it sets up a big week. Haluska and Co. showed the urgency needed to get into the dance that has eluded them the last three years. They can build those hopes with Wednesday's game at 10th-place Purdue, a winnable game for the Hawkeyes. A win would put Iowa at 17-7, a good mark going into Iowa's Saturday showdown with top-ranked Illinois.

"This was a need-win for us, and we were able to get it. Now, we've got a big week next week," Alford said.

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HAWKEYE SPORTS

Women's gymnastics takes second

The Iowa women's gymnastics team took second place at the Sweetheart Invitational in Raleigh, N.C. on Feb. 11. But after the Hawkeyes' success at in Illinois the previous weekend, they were disappointed with the Carolina results.

"We're not excited because we know we could easily have been first," Hawk coach Larissa Libby said.

After Iowa found itself in last after the first two events, the team rallied to defeat George Washington University and William and Mary. Host North Carolina State was the champion.

The Hawkeyes set four individual season bests and set a team season record on the beam and bars.

Freshman Natalie Padilla tied for first in the vault and floor, and sophomore Romina Mazzoni and senior Annie Rue tied for first on the bars. Junior Liz Grajewski won the all-around competition.

"The things we did well, we did extremely well," Libby said. "We were

first or second in all the events, and we won all the events we didn't fall on."

— by Kristi Pooler

Men's gymnastics defeats Chicago

The sixth-ranked Iowa men's gymnastics team defeated No. 14 Illinois-Chicago, 213.475-196.65, on Feb. 12 in the Field House. The Hawkeyes dominated the meet, winning every event as a team and as individuals.

Iowa had the top three finishers in the all-around competition. Senior Linas Gaveika won the all-around with a season-high 53.15 points. Freshman Curtis Kliefman placed second, and junior Michael McNamara finished third. Senior Shawn Stone won the floor-exercise title with a career-high score of 9.45.

Iowa will return to Big Ten competition on Saturday, when it takes on Minnesota in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

— by Justin Skelnik

Men's golf season opens today

The Iowa men's golf team will open its 2005 spring season today in the River City Classic. The tournament, hosted by the University of New Orleans, will be held at Eastover Country Club. The two-day tournament will conclude Tuesday.

— by Justin Skelnik

Softball sweeps two at Stetson Invitational

The Iowa softball team kicked off the 2005 season at the Stetson Invitational in De Land, Fla., with the Hawkeyes splitting the first day with Virginia Tech and Stetson, then sweeping the two Sunday.

"It's early; it's the first weekend out, getting back out getting adjusted again," Hawk coach Gayle Blevins said. "That's something that we will need to work on to get a little stronger."

The Hawkeyes opened with an 8-0 shutout of Virginia Tech in six

innings. Senior pitcher Lisa Birocci picked up the win, throwing a one-hit, seven-strikeout performance. The Hawkeyes opened with a three-run first, then added to their lead with a four-run fourth.

Stetson grabbed the second game on Feb. 12, using a five-run second inning to take Game 2 from the Hawkeyes, 6-2. Ali Arnold suffered the loss for Iowa. Iowa rebounded from the Stetson loss with another win over the Hokies, 3-2, and then defeated Stetson, 3-0, to conclude the weekend.

Iowa will return to action next weekend at the Arizona State Tournament, where the Hawks will play the Sun Devils, Illinois State, and Long Island. The Hawkeyes will play each team in a double-header.

"The competition will pick up. The pitching, I would anticipate, will be better," Blevins said. "Arizona State is always a little bit ahead of where we are just in terms of being outside in that location of the country. The competition will be really good there."

— by Nick Richards

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— IOWA COACH JIM ZALESKY

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"The effort is there," he said. "But sometimes we're making the same mistakes ... We should be beyond those mistakes."

Iowa came out strong against Michigan (13-3-1, 5-0-1), with Charlie Falck (125) and Mario Galanakis (133) winning their matches to give the Hawkeyes an 8-0 lead. But Iowa dropped its next seven of eight matches, including the next five in a row.

"Some guys do well sometimes, then the next week they don't do so good," said junior Ty Eustice, who lost a 3-2 decision against freshman Eric Tannenbaum at 149.

Winning the close matches was also on top of Zalesky's list of concerns with only three weeks remaining until the postseason. Five out of Iowa's seven losses came by five points or fewer.

"In the close matches, we're not winning or giving ourselves a chance to win," the Iowa coach said.

After Alex Tsirtsis, Eustice, Joe Johnston, Mark Perry, and Cole Pape suffered losses against the Wolverines, junior

Paul Bradley defeated opponent Joshua Weitzel, 7-5, to keep Iowa alive in the meet.

With the Hawkeyes trailing 15-11 with two matches remaining, Iowa's Adam Fellers (197) fell, 4-2, against Willie Breyer to put the meet out of reach. Fans began filing out of Carver before heavy-weight Matt Fields lost against Greg Wagner, 8-3, to conclude the meet.

Iowa won six of its 10 matches against the Golden Gophers on Feb. 11, with Tsirtsis, Eustice, Johnston, Perry, Bradley, and Fellers tasting victory.

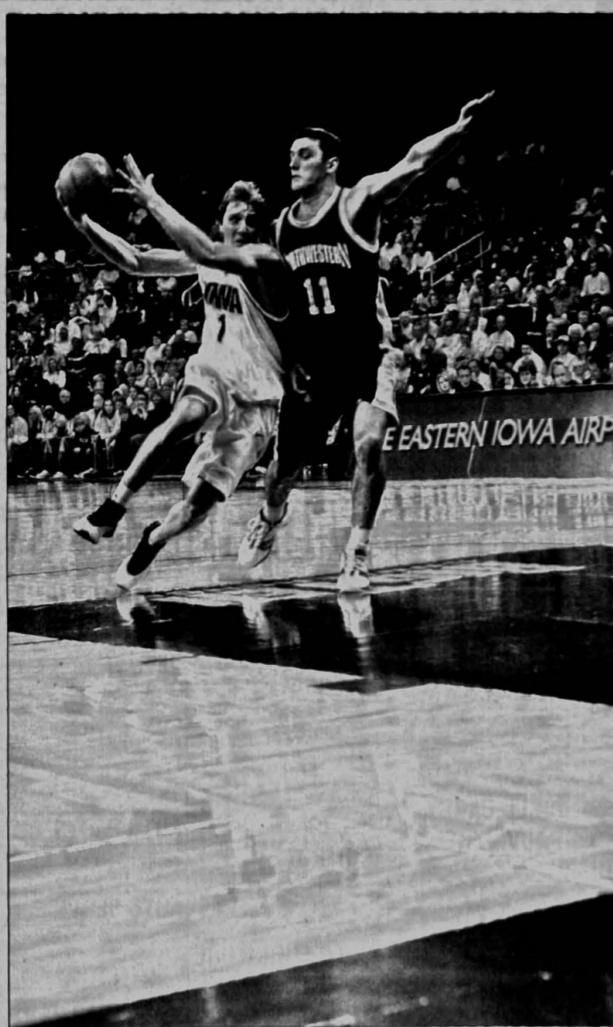
Zalesky said the team will go through an intense training stage this week before hosting Indiana next Sunday to conclude the regular season.

"We need a good week of training," he said. "A lot of our guys have been a little sluggish."

With just under three weeks remaining until the conference championships, Zalesky isn't too concerned about his team coming around.

"I think we're right there," he said. "It's not a big gap. It's a little gap."

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Hawkeye sophomore Adam Haluska drives past a Northwestern player during Iowa's Feb. 12 victory. Haluska led the Hawks in scoring with 20 points; he also had eight rebounds and five assists.

GAME STATS

IOWA (16-7)

A. Thompson 2-3 1-2 5, Brunner 6-13 1-1 16, Haluska 7-14 2-3 20, Horner 4-8 1-3 11, Henderson 4-10 0-0 8, Angle 0-0 0-0 0, Brownlee 0-1 0-0 0, Reed 1-3 0-1 2, Hansen 0-0 0-0 0, Gorney 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 25-53 5-10 64.

Halftime — Iowa 39-26.

3-Point Goals — Northwestern 3-11 (Jenkins 1-1, Scott 1-2, Vukusic 1-7, Kennedy 0-1), Iowa 9-20 (Haluska 4-6, Brunner 3-4, Horner 2-5, Brownlee 0-1, Reed 0-1, Henderson 0-3).

Fouled Out — None.

Rebounds — Northwestern 22 (Vukusic 7), Iowa 34 (Haluska 8).

Assists — Northwestern 12 (Duvancic 4), Iowa 16 (Haluska 5).

Fouls — Northwestern 15, Iowa 15. A—12, 424.

Back on the winning track

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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among the other three post players.

Junior forward Doug Thomas didn't play against Northwestern because Alford wanted to give freshman Seth Gorney a chance in the rotation. Thomas averaged 17.7 minutes and 4.8 rebounds in Big Ten games; it was the first time all season he didn't get in.

Every scholarship player on

the team except for Thomas saw action, and Alford even sent walk-on Justin Wieck to the scorer's table in the last minute.

"It's all on Doug now," Alford said. "He has to prove in practice that he wants those minutes."

Iowa, which sits seventh in the conference standings, has missed out on the NCAA Tournament the last three years, and the Hawks face a tough stretch in their final six games. They will travel to Purdue and host

undefeated Illinois this week.

The two biggest games left on the schedule may be at Minnesota and home against Ohio State — two teams ahead of Iowa but in reach in the league standings.

"I think this team really came out and played with some urgency," Haluska said. "We have to get wins, and we have to keep playing hard and do whatever it takes to get into that tournament."

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"I think that they're an NCAA Tournament team." — OHIO STATE COACH JIM FOSTER

So close against No. 2 Ohio State

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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"Well, you probably work for a family newspaper," Foster said about his time-out pep talk. "So, let's just say that we had a 'meeting of the minds.'"

Whatever he said, it worked. Everything that had been going well for Iowa stopped, and the Hawkeyes didn't score in the final six minutes of the first half. The Buckeyes, meanwhile, shot off on a 16-0 run.

Ohio State sophomore center Jessica Davenport dominated inside the entire first half, shooting 7-of-10, and she finally got help from her teammates in the final six minutes. Senior guard Caitly Matter, in particular, had eight points in the stretch, and the teams went into half-time with the Buckeyes ahead, 38-34.

"We talked a lot about that run. That's when our turnovers occurred," Bluder said. "We had nine turnovers at half, but I think the majority of them came in that last six-minute stretch. And again, when you're having those offensive droughts, you've really got to play defense."

But it only took Iowa two and a half minutes to regain the lead in the second half. Senior center Jamie Cavey had 10 points in the first 10 minutes, and the Hawkeyes outscored Ohio State 19-11. Iowa held a 53-49 lead, and an upset seemed possible.

However, the Buckeyes tied the game at 55 with five minutes left. Then Ohio State's Davenport — who was scoreless the first 13 minutes of the second half — woke up. She had all of her seven second-half points in the final seven minutes, and she also blocked Cavey on back-to-back possessions to help put Ohio State ahead. Down the stretch, the Buckeyes made their free throws and chalked up a 67-60 win.

In the second half, Iowa shot just 37 percent, compared with 57 in the first half. And after the

Hawkeyes made seven of its first 12 3-pointers, they made only one of their final 14.

"With that big of a margin in field-goal percentage, you're not going to win a lot of basketball games," Bluder said.

But even with the loss, the game said a lot about the Iowa women's basketball team.

"It could be a downer, but we need to look at it in a positive way," Solverson said. "We hung with this team, we had the chance

to beat them, and I mean it just shows us that we are a good team."

While the Hawkeyes' postseason status is still in limbo, they got a vote of confidence from Foster.

"They're fighting to be in the postseason, and they played with a desperation," he said. "And we're getting to that time of year. I think that they're an NCAA Tournament team."

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QUIET roommate wanted, 215 S. Johnson. \$285 plus utilities. February free. (319)358-7340.

ROOMMATE for Fall 2005 to live with four girls in five bedroom apartment. S. Johnson. \$355/month plus electric. Cara, (319)621-7811.

ROOMMATE needed for two and three bedroom apartments. \$300-\$350 all utilities paid. Downtown, east and westside locations. Close to campus. Call Lincoln Real Estate, (319)338-3701.

SUBLEASE for nice three bedroom condo to share with two females. Own bathroom and garage. Close to hospital. 1/3 of utilities, \$275/month. Call Terry (515)884-2555 or (515)884-0024.

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SUMMER SUBLET

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DAILY BREAK

calendar

• **International Mondays Lecture Series, "Drug and Alcohol Prevention in Lithuania,"** Jack Irwin, noon, International Center Lounge.

• **Nuclear and Particle Physics Seminar, "Applications of Wavelets to Renormalization Group Problems II,"** Wayne Polyzou, physics/astronomy, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall.

• **Colloquium, "Spin Transport in One-Dimensional Systems,"** Viorica Christina Bena, University of California, 3:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall.

• **Tow Seminar, "Perturbed Communication Games with Honest Senders and Naïve Readers,"** Ying Chen, Yale, 3:30 p.m., C121 Pappajohn Business Building.

• **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Rattawut Lapcharoensap, fiction, 8 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15. S. Dubuque St., and WSUI.

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GREAT GUY MOMENTS IN VALENTINE'S DAY HISTORY

— by Nick Narigon

• Floyd thought he was buying his wife a pair of fancy, Mediterranean earrings, when in actuality he presented her with a pair of cuff links.

• Bryce found a candy heart that, when turned upside down, said "fart."

• Benji bought his girlfriend a car jack and told her, "Now you can fix my tire of love."

• In 1996, Cory rented a tux and limo and bought a dozen roses for his date, but then he got stoned and started watching *Revenge of the Nerds II* and forgot about the date.

• Eight-year-old Dusty Sullivan cut out a heart in green construction paper and glued lace to it. He wrote, "I love you, Mom," and gave it to her. She cried for five minutes. Way to go, Dusty.

• Shane's date had to wash her hair. Again.

• Ray took his girlfriend to Wendy's and actually sat down in the restaurant rather than just go through the drive-through. He even let her order a meal rather than off of the 99-cent value menu.

quote of the day

“ The longer I live, the more I realize that the hardest thing is just relationships. It's hard enough to figure out yourself, let alone another person. ”

— Robert Brancatelli, an assistant professor of religious studies at Santa Clara University, who teaches the class Theology of Marriage.

horoscopes

Monday, February 14, 2005
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let your temper get the better of you today. Everything will get done, so stop fretting. Someone you really like will extend an invitation to join something that might interest you. Remember your time is limited; allow for down time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): This is a perfect day to do something that will make you feel good about you. A new hairstyle or color or even a day at the spa will do you a world of good. Don't be disappointed if someone you care about forgets about valentines.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't keep your feelings to yourself today. If you love someone, let her or him know. Today can be a turning point for you. Make your decision based on the reaction you get from others, and you will be well on your way to a better future.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Home is where the heart is, and today will be no exception. Doing something special for someone you care about will lead to an interesting turn of events. Making moves or looking at property investments will prove to be profitable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Put your efforts into your relationships with others today. Someone may try to derail you about business and getting ahead. The more allies and support you drum up by being kind and generous, the better you will do when faced with opposition.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Go the distance if it means you will make someone you care about happy. Travel, communication, and turning any wrong into a right should be your intent. Today is about taking action and doing what you promised to do for the ones you love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): When it comes to love, give it your best shot. Do whatever you can to please. The more you engage in playful action with someone you fancy, the better the response you will get in return. This is the day to prove how much you care, so don't slip up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): This could be a disastrous day if you forget to do something special for the one you love. If you are single, keep it that way for the time being. Feeling sorry for yourself will only result in adversity. Do what's right — not what you feel like doing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Bring joy to the people you care about. Friends, family, and your lover should be your priorities. A little thoughtful word, card, or gift will put you in everyone's good graces. It's never too late to make up for past mistakes or misdoings.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): Reach out to someone you respect, love, and cherish, and you will have a fabulous day. Take a break from your rigorous routine to do something special for you as well as your lover. If you are single, consider pampering yourself for a change.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be confused when it comes to your personal life. If you don't know what to do next, retreat. Work on something creative or that interests you, and forget about what everyone else is doing. Love can go either way today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Get involved. Do something nice for others, and you will find yourself in some very interesting company today. Love is in the air, and you mustn't miss out on an opportunity to engage in a little flirting with someone you think is rather special.

news you need to know

Tuesday — All curricular changes due in Registrar's Office
— General Catalogue 2005-06 copy due in Registrar's Office

Thursday — First official class lists due, 5 p.m.

March 4 — Degree applications due for May graduates, 4:30 p.m.

March 7 — Late degree application fee in effect

happy birthday to ...

Feb. 14 — Lindsey Delavan, 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	7 Education Exchange
11 A Look @ Alzheimer's Disease Pt. 1 & 2	7:30 Live & Local
12:30 p.m. One Town Folio	8 Access Update
1:35 Turkey Man	8:30 Nancy Cree Keyboard Highlights
2 White Privilege Conference 2003	9:30 Minutes
3:15 White Privilege Conference 2004	9:30 1,000 Friends
4:30 Respect for Life	10:30 The Universe
5:30 Islam: Dispelling the Myths	11:25 Painful Grey
6:30 SCTV Calendar	11:30 Whatever No. 4

UITV schedule

3 p.m. Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Week Community Convocation	8 A Conversation with Salman Rushdie
4 MLK Human Rights Week Celebration	10 "Live from Prairie Lights," Maria Doria Russell
5 University Lecture Committee presents Salman Rushdie	11 Coach Steve Alford News Conference
6:30 Coach Steve Alford News Conference	11:30 Iowa Basketball with Steve Alford
7 "Live from Prairie Lights," Maria Doria Russell	

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Little University

1 What doll brand recalled its Snacktime Kids line after consumers reported they munched fingers and hair as well as toy food?

2 What brand of platform-independent components did Java cook up to counter ActiveX?

3 What animated doofus was the first to scale Springfield's Mt. Murderhorn and leave his wallet there?

4 What restaurant chain, after much debate, named its fruit smoothie the Fruize?

5 What nation didn't let its lack of a Japanese embassy deter it from naming Sidney Poitier its ambassador to Japan?

1. Cabbage Patch
2. JavaBeans
3. Homer Simpson
4. Subway
5. The Bahamas

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ACROSS

1 Swear to

5 "What's the ___ that can happen?"

10 Nose (out)

14 Ending with hard or soft

15 Baker who sang "Sweet Love," 1986

16 Shed one's skin

17 Many a homecoming attendee

18 Work over, as a ship

19 Fat of the lamb

20 "Draw one," in diner slang

23 Wildebeest

24 English dog

25 Straight from the garden

27 Rewrites

30 Broken arms may go in them

33 Foul callers

36 Irrelevant, as a point

38 Jump for joy

39 A barber has to work around it

40 Faculty member

42 Burn ___ crisp

43 First-class

45 Radio tuner

46 Glimpse

47 Gym shoes, for short

49 "Golden Boy" playwright Clifford

51 Clothesline alternative

53 Wrestler

57 Companion for Tarzan

59 "Sun kiss," in diner slang

62 Holds close

64 Oak-to-be

65 Gaming table fee

66 Hence

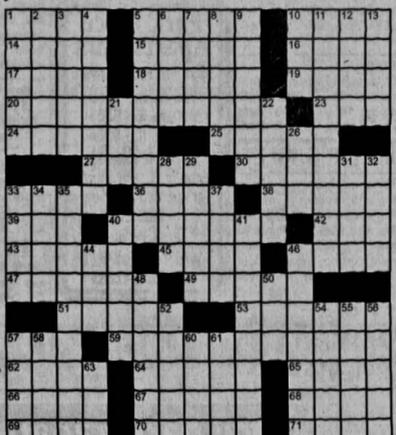
67 ___ four (teacake)

68 Marsh plant

69 Clutter

70 Perfect places

71 Luke Skywalker's mentor



DOWN

1 ___ plane (military craft)

2 Comparison shopper's quest

3 Blow one's top

4 Channel surfers' gadgets

5 Violation of the Geneva Convention

6 "Clock Jump" (1930's hit)

7 Jazz phrase

8 Not flexible

9 Idaho produce, informally

10 Ambulance inits.

11 "Life preservers," in diner slang

12 Secluded valley

13 "___ Brute?"

21 Gave dinner

22 Moray catcher

26 Half a dozen

28 Land hopper

29 Prefix with logical

31 Ladleful of unappetizing food

32 Command to Fido

33 Foes of Dems.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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FREEH DESIRE

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ITS DLI MAG SEA
RUMPELSTILTSKIN
ABUSHELANDAPECK
NATIONALHIGHWAY

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34 Make, as money

35 "Flopp two," in diner slang

37 Sen. Cochran of Mississippi

40 Capital where the yen is capital

41 Periodic table listings

44 Deface

46 Ocean inlet

48 South-of-the-border shawl

50 ___ Mahal

52 Went like the wind

54 Sal of "Rebel Without a Cause"

55 Played on stage

56 "___ vacation!"

57 Throat-clearing sound

58 Unadulterated

60 Written reminder

61 Smile

63 "Send help!"

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