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UI tops \$100 million in gifts

UI FOUNDATION MONEY

Where the gifts from 2004 went:

- 60 percent went toward academic programs and research
- 16 percent went toward student support including scholarships
- 13 percent went toward facilities improvements
- 11 percent was given for faculty support

Who gave the money?

- Out of the \$77.3 million in outright gifts:
- \$31.1 million from 33,044 alumni
- \$19 million from 30,537 non-alumni
- \$27.2 million from 2,372 business and foundations

BY ALEX LANG
THE DAILY IOWAN

For the first time ever, private gifts to the UI and the UI Foundation in one year passed the \$100 million mark, a number the university needs to exceed by 50 percent to reach its total \$1 billion goal set last year.

This year the foundation received \$77.3 million, a 24 percent increase from 2003, and \$22.8 million was given directly to the university to push the total over \$100 million.

"Obviously, we are very pleased, but we are also careful not to take all the credit," UI Foundation



New
UI Foundation president

President Michael New said. "There were a lot of people involved."

All the volunteers and staff members who market the program were the reason the foundation reached the \$100 million goal, he said.

Despite the progress over the past year, the foundation must raise \$151 million this year to complete the "Good. Better. Best. Iowa." \$1 billion goal President David Skorton set last year, which he upped from the \$850 million set in 1999. As of the end of last year, the campaign raised \$849 million.

"If we have another good year like we did last year, then we can accomplish it," New said. He added the foundation will not do anything different or new in an effort to raise the funds.

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UI officials: Pell plan falls short

Thousands of dollars in UI grant money are in jeopardy under President Bush's new Pell Grant plan

BY DREW KERR
THE DAILY IOWAN

President Bush's call to increase the maximum Pell Grant to \$4,550 over the next five years would bring more funds to some students, but it also threatens to leave thousands of the UI's neediest students without Perkins loans, a big chunk of their funding.

Under the president's proposal, now facing for congressional debate, students receiving the maximum Pell Grants would see an increase of \$100 per-year for the next five years.

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A WORLD OF FLAVOR



Rachel Mummey/The Daily Iowan

Sylvia Venuto, the owner of Venuto's World Bistro, works behind the counter of her new restaurant on Monday evening. The establishment, which has been open for a week, will feature theme nights, such as African-Caribbean, German, and Italian.

VENUTO'S WORLD BISTRO features a different cuisine every night

BY HEATHER LOEB
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Wiener schnitzel comes on Fridays, a night after waiters have cleared the tables of Makoua chicken and Miteku-Teku fish, delicacies from the chef's native Congo. Saturdays follow an Italian theme, as cooks heap steaming piles of linguine onto plates for customers who

can sample a variety of the world's cuisines in less than a week.

Venuto's World Bistro, 115 E. College St., uses a rotating menu Thursday through Saturday to offer diners a chance to experience different ethnic delicacies. Sunday through Wednesday, the restaurant has a bistro menu, including panini sandwiches and rib-eye steaks.

On Thursday evenings, chef Soleil Banguid whips up some of his favorite African-Caribbean dishes, including Jamaican jerk chicken, spicy honey chicken wings, and avocado salad. In between courses, he plays the drums and entertains diners with stories from the Congo.

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Activists greet UI officials with valentines

BY DANIELLE STRATTON-COULTER
THE DAILY IOWAN

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, members of the Students Against Sweatshops sweetened up their demonstration tactics Monday, delivering oversized valentines to UI President David Skorton and members of the newly formed UI Purchasing Advisory Committee, a panel developed to review the university's purchasing policies.

Group members distributed paper hearts decorated with markers and paper doilies.

"We're delivering this message with love," group member Ned Bertz, a UI graduate student, told Skorton's secretary.

Skorton's valentine read, "We know you have a big heart. Draft an Ethical Purchasing Code of Conduct by March 21."

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Former Lebanese prime minister killed in massive bomb explosion

BY SCOTT WILSON
WASHINGTON POST

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Former Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri was killed Monday when a powerful car bomb exploded on Beirut's fashionable waterfront, evoking the political violence that plagued Lebanon during its long civil war.

In the aftermath of the blast, which killed 13 people besides Hariri and filled hospitals with scores of wounded, including the economic minister, opposition leaders and angry demonstrators gathered in front of Hariri's

downtown mansion, blaming Syria for the most serious political assassination in Lebanon since sectarian fighting ended nearly 16 years ago. Hariri had emerged in recent months as a chief opponent of Syrian troops' presence in the country.

The bomb exploded just before lunchtime as the former prime minister's motorcade reached a busy curve along this seaside capital's elegant Corniche. It left a clutter of smoldering SUVs and sedans in a crater 6 feet deep, with flames flickering for hours. The explosion sheared off the facades

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Associated Press

Vehicles burn following a massive bomb attack on the motorcade of former Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri in Beirut on Monday. Hariri, who resigned last fall following a sharp dispute with Syria, died in the blast along with at least 12 other people Monday. Approximately 100 people were wounded.

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NEWS

UI welcomes TIAA-CREF move

BY KATE MCCARTER
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI officials on Monday applauded its main retirement provider's announced move to the area, praising the convenience that a local branch will bring to more than 11,000 university employees.

TIAA-CREF, the nation's leading provider of retirement services in the academic, research, medical, and cultural fields, will open an office at 372 Second St., Coralville, in the beginning of March, the company announced early this month. Its nearest offices at present are in Chicago and Minneapolis, which forces UI employees to conduct business with advisers over the phone or during campus visits.

"I think the new location will

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be great, especially for UI employees," said Richard Saunders, the senior assistant director of UI Human Resources. "Now they will have much greater access and will be able to get individual financial attention on-site rather than by phone."

Saunders added that employees will appreciate being able to take their spouses along to financial meetings.

Carol Mennenga, a clerk in the Student Financial Aid Office, said she thinks the move will be very helpful.

"I am hoping to retire in five years, so I will need to meet with a consultant more often," she said. "I have been satisfied with the plan so far, but I want to stay updated and make sure plans are on track."

TIAA-CREF recently announced the opening of 16 new offices in college towns. Lemuel Brewster, a company spokesman, said the financial group's move to Iowa falls in line with its strategic plan to get closer to its university customers.

"We already have a relationship with the University of Iowa, but this move is an opportunity for us to better service

those customers," he said. "We want to be closer to these clients to better understand and service their needs."

TIAA-CREF services more than 15,000 colleges throughout the nation. It was founded in 1918 to serve the financial needs of college professors, and it has since grown to acquire \$345 billion in assets and 3.2 million participants. It also ranks 68th on *Fortune* magazine's list of largest companies.

The UI began its affiliation with the TIAA-CREF in the 1940s.

"We have been very satisfied with [it] in the past," Saunders said. "It has done a very credible job in managing the retirement assets of UI employees."

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Study: No link between tax policy, migration

BY MIKE GLOVER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — A new study found no link between tax policy in the Upper Midwest to migration rates to the Sun Belt states of Texas and Arizona, warning lawmakers against trying to use tax breaks to keep people from leaving.

The study, conducted by the nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau and obtained by the Associated Press, said migration rates from seven states in the Upper Midwest to Texas and Arizona showed no link between tax policy and migration.

"The data show that while migration to Texas is a problem for Iowa, it is a similar problem for all surrounding states, and income-tax policy changes

would likely make only a small difference in migration to Texas," the study said.

Examining migration patterns for the region through federal tax returns, the study found that Missouri fared the best and South Dakota performed worst. Iowa, Illinois, and Minnesota all fared about the same, despite sharp differences in income-tax policy.

"This is particularly damaging to a tax-avoidance migration theory," the study found. That's because South Dakota has no state income tax, while Arizona does, meaning those that make that move must begin paying income taxes.

Underscoring that point, Iowa, Illinois, and Minnesota have sharply different income tax policies, but the migration

rate to warmer states is about the same.

"While Iowa loses taxpayers and taxable income to both Texas and Arizona, Internal Revenue Service data on state-to-state migration indicate that differences in state income-tax policy do not explain Iowa's migration to those states, as both higher and lower income tax states around Iowa have similar or even greater relative losses than Iowa," the study said.

The study comes as Iowa lawmakers wrestle with ways to stanch the flow of people — particularly young people — from the state.

Republican legislators proposed eliminating income taxes for those under 30 in an effort to lure youngsters to remain in the state, though they concede that

likely won't be approved.

The study did not examine the ages of those migrating from various states in the Midwest.

Senate Republican President Jeff Lamberti of Ankeny, one of the authors of the under-30 tax plan, conceded that taxes likely aren't the driving factor in the decisions of people to move from the Midwest.

"We in the Midwest have certain geographic disadvantages we have to deal with," said Lamberti. "We are going to lose a certain number of people because of the climate."

Sen. Michael Connolly, D-Dubuque, said the study underscores Democratic arguments that lawmakers should focus more on quality of life issues and less on finding new tax breaks.

CITY

Woman in RV fire identified

The woman who died in an RV fire at the Jolly Rogers Campground in North Liberty on Feb. 12 has been identified as Mary Gotmer, 55, state and Johnson County medical examiners confirmed Monday.

Officials believe she died of smoke inhalation. The cause of the blaze remains under investigation by the state fire marshal's office.

"We don't have any idea at this point in time how the fire started," Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek said. "The state fire marshal's office will return to the scene this week to see if it can determine a cause."

Ed Thornell, who lives across a gravel driveway from Gotmer's residence, said she was a smoker who was still grieving from the death of her husband three months ago.

Thornell had rushed out to save his neighbor

after seeing flames, but he said the fire was too intense to allow him to enter. He dialed 911 at 11:17 p.m., and firefighters soaked the RV until early Sunday morning.

— by Nick Petersen

Wal-Mart eyes building super center

Wal-Mart has filed a request with Iowa City to purchase 21.76 acres of land in the north airport development and subdivision for \$3.1 million in order to build a super center.

The new supercenter will replace the company's current store at 1001 Highway 1 W.

The land is part of a 57.13 acre parcel of Iowa City Municipal Airport that was originally set aside to lease for commercial purposes. The City Council later decided the land should be sold in

order to increase interest from retailers.

City Manager Steve Atkins has already signed a purchase agreement with the company, but the purchase must be approved by the council within 60 days.

"I am very much in favor of this," said Councilor Bob Elliott. "I am very pleased with it, but I think some people will have problems with it."

Karin Franklin, the city's director of planning and community development, said the store will aid the area rather than hurt it.

"When you have a draw like a Super Wal-Mart, the area becomes attractive," she said. "Any retailer will want to capitalize on the traffic."

At its regular meeting today, the council will set up a public hearing for March 1. The council will vote on the sale after the public hearing.

— by Elaine Fabian

POLICE BLOTTER

Carl Benson, 42, 1515½ Jackson Ave., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Sean Cannon, 19, 1814 Burge, was charged Feb. 12 with possession of alcohol under the legal age.

Ronald Cousins, 36, 2100 Broadway Apt. F, was charged Feb. 10 with driving while barred.

Samantha Farrell, 18, Ankeny, Iowa, was charged Feb. 12 with PAULA.

Jessica Gonzales, 18, Coralville, was charged Feb. 12 with PAULA.

Nicholas Jackson, 19, 622 E.

Jefferson St., was charged Feb. 12 with PAULA.

Andrew Knebel, 35, 1338 Carroll St., was charged Sunday with operating while intoxicated.

Ryan Knigge, 19, Gurnee, Ill., was charged Feb. 12 with PAULA.

Amanda Krause, 19, 1410 Burge, was charged Feb. 12 with PAULA.

Amanda Kuffel, 20, 219 E. Harrison St. Apt. 3, was charged Feb. 12 with PAULA.

Lara Madden, 19, Park Ridge, Ill., was charged Feb. 12 with PAULA.

Sean Monahan, 18, Villa Park, Ill.,

was charged Feb. 12 with PAULA and presence in a bar after hours.

John Moyes, 22, Burlington, was charged Feb. 12 with OWI and possession of marijuana.

Kayla Parison, 19, 2318 Burge, was charged Feb. 12 with PAULA.

Ryan Rittman, 19, West Des Moines, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and unlawful use of an authentic driver's license/identification.

Trenton St. John, 36, Belle Plaine, Iowa, was charged Sunday with domestic abuse assault and obstruction of emergency communication.

Emily Swanson, 18, 2318 Burge, was charged Feb. 12 with PAULA.

Autumn Thilges, 20, 522 E. Burlington St. Apt. 12, was charged Feb. 12 with keeping a disorderly house.

Terrence Toomey, 58, 1409 Keokuk St., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Lance Vugteveen, 19, 716 Rienow, was charged Feb. 12 with PAULA.

Jody Woode, 20, Tipton, was charged Feb. 12 with PAULA.

Gabriel Zeller, 18, Wheatland, Iowa, was charged Feb. 12 with presence in a bar after hours.

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STATE

Lawmakers warned students not ready for college

DES MOINES (AP) — Only 29 percent of students taking a major college-entrance test meet or exceed all benchmark standards for being ready for college work, the Legislature was warned Monday.

Richard Ferguson, the head of the Iowa City-based American College Testing operation, told lawmakers that high-school students simply aren't taking a rigorous enough curriculum, and lawmakers should require more of them.

"Students are not taking the courses, particularly math and science," Ferguson told the House Education Committee.

Roughly half of the students taking college-entrance tests meet some of the benchmarks of preparedness, while 20 percent don't meet any and likely will need remedial help.

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Bush wants \$82 billion more for wars

The president requests funding that will mainly pay for the day-to-day costs of war as well as tsunami relief

BY MARK MAZZETTI
AND RICHARD SIMON
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — President Bush asked Congress for an additional \$81.9 billion Monday that would go mainly to fund the ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, boosting the cost of U.S. military operations stemming from the 2001 terrorist attacks to approximately \$280 billion.



The bulk of the spending package would fund day-to-day costs of the wars, but \$12 billion is also requested to refurbish and replace military trucks, tanks, and helicopters. Of that, \$3.3 billion is

earmarked to upgrade the armor on U.S. military vehicles deployed in combat zones.

The Bush administration found itself on the defensive last year after soldiers complained about having to rummage through landfills for scraps of metal to armor their vehicles.

The budget request also includes \$7.4 billion to accelerate the training of local armies in Iraq and Afghanistan that are the Pentagon's best hope for an eventual U.S. military exit from both countries.

While the Defense Department would receive roughly \$75 billion of the budget request, the remainder would be spent on various State Department initiatives and tsunami relief efforts in Asia.

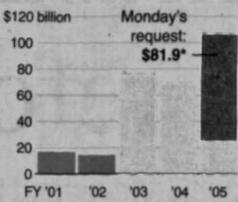
The proposed \$950 million in aid to victims of the tsunami is far more than the \$15 million offered shortly after the Dec. 26 disaster — an amount that many assailed as stingy.

Although the \$81.9 billion emergency funding request was

BUSH REQUESTS

President Bush asked Congress for an additional \$81.9 billion on Monday, bringing total war costs past \$280 billion since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Supplemental appropriations for Iraq and Afghanistan approved by Congress



* Proposed; includes funds for other international expenses
NOTE: Includes money to protect U.S. cities and military bases and for rebuilding in Iraq and Afghanistan; fiscal years begin Oct. 1

SOURCE: Congressional Research Service AP

not included in the budget package that Bush submitted to Congress last week, the figure was taken into account in a recent White House estimate that the federal budget deficit would total \$427 billion this year. Congress is expected to

authorize the spending bill, as lawmakers from both parties are eager to show support for U.S. troops in harm's way. Still, the budget request is expected to give some Democrats a new forum to press the White House for an "exit strategy" from Iraq — a commitment currently costing about \$1 billion a week.

Passage of the measure also could be complicated by the prospect that House Republican leaders will attach to it proposed changes in immigration policy — including a bid to block states from issuing driver's licenses to illegal immigrants.

Bush called for quick passage of the spending request, saying it would "ensure that our troops continue to get what they need to protect themselves and complete their mission."

The supplemental budget also would give \$5.3 billion to the Army's "transformation" efforts to create more combat brigades out of its current force structure.

This provision has drawn fire from lawmakers, who say that funds for the transformation initiative should be included in the main Pentagon budget, rather than in an "emergency" bill. A group of 35 conservative and moderate House Democrats

plans to hold a news conference Tuesday to voice this complaint and to call for "more accountability from the administration and Pentagon for funds spent in Iraq and Afghanistan."

Combined with \$25 billion already approved by Congress, Monday's budget request would bring the authorized costs for military operations and reconstruction aid in Iraq and Afghanistan during this fiscal year to more than \$100 billion — compared to \$87 billion Congress approved during the last fiscal year.

The State Department would receive \$6.3 billion from the new funding bill, with most of the money ticketed for programs and projects in Iraq and Afghanistan aimed at building social and political stability.

Roughly \$717 million is to be requested for operating the large U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, which requires a security staff of 2,500 and supplies that must be imported from outside the country.

Another \$660 million is earmarked to build a new embassy and move out of the existing compound that includes the sprawling Republican Palace, a building last inhabited by leaders of Saddam Hussein's regime.

NATION

Painkiller sales decline after scare

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — For years, Americans have been popping painkillers like they were candy to treat everything from headaches to arthritis. But new data show America's love affair with the medications may have cooled off after the blockbuster drug Vioxx was pulled from the market over safety concerns.

Sales of prescription arthritis drugs plunged at the end of 2004, after Merck & Co. Inc. of Whitehouse Station, N.J., pulled Vioxx from the market Sept. 30, and a string of recent studies raised safety concerns about other widely used pain medicines.

Nonprescription pain-reliever sales jumped by double digits in late 2004, but doctors and other pain experts believe many patients are simply suffering in silence, confused about what pain medication is best for them.

"I've been in practice for 30 years, and I've never seen such a mess," said Dr. Michel Dubois, the director of the New York University Pain Management Center.

He estimates that approximately 20 percent of his patients have switched from Cox-2 inhibitors, the painkiller class including Vioxx and Pfizer Inc.'s Celebrex and Bextra, to narcotic painkillers or nonprescription ones.

Verizon's takeover transforms phone business

Regulatory changes in Washington have led to the phone industry's being dominated by four companies

BY BRUCE MEYERSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Verizon Communications Inc.'s \$6.7 billion takeover of long-distance provider MCI Inc. is the latest example of how regulatory changes in Washington are continuing to transform the telephone industry.

A court ruling nearly a year ago and subsequent decisions by the Federal Communications Commission were key catalysts for Monday's deal as well as last month's \$16 billion takeover of AT&T Corp. by SBC Communications Inc. Those findings effectively forced long-distance providers on the auction block by boosting their operating costs, compounding a multiyear slide in customers and revenues.

While consumer advocates expressed worry, it's not clear the loss of AT&T and MCI as rivals will free their acquirers to boost prices for long-distance phone calls. That's because many consumers and businesses already are taking advantage of money-saving alternatives — especially cell phones and Internet-based phone services

from cable TV companies and others.

"If you're willing to change the way you purchase services, there's a lot of competition out there" beyond the local Bells, said David Willis, an industry analyst for the Meta Group Inc. in Stamford, Conn., who noted that AT&T and MCI already had stopped competing for new residential customers.

The recent spate of telecom mergers, including December's deal by Sprint Corp. to acquire Nextel Communications Inc. for \$35 billion, will reduce the industry to four dominant telephone companies: Verizon, SBC, BellSouth Corp., and Sprint Nextel. It also leaves Qwest Communications International Inc., a Denver-based Baby Bell whose higher stock-based bid was rejected by MCI, isolated in a highly competitive market.

Verizon, the country's largest regional phone company, declined to say what will become of the MCI brand. It is a storied name due in part to its role as the first major rival to AT&T's national long-distance monopoly and then as a legal opponent in the case that led U.S. Judge Harold Greene to order the breakup of the Bell System in 1984.

MCI was acquired in 1998 by Bernard Ebbers' WorldCom Inc., which after a financial scandal and a trip through bankruptcy court reorganization, re-emerged with the MCI name in 2003.

Monday's transactions marks the second major sale of a company by Michael D. Capellas, MCI's president and CEO. He was the head of Compaq Computer Corp. when it was taken over by Hewlett-Packard Co. in 2002, a troubled merger that just last week helped cost H-P Chief Executive Carly Fiorina her job.

For SBC and Verizon, the consumer business is a minor attraction in their purchases. Instead, they are counting on the corporate customers and national network operations which New York-based AT&T and Ashburn, Va.-based MCI bring.

The merger would jump-start Verizon's efforts to become a national service provider for large companies thanks to MCI's base of 1 million business customers and an extensive fiber-optic network and local infrastructure outside of Verizon's largely Northeastern power base.

NATION

Lawmakers criticize chocolate industry on child labor

WASHINGTON (AP) — Before you pop that Valentine chocolate in your mouth, consider whether it could have been produced by child slaves, lawmakers said Monday in admonishing the chocolate industry for its pace in monitoring labor practices on West African cocoa farms.

"If we can have our tuna fish dolphin-free, we can have our chocolate slave-free," Rep. Eliot Engel, D-N.Y., said at a news conference where he pledged to abstain from chocolate and refrain from buying Valentine's Day chocolate for his wife and daughter.

A can of tuna fish as the ultimate quilt-free gift for one's valentine?

Engel and Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, who in 2001 helped negotiate an industrywide protocol on child-labor practices, said industry representatives told the lawmakers they would miss a July 1 deadline for certification that children were not being exploited on cocoa-growing farms.

It was a "show of bad faith," Engel said, adding that he and Harkin were considering legislation that could require labeling on chocolate products guaranteeing they were not made with child labor.

The Chocolate Manufacturers Association is "puzzled and surprised" by the charges and is fully committed to meeting the July 1 deadline, said industry spokeswoman Susan Smith.

She said the industry to date has complied with every deadline in the 2001 agreement, and it has initiated a large-scale test of a cocoa farm labor monitoring program in Ghana and the Côte d'Ivoire, the source of more than 40 percent of the world's cocoa beans.

More than 650 hamlets are included in that pilot program, she said. Progress has been good in Ghana but somewhat slower in the Côte d'Ivoire, where civil strife and lack of roads make it hard to reach many areas.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

UI graduation rate illustrates need for admission reform

With the UI's six-year graduation rate at a mediocre 66.2 percent, ranking ninth of 11 among Big Ten universities, it's about time to start considering ways that this problem can be addressed. That's why a proposal to tighten up admission requirements at Iowa's public universities is worth serious consideration.

For now, Sen. Maggie Tinsman, R-Davenport, wants the state Board of Regents to study potential effects of raising admission requirements at all three state universities, which have a combined six-year graduation rate of 65 percent.

Admission standards play a key role in determining a university's graduation rate because, in theory, they define which applicants are qualified to handle the academic demands of that institution. Currently, admission to the UI is based on high-school class rank, and Iowa students graduating in the top half of their classes are guaranteed admission. If the class-rank requirement is not met, then the applicant can be evaluated using ACT scores as a gauge.

These standards are far too lax and do not represent the workload required of students at this university, which partially explains the UI's unimpressive graduation rate. Taking solely into account a student's high-school class rank, if it meets the upper-half threshold (without regard for standardized-test scores, high-school coursework, and writing ability), is not a sufficient method by which to measure a student's aptitude for the challenges he or she will face as a UI student.

We suggest a threefold reform of the university's admission-standard policy. First, more scrutiny should be placed on the quality of courses in which an applicant was enrolled during four years of high school. It's easy enough to maintain a 4.0 GPA and consequently remain in the top tier of a graduating class if the student's coursework included basket weaving and relaxation techniques but not physics or calculus. Second, more weight should be placed on the applicant's performance on the ACT exam (and any other standardized tests

Personal Statement:

I am applying to go to school here becuaz I can write good I am a creative persin.

that pertain to their application). It's peculiar that the university located in the same city as the ACT headquarters pays such little heed to that test as a criterion for admission. Finally, at a bare minimum, applicants should be required to submit a personal statement that not only reveals their reasons for applying but also their writing skills. A student who earned respectable grades in high school but is unable to construct complete sentences will have a difficult time surviving college, where extensive research papers and other writing assignments are an integral part of the curriculum in many majors.

Higher selectivity in the admissions process will act as a gatekeeper, allowing entry to those who have the ability to manage the pressures and demands of the UI's programs. Northwestern University tops the graduation-rate list among Big Ten institutions, with 93.1 percent of its students graduating in six years; but that university admitted just 1,941 students of 14,137 who applied in 2004, just under 14 percent. By no means are we suggesting that the UI should be nearly that selective, but this example illustrates how tightening admission requirements will have a positive effect on graduation rates.

We acknowledge that the idea of increasing selectivity at regent universities may be troubling to those that view it as shutting out some lowans who fund these schools with their tax dollars but don't have access to them because they don't meet admission standards. But there are other ways to gain access — most notably enrolling first at one of Iowa's 15 community colleges, where general-education classes may be completed, and then transferring to a state university after a solid academic record has been established.

In any case, the UI's admission policies need to be re-examined if this university wants to remain competitive and reputable among its Big Ten counterparts. This is a world-class research institution, but to stay that way, the university needs to keep consistent its ability to produce qualified graduates within a reasonable time frame.

Another hot deal

Some love notes for Valentine's Day: (OK, OK, so I'm a day late. We Gemini's have a different sense of time from that of less-aware people. Such as, "What? It's 3 o'clock already? I thought it was 1985." Etc.)

So, did you catch Halliburton's latest trick? You know, Halliburton — the company Stealth President Cheney used to run while he was wandering in the political wilderness in the '90s. Under Cheney, Halliburton famously snatched up a company that turned out to have a rather immense asbestos-liability problem. (That wouldn't be the reason the administration is pushing hard for caps on damages in class-action suits, would it? Nah. Democracies don't work that way. Do they?)

Halliburton is also famous for garnering a no-bid contract in Iraq and for allegedly indulging in price-gouging and kickbacks in the Persian Gulf area. We put the accent on "allegedly" because we don't want you to think we're biased or anything.



BEAU ELLIOT

Halliburton's latest move was to lose a shipment of radioactive material in this country. That would be lose as in long gone, can't find it. That might not be so bad (if you don't mind radioactivity wandering around, more or less left to its own devices) except for this: Halliburton lost the stuff in October but didn't notify the government until last week. Under the law, when an event such as this occurs, companies are required to notify the government either immediately or within 30 days, depending on whether the radioactive material is the really bad, scary kind or the run-of-the-mill, ordinary scary kind.

I don't know how the rest of you count, but for us Geminis, that's four months that this radioactive stuff was sitting around somewhere unaccounted for. (Boston, as it turns out. Once notified, the feds tracked it down pretty quickly.) As Neil Sheehan, a spokesman for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission put it: "We're going to be pressing them why the notification was not more timely."

Which, you have to admit, is a very polite way of putting it. I might put it a tad more strongly — why the **** do we put up with Halliburton's shenanigans? Who can lose some radioactive material for four months and not tell anyone?

The Stealth President's former company, apparently. Democracy in action.

OK, so I'm a little biased. I admit it. Boston is, as everyone knows, the home of all that is worth living for in this universe. No, not lobster. The Red Sox. I'd probably be a bit more blasé about the whole Halliburton affair if the radioactive stuff had wound up in, say, Yankee Stadium.

Hey, Mr. Steinbrenner, got a package for you. Sign here. What is it? Don't know — it's encased in steel. Might be Giambi's steroids.

In fairness to Halliburton, I have to point out that company spokeswoman Wendy Hall placed the blame for the incident squarely elsewhere — on the shipper. She declined to identify the shipping company because Halliburton doesn't want its shipments targeted, presumably by terrorists. And with its top-notch security, I can certainly see why.

Of course, with shippers such as this, who needs terrorists?

Hall also said that Halliburton had contacted the shipper "multiple times" about the material. (She meant "numerous times," but that's modern English usage for you. This is, after all, the society that decided "impact" is a verb and that singular nouns should take plural pronouns. More democracy in action.)

So Halliburton recognized the necessity of contacting the shipper but not the necessity of contacting the federal government? To steal a line from a Republican Iowa legislator, Are the monkeys running the zoo?

The incident, to use the polite term, does raise a few questions. For instance, if a double-walled stainless-steel cylinder, presumably dotted with radioactive-warning stickers, showed up on your loading dock, wouldn't you be a bit curious? Wouldn't you ask some questions about what it was doing there and where it was supposed to go? Or would you just let it sit there for four months, thinking, well, if it's really radioactive, somebody will come get it?

And another thing — the material was supposed to go to Houston, but the shipper sent it to Boston.

Huh? Yeah, well, I supposed anybody could make that mistake. The two places have such similar climates.

Anyway, happy Valentine's Day, even if it is a day late. Gemini time and all.

But at least I have a fairly good notion of the difference between Boston and Houston. ■

COMMENTARY

Axis unequal

In 2002, President Bush singled out North Korea, Iran, and Iraq, in that order, as "an axis of evil, arming to threaten the peace of the world." Today, Iraq isn't in a position to have global aims of any sort, but the axis' first two members aren't doing much to prove the president wrong. And we're not giving them much reason to.

The phrase emerged in the president's State of the Union address as he laid the groundwork for war in Iraq. North Korea, he said, "is a regime arming with missiles and weapons of mass destruction while starving its citizens," while Iran "aggressively pursues these weapons and exports terror, while an unelected few repress the Iranian people's hope for freedom." Considerably vaguer language was used for Iraq.

Last week, North Korea declared itself as having nuclear weapons and backed out of talks meant to persuade it to disarm. The news wasn't all that surprising: We've known since 2002 that North Korea has been enriching uranium and breaking the nonproliferation agreements it made — the news broke, in fact, right in the middle of the administration's push for war against Saddam Hussein. The president, however, quickly ruled out military action against Kim Jong Il's regime and went on to invade Iraq.

Iran, warning the U.S. "not to play with fire," insists on building a nuclear reactor that could produce uranium for bombs. At the beginning of her trip through Europe, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said of military action. "The question is simply not on the agenda at this point." Two days earlier, Bush had called Iran "the world's primary state sponsor of terror" and assured Iranians, "As you stand for your own liberty, America stands with you." (They probably would have liked us to have done so last



ERIK OWOMOYELA
D/ editorial writer

year, when the mullahs systematically wiped reformers out of Iraq's Parliament.)

If we're not attacking anybody, where does that leave us? For North Korea, Bush has shunned direct negotiations in favor of six-way talks with regional powers, even though there's no reason he can't do both. For Iran, he is cool to European negotiations without providing a coherent strategy of his own. His ultimate threat against both, weirdly enough, is referring their cases to the U.N. Security Council.

Winston Churchill once said, "You can always rely on America to do the right thing, once it has exhausted the alternatives." That's Bush's story with multilateralism: He'll do it whenever he can't (or can't be bothered to) do anything else. Which is really what happened with Iraq: We didn't attack Saddam's regime because it was the most dangerous but because we could. U.N. sanctions had eviscerated his defenses, while no one was actually going to come to his aid on the battlefield — and even so, we had to go to the United Nations for diplomatic cover.

Unfortunately, the reason for Bush's multilateral approach is also why it will fail: He's not really invested in it, but he can't afford to do anything else. The Iranians and North Koreans know this, as does the United Nations, which is only as strong as its members make it. In 1994, former President Clinton had to threaten force against North Korea to make the deal that has now been broken; how can we now do better with no clear penalty at all? (We're also refusing to name any reward for cooperation.) The message we seem to be sending is: If you're not on America's Christmas list, the best thing to do is get nukes before we have the chance to stop you. That isn't a message we should be too happy with.

LETTERS

Clarifying smoke-free ordinance bill

Regarding the Jan. 28 *D*/ article, "Lawmaker to push bill to allow smoking bans," it was a gross mischaracterization to report that Rep. Ro Foege's bill, D-Mount Vernon, which would have restored local control of smoke-free ordinances, "fopped" in committee last year.

Rep. James Hahn, R-Muscatine, who now serves in the Senate, was the chairman of the House subcommittee assigned

review of Foege's bill. Under constituent pressure, a subcommittee meeting was finally held and attended by Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller, tobacco-control advocates, and tobacco-industry lobbyists. Arguments both for and against local control were presented. During a poll, subcommittee members indicated support to move the bill out of committee and onto the House floor for discussion. In what can only be labeled "politics at its worst," Hahn refused to call a vote. So rather than flop, the real story is that the bill was killed by the subcommittee chairman.

There is no safe exposure to secondhand smoke. Fifty-three thousand people die each year from diseases related second-hand smoke, 500 of them being lowans. Secondhand smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death in the U.S.

Local smoke-free ordinance campaigns engage the whole community in a discussion of public health. Policies aren't adopted unless a majority of the community supports them. Local policies are easier to enforce because compliance is higher from public knowledge and self-enforcement.

The bottom line is that local control works, as proven by the success of Iowa City's own smoke-free restaurant ordinance, in effect from 2002-03.

This year's local-control bill will require vocal public support to move through the legislative process. For more information on local control and contacting your legislator, visit the Clean Air For Everyone Iowa Citizen Action Network website at www.cafeiowa.org.

Beth Ritter Ruback
project manager, Clean Air For Everyone Iowa

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ON THE SPOT

Do you think UI admission standards should be tightened?



"Yes, the GPA requirements could be higher for admission to the colleges."

Rory Trim
UI senior



"Overall, it may mean less money for the university, but it would improve students' attitudes toward taking courses and make them more serious."

Rich McWilliams
UI senior



"No, I wouldn't have gotten in if they had been higher."

David Evans
UI sophomore



"I don't think so; it's fine the way it is now."

Ben Burton
UI sophomore

ARTS

CALENDAR-WORTHY

Poet William D. Waltz will read at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., today at 8 p.m. He will read from, *Zoo Music*, about which UI Writers' Workshop faculty member Dean Young said, "You will hear squawks from the aviary while visiting the reptile house." The reading is free and open to the public.

Bringing the middle finger back to the world of punk rock

Powerful punk band **STREET DOGS** isn't afraid to ask tough questions

BY SCOTT MCCALLUM
THE DAILY IOWAN

The power of punk lies in its ability to raise a giant middle finger to mainstream America by questioning the so-called social norms of the country.

At least that's what it used to be. Nowadays, it seems as though the music biz has changed punk rock into a bunch of boy bands screaming about how bad it is to grow up in the suburbs. But some bands refuse to be used by the corporate machine and still ask the tough questions.

Street Dogs is one of those bands. *Back to the World*, released Jan. 25, is an album filled with provocative lyrics, hard-hitting drums, and solid guitars, which make this a must-have album for any fan. In days filled with political frustration, it's only right that we start the New Year out with a band that questions everything.

Street Dogs' sophomore album has the standard punk concepts — such as the poor excuse for radio programming ("Strike A Blow"), the mandatory ode to drinking ("Drink Tonight"), and the salute to the guys' home town ("In Defense of Dorchester"). In addition, it has songs with a more serious overtone, such as the track about a man drinking himself to death ("Patrick") or the lies the Bush administration told to the country ("Tale of Mass Deception").

You have to struggle not to enjoy a single song on *Back to the World*, but the real gem is the title track. Written from the viewpoint of a soldier in Iraq who just wants to get home, lead singer Mike McColgan (the former Dropkick Murphy's lead singer and an ex-Boston firefighter) summarizes it perfectly



CD REVIEW
the Street Dogs
Back to the World

in this catchy, power-chord-driven song: "Just got the postal package from my wife and kids/It brings me comfort while I'm stuck in the desert mess/But don't get me wrong, perform my mission/Just sounding off on my homesick condition." The song reminds us that the soldiers in Iraq are only there because of someone else's decision.

The majority of songs deal with the problems of the working class and social/political issues that are deeper than one usually finds in this genre. The only complaint one can find is that at slightly more than 32 minutes in length, you're left wanting to hear more. Comparisons can be made with, yes, Dropkick Murphy's, *Ducky Boys*, and the band Street Dogs is on tour with, Social Distortion.

Despite the shortness of *Back to the World*, it is a solid recording throughout. I'm not going to say that this going to be the best release of 2005, but, right now, everybody else is left chasing *Back to the World*.

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Greetings, EARTHLING



Poet **STEVE HEALEY** comes down to earth to talk about his debut work, punk rock, and our alienating society



BY BETH HERZINGER
THE DAILY IOWAN

Marvin the Martian oft quipped, "Greetings, Earthling," to Bugs Bunny — and poet Steve Healey found inspiration in the simple phrase.

Healey, who will read from his first collection of poetry, *Earthling*, today at Prairie Lights Books, is fascinated with the word that "simultaneously suggests a connection with human beings but also possesses an alien point of view, an outside perspective."

The Minneapolis resident took time from his much-anticipated first Valentine's Day with a special love to take a phone call from *The Daily Iowan*. This will not be Healey's first visit to Iowa City — he stopped through for a quick overnight respite while on tour with the band Francis Gum.

"I think I found my way to poetry through music — it was my initial creative outlet," he said. I was especially intrigued by how a lot of post-punk bands were using language."

This collection focuses on Healey's attraction to an alienating

READING

Steve Healey

When: 8 p.m. today
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is his delight in metaphor, which enlivens the writing and the down-to-earth "I" speaker of the conversational poems.

"I think that metaphor is a way to animate the world, especially to animate ideas and objects that we are not supposed to animate, that are considered dead," he said. "Especially in Western, Christian perspectives, a modern sensibility, we separate the mind and the body, separate God and everything that surrounds us. That disconnection between mind and body and body and spirit, my poetry, and contemporary poetry, is trying to break down."

He said the best way to think about poetry is in the way children, who are allowed to say weird and irrational things, are given license by adults to indulge in their imaginations.

"If adults read poetry with as much generosity and respect for the irrational that they give to children, a lot more people might find an interest in poetry."

E-mail/DI 80 hours editor Beth Herzinger at: b_a_dreamer@hotmail.com

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- Taxi

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- "Good Times" The Complete Fourth Season
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- "Little House on the Prairie" Season Seven

MUSIC:

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- They Might Be Giants, *Here Come the ABCs*
- Lcd Soundsystem, *Lcd Soundsystem*
- Blue Merle, *Buring in the Sun*
- Joey DeFrancesco and Jimmy Smith, *Legacy*
- The Wedding Present, *Take Fountain*

JAZZ:

- Art Blakey & the Jazz Messengers, *Night in Tunisia*
- Benny Goodman, *Benny's Girls: Goodman's Rare Songbirds*
- Blueprint, *Sleeping Giants*
- Hank Mobley, *Hi Voltage*
- Jeff Lorber, *Flipside*
- Johnny Coles, *Little Johnny C*
- Pete La Roca, *Basra*
- Seim Trygve, *Sangam*

COUNTRY:

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- Willie Nelson, *Songs*
- Kimmie Rhodes, *Windblown*
- Mary Gauthier, *Mercy Now*
- Chet Atkins, *Mr. Guitar: The Complete Recordings 1955-1960*

Rap:

- Busdriver, *Fear of a Black Tangent*
- Central Products, *Free Brainwash*
- DarkRoom Familia, *The Appearances*
- Masta Ace, *Disposable Arts*
- Messy Marv, *Bandannas, Tattoos and Tongue Rings*
- Nino Brown, *Once Upon a Time in Los Scandalous*
- Plate Fork Knife Spoon, *Plate Fork Knife Spoon*
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- Materials Physics/Solid State Physics Seminar, (Special Seminar, Faculty Candidate),

- "Fourier Transformed Scanning Tunneling Peaks in the D-density Wave Phase," Viorica Christina Bena, University of California, 12:15 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall.
- Stringendo medicosum, 12:30 p.m., Medical Education and Biomedical Research Facility Atrium.
- Joint Astrophysics/Space Physics Seminar, "Numerical Astrophysics Using MathCAD,"

- Robert Mutel, 1:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen Hall.
- Operator Theory Seminar, "Wiener Hopf Operator," Troels Johansen, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall.
- Math/Physics Seminar, "Invariant Differential Operators," T. Ton-That, 2:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall.
- Fitness Assessments, Health Iowa/Student Health Service, 5-7 p.m.,

- Field House Main Deck.
- I-Envision Club Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Bedell Learning Lab.
- "Live from Prairie Lights," Stephen Healey and William Waltz, poetry, 8 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., and WSUL.
- Natalya Antonova, piano, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall.

quote of the day

“ There is a sense that we’re all going to die if we don’t get the flu shot. Maybe that’s a little much. ”

— Lone Simonsen, the lead author of a study based on more than three decades of U.S. data that suggests giving flu shots to the elderly has not saved any lives.

horoscopes

Tuesday, February 15, 2005
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Concentrate on what you can do, not what you can't. You will discover that someone who interests you will want to include you in something he or she is working on or doing. Don't try to get everything done all at once, or you will make mistakes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let anything get to you today. You may be a little emotional, and that could lead to trouble if you take what others say to heart. Start a new hobby, or travel to find out more about something that interests you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take full advantage of whatever is being offered today. The chance to try something totally different will spark an idea that can turn into a prosperous venture. Someone who interests you will give you something to think about.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): There will be plenty going on in your neck of the woods. Patience will pay off and bring you that much closer to getting what you want. As long as you stay within reason, you will not be let down, turned down, or passed by.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be careful what you wish for. You may have far more to contend with if you aren't willing to compromise. An offer that sounds too good to be true probably is. Today, less will definitely be more. Remind yourself of what you have, not what you don't have.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can't go wrong today, so take a bit of a chance. Look for a new job, ask for a raise, or even consider picking up some additional skills. Everything you do will pay off as long as you stick to your game plan. You can get a lot done if you stay focused.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The responsibility will be on you — especially if you have overspent or been overindulgent. You can make changes to ensure that you are more efficient, leading to a much better future. Love is apparent even if you have made someone upset or angry with you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Focus on communication and getting ahead in your work. Regarding personal matters, you may be in the doghouse if you forgot to do something for a friend or lover. You can make it up if you do something that is very special and unique for this person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take a moment to appreciate your peers; the praise given will pay off when you need a favor. You may feel a little under the weather. Take time out to relax and recuperate. A problem with a pet may arise. Protect your financial accounts.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): You will be in a loving mood. Make plans to engage in a fun activity. Expand your horizons through the people you meet today. Travel, getting involved in a group that interests you, or even gathering together with good friends will be inspirational.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have way too much running through your head. Don't take too much for granted or take on too much. Concentrate on what you know you can handle, and do it well. You may not be inclined to take a cautious approach, but you should. Think twice.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Someone may attempt to derail what you are trying to accomplish. Keep your thoughts and ideas to yourself, and do your very best, and you will succeed regardless. Once you are well on your way, a partnership may be offered by someone beneficial to your cause.

news you need to know

Today — 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.
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happy birthday to ...

Feb. 15 — Erin Northway, 22; Matthew "Puddle" Stults, 22; Rachael Morkel

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PATV schedule

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

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

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3 p.m. Year of the Arts and Humanities presents "The Creative Process"
5:30 "Talk of Iowa, Live from the Java House," Marvin Bell & Rachel Davis
6:30 Coach Lisa Bluder News Conference
7 Year of the Arts and Humanities presents "The Creative Process"

9:30 No Child Left Behind: Iowa's Approaches
10 "Talk of Iowa Live from the Java House," Kelly Joe Phelps
11 Coach Lisa Bluder News Conference
11:20 Coach Steve Alford News Conference
11:40 Iowa Basketball with Steve Alford

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FAMOUS LAST WORDS

- by Nick Narigon
- I promise, I will never do it again.
 - One more won't hurt.
 - Just five more minutes.
 - It's just a sprain.
 - What would Ozzy do?
 - She said it would only cost \$20.
 - Where are my pants?
 - What does this button do?
 - Shut up, I know what I'm doing.
 - I think we are about to embark on a most excellent adventure.
 - Why do we need to wear masks?
 - Let's race.
 - That wasn't supposed to happen.

Little University

- 1 What presidential sibling recorded the CD *Nothing Good Comes Easy* with his band, Politics?
- 2 What outfit pioneered the Creation Station, a walk-up kiosk allowing customers to make and modify their own photo prints?
- 3 What Kenny Rogers song was complex enough to inspire five made-for-TV movies?
- 4 What designer saw sales skyrocket after Snoop Dogg wore one of his oversized jerseys on "Saturday Night Live"?
- 5 What terrorist nicknamed after a Frederick Forsyth character was nabbed in the Sudan?

Answers: 1. Roger Clinton, 2. Kodak, 3. The Gambler, 4. Tommy Hilf, 5. Carlos the Jackal

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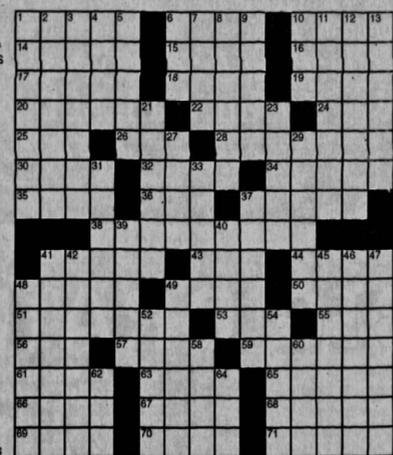


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- ACROSS**
- 1 Philosopher
 - 6 Kid around with Helgenberger of "CSI"
 - 14 "Naughty you!"
 - 15 Wheel shaft
 - 16 Radio "good buddy"
 - 17 All smiles
 - 18 Quilters' parties
 - 19 "Elephant Boy" boy
 - 20 Crops up
 - 22 Hatching's home
 - 24 Actor Herbert of "Pink Panther" films
 - 25 One way to stand
 - 26 Purge
 - 28 Dense fog
 - 30 Cheese in a ball
 - 32 Lee's uniform color
 - 34 Shrewd
 - 35 Kosher
 - 36 Amount left after expenses
 - 37 Feted with sherry, say
 - 38 Woman associated with seven other answers in this puzzle
 - 41 Loathe
 - 43 "You've got mail" co.
 - 44 Houlihan portrayer
 - 48 Way up or down
 - 49 B'way hit signs
 - 50 Mambo king
 - 51 Kodak inventor
 - 53 "What's up, ___?"
 - 55 Bro. or sis.
 - 56 Utmost
 - 57 Chop
 - 59 Observant ones
 - 61 Clump of hair
 - 63 Good buy
 - 65 ___ home (out)
 - 66 In alignment
 - 67 Poet Pound
 - 68 Poetry Muse
 - 69 Joad family's home state: Abbr.
 - 70 Part of a Fifth Ave. address
 - 71 A bit stupid



Puzzle by John Underwood

- DOWN**
- 1 Circular in form
 - 2 Acting out of a phrase
 - 3 London or Lisbon
 - 4 Sound boosters
 - 5 Mob figure
 - 6 Sharp left or right
 - 7 Yoked team
 - 8 Ready to turn in
 - 9 "Steppenwolf" author
 - 10 TV hosts, briefly
 - 11 Mother-of-pearl source
 - 12 Hoopster's grab
 - 13 In a cranky mood
 - 21 Milano Mr.
 - 23 Not spoken
 - 27 Prepared to shoot in a shootout
 - 29 Least crazy
 - 31 Bad, as a tennis shot
 - 33 Doing battle
 - 37 W.W. I president
 - 39 Benchmarks
 - 40 Where the boyz are
 - 41 Founder of modern Turkey
 - 42 Given to blushing
 - 46 Say over
 - 47 "War and Peace" author
 - 48 Directed at
 - 49 Tormented by pollen, say
 - 52 Poet W. H. ___
 - 54 Funnel-shaped
 - 58 Ball material
 - 60 Corrida charger
 - 62 Tetley product
 - 64 Nonprofessional

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UI gifts pass \$100M

UI FOUNDATION
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Steve Parrott, the director of University Relations, said raising the \$151 million will be a challenge, but he feels it is one the university will be able to accomplish, or Skorton would not have raised the figure.

"It's not a given, but we're optimistic," Parrott said.

More than 65,000 people contributed to the university in 2004, a 6 percent increase. More than 99 percent of the gifts were given directly to specific areas the donors wanted to support.

New said he wished the foundation had received more money

that not destined for specific items, so the UI could have given more money to areas in need. As the university has had to continue slashing its general-education funding, the foundation has not been able to offset the cuts with private funds because most of the gifts are earmarked for a specific area.

"Most people are interested in giving to a specific area, and we are not going to mess with that," New said.

The foundation raises money for all areas of the university, including helping to retain faculty and paying for new construction. Some of its more prominent projects include helping to fund the Kinnick Stadium

renovations, creating 85 new endowed-faculty positions, and adding 66 new Presidential Scholarships.

Parrot said donations will continue because of the UI's national recognition, but the challenge remains for the university to keep its current donors in addition to finding new donors.

New said the foundation's plan is to inform its donors that although the "Good. Better. Best. Iowa." program is almost over, the UI still needs money.

"It is a danger," New said. "We want to avoid that large drop-off after the year."

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Julia Stocum (foreground) and Ned Bertz, members of Students Against Sweatshops, deliver 11 valentines constructed by members of the group to President David Skorton and members of the UI Purchasing Advising Committee.

Officials cool to new Pell plan

GRANTS

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But in order to finance the \$19 billion proposal — still a far cry from what UI administrators would have liked — Bush recommended, in his 2006 budget request last week, that schools eliminate their Perkins loan programs.

The low-interest-loan program provides an average of \$1,800 per year to students whose families can't cover half the cost of attending college. At the UI during the last academic year, the loan program benefited 2,849 students.

If cut, universities would have to return those federal dollars — \$4,102,913 at the UI in 2003-04 academic year — in support of the grant increase.

Supporters of the program say transferring the money to the Pell Grant fund will allow

more students to receive aid because the grants are available to students at all institutions. The Perkins loan program is available at just 1,796 institutions nationwide.

But, the \$100 a year spike in grant allotment is no replacement for the amount doled out through the Perkins loan program said Mark Warner, the UI director of Student Financial Aid, adding the increase still falls short of the \$7,500 a year Pell Grant he would like to see.

"It kind of puts us in a corner," he said on Monday. "Of course we support the increase, but you have to ask at whose expense? These students need this money."

Bush requested comparable increases for the Pell Grant during his first term, but the maximum has remained at \$4,050 for the last three years, failing to keep up with inflation and booming tuition costs.

The plan is also contingent on the reduction of some subsidies the government provides to banks and other lenders. If seen to fruition, the proposal would force those lenders to take on more of the risk that students will fail to repay their loans.

Lawmakers will mull these issues and others this year as they plod through legislation to reauthorize the Higher Education Act, which governs financial aid.

UI Student Government leaders will travel to Capitol Hill on March 14-18 to air their views about Bush's proposal and other issues with the Iowa congressional delegation.

"Higher education is not a commodity that can be bought and sold," said UISG President Lindsay Schutte. "This is an obvious disappointment."

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Providing a taste of the world

WORLD BISTRO

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Friday, those hungering for authentic German cuisine, such as bratwurst and apple strudel, are in luck. Owners Sylvia and Tony Venuto dress up in traditional German apparel for the event and encourage patrons to do the same.

"We've seen people in their lederhosen," Sylvia Venuto said, adding she hopes it will continue to grow.

The Munich native hopes her restaurant will help Iowa City become a "food destination."

"The more [high-quality restaurants] we have in Iowa City, the better it is for all of us," she said.

The Venutos, who started in the restaurant business cooking Italian dinners in a friend's

Mount Vernon restaurant, have carried over that tradition to their Iowa City bistro. On Saturdays, patrons can order orange roughly fettucine and tiramisu from opera-singing waiters.

Sylvia Venuto once worked for American Airlines, but she was one of the 20,000 employees laid off after the 9/11 attacks. Using some of the money from her severance pay, she developed a business plan to open her own restaurant.

"Food and travel are my two passions," she said.

The Saturday night Italian meals at the friend's restaurant became so popular, the couple opened their own Mount Vernon restaurant in February 2003 but soon outgrew that space.

"We felt Iowa City was a place where we could survive," she said. "It's been crazy from

the minute we opened."

Sylvia Venuto noticed that the majority of her clientele at the restaurant's ethnic nights were from Iowa City and Cedar Rapids, so the decision to move from Mount Vernon was easy. Her loyal customers were elated at the decision.

Ann and Steve Valenta of Solon have frequented Venuto's from the beginning.

"We like Sylvia; we like the concept, and the food is excellent," said Steve Valenta.

Starting this spring, belly dancers will weave their way through tables full of Mediterranean cuisine such as musaka'a kibbee, hummus, and baklava on Sunday nights.

"This is my world, and it's the cuisine I like," Sylvia Venuto said. "We don't want to limit it."

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UI activists try a little tenderness

VALENTINES

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Bertz said the valentine was sent as a reminder to keep university officials discussing its purchasing practices.

Steve Parrott, the director of University Relations, said he had seen Skorton's valentine and thought it was a pleasant gesture.

"It was a very nice sentiment," he said. "We're working on [the ethical purchasing code]."

Students Against Sweatshops

has frequently protested the university's exclusive contract with Coca-Cola, which has been accused of various human-rights abuses. The group has distributed fliers, solicited signatures for petitions, and bedecked the campus with balloons this semester to protest the contract, which makes Coca-Cola the UI's official beverage.

To handle the group's concerns, Skorton has appointed Doug True, the UI vice president for Finance, to find faculty and staff to sit on the Purchasing Advisory Committee. The panel plans to meet later this

month to review the university's purchasing operations, as well as discuss whether to enact an Ethical Purchasing Code of Conduct, Parrott said.

UI graduate student Alan Schultz said Students Against Sweatshops would take further action if the March 21 deadline was not met, but he would not speculate on details.

Parrott said he did not foresee the advisory committee meeting the March 21 deadline, but he said, "that doesn't mean one won't be drafted eventually."

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Ex-Lebanese leader killed in blast

EXPLOSION

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of some of Beirut's most luxurious hotels, shattering glass within a quarter-mile radius.

A Palestinian militant asserted responsibility for the bombing in a video aired on Al Jazeera, the Arab satellite television network. The man said he represented a previously unheard-of organization and that he had carried out the bombing because of Hariri's financial dealings with the ruling family of Saudi Arabia.

Hariri's political supporters said they believed Syria was involved in the attack.

At a tearful meeting Monday night at Hariri's home, Lebanon's opposition leaders blamed Syria and its allies in the Lebanese

security forces for Hariri's death and called for an immediate withdrawal of Syrian soldiers from the country. They also demanded that Lebanon's government resign and called a three-day strike to protest the killing.

"The Lebanese state and Syria are responsible," Bassam Sabah, a member of the opposition bloc in Parliament, told a news conference afterward. "The opposition will not stop asking for freedom."

The Syrian government, which President Bush accused of harboring terrorists in his State of the Union address, vehemently denied the charges. Mehdi Dakhllallah, Syria's information minister, condemned the assassination as "a terrorist act."

Lebanese government officials linked Hariri's killing to mounting international pressure on

Syria to withdraw its troops from Lebanon and to end its sponsorship of Hezbollah, an armed Shiite Muslim political movement that operates in the south.

"We believe the targeting of Hariri is the targeting of Lebanon as a whole," Elie Ferzli, Lebanon's Information minister, said in an interview with the Lebanese Broadcasting Corp. "The whole region is on fire, and now the fire is among us."

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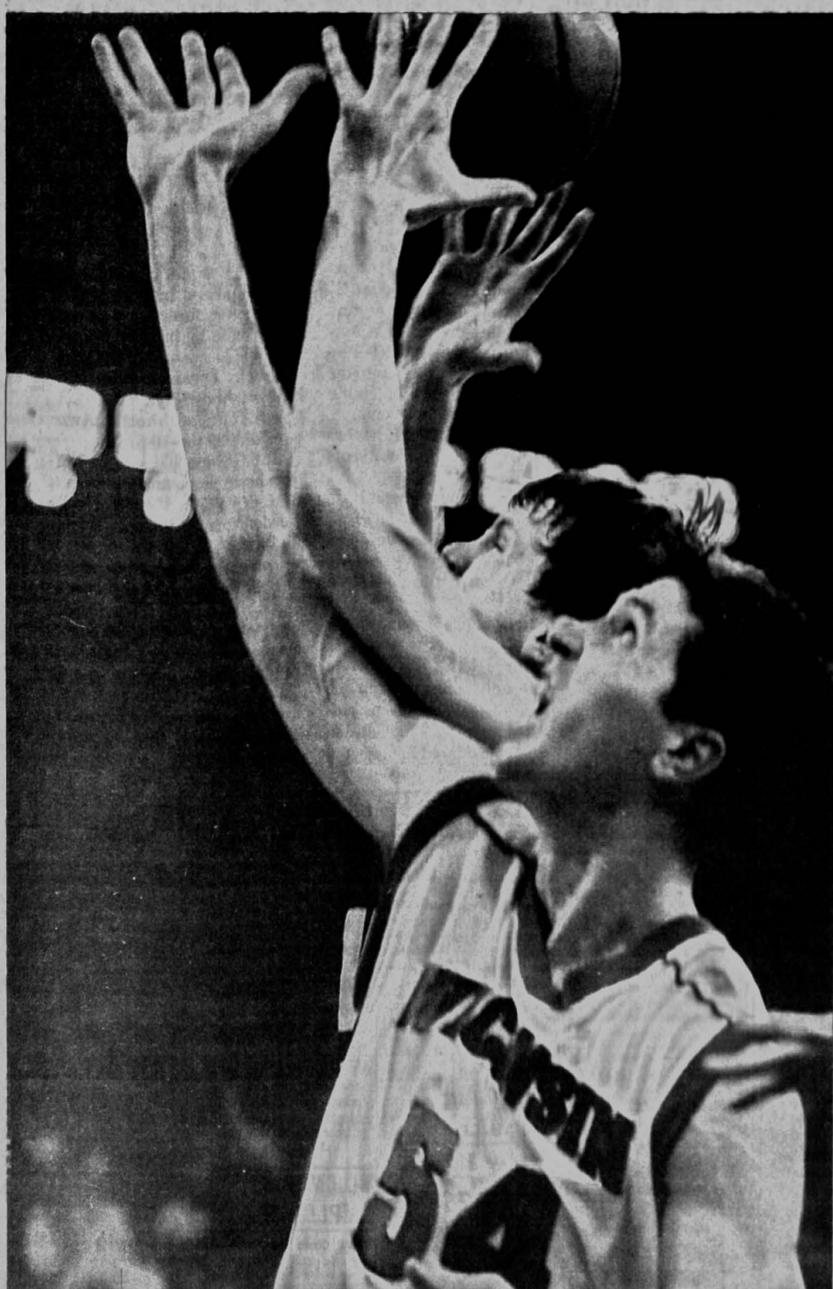
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Hawkeye freshman forward Alex Thompson (rear) fights for a rebound Feb. 9 against Wisconsin. Thompson will take Erik Hansen's starting position against Purdue on Wednesday.

Canseco advocates enhancement drugs in released book

CANSECO

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Once and for all, I did not use steroids or any other illegal substance."

McGwire was not available for interviews.

In the book, Canseco is an unabashed advocate of performance-enhancing drugs.

"By the time my 8-year-old daughter, Josie, has graduated from high school, a majority of all professional athletes — in all sports — will be taking steroids. And believe it or not, that's good news," he writes. "I have no doubt whatsoever whether intelligent, informed use of steroids, combined with Human Growth Hormone, will one day be so accepted that everybody will be doing it. Steroid use will be more common than Botox is now. Every baseball player and pro athlete will be using at least low levels of steroids. As a result, baseball and other sports will be more exciting and more entertaining."

Canseco calls himself the "godfather of steroids in baseball," saying "I single-handedly changed the game of baseball by introducing them into the game."

He says both baseball management and the union tried to ignore steroid use.

"Are players the only ones to blame when Donald Fehr and the other bosses of the Major League Baseball Players Association fought for years to make sure players wouldn't be tested for steroids?" he wrote, adding: "Fehr had to know the truth."

Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig said last week that the sport's leadership was unaware of possible steroid use until 1998. Fehr declined to comment Monday.

Canseco expresses resentment at the way he was treated by management and the media.

"There was a huge double standard in baseball, and white athletes like Mark McGwire, Cal Ripken Jr., and Brady Anderson were protected and coddled in a way that an outspoken Latino like me

never would be," he wrote. "Canseco the Cuban was left out in the cold, where racism and double standards rule." Canseco specifically took aim at Jason Giambi, a former Oakland teammate. "Giambi had the most obvious steroid physique I've ever seen in my life. He was so bloated, it was unbelievable. There was no definition to his body at all. You could see the retention of liquids, especially in his neck and face."

— Canseco on Giambi

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He also devotes sections to players' womanizing — including his own — and to umpires he calls "the most vengeful people you'll ever meet," saying they are on "power trips."

"There are certain things that belong with us ballplayers," Yankees pitcher Carl Pavano said. "It's a tight group. It's sad to see someone that desperate come throw himself out there to make money."

The 1986 AL Rookie of the Year and 1988 MVP, Canseco spent 17 seasons in the major leagues, finishing with 462 home runs in a career that ended in 2001, when he was 37. He clearly has a high opinion of his performance.

"I was hands-down the best player in the world. No one even came close," he wrote. "I was created by the media. Back in the 1980s, I was like a rock star. Everywhere I went, I had to have bodyguards. I had it all: the body, the personality, everything. I was Hollywood."

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Brunner takes top Big Ten spot

MEN'S HOOPS

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"It's hard, because I grew up in a state with Coach Keady being a dominate figure," Alford said. "He's done it the right way, and he's worked awfully hard at it."

Brunner named Big Ten Player of the Week

Junior forward Greg

Brunner was named Big Ten Player of the Week for last week's games, Iowa's 72-69 loss to No. 21 Wisconsin and its 64-54 win over Northwestern. Brunner averaged 21.5 points and 5.5 rebounds in the two games. He scored 27 points, one below his career-high, and snagged seven rebounds in Iowa's loss to the Badgers. Brunner then dropped 16 points, collected four rebounds,

had three steals, and blocked two shots in Iowa's win over the Wildcats.

The award was Brunner's second of his career, with the first coming last year after scoring 26 points against Louisville Nov. 29, 2003 in the Wooden Tradition in Indianapolis.

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Building a new beginning

MLB

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And who knows how the Sammy Sosa-Baltimore Orioles relationship will work. Maybe .245, .35, .80. Don't worry Cub fans, Jeromy Burnitz's stoic numbers will erase memories of Sammy along with any recollection of a good baseball player.

ABC's *Extreme Home Makeover* looks like a touch-up compared to all the construction and rebuilding that was done this winter. Billy Beane, a.k.a. best general manager in baseball, once again dodged conventional wisdom and threw it out the small-market window. By trading away two of his big three (Mark Mulder and Tim Hudson), he was thinking outside the rosin bag, unconventionally demonstrating the only successful way to run a team with a payroll slimmer than Sheryl

Crow at the Grammy's.

Today marks the beginning. Three months and numerous supplement accusations later, we're here. Although it may be a mere formality, a transition period of meeting and greeting, at least it's something. Like a pit orchestra prepping for a Broadway musical, anticipation builds. So, as the hot stove cools and the off-season finally matriculates, here are my thoughts on the upcoming season:

Biggest acquisition: Carlos Beltran, Mets. Ask Houston fans if the Mets overpaid.

Worst acquisition: Russ Ortiz, Diamondbacks. A close second being Troy Glaus. Diamondbacks off-season grade: F.

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DAYTONA 500

FEB. 20, AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.

Risk-taker Gordon trying to grow up in time to launch team, make Daytona 500

BY JENNA FRYER
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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Alone in his tent in the African desert, Robby Gordon realized he had a lot of growing up to do.

"Sometimes I make dumb decisions because I still have that preschooler mentality: 'If you push me, I'll push you back,'" he said. "I've realized that's something I internally have to work on."

The time is now for him to stop acting like a child, because he's launching a risky venture this season — trying to field his own race team.

The driver-owner combination has not been very successful at NASCAR's highest level. Ricky Rudd called it quits in 1999, Bill Elliott closed his operation in 2000, and Brett Bodine did the same in 2003.

Since then, no driver has been bold enough to put his own money on the line against the heavily funded super teams — organizations with as many as four Nextel Cup entries and a slew of engineers, accountants, and sponsor-seekers.

But Gordon has always been a risk-taker. When someone tells him he can't do it, the first thing he does is try to prove them wrong. Only this decision is already showing signs of backfiring: He is in danger of not making the season-opening Daytona 500, considered NASCAR's biggest race of the year.

His No. 7 Chevrolet showed up at Daytona last weekend with an illegal engine part that NASCAR quickly confiscated and will penalize him for. It put Gordon behind in qualifying preparations, and



Paul Sancya/Associated Press

Robby Gordon is all smiles as he signs autographs after qualifying for the NASCAR Pepsi 400 at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Mich., on Aug. 16, 2002.

he was forced to borrow an engine from Dale Earnhardt Inc. to use on Feb. 20.

But the Earnhardt engines were uncharacteristically short on horsepower, and Gor-

don ended up 38th on the speed chart.

Because new qualifying procedures guarantee a starting spot to any team in the top 35 in points last season — and Gordon is considered a new team with no points — he must now race his way into the Daytona 500 in one of Thursday's two qualifying events.

He'll be one of 18 drivers battling for the final four spots in the field.

"Obviously, we have a huge obstacle in front of us right now," he said. "But we know we can be competitive once we battle through the new-team blues."

Why would Gordon even try this?

After all, he did it once before and failed, folding his personally owned team midway through the 2000 season. He was considered lucky when

car owner Richard Childress picked him up for the final 10 races of the 2001 season.

It was a tryout of sorts, and Gordon passed by scoring his first career Cup victory in the 2001 finale by brashly bumping Jeff Gordon out of the way for a win. Childress rewarded him with a three-year contract that produced another two wins and 22 top-10 finishes.

But Gordon likes to be his own boss. So he and Childress parted ways last season, and Gordon formed Robby Gordon Motorsports.

Contrary to popular opinion, Childress said the three seasons together were not unpleasant, despite Gordon's clashes with RCR golden-boy Kevin Harvick and the intentional wreck Gordon caused last September that ended Tony Stewart and Jeremy Mayfield's

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AD#426. Three or four bedroom near downtown, two bathrooms, C/A, dishwasher, W/D facilities, some parking. M-F, 9-5pm, (319)351-2178.

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AD#713. Two or three bedroom houses near campus, parking, W/D hook-ups, basement. Call M-F, 9-5pm, (319)351-2178.

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NEWER four bedroom, two bathroom apartment. Walking distance to campus. C/A, available August 1. www.jandmhome.com (319)358-7139.

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THREE bedroom available immediately at Emerald Court. \$775 includes water and garbage. 24-hour maintenance off-street parking, and laundry. Call (319)337-4323.

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AD#1903. Two bedroom duplex on eastside, two levels, pets okay, W/D hook-ups. Call M-F, 9-5pm. (319)

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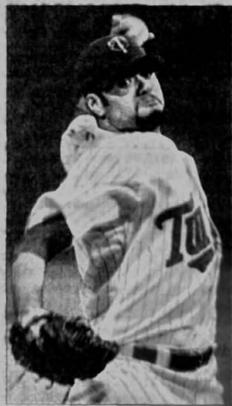
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Johan Santana

CHA-CHING

Santana OKs \$40M deal with Twins

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — AL Cy Young Award winner Johan Santana and the Minnesota Twins agreed Monday to a \$40 million, four-year contract.

The 25-year-old left-hander, who had been scheduled for a salary arbitration hearing Tuesday, must pass a physical before the deal can be finalized.

He led the league with a 2.61 ERA and 265 strikeouts last season. He also became the first Venezuelan to win the Cy Young Award and the first unanimous winner in the AL since Pedro Martinez in 2000.

"Definitely, it's something that we were looking for," Santana said from Fort Myers, Fla., where he owns a home near the team's spring training complex. "It's good to know that I'll be in a Twins uniform for four more years."

Though the Twins have a relatively low payroll in recent years, general manager Terry Ryan's stance has long been to pay the players who produce.

TROUBLE

Horton pleads guilty to domestic violence

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Michigan point guard Daniel Horton pleaded guilty Monday to a charge of domestic violence.

Horton, who has been one of Michigan's best players the past three seasons and was named the MVP of last season's NIT, is accused of grabbing his girlfriend by the neck and choking her on Dec. 10.

"We got into a heated argument, and I pushed her," Horton told District Judge Ann Mattson.

Horton, who is free on bond, could face up to 93 days in jail and a \$500 fine on the misdemeanor charge when he is sentenced March 9. But his attorney, Gerald Evelyn, said he expects his client to be sentenced to probation and counseling.

Michigan coach Tommy Amaker suspended Horton on Jan. 25 after the junior from Cedar Hill, Texas, was charged. Horton, who has missed six games, is averaging 12.4 points per game this season.

INJURED

ISU receiving star tears knee ligament

AMES (AP) — The optimism surrounding Iowa State's 2005 football season was tempered Monday by the news that record-breaking wide receiver Todd Blythe has torn a knee ligament.

Blythe tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee during an individual workout last week, the university said.

He will miss spring practice but is expected to be ready to play in the fall, coach Dan McCarney said.

"I am going to do everything I need to do to be ready for two-a-days [in August]," Blythe said.

"Like everyone else, I'm looking forward to the upcoming season."

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NEXT UP: Wednesday at Purdue, 7:05 p.m. (KGAN)

'There's a lot of season left'

Iowa sophomore guard Adam Haluska, coach Steve Alford agree that the Hawkeyes' season is far from dead

BY NICK RICHARDS
THE DAILY IOWAN

The NCAA Tournament is in sight for the Iowa men's basketball team.

Wednesday's game at Purdue (6-15 overall, 2-8 Big Ten) could prove to make or break Iowa's Big Dance hopes. With a win, the Hawkeyes would pull to 17-7 overall heading into a clash with top-ranked Illinois on Saturday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Iowa's NCAA chances, according to head coach Steve Alford, are far from dead.

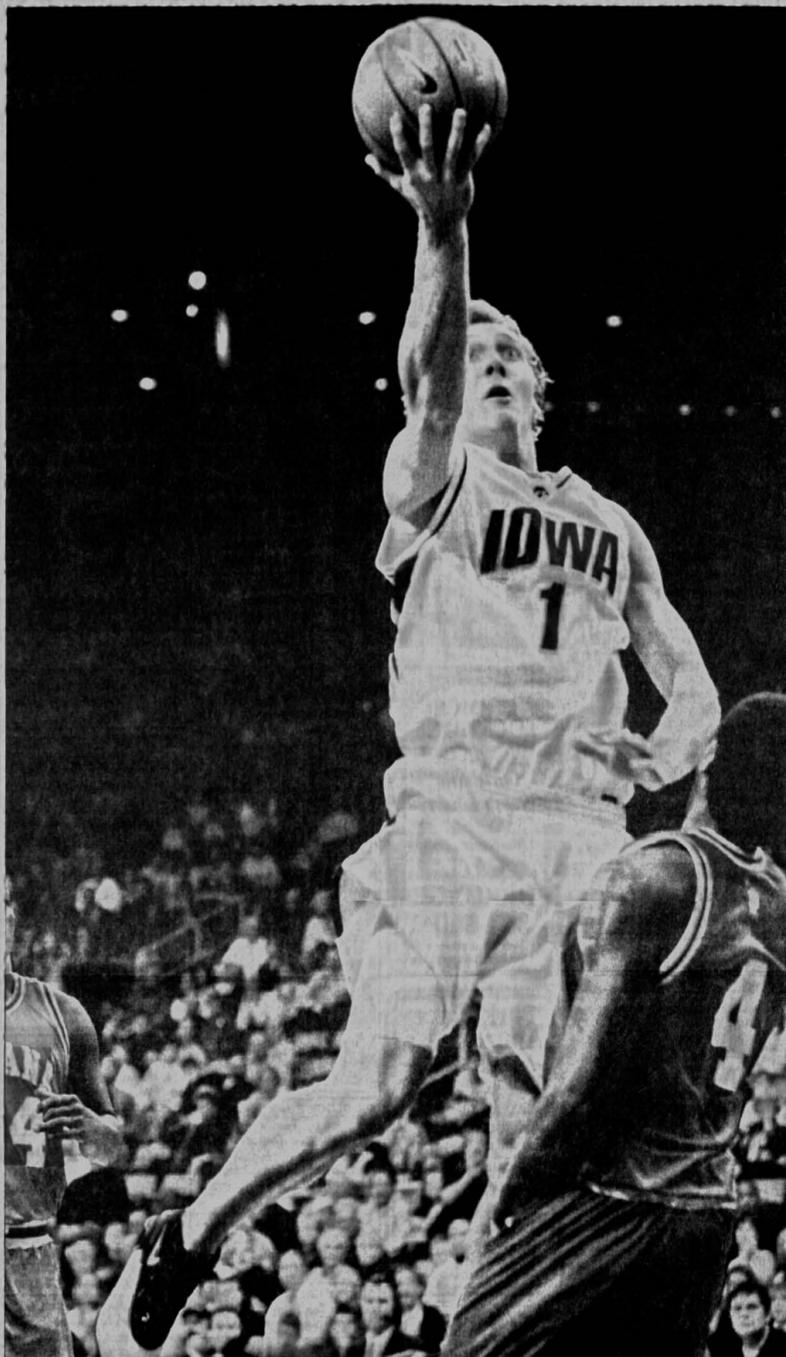
"With six games left, depending on what we can do here, we get 20-plus wins with our strength of schedule, that's usually been a lock," he said. "We have to finish strong, we have to finish well, and it's got to start Wednesday."

After this weekend's game with Illinois, the Hawkeyes have four games remaining, with three on the road at Minnesota, Penn State, and Michigan. Iowa's RPI sits at 30, according to cbs.sport-sline.com, ahead of such NCAA notables as Pittsburgh, Georgia Tech, Texas Tech, and Notre Dame. The Hawks' strength of schedule ranks 45th. All Iowa has to do is win games.

"There's a lot of season left," sophomore guard Adam Haluska said. "I think a lot is going to be determined by the way we finish the season. I think that is something we have to prove, that we can play without Pierre [Pierce] and be successful and get some wins."

Alex Thompson is slated to start again in place of center Erik Hansen. Thompson scored five points in Iowa's 64-54 win on Feb. 12. He was active in his 27 minutes, while Hansen failed to score for the second-straight game, registering just six minutes and picking up three fouls.

"I think foul trouble has had a lot to do with it, and we need to throw him the ball some," Alford said.



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

Adam Haluska drives for a lay-up against Indiana on Jan. 29 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

'I think the emotion of not playing well and everything he's had to go through has built up on him.'

— Coach Steve Alford, on Erik Hanson's scoring slump

"From a guard standpoint, we've got to help energize some of his confidence. I think the emotion of not playing well and everything he's had to go through has built up on him."

Wednesday will be the last time Alford matches up against Purdue's legendary

coach Gene Keady, who is retiring at the end of the season. Keady owns a 22-22 record against Iowa and a 4-6 mark against Alford, who was recruited by Keady when he was a high-school star in Indiana.

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STANDINGS

BIG TEN	W	L
Illinois	11	0
Michigan State	8	2
Wisconsin	7	4
Indiana	6	4
Minnesota	6	5
Ohio State	6	5
IOWA	4	6
Northwestern	4	7
Michigan	3	8
Purdue	2	8
Penn State	1	9

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BRYAN BAMONTE

Crushing on the MLB

Even with the scandals, it's nice to have MLB back

FORTY-EIGHT DAYS.

The calendar can begin ticking as the first group of pitchers and catchers report today.

To Tempe, Port St. Lucie, Mesa, beautiful locations dotted across states with temperatures similar to Phil Mickleson's scorecard — low 60s.

The MLB off-season went so fast — with a flurry of trades and free-agent buzz — that it may indeed have been on steroids too.

Either that or the whole idea of collusion was "juiced," as such teams as the Mets, Diamondbacks, and Mariners spent about a billion dollars — a number even higher than the Cub bullpen ERA.

But how nice it is to have it back. And no, Jose Canseco can't ruin it for me. Heck, yesterday was Valentine's Day, and I think I found the perfect valentine — hello, MLB ... interested?

Here's my love note to baseball:

These past few cold months haven't been too kind. I miss the emerald grass you can see when you trot through the tunnel. Nothing beats emerging from it only to find groundskeepers, immaculate diamond-cut infields, vendors, curtain calls, and home-run trots.

For years I have invested time here and there on a valentine, but here's something I have loved that doesn't require chocolate, flowers, or any emotional attachment. Thanks.

Talk about unconditional, unrequited love. How about a Chicago baseball fan? You want a drawn-out love story with a typical Hugh Grant running-down-the-street happy ending. See Boston.

Does any other sport really captivate love quite like baseball — one date at the ballpark, and it's happily ever after. Unless you're from Detroit or Montréal.

And now that the season is finally underway, certain love stories will be tested. Carlos Beltran's love affair in New York may be brief if his numbers are low, while Tiger fans may find new meaning to "bad contract." J.D. Drew in Dodger Blue? Heartbreak. Randy Johnson in Pinstripes minus the mullet? Ugly.

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Ric Francis/Associated Press

Former major-league baseball player Jose Canseco's book, *Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits, and How Baseball Got Big*, sits on display at Vroman's Bookstore on Monday in Pasadena, Calif.

Canseco book fast seller on first day

BY RONALD BLUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Jose Canseco's autobiography accusing several top players of steroid use and charging that baseball long ignored performance-enhancing drugs appeared to be a hit on its first day in bookstores.

Amazon.com listed *Juiced: Wild Times, Rampant 'Roids, Smash Hits, and How Baseball Got Big* as third on its best seller list Monday.

The book had an initial printing of 150,000 copies; Regan Books does not disclose sales figures, spokeswoman

Jennifer Suito said.

"I don't think it's a good thing, obviously, because it's bringing a bad light to the game," New York Yankee captain Derek Jeter said on Monday. "This is a time when, obviously, baseball is in a negative light, and Jose is not helping out. In terms of his accusations, the only people that know are him and whoever he is accusing. The unfortunate thing is, if it's not true, you're looking at guys having to defend themselves over something they haven't done."

Mark McGwire, one of the former teammates Canseco accused of using, issued a written denial. "The relationship that these

allegations portray couldn't be further from the truth," McGwire's statement said. "I also worry how these false allegations will taint the accomplishments of the Oakland Athletics' coaches, players, and executives, who worked so hard to achieve success during the era in question, along with the other players and organizations affected by this book."

"Most concerning to me is the negative effect that sensationalizing steroids will have on impressionable youngsters who dream of one day becoming professional athletes.

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