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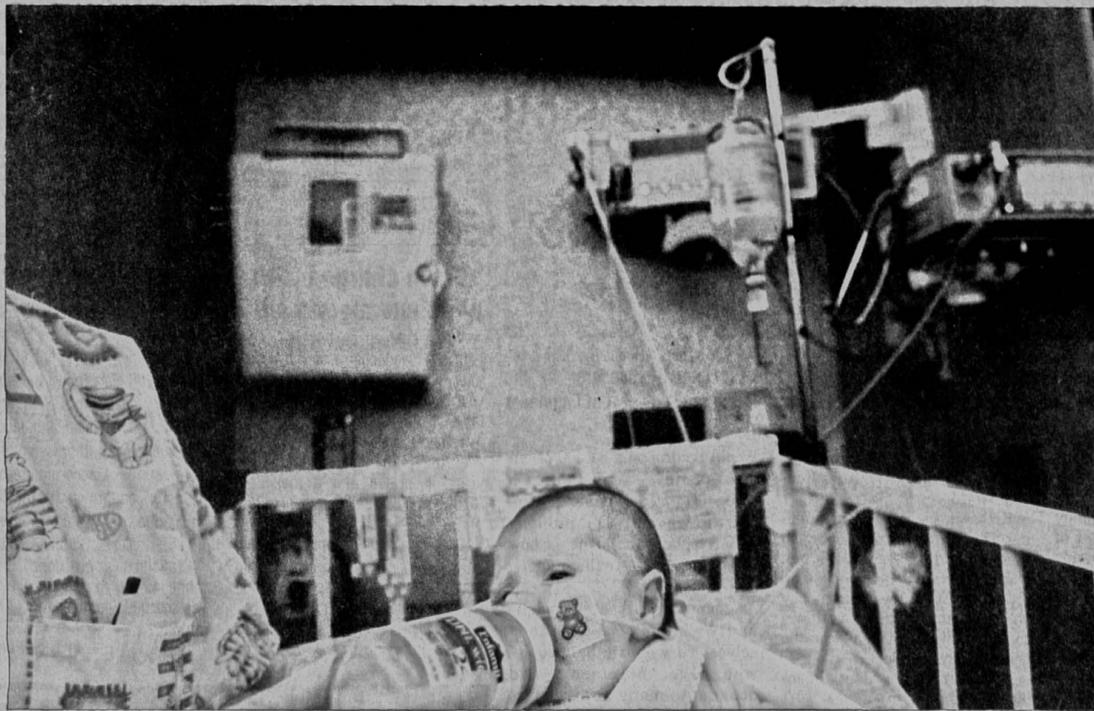
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Baby girl has UIHC robotic surgery



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UIHC registered nurse Tammy Gudenkauf feeds 3-week-old Amber Vairo in the neo-natal intensive care unit Thursday afternoon. Amber is the smallest human ever to undergo robotic surgery, which took place on Feb. 16.

On Feb. 16, Amber Vairo became the smallest person to undergo the procedure

BY DANIELLE STRATTON-COULTER
THE DAILY IOWAN

Just six days after her birth, Amber Vairo needed major surgery to fix a hole in her diaphragm. The defect had allowed her intestines to creep up in her chest, pressing on her left lung and hindering her breathing.

UI Hospitals and Clinics pediatric surgeon John Meehan made four tiny incisions in Amber's abdomen and inserted his tools. He then sat down at a computer to try to help the little girl breathe.

On Feb. 16, 5-pound Amber became the smallest person in the world to undergo robotic surgery. Seven hundred children worldwide have undergone such procedures, Meehan said.

The procedure minimizes pain and recovery time because it is less invasive than more traditional sur-

gery. Robotic surgery lets physicians control instruments using sensors attached to their fingers.

"Every movement is extremely well-orchestrated to your own hands," Meehan said.

Using a da Vinci robot, he made three incisions one-fifth of an inch long and another one-eighth of an inch. He then inserted a tiny camera that magnified a view cast on a screen.

The procedure can be performed using open surgery, he said, but the robotic method is optimal because it virtually eliminates a surgeon's tremors or faulty hand movements.

"I think this is going to be a home run for these surgeries because of the ease of the procedure," Meehan said. "We're just improving a surgery that's already present."

During surgery, doctors found that 80 percent of Amber's intes-

tines had entered her chest and inhibited her lung development. After pulling the intestines back into her abdomen, Meehan closed the hole in her diaphragm with precisely placed sutures.

"I could put the sutures right on the money, right where I wanted," he said.

Amber was diagnosed with a congenital diaphragmatic hernia several weeks before she was born, said her mother, Nicole Hines of Chariton, Iowa. The defect carries a 30-percent mortality rate, Meehan said.

"We hope that we just don't make them sick," he said. "If you have kids who are really pretty sick, you just want to wait and not

stress them with the operation. When you do it, do it as minimally invasively as possible."

Meehan said surgery doesn't completely remedy lung deficiencies in children with congenital diaphragmatic hernias. Some will always need assistance with respiration, he said. Amber was hooked up to a ventilator for two weeks before she could try breathing on her own, and she still requires an oxygen tube at times, Hines said.

"Some of the kids who do survive will go on to have good lung function; it's quite variable," Meehan said. "To be on a ventilator for two weeks is fairly average."

For now, Hines is waiting patiently for Amber to come home.

"She's doing fine now," she said. "We've just prayed to God to take care of her, and that's what he's done."

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Meehan
surgeon

UI scraps Hawkeye Apts. plan

The UI drops a plan it proposed in October 2003 and promises to maintain the apartments as best it can

BY JESSICA SEVESKA
THE DAILY IOWAN

The UI announced Thursday that it will no longer pursue a plan to demolish and rebuild a portion of the university's apartments, asserting that the remodeling was too expensive and would cause an increase in rent.

Hawkeye Court and Hawkeye Drive Apartments, located on the West Side of the city, contain approximately 700 units that mainly house students with families and dependents.

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Panel considers bill bumping up PAULA fines

BY JANE SLUSARK
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa City police slapped UI sophomore Peter Christensen with two underage drinking tickets in a little over a month — more than \$400 in fines and court fees — but that hasn't stopped him from crawling the bars.

The 20-year-old just picked up more hours at work to pay his tickets. However, if Iowa legislators pass a proposed bill that more than doubles the fine for minors caught with alcohol, he may be looking for a second job to fund his underage drinking.

Earlier this week, Sen. Joe Bolkom, D-Iowa City, introduced legislation to raise the penalty for underage drinking to \$250 for the first offense, up

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Flynt adds some spark to Dolls' fight with Coralville

The porn and free-speech advocate offers his lawyers' services to the owner of Dolls

BY NICK PETERSEN
THE DAILY IOWAN

Publications giant and pornography/free speech advocate Larry Flynt offered his lawyers' services to a Coralville strip club that has recently entrenched itself in a First Amendment battle with the city of Coralville.

After receiving a letter informing him of Dolls Inc.'s woes, the creator of *Hustler* magazine said he would help the business, which filed suit against Coralville on Feb. 23 after city zoning laws barred the strip joint from moving to a piece of



Flynt
Hustler owner

land south of Highway 6.

The lawsuit asks for an injunction against the zoning laws that prohibited the resurrection of the club on the 10-acre plot, as well as attorney fees and other relief.

"[Flynt] was in a similar situation at one time," said Andrea Gray, an executive assistant to Flynt, referring to his 1970s First

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UISG hopefuls fashion pitches in final debate

The three tickets discuss student involvement and 21-only, among other items

BY JULIE ZARE
THE DAILY IOWAN

Member of the three tickets running for UI Student Government's top positions ardently pitched their platforms Thursday during their final public debate in a push to rally voters. A crowd of 60 listened to the candidates discuss a variety of topics, but it was not until near the end that talk of the looming 21-ordinance crept into the event sponsored by the Honors Center.

An audience member asked House Party presidential candidate Barry Pump about his choice to support underage bar entry in Wednesday's *The Daily Iowan*, but why just last year, he voted in favor of the 21-ordinance as a UISG senator.

Pump replied: "It shouldn't be the biggest issue UISG stands for and the only thing we talk about with City Council — we are much more than that."



Rachel Mummey/The Daily Iowan

UISG presidential and vice-presidential candidates meet at the Blank Honors Center on Thursday evening for a debate.

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PROMISING COMMITMENT
Regent nominee Ruth Harkin promises to spend more time in the state. **3A**

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It doesn't exactly cost chicken feed to run for the UISG top spot. **2A**
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NEWS

UISG campaigns don't come cheap



Michael Samos of the band Marah Mar plays on Wednesday night at the Green Room for a benefit concert, sponsored by the Kresowik/McCarthy UISG campaign. The money will aid students who are going to Haiti and Mexico over spring break as part of Engineers for a Sustainable World.

Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan

BY TARA FLOCKHART
THE DAILY IOWAN

The cost of a campaign for UI Student Government president is far from pocket change. The cost of all of those fliers, T-shirts, and stickers showering campus amounts to \$4,500 — \$1,500 per campaign.

UI Student Government candidates' campaign spending is capped at this amount, which they must raise without university support. Many of the candidates are left to their own creativity to find funding.

"This is a sticky situation — elections are very important, but I'd hate to see a student go into

credit-card debt because of it," said Natalie Wicklund, the Bull Moose vice-presidential candidate, adding that she personally doesn't have a huge amount of money, but she was able to scrape it together.

One way candidates have found funds is through charitable events, in which they raise money for their campaigns and promise to donate excess money to a charity.

Presidential candidate Mark Kresowik and running mate Lauren McCarthy have chosen to donate most of the money they raised to the Iowa City Shelter House, which caught fire Feb. 7. Their most recent fundraiser was

a benefit concert Wednesday night for Engineers for a Sustainable World.

Kresowik said even though finding \$1,500 is a burden, doing so makes candidates responsible. Publicly financed elections open up the possibility for wasting money on parties and bar crawls — things that "UISG money should not be going toward," he said.

House Party presidential candidate Barry Pump said it isn't that difficult to find money. He collects donations for individuals and holds charity events, though he hasn't decided where to donate the leftover cash.

"I can certainly sympathize — I was concerned going in that we

would be dropping \$1,500 of our own money," said Pump, a three-term UISG senator. "I can see the wisdom of [a publicly financed plan], but I don't see how it would become realistic using student fees."

Thompto said that although he and Wicklund consider themselves "very charitable people" who have volunteered and donated to many causes, he is funding his campaign without holding events with a charity.

"We prefer not to use charitable organizations or other groups as a way of campaigning," he said.

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CITY

IC man charged with child endangerment

Police charged an Iowa City man with child endangerment with bodily injury March 2 for allegedly biting a 4-year-old on the face — hard enough to leave marks — in a January incident.

Felipe Gravelin, 23, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 4428, could face up to five years in prison and a maximum \$7,500 fine if the state convicts him of the Class D felony.

Gravelin allegedly admitted during an interview with police that he bit the girl on the face while he was taking care of her, records indicate.

Officials responded to a report from employees at a daycare who

were concerned because the child had "extensive injuries" to her body, and they believed she wasn't receiving proper care, police said.

Police and Department of Human Services officials found the girl with injuries, including swelling and bruising to the head and face, bite marks, and hand-impression bruising on her buttocks, according to police.

Doctors confirmed that the injuries were due to poor supervision, medical neglect, and physical abuse.

Gravelin's girlfriend, Joey Johnson, the mother of the child, was charged with the same crime on Feb. 25.

— by Nick Petersen

CITY

Git your twangs warmed up

Country-music stars Brooks & Dunn are scheduled to perform at Carver-Hawkeye Arena April 29. SCOPE, the UI's student-run concert promotion group, announced Thursday.

"Being able to do a show of that caliber is really exciting," said SCOPE public-relations director Kim Duncan.

The show will become the third Carver concert for SCOPE in two years and the first produced entirely by itself. Previous shows have relied on outside groups for advertising, stage construction, and sound work.

SCOPE Director Jake Schneider said he expects Brooks & Dunn to be the biggest show in recent years, noting that the country duo sold out the Hilton Coliseum in Ames last year.

"It'll definitely be bigger than Bob Dylan," Schneider said. "They are one of the leading country acts."

Kix Brooks and Ronnie Dunn have

been one of country music's biggest acts since 1991, turning out such hits as "Brand-New Man" and "Boot Scootin' Boogie."

Tickets can be purchased at the University Box Office (IMU) and any Ticketmaster outlet after 10 a.m. today. Ticket prices are \$29.50 and \$49.50.

— by Sam Edsall

POLICE BLOTTER

Mark Benner, 40, 2801 Highway 6 Apt. 303, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

Jennifer Brown, 20, 302 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 1225, was charged Thursday with possession of alcohol under the legal age.

Carolina Canas, 20, 639 S. Lucas St. Apt. 9, was charged Thursday with PAULA.

Zachary Colip, 19, 618B Mayflower, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication and falsifying a driver's license.

Owen Costello, 20, 613 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 4, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Matthew Countryman, 19, Coralville, was charged Wednesday with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Joel Crawford, 18, Fairfield, Iowa, was charged Wednesday with possession of marijuana.

Dennis Delaney, 35, 1411 Broadway, was charged Wednesday with operating while intoxicated.

Thomas Elenza, 19, 1124 Oakcrest St. Apt. 8, was charged Thursday with OWI.

Kevin Flaherty, 19, 736C Mayflower, was charged Thursday with PAULA.

Ryan Foust, 20, 517 Bowery St., was charged Thursday with PAULA.

Alexis Gant, 22, Coralville, was charged Wednesday with fifth-degree theft.

Cody Green, 19, 736D Mayflower, was charged Thursday with PAULA and unlawful use of a driver's license/identification of another.

Andrew Hegewald, 18, Oxford, Iowa, was charged Thursday with possession of marijuana.

Andrea Hoelsing, 20, 420 S. Van Buren St. Apt. 8, was charged Thursday with PAULA.

Sean McCarthy, 19, 630C Mayflower, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication and PAULA.

Kyle McClosky, 19, 736D Mayflower, was charged Thursday with PAULA.

Alec Nielsen, 19, 521 Slater, was charged Wednesday with fifth-degree theft, possession of a fictitious driver's license/identification, and PAULA.

Brandon Peterson, 20, 633 S. Dodge St. Apt. 6, was charged Wednesday with fifth-degree theft.

William Protaska, 20, 731 E. Washington St., was charged Thursday with PAULA.

Rachel Sears, 19, 403B Mayflower, was charged Thursday with unlawful use of a driver's license/identification of another and PAULA.

Kurtis Stansfield, 25, 915 Spring Ridge Drive, was charged Wednesday with violation of a no-contact, domestic-abuse protective order and driving while license was under suspended/canceled.

Aidan Vollmer, 18, 5609 Daum, was charged Wednesday with possession of marijuana, possession of a canceled, suspended, or altered driver's license/identification, possessing an open container of alcohol in a vehicle, and PAULA.

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Harkin

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— Ruth Harkin

BY SEUNG MIN KIM
THE DAILY IOWAN

State Board of Regents appointee Ruth Harkin on her commitment to higher education in Iowa, pledging to spend more time in the state. Harkin was confirmed as a member of the board that oversees the state's universities. In a conference call with reporters Thursday, the

Panel

'We are trying to identify ways to address affordable housing. We need to speak to the issue of diversity housing so that different types of families can afford housing.'

— Karin Franklin, city director of planning and community development

BY ELAINE FABIAN
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa City Planning Commission on Thursday outlined plans to restrict zoning on single-family residences. The new code will allow developers to build single-family houses on a variety of lots without having to rezoning. The move will set a minimum lot size

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Harkin defends her nomination

The regent nominee says she's committed to spending more time in Iowa if confirmed

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The Harkins maintain homes in Cumming, Iowa, and Alexandria, Va.

The Minnesota native declined to specify how much time she spends in Iowa but said she would do so more often now that she has resigned from her full-time post as chairwoman of United Technologies International.

Iterating her vow to pay her own

travel expenses to regents meetings, she said the value of regents contributing their time to the state's education issues far outweighed any fees for airline tickets.

She also said she was committed to the regents' transformational plan, a blueprint to increase efficiency in the institutions, which came under legislative scrutiny after a string of recent regents' resignations.

In addition to maintaining the quality of education in the state, Harkin said, preparing Iowa students for careers and lives in the global marketplace while keeping costs low was a priority.

"If we look at that, it's a pretty tall mandate to provide basically the very best quality of education for students here," she said, later adding that she had been interested in being a regent for some time.

When Gov. Tom Vilsack nominated Harkin last month, some Republican lawmakers questioned her appointment, point to what

they perceived as her spending little time in the state, in addition to raising concerns about her politically charged last name.

Rep. Dave Mulder, R-Sioux Center, said her living outside the state was a worry, but Wednesday's meeting with Harkin and the Senate Education Committee quelled that.

"She talked about her associations with higher education, her travels, and the things she had done that gave her expertise," he said. "If I had to vote today, confirming her is exactly what I would do."

A confirmation date for Harkin has not been set. A two-thirds majority of the Senate, or 34 votes, is required for confirmation.

Harkin's co-appointees, former NBC News President Michael Gartner, Des Moines businesswoman Teresa Wahlert, and Spirit Lake businessman Tom Bedell, are also awaiting Senate confirmation.

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STATE

Pederson pushes measure on mental health

DES MOINES (AP) — Lt. Gov. Sally Pederson, a veteran activist for the rights of the mentally ill, launched an effort Thursday to pressure lawmakers to broaden a bill expanding health coverage to cover treatment for mental illnesses.

At news conferences in Waterloo and Cedar Rapids, Pederson said lawmakers can go farther than a measure moving in the Legislature that would start the state down the road of requiring health insurance policies cover mental-health treatment.

"I think we can do better than that bill," Pederson said in an interview. "It's a starting point and we'd really like to see a comprehensive

mental-health bill. That's what we've always advocated for."

The House has approved a compromise measure requiring health insurance policies to provide coverage for "biologically based" mental diseases, but critics say that covers only about a third of the mental illnesses people suffer.

Profound retardation and substance-abuse treatment aren't covered by the measure, critics say. Backers say it goes as far as the state can go without sharply driving up the cost of health insurance, a move which would cause many businesses to drop coverage.

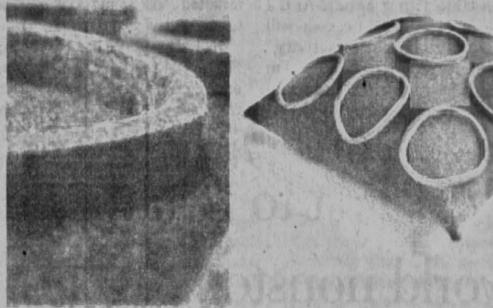
Pederson rejected the cost argument, saying a majority of states provide for mental-health coverage and have found that early treatment actually lowers health costs.

"The other states that have mental-health parity have actually seen the costs go down," she said.

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Panel revamps zoning code for residences

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BY ELAINE FABIAN
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa City Planning and Zoning Commission unveiled a new city zoning code Thursday, outlining plans to redesign restrictions on single- and multi-family residences.

The new code will allow developers to build single-family houses on a variety of lot sizes without having to rezone the area. The move will set a lower minimum lot size for

single-family units, which will allow for cheaper development, zoning officials said.

"We are trying to identify ways to address affordability and housing," said Karin Franklin, the city director of planning and community development. "We need to speak to the issue of diversity housing, so that different types of families can afford housing."

City officials decided to rewrite portions of the 22-year-old code to make it easier to understand and to respond to the needs of diverse residents.

"There are a lot more single households," Franklin said. "The elderly and those with disabilities both need affordable single housing."

For multi-family homes, developers will have to design new complexes so that entrances face the roads, parking lots have space for all residents, and the buildings do not overshadow neighboring homes or buildings. In addition, the new code will reduce the number of unrelated people who may reside in a unit.

Some citizens feel that the

new restrictions on multi-family homes may not be realistic for developers.

"I am concerned about things not being cost-effective," said Neal Hunger, who lives in Iowa City and works for a local developer and builder.

Another goal of the proposed code is to persuade people to embrace the ambiance of single-family houses built closer together. The city is proposing that by limiting lot sizes, dull-looking garages will no longer ruin the appearance, and streets will become more pleasant to walk down.

"We need these standards to provide a nice neighborhood," said Karen Howard, a member of the commission.

Franklin added that the new code will also improve safety for the "pedestrian-oriented city" by maintaining visibility at street intersections.

The commission is having three more open meetings to further discuss the proposal before passing it on to the City Council.

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ZONING CODE DEFINED

Highlights of the proposed new code:

- Simplify and broaden the categories of land uses allowed in commercial and industrial zones
- Streamline the approval process for a variety of housing options
- Apply the site-development standards for apartment buildings citywide
- Improve standards for traffic and pedestrian safety
- Reduce the number of parking spaces required for some commercial and industrial land uses
- Improve landscaping options and establish pedestrian routes through shopping areas
- Require developers to meet with neighborhood residents and property owners prior to applying for a change in zoning that would affect residential areas

CITY

Sharpshooters nail 154 deer in Iowa City

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"Bow hunting can be quick, or there can be a wound," he said. "The deer may leave the area and not die right away."

The task force may recommend bow hunting to the City Council after

its next meeting, but Goff said it is an ongoing discussion.

— by Elaine Fabian

Supervisors approve road plan

Members of the Johnson County Board of Supervisors agreed on Thursday with county engineer Greg Parker's five-year road-improvement plan.

The new plan will take effect in fiscal 2006 and will run through 2010. It calls for a series of improvements, including grading and paving, bridge maintenance, and intersection improvements for several Johnson County.

Supervisor Pat Harney said the decision is the result of dedicated financial and time commitments by county officials.

"We've been working on this plan for a long time," he said. "We spent more than \$70,000 on a consulting firm to help us in the process, and we've learned to just take our time and do the best job we can to improve the roads."

Harney added that Prairie Du Chien and Newport Roads, which run north of Iowa City, are among those scheduled to see changes over the next half decade. Supervisors Terrence Neuzil and Rod Sullivan disagreed with the inclusion of the two secondary roads, but the board is nonetheless expected to formally accept them as part of the new plan on March 10.

— by Matthew Sorapar

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Greenspan backs hybrid tax

The Fed chairman warns the president's tax panel to avoid a pure consumption tax, such as a national sales tax

BY MARY DALRYMPLE
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WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Thursday that a new consumption tax — such as a national sales tax — could spark the economy as a partial replacement for income taxes.

Greenspan cautioned that there would be both political and administrative difficulties in moving toward a new national tax system. Simplification is needed, perhaps a hybrid between consumption taxes and income taxes, he told the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform.

"In other words, don't try for purity," Greenspan said in response to a question from a panelist.

Pitching toward a pure consumption tax would arouse such opposition as to make the idea "infeasible," he said.

President Bush said he would reserve judgment about major tax changes, including a consumption tax, until the panel reports back.

"I've told the American people I want to work to simplify the tax code, to make it easier to understand, so people [are] spending less time filing paper. And I believe a simplified tax code will spur entrepreneurial activity," Bush told reporters. "And so, I'm looking forward to what the commission has to say."



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Members of the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform, (from left) Liz Ann Sonder, James Poterba, Chairman Connie Mack III, and Vice Chairman John Breaux, listen to Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's remarks on Thursday in Washington.

Democrats raised alarm about potentially crippling taxes on food and medicine when the possibility of a national sales tax came up last fall during the presidential election.

The panel's vice chairman, former Sen. John Breaux, D-La., said it was important that the Fed chief asserted income and consumption taxes could work together.

"He said you could do both," Breaux said. "I don't think he endorsed it, but his saying that it can work, like many other

countries have done, I think was a very significant statement."

Bush's advisers have spoken favorably of the economic benefits that could be achieved by moving from a system that taxes income to one that taxes consumption.

Addressing concerns about increased taxes on such necessities as food, Greenspan said policymakers could design a consumption tax that would exclude products mostly consumed by the poor.

A consumption tax could take several forms, such as a national

sales tax or a value-added tax, used by some European countries. Value-added taxes are imposed on the increased value of a good or service at each stage of manufacture and distribution and ultimately passed on to the consumer.

Consumption taxes are one of many options under consideration by the president's tax panel, charged with studying tax laws and offering several blueprints this summer to make taxes fairer, simpler, and less burdensome on the economy.

Republican leader pushes FDA-reform

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — After weeks of neutrality, a key Republican lawmaker said Thursday that recent internal reforms by the Food and Drug Administration do not do enough to protect patients from drugs with potentially deadly side effects.

Sen. Michael Enzi, R-Wyo., who chairs the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, which has jurisdiction over the beleaguered agency, said he would explore options for bipartisan legislation with Massachusetts Sen. Edward Kennedy, the ranking Democrat on the committee.

"Doing nothing to address the current controversies is not an option," said Enzi, whose committee would handle any FDA-reform bill.

Speaking at the close of two days of drug-safety hearings, Enzi said he was seeking a "comprehensive response" to the need for congressional action that is acceptable to "both sides of the aisle." He also said he recently met with the FDA's leading congressional critic, Sen. Charles Grassley,

R-Iowa, to discuss possible legislation.

FDA Deputy Commissioner Janet Woodcock, testifying before Enzi's committee, insisted that the agency has learned the lesson from the recall of Vioxx, an arthritis painkiller withdrawn from the market after a study confirmed long-standing concerns among some experts that it raised the risk of heart attacks and strokes.

"We plan to put information out to the public directly about emerging safety issues," Woodcock said. "We will be getting information out to people who need it in a timely manner."

In addition to the commitment to release information, the FDA is pursuing other internal reforms, including creating a drug-safety board, setting up a process to fully consider dissenting opinions from its own experts, and bringing in an outside group from the federal Institute of Medicine, part of the National Academy of Sciences, to evaluate its safety program.

Woodcock said the agency was more focused on safety than at any time in its history, and that changes already under way should prevent recurring problems.

Pilot first to fly around world nonstop & solo

BY PETER PAE AND LIANNE HART
LOS ANGELES TIMES

SALINA, Kan. — Madcap millionaire aviator Steve Fossett glided his GlobalFlyer to a picture-perfect landing here Thursday 67 hours after taking off, becoming the first pilot to circle the globe nonstop, solo, and without refueling.

Fossett stayed awake by drinking a dozen chocolate protein milkshakes as he broke what his supporters consider the last great aviation feat. His mission of some 23,000 miles set several world records, registering as the fastest nonstop flight around the world.

"That's something I've wanted to do for some time," Fossett, 60, said, shortly after squeezing out of the tiny cockpit before a raucous crowd of approximately 5,000. "I've achieved my ambition."

After landing, Fossett exchanged high-fives with British billionaire Richard Branson, a longtime friend who financed the project and commissioned legendary aircraft designer Burt Rutan to build the catamaran-shaped plane. It was powered by a single jet engine.

"Can you walk?" Branson asked Fossett before spraying him with champagne.

The flight marked the second major privately funded aerospace event since the fall with a Rutan design. In October Rutan's SpaceShipOne rocket soared into the edge of space on

a suborbital flight and back with a single pilot, claiming a \$10-million prize.

By contrast, Fossett's round-the-world solo flight was done for the technological and human-endurance challenge, with no prize money involved.

In recent decades most aviation records have been set by commercial aircraft or government-funded space missions. Aviation enthusiasts applauded Fossett's exploit as a reminder of the early days of flight when adventurous pilots frequently broke records, became instant celebrities, and drew front-page newspaper headlines and massive crowds.

In Fossett's case, much of the town of Salina showed up at the airport to welcome him, including a high-school marching band and several people holding up signs: "Go Go GlobalFlyer!"

"It's the biggest thing that ever happened in our lives," said Amber Windholz, a 17-year-old baton twirler for the band.

The first plane to circumnavigate the globe nonstop and without refueling was another designed by Rutan, the Voyager in 1986. But that aircraft was powered by two propeller engines and flown by two pilots taking turns. And it took nine days to fly around the world.

Fossett began his journey Monday at 6:47 p.m. CST when the Star Trek-lookalike craft, with a 114-foot wingspan took off from the Salina Municipal Airport with 18,000 pounds of fuel — approximately 82 percent of the aircraft's weight.

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WORLD

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Disk may have snared BTK suspect

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Jeff Tuttle, Wichita Eagle/Associated Press

Christ Lutheran Church, located north of Wichita, Kan., is shown in this February photo. Dennis Rader, formally charged with 10 counts of first-degree murder in the BTK serial killings, was an active member of the church, and he met for 45 minutes Wednesday morning with the church's pastor, Mike Clark.

that led police to Rader, the 59-year-old church council president and former Cub Scout leader who was charged Tuesday with 10 murders in the BTK killings that terrorized this city over three decades.

Though police have been tightlipped about why they believe Rader is the BTK killer, some details of the evidence against him have emerged. Among them: the disk, DNA samples, surveillance, and mocking letters with clues and

grisly souvenirs. "This was a police case that covered the span of three decades, and I don't think there's any one thing that would have cracked the case," said Richard LaMunyon, a former Wichita police chief who ran the department during most of the BTK killings.

The BTK killer — his own nickname, standing for "Bind, Torture, Kill" — was suspected of eight murders committed in the 1970s and '80s. But authorities have linked two additional victims

to the serial killer. The most recent slaying was in 1991. All the victims were strangled, and one was stabbed.

Rader, who is being held on \$10 million bail, was arrested on Feb. 25 in suburban Park City, where he worked as a code-enforcement supervisor.

Some of the biggest help to investigators may have been the messages and packages sent by the killer to police and the news media in the past year.

Bush tells CIA workers that they remain vital

BY TOM RAUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS



President
Bush

LANGLEY, Va. — President Bush promised CIA employees on Thursday they would retain an "incredibly vital" role in safeguarding the nation's security despite a reorganization that diminishes the agency's 60-year dominance of the intelligence community.

"I know there's some uncertainty about what this reform means to the people of the CIA. And I wanted to assure them that the reforms will strengthen their efforts and make it easier for them to do their job, not harder," Bush told reporters during a morale-boosting visit to the spy agency.

Bush's trip came a day after CIA Director Porter Goss complained publicly that the new law had "a huge amount of ambiguity in it," creating confusion about his relationship with John Negroponte, Bush's nominee to the new post of national director of intelligence, and with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

Negroponte, if confirmed by the Senate, would have sweeping authority over 15 different intelligence agencies.

White House aides said Bush's visit had been planned before Goss' remarks, delivered in a speech on Wednesday in Simi Valley, Calif. However, the CIA tour was added to Bush's public schedule only late Wednesday.

Out of earshot of reporters, Bush spoke to a large assembly of CIA employees, drawing loud cheers. He also received a private intelligence briefing.

In his remarks to reporters, Bush reiterated that the hunt goes on for Osama bin Laden, the terrorist blamed for the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

"We spend every day gathering information to locate Osama bin Laden and Zawahiri and obviously people like al-Zarqawi," Bush said. Ayman al-Zawahiri is bin Laden's top

deputy. Musab al-Zarqawi is the top Qaeda figure in Iraq.

"One of the reasons I came out here was to remind people that we've had great successes" in running down other Qaeda leaders. "But there is more work to be done. ... It's a matter of time before we bring those people to justice."

With Goss at this side, Bush said he had discussed the jurisdiction issue with the CIA director "because I don't want there to be any interruption of intelligence coming to the White House, and there won't be."

He noted that Goss comes to the White House each morning to brief him personally on the latest intelligence developments, "and that, of course, will go on."

Furthermore, Bush said, "we don't even have Ambassador Negroponte confirmed yet. In other words, it's hard to implement reforms without somebody being the reformer. And so, the process is ongoing."

Negroponte's last posting was as ambassador to Iraq.

"One of the purposes of the whole process is to make sure that information flows are smooth and that efforts are coordinated," Bush said. While noting that the CIA would remain "the center of the intelligence community," he said "there's a lot of other intelligence-gathering operations around government."

"And the job of Ambassador Negroponte is to take the information and make sure it is coordinated," he said.

Bush said he came to the CIA "to assure the people here that their contribution was incredibly vital to the security of the United States, and together we've achieved a lot in securing this country."

WORLD

Navy to sink USS America

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy plans to send the retired carrier USS America to the bottom of the Atlantic in explosive tests this spring, an end that is difficult to swallow for some who served on board.

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The Navy's plan raises mixed emotions in Ed Pelletier, who served on the America as a helicopter crewman when the ship cruised the Mediterranean shortly after its commissioning in 1965.

He said he was "unhappy that a ship with that name is going to meet that fate but happy she'll be going down still serving the country." Pelletier, from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., is a trustee of an association of veterans who served on the America.

Issues surrounding a vessel bearing the name of its country are often more sensitive than for other ships. In 1939, Adolf Hitler, fearful about the loss of morale among his people should Germany's namesake ship be sunk, ordered the pocket battleship

Deutschland renamed for a long-dead Prussian commander.

Vatican says pope improving

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II is "progressively improving" and following church activities daily, the Vatican said on Thursday, suggesting he might be released from the hospital in time for Easter.

Papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the wound on John Paul's throat after surgery to insert a breathing tube was healing. He said the frail, 84-year-old pontiff wants to return to the Vatican, "but at the same time, he accepts doctors' advice" not to rush

back after suffering his second breathing crisis in a month.

The pope has been receiving several top churchmen "with whom he daily follows the activity of the Holy See and the life of the church," Navarro-Valls told reporters.

He said the Vatican would decide Saturday what the pope's schedule for March 6 would be, but that it was likely that an archbishop would read prayers and bless the faithful just as this past Sunday. He implied that the pope might make another appearance at his hospital window Sunday.

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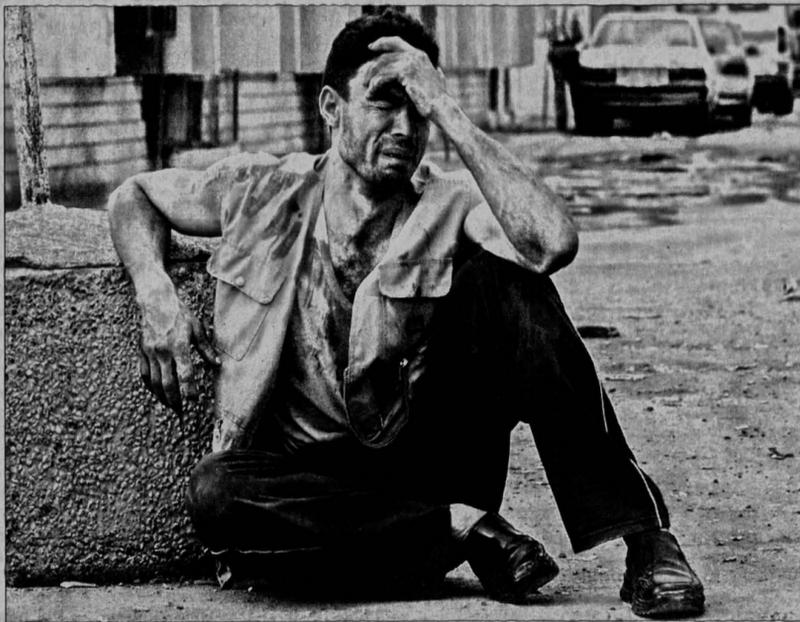
BAGHDAD — Insurgents continued targeting Iraqi security forces Thursday, killing six policemen and wounding at least fifteen others in three separate attacks in Baghdad and Baqouba, Iraqi security officials said. At least one bystander and four insurgents were also killed in the attacks, they said.

The killings followed two bombings in Baghdad on Wednesday in which 12 Iraqi soldiers were killed and a massive car bombing Monday in the central city of Hilla, 60 miles south of Baghdad, that killed at least 125 people. Although that blast purportedly targeted Iraqi military recruits, many of the dead included shoppers at a local market.

The attacks are part of a campaign by insurgents against Iraqi security forces that has escalated since the Jan. 30 elections, from which a coalition of predominantly Shiite Muslim parties — the United Iraqi Alliance — emerged with a slim majority in Iraq's 275-member Parliament. The coalition is negotiating with other parties to forge a broad-based government that could include ethnic Kurds, secular Shiites, and possibly Sunni Muslims, but competing political demands and spiraling violence are complicating the effort.

"These acts just continue to hold Iraqi communities hostage to terrorist elements in the hope to divide communities," the interim national-security adviser, Mowafak Rubaie, said in a statement. "The Iraqi government will go after and hunt down each and every one of these terrorists, whether in Iraq or elsewhere."

The U.S. military on Thursday announced the deaths of three soldiers the day before. One soldier assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force was killed in Babil province, south of Baghdad, and two soldiers were killed



Karim Kadim/Associated Press

An unidentified civilian cries for his brother, who was seriously injured by one of the two suicide car bombs that exploded outside the Interior Ministry in Baghdad on Thursday. At least six policemen were killed.

after their vehicle was hit by a bomb while on nighttime patrol in central Baghdad, according to a ministry spokesman. It did not provide details.

Because of the continuing violence, the government announced on Thursday that interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi had extended a state of emergency until March 31 in all parts of the country except the Kurdish north, where the situation is calmer. The state of emergency effectively imposes martial law and gives the government wide powers to impose curfews, restrict movement and suspend liberties.

Thursday's violence began in Baghdad at 7:45 a.m., when a car approaching the entrance to Iraq's Interior Ministry did not slow down, and suspicious guards

opened fire on it, killing the driver and causing an explosion, according to Col. Adnan Abdul Rahman, a ministry spokesman.

Approximately 30 seconds later, a Jeep with three men inside refused orders to stop as it approached the same checkpoint, and soldiers again opened fire, killing the three occupants and causing the vehicle to explode, he said.

In all, five policemen and four insurgents were killed in the incidents, Abdul Rahman said.

In Baqouba, around 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, a car bomb detonated just as a convoy carrying the city's police chief was pulling out of police headquarters, said Lt. Col. Mudhafar Jubouri of the Baqouba police. One bystander was killed and five police officers were wounded.

"All Iraqis have become targets now, particularly people who work with Americans, Iraqi police, or the [Iraqi National Guard]," said Samih Salim, 26, who works as a handyman and porter in a supermarket near the site of Thursday's blasts in Baghdad. "If the resistance can do all this, why don't they target the American troops, who are easily recognizable?"

"I spent eight years in the war against Iran. Now wars are over, but they have turned the violence against Iraqis," said Mohammed Salah Aldin, 48, the owner of an electronics shop. "I'm wondering, hasn't the time come to let the Iraqis live in peace?"

Special correspondents Omar Fekelki and Sahar Negeeb, Hasan Shammari, and Marwan Anie contributed to this report.

Madrid-attack terrorists planned suicide strikes

BY DANIEL WOOLLS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MADRID, Spain — Islamic militants blamed for last year's commuter train bombings in Madrid were plotting more bloodshed — a string of suicide attacks in the months after the massacre, Spain's counterterrorism director told the Associated Press on Thursday.

The revelation adds a chilling what-if element to Spain's national trauma as it prepares to mark the anniversary of the March 11 bombings, the country's worst-ever terrorist attack.

Fernando Reinares, the counterterrorism chief, said the militants most likely to have carried out such suicide attacks in Spain — which would have been the first ever in Western Europe — were seven men who blew themselves up April 3 as special forces moved in to arrest them.

"According to data collected so far, it can be deduced that those terrorists were probably planning suicide attacks in the months or weeks after" the train bombings, which killed 191 people and wounded more than 1,500, Reinares told AP.

The information suggested "their terrorist campaign was not going to end on March 11 but was going to go on and include suicide attacks at a later stage," he said.

The seven men who died in Leganes, a town outside Madrid, included suspected ringleaders of the train strikes, which were claimed in videotapes by militants who said they acted on behalf of Al Qaeda in revenge for Spain's troop presence in Iraq.

At least five men are fugitives in the case, including one who escaped from the apartment in Leganes. Reinares gave no indication these men are considered suicide-attack risks.

On March 18, a group named for Abu Hafis al-Masri — a former top lieutenant of Qaeda

leader Osama bin Laden — said it was calling a truce in Spain to give the newly elected Socialist government time to withdraw Spanish troops from Iraq. A video found in the rubble of the Leganes apartment a week after the collective suicide also gave Spain a deadline to withdraw from Iraq or face more violence.

These statements suggested that such a withdrawal — which took place in May — would be enough to remove Spain from Al Qaeda's cross hairs.

But Reinares said the plans for later suicide attacks showed that the Madrid train bombers were probably not interested in bringing down the conservative government then in power, which had supported the U.S.-led Iraq war but rather wanted to go on causing bloodshed.

Former Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar and his party have insisted that the bombing — three days before a general election — was tantamount to a surgical strike against his government, which had defied public opinion by supporting the Iraq war and sending 1,300 peacekeepers after President Bush declared an end to major fighting.

The Socialists, who had opposed the war, won election and took power in April. They quickly brought troops home but insisted it was to keep a campaign pledge, not to cave in to terrorists.

Reinares said information about the Madrid bombers' suicide attack plans was featured in a new book by a Spanish investigative reporter, but the information wasn't carried in the mainstream Spanish media.

Reinares' comments came a day after U.S. and Spanish authorities confirmed that a crude sketch of Grand Central Terminal in New York City — which was traumatized by the 9/11 terror attacks — was found at the home of a suspect in the Madrid train bombings.

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In October 2003, the university announced it would rebuild Hawkeye Court because of complaints about poor living conditions and would eliminate Hawkeye Drive Apartments. The new apartment building would decrease the number of housing units by almost half.

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from the current state fine of \$100. The bill was proposed in response to the Iowa City Council asking the senator to establish a more severe punishment. Second-time offenders would pay \$350.

"There needs to be a significant fine for people who drink underage," said Councilor Bob Elliott. "It appears the level of fine was high enough before to discourage it."

But Christensen said upping the punishment by \$100 wouldn't stop him from drinking at the bars.

"I would just be more aware of hiding it," he said.

The fine for possession of alcohol under the legal age is \$100 but the amount paid is close to \$147 once court fees and a percent surcharge are added.

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He added that the ordinance is "unnecessary" and that downtown Iowa City's economic commitment is too strong to lose "billions of dollars" earned from the bars if the ordinance passed.

The Bull Moose and Kres campaigns disagreed with Pump's stance.

"It is definitely not the thing UISG does," said Na Wicklund, the Bull Moose vice-presidential candidate. "However, it comes up once every year, and together we can work with the city to keep from rising."

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In October 2003, the university announced it would rebuild Hawkeye Court because of complaints about poor living conditions and it would eliminate Hawkeye Drive Apartments. The new apartment building would decrease the number of housing units by almost half.

"We're just going to maintain them the best we can," said

building manager Helen Baker.

She added that the university plans to put new roofs on the apartment in the spring and hopefully install high-speed Internet.

"It's a mixed blessing," Jake Wedemeyer, the president of the University Apartments Residents' Action Committee, said about the decision.

The residents' committee was excited about the new apartments, but it was simultaneously upset, because new apartments would drastically

cut the availability of housing and cause rent to skyrocket, he said.

The first-year law student was also disappointed because he said the current living conditions are inadequate, but he added that at least the university is not decreasing the amount of housing available.

Wedemeyer suggested that the university create a savings account with the \$600,000 that was originally put down for the new apartments; in five to 10 years, the UI would have enough money to rebuild both

apartments, he said.

In the past few years, the university has been bombarded with complaints about the university housing, including a recent accusation of mold infestation.

Wedemeyer said the university has made a few improvements this year, such as putting in a new sidewalk and maintaining the cost of rents, but, he added, the apartments are still not livable.

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Hustler publisher offers to help Dolls

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Amendment tussles with anti-porn groups.

"Also, First Amendment battles take more money to fight, and he wants to help people that have the deck stacked against them," she added.

Dolls' situation with Coralville developed when the city forced the business to move from its location near Interstate 80 to make way for a \$180 million indoor rain forest and a \$60 million convention center.

Owners of Dolls then purchased land in Coralville, which the city rezoned soon after the purchase. The lawsuit alleges that the city infringed on the club's First Amendment freedom-of-speech rights by blockading the "socially enriching experience" of exotic dancing.

Coralville officials have said that the land Dolls purchased

was too small to be zoned for a strip club because it was divided by railroad tracks and that the situation was regarded strictly as a zoning issue.

Kevin Olson, an assistant city attorney for Coralville, said there are other areas in the city that are properly zoned for a strip club. He said the city will "rigorously defend this case."

Wayne Grell, a co-owner of Dolls, said that no one from his business sent the letter that initially alerted Flynt to the lawsuit. Flynt's representatives contacted Dolls on Tuesday, saying Flynt's lawyers would help, but Grell said they have not yet said exactly what support they will provide.

"It makes me happy to know there is somebody that took time to write a letter to *Hustler*, and it's nice to know there are other businesses willing to reach out," Grell said.

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Measure would stiffen fines for PAULA

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from the current state fine of \$100. The bill was proposed in response to the Iowa City City Council asking the senator to establish a more severe punishment. Second-time offenders would pay \$350.

"There needs to be a significant fine for people that drink underage," said City Councilor Bob Elliott. "It appears the level of fine wasn't high enough before to discourage it."

But Christensen said upping the punishment by \$150 wouldn't stop him from drinking at the bars.

"I would just be more aware of hiding it," he said.

The fine for possession of alcohol under the legal age is \$100, but the amount paid is closer to \$147 once court fees and a 30 percent surcharge are added.

Iowa City police Sgt. Doug Hart said the department handed out an average of 110 PAULA tickets per month in 2004. Money generated from the fines is funneled back into the city's budget.

"We would support any steps the Legislature will take to curb underage drinking," Hart said. "I don't think raising the fine in and of itself will have any effect."

Leah Cohen, the owner of Bo-James, 118 E. Washington St., said, "It didn't do anything when they raised it last time, and I don't think it will stop underage drinking."

The bill is another step in the struggle to curb the underage over-consumption of liquor, a problem recently spotlighted with the reconsideration of a 21-only bar entry ordinance and a proposed alcohol-education initiative.

Lynn Walding, the administrator of the Iowa Alcoholic

DRINKING BILL

Current Penalties for PAULA

- First offense: \$100 fine
- Second offense: \$250 fine and suspension of a person's motor-vehicle license for a period not to exceed one year

Proposed Penalties in Senate File 241 for PAULA

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Beverages Division, said a study last year by the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation found that minors had imbibed 26 percent of alcohol consumed in Iowa.

"This is well above the national average of around 16 percent," he said.

In addition to placing a heavier fine for minors who get caught consuming alcohol, the

bill would classify a PAULA as a scheduled violation. This would mean those who receive tickets would no longer have to appear in court to plead guilty to the offense.

Bolkcom said there is a problem with defendants not showing up for their court date, so if they are picked up for a second offense, they have to be taken into jail.

"This was jamming up the system," Bolkcom said. If passed, the bill would allow people to send in PAULA tickets with a signature admitting guilt and the proper fine, similar to a parking citation.

The bill is working its way through the Senate Judiciary Committee, and Bolkcom said he has received support for changing a PAULA charge to a scheduled violation but some opposition on a fine increase.

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UISG tickets debate involvement, 21-only

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He added that the ordinance is "unnecessary" and that downtown Iowa City's economic commitment is too strong to lose the "billions of dollars" earned from the bars if the ordinance was passed.

The Bull Moose and Kresowik campaigns disagreed with Pump's stance.

"It is definitely not the only thing UISG does," said Natalie Wicklund, the Bull Moose Party vice-presidential candidate. "However, it comes up continually every year, and together, we can work with the city to keep it from rising."

Mark Kresowik again proposed his solution to the 21-ordinance.

"Our bar card takes issues head-on and focuses on alcohol abuse, which is the No. 1 safety concern on campus," he said.

The presidential hopefuls also touched on tuition costs, prices of athletics tickets, and student involvement.

Pump said the House Party will strive for a long-term plan of increased partnership between UISG and student organizations.

"It's a matter of execution and consistency," he said. "We must get into the community and work with the organizations, to build the ties that bind."

All three tickets agreed that the UI should use its resources

on campus, and they highlighted the importance of the Year of Civic Engagement, a call for community service.

Vice-presidential candidate Lauren McCarthy, Kresowik's running mate, stressed that the largest challenge facing her is increasing the awareness of student organizations.

Bull Moose presidential candidate Ryan Thompto suggested that service, learning, and volunteering to increase participation — similar to current UISG President Lindsay Schutte's agenda.

"There are more than 400 student groups here — many get lost at the bottom and are under-represented," Wicklund said.

Another discussion focused on ways the UI could combine its

accessible admission standards with a high-quality education.

"We need to maintain open accessibility as well as high-quality education, but this doesn't mean we should raise our education standards for getting into this school," Kresowik said.

Pump said that the university needs higher admission standards to have a more valuable education. He said such policies would not exclude Iowans from school.

The Bull Moose ticket highlighted the need to have diversity among students.

"With an accessible public university, a high-quality institution will follow," Wicklund said.

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2005 UISG ENDORSEMENT

Kresowik-McCarthy for UISG

The *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board voted unanimously this week to endorse Mark Kresowik and Lauren McCarthy in the 2005 UISG presidential election.

HOW DID WE DECIDE?

Each ticket offered qualities that impressed us, but we concluded that Kresowik and McCarthy had the best ideas and did the best job of presenting themselves as future leaders of the UI Student Government.

We had the opportunity to speak personally with each of the UISG presidential hopefuls on two occasions — at a debate the *DI* sponsored on Feb. 23 and at individual meetings earlier this week. Our initial impression — and one we've held since — was that Kresowik and McCarthy operated best as running mates among the three tickets. We were pleased with how they complemented each other; when Kresowik offered an answer to a question or explained a proposal, McCarthy expanded on his remarks, creating the appearance of two people who would work well together in a position of leadership. Both are very articulate and personable; Kresowik's charisma illustrates his genuine passion for the issues on which he campaigns, and McCarthy balances that with qualities of professionalism and thoughtfulness.

We also observed a sense of realism that has guided their campaign. At our Feb. 27 meeting, both Kresowik and McCarthy openly acknowledged the constraints and shortcomings of some of their ideas. Kresowik, for instance, conceded that their proposed student survey — which would be used to construct a strategic plan for UISG — would not be taken seriously by all and added that the team's "bar identity card" idea still had some kinks to be worked out. This impressed us; it showed honesty that wasn't clouded by exaggerated promises.

The *DI* has questioned the pair's proposal to allow 18-year-old UI students into Iowa City bars upon completing an alcohol-awareness course and obtaining a card that would grant them entrance under the stipulation that they are not arrested for alcohol-related offenses. While we still have some reservations about the plan, we applaud it as a fresh idea that will, as Kresowik and McCarthy suggested, hopefully shift discussion away from a 21-only law and onto better proposals that will quiet this controversy for some time. And their initiative to secure outside funding for UI student organizations demonstrates a commitment to sustaining campus groups.

The most common criticism we've heard against the Kresowik-McCarthy ticket is that the two lack UISG experience. Granted, experience with the organization is an asset to those involved, but we don't view its lack as a detriment. Indeed, electing people from outside UISG can provide fresh perspective. And a mere glance at the résumés of Kresowik and McCarthy will



Mark Kresowik
UISG
presidential
candidate



Lauren McCarthy
UISG
vice-presidential
candidate

show that they are hardly strangers to community involvement and leadership roles. Simply because their backgrounds do not include UISG does not mean that they are unfit for the jobs to which they aspire.

AND THE OTHERS?

Experience was an attribute that impressed us with the Pump-Higgins ticket. The two are clearly aware of the way that student government operates and would be apt to accomplish a lot as leaders. We particularly liked how Pump acknowledged the reality of tuition hikes and offered the most realistic proposal for countering this: controlling student fees. And the ticket's emphasis on "bridging the gap" between undergraduates and graduate/professional students is commendable and worth serious consideration by whomever is elected. We were less impressed with the cohesiveness of the two candidates. Pump seemed to carry most of the weight of the ticket, and Higgins had great difficulty articulating himself in public situations. Stage fright is an obstacle that everyone faces on occasion, but being able to speak confidently in front of crowds is an essential trait for UISG leaders.

UISG leaders should also offer innovative ideas on how to benefit their constituents. Thompto's and Wicklund's proposal to create a textbook-price monitoring program resonated with us and probably many other students as well. The skyrocketing costs of course materials is a problem that doesn't simply recommend recourse — it demands it. We hope that next year's student-government president will take this seriously. We also hope that student safety will be taken seriously, as it has been by the Bull Moose campaign. The ticket suggests improvements to the most dangerous intersections in Iowa City, where pedestrians have been killed while trying to cross the street. We agree wholeheartedly with the importance of this matter and wish that more had been done already.

But as with Pump and Higgins, we had questions about the ticket's harmony as running mates. At the debate, Thompto named Ronald Reagan as his favorite U.S. president, and Wicklund visibly disagreed with his answer. At our subsequent meeting, the two gave conflicting answers when we asked them whether a 21-ordinance would ultimately pass in Iowa City. And, try as we might, we can't shake doubts about the Bull Moose's ability to achieve all the goals on its ambitious platform. We agree that thinking big is laudable, but it is possible to think *too* big.

In short, all of this year's candidates are worthy contenders, and we congratulate them all on the productive discourse they've created. We enthusiastically endorse Kresowik and McCarthy because their vision is realistic, yet innovative and energetic, and their presentation as candidates is genuine and refined.

UISG DECISION 2005

Cast your vote on March 7 or 8 on ISIS. Endorsement letters (300 words or less) may be submitted through the weekend:
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Encouraging signs

Forced by the winds of change sweeping across the world to surrender their two-year memorandum on reporting positive news that harbors even a remote nexus to the war in Iraq, the media have had their hands full with the remarkable changes materializing across the Middle East. Let's take a quick look

• Courtesy of a story filed March 1 from the Associated Press, we find that thousands of Iraqis took to the streets in Hilla, lining the avenues in a massive protest. Their grievance? Not the continuing U.S. "occupation," though rare is the dying species of spittle-producing liberal, in the wake of a surprisingly successful Iraqi election, that poses the obtuseness to use the obsolete slur. The Iraqis, rather, were protesting the death of 125 of their fellow citizens. Not at the hands of the U.S. military, but from a suicide car bomb orchestrated by the loathsome Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Among the chants heard that day were "No to terrorism" and "No to Wahhabism and Baathism." The angry "Arab street," which has perplexed the American left with its muteness during the Iraqi invasion, appears to be stirring with rage at terrorists, not the United States.

• Syrian President (code for "dictator" in the Middle East) Bashar Assad massively overplayed his hand in Lebanon and might be behind the clumsy assassination of former Lebanese leader Rafiq Hariri. The Lebanese, mimicking the actions of the Iraqis, have taken to the streets and are demanding the withdrawal of Syrian troops from their land. Assad, whose skill at thuggery is remarkably poor even for a man who inherited his domain from his equally thuggish father, has promised a withdrawal of Syrian troops within six months. On a related note, after months of denying that former Baathists were hanging out in his backyard, Assad suddenly discovered 30 of them, including Saddam's half-brother, camping out and promptly turned them over to the Iraqi government.

• Heading the news on the Feb. 25 *USA Today* edition was this lede: "Palestinians expressed anger Saturday at an overnight suicide bombing in Tel Aviv that killed four Israelis and threatened a fragile truce, a departure from former times when they welcomed attacks on their Israeli foes."

• On Feb. 26, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who has won his last four elections with 90 percent of the vote (alas, he still fell short of Saddam's 100 percent victory in 2002), asked his country's Parliament to amend the Egyptian Constitution to permit a multi-candidate election this fall. The annual Washington largesse, in the form of foreign aid, must evidently have gotten lost in the mail — or perhaps Mubarak realizes that the current White House inhabitant actually walks the walk.

The list goes on, of course, including the first female provincial governor in Afghanistan and the allowance by the Saudi government that women will vote in upcoming elections. All of these events, of course, run counter to the conventional wisdom, if one believes that the bloated Ted Kennedy or the humbled Michael Moore possess the remote equivalent of sagacity. Who among us believes that these events were uncatalyzed, that they incubated and hatched in a vacuum, blissfully unaffected by the post-9/11 American foreign policy?

History will attribute these changes to one day: Jan. 30, the day of the Iraqi elections. But don't take my word for it; just listen to Lebanese Druze leader Walid Jumblatt, whose résumé sparkles with the anti-American pedigree essential for popular leaders in his corner of the world, in his conversation with *Washington Post* columnist David Ignatius: "It's strange for me to say it, but this process of change has started because of the American invasion of Iraq. I was cynical about Iraq. But when I saw the Iraqi people voting three weeks ago, 8 million of them, it was the start of a new Arab world. The Syrian people, the Egyptian people, all say that something is changing. The Berlin Wall has fallen. We can see it."

The left has had to suffer not just losing an election to the Cowboy in Chief, it now has to watch the policies of said cowboy, ridiculed for two years running, show distinct success — very much like President Bush envisioned all along. The same is true of another leader, Ronald Reagan, who to this day does not get the credit he deserves for toppling the Soviet empire. Bush's legacy is still malleable, but the signs of last week portend great things.



ROBERT SCHNEIDER

CALENDARWORTHY

Riverside Theatre, 213 performance of its seas today at 10 p.m. Admis

Dance



BY SARA CONRAD
THE DAILY IOWAN

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ARTS

Grammy winners s back

LOS ANGELES (Los Times) — The Grammy bounc last long for Ray Charles, Gre and the rest. Having soared fr 15 to No. 1 on the national po chart last week after its victo Grammys, Charles' *Genius Company* fell to No. 2 on We with a 50 percent drop in sale

Charles' collection of duets was named album of the ye 224,000 copies the week a Grammys but only 110,000 last week.

Green Day's *American Idiot* won the Grammy for best rock dropped one position on the No. 3, as sales of the punk t also slipped nearly 50 percent week, from 202,000 to 109,0

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LETTERS

DI/UISG coverage incomplete

I wanted to comment that the UISG election coverage by the *DI* has been somewhat trivial. A solution to the 21-ordinance, proposed in part by Mark Kresowik and by UI Associate Professor John Solow, has been deemed unrealistic. What makes the *DI* an expert on this issue?

I also think the *DI*'s analysis on previous administrations have overlooked major accomplishments. For instance, Lindsay Schutte successfully pressed for the formation of a council that would oversee environmental issues. Her collaboration with Engineers for a Sustainable World and Facilities Management has brought excellent results, such as the Energy Conservation Campaign, which hopes to reduce energy use by \$750,000 per year. She has continuously supported new projects, such as the 10,000 Hours Show and the Progressive Career Fair, unique events that will be imitated nationally. That to me speaks volumes of her.

Kresowik has a similar vision. He believes sustainability is a core value for this university, based on austerity, efficiency, innovation, and environmental excellence. He has decided to tackle some of the untouchable subjects, such as recycling. He is one of the main forces of uniting the numerous environmental groups on campus under an umbrella organization, the UI

Sustainability Coalition. He is one of the main organizers of 10,000 Hours. He has excellent communication skills, and more importantly, he is ambitious. And that's what I want in a president — somebody that is convinced that this university can do a lot better.

His slogan, taken from *Napoleon Dynamite*, is genius. Of course he can't make your wildest dreams come true, and his slogan subtly makes fun of those who do promise things that can be fulfilled. But rest assured, if changes can be made, he'll be pressing for them. Kresowik's days last more than 24 hours.

Marcelo Mena
UI graduate student

Project Our House neutral on UISG

It has come to my attention that the subject of Project Our House has been discussed during this year's UISG elections. It has also come to my attention that one of the campaigns has been using Project Our House as a platform issue. This campaign recently used Project Our House in the name of one of its fundraisers at Studio 13. No one at Project Our House was notified about this fundraiser prior to the event. Members of Project Our House have not voted to endorse any of the UISG candidates, nor have they voted to endorse fundraisers for any of the UISG candidates.

Joe Mirabella
co-founder, Project Our House

Report real news, DI

I am writing in regard to a Feb. 16 *DI* front-page article, "UI study finds compatibility necessary to marital bliss." I know it is *The Daily Iowan's* job to report the news, but does this finding qualify as news? It is common knowledge that people who are compatible are likely to have a happy marriage. While this fact seems obvious to most people, the *DI* reported this finding as if it were critical to the development of modern psychology.

Through simple trial and error, people naturally figure out that they get along better with people with whom they are compatible. Although this takes time, effort, and maybe heartache, it is a lesson that is best learned on your own. People do not need to refer to a psychological study to figure this out.

None of these arguments directly affect the newspaper, but I feel it is important to question the choice of stories, or at least the placement of them. By presenting this story on the front page, I am led to believe this is important. The Iraqi elections and the new Social Security reform must not be as significant because they received a mere mention on the third or fourth page. There are so many other things going on in the world that are much more important than an obvious psychological "finding." Just because the psychology department releases its studies to the *DI* does not mean that it should be regarded along the same lines, or on the same page, as the war in Iraq and the Pierre Pierce case.

I feel that it is the job of the press to report what is relevant and beneficial to the reader as well as to inform the community of what is happening in current events. With this article, the *DI* has failed to do both.

Gina Montaleone
UI student

Thanks to the UI

We want to thank the UI for choosing UNICEF as the recipient of general donations from the Cultural Diversity Day Festival. UNICEF is a highly respected organization that is playing a leading role in the tsunami-relief efforts. There is a legitimate concern that some organizations might not be respectful of the religions and/or cultures of the people that they help. There is also a legitimate concern that some organizations might cause chaos by not working with the United Nations' coordination of the relief efforts.

Because it is a U.N. agency, we do not have to worry about any of these problems with UNICEF. Although different groups at the festival had valid reasons for wanting to send the donations that they received directly to their home countries — and we felt that they should be allowed to do so — UNICEF is arguably the best organization for providing help to all of the children and families affected by the tsunami. We feel that the university made the right decision in selecting UNICEF as the recipient of general festival donations, and we want to thank it for that.

Robert and Nittaya Burnham
Iowa City residents

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ON THE SPOT

How much of the UISG campaigns have you seen thus far?



"I don't know what that is."

Kristin Spear
UI senior



"I saw some of them getting loaded on a bar crawl."

Jess Hall
UI senior



"Not much."

Adam Sharp
UI senior



"I saw them at a bar."

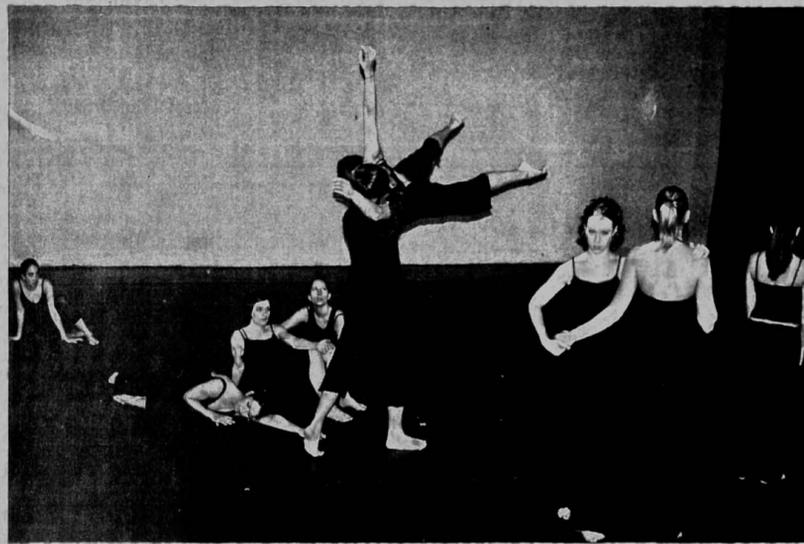
Hillary Hall
UI senior

ARTS

CALENDARWORTHY

Riverside Theatre, 213 S. Gilbert St., presents the latest performance of its season, *Cannonball: Aggravated Assault* today at 10 p.m. Admission is \$5.

Dances with buckets



Publicity Photo

BY SARA CONRAD
THE DAILY IOWAN

How often do you get to see dancers drum on buckets? Exactly. Graduate student Tom Truss, known for his experimental choreography, is again propelling the university dance department to a new level with his piece *Bucket!*, which showcases precisely what its title suggests at tonight's Dancers in Company concert.

Dancers In Company, the dance department's traveling troupe, will present a variety of styles, from Truss' contemporary contributions to Assistant Professor Deanna Carter's pointe piece.

Truss created *Bucket!* almost seven years ago while he was part of a drumming group. The core rhythms from the modern-tap piece are African- and Afro-Cuban-inspired.

"*Bucket!* is a bunch of girls kicking ass with drums, sticks,

tap shoes, and buckets. It's fun," he said. "It's like hand clapping, and step games, and precision flag waving all in one."

Carter, who is one of this year's directors of Dancers in Company, choreographed *Souvenirs*, a ballet piece that will feature three women and one man dancing to a solo piano work by Samuel Barber. She is presenting this piece in part to introduce young audience members to ballet pointe work.

The ensemble, a conglomeration of a dozen graduate and undergraduate students, is selected through auditions every fall. In addition to being required to take other academic courses, the group members rehearse six days a week and make frequent performances around Iowa and sometimes out of state. The troupe begins touring in March and ends in June.

Each year, a new guest choreographer works with the troupe to expand the dancers' repertoire. This year, Gabriel Masson, who has choreographed more than 25 pieces for repertory and university dance companies since 1989, taught his piece, *Midnight* to the ensemble, and the troupe will perform its Iowa City debut tonight. The music is Henryk Górecki's Symphony No. 3, the *Symphony of Sorrowful Songs*.

Masson has traveled all over the world, teaching and performing at such festivals as the Edinburgh Festival in Scotland and the São Paulo Biennial in Brazil, in addition to serving as artistic director of his company, Gabriel Masson Dance, for six years. He has also toured with Hannah Kahn, Rosalind Newsman, Lucinda Childs, and Doug Varone.

The concert will also feature *Hit it, Swoosh it, Step it, Shake*

DANCE

Dancers In Company

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The UI's Dancers In Company will perform two performances this weekend. The ensemble is comprised of graduate and undergraduate dance students, and the performance features pieces set to music by artists from Samuel Barber to James Brown.

it, by graduate-student choreographer Matthew Lindstrom, set to music by James Brown; *Wild Turkey*, a solo by co-director of Dancers In Company Jennifer Kayle, set to music from the Stanley Brothers; *Sonata for Seven*, choreographed by dance department Chairman Alan Sener, set to music by Gioacchino Rossini, and *Voce nao sabe como eu te amo (You don't know how much I love you)*, choreographed by dance Associate Professor Armando Duarte.

Duarte's piece is based on field research that he conducted in Brazil, winning him a Career Developmental Award in the fall of 2001. Tonight, it will be presented as a work in process. The finished piece will debut in June as part of Duarte Dance Works, his new company.

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Maia Quartet continues search for first violinist

BY AUDRA BEALS
THE DAILY IOWAN

CONCERT

Maia Quartet

When: 8 p.m. today
Where: Clapp Recital Hall
Admission: Free

The Maia Quartet is still looking for a first violinist, but with tonight's concert, the ensemble's three remaining members are one step closer to filling the empty chair.

Stéphane Tran Ngoc will take the stage with second violinist Margaret Soper Gutierrez, violist Elizabeth Oakes, and cellist Hannah Holman in a performance that marks the conclusion of an extensive audition process.

The search began when Amy Appold left the quartet in October 2004 for a position at the University of Missouri.

Paris-born violinist Tran Ngoc is the second of two candidates vying for the position in the UI's resident string quartet.

The first candidate, Tricia Park, visited in early February. Each was here for about two weeks, teaching chamber music and violin master classes and rehearsing with the ensemble. The extended auditions also left time for the musicians to put their instruments aside and interact personally with the prospective first violinists, seeing how their personalities fit in with the rest of the group, Gutierrez said.

"What I love about this process is that we really get a thorough, in-depth feel for each person and what he or she is like not only as musicians but as people and also as teachers," she said. "We get to watch them in action."

Performing the same program several times in concerts at City High and Central College allowed them to observe the candidate in concert settings as well.

"Part of playing in a quartet is what happens the moment you're on stage," Gutierrez said.

"That can be really magical, and fun, and different every time, so the more opportunities we have to get up there on stage and play together, the better."

The program itself is a test of the candidate with pieces specifically selected to represent a variety of musical styles. The program will include Wolfgang Mozart's *String Quartet in B-flat major*, the more contemporary Dmitri Shostakovich's *Fourth String Quartet*, and Johannes Brahms' *Quintet in F minor* for piano and strings, on which UI Professor Uriel Tsachor will join the ensemble on piano.

Tran Ngoc's career is an extensive one. At 15, he graduated from the Paris National Superior Conservatoire with first prize in violin and chamber music. He went on to study with Itzhak Perlman at the Brooklyn College Conservatory on a Fulbright Fellowship and with Dorothy Delay at the Juilliard School. Now teaching at the Lawrence University Conservatory of Music, he has performed around the world and won numerous awards in the Paganini, Lipizer, and Long-Thibaud International competitions, just to name a few.

"Stéphane's sound is really big and penetrating, so all of us have to step up to the plate with our sound to really match his," Gutierrez said.

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ARTS

Grammy winners slide back

LOS ANGELES (Los Angeles Times) — The Grammy bounce didn't last long for Ray Charles, Green Day, and the rest. Having soared from No. 15 to No. 1 on the national pop-sales chart last week after its victory in the Grammys, Charles' *Genius Loves Company* fell to No. 2 on Wednesday with a 50 percent drop in sales.

Charles' collection of duets, which was named album of the year, sold 224,000 copies the week after the Grammys but only 110,000 copies last week.

Green Day's *American Idiot*, which won the Grammy for best rock album, dropped one position on the chart to No. 3, as sales of the punk trio's CD also slipped nearly 50 percent last week, from 202,000 to 109,000.

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• **28th Annual Bridging the Gap Minority Pre-Law Conference, Alejandro "Alex" Sanchez, keynote speaker, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Boyd Law Building.**

• **"America" in the World: Discourses of Americanization and Anti-Americanism, "Music that Moves," International Programs, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., S401 Pappajohn Business Building.**

• **"Talk of Iowa Live from the Java House," former Peace Corps volunteers, 10 a.m., Java House, 211 E. Washington St., and WSUI.**

• **Finding God At Iowa Lunch Forum, Victoria Green, noon, IMU River Room 1.**

• **"America" in the World: Discourses of Americanization and Anti-Americanism, "Responses to 'America,'" 1:30-5:30 p.m.,**

S401 Pappajohn Business Building.

• **"Russell's Paradox Solved," Gregory Landini, 3:30 p.m., 107 English-Philosophy Building.**

• **Spiker Memorial Lecture, "The Development of Infant Casual Perception: Theoretical Issues and Empirical Evidence," Leslie Cohen, University of Texas, 3:30 p.m., C125 Pappajohn Business Building.**

• **Tow Seminar, "Do Entry Conditions Vary over Time?," Mo Xiao, University of Rochester, 3:30 p.m., C121 Pappajohn Business Building.**

• **Dan Knight Trio and Don Blew, guitar, 5 p.m., Museum of Art.**

quote of the day

"Believe me, it's great to be back on the ground."

— Millionaire adventurer Steve Fossett, who on Thursday, after a 67-hour, 23,000-mile journey, became the first person to fly around the world solo without stopping or refueling.

horoscopes

Friday, March 4, 2005
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may be feeling good, but be careful not to let down your guard. Although there are some very interesting signals being sent to you, it isn't a good idea to trust everyone. Use discretion to spare yourself grief.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Someone will try to take advantage of you today. You can outsmart and outmaneuver just about anyone as long as you are prepared to act quickly. Don't take a financial risk. Short trips that are related to business will pay off.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may have lots of opportunities today, but if you try to take advantage of too many of them, you will fall short of your goals. Moderation, focusing, and not letting anyone interfere with your plans will be what are required to get ahead.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Do your job to completion, and you won't disappoint anyone. Someone may try to lead you astray. Love is evident, but it can also cause you to miss out on something important. Be responsible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): This is the perfect day to plan a little fun with your friends. Make sure, however, that you don't go over budget. Money worries will escalate if you aren't tight-fisted. Focus on love and romance, not gambling.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Things may be a little tense today, especially if you criticize someone you care about. Focus on what you have to do to be the best you can. The time to make some personal changes is now. Get fit, get with it, and get moving.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Plan a getaway; you deserve a break. By taking a moment to remember what life is all about, you will also realize what you need to do to make things easier. Reflect, repair, and resurrect whatever you believe in your heart is right.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your mind may be on money and how you can make more, but taking a financial risk will not pay off. The slower, long-term investments will prove to be more beneficial. Love is apparent, so don't waste all your time worrying about financial matters.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't let someone get to you today. Guard against criticism and demanding people. Getting upset or angry will lead to a poor decision that will end up costing you in the long run. Don't quit, back down, or give in.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): As long as you stay focused and don't take on too much, everything should run smoothly. Your high energy and dynamic personality will help you drum up the support you need to follow through with your plans. A change in the company you keep is likely.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will have some very unusual ideas that could turn into a profitable investment today. Jot your thoughts down, and talk to people who may have similar interests. You should join an organization you admire.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Someone you thought you could trust may mislead you. Take your time, and don't make promises. Follow your intuition, and do whatever you must to protect your assets. Avoid joint accounts or ventures.

news you need to know

Today — Degree applications due for May graduates, 4:30 p.m.
March 7 — Late-degree-application fee in effect
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March 12 — Beginning of spring break, 5 p.m.
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March 21 — Resumption of classes, 7:30 a.m.

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PATV schedule

7 a.m. Democracy Now
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1 p.m. Project Censored
2 Mud River Festival
3:50 4 mother alma mater frittata
4 Conversations
5 U.N. Report
5:30 Stop the Destruction of the World No. 6
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 Whatever No. 4
1:30 a.m. Tai Wai Hua

UITV schedule

3 p.m. Human Trafficking, Sex Trade, Topic Of Law School Discussion
4 "Live from Prairie Lights," Aaron Lansky
5 This Week @ NASA
6 Human Trafficking, Sex Trade, Topic Of Law School Discussion
7 "Talk of Iowa Live from the Java House," Christopher Merrill & Sarah Sharp
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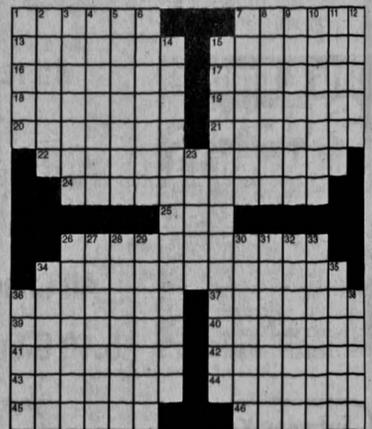
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Senior guard Jenna Armstrong pounds the ball down the court during the Hawkeyes' first game in the Big Ten Tournament in Indianapolis on Thursday evening. The Hawks KO'd Michigan, 70-42.

BY RYAN LONG
THE DAILY IOWAN

INDIANAPOLIS — There was not even a trace of revenge to be seen on the court Thursday night when the Iowa and Michigan women's basketball teams hooked up for the third time this season — the Hawkeyes trounced the Wolverines, 70-42, making it a clean sweep over the Wolves this year and bouncing them out of the Big Ten Tournament in Indianapolis.

The victory had a great deal to do with the Hawkeyes' defensive pressure, especially in the first half. Iowa held the Wolverines (5-23, 1-16) to 20 points in the first half, and Michigan turned the ball over 12 times, which turned into 13 points off turnovers for the Hawkeyes.

"It was a nice way for us to start this tournament, and I think this takes the pressure off of us a little bit for the NCAA Tournament now,"

said Iowa coach Lisa Bluder. The Hawkeyes (20-8, 9-8) came out clicking early. This could be seen in the Hawkeyes' 16-7 run that began with 10:29 remaining in the first half and ended with 22 seconds remaining on a 3-point basket by Michigan guard Becky Flippin.

The successful runs continued in the second half. Iowa came out an offensive presence led by guard Crystal Smith, who helped to orchestrate a 13-5 run that helped the Hawkeyes close the door in the second half.

"My shots just went in. They never usually go in when I do the floaters, and, you know, I guess I was just on tonight," she said. "I didn't do anything different. Maybe I just played hard on offense, but I don't feel like I did anything different. I just went out and played hard, and with the help of my teammates, we won this game."

SEE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, PAGE 3B



Melanie Patterson/The Daily Iowan

Iowa guard Jenee Graham races down the court in an attempt to retain possession of the ball during the Hawkeyes' game against Michigan Thursday night in Indianapolis.

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The Hawkeyes | 157 LBS. JOE JOHNSTON

JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED

BY BRYAN BAMONTE
THE DAILY IOWAN

Three years ago, hours before the Kansas state high-school wrestling championships, Joe Johnston had to wait.

Not because it was 2 a.m. and he had a state championships to defend later that morning — no, he was waiting for the doctor — and possibly fate.

His parents waited with him, and when the diagnosis on Johnston's shoulder was rendered, he shrugged, smiled, and quickly offered his best Willis Reed impression.

"The doctor told him it would need to be put in a sling and immobilized for three or four weeks," said his father, John Johnston. "Joe looked at him and asked if it was broken, and he said no."

Joe knew, his parents knew, and with that question, so did the doctor. "You're going to wrestle, aren't you?" the doctor said.

And so, hours after being flung to the mat by a teammate, Joe was at home — on the mat at state championships, the final chapter of his prep career.

His dad didn't know what to expect, because that night highlighted a season filled with "ifs," and "buts," and "ups," and "downs."

"That year was one I definitely would say makes you proud as a parent," John Johnston said. "It wasn't pretty, but I thought it was something fighting through injuries and hearing people start

to ask what was wrong with him."

With his collarbone pulled away from one shoulder, and the Kansas state championship weighing on the other, Johnston, as he did 160 times at Shawnee Mission East High School, pinned his man, securing the back end of consecutive state titles.

Fast-forward three years, and you see the same 5-6, bulky figure carrying 157 pounds and God on those same shoulders.

A man whose prescription is God and wrestling, in that order. Someone whose aggressiveness and instinct on the mat are backed by faith and following off the mat.

"When I wrestle," he paused, "I wrestle for the Lord."

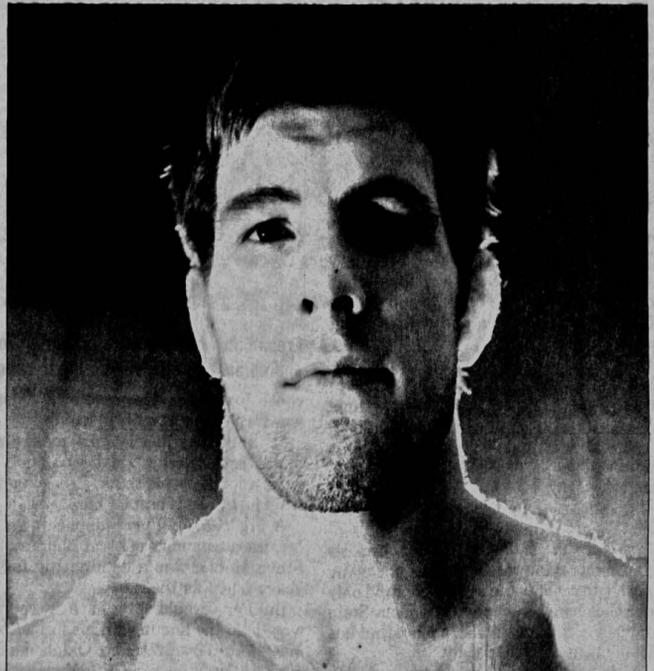
"I wouldn't say I'm necessarily religious," he explained. "You can have people that go to church who don't have the strong faith, but I want to say that I'm constantly trying to strengthen my daily walk with Jesus."

The Prairie Village native chose Iowa over Nebraska partly because of reputation but mainly because of the attitude.

"I didn't necessarily fall in love with it here," Johnston said. "But I got the overwhelming sense that if I couldn't win here, I couldn't win anywhere."

Maybe two state championships weren't enough. Maybe it's that high-school wrestling in Kansas isn't high-school football in Texas. But most likely, it was the aura, Big Ten wrestling, a forum in which he could release his onslaught.

SEE JOE JOHNSTON, PAGE 3



Amanday May/The Daily Iowan

At 5-6 and 157 pounds, Hawkeye wrestler Joe Johnston has strong faith in God and the confidence to win the Big Ten championships this weekend.

Taking it easy

BY TED MCCARTAN
THE DAILY IOWAN

INDIANAPOLIS — Crystal Smith doesn't count because, well, she never gets tired anyway.

But the rest of the "Usual Suspects" that make up Iowa's starting five enjoyed extended bench time in its 70-42 win over Michigan in the first round of the Big Ten Tournament on Thursday night.

Second-team All-Big Ten senior Jamie Cavey retired for the evening with 9:07 to go in the game. Freshman Jenee Graham relieved senior Jenna Armstrong with little over eight minutes to go, and two other starters — Smith and Krista Vandeventer — got their last call with 3:05 left. As time expired, the Hawks featured freshmen Abby Emmert, Stacy Schlapkohl, and Graham, along with walk-on Ebone Pope and junior Morgan Kasperek — all of whom normally play only a few minutes per game.

"It's awesome that everyone contributed so much that it took off a lot of the pressure," Cavey said. "Especially that we knew we could sit out a little bit and take more breaks. Everyone will be more fresh for tomorrow's game."

Sure, Iowa blew out Michigan, and the playmakers got substituted out so the Wolverines could lick their wounds. But when the lead got out of hand, the Hawkeyes executed their tournament agenda.

"Whenever you're playing in a tournament, you always want to think if you have the opportunity to play the next day, you'd like to have some players get some rest," Iowa coach Lisa Bluder said. "But truly, in the first half, it wasn't even a consideration. In the second half, you start building a little bit of a lead, and you start thinking about those types of things."

The Hawkeyes knew beating Michigan wasn't why they were in Indianapolis. After all, Michigan notched only one victory in conference play, graduated its best player Jen Smith a year ago, and saw six others quit the program for personal reasons.

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Wisconsin	10-5 19-7
Minnesota	10-6 20-9
Indiana	9-6 14-12
Ohio State	7-8 18-11
Iowa	6-9 18-10
Northwestern	6-9 14-14
Michigan	4-11 13-16
Purdue	3-12 7-19
Penn St.	1-14 7-21

Tuesday's Game
Wisconsin 62, Indiana 60

Wednesday's Games
Iowa 74, Ohio State 72
Michigan State 69, Northwestern 58
Minnesota 73, Penn State 69

Thursday's Game
Illinois 84, Purdue 50

Saturday's Games
Iowa at Michigan, 11:05 a.m.
Purdue at Wisconsin
Northwestern at Indiana
Penn State at Michigan State
Sunday's Games
Illinois at Ohio State

#7 Baylor 79, #13 Texas Tech 69
#24 Gonzaga 77, Portland 42

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Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	30	28	517	—
Philadelphia	27	30	474	2 1/2
New Jersey	26	33	441	4 1/2
New York	24	33	421	5 1/2
Toronto	24	33	421	5 1/2

Southwest

W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	43	16	729	—
Washington	32	24	571	9 1/2
Orlando	29	27	518	12 1/2
Charlotte	12	43	218	29
Atlanta	10	47	175	32

Central

W	L	Pct	GB	
Detroit	36	20	643	—
Cleveland	31	25	554	5
Chicago	29	25	537	6
Indiana	28	29	491	8 1/2
Milwaukee	23	32	418	12 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest

W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	44	13	772	—
Dallas	38	18	879	5 1/2
Houston	33	25	569	11 1/2
Memphis	32	25	561	12
New Orleans	12	45	211	32

Northwest

W	L	Pct	GB	
Seattle	40	16	714	—
Denver	29	29	500	12
Minnesota	28	30	483	13
Portland	22	33	400	17 1/2
Utah	20	37	351	20 1/2

Pacific

W	L	Pct	GB	
Phoenix	44	14	759	—
Sacramento	36	23	610	8 1/2
L.A. Lakers	28	28	500	15
L.A. Clippers	28	32	448	18
Golden State	17	40	298	26 1/2

Thursday's Games
Miami 106, New Jersey 90
Denver 96, Indiana 87
Phoenix 100, Detroit 97

Today's Games
New York at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Golden State at Washington, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Utah at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Miami, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Chicago at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Portland, 9 p.m.
Detroit at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

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At Conoco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis, Ind.

Thursday's Games
Game 1 Wisconsin 75, Indiana 74, 20T
Game 2 Illinois 56, Northwestern 43
Game 3 Iowa 70, Michigan 42

Friday's Games
Game 4 #1 Ohio State vs. #6 Wisconsin, 11 a.m.
Game 5 #4 Minnesota vs. #5 Purdue 1:30 p.m.
Game 6 #2 Michigan St. vs. #7 Illinois, 5 p.m.
Game 7 #3 Penn St. vs. #6 Iowa, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Game 8 Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 2:30 p.m.
Game 9 Game 6 winner vs. Game 7 winner, 5 p.m.

Monday's Championship Game
Game 8 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 6 p.m. ESPN2
indicates team's seed
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TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men's Scores

#1 Illinois 84, Purdue 50
#2 North Carolina 84, Florida State 76
#6 Duke 83, Miami (Fla) 59
#9 Louisville 95, #18 Charlotte 82
#10 Washington 108, California 73
#17 Pacific 52, Cal-Fullerton 88
#25 Nevada vs. Hawaii, late

Women's Scores

IOWA SPORTS

TODAY

- Baseball at Southwest Missouri State, 3 p.m.
- Softball at Buzz Classic in Atlanta vs. Georgia Southern, 3 and 5 p.m.
- Women's tennis hosts Minnesota at Rec Building, 5 p.m.
- Women's gymnastics at Michigan, 6 p.m.
- Women's basketball vs. Penn State, 7:30 p.m. at the Big Ten Tournament in Indianapolis.
- Women's golf at East/West Rio Verde Invitational in Phoenix, TBA

SATURDAY

- Men's tennis hosts Wisconsin at Rec Building, 11 a.m.
- Wrestling hosts Big Ten championships at Carver-Hawkeye, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Men's basketball at Michigan, 11:17 a.m. (KGAN)
- Baseball at Southwest Missouri

State, 2 p.m.

- Softball at Buzz Classic in Atlanta vs. Auburn, 3 p.m., vs. Middle Tennessee State, 5 p.m.
- Men's gymnastics at Illinois, 7 p.m.
- Men's track at Last Chance Meet in Ames, TBA
- Women's golf at East/West Rio Verde Invitational in Phoenix, TBA
- Women's track at Last Chance Meet in Ames, TBA

March 6

- Women's tennis hosts Kansas at Rec Building, 10 a.m.
- Wrestling hosts Big Ten championships at Carver-Hawkeye, noon
- Baseball at Southwest Missouri State, 1 p.m.
- Women's basketball at Big Ten Tournament in Indianapolis (depending on earlier results)
- Softball at Buzz Classic in Atlanta, TBA

UI SPORTS

Men's tennis to host Wisconsin

The Iowa men's tennis team takes its 7-1 record into Big Ten play this weekend, hosting Wisconsin on Saturday in the Recreation Building.

The Hawkeyes knocked off Drake on Wednesday evening, cruising to a 6-1 victory in a non-conference dual match. Iowa swept the doubles competition and only had one setback in singles.

Wisconsin boasts a subpar record (3-6), and the Badgers have been hindered by two other Big Ten opponents, Michigan and Michigan State.

A season ago, Iowa was unable to tame the Badgers, falling, 4-3, in Madison. But, after major revamping of the roster and what the team describes as an entirely new climate, coach Steve Houghton's Hawkeyes are primed for Big Ten play.

— by Bryan Bamonte

depleted roster when it takes on No. 5 Michigan at 6:30 p.m. today in Ann Arbor.

A tired and worn-down Hawkeye team will compete this weekend without freshman Ally Zipse, who sustained a season-ending foot injury two weeks ago in competition against Iowa State. Coach Larissa Libby has scaled back Iowa's practice schedule this week to provide the squad with a much-needed boost before the meet.

"The next couple of meets, we've gotta go hard," Libby said. "I feel like they need the break mentally and physically in order to get up again to compete."

— by Kristi Pooler

Women's tennis returns home

Following a month-long journey throughout the Midwest, the Iowa women's tennis team will return home this weekend to host Minnesota and Kansas.

The Hawkeyes, 4-3 overall and ranked 58th, according to the ITA, have spent the majority of their season traveling, including a short trip to Cedar Rapids for their only "home" match.

Iowa was unable to pull an upset last weekend against a 20th-ranked Notre Dame squad that also boasts the top doubles duo in the nation. The Irish handed the Hawkeyes a 7-0 defeat, with Hilary Tyler and Anastasia Zhukova picking up a victory for Iowa.

Minnesota, as does Iowa, holds a 4-3 record, while Kansas is at 1-7. The Hawkeyes defeated both teams last season, knocking off Kansas, 6-1, and slamming the Gophers twice last season, once during the regular season and once at the Big Ten meet.

— by Bryan Bamonte

Men's gymnastics to take on Illinois

After three-straight home meets, the sixth-ranked Iowa men's gymnastics team will go back on the road March 6 against No. 2 Illinois. This week, the rankings for gymnastics were changed to include the best three scores instead of all scores, allowing Ohio State to jump the Fighting Illini.

The number in front of Illinois doesn't matter to Iowa coach Tom Dunn, because he knows it's going to take an almost flawless meet to top the Illini.

"We are going to need close to a perfect meet as we can get," he said. "We can only have a few falls, if any."

The meet in Champaign will be a triangular meet, with the third team being a collegiate All-Star team from Japan. The Japanese have faced the Illini and Penn State and beaten both by small margins.

— by Justin Skelnik

Gym Hawks suffers from depleted roster

The Field House gym is looking emptier these days, the result of injuries and illnesses. The Iowa women's gymnastics team will be suffering from a significantly

Track athletes still have a chance

It isn't over yet.

Track athletes who have failed to qualify for the NCAA indoor championships still have a chance to make the cut.

On Saturday, the Iowa men's and women's track teams will compete in the Last Chance Qualifying Meet in Ames. The meet is exactly what it sounds like, providing athletes a final opportunity to qualify for next week's NCAA meet.

Field events are scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m., and running events will follow at 10:30 a.m.

— by Kristi Pooler

The Hawkeyes | 165 LBS. MARK PERRY

ANGER MANAGEMENT

BY BRIAN TRIPLETT
THE DAILY IOWAN

In high school, Mark Perry walked into the locker room after a loss, punched a locker, and broke his hand. He was 16 at the time and was wrestling for Blair Academy in Blairstown, N.J.

Today, ranked as the fourth-best 165-pounder in the country as a redshirt freshman at Iowa, he has learned to control his anger, but that doesn't mean he takes losses well.

"I've tried not to get too crazy like that just because I used to be like that a lot in high school," he said. "I've banged stuff and thrown stuff but not gone to the extreme of punching stuff and hurting myself."

Perry has suffered only three regular-season losses in his first year in the Hawkeye lineup, and to eighth-year Hawkeye head coach Jim Zalesky, Perry's emotions are a positive sign.

"Some guys have a loss, and they get over it right away, but other guys when they lose, it drives them to another level," Zalesky said. "When he loses, he doesn't take losses easy, and the good ones don't."

Perry's fiery attitude led his teammates to nominate him as one of the team's leaders this season, and although he is only a freshman, he voices his opinion when the time is right.

"That's where I've probably come in more than anything is vocally," Perry said. "I try to encourage my teammates and myself to get the best results."

Zalesky recalled the time after the Hawkeyes' loss to Northwestern when Perry was the first to speak up and demonstrate that he was not afraid to take on the leadership role.

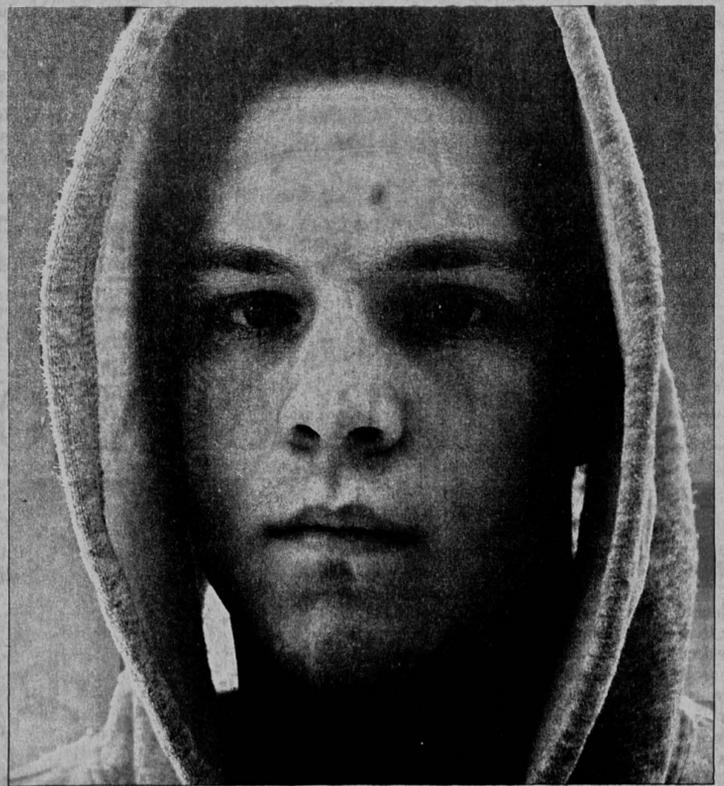
"Coaches can talk, but sometimes you need the athletes to give their input," Zalesky said. "Good athletes give their input and aren't afraid about what guys think."

Perry said he didn't go into the season planning to be one of the leaders, it just happened that way.

"I guess it's kind of just grown on me," he said. "I'm not trying to be a leader."

Perry has had to deal with a few obstacles so far in his young career at Iowa, including choosing to come to the school. He lived only four miles away from the Oklahoma State campus in Stillwater, Okla., a place that has a lot of meaning to his family.

His father, Mark Sr., was a two-time All-American at Oklahoma State, and his uncles Lee Roy, John, and Pat Smith have a combined seven national titles among them at the school. His uncle John is the Oklahoma State head coach, so when Perry



Amanda May/The Daily Iowan

Freshman Mark Perry is preparing for battle in the big time at the Big Ten wrestling championships. He is learning to channel his anger into defeating his opponents.

chose Iowa over the hometown school, it was tough for his family to handle.

"I think they just let him make up his mind," said Zalesky. "He doesn't really care what a lot of people think. He's going to do what he thinks is best for him."

A big reason Perry chose Iowa was because a teammate of his at Blair Academy, Steve Mocco, was a dominating force at heavyweight for the Hawkeyes.

But Perry would never have the chance to wrestle in the lineup with his former teammate. Mocco transferred to Oklahoma State after taking a year off at Iowa to train for the 2004 Olympics.

"It wasn't fun for anybody, because he's a good wrestler, and he affected our team big time," Perry said. "But I think we've managed to get over it, and I think in the long

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Michigan was led by senior BreAnne McPhelan, who scored a career-high 12 points in the final game of her senior forward Tabitha played her last game as she was held to nine points in the night; she converted only one goal in the second half. She averaged 16.6 points per game.

"We knew going in we were playing a really great basketball team," said Michigan's Cheryll Burnett. "We know about it's March Madness, it's a lot of emotion, you have to take care of the things done up to that point and just put it all out there."

Iowa's offensive success was berated throughout the game by the Hawkeye contributors. "I thought we closed the game very well," Bluder said. "I was happy with our second half play we shot the ball. I think we rebounded much better than the second half."

The Hawkeyes will get a rematch opportunity on Tuesday, 7:30 against No. 3 seed Iowa State. Iowa fell, 77-71, to Nittany Lions on Jan. 11. Hawks' first loss of the season.

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IOWA 70, MICHIGAN 42

MICHIGAN (5-23)

Pool 4-16 1-2 3	Helvey 1-6 0-0 2	McPhelan 1-12 3 15	Smith 9-15 1-13	Armstrong 1-3 6-8	Pope 0-0 1-2 1	Graham 0-1 2-2 2	Reedy 1-1 0-3 3	K 0-0 2	Totals 25-50 14-19 70
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IOWA (42-9)

Soloverson 2-7 0-1 4	VandeVenter 2-5 1-12 1-3 15	Smith 9-15 1-13	Armstrong 1-3 6-8	Pope 0-0 1-2 1	Graham 0-1 2-2 2	Reedy 1-1 0-3 3	K 0-0 2	Totals 25-50 14-19 70
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JOHN JOHNSTON

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Joe Johnston's closest friend and teammate, Ned Shuck, has seen his roommate win 66 times, and make 26 out of an offensive technique.

"Sheer determination," Shuck said. "Going out there and when he's wrestling, he's constantly on edge with a very aggressive style."

SPORTS

Hawks find Michigan an easy win

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
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Michigan was led by senior center BreAnne McPhilly, who scored a career-high 12 points in the final game of her career. Senior forward Tabitha Pool played her last game as well and was held to nine points on the night; she converted only one field goal in the second half. She came in averaging 16.6 points per game.

"We knew going in we had to play a really great basketball game," said Michigan coach Cheryl Burnett. "We talked about, it's March Madness, you have a lot of emotion, you play hard, and of course you want to take all of the things you've done up to that point and really just put it all out there."

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Iowa forward Krista VendeVenter fights past a Wolverine during Thursday evening's first-round game in the Big Ten Tournament in Indianapolis. The Hawks swept the court, 70-42.

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This game was about two more important things for Iowa than simply beating Michigan: earning its 20th win of the season and advancing in the tournament to face third-seeded Penn State tonight.

Back on Jan. 6, Iowa was the only undefeated team left in the nation. Then it ran into the Nittany Lions, who jumped out to a 20-point lead before Iowa mounted a comeback, only to lose, 77-71. With 47 seconds left, the lead was only two.

Coming that close is still something the players think about.

"That was the one that broke the streak," Cavey said.

Since then, the Nittany Lions have gone 13-3 in the Big Ten after being a decidedly average 5-6 in nonconference play.

"Their playbook must be the size of a small encyclopedia," Bluder said.

"We're going to have to control the ball very well. We're going to see so much press out of them. And we're going to have to work on defending screens."

Iowa saved some legs for today's game and potentially for the rest of the season. But also, everyone from Pope to Cavey scored, two players who have more than 1,000 points difference in their career totals. The team appeared confident and upbeat afterwards.

Before the game, the entire team ran out for pregame warm-ups grinning.

And after the game, all the Hawkeyes exited the court as they had entered it, with smiles as big as cantaloupe slices.

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IOWA (20-8)
Solverson 2-7 0-1 4, VandeVenter 2-5 1-2 5, Cavey 7-12 1-3 15, Smith 9-15 1-1 23, Armstrong 2-4 0-0 5, Emmert 1-3 6-8, Pope 0-0 1-2 1, Graham 0-1 2-2 2, Schlapkohl 0-1 2-2 2, Reedy 1-1 0-0 3, Kasperik 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 25-50 14-19 70.

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JOHNSTON: I'M GOING TO WIN

JOE JOHNSTON

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His score-first, defend-later style, with an innovation of punches and attack moves occasionally leaves him open to his opponent's rebuttal and open to the referee's backlash, losing points and sometimes costing him a match.

"Last year, I probably should have finished higher," he said, referring to his fourth-place finish at the Big Ten championships a season ago. "Sometimes, I'm a slow starter, and I had a bad first match."

Iowa will look to defend its Big Ten title this weekend, a familiar feat for Johnston and one he fully expects to make happen.

"Oh, I'm going win it this year," he said.

His teammate doesn't disagree. "I don't think there's anybody in the country that he can't major decision against," Shuck said.

"He's got a much stronger mentality not having those injuries, and I expect him to win Big Tens and go on to win nationals. There would be no reason to expect anything less."

His father, who admittedly was surprised his son was able to wrestle with a separated shoulder, considers it a possibility.

"He's got a deep weight class, but it's definitely possible," he said. "He's got the first step down because you have to know you can win, but it will be tough."

Six months after the Kansas high-school state championships, Johnston's shoulder didn't oblige. A second opinion revealed Joe had previously broken his shoulder and that he should have been treated earlier. Earlier being the day of the state

championships, when Johnston might have been in surgery had it not been for a misdiagnosis.

Maybe it was fate.

Maybe it was a high-school senior turning the cold shoulder — literally — to pain.

Either way, broken, separated, detached, as the doctor so eloquently put it — "He's going to wrestle, isn't he?"

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McCombs was ready to fire Tice late in season

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Minnesota Vikings owner Red McCombs on Thursday said he nearly fired coach Mike Tice last season in an effort to get more out of star receiver Randy Moss.

He also acknowledged that he knows the Vikings didn't get enough in return when they traded Moss to Oakland.

McCombs made his first public comments since the team traded Moss to the Raiders. The deal was made last week and officially completed on Wednesday.

McCombs said he was so desperate to "get a spark out of Randy" that he considered firing Tice just before Moss returned from a hamstring injury. At the time, the Vikings had lost three of four games after starting the season 5-1.

"I gave serious thought to replacing Mike when Randy was

coming off injury," McCombs said, speaking by teleconference from Texas. "I was trying to think, 'How can I make this thing work where we get that spark?'"

Changing coaches would have been the quickest way to send a major message, McCombs said, but ultimately he decided to stick with Tice, the league's lowest-paid head coach. Moss and his \$75 million contract were eventually shipped to Oakland.

In exchange for Moss, the Vikings received linebacker Napoleon Harris, the No. 7 pick in April's NFL draft, and a seventh pick. The deal has drawn criticism from some fans who wanted more for their marquee player.

McCombs said he had Tice's replacement picked out and ready to approach, but he didn't reveal who the person was.

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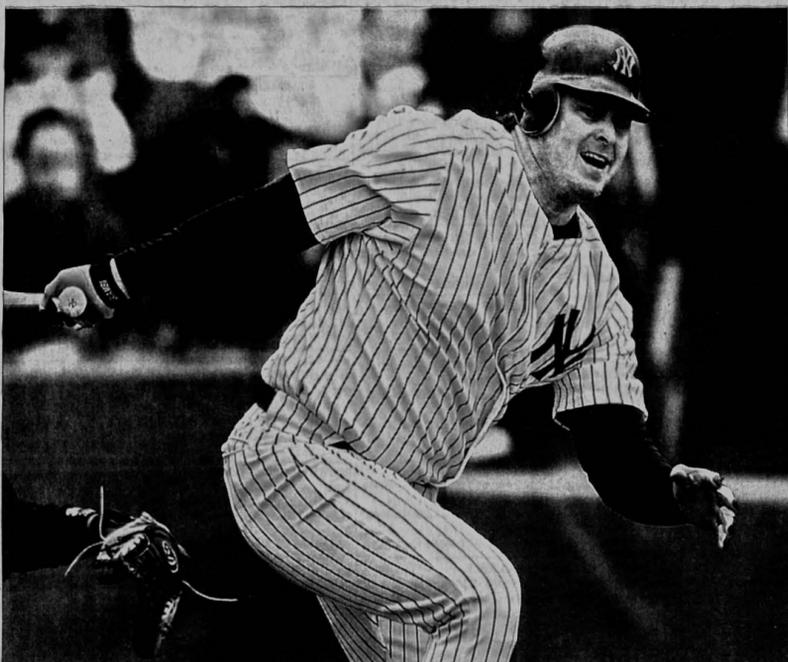
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SPORTS



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New York Yankee first baseman Jason Giambi grounds out in the third inning against the Pittsburgh Pirates on Thursday in Tampa, Fla. Giambi was 0-1 in the 2-2 tie.

Baseball starts new era of drug testing

BY RONALD BLUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA, Fla. — On the first day of baseball's new era of drug testing, Steve Howe of all people happened to be in the New York Yankees clubhouse.

Suspended eight times by baseball in an era when the sport's focus was on cocaine use, Howe supports the new program in order for the sport to clear the cloud. He knows what it is to be in the glare of the spotlight and under suspicion.

"I was one of the first to be tried and fried," he said. All of baseball seemingly has to prove its innocence, which is why players agreed to the new deal, which calls for more testing, additional banned performance-enhancing substances, and a 10-day suspension for a first offense.

Several players on the Florida Marlins were tested on the first day.

"I think most guys are relieved something's getting done so the majority don't get thrown into the mud because of the minority," third baseman Mike Lowell said in Jupiter.

Added Carlos Delgado, who like Lowell was not among those asked to provide a sample: "They can test me every day."

As the first tests were being taken, a congressional committee scheduled a hearing for March 17 on the new drug-testing agreement, which hasn't yet been completed. Among those invited to testify were Jose Canseco, Jason Giambi, Mark McGwire, Curt Schilling, Sammy Sosa, Rafael Palmeiro, Frank Thomas, Commissioner Bud Selig, and players' association head Donald Fehr.

"There's a cloud over baseball, and perhaps a public discussion of the issues, with witnesses testifying under oath, can provide a glimpse of sunlight," said Rep. Tom Davis, the chairman of the House Government Reform Committee. "I'm extremely concerned about the message being sent to children."

At Boston's camp in Fort Myers, Schilling said the call to testify was news to him and that he will consult with the union.

"We'll see what happens," he said. "I have no idea what it's

found "cause," but the limit has been removed. "A player always is subject to an additional test," he said. Howe, whose penalties were from 1983-92, now owns an energy-drink company. He said players in recent years had faced pressure to produce power, with teams holding the attitude: "If you don't hit home runs, then you're going to be gone."

AP writers Mike Fitzpatrick, Howard Ulman, and Steven Wine contributed to this report.

Jeff Kent criticized the new policy, telling the *San Francisco Chronicle* that testing should be supervised by an independent body, that amphetamines also should be banned, and that penalties should be more along the lines of the Olympic movement, where first offenses generally merit a two-year ban.

"I'm disappointed with Major League Baseball and the association for not implementing a plan that is completely solid," he was quoted as saying in Thursday's editions. "We need to prove to the fans that there's no question baseball should be clean and is clean, and we're not sending the right message with this policy."

Kent refused to discuss the subject Thursday.

"I've said my piece," he said in Vero Beach.

At the Yankees' camp, New York special adviser Reggie Jackson said Selig called him to give a "reprimand" after the Hall of Famer discussed steroids in a newspaper interview last year. Jackson said because of that, he couldn't discuss the new program.

Pat Courtney, a spokesman for Selig, said the commissioner didn't know what Jackson was referring to.

Rob Manfred, the executive vice president for labor relations in the commissioner's office, would not discuss how long it would take for Thursday's test results to come back. He said the timing of when players are tested is determined by a random poll. Last year,

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GOLF

Lefty in the lead again, with Tiger closing in

MIAMI (AP) — Phil Mickelson started making birdies and figured he better not stop, not with so many world-class players taking aim on a Blue Monster that lost its bite Thursday in the Ford Championship at Doral.

Lefty was right. But it wasn't just the marquee names crowding the top of the leaderboard.

Mickelson made 10 birdies, including six on his last eight holes, for an 8-under 64 that gave him a share of the lead with Jose Maria Olazabal, Brian Davis of England, and Marco Dawson.

Ninety-seven players in the 144-man field broke par on the Blue Monster, a record for the opening round at Doral. The previous mark was 90 sub-par scores in the first round of 2001.

Tiger Woods did his best to keep

pace, making three-straight birdies before the turn, settling for pars on the two par 5s on the back nine and making a 15-foot par putt on the last hole for a 65.

Doral has 11 of the top 12 players in the world ranking, one of the strongest fields of the year, and most of them delivered the performance everyone expected.

U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen was at 67, while No. 1 Vijay Singh birdied three of his last four holes for a 68. David Toms, coming off an overwhelming victory in the Match Play Championship, showed he's human with only a 69.

"When I know that the field is so strong, and you've got guys like Tiger and Vijay and Retief and Mike Weir and David Toms, guys who are making a lot of birdies and have the ability to shoot 62 or 63, I find myself pushing to go lower," Mickelson said. "Four or 5 under just isn't going to cut it with those guys in the field."

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HOTEL RWANDA (PG-13)

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THE JACKET (R)

12:00 2:25 4:50 7:15 9:40

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12:30 2:40 4:50

DIARY OF A MAD BLACK WOMAN (PG-13)

12:40 3:40 6:40 9:15

CONSTANTINE (R)

12:30 3:30 6:30 9:30

HITCH (PG-13)

12:30 3:30 6:30 9:30

WEDDING DATE (PG-13)

7:00 9:20

AVIATOR (PG-13)

12:45 4:45 8:45

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THE PACIFIER (PG)

12:00 12:30 2:15 2:45 4:30
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BE COOL (PG-13)

12:30 3:30 6:30 7:00 9:15 9:45

MAN OF THE HOUSE (PG-13)

11:50 2:15 4:40 7:00 9:20

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12:20 2:30 4:40 6:50 9:00

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11:45 2:15 4:45 7:15

HITCH (PG-13)

12:45 3:45 6:45 9:30

MILLION DOLLAR BABY (PG-13)

12:30 3:30 6:30 9:30

HIDE & SEEK (R)

7:15 9:40

ARE WE THERE YET? (PG)

12:00 2:20 4:40

COACH CARTER (PG-13)

9:40

MEET THE FOCKERS (PG-13)

1:00 4:00