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SIGHTS FROM THE SIDEWALKS OF IOWA CITY

— by Nick Narigon

- Pudgy people plodding along.
- Girls with the word "IOWA" printed on their butt.
- Guys throwing balls 15 feet away from their partners, then stretching their arms like it's really going to help.
- Guys running after errant throws.
- Girls lying next to the river, talking on their cell phones.
- People lying in the grass with stacks of books, taking naps.
- Dogs pooping while their owners look in the opposite direction, pretending they have no clue whose dog this is.
- Guys walking with their girlfriends, wishing they were chasing after a ball.
- Girls walking with their boyfriends, wishing they had brought their cell phones.
- Rollerbladers blazing by with their arms on their backs like they're in Roller Derby.
- People in jeans, winter coats, and stocking caps looking a little lost.

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FADING TRADITION

Citing funding and participation problems, officials cancel the annual Powwow in its 16th year

BY CHRISTINA ERB
THE DAILY IOWAN

For the past six years, UI Assistant Professor Jacki Rand has watched American Indian students put together one of the largest student-run powwows in the nation. This year, however, she and the UI American Indian Student Association brought an end to what would have been the event's 16th year.

The reason is a roughly \$8,500 debt from previous powwows, a dwindling number of "actual" American Indian students, and what the group argues is a lack of UI appreciation.

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CREW HOPES TO MAKE IOWA CITY STREETS SAFER

The Safe Streets Crew will resume its escort service March 24

BY DANIELLE STRATTON-COULTER
THE DAILY IOWAN

Safety in numbers is the key for a local program that will provide escorts and discourage violence in downtown Iowa City. The Safe Streets Crew is returning this spring, and the members are asking for more volunteers to help spread their message.

Part of the Iowa City Antiviolence Project, the Safe Streets Crew will offer walks home to UI students and Iowa City residents starting March 24. The group discontinued its services last fall because of a lack of volunteers and the cold weather, but organizers said it's important to bring the program back to life.

"I think there's a false sense of security in Iowa City that makes people think they're safe," said Ollie Graham, a UI senior and program organizer. "But many people don't feel comfortable walking home alone at night."

Safe Streets Crew organizer Steve Dillon, a UI senior, said volunteers will be available Thursday through Saturday nights from midnight to 2 a.m., a time when many students will be making their way home after a night out.

The group, which began in the fall of 2003, is separate from the now-defunct Safe Walk, a program that lost UI Student Government funding last spring because only two people utilized the service that academic year, said UIISG President Lindsay

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Lawsuit in fatal accident dropped

BY TRACI FINCH
THE DAILY IOWAN

The parents of a former UI junior killed when a Ford Explorer struck her in 2003 on March 4 dismissed a lawsuit against the man who drove the vehicle.

Robert and Janet Skolnick, the parents of Amanda Skolnick, then 20, filed the lawsuit in July 2004. They contended that Thomas Eldridge, 22, was negligent when his car struck their daughter as she was crossing the intersection of Linn and Burlington Streets.

Eldridge was charged with two counts of vehicular homicide. He pleaded guilty in late February to a lesser charge of involuntary manslaughter.

Reached at his Woodstock, Ill., home, Robert Skolnick said he had no comment on why he and his wife decided to drop the lawsuit.

Attorneys on both sides of the suit could not be reached for comment.

The lawsuit contended that Eldridge was negligent in failing to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian in a crosswalk. Amanda Skolnick was on her way to work when Eldridge's green Explorer struck her on the morning of Sept. 4. The lawsuit also asserted that Eldridge failed to maintain a proper lookout, failed to control his vehicle, operated his vehicle at an excessive speed, drove while intoxicated, and failed to exercise ordinary and reasonable care.



Skolnick

LAWSUIT DETAILS

• The parents of the UI junior filed the lawsuit against Thomas Eldridge, the driver of the vehicle, in July 2004. Robert Skolnick had no comment on why he and his wife decided to drop the lawsuit.

• Eldridge pleaded guilty in late February to involuntary manslaughter and will be sentenced April 20.

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Sturm picked as new DI editor

BY ELAINE FABIAN
THE DAILY IOWAN

The board that oversees *The Daily Iowan* tapped Jennifer Sturm to be the newspaper's 2005-06 editor-in-chief on Monday night, hailing her as a strong leader with broad experience in the news, sports, and design departments.

Student Publications Inc. named the UI senior to lead the student-run newspaper after interviews with three candidates: *DI* Design Editor Sturm, *DI* Sports Editor Jason Brummond, and UI senior Stephen Bargdill.

"Both Jason and Sturm were great candidates, but it was just a matter of

time spent at the *DI*," said Board Chairwoman Cori Zarek, a UI law student and former *DI* editor.

DI Publisher Bill Casey said Sturm's broad range of experience gave her a step up on her competition.

Sturm, 22, started working at the *DI* as a freshman in the fall of 2001, moving from the news section to sports and page design. Last summer, she interned for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

"I have been here at night for two years until the paper is sent to the printer," she said. "I have seen problems arise, and I know how to deal with most of them."

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Sturm editor, 2005-06
'It is an honor to work at *The Daily Iowan*.'

Bush picks Bolton as envoy to U.N.

BY GLENN KESSLER AND COLUM LYNCH
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Monday named Undersecretary of State John Bolton to be the next U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, a surprise choice that would send an outspoken critic of the world body's effectiveness to its inner councils.

Bolton's government experience stretches through three Republican administrations, and his tough language and willingness to eschew diplomatic niceties has earned him both fans and critics overseas and in the bureaucracy. In Bush's first term, he proved to be highly effective at advancing his strong conservative views within the administration, even when he was at odds with then-Secretary of State Colin Powell and much of the State Department.



Charles Dharapak/Associated Press

John Bolton, President Bush's nominee for U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, listens as he is introduced by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice at the State Department on Monday.

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HOT SEAT?
Steve Alford isn't concerned about rumors his job might be in danger. **1B**

WORKSHOP HOPEFUL
The distinguished writer Ben Marcus is the final candidate to become Writers' Workshop director to visit campus. **2A**

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Final workshop hopeful visits

BY EMILY DERRICO
THE DAILY IOWAN

The last of four finalists looking to take over Frank Conroy's spot as the director of the UI Writers' Workshop, Ben Marcus, read a selection from his book *The Father Costume* Monday as part of his visit this week to the UI campus.

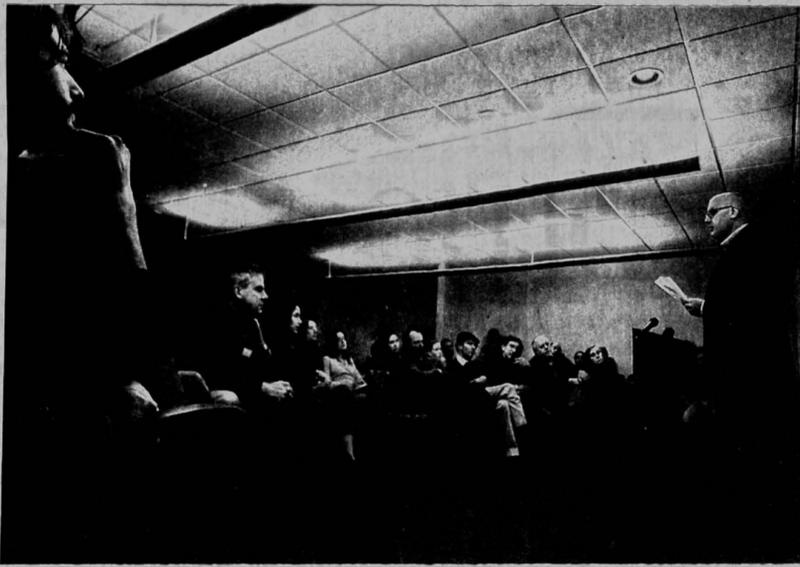
"It's fantastic. How can I complain?" Marcus said about being a finalist. "In the world of creative writing, it'd be crazy not to come to Iowa. It's the Mecca."

Marcus, the director of the fiction-writing program at Columbia University, is best known for his three works of fiction: *Notable American Women*, *The Age of Wire and String*, and *The Father Costume*.

He has been the recipient of numerous prestigious awards, including three Pushcart Prizes and a National Endowment for the Arts Award. Marcus graduated from New York University and received an M.F.A. from Brown, where he taught three years prior to working at Columbia.

"He's a gifted writer, teacher, and administrator," said Christopher Merrill, a member of the search committee and director of the UI International Writing Program.

If selected to be director, Marcus said that he looks forward most to working with students and faculty.



Amanda May/The Daily Iowan

Ben Marcus, one of four candidates for the post of Writers' Workshop director, reads from *The Father Costume* in the English-Philosophy Building on Monday evening.

"[The workshop] attracts the best students every year," he said. "I want to work with the best writers in the country. Every year at Columbia, we have students turn down admission [there] to come here."

The public readings given by the four finalists are only a small part of the extensive

selection process for only the fifth director of the famed 59-year-old program. Along with the reading, Marcus will meet with workshop administrators, students, and faculty.

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

The three other candidates vying for the director position are Jim Shepard, a professor at Williams College, and two workshop alumni, Lan Samantha Chang of Harvard University and Richard Bausch of George Mason University.

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White: Proposal could delay grievances against county attorneys

BY SEUNG MIN KIM
THE DAILY IOWAN

Proposed regulations that would funnel complaints against Iowa's county prosecutors through a state Supreme Court committee would jam the system meant to streamline the grievance process, the county's top prosecutor said.

Though he doesn't oppose the proposal, Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White said the current system of investigating complaints against prosecutors provides an important screening process that leaves the most serious reprimands for the state's high court.

"If that committee is going to be eliminated, somebody's going to get a lot of complaints that aren't truly ethical complaints," he said. "I don't know if the court understands that."

One of three agencies currently hear complaints against county attorneys: local bar associations, the Iowa Supreme Court's Board of Professional Ethics, or the Standards and Conduct Committee of the Iowa County Attorneys Association, which handles the bulk of the grievances.

The Iowa Supreme Court issues public reprimands and

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— J. Patrick White, Johnson County attorney

sanctions after the committees investigate whether to forward the complaint to the Supreme Court ethics board.

The proposed method would make the Supreme Court's ethics board the sole ear for complaints against lawyers, which would consolidate control in investigating such issues, said Supreme Court spokeswoman Rebecca Colton.

"The court feels that having only one group involved [in the investigation of complaints] will increase accountability," she said.

Others also welcomed the proposal, labeling the possible appearance of impropriety within the prosecutors' association "disconcerting."

"I don't think that they are any more prone to doing things any more inappropriately, but I don't think they should get special treatment, either," said public defender Richard Klausner. "I find it awfully odd that they are investigating themselves and finding themselves having done nothing wrong."

But if history is any indication, officials from the Iowa Supreme Court must expedite their disciplinary measures for the system to be effective, White

said, pointing to a Muscatine judge whose reprimand for an operating-while-intoxicated charge took two years to administer.

From defendants asserting that county attorneys were too zealous to parents upset because their children were prosecuted, the Standards and Conduct Committee hears many complaints that aren't necessarily ethical issues, White said, while praising the panel for its "outstanding work."

"If [an investigation] is too slow, it's not going to do anything to lend credibility to the disciplinary process," he said.

Considering written and oral comments from supporters and opponents of the proposed regulations, the state Supreme Court will make a final decision by May 1, Colton said.

"I think all prosecutors, like all defense attorneys, all do a pretty darn good job," Klausner said. "We're one of the few professions that police themselves and have pretty rigorous requirements, like continuing education every year for lawyers, to even stay licensed."

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POLICE BLOTTER

Nicholas Allen, 20, Riverside, was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana.

Frederick Cox, 49, 904 Benton Drive Apt. 11, was charged Monday with operating while intoxicated and driving while barred.

Gary Ezell, 53, 332 Ellis Ave. Apt. 30, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Harold Howard, 47, address unknown, was charged March 5 with public intoxication.

Nicole Melone, 20, 413 S. Johnson St. Apt. 5, was charged Monday with OWI.

Timothy Mitchell, 19, Dow City, Iowa, was charged March 5 with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

Andrew Myers, 42, 717 Keokuk Court, was charged March 4 with OWI, driving while license was revoked, interference with official acts, and possession of an open container of alcohol in a vehicle.

Jared Norman, 23, 155 Woodside Drive Apt. D3, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Terrance Talley, 20, address unknown, was charged Sunday with interference with official acts.

Kyle Wahl, 19, 804 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 826, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Robert White, 42, address unknown, was charged March 5 with public intoxication.

Kevin Wilson, 23, Coralville, was charged March 5 with criminal trespass.

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Sexual-abuse lawsuit against UI dismissed

The lawsuit was filed by a former UI student that accused the university of not taking steps to prevent a TA from sexually harassing her

BY TRACI FINCH

THE DAILY IOWAN

A lawsuit filed by a former UI student who accused the UI of allowing a former biology teaching assistant to sexually harass her in December 2002 has been dismissed.

Lexi Toft filed the lawsuit in September 2004, contending that the university failed to protect her when administrators ignored recommendations to fire Frederick Williams.

Williams, now 29, was convicted in July 2003 of third-degree sexual abuse after he exposed himself to Toft and masturbated in front of her in his Chemistry Building office.

Martin Diaz, Toft's attorney, said he could not comment on why his client dropped the lawsuit.

"The matter has been resolved," he said in an e-mail.

The lawsuit alleged that when Toft filed a complaint with the UI Office of Affirmative Action, she discovered another student had accused Williams of sexually abusing her in February 2002.

According to court papers, Toft found out in March 2002 that the office had recommended that the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences immediately suspend

Williams from his teaching responsibilities and eventually fire him.

Toft asserted that, although liberal-arts Dean Linda Maxson and the university knew about previous sexual-abuse allegations, they failed to take adequate steps to prevent Williams from committing similar acts on other women, including Toft.

In the lawsuit, she requested punitive damages from the state, the UI, Maxson, and Williams to deter such conduct from them and others who are in similar situations in the future.

In October 2004, attorneys for the state responded to the lawsuit in a three-page response.

They denied Toft's allegations, contending that the UI had taken "reasonable care" to prevent any inappropriate behavior on campus.

Iowa Assistant Attorney General George Carroll added that Toft "unreasonably failed to take advantage of any preventive or corrective opportunities provided by defendants or to avoid harm otherwise."

The lawsuit was dismissed with prejudice, meaning it cannot be reopened.

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"The collapse of the Powwow is about recruitment and retention, the environment at Iowa for Native students, a lack of support, and I would go even so far to say obstruction," said Rand, a Choctaw Indian and an assistant professor of history and American Indian and Native Studies. "The icing on the cake is the lack of the appreciation."

Phillip Jones, the UI vice president for Student Services, said the university is committed to the student association, pointing to the university paying one-third of the event's cost for the past 10 years. The 2004 event's total cost was approximately \$90,000.

"We have tried to make sure that the basic costs for the Powwow are taken care of," he said.

To raise the rest of the money, the association seeks donations from the UI as well as local businesses and residents. But declining group membership made it difficult to raise money and organize the event this year, Moore said.

Carlos Serrato, the assistant director for Campus Programs and Student Activities, said many of the association's reasons for canceling its event are valid.

"There are not that many students to take it on," he said. "It was falling on fewer than a dozen students to run it."

UI graduate student Quanah Walker, a member of the Meskwaki Nation, said he was bitter about the UI and those



Amanda May/The Daily Iowan

Quanah Walker, the president of the American Indian Student Association, speaks at a March 3 meeting at the Latino Native American Culture Center. The weekly meeting, which used to draw around 20 students, was sparsely attended; it addressed the cancellation this year of the annual Powwow.

American Indian students who do not embrace the association or have a connection to their culture.

"They register as Native American students, but they have no connection to their culture. Nobody on campus ever sees them," he said. "The numbers are obviously wrong. They say there are hundreds of Native Americans, but they are really just white people who filled out forms."

The UI Registrar's Office enrollment statistics show that in the

fall of 1994, the university had approximately 79 American Indian students; in the fall of 2004, the number had risen to 141.

But Jones said the numbers may have lost their momentum in recent years.

"We may be bringing in more, but we may not be holding more," he said. "The question may be more of one of retention than recruitment."

Marcella David, the interim associate provost for Diversity,

said there is a plan through Opportunity at Iowa and the Office of Admissions to organize a recruitment program in Sioux City — home to approximately 10,000 American Indians.

"We hope to reach out to people in communities that have been identified by students that are members of the student organization," she said. "We are always looking for opportunities."

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'Walking the walk'

SAFETY

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Schutte. Safe Walk offered escorts to UI students Monday through Wednesday nights, Schutte said.

Dillon said Safe Walk failed principally because it would not offer services to intoxicated students and limited walking routes to campus buildings.

"We'll walk you home if you're drunk," he said. "We'll walk you anywhere you want."

Dillon's team members plans to station themselves at the intersection of Washington and Dubuque Streets, where they hope to encounter the greatest number of people. Two volunteers will be sent out for each person who requests a walk, Graham said. Volunteers will also hand out pamphlets raising awareness about rape and domestic violence. The group will receive calls on Dillon's cell phone, which members fund through benefit concerts and "canning," or asking for spare

change, downtown.

Graham said the Safe Streets Crew has approximately 20 volunteers. Crew members are hoping to recruit more before students return from spring break, posting fliers and speaking at sororities and the Emma Goldman Clinic, 227 N. Dubuque St., Dillon said.

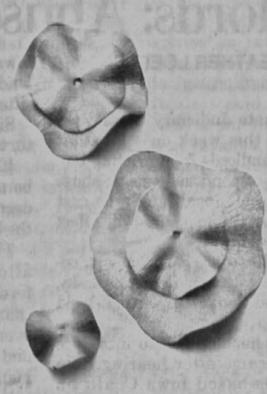
Volunteer hours apply toward the 10,000 Hours Show program, Graham said.

"People only have to volunteer as much or as little as they want to," she said.

UI police Capt. Larry Langley said the Safe Streets Crew's approach could help prevent potential attacks.

"Anytime people travel in groups or in pairs, they can be safe because they are more aware of what's going on," he said. "If people are targeting people, they are less likely to target a pair or a group of people than if someone is walking alone."

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ARTFUL THINGS

Bush taps Bolton as U.N. ambassador

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The post requires Senate confirmation, and Democrats immediately signaled they would wage a spirited confirmation battle. Forty-three Democrats voted against his nomination as undersecretary for arms control four years ago; even some Republicans privately expressed dismay at Bolton's elevation Monday.

Some U.N. diplomats said they were surprised at the choice. European officials said

they were puzzled at how the appointment meshed with the administration's recent efforts at consultative diplomacy.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who announced the nomination, alluded to Bolton's reputation when she noted that "some of our best ambassadors" to the United Nations have been those with "the strongest voices," such as Jeane Kirkpatrick and Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Bolton would replace John Danforth, who resigned after barely six months as ambassador. An aide to Rice, calling it a

"Nixon goes to China" move, said the secretary recommended Bolton's appointment to Bush several weeks ago. Rice told reporters Bolton was selected "because he knows how to get things done."

Bolton acknowledged on Monday he has written critically of the United Nations, saying that one highlight of his career was his role in the successful 1991 repeal of the General Assembly 1975 resolution equating Zionism with racism, "thus removing the greatest stain on the U.N.'s reputation."

He said he has consistently stressed in his writings that "American leadership is critical to the success of the U.N., an effective U.N., one that is true to the original intent of its charter's framers."

Bolton served in the administration of George H.W. Bush as assistant secretary of State for international organizations and in the Reagan administration as an assistant attorney general. He keeps a mock grenade in his office, labeled, "To John Bolton — World's Greatest Reaganite."

Sturm chosen as *DI* editor

EDITOR

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Sturm wasn't sure, though, whether the SPI Board would select her, she said.

"They were in there for two hours, so I know it must have been a tough decision," she said. "The other candidates must have had really good things to say."

Tony Robinson, the *DI*'s current editor-in-chief, said Sturm earned the position because of her exceptional work ethic — going far beyond her regular duties to strengthen the paper. "She brings the writers and the staff together to produce a good product," he said.

As editor, Sturm said, she plans to re-implement the *DI*'s internship program, which helps some new staff members ease into their responsibilities. Interns

would work four to six weeks without pay, after which editors would decide whether to hire them full-time. The program is also a money-saving measure, she said: "With the new building, we will need to fill it up, but we can't afford to pay everyone."

The Washington, Iowa, native added that she believes she was chosen because of her good rapport with the staff.

"It is an honor to work at *The Daily Iowan*," she said. "It is one of the best college newspapers in the nation."

The *DI*, an award-winning student-run newspaper with a circulation of nearly 20,000, is published five days a week for UI students, faculty, staff, and Iowa City community members.

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Lawsuit dropped

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Robert and Janet Skolnick also argued that Eldridge "knowingly and willingly" ingested illegal drugs and became intoxicated and impaired when he drove his vehicle. Eldridge allegedly smoked marijuana the night before the accident; he has since denied it impaired his driving.

The Skolnicks sought more than \$10,000 in actual and punitive damages for their daughter's "severe mental and physical pain and suffering." According to police reports, Amanda Skolnick was dragged for 30 feet before Eldridge realized she was underneath his car. She was then transferred by ambulance to UI Hospitals and Clinics, where she died the next day from head injuries sustained in the collision.

Eldridge is set to be sentenced April 20.

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UI still examining security

BY NICK PETERSEN
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UI officials are making progress in their examination of security options for university buildings and laboratories by considering new security technology and methods of increasing awareness since the break-in Spence Laboratories nearly four months ago, officials said.

While officials remain tightlipped about specific precautions they have taken because they do not want to alert potential criminals, they have mulled such ideas as installing more cameras and increasing use and ownership of electronic-access cards, said Charles Green, the assistant vice president for the UI police.

Security would be the topic of an ongoing dialogue at the university, he said.

"If you have the impression

we are taking a new aggressive approach to using security cameras, that's not true," he said.

"Before any discussion of using cameras campuswide, we will have to look at privacy issues first."



Green assistant vice president for UI police

Green, a member of a committee appointed to study UI security, said he would like to see the university move away from mechanical and toward electronic keys more than it has.

"Just because we have cards doesn't mean we have a good security system," he said.

Bill Decker, the interim vice president for Research and chairman of the committee studying security at the UI,

could not be reached for comment Monday. David Wynes, an associate vice president for Research, had no comment.

Members of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, from which burglars stole more than \$11,000 worth of electronics soon after its new Adler Building opened this semester, have handled security by adjusting their mindset rather than adding security measures, said Pam Creedon, the school's director.

She has advised people at the school to be more wary of the threat of crime by doing things such as talking to people in the building after hours to see why they are there and making sure not to prop open doors, she said.

"We lost \$11,000 worth of equipment in a \$19 million building," she said. "We're not happy about it, but in the big scheme of things, it was a

wake-up call for us. If it's what it took to be more conscientious of security, so be it."

Creedon said her outlook on security has changed since the burglary. When nine plasma televisions were installed in the lobby of the Adler Building, she found out that no security had been planned for the sets, so she had a security system installed.

She also noted that her department's case was an extraordinary one.

"The basic issue was that we moved into the building as it was being finished," Creedon said. "There was no way at that point in time we could really secure the building. The burglary was a function of the fact there was too much chaos in the building when we started classes."

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AARP activist urges seniors to speak out on Social Security changes

BY ELAINE FABIAN
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An AARP representative advised Iowa City senior citizens to contact their congressman and voice their opposition to President Bush's proposal to create a private investment accounts to partially replace Social Security.

Approximately 30 seniors gathered at the Iowa City/Johnson County Senior Citizens Center, 28 S. Linn St., to listen to AARP state lobbyist John McCally describe the organization's opposition to Bush's plan to create individual private savings accounts.

The plan will cost \$1 trillion to \$2 trillion in Social Security money, he said. He added that AARP would support a proposal to create such accounts as long as the current Social Security system remains in place.

AARP believes that Bush's proposal is based on myths, McCally said. Although Bush argues that individuals will have more control over their money with private accounts, AARP argues that the proposal will provide limited investment options. Citizens already have enough control through benefits provided by employers, such as 401(K) plans and IRAs, with Social Security providing an additional foundation, McCally said.

Johnson County Republicans Co-Chairman Todd Versteeg argued that Bush is providing an option that will provide greater benefits.

"A lot of what the AARP says is almost misinformation," he said, adding that people over the age of 65 will get all the benefits they are entitled to. "Bush's proposal is a better opportunity for people, and it is on a voluntary basis."

McCally also said that Social Security is not actually in crisis, although there are likely problems for it in the future.

"With no changes to Social Security, it will pay out 100 percent of its obligations until 2042," he said. "After that, it will only pay 70 percent of its obligations."

McCally said the AARP instead supports increasing the retirement age and/or raising the salary cap on Social Security taxes.

Senior citizens at the forum expressed concern on many issues, including protecting coverage for widows. Some also wanted more explanation on why the deficit is not going away.

"Something nobody ever talks about is that the government borrowed \$1.3 to \$1.7 million for pork-barrel projects," said Frank Person, an Iowa City resident. "If they would pay that back, Social Security would be OK for years to come."

McCally added that college students should be concerned with the Social Security deficit because many of them won't be able to afford retirement in addition to buying a house and their children's education unless Social Security is protected in its current form. Bush's stress on the effect of a Social Security deficit on younger generations alone, however, is not justified, he said.

"The issue is intergenerational, but there are differences in the way each generation views Social Security," McCally said. "Bush is taking people over 50 out of the debate. AARP believes that people over 50 do have a stake in the debate."

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Landlords: Abuse-eviction bill won't affect IC

BY HEATHER LOEB
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa Senate Judiciary Committee will likely vote this week on a bill that would prohibit landlords from evicting tenants after police respond to domestic-abuse situations, but some local landlords cast doubt on whether the measure will affect their current procedures.

Sen. Maggie Tinsman, R-Davenport, co-sponsored the bill with Sen. Robert Dvorsky, D-Coralville, and Sen. Pat Ward, R-West Des Moines.

Tinsman said her decision to introduce the legislation came after hearing from the Des Moines-based Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence that some women who have been abused domestically were evicted from their apartments after calling police.

"The feeling is that it's disruptive having police come to the building, and other clients don't like it," she said. "It hasn't happened an extensive number of times but enough to be a problem."

The bill would amend a section of the

Iowa Code that includes restrictions on a landlord's retaliatory actions in a variety of situations.

Similar legislation is making its way through the House of Representatives.

If the measures pass, landlords will not be able to evict tenants, increase rent, or decrease services after police are called to the building for one domestic dispute.

The Senate bill is being amended to allow landlords to serve a notice of termination for repeated instances — more than once in six months — because such events would "create and maintain clear and present danger to other tenants," Tinsman said.

Katie Zimmer, an assistant coordinator of the Tenant Landlord Association, said she didn't think the bill would have much effect locally.

"[Eviction because of a domestic-abuse situation] hasn't been an issue in Iowa City," she said.

Phil Launspach, the owner of Launspach Rentals, said he hasn't had domestic-abuse problems at any of his dozen

properties around Iowa City, but if something happened, he wouldn't immediately evict a tenant.

"Somebody's probably in trouble, and you have to sit down and see what's going on," he said. "Eviction is always going to be the last resort."

Anna Buss, the owner of AB Property Management, focused on the safety of all her tenants as her highest priority.

"If you have a situation such as [domestic abuse], it doesn't take long for something like that to escalate and affect neighbors," she said.

"I would not hesitate to evict someone on that, because it can turn into clear and present danger, and you have to protect your other tenants."

However, she said, her decision would rest upon the specifics of each situation and that talking to tenants is always the first step.

Buss, like Launspach, reported no domestic-abuse problems at her properties in the past several years.

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STATE

NRA president tells lawmakers to go easy on hunters

DES MOINES (AP) — The president of the National Rifle Association told lawmakers Monday to avoid too many hunting regulations, saying they could chase away hunters who help control the state's deer population.

Kayne Robinson said overly strict legislation created by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and similar agencies in other states are destroying hunting.

"Hunting is being killed off here in Iowa and nationally, and hunters are being driven out," said Robinson, a former assistant police chief in Des Moines who was elected to succeed Charlton Heston as NRA president in 2003.

He estimated the number of hunters nationally has gone from 20 million to around 13 million. He blamed increasing costs, overregulation, and government red tape.

Natural Resources spokesman Kevin Baskins disagreed with Robinson's characterization of hunting in the state. He said Iowa is one of the nation's top destinations for deer hunters.

"We obviously have a strong contingent of people out there who don't feel rules are a roadblock to make them stay away," Baskins said. "Even in bad years, we get a fair amount of out-of-state hunters, and in good years we get a tremendous amount."

Robinson said hunting in Iowa could be an important economic development tool and is critical to helping the state control its deer population.

Gov. Tom Vilsack has asked the Legislature to increase the number of deer hunting licenses to increase revenue and decrease the deer population. Natural Resources issues 6,000 deer licenses a year to out-of-state residents. Vilsack said last year there were 12,000 applicants.

Natural Resources officials are asking for the authorization to issue 10,000 licenses.

The overpopulation of deer has been discussed this legislative session because of the increasing number of car-deer accidents.

Robinson said the state should keep hunting fun and easy to do.

He said young hunters just getting started and workers with low-income jobs shouldn't be priced out of enjoying the sport by too many fees and regulations that too easily result in violations and fines.

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Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Hill on Monday.

Senate minimum

BY DAVID ESPINOZA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Senate on Monday dueling proposals to raise the federal minimum wage to \$7.25 an hour — one backed by organized labor, the other saluted by business provisions — in a skirmishing that may give Republican gains in late elections.

Both plans fell well short of the 60 votes needed to pass, and signaled that prospects for raising the federal wage unchanged since 1997 are remote during the current Congress.

"I believe that anyone

NATION

Brother of Jackson accused of groping

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — A younger brother of Michael Jackson described for jurors in detail Monday how he twice groped the child pop star while the child young boy lay sleeping in bed at his Neverland Ranch.

The brother also testified Jackson showed them Internet sites, gave them wine, slept with them, and appeared to them naked and sexually abused the pop star's Neverland ranch. "Me and my brother were naked," the 14-year-old testified. "Me and my brother grooved out. He sat on the bed and it was natural," then left.

Speaking calmly, directly, and rationally, he said the molestation shortly after Jackson had shown boys sexually explicit magazines kept in a suitcase in his bedroom.

District Attorney Tom Snodgrass projected on a courtroom screen covers of magazines including *Barely Legal*, which featured an extremely young woman with breasts exposed.

The defense has said Jackson "girtle" magazines in his hands never showed them to children.

The boy said that after Jackson with his hand in his underwear he witnessed

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Amid controversy, Rather departs

BY SCOTT COLLINS
LOS ANGELES TIMES

After months at the center of a media storm and years as one of the most polarizing figures on the American news scene, Dan Rather will sign off this week as anchor of "The CBS Evening News." But to paraphrase one of his homespun "Rather-isms," don't bet the trailer money that he'll disappear.



Dan Rather resigning after 24 years as anchor of "The CBS Evening News"; Rather is departing following months of controversy over a story that aired concerning President Bush's military service

"I'm not retiring, I'm changing jobs," the 73-year-old newsman insisted in a phone interview. Still, his voice caught when he was asked what he could yet do in his career to make viewers forget about his role in a flawed story last year on President Bush's military service. "I can't," he said softly. But he added quickly that he believed Americans would eventually reach what he considered the right verdict about his legacy.

Rather's reputation is hardly the only thing left unresolved. Coming six months after the Bush report, the anchorman's messy exit encapsulates much larger problems within CBS News.

Hailed for decades as the home of broadcast giants such as Edward R. Murrow and Walter Cronkite, the legendary division is now struggling to redefine its mission. "Evening News" is mired in third place in the ratings and has no permanent anchor (after Rather signs off Wednesday, veteran

"Face the Nation" host Bob Schieffer will fill in for an unspecified interim.) The future of CBS's prime-time newsmagazines also is unclear.

Nagging questions remain about the investigation CBS commissioned on the Bush story, and the former executive producer of "60 Minutes Wednesday" — who was asked to resign after the panel issued its report — still has not left the company and has hired a lawyer.

CBS Chairman Leslie Moonves openly speaks of a "revolution" in the news division, prompting further anxieties internally. But he's not saying much about Rather; he declined to comment for this story.

"Morale is not very good right now," Schieffer said in an interview. "I think our credibility was hurt by" the Bush story. "But we're going to turn a page. We've simply got to move on."

CBS's problems on the eve of Rather's departure from the anchor chair are all the most stark when contrasted with the situation at NBC, which after years of careful planning, successfully transferred Brian Williams into Tom Brokaw's position on the No. 1-rated "Nightly News" in a burst of publicity late last year. Rather is leaving the field to catcalls from some of his own teammates.

In a *New Yorker* article this week, "60 Minutes" co-editor Mike Wallace was quoted calling Rather's on-air persona "uptight" and "occasionally contrived." Wallace and former producer Don Hewitt all confessed that they preferred to watch Rather's competitors. Cronkite, who still maintains an office and small staff at CBS News, told the magazine that Moonves should have been tougher on Rather and CBS News President Andrew Heyward.

Some insiders blame Rather not just for his tangled role in the controversy, but for the larger problems in the news division. Executives were too deferential to him for too long, according to this line of thinking. They did not prepare for a smooth succession at the anchor desk; they permitted Rather to spread himself too thin. And above all, they allowed him to languish in the ratings for a decade.

The level of anger is so high that many of the top newsmen willing to pay tribute to Rather's career are competitors.

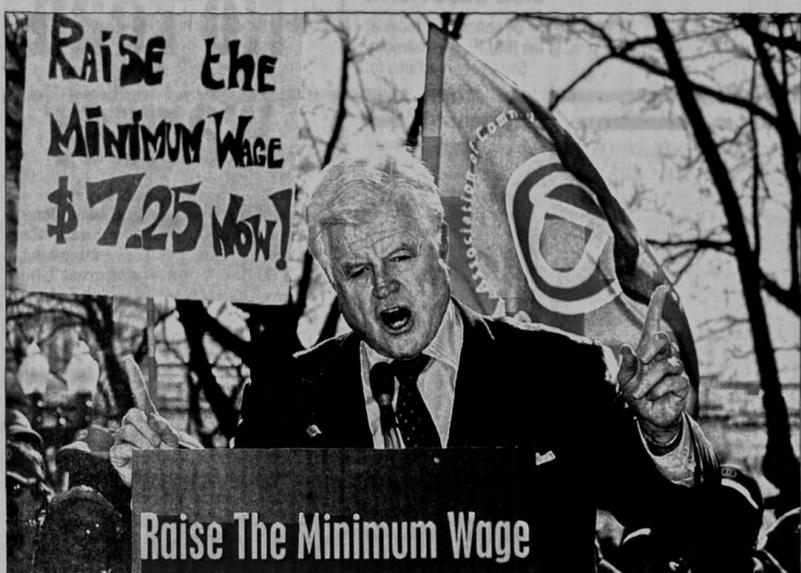
"It is not right to judge an entire career [by one error], as awful and systemic a failure as this was," said NBC's Williams. "One error does not a career make."

But the error for the moment has overshadowed Rather — and CBS. Less than two months before the election, Rather, a correspondent on "60 Minutes Wednesday," presented a report that suggested Bush received preferential treatment while serving in the Texas Air National Guard. It was based, in part, on documents that could not be authenticated.

The panel that CBS commissioned to investigate condemned the report with strong language. The network, investigators said, was in such a rush to air the Sept. 8 story that it failed to heed its own standards for accuracy and fairness — and then refused to acknowledge its own mistakes.

CBS News arrived at this point, insiders and rival newsmen say, at least partly because of the complicated, decades-long dance between Rather and his various network bosses. The scene was set even before he ascended to the position of "Evening News" anchor in 1981, replacing Cronkite, "the most trusted man in America."

Having worked his way up as a correspondent in Dallas, Vietnam, and the White House, Rather battled hard for the anchor chair.



Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., speaks in support of raising the minimum wage during a rally on Capitol Hill on Monday.

Senate shoots down minimum-wage boost

BY DAVID ESPO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Monday defeated dueling proposals to raise the \$5.15-an-hour minimum wage — one backed by organized labor, the other salted with pro-business provisions — in a day of skirmishing that reflected Republican gains in last fall's elections.

Both plans fell well short of the 60 votes needed to advance and signaled that prospects for raising the federal wage floor, unchanged since 1996, are remote during the current two-year Congress.

"I believe that anyone who

works 40 hours a week, 52 weeks a year should not live in poverty in the richest country in the world," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., arguing for the Democratic proposal to increase the minimum wage by \$2.10 over the next 26 months.

Republicans countered with a smaller increase, \$1.10 in two steps over 18 months, that they said would help workers without hampering the creation of jobs needed to help those with low skills. "Wages do not cause sales. Sales are needed to provide wages. Wages do not cause revenue. Revenue drives wages," said Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo.

The Democratic amendment was defeated, with 46 votes for and 49 against. The GOP alternative fell by a wider margin, 38 for and 61 against.

While the outcome was never in doubt, Democrats said in advance they hoped to use the issue to increase chances for passage of state minimum-wage initiatives in 2006 as well as to highlight differences with Republicans who will be on the ballot next year.

Democrats sought minimum wage increases in three steps of 70 cents each, to \$7.25. Republicans countered with raises in two steps of 55 cents apiece, to \$6.25, as well as several pro-business provisions.

NATION

Brother of Jackson accuser describes groping

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — The younger brother of Michael Jackson's accuser described for jurors in graphic detail Monday how he twice saw the pop star grope the child while the young boy lay sleeping in Jackson's bed at his Neverland Ranch.

The brother also testified that Jackson showed them Internet sex sites, gave them wine, slept in bed with them, and appeared before them naked and sexually aroused at the pop star's Neverland ranch.

"Me and my brother were watching a movie, and Michael walked up naked," the 14-year-old witness testified. "Me and my brother were grossed out. He sat on the bed and said it was natural," then left the room.

Speaking calmly, directly, and unemotionally, he said the molestation occurred shortly after Jackson had shown the boys sexually explicit magazines that he kept in a suitcase in his bedroom.

District Attorney Tom Sneddon projected on a courtroom screen the covers of magazines including one called *Barely Legal*, which depicted an extremely young woman with her breasts exposed.

The defense has said Jackson had "girlie" magazines in his house but never showed them to children.

The boy said that after seeing Jackson with his hand in his brother's underwear he witnessed another

episode of what he described as masturbation two days later. He did not state the dates of the incidents, which the prosecution says followed a February 2003 TV documentary in which Jackson appeared with the boy at Neverland.

Jackson, 46, is accused of molesting a 13-year-old cancer survivor at Neverland, giving him alcohol and conspiring to hold the family captive to get them to rebut the damaging documentary in which Jackson said he allowed children to sleep in his bedroom.

Nobel winner Bethe dies at 98

ITHACA, N.Y. (AP) — Hans Bethe, a giant of 20th-century physics who played a central role in the building of the atomic bomb and won a Nobel Prize for discovering the process that powers the sun and the stars, has died at 98.

Bethe, who died Sunday, stood alongside such figures as Enrico Fermi, Robert Oppenheimer, Leo Szilard, and Edward Teller as a member of the corps of scientists who ushered in the atomic age.

During the World War II race to build the bomb, Bethe was head of the Manhattan Project's theoretical-physics division at Los Alamos, N.M.

"Bethe was the last of the giants of Los Alamos," said Gerald Brown, a physics professor at the State University of New York-Stony Brook.

Bethe, who fled Nazi Germany and joined the Cornell University faculty in

1935, also made major discoveries about how atoms are built up from smaller particles, about what makes

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No road warrior

The Cowboy in Chief, I see, along with the Stealth President and other members of his posse, is embarking on a 60-day tour of these great United States, the purpose of which is to shore up support for his plan to fix Social Security by gutting it. (No, really.)

Well, good, I guess. At least it gets him out of the house.

Though I can't help but remember that his most recent jaunt about the nation to pitch his notion of partially privatizing Social Security, in the words of some reports, "ran into a brick wall."

That's putting it as politely as possible. A recent poll by the Pew Research Center for People & the Press showed increasing disapproval about the Cowboy's plan: Only 46 percent supported his idea of creating private accounts paid for by Social Security payroll taxes. That figure was 54 percent in December. That same poll showed that only 29 percent of Americans thought that he was handling the Social Security issue well.

And a *New York Times*/CBS News survey demonstrated that 51 percent of Americans believe private accounts are not a good idea — a figure that jumps to 69 percent if they are informed that creating private accounts would result in reduced Social Security benefits. Which the Cowboy's proposal would do; the notion is that if you divert 3 or 4 percent of your Social Security taxes into a private account, your government benefits are cut accordingly.

There's further bad news for the denizen of the West Wing: A recent *CNN/USA Today* poll found that only 38 percent of Americans believe that major changes are necessary in the near future — "in the next year or two" was the phrase. A month before, that figure was 49 percent. And an *NBC/Wall Street Journal* survey from about three weeks ago demonstrated that the percentage of Americans who think that "making some adjustments but leaving the Social Security system basically as is" moved from 39 percent in December to 44 percent in January to 50 percent in mid-February.

Say what you want about polls — when that many demonstrate more or less the same thing, you don't have to be an Einstein to pick up a trend. And the trend is, the more the Cowboy in Chief pitches his plan, the more Americans are ready to reach for their lassos and say, "Whoa, Cowboy. Hang on there for just a dam minute."

That's because people can see the Cowboy's plan does nothing to aid Social Security. Even White House aides — and on one occasion, the Cowboy himself — admit this. It works like this: Social Security will not be able to cover full benefits in 2052, according to the Congressional Budget Office (I use CBO figures because if anything is actually done about Social Security, Congress has to do it, and Congress, I believe, mandated by law to use the CBO numbers). The Cowboy's plan is to say to Americans, Social Security is in a world of hurt, so I propose to take some money away from it.

No wonder it doesn't play in Peoria. The Cowboy's other ploy is to claim that the Social Security Trust Fund is empty. Last month in North Carolina he said, "Some of you probably think there is a kind of — a bank, a Social Security trust bank. There are empty promises, but there's no pile of money that you thought was there when you retired."

Ahem. As Joel Havemann, a *Los Angeles Times* reporter, wrote on Sunday, "You can find [the trust fund] — about \$1.7 trillion worth of special-issue Treasury bonds — in a Bureau of Public Debt safe in Parkersburg, W.Va."

And as Rep. Sander Levin of Michigan, the lead Democrat on the House Social Security subcommittee, says, "Those bonds are real. Retirees can rely on them. The administration doesn't dare say otherwise to loud, because it would cast suspicion on all other U.S. Treasury bonds held around the world."

And if foreign investors ever get the notion that U.S. Treasury bonds are worthless, that flushing noise you will hear will be the sound of the U.S. economy rushing to Argentina and points south.

So ride on, Mr. Cowboy, ride on. This Social Security bamboozle road show ought to be quite the spectacle. And making a spectacle of himself is one thing this Cowboy has down pat. ■



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STAFF EDITORIAL

Work remains, but a good start with good ideas

The *DI* Editorial Board met with Leah Cohen and Brian Flynn, co-heads of the Iowa City Alcohol Advisory Board, to discuss feasible alternatives to 21-only for combating underage drinking

The *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board was fortunate enough to have a meeting last weekend with Leah Cohen and Brian Flynn, the co-heads of the Iowa City Alcohol Advisory Board and owners of Bo-James, 118 E. Washington St., and Joe's Place, 115 Iowa Ave., respectively. In previous editorials we've criticized the group for being ineffective; by that we meant that we hadn't seen much tangible evidence of the ways in which the panel had worked to improve downtown's image and prevent a 21-ordinance. Indeed, it still has work to do, but we were impressed with the information and ideas Cohen and Flynn presented us, and we offer our full support to the one organization that may ultimately scrap talk of 21-only for good.

For example, one proposal advanced by Cohen and Flynn was employing bar monitors at each downtown establishment. These monitors, employees of the bars, would be assigned several tasks, including prevention of excessive consumption and underage drinking, as well as averting fights between intoxicated patrons. Many bars do this already — the monitors are the employees who wear the highly identifiable shirts with bright colors or neon letters. It's a good idea, but more needs to be done: Not every bar is cooperating with the proposal, and as Cohen pointed out, these monitors should be visible to patrons at all times in case trouble arises unexpectedly. That's not always the case.

They also pointed out their campaign to place signs in Iowa City bars that provide customers with cab numbers and warn them about the dangers of date-rape drugs. This, coupled with guidelines that deter bars from advertising specials promoting excessive drinking and messages that remind patrons they must be "19 to socialize, 21 to drink," is all part of a proactive approach to improve Iowa City's image and provide alternatives to going 21.



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One proposal from the Iowa City Alcohol Advisory Board is to include bar monitors who would watch for signs of excessive consumption.

These are all good steps toward addressing the long-standing problem of alcohol abuse, but we maintain that much more needs to be done. As Cohen pointed out, "We're dealing with 100 years of drinking in Iowa City," and she added that the group is facing an uphill battle because of the Stepping Up Project's negative publicity about downtown. That's a statement with which we agree wholeheartedly; it's time to stop being negative about this problem and acknowledge that there are options better than banning all minors from the bars.

The best ideas we heard from the alcohol-board representatives are ones that have been implemented in other college towns and should be considered here. For instance, an ordinance in Champaign, Ill., requires establishments to obtain a license for serving food before obtaining a liquor license. This obviously cuts back on the number of bars that spring up. Another policy in that town requires bars to stop serving alcohol at 1:30 a.m., but in some cases, those same establishments stay open until 3 a.m. This ensures that bar patrons don't spill out onto the streets at the same time and allows revelers to stay at the bars and sober up rather than trying to walk (or worse, drive) home while still drunk.

These are the types of changes we think would make the most difference in downtown Iowa City's atmosphere. They go beyond posting signs and regulating advertisements, which are a good start but don't effect change in policy to quiet talk of 21-only. We appreciate that the alcohol board has begun to make progress, and the well-prepared presentation we received last weekend shows this organization may finally be the one that will succeed in reforming downtown's ubiquitous culture of excessive drinking.

LETTERS

Pump's experience an asset to UISG

I write to offer my support for the House Party ticket in the UI Student Government elections. I have a strong appreciation for Barry Pump's abilities and dedication and for what it takes to be a good student-government president. I can say with confidence that Pump is the right man for the job.

He is a person who has long appreciated the value of ideas. To his credit, however, he also focuses on mastering the processes through which ideas are implemented. This is an important quality that student leaders often lack. Pump is also a pragmatic thinker and leader who understands the importance of being well-informed and professional.

Having known Pump for a decade and having worked with him on many occasions, I know these things to be true. And having served as student president at the University of Northern Iowa, I know how vital they are to being a successful leader.

Pump and his colleagues also bring impressive UISG experience to the race and a strong commitment to improving UISG as an organization. These, too, are important qualities. His team knows the organization it endeavors to lead, and it is dedicated to making it work well for UI students.

I want to stress that UI students are fortunate in this election to have three strong tickets from which to choose. Mark Kresowik, Ryan Thompto, and their colleagues have shown energy and articulated a number of novel ideas that warrant consideration. I commend them both. But based on my knowledge of Pump and his considerable experience, I believe he is the best man for the UISG presidency. I hope students will join me in voting for the House Party ticket.

Jeff Scudder
UI law student

A better name for the House Party

Much like a mind, a vote is a terrible thing to waste. A wasted mind is exactly what one would need to vote for Barry Pump of the House Party. In the UISG election, the correct choice is a no-brainer: the team of Ryan Thompto and Natalie Wicklund, better known as Bull Moose.

One of the most important issues of the Bull Moose platform is its promise of increased safety on campus, to be achieved by expanding late-night Cambus routes and

improved off-campus lighting. This dedication to safety leads one to believe that if someone falls, he or she will be caught by a caring individual in a bright orange shirt. Pump is in favor of providing students with discount access to Napster, which is also good, because if I've been robbed and I am left bleeding in the moonlight, chances are I'll be thinking, "I can't wait to download Ashlee Simpson's latest hit."

Keeping education affordable is an issue that affects every student. Thompto and Wicklund are committed to keeping tuition manageable and textbooks priced reasonably. Meanwhile, Pump wants to make sure that the greek community is equipped with high-speed Internet access. This idea isn't bad; it's reassuring to know that when I'm forced to sell all of my worldly possessions on e-Bay for book money, there will be that many more buyers. Pump may propose many a great thing, but what's missing from his budget is where the funding will come from when it's time for him to put his money where his mouth is.

Perhaps instead of running with the House Party, a more appropriate moniker for Pump's campaign would be the Outhouse Party. At least then there would be no confusion about what he's full of.

Mike Musser
UI student

Why Krez is right for UI

Mark Kresowik and Lauren McCarthy are my choices for UISG leaders this year, and they are the right choice for all students at the UI.

Considering the "Krez for Prez" ticket, I am struck by the diversity of its members and its ability to represent all students. Not only does it consist of students from a variety of backgrounds — from greeks to non-greeks, business majors to engineers, conservatives and liberals alike, it is also the only ticket that has brought up issues concerning our graduate- and international-student populations, such as the protection of family housing.

Moreover, Kresowik and McCarthy is not just about creating ideas and sharing rhetoric but taking action and enjoying success. Just look at their records — the 10,000 Hours Show is a reality in part because of Kresowik. The Bijou was named Best Student Organization under McCarthy's direction. Other members of the ticket have led student organizations such as Dance Marathon and the Panhellenic Council. Kresowik-McCarthy is a ticket of doers, not talkers. They not only boast great ideas, but also

the energy, drive, and perseverance to make these goals a reality.

Finally, the members of the Kresowik-McCarthy ticket are exemplary leaders who are conscious of their roles as representatives of the UI students. My personal relationships with several members of the ticket, including both Kresowik and McCarthy, give me confidence in their ability to lead this university, to work effectively and productively with both the Iowa City City Council and the Board of Regents, and to bring solutions and progress to the concerns of the student body.

Join me in voting "Krez for Prez" — it is the right choice for you and me.

Cheryl Davenport
UI student

Experience matters

I think it's great that Mark Kresowik has had experience in helping out with student organizations and projects. I also think he is a great guy, but the bottom line is that he has had no experience in UISG.

I don't seem to understand why people assume that because he has helped in events regarding student groups that he will be able to meet the demands as student-government president. The positions are completely different. I know I wouldn't want someone as my president that hasn't had some sort of experience related to the same area, which is why I urge you all to vote for Thompto-Wicklund and Bull Moose. Both running mates have had extensive experience with UISG and know what it takes to be successful. I have been working with them since the beginning of the campaign and can firmly state that I know they will accomplish what they have set out to do.

One of the main concerns for students deals with the 21-ordinance. Thompto has already fought this issue in the past and won on it. Another major issue is the cost of tuition. That both Thompto and Wicklund went to Des Moines to fight this shows their drive and determination on behalf of students. I believe that future success can only be measured by past performance. If you want to vote for someone who isn't qualified for the job and has no past experience with UISG, vote for Kresowik. If you want someone who has proved that they are capable of working for student rights and have had much experience with the inner-workings of UISG, vote for Thompto and Wicklund. The choice is an easy one.

Diego Gonzalez
UI student

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ON THE SPOT

Do you plan on voting in the UISG elections if you haven't already?



“Yes.”

Lindsey Hemann
UI freshman



“No, I don't know much about them.”

Tanya Kivi
UI junior



“Yes.”

Jamie Bayles
UI sophomore



“Not really.”

Chelsey Martin
UI sophomore

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FILM REVIEW
by Will Schei

The Jacket

When:
Noon, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15
Where:
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★★★ out of ★

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The Jacket is bound to please those of you who obsessed over movie-mindtrips *Memento* and *Jacob's Ladder*.

FULL WEIRDED-OUT JACKET



FILM REVIEW

by Will Scheibel

The Jacket

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Where: Cinema 6
***** out of ******

The Jacket, written by Massy Tadjedin and directed by John Maybury, is a puzzle movie cut from the same mold as *Jacob's Ladder* (1990), *Twelve Monkeys* (1995), and *Memento* (2000).

Not having read any reviews, seen any trailers, or heard anything in general about the film, I walked into the theater not knowing what to expect. Approximately two hours later, I walked out realizing that my

thoughts and emotions had just been blatantly played like a harp. But I enjoyed myself too darn much to care.

This unnerving science fiction/thriller is bound to please the same folks who obsessed over the aforementioned movie mindtrips, and it toys with enough temporal questions to warrant several discussions in Dave Wittenberg's Time & Narrative seminar.

Adrien Brody plays Jack Starks, an amnesiac veteran suffering from Gulf War syndrome. On his return home, Jack encounters a junky (Kelly Lynch) and her young daughter in need of roadside assistance. After coming to their aid, he's picked up by a traveling stranger (Brad Renfro) with a prison record. Bing, bang, boom — Jack is accused of killing a cop shortly thereafter and is sent to an insane asylum.

At the institution, he becomes subjected to abusive behavioral-control experiments by the malevolent Dr. Becker (Kris Kristofferson). Jack is drugged, forced into a straitjacket, and shoved into a mortuary drawer, where he somehow transports into the future.

Flash forward to the year 2007. Jack meets a troubled



Publicity photo

young woman (Keira Knightley), who serves as a link to that bizarre event 15 years ago before Jack was committed. Weirder yet, he also learns when and how he will die.

The Jacket turns into a conventional detective story around this point and also explores an unconvincing romance between Brody and Knightley. Still, a solid level of suspense is maintained throughout the film, especially during the atmospheric and stimulating first half. I wanted a little more character and plot development and less of a rush to the pat ending, but I was nevertheless entertained. Is credibility stretched? Of course. Just go along for the ride.

Adrien Brody stars as an amnesiac veteran who is sent to an insane asylum after unfortunate twists of fate.

The performances are strong and surprisingly intense, especially Brody's and Kristofferson's. Knightley doesn't yet have the acting chops to pull off such a mordant character, but she's watchable for what limited screen time she has. And the supporting cast adds juice of their own, such as Jennifer Jason Leigh as another doctor at the hospital and Daniel Craig as one of the patients.

You may laugh at yourself the next morning for buying into this silly material. At the time, however, you'll be clenching your fist and sitting on the edge of your seat yelling, "Run for it, Marty ... I mean, Jack."

E-mail *DI* film critic **Will Scheibel** at: leonard-scheibel@uiowa.edu



Leno to Jackson judge: Just joking

WASHINGTON (Washington Post) — NBC late-night host Jay Leno has asked Judge Rodney Melville to exempt him from the gag order that bars anyone connected to the Michael Jackson case from publicly discussing evidence or testimony in the trial.

Leno has been subpoenaed to appear as a defense witness in the child-molestation trial, now underway in Santa Maria, Calif.

But, naturally, Leno believes it important that America be allowed to hear him tell jokes like this one:

Michael Jackson claims that his partner would sleep in the bed while he slept on the floor. Same arrangements the Clintons have. Hahahahaha!

Ahem. Anyway, you can see his point. So his attorneys have filed a motion for clarification with the Santa Barbara County Superior Court. They've asked that the "Tonight Show" host be given a special exemption to the gag order. Or, if their guy can't get a pass, can the court at least bar him only from speaking about firsthand information he has in the Trial of However Long It's Been Since O.J.

Which might prevent him from using a joke like this:

As you may have heard, I've been named as a possible witness in the Michael Jackson trial. Actually, I'm not going to speak at the trial. What I'm going to do is tell my story with some anatomically correct dolls. That'll make it easier for me.

Stop, stop, I can't breathe — you're killing me.

In the motion for clarification, the attorneys wrote: "When the court issued its gag order more than one year ago, it could not possibly have been seeking to affect the ability of entertainment personalities like Mr. Leno to comment about public information in this case."

"The court, therefore, should clarify that the gag order does not apply to Mr. Leno at all."

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- UI Learning and Development Seminar, "Managing Ambiguity and Change in the Workplace," 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; pre-register online or by phone, www.uiowa.edu/~fusstfdv or 335-2687.

- Visiting Speaker Seminar, "Novel Non-Transcriptional Actions of Progesterone Receptor," Dean Edwards, 10:30 a.m., 2117 Medical Education and Biomedical Research Facility.
- Faculty Senate Meeting, 3:30 p.m., 166 IMU.
- Women of the World Panel Discussion, Peace Corps, 6:30 p.m., 341 IMU.

- Bach Project II, Christine Rutledge, viola, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall.
- Clare Southworth, flute, 8 p.m., Voxman Music Building Harper Hall.
- "Live from Prairie Lights," Dan Beachy-Quick and Sally Keith, poetry, 8 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., and WSUI.

quote of the day

“After Hiroshima, many of us said, ‘Let’s see that it doesn’t happen again.’”

— Hans Bethe, a giant of 20th-century physics who played a central role in the building of the atomic bomb and won a Nobel Prize for discovering the process that powers the sun and the stars. Bethe died on Sunday.

horoscopes

Tuesday, March 8, 2005
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can charm anyone into seeing things your way as long as you don't use aggression or let your temper flare. Staying calm will be the key and will also portray you as being responsible.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep a clear head, and don't let your emotions get the better of you. The less time spent dealing with personal matters, the better. Focus on getting ahead professionally.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Travel, even if it is only to your local library. You will learn something if you interact with others. Sign up for a course, or get involved in something that interests you. Change is imminent.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may have more responsibilities dumped in your lap. Don't get angry, but do let everyone know how you feel. Once you establish boundaries, you will feel much better about doing the work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): As much as you would like to take over and control your world, don't push the people around you to do things your way. Colorful, entertaining presentations will do the trick. Travel will lead to a chance meeting.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't let your emotions lead you in the wrong direction. Your mind should be on work and taking whatever job you are doing to a whole new level. A unique concept will give your work a higher vantage point than any of the competition you face.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Concentrate on the creative. Getting involved with people who inspire you will result in some interesting concepts. Love and romance are in a high cycle. Dealing with anything that pertains to youngsters will be positive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Times are changing, and you have to keep up with the trends. You are in a high creative cycle, but if you let your personal life and emotions interfere, you may miss out on an opportunity to do something special.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You have so many opportunities today, but if you are too eager to take on everything, you will wear yourself out. Talks will lead to deals, money, and getting ahead. Help will be offered readily.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): You will have the wherewithal to push deals through today. You will recognize your potential, and with some unique ideas, you will impress others. Your intuition will not let you down or lead you astray.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will pick up on the thoughts and feelings of the people around you today. Your wisdom will help someone who doesn't see things clearly. Kindness on your part will pay off in the way you are treated in the future.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Working behind the scenes or with agencies or institutions will pay off. You can make some changes to your personal life as well as to your appearance. Compliments will be offered on many different levels today.

news you need to know

Friday — Residence-hall dining contracts end, dinner
Saturday — Beginning of spring break, 5 p.m.
March 21 — Residence-hall dining contracts resume, breakfast — Resumption of classes, 7:30 a.m.

happy birthday to ...

March 8 — Rebecca Lynn Lund, 22; Ericka Kuhlman

PATV schedule

7 a.m. Democracy Now
11 SCTV Calendar
11:30 SCTV Mature Focus
Noon Big Ten Cross-Country Championships
12:40 p.m. Breaking the Mold: Life in Prison
1 Chili Dinner Showcase
1:30 People's Video Network
2 St. Mary's Liturgy
3 24-7
4 Gospel Explosion Ministry

5 Animal House
5:30 Joy of Guitar Looping
6 Tom's Guitar Show Live
7 U.N. Report
7:30 The Zendik Perspective
8 PATV Reserved: Local Music
9 Medium
9:30 Cold & Grey
10 Iowa City Microcinema Presents
10:30 RBO TV
11 Radio
Midnight The Universe

UITV schedule

3 "Know the Score" May 7, 2004
5 "Know the Score" June 11, 2004
7 Dance Gala 2004 — Part 1
7:52 Dance Gala 2004 — Part 2
8:22 Intermission
8:27 Dance Gala 2004 — Part 3

9 Dance Gala 2004 — Part 4
9:17 "The Word" No. 3
10 Dance Gala 2004 — Part 1
10:52 Dance Gala 2004 — Part 2
11:22 Dance Gala 2004 — Part 3
11:55 Intermission

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Little University

- 1 What shock rockers were so shocked by John Rocker that they asked the Braves to stop playing "I Wanna Rock" when he strode to the mound?
- 2 What Keanu Reeves movie became the first DVD to sell 1 million copies?
- 3 How many questions did John Carpenter answer correctly to become the first "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" millionaire?
- 4 How old was the average first-time U.S. grandparent in 1999: 47, 57, 67?
- 5 What illegal activity did Boston try to prevent by posting signs reading "Feeling Run Down?" or "Wait For the Signal"?

1. Twisted Sister
2. The Matrix
3. Fifteen
4. Fort-Swann
5. Jaywalking

the ledge

DRUGS AND OTHER SPORTS

— by Nick Narigon

• Dale Earnhart Jr. gets busted for taking acid because when he drives, "It feels like I'm in a video game."

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UI FOOTBALL

Lewis gets OW

Hawkeye running Jermelle Lewis was charged with operating a motor vehicle intoxicated March 6 after a traffic violation. Lewis, 22, was a starting running back until he tore his ACL early in the season. He is appealing to the NCAA for an extra year of eligibility. UI police reportedly arrested a .114 blood-alcohol level on Lewis, 22, after he had speech and smelled of alcohol. If convicted of OWI, Lewis would face up to one year in jail and a \$1,500 fine.

MEN'S TOP

Illinois still No. 1

Illinois' first loss of the season wasn't enough to knock the Illini out of the top spot in the AP poll. Illinois was on top of the Associated Press' college basketball poll on Monday. In the 14th-straight week, but first time in five weeks, were not a unanimous pick, receiving 48 first votes and 1,725 points in the national media poll. Sunday's 65-64 loss to North Carolina State ended any hopes for Illinois to reach the first team to reach the NCAA Tournament with a loss since UNLV in 1999. North Carolina (26-3) needed a game-closing run to beat Duke 75-67 Sunday, stayed No. 2 in the poll. The Tar Heels the other 22 votes for No. 1, 701 points.

Wake Forest (26-4) needed a buzzer-beating Chris Paul to get past Carolina State, 55-52 Sunday night, moved spot to No. 3.

Kentucky (23-4), which 53-52, to Florida on Sunday, dropped one place to No. 4. The top four teams voted on Sunday with the decided by a total of six votes.

WOMEN'S TOP

Stanford moves No. 1 in women's

Stanford finally made it to the top. The Cardinal 1 again in women's basketball. With a big assist from Tennessee, Stanford took No. 1 in the Associated Press poll on Monday — the first time the Cardinal have ranked since December. They replaced LSU. Lady Tigers lost to Tennessee 67-65, in the championship game of the South Conference Tournament Sunday. LSU had led the poll for the last five weeks a six-week run at No. 1 in the season.

LSU (29-2) dropped 2, and Tennessee climbed two spots to No. 2. Neither will play again in the NCAA Tournament. Stanford (28-2) played Arizona Monday night in the championship game of the tournament.

DILBERT

by Scott Adams



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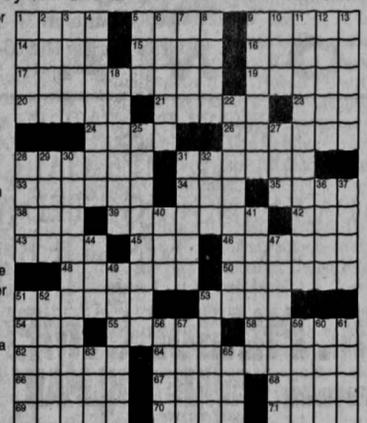


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14 Like ideal cactus climate
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16 Degrade
17 Something to play in Kinshasa?
19 Increased, as the score
20 "Come in!"
21 Baby bug
23 Moo goo
24 Fresh talk
26 From time immemorial
28 Eye part
31 Regained consciousness
33 Like "fuzz" for "police"
34 Rock band equipment
35 High do
38 Beaujolais, e.g.
39 Letters that make you feel important?
42 Unbridged area
43 Cribbage markers
45 Alternative to gin or vodka
46 TV viewer's aid
48 Away, but not completely off-duty
50 Sidestepped
51 French-born satirist
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55 Live's partner
58 "Phooey!"
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66 Rivers' destination
67 Cry from the pews
68 Start of a magician's cry
69 Foul
70 Cincinnati team
71 Freeway exit



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1 Place for a smile
2 Wrinkle remover
3 Buildup on a suit jacket
4 Slides through a doorway
5 Chow mein additive
6 October birthstones
7 Tibetan priest
8 Reason to call 911: Abbr.
9 Bodywork place
10 Lawyers' org.
11 The Lord's tropical fruit?
12 Run-of-the-mill
13 Not very hot
18 Grove fruit
22 Some Anne Rice characters
25 Bless the food
27 J.F.K. posting, for short
28 Request of an invitee, briefly
29 Nobelist Wiesel
30 Romantic ballroom queues?
31 Bedouin's mount
32 Doctors' org.
36 Hourly charge
37 Guest column
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41 Acerbic pianist Oscar
44 John Belushi was originally on it: Abbr.
47 Start a battle
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51 Breakfast strip
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Alford's Hawkeye fate in limbo

BY NICK RICHARDS
THE DAILY IOWAN

With his team possibly on the verge of becoming the first Big Ten team to make the NIT four-straight seasons, Steve Alford faced a shooting gallery on his job status as the Hawkeyes head to Chicago to face Purdue in the first round of the Big Ten Tournament. The Hawkeyes' NCAA hopes still sit on life-support, and the Hawks likely need two wins to be a strong candidate for an at-large spot.

Speculation has swirled over Alford's job status since Pierre Pierce was dismissed Feb. 2 and the numerous blown leads the Hawks have suffered that left them at 7-9 in conference play after a 12-1 nonconference slate. Alford insisted he does not listen to the critics and that he plans on being Iowa's coach next year.

"I don't make those calls," Alford said. "We're going through things like that's definitely going to happen."

"I told you, I'm a man of faith, and I just know things will be OK. I hope it's here. We like it, and we think we're building something here. We're going to do it the right way."

Alford also believes that the Big Ten, with some help, could potentially get six teams into the tournament. In addition to Illinois, Michigan State, and Wisconsin, Minnesota will likely be dancing, and Indiana could be as well with its strong conference record and some wins in Chicago.

"I would hope that this is something where we can get five to six Big Ten teams in. That's been a normal conference season," Alford said.

Despite the pressure building about his job, Alford thinks his team can make the tournament. The team is now back on the bubble after winning its last three Big Ten contests. After falling off ESPN's Bubble Watch, the Hawkeyes were back on after Saturday's two-point overtime win at Michigan. Alford felt that wins over Purdue and Michigan State would put the Hawkeyes into the tournament.

"I think if we get that first win, that gets us to 20. Now, we're definitely on the board, and you're going to get big-time consideration," he said. "If you happen to get another win, I think it's really hard to keep us off."

Notebook

Arnold needing help: Bobby Hansen and Mark Gannon, both members of Iowa's 1980 Final Four squad, will set up a fund to help former teammate Kenny Arnold, who had surgery in 1985 to remove a malignant brain tumor and has suffered from outdated

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Iowa men's basketball coach Steve Alford gives last-minute instructions during a time-out in the Hawkeyes' game against Ohio State on March 2. The Hawks ended the regular season on a three-game winning streak.

Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan

UI FOOTBALL

Lewis gets OWI

Hawkeye running back Jermelle Lewis was charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated March 6 along with other traffic violations.

Lewis, 22, was a starting running back until he tore his ACL early in the season. He is appealing to the NCAA for an extra year of eligibility.

UI police reportedly measured a .114 blood-alcohol content on Lewis, 22, after testing him because he had slurred speech and smelled of alcohol.

If convicted of OWI, a serious misdemeanor, Lewis could face up to one year in jail and a \$1,500 fine.

— by Nick Petersen



Lewis

MEN'S TOP 25

Illinois still No. 1, but it's not unanimous

Illinois' first loss of the season wasn't enough to knock the Illini out of the top spot in the AP poll.

Illinois was on top of the Associated Press' college basketball poll on Monday for the 14th-straight week, but for the first time in five weeks, the Illini were not a unanimous selection, receiving 48 first-place votes and 1,725 points from the national media panel.

Sunday's 65-64 loss to Ohio State ended any hopes of a perfect season for Illinois (29-1), which was trying to become the first team to reach the NCAA Tournament without a loss since UNLV in 1991.

North Carolina (26-3), which needed a game-closing 11-0 run to beat Duke 75-73 on Sunday, stayed No. 2 for the third-straight week and fifth of the last six. The Tar Heels had the other 22 votes for No. 1 and 1,701 points.

Wake Forest (26-4), which needed a buzzer-beater by Chris Paul to get past North Carolina State, 55-53, on Sunday night, moved up one spot to No. 3.

Kentucky (23-4), which lost, 53-52, to Florida on Sunday, dropped one place to fourth.

The top four teams went 2-2 on Sunday with the games decided by a total of six points.

WOMEN'S TOP 25

Stanford moves to No. 1 in women's poll

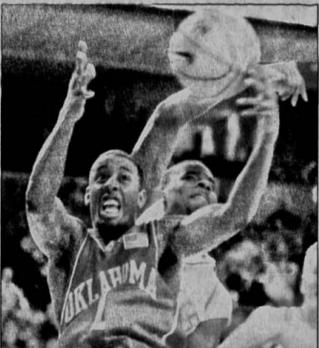
Stanford finally made it back to the top. The Cardinal are No. 1 again in women's basketball.

With a big assist from Tennessee, Stanford took over at No. 1 in the Associated Press poll on Monday — the first time the Cardinal have led the rankings since December 1996.

They replaced LSU after the Lady Tigers lost to Tennessee, 67-65, in the championship game of the Southeastern Conference Tournament on Sunday. LSU had led the poll for the last five weeks and had a six-week run at No. 1 earlier in the season.

LSU (29-2) dropped to No. 2, and Tennessee (26-4) climbed two spots to third. Neither will play again until the NCAA Tournament. Stanford (28-2) played Arizona State on Monday night in the championship game of the Pac-10 Tournament.

BIG 12



Thomas Terry/Associated Press
Oklahoma guard Lawrence McKenzie, front, and Texas guard Kenny Taylor go for a loose ball on Feb. 28 in Austin, Texas. McKenzie scored 16 points in the 74-58 win for Oklahoma.

BY TED MCCARTAN
THE DAILY IOWAN

Year in and year out, there's one conference that boasts the most teams that can potentially take the crown. It's what I like to call the "dirty dozen," a.k.a. the Big 12.

And when mulling over the toughest conference tournament, you have to think about two "P" words — potential and parity — and which conference has the most teams that could potentially win its tournament because the league has such parity.

To me, there are two teams that could win the Big Ten tourney, two that could win the Pac-10, four that could win the ACC, and five strong clubs could win the Big East. But six — that's one more than

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BIG EAST

BY RYAN LONG
THE DAILY IOWAN

This one's a no-brainer. It's the Big East.

This conference tournament, held in Madison Square Garden, provides the toughest path for whichever team is crowned champion. When you break the conference down, it's quite easy to recognize the superiority of the league.

It all starts with the coaches' poll. The Big East has one team in the top five (Boston College), two teams in the top 16 (Syracuse and Connecticut), and an additional two teams in the top 25 (Villanova and Pittsburgh).

There is not a single conference in America that contains as many teams in the top 25 as the Big East. There are a few three-way ties. The Big Ten, Big 12, ACC, and Conference USA each have three teams. The Pac-10 holds only two teams.

So, breaking down the top 25, it's pretty clear that the Big East is sitting well above the rest.

It's very possible that the talent and coaching in the Big East may be superior to the rest of the leagues across the country.

The past two national champions have represented this conference. Connecticut flawlessly knocked off Georgia Tech, 82-73, in last year's title game, and Syracuse defeated Kansas, 81-78, to claim the 2003 national championship.

Carmelo Anthony, Ben Gordon, and Emeka Okafor participated in those games, and all three do an excellent job of representing the type of talent that comes out of the Big East. They are easily seen as three of the best young players

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PAC-10

BY JUSTIN SKELNIK
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With all the East Coast bias on major sports networks, the regular college-basketball fan doesn't know much about West Coast schools except who is ranked in the top 25. But I am here to give a major shout-out for the Pac-10.

The Pac-10 has been slept on this year because no team has been ranked in the top five and only two current teams Arizona (8th) and Washington (14th) are ranked in the AP poll. But forget the rankings — this season the Pac-10 is second in RPI for conferences, just behind the ACC and ahead of the Big 12 and the Big East.

Unlike most conference tournaments, in the Pac-10, only the top eight teams qualify for the conference tournament. This provides much tougher matchups for the higher seeds, and it usually produces more competitive tournament games. It also means every team who makes the tournament is on an even tilt. Any team who wins the tournament must do it by winning three games in three days.

The ACC, the Big 12, and the Big East reward their top seeds with first-round byes. The Pac-10 does no such thing. So if, say, a No. 7 seed advances to the title game against the No. 1 seed in the Pac-10 Tournament, the No. 1 seed won't have an advantage over the 7 seed by having played fewer games. No team in the Big East Tournament has won four games in four days, and very rarely do teams in any conference tournament without a bye advance to the title game.

The Pac-10 Tournament starts on Thursday at the Staples Center in Los

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ACC



Gerry Broome/Associated Press
North Carolina's Sean May (right) shoots over Duke's Sheldon Williams in Chapel Hill, N.C., on Sunday. North Carolina defeated Duke, 75-73, to win the regular-season ACC title.

BY BRYAN BAMONTE
THE DAILY IOWAN

The ACC has three teams ranked among the top five RPIs and in the top five of the poll.

Not enough said. Read on. The conference tournament, which will be held in Washington, D.C., offers the toughest track to the championship. Whether taking the I-40 route, attempting to cruise through the North Carolina triangle, or feeling lucky on Tobacco Row, one needs a H2 and a cartographer to navigate through the ACC.

Yes, North Carolina, Duke, and Wake Forest are the only teams that sit atop the RPI, the polls, and the BVDI (Dick Vitale's own rating system). But a disappointing Georgia Tech team, an inconsis-

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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Which conference has the toughest tournament field?

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George Brett's No. 5 — six teams could be crowned champions of the Big 12 Tournament come March 13 in Kansas City.

Top-seeded Oklahoma has overachieved this year (most didn't think it could tie for the conference title), and the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds, Kansas and Oklahoma State, have been sliding as of late. This opens up the doors to such teams as Texas, Texas Tech, and yes, Iowa State. On top of all that, KU is playing to prove itself as a

No. 1 seed, Oklahoma State as a No. 2, while others just have to offer themselves as options on the NCAA selection committee's at-large menu.

And it's the 'Clones who might have the most potential to storm deep into the weekend — a play-your-game team that beat four ranked teams in seven games, scoring as much as 92 in one and as few as 57 in another. The other conferences don't really compare. And you'd be safe to take one of the top three seeds for sure, but you can't say the same about the Big 12. A conference that has had so many upsets, ISU at KU, Texas

at OSU on senior night, Mizzou over KU, and even the Texas A&M onslaught over ISU. You're not going to see that much parity in the other conferences, and picking a winner is going to be as tough as choosing the best barbecue in town. It's going to be fun.

In short, this weekend the Big 12 Tournament is going to be a Kansas City masterpiece, with every matchup smothered with rich, juicy upset potential. So do yourself a favor, save some face, pass the Gates, and don't tell me that the Big 12 is down this year.

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BIG EAST

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in the NBA, and they have provided both statistics and ability that can match many of the elite players in the league.

In addition to talent, there is also an impressive number of teams that will earn berths at the NCAA Tournament. According

to the RPI ratings, Boston College, Villanova, Connecticut, Syracuse, and Pittsburgh are all a lock for the Big Dance.

The Big East also has a few bubble teams. West Virginia, Notre Dame, and Georgetown will all get an opportunity to make their postseason dreams a reality.

With that said, this league has eight teams who can possibly

earn a berth in the NCAA tournament, and even if one of the eight gets stuck in the NIT, that still leaves seven potential teams.

Seven teams in a league that is made up of 12 schools speaks great volumes about the type of competition that will begin to take place come this Wednesday.

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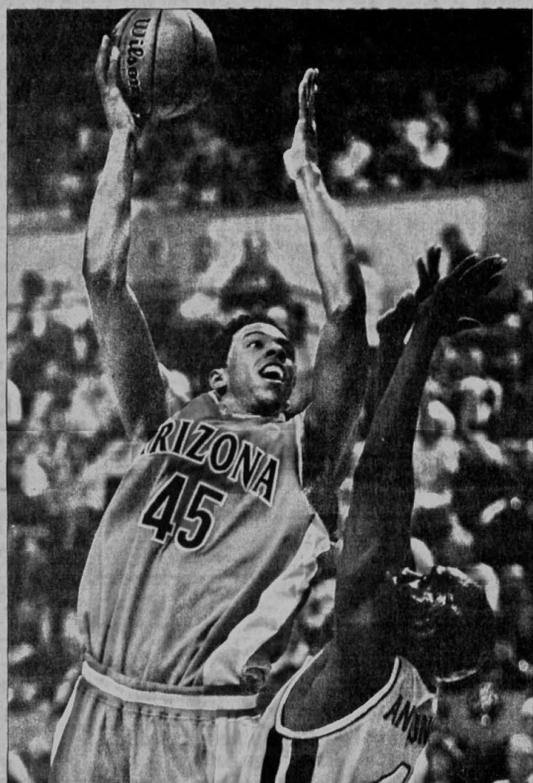
Angeles. Each team will be playing its opponent for the third time this season. The Pac-10 is the only major conference in which all teams play each other twice. Arizona is the No. 1 seed. Washington holds No. 2. But this year's tournament holds some interesting quarterfinal matchups. Arizona should get by Cal, but the other three games are really tossups.

Washington is favored against Arizona State, but the Sun Devils and star Ike Diogu are capable of pulling an upset. Diogu has just been named the Pac-10 Player of the Year by the coaches. He leads the conference in points and rebounds and has the ability to carry his team on his back.

The most intriguing quarterfinal matchup is the 4-5 game, in which UCLA takes on Oregon State. UCLA is led by Jordan Farmar, the Pac-10's Freshman of the Year.

But the Bruins will have to contain the ever-dangerous Nick DeWitz, who averages 13.3 points and 5.3 rebounds for the Beavers. Yes, the same Nick DeWitz who donned a Hawkeye jersey for the first half of last season.

But no matter who hoists the Pac-10 trophy on Saturday, the conference will be well represented come NCAA Tournament time. Arizona and Washington should hold two and three seeds respectively and will get to at least the Sweet 16. But one of my sleepers, UCLA, will get to the round of 16, letting every-



Roy Dabner/Associated Press

Arizona's Channing Frye (45) scores over Arizona State's Serge Angounou on March 5 in Tempe, Ariz. Arizona won, 70-68.

one know that this "other conference" is called the Pacific 10.

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ACC

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tent Maryland team, and even North Carolina State seem to be NCAA Tournament bound. And, maybe, the Cinderella of poultry — the Hokies of Virginia Tech — could slide in with a few wins in D.C. Virginia Tech is in the ACC?

Forget the fact that the ACC will have two No. 1 seeds and a No. 2 seed.

Forget the rivalries — Duke-Carolina, Duke-Maryland, Wake-Georgia Tech.

Forget the psychological steroids, the anabolic adrenaline that comes with a conference clash in the class of conferences and just compare them.

The Big 12: The two best teams, Kansas and Oklahoma State, are cooling. Oklahoma seems to be warm. Kansas is fumbling, with losses to Missouri and Iowa State. Oklahoma State dropped the nation's longest home winning streak to Texas, a team Iowa beat this year. Iowa State is bubbling, and Texas is now a lock. However, unless John Lucas can parallel his performance a year ago, or the Jayhawks soar, forget that idea: It doesn't seem any team from the Big 12 will reach the Final Four.

The Big East: This is the sleeper conference. Well, at least it has seemed that way, because no one is really paying

attention. Considering it has two trophies in two years, though, maybe we should. UConn is primed for another run, with a plethora of big men, but a lack of experience will hurt. Syracuse has the duo of McNamara and Warrick, but unless Jose-Can-of-Pace or someone else adds a spice to the mix, this conference will be ousted.

The Pac-10: This conference boasts two top 25 teams that have shown first-round jitters lately. Arizona has Final Four talent, and Washington has guard play, but like 5-9 Husky guard Nate Robinson, this conference falls short.

In each of the last two ACC Tournaments, a team seeded three or lower has taken the crown. Parity in a top-heavy conference.

The ACC is front-loaded, isn't as deep as it has been in years past, and won't have the most tournament invites.

But, unlike the Big East, Big 12, or that other conference, the ACC has three legitimate title contenders. Three, not two as in the Big East or the Big 12, and not one as in the Big Ten. And certainly not zero as in the Pac-10. Maryland will bust a few brackets, and Georgia Tech, if your memory lasts longer than this past weekend's binge, was in the title game a year ago.

With the Devils wearing pin-stripes and Wake Forest and North Carolina as focused as Tiger Woods on Sunday, the ACC — like Woods and UNC basketball — is back on top.

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Alford's fate in question

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drugs that promoted muscle decay, pay for new medication and doctor's fees. His previous medication had not been prescribed for 15 years. Arnold, who was present at the Final Four reunion Jan. 15 in Iowa City, did not look good to his teammates and had a noticeable limp. Lute Olsen, who coached the Final

Four team, had Arnold flown to the University of Arizona for a physical, which he passed, and was placed on new medication.

"What Coach Olsen is doing, what the lettermen and the alumni are trying to do with our program for Kenny, I think that is what Iowa basketball is all about," Alford said.

Horner shares Big Ten honors: Guard Jeff Horner was named co-Big Ten Player of the Week with Michigan

State's Alan Anderson. Horner hit the game-winner against Ohio State on March 2 and scored 25 points, collected eight rebounds, and had eight assists with no turnovers. He played 44 of the 45 minutes in Iowa's win at Michigan March 5, scoring 15 points and to go with eight rebounds and six assists with just two turnovers.

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Giambi homers as Yankees play Red Sox

BY RONALD BLUM
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FORT MYERS, Fla. — Jason Giambi provided most of the juice when the Red Sox played the Yankees on Monday night. The New York Yankees' designated hitter and symbol of baseball's steroids problem arrived at the second-annual hugely overhyped exhibition game, gave a mass interview, took batting practice, and signed autographs for 25 minutes.

Then, as two men behind the plate screamed "Steroids! Steroids! Steroids!" in the fifth inning, he sent a pitch from John Halama over the fence in right-center field for his first home run of the spring.

Patrons at City of Palms Park were polite during batting prac-

tice, then booed when he was introduced and again before he singled sharply to right field in the first inning.

"Come on, Juicy!" one loud fan yelled.

"Let's go BALCO!" chanted a group of four, referring to the laboratory in the federal investigation of steroid distribution.

Before he popped out in the third, the two men behind the plate screamed: "Steroids!" and "Waste of Money!"

In the stands, someone held a sign that read: "Jason Do You Have Milk." The word "Milk" was crossed out and followed by "Juice?"

And there was the by now obligatory gibe at Alex Rodriguez: "ARod is a Choke," one sign read.

During Giambi's first three games of spring training, he was

received warmly. But two of those were at Tampa's Legends Field, where the Yankees are based, and one at Lakeland, where New York fans were as numerous as Detroit supporters.

Giambi was prepared to face the Red Sox Nation.

"It's Yankees-Red Sox," he said before the game. "I got booed before. I'm sure it will be no different."

Giambi was one of only a handful of Yankees regulars who made the two-hour bus ride for the split-squad game, the first reunion of the rivals since Boston upset the usual order last October, becoming the first major league team to overcome a 3-0 deficit in a postseason series. The Red Sox beat New York for the pennant, then swept St. Louis for their first World Series title since 1918.

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Woods back to No. 1, but for how long?

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MIAMI — Getting back to No. 1 in the world wasn't easy for Tiger Woods.

It took him eight tournaments over six months to nudge past Vijay Singh in the world ranking. And it required a Herculean effort against Phil Mickelson to win the Ford Championship at Doral, including some clutch shots that will be talked about the rest of the year.

Woods drove the 347-yard 16th green on March 5. He twice reached the 603-yard 12th hole in two shots and made a 25-foot eagle putt in the final round to take the lead for the first time. He made a 30-foot putt on the 17th hole that turned out to be the difference. And his 63-66 was the lowest weekend by a winner in the 44-year history at Doral.

"That was special," Woods said of his duel with Mickelson.

The last time Woods took over No. 1 in the world ranking, he won a memorable duel by making a clutch putt on the 17th hole at Medinah to beat 19-year-old Sergio Garcia.

Woods then stayed on top for the next 264 weeks.

This time, it might not be that easy.

His reign could be over at the end of this week or perhaps the end of the month.

"He's certainly going to have increased competition that he hasn't had in past years," Jack Nicklaus said Monday. "You heard me a couple of years ago. What will happen to Tiger? I said a lot of his competition had not shown up yet, or guys playing against him will raise the level of their golf game."

Nicklaus quickly ticked off the names of Mickelson, Singh, and Retief Goosen, all of whom won majors last year and all of whom were in the top eight at Doral. Halfway around the world, Ernie Els produced a dramatic finish of his own by making an 18-foot eagle on the last hole to win the Dubai Desert Classic.

Call it golf's version of March Madness.

"It's a great week for golf," said Zach Johnson, who tied for third with Singh at Doral. "This is what the spectators want. They want these kind of duels. They will have a lot more of them. Tiger raised the bar. And



Steve Mitchell/Associated Press

Tiger Woods pumps his fist on the 17th green during the final round at the Ford Championship on March 6.

now everybody is starting to come toward him."

After Woods won the '99 PGA Championship, he ended the season with four-straight victories, then reeled off one of the greatest seasons in golf. Not only did he win nine times and three-straight majors in 2000, he won by record margins and left everyone so far behind that it appeared he would be No. 1 until retirement.

Now the list of challengers is longer than ever.

Singh might be able to return to No. 1 this week if he wins the Honda Classic.

Els' victory in Dubai was his first of the year and puts him in a good frame of mind on the road to the Masters. The Big Easy is close enough that he could be No. 1 by the end of the month.

Mickelson lost another final-round showdown with Woods, although he still might be the hottest player in golf. Coming off a five-shot victory in Phoenix and a wire-to-wire win at Pebble Beach, Lefty spent 10 consecutive rounds atop the leaderboard in stroke play and was shocked the streak didn't stretch to 11.

His back-to-back birdies after Woods pulled ahead for the first time was evidence that Mickelson is not one to wilt. He had a 30-foot birdie

chip on the final hole that lipped out of the cup.

"I felt like I was playing better than anybody," Mickelson said. "I just knew I was going to win, and when I didn't, it was a great slap in the face. Because I'm going to work my tail off to salvage a couple more shots. When I come back to the Players Championship and the Masters, I'm going to be ready."

On the surface, Woods looks as dynamic as ever.

After going four years without a comeback victory, Woods now has two in a row. He came from two shots down at Torrey Pines against Tom Lehman, then made up a two-shot deficit against Mickelson in the final round at Doral.

Woods beat Mickelson but not without a tremendous effort.

"That shows you what kind of competitor Phil is," Woods said. "Don't forget what he did on that back nine. That was impressive to watch."

Equally impressive are the first two months of the PGA Tour season.

Singh won the Sony Open with a birdie on the final hole, after Els had closed with a 62. Woods and Mickelson each have won twice. And while Els squandered two chances in Hawaii, the victory in Dubai was important.

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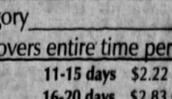
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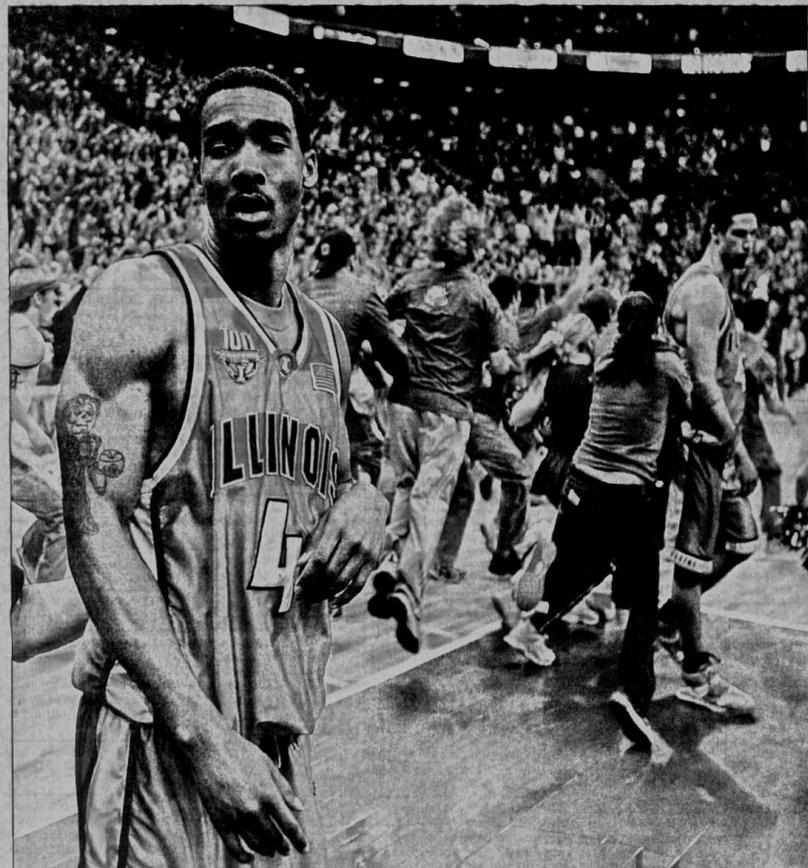
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Illinois' Luther Head looks away as Ohio State fans mob the court after Illinois' 65-64 loss to the Buckeyes on a last-second shot by Ohio State's Matt Sylvester on Sunday in Columbus.

Despite loss, Illinois is still impressive

BY NANCY ARMOUR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — So much for the 29-straight wins the Fighting Illini piled up over the last four months, their double-digit victory margins and their dazzling shooting stats.

One loss — and on a last-second shot, at that — and top-ranked Illinois isn't quite so impressive anymore.

"The radio talk shows in Chicago this morning make me sick," Purdue coach Gene Keady said Monday. "They're upset Illinois didn't go [unbeaten]. That's ridiculous. Twenty-nine and one is unbelievable."

It's not just callers in Chicago who are dogging the Illini, though, after Sunday's 65-64 loss at Ohio State spoiled their bid for a perfect season. Illinois kept its No. 1 ranking in this week's poll with 48 first-place votes and 1,725 points, but 22 voters went for North Carolina, a team with three losses.

Some are wondering whether Illinois could lose out on a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament if it doesn't go deep in the Big Ten Tournament, which will begin Thursday at the United Center. Illinois has a bye in the first round, and it will play the winner of Michigan-Northwestern on Friday.

"It's hard for people to realize, but this is not going to affect them greatly," Minnesota coach Dan Monson said. "They did not turn into mere mortals today, nor were they invincible before. They weren't going to get carried

away if they went undefeated, and they're not going to collapse if they didn't. I think you're going to see business-as-usual Illinois on Friday."

The Illini had been trying to become the first team to go through an entire season undefeated since Indiana in 1975-76, and their start was the best since UNLV opened 34-0 before losing in the 1991 Final Four. They hadn't lost since falling to Duke in the NCAA regional semifinals last March and had a margin of victory of almost 19 points. They routed then-No. 1 Wake Forest and snapped Wisconsin's 38-game home winning streak, the longest in the country.

But the Illini never really got a powerhouse's respect, with plenty of skeptics wondering when — not if — they were going to lose.

"Everybody's waiting for us to lose, saying they think we're not the best team in the country," Dee Brown said last month after the Illini beat Wisconsin for a second time. "Watch TV, they'll show you, they'll tell you. The No. 1 team? It's not us."

Part of it is Illinois' makeup. The Illini don't have a big inside presence, making them seem vulnerable to teams that do such as Kansas (Wayne Simien) or North Carolina (Sean May). They have a multitude of weapons with all five starters averaging in double figures but no one "star."

They don't even have a cool nickname like Michigan's Fab Five or the Flyin' Illini, the school's last Final Four team.

The Big Ten doesn't help much, either. The conference isn't as strong as it was a few years ago, when it had two Final Four teams in back-to-back seasons. Only Illinois, No. 13 Michigan State, and No. 23 Wisconsin are ranked, and the conference will be fortunate to get five teams in the NCAA Tournament.

Compare that with the ACC, which has three of the top five teams in the country. Or the Big East, which has five teams in the top 25.

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What's really good about losing?

ILLINOIS COACH BRUCE WEBER: 'Everyone says a loss will help. We'll find out.'

BY JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Forget for a moment whether losing builds character. Think of it as a practical matter instead.

Is a team that's used to winning more likely to win after a loss — assuming there's enough season left — and the next time out, and the time after that?

Because after four months and 29-straight wins, it's no longer a philosophical question to Illinois coach Bruce Weber. After surviving a handful of close scrapes and plenty of laughs, his team was beaten, 65-64, in the last game of the regular season Sunday at Ohio State on a 3-pointer with 5.1 seconds left.

"Everyone says a loss will help," Weber said. "We'll find out."

The good news is that the Illini will get the chance, beginning Friday at the Big Ten Tournament and continuing on into the NCAAs. The really good news? Despite the loss, and no matter what happens in the conference tourney, they'll stroll into the NCAAs enjoying all the perks of a top seed. If that wasn't consolation enough, Weber stated the obvious.

"I'd rather lose now," he said, "than three weeks from now."

A week ago, Weber was the king of all he surveyed. The Illini had already whipped Gonzaga and Cincinnati on neutral turf, destroyed Wake Forest at Assembly Hall in Champaign, and beat conference brethren Michigan State and Wisconsin, home and away, and Weber came down squarely on the side of those who believe losses have no educational value. He joked that he was running low on fresh material for his pre game talks, and a loss would certainly change that. But in terms of usefulness, Weber said he'd take the "W" every time.

Coaches at the top programs always say that, because

winning is practically a way of life. There are enough moments in a season when rattling a team's ego or loosening a choke collar come in handy. But in the next breath, those coaches argue they're teaching the same lessons all the time, and if a loss drives the point home more effectively than a win, their kids weren't listening from the start.

The counter argument, like so many others in college basketball, originated with the late Al McGuire. But it had more to do with probability than serendipity. The longer a winning streak lasted, the Marquette sage reasoned, the sooner his number was bound to come up. Then again, even during his national championship season, McGuire was never at a loss for material.

"I don't believe in looking past anybody," he said. "I wouldn't look past the Little Sisters of the Poor after they stayed up all night."

History, unfortunately, won't settle the debate.

Last season, Stanford didn't lose until its final regular-season game, then came back to win the Pac-10 tournament and got upset in the second round of the NCAAs. Saint Joseph's went one better, staying perfect until Xavier grounded the Hawks in their conference tourney. Saint Joseph's bounced back to reach the East regional final but went no further.

As omens go, their fate didn't augur well for Illinois. The Xavier coach who beat the Hawks last season was Thad Matta, who just happened to be working the Ohio State sideline Sunday.

Only seven teams have won the national championship with perfect records since the first tournament in 1939, which means 59 have done it with one loss or more. The first team to

go unbeaten wire-to-wire was San Francisco in 1956, and UCLA, under coach John Wooden, accomplished it a staggering four times in nine years. The last to do it was Indiana in 1976. The last to get through the regular season unscathed was UNLV in 1991.

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