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4 charged in book sellbacks

An alleged textbook scheme reportedly brought in more than \$35,000 over several years

BY NICK PETERSEN
THE DAILY IOWAN

An alleged multi-year scheme in which four men reportedly sold back more than \$35,000 in stolen textbooks ended when UI police filed charges against the suspects Monday.

Lucas Othmer, 23, Cho Kantaphone, 28, Nathan Poisel, 27, and Matthew Price, 23, allegedly sold textbooks to Iowa Book, 8 S. Clinton St., in a total of 82 transactions between Oct. 10, 2002, and Feb. 12, 2005, according to police records.

Othmer allegedly sold back for the highest dollar value, with more than \$24,000 worth of textbooks allegedly exchanging hands. The other three amounts hovered around \$4,000, according to the records.

Each defendant's charge report, excluding Poisel's, alleges that they admitted to selling the books. Kantaphone told police that "he should have questioned where the books came from when selling them for another" person, according to the reports.

Every charge report alleged that they had sold the books for somebody else, and Poisel's identified his brother as the person who allegedly stole the books.

Kantaphone also identified Nathan Poisel's brother, Aaron Poisel, 31, as the person who came to him numerous times, asking that he return books for him. Police have not filed charges against Aaron Poisel, according to a search of online court records, and police were unavailable to comment Tuesday evening.

"He would give me four or five books at a time," Kantaphone said. "He told me he had finals to take or a class to go to."

After he had sold them, Kantaphone said, he would hand over the cash, and Aaron Poisel would give him some money in appreciation.

"He always asked me, 'You got any gas? Here's 20 bucks for taking this back,'" Kantaphone said.

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Local beekeeper David Irvin stands near one of his 14 beehives near the Izaak Walton League conservation area south of Iowa City.

BEE-ing there

Dave Irvin, who is avid about Apoidea, says beekeeping is a honey of an avocation

BY CHRISTINA ERB
THE DAILY IOWAN

Killer bees? They don't exist in Iowa. King bees? They don't exist, period.

Those questions, said local beekeeper Dave Irvin, are ones that people never tire of asking. That and, he added, how many times has he been stung.

"I've heard that question many more times

than I've been stung," the 52-year-old said. The answer, he said in a matter-of-fact tone, is three times last year.

This spring marks the beginning of a new honeycombing season, and while Irvin doesn't know how many times he will be stung, he remains hopeful that come August the honey will drip by the gallon and the stings will be few.



Irvin

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STATE BUDGET

Senate reaches deal on budget

BY MIKE GLOVER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Just 24 hours earlier, it was all name-calling and finger-pointing, but the reality of a deadlocked state Senate nudged lawmakers of both parties to compromise on a budget that increases spending next year by 7.5 percent.

Leaders of both parties said the deal was the best possible in a chamber split 25-25. While details still must be worked out, leaders said, the deal signals that the end of this year's session is near.

Republicans and Democrats announced their deal clustered around a conference room table where they spent a full day in negotiations.

The agreement would put spending at \$5.1 billion, approximately \$25 million higher than the spending plan approved earlier by the House. It boosts spending by \$365 million from this fiscal year.

The additional spending would go to state worker salaries and education, and it would pay for a tough new sex-offender law that lawmakers are continuing to negotiate.

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REGENTS' BUDGET

Regents get half desired funding

BY DREW KERR
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa Senate fiscal 2006 budget agreement would give the state Board of Regents slightly more than half of its requested \$40 million in supplemental funding, though a local Democrat vows to continue to fight for more dollars.

The senators were finally able to break the partisan impasse that has already kept them at the Statehouse an extra couple of days, tentatively agreeing to \$22 million for the regents supplemental-funding request. The number continues to trouble Senate Democrats.

"I'm disappointed in the proposed level of funding for our public universities," said Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, from a bustling Capitol late Tuesday afternoon.

He said he and his party plan to make the case in the days ahead for more money by offering amendments to the bill, which now sits on the Senate floor for debate.

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Council candidates come out strongly for human rights

BY SARA GEAKE
THE DAILY IOWAN

In their first joint public appearance, six candidates of the seven announced candidates for the Iowa City City Council addressed the area's gay community in a

forum Tuesday at the Iowa City Public Library.

During the Connections Forum event, titled "Visions for our Community," candidates addressed human rights, affordable housing, and the 21-only ordinance.

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Matt Ryerson/The Daily Iowan

Carlton Blackburn leads the Connections Forum on Tuesday at the Iowa City Public Library. The event was the first joint public appearance for six of the seven announced candidates for the Iowa City City Council.

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NO BAILING OUT

Hawkeye Danny Bales has a slight problem with his right hand, but he hasn't let that prevent him from becoming a star pitcher. **1B**

IRAQIS SWORN IN

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DEFIANT IRAN

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NEWS

UISG against requiring health plan

BY SAM EDSILL
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI Student Government senators on Tuesday passed a resolution opposing a proposal from the Student Health Advisory Committee to the state Board of Regents last week that would make health insurance mandatory for all UI students.

The resolution passed, 30-8. The health committee plans to discuss its proposal, which would cost uninsured students \$70 per month for university health insurance, with the regents' Human Resources Committee today.

UI graduate student Ben Darbro, the chairman of the health committee, said the group's proposal would ensure that students are not burdened by high health-care

'We want to keep costs as low as possible and give students the opportunity to make their own decisions. We just don't want any student having to choose one month between rent and health insurance.'

— UISG Sen. Christopher Jones

costs for unpredictable illnesses, such as viral meningitis or appendicitis, which can run as high as tens of thousands of dollars.

He added that under the proposal, health-care costs would automatically be included when determining a student's financial-aid needs.

"If students get into accidents and have no insurance, they're in big trouble," said Victoria Sharp, a health-committee member and associate professor of urology.

Sen. Christopher Jones, a co-sponsor of the resolution,

said he opposed the changes because students with no health coverage would be forced to pay for insurance that they might not want or be able to afford.

"We want to keep costs as low as possible and give students the opportunity to make their own decisions," he said. "We just don't want any student having to choose one month between rent and health insurance."

Other sponsors of the resolution were UISG Sen. Zach Johnson, Mark Dingbaum, and Andrew Civettini.

Jones said that making health insurance mandatory would affect only students who cannot afford it, and the action could also prevent some prospective students who cannot afford the cost from attending the university. He expressed concern that cost increases would be difficult to project.

He added that he recommends that all students get health insurance. Students can already choose to have health insurance included when submitting financial-aid requests, though it would not be automatic as under the committee proposal, he said.

UISG President Mark Kresowik said he would speak to the regents on the issue at their meeting today.

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Senate approves tougher sex-abuse measure

The action comes after death-penalty proponents back down on reinstating the penalty.

'We're putting our money where our mouth is. We're dealing with treatment here; we're dealing with tougher penalties here.'

— Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville

BY MIKE GLOVER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — After proponents abandoned their efforts to reinstate the death penalty on Tuesday, the Senate quickly approved a package significantly toughening the state's sex-abuse laws.

The issue had been stalled for weeks as backers sought to attach an item reinstating the death penalty to the larger measure on sex-offender laws,

But proponents said it became apparent that if they pressed the issue, it would endanger the overall effort to strengthen punishment for those who abuse children.

"The sex-abuse system in Iowa is broken," said Sen. Chuck Larson Jr., R-Cedar Rapids, who favors the death penalty. "Some would wait a year to fix it. I won't."

The Senate approved the package on a 50-0 vote, sending it to the House, where approval is likely next week.

The measure was sparked by the March 24 slaying of 10-year-old Jetseta Gage. Roger Bentley, 37, of Brandon, who is on the state's sex-offender registry, has been charged in Gage's death.

Lawmakers began reviewing the state's sexual-offender laws when they learned Bentley had served prison time for a previous sex crime but wasn't being

supervised after his release.

The measure approved Tuesday evening would double the prison term to 10 years for committing lascivious acts with a child and tighten supervision of those who are released from prison on sex charges. In addition, a second sex-abuse conviction would bring life without the possibility of parole, and the state would expand a DNA database of all felons.

"Iowa's children, Iowa's communities will be safer because of this," said Sen. Keith Kreiman, D-Bloomfield.

Another issue that outraged some lawmakers was that Bentley had served just half his five-year prison term for committing lascivious acts with a child, had refused treatment, yet was released without supervision.

Under the proposed measure, those who refuse treatment would not be eligible for early

release, and they would serve the full 10-year prison term.

A separate measure being considered by the Legislature would set aside \$4.1 million to pay for enforcing the tough new sex-abuse laws.

"We're putting our money where our mouth is," said Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville. "We're dealing with treatment here; we're dealing with tougher penalties here."

The measure, crafted by a bipartisan group of six lawmakers, also upgrades the state's sex-offender registry, making it easier for residents to find out if sex offenders live in their neighborhoods. Schools also would be notified when a sex offender moves into a community.

"We'll have to see it in its final form, but if it protects kids we're for it," said Matt Paul, a spokesman for Gov. Tom Vilsack.

while strengthening ties between the city and organizations such as the Tenant-Landlord Association was a top priority.

A vehement opponent of the 21-ordinance, he also said he wanted to join with the city to find ways to help keep those under the drinking age in downtown establishments.

The other people who have announced their candidacy are former City Councilor Larry Baker, Councilor Connie Champion, Amy Correia, the president of the Housing Trust Fund of Johnson County, UI Professor Richard Dobyns, Sheraton Hotel general manager Chuck Goldberg, and ACT research associate Garry Klein.

— by Seung Min Kim

CITY

Professor emeritus named to academy

UI microbiology Professor Emeritus David Gibson was elected Tuesday to the National Academy of Sciences, a prestigious private organization of scientists and engineers, in recognition of his achievements in research.

Gibson, who was among 72 new members and 18 foreign associates elected, said he was very surprised when a representative called him at his home to inform him. Only 1,976 members belong to the 142-year-old association.

"I knew I was considered several years ago, and I'd forgotten all about it," Gibson said. He called his election "a terrific honor."

His research in biocatalysts earned him national acclaim, including the 1997 Procter & Gamble Award in Applied and Environmental Microbiology. His research focuses on how certain bacteria clean up

environmental pollutants.

Over his career, he has had 170 scientific articles published, and though he retired in 2004, he continues to do research.

Four other UI faculty members are also members of the academy: Professors Kevin Campbell, Donald Gurnett, and Michael Welsh and Professor Emeritus James Van Allen.

— by Sam Edsill

UI sophomore announces council run

A UI sophomore vowed on Tuesday to improve ties between local government officials and university students if elected to the Iowa City City Council.



David Gibson
UI microbiology professor emeritus

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POLICE BLOTTER

Vikas Bhatt, 23, 618 Iowa Ave. Apt. 11, was charged Sunday with driving while license was suspended/canceled.

Maurice Briggs, 29, address unknown, was charged Tuesday with fifth-degree theft and public intoxication.

Chad Broute, 19, 4324 Burge, was charged Sunday with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ryan Casteel, 28, Coralville, was charged Tuesday with operating while intoxicated.

Emily Danilson, 20, 218 W. Berton St., was charged Tuesday with possession of alcohol under the legal age and possession of a fictitious driver's license/identification.

Kelsey Ford, 22, 905 N. Dodge St., was charged Tuesday with making alcohol available to minors.

Kyle Ford, 20, 905 N. Dodge St., was charged Tuesday with PAULA.

Lynda Johnson, 20, 331 N. Gilbert St., was charged Tuesday with fifth-degree theft and PAULA.

Daniel Neppel, 19, 544 Slater, was charged Monday with possession of marijuana.

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New Iraqi government sworn in

While seven Cabinet seats are still unfilled because of infighting, the new prime minister vows to unify the nation

BY ALEXANDRA ZAVIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — The first democratically elected government in the history of Iraq was sworn in Tuesday against a backdrop of surging violence, and the new Shiite prime minister pledged before a half-empty Parliament that he would unite the country's rival ethnic factions and fight terrorism.

Despite months of tortuous negotiations, there was no final decision on seven positions in the 37-member Cabinet — including the key Oil and Defense Ministries. More critical still, the partial Cabinet fails to give the country's disaffected Sunni Arab minority, believed to be driving the insurgency, a meaningful governing stake.

Many lawmakers skipped the ceremony, which took place in a conference hall deep within Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone. Among those absent was the government's most senior Sunni member, Vice President Ghazi al-Yawer.

The Cabinet that took office Tuesday includes 16 Shiite Arabs, nine Kurds, four Sunnis, and one Christian. Two deputy prime minister's slots — including one Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari hopes to offer to a woman — were left vacant, and five ministerial portfolios are in temporary hands.

Al-Jaafari played down the disputes still roiling his government more than three months after millions of Iraqis risked their lives to vote in landmark parliamentary elections on Jan. 30.

He blamed the delay in filling the Cabinet on Sunni infighting and said the matter would be resolved in two to three days.

"But we are not in a hurry," he told reporters after Tuesday's ceremony. "We want the choice



Hadi Mizban/Associated Press

Iraqi members of Parliament and ministers gather on Tuesday in Baghdad for the swearing-in ceremony of Iraq's first democratically elected government. Iraqi lawmakers begin the transfer of power with seven Cabinet seats yet undecided.

to be accepted by all the Iraqi people."

Al-Jaafari's government has less than eight months left to complete its main tasks: draft a new Constitution by mid-August and submit it to a referendum no later than Oct. 15. If approved, new elections must be held by Dec. 15, under Iraq's transitional law.

Al-Jaafari pledged to get to work confronting the "heavy legacy" left by Saddam Hussein — a country afflicted by poverty, corruption, and mass graves. "This government belongs to the Iraqi people," he said. "Iraqis will reap the fruits of their sacrifices. These sacrifices have not gone in vain."

But even with some Sunnis in government, insurgents have made it clear there will be no letup in the violence tearing at the country, unleashing a torrent of bombings, ambushes, and other attacks that have killed nearly 150 people since the National Assembly approved the partial Cabinet lineup on April 28.

Violence continued Tuesday, including scattered bombings as well as a gun battle in Ramadi that the U.S. military said killed 12 suspected militants.

Investigators concluded that two missing U.S. Marine fighter

jets likely collided over southern Iraq late Monday, a senior U.S. Defense official said at the Pentagon. The body of one of the two pilots was located early Tuesday, the U.S. military said in Baghdad.

Separately, the U.S. military announced it had recovered a letter that appeared to be addressed to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi complaining about the incompetence of leaders in his Al Qaeda in Iraq terror network and low morale among his followers.

The authenticity of the letter could not be independently confirmed, but it was the latest in a series of claims by U.S.-led forces of progress in the fight against the insurgency, including defeating militants in skirmishes, raiding their hidden arms caches, and getting tips about them from Iraqi informants.

Al-Jaafari had promised to form a government that would win over the Sunnis, offering them six ministries and a deputy prime minister's slot. But members of his Shiite-dominated alliance rejected candidates with ties to Saddam's regime, which brutally repressed the majority Shiites and Kurds.

Further complicating negotiations were demands by Kurdish leaders for the Human-Rights

ministry, which al-Jaafari had intended to offer to a Sunni, lawmakers said. There has also been competition within al-Jaafari's own alliance for the Electricity and Oil Ministries.

Al-Jaafari himself will be acting Defense minister, a post he hopes to fill with a Sunni. And former Pentagon favorite Ahmad Chalabi, a Shiite Arab and one of four deputy prime ministers, has temporary responsibility for the Oil Ministry.

The new government will hold its first meeting within days, al-Jaafari said.

Former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, a secular Shiite whose caretaker government took charge of the country while al-Jaafari struggled to form his Cabinet, did not attend Tuesday's ceremony. His office said he was out of the country but declined to say where.

Allawi's Iraqi List Party was not included in the new Cabinet but has said it will work with the government from the opposition.

NATION

BTK prosecutor vows no plea bargain

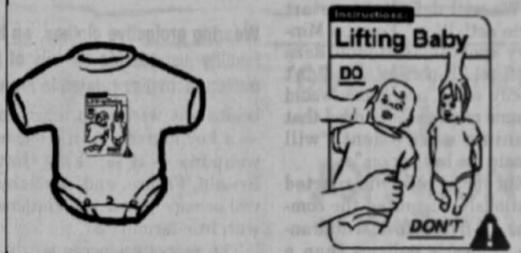
WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Prosecutors vowed Tuesday there will be no plea bargain in the case against a former church leader and city employee charged with 10 counts of murder in the BTK serial killings that terrorized Wichita since the 1970s.

"I look forward to a trial of this case, because it is important after 30 years for people to know and for people to understand and appreciate, not only the work of law enforcement, but to be able to say, 'it's over, it's over,'" District Attorney Nola Foulston said after the arraignment

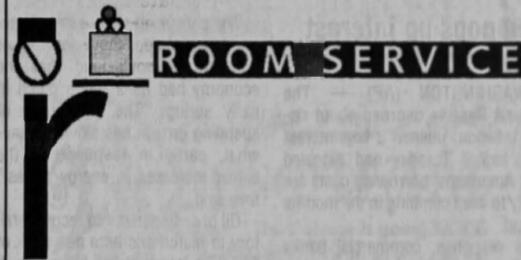
of suspect Dennis Rader. Rader, 60, stood mute during the brief hearing, leaving it to District Court Judge Gregory Waller to enter a not guilty plea for him. Waller set trial for June 27 — a date likely to be postponed.

Rader, a former city compliance officer from suburban Park City, was arrested Feb. 25 and charged in 10 deaths linked to the serial killer known as BTK, which stands for "Bind, Torture, Kill." The killings began in the 1970s and made headlines again last year when the killer started sending cryptic messages and packages to media and police.

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NEWS

Iran firm on nuclear program

BY DAFNA LINZER
WASHINGTON POST

UNITED NATIONS — A defiant Iran said Tuesday that it is determined to hold on to all aspects of its nuclear program, including uranium enrichment, and it lashed out at the United States and Europe for trying to limit its efforts.



Kamal Kharrazi
Iranian Foreign Minister

The comments, made by Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi at a conference on the future of the nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, came as officials in Tehran indicated they were ready to end a suspension of some of their nuclear programs.

"We will definitely restart some activities," Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi told reporters. He didn't specify which operations would resume or when but added that uranium enrichment "will remain the last option."

European officials reacted cautiously, suggested the comments had more to do with Iranian domestic politics than a desire to break off negotiations with Europe. But one senior European official, who would discuss strategy only on the condition of anonymity, said if Iran



Vahid Salemi/Associated Press

Wearing protective clothes, an Iranian security person speaks on the phone at the Uranium Conversion Facility just outside the city of Isfahan, 256 miles Tehran on March 30. Iran will likely resume some nuclear activities related to uranium enrichment next week.

begins any work with uranium — a key ingredient in nuclear weapons — it is likely that Britain, France, and Germany will consider their negotiations with Iran terminated.

The pronouncements left little doubt whether the crisis over Tehran's nuclear program was escalating and that two years of Iranian-European negotiations were in trouble.

U.S. officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier assured Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice during a meeting Tuesday in Washington that if Iran makes good on its promises, that France would support taking the matter into the U.N. Security Council — a move the Bush administration has been pushing for and the Iranians had hoped to avoid.

Barnier also emphasized that the various governments should remain calm and said France believed a showdown could be avoided. But one U.S. official said the administration began working Tuesday on options for Security Council action, which could include warnings to Iran or the threat of economic sanctions if the nuclear program continues.

China turns on the charm with Taiwan

China uses pandas in bid to unify the island with the communist mainland

BY STEPHANIE HOO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIJING — Setting aside military threats, China wooed Taiwan with an offer of pandas, stepping up a charm offensive that is meant to marginalize Taiwan's president and promote public support for uniting the island with the mainland.

The announcement Tuesday came as Taiwanese opposition leader Lien Chan wrapped up an historic visit to China that marked Beijing's biggest effort yet to win Taiwanese hearts after years of missile tests and other menacing gestures.

There was no indication yet that Beijing had changed any minds in Taiwan's deeply polarized populace. Polls by Taiwanese newspapers found public reaction to Lien's trip to be generally positive, but there was no sign of a shift in public views on the cardinal question of whether to unite with China.

Still, the public-relations campaign is an abrupt shift for a communist leadership that only two months ago passed a law authorizing a military attack if Taiwan moves toward formal independence.

The effort reflects Beijing's undiminished zeal to take control of Taiwan, which split

from China in 1949 amid civil war, but also its willingness to consider peaceful ways of accomplishing the goal.

With the offer of two giant pandas reported by China's official news agency came a promise to ease restrictions on imports of Taiwanese fruit and let Chinese tourists visit Taiwan — a hint of how unification could enrich the island.

But even a gift of pandas could be tricky. A similar gesture by Beijing years ago was refused, because Taiwan feared it was a ploy to win sympathy for unification. While some Taiwanese officials had been expecting the offer and were already arguing about what to name the animals, others were cautious, and the government set complex guidelines for accepting them.

Beijing hailed the visit by Lien, the chairman of Taiwan's opposition Nationalist Party, as "a complete success." But it reacted coolly to an invitation to Chinese President Hu Jintao to come to Taiwan, saying the island's ruling party must first drop a clause in its Constitution calling for formal independence.

Lien's eight-day trip capped a remarkable change of fortune for the Nationalists, who ruled China before retreating to Taiwan when the communists seized power in 1949.

NATION

Fed pops up interest rate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve, worried about rising inflation, pushed a key interest rate higher Tuesday and signaled that Americans' borrowing costs are likely to keep climbing in the months ahead.

In response, commercial banks began lifting their prime lending rates, which are used for many short-term consumer and business loans.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues, sticking to a course of gradually raising rates, nudged up the federal funds rate by one-quarter of a percentage point, to 3 percent. It was the eighth increase of that size since the Fed began to tighten credit last June, and it left the rate at the highest level since the fall of 2001.

Banks' prime lending rates were rising a quarter-point to 6 percent, also the highest since 2001.

The federal funds rate, the interest banks charge each other on overnight loans, is now triple the 1 percent rate — a 46-year low — that prevailed before the Fed embarked on its rate-raising campaign.

Fed policymakers, walking a tightrope, are confronted with two challenging economic forces: rising inflation pressures on the one hand and slowing economic growth on the other.

Higher interest rates are a defense against rising inflation. But when it is more expensive to borrow money, some consumers and businesses are less inclined to spend and invest, factors that would further chill an already cooling economy.

The policymakers, in a brief statement issued after their closed-door meeting, acknowledged that the economy had hit a rough patch in early spring. "The solid pace of spending growth has slowed somewhat, partly in response to the earlier increases in energy prices," they said.

Oil prices soared into record territory in March and hit a new peak of \$57.27 a barrel at the beginning of April — straining household and business budgets. Prices have since retreated and settled at \$49.50 a barrel on Tuesday.

The Fed also drew fresh attention to rising prices in general.

"Pressures on inflation have picked up in recent months, and pricing power is more evident," the statement said, a reference to businesses finding it easier to raise prices to customers. But it tempered that inflation warning with an assessment that longer-term inflation expectations remain "well contained." That phrase was inadvertently omitted from the Fed's statement. It later issued a corrected version to include it.

The Fed also said underlying inflation — which excludes energy and food prices — is "expected to be contained."

Against that backdrop, the Fed said it could continue on its path of gradually raising rates. In Fed parlance that is stated as "at a pace that is likely to be measured." To analysts, that phrase translates into quarter-point increases.

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NEWS

Local man finds hives give him bees & quiet

BEES

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"They can't sting through the protective suit," he said, pointing out the full-body white cloth suit and netted mask he dons when visiting one of his 14 hives. The stings, he said, were his fault. Last year, he added with a chuckle, he forgot to completely zip on his mask and a bee flew through a small gap and stung him.

To avoid being stung, Irvin lights wood chips on fire and smokes the hives. The smoke calms bees down.

"What's that old saying? If your house catches on fire, you grab all your possessions. Bees grab all the honey on themselves," he said. "When they have all that honey, they can't sting."

Irvin's passion for beekeeping began roughly 20 years ago. A close friend asked him to help remove a nest of bees from the attic of an Iowa City resident's house. Although the experience left him with bee stings, it also proved to be a turning point, he said. Today, he regularly removes honeybee and yellow-jacket nests from local residents' homes, and he is an active beekeeper with more than 50,000 of his own bees.

The hobby has become like a part-time job for him. Irvin typically checks on his hives once a

week to observe his bees and determine whether they need additional food or medications. Varroa mites often infest hives, he said, and they will kill off the entire swarm if not combated by medications.

In the grassy outskirts of Iowa City, near the Izaak Walton League conservation building, sit two of his 14 beehives. The two white wooden boxes are home to approximately 8,000 honeybees. Last year, his hives, which are spread across Johnson County, yielded four gallons of honey.

"It was a bad year," Irvin said. "Three years ago, I had 10 gallons of honey."

A sign, "Honey for Sale," sits near a picnic table in the front yard of his home in the Thatcher Mobile Home Park. Inside four gallons of honey sit in huge containers on his kitchen counter waiting to be bottled. Irvin sells honeycomb and bottled honey from his home for \$3 each. The profit isn't really high, he said, adding that his neighbors are typically his only customers. He keeps bees because it brings him a sense of peace, not for the money.

"Every Sunday morning, I get into a suit, and I go to the hives," he said. "None of my friends will follow me to a hive. The cell phone won't ring. I can get away from frustrations with work."

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Senate cuts a deal on budget

STATE BUDGET

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The leaders announced the agreement at a news conference, with both sides conceding they could find fault with the deal.

"Nobody wants to be here," said Senate Republican leader Stewart Iverson of Dows. "We've got to deal with this, and we're dealing with it."

The leaders said they would begin approving a string of measures that flesh out the budget quickly and still could end this year's session by week's end.

"It funds the priorities and gives us the ability to move forward," Iverson said.

The deal was immediately rejected by House leaders, who labeled it "downright insulting."

House Speaker Chris Rants, R-Sioux City, said he met with Republicans in the Senate earlier Tuesday.

"We explained to them why that offer was unacceptable to us and should be unacceptable to them," he said. "They will extend the session by two weeks."

The House, where Republicans hold a slim 51-49 majority, is the last defense against "runaway spending" being proposed in the Senate, Rants said.

"The last I checked, there's no money tree growing outside the capital," he said.

Senate Democratic Leader Michael Gronstal of Council Bluffs said the proposed spending plan is acceptable to Gov. Tom Vilsack and is the best that could be crafted in the Senate.

"This is the common ground that we all talked about at the beginning of the session," he said. "We all have some victories, and we all have some disappointments."

Vilsack spokesman Matt Paul described the package unveiled Tuesday as constructive but said some details need to be polished.

"The level of spending cannot be any less," he said. "There is still more work to be done."

The House wrapped up its work last week, and Senate leaders said they would push hard to approve the new spending package by the end of this week, though that's a daunting task because of having to print, correct, and reprint the bills, thick paper packets filled with complex language.

"They can't possibly, logistically, just moving the paper, they can't possibly adjourn this week," Rants said. "Unless something dramatic happens, I don't see the need to bring our people back this week."

Hopefuls back rights

COUNCIL

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"This is the first time in U.S. history that a political kick-off event has been held in front of a gay audience," said Carlton Blackburn, an event organizer and the leader of Connections GLBT, a group serving the gay community.

The candidates agreed that all members of the community, including gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender residents, have basic human rights.

"Quality of life is for all of us in the community," said Chuck Goldberg, an at-large candidate and the general manager of the Sheraton Hotel, adding a successful Iowa City includes "a balance of economic development and quality of life."

Amy Correia, the president of the Housing Trust Fund of Johnson County and an at-large candidate, said serving the diverse community should be reflected by a diverse council.

"All citizens deserve to reach their full potential," she said.

The candidates agreed Iowa City should set an example of respecting human rights for surrounding communities.

"I think it's very important that

people have rights regardless of their sexual orientation," said Councilor Connie Champion, who is seeking re-election in District B.

Candidates did not give their positions on the 21-only ordinance, but Garry Klein, an ACT research associate and at-large candidate, stressed the importance of making Iowa City an attractive community for current and future residents.

Rick Dobyns, a UI professor and at-large candidate, said it was important to draw new residents into the community "no matter where they are in their life stage."

Former Councilor Larry Baker, who is seeking an at-large seat, said that although he thinks Iowa City is already a success story, the council can always do better.

"A successful Iowa City is one that honors the strength we have," Correia said. "A successful community takes care of all of its residents."

The seven candidates are running for three seats this November. Mayor Ernie Lehman plans to not seek re-election, and Councilor Mike O'Donnell has not announced his intentions. Both men hold at-large seats.

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Regents get half their request in budget deal

REGENTS' BUDGET

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If approved by the evenly divided Senate, state spending would increase 7.5 percent, or \$365 million, putting total state expenses at \$5.1 billion for fiscal 2006. Senators agreed to double the state's 36-cent tobacco tax to help finance the extra expenditures, a move the Republican-controlled House has deemed unnecessary.

Republican leaders in the House, already upset the state is spending more than the 3 percent rate of inflation, contend that the Senate's budget is irresponsible, and they plan to work on getting the numbers back down to what they call a "reasonable" level.

Rep. Bill Dix, R-Shell Rock, the House Appropriations chairman, said the House's \$15 million regent supplemental allocation is "more than enough."

"From my perspective, I don't see that as an offer we can actually consider in the House," he said. "Their plan gives Iowa a dire financial future. We're not supportive of what they've agreed to do."

Regent President Michael Gartner said he remained optimistic that the offer

would continue to rise, calling the announcement, "just another step."

"I have great faith that the Legislature will eventually give the universities a number they can work with," the Des Moines resident said.

He declined to speculate just how much more he expects the offer to rise, and he also said it was too early to start discussing possible fallout, including further tuition increases, layoffs, and budget cuts.

"I'm not at the bargaining table, so I have no idea what they're going to do to us," he said.

The regents have already approved a 4 percent tuition increase for next year, but they will be forced to return to the issue if the state fails to fully fund the regents' plan.

The plan, which includes a promise from regent schools to internally reallocate \$1 for every \$2 received from the state, comes in response to \$163 million in budget cuts over the last five years.

Leaders from both the House and Senate plan to sit down with Gov. Tom Vilsack early next week and negotiate a final spending limit, which could be as much as two weeks away.

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Four charged in alleged book-sellback scheme

TEXTBOOKS

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He said it didn't appear suspicious because Aaron Poisel would come to him during the first few weeks or toward the end of the semester. A charge report indicates that Kantaphone made 18 transactions, a figure he estimates to be closer to five or 10.

Iowa Book owner Peter Vanderhoef said police had not contacted him about the alleged incidents. After learning of the charges, he speculated that the books allegedly sold back to his business had been stolen from students around campus.

"Somebody's been picking them up at the library, stealing them from students while they went to the bathroom," he said. "Then they try to sell them."

Iowa Book buys back textbooks all year for cash; it requires sellers to produce a driver's license or student IDs when selling back books.

Othmer would not comment on the first-degree theft charge against him. If convicted, he could face up to 10 years in prison and a maximum \$10,000 fine.

Nathan Poisel, Aaron Poisel, and Price's phone numbers were unlisted. If convicted, Kantaphone, Nathan Poisel, and Price could face up to five years in prison and a maximum \$7,500 fine for second-degree theft. None of the men were being

held in the Johnson County Jail as of Tuesday evening.

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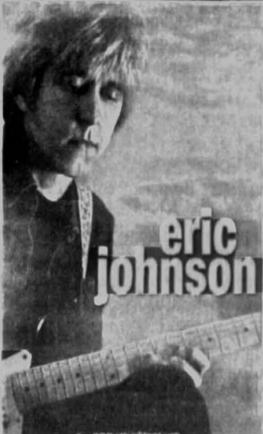
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GUEST EDITORIAL

A remedy for the meth epidemic

The fight against methamphetamines received a major boost recently when four of the United States' largest food and drug retailers decided to put certain cold medicines behind the pharmacy counter.

We applaud the recent moves by Target, Wal-Mart, Albertson's, Longs Drugs, and Rite Aid to make medicines containing pseudoephedrine less accessible. But they will not by themselves shut down the thousands of meth labs that have sprung up across the country. That's why it is critical that all retailers be required to limit access to cold medicines containing this ingredient.

Why is this so important? Because pseudoephedrine — the active ingredient in most cold medicines — is being used to brew up batches of meth in basements, cars, and motel rooms across the country. That it's relatively easy to make is one of the reasons meth has migrated from California and the West to the rest of the nation.

Meth is cheap, accessible, and potent.

It can be purchased for as little as \$20 a dose. Its effects on users range from the bizarre to the homicidal. And cooking meth is often as simple as a trip to the local store.

Those seeking to make it have up to this point been free to purchase all the pseudoephedrine they need, easily and without scrutiny. One of our staff members recently went to a local grocery store to purchase a large quantity of cold medicine for use in a news conference. He bought 27 boxes of cold medicine, and no one batted an eye.

This scene is being repeated in communities throughout the United States. Meth cooks will buy out a store's supply of cold medicine. They will go from store to store and buy as much of it as they can afford. Then they go home, extract the pseudoephedrine, mix it with battery acid and other poisons, and cook up a batch of meth for sale or for their personal use.

So what can we do to solve this problem?

The answer is clear: Follow the Oklahoma model. Oklahoma last year passed legislation requiring that cold medicines containing pseudoephedrine be moved behind the pharmacy counter. The result: an 80 percent drop in the number of meth labs seized. This law works. We should copy it.

Twelve states have done just that. Tennessee and Iowa, for example, have passed new laws in the past few months mandating that cold medicines containing pseudoephedrine be put behind the counter. Another 30 states are considering similar legislation.

But new state laws and the voluntary actions of retailers are not enough. That's why we're working together to make the Oklahoma law national. Our legislation would:

- Move cold medicine containing pseudoephedrine behind the counter.
- Limit the amount one person can buy to nine grams per month — that's the equivalent of 300 30-milligram pills.
- Require purchasers to show identification and to sign for cold medication.

These are not overly burdensome provisions. Anyone who legitimately wants cold medicine will be able to buy more than enough to meet her or his needs. But it will put up barriers to stop meth cooks. It will deter them from making large quantities of meth. And it will increase their risk of being caught by the authorities.

Will this completely stop meth? The answer is, unfortunately, no. Those who seek to use meth will undoubtedly find ways to continue to acquire the drug.

But it will shut down many of the labs operating across the nation, potentially increasing the street price for meth and allowing law enforcement to focus on other aspects of the problem.

There is no question that this nation needs a far-reaching strategy on meth. We need to reduce demand for this drug by educating Americans about its dangers. We need to find ways to break meth addiction. And we need more funding for enforcement and prosecution, especially in high-activity areas.

But what has become clear is that a comprehensive effort to move cold medicine behind the counter must be an integral part of any effort to bring this epidemic under control.

This editorial, written by Sens. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Jim Talent, R-Mo., appeared in the *Washington Post* on Tuesday.

Logic left behind

Sorry — did I miss it when hell froze over? Because last month the state of Texas and George W. Bush were on different sides of an issue. In fact, Texas was in direct, open violation of federal law.

The law in question is No Child Left Behind, the 2002 act meant to improve public schools, and, as its name implies, let no child fall through the proverbial cracks. These are admirable goals, but instead of being embraced, the act has been met with fierce resistance from teachers and lawmakers across the country.

This is a bipartisan issue. The law was written and supported by both Democrats and Republicans, and both

Democrats and Republicans have fought it. It is one of the few

laws championed by both the president and the *New York Times*. Blue state Connecticut and red state Utah are both in contention with the federal government in the law's honor.

An issue that can be looked at for its actual merits, rather than being thrown into one of two categories and dismissed. Amazing, isn't it?

So let's examine those merits. The law was written with good intentions — that much is clear. America's public schools are suffering and need some serious reform if the nation wants to keep its place as a world leader. American students consistently fall behind children in other parts of the globe, and employers across the nation have expressed growing frustration with applicants' lack of even basic writing skills. And despite years of effort, there is a huge achievement gap among ethnic and socioeconomic groups.

It was a good — even vital — step to pass a law to address such problems. But when one looks at the law itself, one wonders whether the lawmakers consulted a single teacher when they wrote the thing. Or even employed an ounce of common sense.

The law works through testing: Schools are required to administer regular standardized tests. The results are tabulated and compared with achievement goals set by the state. Schools that do not meet requirements are put on a list of schools in need of assistance. Those schools are then required to inform parents of the new status and of alternative schooling options.

On the surface, this looks fine. But take a deeper look: For one thing, schools are steadily required to improve each year, whether they are classified as needing assistance or not. This means even schools doing well can end up on the list if they do not raise already high performance levels.

Another problem is that only 1 percent of students with disabilities are allowed to be given alternative tests. This small percentage means that hundreds of thousands of children with legitimate learning and mental disabilities are being tested on the same level as non-disabled children — and they are being held to the same standards. This can bring down their school's scores and put unreasonable pressure on their teachers. And that leads to test-centered teaching, which comes with issues of its own.

That's not to mention serious funding problems. Or that each state sets its own accountability standard. This means a "failing" school in Iowa might actually be doing better than a passing school in California. Or a host of other problems.

No Child Left Behind does have some positive points. Requiring test scores to be tabulated for minority groups can help determine where the need is greatest. Requiring schools that do poorly to develop plans for improvement, with the help of outside resources, is something that should have happened a long time ago. The goals of the law are noble. But some serious changes need to be made to the law itself. U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings recently gave a speech making some concessions, including expanding the percentage of students who can be given alternative tests because of disabilities.

This is a good first step. With teachers and lawmakers across the country pointing out the law's problems, it is obvious something needs to be done. If the goal is truly to leave no child behind, the government needs to realize its mistakes and work with educators to write a law that works. ■



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LETTERS

Construction over community

Greg Brown's April 22 performance at the Englert Theatre was a terrific and touching evening.

Many thanks to him and Bo Ramsey, Rick Cicalo, Dave Zollo, and Pieta Brown for music filled with so much heart — the same heart that has made Iowa City a special and unique community over the years. Sadly, that community faces constant threat. Brown is not shy about his distaste for this city's changing urban landscape. His performance was full of reflection on the Iowa City that used to be.

Today's Iowa City favors construction that enriches developers more than community. The day of the show, the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* ran a story about proposed development of South Gilbert Street that would level a string of unique storefronts.

And let's not forget the Mill, a rich part of Iowa City's heritage that Brown knows well. Fortunately, it's still standing. But development plans for the intersection of Clinton and Burlington Streets leave it under threat.

The lyrics of Brown's "Your Town Now" are worth taking to heart:

Don't let 'em take the whole damn deal,
Don't give up on what you really feel.

Ah, the small and local must survive somehow,

If it's gonna be your town now,
Is it gonna be your town now?

Andy Brodie
UI student

Sickened by health fears

Whatever happened to the days of going to the doctor if something was wrong and letting her or him make the decisions for you on what the treatment should be? Instead, we are bombarded with ads telling us that we are sad, fat,

impotent, and diabetic. Thanks to pharmaceutical companies in the United States, we are in a constant state of fear.

In addition to this, our doctors are paralyzed at the thought that we might sue them before the next commercial break. The only parties involved that seem to be "stepping large and laughing easy" are the pharmaceuticals. Like any other company, the more you buy, the richer they get. Is this what we want from our health-care providers? Is this the direction in which the medical profession is going?

I don't have a solution to this. But I certainly know that if we are truly going to try to make people well, transforming them into lithium Popsicles in order to pad someone's pockets is not the solution.

Derek Johnk
UI student

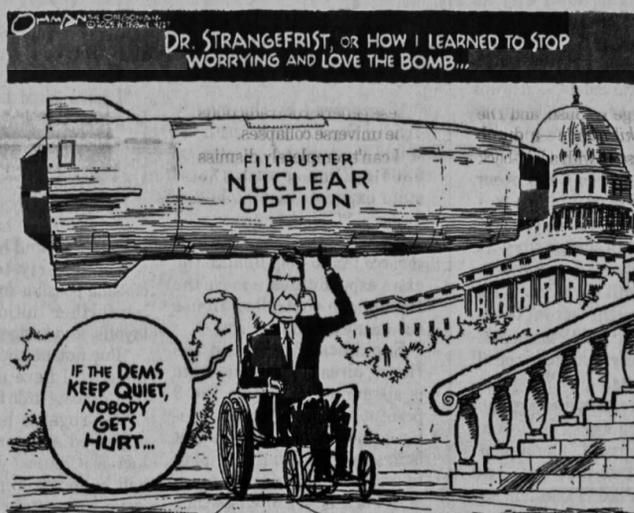
Right is wrong, so is left

It occurs to me that both Democrats and Republicans are moving to the extremes. The alarmist right is weighted by the hysterical left. A liberal Democrat may worry the world is coming to an end because of a global-warming catastrophe, just as a conservative Republican may honestly believe the Rapture is coming in our lifetime.

DI columnist Beau Elliot blasts Republicans for having political rallies at evangelical church gatherings in Kentucky but has no problem with Bill Clinton spending half of his campaigns in black churches all over the country. Democrats have silly rallies against the "nuclear option" while Republicans despair over a pervasive "culture of death."

Neither side is truthful, but no matter. Both parties have now adopted irrational positions that only serve to rally their often absurd and extremist bases.

Andy Mathern
UI student



A YEAR IN REVIEW ... 3-PEAT

As finals approach, we can assume that fewer people will have the time to write to us. So if you do, your words will more than likely dominate this section next week (on May 10). Remember, 150 words or less with "year in review" written in the subject line of an e-mail sent to daily-iowan@uiowa.edu. Full name and title (UI student, etc.) should be included. If you've read this page consistently, this should be committed to your memory by now.

IN JANUARY:

As part of efforts to improve Iowa's attractiveness — both the university and the state — UI officials hosted the grand opening of a \$14 million renovated Burge Market Place, while some lawmakers considered (and ultimately

scrapped) the idea of cutting income tax for Iowans under age 30 to alleviate the state's brain-drain problem.

- Are the UI's campus renovations and building constructions worth the money?
- Was the no-income tax idea enough to entice young people to stay in Iowa after completing their education?

IN FEBRUARY:

In his State of the Union address, President Bush touted the success of the Jan. 30 Iraqi elections, the first event of its kind in more than 50 years. Meanwhile, Hawkeye basketball player Pierre Pierce was abruptly dismissed from the team amid a slew of fresh accusations about the alleged burglary of his girlfriend's residence in West Des Moines.

- Were the Iraqi elections successful?
- Was the UI right to expel Pierce from the basketball team?

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ON THE SPOT

How do you feel about the decision to ban Pierre Pierce from bars?



"I'm not sure why he's not in jail."

Maggie Graham
UI senior



"It should be up to the individual bars."

Katie Kalb
UI senior



"It seems like a weird punishment. Shouldn't he just be in jail?"

Rachel Corbett
UI senior



"He should be banned from the bars and the university."

Derek Coffman
UI senior

CALENDAR-WORTHY

MURPHY, LAKE, AND HANLAN will perform today at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St., at 7 p.m. Admission is \$4.

ARTS



David Frank will be your guide to the big-budget yet mostly charming film adaptation of Douglas Adam's sci-fi series

THE SOUND OF ONE THUMB HITCHING



FILM REVIEW

by David Frank

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

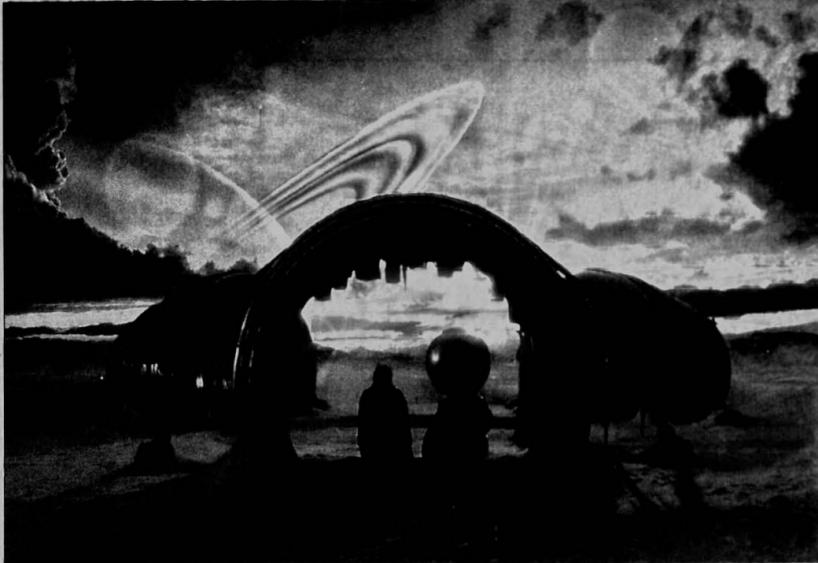
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DOES THIS MOVIE ROCK?

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SHOULD YOU GO SEE IT?

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Publicity photos

TOP LEFT: Marvin, the manically depressed robot voiced by Alan Rickman, mopes about the ship. **TOP RIGHT:** The film is at times visually stunning, such as this scene on the Magrathea.

What's the point of life? Why are we here? What's the sound of one hand clapping, and how does a black hole of talent such as Ashton Kutcher infest two spots on the weekend's top-10 box-office chart? Now, those are some universal questions, and the characters of *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* seek the answers. And somehow, at least according to a television-addicted super-computer within the movie, the answer to life's ultimate question revolves around the number 42.

Hitchhiker's Guide, based upon Douglas Adams' popular sci-fi book series (which I've never read and therefore my geek credentials shall be revoked), plays tiddlywinks with life's philosophies while wrapping itself in a goofy atmosphere that'd make Monty Python grin.

The film's story begins with Arthur Dent (Martin Freeman), an Everyman sort of bloke who's having a sucky day. How sucky? Well, he wakes up one morning to the following news bites. A property developer plans to bulldoze his house for a new freeway. His best friend, Ford Prefect (a charismatic performance by rapper Mos Def), is a space alien.

And Earth's destruction is near ... as in, 12 minutes near.

Makes your sucky day seem brighter, doesn't it?

Kablooway, and Earth lights up like a demonstration of the Death Star's destructive power. However, Dent and Prefect escape just in time. And eventually, they fall in with the likes of Zaphod Beeblebrox (Sam Rockwell), president of the galaxy and all-around cool dude, who has just pirated the niftiest spaceship in the universe so he can travel across the galaxy to pick up babes and discover the answer to life's big question.

Rockwell's Beeblebrox is the triple-father lovechild of Elvis Presley, George W. Bush, and *The Big Lebowski's* Dude—a dumb rock-star persona with a laid-back hippie attitude who blubbers out half-assed political platitudes. Every second Rockwell appears on screen is a second worth watching, and I wish he had graced every moment of the film.

Without Rockwell's manic performance, the great turn by Mr. Mos Def, and the biting voice-work of Alan Rickman as

the galaxy's most depressed robot, *Hitchhiker's Guide* would be a total bore. Often the film feels flat and pedestrian.

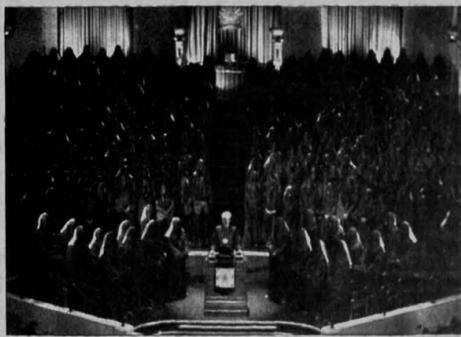
Even as I write this review, I'm still unsure whether I kind of liked the movie or sort of didn't like it. So let's break out my handy-dandy guide to movie reviewer clichés and find a description to grab on to. OK, yes, here's a fine one ... I must say my good friends, *Hitchhiker's Guide* is a mixed bag.

Sometimes entertaining. Occasionally dull. At times, hilarious. Other times, laborious. Visually splendid in some scenes, drab or noticeably fake in others. And so on and so forth with these generic contradictions until the universe collapses.

Yet, I can't completely dismiss a film that opens with the world's dolphins — which are well aware of Earth's impending doom — singing a song titled "So Long and Thanks for All the Fish." So, I guess my take on the flick is similar to the sound of one hand clapping.

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

LEFT: John Malkovich plays Humma Kavula, a priest whose followers wait the arrival of the great handkerchief.



ARTS

Symphony, choirs to perform Mendelssohn

The UI Symphony and several choirs will crowd onto the Hancher Auditorium stage tonight for a performance of Felix Mendelssohn's *Elijah*.

Timothy Stalter, the UI director of choral activities, will conduct this collaboration between the School of Music's top orchestral ensemble and four vocal groups — Kantorei, University Choir, Camerata, and Woman's Chorale.

Timothy Stalter, UI director of choral activities



Through choruses and arias, the piece narrates the Old Testament story of the prophet Elijah. The oratorio premiered in 1846 and was the composer's last major work before his death the following year at age 38.

Tonight's performance features UI voice Professor Stephen Swanson as Elijah, as well as boy soprano Elliot Stalter, sopranos Emily Johnson, Kristen Kufeldt, and Kelsey Williams, altos Beth Duhr, Loretta Ross, and Elisabeth Bieber, tenors Quiliano Anderson, Jeff Bieber, and Robby Kemp, and basses Andy Cook-Feltz and Devin Smith.

The concert is at 8 p.m. in Hancher Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for UI students and youth, \$6 for senior citizens, and \$8 for nonstudents.

— by Audra Beals

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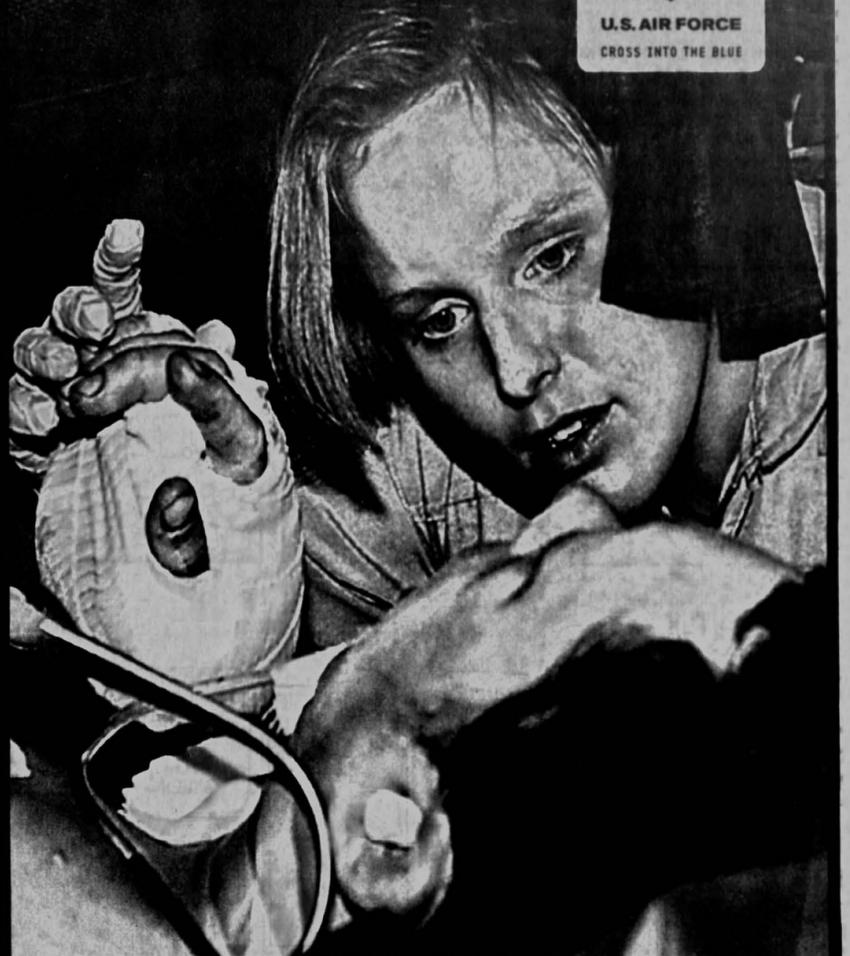
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DAILY BREAK

calendar

• **Cinema in Transition Contemporary, Films from Central-Eastern Europe, Day of the Wacko, Marek Koterski (2002, Poland), 7 p.m., 212 Phillips Hall.**

• **"Live from Prairie Lights," Mary Swander, Connie Mutel, and Tom Dean, nonfiction, 8 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., and WSUI.**

• **Feminist Fiction Reading Group, Paradise, by Toni Morrison, 8 p.m., Women's Resource & Action Center.**

• **Writers' Workshop reading, Simon Armitage, poetry, 8 p.m., 314 Chemistry Building.**

quote of the day

"I knew I was going to know Lynndie England for the rest of my life."

— West Virginia school psychologist Dr. Thomas Denne. Pfc. England, who has pleaded guilty in the Abu Ghraib prisoner-abuse scandal, was diagnosed with learning disabilities when she was a kindergartner.

horoscopes

Wednesday, May 4, 2005
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Emotions are rising to the surface. Whether you are happy or feeling a little down, be careful to keep to yourself how you are doing and what your plans are. You will find a new way to bring in extra cash.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't run away from change. Everything might be up in the air, but when the dust settles, you will be happy with the results. Someone very interesting will come into your life. Be creative at work.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't get all wound up about personal matters or things that aren't going your way today. A change of career or applying for a position that interests you will help you in more ways than one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will be drawn to the unusual today. Take an interest in foreign cultures or attend a conference or trade show that will enlighten you about a variety of products. Love and romance will flourish.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Money will slip through your fingers if you aren't careful. Impulsiveness will be the enemy. You have a good head on your shoulders, so don't let your personal life interfere with what needs to be done.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will lean toward some unusual people, places, and things today. Don't be alarmed — it will be to your benefit. An opportunity to get involved in a partnership looks promising. Evaluate the partnership you are in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let someone you work with try your patience. Remain calm if you don't want to end up looking like an emotional mess. As long as you don't react negatively or defensively, you can maintain professionalism.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Let your creativity flow. Love, socializing, and impressing people who can help you along the way should be on your agenda. It's time you went for it instead of just talking about what you want to accomplish.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't let anyone frazzle you at an emotional level. Control is what is needed, not anger. Don't count on getting support from your home base. Focus on being the best you can be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take the plunge, and start a new project, or get out and meet new people. The more enthusiastic you are, the better the response you will get. The time is right for love, romance, and partnerships.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may be feeling restless about what you want to be doing. Take another look at how you ended up where you are. You will be able to find a way to maneuver yourself into the position you really want to be in.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take the time to talk to friends and do something special with someone you love. Today is all about change. Do whatever you can to update your looks or set a new trend.

news you need to know

Today — Final thesis deposit due at Graduate College

Friday — Close of second semester classes, 10 p.m.

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

May 9 — Beginning of finals, 7:30 a.m.

happy birthday to ...

May 4 — Shanna Ballenger

PATV

The PATV schedule was not available at press time.

UITV schedule

3 p.m. "Live from Prairie Lights," Curtis White
4 The Interdisciplinary Approach to Curing Blindness
4:50 Building the Academic Enterprise, Spring Speech by Provost Michael Hogan
5:30 "Talk of Iowa Live from the Java House," Tennessee Williams & Tom Nothnagle
6:30 College of Education presents Muslims in America: The Basics
7:10 "Live from Prairie Lights," Curtis White

8:05 The Interdisciplinary Approach to Curing Blindness
8:55 Building the Academic Enterprise, Spring Speech by Provost Michael Hogan
9:35 College of Education presents Muslims in America: The Basics
10:10 "Live from Prairie Lights," Reza Aslan
11 SCOLA — Evening News from France (English subtitles)
11:30 Ueye No. 34

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the ledge

TEACHERS SAY THE DARNEDEST THINGS

— by Rachel Weber

• "Let's all go to my mother's house and jump on her scale!"

• "My food detector's going off!"

• "This one time when my friend Curtis had a few too many ... 'iced teas' ..."

• "One of the things that happens on an acid trip ... so I've been told ..."

• "Kill the Buddha!"

• "I was feeling a little freaky this morning, so I thought I would play some Korn for you."

• "I always try to work my favorite word into conversations. It's kind of hard sometimes because it's 'bitch slap.'"

• "So, everyone sees Jesus and a cow, right?"

• "Monkeys in social isolation masturbate just as much as regular monkeys."

• "Look everyone! I'm ejaculating!"

Little University

- 1 What pet name did a confidant James Gilbey give Princess Diana in a phone chat leaked to the press?
- 2 What was the battery-operated *Robicomb* designed to detect, kill, and remove from humans?
- 3 What cable-access TV show from Aurora, Ill., is broadcast from the Campbell family basement?
- 4 What beverage's thirsty "crew" testifies in ads that it's: "Been there, done that, tried that?"
- 5 Who was named Sportsman of the Year by *Sports Illustrated* two months before he died of AIDS?

Answers: 1. Squidgy 2. Wayne's World 3. Lie 4. Mountain Dew's Arthur Ashe 5. Arthur Ashe

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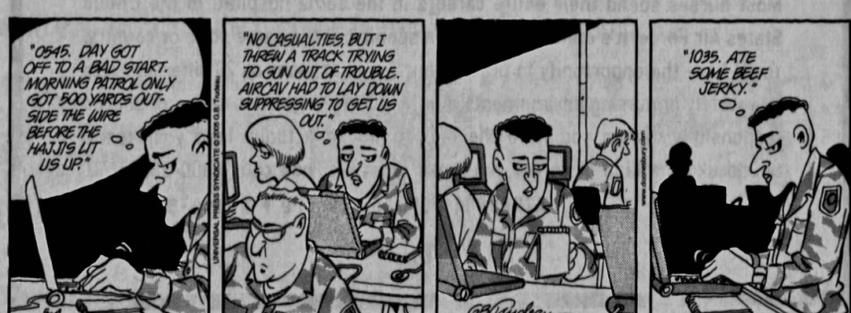
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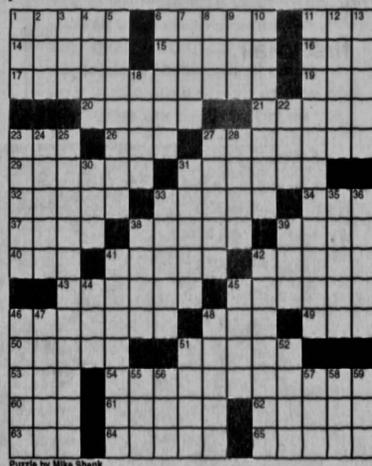
The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0323

As a demonstration of speed puzzle construction at the 28th American Crossword Puzzle Tournament, on March 11 in Stamford, Conn., Mike Shenk took a theme proposed by the audience and created this puzzle, start to finish, without computer-assisted fill, in 60 minutes. Later, in a race to solve it, Trip Payne, of Boca Raton, Fla., finished first, in 3 minutes. About two-thirds of the audience completed the puzzle correctly within the 15-minute time limit.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Desert flora
 - 6 Coated candy
 - 11 Interstice
 - 14 Wolf pack member
 - 15 Without company
 - 16 Outback runner
 - 17 Vegetarian tennis star?
 - 19 Surfing site
 - 20 They're underfoot
 - 21 All in
 - 23 Greet the opposing team
 - 26 Vanna's partner
 - 27 Gets along
 - 29 Tibias' ends
 - 31 Culminating point
 - 32 Femme fatale
 - 33 Choral work
 - 34 Doc bloc, for short
 - 37 Volunteer's words
 - 38 Bone connector
 - 39 Thick cut
 - 40 Kareem, once
 - 41 Misanthrope
 - 42 Roberts of "Mystic Pizza"
 - 43 Camera card contents
 - 45 Mass parts
 - 46 Sunday paper section
 - 48 Memorial Day setting
 - 49 Course start
 - 50 Bound to experience
 - 51 Goes belly-up
 - 53 Rockies tree
 - 54 Vegetarian film critic?
 - 60 Popular season on the Riviera
 - 61 Drove to distraction
 - 62 Austin Powers's father
 - 63 Curious George creator H. A.
 - 64 Demands
 - 65 Sharpshooting Shaq
- DOWN**
- 1 New reporter
 - 2 Penny portrait
 - 3 Runner Sebastian
 - 4 Does a dolly
 - 5 Answer to a knock
 - 6 "American Buffalo" playwright
 - 7 Yodelers' milieu
 - 8 Hide-hair link
 - 9 Modern evidence
 - 10 Camper's gear
 - 11 Vegetarian film critic?
 - 12 Change the Constitution
 - 13 Tie up a boat
 - 18 Sighed cry
 - 22 Sulky state
 - 23 Pesto base
 - 24 In reserve
 - 25 Vegetarian talk show star?
 - 27 Poet's concern
 - 28 Fresh rays
 - 30 Carouf of "Sweeney Todd"
 - 31 Shipping areas
 - 33 Itty-bitty bugs
 - 35 L.L. Bean's home
 - 36 Lower partner
 - 38 Wise fellow
 - 39 Catch some
 - 41 Kind of turn
 - 42 "Leading With My Chin" author
 - 44 6 on a phone
 - 45 First born?
 - 46 Drummer's partner
 - 47 Bring together
 - 48 Hotel staffers
 - 51 Hightailed it
 - 52 It's got you covered
 - 55 Beatitudes verb
 - 56 Island strings
 - 57 Epoch
 - 58 Salonga of "Miss Saigon"
 - 59 Wing



Puzzle by Mike Shenk

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NBA PLAYOFFS



76ers vs. Pistons

Pistons 88, 76ers 78

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Pistons followed up three lackluster quarters with a dominant fourth, earning the defending NBA champions a spot in the second round.

Richard Hamilton scored 10 of his 23 points in the final quarter to lift the Pistons to a victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Tuesday night in Game 5 of their first-round series. Detroit won the series 4-1; it will meet either Boston or Indiana.

Detroit trailed for much of the game, but went ahead 62-61 when Tayshaun Prince made the first basket of the fourth quarter. An 8-0 run gave the Pistons an 80-69 lead with 4:48 left.

Allen Iverson scored 34 points, playing the last 10:56 after hurting his right ankle. Iverson landed awkwardly after missing a shot and was crumpled on the court before being helped to the bench. He had his right ankle taped and was quickly back in the game.

Philadelphia's Chris Webber scored 11, and Samuel Dalembert had eight points in the first quarter, but he didn't score again until late in the game, finishing with 11 points.



Pacers vs. Celtics

Pacers 90, Celtics 85

BOSTON (AP) — The Pacers are going back home to Indiana with a chance to finish off the Celtics.

Jermaine O'Neal scored 19 points and Stephen Jackson hit a big 3-pointer that helped hold off a Celtics' comeback and give the Indiana Pacers a win and a 3-2 lead in their playoff series Tuesday night.

Boston had whittled a 15-point, third-quarter to 2 after Paul Pierce's 3-pointer made it 80-78 with 4:26 left. A basket by O'Neal made it 82-78 before Pierce sank a jumper. Then Jackson scored the last of his 15 points on a 3-pointer with 2:38 remaining for an 85-80 edge.

Pierce and Dale Davis traded free throws, and Marcus Banks cut the lead to 86-83 with a lay-up with 28 seconds remaining, but the Pacers got the last four points on two free throws each by Anthony Johnson and Reggie Miller.

The Pacers now have a chance to win the best-of-seven series Thursday night.

Both teams had key players back. Jamaal Tinsley started at point guard for Indiana after missing the last 29 regular-season games and the first four playoff games with a bruised left foot. Antoine Walker returned for Boston following a one-game suspension for grabbing referee Tom Washington late in Game 3 after being charged with his second technical foul.

Fresh phenom unfazed



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

Freshman pitcher Danny Bales could have played baseball anywhere in the country, but the Cedar Rapids native decided to be a Hawkeye. Despite having only two fingers on his right hand, the lefty excelled as a hitter in high school. He is a scratch golfer and is the face of Jack Dahm's first recruiting class.

Iowa freshman pitcher Danny Bales remains sanguine about the hand fate gave him

BY TED MCCARTAN

THE DAILY IOWAN

If you didn't already know, there was no way to tell.

Not that spring afternoon, when Danny Bales was taking his smooth cuts during batting practice, sending balls sailing over the fence at Banks Field. He hit three home runs that day, not showing any signs of a player who is rehabbing from shoulder surgery, disobeying his doctor's orders in taking batting practice in the first place. There was no way to tell he wasn't a hitter but a pitcher.

And there was absolutely no way, of course, of noticing that Bales only has two fingers on his right hand.

"It's all I've ever known," Iowa's 6-4, 200-pound pitching phenom said.

Bales was born with his left hand perfectly fine. The right hand, though, was misshapen the way it is today. The thumb is a tad smaller than the one on his left hand. The three middle digits essentially cut off halfway before the first knuckle. And the pinkie, slightly curved to the right, is the same length but thicker and far stronger than his "normal"

pinkie because he uses it in combination with his thumb for all holding, squeezing, lifting, picking, and plucking.

And the birth "defect" has held Bales back like big feet have held Shaq back. He's the grand-prize recruit of Iowa's decorated freshman class, the best player his age in the state of Iowa, and one of the best pitchers in the country. When he was narrowing down his choices before selecting Iowa, he had his pick of Miami, Texas, Arizona State, Florida State, and "pretty much everybody else" in his words.

DANNY BALES

The glove

Because of the state of his non-pitching hand, Danny Bales requires a particular glove. Instead of a standard 11-inch pitcher's glove, he prefers a 12.5-inch outfielder's glove. He puts his pinkie in the spot designated for the ring finger. The glove must be thoroughly broken in and include a strap for his wrist.

The swing

Though he pitches left-handed, Danny swings both a golf club and a baseball bat right-handed. He fancies a smooth swing with a one-handed follow-through but still can hit home runs and drive a golf ball 300 yards.

This season, he is taking a medical redshirt because of a torn labrum in his right shoulder, but he's found ways to stay busy off the diamond. He also happens to be a scratch golfer, lifetime bowler, an ace at darts, quite the pool player, the

son of a Vietnam vet and a breast cancer survivor, and of course, the lead singer of his band, "Faded," in which he plays acoustic guitar.

So, obviously, there is a lot more to Bales than baseball.

SEE BALES, PAGE 6B

DI Sports Series | STEROID USE AMONG ATHLETES

Boys of Summer or Boys of Steroids?

BY JASON BRUMMOND

THE DAILY IOWAN

They all have a story. The minor-league pitcher who saw a former teammate follow a one-home-run season with 20 the next year.

The former junior-college catcher who witnessed the ball jump off the bat of a once-mediocre hitter during batting practice.

The young college manager who once approached and tested a player after suspicion arose about improved performance.

Steroids and baseball have been fused since long before congressional hearings in March called upon league officials and the game's most prolific sluggers to testify about a nonexistent testing policy and abuse allegations.

Since then, five major-leaguers have received 10-day bans, and nearly 50 minor-league players have faced suspensions for violating baseball's drug testing policy.

Hammes: Minor-leaguers 'open' about steroids

Former Iowa City High pitcher Zach Hammes said he was "oblivious"

to steroid use in baseball when he first entered the professional ranks after signing with the Los Angeles Dodgers three years ago out of high school.

But he learned quickly.

Hammes said he wasn't really been suspicious of teammates or opponents using illegal performance-enhancing substances, partly because they were open about steroids if they used them. In his view, players who experimented with steroids in the past no longer use them.

Hammes said he didn't see players use steroids shots or pills, but the results were clearly visible.

"You can't notice everybody, but you can tell with some," he said. "You don't really see them use, but you can notice the difference between one season to the next. You can gain only so much muscle or weight naturally."



Hammes former IC High pitcher

The 6-7, 245-pound right-hander was the 51st overall selection by the Dodgers in 2002, and he currently plays for the Columbus Catfish, the organization's Single-A affiliate.

Players and managers today don't talk much about steroids and are "sick" of the nonstop media coverage of the issue, Hammes said.

His team's coaches don't discuss steroids or testing policies with the players, he said. But the team doctor held a meeting with the Catfish, warning the players about the effects of steroids, year-round testing, penalties for violations, and other supplements.

Minor-league players can be tested up to four times a year, and the first-offense penalty is a 15-day suspension.

Hammes estimates on average anywhere between one to four players on a team are using steroids — easily accessible to minor-league players.

"I haven't actually been offered [them] by any of the players, but if you want it, you can get your hands on it," he said.

Welker: Big issue in junior college

Iowa catcher Kris Welker said a handful of his teammates at his former junior college — the College of Southern Idaho — used steroids despite clearly knowing the possible negative effects of the drug.

Anabolic steroids have a number of side effects, including liver damage, mood swings and depression, baldness, and infertility in men.

"We thought it's kind of like drinking a lot," Welker said. "It's going to hurt your liver a little bit, but as long as you don't do it all the time, your body's not going to break down that bad."

"Guys looked at the health side of it and didn't think much of it as long as they didn't do it every year."

At least "four or five" of his teammates at Southern Idaho were on steroids, unknown to the manager, he said.



Welker Iowa Catcher

SERIES SCHEDULE

Today — Iowa baseball
Hawkeye baseball coach Jack Dahm and players react to the game's image after national allegations have dominated headlines.

Thursday — Iowa testing
Steps and processes the university takes to maintain the integrity of its institutional testing policy.

Friday — Medical effects
Doctors and experts explain how steroids affect the body.

SEE STEROIDS, PAGE 6B

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

By The Associated Press
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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	15	9	.625	—
Atlanta	15	11	.577	1
Washington	14	13	.519	2½
New York	13	14	.481	3
Philadelphia	12	15	.444	4½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	17	8	.680	—
Chicago	12	13	.480	5
Milwaukee	12	13	.480	5
Houston	11	14	.440	6
Cincinnati	10	16	.385	7½
Pittsburgh	9	16	.360	8
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	17	9	.654	—
Arizona	16	11	.593	1½
San Francisco	14	12	.538	3
San Diego	13	14	.481	4½
Colorado	6	18	.250	10

Tuesday's Games
Philadelphia 10, N.Y. Mets 3
St. Louis 4, Cincinnati 2
Milwaukee 4, Chicago Cubs 1
Pittsburgh 7, Houston 4
Arizona 3, San Francisco 2
San Diego 2, Colorado 1
L.A. Dodgers 4, Washington 2

Today's Games
Florida (A.J. Burnett 3-1) at Atlanta (Hudson 2-1), 12:05 p.m.
Colorado (Jennings 1-3) at San Diego (Peavy 2-0), 2:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Tomko 2-3) at Arizona (Webb 3-0), 5:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 1-3) at N.Y. Mets (Seo 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Mulder 3-1) at Cincinnati (Clausen 1-2), 8:10 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Dempster 1-3) at Milwaukee (Santos 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Redman 1-2) at Houston (Clemens 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Washington (L.Hernandez 3-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Od.Perez 4-1), 9:10 p.m.

Cleveland (Millwood 0-3) at Minnesota (Silva 2-0), 7:10 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

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FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7)
Sunday, May 1
Detroit 97, Philadelphia 92, OT
Miami 110, New Jersey 97, Miami wins series 4-0
Phoenix 123, Memphis 115, Phoenix wins series 4-0
Seattle 115, Sacramento 102

Monday, May 2
Washington 106, Chicago 99, series tied 2-2
Dallas 103, Houston 100, Dallas leads series 3-2
San Antonio 126, Denver 115, OT, San Antonio leads series 3-1

Tuesday, May 3
Indiana 90, Boston 85, Indiana leads series 3-2
Detroit 88, Philadelphia 78, Detroit wins series 4-1
Seattle 122, Sacramento 118, Seattle wins series 4-1

Today's Games
Washington at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Denver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 5
Boston at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

Friday, May 6
Chicago at Washington, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Denver, 9:30 p.m., if necessary

Saturday, May 7
Indiana at Boston, TBA, if necessary
Houston at Dallas, TBA, if necessary

TRANSACTIONS

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Placed INF Willie Harris on the bereavement list. Purchased the contract of INF-C Jamie Burke from Charlotte of the IL.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Recalled 2B Robinson Cano from Columbus of the IL. Designated RHP Steve Karsay for assignment.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Placed RHP Kerry Wood on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Todd Wellemeyer from Iowa of the PCL.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Activated LHP Wilson Alvarez from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Buddy Carlyle to Las Vegas of the PCL.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Designated OF Adam Hyzdu for assignment. Purchased the contract of INF Damian Jackson from Portland of the PCL.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Placed OF Terrence Sledge on the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of OF Jeffrey Hammonds from New Orleans of the PCL. Recalled OF Endy Chavez from New Orleans. Transferred LHP Joey Eschen from the 15-day DL to the 60-day DL.

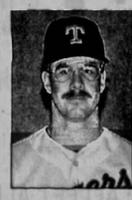
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Suspended F Kwame Brown for the remainder of the playoffs.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Terminated the contract of LB Kevin Hardy.
DALLAS COWBOYS—Released RB ReShard Lee, S Steve Cargile, DT Tonn LaFavor and TE Landon Truitt.
DENVER BRONCOS—Signed S Sam Brandon.
HOUSTON TEXANS—Signed LB Zeke Moore, P Curtis Ansel and DL Mynya Smith.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Agreed to terms with C Mike Johnson, DT Darius Jones, CB Justin Perkins and DE Zach Villore on two-year contracts.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed WR Fred Amey, RB Bobby Purify, FB Tony Ficklin, K Cole Farden and DE Scott Scharff.

COLLEGE
CENTRAL—Named Natalie Nakkic women's basketball coach.
LORAS—Promoted Shauna Green from women's assistant basketball coach to women's basketball coach.

'We were doing steroids they wouldn't give to horses. That was the '60s, when nobody knew. The good thing is, we know now. There's a lot more research and understanding.'

— Tom House, former pitcher



Former pitcher describes steroid use in 1960s and 1970s

The former major-leaguer is one of the first players to describe steroid use as far back as the 1960s

with a 29-23 record and 3.79 ERA.

House, 58, estimated that six or seven pitchers per team were at least experimenting with steroids or human growth hormone. He said players talked about losing to opponents using more effective drugs.

"We didn't get beat — we got out-milligrammed," he said. "And when you found out what they were taking, you started taking them."

House said he gained almost 30 pounds while using steroids, blaming the extra weight for contributing to knee problems. He said the drugs helped improve recovery time and conditioning but did not add velocity to his fastball.

"I tried everything known to man to improve my fastball, and it still didn't go faster than 82 miles per hour," House said. "I was a failed experiment."

He said he stopped using steroids after learning about the long-term harm they could cause.

"I'd like to say we were smart, but we didn't know what was going on," he said. "We were at the tail end of a generation that wasn't afraid to ingest anything. As research showed up, guys stopped."

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Tuesday's Games
Boston 5, Detroit 3
Toronto 1, Baltimore 0
Tampa Bay 11, N.Y. Yankees 4
Chicago White Sox 5, Kansas City 4
Cleveland 4, Minnesota 2
L.A. Angels 5, Seattle 2
Texas 6, Oakland 1

Today's Games
Toronto (Halladay 4-1) at Baltimore (Bedard 2-1), 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Henn 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Nomo 2-3), 6:15 p.m.
Kansas City (R.Hernandez 1-3) at Chicago White Sox (Garcia 2-1), 7:05 p.m.

HAWKEYE SPORTS SCHEDULE

- TODAY**
- Baseball hosts Wisconsin-Milwaukee at Banks Field, 6 p.m.
- THURSDAY**
- Softball hosts Drake at Pearl Field, 6 p.m.
- FRIDAY**
- Baseball hosts Minnesota at Banks Field, 6 p.m.
 - Men's golf at Big Ten championships, Madison, Wis., All Day
- SATURDAY**
- Softball hosts Illinois at Pearl Field, noon
 - Baseball hosts Minnesota at Banks Field, 2 and 5 p.m.
 - Men's golf at Big Ten championships
- MAY 8**
- Softball hosts Illinois at Pearl Field, noon
 - Baseball hosts Minnesota at Banks Field, 1 p.m.
 - Men's golf at Big Ten championships

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TODAY, AT BANKS FIELD, IOWA CITY, 4 P.M. CDT.

Moving up despite the struggles

BY RYAN LONG
THE DAILY IOWAN

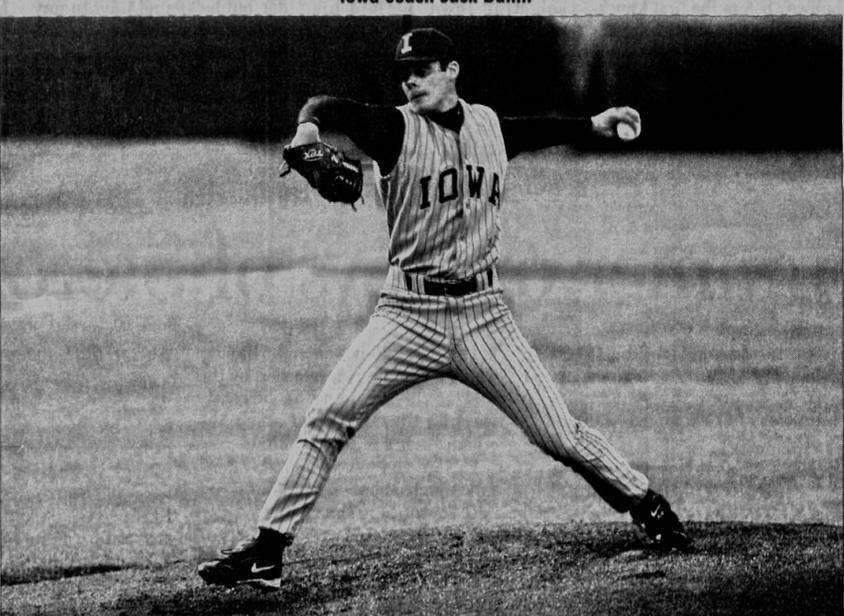
'I just know that we can still play better baseball'
— Iowa coach Jack Dahm

After losing three out of four games to Northwestern this past weekend, the Iowa baseball team still had a measure of success in the Big Ten. Because Purdue swept Minnesota, the Hawkeyes actually moved up in the conference standings despite their recent struggles.

The Hawks are now tied for second with the Golden Gophers, which puts the Hawkeyes in a solid position, considering that Iowa coach Jack Dahm believes he has yet to see his team's best overall play.

"I just know that we can still play better baseball," he said. "That's exciting to me, knowing that we're in second place right now, and I don't think we're hitting all cylinders yet. We've played some real good baseball and then not so good. I still think the best is ahead of us, and we really haven't clicked where our pitching, our defense, and our hitting are really clicking the same weekend. Hopefully, that happens coming up here."

The Hawkeyes (19-22, 12-8) will host Wisconsin-Milwaukee for a double-header today beginning at 4 p.m. at Banks Field. This will give Iowa a great opportunity to improve on its recent nonconference action — it fell to Northwestern Iowa and Western Illinois last week. Dahm feels that the game-four victory over Northwestern was helpful in both conference play and in getting over those mid-week losses.



Iowa's Jeff Maitland pitches during the Corridor Classic in Cedar Rapids against Northern Iowa on April 26. Although the team lost three out of four games to Northwestern this past weekend, coach Jack Dahm believes that he has yet to see his team's best overall play.

"That win was a pivotal win, and every game that you play is the most important game of the year," he said. "But, I think that had a little extra importance because of the standings, being able to separate ourselves from Northwestern, and it's just important for us to get a win after a tough week."

The Panthers (17-20, 8-4) are in second place in the Horizon League and are coming off a 7-5 loss to Chicago State last weekend.

Wisconsin-Milwaukee features Mike Goetz, who is leading his team in hitting with a .368 average. He's also contributed a home run, 17 RBIs, and nine stolen bases. Joe Nowicki carries the big bat for the Panthers; he has posted seven home runs and 26 RBIs.

Iowa will take a swing at both consistent and inconsistent pitching today. Rick Caviani will get the nod in Game 1, and Rick Rauwedrink is scheduled to start in Game 2. Caviani is 2-5

on the year and has a team-best 4.78 ERA, while Rauwedrink is 0-3 with a 6.48 ERA.

"We need to use these midweek games to gain some momentum going into the Minnesota weekend," Dahm said. "So, hopefully, we come out with a little sense of urgency and use these games to gain some momentum, and hopefully, we learned from what happened last week."

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From a breeder with cancer to donating earnings to charity, Afleet Alex has what it takes to be not only a champion but a Derby favorite

BY RICHARD ROSENBLATT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Afleet Alex is running for more than glory in the Kentucky Derby. The big bay colt is running to beat cancer, too.

When the starting gate springs open Saturday for the Derby, Afleet Alex will be among the favorites. But he's already a champion off the racetrack. And if he wins, there can be no sweeter story.

Looking for the next Funny Cide or Smarty Jones feel-good story? You're on the right track with Afleet Alex:

- The breeder has terminal cancer but says the horse is helping him survive.
- The Philly-area owners are donating part of Afleet Alex's earnings to Alex's Lemonade Stand, a children's cancer charity.

- The horse was hand fed with a beer bottle full of milk at birth, overcame a lung infection two months ago, and then won the Arkansas Derby to regain his stature as a top Derby contender with six victories in nine races.

- The trainer picked out Afleet Alex at a 2-year-old sale in Maryland for new owners at the bargain price of \$75,000.
- The jockey was fired in favor of a more experienced rider but will be back for his first Derby.

"Just an amazing story, isn't it?" trainer Tim Ritchey said outside his barn at Churchill Downs.

"We're just so fortunate to have a

horse like this. Everything is just falling into place. Plus, we have an opportunity to help some that are less fortunate."

John Silvertand, the 60-year-old breeder who lives in Lake Worth, Fla., said doctors had given him approximately three months to live because of colon cancer that had spread to his lungs and liver. It's been 2½ years and counting.

"The horse keeps me going," he said in a telephone interview. "I truly believe he's helping me in my battle."

Silvertand, a former pilot in Britain's Royal Air Force, plans to drive to the Derby with his wife, Carolyn, and 12-year-old daughter Lauren. "Have to drive," he said. "Too many Afleet Alex hats to take on the plane."

The hats are just part of the Afleet Alex merchandise also being sold to raise money for Alex's Lemonade Stand for Pediatric Cancer Research. Each hat has a small lemon image on the side, and Afleet Alex's saddlecloth also will have a lemon image.

Alexandra Scott, the daughter of Jay and Liz Scott of Wynnewood, Pa., was diagnosed with cancer two days before her first birthday, in 1997. She opened the lemonade stand when she was 4, hoping to raise \$1 million for her hospital.

The touching story quickly gained national interest, and donations started pouring in. Alexandra was 8 when she died Aug. 1. Chuck Zacney, the managing partner of Cash Is King Stable, the owners of



Timothy D. Easley/Associated Press

Afleet Alex, was so moved by the story that he pledged \$30,000 to the charity. Then he e-mailed the Scotts, asking if they'd like to be part of the team, with a portion of Afleet Alex's earnings going to the cancer charity.

On Tuesday morning at Churchill Downs, a breeding season to Afleet Alex's sire, Northern Afleet, was auctioned for \$37,000 — all of it going to Alex's Lemonade Stand. The winning bidder was B. Wayne Hughes, who owns two horses trying to beat Afleet Alex in the Derby, Greeley's Galaxy and Don't Get Mad.

The charity so far has raised more than \$1.6 million.

The lemonade stand opened Tuesday on the backstretch, and Liz Scott was in awe of what's been happening.

"It's incredible. It's taken it to a different level for me," she said. "This will be the first year that she's not here, so this was a really important year for me."

"She loved horses, but she never actually met one. She had pictures of them, and she read books. She would think this was really very cool, and I'm sure if she was here on Derby day, she'd be all decked out with her hat and her outfit. She was really into that kind of stuff."

Zacney and his four co-owners

arrived at Afleet Alex's barn Tuesday, full of stories about how lucky they've been with the first horse they bought together. And they talked about how they named Afleet Alex — three of the owners' children are named or nicknamed Alex.

"You can't dream this," the 43-year-old Zacney said. "All the owners, we all have a pretty positive spin on life, and we want to share this with everyone. Doing all this, and with the lemonade stand and with John being part of it, is just great."

Afleet Alex, meanwhile, is coming into the race in fine form. He has won six of nine races,

Afleet Alex ready to roll at the Derby

Suffering from a lung infection that caused a sixth-place finish in the Rebel Stakes, Afleet Alex rebounded by winning the Arkansas Derby by a record eight lengths.

Race record

STR	1ST	2ND	3RD	EARNINGS
2005	3	2	0	\$635,000
2004	6	4	2	680,800
LIFE	9	6	2	1,315,800

Race history

DATE	RACE	FINISH
April 15	Arkansas Derby	1st
March 19	Rebel	6th
March 5	Mountain Valley	1st
2004		
Oct. 30	Breeders' Cup Juv.	2nd
Oct. 9	Champagne	2nd
Aug. 21	Hopeluf	1st
July 29	Sanford	1st
July 12	Allowance race	1st
June 26	Maiden allowance	1st

Won the Arkansas Derby last month.



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with two runner-up finishes, for earnings of \$1,315,800.

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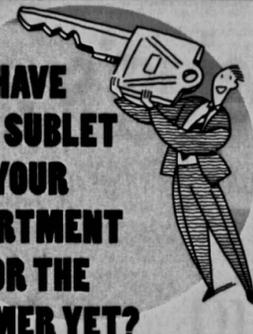
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Bales excels at seemingly everything

BALES

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The 'accident'

Since the shark-attack story is a little bit of a stretch in his home town of Cedar Rapids, he prefers the old tale of the bowling alley. You see, he never knows exactly how someone will react to his hand. However, he does know that they'll want to know how it came about — which is where the fun part starts.

"I had a bowling accident," he's said too many times before. "Stuck my hand in the ball return."

One of his freshman teammates, Marcus Thompson, bought the joke for a good month into the school year. By the time Thompson found out, most of the freshman class was in on it.

"I'll change up the story on everybody," Bales said.

"From what I've heard, he's always joked about it," said Paul Bales, Danny Bales' father. "I heard this one time he put ketchup on his fingers, pretending like they were cut off."

"That's just Danny for you," said Brady Koolie — Bales' former Cedar Rapids Kennedy teammate, current band member, and longtime friend.

When Koolie met Danny Bales for the first time, the two were 9. Back then, in Little League, they occupied opposite dugouts, but Koolie still remembers what his good friend

was like way back when.

"At the time, yeah, it was kind of weird," he said. "But nobody really even mentioned his hand, because he was so good. It was always like, 'Hey, we're playing Bales — we better be ready.'"

Of course, no freak tragedy caused Bales' hand to be in the condition it is in. It is a birth defect. His mother, Diane Bales, said there isn't a specific name for it. At one point when her son was in the amniotic fluid in her womb, something wrapped around the right hand, preventing blood flow and growth.

So many years later, it's much more of a story than a handicap.

"Today, the thing that surprises people when they see Danny is that Danny can hit and hit with power," said Jerry Ford, the president and national director of Perfect Game USA — a national scouting service — who's seen Bales' progression since junior high.

"When he was born, I told my wife he was going to be a pitcher, because of his hand," said Paul Bales. "It didn't affect him in any way. He is a power hitter now, too."

And to his son, it's no big deal.

"Most people think, 'Wow, it's really cool you play sports.' But it's no different for me," Danny Bales said.

"Because I don't know what it's like to have five fingers."

The big fish

When Jack Dahm became coach

of the Iowa baseball team, he wanted to do one thing: turn the program around. In doing so, he knew he had to get the best talent in the state of Iowa to go to Iowa. So he called people around the state, asking who the can't-miss player was in an Iowa high-school somewhere — the guy who would be a "head-turner" if Dahm could reel him in and land him in Iowa City.

Everybody said Danny Bales.

"There hasn't been a guy out of the state of Iowa that is harder to hit than Danny in a long time," Ford said. Sentiments from people such as Ford — a former major-league scout who has seen virtually every talented Iowa player over the last dozen years — were all Dahm needed to hear.

So he knew who he was after. He also knew who he was up against: every baseball program on the map, even the Southern schools, all desired the big left-hander's control, big breaking ball, and potential.

"When I got the job, my No. 1 thing the first two to three weeks was to make sure we got Danny Bales here," Dahm said.

At first it was tricky. Though Bales was a big Hawkeyes fan, he admitted to Dahm that he hadn't given pitching under the lights on the mound of Banks Field much thought.

"We're here to turn this thing around, and you're the guy I want to

have help me," Dahm told him.

Football coach Kirk Ferentz met with Bales to talk to him about Iowa athletics. So did basketball coach Steve Alford.

And Bales mulled it over. He even joked with his friends now and again about going to a Southern school. But deep down, he knew he wanted to be a Hawkeye. "I didn't want to be part of a program that has that tradition already and is expected to win," he said. "I wanted to be that little guy that goes and beats the bigger teams and to make a name for your team that way."

Signing Bales early gave Dahm instant credibility with coaches all over and recruits in the area that otherwise might have overlooked the Iowa baseball program.

"It turned some heads around the state," Dahm said. "He ended up committing three weeks or a month after I got the job. And for that to come out publicly — that he was going to come here — was a huge feather in our cap for the program. We were able to recruit through Danny."

And now that the "big fish" in the recruiting process, the reigning Gatorade and Louisville Slugger Iowa Player of the Year, has landed in Iowa City, Dahm doesn't want any added pressure on his promising young pitcher.

"Some people feel like he'll be the savior of the program. That's not the

case at all," he said. "But Danny will be a big piece of the puzzle."

The natural

Koolie thought the question through before he gave his answer.

"I can't think of a sport that Danny isn't good at," he finally answered. "I've never really seen him fail at any sport or any competition."

The first sport Bales actually played was bowling, back when he was 3 or 4 years old. He would go with his mother to the local bowling alley. He has a few perfect games to his name, and he was an All-State bowler in high school.

Next in line was baseball, in which he was a natural. He was a pitcher from the beginning, and Bales said the strides he made in his hitting were a product of his own hard work. His senior year of high school, he hit .340 with 11 home runs. And that's not to mention his contribution on the mound, where he was, in Dahm's words, "one of the best pitchers in the Midwest and in the country, really."

"He's amazing," Ford agreed.

All the time at the bowling alley also gave him ample time to fine tune his skills at darts and billiards. And Koolie can attest first that Bales is the wrong guy to bet against in the two games, as the two have played all night long in Koolie's garage, in between jam sessions on the guitar and chats about baseball.

In junior high, he stuck with the swing but changed the swing path — when he tried his hand at golf. Today, he's a scratch golfer. Just the other day, he was playing at Finkbine and was one-under par early on the back nine. The sun was beginning to set, and he was unable to finish the round.

"I was pissed," he remembered.

Part of him wants to try out for the Iowa golf team, just to see how he does. He's curious how he'll match up against the Iowa team. His curiosity is a clear example of his competitiveness.

"I don't want to call him a great athlete, but he's a great competitor," Dahm said. "Anything he does, he's very, very good at. It's amazing."

"A lot of the little sports: pool, darts, bowling, golf ... and I happen to throw a baseball on top of it," Bales said. "Kind of a good kicker to have, I guess."

Only a kicker, because there's a lot more to Danny Bales than baseball.

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Dahm: No steroids at Iowa

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One star player was questioned by the manager following a game where it appeared steroids had affected his performance, but the player denied the accusation, and the inquiry stopped there.

Welker recalls watching batting practice when an average hitter continually put balls out of the park — an "amazing" sight.

"It's kind of crazy to watch guys that actually took steroids," he said. "They did get better. They hit more home runs."

"I never really believed steroids were going to help that much, but they did."

During his first season at Southern Idaho, he said there wasn't a visible steroid problem. He couldn't pinpoint what started the dramatic change the following season.

A variety of players used steroids, Welker said, ranging from second-string players who were trying to crack the starting lineup to "great players" who hoped to advance their baseball career.

"They felt like they needed it to get to the next level," he said. "I'll be honest with you — I contemplated [taking] steroids, because these other guys did, and they were getting looked at by scouts."

"I'm glad I that I didn't. I stayed with a good diet to get bigger instead of steroids."

Dahm: No 'shortcuts' at Iowa

When second-year Iowa manager Jack Dahm played infield for the Creighton Bluejays under current Chicago Cubs general manager Jim Hendry, steroids were essentially foreign to his



Dahm
Iowa manager

baseball experience, he said.

It wasn't until Mark McGwire's and Sammy Sosa's home-run contest in 1998, when McGwire admitted to using a then-legal performance-enhancing substance — androstenedione — that he began to fully understand steroids in baseball.

As a head coach at Creighton in the late 1990s, Dahm approached one of his players whom he suspected of using steroids and requested a drug test. While the results turned out negative, Dahm said he gained something from the close call.

"We had him tested, and everything turned out fine," he said. "That was one of the reasons I started the talks about steroids. It didn't surprise me, but it alarmed me a little bit."

Since that episode, he has talked with his players every year about the medical dangers of steroids and the potential discipline problems. He said he has a zero-tolerance policy for players using steroids.

The most important reason for deterring steroid use is the negative health effects, he said, but he certainly doesn't want his players cheating or looking for the easy road to success.

"We're going to do things the right way here," he said. "Our whole philosophy is there are no shortcuts. We look at steroids and a lot of those types of things as shortcuts."

Earning back America's game

Steroids have tainted and tarnished America's pastime — a "black eye" for baseball, as Dahm says.

Home-run records that have been broken or are on the verge of being broken are being questioned by Congress and experts. "Asterisk" is one of the most dreaded words in today's game.

Dahm doesn't think there's anything specific that can be done to bring fans back who have strayed away, but he admitted it's going to take time.

"It's sad, because you don't want to have the word cheating

involved in your sport or have your sport be recognized for something like that," Iowa shortstop Andy Lytle said. "Unfortunately, some guys are willing to do whatever it takes to make it to the highlight level, and, unfortunately, that involves using steroids."

And it's not just power hitters who are willing to take a shot of juice.

Most of the players that have been suspended under major-league baseball's policy are scrappy guys who hit for average.

"That's probably the biggest misconception, is that only guys that are hitting home runs are on it," Welker said. "Everyone looks at it as home-run hitters."

Another misconception may be that fans have turned their back on the game, Hammes said.

The Dodgers prospect said it hasn't been the fans who have pointed fingers at players and instigated steroid discussions — fans have been supportive. He cited New York Yankees' Jason Giambi, who admitted taking steroids, receiving a standing ovation in front of the home crowd at Yankee Stadium to begin the season.

"Baseball is a great sport and America's pastime," Dahm said. "I think that's the part that bothers some people."

"It will be nice to be in a position where you don't have to question whether someone is clean or not."

All three said the main reason athletes take steroids is to keep their job or advance within their organization. But as powerful as steroids can be, a love for baseball still overrides any artificial supplement.

"I like to play the game for the right reasons," Lytle said. "I'm not a big guy, and I like to see how far I can make it on what I have. When the day comes that I don't have it anymore, then, you know what, it's been a good ride."

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