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Man pleads guilty in fatal collision

Thomas Eldridge will probably be sentenced in late April for involuntary manslaughter in connection with the death of Amanda Skolnick

BY TRACI FINCH
THE DAILY IOWAN

A West Des Moines man pleaded guilty Thursday to killing former UI junior Amanda Skolnick in a September 2003 vehicle-pedestrian collision, but he did not

admit that the marijuana he smoked the night before impaired his driving.

Thomas Henry Eldridge, 22, had been charged in July 2004 with two counts of vehicular homicide, but he pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of involuntary manslaughter to

avoid a possible 25-year sentence. Involuntary manslaughter carries a maximum punishment of five years in prison.

Eldridge, driving between 12 to 14 mph the morning of Sept. 4, turned his green Ford Explorer left onto Burlington Street from

Linn Street and struck Skolnick. Then 20, Skolnick was on her way to work at Atlas World Grill, 127 Iowa Ave., when she crossed Burlington Street on the south-east side of the intersection.



Skolnick
former UI junior

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Sloth is gone, & many are happy

BY ELAINE FABIAN
THE DAILY IOWAN

After a four-year reign, the Giant Sloth Party has vanished from the UI Student Government ballot this year — a needed change, according to student government leaders.

UISG officials and presidential hopefuls welcome the absence as a way to turn students' attention away from party politics and toward issues.

Founded in 2001, the Sloth Party's presidential candidates have won every year since, changing the face of UISG politics.

But there were troubles inside the party. Shortly after last year's election, UISG President Lindsay Schutte and Vice President Jason Shore decided not to continue the ticket because they wanted UISG to have a break from party politics, Schutte said.

"Our campaign wasn't about our issues, it was about party politics, which is never a good thing," Schutte said.

Nick Klenske, the party's founder, said he began the organization as a way to get his campaign rolling. He and running mate Dan Rossi thought that the extinct ice-age mammal on display in the UI Museum of

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Schutte
UISG president

Bill pushes 'fetal-pain' literature

BY DANIELLE STRATTON-COULTER
THE DAILY IOWAN

An Iowa Senate bill introduced this week would require doctors to inform potential abortion patients of their right to view literature about pain a fetus might suffer, drawing criticism from local abortion-rights advocates.

Sponsored by Sen. James Seymour, R-Woodbine, the bill states that reading materials would be "objective, nonjudgmental, and designed to convey only accurate scientific information about the unborn child." The material would inform women who have been pregnant 20 weeks or more of an option to anesthetize the fetus.

"If, in fact, the medical experts are correct, and they find that a fetus can feel pain, the least we can do [is to let] the mother say, 'Can you anesthetize the baby before you rip it out of me?'" Seymour said.

Local abortion-rights activists contend there is no conclusive scientific evidence that fetuses feel pain.

"The [bill] projects a level of certainty that far exceeds scientific research," said Karen Kubby, the executive director of the Emma Goldman Clinic, 227 N. Dubuque St. "At this point I think it's important to look at scientific research and not junk political information."

Seymour's bill would impose criminal penalties on anyone who violates the requirement and would give the fetus' mother, father, and grandparents the right to sue any physician who fails to inform pregnant women of their right to view the information. In such cases, the court could rule whether the woman can remain

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PROVISIONS OF THE PROPOSED BILL:

- At least 24 hours before an abortion, a woman must be provided with "objective, non-judgmental" information about the fetus and the possibility it could feel pain.
- The information would also be available through the Iowa Department of Public Health's website.
- If a physician or a physician's agent "knowingly or recklessly" performs an abortion without providing the information, he or she may be found guilty of a Class C felony.
- If the mother, father, or grandparents of the aborted fetus do not receive the information, they may sue for actual and punitive damages.

A LOT MORE THAN MODEST SUCCESS



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Modest Mouse lead singer Isaac Brock plays guitar during "Ocean Breathes Salty." The group, which was booked by SCOPE, is on a national tour that will wind up on March 11 in Seattle.

"Modest Mouse has been something people have been requesting for a long time.

This is great timing — it was recently named *Rolling Stone's* band of the year, it was nominated for a Grammy — but it had a very solid backing before any of that happened."

— SCOPE public-relations director Kim Duncan

BY LAYNE GABRIEL
THE DAILY IOWAN

Six solitary red stage lights backlit the stage. The anticipation in the crowd resounded through every pair of hands clapping.

Modest Mouse took the stage, followed shortly by lead singer Isaac Brock donning a baseball shirt that exposed his tattooed arms and a five o'clock shadow. He growled "hello," and the crowd went insane.

Brock kept his eye on the neck of his guitar and concentrated as his voice aggressively punctuated every beat of the first song, "Dramamine," at Thursday night's sold-out concert in the IMU Main Lounge.

The crowd members seemed hypnotized with Brock's intensity in each song — and they can't be blamed — Modest Mouse was truly stunning.

The band's set was dominated by tracks off of its

most recent, critically acclaimed release, *Good News for People Who Love Bad News*, but the show was peppered with old favorites like "Never Ending Math Equation" and "Interstate 8."

Brock and company pulled the crowd through an energetic and passionate set with fervor and intensity — and the crowd was happy to follow.

The concert was among many successes for SCOPE — with all 1,600 tickets sold in roughly a month — and the band's recent publicity helped boost attendance beyond the group's longtime fans.

"Modest Mouse has been something people have been requesting for a long time," said SCOPE public-relations director Kim Duncan. "This is great timing — it was recently named *Rolling Stone's* band of the year, it was nominated for a Grammy — but it had a very solid



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Modest Mouse fans crowd near the stage during "Interstate 8." The SCOPE show sold out in a month, one of the quickest for the group.

backing before any of that happened."

The band joins other acts — including G. Love and Special Sauce, 311, and Taking Back Sunday — in selling out SCOPE performances. Tickets flew out of the box office quickly and created a buzz in the community.

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Officials keep eye on bird flu

The strain of flu has caused 45 deaths in Asia

BY EMILY DERRICO
THE DAILY IOWAN

Local and state health officials are preparing themselves for a deadly strain of flu that could eventually spread to the United States, but they stressed that Iowans should not panic.

Julie Gerberding, the director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, announced Monday that a strain of avian flu that has caused 45 deaths in Asia could spread to this country. The outbreak would mark the first flu pandemic since the 1968 Hong Kong flu, which killed approximately 34,000 Americans.

Greg Gray, a UI professor of epidemiology, has spent the last year and a half researching which people would face the greatest risk of contracting avian flu. He said veterinarians, meat packers, poultry workers, swine workers, and duck hunters rank among those most at risk.

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SMASHING SUCCESS

The Hawk hoopsters shoot lights out, play constricting defense, and give their seniors a night to remember. **1B**



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President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin meet and agree to mostly agree. **5A**

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2nd workshop-head finalist visits

The award-winning writer read, taught a workshop, and gave interviews as part of her visit to the UI

'I love Iowa City. It's saturated with a literary sensibility, yet there's a feeling of quietude you can't find in more frenetic places.'

— Lan Samantha Chang

BY CLARE PIERSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

The second finalist for the top spot in the UI Writers' Workshop, Lan Samantha Chang, read her story "San" on Thursday night to a crowd of approximately 50 as part of her visit to the campus.

She wrote the story, a tale about a Chinese girl growing up

in New York City, when she was a workshop student living in a Burlington Street apartment.

The 40-year-old is an award-winning fiction writer who has had short stories appear in the *Atlantic Monthly* and the 1994 edition of *Best American Short Stories*.

Chang attended Yale University and Harvard University before earning an M.F.A. from the UI in 1993.

"I care tremendously about [the program]," she said. "I spent the best years of my life here. I'm invested in it."

Now a creative-writing teacher at Harvard, she has received fellowships from Princeton University, the National Endowment for the Arts, and Stanford University.

She said she would bring "passion, dedication, and vision"

as director of the workshop.

Chang is the daughter of Chinese immigrants and her experiences are often reflected in her stories, most notably in *Hunger: A Novella and Stories*, a 1998 collection in which she describes her early childhood in Appleton, Wis.

Her first published novel, *Inheritance*, explores the intergenerational tensions among a young Chinese girl, her mother, and her aunt.

When asked about her teaching style, Chang said she "learned about teaching from Frank Conroy," the outgoing director, and admired his "deep seriousness."

She said she would encourage students to "have a good time but to take risks also."

She resides in Somerville, Mass., but said she would look

forward to coming back to the UI.

"I love Iowa City," she said. "It's saturated with a literary sensibility, yet there's a feeling of quietude you can't find in more frenetic places."

A seven-member search committee has narrowed the quest for a new director down to four candidates, each of whom is required give a reading, teach a workshop, and undergo a series of interviews.

Linda Maxson, the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said a new workshop director could be chosen as early as May.

The third nominee, Jim Shepard, will read on Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. in 304 English-Philosophy Building.

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CITY

No legal impediments to student council liaison

Attorneys for Iowa City have determined that a "student liaison" to the City Council has no legal impediments, leaving the councilors as the only barrier to placing a UI nonvoting student on the council.

UI Student Government originally termed the possible representative member a "nonvoting student member of City Council," but the city feared that such a title would not be covered in the city's charter because the member will not be duly elected, said City Manager Steve Atkins.

He added that if UISG will accept the terminology "student liaison," the only obstacle is the city council which will discuss the matter at its Feb. 29 work session.

"The question now is, do they want it or don't they?" Atkins said.

UISG Vice President Jason Shore, who proposed the idea, is willing to accept minor changes as long as the idea of a student partaking in all council activities except voting remains.

Shore said that he received nothing but good feedback from the councilors.

"I hope the councilors will feel as I do, that it is in the best interest of Iowa City for the proposal to pass," he said.

— by Elaine Fabian

Police search for robbery suspects

Iowa City police are searching for two suspects who allegedly injured and robbed an Iowa City man as he walked home late Wednesday night.

The man described his attackers as black males in dark clothing when police responded to the incident on the 2000 block of Broadway shortly after midnight.

According to police records, the assailants approached the accuser, assaulted him, and "asked what he had in his pockets."

The suspects then fled the area on foot without taking anything, police reported. The accuser sustained minor physical injuries.

The robbery is the second such encounter on Broadway in less than a week. Police arrested a suspect for a robbery at the Cigarette Outlet, 1901 Broadway, soon after the Feb. 19 holdup.

Iowa City police Lt. Jim Steffen said the neighborhood, located in south-eastern Iowa City, experiences frequent robberies.

"It's like any other area," he said. "If we identify a problem, whether that be robbery, speeding, or parking, we do increased patrol in that area."

— by Nick Petersen

Concert to benefit memorial fund

A benefit concert will be held Saturday in memory of former UI junior Jordan Kline at Et Cetera, 118 S. Dubuque St.

The concert will feature the duo J. Entman and A. Brill and musician Paul Somers.

The Feb. 26 event, hosted by Et Cetera and Phi Gamma Delta, will raise money for the Jordan Kline Memorial Scholarship.

Kline was killed in a car accident Jan. 3 while on his way home from a Colorado ski trip.

"[Jordan's death] was so tragic and unexpected. We all want to do something to make his memory last," said George Etre, the Et Cetera owner.

The first two hours, from 5-7 p.m. will be nonalcoholic, with live music continuing until 9 p.m.

All proceeds from the \$5 admittance fee and planned raffle will go to the scholarship fund.

"I think it's going to be a great turnout," Etre said. "It's a great cause."

— by Sara Geake

County may embargo some roads

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution Thursday that allows the county engineer to impose weight embargoes on secondary roads.

The resolution will provide the engineer's office with the power to restrict any unauthorized vehicle weighing more than eight tons from using certain secondary roads during the next 90 days, if weather and road conditions deem it necessary. All of the potentially affected roads run outside of Iowa City.

Although no roads are currently scheduled for embargo, county engineer Greg Parker said local businesses have been adequately alerted about the possibility.

"We have received several phone calls regarding embargo activity," he said. "Businesses are prepared for it, but it is important that we pick roads carefully and open them up as soon as possible thereafter."

Supervisor Sally Stutsman saw the potential embargoes as an effective way to protect the county's secondary

roads from the inconsistent spring weather.

"Springtime can wreak a lot of havoc on these roads," she said. "[The possible embargoes] protect the taxpayers' investment."

— by Matthew Sorapar

Suspect charged in motel, Cub Foods robberies

Coralville police arrested a man in connection with two armed robberies Thursday after raiding his motel room in Coralville.

Curtis Cortez Jones, 28, was charged with two counts of first-degree robbery for allegedly holding up a Coralville Cantebury Inn clerk at gunpoint on Feb. 17 and later robbing an Iowa City Cub Foods that same morning.

Jones allegedly entered the hotel lobby, 704 First Ave., with a handgun and demanded cash from a male employee, according to police records. He later bound the employee in the office and left with an undisclosed amount of money.

Shortly thereafter, he was joined by another man, and they allegedly entered Cub Foods, 855 Highway 1 W., in Iowa City. One of the men was armed, according to police, and they demanded an undisclosed amount of money from a store employee. The employee was later treated for minor cuts.

Iowa City police had a warrant for Jones's arrest and charged him shortly after he was apprehended by Coralville police.

First-degree robbery is a Class B felony. If convicted, Jones faces up to 50 years in jail.

— by Jane Slusark

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Austin Chamberlain, 35, 417 Ferson Ave., was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

Dominic Gitaari, 21, 18 Arbandy Drive, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Rachel Hoskins, 22, address unknown, was charged Dec. 29 with fifth-degree theft.

Erin Jackson, 29, 3051 Wayne Ave. Apt. 64, was charged Monday with operating while intoxicated.

Thaddeus Rogers, 23, 730 Michael St. Apt. 9, was charged Thursday with interference with official acts, disorderly conduct, and assault on a peace officer.

Jose Trejo, 48, 626 Myrtle Ave., was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

Wayne White, 44, 1116 Gilbert Court, was charged Wednesday with criminal trespass and public intoxication.



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Guilty plea in pedestrian death

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Eldridge's SUV dragged her approximately 30 feet before stopping. He then got out of his vehicle, saw Skolnick's body under his car, and drove forward so she would not be wedged under the Explorer.

The Woodstock, Ill., native was transferred by ambulance

to UI Hospitals and Clinics, where she died the next day from head injuries sustained in the collision.

According to police reports, Eldridge admitted smoking marijuana in the 12 hours before the incident, and urine samples tested positive for the drug. During Thursday's hearing, however, he refused to admit his driving was impaired when he hit Skolnick.

Judge Vern Robinson declined to set a specific date for Eldridge's sentencing, but he suggested a day in late April.

Approximately 10 of Skolnick's friends and family members attended the hearing. Assistant Johnson County Attorney Iris Frost, who prosecuted the case, told Robinson that several people would give impact statements at the sentencing.

She said the state would ask for the maximum punishment for Eldridge. The second vehicular-homicide charge, asserting that Eldridge was driving recklessly, is pending.

Skolnick's parents, Robert and Janet Skolnick, are suing Eldridge for more than \$10,000, claiming Eldridge's negligence caused Amanda Skolnick's death.

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U.S. officials cast wary eye on Asian bird flu

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"We don't think the viruses here today are a problem," he said. "We're looking down the road at if it travels to the U.S."

If it did, evidence shows humans would most easily contract avian flu from infected swine simply by breathing the same air, Gray said. But they would not contract the avian flu virus by eating pork or poultry because heat from cooking kills the virus, he said.

The UI Hygienic Laboratory is keeping an eye on the virus. Mary Gilchrist, the laboratory's director, said the virus would travel more easily than in the past because of increased travel among humans.

Gerberding "made the announcement [on a possible pandemic] because it's inevitable that it's going to happen, but we don't know when or where," Gilchrist said. "It's kind of like predicting an earthquake in California."

Patricia Quinlisk, the state's epidemiologist, stressed that

there is no immediate cause for concern about the avian flu spreading to Iowa, but if it comes, procedures that anticipate such outbreaks are in place.

"The medical community and local health departments have worked with us, and we have a plan in place if there is a flu pandemic, and we will respond," she said. "We have flu pandemics every 20-30 years, and now people are a little concerned that a pandemic is coming because it's been 40 years."

Most health officials, however, emphasize that the avian flu could take some time before hitting the United States.

"I think people need to understand that it's not killing people in Iowa right now," Quinlisk said. "Rather than being concerned about pandemic flu, people should think about quitting smoking and changing their diets, which are things that they're more at risk for."

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Sloth Party fades away, to no one's dismay

SLOTH

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Natural History would provide a humorous side to the campaign.

"That would get people's attention, and from there we'd fill in our mostly serious policies and ideas," Klenske said.

The party's first platform focused on environmental and progressive issues; as the party evolved, it became famous for combating the 21-ordinance.

Klenske said he's not bothered by Schutte's decision to scrap the party.

"It wasn't until we were into

our term that we began talking about seeing if we couldn't carry it over to the next year as a way of allowing candidates with similar goals to identify themselves with what we had done the past year," he said.

With the extinction of the Sloth Party, two of this year's campaigns created their own parties as a way to bring attention to issues instead of party names as well as to show off personality.

"We tried to decide if we were better with the Sloth Party, but we didn't want to run on others' successes and failures," said Ryan Thompto, the founder of the Bull Moose Party.

Mark Kresowik and Lauren McCarthy are running together without a party affiliation, and even if they had been tapped by Sloth, they wouldn't have selected the ticket because they saw no connection among ideas.

"It's hard to have a connection to the original party," Kresowik said. "It has been four years since the party originated. It wouldn't be the same party anymore."

Expecting to be pitted against the Sloth Party, Barry Pump and Bob Higgins created the House Party. Pump has said throughout his campaign that the Sloth Party has done little during its reign. He also said

the Sloth Party's absence in this campaign gives voters three distinct choices.

"I feel the UISG can do more," he said. "It's not reaching its full potential."

Both Schutte and Klenske responded to Pump by saying his comments were just part of a political game.

"First, Mr. Pump was attending his high-school prom when I first got elected, so you could say his perspective is a little shallow," Klenske said. "Finally, I realize it's political rhetoric, and that's what you do during a campaign."

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Modest Mouse another of SCOPE's successes

MODEST MOUSE

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SCOPE was not alone in promoting the concert — Up to Eleven Productions took up half of the financial stake in the per-

formance. Schneider, who has been booking for SCOPE for four years, worked with the Kansas-based business to set a date and determine how much money to offer the band.

"I think we knew when we

booked it that it was going to be a pretty big show, and there was definitely going to be a lot of hype surrounding it," Duncan said. "Anything that we bring in is really exciting — and it's all a really big deal. Modest Mouse

obviously is huge, but the best thing for all of us is the experience that we gain in putting on a show ... you see people having a good time, and you know you put all this time and effort."

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Lawmaker wants pain material read prior to abortions

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anonymous. The Iowa Senate bill mirrors a bill in the U.S. Senate.

The measure would also require abortion providers to submit an annual report to the Iowa Department of Public Health

detailing the number of women who obtained the materials and how many had abortions.

Seymour said the action was not an attempt to reverse the legalization of abortion or discourage the procedure.

"That's not the intent," he said. "The intent is to see if the fetus can be anesthetized before

it's 'murdered.'" Kubby said lawmakers should wait for more conclusive scientific research before passing such a bill.

"We need to find more consensus about the presence of fetal pain," she said.

Seymour argued otherwise, saying that passing legislation

should not hinge on further research: "Absolutely not. If we can save pain in one abortion, let's do it."

He said the bill would be assigned to a subcommittee next week.

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Syria to move troops in Lebanon closer to border

BY SAM F. GHATTAS

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Syria said on Thursday it will begin withdrawing its troops in Lebanon closer to its own border, a move designed to blunt international demands for a complete pullout and to ease a groundswell of anti-Syrian sentiment.

But a dissatisfied United States said the move was not enough; it demanded a full withdrawal from the Mideast nation.

"This needs to happen immediately," State Department spokesman Tom Casey said. A resolution by the U.N. Security Council "calls in clear, unequivocal terms for all foreign forces to withdraw from Lebanon."

Both Syria and Lebanon's Damascus-allied government gave no timetable, indicating that the troops would not leave Lebanon at this stage and that the withdrawal toward the border would be on their own terms.

The two countries don't want to be seen to be caving in to a U.N. Security Council resolution in September that effective-

ly called on Syria to withdraw all its forces from Lebanon and to end its political interference.

While the redeployment promised Thursday falls well short of the U.N. demands, it was still a significant attempt to ease pressure that has been building since the Feb. 14 assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri in Beirut.

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL



Rachel Mummey/The Daily Iowan

UI freshman Kayla Piehl hands out fliers with Pumpy the Keg as they campaign on the Pentacrest Thursday afternoon for House Party hopefuls Barry Pump and Bob Higgins, who are running for UISG president and vice president. Party members said they would campaign hard in the week to come.

Lehman to glance back and into future in talk

BY ELAINE FABIAN
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa City Mayor Ernie Lehman plans to speak about last year's successes, such as cooperation among city councilors and maintaining a stable budget despite funding cuts, in his annual State of the City address at the March 1 council meeting.

He will discuss the city's plans for the upcoming year and reflect on the events of the past year.

"Iowa City always comes out with glowing ratings, nationally, for a city of our size," the mayor said. "I hope we indicate that in this message."

In the "very positive message," he will address the

city's sixth-straight year of awarding building permits totaling more than \$100 million in value and its own construction projects for the upcoming year.

City officials expect developer Marc Moen to finish the Plaza Towers construction this year, which will represent a "substantial" addition to the city's tax base and bring the Urban Renewal Program, which began in the 1970s, to an end.

Lehman will also discuss the construction of Camp Cardinal Road, which he deemed the biggest construction project to be put before the council. The city is working with Coralville and the Southgate Development on the project.

Lehman called the financial situation "sound" and added that Iowa City is one of the few cities in Iowa to maintain an AAA credit rating. The city has responded to funding reductions by adjusting budget expenditures and compensating for anticipated revenue shortfalls.

"In a difficult financial time, the city did what needed to be done, and because of past excellence, the city was managed quiet well," said Councilor Bob Elliott.

Lehman expects to discuss installing traffic signals at the intersection of North Dubuque Street and Foster Road, as well as the intersection of Scott Boulevard and Court Street in response to citizens' requests. The stoplights

are expected to improve traffic movement and safety for pedestrians and motorists.

"People have been yelling for the spotlight for a long, long time," Lehman said. "We hope we are being as responsive as we need to be."

He will also praise this year's city councilors for their respect for each other, the public, and the city staff, something he says past councils have lacked.

"After several years of too much conflict on the council, there was a great cooperative attitude," Elliott said. "We didn't always agree, but even if we didn't, we had a respectful attitude."

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NATION & STATE

Ex-soldier kills two of wife's children

COLUMBUS, Ga. (AP) — A former soldier fatally stabbed two of his wife's young sons with a hunting knife and wounded her three other children before committing suicide, police said.

Clarence L. Moore, 24, had a history of domestic violence, and police had responded to several domestic-violence reports at the home he shared with his wife, Beverly Moore. They were called back Wednesday to find Moore had attacked the children.

Cressa Matthews was visiting in the neighborhood when she heard Beverly Moore screaming and saw her collapse across the street from the house. When police arrived, a bleeding little girl came out into the front yard.

"She was all bloody and cut up," Matthews said, adding that Beverly Moore "kept asking, 'Did you get all five of my babies?'"

Clarence S. Moore, a 1-year-old who was Clarence Moore's only biological child with his wife, died from a cut to the throat, said Muscogee County Coroner James Dunnivant. Stephan Moore, 2, died in a hospital emergency room about two hours later from stab wounds to his head, neck, and back.

Clarence Moore, who had slashed his own throat, died in surgery.

Two other boys — 3-year-old Shawn Smith and 5-year-old Shelton Smith — remained in critical condition at a hospital Thursday. Their older sister, Shelby Smith, 7, was upgraded to satisfactory condition. Beverly Moore was not hurt.

Thursday, the front door and porch of the Moores' small frame house was covered with blood stains, and the yard was littered with toys, including a tricycle and a small bicycle.

Neighbor Sharronda Huffman said the Moores moved in Jan. 21 and then disappeared, leaving their small dog in the house after hosting a large Super Bowl party. The dog eventually escaped by jumping through a broken window, she said.

The family returned Wednesday, hours before Moore attacked the children.

Moore served about two years as an Army parachute rigger at nearby Fort Benning before being given a general discharge last August. Military officials said he had not been deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan.

Republicans reject cigarette-tax increase

DES MOINES (AP) — Republican lawmakers said Thursday they would reject Gov. Tom Vilsack's proposed \$130 million increase in the state's cigarette tax.

"We believe we can fund our pri-

orities and move Iowa forward without it," House Speaker Chris Rants, R-Sioux City, told the Associated Press in an interview. "We don't think we need it."

After weeks of private meetings, lawmakers decided improving tax revenues will provide enough money to cover a budget shortfall in Medicaid and also pay for other priorities in education, although at a lower level than Vilsack had proposed.

Rep. Bill Dix, R-Shell Rock, who heads the powerful House Appropriations Committee, said state spending will increase by 4 percent next year as a recovering economy improves state tax collections.

"The good news is the economy is improving," he said. "That ought to be enough of a raise for state government."

He said the state will spend \$240 million more next year than this year, and labeled that a healthy budget increase.

Rants said Republicans became convinced that they could pay for the Medicaid shortfall without a tax increase and that deflated any effort to raise the tax on cigarettes.

"When they saw that, all of the air kind of went out of the room," he said.

Vilsack had proposed increasing the tax on cigarettes by 80 cents per pack. That would boost the current tax of 36 cents per pack to \$1.16.

While the decision by House Republicans isn't the final word on cigarette taxes, it's the first major political policy decision Republicans have made.

House Republicans, with a 51-49 majority, have the votes to block the tax increase. Republicans in the Senate, which is split 25-25, also have been cool to the cigarette proposal.

The spending plan offered by House Republicans would set aside an additional \$70 million this year — largely to pay for a Medicaid shortfall — and an additional \$129 million next year for Medicaid.

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WORLD

30 die in attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — A suicide bomber wearing a police uniform blew up his car at police headquarters in Tikrit, killing at least 15 people in Saddam Hussein's hometown in the bloodiest of several attacks Thursday that claimed 30 lives. Two American soldiers were among the dead.

The suicide bombings and other attacks came as politicians negotiated behind the scenes to forge the alliances needed to win enough backing in the 275-seat National Assembly for the post of prime minister.

The U.S. command said two American soldiers were killed and two wounded in separate bomb attacks, one northeast of Baghdad in Qaryat, and a second near Samarra, west of Qaryat.

In the Sunni Arab stronghold of Tikrit, 80 miles north of Baghdad, a man dressed as a police lieutenant drove through the station's gates and blew himself up just as dozens of policemen were arriving to relieve colleagues who had worked through the night, police Col. Saad Daham said.

"He waited until the shift change, then he exploded the car," Daham said, adding the aim was "to kill as many as possible." At least 22 people were wounded.

Pope undergoes successful tracheotomy

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II underwent a successful operation Thursday night to insert a tube in his throat to relieve his breathing problems, hours after he was rushed back to the hospital for the second time in a month with flu-like symptoms of fever and congestion, the Vatican said.

The pontiff was conscious in his hospital room after the tracheotomy, breathing with the help of a respirator, the Italian news agency ANSA reported.

A top aide to Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi who visited the pope said John Paul was "serene" after waking up from the anesthesia. The pope raised his hand and attempted to speak with doctors but was told not to try, Cabinet Undersecretary Gianni Letta told reporters at Gemelli Polyclinic Hospital in Rome.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the tracheotomy lasted 30 minutes and that the outcome was "positive." The pope had approved the procedure, which the Vatican characterized as elective — underscoring that it was not done as an emergency measure.

The frail, 84-year-old pontiff, who was taken to the hospital shortly before 11 a.m. in an ambulance, was to spend the night in his hospital room, Navarro-Valls said.

But the tracheotomy may require a longer hospital stay and have serious consequences for the pope's abilities to carry out his duties since he will not be able to speak, at least initially, while the breathing tube is in his throat.

Bush, Putin hold conciliatory meeting

BY MICHAEL FLETCHER AND PETER BAKER
WASHINGTON POST

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia — President Bush urged President Vladimir Putin to reinvigorate Russia's fragile democracy Thursday and then accepted Putin's word when the former KGB colonel insisted he was not turning his country back toward totalitarianism.

Taking a gentle approach in the first application of his inaugural pledge to challenge foreign leaders to promote freedom, Bush said he raised his concerns about Putin's crackdown on political opposition "in a constructive and friendly

manner" and emphasized that overall the two agreed more than they disagreed. "Vladimir heard me loud and clear," Bush said.

At a joint appearance after a 2½-hour summit at a medieval castle here, Putin disavowed any autocratic aspirations. "Russia has made its choice in favor of democracy," he said, referring to the break with Soviet dictatorship 14 years ago. "This is our final choice, and we have no way back. ... Any kind of turn toward totalitarianism for Russia would be impossible due to the condition of Russian society."

Bush, capping a five-day European trip, pronounced himself pleased without securing any specific commitments

or directly contradicting any of Putin's points. "The most important statement that you heard, and I heard, was the president's statement when he declared his absolute support for democracy in Russia, and they're not turning back," Bush said. He went on to vouch for Putin's credibility. "When he tells you something, he means it."

The two leaders also jointly announced measures to counter the threat of nuclear terrorism, although a key element of the plan was weakened at the last minute.

The encounter was the first face-to-face meeting between the two presidents since Bush vowed in his second inaugural address last month to confront



Alexander Zemlianichenko/Associated Press

President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin arrive at their news conference in Bratislava, Slovakia, on Thursday.

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COMMENTARY

Life (or oppression) in Saudi Arabia

Once upon a dreadful time, there were kings and queens who subjected the "commoners" to injustice and constructed a repressive, class-based society. Voicing opinions meant running the risk of being blasphemous and having a head chopped off.

Hold that thought, remove the queens, come back to the 21st century, and think Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia, the place that nobly contributes to the lives of millions of American gas-guzzlers every day, is an absolute monarchy. Its citizens have minimal democratic power. In the 73 years since its unification by King Abdul Aziz Al-Saud, Saudi Arabia has been controlled by the Al-Saud family. Saudi Arabia has a 120-member consultative council and a judicial system, both appointed by the monarch, with the monarchy itself being the highest court of appeal.

This February, for the first time, a form of "elections" floated over the Arabian dunes. Don't be deceived — that doesn't translate into an inundation of social reforms. Women were banned from the poll. Why? "There wasn't enough time to make arrangements to allow women's participation this time," said Prince Mansur bin Miteb to the English-language *Arab News*. What about "appointing" women, then, instead of completely shrugging them off?

Silence.

Anyone astounded? No hands. Oh wait — I do see one hand, hard to spot among 10 million. You have a question? How ignorant! Of course there are women in Saudi Arabia! They only make up about 50 percent of the population, 4 percent of the labor force, and can be seen in black robes, heads covered, faces veiled, being driven around by chauffeurs. Yeah, maybe you haven't heard of them because they aren't allowed to drive and need permission from their male guardian to travel abroad, get an identification card, be educated, and go to the hospital.



AMIRA JADOON

One brand-new thing they can't do now is vote. What now? Stop waving your hand like that. Good question. Yeah, Saudi Arabia is indeed one of America's bosom friends. No, silly, it has absolutely nothing to do with the fact that this kingdom has the largest oil reserves in the world and is its leading oil producer. This is true friendship. It's not even about the fact that the United States is the leading supplier of defense equipment and services to this kingdom, nor that the Saudis are a massive export market for America.

Why doesn't President Bush help Saudi Arabia's suppressed commons? Gee, I don't know, but let me tell you what I do know. Atrocious treatment of women disturbs Bush. Freeing women from the ruthless Taliban was a driving force behind the bombardment of Afghanistan. Don't you remember the utter joy on Bush's face, the kind of joy you see on a man's face only after he, well, bombards a country and liberates the women? In his December 2001 speech, he told us gleefully that "women now come out of their homes from house arrest, are able to walk the streets without chaperones!"

Awesome!

OK, this better be your last question. Yeah, Saudi Arabia does have the most conservative interpretation of Islam in the world, Wahhabism. It's the same as the kind Bush destroyed in Afghanistan. Wahhabism spread to other parts of the world from Saudi Arabia; too bad it flourished in Afghanistan. But the Taliban was dumb, you see — it was suppressing women overtly. The Saudis do it in a cunningly systematic way. It works through the extreme segregation of the sexes and men's legal control over women, be it the father, brother, husband, or son. Where females must seek permission to live their lives, males gain complete control of every facet of society.

Hope that answers all your questions.

Whose propaganda?

Last week, the Feb. 17 *DI* commentary by Margaret Poe explored the manufactured scandal that recently swept the White House press corps. I encourage you to reread her piece, but if you happened to miss it, her ire was aroused by a reporter, Jeff Gannon, who had the temerity to commit a grave and unpardonable offense: asking a question friendly to the Bush administration during a press conference. Poe, whose prodigious writing skills were, in this case, impaired by her liberal mentality, finds this "frightening" and believes this incident "raises legitimate concerns about government propaganda."

It is noted by Poe that Jeff Gannon's real name is James Dale Guckert, and Guckert was "linked to online domain addresses with sexually provocative names." It turns out that Gannon is a former gay escort who, after coming to terms with what he labels as his past "mistakes," wanted to become a journalist. Little did Gannon know that his sexual history would, thanks to the venomous liberals who dredged up his past, be subject to national scrutiny, and little did the rest of us guess that one's sex life should be a barometer by which your ability to write a news story is measured. Do I approve of Gannon's history as an escort? Of course not. But I have no idea how that makes him any less qualified to be a journalist — who are not paid to offer moral guidance but rather report facts — than the next guy who has been celibate for 30 years.

Most liberals share Poe's sentiments, which include outrage at Gannon's "lack of credentials," and the belief that he "posed as a member of the press corps." Of course, there is no litmus test for journalists and no equivalent of the bar exam for aspiring writers. So whatever credentials Gannon lacked is a mystery to me. But with the advent of the Internet, journalism is undergoing a much-needed overhaul; the good old boys' club, more properly identified as the mainstream media, has been upended by bloggers, cable news, and talk radio. Sneering at the purported "lack of credentials" is emblematic of the big media's (and thereby liberals') mindset: He's not one of us — how did he get in here? If you doubt me, see the scorn regularly heaped upon Fox News.

Thus it follows that what actually provoked the hurricane of antipathy against Gannon was that he dared to utter a friendly word to a Republican administration. This sin runs counter to nearly all sensibilities within the press corps, who (much like the fraternity of elite academia) swoon over the remedial might of diversity except when said diversity seeks to encompass conservatives. A 1996 poll conducted by the Freedom Forum, the intention of which was to examine the relations between Capitol Hill staffers and D.C. reporters, inadvertently stumbled upon the fact that 89 percent of Washington bureau chiefs and congressional correspondents voted for Clinton in the 1992 election. Apparently liberals will not be happy until that number reaches 100.

But let's think about the fundamental issue: So what if Gannon asked a friendly question? What about columnist, former reporter, and "First Lady of the Press" Helen Thomas, whose open screeds against Bush and all things Republican are greeted with a shrug or a yawn and have yet to earn her banishment from press conferences? Or think about it this way: If Gannon wants to ask a friendly question for purposes of his story, does that really corrupt the articles written by every single other reporter in the press room? Any reporter in that room should be able to parse talking points from substance, a mission they pursue with considerable more diligence when their subject is a Republican.

Finally, "freedom of the press" is misunderstood with almost as much regularity as "freedom of speech." Noting the stupidity of, say, Ward Churchill's comments is a much different matter from prohibiting him to utter such inanities altogether. The same principle applies to the press: Writing a news story from a biased angle, which has sustained the *New York Times* for a century, is not stifling the press's freedom; neither is an administration offering up talking points for the public's consideration.

When the White House throws reporters in jail and, wielding martial law, prohibits critical articles from publication, then we'll talk about government propaganda. In the meantime, put Gannon back on the press corps. ■



ROBERT SCHNEIDER

LETTERS

Unfit? More like unparalleled

I am writing to inform the readers of *The Daily Iowan* how much of an overgeneralization it was for UISG Sen. Flip Arkulary to accuse House Party candidate Barry Pump of being "unfit" to lead the university (letters, *DI*, Feb. 23).

The ticket consists of eight candidates (plus five independent candidates) who have been involved in activities ranging from recruitment in the greek community to UI athletics and who have won numerous academic honors. Each person on the ticket carries her or his own experience and expertise from these organizations in and outside the UI. These are invaluable resources who will provide excellent representation of the students as well as the community, and they deserve quality consideration in the upcoming election. But Arkulary undermines all of these people's achievements by referring to our presidential candidate as "unfit."

To the major point of this opinion: Pump. I was recently introduced to him a month ago when he asked if I would run on his ticket. I looked into his record, and I found that it is incredibly impressive. Not only has he served on UISG for numerous years and passed countless pieces of legislation, he has earned the respect of community leaders, UI faculty, and the students. Pump wants to make UISG the priority for himself, for the UI, and most importantly, the students. This is the main reason I chose to run with him, even though I was asked to run for one of the other tickets (which will remain nameless) at the same time.

I am saddened that Arkulary has not taken the time to actually look into the achievements, experience, and credentials of the House Party. The last thing I thought of when I met these wonderful, highly qualified people was "unfit."

Adam Case
Graduate and Professional Student Senate
candidate, House Party

Bust? More like must

In a letter to *The Daily Iowan*, a UISG senator argued that Barry Pump, one of three student-government presidential candidates, is "unfit to lead." This attempt to berate Pump seemed to be based on a



Kresowik
UISG presidential candidate



Pump
UISG presidential candidate



Thompto
UISG presidential candidate

WHO WILL IT BE?

Send us your thoughts on the UISG campaigns, and we will print them (strictly adhering to the 300-word limit, of course). Then cast your vote for the next UISG president and vice president. The elections will take place on March 7 and 8; ballots can be cast by logging on to ISIS.

mere scheduling conflict. Pump has demonstrated, on numerous occasions, his capacity to lead.

In fact, I met him at a leadership conference where he was one of 28 students from the UI elected to attend. Shortly after the conference, I met with him to discuss implementing a program in the Tippie College of Business that will give students the opportunity to access 800 print editions of the *Wall Street Journal* along with WSJ.com for everyone enrolled. Since our meeting, Pump has joined this initiative and has been an active participant. In my opinion, this demonstrates his initiative and dedication to assist in a program that truly adds value to students.

The UISG and the students of this university need a leader who will initiate, organize, and accomplish things. Pump's past involvement in our university illustrates these characteristics.

The argument made by the UISG senator was weak. It was based on a situation in the past that arose from a lack of communication. The House Party has developed a platform with serious goals to be driven by serious leaders. It is important to elect a forward-looking candidate who intends to contribute to the educational environment of our university. As students, we finally have the opportunity to vote for a party that realizes the importance of its role at the UI and the significance of any student government at the state, local, and collegiate level.

Joe Schuhov
UI student

Pump not presidential material

At the Feb. 23 UISG presidential debate, Barry Pump implied that the Thompto-Wicklund ticket would lose credibility with the Iowa City City Council because the two had worked with Students for Sensible Drug Policy to determine the effectiveness of the UI's drug policies.

It's not surprising that Pump can't understand the difference between arbitrarily supporting something and putting effort into researching an issue that students care about. When drug-policy group members submitted a resolution to the Student Assembly, they sent e-mails to Pump asking for feedback on what he felt was wrong with it. Pump didn't bother to respond to any of the numerous attempts to contact him. He then made it clear from his assembly-meeting comments that he was clueless about the program the drug-policy group was trying to institute. He made no effort to look into the issue on his own and embarrassed himself at the meeting because he was unprepared.

UISG President Lindsay Schutte and Vice President Jason Shore both worked diligently with the drug-policy group to look into this issue, as did Ryan Thompto, but the City Council didn't seem to care. Despite what Pump implied, Thompto didn't blindly support the drug-policy group. He was skeptical, took time out of his busy schedule to meet with UI administrators about the issue, he weighed the facts, and made a decision about what stance to take. Other senators who didn't support the resolution contacted us and told us their reasons. Pump couldn't even do his job and answer an e-mail. What a laugh.

George Pappas
president, UI Students for Sensible Drug Policy

Bull Moose best for women

As a woman at the UI, I would like to praise the Thompto-Wicklund campaign and the Bull Moose Party for having the strongest platform for women.

I am a volunteer at the Women's Resource and Action Center and an active member of the Iowa City chapter of the National Organization for Women and the UI chapter of the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance. I have been lucky enough to work with many strong women, and Natalie Wicklund is one of them. As president of the leadership alliance, she has worked hard. Last fall, the group worked on the Get Out Her Vote campaign, and Wicklund was one of 10 young women across the country selected by the Feminist Majority Foundation and *Ms.* magazine as a winner of the Get Out Her Vote voter-registration drive.

The Bull Moose platform addresses many issues that are important to women. The first is stopping sexual assault on the UI campus. Bull Moose plans to work with the Rape Victim Advocacy Program to address this important issue. In October, RVAP received 15 reported rapes (the average is two to three). Thompto-Wicklund will offer free rape-aggression defense classes in the dorms and help increase lighting in off-campus areas. They are also fighting for an off-campus Cambus route from 8 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. so that all students are able to get home safely. Also, Thompto-Wicklund will help create more childcare grants for graduate students. They want to help student parents balance family and education.

This is only a taste of what the Bull Moose ticket has to offer. It also has strong plans for lowering tuition and textbook costs, stopping the 21-ordinance, increasing campus diversity, improving Student Health Service, campus-wide recycling, and forming a tenant union. Visit the slate's website, www.VoteBullMoose.com, for more information. Vote on ISIS, March 7 and 8.

Suzanna Hermans
UI student

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ON THE SPOT

Creamy or chunky peanut butter?



"I like chunky for sure."

Rachel Williams
UI assistant professor



"Chunky."

Ju Young Shin
UI graduate student



"Chunky."

Paul Cheruvillil
UI senior



"Creamy."

Chris Agyeman
UI sophomore

CALENDARWORTHY

The ever-popular No Shame Theatre takes the stage today at 11 p.m. for a night of comedy and improv. The performance is in the Theatre Building; admission is \$1.

ARTS

Rhyming for a reason



Scott McCallum/The Daily Iowan

Hip-hop artist Tack-Fu performs today to benefit tsunami victims.

BY SCOTT MCCALLUM
THE DAILY IOWAN

HIP-HOP BENEFIT For Tsunami Victims

When: 9 p.m. today
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Leave it to hip-hop to show people the way of the righteous. When it seems that everyone in America has forgotten about the devastation caused by the tsunami in Southeast Asia, local producer Tack-Fu reminds us the rebuilding process is still going on by throwing a party.

Hip-Hop Meltdown is a benefit concert for the tsunami victims happening tonight at Gabe's.

"I don't recall any hip-hop events around here, and I may be mistaken, but I know of no all-complete local hip-hop show that was dedicated for benefit. It's always been for profit," Tack said.

The event will showcase groups from Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, and Cedar Falls, with Unyted Naytionz, Human Kind, the Other Elements, Flying V's, 68, and, of course, Tack-Fu's own 85 Decibel Monks all making appearances.

Unyted Naytionz was actually looking to do a benefit show when Tack approached the diverse group about the concert.

"Rappers also, you know, they care, and they're not apathetic to situations like this," VerSty of Unyted Naytionz said. "I want people to know that with

the devastation going on — even though we're here and having fun and partying — people over there are still trying to recover from this massive catastrophe."

Mainstream hip-hop may be associated with selfishness and materialism, but these groups show empathy for the devastation and desperation that the tsunami victims still face.

"There are still sections ... they're really trying to regain something. When that happened it took years away from their life, and it just isn't patched up in three months," Tack said. "There are folks who are going to have to get themselves back on their feet, and it's going to take a year or two."

Tack has the answer for anybody who thinks the benefit is as little late.

"Why now?" Tack asks himself and smiles. "Why not."

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Publicity Photo

Rachel Weisz and Keanu Reeves star in *Constantine*, a film based on the comic book *Hellblazer*.

One devil of a damn good time



FILM REVIEW

by David Frank

Constantine

When:
12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30 p.m.

Where:
Cinema 6

★★★ out of ★★★★★

With a swagger in his step and a cigarette dangling from his mouth, John Constantine is the rock star of exorcists. He greets little kiddies suffering from Regan MacNeilitus by growling "Constantine, John Constantine. Asshole," and then proceeds to scorch the evil from their bedeviled foreheads with a demon-hatin' medallion.

It's all about the theatrics — and Constantine knows how to work a room. For instance, he breaks out the Last Rites when needing to scare the 411 out of a demon — because no demon worth his horns wants to end up in heaven. Yet, Constantine doesn't whisper the passage like Father Spiletto did over your granny. Hell, no. Shouting the words, he leaps onto the table and raises his fist high just for the chance that a holy Stratocaster will descend from the clouds so he can climax the Last Rites with "Stairway to Heaven." As both the movie and character demonstrate, showmanship goes a long way.

Yet, I hope I'm not leading you into believing that Constantine is some sort of prancing happy-go-lucky rock-star demon slayer. As Keanu Reeves plays him, Constantine fits the moody and depressed rocker model — yet, when the lights go on, he knows how to kick ass. But who wouldn't be glum after being diagnosed with terminal lung cancer and knowing

there's no chance in hell you're going to heaven.

As a kid, Constantine saw "things" — demonic sorts of things — which is disturbing for an adolescent boy who'd rather be seeing bare breasts.

Anyway, he tried to off himself, and according to my priest and this movie, that's a non-refundable ticket to Lucifer's oven. So in order to buy his way into Yahweh's compound, Constantine works hard at sending hell-spawn — who occasionally journey to our dimension for a good ol' possession — back home.

Somehow, this leads into a plot involving a cop (Rachel Weisz) who seeks out Constantine's help because her sister nose-dived off a roof, and she's curious if demonic foul play was involved. And in some way, the Spear of Destiny, the anti-Christ, Armageddon, and alleged rocker Gavin Rossdale of the band Bush (playing a metrosexual demon) tie into the shenanigans with Weisz's sister. Yes, this is all silly, silly hokum based on the acclaimed

Hellblazer comic book. Yet none of that matters.

Like the title character, *Constantine* is all about the sound and fury. Invisible phantoms heave people through skyscrapers. Constantine vaporizes demons with a divine shotgun and pummels Rossdale's face into green goop with a pair of blessed brass knuckles. Peter Stormare (*Fargo*) literally drops in and delivers one of the nuttiest yet remarkable portrayals of Beelzebub in modern satanic cinema. And we find out that the palace of brimstone is both gusty and an entertaining visual-effect.

Director Francis Lawrence delivers a film with style and atmosphere to spare, and it's nice — no, make that wonderful — to watch him do it without resorting to cutting the film's negative every two nanoseconds. And to say the flick didn't engross me on a basic visceral level, well, that'd make me a damn liar ... and I've been told liars go to hell.

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ARTS

Sacred fire comes to Hall Mall

It's time to step into another world, one of earthy sensuality and surreal landscapes inhabited by mythical figures, created by Argentinean artists Alan Bahuer and Gabriella Pezzi.

Lairaster: Arts of the Sacred Fire is a multimedia art exhibit that will feature their handmade books, using recycled materials, paintings, and woodcarvings, on Saturday from 8-10 p.m., at the Hall Mall's Urban Squirrel Gallery, 114 1/2 E. College St.

This is the second international art exhibit sponsored by CooperArts International, an Iowa City-based artist collective that supports low-income artists from around the world.

"Our biggest inspiration was knowing artists in the Third World that don't have resources to communicate or market their art in other parts of the world," said Angela de Prairie, a UI alum and member of the group's board of directors.

The *Lairaster* exhibit mixes ancient artistic techniques such as calligraphy with the artists' contemporary style, said de Prairie, giving traditional art forms a new meaning.

— by Arna Wilkinson

Reflections on *The Magic Flute*

Attention, opera fans: The UI Opera Studies Group's spring lecture series is underway.

The series continues today with a lecture by Rachel Cowgill of the University of Leeds, United Kingdom, on the opera *Die Zauberflöte* and some of its English interpretations.

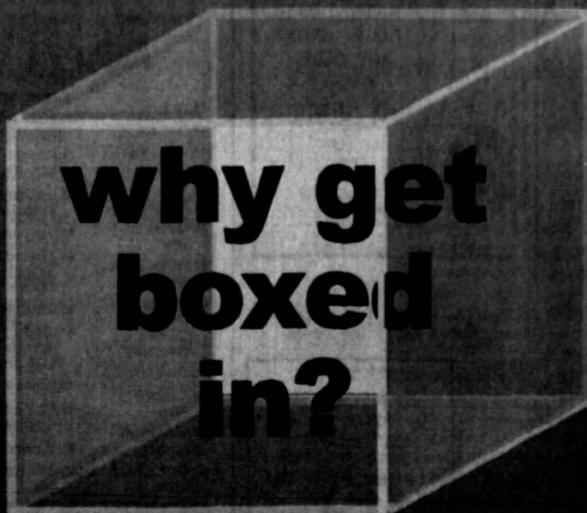
This year's lecture series is called "From Mozart to Rossini: A Look at Performance and Reception of Late 18th and 19th Century Operas."

"[The lectures] should attract anyone with some knowledge of opera or 19th century theater and an interest in how it has been produced and received over the years," said co-director Robert Ketterer.

Cowgill will speak at 4:30 p.m. in 304 English-Philosophy Building.

— by Kate Bullen

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DAILY BREAK

calendar

• Semester of Intellectual Property Series, "Intellectual Property: An Interdisciplinary Conversation," 9 a.m.-4:15 p.m., Boyd Law Building fourth-floor student lounge.

• "Talk of Iowa Live from the Java House," Rebecca Anthony, executive director of the Iowa Hospice, 10 a.m., Java House, 211 E. Washington St., and WSUL.

• Materials Physics/Solid State Physics Seminar, (Special Seminar, Faculty Candidate), "Control of Raman Processes in Nanodots for Quantum Information Processing," Renbao Lui, University of California, 12:15 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall.

• "Art history's new frontier II: art geography," John Onians, 1 p.m., International Center Lounge.

• Discussion on Race in the Legal Profession, Young Kim, 1:30 p.m., 225 Boyd Law Building.

• Environmental Engineering & Environmental Science Graduate Seminar, "Ventilation Engineers May Have Their Ducts in a Row, But Can They Account for All of the Feathers?," Thomas Peters, 3:30 p.m., 3315 Seamans Center.

• Psychology Colloquium, "The Consequences of Ostracism," Kipling Williams, Purdue University, 3:30 p.m., C125 Pappajohn

Business Building.

• Peace Corps General Information Meeting, 5 p.m., 22 Schaeffer Hall.

• End of the Month Black History Celebration, 6:30 p.m., Afro-American Cultural Center and IMU.

• Jim Crace, fiction, 8 p.m., 321 Chemistry Building.

• Kantorei, Anne Lyman, conductor, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall.

• Swing Night, UI Swing Dance Club, 8 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market St.

• "The Arts in American Studies Scholarship" symposium, time TBA, 101 Becker Communication Studies Building; contact 335-0320 or www.uiowa.edu/~amstud/Events/Arts%20Symposium.htm for information.

• "Discipline and Its Discontents: T. Dwight Bozeman and the Rethinking of Transatlantic Puritanism," history and religious studies symposium, time TBA, Schaeffer Hall; contact 335-2310 for information.

• Benefit for Jordan Kline Memorial Scholarship, 5 p.m. Saturday, Et Cetera, 118 S. Dubuque St.

the ledge

THE ISSUES THAT SEPARATE US

— by Nick Narigon

• Do you shop at the Gap or Farm and Fleet?

• Jimmy John's or Big M ... Milio's?

• High Life or PBR?

• Whose death affected you more, Reggie Roby or Hunter S. Thompson?

• To bathe or not to bathe?

• Sprint or Verizon?

• Marissa or Alex?

• Bubblelicious or Big League Chew?

• Trojan or Lifestyles?

• If you had to make the choice of saving a drowning hippie or a drowning frat guy, who would you choose?

• Or would you just forget the whole thing and go out for a Bud?

quote of the day

"This can't be, we thought. We didn't think it was possible. No one can steal a swimming pool."

— Arild Nicolaysen of Norway. When he and his family visited their mountain cabin last weekend, they discovered a big hole in the yard where their swimming pool had been for 20 years.

horoscopes

Friday, February 25, 2005
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may be confused about a job you must complete. Someone is likely to forget to give you some vital information you require. Question everything and everyone. Someone you least expect will help you out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't sit around doing nothing today. You should go shopping, make personal changes, have some fun with friends or your lover — generally put yourself first for a change. A sudden turn of events will lead you in the right direction.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do what you can, but don't expect anyone to help out. You will be on your own today, so make the best of it. The less interference you have, the better it will be.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Get down to business, and you will draw attention as well as help from onlookers. Take an unusual approach to whatever you do. A good friend will offer you sound advice and lead you to personal changes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't be too quick to leave things unfinished today. Hard work and dedication will bring you benefits in the future that you won't want to miss. Put in extra hours, and complete whatever you start before you decide to party.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You have a greater handle on the situation you face than you realize. Let others do as they please, then use their choices to determine whether you will continue to do things with or without them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The answer to your question is hidden, and you must look deep within if you want to do what's right. This is not about you alone, so be sure to do what's best for everyone involved. Success will follow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Enjoying what life has to offer will get you out of the solemn mood you've been in. Look at change as an adventure, and release what isn't working for you anymore. Once you've taken the first step in a new direction, everything will fall into place.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A critical attitude will backfire today. You will get more than you bargained for if you discuss situations where you want to make changes. Be careful not to offend someone you care about.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): Dig in your heels, roll up your shirt sleeves, and show everyone what you've got. You can turn an idea into something great by letting others know your plans. It won't be long before someone wants to join you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may have legal issues to deal with today. Don't put them off; it's better to deal with these matters head on. Once they're behind you, you will be able to move forward with someone who has caught your attention.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Everything may appear to be up in the air, but you have more control over your situation than you realize. Let go of something in order to start something new. Don't hold on to what's not rightfully yours.

news you need to know

March 4 — Degree applications due for May graduates, 4:30 p.m.
March 7 — Late degree application fee in effect
March 11 — Residence halls dining contract ends, dinner
March 12 — Beginning of spring break, 5 p.m.

happy birthday to ...

Feb. 25 — Matthew Kroul, 19; Liz Ackley, 20; Megan Brunk, 20; Amy Galinsky, 20; Brad Medchill, 20; Philip Stacey, 20; Kelly Crane, 21; Ryan McPartland, 23
Feb. 26 — Phil Bohle, 20; Katherine Hard, 20; Stephanie Cone, 22; Autumn Ruiz, 22
Feb. 27 — Amy Calendo, 20; Karl Schroeder, 33; Evonne Smith, 21

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

PATV schedule

7 a.m. Democracy Now
11 Bike Ride
Noon Islam: Dispelling the Myths
1 p.m. 4th ci open jam
1:30 Music da Camera
2 Who Owns the Media?
3:30 Gold & Dogs
4 Conversations
5 U.N. Report
5:30 Tai Wai Hua

6 Gospel Explosion Ministry
7 Country Time Country
8 Eden
8:30 Respect for Life
9:30 In Christ's Image
10 Fellowship Temple
11 Tom's Guitar Show (Replay)
Midnight Four Iowans Who Fed the World
2 a.m. The Cousin Arnold Show (Replay)

UITV schedule

3 p.m. The UI Lecture Committee Presents Seymour Hersh
4:35 Questions and Answers with Seymour Hersh
5:40 Talking About Books: Books for the Youngest
6 Teaching from Above and Below: The Humanities in the 21st Century

7:35 Ueye No. 3
8 Student Video Productions Presents Iowa Desk & Couch No. 5
8:30 Student Video Productions Presents Iowa Desk & Couch No. 4
9 Student Video Productions Presents KRUI-TV No. 2
10 "This American Life," with Ira Glass

For complete TV listings and program guides, check out Arts and Entertainment at www.dailyiowan.com.

Little University

1 What city did Pat Robertson say might face terrorists, tornadoes, and "possibly a meteor" to avenge gay days at a theme park?

2 What's cyber-surfer shorthand for "Yet Another Heirarchical Official Oracle"?

3 What Claire Danes series bit the dust after one season, despite a fan movement dubbed "Operation Life Saver"?

4 Who smooched Mariel Hemingway in the first U.S. sitcom female-female kiss?

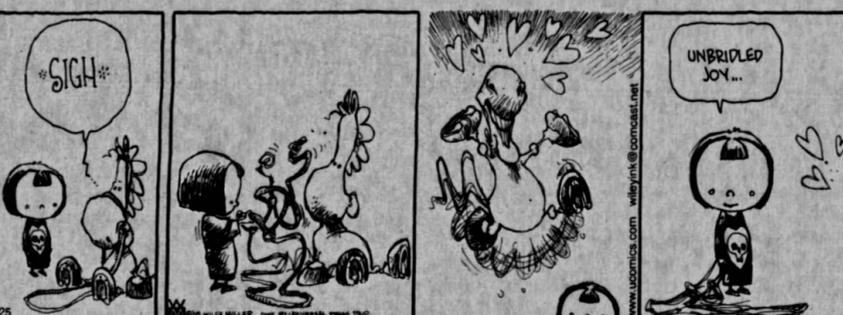
5 What nation's drug cartel hit-men gunned down countryman Andres Escobar for booting a ball into his own net during a soccer World Cup loss?

5. Columbia's
4. Roseanne Barr
3. My So-Called Life
2. Yahoo.com
1. Orlando

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1 Address
8 Rapper's beat
15 From China, e.g.
16 Stuck
17 "Not so!"
18 Stand that a politician might take
19 Sleeping unit?
20 Makes up, in a way
22 Heelless shoe, for short
23 Dohnányi who composed "Ruralia Hungarica"
25 Delhi chestnut
26 Detroit's _____ Arena
27 Millennium starter
29 Dark side of China

DOWN

30 Upset
31 "Doesn't bother me"
34 Kind of agreement
35 2003 Sandler/Nicholson movie
41 Robert Frost farm site
42 Big Japanese computer firm
43 Defense device
44 "Finlandia" composer Sibelius
45 Must, slangily
47 Sister _____, title character of a 1970 film
48 Funny
49 Flimsy, as chances go
51 Mr. abroad
52 With no time to lose

54 Fifth, e.g.
56 Beer drinker's terse critique
57 Not knowing
58 In myth, loser of a shouting match with Hermes
59 Oath-taker

DOWN

1 Take suddenly
2 Longtime Penn State football coach
3 Ascetics of yore
4 _____ tilt
5 Sea palm or badderlocks
6 Singing groups
7 Somehow
8 Causes for penalties
9 Some parodists
10 Tic-_____ (candies)
11 Court figure: Abbr.
12 Singing effect
13 Microbiology topic
14 CBers' numerical system
21 Commercial fishing aids
24 Forest plant with triangular fronds
26 Some duplexes

37 Make a subtle transformation, as in color
38 "The Bronx Zoo" star
39 Tell tales
40 Movie extra
45 Relish

46 Play to _____ (tie)
49 Dethrone
50 Emmy winner Falco
53 Avoided bloodshed
55 _____ Toguri (Tokyo Rose)

Puzzle by Manny Nosovsky

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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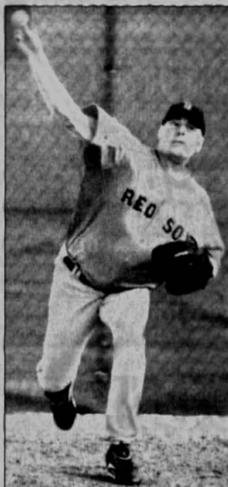
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Schilling

RETURNING

Schilling returns to mound after surgery

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Curt Schilling threw 47 pitches on Thursday in his first workout off a mound since the off-season ankle surgery that followed Boston's World Series victory.

Schilling threw for 16 minutes and did not use an ankle brace. While he was disappointed with his performance, Red Sox manager Terry Francona and pitching coach Dave Wallace were encouraged.

Schilling played catch since arriving at spring training. He had not thrown off a mound since Game 2 of the World Series.

During last year's postseason, a team doctor improvised a procedure that temporarily stabilized Schilling's ankle. That allowed him to pitch Game 6 of the AL Championship Series and, with blood seeping through his sock, he beat the Yankees to even the series. With the stitches back in place, Schilling beat St. Louis during Boston's World Series sweep.

SWIMMING

Iowa men swimmers in last-place

The Iowa men's swimming team is in last-place after the first day of competition in the Big Ten championships in Minneapolis. The Hawkeye have accumulated 36 points in six events.

Iowa's points came off two relay teams, which both finished ninth, earning 18 team points each. But because only 10 schools field teams, every team is guaranteed points even for finishing 10th.

Minnesota is in first-place with 218 points, followed by Indiana with 205. Competition will resume today with seven events scheduled, followed by seven more on Saturday.

— by Jason Brummond

STERIODS

Palmeiro considers lawsuit against Canseco

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — The Baltimore Orioles' Rafael Palmeiro is leaving open the possibility of filing a lawsuit against Jose Canseco, who said he introduced the first baseman to steroids in 1992 when both players were with the Texas Rangers.

Canseco cited Palmeiro as a steroid user in his new book. In an interview on the CBS television show "60 Minutes," Canseco said he injected the drug into Palmeiro.

Palmeiro issued a statement last month in which he denied he ever used steroids, and he emphatically backed up that assertion Thursday after his first practice of spring training. Palmeiro also said he's considered hiring the law firm of Orioles owner Peter Angelos to take legal action against Canseco.

"The one thing I can say is I have the best law firm and the best lawyer standing in the wings in Peter Angelos," he said.

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NEXT UP: SUNDAY, AT BLOOMINGTON, IN, 5:05 P.M.

SEASON HIGHS...



Hawkeye senior Jenna Armstrong makes a lay-up during her last home game at Iowa. The Hawkeyes defeated Illinois, 87-63, on senior night.

Jessica Green/The Daily Iowan

The final home game for seniors JENNA ARMSTRONG and JAMIE CAVEY proves to be a game to remember for the entire team

BY TED MCCARTAN
THE DAILY IOWAN

Last night, the Iowa women's basketball team celebrated the careers of guard Jenna Armstrong and center Jamie Cavey for senior night, but the team shared the spotlight in its 87-63 victory over Illinois (15-11, 6-9).

In the words of guard Crystal Smith, the team just "felt it." Iowa (18-8, 7-8) set two season highs offensively, its 11 3-pointers and its astounding 61 percent shooting from the field. The Hawkeyes had four players in double figures, led by Smith's 22 points. Freshman Abbey Emmert had her career high, adding nine points on 3-3 3-point shooting.

"Everybody was just confident with her shot tonight," said Smith, who was 4-6 from beyond the arc. And Illinois coach Theresa Greutz, who's known for being animated and speaking her mind, was nearly in shock.

"Iowa was making everything ... I've watched how much film, I don't think [Emmert has] made that many 3's in a long time, and she hits every one," Greutz said. "That's just not your night."

That's because it was Iowa's night. After neither defense came up with a stop in the first 3:18 in the game, and the teams went back and forth the first nine possessions, the Hawkeyes began to pull away. First they implemented a zone defense that the Illini failed to penetrate. Then, the balance of the Iowa basketball team arose — all five starters had scored with 15:33 remaining in the first half.

And no class was ahead of the rest. First it was Armstrong, the senior, hitting a 3 in transition. Then the junior tri-captain Smith converted one from deep. Shortly after, Emmert hit her first. And with Iowa ahead 25-18, with under than 10 minutes to go to intermission, Iowa went on a big run similar to the kind it often falls victim to.

"Everybody was contributing — that's what made the first half extremely fun," said Hawk coach Lisa Bluder. "What a way to end for your seniors."

The Hawkeyes went on a 22-7 run to end the first half, and the defense held Illinois to 33 percent field-goal shooting. Going into halftime, Iowa led 47-25.

The offense didn't pick up for the Illini in the second half, and their shooting remained miserable. They did make 4-9 from 3-point range but still shot only 36 percent from the floor. And most importantly, they never displayed a hint of comeback; the closest margin was 20 with 13:38 remaining.

SEE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, PAGE 6B

Perfect Anderson helps MSU tip Badgers

BY LARRY LAGE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Alan Anderson didn't miss and scored a career-high 28 points to lead No. 10 Michigan State to a 77-64 win over No. 20 Wisconsin on Thursday, snapping a 12-game losing streak against ranked opponents and a six-game skid against the Badgers.

Anderson was 10-of-10 from the field and 7-of-7 from the line for the Spartans (20-4, 11-2 Big Ten), who have won 10 of 11 since losing to the Badgers (17-7, 8-5) on Jan. 16.

Michigan State's last nine victories have been by double digits.

Wisconsin's Mike Wilkinson scored 18 points, Alando Tucker had 16, and reserve Zach Morley added 11.

Anderson became the fourth Michigan State player to take at least 10 shots without missing. Ron Charles made all 12 of his shots in a game in 1980, while Carlton Valentine (1986) and Bob Chapman (1977) both made all 11 of their shots in a game.

Anderson, whose previous career high was 18 points, scored 11-straight points for the Spartans early in the first half. His one-man spurt gave Michigan State an 11-point lead, which it was able to maintain easily the rest of the game.

Michigan State's losing streak against ranked opponents started in the regional finals of the 2003 NCAA Tournament, and the Spartans hadn't beaten Wisconsin since Feb. 27, 2001.

Paul Davis had 13 points and 11 rebounds for the Spartans, while Shannon Brown and Maurice Ager each had 11.

The Badgers have lost three of five, allowing Indiana to pull into a third-place tie in the conference standings.

Anderson broke open a close game by himself a couple minutes into the game.

He scored all Michigan State's points during an 11-2 run, which gave the Spartans a 15-4 lead with 13:53 left in the first half.

Michigan State led by as much as 14 before halftime and didn't let the Badgers get closer than eight after Anderson's scoring barrage.

Anderson scored 15 points in the first half to help Michigan State take a 33-25 lead.

It didn't take long for the Spartans to earn a comfortable lead again.

Offensive rebounds led to seven of their first eight points in the second half, giving them a 41-27 lead with 17:55 left. The Badgers didn't pull within single digits until there was just over a minute left.

PASSING THE TORCH

Down one key player, the Hawks needed someone to pick up the points. Who stepped up?

ADAM HALUSKA

BY NICK RICHARDS
THE DAILY IOWAN

Close your eyes.

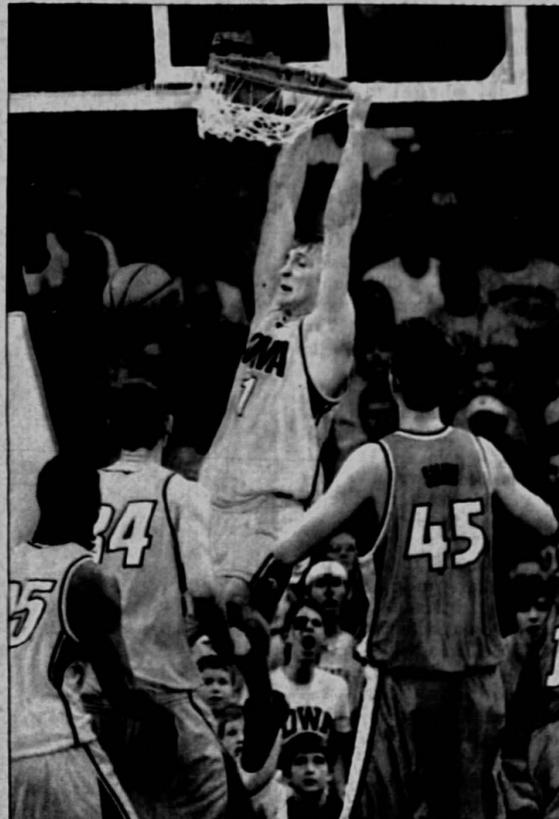
Imagine shaggy hair matted against his forehead as he drives the baseline with his track-like speed. He spins past his opponent and sails into the lane, elevating for a perfect lay-up. Athleticism rises through his pores and drips slowly to the floor.

Open your eyes. Did you have any idea that player was from a small town in western Iowa with a population slightly more than 10,000?

Adam Haluska, who hails from Carroll, Iowa, is arguably the best player on the Iowa men's basketball team.

After a messy transfer from Iowa State following the 2002-03 season, Haluska has found his niche in Iowa City, and he is quickly becoming Iowa's best all-around weapon. Haluska is averaging 13.8 points a game on

SEE HALUSKA, PAGE 6B



Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan

Adam Haluska dunks over Illinois players during the first half on Feb. 20. Despite the Haluska's efforts, which included scoring 20 points, the Hawks lost to No. 1 Illinois, 75-65.

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Michigan St.	14-2 25-3
Ohio St.	13-2 26-3
Penn St.	13-2 18-8
Minnesota	11-4 21-6
Purdue	8-7 15-11
Iowa	7-8 18-8
Illinois	6-9 15-11
Wisconsin	5-10 11-14
Indiana	3-12 10-16
Northwestern	2-13 5-23
Michigan	1-14 5-21

Wednesday's Games
 Wisconsin 70, Northwestern 63
 Michigan State 77, Michigan 34

Today's Games
 Iowa 57, Illinois 63
 Minnesota 52, Purdue 35
 Ohio State 57, Purdue 51

Sunday's Games
 Iowa at Indiana, 5 p.m.
 Minnesota at Northwestern
 Michigan at Illinois
 Wisconsin at Purdue
 Penn State at Ohio State

WESTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	42	12	778
Dallas	37	15	698
Houston	32	23	582
Memphis	30	24	556
New Orleans	11	43	204
Northwest	W	L	Pct
Seattle	37	15	712
Minnesota	27	28	491
Denver	25	29	463
Portland	21	31	404
Utah	17	36	321
Pacific	W	L	Pct
Phoenix	42	13	764
Sacramento	34	21	618
L.A. Lakers	28	24	536
L.A. Clippers	24	31	436
Golden State	16	38	296

Thursday's Games
 New York 113, Philadelphia 101
 Dallas 122, Sacramento 113
 L.A. Clippers 92, Minnesota 86

Today's Games
 Charlotte at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
 Denver at Memphis, 7 p.m.
 Cleveland at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 Toronto at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
 Washington at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
 Boston at Utah, 8 p.m.
 Atlanta at Portland, 9 p.m.
 Detroit at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.

TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men's Scores
 #9 Arizona 57, Washington State 56, OT
 #10 Michigan State 77, #20 Wisconsin 64
 #12 Gonzaga 84, Portland 68
 #14 Washington 90, Arizona State 82
 #24 Cincinnati 80, Marquette 66

Women's Scores
 #1 Louisiana State 90, Arkansas 64
 #2 Duke 95, Miami (Fl) 61
 #3 Stanford 78, Oregon 45
 #4 Ohio State 57, Purdue 51
 #5 Tennessee 75, Mississippi State 56
 #6 North Carolina 89, Virginia 60
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- Men's swimming at Big Ten championships, noon
 - Baseball at Wiregrass Baseball Classic vs. Troy, 6 p.m., Dothan, Ala.
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- 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
 - 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.
 - Women's track at Big Ten championships, TBA
 - Men's track at Big Ten championships, TBA

CLARIFICATION

In the Feb. 24 men's swimming article, "Teams begin competition today," *The Daily Iowan* reported that "According to collegesswimming.com, the Hawkeyes are the underdog with a 26-to-1,543 long shot to take home the title." The numbers were pulled from a survey on the website and were not odds set up by collegesswimming.com.

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Hawks face Nebraska in final home meet

BY JUSTIN SKELNIK
 THE DAILY IOWAN

The sixth-ranked Iowa men's gymnastics team has its final home meet of the season on Saturday when it takes on 10th-ranked Nebraska. The meet is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in the Field House North Gym.

Nebraska is coming off two rough losses last weekend — the first against No. 2 Ohio State and then a home loss to third-ranked Oklahoma. Despite the Cornhuskers' recent struggles, Iowa coach Tom Dunn knows the history of the program.

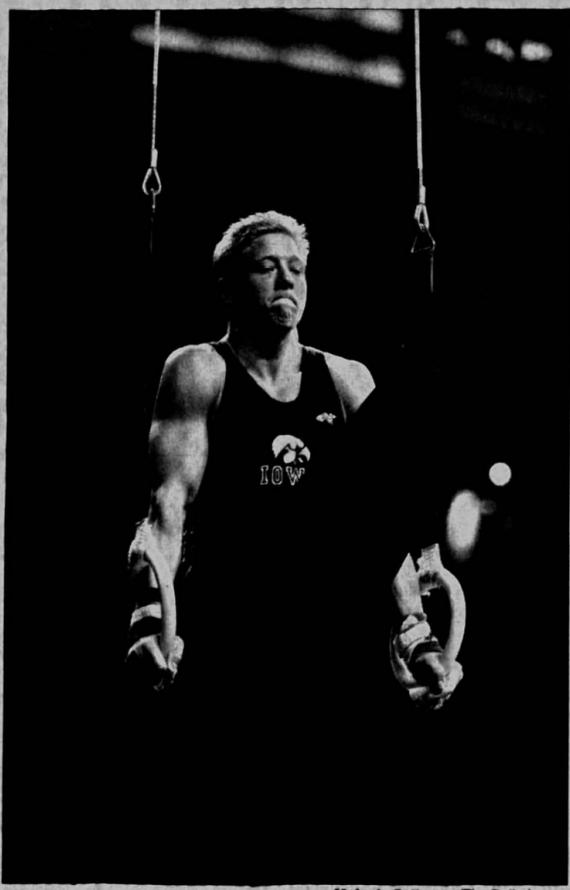
"[Nebraska] has a very strong gymnastics tradition and has won many NCAA championships," he said.

"It has been down off its peak for a couple years, but I think this is the best team it has had in a while."

This won't be the first time the Huskers and Hawkeyes have met this season: Iowa placed second in January's West Point Open, and Nebraska took third, but the difference between the two schools was 5.575 points. As far as Dunn is concerned, that meet is well in the past.

"I think they are a little better now than they were, and hopefully, we are also," he said.

Dunn still doesn't have his full lineup. The good news for the Hawkeyes is that the cramps that bothered senior Linas Gaveika throughout the Minnesota meet last week



Sophomore gymnast Matt Beiler performs on the rings on Feb. 20 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

have not recurred this week in practice. The bad news is that he now has a slight hand injury.

Also, Kenny Lin has a minor ankle injury that may keep him off the vault, and the team's first

UI SPORTS

Men's track travels to Indiana

The Iowa men's track team will travel to West Lafayette, Ind., this weekend for the 2005 Big Ten indoor championships.

With 25 automatic qualifiers to the NCAA indoor championships, this year's meet should be as competitive as it has ever been. According to the Trackwire 25, the conference has three teams ranked among the nation's top six: Indiana is second, Michigan third, and Wisconsin sixth.

Iowa's best chance of placing may lie in the throwing competition. Andy Banse has the third-best shot put throw in the conference this season, and Shane Maier and Ken Kemeny own the fifth- and sixth-best throws. The weight throw could be close, because the top nine throws are all within a meter of each other. Iowa's Adam Hamilton owns the fourth-best throw.

— by Justin Skelnik

Women's track heads to Michigan

Sitting at his desk in his office, James Grant leans back in his chair as the melodic jazz tones drift about the room.

No worries. No stress. To look at him, it would be hard to tell that Grant is a day away from coaching a young Iowa women's track team at the Big Ten championships this weekend in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Last season, he coached the Hawkeyes to a third-place finish — the best showing in school history. Although he would like to see the team improve upon last year's finish, he knows that this will not be an easy feat.

"It is very unlikely that we will be in the top three this year," he said. Among Iowa's biggest competition this weekend will be No. 7 Michigan, No. 23 Penn State, and No. 29 Illinois.

Iowa is ranked 56th nationally, eighth in the conference. "It's going to be a real battle between Michigan and Penn State for the title," Grant said. "From there, anyone who has a good meet will come right behind."

Sophomore high jumper Peaches Roach, who will defend her Big Ten title this weekend, and freshman Kineke Alexander, who has provisionally qualified for the NCAA indoor championships in the 400, are just two of the athletes that Grant expects to see stand out.

He has little doubt about these athletes and has set his expectations accordingly, but he's still hoping for more.

"I would like to see some surprises. I would like to see some people who haven't been doing that well just have a great meet," he said. "If we can do that, if everyone can really perform at her utmost, then I will be extremely happy, and we would come out looking good."

— by Kristi Pooler

Women's tennis to face Notre Dame

The Iowa women's tennis team travels to South Bend, Ind., to face the 11th-ranked Notre Dame Fighting Irish this weekend.

The Hawkeyes, 4-2 overall, are fresh off a 14-0 showing in which they trounced both Marquette and Bowling Green, 7-0, a week ago.

Hillary Mintz and Anastasia Zhukova remain unbeaten for the 57th-ranked Iowa squad; the two are 8-0 this spring with two tournament wins and six dual victories each. The No. 2 and 3 players for the Hawks, Mintz ranks as the 78th-best singles player in the ITA poll, and Zhukova has yet to play a third set, winning 72 games to her opponents' 24 in dual single matches.

The Fighting Irish, 4-4 on the season, have already handled two Big Ten opponents, defeating Ohio State and Michigan. Sophomore twins Catrina and Christian Thompson are the top-ranked doubles team in the nation, and each place in the top 60 in singles.

— by Bryan Bamonte

Women's gymnastics looks for comeback

Saturday will be a challenge for the Iowa women's gymnastics team; it travels to Minnesota to take on the No. 19 Golden Gophers.

The Hawkeyes will be looking to make a comeback after a tough loss to Iowa State last weekend.

With the loss of Ally Zipse, who sustained a season-ending foot injury last weekend, Iowa is looking to alternate athletes to fill in.

"The loss of Ally is a big one," said coach Larissa Libby. "We've got some options, but they're small ones. There are people who are ready to go, but it's a little different when you know that you have to make it."

Minnesota has momentum coming into this week's competition after a close loss to No. 13 Denver last weekend, where the Gophers scored a season-high point total. They have the added motivation of knowing that Iowa has beaten them in their last three meetings.

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SPORTS

Clarett emerges from the shadows

BY BARRY WILNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Maurice Clarett isn't challenging anyone but himself these days.

No lawsuits against the NFL. No feuding with authorities.

Instead, Clarett showed up Thursday at the NFL combine with a smile and a plan. The former Ohio State star who challenged the league's draft rules in court — and eventually lost — claims he can handle anything except not playing.

"This is a big day I've been preparing for a long time," he said. "This day has been on my calendar for a long time, coming here interviewing with everybody, kind of knocking off the kinks everybody had on me and the knocks everybody had on me. I've been real focused and ready for this day to come."

"I'm not sure what I have to convince them of."

Here's a little help, Maurice:

- NFL teams want to know how a two-year layoff has affected your running skills.

- And whether you are team-oriented enough for them.

- And if you've matured during that hiatus caused by a school suspension, then having a federal appellate court overturn a lower court ruling that made all underclassmen (and even high-school players) draft eligible.

"He'll have to show people he's been working and is in shape," said Bills general manager Tom Donahoe, a loud critic of Clarett last year, when he did not work out for teams at the combine. "He'll probably have to work out well to show that. The fact that he hasn't played in a year is not a positive, so I think it is important based on what happened last year."

"I think you have to give the young man a chance to give his side of the story and then decide whether he's truthful. If you talk to other people and decide what he says is accurate, then you have to try to weigh the



Former Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett answers questions during a news conference at the NFL combine in Indianapolis on Thursday.

Darron Cummings/Associated Press

whole thing. I don't wish any kid ill will, but I think when you're on display, you should do everything you can to put your best foot forward, and I don't think he did that last year. Hopefully, he will this year."

Clarett is guaranteeing it. At 21, he says he has matured and learned from his mistakes. He spent much of the last year training in California and being tutored by his lawyer, David Kenner. Now, he's presenting the new Maurice Clarett, not the guy who basically blew off the 2003 combine. Not the guy who pleaded guilty to lying on a police report after claiming \$10,000 in merchandise was stolen from his car. Not the youngster who accepted benefits in college to which he was not entitled.

And not the Clarett who accused Ohio State of arranging for a no-work job and providing

improper academic aid after he was suspended by the school.

"A more positive person" is what the NFL will get, he says. "I've got a lot greater work ethic than I had last year. I think my drive is a whole lot more determined than I was last year. I just want to work, I don't care if it's special teams, anything, just get me on the field, I want to play with anybody."

Who is interested? That's hard to tell this early in the draft process and with so many questions surrounding Clarett.

But pro teams know all about the powerful runs and shifty moves Clarett showed in leading the Buckeyes to the 2002 national title. Of course, they also are aware of all the troubles he's had since.

Plus, this is a strong class of running backs, led by Cedric Benson of Texas, Ronnie Brown

and Carnell Williams of Auburn, and Ciatrick Fason of Florida.

"I think [the layoff] is a disadvantage," Fason said. "Because sometimes when you play, you'd be in a football season like us being in college, then we take four months off. Then we are back in spring football. In just those four months that you took off, you'd be kind of rusty the first couple of weeks when you put the pads back on. You have to get used to it all over again."

"Him sitting out two years is going to be real strange for him to get back onto the field."

Clarett, who last was tackled in the spring of 2003, acknowledges there will be some rust, but expects it to wear off quickly. He seems to understand the questions about his character could last longer.

Major moves as NBA trade deadline passes

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The weakest division in the NBA suddenly looks a little stronger, with Antoine Walker back on the Celtics and Chris Webber in Philadelphia.

The NBA trade deadline came and went Thursday with a total of 11 deals involving 31 players being agreed to in the final 24 hours before the cutoff.

Baron Davis was traded from New Orleans to Golden State for Speedy Claxton and Dale Davis, Keith Van Horn went from Milwaukee to Dallas for Calvin Booth and Alan Henderson, and Houston acquired several veterans to add to the league's oldest roster.

Walker went to Boston in a four-player trade, with Gary Payton, Michael Stewart, Tom Gugliotta, and a No. 1 pick going to Atlanta.

Rodney Rogers and injured forward Jamal Mashburn were dealt

from New Orleans to Philadelphia for Glenn Robinson, who has not played this season. It was the second trade in a span of less than 24 hours by 76ers general manager Billy King, who pulled off a blockbuster Wednesday night by acquiring Webber from the Sacramento Kings for forwards Corliss Williamson, Brian Skinner, and Kenny Thomas.

"They're going to probably win the Atlantic now," Cleveland's LeBron James said. "It's going to make them one of the top four teams in the Eastern Conference. I know [Allen] Iverson is very happy about it, I'm going to call him and tell him he got an early Christmas present."

In other deals:
• San Antonio acquired center Nazr Mohammed and guard Jamison Brewer from New York for forward Malik Rose and two future No. 1 draft picks.

• Cleveland acquired guard Jiri Welsch from Boston for a

future No. 1 pick.

• New York acquired forward Maurice Taylor from Houston for guard Mookie Norris, forward Vin Baker, and a second-round draft pick.

• Houston got guard Mike James and center Zendon Hamilton from Milwaukee for guard Reece Gaines and two future second-round picks.

There were two other trades awaiting league approval:
• Golden State sending center Eduardo Najera to Denver for forward Nicoloz Tskitishvili.

• Charlotte dealing veteran Steve Smith to Miami for forward Malik Allen.

Webber was on the telephone with former Michigan teammate Jalen Rose when Webber received a call from Kings coach Rick Adelman to inform him of the trade.

"He didn't know what to think at the point, but like I was telling him, there are really no power forwards in the East,"

Rose said. "To get a chance to play with Allen Iverson, I think it's going to be good for him."

Webber was expected to play his first game for the Sixers on Saturday night against, of all teams, Sacramento.

None of Thursday's eight deals matched the magnitude of the six-player swap late Wednesday night in which the 76ers got Webber and forwards Michael Bradley and Matt Barnes.

The Sixers are 26-27 and just a half-game behind Boston for first place in the Atlantic Division.

In the 76ers' other deal, the major principals — Mashburn and Robinson — are injured and have not played this season. Rogers can become a free agent at the end of the year, but his 3-point shooting fits nicely with coach Jim O'Brien's offensive philosophy.

Mashburn is making \$9.3 million this year and \$10.1 million next year but seems likely to retire because of a knee injury.

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Sosa, Cubs still trading barbs

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MESA, Ariz. — Chicago Cubs manager Dusty Baker and some of his players are disputing some comments Sammy Sosa made when he reported to the Baltimore Orioles' camp.

At a news conference Wednesday, Sosa was asked about comments by Cubs players who said he and the team were better off following the Feb. 2 trade. Sosa apparently interpreted that as the Cubs saying they didn't need him anymore. "They lie," Sosa was quoted as saying in several newspapers.

The Cubs insisted Thursday that's not what they said or meant.



Sosa Orioles outfielder

"Did I say that?" asked Cubs pitcher Kerry Wood. "I never did say it, so apparently somebody else lies. Not him. I'm not talking about him. I never said we were better without Sammy. I said I think both teams got better in the off-season not, because we got rid of Sammy, but because of some other moves we made. I don't have to justify myself. The comments I made, none of them were directed at Sammy. I did nothing but wish Sammy the best of luck, and I'll continue to wish Sammy the best of luck."

Sosa, who played for the Cubs from 1992-2004, left the final game of last season without permission less than 15 minutes after the first pitch. He later criticized Baker, saying he was tired of the Cubs manager blaming him for the team's failure to make the playoffs.

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Junior Crystal Smith makes a short pass to teammate Stacy Schlapkohl during Thursday's victory over Illinois. The Hawkeyes won their final home game of the season, 87-63.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
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"They're bigger than we are," Grentz said. "That size causes us some problems. That's difficult for us to defend." And as with every senior night, Armstrong and Cavey took their final walk from the Carver-Hawkeye floor when they were substituted for with minutes remaining — Armstrong first, with 1:05 in the game. Cavey's turn came only 35 seconds later, as she walked out to hug all of the Iowa bench before she sat down. Both got standing ovations. "Jamie and I were totally focused on just the game and what we had to do, and the emotions came after the game," Armstrong said. The game "made me so emotional, I feel so good

right now. Not only was I hitting shots, but everybody was hitting shots." The game also means a lock at the No. 6 seed for the Big Ten Tournament, regardless of what happens Feb. 27 at Indiana. But for Iowa, which still needs to fatten up its NCAA Tournament résumé, the game is still a must win. And amid a 5:05 p.m. starting time on Feb. 27, coping with no shoot-around the day of the game, and dealing with the emotions of playing at Indiana on its senior night, Bluder knows her team can't relish last night's win for too long. "It's like the next one is always the toughest one," she said. E-mail *DI* reporter **Ted McCartan** at: tedmccartan@hotmail.com



Jessica Green/The Daily Iowan
Jamie Cavey guards the ball during Thursday night's 87-63 victory over Illinois. The game was the Hawks' last home game of the season.

'THANKS FOR ADAM'

HALUSKA
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the season but has taken his scoring to the next level the last six games in Pierre Pierce's absence. He has averaged 18.5 points over the team's last half dozen contests as Iowa's go-to scorer. "We have been very God blessed," said Steve Haluska, Adam's father and principal at Carroll High School. "I think my kids have been blessed with a very high level of talent and ability. They've done a lot with it. The time and effort that goes into it behind the scenes ... you can't even begin to imagine." Adam Haluska's career is about more than just basketball. He built his speed and endurance in track and field with countless sprints. The immeasurable work helped build the explosion that allows him to blow past opponents on Carver-Hawkeye Arena's parquet floor. He lettered in four sports, adding football and baseball to his track and basketball exploits, but basketball was his passion. "I was really fast when I was younger, but I think when I got to high school, track really gave me that speed that you can use on the basketball court," Adam Haluska said. "Working on jumping, and explosion, and everything else, I think it just carried onto the basketball floor." He started turning heads in middle school, when he could already dunk. He developed a "gym rat" mentality in both basketball and track, shooting hundreds of jumpers and practicing with the varsity track team and duplicating their drills. "He would go with me to track practice, and he would go run with the varsity guys and do some work with them," Steve Haluska said. "He would do the drills they were doing and all

those things. It was doing more than probably even I had thought at the time. He is very driven." He hit the scene in Class 3-A, Iowa's second largest class, by averaging 17.6 points a contest as a first-year player under Keith Stribe, who was also Carroll's athletics director. "You could see he was something special right away," Stribe said. "He had a tremendous work ethic right away as a kid." The numbers continued to grow, jumping to 21.5 points a game as a sophomore, when he committed to Iowa State, and then an astounding 29.8 as a junior. Statewide recognition followed, earning the first of three-straight first-team All-State honors as a sophomore. Stories of his athleticism and all-around play moved from one town to the next. He capped his career by nearly averaging a double-double, going for 30.1 points and 9.9 rebounds per game and earning his second-straight 3-A Player of the Year award. Word of his hardwood prowess quickly spread to the national level. Several national recruiting magazines rated Haluska as a top-100 player in the 2002 class. He ranked as a top-10 shooting guard in the nation for a class that included Indiana's Bracey Wright, Arizona's Hassan Adams, and Duke's J.J. Redick. But even his incredible basketball talents might pale in comparison with his accomplishments on the track. The same hard work he showed in the gym wore off on his track career. He quickly ascended to the top of the Iowa track world, winning eight individual state titles during his career. Four of his titles came his senior year in one of the most amazing performances in the 97-year history of the state

track meet. Haluska won the long jump for the third time in his career, set the state record in both the 100 and 200 — while repeating as champion — and won his first 400 title. He nearly won the state meet that year on his own, scoring 28 of Carroll's 30 points. Carroll finished second in 2002 to Storm Lake, who won the title with 33 points. "Closest thing I ever saw to it, and I'll never forget it, was watching Tim Dwight run in Des Moines," Steve Haluska said. "That was the most unbelievable performance I had ever seen in my life. I was coaching high-school track at a 1-A school at that time. Adam idolized him." Adam Haluska committed to Iowa State as a sophomore in high school, but after a tough freshman campaign with the Cyclones — when he lost 30 pounds because of an illness, followed by the off-season dismissal of then-coach Larry Eustachy — Haluska decided to transfer to his childhood team. Nearly the entire ISU coaching staff was replaced after Eustachy's well-documented departure, setting the stage for Haluska's move to Iowa City. "I didn't feel comfortable with the situation, and I wasn't happy playing basketball where I was," Haluska said. "I just thought Iowa, with Coach [Steve] Alford, who recruited me when I was younger, seemed much more appealing." In the words of the Iowa student section after the Hawkeyes' 70-63 win over the Cyclones, "Thanks for Adam." E-mail *DI* reporter **Nick Richards** at: nicholas-richards@uiowa.edu

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