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Officials see efficient UIHC

By increasing efficiency, officials hope to offset higher costs for patients

BY CHRISTINA ERB
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI Hospitals and Clinics officials said on Wednesday they will make

the hospital more efficient to offset increased costs patients may accrue because the proposed 9.5 percent increase in fees for next fiscal year.

The increase, which will help cover the expected rise in patient-care activity and related operational costs, will be proposed at the state Board of Regents' meeting next week in Cedar Rapids. The UIHC is arguing that, without the increase, it will not meet its budgeted growth in net revenues.

On average, the hospital charges each patient \$2,388 daily and \$16,071

per discharge. Those figures will rise if the regents pass the proposal.

To compensate for these "small" increases, the UIHC hopes to shorten the average length of hospital stays by half a day, said Anthony DeFurio, the UIHC chief financial officer.

Currently, UIHC patients are hospitalized an average of 7.1 days; DeFurio said he would like to see that average shrink to 6.4 days. In comparison with the length of hospital stays across Iowa, the UIHC is the longest in the state, he said.

"We are significantly longer — that demonstrates it can be done," he said. "The question is how."

The UIHC will propose to the regents a number of options, including extended night consultation hours and new weekend consultation hours. The increased hours, hospital officials said, will help compensate for the 2.5 percent increase in inpatient admissions and the 2 percent increase in outpatient visits expected in fiscal 2006.

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Enthusiasm building for alt high school

BY JANE SLUSARK
THE DAILY IOWAN

ELIZABETH TATE HIGH SCHOOL:

Parents of students at the Senior High Alternative Center and school officials enthusiastically congregated Wednesday evening to flip through pictures of their new home and celebrate the transformation the school is undergoing.

"It's been very crowded upstairs," said Principal Stephanie Williams, who directs the school on the third floor of the Iowa City School District's Central Administration Office.

"We're seeing a dream come true, and that's bricks, mortar, and glass going up on the East Side of town."

The new building, the Elizabeth Tate High School, a \$3.3 million facility, will be located on Mall Drive, a block from Kirkwood Community College. Photographs taken by Williams showed windows in place and cabinets ready for storage.

"Everything is on time," she said. "The 'in' date is June 1, and furniture will be delivered the first week in July."

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• Replaces Senior High Alternative Center

• Cost: \$3.3 million

• Expected enrollment: 90 students, up from 75 students

• Maximum capacity: 250 students

• Five teachers

• Equipped with a science lab, pottery area, two commons areas, and industrial kitchen

• Construction ends June 1st

• Students start Aug. 22nd



Matt Ryerson/The Daily Iowan

"What we want is diversity," Alex Carter shouts at a protest outside of Pappajohn Business Building on Wednesday. Carter is a student in the African-American World Studies Program and a member of the Black Student Collective. The group is concerned with recent UI decisions concerning the program.

Program's possible demise protested

Grad students say the African-American World Studies Program promotes diversity, among other things

BY ALEX LANG
THE DAILY IOWAN

In an effort to promote awareness, the Black Student Collective held a rally at the T. Anne

Cleary Walkway on Wednesday to save the African-American World Studies Program.

The march began in Hubbard Park and worked its way up Jefferson Street to the walkway, where approximately a dozen supporters chanted. Some students who were passing by joined in the rally as well, said Tyari Witherspoon, an African-American World Studies M.A. candidate.

"We are in danger of losing the M.A. program," he said. He added that with the loss of the graduate program, the fear is the UI could lose its undergraduate program as well.

Recently, the program was demoted from department status to program status. The demotion caused the department to lose

financial-aid funding, which will likely lead to the loss of three students in the next academic year, Witherspoon said.

The African-American World Studies Program was one of the first of its kind in the nation.

Steve Parrott, the director of University Relations, said Linda Maxson, the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, has appointed a committee to look into the issue and try to determine the best course of action for all parties. The committee is to complete its findings by the end of the semester.

Parrott said he did not know why the program was demoted from department status.

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Skorton speaks on Wellmark, Spence, Pierce

QA with SKORTON



Skorton
UI President

UI President David Skorton talked about major events affecting the university this school year, including the vandalism of Spence Labs, the criminal charges filed against former basketball player Pierre Pierce, and the heated controversy between UI Hospitals and Clinics and the Wellmark insurance company during an interview with The Daily Iowan on Wednesday.

DI: If you could have handled anything differently this school year, what would it be and why?

Skorton: There are so many things. One is that we have had this dispute with Wellmark about the reimbursement payments for health care in the health-sciences center, and I regret that we were not able to come to terms with it last year. I am still completely committed with coming to terms and having a new contract that is fair to both UIHC and to the company.

I don't know for sure what I might have done differently in the situation, but I tried to not signal an intent to terminate. And we still have eight months left to come to terms.

DI: What will the UI do if the Iowa Legislature does not allocate \$40 million in supplemental funds to the state Board of Regents' budget?

Skorton: I would prefer to take a positive point of view that we are going to get the vast

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DEATH PENALTY IN IOWA

Deadlocked state Senate blocks death-penalty debate

BY MIKE GLOVER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — A deadlocked Iowa Senate blocked debate Wednesday over Republican-led proposals to reinstate the death sentence.

Republicans said they were outraged and would continue to push the issue, and Democrats were just as adamant that they won't allow debate of the issue in a Senate split 25-25.

"We will stay here as long as it takes to protect the children of

Iowa," said Senate Republican President Jeff Lamberti of Ankeny. "We will have this debate."

"I have been abundantly clear on this," said Senate Democratic Leader Michael Gronstal of Council Bluffs. "We will not debate the death penalty in the Iowa Senate."

The proposal would have reinstated the death penalty in cases of kidnapping, abuse, and murder of a child.

The proposal was a reaction to the abduction and slaying of a 10-year-old Cedar Rapids girl. Jetseta Gage disappeared from her home on

March 24; her body was found a day later in an abandoned mobile home in rural Johnson County.

Death-penalty backers vowed to continue to push the issue but gave up plans to resume debate on Wednesday.

"We will get back to it, but I can't tell you when," said Senate Republican Leader Stewart Iverson of Dows.

Supporters had sought to tack the death penalty onto a larger measure toughening penalties for sex offenders. When the larger measure came up for debate, Senate Democratic

President Jack Kibbie, of Emmetsburg, ruled it wasn't relevant to the sex-abuse bill and blocked debate.

Republicans immediately put a hold on the larger measure and retreated to a private meeting to map strategy.

They accused Kibbie of abusing his power, a charge he rejected.

"I don't know whether the rules and traditions of the Senate are relevant any more," said Sen. Chuck Larson Jr., R-Cedar Rapids.

Kibbie said adding the death penalty to the larger sex-abuse

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Writer: S. Africa still adjusting

BY PATRICK DAVIS
THE DAILY IOWAN

One of South Africa's most prominent writers said on Wednesday that South Africa is still adjusting to the challenges and opportunities of its relatively new democracy.

"Eleven years ago today, South Africans stood in their millions, waiting to vote for a representative government," said Hein Willemsse, a Fulbright visiting professor at Grinnell College and a 1987 participant in the UI International Writing Program. "For black South Africans, a lifelong battle that stretched over many generations came to fruition."

Willemsse, whose permanent position is the head of the Department of Afrikaans at the University of Pretoria in South Africa, spoke to a crowd of approximately 50 at the Congregational Church, 30 N. Clinton St., in a lecture sponsored by the Iowa City Foreign Relations Council. His talk, "Eleven Years of Post-Apartheid South Africa: Identity Re-formations," was given on South Africa's 11th anniversary of Freedom Day.

"South Africa has undergone a fundamental change. Today, such

words as 'black economic empowerment,' 'the Constitution,' 'citizen,' and most persistent of all, 'transformation,' characterize our new political lexicon," he said.

An African middle class has started to emerge, he said, largely helped by the government's affirmative-action policies. The law requires that corporations and medium-sized businesses fill ethnic quotas at every employment level to receive lucrative government contracts.

"Nevertheless," he said, "symbolism and fluffy metaphors of unity can not obscure the political and economic realities of the country."

South Africa faces problems with black industrialists and former trade-union executives holding power. The economy has been accused of entering a phase of "crony capitalism," in which politicians only work with their corporate friends and neglect to help average citizens, Willemsse said.

He said this form of democracy has not completely happened, and if the government wants to reverse the trend, "it will have to do much more to eradicate poverty and broaden



Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan

Hein Willemsse speaks at the Iowa City Foreign Relations Council on Wednesday at the Congregational Church. His talk was titled "Eleven Years into Post-Apartheid South Africa: Identity Re-Formation."

entrepreneurial opportunities."

The numbers of impoverished people in South Africa remain high. Willemsse quoted statistics contending that the poorest 40 percent of the population may in fact be poorer than pre-1994 levels and that the unemployment rate hovers around 40 percent, but through all this, he sees hope on the horizon.

Willemsse believes that life in South Africa is getting better. He cited a survey done by the Institute for Reconciliation and Justice that found that 86 percent of those surveyed are confident of a happy future for "all races in South Africa," and 66 percent believe that their children are destined for a better future.

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CITY

Joint meeting decries rural dumping

Officials from area city councils and school boards, in addition to the Johnson County Board of Supervisors, said the county must crack down on garbage dumping in the rural parts of the county at a biannual joint meeting on Wednesday.

North Liberty Mayor Clair Mekota said dumping in the county has increased in recent years and that fines must be raised and violators be more thoroughly prosecuted to deal with the problem.

"They don't care. They just want to get rid of the stuff so they don't have to pay a landfill fee," Mekota said, adding that he has seen abandoned couches, tires, and refrigerators in rural areas.

County Supervisor Sally Stutsman said dumpers who are caught must be made an example of and agreed that fines for illegal dumping need to be raised. Current fines are approximately \$50, she said.

"I think it's just having willpower" to thoroughly enforce the law, she said.

The supervisors could take action on the issue by the summer, she said.

In response to citizens' complaints about trash on roadways leading to the city landfill, Iowa City City Manager

Steve Atkins said trucks will be required to have tarps to prevent garbage from spilling out onto the roads.

"We're going to get a lot tougher," he said.

— by Sam Edsill

Agency to withhold report on Jetseta

Findings by the state Department of Human Services dealing with the slaying of Jetseta Gage will remain under wraps until after the trial of her alleged killer.

Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White said he requested that the agency hold the report so as not to corrupt the ongoing investigation, jury selection, and other aspects of the case against Roger Bentley.

"The prosecutor asked us not to release the assessment, so we're not going to," Human Services spokesman Roger Munns said. "We would not want to release anything that would jeopardize the prosecution."

State law dictates that the Human Services may only release a report on an assessment of whether child abuse occurred if the case involves the death or near death of the child. Even then, there are numerous exceptions, including whether its release would jeopardize prosecution.

White was consulted because Human Services is required by law

to "consult with the county attorney responsible for prosecution of any alleged perpetrator of the fatality" when a request is made for the report.

Human Services will release the report following Bentley's trial for first-degree kidnapping and murder, which is scheduled to start June 6.

The 37-year-old, who is a convicted sex offender and family friend of the Gages, allegedly bound Jetseta's feet and tied a plastic bag around her head. She had been sexually abused, according to a police report.

— by Nick Petersen

Man to plead guilty to manslaughter

A 22-year-old Chicago man responsible for the death of UI student Michael Paul Kearney will plead guilty to voluntary manslaughter, a Class C felony, his attorney, Davis Foster, confirmed Wednesday.

Daniel Howard Corbett had been charged with second-degree murder, a Class B felony, in connection with the death of Kearney, who died from a fractured skull and severe head trauma on Dec. 31, 2003. According to police reports, Corbett punched Kearney and then slammed his head into a concrete wall at 2 a.m. in the Kum & Go parking lot, 323 E. Burlington.

At the time, Iowa City police Sgt. Brian Krei said that witnesses of the attack told police Kearney did "nothing to provoke Corbett" and did not fight back.

Kearney's friends took him to his apartment; a few hours later they found him unconscious. He was taken to UI Hospitals and Clinics, where he was later determined to have suffered a fractured skull and severe head trauma.

Corbett was not charged until June 2004 because of insufficient evidence. He faces up to 10 years in prison and a maximum \$10,000 fine for voluntary manslaughter.

— by Traci Finch

Amendments would get tough with rioters

A series of amendments to the Uniform Rules of Personal Conduct proposed by the state Board of Regents would increase student and faculty awareness of the consequences of participating in riots, unlawful assemblies, and failing to disperse at university-sponsored events.

The amendments, which were written in response to a national increase in campus riots, would allow university officials to deny a hearing for students, staff, or faculty members who seek re-admission or re-employment after being removed

from the university for violating the rules for personal conduct.

Also, the amendments would expand the rules to include violations that occur at university-sponsored events off campus, such as athletics events and trips.

Under the amendments, the rules of conduct would also apply to students who have been suspended, who have been admitted to a regent institution but have not enrolled, and students

who have voluntarily left the institution but intend to return. The current rules state that students, staff, and faculty will face disciplinary action for, among other things, obstruction of teaching or research, theft or property damage, and physical abuse.

A public hearing on the matter is scheduled for May 6 at 2 p.m. in 107 North Hall. The amendments could be adopted as soon as June 14.

— by Sam Edsill

POLICE BLOTTER

Marcus Abbott, 19, address unknown, was charged April 5 with violation of a harassment/stalking protective order.

Brandon Baker, 21, Solon, was charged Wednesday with operating while intoxicated.

Matthew Beuning, 19, 515 E. Burlington Apt. 4, was charged Wednesday with possession of alcohol under the legal age.

Kevin Burke, 19, 704A Mayflower, was charged April 23 with PAULA.

Nathaniel Clark, 19, 1534 Burge,

was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

Joseph Colianne, 18, 704B Mayflower, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication, criminal mischief, presence in a bar after hours, and PAULA.

Jeffrey Feste, 19, 921 Slater, was charged Wednesday with public urination.

Thantip Keomanivong, 22, Coralville, was charged April 26 with driving while license was suspended/canceled.

Brian Kidawa, 19, 1127 Slater, was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

Ashley Kuryla, 20, 130 E. Jefferson Apt. 11, was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

Matthew Launspach, 20, 312 W. Benton, was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

Lloyd Lee, 19, 433D Mayflower, was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

Miles Loring, 19, 620 S. Dodge Apt. 11, was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

Lindsay Malmberg, 20, 804 Iowa Ave., was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

Matthew McCormick, 22, 419 N. Dubuque Apt. 3, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication and criminal mischief.

Timothy McMillan, 22, 670 S. Governor St., was charged Wednesday with possession of an open container of alcohol in public.

Derrill Miles, 22, address unknown, was charged April 26 with public intoxication.

Mallory Nelson, 19, 3410 Burge, was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

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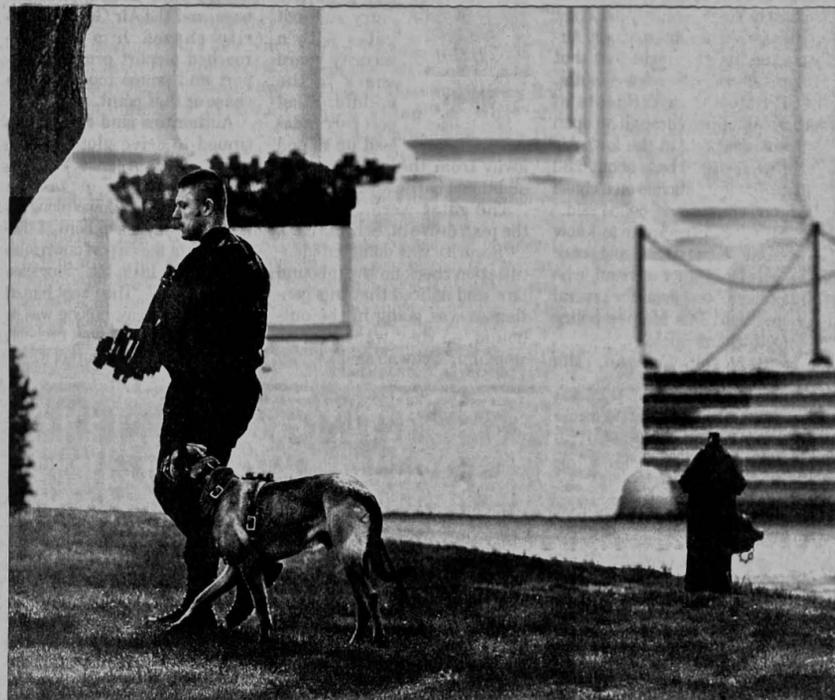
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'Radar anomaly' sets off White House alarm



Gerald Herbert/Associated Press

A Secret Service Counter Assault Team member on the White House grounds responds to a security alert Wednesday after reports that an unidentified aircraft had entered a no-fly zone near the White House. The alert lasted only a few minutes before it was rescinded.

BY JENNIFER LOVEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush was rushed to a secure underground White House bunker on Wednesday, and Vice President Dick Cheney was whisked outside the compound because of a "radar anomaly" — perhaps a flock of birds or pocket of rain — that was mistaken for a plane flying in restricted airspace.

The late-morning scare, apparently the first time Bush had been taken to the secure area since 9/11, was determined within minutes to be a false alarm, and business quickly returned to normal.

There have been similar alarms before, sparked by a blip on a radar screen that looks like an aircraft venturing into the area around the White House that is off-limits to aircraft.

In November 2003, the White House was briefly evacuated while Air Force fighter jets were scrambled to investigate a tripped radar alert that also triggered fears — also groundless — of an airspace violation. Bush was in Britain at the time.

This time, though, Bush was in the Oval Office when radar picked up something. Helicopters were sent to check it out and found there was no errant aircraft, said Brian Roehrke, a Homeland Security Department spokesman.

Before that could be confirmed, though, the Secret Service leapt into action.

They moved the president and vice president out of danger. Officers toting shotguns raced around

the compound, taking up positions. A surface-to-air missile battery recently installed on the roof of a nearby building was raised to fire position. Some White House staff members were evacuated from the West Wing. Tour groups were hustled out of the executive mansion, and a park across the street from the White House was cleared.

Some parts of the compound, such as the area where the press is housed, were not notified of the threat or moved.

There are a few security incidents at the White House each year, and many of those involve the threat of a plane in restricted airspace. At least a half-dozen such threats have occurred during Bush's presidency, either at the White House, Camp David, or events outside Washington.

In 1994, when Bill Clinton was president, a Maryland man stole a light plane and crashed it into the south side of the presidential mansion in the middle of the night, killing himself but injuring no one else. In 1974, an Army private landed a stolen helicopter on the South Lawn. He suffered shotgun wounds and was taken away for psychiatric examination.

There are other types of attempted security breaches as well, including suspicious packages and "gate-jumpers" who try to force their way onto the White House grounds. In February 2001, a man fired several shots outside the White House fence and was shot in the leg by authorities. In 1976, a man tried unsuccessfully to ram his pickup truck through the White House gate.

Wednesday was the first time the president was known to have been taken to the bunker — a super-secure, super-secret facility built in case of emergency for the president, his family, and a small number of staff deemed essential to running the government — since the night of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. After flying from the Florida classroom where he learned of the attacks to Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana and then to Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska, Bush returned to Washington only to be awakened by Secret Service agents who hurried him and his wife, Laura, underground — also because of a false alarm about an unidentified plane.

House grapples with budget bills

BY AMY LORENTZEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — House lawmakers continued to wrestle with budget bills on Wednesday, but they were able to pass a state employee salaries bill out committee.

The bill, which would provide approximately \$49.4 million for state employee salaries, narrowly passed, 13-12.

"It might not have everything ... it's a beginning point," said Rep. Rod Roberts, R-Carroll, who managed the bill.

The recommendation, consistent with Gov. Tom Vilsack's proposed budget, includes a 4.5 percent increase in salaries for judges and 17.3 percent increase for statewide elected officials, including the governor, lieutenant governor, auditor, state treasurer, agriculture secretary, and attorney general. The officials haven't seen a pay increase since 2001.

Also included was a 13 percent increase for appointed state officers, including department directors.

State lawmakers would get a hefty increase starting in 2007, the first in nearly a decade.

House and Senate members would see their salaries increase 16.9 percent from \$21,381 to \$25,000. The House speaker, Senate president, and majority and minority party leaders in each chamber would each get a 13.7 percent increase, boosting their salaries to \$37,500.

Rep. Bill Dix, the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, took issue with the increase for lawmakers. He also complained about the \$38.5 million that was negotiated under the state's Collective Bargaining Agreement for state employee salaries.

"My perspective is that legislators are paid a sufficient amount and state workers are seeing increases at a rate that is well above those that we are seeing in the private sector. It is a rising cost of government, and I remain opposed to those efforts," he said.

Salaries for Racing and Gaming Commission members would increase from

\$6,000 to \$10,000, with the increase being paid from gaming funds. Roberts said the increase is needed as the commission performs more duties.

"In fact, their workload has increased," he said. One major change under the

bill would include shifting the state Board of Regents budget into the state's education budget rather than including it in the salary budget. That removed approximately \$41 million from the salaries budget under consideration.

DETAILS ON THE STATE EMPLOYEES SALARIES' BILL

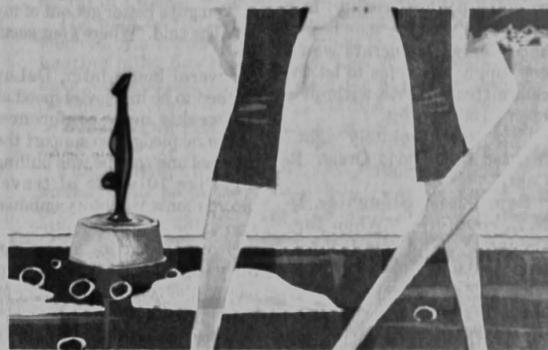
Details on the \$49.4 million state employees' salaries bill that the House Appropriations Committee approved 13-12 on Wednesday:

- The recommendation is consistent with that in Gov. Tom Vilsack's proposed budget.
- The bill includes a \$38.5 million general-fund appropriation negotiated under the state's collective-bargaining agreement to pay state employee salaries.
- The employee increases varied — most rising on a scale over the next couple of years — depending on the unit the state employee bargained under.
- The bill includes:
 - A 4.5 percent increase in salaries for judges.
 - A 17.3 percent increase for statewide elected officials, including the governor, lieutenant governor, auditor, state treasurer, agriculture secretary, and attorney general.
 - A 13 percent increase for appointed state officers, including department directors.
 - State lawmakers would get an increase in 2007, including a 16.9 percent increase for House and Senate members, raising their salaries from \$21,381 to \$25,000.
 - The House speaker, Senate president, and majority and minority party leaders in each chamber would each get a 13.7 percent increase, bringing their salaries to \$37,500.
 - Racing and Gaming Commission members would see a salary increase from \$6,000 to \$10,000.
 - The Iowa Board of Regents budget would be moved into the state's education budget rather than include it in the salary budget.

Source: House Democratic Caucus Staff

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NEWS

House reverses itself on Republican ethics rules

Democrats had charged that the rules changes were designed to protect Majority Leader Tom DeLay

BY LARRY MARGASAK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The House, with grudging Republican support, voted Wednesday to reverse GOP ethics rules that Democrats charged were designed to protect Majority Leader Tom DeLay.

The Republicans heeded Speaker Dennis Hastert's call for a retreat to end a deadlock that has kept the evenly divided ethics panel from functioning. The vote was 406-20, with all votes against the resolution cast by Republicans.

An early job for the committee may be an inquiry into whether a lobbyist financed DeLay's foreign trips in violation of House rules. The majority leader has asked to appear before the panel to clear his name, and he told reporters Wednesday he was pulling together travel records going back a decade.

In debate, Democrats continued to attack DeLay's conduct. Republicans countered that they didn't make a mistake but accepted political reality: In a committee with five members of each party, Democrats would not supply any votes to let the committee operate without a reversal of the rules.

"We were absolutely right," insisted Rep. David Dreier, R-Calif.

Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-N.Y., countered, "When they thought no one was looking, they passed a package that effectively neutered the committee ... to protect one man from investigation."

The committee's chairman, Rep. Doc Hastings, R-Wash., said, "The Democrats remain absolutely unwilling to compromise. It is severely damaging to this institution for the other side of the aisle to keep the doors locked on the ethics committee."

Senior committee Democrat Alan Mollohan of West Virginia argued that the Republican rules would have seriously damaged the committee's ability to conduct investigations.

"What is at issue is ... whether the House is going to continue to have a credible ethics process. Nothing less

than this is at stake here tonight."

Hastings tried to assure the House that there would be no partisanship in any decision to investigate DeLay or any other member.

"No investigation has ever been taken by the committee without bipartisan support," said Hastings, who last week offered to investigate DeLay in a futile effort to break the deadlock.

The Republican lawmakers had endured weeks of intense Democratic criticism — and hometown editorials — complaining that the GOP rule changes were an attempt to protect DeLay from further investigation.

DeLay, R-Texas, was admonished by the committee on three matters last year.

Republicans leaving their weekly meeting in the Capitol basement Wednesday morning generally praised Hastert for pivoting on the issue. DeLay seemed annoyed at the crowd of reporters.

"You guys better get out of my way," he said. "Where's our security?"

Several hours later, DeLay seemed to be in a jovial mood at his weekly news conference, where he pledged to support the reversal and said he was pulling together 10 years of travel records for a voluntary submission to the ethics committee.

He denied playing any role in the partisan rules changes that passed the House in January or in the reversal Wednesday.

"This has been the speaker's project all along," he said.

The rules in effect before January allowed investigations to begin if the ethics chairman and ranking minority member failed to act on a complaint in 45 days and no other member requested full committee consideration. The Republican changes provided for an automatic dismissal in case of a tie, a procedure that Hastert said was needed to avoid keeping members in limbo.

In a letter to Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi, Hastert wrote that the changes pushed through in January were an attempt to correct inequities.

Given Democratic opposition, he proposed reverting to the old rules, "leaving the unfairness inherent in the old system in place."

At the same time, he said he hoped the Ethics Committee could recommend changes for the future.

Rep. Joel Hefley, R-Colo., who supported the Republican retreat, said the GOP move "doesn't mean Democrats will stop going after DeLay."

Hefley was dumped by Hastert as chairman of the evenly divided committee after the panel admonished DeLay. He has been one of the few Republicans who opposed the rule changes from the beginning.

Republican lawmakers, who would not be identified by name because their meeting was closed, said some GOP congressmen didn't want to stop the fight, believing the party could still win the political battle.

Lawmakers said Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, backed Hastert in the meeting and noted that a functioning Ethics Committee wouldn't only open the door for an investigation of DeLay. It would also permit further action on an ethics complaint filed last year against Democratic Rep. Jim McDermott of Washington.

McDermott is accused of violating House rules by leaking to reporters a taped telephone conversation.

Rep. Alan Mollohan of West Virginia, the senior Democrat on the committee, said, "To this point the speaker's actions have been positive. The proposal will be considered and evaluated by the bipartisan yardstick."

At the same time, Mollohan and aides to Pelosi insisted that committee staff must be hired on a bipartisan basis. Republicans early this year unilaterally fired two holdover staff members.

Pelosi said the Republican reversal was "a victory for the American people. Americans understood what was at stake — the integrity of the House — and in one voice demanded that the House return to a credible, viable, and nonpartisan ethics process."

AP Special Correspondent David Espo contributed to this report.

70-year-old leads security, police on Des Moines airport chase

BY MELANIE S. WELTE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — A 70-year-old man faces state and federal charges after a security breach at the Des Moines International Airport on Tuesday night that shut down air traffic for a few minutes.

Duane Edward Sheets of Norwalk drove through an open 6-foot steel gate at the Iowa Air National Guard base about 6:30 p.m., leading officials on a chase around the tarmac, police said.

Sheets didn't appear to know what was going on and told police he was looking for a friend, who may have been dead for several years, said Des Moines police Capt. Richard Singleton.

Col. Greg Schwab, the



Sheets faces charges

commander of the 132nd Air Fighter Wing, said the base has separate entry and exit gates with a security guard shack in the middle. Steel post barricades lead up to and away from the airport, with additional barricades going in.

The gates were open, and the man drove in, Schwab said.

"Security was doing an identification check on the inbound lane and noticed that this gentleman was going in the outbound, so they went over to stop him," Schwab said.

One of the Air Guard's security guards had to jump out of the way to keep from getting run over, he said.

The man drove onto the base, and the Air Guard's security chased him until he reached airport property. Airport and police took over the chase at that point.

Authorities said Sheets continued to drive along service roads, struck a fence, and was chased onto a working taxiway.

"When he was down along the active runway down here ... they had to shut the airport down to air traffic for a little bit," Singleton told KCCI-TV. "They kept him off the main runway, but he was on the taxiway. That was probably the most dangerous part of it."

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Jackson prosecution dealt blow

BY LINDA DEUTSCH
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SANTA MARIA, Calif. — In a startling setback to the prosecution, Michael Jackson's ex-wife took the stand at his child molestation trial Wednesday and said through tears how she was never scripted or rehearsed to say positive things about him to rebut a damaging TV documentary.

Prosecutors called Deborah Rowe to bolster their argument that Jackson conspired to hold the accuser's family captive to get them to rebut the documentary, in which the singer said he lets children sleep in his bed. The accuser's mother claims a video she recorded praising Jackson was made under duress and that every word was from a script.

The prosecution has said Rowe would offer similar testimony — that she was also pressured to praise Jackson in a video — but her testimony Wednesday did not reflect that.

"I didn't want anyone to be able to come back to me and say my interview was rehearsed," Rowe said. "As Mr. Jackson knows, no one can tell me what to say."

She iterated that she had been offered a list of questions by her interviewers but she declined to look at them before she talked.

"It was a cold interview, and I wanted to keep it that way," she said.

Rowe glanced at Jackson as she spoke. The pop star, dressed in a maroon suit, showed no obvious reaction to her testimony.

Rowe was a nurse for one of Jackson's plastic surgeons when they married in 1996, and they had two children together — 8-year-old Prince Michael and a 7-year-old daughter named Paris. The couple filed for divorce three years later, and Rowe is in a family-court dispute over visitation

with their children. Jackson has a third child, Prince Michael II, whose mother has remained anonymous.

Rowe appeared nervous at first as she told jurors "we've been friends, and we were married." Asked about her domestic arrangements, she said, "We never shared a home."

Deputy District Attorney Ron Zonen asked her what she expected after she gave the video interview. A teary-eyed Rowe said, "To be reunited with the children and be reacquainted with their dad."

Jackson is accused of molesting a 13-year-old boy in February or March 2003, giving him alcohol and conspiring to hold the accuser's family captive to get them to rebut the "Living With Michael Jackson" documentary.

In 2003, Rowe said she spoke with Jackson over the phone and he said "there was a video coming out, and it was full of lies, and would I help. I said, as always, yes."

Rowe said her conversation with Jackson lasted perhaps 2½ minutes and there was no discussion of what he wanted her to do other than to work with his associates.

She said all she could recall him saying was, "There was a bad video coming out."

"Did he tell you with any specificity what he wanted you to do?" asked Zonen.

"No," she said. Asked why she would help Jackson, she said, "I promised him I would always be there for Michael and the children."

She did not give any details of her private life with Jackson and made it clear that she did not want to discuss it.

"My personal life was my personal life and no one's business," she said when asked by the prosecution if she had talked completely truthfully on the video.



Ric Francis/Associated Press

Pop star Michael Jackson departs the Santa Barbara County Courthouse on Wednesday. Jackson is on trial for allegedly molesting a child.

She said the videotaped interview lasted nine hours and that she recently saw a two-hour version of it which was shown to her by prosecutors. She said she found it "very boring and dull" and didn't really pay attention while she was watching it.

Rowe said she did not see the "Living With Michael Jackson" documentary before her interview was taped.

"All I knew is what was being put out about Michael was hurtful to Michael and the children," she said.

In his opening statement, District Attorney Tom Sneddon told the jury similar to that of the accuser's mother.

"Debbie Rowe will tell you her interview also was completely scripted," Sneddon said on Feb. 28. "They scripted that interview just like they scripted the [accuser's mother's] interview."

Rowe was expected back on the stand Thursday for more questioning.

AP writer Tim Molloy contributed to this report.

Bush wants nuclear plants, fuel efficiency

The president admits he can do nothing about high gas prices

BY H. JOSEF HEBERT
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WASHINGTON — President Bush called for construction of more nuclear-power plants and urged Congress on Wednesday to give tax breaks for fuel-efficient hybrid and clean-diesel cars. He also said he was powerless to bring down high gasoline costs.

Calling the problem one of not having enough energy supplies to keep pace with demand, he said technology will provide the answer in the long run by allowing development of more domestic energy sources.

"Technology is the ticket," said Bush, calling today's tight energy markets "a problem that has been years in the making" and will take time to resolve. He said he was determined to spur development of more nuclear power, coal, oil, and renewable energy and again called on Congress to provide him with a national energy agenda.

"This problem did not develop overnight, and it's not going to be fixed overnight. But it's now time to fix it," he told a group of small-business owners in his second speech on energy in a week.

The high cost of gasoline, followed by a winter of record heating bills, has begun to have both economic and political fallout, and it is believed to be pulling down Bush's popularity.

The president said he knows "many people are concerned" about the high gasoline prices that now average more than \$2.20 a gallon



Bush president

nationwide, but he lamented that he can't do anything about it.

"I wish I could," he said. "If I could, I would."

In 2000, when he was seeking the

Republican nomination for president and oil was nearing \$28 a barrel, Bush criticized the Clinton administration for high fuel prices and said the president must "jawbone" oil-producing nations and persuade them to drop rates.

Some congressional Democrats have called on Bush to use the government's emergency oil reserves to try to force crude prices down — or at least stop diverting oil into the reserve. The White House repeatedly has rejected such a move, arguing the reserve is only for addressing supply disruptions and should be filled to capacity.

The president did not mention the reserve in his remarks Wednesday. Instead, he sought to focus on what senior administration officials acknowledge are long-term fixes aimed at reducing U.S. reliance on oil imports.

Last year, imports accounted for nearly 58 percent of the 20.5 million barrels of oil used each day, according to the Energy Department. Only about a third of the country's oil came from imports in 1973, when the Arab oil embargo prompted long lines at gas stations.

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In this image released from the US New Jersey Attorney's Office, British businessman Hemant Lakhani (right) allegedly attempts to sell a sample shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missile to an unidentified FBI informant in a New Jersey hotel in August 2003. A federal jury on Wednesday convicted Lakhani on all five counts he faced, including attempting to sell shoulder-launched missiles to what he believed was a terrorist group planning to shoot down airliners. U.S. Attorney Christopher Christie called the verdict "a triumph for the Justice Department in the war against terror." Lakhani, he added, "didn't care who he was dealing them to or what they wanted to use them for."

Economy hits 'pause'

Economists say the 'soft patch' is broader than had been expected

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER
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WASHINGTON — A deep drop in orders for big-ticket manufactured goods provided fresh evidence Wednesday that the economy slowed last month as energy prices rose.

At least for now, the new "soft patch" is being viewed as temporary and not the start of something more serious, such as a recession. But analysts warned that if anything unexpected like a further surge in energy costs could spell trouble for an economy already facing rising interest rates.

The Commerce Department reported that orders for durable goods plunged 2.8 percent in March. It was the biggest drop in 2½ years. It left no doubt, analysts said, that the economy is going through a significant slowdown as consumers and businesses, jolted by a new surge in energy prices, cut back on their purchases.

"The economy clearly paused last month and the pause was much broader and more pronounced than we had expected," said Mark Zandi, the chief economist at Economy.com. "March was an awfully bad month."

In addition to weakness in factory orders, payroll employment showed the smallest gain in eight months, and retail sales were disappointing. The stock market has also taken its lumps as investors have grown worried about the possibility, though remote, of a return to the stagflation of the 1970s, where soaring energy costs drive inflation higher as economic growth stalls.

The weakness so far has caused economists to slash their

estimates for overall growth in the first quarter to perhaps as low as 3 percent, down sharply from the 4.4 percent increase in the gross domestic product turned in for all of 2004.

Before the string of weaker-than-expected reports, some analysts were forecasting that first quarter growth could come in as high as 4 percent. The government will release its first look at GDP for the January-March period today.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 47.67 points on Wednesday to close at 10,198.80 as a drop in oil prices and upbeat earnings news overshadowed the big decline in durable goods orders. The Dow had fallen 91 points on Tuesday.

The drop in orders for durable goods — items expected to last three or more years — was the biggest since a 6 percent decline in September 2002. It also marked the third consecutive setback as orders fell by 0.2 percent in February and 1.2 percent in January. Orders haven't fallen for three-straight months since the summer of 2001, when the country was in the last recession.

The weakness was widespread, led by a 7.8 percent decline in transportation, reflecting big drops in demand for civilian and military aircraft, and a smaller decline in motor vehicles. Excluding the volatile transportation sector, orders were also down, dropping 1 percent, the second monthly decline.

"The March decline was as broad as it was deep with orders falling in machinery, computers, fabricated metals, motor vehicles,

and aircraft," said David Huether, chief economist for the National Association of Manufacturers.

Huether said American companies are currently sitting on an unusually high \$1.2 trillion in cash. They could be investing that money in new plants and equipment, "but uncertainty about many key policies that impact economic growth ... are keeping investors on the sidelines," he said.

Other economists said energy prices will be a key influence on whether the current slowdown proves to be temporary or more severe. A big jump in energy prices last year created what Federal Reserve Alan Greenspan labeled a "soft patch" in the late spring and summer as consumers, who account for two-thirds of total economic activity, cut back on spending in areas outside of energy.

Crude oil prices hit a record high of \$57.27 per barrel in early April but retreated to around \$52.40 per barrel in trading Wednesday.

David Wyss, the chief economist at Standard & Poor's in New York, said that if oil prices continue declining, the economy should pick up, but he stressed that energy was the wild card in the forecast.

"My guess is that things will bounce back given that energy prices seem to be stabilizing," he said. "But we have said that before and been proven wrong. There is no guarantee that energy prices will stay stable."

Analysts said they were still expecting a quarter-point interest rate increase when the central bank meets May 3.

Lugar: Bolton to be approved

BY LIZ SIDOTI
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WASHINGTON — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee will approve John Bolton's nomination to be ambassador to the United Nations when it votes next month, the committee's chairman predicted Wednesday.

The assessment by Sen. Richard Lugar, whose committee abruptly postponed a vote on the troubled nomination last week, came as the White House took a new tack in its battle to get Bolton confirmed.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said President Bush chose Bolton for the blunt style that is at the root of the criticism against the nominee.

McClellan also contended that any lawmaker who votes against Bolton is opposed to revamping the United Nations, which has drawn U.S. criticism for scandals surrounding the oil-for-food program that governed aid to pre-war Iraq.

"We will have a vote that I believe will be favorable, and the committee will report the nomination to the floor," Lugar, R-Ind., told reporters. The committee's vote is scheduled for May 12.

Lugar said he has spoken nearly every day with Republican members of his committee, including the four whose support for Bolton, the tough-talking arms control chief, has wavered.



Bolton nominee

"I'm not certain that I will know the heart of hearts of each member sitting there on May the 12th. I hope that I will have a good idea, but each will have to make up his or her mind," Lugar said.

McClellan defended Bolton and sought to refocus the battle onto the United Nations.

"John Bolton is someone who brings a lot of experience and a lot of passion and sometimes a blunt style to this position," McClellan said. "But those are exactly the kind of qualities that are needed in an agent of change to get things done, particularly at a place like the United Nations."

"A vote for John Bolton is a vote for reform at the United Nations," he said. "A vote against him is a vote for the status quo at the United Nations."

Bolton's nomination was jeopardized last week after Democrats on the Senate committee raised new allegations that Bolton had verbally abused subordinates.

Surprising Lugar and the White House, the allegations led Sen. George Voinovich, R-Ohio, to urge a delay in the vote so lawmakers could study the fresh charges. Republican Sens. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, Lincoln Chafee of Rhode

Island, and Chuck Hagel of Nebraska all agreed that a delay was appropriate.

Republicans have a 10-8 majority on the committee, and GOP aides have said it would take a majority vote to send the nomination to the full Senate.

Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., is considering procedural maneuvers to bring Bolton's nomination to the full Senate even if the committee fails to approve it, other Senate aides said Wednesday.

Sen. Christopher J. Dodd of Connecticut, a Democratic committee member, said that would set a bad precedent. "If that happens, then what's the point of having a committee," he said.

Dodd said Bolton potentially is a nominee whom Democrats could filibuster, although Dodd is not recommending that tactic yet.

Lugar said he has not been consulted about whether Republican leaders would try to circumvent his committee.

While noting "there did not appear to be a majority vote for Mr. Bolton at the first meeting," Lugar said he will hold a vote on May 12 regardless of whether he has the necessary support for Bolton.

Lugar also dismissed the complaints that Bolton had berated underlings and pressured intelligence analysts. Democrats have citing those allegations to argue that Bolton is the wrong person for the job.

AP writer Lolita Baldor contributed to this report.

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insurance companies.

Fully insured employers won't feel the increase unless their insurance companies decide to increase their premiums.

While there will be no immediate effect on the fully insured, the uninsured and the self-insured may be affected, DeFurio said. Approximately 8 percent of UIHC patients are uninsured, said UIHC CEO Donna Katen-Bahensky.

Uninsured patients, depending on their income-level, may be hit hard. Patients who fall into the "charity" category, DeFurio said, will not be affected, because they will still receive discounted services. However, patients with high income levels who opt not to be insured will have to pay the full amount.

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majority of the funds. We'll develop some sort of contingency if that doesn't happen. We need to continue to make our case very strongly for the sake of stabilized moderate tuition increases and for the salaries of the faculty and staff at the university.

DI: As president, what did you learn from the Spence Labs break-in last fall?

Skorton: No. 1, I relearned the passion that surrounds the issue of animal research. I was horribly made aware of the fact that groups will use intimidation as a way to try to change institutional behavior.

I learned again the importance of separating issues, and in this case, I would like to think about separating the issue of the appropriate place for animal research from what I consider to be plain, ordinary criminal behavior.

DI: Something that came to light during the Spence Labs break-in was the security concerns across the university. How do you feel about the overall

security at the university now?

Skorton: All universities are meant to be open places. Having real serious security at buildings flies in the face of that kind of view of the university as a public place.

We do need to protect the people who work in labs right at night and weekends when they're doing their work and allow them to feel they're in a safe environment and don't have to look over their shoulders.

DI: Another event that rocked the university was the second filing of charges against former basketball player Pierre Pierce. How do you think this affected the university?

Skorton: It definitely cast a shadow on the university. The accusation and the allegation cast a shadow on the university, the athletics programs, and that program specifically.

I think people's responses to it in the basketball program, students, administrators, coaches, and Athletic Director Bob Bowsby were really appropriate, and they tried to take as much of a high road as

possible.

DI: I understand that you were friends with the late Frank Conroy, the former director of the Writers' Workshop, who passed away earlier this month. What is your favorite memory of him?

Skorton: Definitely, playing with him. I think about how much trouble he gave me about my sax playing. He came to my inauguration, and I asked him to give one of the keynote speeches.

It was a big deal for me — the governor was there, and it's not every day you get to be university president.

And he got in front of these people and told them about how I was out of tune sometimes when I played and that I should play a smaller instrument, because they are easier to handle. He was just a character.

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Students rally for program's life

PROTEST

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The possible cancellation of the program would decrease diversity on campus, said Alex Carter, an African-American World Studies M.A. candidate. Many minority students come to the university to study in the program; without it, they will not attend.

"Diversity is important to us and the university as a whole,"

Carter said.

He added that the university needed to back up its claim that its No. 1 goal is to increase diversity.

Witherspoon said part of the problem is the university's inability to retain and hire faculty members for the program.

Parrott said the university tries to increase diversity each year in its strategic planning; if people have concerns about the

plan, they can voice them to administrators.

He added that at the end of the year, if diversity goals have not been met, the university looks for ways to change them.

The Black Student Collective plans to evaluate Wednesday's rally to determine if it was successful; it intends to hold another rally next week.

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Officials and parents excited about alt school

HIGH SCHOOL

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Students who attend the alternative high school are students "not doing as well as they should at City High and West High."

Approximately 75 students are enrolled in the school, and 90 are expected to enter through the doors in late August.

Cam Davis, the father of a 17-year-old who attends the school, said it will build self-esteem in students who have been at an outdated facility for so long.

"I think it's really going to give them the space and equipment to excel," he said.

"The environment will be better. Students are beginning to

"I think it's really going to give them the space and equipment to excel."

— Cam Davis

not have the stigma."

The new building will hold 250 students, allowing the school to accept students from the current waiting list.

It will have science lab, pottery area with kiln, art studio, and two group-study areas.

Williams said the school will also equip some of its less-fortunate students with a washer and dryer and private shower stalls.

"We have homeless students," she said.

"We've really thought this school through."

Funds from a school referendum passed in early 2003 and a \$1 million Iowa Demonstration Construction Grant are financing the project.

Respect for the alternative high school has been long in coming; the center has seen its doors close many times since 1974, said Hani Elkadi, an arts and science teacher.

"When the idea was born, it was very controversial and seen not as alternative education, but an alternative to education," he said.

"We've been fighting to get

supplies, to get chairs, and to get tables."

For the first time, the alternative high school will be a stand-alone facility, with students having the opportunity to earn their diploma from Tate High School, rather than West or City High.

Mark Jensen, a counselor at the school, said the school will have the same standards and benchmarks as its counterparts, and it will be recognized as such by four-year universities.

The school currently offers advanced-placement courses online, and it is looking to add Spanish to its Internet course list next year.

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Democrats, Republicans spar over death penalty

DEATH PENALTY

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measure expands the proposal significantly, and lawmakers can debate only one issue at a time.

Iowa repealed its death penalty in 1965, two years after the last execution at the Iowa State Penitentiary in Fort Madison.

Victor Feguer was executed on federal charges in 1963, convicted of killing a Dubuque doctor and taking him across state lines.

In response to the slaying of the Cedar Rapids girl, a bipartisan group of lawmakers

has crafted a package of measures toughening penalties for sex abuse, including longer prison terms and tighter supervision for those who are released from prison.

While that package has bipartisan support, some said it didn't go far enough.

"One of the things we don't talk about is the value of a life," said Sen. Larry McKibben, R-Marshalltown, the main backer of the death-penalty proposal.

"An executed murderer will never murder again. That is absolute deterrence."

Death-penalty advocates said they would attempt to recraft their proposal to bring it up for

debate, but the outcome was far from clear.

With the Senate evenly split, both parties must agree to bring an issue up for debate.

Republicans vowed to press ahead, and Gronstal just as adamantly said he will block any debate.

"I think it's something Iowans think we ought to discuss," Iverson said. "Vote it up, or vote it down."

The gridlock is symptomatic of problems the Senate is having resolving issue it must face before ending this year's session. Friday is scheduled to be the last day of this year's session, but few expect lawmakers to meet that deadline.

"We've been spinning our wheels for a long time," Iverson said. "Right now, there is no plan for adjournment."

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Health-insurance-mandate proposal good for students, university

The idea would help skirt prohibitive costs of unexpected illness

A recent proposal for consideration by the state Board of Regents would require all UI students registered for five or more semester hours to carry health insurance. This is a sensible move that offers a variety of potential benefits for both students and the university.

For one, the new policy would only apply to students who are uninsured, and that's fewer than 20 percent of the university's enrollment. These students wouldn't be penalized for not having insurance; instead, they would simply be added to the UI's student health coverage, which costs around \$70 per month for an individual. Approximately 27 percent of UI students already use this service.

Making health insurance mandatory for all students will have a positive effect on their educational experience, and it will improve the university's ability to sustain enrollment. The skyrocketing costs of health care in this country are no secret to anyone who has ever used it: Uninsured students who become injured or ill unexpectedly may encounter insurmountable medical bills, leaving them no choice but to drop out of school. This will delay or entirely prevent their graduation, and the university's retention rate will be adversely affected. Students should not be forced to put their education on hold — or drop it altogether — simply because they receive

health treatment that they can't afford.

Opponents of the measure may argue that it is just one more cost on top of tuition and housing prices that are already reaching unprecedented levels. Granted, an additional \$70 per month isn't a negligible amount of money for students already struggling to stay afloat financially. But when weighed against the possible costs of needing emergency medical attention while uninsured, it's worth every penny. Even students in excellent physical condition should be insured. After all, it's not possible to predict serious injury or illness that may strike without warning.

Many college graduates are still paying off student loans several years after receiving their degrees. Adding to this the burden of medical costs that weren't covered by insurance will simply exacerbate students' debts after they leave the university. This idea may be perceived as yet another superfluous financial imposition by the UI. In reality, it's a protective mechanism that will help students avoid a catastrophic situation that may result from being uninsured at the time of an accident — a situation that can not only create a financial fix but can hurt chances of completing an education. We endorse this proposal and hope that it will be seriously considered.

LETTERS

Whose side are you on?

In Anthony Harris's April 25 column, he writes, "I don't understand the left's fear of absolute truth." As a progressive, I don't fear absolute truth, but I'm always suspicious of those claiming knowledge of absolute truth. And that suspicion is not inconsistent with religion: In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul says, "For our knowledge is imperfect, and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away."

Progressive politics have always had a strong religious component — the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), the Catholic Worker Movement, and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference are a few famous examples. The United Church Of Christ and many other main-line Protestant churches are significantly to the left of Harris. As former President Bill Clinton said when he visited the UI, the question is not whether God is on your side, but whether you're on God's side.

Kent Williams
UI employee

Making God a political symbol

God is not Republican, Democrat, or my case, an independent. That is obviously something that Anthony Harris doesn't understand. For one thing, he accuses liberals of using Jesus as their mascot. The 2004 election, among other things, proved to be the exact opposite.

Conservatives have such people as Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell saying the way to vote for God is to vote for George W. Bush. Of course, God was also used to start the Iraq war. Bush even says he prayed before making his decision — something that Harris obviously doesn't want to acknowledge.

Harris also is wrong with his views on postmodern religion. I am not saying you should forget the basic fundamentals of going to church and why you are there in the first place. I also believe churches should be open to all points of view. I go to church and attend a weekly Bible study. They are aware of my political views and have been more than accepting. The reason certain churches lose members is because of lack of tolerance, whether it be toward gays or women having a bigger role (i.e., as pastors or a member of the church board).

I consider myself a strong Christian and have never forgotten why Jesus died for my sins. The main reason this happened is

because some people didn't agree with his point of view. This is intolerance at its worst. It is something everyone, including Harris, can learn from.

David Doering
UI employee

DI needs to take more initiative

I read in the April 26 *Daily Iowan* that Iowa Sen. Nancy Boettger, R-Harlan, packed extra clothes for an extended legislative session. Her position on funding for Iowa's universities was missing from the article.

I'm not from Harlan, but I have a friend at the UI who is. Because of the far-reaching readership of the *DI*, the paper needs to publish more than the predictable positions of the Johnson County delegation. The article named four state legislators, two of whom expressed a vague position on funding. On the full back page of the same edition, the *DI* published approximately 1,000 names and times of participants in RiverRun. That's a great event. The least the *DI* could do is run an annual column listing all 150 state legislators and their positions on funding for the universities.

Sure, I could turn on my computer, wait for it to load, connect to the Internet, wait for the pages to load, search Google for "Iowa Legislature," navigate around the official state website, and maybe find something about legislators' positions, but probably not until after the critical vote. Or, I could rely on the *DI* to call every legislator's office once a year and publish the results, even if those results are "didn't return call." With my limited time, I would prefer to read "Sen. Boettger is for or against (dollar amount) for Iowa's universities" instead of reading about her clothes.

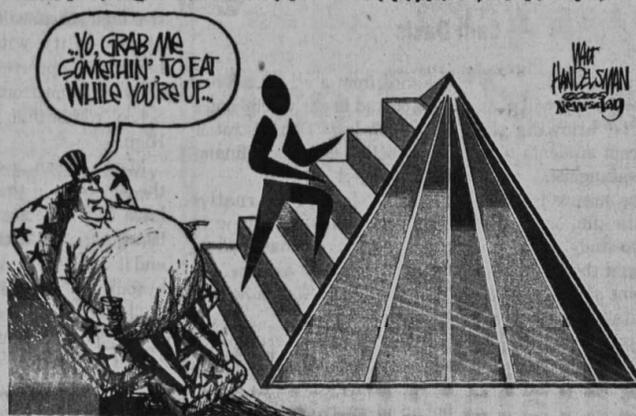
Let people go to the Internet to find addresses and phone numbers. To make room in one paper out of the year, the *DI* could cut one syndicated story about a distant violent crime. It is time for the *DI* to step up and inform the students instead of lambasting our apathy.

Jake Wedemeyer
UI law student

Dishonorable Democrats

I am so sick and tired of you liberal Democrats who pretend that a filibuster is a legitimate tool to use when it comes to the judicial-nomination process. The

...AMERICANS REACT TO THE NEW FOOD PYRAMID...



Democrats' efforts to block President Bush's qualified judicial nominees are nothing short of dishonorable partisan politicking.

Filibustering is legitimate when it comes to crafting legislation, which is outlined in the Constitution. The filibuster, however, is not a valid tool when it comes to nominating judges. All of Bush's judicial nominees deserve a fair and final up-or-down vote. Sen. Charles Grassley is doing his job, but Sen. Tom Harkin is not. Call Harkin and tell him to quit playing games and do the job he was elected to do.

Mike Thayer
Coralville resident

Kudos to Johnson County sheriff

Congratulations are in order for the Johnson County Sheriff's Office. It takes the humility and honesty of big men to go groveling to the Board of Supervisors for more money for jail overcrowding after an election was won on promises of creative alternatives to overcrowding. It takes a wise, straightforward sheriff to admit, however implicitly, that policies that he campaigned for, and were already in place before his installation, aren't the answer to Johnson County's jail problems.

When Johnson County has such an upright citizen as its sheriff and chief deputy, we can only be thankful his decency pervades his department and everything around him.

Michael Larkin
Iowa City resident

A YEAR IN REVIEW ... PART DEUX

If you haven't yet participated, this message is for you. Send your thoughts on these new questions to daily-iowan@uiowa.edu, with "year in review" in the subject line, and we will print them on May 3. Again, please keep answers to 150 words and include your full name and title — UI student, Iowa City resident, or whatever.

IN NOVEMBER:

George W. Bush won a second term in the White House, this time winning both the electoral and popular votes. On the home front, Spence Laboratories and Seashore Hall were vandalized by members of the Animal Liberation Front, an organization that decried the UI's animal research.

- Did President Bush receive a mandate with his re-election?
- How did the actions of the Animal Liberation Front affect the UI community?

IN DECEMBER:

Recognized as one of the deadliest natural disasters in modern history, a tsunami devastated southeast Asia on Dec. 26, killing more than 200,000 people. In Iowa City, former UI student Deanine Busche was awarded nearly \$1 million for an April 2002 incident at Et Cetera in which a bar stunt caused severe burns to 13 percent of her body.

- Did the United States respond appropriately to the tsunami tragedy?
- Was Busche's compensation justified, given the circumstances?

Pyramid scheme

Lots of people were excited about the U.S. Department of Agriculture's new food pyramid last week. In a country with astronomical obesity rates, countless new cases of Type 2 diabetes being reported regularly, overweight children under constant scrutiny, and a fast-food chain often more accessible than a grocery store, people initially seemed to get energized about a new plan for healthy eating and exercise.

Problem is, many independent nutritionists don't think the new pyramid is anything great at all.

For one, the colorful pyramid doesn't actually list any food. It still gives the breakdown of food categories and the amount you should consume daily from each, but it doesn't list any specific foods you can eat. You can go to the website (www.mypyramid.gov) to find out what you should eat based on your sex, activity level, and age, but you'd have to be motivated and interested enough to actually do that.

When I entered my information, I was given a personalized nutrition plan, but I had to continue clicking through other pages to find tips on what particular foods to eat.

But the biggest concern is not that the pyramid is insufficient in its information. Accessibility is the primary problem, limiting nutritional advice to people with Internet access. Many of the suggestions will also be lost on people who do not already have a basic understanding of nutrition. "Get your calcium-rich foods" or "make half your grains whole" assume that people know enough about good food to make these kinds of choices easily, but if you already know which grains are whole and which foods are calcium-rich, I doubt whether you need to be told to eat them. The pyramid also assumes that people will have the necessary money to buy good foods. Most of us know that isn't the case. In short, this biased, exclusionary pyramid simply isn't geared toward the people who actually need advice.

Physical-activity tips are also directed at people who can take time to exercise and say to "join an exercise class, swim three times a week, and take a yoga class on the other days" and "to be ready anytime, keep some comfortable clothes and a pair of walking or running shoes in the car and at the office." That would be great if you have enough money to take a class, have access to a place to swim, have an affordable yoga center in your area, and if you have a car or an office at all. You get the idea.

The stick figure running up the side of the pyramid might remind us that we need exercise, but do any of us really not know that? And when you are initially figuring out your personalized pyramid, a personal activity level is implicit. Some people get almost no daily physical activity. The USDA should not assume anything. Tell people to get some exercise. Are agency officials afraid that by being honest they're going to scare us away from the pyramid altogether? I wish they would just tell us to shape up — literally — instead of skirting the issue.

The pyramid does get a few things right. For one, there are 12 different pyramids based on the criteria I explained earlier. This personalization is helpful, and perhaps more notably, there are alternative food suggestions for people with special dietary needs such as those who are vegetarian or lactose intolerant.

But regardless of whether this will be an effective tool for the future, the USDA doesn't actually have a budget to promote the new guidelines, and it is leaving the work to the food industry and others, such as physicians and nutritionists, whose job it is to deal with education about healthy lifestyles.

We are an overweight nation because people do not have or do not make the time to engage in healthy eating practices. In addition to making quality food difficult to obtain, we have pushed physical education to the back of our agendas in public schools, making physical activity one more class-based opportunity. Children who don't learn good practices young are not as likely to engage in healthy practices as they get older.

We all know the synopsis by now, but I'm disappointed that in such a crucial time, the USDA couldn't have been more helpful. I believe that people are responsible for themselves, but a little more assistance through education never hurt anyone.



BRITTANY SHOOT

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ON THE SPOT

Should all UI students be required to carry health insurance?



"No, most of us have health insurance through our parents, anyway."

Hameed Faruqi
UI junior



"Yes, it is very important. Failed health can cost a lot of money."

Qiang Li
UI graduate student



"It's a good thing for people to have health insurance, but it places a financial burden on students."

Stephanie Gowler
UI graduate student



"No, because it costs enough money to go to school here; students shouldn't be forced to pay for insurance too."

Mike Dolan
UI junior

Sri Lankan train-bus crash kills 50

The bus was trying to race another bus across the tracks, some witnesses reported; the train dragged the bus at least 100 yards before coming to a stop.

BY KRISHAN FRANCIS
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POLGAHAWELA, Sri Lanka — A passenger train rammed into a bus that tried to dash through a railroad crossing Wednesday, killing at least 50 people and injuring another 40. Witnesses said people, some of them on fire, jumped out of windows after the crash.

All the dead and injured were aboard the bus, which the train dragged for approximately 100 yards before the bus burst into flames and ended up a mangled heap of metal. Open suitcases and passengers' clothes were strewn about.

The private passenger bus was apparently racing another bus when it zipped past a warning gate and tried to cross a railroad track at Polgahawela, a small town surrounded by rice- and coconut-farming villages around 50 miles northeast of the capital, Colombo.

Railway employee E.M. Jayaratna said the automatic warning gate had closed as the train was approaching.

"There were other vehicles waiting, but this bus overtook them and came near the gate," he said. "They thought they would manage to speed up and cross, but it did not happen."

"Our initial investigation suggests that two buses were competing with each other to reach Colombo faster," said police spokesman Rienzie Perera.

Both the driver and conductor of the bus were arrested Wednesday, after



The remains of a bus that collided with a train lie on the tracks at a railway crossing at Polgahawela, Sri Lanka, on Wednesday. At least 50 people died, and 40 or more were injured in the collision, all of whom were aboard the bus.

Gemunu Amarasinghe/Associated Press

authorities found them at a local hospital. Police were guarding them from angry survivors.

Transport Minister Felix Perera, after visiting the crash site, said, "We can clearly say the fault lies with the driver and conductor of the bus."

Sri Lanka's President Chandrika Kumaratunga said in a statement that she was

"shocked and saddened," by the incident.

"Initial reports ... [show] this was the fault of an errant private bus crew which defied traffic rules," Kumaratunga said, adding that she had directed the Transportation minister to submit a detailed report.

Most of the injured were taken to nearby hospitals. Thirteen others, including a

10-year-old, had serious head and chest injuries and were rushed to the National Hospital in Colombo, said the hospital's director, Hector Weerasinghe. Ten were in critical condition, he said.

There are more than 900 such crossings in Sri Lanka. Drivers often race through crossings ahead of approaching trains, and accidents are common, though not of the

magnitude of Wednesday's crash.

The train was traveling from Colombo to the city of Kandy when the accident took place. The bus was on its way to Colombo from Dambulla.

Sri Lanka, an Indian Ocean island country of 19 million people, has a railroad system established by British colonial rulers in 1865.

WORLD

Japanese rethink faith in rail system

AMAGASAKI, Japan (AP) — Ayumi Tanaka never worried about living within yards of the railway tracks — until a train slammed into her apartment building.

"If it happened once, it can happen again," she said Wednesday about the rail disaster, which killed at least 95 people and injured more than 450 right outside her living room window in western Japan.

The horror of Monday's crash, when a crowded commuter train skipped the tracks and barreled into Tanaka's apartment house, has prompted many Japanese to rethink their faith in the rail system.

As workers uncovered more bodies Wednesday at the site of Japan's worst train crash in decades, Tanaka said she, her husband and their three children had decided to move.

"All of the building's other residents I've spoken with say they will move," Tanaka, 36, said outside the hotel where they are staying. "With so many dead in the crash, there might be ghosts in the building."

40,000 show support for Gaza settlers

NEVE DEKALIM, Gaza Strip (AP) — Tens of thousands of Israelis gathered Wednesday in the Gaza Strip's largest settlement bloc to rally against the government's plan to withdraw from the area, trying to maintain a carnival-like atmosphere of defiance despite a Palestinian rocket attack.

Though the crowd filled the central lawn at Neve Dekalim, the largest Gush Katif settlement, the turnout of approximately 40,000 was less than half the number the settlers expected, and some residents dismissed the prediction that thousands of the visitors would stay to join resistance to the pullout, set for July or August.

As the rally was in progress, a homemade Cassam rocket and two mortar shells fired from a nearby Palestinian area exploded nearby, slightly wounding a soldier. Though such attacks had diminished since a Feb. 8 cease-fire and deployment of police by Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, barrages have picked up in recent days, and the Israeli military is warning of a general upsurge in violence in Gaza.



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NEWS

Iraqi premier beats deadline, names Cabinet

BY QASSIM
ABDUL-ZAHARA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Iraq's new prime minister said Wednesday he submitted a complete list of 36 Cabinet members, including seven women, a critical step before the National Assembly votes on a new government drawing in the main ethnic and religious groups and ending a three-month stalemate.

The announcement came hours after gunmen killed a

Shiite Muslim lawmaker in her home — the first elected official slain since the country's landmark vote for Parliament on Jan. 30. And a deadline set by Iraqi militants threatening to kill three kidnapped Romanian journalists and their Iraqi-American translator lapsed with no word on their fate.

The kidnapping and killing underscored fears the prolonged delay in naming a government had emboldened insurgents, who have staged a series of dramatic and well-coordinated

attacks in recent weeks.

Prime Minister-designate Ibrahim al-Jaafari — who could have forfeited his post had he not formed a government by May 7 — struggled to reconcile the competing demands of Iraq's myriad factions.

"The Iraqis will find that this government has religious, ethnic, political and geographic variety, in addition to the participation of women," al-Jaafari told reporters on the steps of his office.

"Now that the process has

started, we will spare no effort to bring back a smile to children's faces."

He gave the list to President Jalal Talabani and his two vice presidents for approval before presenting it to the National Assembly today.

Talabani already indicated he would not exercise his veto, and al-Jaafari was confident the list would clear the presidential council and Parliament. A formal handover between outgoing Prime Minister Ayad Allawi and his successor will take place in

the coming days, al-Jaafari said.

However, haggling over the distribution of ministries continued until the last minute, and at least three Sunni lawmakers quit al-Jaafari's Shiite-dominated alliance over his choices.

While releasing no names, al-Jaafari said his Cabinet would include 32 ministers and at least three deputy premiers, in addition to himself. A fourth deputy could also be added, he said, offering no explanation.

The Cabinet would have 17

Shiite Arab ministers, eight Kurds, six Sunni Arabs, and one Christian, fulfilling promises by leaders of the Shiite majority to share power with ethnic and religious minorities, lawmakers said. Seven of the ministers would be women, al-Jaafari said.

Members of al-Jaafari's United Iraqi Alliance, the largest bloc in Parliament, said the deputy premiers would come from each of Iraq's main Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish factions.

WORLD

U.S. soldier, 4 Afghan officers killed

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Militants mounted a series of attacks near Afghanistan's lawless border with Pakistan, killing a U.S. soldier and at least four Afghan police officers, while three Afghan civilians were wounded by gunfire following the bombing of an American patrol.

The violence this week follows the killing of dozens of rebels in recent battles with U.S. forces and casts doubt on American assertions that a 3-year-old Taliban-led insurgency is running out of steam.

The soldier was slain when his unit was ambushed Tuesday while on patrol near Deh Rawood, 280 miles southwest of the capital, Kabul.

He was evacuated to a nearby base but pronounced dead by doctors.

The soldier's name was not released until his relatives can be notified. His remains were sent to the U.S. air base in the southern city of Kandahar, where a memorial service was held Wednesday, the military said in a statement.

Farther south, Taliban militants ambushed a convoy Tuesday carrying the police chief of the Dishu district of Helmand province, killing four officers and abducting two others, Mayor Mohammed Rahim told the Associated Press.

The police chief was unhurt.

Police destroyed one of the assailants' cars with rockets but failed to prevent their escape in other vehicles. Rahim said it was unclear if any of the attackers, who he asserted were Taliban guerrillas, were hurt.

Meanwhile, a bomb exploded near U.S. military vehicles traveling through Khogyani district of Nangarhar province Tuesday, Faizan ul-Haq, a provincial government spokesman, told the AP.

No one was hurt in the explosion, but three civilians were injured when U.S. soldiers shaken by the bombing opened fire toward an approaching bus, said ul-Haq, calling the incident a "misunderstanding."

Putin begins historic visit to Israel

JERUSALEM (AP) — Greeted by beaming Israeli officials, Vladimir Putin on Wednesday became the first Kremlin leader to visit the Jewish state, capping a historic rapprochement between two nations that once faced each other as bitter enemies across the Cold War divide.

Putin, on his first Middle East trip, was also hoping to restore his country's profile as a major player in the region and the world, bringing with him a fresh proposal for a conference to be held in Moscow in the autumn.

"Considering the history of relations and the fact that there were times that we were on one side and Russia was entirely on the other side ... [the visit] indicates the significant change that took place between the two countries," Israeli Vice Premier Ehud Olmert said as he stood on the airport tarmac waiting to greet Putin.

The Soviet Union supported Israel during the Jewish state's early years, but relations soon deteriorated — and eventually collapsed — as Israel increasingly allied itself with the United States. Moscow cut ties with Israel in 1967 in the context of a Mideast war and strongly backed the Arab states. In many of its wars with its Arab neighbors, Israel found itself facing Soviet-trained pilots flying Soviet MiGs fighter jets.

Moscow also barred Jews from leaving, jailing many who demanded the right to emigrate to Israel.

As the Soviet Union was collapsing in the early 1990s, the two nations restored ties, and Moscow loosened emigration restrictions, prompting more than a million Russian speakers to immigrate here. Natan Sharansky, a Jewish emigration activist who spent nine years in a Soviet jail on an espionage charge, is now Israel's minister for Diaspora affairs. Sharansky and Putin have no plans to meet, according to Israeli and Russian officials.

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Spurs bounce Denver

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs made nine of their first 10 shots Wednesday and then outscored Denver by 20 points in the second quarter en route to a 104-76 win that evened their first-round playoff series at one win each.

San Antonio, which lost the opener Sunday after missing 17-straight shots down the stretch, went back to basics on offense — they got the ball to Tim Duncan.

On his first touch, Duncan drove on Kenyon Martin and hit a short bank shot. Next trip down, he backed down Marcus Camby in the post and flipped in a jump hook.

Tony Parker scored 12 points in the first period, matching his total for all of Game 1. He finished with 19 points. Duncan had 24 points, while reserve Manu Ginobili added 17 points in 18 minutes. Barry, who started in Ginobili's place, made all four of his 3-pointers for 16 points.

Game 3 will be Saturday night in Denver, with Game 4 scheduled for May 2.

Bulls 113, Wizards 103

CHICAGO (AP) — Kirk Hinrich found his shooting touch, and the Bulls are headed to Washington with a 2-0 lead in their opening-round playoff series.

Hinrich scored 21 of his 34 points in the fourth quarter, and the Bulls overcame a strong start by the Wizards. Hinrich rebounded from a tough 8-for-23 shooting night in Chicago's 103-94 win in the opener Sunday night, hitting 12-of-15 shots and spearheading key runs at the end of the first half and beginning of the final quarter.

Antonio Davis added 18 points and Ben Gordon 14 for the Bulls.

Gilbert Arenas, held to nine points in the opener, picked up his game dramatically. He scored 39 — 16 in the final period — and helped the Wizards rally in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough.

Games 3 and 4 of the best-of-seven series will be played at the MCI Center on Saturday and May 2.

TOUGHER CALLS

Celtics coach wants tougher calls on Reggie

WALTHAM, Mass. (AP) — Celtics coach Doc Rivers is kicking up a fit about Reggie Miller.

During Boston's first-round playoff series against the Indiana Pacers, Rivers has been campaigning for the referees to be on the lookout for Miller's attempts to draw foul calls. On Wednesday, Rivers said he is worried that officials will give Miller "sympathy calls" as he heads into retirement.

"You hope the officials don't keep falling for the flops, the grabs, the holds, the kicks," Rivers said after practice for Game 3, which is Today in Indianapolis. "Reggie's a good player, but it's amazing what he gets away with. That's a concern for us. He's on a farewell tour, and you're worried about the sympathy calls."

One of Rivers' complaints is that Miller goes up for a shot and kicks his legs out to ward off a defender and draw a foul. The move has been illegal since Rivers' playing days, he said, when Spud Webb used to try it.

But it's not for everybody. "It's a great move if you can get away with it," Rivers said. "Most guys would fall over backwards when they try to kick."

Miller has announced that he will retire after the season, his 18th in the NBA. He has scored more than 25,000 points, with an NBA record for 3-pointers and a reputation as one of the best clutch performers in league history.

WESTERN ILLINOIS 4, IOWA 1

NEXT UP: FRIDAY AT NORTHWESTERN, 3 P.M.



Dan Edmonds/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye pitcher Ryan Dupic throws a pitch in the fourth inning of Wednesday night's game against Western Illinois. The Hawkeyes lost, 4-1 — their second-straight loss.

Chilly Hawkeyes fall short in chilly game

The team has lost two games this week after winning 11 of 13

BY RYAN LONG
 THE DAILY IOWAN

The Hawkeyes had difficulty getting their bats off their shoulders Wednesday night, and Western Illinois defeated Iowa, 4-1, in chilly weather at Banks Field. The Leathernecks (16-23) held the Hawks scoreless through the first six innings, which translated into the second-straight loss for the Hawks (18-19).

This is the first time Iowa has been stuck with back-to-back losses since it was defeated by Illinois State on

March 30 and Michigan State on April 1.

"It's tough. We knew coming in today we needed to rebound after [Tuesday night's] tough loss," said Hawkeye senior shortstop Andy Lytle.

"I think guys were pressing a little bit at the plate because they were giving us pitches to hit, but we were rolling over everything. We were hitting things hard like we have been doing over the last couple of weeks. So, I don't know. I think guys were pressing a little bit and trying to do too much tonight."

The Hawkeyes' troubles were evident from the start. With Iowa freshman David Conroy on the hill, Western Illinois took advantage of some Iowa fielding errors. Jim Sanew hit a hot ground ball that was misplayed by Lytle and wound up on first.

A throwing error by Conroy on the

following play sent Sanew to second. Conroy then pegged Dan Davy at the plate, and Kyle Malan then ripped a rope down the right-field line. Iowa first baseman Brian Burmester then committed the third error of the inning by letting the ball get through the infield, and Sanew scored, while Davy moved to third. The Leathernecks' Nick Simmons hit a sacrifice fly to score Davy, and Western Illinois jumped out to an early 2-0 advantage.

"You still gotta do what you gotta do," Conroy said. "I gotta pick up the guys around me if those guys don't pick themselves up. Stuff happens all the time; you just gotta work your way through it."

The defense did settle down for the next three innings, but the offense had problems getting things going. The Hawkeyes could only produce a total

of five base runners on the evening. This applied no pressure on Western Illinois and allowed it to notch some insurance runs.

Davy hit an RBI single off of reliever Ryan Dupic in the top of the fifth to score Sanew. Iowa responded with three-straight ground outs in its half the fifth. The Leathernecks' Ryan Schmidgall made the score to 4-0 when he drove in Brett Pendall off of a sacrifice fly.

The Hawkeyes' lone run came in the bottom of the seventh, when Kris Welker got an infield single when no one was covering first. The play scored Jeff Engel.

"Something that we've been talking about to our players is you have a little bit of success, and you gotta remember what helped to have that success," said Iowa coach Jack Dahm.

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WOMEN'S & MEN'S TENNIS

Hawkeyes to face No. 8-seed Michigan State today

BY BRYAN BAMONTE
 THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa men's tennis team has a chance to finish what it started. Well, sort of.

The Hawkeyes rocketed off to an 8-2 start, a torrid pace considering their grand total of three wins the previous season, and they were quickly reversing what had been an injury-plagued, misery-mitten fall season.

"We expected to play well at the beginning of the season, given our schedule," Iowa coach Steve Houghton said. "But it was better than I expected and went a way in boosting our confidence."

However, the team hit what Houghton referred to as a "natural pitfall" — the Big Ten.

"The guys might not have been as ready as we could have been, given how well they were doing," he said. "It was tough, because while you wanted them to have a sense of improvement, we might have become complacent with where we were."

And now the Hawks are 10-11, having lost nine of their last 12 matches, with only two conference victories. However, Houghton knows improvement and

knows his team can have a better-than-expected showing in this weekend's Big Ten Tournament.

The ninth-seeded Hawkeyes face eighth-seeded Michigan State today at 10 a.m. The Spartans defeated Iowa, 6-1, earlier this year in Iowa City.

"There is no reason for the guys to think they can't continue on some of the success they have had this season," he said. "I told the guys they may not have finished the way they wanted, but now there are no records."

Freshman Bart van Monsjou labeled the struggles as part of the process.

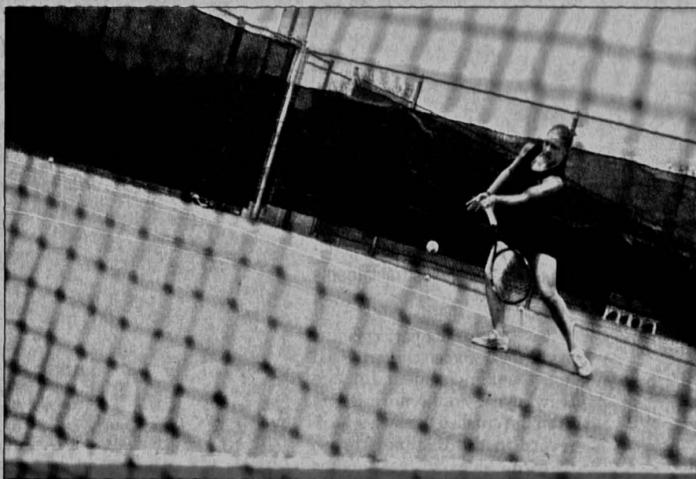
Houghton simply feels the team did some growing up but still hadn't been around Big Ten tennis enough to grow as much as they could.

"The Big Ten is tough top to bottom," he said. "It's not a conference where you usually get a day off, because each team is capable of beating another team."

"When we came in, we had been playing against lesser teams and playing well."

The Hawks didn't overlook the Big Ten. They just didn't prepare as much as their coach feels is necessary. He thought they had a blueprint for Plan A but were missing a backup plan.

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Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan

Anastasia Zhukova returns a volley during practice on April 21.

Closer than they thought

BY BRYAN BAMONTE
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Anastasia Zhukova and Milica Veselinovic were closer than they thought.

Zhukova was born in Moscow, and Veselinovic was born in Sombor, Serbia. The two cities are separated by 1,065 miles, three countries, and a few peace treaties. However, the two traveled the

same distance to Iowa City, approximately 5,100 miles. Veselinovic's flight earned her about 50 more frequent-flyer miles than Zhukova's.

And since their arrival, first-year coach Daryl Greenan couldn't be happier.

"We are a team with many different personalities," he said. "The six women

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SPORTS

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

By The Associated Press	W	L	Pct	GB
East Division	12	8	.600	—
Florida	13	9	.591	—
New York	11	11	.500	2
Washington	11	11	.500	2
Philadelphia	10	12	.455	3
Central Division	7	13	.350	7 1/2
Chicago	11	10	.524	4
Cincinnati	10	11	.476	5
Houston	8	12	.400	6 1/2
Pittsburgh	8	12	.400	6 1/2
Milwaukee	7	13	.350	7 1/2
West Division	14	8	.636	—
Arizona	14	8	.636	—
Los Angeles	13	8	.619	1/2
San Francisco	10	11	.476	3 1/2
San Diego	9	13	.409	5
Colorado	6	13	.316	6 1/2

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Tampa Bay (Wachter 0-0) at Toronto (Towers 1-1), 11:35 a.m.
 Minnesota (Lohse 1-2) at Kansas City (R.Hernandez 1-3), 1:05 p.m.
 Detroit (Maroth 1-1) at Cleveland (Millwood 0-2), 6:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Lackey 1-1) at N.Y. Yankees (K.Brown 0-2), 6:05 p.m.
 Seattle (Meche 1-1) at Texas (C.Young 2-1), 7:05 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7)
Monday, April 25
 Indiana 82, Boston 79, series tied 1-1
 Houston 113, Dallas 111, Houston leads series 2-0

Tuesday, April 26
 Detroit 99, Philadelphia 84, Detroit leads series 2-0
 Miami 104, New Jersey 87, Miami leads series 2-0
 Seattle 105, Sacramento 93, Seattle leads series 2-0

Wednesday, April 27
 San Antonio 104, Denver 76, series tied 1-1
 Chicago 113, Washington 103, Chicago leads series 2-0
 Phoenix 108, Memphis 103, Phoenix leads series 2-0

Today's Games
 Miami at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
 Boston at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
 Dallas at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, April 29
 Detroit at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Phoenix at Memphis, 8 p.m.
 Seattle at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 30
 Chicago at Washington, 2 p.m.
 Dallas at Houston, 4:30 p.m.
 Boston at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Denver, 9:30 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Baltimore	11	10	.524	3
Toronto	11	11	.500	3 1/2
New York	9	12	.429	5
Tampa Bay	8	13	.381	6
Central Division	16	6	.727	—
Chicago	12	8	.600	3
Minnesota	9	10	.474	5 1/2
Detroit	8	12	.400	7
Cleveland	5	16	.238	10 1/2
Kansas City	5	16	.238	10 1/2
West Division	12	9	.571	—
Los Angeles	12	9	.571	—
Oakland	11	11	.500	1 1/2

HAWKEYE SPORTS SCHEDULE

- TODAY**
- Men's tennis at Big Ten championships, Champaign, Ill., All Day
 - Men's track at Drake Relays, Des Moines, All Day
 - Women's tennis at Big Ten championships, East Lansing, Mich., All Day
 - Women's track at Drake Relays, Des Moines, All Day
- FRIDAY**
- Baseball at Northwestern, 3 p.m.
 - Softball hosts Wisconsin at Pearl Field, 6 p.m.
 - Men's tennis at Big Ten championships
 - Men's track at Drake Relays
 - Women's tennis at Big Ten championships
 - Women's track at Drake Relays
- SATURDAY**
- Softball hosts Wisconsin, Pearl Field, noon
 - Baseball at Northwestern, 1 and

- Men's golf at Fossum/Taylor made Intercollegiate, East Lansing, Mich., All Day
 - Men's tennis at Big Ten championships
 - Men's track at Drake Relays
 - Rowing at Big Ten championships, Bloomington, Ind., All Day
 - Women's tennis at Big Ten championships
 - Women's track at Drake Relays
- MAY 1**
- Softball hosts Minnesota, Pearl Field, noon and TBA
 - Baseball at Northwestern, 1 p.m.
 - Men's golf at Fossum/Taylor made Intercollegiate
 - Men's tennis at Big Ten championships
 - Women's tennis at Big Ten championships

IOWA MEN'S TRACK

Drake Relays a great prep for Big Tens and NCAAs

BY JUSTIN SKELNIK
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Starting today, Drake University will hold one of the most prestigious track meets in all the United States for the 96th-consecutive year. The Drake Relays is not just for universities across the country but for track and field athletes of all ages and competition levels. Some of the most famous track stars, such as Jesse Owens, Bruce Jenner, and Michael Johnson, have all competed on the blue track inside Drake Stadium.

The Iowa men's track team will once again travel to Des Moines to participate in the meet. Drake is the last meet the Hawkeyes will participate in before the 2005 Big Ten championships.

"The Drake Relays is a great last meet to prep the team for the Big Tens and NCAAs," said coach Larry Wiecek.

"It is one of the major track meets in America, and the team gets to perform in front of such a big crowd. It really prepares them for what's ahead."

Wiecek is bringing pretty much a full team to compete this weekend. This is the first of two meets left that any Hawkeye can qualify for the 2005 NCAA Midwest regional. Iowa already has a number of athletes qualified for the regional, but Wiecek knows that now is when he wants his team to start peaking.

"We still can have some people qualify, especially our relay teams," he said.

"But for all athletes who have already qualified, this is the start of a four-week stretch where they want to get better each time out."

The Drake Relays has two main types of events, the university events, which all

competitors will be competing for their respective schools, and the invitational events, where competitors are on an invitation-only basis.

Iowa will begin competition today in only one event, the university 5,000 meters. Junior Dan Haut and freshman Eric MacTaggart will compete in the event for the Hawks, both of whom have already qualified for the NCAA regional.

Friday will be a full day of competition in both running and field events. Qualifying sessions will be held for the 4x1, 4x8, and the 4x4 relay races, as well as the 100-meter dash.

Also the university discus, javelin, and shot put will be held on Friday. Senior Ken Kemeny will try to defend his 2004 university shot-put title.

On Saturday, the Drake Relays will conclude with a lot of event finals. All running-event finals will take place on the final day of competition, and Iowa will hope to qualify in the relays and 100 meters.

Also, junior Tony Rakaric will compete in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, and Chris Voller will compete in the hammer throw. Both athletes have qualified for the Midwest regional. Senior Andy Banse received an invitation to compete in the invitational shot put, which will be held Saturday. He will not join Kemeny in the university shot put but only compete in the invitational shot put.

"I would really like it to all come together for the whole team at Drake," Wiecek said. "We have some big meets ahead of us, but we need to focus on getting better at this meet first."

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IOWA WOMEN'S TRACK

ONE PRESTIGIOUS EVENT

BY KRISTI POOLER
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Runners, throwers, and high jumpers from around the country are flocking to Des Moines this weekend to compete at one of the nation's most prestigious track and field events and for the chance to win an equally prestigious award.

The top prize, a gold wristwatch, is presented to the first-place finisher in each event.

An event that has seen talent such as Carl Lewis cross the finish line, the Drake Relays are a meet that is sure to impress people.

"It is really a big deal because of just the caliber of the competition and the people who come and are invited," women's track coach James Grant said.

"Some of the top American athletes get invited, so it's an event that everybody wants to be at and everybody wants to compete in. It will be a national-caliber competition."

The Drake Relays, held today through Saturday, is a track event unlike any other. Rather than awarding competitors points towards a total team score, Drake offers athletes the chance to compete for something a little more personal — the respect of finishing among some of the most talented athletes in the sport.

"At Drake, you're competing for the honor and glory of winning or being in the top three, because Drake's a national meet," Grant said. "That alone is great satisfaction, going there and doing well."

For the Iowa women's track and field team, this meet means more than just the opportunity to win a timepiece.

On May 13, the Hawkeye elite will compete at the Big Ten championships in Columbus, Ohio. Drake is Iowa's last opportunity to compete before the conference meet, and Grant says that this meet will serve as a gauge to determine where his athletes are



File photo/The Daily Iowan

Runners clear the barricade and splash through the water pit during the university division women's 3,000-meter steeplechase event on April 23, 2004 at the Drake Relays. Iowa women's and men's track teams will compete this weekend.

"At Drake, you're competing for the honor and glory of winning or being in the top three, because Drake's a national meet. That alone is great satisfaction, going there and doing well."

— coach James Grant

at this point in the season.

"[Drake Relays] is both a final tune-up, because we have been tuning all season for Big Tens, and this is our final meet before Big Tens, plus, it's top competition so that we get to see exactly where everybody is going into the Big Ten meet," he said.

Grant expects to see more than 100 teams in Des Moines this weekend and more than 5,000 athletes, all of whom are the elite of the track and field world. With talent such as that to compete against, better preparation for the Big Ten

meet would be tough to find.

Of the teams that the Hawkeyes will encounter, Grant lists Arizona, Baylor, Illinois, Minnesota, and Oklahoma the top competition.

As for his own squad, coming off of a frigid yet successful home meet last weekend, the Hawkeyes are in prime condition to finish off the remaining weeks of the season.

"There are several athletes that I think are on a high right now," Grant said. "And we have several more on the bubble, and that's good."

Record-breaking performances by the Iowa women characterized last weekend's meet for the Hawkeyes. Sophomore Becca Franklin crushed her own school-record in the hammer-throw, throwing over 20 feet farther than her previous mark to hit 181-11.

Freshman distance runner Meghan Armstrong set a record for the meet, finishing with a time of 9:49.70 in the 3,000-meters.

"The team as a whole has made a lot of improvements since indoors," Franklin said. "I feel like we are really coming together."

Grant plans to bring 20 athletes to Des Moines today. Only those who qualified with a previous performance this season are eligible to compete.

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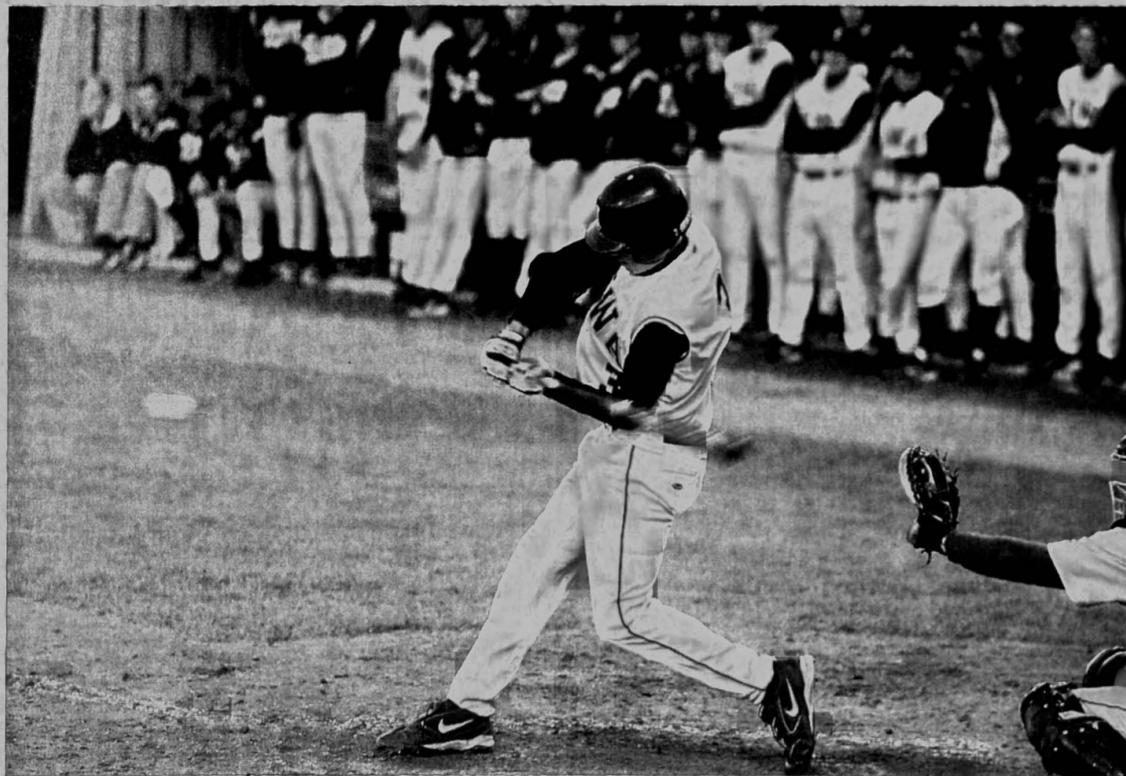
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Hawkeye right fielder Dusty Napoleon swings at a pitch in the seventh inning of Wednesday night.

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Preparing for 'scrappy' Wildcat team

BASEBALL

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"And that's just the hard work, the concentration, [and] the execution. You know, baseball is one of the most humbling sports you can play. Things can be going real good, and then all of a sudden,

boom, it comes back to bite you. And the last two days our focus and our effort hasn't been near what it was to put us in position."

The Hawkeyes will travel to Evanston this weekend to take on Northwestern for their second Big Ten road series. Lytle believes that last night's and Tuesday's

losses can be used as important lessons, especially because the Hawks will square off with a Wildcat squad that likes to battle. "Yeah, it's huge," he said. "[The Wildcats are] a scrappy bunch, and they'll give us all they got. They do every year; they're a good team. But we're

ready. I think this is a gut check. We've been playing well over the last three weeks, and I think we just gotta get back to where we were before, which was just stringing things together and get some momentum."

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Duo competes with energy, emotion

WOMEN'S TENNIS

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on the team bring completely different backgrounds and characteristics that make it both challenging and rewarding to deal with.

"Mili and Anastasia bring a natural diversity with their Eastern European backgrounds."

Other than an international flavor, the two have added quite a few victories and were essential elements in Iowa's third-place Big Ten finish this season. Their best ever.

"Together, they have been extremely solid in the middle of our lineup and are our most consistent performers," Greenan said.

The two worked as one during the fall, when they accumulated a 6-4 victory in doubles competition, but they were split in order to utilize their talents in the

spring season.

"They both compete with such emotion," Greenan said.

He describes "Mili" as a competitor who wears her heart on her sleeve and Zhukova as a disciplined student-athlete who has taken center stage as the team comedian this season.

"We have really benefited from her sense of humor, which has flourished during the season," Greenan said.

Zhukova joked with her coach one time last week before an interview, yelling across the hall about what information she could disclose and what she could not say.

"I'm not sure how much I can tell you," she laughed.

The sophomore did say she has had no problem with the transition because, as she put it, "It's been really cool."

"I think it's always fun when you meet people who obviously

aren't from my country," she said. "I know people from other countries, and, for me, it's fun, because I can tell them stories."

Zhukova and Veselinovic have more than just a cultural connection. Both are 5-5 and emotional sparkplugs, their coach says, and both are members of the Big Ten trophy club. Each has been named conference athlete of the week during this season.

"There is no question that they have been instrumental in our season," Greenan said. "They are a challenge to coach, a pleasure to coach, and there is never a dull moment with either of them."

Veselinovic recently ensured her five-syllable last name would be remembered beyond her years, tying a freshman record with her 28th win of the season with the chance to surpass teammate Hilary Mintz,

who previously held the record. Now, she won't have to spell it for people.

"Milica adds so much excitement to our team," Greenan said. "She has fought extremely hard for her success this season in singles and has earned her spot in the record books."

Both women have a self-described ability to work that has made them successful.

"We have an attitude," Zhukova said. "I don't know how to explain it other than to say we want to win. We're fighters on the court."

Off the court, they have bonded, two people from two different countries with a passion for tennis.

Because as it was, they were only a Detroit-to-Chicago red-eye apart.

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Coach: Improvement made in season

MEN'S TENNIS

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"It's one of those things where in the Big Ten, each guy needs to have more than one way to win," Houghton said. "Some of our guys have a real strong forehand or backhand, but they struggle when the other guy

takes that away."

Iowa ended its seven-match conference losing streak on April 23 against Purdue, giving the Hawks their 10th win of the season and restoring some of the confidence they had March 5, when they were 8-2 and had just beaten Wisconsin in their first Big Ten match.

"We've made a lot of improvement this season," Houghton said.

"It may not have carried through the Big Ten season, but I don't think there's any reason that we can't be successful this weekend."

In the middle of the season, Houghton said the team had yet

to reach that consistent level needed in the Big Ten. He said it may be the Hawkeyes won't get there until postseason play, the off-season, or during next year.

This weekend seems like a good time to start.

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MLB Rogers holds Mariners with six shutout innings

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Kenny Rogers allowed just two singles over six shutout innings en route to his first victory of the year when the Rangers beat the Mariners 8-2.

Rogers (1-2) needed five starts to get his first win as a 40-year-old pitcher.

The Rangers scored just two runs in the left-hander's previous two starts, his two losses, and he left his first start of the season down just 1-0 after six innings.

Michael Young hit a three-run homer before the Rangers even made an out, and Richard Hidalgo added a two-run single in the five-run first. Laynce Nix also homered and had an RBI single for Texas.

Seattle avoided the shutout when Ichiro Suzuki hit a two-run double off Francisco Cordero with two outs in the ninth. Ryan Franklin (1-3) was the loser.

Twins 9, Royals 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Joe Mays pitched six innings for his first win since having Tommy John surgery in 2003, and Jason Bartlett drove in three runs for Minnesota.

Matthew LeCroy hit a two-run homer in support of Mays (1-0), who missed all of last season following surgery on Sept. 11, 2003.

The Royals lost their seventh straight to drop to a major league-worst 5-16.

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Congressman: NFL's steroids policy 'not perfect'; bill coming soon

BY HOWARD FENDRICH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The NFL's steroids policy is tough, "but it's not perfect," the head of a congressional committee said Wednesday, adding that he plans to introduce a bill governing drug testing across the spectrum of U.S. sports.

Rep. Tom Davis opened the House Government Reform Committee's second hearing on steroids by saying the NFL had been more cooperative than Major League Baseball was when its drug program was examined publicly by the panel last month.

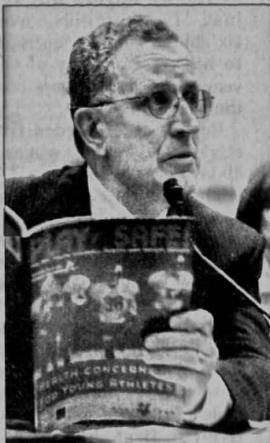
But saying that all sports leagues must "acknowledge that their testing programs need improvement," the Virginia Republican added that he and ranking Democrat Henry Waxman of California, along with Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., are working on legislation to create uniform policies for major sports.

Such an effort would face obstacles in Congress, which has been reluctant to legislate professional sports policy over the years.

In prepared testimony submitted to the committee, NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and NFL player-union head Gene Upshaw said the league is tripling from two to six the number of random off-season tests that players can face.

They also said the league and union recently agreed to add new substances to the list of banned performance enhancers, to put in writing previously agreed-to policies to test for designer steroids, and to lower the testosterone ratio threshold.

"There are numerous issues on which management and



Charles Dharapak/Associated Press
NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue displays an NFL publication titled *Play Safe*, which explains health concerns to athletes during a hearing at a House committee hearing on steroids on Wednesday.



Charles Dharapak/Associated Press
Steve Courson, a former NFL offensive lineman (right), testifies regarding the NFL's steroid policy during a hearing before a House committee on Capitol Hill Wednesday.

labor disagree. ... But there is complete agreement on this: Steroids and other performance-enhancing substances have no place in our game or anywhere in sports," Upshaw said.

He and Tagliabue sat next to each other and each occasionally jotted notes while some lawmakers criticized the NFL's penalties as too lenient and raised questions about whether amphetamines should be banned.

"Some people might think that this is a fairly weak policy," said Rep. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt.

While boosting strength, steroids can lead to heart attacks, strokes, cancer, sterility, and mood swings; using most steroids without a

doctor's prescription for medical purposes has been illegal since 1991.

The NFL began testing in 1987, added suspensions in 1989, and instituted year-round random testing in 1990. Fifty-four players have been suspended.

"The percentage of NFL players who test positive for steroids is very low," Waxman said.

"Is this because the policy is working, or is this because players have figured out how to avoid detection?"

Tagliabue and Upshaw were among 10 witnesses scheduled to appear, including two doctors who supervise the NFL's testing and two high-school football coaches, one of whom suspended

10 of his players for using steroids.

Gary Wadler, a member of the World Anti-Doping Agency, which oversees Olympic drug testing and penalties, knocked the NFL policy for leaving out amphetamines, and he urged the league to adopt blood testing to detect Human Growth Hormone.

In contrast to the March 17 baseball hearing, when several active or retired stars were subpoenaed to testify to much fanfare, only one former player was invited Wednesday: Steve Courson, an offensive lineman for the Pittsburgh Steelers and Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 1978-85. He has admitted using steroids and blames that for a heart condition.

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Cards' Grudzielanek hits for cycle

BY R.B. FALLSTROM
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ST. LOUIS — Mark Grudzielanek hit for the cycle in his first four at-bats, and Chris Carpenter equaled his career best with 12 strikeouts, helping the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Milwaukee Brewers, 6-3, on Wednesday for their 11th victory in 12 games.

Jim Edmonds had two RBIs for the Cardinals, who at 14-5 are off to their best start since the 1968 team opened with that record.

The first four in the batting order went 7-for-9 in the first four innings against Victor Santos (1-1) while building a 5-0 lead.

The Cardinals won their fifth straight over the Brewers, with their current streak beginning with a three-game sweep at Milwaukee April 15-17. It was the first game for St. Louis since

closer Jason Isringhausen, who's 7-for-7 in save opportunities, went on the 15-day disabled list with a strained right abdomen muscle.

Julian Tavarez, who entered the season with 17 career saves — four last year — struck out the side in the ninth for his first save.

Grudzielanek, batting in the No. 1 spot for the second time this year, hit the second leadoff homer of his career to kick-start a three-run first.

He singled and scored in the second, had an RBI double in the fourth, and tripled off Jorge De La Rosa in the sixth. The homer and triple were his first of the year.

Grudzielanek, who grounded out in the eighth to wrap up a 4-for-5 day, is the first Cardinals player to hit for the cycle since John Mabry on May 18, 1996, at Colorado. Daryle Ward of the

Pirates was the last to do it at Busch Stadium on May 26, 2004.

Carpenter (4-1) beat the Brewers for the second time in three starts, allowing three runs on eight hits in 7 2-3 innings and tying his career high for strikeouts set Sept. 4, 2001, against the Yankees. Pitching on his 30th birthday he struck out the side in the first, fanned Jeff Cirillo three times, and walked none.

Santos was shaky in his first start since throwing his first career complete game in a victory over the Giants, giving up five runs on seven hits in four innings.

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Russell Branyan hit a two-run home run in the sixth, and Chad Moeller had an RBI single in the fifth for Milwaukee.

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Iowa's Antwan Allen tackles USC's Mike Williams in the end zone during the Hawkeyes' loss in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 2, 2003. The Bowl Championship Series is looking to establish a new poll to help determine the teams that will play for the national championship.

Fiesta Bowl gets 2007 title game

BY BOB BAUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — The Bowl Championship Series is looking for a few good men and women who know something about college football.

The purpose: To establish a new poll to help determine the teams that will play for the national championship.

BCS member athletics directors made it clear at their meeting Tuesday that they prefer starting a new poll to replace the Associated Press rankings rather than making radical changes to their formula, BCS coordinator Kevin Weiberg said.

"We continue to look at a poll that would potentially include a panel of voters that would be comprised of individuals who have had experience with the sport, either as administrators, coaches, perhaps

former players, things of that kind. That's where we're putting most of our focus at this point," said Weiberg, the Big 12 commissioner.

Also on Tuesday, the Fiesta Bowl organization was awarded the first national college-football championship game under the new, expanded BCS format.

Beginning in the 2006 season, there will be a new game to determine the BCS national champion, a contest separate from the four existing BCS bowls — the Fiesta, Orange, Sugar, and Rose. In essence, it means that two more schools will qualify for a BCS contest.

As is the case under the current system, the teams that finish first and second in the BCS rankings will play for the championship.

The first title game under the new format will be played Jan. 8, 2007, at the Arizona Cardinals'

new stadium set to open in the fall of 2006 in Glendale, Ariz. The Fiesta Bowl will be played in the same stadium a week earlier, on Jan. 1. The stadium also will be the site of the 2008 Super Bowl.

The formal announcement of the Fiesta selection came only hours after Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano signed legislation that would require the stadium authority to grant use of the new facility for college football.

The bill also turns sales-tax revenue from ticket sales and other transactions of the BCS games over to the Fiesta Bowl.

The provisions will mean approximately \$1.75 million in revenue, Fiesta Bowl Executive Director John Junker said.

Weiberg stopped short of saying the Fiesta would have been bypassed had the bill not become law.

Aliens might visit before the BCS gets the postseason right

BY JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The BCS is holding its annual meeting this week at a luxury hotel in sunny Arizona. As exercises in futility go, it is rivaled only by UFO conventions.

And right now, it's an even-money bet whether aliens will be regular visitors to the planet before college football gets what it has needed for decades: a playoff to decide its champion on the field.

Instead of real competition, the Bowl Championship delegates continue to twist logic into pretzels, keep their fingers crossed until they suffer cramps, and tinker with the formula every off-season since they hijacked the postseason in 1998. Unfortunately, nothing that will be decided by the time they head back home is going to tilt the odds in the game's favor. That's because those delegates are too busy trying — yet again — to persuade the rest of us to trust their vision.

That became considerably harder to do last December, when the Associated Press told the BCS to stop using its media poll as one of three equally weighted components in determining the BCS rankings. That poll, along with the *USA Today*/ESPN coaches' poll and six computer ratings, provided the basis for the BCS standings, which, in turn, decided which two teams played for the national championship and which others got slots in the glamorous, big-money bowl games.

To the delight of BCS members, there was no shortage of volunteers lining up to serve as alternatives to the AP poll. The early favorites were the

National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame, which offered to put together a panel of former coaches and administrators, and the NCAA Division I-A Athletic Directors Association, which said it could draw voters from eight different segments of the college football world.

According to *USA Today*, officials from each group arrived with lists bearing more than 100 possible names. Those totals, however, calmed BCS coordinator Kevin Weiberg's concerns only so far.

"The question is how many people would be willing to participate in it?" said Weiberg, who also serves as commissioner of the Big 12. "Under what expectations would they participate in it?"

Considering past history, those expectations had better be low. Media members who voted in the AP poll came in for considerable harassment in previous years because their ballots were made public. But fans and even the occasional coach took it to a new level last season. While Texas and Cal battled to the wire last season for a spot in one of the BCS bowls, Longhorns coach Mack Brown openly lobbied voters, and some of his fans offered in e-mails to pass along their recommendations using blunt instruments.

Making matters even tougher for potential replacements, Weiberg said the BCS is considering forcing voters to reveal their final ballots, at the very least, and may impose the same requirement on the coaches' poll.

Considering how many conflicts of interest the coaches are involved in — more than a few have contracts paying

handsome bonuses for BCS appearances — finding enough members of that fraternity to vote could present a whole new set of headaches.

American Football Coaches Association Executive Director Grant Teaff said Monday, "Our coaches are willing to do whatever it takes to make this process the best it can be."

That said, he made it abundantly clear that coaches would make their votes public only after plenty of kicking and screaming. "Y'all will have a field day with it," he told reporters. "Coaches will be ducking and diving."

Tough luck, but it comes with the territory. The *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* made an open-records request to the 61 schools whose coaches voted in last season's poll asking to release their final votes; 55 did not comply. That won't wash under the latest new-and-improved BCS formula being considered. That's why it came as no surprise when somebody asked Weiberg about the integrity of the process, and he replied, "We need to work on that question."

And it's hardly the only one. If the BCS can't settle on a suitable replacement poll, it could decide to use only the coaches' poll and computer ratings to determine its rankings or scrap the formula entirely and form a selection committee modeled along the lines of the one used to set the NCAA basketball tourney field — without the tournament, of course.

But anybody who thinks that last idea would fare any better with the public than the current system probably likes flying saucers, too.

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calendar

• **Tippie College Business Week Event, Pearson Leadership Lecture, Janice Reals Ellig and Bruce Ellig, 10:30 a.m., W10 Pappajohn Business Building.**

• **Open House for Voice Research Laboratory, 11 a.m., 324 Wendell Johnson Speech and Hearing Center.**

• **Graduate Student Workshop, "Identification of ABP1-Associated Proteins," Jeff Boyd, and "Investigate function of RGS12 in the nucleus," Yang Song, 12:30 p.m., 2-501 Bowen Science Building.**

• **Public Forums for Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer, Donald Harris, Emory University, 2 p.m., 348 IMU.**

• **Biomedical Ventures Interest Group Sahai Seminar, 4 p.m., 2117 Medical Education and Biomedical Research Facility.**

• **Linguistics Colloquium Series, "Consonant Syllabization in Traditional New Mexico Spanish," Carlos-Eduardo Pineros, 4 p.m., 204 English-Philosophy Building.**

• **Year of Arts and Humanities Event, "The**

Importance of the Humanities to International Understanding," Harriet Fulbright, 4 p.m., IMU Terrace Room.

• **"Globalization: Its Impact on the World and You," Doug Schenk, 4:30 p.m., 1505 Seaman's Center.**

• **Black Greek Week Event, "Eliminating Stereotypes," 5 p.m., Afro-American Cultural Center.**

• **What Atlantic Does for History: A Bostonian Perspective, International Programs**

European Studies, 5 p.m., S401 Pappajohn Business Building.

• **"Prevention of the Plague of the Spanish Lady: The Development of the Influenza Vaccine," Michael Apicella, 5:30 p.m., 401 Hardin Library.**

• **Tippie College Business Week Event, Student Organization Banquet, Ken Brown, keynote speaker, 6 p.m., Sheraton Hotel, 210 S. Dubuque St.**

• **Peace Corps Application Workshop, 6:30 p.m., 346 IMU.**

HOW TO SPEND THE LAST PARTY WEEKEND OF THE SEMESTER

— by Nick Narigon

• Same thing you do every weekend: Rule the World!

• If you are a senior, this is the last opportunity to snag that husband or wife before graduating.

• Learn how to fly-fish.

• Instead of a bar crawl, do a house-party crawl. Bring your own cup.

• Smoke banana peels.

• Organize your scratch-and-sniff collection.

• Drain the pus out of your poison-ivy blisters.

• Learn how to speak Japanese.

• Rent and watch the *Porky's* trilogy.

• Set up your tent to wait in line for the new *Star Wars* movie.

• Join me out at the Exodus Music Festival and dance, dance, dance.

quote of the day

"I'm a pessimist; I was waiting until I got a professional review before I jumped to any conclusions. Tim, however, was singing and dancing. He was ranting like a rabid monkey."

— Barry Villcliff of Methuen, Mass. He and friend Tim Crebase were digging out a small tree when they discovered a buried box full of old money that turned out to be worth more than \$100,000.

horoscopes

Thursday, April 28, 2005

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Mistakes can be made if you are too impulsive or don't think things through. Be patient, and let others make the first move.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take any opportunity you get to voice your opinion and share your ideas. You will be productive, and you can turn a profit if you invest in something that will grow in value. Spend time with someone you love.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take a moment to help out an older relative. Your time will be appreciated, and the information you receive will help you make positive personal changes. Make renovations to your residence in anticipation of an upcoming event.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may be thinking more about commitment and getting serious about your personal life. If you have been neglected or have neglected someone, it's time to make amends. You will be able to sort through many troublesome issues.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A new partnership will lead to a unique and profitable idea. Your hard work will pay off. You will be able to persuade others to support your dream. Mix business with pleasure, and you will seal the deal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take the day off, go shopping, or make a change to your appearance. You will be the center of attention if you socialize. You should be able to find love or develop a closer bond with the person you are already with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can make a financial gain if you are quick to pick up on an investment someone is offering. Take care of any health problems before they get worse. A personal problem may crop up if you have not taken care of your responsibilities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): There is no doubt about it, you should be focusing on relationships today. Both business and personal connections can be developed. Your talent will be recognized, and your ability to make things happen will impress those around you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A chance to do something different will present itself. If you can make more money by changing directions, this is the time to do so. A partnership may form with someone you know through work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Everything will be going your way today. A chance to have some fun, try new things, or make a personal change will unfold. Make sure you don't take on too much or spend more than you can afford.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be careful how you handle the people around you today. A problem will develop if you let someone get away with something. Money is coming your way through an investment, tax rebate, or insurance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A change of heart will leave you in a position to begin change. A friend will introduce you to something or someone new; getting involved will expand your horizons. Take a chance when it comes to love.

news you need to know

Today — Summer and fall early registration (through Friday)

May 4 — Final thesis deposit due at Graduate College

May 6 — Close of second semester classes, 10 p.m.

May 6 — Last day for undergraduates to file second-grade-only option, 4:30 p.m.

happy birthday to ...

April 28 — Rachel "What would you do if I..." Coldeway, 20; Leslie Mirs, 20; Mayor Frank Delmundo, 28

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PATV

7 a.m. Democracy Now

8 Community Bulletin Board

11 Spotlight: Goods to Cuba

Noon Hollister or Bust

1 p.m. Breaking the Mold: Life in Prison

1:30 On Main Street

2 Glory 2 Glory

2:30 Give Me An Answer

3 Partners to History

4 The Unity Center

5 Tabernacle Baptist Church

6 ... qm ... Live

7 Grace Community Church

8 Revival in Oxford

9 Tonight with Bradman Live

10 Radio

11 Hip-Hop Summit Show

11:30 Fannie L. Hamer

Midnight Love Stories Vol. 1

1 a.m. Tyler Smith Live Comedy Show

UITV schedule

3 p.m. "Talk of Iowa, Live from the Java House," Tennessee Williams & Tom Nothnagle

4 Intellectual Property Rights: The Promises and Perils of a Licensed World

5:30 Intellectual Property Rights: Fair Uses

7 "Talk of Iowa, Live from the Java House," Tennessee Williams & Tom Nothnagle

8 Intellectual Property Rights: Open Sources, Open Access, & the Commons

9:30 Ueye No. 7

10 "Talk of Iowa, Live from the Java House," Tennessee Williams & Tom Nothnagle

11 SCOLA — Evening News from France (English subtitles)

11:30 Dance Gala 2004, Part 2

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

Little University

- 1 What "Melrose Place" principal divorced a Mötley Crüe drummer and married a Bon Jovi guitarist?
- 2 What legendary hacker was taken down after he broke into physicist Tsutomu Shimomura's computer on Christmas 1994?
- 3 What Keanu Reeves thriller was hyped with the tag line "Get ready for rush hour"?
- 4 What cult leader intends to recreate the Garden of Eden on his 60,000-acre New Hope ranch in Brazil?
- 5 Who quoted Neil Young in his suicide note, "It's better to burn out than to fade away"?

1 Heather Locklear
2 Kevin Mink
3 Speed
4 The Rev. Sun Myung Moon
5 Kurt Cobain

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ACROSS

1 Livestock feed

5 Float device?

10 Blowup

14 Panasonic competitor

15 Tropical palm

16 Like puppies

17 Abbr. in a musical score

18 Bar sites

19 Commedia dell'

20 Maintains careful control

23 N.Y.C. summer hrs.

24 Prefix with meter

25 Concerns, with "to"

26 Religious believer that humankind is descended from aliens

28 Long time

29 Actress Susan

30 Other

31 Overrun

33 Patriotic cry

40 S.A.T. sight

41 Hem length, maybe

42 Things to crunch

45 Go to

46 Relative of a glockenspiel

49 Hardly a workaholic

51 Western Indian

52 Longtime Dungeons & Dragons maker

53 1962 Everly Brothers hit

57 Slayer of Ymir, in myth

58 Livid

59 Princess born 8/15/1950

60 Sell

61 Recipient of 400,000 votes in 2004

62 Old Corvette competitors

63 Energy units

64 You may use a stick for these

65 ID's for the I.R.S.

DOWN

1 Yellowfish, for one

2 Black-and-tan pet

3 "Success is counted By those who ne'er succeed": Dickinson

4 Gate fastener

5 Popular tea maker

6 Greek god with a conch-shell trumpet

7 Do follower

8 Slip

9 Place for a sink

10 Boa

11 Like some peaches

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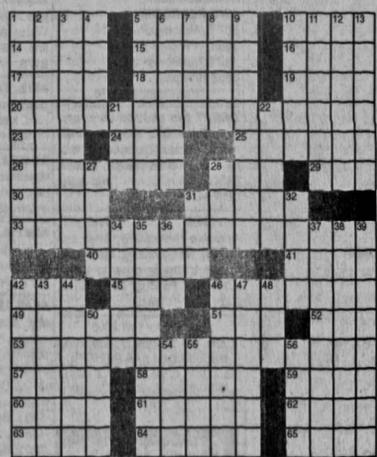
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Puzzle by David Pringle

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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36 Large shoe width

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37 Seconds

48 Jeans brand

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54 "Dies ..."

42 Recess

55 Nil

34 Up

43 Guard's locale

56 Teases mercilessly

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THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2005

Photo Essay by Rachel Mummey | MIDNIGHT AT THE OASIS

FROM THE UNDERGROUND

Finding the words to describe a culture of rhythm is challenging, even for those most involved. Some use metaphors — the traveling minstrels of days of old bringing music to the masses, a sanctuary with priest, sermon, and dance as prayer. DI photographer Rachel Mummey has spent the semester capturing the colors and the people across the nation and in Iowa City who strive to make electronic music thrive. Want to hear it for yourself? Check out Gabe's on Saturday to see the legendary Derrick Carter spin his magic.



Miles Maeda spins at Smartbar in Chicago on April 14 at his birthday party. Maeda is a resident DJ at Smartbar and also a certified yoga instructor who has been influential in the development of up and coming DJs through his DJ Evolutions program.



Sweat-soaked Randy Price dances into the early hours of the morning in the midst of a mob of bodies. The Amana Colonies resident, who has attended parties like the one pictured for nearly a decade, encourages those unfamiliar with electronic music to give it a try. "It can be a really good experience," he said. "It could basically change your life like it did for me."

BY BETH HERZINGER

THE DAILY IOWAN

"Iowa has waited too long for this; let's show Derrick how we roll."

So urges the flier for what promises to be "a rave of epic proportions," and the magnitude of the event is hardly an exaggeration — an appearance by internationally renowned house master Carter in Iowa City certainly merits a war cry for involvement.

And while patrons who are more used to seeing matted hair and metal guitar strings grace the stage of Gabe's may be surprised to find the intimate space transformed into a sweaty, throbbing mass of flailing appendages grooving to bass beats with near-ritualistic frenzy, this show is by no means an

anomaly within the local music culture but one moment in a constantly evolving scene that is both steeped in a rich tradition of Midwestern techno music and open to the possibility of change.

But Carter spinning in Iowa City for one night only is not the story — merely the most visible aspect of an underground effort that relies on a sheer common passion of the individuals who bring the music and the crowds who deeply hunger for the multi-sensory experience of an all-night dance party.

THE PROMOTER

For the music to arrive in Iowa City, it has to be invited, planned, and constantly stoked by a business-savvy risk-taker who is both a behind-the-scenes administrator and an in-your-face mar-

keting agent. To bring Carter to Iowa requires nothing short of a miracle — and the miracle worker who gets the job done is Coleman Greenhaw.

With nearly a decade of experience, Greenhaw has seen the negatives — the late nights turned early mornings, the money lost when turnout is low, and the constant pressure to persuade city administrators and venue owners that a legitimate cultural activity is happening here in the Midwest. But there are good times too — such as finally securing Carter after nearly a semester of intense preparation.

"I'd like to think that I'm a sort of gateway of exposure for the music, but I'm a pretty small part," he said. "I like to play a part in whatever show I'm involved in, to make it stand out."

THE TOWN

With its proximity to a plethora of larger cities — Chicago, Kansas City, Madison, and Minneapolis — Iowa City exists in an understated yet central location within the Midwestern-electronica culture. While this provides fans starved for the music and excuses to road trip, it also means that big-name acts often skip Iowa in favor of larger venues with bigger crowds and meatier paychecks.

But Iowa City is rarely behind the beat of the national trends within the culture.

"It may be hard to get a well-known DJ to book in Iowa initially, but once they come here, they request to come back," Greenhaw said. "Iowa City is a

bunch of Midwesterners who like the simple things in life, and artists know they will always receive a warm welcome."

And while other towns in Iowa might be larger, the 19-ordinance makes the Iowa City unique. Although Greenhaw said that the policy does exclude the younger fans, it's still a step-up from the 21-only rules that dictate night life in other Iowa towns.

THE VENUE

In the early years, a night of local DJ rotation was housed at Gunnerz in Iowa City, and mid-size raves found shelter in fields, barns, warehouses, and even city halls across Iowa.

SEE MUSIC, BACK PAGE



The crowd pulsates to vibrating beats spun by Carl Cox at Ultra Fest in Miami Beach on March 26.



Arms stretch out to get a CD from Terrence Parker at the closing of the Detroit DJ's set at Gabe's during the Spanked show by Unique Productions.

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MEET THE CON MEN

Stay up late tonight — the first four episodes run early Friday morning on Comedy Central (Mediacom channel 45, UI cable channel 46)

1 a.m. — A fake reality show gives Stone an "Extreme Homeless Makeover" at a Beverly Hills salon.

1:30 a.m. — Sexy girls clean Stone's pad under the guise of being photographed for a brand new men's magazine.

2 a.m. — Stone gets a free meal by cavorting around with a Brad Pitt lookalike for a hidden camera show.

2:30 a.m. — Stone creates a new genre of porn to hang out with XXX stars.

New episodes of "Con" regularly air Wednesday at 9:30 p.m., with repeats Wednesday and Thursday at 11:30 p.m., Saturday at 9 p.m., and Sunday at 9:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

BY LAYNE GABRIEL
THE DAILY IOWAN

Mike St. Aubin is a top photographer who has been published in such magazines as *FHM* and *Stuff*.

Mike "Mickey" St. Aubin is a tap dancer from Alaska.

Mike St. Aubin works for Brad Pitt.

Except Mike St. Aubin isn't real. Mike St. Aubin is Skyler Stone.

Stone, a 26-year-old comedian from St. Louis, is a con man. He wants everything — and he wants it all for free. With the help of Comedy Central, Stone brought Mike St. Aubin to the small screen — ready to weasel makeovers, free meals, and a chance to sing the national anthem at a Major League Baseball game — with his show "Con." The show is one of the most recent additions to the Comedy Central lineup, taking over an open slot following "South Park" on Wednesdays at 9:30 p.m. CDT four weeks ago.

"I love fucking with people. It's like my favorite thing to do in the world — to get someone," Stone said from his cell phone. "I've been playing pranks from second grade — I feel like I started right out of the womb."

The debut featured Stone seeking a free makeover, and through an elaborate scheme of deceit, Mickey St. Aubin, a homeless young adult who formerly tap danced in Alaska, got a ride in a limousine and a makeover in a chi-chi Beverly Hills salon for the new reality series "Extreme Homeless Makeover." Stone was so convincing, he had employees at the salon in tears over Mickey's touching history and drive to turn his life around.

"Honestly, I can't believe the things we pull off," David Keyes, Stone's friend and "Con" cast member, said. "It's hard to

look someone in the eye who is believing the most ridiculous bald-faced lie you've ever told. I really enjoy watching my fellow 'Con' men... They always push me to my limits of keeping a straight face."

Stone created "Con" when he needed footage of himself for acting executives while he was seeking roles. He used money from an AOL commercial to create a pilot in which the con men became a fake *Girls Gone Wild* crew — going so far as to scan in the logo from the shirts and making iron-ons for the shirts that become party favors to any woman willing to show some skin. Stone put together a collection of cons and pitched the show to some producers, who took it to Comedy Central.

"The next thing I know, I'm driving down the street on Pico Boulevard in Los Angeles, and [Comedy Central executive] Angela Howard looks over and sees me at a stoplight, and she sees that I have 20 placards in my car — parking zones, handicapped, security badges — all these things were hanging from my rearview mirror," Stone said. "She saw that and thought, 'Oh my gosh, we have to do this show.' Thank God I had all those things in my car."

Stone worked with writers and producers Matt Sloan and Christopher Cox to develop the ideas for a full series after Comedy Central gave the green light. The show is a change from the typical Comedy Central fare — foul-mouthed fourth-graders, stand-up comedy, and "Mad TV" reruns — and the network expressed concern that the show may be a little too MTV-ish. Fortunately for Stone, his antics are far from those of Ashton Kutcher on "Punk'd." "Con" works the camera crew into each hit by claiming to film a documentary or reality show instead of using hidden cam-

eras, and the focus is on planning and executing the cons instead of the victims' reactions.

"They ultimately decided that the pros outweighed the cons — puns absolutely intended — and that the comedic aspect of the show was strong enough to balance out their MTV fears," Cox said. "Networks just have very specific identities... The reason I think it works on Comedy Central is that funny is funny, no matter what package it's wrapped in."

Each episode is broken down into an outline of how the 21½-minute show will play out, and segment producers investigate the locations and clearances that are necessary to film, Cox said. Stone works on getting his foot in the door, like claiming Mike St. Aubin is a hot-shot photographer looking for foxy ladies to dress up as maids for a photo shoot... or... clean his filthy apartment.

"I think the lovable aspect of the show is what sells it," Keyes said. "It's about this guy who goes to the most ridiculous effort, just to get his apartment clean. Who would do that even if they could, right? We're not out to hurt anybody, and in the end, no one gets hurt or cheated — much."

Stone's victims aren't left high and dry. Representatives from Comedy Central follow up with paperwork, the real story, and restitution.

"We don't share that part of the show. Just the idea that I was able to do it was what counts," Stone said. "The show's not called 'Screw You Over.' I'm not trying to screw anyone over. None of it is pre-set up, but afterwards, it's taken care of."

Stone's first con was in the late-80s, during second grade. As punishment, when students at his school were sent to the

principal's office, they were required to sit in black chairs in front of the office as penance. The only way they could get out of that embarrassment was to call home and tell their parents what they did.

"What I did was call home to the kids' line, because we had two lines — for the parents and for the three kids upstairs. I had my dad leave the outgoing message on the machine, so what I'd do is call my own line, leave a message for my dad — 'This is what I did, I punched Timmy blah, blah, whatever' — and then I'd run home and delete the message."

Over the past few decades, Stone has gone from facing the dreaded black chairs to moonlighting as college student Mike St. Aubin at a Save the Dolphins benefit to sneaking into the infamous grotto at the Playboy Mansion. (He was successful, "but the only people who were out there were Mini-Me [actor Verne Troyer] and James Woods [Casino and recently *Be Cool*].") And Stone got a show out of doing what so many others are afraid of.

"People wish on some level they could do some of the things Skyler does on a daily basis — getting out of parking, getting a free pizza, getting free Internet access, getting a free makeover — these are all little things that we all would love to get for free, but none of us has the gumption to actually go out and do it," Cox said.

But even if people weren't watching — and they have been, Cox reported ratings spiked nearly 25 percent among 18- to 49-year-olds between the second and third episodes — Skyler Stone would still be Mike St. Aubin.

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Publicity photos

Do the Hustle



FILM REVIEW

by Will Scheibel

Kung Fu Hustle

When: 5:30, 7:45, and 9:50 p.m.

Where: Campus 3

★★★ out of ★★★★★

Kung Fu Hustle (or *Gong Fu*) shuffles, parades, and toe-taps its way through a pinball machine of comedy and carnage. If you thought *Kill Bill* (2003/2004) indulged in slapstick, Asian superstar Stephen Chow makes Quentin Tarantino's bloody romp look like *The Grapes of Wrath* (1940).

This Chinese/Hong Kong import is film with ADD, and, like a good sugar rush, it instills adrenaline-pumped giddiness for a while, only to leave you exhausted and a little sickened by the end. The material does become a thin soup before the closing credits roll — after all, how much martial-arts action and goofball humor can one person take — but Chow's sheer energy and style turns a loud, busy mess into something quite entertaining.

Chow, who also wrote, produced, and directed the film, plays a young drifter named Sing. Along with his tubby, soft-spoken sidekick (Chi Chung Lam), Sing attempts to join the notorious "Axe Gang" led by a dancing and quietly charismatic psychopath known as Brother Sum (played to perfection by Kwok Kuen Chan).

These ax-wielding terrors are just your all-purpose bad guys — the kind who murder

and pillage for their own amusement while decked out in black suits and top hats for no other reason than to maintain a sense of fashion. They twirl their shotguns with the same grace and cool that Fred Astaire used with his canes but employ the callous criminal behavior of Alex the Droog.

When the Axe Gang turns its attention on the impoverished Pig Sty Alley, the members meet surprising resistance from a feisty landlady (Qui Yuen), her drunk husband (Wah Yuen), and three kung-fu experts (Xing Yu, Chiu Chi Ling, and Dong Zhi Hua). Sing, who happens to be in this slum at the same time, finds himself embroiled in more harebrained trouble than he ever expected.

Chow is the only director this side of Tarantino who would reference *The Shining* (1980), Bruce Lee, *Top Hat* (1935), and "Roadrunner" cartoons in the same movie. In fact, Chow throws a coherent plot out the window in favor of an elaborate genre pastiche that pastes together film semantics from the East and West. The Asian martial-arts adventure and slapstick comedy get Americanized, but the musical, the gangster picture, and the Western receive a Chinese sensibility.

While the film is set in '40s China, it looks more like a stream-of-consciousness manifestation of movie iconography from the last century. Had Chow calmed down enough to give us believable characters and some degree of plot structure, *Kung Fu Hustle* might have been something more than simply a VH1-type "I Love Pop Culture" free-for-all. Still, film geeks and hipsters can't afford to miss this guilty pleasure riddled with dazzling fight scenes and weirdly wonderful visuals. It's funny, violent, and actually quite lovable, in spite of itself.

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Bijou
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Campus 3, Coral Ridge 10
Ice Cube and Samuel L. Jackson star in the sequel to the original Vin Diesel film.

DVD capsules by David Frank

new release

Blade Trinity Theatrical Cut

Part iPod commercial, part incoherent MTV video, partly responsible for my impending aneurysm. The previous *Blade* films were fun. However, *Blade: Trinity* just plain sucks (not very clever, I know). *Blade* and some annoying kids battle Dracula. Yes, Dracula, or Drake as the youngsters call him these days. Regardless, he looks ridiculous — like some New Jersey frat boy. The film's stupidity can be summed up in the scene in where a blind character is responsible for watching the security monitors of *Blade's* headquarters — no wonder everyone dies a few minutes later.
Movie: ½ out of ★★★★★
Extras: ★★½ out of ★★★★★

classic

The Brother From Another Planet

Don't let the silly title fool you. John "Furry Chest" Sayles' tale about a mute, dark-skinned, humanoid alien, who secretly crash-lands near Harlem, is a smart parable about race and cultural assimilation. It's crammed with great moments, as "the Brother" learns how society works in order to survive. Strange, yet thoughtful, well-written, funny, and anchored by Joe Morton's brilliant silent performance as the titular character.
Movie: ★★½ out of ★★★★★
Extras: ★½ out of ★★★★★

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Pure clichéd treacle. This story of two childhood friends — one becomes a bitchy diva singer, and the other becomes a bitchy lawyer and dies — continues to spread its pestilence with a special-edition DVD. The world needs this DVD as

Today

Music

- **Benefit Concert** featuring Duke Ellington's music, Dan Knight, Tracy Kelly, Dick Kriz, Nick George, and choirs from LCM, Gloria Dei, Zion, and Christ the King Lutheran Churches, Old Brick, 26 E. Market, 8-10 p.m., \$5-\$10
- **Honors Convocation**, Clapp Recital Hall, 8 p.m.
- **Yonder Mountain String Band**, IMU, 8 p.m., price TBA
- **Broadside CD release party** with Nick Sorak, Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn, 9 p.m., \$4
- **Blueprint** with Greenhouse Effect, DJ Rare Groove, Illogic, DJ Prizm, Guilty By Association, Mad Happy, the Other Elements, Gabe's, 330 E. Washington, 9 p.m., \$7
- **Easily Amused**, Nikki Lunden, Caleb Ryder, Mill, 120 E. Burlington, 9 p.m., \$5
- **UI Jazz Repertory Ensemble** w/Augustana Jazz Repertory Ensemble, Siren, 124 S. Dubuque, 9 p.m., \$3

Misc.

- **Chinese Brush Painting Exhibition and Reception**, Chait Galleries Downtown, 218 E. Washington, 5 p.m.

Friday

Music

- **Marah-Mar**, the Tanks, the Distinguished Gentlemen, Sny Magill, Gabe's, 8 p.m., \$5
- **Rachel Joselson**, soprano and Uriel Tsachor, piano, Clapp, 8 p.m.
- **UI Saxophone Ensemble**, Kenneth Tse, conductor, Voxman Music Building Harper Hall, 8 p.m.

- **Chicago Blues with Larry McCray**, Siren, 9 p.m., DJ Miche, 2 a.m., price TBA
- **Exodus Music Festival**, \$15-\$20, time and location TBA
- **Shame Train CD Release Party** with Kathryn Musilek and the Humbugs, Yacht Club, 9 p.m., \$5
- **Stuart Davis**, Mill, 9 p.m., \$10

Words

- **Celebration of Marvin Bell**, IMU, 8 p.m.
- **"Live at Prairie Lights,"** Yolanda Joe and Terrie Williams, fiction and nonfiction, Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque, and WSUI, 8 p.m.

Theater

- **No Shame Theatre**, Theatre Building, 11 p.m., \$1

Misc.

- **Time Slip Program**, 28 S. Linn, time and price TBA
- **Travellers Dance**, IMU, time and price TBA

Saturday

Music

- **Acoustic Brunch**, Mill, 11 a.m.
- **Derrick Carter**, Gabe's, 8 p.m. all ages, 10 p.m., 19 and over, price TBA
- **Italian Music of the High Renaissance**, First Presbyterian Church, 2701 Rochester, 8 p.m., \$6-\$15
- **Jazz Repertory Ensemble**, Clapp, 8 p.m.
- **Brother Trucker and Patrick Brickell Band**, Yacht Club, 9 p.m., \$5
- **Gary Gibson Group**, Siren, 9 p.m., and DJ Alert, 2 a.m., price TBA
- **Benchwarmers**, Sanctuary, 405 S. Gilbert, 9:30 p.m.
- **Exodus Music Festival**, \$15-\$20, time and location TBA

Misc.

- **Tango Variations and the Iowa Waltz**, Arts à la Carte, 20 E. Market, 7 and 10 p.m., \$5-\$10

Sunday

Music

- **Brooks & Dunn** with Gary Allan, Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 8 p.m., \$30-\$50
- **UI Chamber Orchestra**, Clapp, 8 p.m.
- **Sunday Pub Quiz**, Mill, 9 p.m.

Misc.

- **Tango Variations and the Iowa Waltz**, Old Brick, 20 E. Market, 2 p.m., \$5-\$10
- **Family Tour** with Lisa Becker, Museum of Art, 2 p.m.

Monday

Music

- **Nural**, Amnity, and Ho-Ag, Gabe's, 6 p.m., \$4
- **Open Mike with Jay Knight**, Mill, 8 p.m.
- **Rene Lecuona** and Ketty Nez, pianos, and Katie Wolf, violin, Harper Hall, 8 p.m.

Words

- **W.S. Merwin**, poetry reading, Shambaugh Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Theater

- **Iowa New Play Festival reading**, *Holy Schmidt*, by Chris Lavya, 172 Theatre Building, 2 p.m., free
- **Iowa New Play Festival**, *Cell Cycle*, by Christina Pippa, E.C. Mabie Theatre, 5:30 and 9 p.m., \$4-\$6

Tuesday

Music

- **56 Hope Road**, Mill, 9 p.m., \$5

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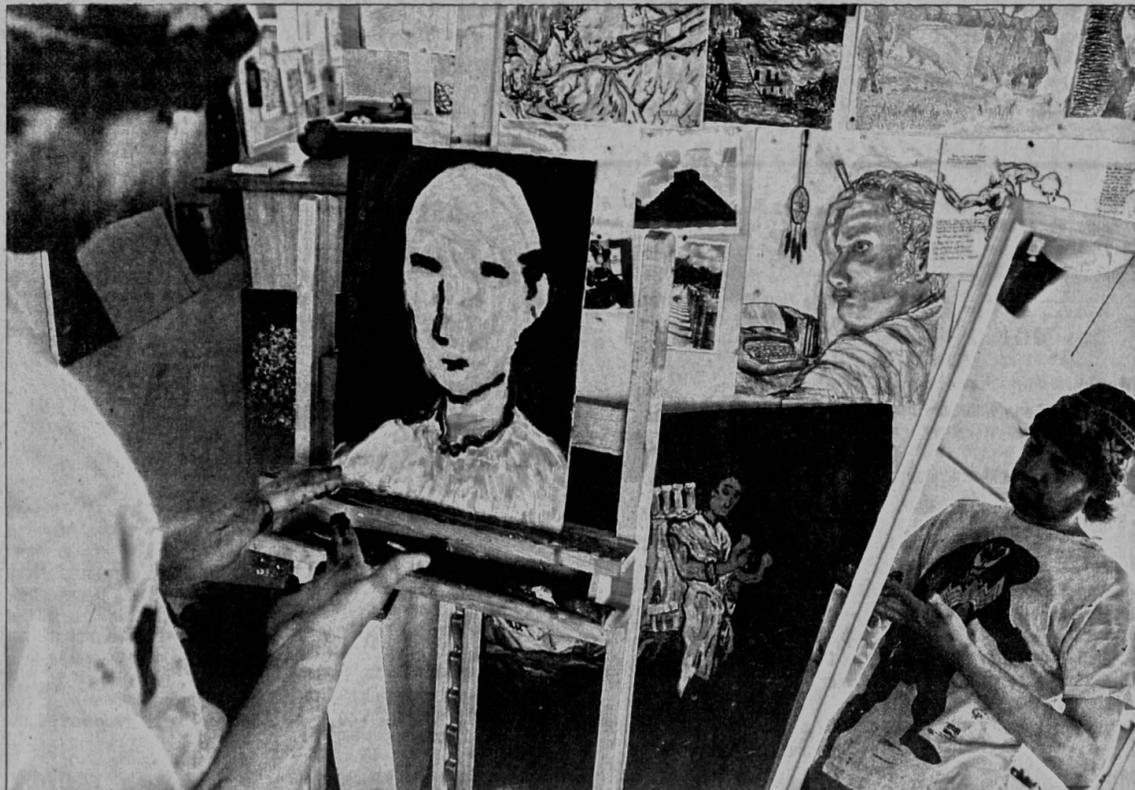
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Selling, but not selling out



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Matt Wiegand blends paint with his fingers as he works on a self-portrait Tuesday afternoon surrounded by drawings and paintings at his gallery. Wiegand Art Gallery recently opened; it features Wiegand's drawings, paintings, prints, and cartoons, among others.

'I've been trying to sell my stuff for awhile. But the galleries don't really move anything. I'm tired of all the corporate art.'

— Matt Wiegand, artist

BY ALI GOWANS
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa City artist Matt Wiegand considers himself part of the oldest profession on earth. And the product of his labor is for sale.

"A lot of people say [prostitution] is the oldest profession," he said. "I think painting is — painting and music. We've got evidence of people painting, but we don't have evidence of people selling out."

Selling out is something Wiegand is trying to avoid. Letting loose a tirade against past employers, professors, and former business associates, Wiegand, 25, described why he opened Wiegand Art Gallery, 518 Bowery St., this month. The small space in the middle of apartments and houses rented to college students features his paintings, drawings, and some photographs.

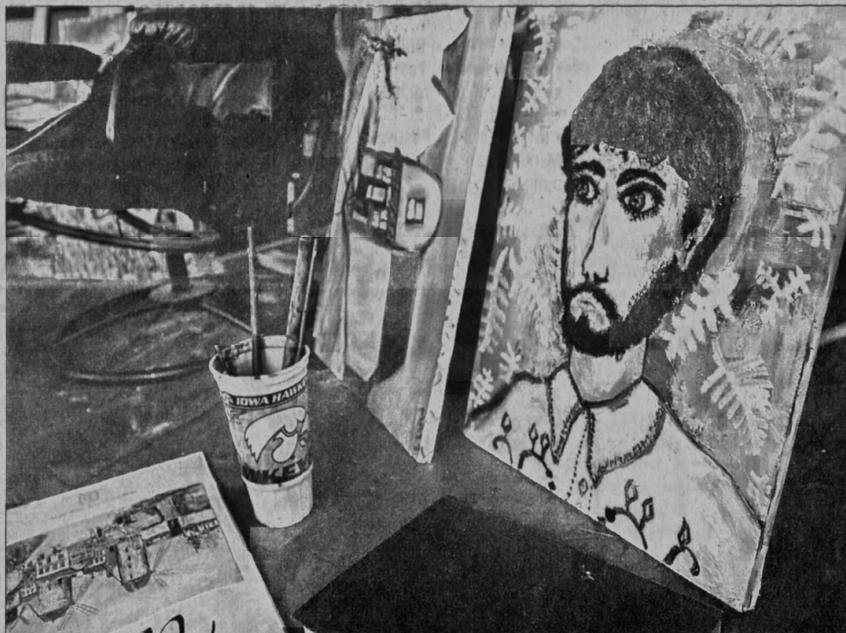
"I've been trying to sell my stuff for awhile," he said. "But the galleries don't really move anything. I'm tired of all the corporate art."

Wiegand, 25, was born in Iowa City but moved to California for college. After earning a degree in anthropology, he returned to Iowa to be closer to his family.

He has been drawing and painting his entire life, but it wasn't until recently that he knew art was where he wanted to focus. After two college friends, both artists, died, one from cancer and the other from an epileptic seizure, he decided to really concentrate on art.

"Life is too short," he said. "I decided there's no looking back. I'm going to be an artist."

As he talked about his motives behind opening the gallery, Wiegand adjusted his ever-present straw cowboy hat over his chin-length blond hair. His dusty blond beard, pale blue eyes, and paint-stained hands combined with a paint-splattered long sleeved T-shirt and



Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan

A Matt Wiegand self-portrait rests on the floor amid paintings, paints, and books.

blue and green speckled jeans to complete his image.

The gallery displays a parallel level of disorganized expression. The walls are covered with a disarray of Wiegand's art. Most of the pieces are paintings, with portraits and brightly colored scenes of nature mixing with darker scenes taken from ancient mythology. He said his influences include Goya and van Gogh. Van Gogh's impressionism clearly translates in Wiegand's own paintings, whose multitude of short brushstrokes create 3-D layers of paint on canvas.

The gallery is officially open Friday-Saturday, noon-9 p.m., but passersby might find the doors open any time. Wiegand lives in the space, which serves as home, studio, and display space for the artist.

His work doesn't come with a set price — he barter with his customers — and he said the

average painting sells for around \$400. Drawings are between \$10 and \$75.

"It's all negotiable, because a lot of students come through here," he said. "I would rather make art available. I need money. I can't lie about that. But that's not why I make art."

Money may not be his primary motivator, but painting has become a no-going-back business for Wiegand. He quit his job washing dishes after the gallery's opening weekend brought in more than 10 times what he normally earned in one week.

"On a good day here, I'll make \$500," he said. "Of course, on a bad day it'll be \$0-\$50."

Outside the gallery, Wiegand is working on a mural for the town of Solon. He got the commission doing a series of drawings of small towns and the countryside. He was sketching buildings in Solon one day when Solon

Mayor Rick Jedlika approached him about doing a mural. After attending City Council meetings and presenting art samples, Wiegand began work on a 10-foot-by-10-foot painting dedicated to the outdoors and recreation. He visited Lake Macbride and many other parks and the countryside surrounding Solon for inspiration. The painting is scheduled to be hung on Sam's Mainstreet Market in downtown Solon sometime this summer.

"It's something I've thought about doing for several years," Jedlika said. "We've never had anything like [a mural] before."

How the piece will be received is yet to be seen. Jedlika offered guarded assessments of the art but said he hopes people will like it.

"It's art," he said. "Everybody's going to have her or his own opinion."

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Exhibit for black art and literature opens

BY RUSSELLA LUCIEN
THE DAILY IOWAN

What do two visual artists, a novelist, and a motivational speaker have in common? They will appear at the Free Within Ourselves: First Annual Celebration of Black Art and Literature on Saturday at Iowa Advanced Technology Labs at 1 p.m.

The event is organized by journalism Associate Professor Venise Berry and rhetoric Assistant Professor Vershawn Young. The Black Culture Network began in fall 2004 after receiving an Arts and Humanity Grant.

"When I got on campus, I saw the need for a culture network," Young said. "The group is primarily for faculty and staff, but we sponsor things that anyone can participate in."

The group hopes to include outings to cultural events in the area. "For example, if a black play were coming to Cedar Rapids, we want to expose people to African-American culture," Young said. "We hope to become a site for people to come together and share the same interests. We want everyone to come to our events."

The event features Iowa-based artists Jean Berry and Madai. Jean Berry has worked professionally as an artist for 16 years, with her work having been shown in the Waterloo Art Museum in Iowa and galleries in Texas and the Washington, D.C., area.

She uses charcoal as a medium but describes her canvas as "working with torn paper and corrugated cardboard as a background." The ideas she explores through her work include biblical themes and

ART EXHIBIT Free Within Ourselves: First Annual Celebration of Black Art and Literature

When: 1 p.m. Saturday
Where: Iowa Advanced Technology Labs
Admission: Free

human figures. Her aspirations for the event are: "I hope it makes the community aware of the arts."

The motivational speaker Terrie Williams and author Yolanda Joe will also appear at the event at the authors' panel and book-signing sections. Williams' works include *The Personal Touch: What You Really Need to Succeed in Today's Fast-Paced Business World*.

Williams runs her own PR agency and has managed the promotional campaigns for Time Warner, HBO, and Essence Communications. She wanted to participate in the event because "I just believe we have to share our stories with each other to survive and heal. We are strengthened by our similarities and differences. We are all human."

Joe's novels including *My Fine Lady*, *The Hatweaver's Lesson*, and *This Just In*. She said this event provided "opportunities for people of color and that our voice is respected in terms of books by and for African Americans." She also emphasizes that everyone is welcome to attend. "Anyone who loves good books and a good story is welcome."

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BY PETER MADSEN
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Brooks & Dunn will set Carver-Hawkeye Arena ablaze May 1 with its brand of country-fried rock 'n' roll.

"Kix" Brooks and Ronnie Dunn, once two broke men trying to make Music City's honky-tonk crap-shoot, have, since their 1991 signing to Arista Nashville, helped revamp country music — once a vehicle built on a strong narrative chassis and an unadorned body of nickel-plated steel — into a genre-crumpling, hard-as-rock 4-by-4.

And while country legend Sonny Throckmorton may have once grumbled, "You call it country, I call it bad rock 'n' roll," these country-rock balladeers have amassed 21 No. 1 *Billboard* singles and sold more than 27 million albums.

As the highest-grossing duo in country-music history, Brooks & Dunn are whiskey drunk at the wheel, topping 80 down a smooth stretch of Nashville's Music Row.

Not merely satisfied to riff off rock 'n' roll's patented exhaust sound, Brooks & Dunn even take its trappings on stage. Outdoor shows boast pyrotechnics and a hovering hot-air balloon. Indoor stages, such as the May 1 concert, are filled with high-tech lighting, lasers, video screens, and far too much confetti.

By now, those outside the honky-tonk roundup shouldn't be surprised that "country music today owes as much to the Rolling Stones as it does to Hank Williams." So says Don McLeese, a UI associate professor of journalism and senior editor of the alt-country magazine *No Depression*. If McLeese's "Country-Western 'kicks the shit off its heels,'" then this brand of country models \$1,500 fringed leather saddle jackets in *Esquire* (see opener Gary Allan).

Despite Brooks & Dunn more closely resembling U2's Bono than one-horse-town's Johnny Six-Pack, the duo's fans can't help falling in

love with something even better than the real thing.

With such hit songs as "Honky Tonk Truth," "Redneck Rhythm & Blues," and "Neon Moon," Brooks & Dunn tap into a time-tested, back-road Americana where characters grumble over 8-5 factory shifts and absconding lovers.

Here, honky-tonk is gospel, and cheap catharsis comes in dirty shot glasses. McLeese said this "nostalgic longing for small-town innocence" appeals to "suburbanite country fans in their 20s and 30s."

UI student Jake Schneider, the SCOPE director and talent buyer, however, said he expected the small towns of eastern Iowa to account for most of the turnout.

But at the end of the day, does country music drag in something foul under its spit-shined cowboy boots? Brooks & Dunn's No. 1 *Billboard* single "Only in America," a warm, pre-9/11 patriotic chest-thump, presents a slightly "glossed" take on current affairs:

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Brooks & Dunn with Gary Allan

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"Only in America/Dreaming in red, white, and blue," Dunn sings, "Where we dream as big as we want to/We all get a chance /Everybody gets to dance." These lyrics, as heartfelt as they are inarticulate, are ignorant of vast reaches of people marginalized by such factors as poverty, ethnicity, sexuality, and gender.

"Country music thinks of itself as 'America's music,'" McLeese said. "What they mean by that, of course, is *white* America's music."

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Country legends Brooks & Dunn perform at Carver-Hawkeye Arena May 1 with Gary Allan.



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Eric Langley, who until recently has been mostly a one-man band, records most of his music in his Daum dorm room on his Macintosh computer. He plays multiple instruments and plans to release an album May 1.

From the basement

BY ARNA WILKINSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

The real, raw hip-hop in Iowa City can be found underground — really underground — in Louis Doerge's basement.

It's the only house on the block that oozes fat rhythms. After peeling back a mattress covering the side door of his house (failed soundproofing) and navigating narrow stairs down into gloom, the source of the music is revealed. Under the bare light bulbs, they were all there practicing — Doerge on the drums, Jonathan Hansen trading off on bass and guitar with Kyle Anderson, and Kyle's brother Will on the microphone — everyone except Josh Schrener, a.k.a. DJ Johnny Sixx, who was stranded in Cedar Rapids.

The five musicians make up Guilty By Association, a reincarnation of Psychosomatic, the eight-man hip-hop crew that blazed a trail of intellectual lyrics and fierce beats across the local scene in 1998. Five members reunited to practice in the basement on Market Street, and Guilty By Association was born inside the cement walls.

"There has always been a lot of personal tension, and we still have some conflicts," Hansen said. "I think that the thing is that everybody agrees that he loves the band, so even though we're getting in fights and things like that, we still keep coming back."

They are an unlikely looking hip-hopers — à la the Roots — with diverse backgrounds. Kyle and Will Anderson are originally from the East Coast and grew up in the tough inner cities. Will Anderson is a classically trained flutist who enjoys reading Kurt Vonnegut, while Kyle Anderson has a degree in sociology from the UI. Hansen, a native of Omaha, Neb., is a member of indie-rock band the Slats, while Doerge started as a jazz drummer before he moved on to hip-hop. Schrener, who was born and raised in Cedar Rapids, spins a tale of growing up on the wrong side of the tracks and having his 7-year-old world rocked by N.W.A.'s *Straight Outta Compton*.

The variety of influences creates a fluid fusion of jazz, funk, rock, and rap in an innovative

spin on traditional hip-hop. As a band with experience — Doerge is the youngest at 23 — its songs are mature, tackling darker issues than the party days of Psychosomatic. The unreleased tracks are still rough, but they pulse with honesty, politics, love, and hope.

"I've seen enough and been through enough bad stuff in life that still being here is amazing," said Will Anderson, who writes most of the lyrics. "To me, hip-hop has been that shining light that has gotten me to this point, and hopefully, it will get me and the band even further."

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Finding his own welcome

BY KATIE ROYAL
SPECIAL TO THE DAILY IOWAN

Shortly before Christmas, and shortly after being fired, Eric Langley found himself with nothing but time on his hands. Days were mostly spent staring at the walls humble abode. The Iowa City snow and cold outside weren't inviting, so music took up the space and time inside.

A borrowed four-track recorder, a used 5-year-old computer, an acoustic guitar, and a \$7 microphone were all he needed to set up a home recording studio in his closet. He sat down for his first attempt at recording his own music: a tape for his girlfriend for Christmas 2003.

Almost 2½ years after his first recording attempt, Langley has traded his used and borrowed equipment for a Mac computer and digital recording software. He is preparing to release his second full-length LP, the alternative/folk/country *Mid by Midwest* under his pseudonym, Welcome Eric. He plans to have it ready for release on May 1.

Langley, now a UI sophomore, first started playing electric guitar during his senior year of high school in Terre Haute, Ind. He found a French website with Will Oldham tabs and started teaching himself how to play. Soon after, Thursday open-mike nights became a habit for Langley.

Though he was nervous at first, he had fun with the experience, playing songs he covered and ones he wrote himself, even occasionally improvising. One of his favorite improv

songs turned into a 10-minute piece about a spring-break trip, which he referred to as "a harrowing visit to the desert Southwest." His tune recalled his experience being threatened by gypsies in Oklahoma.

He compared the gypsies to the popular children's book, *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie ...* After giving one of them a cigarette, they spent the whole night knocking on his hotel door asking for favors and money. He was so frightened that he lay the entire night in bed in his underwear, clutching a knife for protection.

Langley is trying to schedule an open-mike night at the Mill, though he admits that since discovering the technology to layer tracks, he would need to rework some of his songs to play them live.

After graduating from high school, he moved to Iowa City to live near his older sister. But if asked, he'll likely say his motivation was more to get out of Terre Haute. A song titled "State Road 63," to be released on his new LP, is about his perception of life in the town.

A line halfway through the song seems to capture his perceptions: "Terre Haute/like a diamond mine/without a diamond cutter/or the moon without the glow from the sun. Most of her children die easy in train wrecks/stalled on the tracks by the age of 21."

"It had to do with where I

was and not wanting to be where I was," he said. The song reminds him of long drives he used to take in high school on Highway 63 when he needed to think. It is one of his favorite songs on the album.

Up until *Mid by Midwest*, all of Langley's music was solo work. However, this album has several different contributors, including friends and his little sister, Katie Langley. Jim Durocher plays banjo on two songs, and Ryan Lammy backs up several tracks with guitar, drums, and bass. Also, Brigid Marshall and his sister help with backup vocals on four of the 13 tracks.

Langley described the new appearance of other artists on his album by saying, "It's called making friends and getting tired of myself."

He was excited about having his sister and friends sing along with him on a few of the tracks as well. "Having Katie and Brigid sing breaks the monotony of hearing my own voice," he said.

Though he has not sold his CDs in the past, he has worked out a deal with the Record Collector, 125 E. Washington St., and he will sell his CDs there as of May 1.

"I don't take myself too seriously, because I know I'll never make money off of it, but I'd like to," he said.

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