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Officials: UI needs full TA tuition waivers

Under a contract tentatively agreed upon, graduate assistants could get a 50 percent waiver

BY BRIAN SPANNAGEL AND DREW KERR
THE DAILY IOWAN

Less than two weeks ago, graduate assistants paced outside the IMU, a building slated to undergo more than \$30 million in renovations. The students wanted a full-tuition waiver, as their peers at every other Big Ten university receive. Standing in their way was a \$13 million price tag. Just 400 miles east, at Indiana University in Bloomington,

the main campus hasn't seen a new building in 25 years. But the money saved has helped the school recruit top-tier graduate students, said Graduate Dean John Slattery. "It's a choice you make," he said. "We all have a certain amount of money we can spend, and we all have a different philosophy." Slattery said Indiana's budget has been slashed, just like Iowa's. But the school finds a way to give a full-tuition waiver to its graduate assistants.

Over the last five months, the issue of full-tuition scholarships has come to the fore on the UI campus. The graduate-student union demanded such a waiver from the regents five months ago; the regents said no. Negotiations ensued, and over the weekend, a tentative agreement was reached, effectively pacifying graduate assistants for now. The union — the Campaign to Organize Graduate Students — agreed to a regent proposal, effectively ending months of

negotiations that, at times, provoked talk of third-party intervention from both sides. Under the new contract, graduate assistants will receive a 50-percent tuition scholarship — if tuition hikes stick to the rate of inflation — and a 3-percent stipend increase by 2007. "For all intents and purposes, we have an agreement, and we are happy with it," said Chris Burgess, a union steward. "I think the university is happy with it, too — it has something that can attract

students to the UI." Yet the debate over a full-tuition scholarship is likely to persist at the UI. Graduate students and many university administrators maintain there is a need for waivers. Without them, they say, the university will fall behind its peers. Regents and administrators said they support the idea, but the estimated \$13 million price tag is just too much in a state that has seen \$163 million cut from its public universities since 2000. SEE COGS, PAGE 3

NEW CONTRACT:

2005 (current year)
Tuition scholarship: \$1,500 (25 percent of tuition)
Stipend: \$15,330 (for 50 percent appointment — 20 hours per week)
Health care: choice between UI Grad Care or Student Health Insurance Plan
New contract year 2006
Tuition scholarship: \$2,125 (38 percent of tuition, pending tuition hike sticking to rate of inflation)
Stipend: 1.5 percent increase
Health care: choice between UI Grad Care or Student Health Insurance Plan

IC man charged in robbery

BY NICK PETERSEN
THE DAILY IOWAN

An Iowa City man who allegedly held up a tobacco store with a handgun on Feb. 19 was being held in the Johnson County Jail on Sunday on a \$32,500 bond. Police charged Arenzo Borden, 30, 1946 Broadway Apt. H, with first-degree robbery in connection with the incident, which occurred down the street from his home. Borden allegedly entered the Cigarette Outlet, 1901 Broadway, demanded cash, and fled with money and merchandise just before police responded at 8:51 p.m. Feb. 19. The assailant did not physically injure anyone during the incident, according to police.

The Cigarette Outlet's manager was unavailable for comment Sunday. Sgt. Troy Kelsay said the robbery and Borden's arrest occurred the same night. "Officers responded to the robbery call and were able to gather enough information there to lead them to his residence," Kelsay said.

After officers arrived at Borden's residence, they searched it and arrested Borden. Kelsay was unsure what police discovered during the search of his apartment, and the investigating officer was unavailable for comment Sunday. If convicted, Borden could face up to 25 years in prison for the Class B felony. The Feb. 19 robbery was the second such occurrence in three days in Iowa City. On Feb. 17, two black men held up Cub Foods, 855 Highway 1 W. and fled the scene with cash, according to police reports.

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15TH-ANNUAL CELEBRATING CULTURAL DIVERSITY FESTIVAL



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Celebrating multiculturalism

BY CHRISTINA ERB
THE DAILY IOWAN

Three Thai women sat chatting in the Field House, their hands beckoning people to their table piled with photographs of Thai landscapes and sticky banana rice wrapped in leaves during the 15th-annual Celebrating Cultural Diversity Festival on Sunday. The university will donate 90

percent of the six-hour event's proceeds to the U.N. Children's Fund. The nonprofit organization, in return, will distribute that money to areas affected by the Indian Ocean tsunami. Although the trio of Thais said they were pleased that the university was helping Sri Lanka, India, and Thailand — whose coastlines were ravaged during

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UI sophomore Molly Robinson checks boxes in the Field House on Sunday at the end of the 15th-annual Celebrating Cultural Diversity Festival. The festival featured such events as Spanish Bingo, for which Robinson volunteered, Turkish pop music, mask-making, and international children's stories.

Officials readjust Pierce's charges

BY TRACI FINCH
THE DAILY IOWAN



Pierre Pierce could now face up to 56 years in prison after Dallas County officials reassessed his charges on Feb. 18, adding a second count of first-degree burglary and boosting the weight of another charge.

The Dallas County Attorney's Office has now charged the former Hawkeye basketball standout with two counts of first-degree burglary and one count of assault with intent to commit sexual abuse, all felonies, along with a misdemeanor charge of fourth-degree criminal mischief.

In addition to the charges stemming from an alleged late January assault, Pierce will also have to defend himself against state prosecutors after Dallas County Attorney Wayne Reisetter requested assistance. One UI law professor and former federal prosecutor told the Associated Press the added state attorneys will decrease Pierce's chances of receiving a lenient settlement.

"This is just a kind of sign of the state really upping the ante," Professor Stephanos Bibas said.

The new charges void the previous five misdemeanor charges of false imprisonment, two counts of domestic assault, assault with intent to commit sexual abuse, and fourth-degree criminal mischief, which together carried a maximum sentence of 32 years in prison.

Pierce allegedly attacked his ex-girlfriend in a rage of jealousy late on Jan. 27, threatening her with a knife and at one point telling her, "If you scream, make a sound, or take a breath, it will be your last breath."

In a Jan. 28 e-mail released in a search warrant, Pierce admitted to trashing the West Des Moines woman's townhouse later that night, writing that "I really took it out on your bedroom yesterday."

Pierce and his attorney have disputed the woman's contentions that their relationship was simply "social," claiming that the two dated for 2½ years.

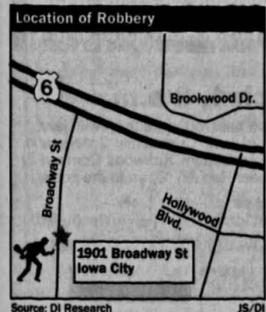
The 21-year-old may have become jealous when he discovered text messages from her new boyfriend,

Pierce now charged with two counts of first-degree burglary and one count of assault with intent to commit sexual abuse. The counts are felonies; if convicted of all charges, Pierce could be sentenced to 56 years in prison.

'This is just a kind of sign of the state really upping the ante.'

— Stephanos Bibas, UI law professor and former federal prosecutor

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Bush seeks to mend relations

BY TERENCE HUNT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRUSSELS, Belgium — President Bush will seek to repair rocky relations with Europe today, saying “no power on earth will ever divide us” and urging allies to move beyond differences over Iraq in the interest of Mideast peace.

“As past debates fade and great duties become clear, let us begin a new era of transatlantic unity,” Bush will say in a speech today. Appealing for aid for Iraq, he urges the world’s democracies “to give tangible political, economic, and security assistance to the world’s newest democracy.”

Excerpts of his address were released upon his arrival here.

Hoping to set a more conciliatory tone for his second term, Bush will meet over five days with some of his toughest critics: French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor

Gerhard Schröder, both of whom fiercely opposed the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

Bush also will see Russian President Vladimir Putin, who has alarmed the West with Moscow’s retreat from democracy.

Today’s speech, the main address of his trip, is a conciliatory message aimed at citizens across Europe, where Bush is widely disliked.

“Today, America and Europe face a moment of the president and opportunity,” the president will say. “Together we can once again set history on a hopeful course — away from poverty and despair and toward development and the dignity of self-rule ... away from resentment and violence and toward justice and the peaceful settlement of differences.”

Bush’s visit was intended to soothe allies frustrated that their views on issues from Iraq to global warming were often

ignored by the White House. Bush said that the European-American alliance is essential for security and global trade and offers of model of freedom for the rest of the world.

“In all these ways, our strong friendship is essential to peace and prosperity across the globe — and no temporary debate, no passing disagreement of governments, no power on earth will ever divide us,” Bush will say.

“Our greatest opportunity and our immediate goal is peace in the Middle East,” the president will say.

An alliance of 88 environmental, human-rights, peace, and other groups planned two days of protests in Brussels, beginning Monday, to demand “no European complicity” in a U.S.-designed world order.

Brussels police readied 2,500 officers — 1,000 more than the usual number for the three or

four summit meetings that bring European Union leaders to the Belgian capital every year.

While seeking to move past old divisions, Bush and European leaders still face major differences.

Washington opposes Europe’s plans to lift a 15-year-old arms embargo against China. Bush has been cool toward Europe’s negotiations to persuade Iran to abandon its suspected nuclear weapons program. The White House prefers asking the U.N. Nations Security Council to punish Tehran.

Hard feelings linger from Bush’s opposition to the Kyoto climate change treaty and the International Criminal Court.

Bush expresses support for Europe’s democratic unity in his speech and says Washington supports a strong Europe. He also says Washington shares Europe’s concern about global poverty.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Megan Antonik, 18, 146 Slater, was charged Feb. 18 with falsifying a driver’s license and public intoxication.

Bradley Armstrong, 19, 625 S. Dodge St. Apt. 6, was charged Feb. 18 with keeping a disorderly house.

Andrew Bauer, 20, Van Meter, Iowa, was charged Feb. 18 with possession of alcohol under the legal age.

David Briggs, 36, address unknown, was charged Feb. 18 with public intoxication.

Dave Budd, 19, Bettendorf, was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA.

Derrick Caston, 23, 631 S. Dodge St., was charged Feb. 18 with public intoxication.

Nicole Castro, 18, 216 Douglass Court, was charged Feb. 18 with selling tobacco products to a minor.

Creede Centko, 21, 602 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 207, was charged Feb. 19 with public intoxication.

William Chandler, 19, N272 Hillcrest, was charged Feb. 18 with criminal trespass.

Jeffrey Colon, 18, 308A Mayflower, was charged Feb. 16 with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Nathan Cook, 22, Princeton, Ill., was charged Feb. 19 with public intoxication.

Jermul Cooper, 31, 718 Oakcrest St., was charged Feb. 17 with interference with official acts causing and intending injury and obstruction of an officer.

Aodan Cotter-Brown, 41, 432 1/2 E. Bloomington St., was charged Feb. 19 with selling tobacco to a minor.

Lindsay Cummings, 20, 419 N. Dubuque St. Apt. 2, was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA.

Alexis Deutmeyer, 18, 22 Goldfinch Circle, was charged Feb. 19 with presence in a bar after hours.

Stephanie Dolce, 18, Glenview, Ill., was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA.

Jordan Duffy, 18, 327D Mayflower, was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA.

Joe Fermino, 26, 1103 Weeber St., was charged Feb. 18 with operating while intoxicated.

Geoffrey Fischer, 20, 420 N. Dubuque St., was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

Katharine Fitzpatrick, 19, 210 Slater, was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA.

Heidi Fouch, 18, Ames, was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA.

Denise Fountain, 19, 2010 Broadway Apt. A, was charged Feb. 19 with fifth-degree theft.

Adam Gabala, 21, Wonder Lake, Ill., was charged Feb. 19 with public intoxication.

Dana Gardner, 20, 917 E. College St. Apt. 3, was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA.

Nathaniel Gavronsky, 23, Drakesville, Iowa, was charged Feb. 19 with OWI.

Chelsea Goedken, 19, Ames, was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA.

Karen Goldsmith, 20, 1002 E. College St. Apt. 3, was charged Feb. 19 with PAULA.

Daniel Gorman, 21, address unknown, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Elliott Grafke, 20, 403 S. Lucas St., was charged Feb. 16 with possession of marijuana.

Gregory Guinter, 18, C231 Hillcrest, was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA.

Joshua Gunderson, 22, Granger, Iowa, was charged Feb. 19 with OWI.

Brittani Hallstrom, 19, 613 N. Gilbert St. Apt. 5, was charged Feb. 19 with PAULA and possession of a fictitious driver’s license/identification.

Gregory Hamm, 19, 628C Mayflower, was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA and public intoxication.

Samantha Harnack, 20, 327 E. College St. Apt. 1727, was charged Feb. 18 with public intoxication.

Candace Heap, 19, 223C Mayflower, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Anthony House, 27, 2430 Bradford Drive, was charged Sunday with violation of a no-contact domestic-abuse protective order.

Victor Ibarra-Contreras, 32, address unknown, was charged Feb. 18 with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

David Klaus, 19, 422 1/2 N. Dubuque St., was charged Feb. 18 with public intoxication.

Adam Kimball, 19, 1539 Burge, was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA.

Justin Kuthe, 19, Newport, Ill., was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA.

Meagan Larson, 23, 1110 S. Seventh Ave., was charged Feb. 19 with domestic assault.

Allen Lemburg, 19, 2422 Lakeside Drive Apt. 10, was charged Feb. 19 with interference with official acts and disorderly conduct.

Thomas Lenocho, 34, 363 Willowind Place, was charged Feb. 19 with selling tobacco products to a minor.

Audrey Lickhart, 20, Champaign, Ill., was charged Feb. 19 with PAULA.

Courtney Lidman, 20, 490 Iowa Ave. Apt. 3, was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

Jose Lopez, 19, 102 Hillcrest, was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA.

Joni Lothridge, 27, Lone Tree, Iowa, was charged Feb. 18 with driving while

license was suspended/canceled.

Michael Magnetta, 19, 2225 Quadrangle, was charged Feb. 17 with PAULA.

Nathan Maple, 18, Johnston, Iowa, was charged Feb. 19 with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

Kathleen McDonnell, 20, 409 S. Dodge St. Apt. 12, was charged Feb. 19 with PAULA.

David McHugh, 23, 917 Harlocke St. Apt. 1, was charged Feb. 18 with OWI.

Theodore McTee, 25, 921 Webster St., was charged Feb. 18 with driving while license was suspended/canceled.

Lauren Miller, 18, Lawrence, Kan., was charged Feb. 19 with PAULA, presence in a bar after hours, and possession of a fictitious driver’s license/identification.

Troy Miller, 23, 1 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 1, was charged Feb. 19 with selling tobacco products to a minor.

Emmanuel Minter, 18, Park Forest, Ill., was charged Feb. 19 with PAULA and public intoxication.

Bruce Mitchell, 45, 2121 Taylor Drive, was charged Feb. 17 with driving while license was suspended/canceled.

Joshua Morris, 23, Princeton, Ill., was charged Feb. 19 with public intoxication.

Kristina Mothershead, 21, 2970 Lakeside Drive Apt. 7, was charged Feb. 18 with disorderly conduct and interference with official acts.

Christopher Nguyen, 24, 501 Mineral Point Lane, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and possession of a canceled, suspended, or altered driver’s license/identification.

Edwena Pearson, 19, 3300 E. Washington St., was charged Feb. 19 with fifth-degree theft.

Kristi Quire, 45, 2100 S. Scott Blvd. Apt. 64, was charged Feb. 18 with OWI.

Stephanie Saladino, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA.

Gerhard Schmidt, 54, 1131 Third Ave. Apt. 3, was charged Feb. 18 with disorderly conduct.

Brooke Schminke, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Brett Schueller, 25, 1208 Lake Bend Road, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Kevin Sebaski, 18, 709A Mayflower, was charged Feb. 18 with OWI.

Jenna Smith, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Feb. 19 with PAULA.

Samuel Smuck, 19, 415 Woodside Drive Apt. 5, was charged Feb. 19 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Bridget Stack, 20, LaGrange, Ill., was charged Feb. 19 with PAULA.

Jacqueline Suerth, 19, S20 Hillcrest, was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA.

Patrick Tynan, 18, Geneva, Ill., was charged Sunday with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Jake Vanderpol, 19, 403 S. Lucas St., was charged Feb. 16 with possession of marijuana.

Benjamin Vanscheren, 20, 5123 Daum, was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA and public intoxication.

Paige Wainwright, 20, 321 S. Linn St. Apt. 223, was charged Feb. 19 with keeping a disorderly house.

Hailey Walker, 19, 201 E. Burlington St. Apt. 1536, was charged Feb. 18 with PAULA.

Lucian Warth, 23, 755 Spencer Drive, was charged Feb. 19 with public intoxication and third-degree burglary.

Theodore Wieland, 21, 422 Bowery St. Apt. 4, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Craig Willard, 54, 308 E. Burlington St. Apt. 204, was charged Feb. 19 with public intoxication.

Brandon Woods, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Feb. 19 with PAULA.

Justin Wooten, 18, 327 S. Johnson St. Apt. 5, was charged Feb. 18 with unlawful use of an authentic driver’s license/identification of another.

Board files charges against doctor

The Iowa Board of Medical Examiners has filed formal disciplinary charges against 47-year-old physician Robert P. Marseille.

The board charged Marseille, who practiced in Coralville, with failure to comply with the terms and conditions of his previous probation.

On June 5, 2003, the board charged Marseille with the “inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety” as a

result of a mental condition. Marseille reportedly failed to accurately document patient examinations.

The board dismissed the charge but determined that Marseille violated his board order when he failed to fully comply with the board’s recommendations.

Marseille allegedly failed to submit to mental-health treatment and neglected to abide by the board’s drug-screening program. A hearing is scheduled for March 23.

— by Kate McCarter

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Monday, February 28, 9 pm: Jam session The Siren (124 South Dubuque Street/Iowa City). Open to the public.

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TUITION WAIVER

ISU moves ahead on tuition waiver

Graduate assistants at Iowa State University have always had beefier tuition scholarships than their UI counterparts, having been given 50 percent scholarships for years.

And now, just as the UI looked as if it were going to catch up, ISU is again ready to pull ahead.

The school plans to incrementally raise the amount of money it remits from doctoral students' tuition bills until 2006-07, when a full-tuition waiver is reached.

Graduate college administrators in Ames lobbied faculty members to include tuition dollars in their grant applications, and the school has derived a formula that promises to match some of those dollars with money from the general fund.

Though a complicated and labor-intensive process, ISU administrators say it was something they had to tackle to keep up with offers competing schools were making. But, because of a tight state budget, the school had to find funding without regent help.

"We know the practical realities," said Carolyn Payne, an assistant dean for ISU Graduate Student Services. "The Legislature can't fund everything you want, but it's troubling that these kind of steps have to be taken."

She said it's too early to tell what effect the move will have on recruitment, but she is confident the plan will significantly improve the quality of the graduate college.

— by Drew Kerr

take a real hit in the graduate program."

The decision for full-tuition scholarships starts in the state Legislature, Slattery said.

When several legislators were asked about it, all asked to be briefed on the issue before making a comment.

Sen. Paul McKinley, R-Chariton, the co-chairman of the Education Committee, worried about where the money would come from.

"If that's 13 million new dollars — where does it come from?" he said. "We're working with a fixed amount of dollars, and the pie is only so big, so whose piece gets cut down?"

Rep. Jeff Kaufmann, R-Wilton, said the only conversation he's had on the topic is through the reporter that brought it to his attention.

"There is no doubt whether resources are tight," the Education Committee member said. "I'm worried about what we've done to the regents and our students."

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COGS

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The looming question is whether the new contract is enough for the university to compete against peer schools for high-quality graduate students. UI Graduate School Dean John Keller said the school offers a competitive package that attracts the best students.

"Our top quality students are as good as anybody's, anywhere, and I'll go to my grave saying that, and I'll believe that firmly," Keller said. "We have good students here."

But graduate-school deans around the Big Ten see things differently, noting a connection between their full-tuition scholarships and the quality of students.

"If we didn't have the waiver, we would lose great students to other universities," said Deborah Richie, an assistant dean of the University of Illinois Graduate College. "The tuition waiver is central to our ability to recruit prospective students."

Every other Big Ten university covers full tuition for graduate assistants, and even Iowa State University has plans to independently dig up \$13 million for full-tuition scholarships for its doctoral candidates within three years.

"Graduate students are the lifeblood of our institution," said Carolyn Payne, an ISU assistant dean for Graduate Student Services. "They do research, they teach courses, and our reputation depends on them. They are critical."

Question of quality

When the issue is weighed with administrators both here and at peer institutions, all agree that not moving to full-tuition scholarships would leave the UI with lower-caliber graduate students. In a series of interviews, UI department heads pointed to several cases in which not having such waivers has cost the university top students.

In recent years, the philosophy department has struggled to obtain graduate-student applicants it ranks as its top selections, said Chairman Gregory Landini.

"We're just not getting that first group," he said.

Concerns have arisen in the political-science department,

too, said Chuck Shipan, the director of its graduate-studies program. When Shipan took the job in 1992, the department had enough money to grant eight full-tuition fellowships — a number that has since been cut in half.

"I don't know if people realize how negative an impact this has on graduate education, as well as undergraduate education," he said. "It's a real problem."

Keller acknowledged the connection between financial offerings and student quality but said the university's above-average stipend — \$15,330 for graduate students who work 20 hours per week — helps the school remain competitive.

"On the tuition thing, we're not there with our national peers, no question," he said in a recent interview in which he spoke alongside state Board of Regents attorney Tom Evans.

But, competing universities also give students something they say is more valuable in times of state budget crisis: full tuition.

A long history

The discussion over a full-tuition scholarship at the UI dates back to the mid-1990s.

Leslie Sims, the dean of the UI Graduate College from 1991-2001, pushed for full-tuition scholarships but was told the money simply wasn't there.

"I made many requests for that to the Board of Regents, and it's just not something they would look at," said Sims, now the senior scholar in residence at the Council of Graduate Schools, a worldwide organization of higher-education institutions.

He still contends a full-tuition waiver is in the UI's best interest, supporting his argument on the "generally accepted wisdom" in academia that better aid packages attract better students.

On the UI campus, the debate has surged in an age in which sharp tuition increases are handed down almost yearly, outpacing the growth of static graduate-student stipends.

"The problem for us is there is no hedge against tuition increases," said Burgess, a UI English doctoral student. "When you're at Indiana or somewhere else with full tuition, if it goes up 12

percent, it doesn't cut into your bottom line."

Since 2001, tuition has risen more than 50 percent, and the base graduate-assistant stipend has risen less than 10 percent.

To combat the widening gap graduate students began court-ing the idea of full-tuition scholarships.

Initially, the UI made large strides toward full tuition. The regents agreed to pay 12.5 percent of assistants' tuition in 2003 and raised the offering to 25 percent in 2004.

"It might take four more years to get to 100 percent, and that is fine as long as we don't stall out," Burgess said.

The regents and COGS left the last bargaining season with the understanding that the tuition scholarship would rise with each contract until it reached 100 percent.

Getting there is a slow process.

"We understand that they would like to have an increase in salary, an increase in tuition scholarship, and an enhancement of health-insurance benefits," said Evans, the regents' chief bargainer. "But all that has to be balanced against what we have in terms of available revenue."

Finding the money

Deans at Big Ten schools said they, too, face significant budget cuts, but their schools weigh priorities differently from the UI. The Iowa regents' universities have trumpeted their \$40 million proposal that would bring an additional \$16.5 million to the UI over the next four years as a cornerstone for future success. But, that money has already been earmarked for faculty salaries — not graduate assistants.

"Iowa is in real financial difficulty," said Slattery, Indiana's graduate dean.

"I have sympathy for the administration, but it is going to

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Illinois — \$11,864

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Ohio State — \$9,000

Michigan State — \$8,000-\$18,000

Indiana — varies by department, information unavailable

Purdue — varies by department, information unavailable

DEBTS

Graduate assistants with a 40-percent appointment incur almost \$3,000 in debt every year, by the university's calculated 2004-2005 Single Graduate Student Cost of Attendance*

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Salary: \$12,392

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Difference — \$2,912

* Figures provided by the UI Office of Student Financial Aid and are for the nine-month academic year. Insurance rates based on a 12-month period.

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DISCUSSION

Being a graduate assistant isn't easy, but is it unhealthy?

The stress of juggling course work, teaching responsibilities, and coming up with rent could affect the immune system and disturb sleep patterns, said Paula Keeton, a UI Counseling Service senior staff psychologist.

"I see people that are very unhappy and feel under-supported in their department," she said.

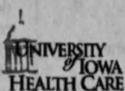
After hearing similar concerns from graduate students, she decided to form a student support group.

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— by Drew Kerr



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Cade will be greatly missed and forever in our hearts. He is and always will be our angel.

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UI STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Who should represent UI students next year? Cast your vote on ISIS on March 7 and 8. But before that, check the *DI* to familiarize yourself with the platforms and proposals of each of the candidates. Then send your endorsements to daily-iowan@uiowa.edu (letters should be kept to 300 words or less; guest opinions must be arranged in advance).

The campaigns will begin on Feb. 21. The *DI* Editorial Board will moderate a UISG debate on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium. All students are encouraged to attend. The *DI*'s candidate endorsement will follow this event prior to the days of the election.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Potential problems with new city housing inspector

Rental properties should be suitable for occupancy, but costs to tenants must remain reasonable

The Iowa City City Council is in the process of approving its 2006-08 financial plan, a multimillion-dollar budget to deal with issues ranging from storm-water management to a proposed new fire station. One highlight in particular that those interested in off-campus housing might want to pay attention to is the proposal to create an additional housing-inspector position to examine rental properties in the city.

This in itself is only cause for alarm for those living in very poor-quality housing who don't want the city to know about it. The inspections are not new, but the number of rental units in Iowa City has been steadily growing: The city now examines more than 8,000 each year, and it feels that five full-time inspectors are no longer enough. Given that the staff at rental-housing inspection department has not increased since 1992, this seems reasonable.

The budget itself provides for the creation of a new inspector's position while noting that "this would be financed by an increase in building-permit as well as rental-permit fees." In short, landlords will have to pay more money, and at least some of them — as the Greater Iowa City Apartment Association has vocally complained — are likely to pass on the bill to tenants.

With around 25,000 UI students living off-campus, a fee increase of nearly 10 percent, as the apartment association warns, is hardly welcome news, especially after a substantial fee increase in 2002. But of course, the whole point of having a

housing-and-inspection department is to make sure that properties in Iowa City are fit to be lived in. If the department needs more staff to make sure that the job is done, then it should have that.

The real culprit, if one must point fingers, is the "nuisance" property ordinance approved in 2003, which has led to more than 300 complaints for housing inspectors to examine. But this policy, like the new inspector position, arose from a neighborhood task force and merely clarified an existing responsibility of the department — that is, to address nuisance complaints. And in 2002, the cash-strapped city required housing-inspection services to become fully self-financed to ease strains on the city's general fund. But the city can't operate without money, and it's hard to fault it for state cutbacks in funding.

It is important to keep housing affordable for the city's tenant population, but housing should also be fit to live in. City councilors have in the past expressed interest in making the inspection process as cost-effective as possible while ensuring structural safety. We hope they will continue to be mindful of this balance so that any expenses passed down to the renters of those 8,000 units will be as small as possible; aside from the woes of students who can't afford to leave the dorms, Iowa City's housing market is too big to become unprofitable without seriously damaging the community.

And the survey says ...

For the past three weeks, I haven't been able to escape grim references to "Future of the First Amendment," a survey conducted by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. Apparently, only 83 percent of American high-school students agree that "people should be allowed to express unpopular opinions," compared with 97 percent of high-school teachers and 95 percent of adults overall. On top of that, 32 out of 100 students think that the American press has too much freedom to do what it wants, and only 51 percent of them agree that "news-papers should be allowed to publish freely without government approval of a story."

Scary, isn't it? Sounds like high-schoolers are on the path to becoming an entire generation of self-appointed, domestic mind guards. That might explain why MTV edits everything from Nike logos to the word "Hash." It's a bit depressing to watch political correctness disguise itself as countercultural rebellion.

The foundation's recommendations for mitigating the reactionary tendencies of certain youths include the suggestion that more money should be dumped into high-school journalism programs (red flag!), which caused me to take a look at the complete survey, directly from the source (<http://firstamendment.jideas.org/index.html>).

The first thing I noticed is that while 32 percent of students indeed think that the press has too much freedom, 38 percent of teachers and 40 percent of principals agree. Also, the survey doesn't specify where these sensibilities are rooted. Is today's distrust of the free press engendered by a negative, conservative reaction to the mainstream media? Is it fueled by a left-wing backlash against the indefatigable presence of Internet bloggers? Perhaps it's a healthy general distrust of the press (only 4 percent of both students and teachers in the survey answered that the press tells the truth "all of the time"). Maybe it's a blend of all those things and more. Until another survey is taken, it'll be difficult to tell.

Other survey results are equally ambiguous. In contrast to 51 percent of students, 80 percent of teachers and principals believe that newspapers should be absolutely free from governmental control. Does this mean that students are more domineering than educators, or are they, in this instance, less given to absolutes than their mentors? Of course a newspaper shouldn't have to get approval from anyone before fueling debates over controversial issues, but what if some upstart reporter wants to divulge classified details about our military's next plan of attack? Shouldn't a newspaper defer to the government when security and speech are directly and absolutely at odds with one another? Most importantly, haven't similar reservations crossed the minds of more than one out of every five educators?

If students were uniquely anti-First Amendment, 70 percent of them wouldn't agree that "musicians should be allowed to sing songs with lyrics that others might find offensive," compared with 58 percent of teachers and 43 percent of principals. A lot of educators give lip service to proudly supporting the proclamations of unpopular opinions but buckle when strong opinions manifest themselves in untoward ways (such as through music).

While the survey shows that students' participation in journalism programs augments their appreciation for free speech, it doesn't list any comparable remedies for the ambivalence of school-teachers toward the same subject. Twenty-nine percent of faculty members surveyed agreed that the First Amendment goes too far in the rights it guarantees; 40 percent of teachers didn't know that burning the American flag is legal. In other words, they're not qualified to show students how to "appreciate" the First Amendment.

This is a natural result of textbook companies and administrators sanitizing the classroom in order to avoid being attacked by both the multiculturalist left and the sensitive right.

Education's abundance of unsettled opinions concerning controversial expression is symptomatic of a crisis larger than a lack of student newsletters. You won't read that in Knight Foundation's press release; it's a group that "emphasizes education for current and future journalists" — i.e., more money for school journalism programs. ■



ANTHONY HARRIS

LETTERS

Distinction between dissent and hatred

In his Feb. 18 column, "Churchill revisited," Robert Schneider lucidly denounced the poisonous ideas underlying Ward Churchill's discourse. Churchill and his kind harbor a deep hatred of the United States. This hatred is different in nature from the healthy and desirable dissension needed to keep democracy healthy. The Churchills of this country would just as soon see the United States humbled, if not destroyed, by those who hate us.

This nation has made grievous mistakes in its ascent to superpower status. There is no denying this. Taken as a whole, however, the United States has been, and still is, the most enlightened, benign, and compassionate superpower the world has known. Is it perfect? Not at all. But this is a far cry from the uber-terrorist nation Churchill and his ilk portray.

The post-9/11 world is divided between those who would preserve civilization and those who would destroy it. The United States, for all its defects and shortcomings, undoubtedly belongs with the former.

Jorge Galva
Novi, Mich., resident

Schneider versus Churchill

In America, even Ward Churchill is entitled to his opinion, as intellectually vapid and morally bankrupt as it is. Such is the price of free speech. But the people of Colorado have rights, too. And so do students who attend the University of Colorado, a tax-supported institution. Taxpayers have the right to employ people who are capable of making intellectual and moral judgments based on objective facts, not emotional biases. Students who pay to attend such a university deserve passionate professors who are dedicated not to a personal and prejudicial political agenda but to the researchable, pragmatic, concrete truth. The concept of academic freedom does not mean everyone with academic credentials is equally qualified to teach. It does not imply that everyone with academic credentials must be tolerated, no matter how outrageous his conduct or how indefensible his dispensations.

It was my privilege to live and teach in the Middle East for nine years. As a result, many of my friends are Muslims, some of whom remain in the Middle East, some of whom are university students on campuses around the United States. I can assure you most Muslims I've met recognize Osama bin Laden



is no more of a revolutionary hero than Al Capone; most Muslims I've met — including young and old Iraqi expatriates — give thanks every day for the courage of America.

While many European nations continue to practice the dangerous politics of appeasement, America is willing to make great sacrifices to free people from bondage and make the world safer. As former President John F. Kennedy said decades ago, America makes such sacrifices "not because the communists are doing it, not because we seek their votes, but because it is right."

Churchill, in contrast, is wrong. That's a shame for students in Boulder, Colo., but it's heartening to know that in Iowa City we have Schneider, someone willing to examine the facts without bias and to tell the truth.

Mike Kielkopf
UI graduate

Iraq war still illegal

The hype over the "resounding success" of elections in Iraq and the resultant political maneuvering by various Iraqi groups has supplanted what scant media attention was paid to the horrific and hypocritical consequences of U.S. policy to wage illegal war on that country:

First, the media celebration over Iraq elections failed to report on the irony of

elections being arranged by the country whose military is illegally occupying Iraq.

Second, it is well-documented that the U.S. invasion and occupation of Iraq has resulted in at least tens of thousands and likely more than 100,000 Iraqi deaths. There is absolutely no justification for these atrocities perpetuated by the Bush administration.

Third, the "insurgency" needs to be understood primarily as people of an occupied country resisting the occupying force. Thus, ongoing U.S. occupation is not the "solution" to the "insurgency," it is the foundation of it. Resistance to the United States must be understood as acts of desperation against military occupation.

Fourth, the shifting "justification" for the Iraq invasion had nothing to do with an urge to "bring democracy" to Iraq (whatever happened to those weapons of mass destruction?), but it has everything to do with securing behind-the-scenes control over the world's second-largest oil reserves and gaining influence over the Middle East, an oil-rich region vital to the U.S. economy.

Elections aside, the Iraqi people overwhelmingly oppose the U.S. presence in their country. The United States needs to withdraw its troops immediately, relinquish control over Iraq's economy, and dismantle the four permanent military bases it has constructed. (Whatever happened to the transfer of "sovereignty" that supposedly occurred last summer?)

The only way Iraq can be "liberated" is when the so-called "liberators" leave.

Brian Gryziak
UI Antiwar Committee

Questions about Iraq

Another Iowa soldier is dead in Iraq. Why? We've toppled Saddam and have overseen elections. If there's another mission, we should be told. Are we there to stamp out terrorism when there are Muslim extremists around the world who hate us? Are we going to stay there waiting for the Shiites and Sunnis to establish a meaningful democracy even though they've been fighting each other since the split in Islam in 800 A.D.? And what about the Kurds, who have been fighting for their own country for centuries?

Do we ignore the fact that these three groups were ruled for 450 years as three separate provinces by the Ottoman Empire until after World War I, when the British created an artificial country, "Iraq"? Do we ignore the reality that these three groups have no internal history of being a "nation-state," unlike Japan and Germany, upon whom we imposed a democracy after World War II?

Please answer me, people of Iowa, what is our mission in Iraq, and how many more Iowans are we willing to sacrifice?

Gary Sanders
Iowa City resident

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ON THE SPOT

Do you know what UISG stands for? If you don't, take a guess.



"University of Iowa Student Government."

Matt Miller
UI senior



"University of Iowa Super Guys."

Kim Dunn
UI freshman



"University of Iowa Sex Gods."

Ciara Murillo
UI freshman



"University of Iowa Student Government."

Andrea Thompson
UI senior

ARTS

CALENDAR-WORTHY

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Perfectly hiding originality



FILM REVIEW

by David Frank

Hide and Seek

When:
Noon and 2:20, 4:45, 7:15,
9:45 p.m.
Where:
Coral Ridge 10
★ out of ★★★★★

'Almost every element in *Hide and Seek* can be traced to a better film'

BY DAVID FRANK
THE DAILY IOWAN

If you must squander your money on this movie, then read that my TV keeps bullying me not to discuss will be discussed because I'm a bastard.

Yeah, so the other day I saw *Shining* in the theater. OK, it started a little differently, and it had been renamed *Hide and Seek*, and for some reason Robert De Niro had replaced Jack Nicholson. And De Niro

doesn't play drunken writer Jack Torrance — instead, he's psychiatrist Dr. David Calloway, who packs up and ships out to the countryside with his traumatized daughter, Emily (the ubiquitous Dakota Fanning, *Man on Fire*), after discovering his wife's body in a tub full of bloody Kool-Aid.

Yet after 10 minutes of exposition, I figured I was watching *The Shining* (or more likely an unadvertised remake, now that I think about it) when the opening credits began rolling over a long helicopter shot of Calloway's car snaking along country roads. And what do you know, their new dwelling is big and roomy and rather secluded.

Soon Emily develops a friendship with an imaginary pal named Charlie (redrum, redrum), which eventually leads to more gruesome things popping out of the bathtub and De Niro chasing his kid with Michael Myers' weapon of choice in hand. Don't worry about Fanning's health, though; as *Man on Fire* demonstrated, she's as invincible as the Hulk and revivable as Jesus Christ — yet still cute as a fistful of kittens.

But then again, if my daughter were channeling the presence of Winona Ryder's performance from *Beetle Juice*, I'd maybe go nuts, too. Fanning plays one of those archetypical creepy kids (which under punishment of law must appear in every horror movie), who unblinkingly stare out of windows, disfigure dolls, doodle pictures of people dying, refuse



Publicity Photo
Robert De Niro and Dakota Fanning star in *Hide and Seek*, a dull bit of alleged cinema that seems terrified to death of originality.

to tan, and are tedious and uninspired.

Hmm, uninspired. Fanning isn't alone in that department. De Niro delivers one of his bland two-tone (weariness and disgust), "where's my check" type performances, while Elisabeth Shue (remember her from *Leaving Las Vegas*) shows up just to fall out of a window — hey, it's in the commercials.

Know what? As far as I'm concerned, uninspired is the go-to word for the whole movie. The film's first 80 minutes generically plods on and on about who Charlie is (I estimate you hear his name about 1.4 million times) while failing to provide even the tiniest hint of tension, an avoidable flaw if only the filmmakers weren't

unskilled originality-phobes.

Almost every element in *Hide and Seek* can be traced to a better film (namely, well you should know by now), and that goes for the preposterous plot twist — I've given away half already, so you threatening TV ads can go suck a lemon. But unlike *Fight Club* for example, *Hide and Seek*'s revelation springs out with kamikaze disregard for coherency.

Honest or thought-out buildup has been kidnapped and buried in the woods to never be found because the twist only exists to shock and insult the audience's intelligence while whizzing in the eyes of competent storytelling.

E-mail *DI* film critic David Frank at david-frank@uiowa.edu

Unbearable lightness of her self-importance

FILM REVIEW

Imelda

★★★ out of ★★★★★

BY DAVID FRANK
THE DAILY IOWAN

Imelda Marcos has bought into her own myth. Too bad the myth is a pile of self-delusional bull caca. She sees herself as a champion of Philippines' poor — an earlier incarnation of Princess Diana of sorts — even though she and her husband, the late Filipino dictator Ferdinand Marcos, lived a life of gaudy luxury by raiding the country's treasury of billions of dollars.

During her long tenure as "The Philippines' Fabulous First Lady," as once dubbed by *Life* magazine, she built numerous arts and cultural centers for the poor. Yet, here's the funny part, as Imelda's critics point out: The country's poor were too busy trying to feed themselves to attend such upscale places. That's just the tip of Imelda's twisted logic for portraying herself as the 20th century's patron saint of the needy (Mother Teresa, who?).

Imelda the documentary details the rise, fall, and quasi-resurrection of Imelda Marcos as told in her own words along with friends, family, and critics. The film remains neutral on whether Imelda is an angel or devil by giving equal weight to both sides. Yet, I'd be shocked if anyone walked out of *Imelda* without judging her to be the personification of narcissism and a little nuts to boot (witness the scene in where she discusses the philosophy she's created

based upon symbolic sketches that somehow links the computer to the almighty Creator).

"Beauty is God and love made real ... (and) the ultimate reach in the world is beauty," Imelda states at one point. Hence, we're privy to numerous instances in which Imelda applies makeup, checks herself out in the mirror, and flippantly denies that countless human-rights abuses occurred under her husband's reign. But oh no, the vanity train doesn't halt there — Imelda believes the poor folks of the Philippines need a star to make their wretched conditions tolerable. And yes, Imelda assumes she's the right person for the job as she travels the country, forcing her assistant to hand out stacks of glamour shots.

Not only does Imelda suffer an acute case of self-importance, but selfishness also oozes off her when the film discusses the assassination of one her husband's political rivals. In a sickening display of egotism, Imelda attempts to make Ferdinand and herself the true victims of the assassination.

I wouldn't call *Imelda* the movie superficial — even though the person certainly is — because it delves into its subject matter. Yet, the movie's uninspired craftsmanship works against any fascination that a wretched mindset such as Imelda's intrinsically brings to the production. *Imelda* propels forward at a lumbering pace while wringing out most of the allure, and it feels like a story told on "Dateline" — minus the narration — or the History Channel at best.

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horoscopes

Monday, February 21, 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 downtime.

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 a date.

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.

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.

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3:25 Turkey Man	9:30 Minutes
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6 Iowa Basketball with Steve Alford	10 "Live from Prairie Lights," Pam Houston
6:30 Coach Steve Alford News Conference	11 Coach Steve Alford News Conference
	11:30 Iowa Basketball with Steve Alford

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- 1 What brand of vacuum cleaner was the late Fred Astaire seen dancing with in a TV ad campaign?
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- 5 What shape were the 32-cent "Pacific 97" postage stamps for a U.S. philatelic first?

Answers:
1. Dirt Devil
2. Microsoft
3. Men in Black
4. John Lennon and Yoko Ono
5. Triangular

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WHY THE BASKETBALL TEAM ALWAYS CHOKES

— by John Crotty

• The Hawkeyes never mastered the concept of fractions. The idea of a "second half" is just beyond them.

• After an hour of close contact with Alford, the fumes from his hair gel get them all a little high.

• They lose concentration because they luv their girlfriends so fruriously and just can't stand the thought of being a mandingo.

• They're too easily distracted by Herky's antics. Especially Brunner. He loves that crazy bird.

• They all have asthma?

• By the final 10 minutes, the other team is no longer dazzled by Horner's All-American good looks.

• Title IX has denied them the resources needed to finish a game.

• They finally crack under the verbal abuse of Alford, who constantly threatens to give their scholarships to Drew Tate.

• They have trouble breathing because the air in Carver is so thick with school spirit.

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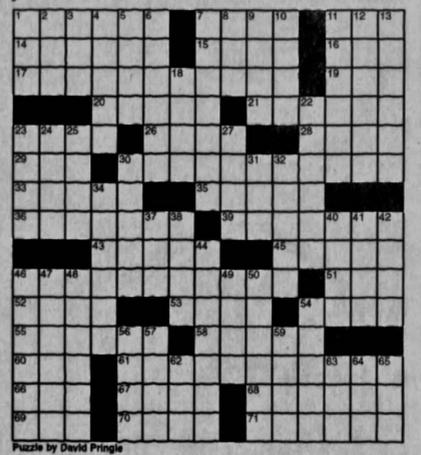
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 - 7 Give at no charge, as a hotel room
 - 11 Hypodermic units, for short
 - 14 Magical drink
 - 15 Cousin of a bassoon
 - 16 "Roses ___ red ..."
 - 17 1981 Mel Gibson film, with "The"
 - 19 Fellows
 - 20 Go in
 - 21 Basic beliefs
 - 23 Gorbachev was its last leader. Abbr.
 - 26 404 in old Rome
 - 28 Niagara source
 - 29 ___ de mer
 - 30 The Ocean State
 - 33 ___ donna
 - 35 They split when they're smashed
 - 36 Motorcycle attachment
 - 39 English pool game
 - 43 Sign up for more issues
 - 45 Scoundrel
 - 46 Arrived like Michael in an old song?
 - 51 Decimal base
 - 52 Spoken
 - 53 Singer Turner
 - 54 Penny
 - 55 Actress Roberts and others
 - 58 Electrical pioneer
 - 60 Explosive initials
 - 61 Had the passenger seat
 - 66 Winning
 - 67 Blue-green
 - 68 Fancy home
 - 69 Room with an easy chair
 - 70 Master thespians they're not
 - 71 Like a professional haircut
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 - 2 Court
 - 3 ___ disadvantage (handicapped)
 - 4 Equestrian
 - 5 Sad
 - 6 Grab
 - 7 Bullfight
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 - 9 Not worth debating
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 - 11 Kodak, e.g.
 - 12 Lowlife
 - 13 Felt
 - 18 Make a change in the decor
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 - 23 Diamond V.I.P.'s
 - 24 Delhi dress
 - 25 Moved on ice
 - 27 Dog docs
 - 30 Zoomed
 - 31 Charged particle
 - 32 Cig
 - 34 Just
 - 37 Commercial suffix with Tropic
 - 38 Remainder
 - 40 Smith who sang "God Bless America"
 - 41 Not odd
 - 42 Landlord's due
 - 44 Bleaches
 - 46 Went bad
 - 47 Juice source
 - 48 Malicious
 - 49 Change for a five
 - 50 Epidermal eruptions
 - 54 Feline
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FESTIVAL

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the December tsunami — they admitted they were angered by the university's decision to use UNICEF as its nonprofit organization of choice.

"This may sound selfish, but we want the money we make to go to our country," said Sukritaya Jukping, a UI graduate student and member of the Thai student group.

"There is no guarantee where this money will go."

Chaminda Hettige, a UI graduate student from Sri Lanka, highlighted the extraordinary need for international aid during the tsunami memorial, adding that local nonprofit organizations are key players in the rebuilding.

However, many of the

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hundreds of people that swarmed the Field House remained oblivious to the argument over donation policies as they sampled pakoras, falafel, and eggrolls while listening to music ranging from traditional Irish songs to Turkish pop.

As the day drew to a close, two women danced rhythmically next to a mother spinning her young daughter to the smooth tones of Yawo and les Fils Attivon, a contemporary band with musicians from

Togo, Senegal, Brazil, Uruguay, and the United States based in Minneapolis. The juxtaposition of different cultures was a testament to the nature of the event.

"Everyone has a different draw — food, music," said David Chickering, a volunteer coordinator.

"Every year we do the same program, but every year we change a lot. We expose people to something new."

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Hunter S. Thompson shot himself, son says

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ASPEN, Colo. — Hunter S. Thompson, the acerbic counterculture writer who popularized a new form of fictional journalism in books such as *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*, fatally shot himself Sunday night at his home, his son said. He was 67.

"Hunter prized his privacy, and we ask that his friends and admirers respect that privacy as well as that of his family," Juan Thompson said in a statement released to the *Aspen Daily News*.

Pitkin County Sheriff Bob Braudis, a personal friend of Thompson's, confirmed the death to the *News*. Sheriff's officials did not return calls to the Associated Press late Sunday.

Juan Thompson found his father's body. Thompson's wife, Anita, was not home at the time.

Besides the 1972 drug-hazed classic about Thompson's time



Kathy Willens/Associated Press

Co-stars Benicio Del Toro (left) and Johnny Depp (right) join Hunter S. Thompson at the premiere of the film adaptation of *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* on May 19, 1998 in New York. Thompson fatally shot himself Sunday night in his Aspen home.

in Las Vegas, he is credited with pioneering New Journalism — or "gonzo journalism" — in which the writer made himself an essential component of the story.

Pierce now may face 56 years in prison

PIERCE

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according to the search warrant. He confronted the woman, allegedly forcing her to the floor, tearing off her clothes, and choking her.

According to the most recent documents, the two first-degree burglary charges stem from Pierce's allegedly damaging the woman's car and townhouse, in addition to allegedly injuring the woman and causing more than \$200 in damage.

The search warrant alleges that when the woman fled, Pierce threw her television and stereo to the floor, scattered her clothes, smashed picture frames, and uprooted plants from their pots.

Witnesses listed in court documents include several police officers and a doctor from Planned Parenthood.

Iowa coach Steve Alford dismissed Pierce from the team after West Des Moines police confirmed he was the focus of the investigation, claiming the leading scorer committed a "betrayal of trust." Athletics officials said they gave Pierce a

second chance in 2002 when he was accused of raping a UI female athlete.

A Dallas County judge will hear a request from Alfredo Parrish, Pierce's attorney, to quash the initial first-degree

burglary charge on March 4.

Parrish asserts that the charge lacks "aggravating" circumstances.

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'Building off a win is a lot easier than going in with a loss or a tie. We had to have the bonus points, and we had more bonus points than they did.'

— COACH JIM ZALESKY

WRESTLING

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The match started at 157 with No. 8 Joe Johnson falling to Brandon Becker, 13-12. Freshman Mark Perry responded with a major decision at 165 to give Iowa a 4-3 lead. Indiana then won four of the next five matches, with Paul Bradley giving Iowa its only win in the Indiana streak. Third-ranked Joe Dubuque finished the Indiana run with a 10-3 decision over Charlie Falck to put Indiana ahead heading into the final three matches.

"I felt good about it [the final three matches]," Zalesky said. "I

felt good about those guys. I knew [Alex] Tsirtsis got beat by [Michael] Simpson at Midlands, but I thought we could beat him."

Mario Galanakis started Iowa's decisive run with a 3-0 win over Brian Dyer at 133. Freshman Tsirtsis got his revenge Simpson, 5-3, to pull Iowa within three heading into Eustice's deciding match.

Eustice built an 8-4 lead and never looked back.

"I expect it to be different come Big Ten Tournament," he said. "It gives us momentum, a big win like this."

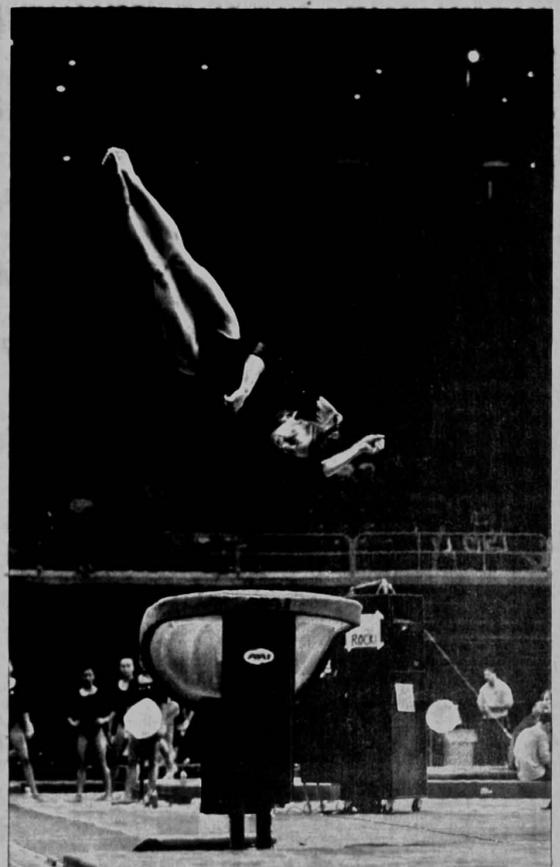
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Iowa junior Ty Eustice walks off the mat on Sunday in Carver-Hawkeye to a standing ovation after his match with Indiana's Cameron Sakon, his 75th victory as a Hawkeye. With Iowa down 16-13, Eustice needed a major decision to win the meet, which he delivered, 17-7.

Iowa will host the Big Ten championships, March 5-6



Melanie Patterson/The Daily Iowan

Senior Annie Rue spirals off the vault on Feb. 19. Rue finished fifth on vault, beam, and the all-around.

Men's gymnastics scores their highest

MEN'S GYMNASTICS

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at three each. Junior Michael Reavis broke a pair of school records — total points in the all-around competition and highest individual score on the vault.

He won the all-around event with a score of 54.4 and also placed first in the vault (9.7) and first on horizontal bar (9.35). He finished first on parallel bars with a personal season best of 9.2.

Even though Iowa beat Minnesota by a decent margin, the Hawkeyes did have some troubles in the meet.

"All had to do with team depth — we had our share of struggles," Dunn said. "We had a great floor, but pommel horse was the most disappointing event."

One major problem that plagued Iowa throughout the meet was the status of senior Linas Gaveika. While competing on the rings, Gaveika suffered cramps in his legs.

"We really count on Linas towards the end of meets, and this time we couldn't," Dunn said. "But the other guys really stepped it up."

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Hawkeye senior Linas Gaveika of Lithuania performs in the floor event on Feb. 19 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Hawks again fail to dethrone top-ranked Illinois

Although the team got close to catching up, turnovers cost the game

BASKETBALL

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With Illinois up by six with the ball and less than a minute remaining, 7-2 center Nick Smith nailed a 3-pointer from the corner, falling into the Illini bench as the shot clock hit zero.

"Stuff like this happens all year," Williams said. "It seems like every game, somebody steps up and does something at the right time."

With 9:08 left, Adam Haluska hit a 3-pointer to cut the deficit to two points, 53-51, on a no-look, cross-court pass from Horner. The Hawkeyes went nearly five minutes without a field goal but managed to stay within six points until the final minute.

Haluska led Iowa with 20 points on 6-of-12 shooting. Greg Brunner added 15 points and a team-high nine rebounds, and Horner chipped in 12 points. Iowa and Illinois shot almost identical percentages from the field and 3-point territory, but turnovers cost the Hawkeyes.

Three starters — Mike Henderson, Horner, and Brunner — each had at least five turnovers.

"This team has not been about effort," Alford said. "This team has been about execution."

"We're having a hard time in that last five minutes making plays."

The Hawkeyes have games left against Minnesota, Penn State, Ohio State, and Michigan. They can't lose one if they want to finish .500 in Big Ten play and reach 20 victories. Alford's team hasn't been to the NCAA Tournament since 2000-01, and they could face a fourth-straight NIT bid.

"Our backs are against the wall," Horner said. "I think we'd have to win the Big Ten Tournament if we lost one of them, and that's going to be our demeanor, anyway."

The Illini have three regular-season games remaining — at home against Northwestern and Purdue and on the road

against Ohio State. With three more victories, Illinois will become the first Big Ten team to go undefeated since Indiana's 1976 squad.

And the way the Illini played last weekend, they may not have another challenging game until the championship of the conference tournament in March.

"If we take care of business at home, we can clinch the outright title, then go see what happens at Ohio State," Illinois coach Bruce Weber said. "But that's a long way off. Right now, we're worried about the bus ride home and Northwestern."

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'No comparison'

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

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as a team," said senior Mindi Levitz. "We definitely felt a lot more prepared and confident."

Iowa coach Larissa Libby said there was "no comparison" between this meeting and the first competition between the two squads four weeks ago in Ames.

"I felt like this was a team that could stay with them," she said. "I felt like at some point, they were getting worried that we might catch them, and that's what I want. Whether we do catch them or not is not the point."

"The fact that we made them feel like we might catch them is a far cry from where we were at four weeks ago."

Last month, the Hawkeyes scored only 192,400 points against the Cyclones — the team's season-high score at the time. Last weekend's squad improved on its season best, although no Hawkeyes took first in any event, scoring 194.15 points.

Iowa started the meet on the vault, where Libby characterized the Hawkeyes' performance as "weak." Libby's squad has had difficulty starting out meets strong and performing consistently.

The Hawkeyes lost valuable points to landing deductions. Iowa freshman Ally Zipse, who has proven herself on the vault and has been an asset to the team in the all-around competition, was injured during a vault attempt.

"We're better than what we did," Libby said. "We lost a lot on vault. We have a problem with starting. Last weekend at N.C. State, we blew floor, and that was our first event."

"We need to make more of an impact on our first event, so we can hold that through the rest of the meet."

This weekend, the Hawkeyes will travel to Minnesota to take on the No. 24 Golden Gophers.

"They have always competed strong against us," Libby said. "But we're ready to take them."

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Head 1-7 4-6 7, Powell Jr. 1-2 6-8 8, Augustine 5-9 3-3 13, Williams 6-15 0-18, Brown 7-11 3-4 18, Carter 1-2 0-0 2, Smith 2-4 2-2 7, Ingram 1-3 0-0 2, Totals 25-54 23-75.

IOWA (16-9)
Brunner 5-11 5-7 15, Hansen 1-1 3-4 5, Hakuaka 6-12 6-7 20, Horner 4-8 2-2 12, Henderson 0-4 4-4 4, Thompson 2-2 0-0 4, Thomas 2-3 0-0 4, Reed 0-2 1-2 1, Totals 20-43 21-26 65.

Halftime—Illinois 36-28, 3-Point Goals—Illinois 5-15 (Williams 2-7, Smith 1-1, Brown 1-3, Head 1-4), Iowa 4-11 (Horner 2-4, Hakuaka 2-5, Brunner 0-2), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds—Illinois 21 (Augustine 5), Iowa 36 (Brunner 9), Assists—Illinois 12 (Williams 5), Iowa 13 (Horner 6), Total Fouls—Illinois 18, Iowa 19, A-15,500.

IOWA 78, MICHIGAN 59

IOWA (17-8)
Solverson 6-15 2-4 18, VandeVenter 3-6 4-6 10, Cavey 8-15 3-4 19, Smith 4-13 4-4 12, Armstrong 3-8 0-0 8, Reedy 3-8 2-2 9, Emmert 0-1 0-0 0, Kasperik 0-0 0-0 0, Schlaepke 0-0 0-0 0, Graham 1-2 0-0 2, Totals 28-66 15-20 78.

MICHIGAN (5-20)
Pool 7-17 6-20, Cooper 0-1 0-0 0, McPhilly 5-10 0-0 11, Flippin 1-3 2-3 4, Helvey 2-5 2-2 6, Clement 0-0 0-0 0, Stirling 4-11 0-0 11, Walker 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 19-47 10-11 52.

Halftime—Michigan 31, Iowa 27, 3-point goals—Iowa 7-24 (Solverson 4-9, Armstrong 2-4, Reedy 1-4, Smith 0-7), Michigan 4-15 (Stirling 3-7, McPhilly 1-1, Flippin 0-2, Pool 0-5), Fouled out—None, Rebounds—Iowa 50 (Cavey 14), Michigan 27 (Pool 9), Assists—Iowa 20 (Solverson 10), Michigan 16 (Helvey 6), Total Fouls—Iowa 14, Michigan 11, A-2,054.

BIG TEN MEN

Team	Conf	All
Illinois	13-0	27-0
Michigan St.	10-2	19-4
Wisconsin	8-4	17-6
Ohio State	7-5	12-11
Indiana	7-6	18-9
Minnesota	7-6	17-9
Northwestern	5-7	13-12
Iowa	4-8	16-9
Purdue	3-9	12-14
Michigan	3-9	7-16
Penn St.	1-11	7-1

Saturday's Games

Illinois 75, Iowa 65
Michigan State 66, Purdue 57
Northwestern 54, Penn State 39
Minnesota 52, Ohio State 50

Sunday's Game
Indiana 70, Michigan 63

Tuesday's Game
Purdue at Indiana

Wednesday's Games
Iowa at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Northwestern at Illinois

Thursday's Game
Wisconsin at Michigan State

Friday's Game
Iowa at Penn State, 11:05 a.m.
Minnesota at Purdue
Michigan at Northwestern

BIG TEN WOMEN

Team	Conf	All
Ohio St.	12-2	25-3
Michigan St.	13-2	24-3
Penn St.	13-2	16-8
Minnesota	10-4	20-6
Purdue	8-6	15-10
Iowa	6-8	17-8
Illinois	6-8	14-10
Wisconsin	4-10	10-14
Indiana	3-11	10-15
Northwestern	2-12	5-22
Michigan	1-12	5-20

Saturday's Game

Ohio State 68, Iowa 50

Wednesday

Men's basketball at Minnesota, 7:05 p.m. (KGAN)

Thursday

Men's swimming at Big Ten championships, Minneapolis, noon

Women's basketball hosts Illinois, Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 7:05 p.m.

Friday

Men's swimming at Big Ten championships, noon

Baseball at Wiregrass Baseball Classic vs. Troy, 6 p.m., Dothan, Ala.

Saturday

Softball at Marriott Red and Black Tourney vs. Minnesota, 9 a.m.; vs. Louisville, 11 a.m., Louisville, Ky.

Men's basketball at Penn State, 11:17 a.m. (KGAN)

Men's swimming at Big Ten championships, noon

IOWA SPORTS

Baseball at Wiregrass Baseball Classic vs. Middle Tennessee State, 2 p.m.

Men's gymnastics hosts Nebraska, Carver-Hawkeye, 7 p.m.

Women's gymnastics at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Women's track at Big Ten championships, Ann Arbor, Mich., TBA

Men's track at Big Ten championships, West Lafayette, Ind., TBA

Feb. 27

Softball at Marriott Red and Black Tourney vs. Missouri, 9 a.m.; vs. Ball State, 11 a.m.

Women's tennis at Notre Dame, 9 a.m.

Baseball at Wiregrass Baseball Classic vs. Ohio State, 10 a.m.

Women's basketball at Indiana, 5:05 p.m.

HAWKEYE SPORTS

Iowa softball defeats Long Island and Arizona State in Littlewood Classic



Ali Arnold pitcher



Lisa Birocci pitcher

Even though it rained in the desert, the Iowa softball team had a good weekend in the Littlewood Classic in Tempe, Ariz.

On Feb. 18, Iowa defeated Long Island, 4-0, in a rain-shortened six-inning game and shut out Arizona State, 2-0.

In the first game, Ali Arnold struck out 11 and walked none. Lisa Birocci struck out six in a complete-game shutout against Arizona State.

"I felt like we had a good trip. The win at Arizona State on its field was a big one," Iowa coach Gayle Blevins said. "Lisa Birocci threw an excellent ball game. There were a number of defensive errors, but we didn't make errors back-to-back."

Along with the consecutive shutouts, the Iowa pitching staff gave up only two hits. It was a performance coach Blevins enjoyed.

"I'm very pleased with our pitching, our defense. We made some good plays," she said.

The games on Feb. 19 and Feb. 20 were rained out.

— by Ted McCartan

Men's and women's track teams take home 11 titles in only home meet

The Iowa men's and women's track teams hosted the Iowa Open on Feb. 18 — their only home meet of the indoor season.

The Hawkeyes took 11 titles, competing against Coe, Grinnell, Wartburg, and Washington University. The women's team had two winners, including a gold-medal-winning performance in the 1,600-meter



Andy Banse shot put



Ken Kemeny shot put

relay. The Iowa men recorded nine first-place finishes.

Hawkeye seniors Andy Banse and Ken Kemeny both provisionally qualified for the NCAA indoor championships in the shot put.

Both teams are focusing on training for the Big Ten indoor championships next weekend. The women will compete in Ann Arbor, Mich., and the men will travel to West Lafayette, Ind.

— by Kristi Pooler

Women's tennis takes two road victories over Marquette and Bowling Green

The Iowa women's tennis team doesn't seem to mind traveling. The 57th-ranked Hawkeyes improved to 4-2 with two road victories over Marquette and Bowling Green.

More impressively, the Hawkeyes swept both matches and ended the weekend with 14 points, keeping their opponents scoreless.

In the first of two 7-0 matches, Meg Racette and Hillary Tyler were victorious at the No. 1 position, with a 8-1 trouncing in doubles competition against Marquette. As for singles, Iowa didn't allow more than three sets to any Golden Eagle. Hillary Mintz and Anastasia Zhukova improved their spring marks to 7-0.

Against Bowling Green, the 55th-ranked doubles duo of Racette and Mintz won (8-4), and Mintz and Zhukova moved to 8-0.

— by Bryan Bamonte

Women's swim team finishes eighth in Big Ten championships

The Iowa women's swim team wrapped up its season with an eighth-place finish at the Big Ten championships in Bloomington, Ind.

Totaling 218 points over the four-day event, Iowa provisionally qualified three individuals in four different events, as well as two relay teams, for the NCAA Championships.

Senior Jennifer Skolaski swam to a fourth-place finish in the 200 backstroke in 1:58.69, meeting the NCAA B-standard.

Kelly Werner took eighth in the 200 backstroke, while Jaclyn Sarna shattered a personal-best time in the 1,650 freestyle by 25 seconds while taking 25th place, and the Hawkeye 400 free relay team finished ninth in a season-best time of 3:24.03.

Iowa will host the 2005 Iowa Senior Championships on March 3-6.

— by Bryan Bamonte

IOWA 7, DEPAUL 0

From a setback to a comeback

After a tough loss to Western Michigan on Feb. 19, the men's tennis team came back against DePaul

BY BRYAN BAMONTE

THE DAILY IOWAN

Rebounding. Bouncing back strong. Sunday's 7-0 slamming of DePaul left even the Novocain of clichés — turning things around — fair game.

Iowa had suffered a setback the previous day in the form of a 4-3 loss to Western Michigan.

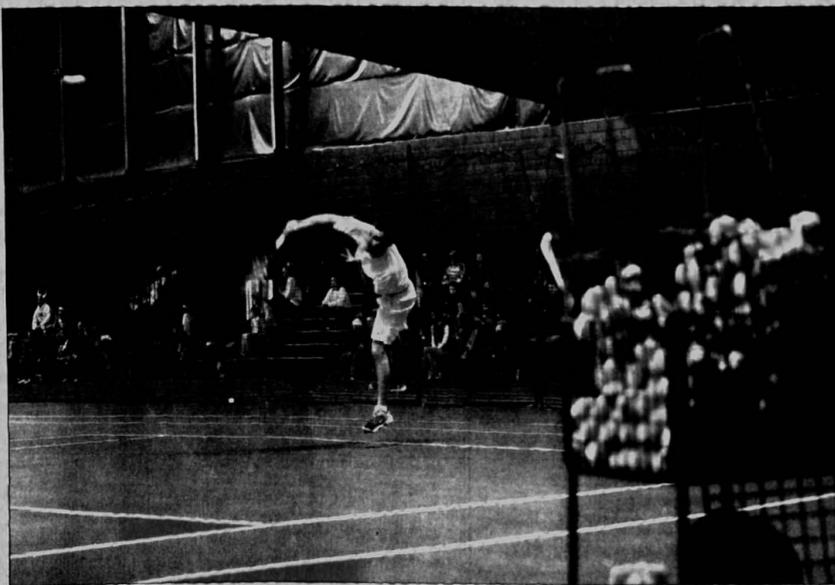
However, Iowa men's tennis coach Steve Houghton ignored that and made a different analogy, likening his team's performance on Sunday to baseball.

"One thing that's nice after a match like Western Michigan is coming back the next day," he said. "We didn't have to wait, and we were able to get back out here today."

Consecutive matches will be a part of the Big Ten portion of the Hawkeyes' schedule, and Houghton's team was primed for day two, unlike a season ago.

"It wouldn't have happened like this last year — there would have been a fallout from the day before," Houghton said. "But there is a positive attitude with these guys."

The loss on Feb. 19, a close defeat to a team Iowa was



Melanie Patterson/The Daily Iowan

Iowa junior Brett Taylor serves against DePaul on Sunday. All the Hawkeyes won their matches.

smashed by a year ago, seemed not to rattle the relatively young Hawkeyes.

"It was a really tough loss for all of us," Houghton said. "I told the guys after that match that what tells you a lot, coaching-wise, is how guys respond, and I certainly didn't know what to expect."

It's safe to say his team exceeded any expectations he may have had. The Hawkeyes

won all nine matches to win, 7-0. Houghton called Iowa's fast start in doubles an early indicator of his team's focus — the Hawkeyes swept all three matches.

"We played the best doubles that we've played all year by far," he said. "More importantly than even winning them was that we won them decisively."

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DAYTONA 500

Gordon wins third Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Jeff Gordon grabbed the lead from Dale Earnhardt Jr., then held off Kurt Busch and Earnhardt in extra laps to win his third Daytona 500 Sunday.

One of the wildest finishes in the 47-year history of NASCAR's biggest race saw four lead changes in the last nine laps. Earnhardt, the defending champion, came from as far back as 30th to grab a late lead, only to watch four-time series champion Gordon pass him seconds before a caution flag waved with three laps to go.

The race went three laps beyond the scheduled 200-lap distance, with Gordon hanging on over two final laps of green-flag racing to beat Busch by two car-lengths.

"Oh my goodness, what an amazing day," a jubilant Gordon said. "Three, baby!"

Tony Stewart dominated the race for a second-straight year and appeared well on the way to his first 500 win before a rash of late-race caution flags changed everything.

ALL-STAR GAME

East 125, West 115

DENVER (AP) — Primping, preening, playful, and preposterous, The Big Entertainer gave the NBA All-Star game a supersized dose of personality — though he wouldn't go so far as to do it while wearing a shoe phone.

For the second-straight year, Shaquille O'Neal made people laugh, applaud, and appreciate his oversized way of doing everything, infusing an otherwise nondescript All-Star game Sunday night with just the right amount of precociousness.

He danced as he was introduced, struck a pose before missing a foul shot, and goofed with the rap stars and hip-hop artists who lined the front-row seats across from the Eastern Conference bench.

All that showmanship didn't win O'Neal MVP honors — that award went to Allen Iverson — as the East beat the West, 125-115.

But if MVP stood for Most Vibrant Personality, this one was a runaway decided squarely in favor of the 360-pound, 7-foot behemoth who was making his 12th appearance in the league's showcase event.

O'Neal's display of showmanship came after he unveiled his size-22 red and white shoe phone in the locker room before the game. An actual working telephone mechanism is built into the sneaker, and an antenna pops out near the toes.

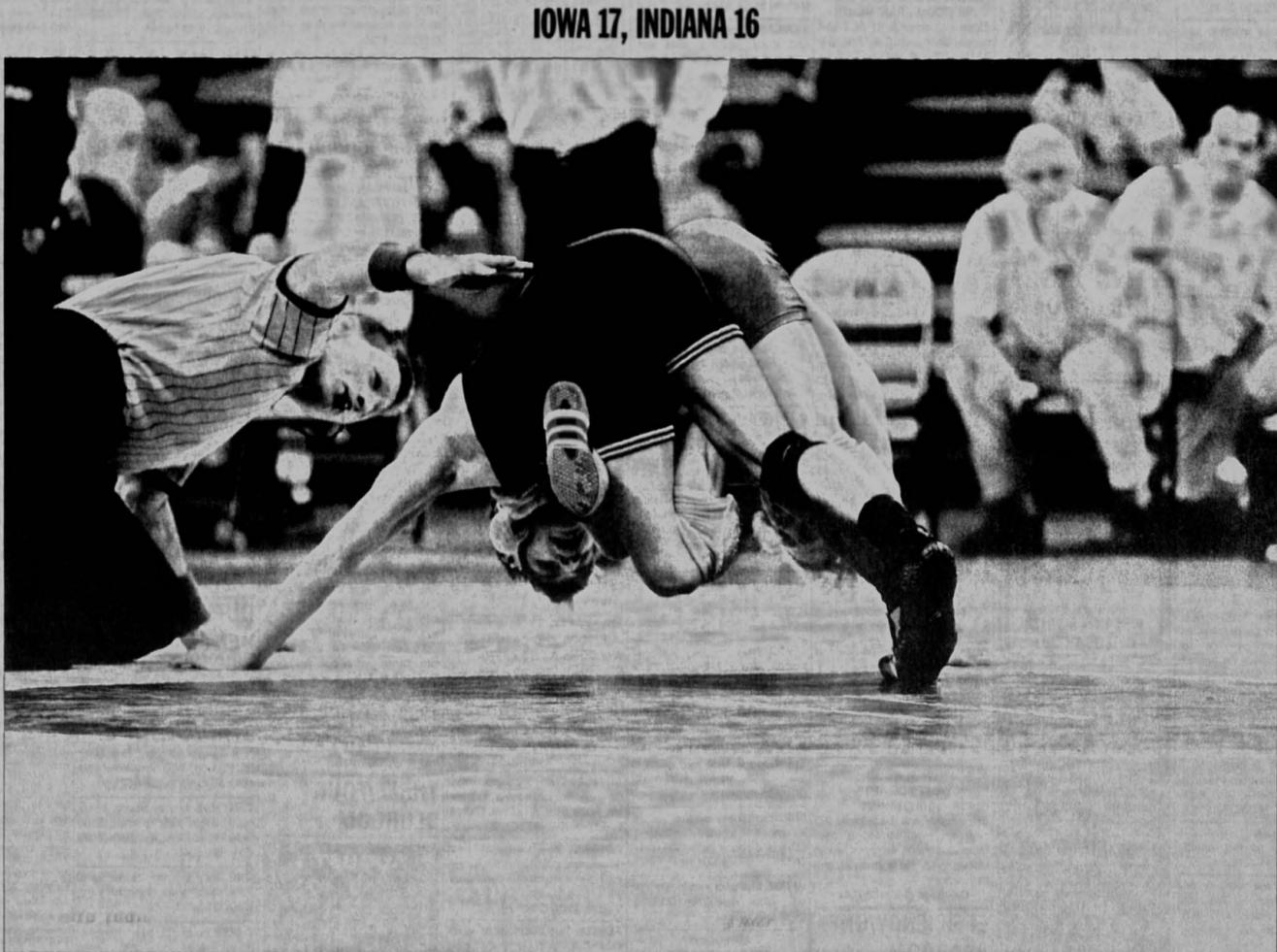
ISU HOOPS

Iowa State throws Big 12 race into jumble

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Instead of speculating on whether Kansas might go through the Big 12 season undefeated, Jayhawk fans must be wondering when they'll win again.

First it was a one-point double-overtime loss at Texas Tech on Feb. 14 that made the second-ranked Jayhawks 10-1 in the league. Then, on Feb. 19, a two-point overtime loss at home to the streaking Iowa State Cyclones made them 20-2.

Tonight, the Jayhawks are back on the road at No. 21 Oklahoma. Then it'll be back home on Feb. 27 against No. 8 Oklahoma State in a nationally televised showdown that could decide the Big 12 regular-season championship.



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Iowa freshman Charlie Falck tangles with No. 3-ranked Joe Dubuque of Indiana in the 125-pound match in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday afternoon. The Hawkeyes won, 17-16, on a major decision by Ty Eustice.

MOMENTUM ON THE MAT

The Hawkeyes dominate Indiana with a win before heading into the Big Ten championships

BY NICK RICHARDS

THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa's domination of Indiana in wrestling continued. Barely.

With Iowa trailing, 16-13, going into the final match of Sunday's meet with Indiana, Ty Eustice needed a major decision at 149 to propel the Hawkeyes to victory. He did just that, dominating Indiana's Cameron Sakon, 17-7, to give Iowa a 17-16 victory. The Hawkeyes won the final three matches to come back from a 16-7 deficit, giving Iowa some much-needed momentum heading into the Big Ten

championships March 5-6 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

"[Eustice] knew we needed a major," Hawkeye coach Jim Zalesky said. "He went right at the guy, and got four takedowns in the first period, and got riding time."

The win kept Indiana winless against Iowa since the 1967-68 season. Indiana has beaten Iowa just three times in the series, winning consecutively in 1967. It also kept Iowa from losing its second-straight match in Big Ten competition. A loss would've been the second time this season Iowa had dropped two-straight Big Ten matches, which

also hasn't happened since the 1966-67 season.

The win also sets up to a similar situation to last year's Big Ten run. Iowa won its final regular-season match to build momentum before heading into the Big Ten tournament, which it won.

"That's kind of the way we won last year going into Big Tens," Zalesky said. "Building off a win is a lot easier than going in with a loss or a tie. We had to have the bonus points, and we had more bonus points than they did."

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THE RESULTS

- 157—Brandon Becker (IN) dec. Joe Johnston, 13-12.
- 165—Mark Perry (IO) maj. dec. Max Dean, 13-2.
- 174—Brady Richardson (IN) maj. dec. Oleg Polyatskiy, 13-4.
- 184—Paul Bradley (IO) dec. Andy Rios, 12-8.
- 197—Justin Curran (IN) dec. Adam Fellers, 5-2.
- Hwt—Pat DeGain (IN) dec. Matt Fields, 8-6.
- 125—Joe Dubuque (IN) dec. Charlie Falck, 10-3.
- 133—Mario Galanakis (IO) dec. Brian Dyer, 3-0.
- 141—Alex Tsirtsis (IO) dec. Mike Simpson, 5-3.
- 149—Ty Eustice (IO) maj. dec. Cameron Sakon, 17-7.

A win, a loss for Hawkeye gymnastics

Both teams rebounded from previous losses — The No. 6 men's team defeated No. 9 Minnesota, while the women's team showed improvement in a close loss to Iowa State

MEN'S RESULTS

BY JUSTIN SKELNIK

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The sixth-ranked Iowa men's gymnastics team took full advantage of its only meet inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

The Hawkeyes defeated No. 9 Minnesota, 217.325 to 213.4, scoring the highest total they've had this season. Coach Tom Dunn was happy that his team returned to the competition level he was used to seeing after watching Iowa's sloppy performance last weekend against Illinois-Chicago.

"I think we were a little more focused on Minnesota — they are a better team than Illinois-Chicago," Dunn said. "The better competition seemed to bring the best out of us."

Iowa won four of six team events, while the Hawkeyes and Gophers split the individual event champions

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WOMEN'S RESULTS

BY KRISTI POOLER

THE DAILY IOWAN

It wasn't quite the rematch that the Iowa women's gymnastics team had hoped for, but it was an improvement.

Although the meet on Feb. 18 against Iowa State resulted in another loss for the Hawkeyes, the team and coaching staff were pleased with the progress made over the last month.

Unlike the last time the two teams met, Iowa put pressure on the No. 8 Cyclones and had the opportunity to take the lead several times throughout the meet.

"We didn't beat Iowa State, as we wanted to, but we fought hard, and I feel like we're really coming together

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SLIPPING AWAY

ILLINOIS 75, IOWA 65

UP NEXT: WEDNESDAY AGAINST MINNESOTA, IN MINNEAPOLIS, AT 7:05 P.M., ESPN PLUS

BY JASON BRUMMOND

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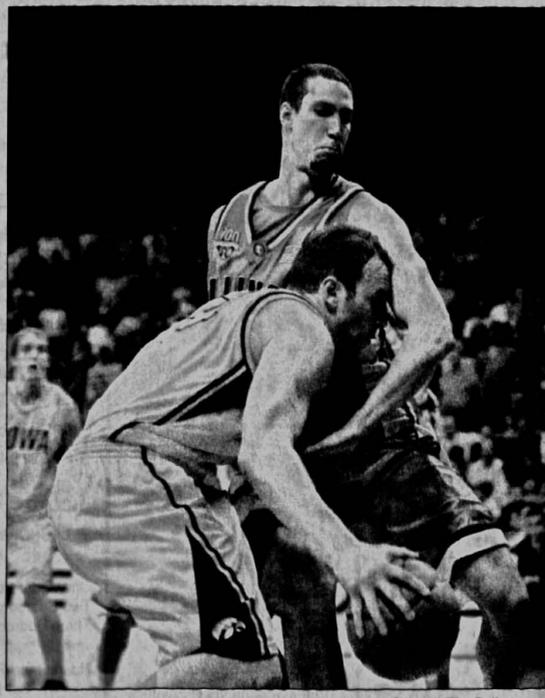
Iowa had its chances to dethrone top-ranked Illinois. But in the end, everything just slipped away.

The Hawkeyes, who trailed by as many as 14 points in the second half, clawed back and had the ball twice with a chance to take the lead or tie but couldn't capitalize. Iowa (16-9, 4-8) turned the ball over 21 times — 11 more than Illinois, which took 11 more shots from the floor.

"Good teams, good players — they find a way to make plays," Iowa coach Steve Alford said. "They don't feel the pressure. I think they're as good as anyone in the country."

Deron Williams and Dee Brown each scored 18 points to lead the Illini (27-0, 13-0), who got only seven points from leading scorer Luther Head.

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Greg Brunner drives around James Augustine during the second half of the Hawks' game against the top-ranked Illini on Feb. 19. The Hawkeyes rallied from 14 points down but came up short.