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WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Schools on health kick

Area schools are beginning to see some nutritious changes as the wellness committee works to help students create a 'healthy lifestyle'

BY KELLY REHAN
THE DAILY IOWAN

In some Iowa City area schools, students are finding dairy products and nutritious snacks in the vending machines once full of soda and candy bars.

The Iowa City School District's wellness committee is partly responsible. In addition to the gradual change in vending-machine options, the panel is working with schools on other programs to incorporate wholesome lunch-menu items, extensive nutrition education, and more physical activity opportunities to help students "build the foundation for a healthy lifestyle."

The wellness committee is a 17-member group composed of dietitians, district administrators, teachers, and community members who make policy recommendations to the School Board.

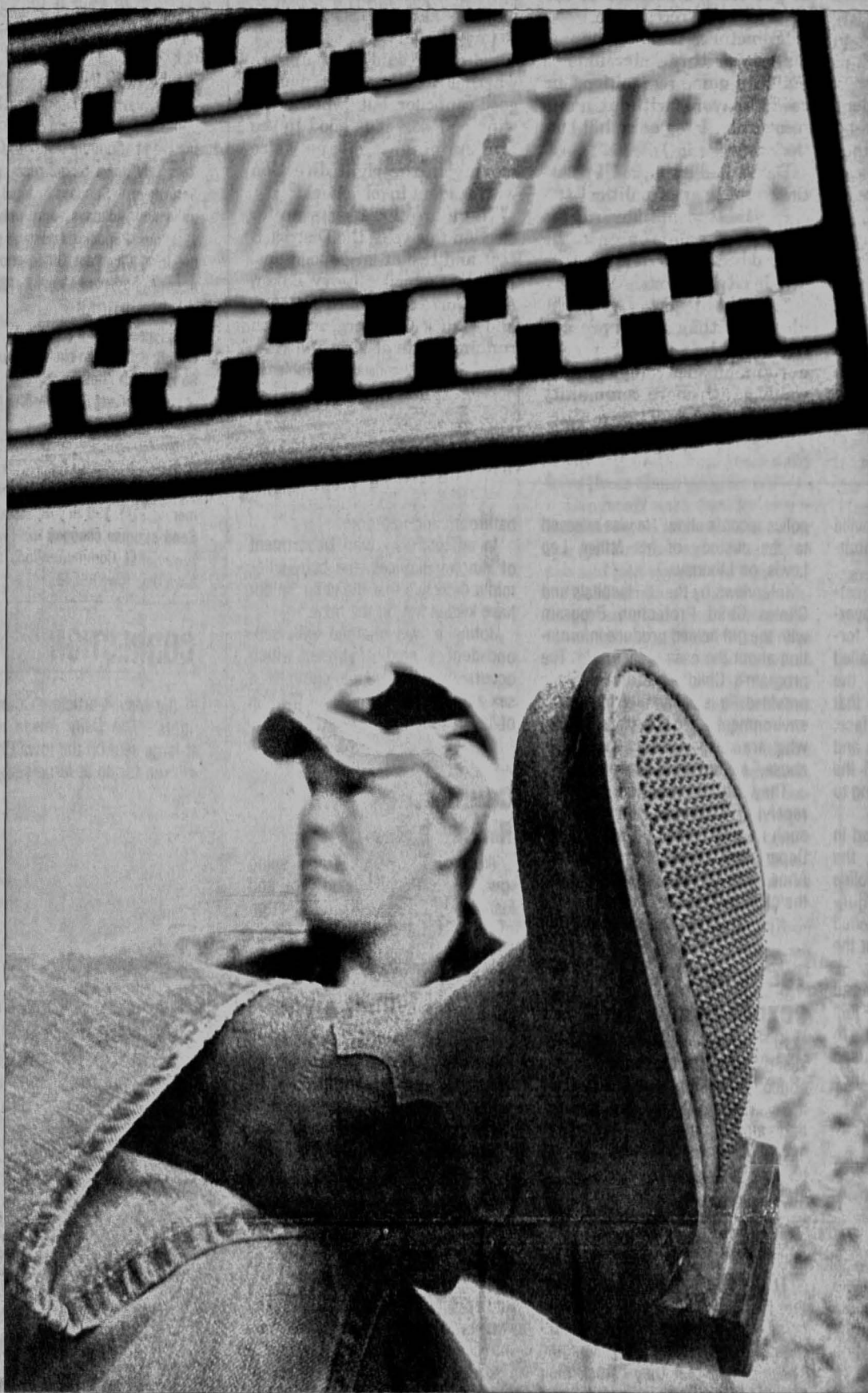
The group, which recently changed its name from the nutrition task force to accommodate its broader range of goals, has been in existence since 2002. However, recent reports on the dangers of childhood obesity prompted the committee to get more involved, said Susie Poulton, the director of health services for the district.

"We changed to the wellness committee, because our focus is not just on nutrition but overall wellness for the student population," she said.

Some schools that are offering more nutrition education include Twain and Hill Elementary Schools with their "Pick a Better Snack" program, which gives kindergarten through second-grade students the opportunity to try new nutritious foods once a week. The program is expected to expand to other elementary schools in the next year, Poulton said.

In addition, the group is working with Southeast Junior High School on reforming its lunch program. The school

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Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

UI senior Matt Emick sports a Rusty Wallace hat and shirt with his cowboy boots while watching Aaron's 499 Nextel Cup race at Jamie Greene's Iowa City apartment on Sunday. Emick's driver of choice finished 22nd; Jeff Gordon won the race.

NASCAR not just for 'dads'

Every day is race day for NASCAR fans as it picks up steam with a younger generation

BY DANIELLE STRATTON-COULTER
THE DAILY IOWAN

Three UI students sat placidly in their living room Sunday, beer in hand, watching as the NASCAR vehicles on television whiz around Talladega

Superspeedway.

Suddenly, with just 56 laps to go, Jimmie Johnson's car launched Mike Wallace's Chevrolet into a wall. Milliseconds later, 23 other cars smash into the melee, smoke and the sound of crunching metal blasting through the television speakers.

All three men shot out of their seats, hurling their NASCAR-logged caps at the TV and shouting expletives.

Josh Burgett, Matt Emick, and Jamie Greene, all UI seniors, are part of a growing number of younger racing fanatics, said Roger VanDerSnick, the managing director of marketing for NASCAR Inc.

"If you go back to 2000 and compare everything, the sport has exploded, including in the 18-24 demographic," he said.

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Pakistan captures a top leader of Al Qaeda

BY PAUL HAVEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistani commandos nabbed a senior Qaeda leader, described by U.S. officials as the group's No. 3 operative, after a shootout near one of his barren hideouts. Jubilant Pakistani officials said Wednesday his arrest would help in the hunt for Osama bin Laden.

President Bush hailed the capture of Abu Farraj al-Libbi, Al Qaeda's alleged operational planner, as a "critical victory"

that "removes a dangerous enemy who is a direct threat to America and for those who love freedom."

Al-Libbi, a native of Libya who's thought to use at least five aliases, is believed responsible for planning attacks in the United States, a U.S. counterterrorism official said.

U.S. officials described the arrest as the greatest blow to Al Qaeda in more than two years — though al-Libbi is not on the FBI's list of most-wanted terrorists. Al-Libbi is a confidant of bin Laden and was behind

only Egyptian Ayman al-Zawahiri and the Qaeda chief himself in the terror organization's hierarchy, they said.

Al-Libbi was also Pakistan's most-wanted man, the main suspect behind two 2003 assassination attempts against President Gen. Pervez Musharraf — and is likely to face the death penalty in Pakistan if convicted.

Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed said the arrest Monday has already produced a treasure trove of intelligence and predicted

more breakthroughs to come.

"This is a very important day for us," Ahmed said. "This arrest gives us a lot of tips, and I can only say that our security agencies are on the right track" in the hunt for bin Laden. "This man knew many people and many hideouts."

A Pakistani intelligence official said 11 more terror suspects — three Uzbeks, an Afghan, and seven Pakistanis — were arrested before dawn Wednesday in the Bajor tribal region.

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Al-Libbi Al Qaeda's alleged operational planner is believed to be responsible for planning attacks on the U.S. President Bush called his capture by Pakistani commandos a "critical victory."

BOARD OF REGENTS

Regents not sold on mandatory health plan

Regents discuss the proposal requiring UI students to show proof of health insurance before registering for classes

BY SEUNG MIN KIM
THE DAILY IOWAN

VINTON — The state Board of Regents on Wednesday questioned the need for a proposal requiring UI students to buy health insurance, with some regents arguing that the decision should lie with students.

Meanwhile, student leaders at the meeting said that instead of requiring health insurance for all UI students, they would prefer educating students about the benefits of insurance and leave the option to the payer.

"Having insurance is a big decision, and it's part of college," said student Regent Jenny Rokes. "Deciding to take that chance and not request health insurance — that's something that students need to decide on their own. That \$70 more is a lot more in loans and debts."



Kresowik UIISG president

Under the proposal unveiled last week, all UI students would need to show proof of health insurance before registering for classes. Students who don't show proof will automatically be registered with the university's health-insurance program, which costs \$70 a month.

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Regents see UI salary need

BY SEUNG MIN KIM
THE DAILY IOWAN

VINTON — Regents recognized a "cry for help" from staff members at state institutions as they received a report on proposed salary increases at the UI, which are pending final funding from the state Legislature.

The regents also recognized the struggles universities faced in allocating funds for salary increases, acknowledging that state schools lay near the bottom compared with peer institutions.

Regents will complete all funding decisions in June, after budget decisions at the state Capitol are finished.

"What I'm hearing today is an outcry from the professional and scientific staff, and we're suffering in quality because of our pay," Regent Teresa Wahlert said. "We have to do better on the pay side to get better on the quality side. One begets the other."

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Skorton 'A critical focus is that a light is lost for the university in the education of students and direct earnings of monies that will increase the corpus of knowledge.'

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Arkulatory run may benefit students

BY ELAINE FABIAN
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI students may have an additional chance to be heard by the Iowa City City Council if Franklin "Flip" Arkulatory is elected to the council this fall.

The UI sophomore announced this week that he will run for an at-large council seat. He is the fifth citizen to officially announce candidacy for the seat. Candidate Garry Klein has not yet decided if he will challenge councilor Connie Champion, who is seeking re-election in District B, or run for an at-large seat.

Although students gained a voice at City Council meetings with the appointment of a student liaison, Arkulatory said he thinks there needs to be a voting councilor who also understands the needs of students. He added

that he will think of the concerns of the city, while Jeremy Schreiber, the student liaison, will address the concerns of the university.

The 19-year-old Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity vice president and UI life promoter is opposed to the 21-ordinance. Arkulatory said if elected, he wants to focus on safety and education instead of regulating bar admission.

"I want to make the community as safe as possible while allowing people under 21 to socialize in bars," the Duluth, Minn., native said. "We need to find safe and educative ways to give people a chance to socialize rather than making another law



Arkulatory candidate

that will force students to go into the community and consume alcohol."

Councilor Bob Elliott said he is happy to see a student running for the council, adding that it will be difficult for a student to get elected because of the need for name recognition.

"Sometimes it takes running for two or three elections to build up name recognition," he said. "Anyone without name recognition faces an uphill battle."

David Redlawsk, a UI assistant professor of political science, said students often run too narrow of a campaign to be elected because too few students vote in city elections.

"Students tend to run on the idea that they will represent students," he said. "They need to run a broader campaign that would reach more community

members."

Although he admitted to hating the ethics of politics, Arkulatory was the policy coordinator for the Ryan Thompto-Natalie Wicklund UI Student Government presidential ticket this spring. The religious-studies major is also a UISG activities at-large senator.

Schreiber said he is unsure whether Arkulatory would make a good councilor, but "whether he wins or loses, it is good to see him running; it means we're moving in the right direction with student involvement."

There are three seats up for election this year: the District B seat and two at-large positions. Former Councilor Larry Baker, Amy Correia, Richard Dobyns, and Chuck Goldberg, are each running for an at-large seat.

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CITY

Ex-student guilty of simple assault

A former UI student awaiting trial on sexual-abuse charges after an October 2003 incident pleaded guilty to an unrelated simple assault Tuesday.

Mark Jared Condit, 24, will pay a fine after he called a woman "a slut" and threw a rug at her.

According to court records: On Sept. 4, 2004, the woman went to Condit's apartment, 216 E. Market St. Apt. 6, to retrieve her "very intoxicated" friend. When the woman was helping her friend out of the apartment, Condit called her a slut and threw a rug at her, hitting the woman in the head.

The woman then approached Condit, and he grabbed her by the arms, throwing her to the ground.

In 2004, a female UI student accused Condit of raping her, attempting to perform oral sex on her, and forcing her to perform oral sex on him.

Condit eventually ejaculated on her stomach, according to court records, and the sexual assault test the woman underwent matched Condit's DNA. He was charged with three counts of third-degree sexual abuse, a Class C felony punishable by 10 years in prison and a maximum \$10,000 fine.

He violated a no-contact order with that woman in January. His trial is scheduled for July 18.

— by Traci Finch

Alleged victim admits she lied

Charges of first-degree harassment and domestic assault have

been dropped against a Coralville man after the alleged victim admitted she lied to police.

Stanley Catchings, 33, was arrested in January when a neighbor overheard loud voices in Catchings' former Iowa City apartment and called police. When police arrived, the alleged victim told authorities that Catchings punched her in her face, head, and arm causing bruises and cuts. He also threatened to kill the woman and her mother, according to police records.

Stanley pleaded not guilty, and in an affidavit filed in late April, the woman said she falsely told police Catchings had caused an injury under her eye. The injury "happened when I was playing basketball at the Field House," she wrote.

The woman became enraged when Catchings came home late from "downtown," according to the court record, and she accused him of cheating. When police arrived, the woman lied because she wanted to "see how he felt about it."

— by Traci Finch

Boy charged with sexual abuse

Police charged a 14-year-old Coralville boy with second-degree sexual abuse in connection with the alleged rape of an 8-year-old girl on March 22.

The girl told officials that she was sexually assaulted by Benjamin Lewis, a Northwest Junior High student, at least three times over numerous months, according to police records.

Lewis has denied any involvement,

police records show. He was released to the custody of his father, Leo Lewis, on Monday.

Interviews by the UI Hospitals and Clinics Child Protection Program with the girl helped produce information about the case, police said. The program's Child Assessment Clinic provides "a safe and child-friendly environment ... to interview children who are alleged to be victims of abuse," according to its website.

They conduct interviews after receiving referrals from sources such as physicians, police, and the Department of Human Services, said Anne Hartson, nurse-practitioner for the child-assessment clinic.

— by Nick Petersen

Teens admits to sexual abuse

An Oxford teen admitted to assault with intent to commit sexual abuse Wednesday after she touched a 5-year-old girl she was baby-sitting inappropriately.

Cheryl Johnson, 16, was originally charged with second-degree sexual abuse. She was 15 when she took care of three children while the parents went out together in December 2004.

The 5-year-old told her mother that the baby-sitter "lied kisses on her neck" and that she had taught the girl how to kiss with her tongue. The girl said that they "stuck their tongues in each other's mouth" and that her mouth touched the baby-sitter's breast.

The 5-year-old also said that the teenager rubbed her back, legs, and stomach.

The sexual abuse occurred in a

bathroom and bedroom.

In an interview with Department of Human Services, the baby-sitter told a detective that the child "might have kissed her on the neck."

Johnson was charged with second-degree sexual abuse, which occurs when someone commits a sex act with a person under the age of 12, in early March.

— by Traci Finch

Couple sues Iowa River Power

A Cedar Rapids couple is suing Iowa River Power Restaurant and Flannigan's Bar & Grill after a patron of the Coralville establishment alleged left drunk and caused an accident in which a passenger became paralyzed, according to court records.

On Nov. 6, 2004, Bruce and Linda Melsha were driving on Interstate 80 when they were reportedly struck by a vehicle driven by David William Kennedy. Online court records show that Kennedy, 34, was charged with operating while intoxicated on Nov. 8.

Court records allege that employees at the restaurant sold beer to Kennedy, who was there on business, when they "should have known that David William Kennedy was intoxicated or would become intoxicated."

Bruce Melsha, riding in the passenger seat, suffered severe injuries that ultimately resulted in paraplegia, according to the lawsuit.

The couple is requesting compensatory damages and a jury trial.

— by Traci Finch

CORRECTION

In the May 4 article, "Council candidates come out strongly for human rights" *The Daily Iowan* reported that Garry Klein is running for an at-large seat on the Iowa City City Council. Klein has not yet decided if he will run for an at-large seat or in District B. The *DI* regrets the error.

POLICE BLOTTER

Jessica Busch, 27, 825 Hudson Ave., was charged Tuesday with operating while intoxicated.

Michael Cruise, 54, 220 E. Market St., was charged Tuesday with fifth-degree theft, public intoxication, and

disorderly conduct.

Abellino Diaz, 20, 202 Blackfoot Trail, was charged Tuesday with driving while license was revoked.

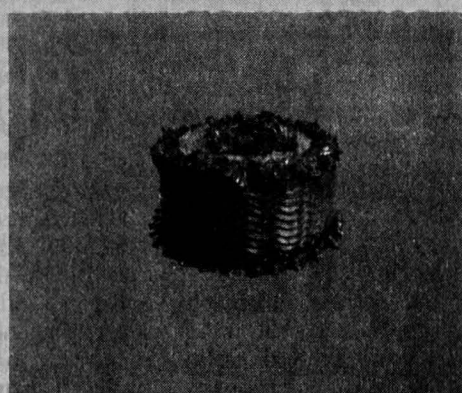
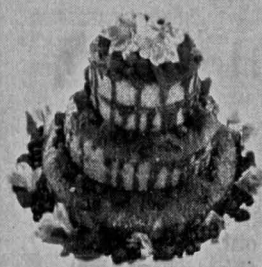
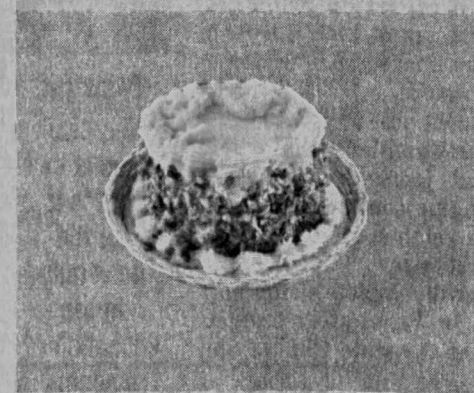
Odin Galeote, 24, 840 Maggard St. Apt. 20, was charged Wednesday with OWI.

Timothy Long, 53, 2100 S. Scott Blvd. Lot 10, was charged Tuesday with driving while license was revoked and OWI.

Ryan Miller, 20, E436 Currier, was charged Wednesday with possession of alcohol under the legal age.

Andrew Pesek, 18, 630 N. Dubuque St., was charged Wednesday with presence in a bar after hours and PAULA.

Charles Tekippe, 22, address unknown, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.



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Man pleads guilty in hammer attack

BY TRACI FINCH
THE DAILY IOWAN

An aging Iowa City man charged with attempted murder after he pounded his elderly roommate with a hammer pleaded guilty Wednesday to willful injury.

Michael Ridenour, 64, told a 6th District Court judge that he wanted to end his life, but he thought his roommate, Viola Comer, would object.

"Viola had caught me once before," Ridenour said. "I assumed maybe I could knock her out where she wouldn't interfere again."

He said that on Feb. 28, 2004, he planned on disconnecting the furnace pipe and committing suicide. He struck Comer in the head with a hammer while she slept.

"I had problems with life," he said.

Ridenour suffers from several mental illnesses, including psychotic disorder and variations of personality change, Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White said, explaining to the court why he would dismiss the attempted-murder charge and accept a plea of guilty to willful injury.

Ridenour's attorney, Leon Spies, wrote in court records that his client would use diminished capacity as a defense, meaning he did not have the mental capability to understand that what he was doing was wrong. Ridenour has a "lengthy psychiatric and mental history," Spies said. Prosecutors ordered a mental evaluation at the Iowa

Medical & Classification Center.

Ridenour was on medication during the hearing but said he could understand what was happening around him.

Willful injury is a Class C felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison. By pleading guilty, he avoided the 25-year maximum that accompanies attempted murder, a Class B felony.

In January, Comer filed a lawsuit freezing Ridenour's assets, valued at more than \$800,000. She hopes to use his money for medical costs incurred during the attack — she, then 85, had to move into an assisted-living facility.

Ridenour is set to be sentenced on June 30.

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UI moving to new course management

BY HEATHER LOEB
THE DAILY IOWAN

Instant messaging and more online storage space for files are among the features the UI will include in its new web-based course-management service, Iowa Courses Online, which will be unveiled at the end of May.

Meant to meet the need for a centralized system and better integration among departments, ICON will gradually replace the current WebCT and Blackboard programs.

Molly Langstaff, the director of academic technologies for Information Technology Services, said ICON will co-exist with WebCT and Blackboard through December 2006 and will begin "a gradual migration away from [from those programs]."

Langstaff said faculty members surveyed stressed a need for one system that was both easy to use and had several features.

"Lots of people used Blackboard but quickly ran out of features, whereas WebCT had lots of features but was hard to learn," she said. "The faculty was looking for one system that had both of those things."

With the new system, "there will be an easier interface, improved quizzing tools, and better integration with other systems, such as the Registrar's Office and Exam Services," Langstaff said. "We want to make it more efficient and effective."

The features available will be similar to those currently on WebCT and Blackboard but with a few changes. Students and faculty will be able to use an instant-messaging system to communicate. Users can set up a "buddy list" that will come up

every time they log in and can chat with others, said Maggie Jesse, the director of the Stead Technology Services Group in the Tippie College of Business.

The UI's colleges will be able to design their own look for their courses' websites. Users will enter into the ICON system through the same webpage, but once they log in, the interface would be particular to whichever college they are in.

"[The websites] can be branded at the college level and give it a level of autonomy," Jesse said.

Students will also have "lockers" on their course websites in which they can store files and turn in assignments, a feature that some previous systems had, but not all, Langstaff said.

Jim Duncan, assistant director for Technology Services at the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, said future goals include accessing class reserve items online, putting electronic journals and databases on ICON, and digitizing print resources.

FEATURES OF THE NEW ICON SYSTEM:

- Instant-messaging among students and faculty
- Storage space for student files
- Option of different webpage designs for each UI college

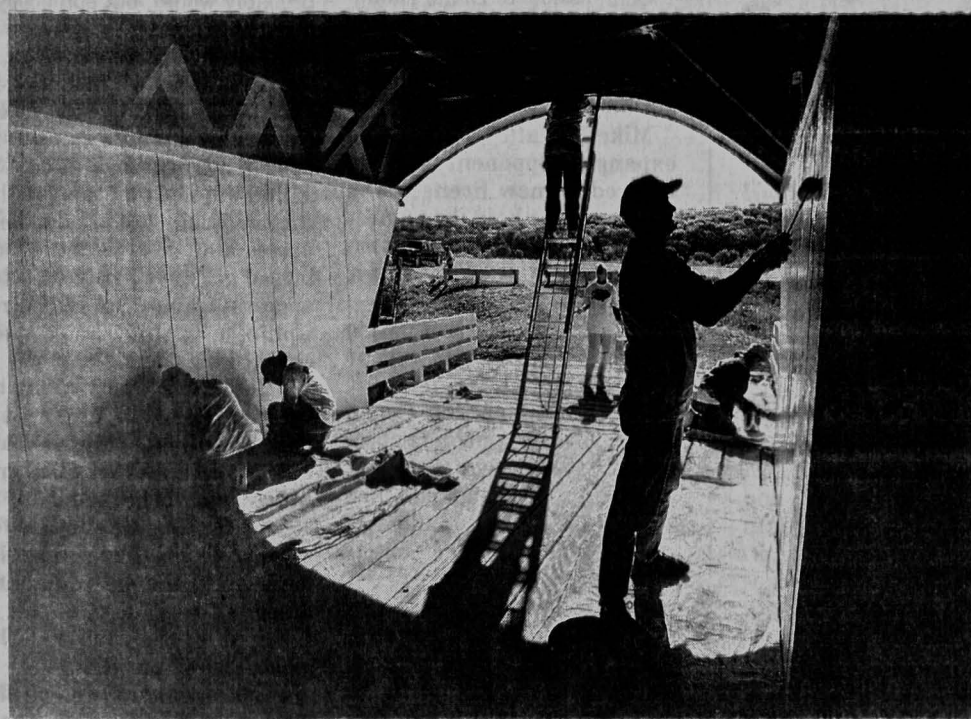
Future goals:

- Integrate ICON with the Registrar's Office, Exam Services, and the UI Libraries
- Allow access to library services like online journals and reserves from the ICON system
- Easier transfer of grades from the ICON system to Registrar's Office

Departments can request to have their courses eligible for ICON this summer and throughout next year, but all courses will be shifted to the ICON system at the end of 2006 when WebCT and Blackboard are terminated.

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MADISON BRIDGEWORK



Charlie Neibergall/Associated Press

Brian Schooley paints a wall on the inside of the Hogback Bridge on Wednesday in Winterset, Iowa. He was among 15 volunteers who assembled to help spruce up the 19th-century red bridge, one of the six covered bridges in Madison County that were made famous by the book and movie *The Bridges of Madison County*.

Bridges of Madison County get a spruce up

BY CHUCK SCHOFFNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WINTERSSET, Iowa — Buzzing weed trimmers and the smell of fresh paint mingled with bird songs and the gurgling from a river winding through the countryside.

The Hogback Bridge, 121 years old and standing as proud as ever in its pastoral setting, was getting spruced up for spring.

"This is history," Glenn O'Connell of Ankeny said before grabbing a brush and a can of white paint. "It needs to be saved."

O'Connell was among 15 volunteers who assembled on a perfect May morning to help give the 19th-century red bridge a fresh look. It's one of the six covered bridges in

Madison County made famous by the best-seller book *The Bridges of Madison County*, which Clint Eastwood turned into a hit movie.

An arson fire slightly damaged Hogback Bridge in 2003, a year after fire destroyed another of the historic structures, the Cedar Bridge, angering area residents and fans of the book and movie. No arrests have been made in either fire.


"I thought it was pretty depressing that someone would actually do that," said Ted McAndrew, who was getting ready to pull the starter cord on a trimmer. "It just shows a disregard for the history of this county."

Surveillance cameras now are being installed at all the bridges.

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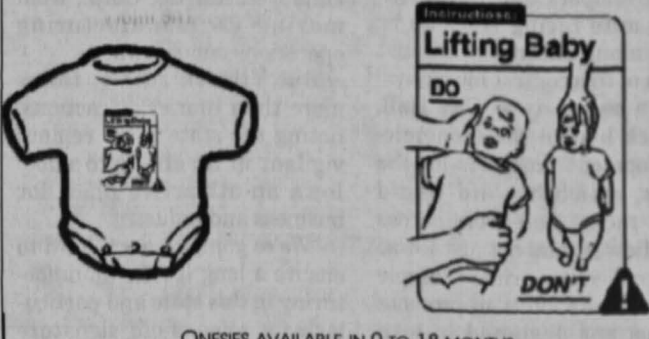
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NEWS

Senate works on budget details

BY MIKE GLOVER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Senators on Wednesday began working their way through details of a budget agreement struck the day before, while House leaders complained they had received no information on the deal.

"This is the art of what's possible to end this year's session," said Senate Democratic Leader Michael Gronstal of Council Bluffs. "This is a balance between everybody's interests."

"We still don't know where they are spending all the money," complained House Speaker Chris Rants, R-Sioux City. "They won't release any of that information to us, so we are going to have to wait and see what they actually do."

Both sides conceded the fight is certain to spill over into next week.

With the Senate tied at 25-25 between Republicans and Democrats, bargaining over a new state budget has been intense, and on Tuesday, leaders of both parties announced agreement on the framework of a \$5.1 million spending plan that grow next year's budget by 7.5 percent.

That budget is contained in a series of thick and complex bills, and Senate leaders planned marathon sessions Wednesday and today to push them to approval, with that debate likely to spill over into Friday.

"Then we'll come back [May 9], and the bargaining will begin," said Gronstal.

The Senate spending plan would double the state's 36 cents-per-pack cigarette tax, and Rants, under pressure from both the Senate and health advocates, said Republicans in the House won't accept a tax increase.

Key measures backed by Republicans ranging from property-tax reform to water quality died in the Senate, and Rants said they will have to be revived before talks can even begin.

"There are other things that House Republicans are going to put on the table," said Rants.

Despite his assertions, however, pressures were beginning to grow on Rants and the slender 51-49 majority Republicans have in the House.

House Democratic Leader Pat Murphy of Dubuque said he surveyed Democrats and issued an endorsement for the spending plan developed in the Senate.

"It's taken four months of work to get to this point, and now it's time for the 2005 session to end," Murphy said. "If they can't agree to this compromise, House Republicans risk creating gridlock that could mire this Legislature for weeks."

It was far from clear how long the deadlock at the Statehouse would last.

"It's exceedingly difficult to tell right now how long this is going to take," Gronstal said.



Bill Neibergall, Des Moines Register/Associated Press
Senate page Elyse Beenken, 17, of Belmont, Iowa, helps decorate a box in the Senate chamber on Tuesday in Des Moines in preparation of the end of the session.

Gaming panel favors 3 to 5 new casinos

BY DAVID PITT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JOHNSTON — A majority of the five-member Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission said Wednesday they favor approving between three and five new casino licenses.

Gambling commissioners held a nine-hour public hearing to listen to the viewpoints of supporters and opponents of proposed casino projects. It was the commissioners' first chance to express their opinions on how many licenses they'd like to see approved.

Seven Iowa communities have proposed 10 different casino projects — three in Waterloo, two in Emmetsburg, and one each in Fort Dodge, Riverside, Ottumwa, Worth County, and Franklin County.

Commissioners Diane Hamilton, Gerald Bair, and Joyce Jardine said they favor three to five licenses, while Kate Cutler said she'd approve from two to six casinos.

Mike Mahaffey, a gambling expansion opponent, said he favored no new licenses and would work to keep the number of new casinos as low as possible, adding that he'd consider two or three.

The commission is expected to decide which projects will be approved May 11.

Wednesday's meeting was an opportunity for gambling opponents to step forward, said Jack Ketterer, commission administrator. Supporters not affiliated directly with any of the projects also spoke.

Ryan Madison, 24, the owner of a Waterloo vending business, asked commissioners to allow no casino in the city, which, he said, has too few police officers to keep citizens safe.

"Right now, Waterloo is not responsible enough for a casino," he said. "If you put a casino there you are as guilty as the criminals who will commit the crimes in Waterloo."

Mayor Tim Hurley rejected the criticism.

"We're completely capable of taking care of ourselves," he said.

Bob Webbert, a pastor in Northwood in north-central Iowa, asked commissioners to vote against the proposed Worth County project and all other proposed casinos.

He said the economic benefits purported to come with casinos aren't worth the family problems including divorce, child abuse, and domestic violence he believes gambling causes.

"If you put a casino in Worth County, it would be like bringing home a poisonous snake because you've got a mouse problem," he said. "You bring in the snake to live with your family, you may get rid of mice, and probably would, but somebody's going to get bit."

Suzanne Schwendemann, a mother of three who has lived in Fort Dodge for 18 years, spoke out against a proposed casino in her community.

She said promoters of the casino initially promised to help build an aquatic center, which helped get the 57 percent voter approval required for consideration of a casino. They later changed the plans, she said.

After direct questioning by the commissioners, project supporters and city officials said they have not decided whether a water park will be built.

"Please deny the license for Mineral City Casino and send a message to the entire gaming industry that honesty counts in Iowa at every stage of the game," Schwendemann said.

Other speakers favored the project, including Bennett O'Connor, the president of the Fort Dodge Chamber of Commerce.

"The project is critical in the revival of Fort Dodge and the surrounding area's economy," he said.

Vilsack inks incentive plan for NASCAR track

BY CHUCK SCHOFFNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEWTON, Iowa — Gov. Tom Vilsack on Wednesday signed a \$12.5 million incentive package for developers of a NASCAR-style auto racing track to be built along Interstate 80 just south of this central Iowa city.

In a ceremony at City Hall, Vilsack lauded the economic-development prospects for the track, which he said would draw racing fans from across the Midwest and not just Iowa.

He called it a prime example of the state's effort to promote attractions designed to lure people to Iowa and keep Iowans in the state.

"This is clearly going to be one of the crown jewels of our efforts," Vilsack said. "This is about a community that never stopped believing in itself, about a region that understands it is a cooperative and collective effort, about individuals who believe in all of you to get this done and legislators

who worked hard and very creatively to get the job done."

Track supporters claim the project would help revive the economy in a city that is struggling to keep its largest employer, Maytag Corp., from moving its manufacturing operations out of town.

But Vilsack said it takes more than tourist attractions, noting the state must remain vigilant in its efforts to make Iowa an attractive place for business and industry.

"We're going to work hard to ensure a long life for manufacturing in this state and particularly for some of our signature manufacturers, including Maytag," Vilsack said. "I want to make sure that people know that this is utmost in the minds of all of us."

"We're looking for economic opportunity. We're working with company officials and union officials to make sure there is progress and stability for that particular business and for that industry."

Legislators who worked on the package and track supporters surrounded the governor as he signed the bill, which was given final legislative approval last week. Several dozen onlookers who had jammed into the room applauded the governor's action.

"I believe we're about to begin a new future for Newton," the city's mayor, Chaz Allen, said. "I think this will change us to a different paradigm."

The package allows the track's developers to keep the first \$12.5 million in sales taxes that are collected.

Vilsack earlier had said he preferred a direct grant to the track, which he has long supported, instead of the sales tax break. His concern was that other projects would make a case for such treatment, and that could seriously erode the state's sales tax base.

But he said Wednesday that changes in the bill made it acceptable.

Under the version he signed, the sales tax break would end if the track's ownership changes. In addition, lawmakers decided that any restaurants at the track would not be exempt from sales taxes.

"You have to be sure it's not so wide open that you invite a lot of projects," he said of the tax break.

Before signing the bill, Vilsack took a spin on an auto-racing video game that had been installed in a stock car. His "car" slammed into the wall, but he managed to finish the race.

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Prosecutors begin in federal death-penalty case

BY TODD DVORAK
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SIoux CITY — Prosecutors began laying out their case against Angela Johnson on Wednesday, describing her as the sidekick and helper in the 1993 slayings of five people killed in a conspiracy to thwart a federal investigation into her boyfriend's drug business.

Johnson, 42, is charged with aiding and abetting Dustin Honken in the execution-style slayings of two federal informants,

the girlfriend of one informant, and her two young daughters.

If convicted, she could face the death penalty, making her just the second defendant in Iowa to face the death penalty in more than 41 years.

"This is a trial of a woman who made possible the murder of five people, done for the purpose of evading justice and allowing Dustin Honken to continue his drug operation," C.J. Williams, assistant U.S. attorney, told the jury in his opening statements.

Defense lawyers offered a different version of events, telling the jury Johnson had no knowledge of Honken's violent plans.

Defense attorney Alfred Willett said Johnson was in love with Honken, pregnant with his child at the time of the killings, and, like others involved with Honken, fell prey to his power to manipulate others.

"She would learn of this plan but not in time to stop it," Willett said in his opening. "Guilt by association is unjust ... and yet it's the principal evidence" offered by prosecutors.

Honken, now serving a 27-year sentence on drug charges, was convicted of murder after a lengthy trial last fall. The jury recommended the death penalty in the killings of the two children. He still awaits sentencing as attorneys sort through post-trial appeals.

In the early 1990s, Honken began making and selling meth in northwest Iowa and southern Minnesota through two main dealers — Greg Nicholson and Terry DeGeus.

Prosecutors say Honken and Johnson plotted to kill Greg

Nicholson after learning Nicholson had agreed to cooperate with federal agents investigating Honken.

Nicholson disappeared July 25, just days before Honken was scheduled to plead guilty to federal drug charges. Williams said Nicholson, along with his girlfriend, Lori Duncan, and her two daughters, Kandi, 10, and 6-year-old Amber, were lured into danger by Johnson, who appeared at Duncan's home posing as a cosmetics saleswoman who was lost.

After letting Johnson inside

the house, Honken followed, brandishing a gun.

Evidence shows Nicholson, Duncan, and her daughters were driven to a field southwest of Mason City. They were tortured, bound, gagged, and shot in the back of the head, their bodies dumped in a shallow grave.

Months later, Williams said Johnson helped lure DeGeus to his death. Williams told the jury that Johnson called DeGeus, a former lover, and asked him to meet her on Nov. 4, the last time he was seen.

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Priest admits abuse of boy

DAVENPORT (AP) — A defrocked Roman Catholic priest admitted Wednesday that he sexually abused a boy almost 50 years ago.

James Janssen, 83, took the stand in a trial over a lawsuit filed by a man, now 56, who claims Janssen abused him as a child and that church officials kept the secret for decades.

Janssen, who was not in court Tuesday when the man testified, was ordered by Judge C.H. Pelton to be in court on Wednesday.

Janssen admitted the abuse but said he could not recall specific incidents.

Craig Levien, an attorney representing the plaintiff, asked Janssen: "You haven't been very holy in your life, have you?"

"God decides that," Janssen replied.

Levien asked Janssen if he had abused the man who filed the lawsuit.

"If he says that, I'm not contesting," Janssen said.

"That certainly is not a holy act, is it?" Levien said.

"No," Janssen replied.

"That's something represents holding yourself as a devoutly religious holy man to [the plaintiff], was it?" Levien said.

"I have never held myself up ...," Janssen said, his voice trailing off.

Janssen, who previously denied the accusations, was removed from the priesthood by the Vatican last year.

Janssen was assigned to several eastern Iowa parishes between 1956 and 1988 and is accused of abusing young boys throughout his career.

Judge hears ISU Foundation lawsuit

NEVADA, Iowa (AP) — A hearing Wednesday over Iowa State University Foundation records ended with a judge saying he would issue a ruling by the end of the month.

Arlen Nichols, 75, a retired Des Moines businessman, and Mark Gannon, 47, a former university employee, filed a lawsuit to force the Iowa State University Foundation to open its records, claiming the foundation failed to account for how the money was spent.

The Iowa Supreme Court ruled in February that the records are public, changing the focus of Wednesday's hearing to who should be the custodian of foundation records.

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'The whole spectrum of who watches NASCAR these days is growing. Whether they openly admit it or not, there are a lot that watch it on TV.'

— Andy Swanson, UI senior

NASCAR draws younger fans

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NASCAR, a sport so closely identified with middle-aged males that "NASCAR dads" became known during the 2004 presidential election as a political demographic, is gaining popularity among college-age people, VanDerSnick said.

One reason, he said, is that older, more traditional drivers are retiring, making way for an onslaught of racers with whom youthful people can identify.

"That's what's really attracting the younger demographic — young, aggressive, hip drivers in the sport today," he said.

"The fresh crop of young, hip drivers who don't listen to country music, who love rap, who love rock."

Greene agreed the retirement of older drivers has contributed to the sport's popularity among young people.

"There's starting to be more younger fans. It used to be an older scene. Now it's a younger scene," Greene said, before jumping up to check on a pheasant he shot, which was stewing in a crock pot.

The wild fowl was almost ready to be ladled into the men's "fine china," porcelain dishes painted with a checkered flag motif and the NASCAR logo.

Their kitchen accessories are just part of the apartment's race-car-themed décor. NASCAR flags cover the walls, a deck of Dale Earnhardt Jr. playing cards sits on the table, and a clock featuring Earnhardt ticks away on the wall.

The men themselves were decked out as well in NASCAR hats and shirts, clutching beer-can cozies with their favorite drivers' logos.

Greene wore his red Dale Earnhardt Jr. baseball cap to

classes but said, grinning, that he wouldn't flaunt his flashier racing shirts or other apparel because "more trendy, materialistic people" might turn up their noses at him.

"They immediately associate red-neck trailer trash with NASCAR, because that's how it used to be," he said. "But it's starting to change."

UI senior Andy Swanson, who estimates that he's spent hundreds of dollars on miniature NASCAR models, said he isn't ashamed to admit his fandom, though he knows many people are.

"The whole spectrum of who watches NASCAR these days is growing," he said.

"Whether they openly admit it or not, there are a lot that watch it on TV."

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Jessica Green/The Daily Iowan

Southeast Junior High food-service worker Betty Aubrecht reaches for a bag of Doritos to finish off the walking taco she's dishing up for a student during lunch on Tuesday. The school is taking steps toward serving healthier food by offering such choices as salads, as well as allowing students to take as much fruit and vegetables as they want without paying extra.

Local schools on nutrition watch

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recently opted to offer students unlimited healthy options.

"Students can eat as much fruits, vegetables, and salad as they want," said Southeast Junior High Assistant Principal Lonnie Behnke. "Nutritious options are now self-serve, but other less nutritious items are regulated by a serving size."

The new vending machine options are now available across the district. Northwest Junior High, City High, and West High are offering more juice, water, and milk in their machines.

Also, Southeast's vending machines are turned off during regular school hours.

But despite all the new additions, students are still buying traditional fare.

"We continue to show a profit at the vending machines, so the students are still making purchases," said Carla Krogman, an assistant principal at Northwest Junior High.

The New Federal Child

Nutrition Law of June 2004 requires school districts to establish student-wellness policies. To meet the July 2006 deadline, the Wellness Committee hopes to evaluate the district's programs and develop policies from the findings. Also, the group hopes to work more with the community and the UI College of Public Health for further support.

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Health plan questioned

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UI Student Government President Mark Kresowik said he initially supported the mandatory proposal because he thought the only way to have insurance covered by financial aid was if it were required.

But upon talking with university officials, he learned students can ask to have health insurance covered by their financial aid, even if mandatory insurance is not imposed — an option that is not well known, he added.

"Some students have come up to me and said, 'Tuition isn't my main concern. This mandatory health-insurance thing is my concern,'" he said.

University officials estimate that approximately 80 to 85 percent of UI students have health insurance. But some regents worried that uninsured students are already

struggling financially.

UI Student Assembly members agreed and voted 30-8 on Tuesday to reject the mandatory proposal.

Regents also said they may have to enact similar policies at Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa and questioned if the policy were needed because college students are usually healthy.

"I agree that this is a very healthy population of people and also a population of people for whom [paying the insurance fees] would be a challenge," Regent Amir Arbisser said. "Insurance doesn't necessarily solve all issues we're talking about."

But university officials on Wednesday re-emphasized the benefits of mandatory health insurance.

"We all know what the issue is of people who are uninsured," said Richard Saunders, the senior assistant director of UI Human Resources. "It is a

cost, but we are looking from the idea that students are able to stay in school, and they don't continue with a medical condition that gets out of hand if they can't afford to get care."

He later added that the university's student-health policy "won't cover everything, but it is meant to take care of a lot of outpatient procedures."

UI President David Skorton added that the committee that made the recommendation to require health insurance was composed primarily of students, and those who are not covered face greater health risks, not only to themselves but also to others.

Currently, only health-science and international students at the university are required to have health insurance. The regents will not make any official decisions regarding the insurance policy until at least September.

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Regents: UI needs salary boost

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Non-organized professional and scientific staff at the university want at least a 4.5 percent salary increase for fiscal 2006, said UI Staff Council President Michelle Wichman.

The UI and the UI Hospitals and Clinics employ slightly more than 7,900 professional and scientific staff members, and salaries make up approximately 75 percent of expenses from the university's general fund.

In a presentation, Faculty Senate President Katherine Tachau detailed the struggles the UI has faced in retaining professors, noting that diminishing salaries are "driving even our most loyal faculty away."

Several professors who had recently left for other higher-paying schools had earned millions of dollars in grants for the

university while teaching many undergraduate and graduate courses, Tachau said.

"A critical focus is that a light is lost for the university in the education of students and direct earnings of monies that will increase the corpus of knowledge," UI President David Skorton said. "They are a critical [part of the] infrastructure of the university."

Some university leaders also indicated that tuition rates may get a boost if state lawmakers don't provide the full \$40 million that regents had asked for as part of their transformational plan.

State senators earlier this week approved \$22 million for the regents' schools, falling short of the \$40 million the board requested to make universities more efficient while keeping tuition increases at 4 percent.

Tachau urged regents to raise tuition to pay for salary

increases if lawmakers don't send the full funds to the universities. Iowa State University President Gregory Geoffrey added that the regents will have to consider supplemental tuition increases to help close the gap in funding.

Meanwhile, the regents admitted that their hopes for the full funding were waning.

"The news doesn't seem to be terribly promising," Regent President Pro Tempore Robert Downer said. "The optimism that many of us felt as recently as a few days ago, I don't think is as strong."

Regents on the human-resources committee on Wednesday also voted to recommend the proposed flexible-pay program, which is designed to motivate top performing staff members by paying lump sums for those who do exemplary work, to the full board for consideration.

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Pakistan snares No. 3 Qaeda leader

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The official would not say what prompted authorities to launch the raid or whether it was linked to al-Libbi's capture.

Al-Libbi was arrested along with another foreigner after a firefight on the outskirts of Mardan, a rough and tumble town 30 miles north of Peshawar, capital of the deeply conservative North West Frontier Province, officials said.

Villagers in the Mardan suburb of Shahdand Baba told Associated Press Television

News that a small team of Pakistani security agency officers pounced as two men rode by motorbike across a dusty graveyard.

One man was captured quickly, while another, who was dressed in the all-encompassing burqa worn by women in conservative Islamic families, managed to escape temporarily. He fled to a big home of Mardan resident Zakir Khan.

Pakistani intelligence agents "came in through our roof. They told me, 'We are chasing a man who is hiding in your house,'" Khan said. "We gave them

permission to come in. One man was hiding in the guest quarters, and they found him there. He was a fat man with a long beard and a fair complexion. They arrested him."

It was not clear if the man was al-Libbi or the other suspect, who has yet to be identified.

The arrest breaks a months-long drought in the dragnet for bin Laden and his top lieutenants.

The terror mastermind has evaded a manhunt since the 9/11, 2001 attacks, appearing periodically on videotapes to warn of more violence.

"The nurses and the doctor were all so friendly and professional that I didn't have time to worry about it."




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Mistrial in Abu Ghraib case

A military judge throws out the guilty plea of Lynndie England, who was featured in the most notorious Abu Ghraib photos

BY T.A. BADGER
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FORT HOOD, Texas — A military judge Wednesday threw out Pfc. Lynndie England's guilty plea to abusing Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib prison, saying he was not convinced the Army reservist who appeared in some of the most notorious photos in the scandal knew her actions were wrong at the time.

The mistrial marks a stunning turn in the case and sends it back to square one.

The case will be reviewed again by Fort Hood's commander, Lt. Gen. Thomas Metz, who will decide what charges, if any, England should face. If she is charged, the case would go back to a military equivalent of a grand jury hearing, an Article 32 proceeding, prosecution spokesman Capt. Cullen Shepard said.

The military judge, Col. James Pohl, entered a plea of not guilty for England on a charge of conspiring with Pvt. Charles Graner Jr. to maltreat detainees at the Baghdad-area prison and a related charge.

The mistrial came after Graner, the reputed ringleader of the abuse, testified as a defense witness at England's sentencing hearing that pictures he took of England holding a naked prisoner on a leash at Abu Ghraib were meant to be used as a legitimate training aid for other guards.

Other photos showed England smiling while standing next to nude prisoners stacked in a pyramid and pointing at a prisoner's genitals.

England maintained the same stoic look she has had throughout the proceeding. During a

recess before the plea deal was thrown out, England peeked at a sketch artist's drawing of Graner on the stand. "Don't forget the horns and the goatee," she said.

When England pleaded guilty Monday, she told the judge she knew that the pictures were being taken purely for the amusement of the guards.

Pohl said her statement and Graner's could not be reconciled.

"You can't have a one-person conspiracy," the judge said before he declared the mistrial and dismissed the sentencing jury.

Under military law, the judge could formally accept her guilty plea only if he was convinced that she knew at the time that what she was doing was illegal.

By rejecting the plea to the conspiracy charge, Pohl canceled the entire plea agreement. The agreement had carried a maximum sentence of 11 years in prison, but the prosecution and defense had a deal that capped the sentence at a lesser punishment; the length was not released.

Neither prosecution nor defense lawyers would speak to reporters after the deal was discarded. England, shielded by her defense team, would not comment outside the courtroom.

Allen Rudy, a Dallas attorney, said on Wednesday he could not recall a military plea being scrapped under such circumstances during his 25 years as a Navy lawyer and judge.

"That is a shocker," Rudy said. "But [Pohl] has to protect the defendant in that situation. ... He has to make sure [England] wasn't talked into it by her lawyer or her parents or someone else."

During defense questioning, Graner said he looped the leash



L.M. Otero/Associated Press

Army Pfc. Lynndie England (center) walks with Kathleen Johnson (right) as Kristine Didonato tries to cover her face after England's court martial was declared a mistrial at Ft. Hood, Texas, on Wednesday.

around the prisoner's shoulders as a way to coax him out of a cell, and that it slipped up around his neck. He said he asked England to hold the strap while he took photos that he could show to other guards later to teach them this prisoner-handling technique.

At that point Pohl halted Graner's testimony and admonished the defense for admitting evidence that ran counter to England's plea on the conspiracy charge and one count of maltreating detainees.

The judge did not discuss the other five counts to which England had pleaded guilty.

Graner, who is said to be the

father of England's infant son, was found guilty in January and is serving a 10-year prison term for his role in the scandal.

In a handwritten note given to reporters Tuesday, Graner had said he wanted England to fight the charges.

"Knowing what happened in Iraq, it was very upsetting to see Lynn plead guilty to her charges," he wrote. "I would hope that by doing so, she will have a better chance at a good sentence."

Graner maintains that he and the other Abu Ghraib guards were following orders from higher-ranking interrogators when they abused the detainees.

Probe suggests fraud in Iraqi reconstruction

BY MATT KELLEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — U.S. civilian authorities in Iraq cannot properly account for nearly \$100 million that was supposed to have been spent on reconstruction projects in south-central Iraq, government investigators said Wednesday.

There are indications of fraud in the use of the \$96.6 million, according to a report by the special inspector-general for Iraq reconstruction. A separate investigation of possible wrongdoing continues.

More than \$7 million of the total is unaccounted for, the report said. An additional \$89.4 million in payments do not have the required supporting documents.

The report accused civilian contract managers of "simply washing accounts" to try to make the books balance. Staffing shortages and the quick turnover of those responsible for the cash contributed to the problems, the report said.

Col. Thomas Stefanko, the official now in charge of the program, wrote the investigators that he agreed with their conclusions. Stefanko said his office had corrected or was in the process of fixing or investigating the problems identified in the report.

A congressional critic of U.S. reconstruction spending in Iraq said Wednesday the findings showed "disorganized, sloppy management."

"The U.S. risks fostering a culture of corruption in Iraq," said Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis.

The money at issue is from proceeds from Iraqi oil sales and seizures from the former government of Saddam Hussein. Distribution of the money was handled first by the Coalition Provisional Authority, the U.S.-run occupation government in Iraq from 2003 to June 28, 2004.

After that, the money was overseen by the Joint Area Support Group-Central, which is managed from the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, the Iraqi capital.

Managers gave the cash to "division level agents" responsible for distributing the money for reconstruction programs in a certain area. Those agents were supposed to keep detailed, signed receipts and other documentation for the money they spent, but usually did not, the report said.

Part of the problem was a last-minute push to spend millions on reconstruction projects before the interim Iraqi government took over, the report said. One agent got \$6.75 million in cash a week before the handover, with the expectation that the money would be spent before the Iraqis took power, the report said.

Several of these agents "were under the impression that it was more important to quickly distribute the money to the region than to obtain all necessary documentation," the report said.

"Securing the required documentation should not have been overlooked by those officials specifically charged with

safeguarding Iraqi funds," investigators said.

Controls over the cash were so lax that two of the agents hired to distribute the money were allowed to leave Iraq before they had accounted for all of it, the report said. Between them, those two had been given more than \$1.4 million in cash which remains unaccounted for, the report said.

A different agent failed to provide proper documentation for more than \$12.4 million in spending but had his accounts cleared by his supervisors, the report said.

Yet another agent kept distributing money for three weeks after his authority to handle the funds was revoked, the report said. That agent, told that \$1,878,870 was missing from his account, delivered precisely that amount to his supervisors three days later, the report said.

That suggests, the report said, that the agent had a reserve of cash and only turned in enough to make his account balance.

NATION

Kerkorian offers to boost GM stake

DETROIT (AP) — Investors in troubled General Motors Corp. were betting Wednesday that 87-year-old billionaire Kirk Kerkorian's surprise proposal to acquire a large stake in the company could be a catalyst for better times at the world's largest automaker.

GM shares soared more than 18 percent Wednesday after Kerkorian's Tracinda Corp. offered to pay almost \$870 million for a nearly 5 percent stake. That would boost Tracinda's holdings to approximately 9 percent and make Kerkorian one of GM's largest shareholders.

GM shares fell to a 10-year low in April after the company reported a \$1.1 billion loss for the first quarter. Its sales have slumped in recent months, including those of its most profitable sport-utility vehicles, as gasoline prices marched higher. And while GM executives complain about huge increases in medical insurance costs, the United Auto Workers union has said it's not interested in reopening contract talks before 2007 to address those expenses.

Tracinda officials said Kerkorian would have no comment beyond the statement released early in the day saying the proposed purchase was for investment purposes only. But his motives prompted speculation on a variety of scenarios, including that he might desire a controlling stake in the automaker.

ABC to air 'Fallen Idol'

NEW YORK (AP) — On the same night that "American Idol" whittles the competition to the final four, ABC News plans to air its interview with a former contestant who alleges judge Paula Abdul coached him through the competition and had a sexual relationship with him.

The Fox hit has been seemingly under siege this season, but it has made little difference to viewers. An estimated 23.8 million people watched Tuesday's competition.

The contestants are headed to a May 24-25 finale sure to be among the year's most-watched TV events.

Fans were watching Wednesday to see if an Internet campaign by voterfortheworst.com continues its success. Organizers are conspiring to get the least-talented contestant the record contract prize, and they've made Scott Savol their pick.

Meanwhile, ABC News' "Primetime Live" intends to air its interview with Corey Clark, a 2003 contestant who said Abdul, after she took a shine to him, helped him with wardrobe, grooming, and song selection. Clarke was dropped from the show for failing to reveal a past arrest record.

In a snippet of the interview aired on ABC's "Good Morning America" Wednesday, Clark said Abdul's coaching was designed to "knock the dust off the dirty diamond and help me shine."

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More rate hikes expected

WASHINGTON (AP) — In coming months, consumers can expect more of what they have seen for nearly a year — a gradual increase in interest rates controlled by the Federal Reserve.

That was the message delivered by the Fed when on Tuesday policymakers for the eighth time increased a key interest rate by a quarter-point, pushing the federal funds rate up to 3 percent.

That increase was immediately matched by a quarter-point increase in commercial banks' prime lending rate, the benchmark rate for millions of consumer and business loans, which moved up to 6 percent, the highest that rate has been since the fall of 2001.

The latest Fed action came despite the fact that the economy has slowed in recent weeks under the weight of rising energy prices.

The Fed took note of the slowdown in the statement explaining its action Tuesday, saying that "recent data suggest that the solid pace of spending growth has slowed somewhat, partly in response to the earlier increases in energy prices."

NEWS

AIDS drugs tested on foster kids

Government-funded testing has been conducted on the children for the past two decades; foster children were given drugs that could cause serious side effects

BY JOHN SOLOMON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Government-funded researchers tested AIDS drugs on hundreds of foster children over the past two decades, often without providing them a basic protection afforded in federal law and required by some states, an Associated Press review has found.

The research funded by the National Institutes of Health spanned the country. It was most widespread in the 1990s as foster-care agencies sought treatments for their HIV-infected children that weren't yet available in the marketplace.

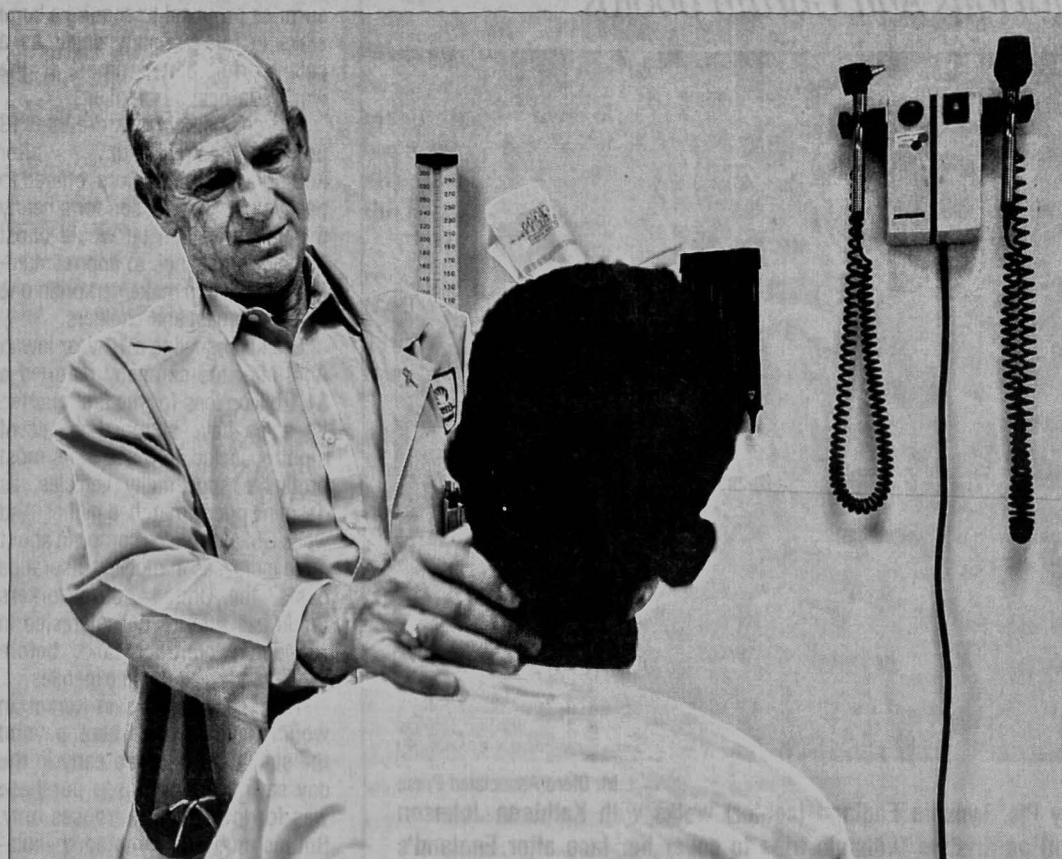
The practice ensured that foster children — mostly poor or minority — received care from world-class researchers at government expense, slowing their rate of death, and extending their lives. But it also exposed a vulnerable population to the risks of medical research and drugs that were known to have serious side effects in adults and for which the safety for children was unknown.

The research was conducted in at least seven states — Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, Colorado, and Texas — and involved more than four dozen different studies. The foster children ranged from infants to late teens, according to interviews and government records.

Several studies that enlisted foster children reported patients suffered side effects such as rashes, vomiting, and sharp drops in infection-fighting blood cells. In one study, researchers reported a "disturbing" higher death rate among children who took higher doses of a drug.

The government provided special protections for young wards in 1983. They required researchers and their oversight boards to appoint independent advocates for any foster child enrolled in a narrow class of studies that involved greater than minimal risk and lacked the promise of direct benefit. Some foster agencies required the protection regardless of risks and benefits.

However, researchers and foster agencies told AP that foster children in AIDS drug trials often weren't given such advocates



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Ram Yogev, the director of the pediatric HIV/AIDS program at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, examines a former foster child who is now adopted on April 8. The hospital participated in federally funded AIDS research that tested drugs on children, including foster children.

even though research institutions many times promised to do so to gain access to the children.

Illinois officials believe none of their nearly 200 foster children in AIDS studies got independent monitors even though researchers signed a document guaranteeing "the appointment of an advocate for each individual ward participating in the respective medical research."

New York City could find records showing 142 — less than a third — of the 465 foster children in AIDS drug trials got such monitors even though city policy required them. The city has asked an outside firm to investigate.

Likewise, research facilities including Chicago's Children's Memorial Hospital and Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore said they concluded they didn't provide advocates for foster kids.

Some states declined to participate in medical experiments. Tennessee said its foster care rules generally prohibit enlisting children in such trials. California requires a judge's

order. And Wisconsin "has absolutely never allowed, nor would we even consider, any clinical experiments with the children in our foster care system," spokeswoman Stephanie Marquis said.

Officials estimated that 5 percent to 10 percent of the 13,878 children enrolled in pediatric AIDS studies funded by NIH since the late 1980s were in foster care. More than two dozen Illinois foster children remain in studies today.

Some foster children died during studies, but state or city agencies said they could find no records that any deaths were directly attributed to the treatments.

Researchers typically secured permission to enroll foster children through city or state agencies. And they frequently exempted themselves from appointing advocates by concluding the research carried minimal risk and the child would directly benefit because the drugs had already been tried in adults.

Arthur Caplan, head of medical ethics at the University of

Pennsylvania, said advocates should have been appointed for all foster children because researchers felt the pressure of a medical crisis and knew there was great uncertainty as to how children would react to AIDS medications that were often toxic for adults.

"It is exactly that set of circumstances that made it absolutely mandatory to get those kids those advocates," Caplan said. "It is inexcusable that they wouldn't have an advocate for each one of those children."

Analyst charged with giving secrets to Israel

BY MARK SHERMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A Pentagon analyst was arrested Wednesday and charged with giving top-secret information about potential attacks against U.S. forces in Iraq to employees of a pro-Israel group.

Larry Franklin, a 58-year-old Air Force Reserves colonel who once worked for the Pentagon's No. 3 official, is the first person charged in a long-running investigation into whether Israel improperly obtained U.S. secrets.

Twice last year FBI agents searched the offices of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, a lobbying organization influential on U.S.-Israeli relations. It was once thought the committee might be a target of the probe, but that's not the case, according to two knowledgeable people. They spoke only on the condition of anonymity because the probe is still under way.

One of the people is someone familiar with the group's role in the probe; the other is a federal law-enforcement official. They said the FBI is focusing on whether any classified information reached Israel.

An FBI agent's affidavit that accompanied the criminal complaint against Franklin does not suggest that the disclosure endangered U.S. troops but said intelligence sources could have been compromised.

There is no allegation of espionage by Franklin. He faces a single count of disclosing classified defense information, which is punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

In Jerusalem, Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom said his country was not involved.

"Israel does not carry on any activity in the United States which could harm, God forbid,

its closest ally," Shalom told Israel's Channel One TV.

Israel has said it imposed a ban on espionage in the United States after the scandal over Jonathan Pollard, a civilian intelligence analyst for the Navy who was caught spying for Israel in 1985 and sentenced to life in prison. That case damaged U.S. Israeli relations and remains a sore point between the countries.

The American-Israel committee declined to comment Wednesday on the Franklin case. Previously, the group has said it had done nothing wrong and was cooperating with the investigation.

Franklin, of Kearneysville, Va., turned himself in Wednesday morning. He made a brief appearance in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Va., and was released on \$100,000 bond under the condition he surrender his firearms and passport.

A preliminary hearing was set for May 27. Franklin's lawyer, John Richards, said he expected his client would plead innocent.

Franklin, who specialized in Iran and Middle Eastern affairs, had clearance to review top-secret documents. He gave classified information to two people without such clearance at a luncheon meeting at a restaurant in Arlington, Va., in June 2003, FBI Agent Catherine Hanna said in the affidavit.

Hanna said Franklin admitted 10 months ago that he disclosed the information.

The people at the lunch have been identified as American-Israel committee employees Steve Rosen, the director of research, and Keith Weissman, deputy director of foreign-policy issues. Neither still works for the group. Both have been interviewed by the FBI, but neither has been charged.

AP reporter Matthew Barakat contributed to this report.

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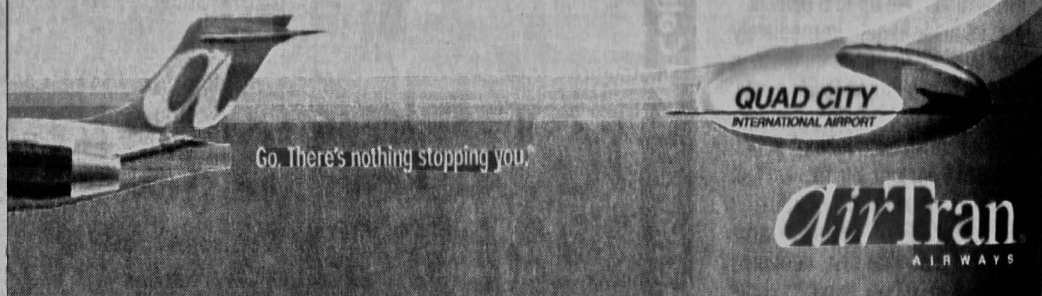
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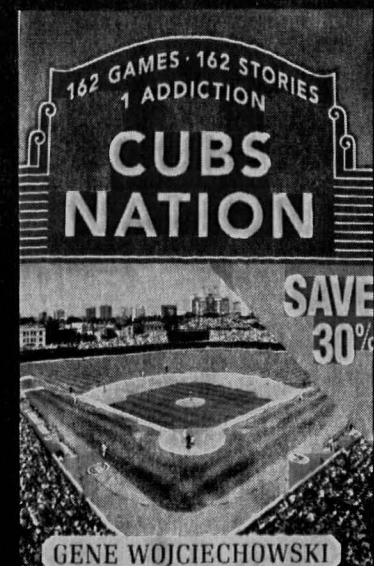


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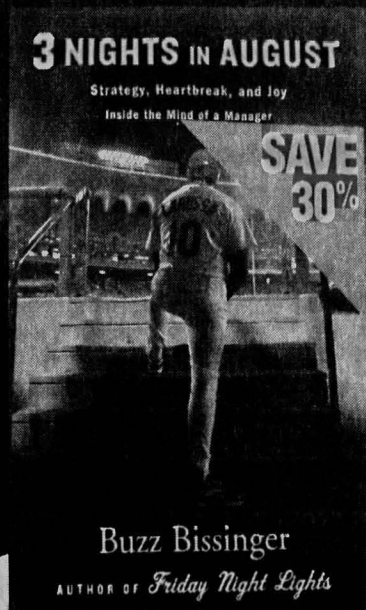
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Suicide bomber kills 60 in Iraq

BY YAHYA BARZANJI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRBIL, Iraq — A suicide attacker slipped into line at a police-recruitment center in this usually tranquil northern Kurdish city and blew himself up Wednesday, leaving the streets slick with blood in the deadliest insurgent attack in more than two months, police said. Sixty Iraqis were killed and 150 wounded.

The explosion, part of an escalation of violence aimed at destabilizing the country's new democratic government, left pieces of flesh spattered on the outside walls. Nails and shards of metal were packed in with the explosives to maximize casualties.

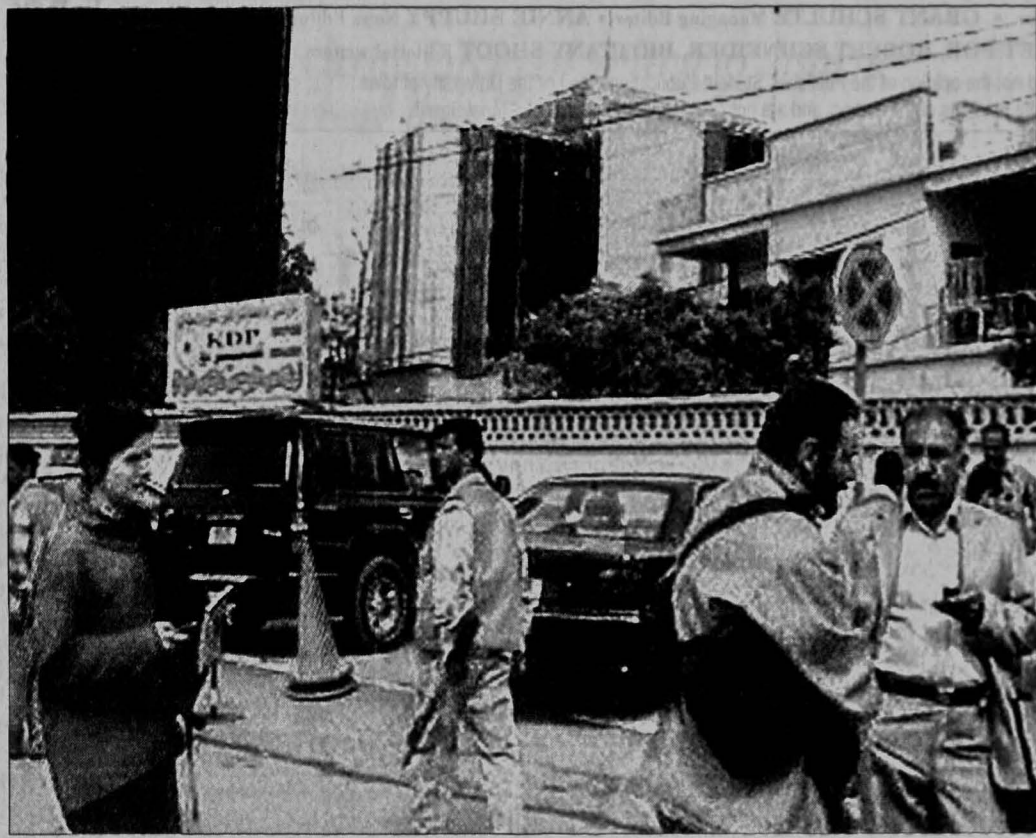
A Sunni militant group, Ansar al-Sunnah Army, claimed responsibility, saying the attack was revenge for Kurdish cooperation with U.S. forces.

Militants frequently target security forces and recruits, leaving Iraq's government grappling with how to stabilize the country. As of Monday, at least 616 Iraqi police had been killed this year, according to statistics compiled by the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C.

In Irbil, 215 miles north of Baghdad, some 250 job seekers were waiting to be searched outside the recruitment center when the bomb went off, police Capt. Othman Aziz said. An Iraqi insurgent joined the line and detonated explosives concealed on his body, he said.

Panicked relatives crowded into the Irbil Teaching Hospital, where staff used loud-speakers to announce victims' names and room numbers. Women squatted on the ground wailing and beating their chests.

"Oh God, what did we do wrong?" Horras Mohammed Amin screamed from his hospital bed, his face and leg bloodied from the attack.



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This image from TV shows the scene outside the Kurdish Democratic Party headquarters in Irbil, Iraq, on Wednesday after an insurgent carrying hidden explosives set them off while standing in line outside a nearby police recruitment center, killing 60.

The 25-year-old was standing near the end of the line when the blast threw him into the street. "I wanted to find a job, because it is very shameful for a young man like me to take money from his father," he said.

Hawra Mohammed had just dropped off his 32-year-old brother, Ahmed, when he heard the explosion and came racing back. He nearly fainted at the sight of so many bodies in the street but found Ahmed alive, though unconscious and bleeding, he said.

"I lifted my brother onto my shoulders and took him to a nearby hospital. The blood on my shirt is my brother's," Hawra said.

The U.S. military put the toll at 60 dead and 150 wounded in the attack. Nearly 200 people have been killed in insurgent

violence across Iraq since the new government was announced last week.

It was the deadliest attack in Iraq since Feb. 28, when a suicide car bomber struck a crowd of police and national-guard recruits in Hillah, south of the capital, killing 125 and wounding more than 140.

Training Iraqi police and military forces to take primary responsibility for security is a key part of the U.S. exit strategy in Iraq.

Attacks against security forces have become so frequent in Baghdad and other major centers that most recruitment centers are surrounded by protective blast walls. But the northern Kurdish areas usually have been spared the worst of the violence, in part because members of the Sunni Arab

minority believed to be driving the insurgency stand out and are closely watched.

Ansar al-Sunnah, in its statement posted on a militant website, claimed the attack was a car bombing and said it was staged to punish Kurdish security forces that have "bowed their heads to the Crusaders and raised their spears against the Muslims and fought alongside the Americans."

There was no bomb crater in the street, as there normally would be after a car bombing.

Ansar al-Sunnah is believed to be a breakaway faction of Ansar al-Islam, a Kurdish-led group with links to Al Qaeda. It has claimed responsibility for numerous attacks against Iraqi security forces and twin suicide bombings targeting Kurds in Irbil that killed 109 people in 2004.

U.S., Afghan troops kill 20 rebels in battle

Six rebels are captured during the firefight in the mountains of southern Afghanistan near the Pakistani border, long a hot spot

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL, Afghanistan — American troops and Afghan police killed approximately 20 rebels and captured six during a battle in the mountains of southern Afghanistan, U.S. officials said Wednesday, the latest in a string of clashes in an insurgent hotbed near the Pakistani border.

Six soldiers and five policemen were reported wounded in several hours of fighting Tuesday, the same day that the new American commander of the military coalition in Afghanistan vowed a relentless pursuit of Taliban-led guerrillas.

The battle, the deadliest in nearly seven months, occurred in the Dehchopan district of Zabol province, about 205 miles southwest of the capital, Kabul, a military statement said. It said U.S. helicopters and warplanes joined the fight against an insurgent band estimated at around 25 fighters.

Zabol is in Afghan territory along the border with Pakistan where Taliban loyalists have stepped up their insurgency against the government of U.S.-backed President Hamid Karzai after a winter lull. Bombings and gun battles have killed dozens of rebels and Afghan police and soldiers as well as several civilians, a U.S. soldier, and a Romanian soldier.

The U.S. statement said the American soldiers wounded Tuesday were in stable condition, and four would be flown to a U.S. military hospital in Germany. The other two returned to duty.

The military said the firefight began when gunmen attacked U.S. soldiers and Afghan police who were investigating a reported beating of an Afghan man.

The police and soldiers pinned down the guerrillas with small-arms fire and support from warplanes, and helicopters, the statement said. "Initial reports indicate approximately 20 insurgents were killed, and he one wounded," it said. Six rebels were "detained and questioned."

Afghan officials gave a different version. They said the battle began when Taliban fighters attacked a checkpoint manned by Afghan police, who called in reinforcements.

A spokesman for the provincial government, Ali Khail, said 19 guerrillas were killed and knew of only two policemen injured in the battle, which he said happened in the same area where a large cache of weapons was discovered Monday.

The U.S. military gave no details on the identity or affiliation of the insurgents, but the statement said a local leader had been detained after villagers "reported him as a Taliban member."

It was the deadliest clash reported since election day on Oct. 9, when the governor of Uruzgan, another restive province adjoining Zabol, said about 25 insurgents and one civilian died in a bombardment by U.S. warplanes. The U.S. military confirmed the air strike but not the casualties.

Tuesday's battle coincided with the installation of a new American commander for the 18,000-soldier coalition force.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Revitalization, one business at a time

New establishments at the Old Capitol Town Center offer more hope for its future

Change for most is a good thing. It brings new opportunities and new doors to be opened. Change has brought the potential for new doors to be opened at the Old Capitol Town Center — specifically the doors of two new establishments, Dick Blick Art Materials and Jay's Fish and Chips. After long months of empty storefronts, the move to attract consumers with new sitting and common areas has succeeded by increasing mall traffic, and as a result, has attracted new businesses as well. Iowa City's downtown shopping center no longer looks so bleak and hollow. We are optimistic that it will soon be a bustling consumer attraction instead of a place of shelter when the weather is lousy.

Change, of course, takes time, but that doesn't make the waiting period any more pleasant. Iowa City holds its breath as some of the business district's storefront windows remain vacant, which is never a positive sight, and we wait to see what new businesses will move into the spaces. Coral Ridge Mall is a fierce competitor that may be taking away some of Iowa City's business by offering large well-known chain stores that cannot be found in Iowa City.

But, on the other hand, Iowa City offers many choices to a completely different target market. The small shops on the Pedestrian Mall and in the

Old Capitol mall offer the perfect diversion for students between classes or for people looking to do some quick shopping during their lunch hours. Now, as owners of that space work to make it more appealing, business interest is slowly trickling in as the potential market is realized, and we could not be happier.

We now watch as businesses cautiously move into the space: Hills Bank and Trust has moved into its cozy corner in the north end, and KCRG TV-9 is in the process of moving into its new location as well. The work and progress that has been made there is impressive — numerous tables, couches, and chairs throughout the mall have contributed to the revitalization process. With the signing of two new leases and the possibility of up to six more tenants, we are optimistic that the renewal has been — and will continue to be — successful.

New doors will soon be opening as the fruits of the changes are paying off. Vacant storefronts are now filled with construction as passers-by curiously inspect the work. The excitement of new business hangs in the air with anticipation. This is a long process, though, and nothing happens overnight, as noted by Old Capitol Town Center General Manager Kevin Digmann. Change takes time, but we are finally beginning to see its results.

Preserving protection

Our country is great because laws can expire. If you make something legal, there are always ways to change it. Some laws need to be retired or should run out after a period. But some should not, and when laws are up for renewal, we have to make sure we didn't work to get them passed in the first place for no reason. Going back on progress is pointless.

At the end of this year, the Violence Against Women Act must be reauthorized and expanded. In the past, this legislation provided funding for the National

Domestic Violence Hotline, rape crisis centers, and shelters for women and children. The law protects not only women but children, people with disabilities, minorities, immigrants, and the elderly. The measure was the first federal legislation of its kind to create new penalties for sex-related crimes, acknowledging domestic violence and sexual assault as serious threats. Since being passed in 1994, more than 660 state laws combating violence have been passed. Interstate federal prosecution of domestic-violence and sexual-assault crimes has been introduced. More funding has been made available for law-enforcement agencies to monitor, prosecute, and prevent violent crimes. The awareness the act has raised is incalculable. It should go without saying that this legislation is necessary and must be protected.

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The awareness the act has raised is incalculable. It should go without saying that this legislation is necessary and must be protected. We all know the scary but real statistic that every one in four women is the victim of sexual assault, but sexual and domestic violence is more pervasive than we think. More than 2.5 million women are victims of violence each year. Stalking affects more than 1.4 million people annually. Homicide is the second-leading cause of death among pregnant women in America. If you pay attention at all, you'll find stories about sexual or domestic violence in the news every single day.

To look at it another way, the annual cost of rape and sexual assault — when you factor in lost productivity, property damage, police, and medical expenses — comes to \$127 billion. The Violence Against Women Act should interest the fiscal conservatives among us because in 1994 alone, \$14.8 billion was saved thanks to the legislation's power. If you can't understand these issues morally, understand that fiscally, this bill makes sense.

The act goes a step further, taking on what I feel is a central issue in preventing violent crime. The measure can fund initiatives that will assist children who have witnessed or been the victims of violence, as well as programs that target men and their role in reducing and ending violence. Funding is also available to mentor young parents and teens who have been affected by violence. It helps to reach those at risk as well as survivors.

Preventing violent crimes is perhaps one of the toughest challenges, but providing care for survivors should not be neglected. Despite the importance of reducing crime, taking care of survivors should be a priority. We work every day to protect those living around us. On May 2, for instance, a state law preventing sex offenders from living within 2,000 feet of schools and state-registered childcare facilities was upheld, signaling support for survivors of violent crimes. By keeping perpetrators away from areas where they would be most likely to act on their violent tendencies, Iowa has made a commitment to providing a safe space for children. Why not extend that kind of concern to those who have faced other kinds of crime?

I'm certainly optimistic that violent crime, crime against women and children, and hate crime can be decreased. In the last 10 years, with the Violence Against Women Act in place, the statistics have shown a decrease in these incidents, and this is a huge victory for all of us. But if this act fails to be renewed this year, much of that progress will be for nothing, and we will have less protection and recourse to handle these crimes in the future. E-mail Sens. Charles Grassley, <http://grassley.senate.gov/webform.htm>, and Tom Harkin, <http://harkin.senate.gov/contact/contact.cfm>, and Rep. James Leach, <http://www.house.gov/leach/email.htm>, about this issue. Tell them that in addition to the improvements the act has made possible in the past, we hope to achieve even more with a revised, updated version of the bill. We have until Sept. 30. ■

LETTERS

Comparing apples and oranges

I was rather appalled to read Jack Sodak's May 3 letter to the editor. I wasn't sure if this was just another case of liberal whining from another college student leaving home to assume his new friends' beliefs or if it was a case of another history professor/student trying to force himself into relevancy. While I will admit that there are some pieces of history that can be applied to modern context, Sodak's approach does not qualify.

He attempts to draw likeness between the attack on Pearl Harbor and 9/11 based completely on the fact that they were both attacks on the United States by a foreign enemy. That's like saying two women from differing sororities must be good friends because they both have bleached blonde hair. There has to be much more there in order to justify the comparison.

The two attacks he listed were under different circumstances, from different cultures, and in different times. Today, we are not fighting armies in uniform on anything close to a defined battlefield. Our enemies today have defined this as a religious war, which is in stark contrast to World War II. While it was great that after four years the Japanese Empire was pulverized and Hitler was dead, we are not fighting an empire or hunting out a leader in the capital city. We are fighting gangs of renegades whose leader is hiding out in the mountains.

Reality isn't something that we can apply to anything with similarities in order to draw lengthy conclusions. While limited pieces of history can be applied to contemporary events, we need to look at new occurrences individually as they come in order to properly address them.

David Ancelet
UI student

Sexually abused for your country

I am writing in response to an April 26 *DI* article, "Soldiering on in Iowa," by Amanda Masker. I would like to call attention to something that wasn't acknowledged in the story. Since there have been women in the armed services, female service members have been raped, sexually assaulted, and sexually harassed by their fellow soldiers.

An inquiry conducted by Iowa City's Veterans Affairs Medical Center as recently as 2003 reveals that 28 percent of female veterans surveyed had been raped or experienced an attempted rape during their military service. In the past five years, incidents of sexual abuse in the armed services have climbed steadily.

Two Department of Veterans Affairs surveys within the past 10 years found that between 21 percent and 30 percent of

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women in the armed services have been raped or experienced an attempted rape.

Sexual assault and harassment are widespread within the armed services. The attitude you often hear repeated is "boys will be boys." Female soldiers are often punished for reporting harassment or rape by their fellow officers or superiors, and allegations are rarely investigated properly.

The armed services are hardly a place of full support for female soldiers, and Masker's article made no mention of these hard realities. If you want to rappel down a steep wall, exercise, or face climbing challenges, go to an outdoor site. Don't join the armed services, where women are routinely abused, harassed, and raped.

Marion Hood, a veteran who was gang-raped by her fellow soldiers, said that "when I looked at the American flag, I used to see red, white, and blue. Now, all I see is blood ... the red represents the blood I've shed. The blue represents my bruises — the way my face looked. I was beaten and raped for my country. That should be enough."

Heidi Sinderman
UI Antiwar Committee

Liaison candidates require closer scrutiny

I was disturbed to see the photograph of Jeremy Schreiber in the May 2 issue of *The Daily Iowan*. Schreiber was recently chosen as the student liaison to the Iowa City City Council, after much discussion and disagreement about

his recent underage-drinking charge. To see what appears to be an empty beer bottle on the table in front of him, whether it belongs to him or not, does not encourage me to believe that he has learned from his past mistake.

Rather, it makes me wonder what we can expect from him in the future. While it is now a moot point, I would hope that future student liaisons are subjected to more scrutiny regarding their alcohol-

related and other criminal records before being elected to this post.

Beverly Mead
UIHC employee

[Editor's Note: Schreiber reached the age of 21 in November 2004, one month after receiving his PAULA citation from University Heights police. The photo in the *DI* was taken on April 30.]

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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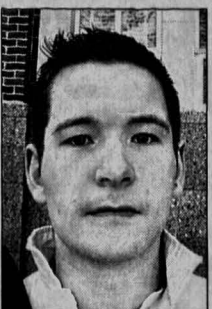
ON THE SPOT

What is your favorite place to shop in Iowa City?



"Iowa Book, because it has cute Iowa merchandise."

Lacy Brunette
UI freshman



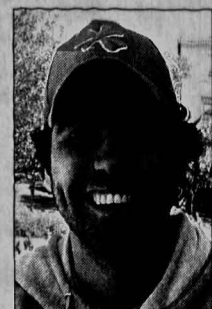
"Lorenz Boot Shop; it always has interesting things."

Eric Conrad
UI junior



"Abercrombie at the Coral Ridge Mall, because I like the clothes."

Niki Patel
UI sophomore



"Upstairs at the Den, because it has a nice selection of products."

Jimmy Hayes
UI junior

Israel halts West Bank handover

Israelis accuse Palestinian security forces of failing to disarm militants in areas where they have control

BY JOSEF FEDERMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Israel on Wednesday froze the planned handover of West Bank towns to the Palestinians, accusing Palestinian security forces of failing to honor commitments to disarm militants in areas already under their control.

In the West Bank, two Palestinian youths were shot dead by Israeli soldiers. The developments strained the already tense cease-fire.

Palestinian officials called the decision to stop the handover of towns "unfortunate" and said they had struck a deal to collect militants' weapons, despite a top commander's announcement Wednesday that he had no plans to disarm the gunmen by force.

Palestinian security and hospital officials said Israeli soldiers shot and killed two 17-year-old cousins after nightfall Wednesday. The Israeli military had no immediate comment.

The security officials said the youths were throwing rocks at troops guarding the separation barrier Israel is building near the village of Beit Lakia when the soldiers opened fire.

Israeli military officials said approximately 300 Palestinians threw rocks and iron bars at soldiers, who fired warning shots in the air before shooting at the Palestinians.

The Palestinian Authority issued a statement calling the killings a violation of the cease-fire. The truce, declared Feb. 8, has considerably reduced violence, but isolated incidents continue.

Under the cease-fire agreement, Israel pledged to pull its forces out of five West Bank towns, while the Palestinians promised to disarm militants. Israel has pulled out of only two towns, Jericho and Tulkarem,



Nasser Nasser/Associated Press

Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas arrives at his office for a meeting with Palestinian officials in Ramallah on Wednesday. Israel will not hand over any more West Bank towns to Palestinian control because militants are not being disarmed by Abbas's security forces. Abbas has avoided large-scale confrontation with militant groups.

while holding back from leaving Qalqilya, Bethlehem, and Ramallah.

Israel has repeatedly said it is not moving forward because the Palestinians have failed to crack down on gunmen in these areas. During Wednesday's meeting of the Security Cabinet, a group of senior government ministers, Mofaz confirmed he has frozen the process, participants said.

Mofaz decided on the freeze "because the thing most central to us — that terror activity will not be launched from any town we hand over — was agreed to but not implemented" by the Palestinians, Interior Minister Ophir Pines-Paz told Israel TV.

Israel remains committed to carrying out the handovers in the future, Pines-Paz added.

Senior Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat called the Israeli move "a very unfortunate approach and decision." He said the Palestinians have been in touch with militants wanted by Israel and received pledges for them to halt violence.

Israel and the United States have repeatedly demanded that the Palestinian Authority dismantle the armed groups. Those calls increased after the Palestinians released a Hamas militant this week, just hours after arresting him with a rocket launcher and other weapons.

"The Palestinians cannot continue the process of a 'revolving door,' making apparent arrests and releasing them," said Raanan Gissin, a spokesman for

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. "No one is going to take seriously the Palestinian police or legal authorities if this is going to be their practice."

Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas has refused to confront the militants, opting instead for persuasion and compromise.

In Gaza, the new Palestinian security chief in charge of reining in militants said he had no plans to disarm them, though he asked the armed groups not to flaunt their weapons.

"The Palestinian factions know that we have no plan to disarm the resistance and to take their weapons," Abu Shbak told reporters. "We are not going to have any confrontation with anyone."

Small chance Italy to prosecute U.S. troops

BY AIDAN LEWIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROME — Italian prosecutors stand little chance of bringing U.S. soldiers to trial for killing an Italian agent in Iraq despite the insistence by investigators here that the Americans should be held responsible, a leading Italian military prosecutor said Wednesday.

Also Wednesday, President Bush called Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi to iterate his regret about the March 4 shooting death of Nicola Calipari. Berlusconi's office described the conversation as "long and cordial."

Italian experts who conducted a joint inquiry with the Americans refused to sign off on a U.S. report that said the soldiers were blameless for the shooting at a temporary checkpoint on Baghdad's dangerous airport road.

Italy criticized U.S. troops for failing to signal in advance of the checkpoint and concluded that stress, inexperience, and fatigue among the soldiers played a role.

The United States rejected a request from Italian prosecutors to provide the soldiers' names, but the names were released in Italian media, sparking hope here that the soldiers might be brought to trial in Italy.

Prosecutor Antonio Intelisano, who has handled Italian military cases stemming from Iraq, told the Associated Press that is unlikely.

"The real problem is, will the United States will give availability for trial or not? They were not going to give it anyway, and they are not going give it because of what has happened," Intelisano said in a telephone interview.

The U.S. has "without exception" stuck by a standard principle of international law under which soldiers "get judged by

judicial authorities of their own country," Intelisano said.

Calipari was shot less than an hour after securing the release of Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena, who had been held by Iraqi militants. Sgrena and the driver of the car were wounded in the shooting.

The U.S. report on the incident was released with large chunks blacked out, including the soldiers' names. But those names, as well as training procedures, were later revealed when complete copies appeared in the Italian media.

Nevertheless, Intelisano said that Italy would need official U.S. confirmation of the names to investigate the troops and that the soldiers would have to be extradited to Italy if they were to stand trial.

He said it would still be useful for Rome prosecutors, now preparing to examine the car Calipari was traveling in, "to try to reconstruct with rigor what happened."

Since the shooting, the two countries have stressed that relations remain solid, despite their differences over the issue.

But the Calipari case increased pressure on Berlusconi — including from within his center-right coalition — to give a clear timetable for the return of 3,000 Italian troops in Iraq.

After Bush's call Wednesday, the Italians issued a statement saying the two sides agreed that efforts to rebuild a democratic Iraq must continue.

Berlusconi will address parliament today on the issue.

The U.S. decision to clear its troops brought back memories in Italy of a 1998 incident in which a U.S. Marine jet sliced through a ski gondola cable in northern Italy, killing 20 people.

An Italian prosecutor had sought to try the jet crew, but an Italian judge ruled that Italian courts lacked jurisdiction under a NATO treaty.



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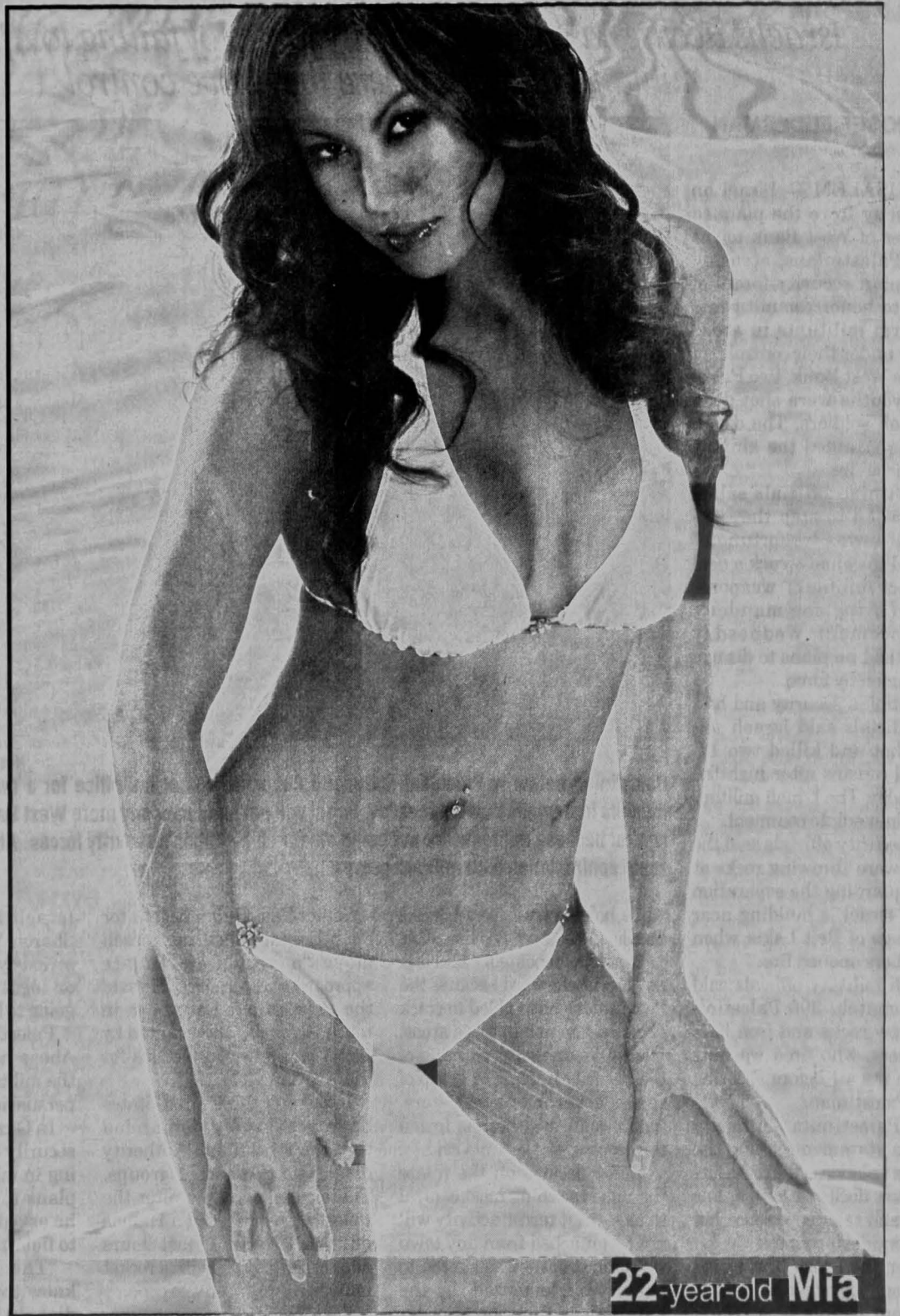
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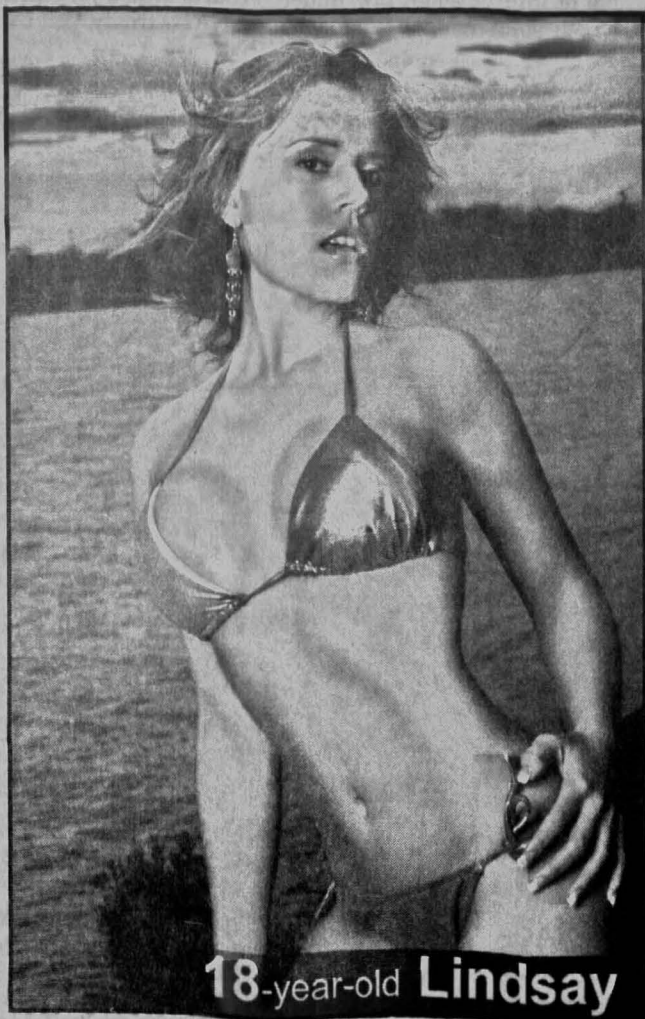
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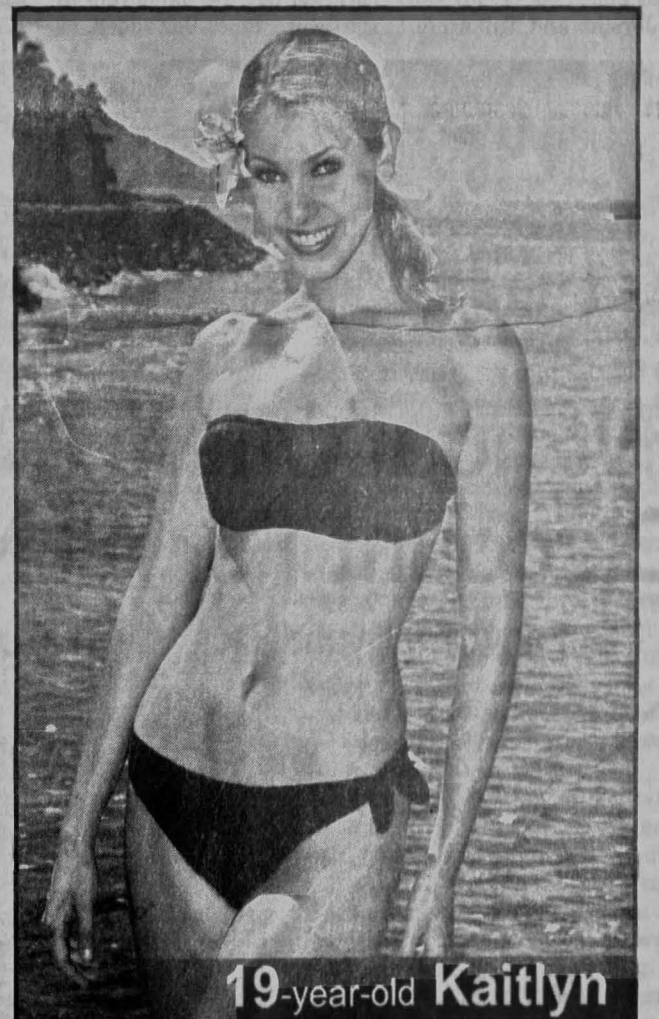
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 Washington 5, L.A. Dodgers 2
 Boston 4, Detroit 3

Texas 16, Oakland 7
 Baltimore 5, Toronto 1
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NBA PLAYOFFS

Wizards within one win to shut out Bulls

CHICAGO (AP) — Gilbert Arenas foiled a remarkable comeback by the Chicago Bulls and pushed the Washington Wizards within one victory the second round of the playoffs.

Arenas hit a 14-foot jumper at the buzzer Wednesday night, sending Washington to a dramatic 112-110 victory and a 3-2 series lead. Game 6 is Friday at the MCI Center.

Chicago's Jannero Pargo hit a 3-pointer, his third of the fourth quarter, to tie the game with 5.2 seconds remaining as the Bulls fought back from a 22-point, second-half deficit.

But after a timeout, Arenas took the ball out front, moved left with Kirk Hinrich guarding him and hit one of the biggest shots of his career.

Larry Hughes scored a career playoff-high 33 points for the Wizards, who had a 10-point lead with 41 seconds to go.

The Wizards have beaten the Bulls 10-straight times on their home floor, and another victory would make Washington just the ninth team to come back from a 0-2 deficit in a seven-game series.

TOURNAMENT

Women's tennis head to NCAA

The Iowa women's tennis team will play in the NCAA women's tennis tourney as an at large team in a field of 64.

The Hawkeyes will have a first-round rematch with Notre Dame, which defeated the Hawkeyes, 7-0, earlier in the year. The match will be held May 13 at Northwestern.

"It's actually a good draw for us," Hawk coach Daryl Greenan said.

"We lost to them at their place indoors earlier in the year, but I think a neutral site and playing outdoors should be good for us. And we are playing better, so I think we have a shot."

The team has matured since its early season meeting with the Irish. Should the Hawkeyes sneak past Notre Dame, they would face host school Northwestern in the second round.

"I think it's better for us, because we are familiar with our opponents," he said. "Several Big Ten teams have played Notre Dame well this year, and we've done well in the Big Ten."

Greenan said the only disappointment for his team was the weather.

"They were hoping for a California trip," he said.

"But, all in all, we're very excited to be in, and I like our chances."

The all-conference teams will be released tomorrow, and Iowa's Meg Racette will be named to the team.

— by Bryan Bamonte

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DOUBLE TIME

Iowa shows its strength in dual wins during their doubleheader with Wisconsin-Milwaukee

BY RYAN LONG
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa shrugged off its recent midweek struggles by winning both games of a double-header against Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Wednesday night. The Hawkeyes displayed flashes of complete baseball in both games by capturing Game 1, 5-1, and Game 2, 8-2. The successful day at Banks Field extended the Hawks' win streak to three games.

Travis Sweet earned the win in Game 1, while Rick Cavaiani was slapped with the loss. Sweet and the Hawkeye bullpen combined to give up only two hits. The steady pitching continued in Game 2 for Iowa, along with an impressive display of offense.

Hawkeye coach Jack Dahm was pleased with his team's sweep, but he believes the Hawks must make some adjustments by the time Minnesota arrives in Iowa City this weekend.

"We came out and were a lot sharper," he said.

"We still didn't play flawless baseball by any means. We gave up a lot free bases, made a couple errors out here, but those are things that I think we can correct. We swung the bats pretty good, and we came out here with two victories. It gives us a little momentum winning three in a row going into this weekend."

Iowa drew first blood in Game 2. Andy Lytle struck a sharply hit ground ball to drive in Nate Price and give the Hawkeyes a 1-0 advantage in the bottom of the first. The Panthers responded in the second after starting

pitcher David Conroy threw a wild pitch that brought Rob Brockel in from third to even the score.

The Hawkeyes took a 2-1 advantage in the third when Lytle sprayed a single to right field that drove in Price. Wisconsin-Milwaukee answered in the top of the fourth. Brockel ripped a single off of Andrew Sparks to score Charlie Reschke and even the score at two.

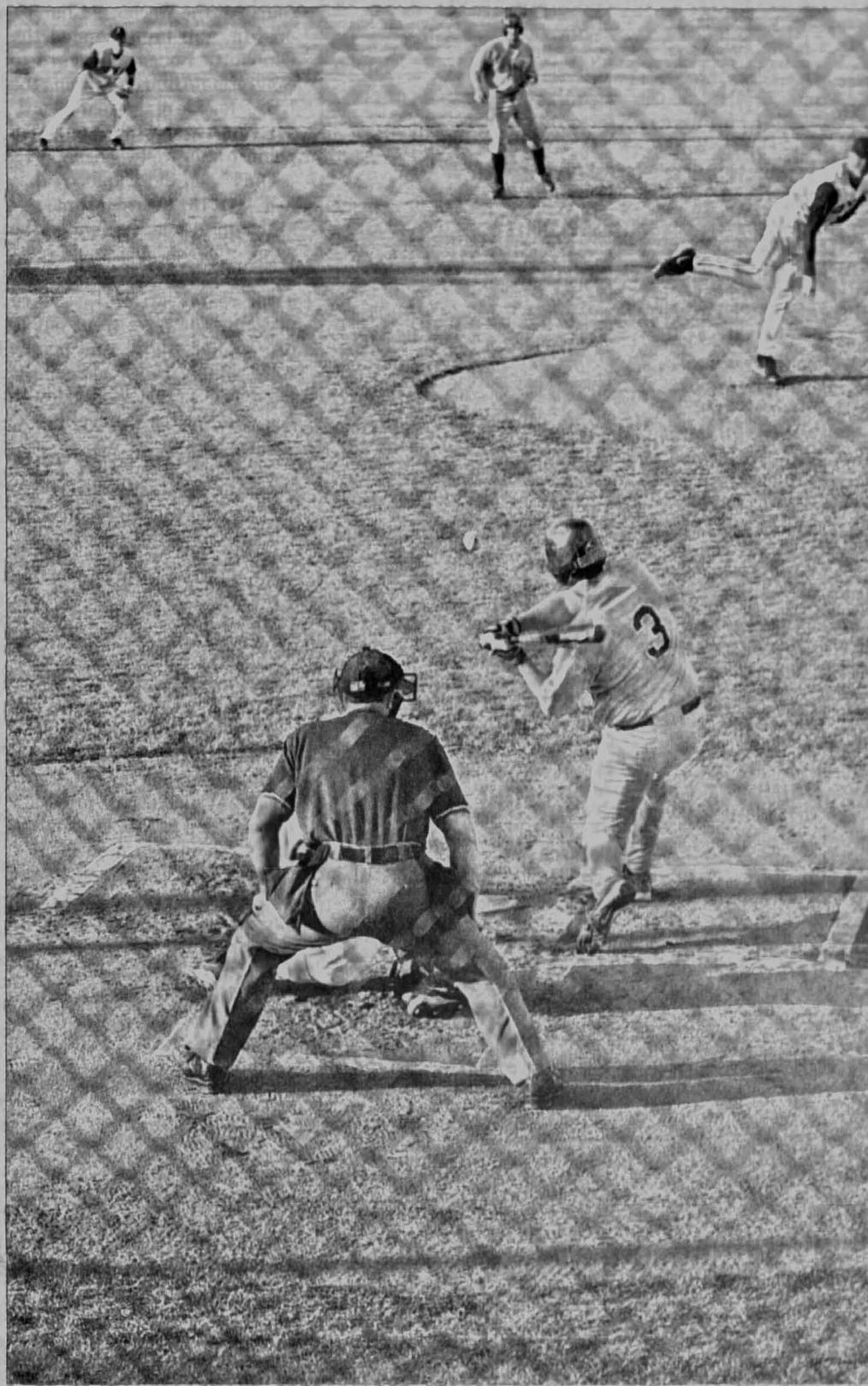
This triggered some contagious offense for Iowa.

Nate Yoho led off the bottom of the fourth with a double down the first base line. Cox then stood in and smoked his fifth home run of the season over the left field wall. The two-run shot off Mike Rauwerdink put Iowa up, 4-2.

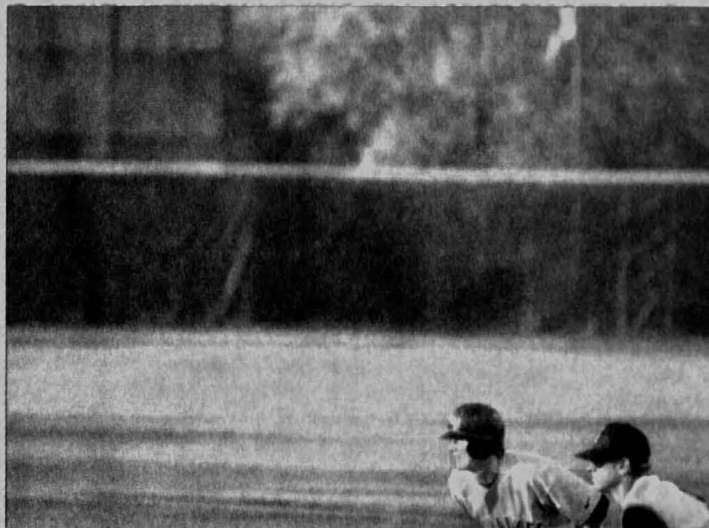
"We've been practicing hard and trying to get good pitches, and hit those, and put good swings on them," Cox said. "We've realized we need to start playing well in these midweek games so it can carry into the weekend for us."

After two scoreless innings for the Panthers, the Hawkeyes continued to apply pressure. Luis Andrulonis hit an infield single off of Jed Dolske in the bottom of the sixth to score Yoho and move Cox to third and Jeff Engel to second. A wild pitch by Dolske scored Cox, moving Engel to third and Andrulonis to second. On the following at-bat, Skyler Moss lifted a double to left center, driving in Engel and Andrulonis and making the score 8-2. Sparks earned the win, while Rauwerdink took the loss for Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

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TOP:
 Hawkeye pitcher David Conroy throws a strike against Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Zak Rivera in the second game of a double-header Wednesday. The Hawkeyes won, 5-1 and 8-2.

LEFT:
 Panther third Baseman Rob Brockel (left) moves off first as Hawkeye Andy Cox holds him on Wednesday at Banks Field.

DI Sports Series | **STEROID USE AMONG ATHLETES**

Athletics department tries to test student-athletes every year

BY JASON BRUMMOND
 THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa athletics department's in-house drug-testing policy ranks in the upper tier of Division I programs, in terms of the number of test samples, according to data from the National Center for Drug-Free Sport.

The center handles the NCAA testing in addition to private contracts with institutions' in-house testing. Most Division I schools submit between 500-1,000 samples a year, with some institutions testing as few as 200 samples a year.

Iowa tests between 800-900 samples each year, said Laura Reed, who oversees the university's drug-testing program.

"We try to test absolutely every athlete at least once, and then we do random testing periodically," she said. Iowa has approximately 600 varsity athletes.

Violating Iowa's drug-testing policy draws different penalties for the first,

second, and third offenses, leading up to dismissal from the team. A first-time violator can face community service, assessment by the university's professional staff, and a six-week course regarding drug use and decision-making.

The second offense draws a suspension from regular-season or postseason events.

An athlete is dismissed from the team for a third offense.

As in every school in Division I, Iowa athletes are tested periodically by the NCAA. Failing an NCAA drug test results in a one-year suspension from competition and loss of a year of eligibility.

Unlike the NCAA policy, which includes a 48-hour notice period to the institution, Iowa does not give any notice to athletes when they are being tested.

SEE STEROIDS, PAGE 6B

PLAYERS FROM SPANISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES ARE GETTING TRIPPED UP BY BASEBALL'S STEROIDS POLICY, 3B

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Today — 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.

Family reunion at Iowa vs. Drake game

BY NICK RICHARDS
 THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa softball team's game today with Drake will have a family-reunion feel to it.

The Bulldogs, 26-21 overall and 12-12 in the Missouri Valley, come to Iowa City for today's 6 p.m. opening pitch sporting their own Birocci. Kristin Birocci, who was an elite All-State selection from Des Moines Lincoln, is the younger sister of Iowa senior Lisa Birocci.

In addition to the Birocci connection, the Bulldogs, who head into a critical portion of their schedule with the Hawkeyes before a battle with Northern Iowa for a spot in the Missouri Valley Tournament, are coached by former Iowa assistant Rich Calvert. He was an assistant on coach Gayle Blevins' staff from 1997-2002 and was part of five

NCAA teams and two World Series teams before taking the Drake job in June 2002.

"Rich has done a very good job with a good speed-oriented game in Drake's system," Blevins said.

"It is a team that likes to create a lot and put a lot of pressure on you."

Kristin Birocci enters the game at 7-5 with a 2.33 ERA, but she probably will not start. That job will go to Jessica Hicks, who is 15-16 with a 3.02 ERA this year for the up-and-down Bulldogs.

Even though there is a family connection, Blevins and the Hawkeyes will pay no attention to it.

"We won't even worry about that," Blevins said.

"Hicks has pitched a lot for them too. I would anticipate we'll probably see her and maybe some of Birocci."

SEE SOFTBALL, PAGE 6B

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By The Associated Press All Times CDT				
East Division				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	15	10	.600	—
Atlanta	16	11	.593	—
Washington	15	13	.538	1½
New York	14	14	.500	2½
Philadelphia	12	16	.429	4½
Central Division				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	18	8	.692	—
Milwaukee	17	10	.630	5
Chicago	12	14	.462	6
Houston	11	15	.423	7
Pittsburgh	10	16	.385	8
Cincinnati	10	17	.370	8½
West Division				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	17	10	.631	—
San Francisco	14	13	.519	3
San Diego	14	14	.500	3½
Colorado	6	19	.240	10

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	17	11	.607	—
Texas	15	14	.517	2½
Oakland	13	15	.464	4
Seattle	12	16	.429	5

Wednesday's Games
 Baltimore 5, Toronto 1
 Texas 15, Oakland 7
 L.A. Angels 5, Seattle 2
 Boston 4, Detroit 3
 Tampa Bay 11, N.Y. Yankees 8
 Chicago White Sox 4, Kansas City 2
 Cleveland 5, Minnesota 4

Today's Games
 Boston (Arroyo 3-0) at Detroit (J.Johnson 2-2), 12:05 p.m.
 Cleveland (Sabathia 2-0) at Minnesota (Radke 2-3), 12:10 p.m.
 Kansas City (Greinke 0-2) at Chicago White Sox (Contreras 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Wang 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Hendrickson 0-1), 6:15 p.m.

Friday's Games
 Seattle at Boston, 6:05 p.m.
 Oakland at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox at Toronto, 6:07 p.m.
 Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 6:15 p.m.
 Kansas City at Baltimore, 6:35 p.m.
 Cleveland at Texas, 7:05 p.m.
 Detroit at L.A. Angels, 9:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
 Atlanta 5, Florida 2
 San Diego 8, Colorado 7, 12 innings
 Arizona 6, San Francisco 2
 N.Y. Mets 3, Philadelphia 2
 St. Louis 7, Cincinnati 3
 Milwaukee 4, Chicago Cubs 3
 Pittsburgh 6, Houston 4
 Washington 5, L.A. Dodgers 2

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 Philadelphia (Padilla 0-3) at N.Y. Mets (Benson 0-0), 12:10 p.m.
 Houston (Backe 2-1) at Atlanta (Thomson 2-2), 6:35 p.m.
 San Diego (Lawrence 2-3) at St. Louis (Morris 2-0), 7:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (D.Williams 1-3) at Arizona (Estes 2-2), 8:40 p.m.

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 San Diego at St. Louis, 7:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Arizona, 8:40 p.m.
 Washington at San Francisco, 9:15 p.m.

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East Division				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	18	9	.667	—
Boston	15	12	.556	3
Toronto	16	13	.552	3
New York	11	17	.393	7½
Tampa Bay	10	18	.357	8½
Central Division				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	20	7	.741	—
Minnesota	15	11	.577	4½
Detroit	12	14	.462	7
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Okafor surprised by reactions

BY JENNA FRYER
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — As Emeke Okafor walked the course at the Wachovia Championship, golf fans stopped the Charlotte Bobcats forward to congratulate him on winning the NBA's Rookie of the Year award.

Even Tiger Woods made a point to offer well wishes.

Only then did Okafor realize just what the award meant.

"I think I underestimated the value of how people would react to it," he said on Wednesday after the official award presentation. "We went out to dinner last night, and people were yelling, 'Hey, Rookie of the Year! That's great!' and today on the golf course everyone was cheering for me."

So which was cooler — the award or meeting Woods?

"I have to go with the award," Okafor grinned. "Sorry, Tiger."

But the greatest pleasure has been the reaction from the Charlotte fans, who are still lukewarm when it comes to embracing the NBA and their hometown Bobcats.

After feverishly supporting the Hornets during most of their 14-year tenure, fans tuned out professional basketball after the Hornets fled to New Orleans.

It's put pressure on Okafor, the No. 2 overall pick in the NBA draft, to carry Charlotte's expansion team and give the city something to be proud of.

Winning top rookie honors was a huge step, coach Bernie Bickerstaff said.

"For all of us, the city, the organization, and Emeke



Nell Redmond/Associated Press
 Charlotte Bobcats' Emeke Okafor smiles after being named the NBA's 2004-05 Rookie of the Year in Charlotte, N.C., on Wednesday.

especially, this is a tremendous honor," Bickerstaff said. "It was not an easy selection because of the quality of talent in this rookie class.

"I wanted it to happen for Emeke, because he was a very professional young man who had presence and a routine, and it was really special."

Okafor became the first former college player to win the award in four years. Cleveland guard LeBron James and Phoenix center Amare Stoudemire, who both jumped from high school to the NBA, were the last two winners of the rookie award.

Memphis forward Pau Gasol, who won in 2002, played professionally in Spain before coming to the NBA.

Okafor led all rookies in scoring (15.1 points a game) and rebounding (10.9 rpg) and was second in his class behind Atlanta's Josh Smith in blocks (1.71). He also ranked second in the NBA with 3.8 offensive rebounds a game.

He ended his season with 47 games in double figures in points and rebounds.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Orioles fly away from Blue Jays

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BALTIMORE — Sammy Sosa ended Baltimore's drought of 22 scoreless innings with a two-run double in the eighth inning, and Javy Lopez added a three-run homer to lead the Orioles past the Toronto Blue Jays, 5-1, Wednesday.

Erik Bedard (3-1) struck out a career-high 12 and allowed one run and four hits in eight innings for the Orioles, who averted a three-game sweep.

Baltimore lost the series opener, 6-2, in 12 innings and was blanked 1-0 on Tuesday before bouncing back against Toronto ace Roy Halladay.

Halladay (4-2) gave up five runs and 12 hits in 7½ innings. Both his losses this season have come against the Orioles.

Miguel Tejada had three hits for Baltimore, which avoided its first three-game losing streak of the season. The Orioles stretched their lead in the AL East to three games over Toronto, which came in having won seven of eight.



Chris Gardner/Associated Press

Baltimore Oriole Miguel Tejada dives across home plate, scoring the go-ahead run during the eighth inning against the Toronto Blue Jays on Wednesday in Baltimore. Tejada scored on a hit by Sammy Sosa.

Rangers 16, Athletics 7, 8½ innings

OAKLAND, Calif. — Mark Teixeira and Alfonso Soriano hit two-run homers in a seven-run fourth inning, and the Rangers routed the Athletics to complete a three-game sweep.

Richard Hidalgo had a home run and four RBIs as the Rangers swept a series at Oakland for the first time since April 13-15, 2001. Sandy Alomar Jr. also drove in two runs.

Brian Shouse (2-1) pitched 1¼3 innings for the win. Rain caused umpires to stop the game in the middle of the ninth inning, and the umpires called it after a 34-minute wait.

Dan Haren (1-4) gave up seven runs and seven hits in a season-low 3¼3 innings, losing his third-straight start. Oakland, which allowed its most runs since an 18-3 loss at Colorado on July 18, 2000, matched a season high with its third defeat in a row.

Braves 5, Marlins 2

ATLANTA — Tim Hudson took a shutout into the eighth inning, Chipper Jones homered in his return to the Atlanta lineup, and the Braves

beat the Florida Marlins on Wednesday.

Adam LaRoche hit three doubles and drove in three runs for the Braves, and Andruw Jones also homered. The teams split a two-game series at Turner Field, leaving the Marlins (15-10) with a percentage-point lead over Atlanta (16-11) in the NL East.

Hudson (3-1) gave up five hits and one earned run in 7½ innings, bouncing back from his worst start of the season. He escaped a big jam in the fourth but finally tired in the eighth. Dan Kolb got the final three outs for his eighth save in nine chances.

A.J. Burnett (3-2) had won three straight decisions, but he's now 0-2 against the Braves this season.

Padres 8, Rockies 7, 12 innings

SAN DIEGO — Ryan Klesko's second homer tied the game in the ninth inning, and Miguel Ojeda singled in the winning run off Marcos Carvajal with two outs in the 12th as the Padres handed the Rockies their eighth-straight loss.

There were seven homers in the game at Petco Park, which has been criticized by Padres sluggers for its spacious outfield. The Padres had four, including Klesko's leadoff shot to right in the ninth on an 0-1 pitch from Chin-Hui Tsao to tie the game

at 7.

Carvajal (0-1) hadn't allowed a run in 9½ innings coming in. Denny Reyes (1-0) pitched a perfect 12th for the win.

Boston 4, Detroit 3

DETROIT — Kevin Youkilis hit a tiebreaking single in the eighth inning to lift the Boston Red Sox to a 4-3 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday.

Tim Wakefield (3-1) allowed three runs, 10 hits, and one walk while striking out five in seven innings. The 38-year-old knuckleballer earned his 117th win with the Red Sox, tying Pedro Martinez and Joe Wood for fifth on the franchise's all-time list.

Mike Timlin pitched the eighth, and Keith Foulke finished for his sixth save.

Jay Payton drew a leadoff walk against Kyle Farnsworth (1-1) in the eighth, advanced on another walk and scored on Youkilis' single to left. Farnsworth gave up one run on two walks and a single in 1 1/3 innings.

Detroit's Nate Robertson gave up three runs — two earned — on nine hits and three walks in 6 2/3 innings. He struck out three in his second straight no-decision.

St. Louis 7, Cincinnati 3

CINCINNATI — Scott Rolen

returned from a sore back and hit a two-run homer Wednesday night, sparking the St. Louis Cardinals to a 7-3 victory and three-game sweep of the Cincinnati Reds.

Mark Mulder's seven shutout innings also helped St. Louis improve the NL's best record to 18-8, the Cardinals' best start since 1948.

St. Louis got swept by Boston in the World Series last season, but retooled its lineup and replenished a pitching staff that's been one of the majors' best so far. Mulder (4-1), acquired from Oakland in December, kept it going against a struggling lineup.

The left-hander allowed only three singles — two of them infield hits — over seven innings. He retired his last 13 batters and didn't allow a runner past first base.

Carmen Calvi gave up a two-run homer to Felipe Lopez and a solo shot by Adam Dunn in the ninth, when the Reds got a runner to second base for the first time in the game.

The series between division rivals started with plenty of drama: St. Louis pulling off the biggest ninth-inning comeback in its history, scoring seven runs to win 10-9 on Monday night.

The series ended with another thumping of the Reds, who have lost seven in a row.

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MLB Steroids rules confusing

Baseball rules tripping up Latin American players

BY RONALD BLUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Players from Spanish-speaking countries are getting tripped up by baseball's steroids policy at a disproportionate rate, raising concerns that they don't understand the rules on banned substances — including over-the-counter supplements bought back home.

More than half the players suspended for positive tests at both the major- and minor-league levels were born in Latin America, according to a review of their birth places by the Associated Press. By comparison, approximately a quarter of players on opening-day major-league rosters were born in Spanish-speaking countries.

"I think it's just lack of communication," said Los Angeles Dodgers third baseman Jose Valentin, who was born in Puerto Rico. "You've got a lot of young Latin players who don't understand the language. They probably don't know what's going on, and they're not into it, in terms of meetings and stuff like that. I mean, you get some papers in your locker during spring training and during the season, and they're in English."

So what happens? "They don't even read it," Valentin said. "They just throw it away."

Three of the five players suspended under the big league policy were born outside the United States: Minnesota reliever Juan Rincon (Venezuela), Tampa Bay outfielder Alex Sanchez (Cuba), and Texas pitcher Agustin Montero (Dominican Republic).

At the minor-league level, 24 of the 47 players suspended this year (51.1 percent) were born in Latin America, with 11 from Venezuela, 10 from the Dominican Republic, two from Mexico, and one from Puerto Rico.

According to statistics compiled by the commissioner's office, 23.5 percent of the 829 major-league players on opening-day rosters and disabled lists were born in Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Mexico, or Venezuela. While no minor-league statistics are available for this year, as of April 2004 the Dominican Republic,

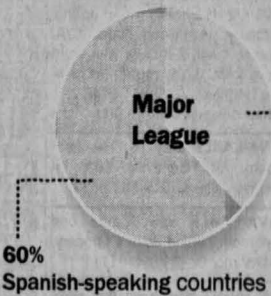
Steroid policy strike out Latin Americans

More than half of the players suspended for steroid use in major and minor league baseball are from Latin America, according to The Associated Press.

Major league opening-day rosters

23.5% were born in Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Mexico and Venezuela

Baseball suspensions for positive steroid use



Totals: Cuba (1), Dominican Republic (1), U.S. (2), Venezuela (1)

Minor League suspensions



Totals: Australia (1), Dominican Republic (10), Mexico (2), Puerto Rico (1), U.S. (22), Venezuela (11)

Puerto Rico, Mexico, and Venezuela accounted for 40.4 percent of the 6,117 players signed to minor-league contracts.

"I talked to the union and said that you have to have a meeting for the Latin players in our language," said Boston Red Sox slugger David Ortiz. "You could have the meeting over the winter in the Dominican, and have a lunch or dinner, and tell them everything. My English isn't the best, but I read, and write, and understand what people say to me, and I sometimes have trouble with this stuff, so you can imagine what it is like for the guys who don't understand English as well."

Complicating the matter is that many substances now banned under baseball's program because they are controlled substances in the United States are obtainable over the counter in pharmacies in player's homelands.

They can walk into a drug store at home during the off-season, pop pills until they head to Florida and Arizona in February, and then turn up positive at spring training.

"Are there people buying substances in countries where the substances are legal? Yes," said Gene Orza, the chief operating officer of the Major League Baseball Players' Association. "It's hard. It's one of the great problems in this."

Rob Manfred, the executive vice president for labor relations in the commissioner's office, says baseball has educational programs on performance-enhancing drugs in both English and Spanish and that there is a special program in the Dominican Republic rookie league that provides individualized counseling from Dominicans for players who test positive there.

"The language barrier is not the only issue. If it were that simple, it would be easier to get at," he said. "There are differences in regulation and differences in how readily available these substances are."

Jaime Torres, an agent for many players, says he thinks it's possible that some players have tested positive for what they were told back home were vitamins.

COMMENTARY

BCS polls discussed

BY MATT HAYES
SPORTING NEWS

We have many questions; the BCS boys have their typically sneaky and shrouded answers. I'm here at the BCS meetings in Phoenix, trying to follow the little red ball — not the shells — so I can give you the real answers.

OK, let's get this one out of the way: When will a playoff happen? Never. Say it with me now: Never.

N-e-v-e-r.

Deal with it.

What is the main issue at the meetings?

Replacing the Associated Press poll because AP decided after last season not to be part of this lovely process. There were a handful of ideas of how to do it, but the winner is a new human poll from the National Football Foundation that will include votes from former players, coaches, and administrators.

Believe me when I say this idea was the best of the lot. Among the other gems: a selection committee (read: smoke-filled room, secret deals) that would render polls useless; having the coaches and computer polls stand on their own (read: the wizard behind the curtain). Oklahoma Athletics Director Joe Castiglione suggested having all 117 coaches vote, then having a computer randomly pick a set number of votes every week that would count toward the poll. He called it a "Supreme Court" formula. Supply your own Supreme punch line here.

What makes this new poll more legitimate than the AP poll?

It's not, but look at the alternatives. The BCS fathers want to eliminate "integrity" issues that cropped up last year with some strange happenings in the AP poll

(see: Texas media voters jumping the Longhorns over Cal in the last poll of the season). The new poll will use a set number of voters from each region. Then again, is someone going to try to tell me Tom Osborne wouldn't have voted Auburn over Oklahoma last year because, well, he never liked that Switzer guy anyway?

So it's subject to the same old regional biases?

New poll voters will have to sign a "code of ethics." That code will include promises to watch the games and cast their own votes. I ask you, what code could be more forceful than that?

How will the polls be weighted? Still nothing set here, although Big 12 Commissioner and BCS czar Kevin Weiberg says he wants human polls to be more of a factor.

Last year, the weighted formula was 40 percent to each human poll and 20 percent to the computers. This year, it likely will jump to 45 percent for each human poll and 10 percent to the computers.

Will the voters be forced to make their votes public?

"Transparency" has been a hot issue surrounding the coaches' poll for years, and the American Football Coaches' Association is adamant about votes remaining secret. Coaches say they will make public their votes in their final regular-season poll but not in earlier polls. And if the BCS pushes the AFCA on the issue, Executive Director Grant Teaff says, "They won't get to use our poll, and they'll have the biggest mythical national championship going." The new poll — which will start the first week of October — likely will be "transparent" on a weekly basis.

What becomes of the AP media poll?

It rendered itself insignificant by pulling out. It's now just another

entity naming a national champion. The *Eufaula Tribune* of Alabama crowned Auburn national champion last year, and we all know how far that got Aubie.

What about automatic qualification for the BCS?

This is tricky. In previous years, the automatic qualification for the BCS conferences was based on their champions having an average ranking of at least 12 over a four-year period. Now, that stance is softening a bit.

Weiberg says any BCS conference champion (read: the Big East) that doesn't reach the average ranking can appeal. The appeal can be based on numerous factors, including — ta-da! — television market value. In other words, the Big East — firmly planted in the Northeast — isn't going anywhere, no matter how pathetic it becomes.

Bottom line: The appeal process was instituted so the BCS didn't have to eat one of its own and look even worse than it already does.

What about the mid-major conferences and their automatic qualification?

The process, although not completely worked through, will be very similar to last year's. The new BCS conference champions will automatically qualify only with a top six BCS ranking. When the new BCS contract begins with the 2006 season, the highest-ranked mid-major team will win an at-large spot in a BCS bowl every year.

Before you get uncomfortably bent, understand this: All 11 conferences and Notre Dame signed off on the agreement, then sent a letter to Congress saying how happy and cheerful everyone was about it.

Say it with me again, everyone: Never.

N-e-v-e-r.

KENTUCKY DERBY

Bellamy Road tabbed 5-2 Derby favorite

BY RICHARD ROSENBLATT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Trainer Nick Zito has the favorite for the Kentucky Derby again, this time with Bellamy Road, owned by Yankees boss George Steinbrenner.

Bellamy Road was made the 5-2 favorite for Saturday's richest Derby ever and drew the No. 16 post Wednesday.

The No. 16 post has worked well in the last decade, producing three Derby winners — Thunder Gulch in 1995, Charismatic in 1999, and Monarchos in 2001.

A full field of 20 3-year-olds was entered for the 1 1/2-mile race, with Afleet Alex the second choice at 9-2. Bandini was the third choice at 6-1.

Bellamy Road is one of five Zito horses in the field, equaling the record by Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lukas in 1996. Lukas won that year, with Grindstone.

Zito's other horses are High Fly at 8-1, leaving from the No. 11 post; Noble Causeway at 12-1 (No. 4



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This year's Kentucky Derby will host a full field of 20 horses vying to win the Run for the

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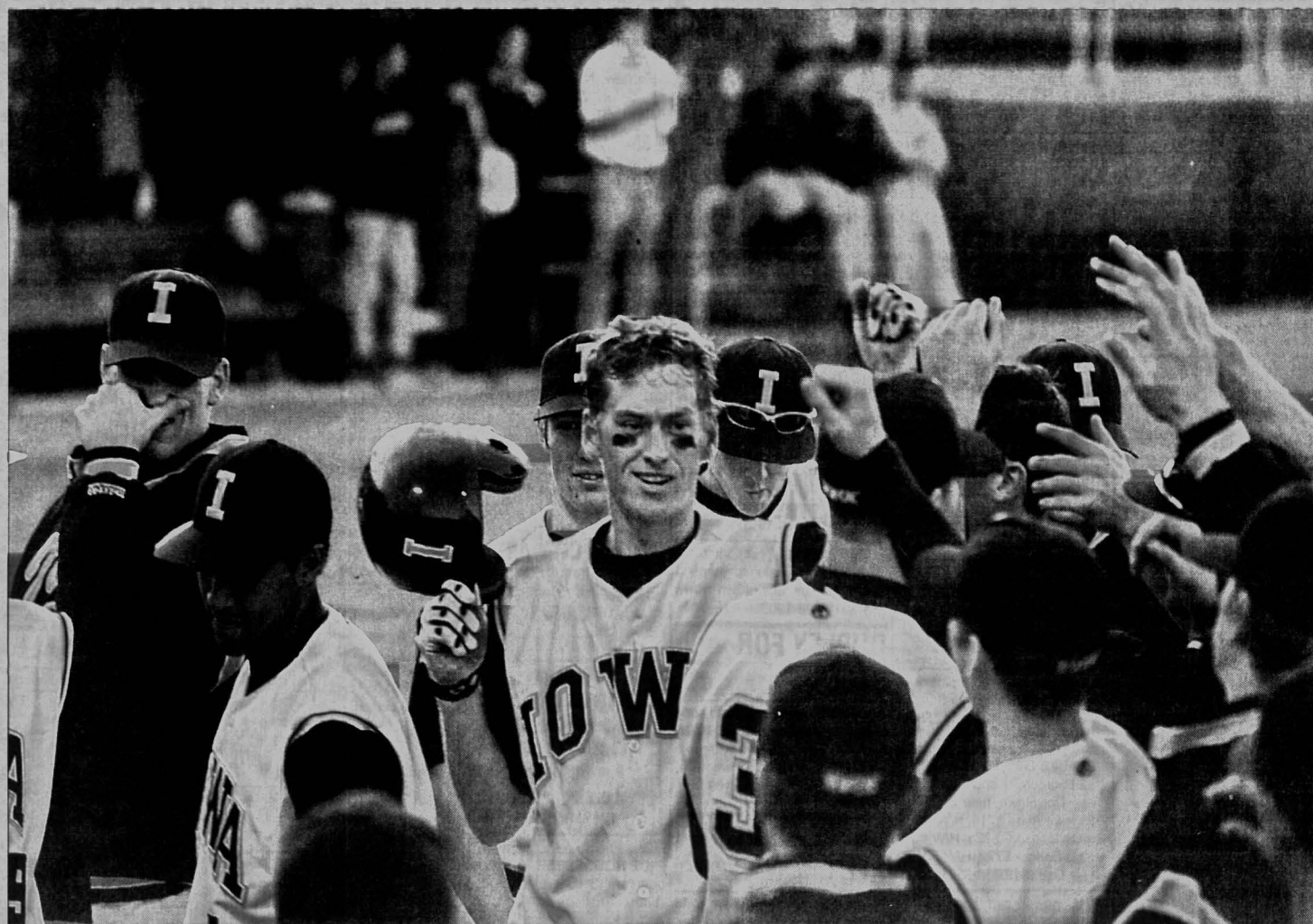
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SPORTS



Hawkeye infielder Andy Cox celebrates with teammates after hitting a home run in the sixth inning of Iowa's double-header against Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Wednesday.

Dan Edmonds/The Daily Iowan

A positive way to go into weekend play

BASEBALL

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Andrulonis believes the Wednesday games were positive reinforcement heading into this weekend's matchup with the

Golden Gophers. The senior third baseman was quick to point out that the way the Hawks have competed in non-conference action has translated into how they perform in Big Ten play.

"Coach Dahm always says that midweek games give you momentum into the weekend, and the weekends that we're successful, we do good in the midweek," Andrulonis said. "Then last weekend, we weren't

successful, and we weren't successful in the midweek, either. So this is a good sign. We're looking forward to this weekend. Maybe we can keep this ball rolling."

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Athletics department spends \$200K on drug testing

STERIODS

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Reed said the drug program's first objective is to educate and rehabilitate rather than discipline.

"The reason we have that is because our goal is not necessarily to be punitive in damage but to try to make sure that we get them the right resources," she said.

Iowa uses an external laboratory to process the samples collected by the university to validate the test's credibility. According to the contract, the name of the lab cannot be identified, Reed said.

Iowa Athletics Director Bob Bowsby said drug testing hasn't been as big of an issue in collegiate athletics as in the professional ranks because universities have been ahead of the pro leagues in testing and education.

Professional sports stress performance, and college athletics are geared more towards education, Bowsby said. Iowa has had a drug-testing program in place for 20 years.

The athletics department spends \$200,000 annually for its drug-testing program, including testing, personnel, and follow-up counseling.

"I think we have one of the strongest programs anywhere," Bowsby said.

Ninety-five percent of Division I schools have some sort of drug-testing program in place, said Cindy Thomas of the national drug center. Of the schools with testing in place, 90 percent use random testing, and 76 percent test with reasonable suspicion, according to a NCAA survey.

Dollar signs often influence an institution's policy more than the actual need for an efficient testing program, Thomas said.

Most individual drug tests cost anywhere between \$25-\$150, depending on the type of drugs being tested.

"I think, ultimately, it's a cost-driven issue," she said. "There's also the thought that if it's not broken, don't fix it. If you don't have kids in trouble or there hasn't been an incident, then there's less of an emphasis to place money in a budget for something that's not, in their minds, happening."

"However, we all know that it happens."

Summer's 'Fatal loophole'

Charles Yeaslis, a professor of health policy and administration at Penn State University who has conducted steroid research for 25 years, said all

drug tests have corners that can be cut — it's just a matter of finding them.

For the NCAA testing program and most institutional policies, Yeaslis said, it's obvious.

The NCAA does not test athletes over the summer, which is considered by many sports to be a time for concentrated conditioning and weight training.

"I don't know of any institution that runs down its kids at home," he said. "That is a fatal loophole. That is a fatal flaw."

"You can pretty much tell by the size of Division I football players that it's a fatal flaw."

Iowa tests student-athletes during the summer and winter only when they are on campus for scheduled competition or practice. For example, an athlete who stays at the university in June and July to train can be tested. An athlete who returns home is not eligible.

"They're not really under our jurisdiction when they're away in the summer," Bowsby said.

Because Iowa does test athletes who are on campus over the summer, Reed said, the "loophole" is smaller.

"That doesn't seem to be quite as much of an issue for us related to testing, because it's part of our policy that we can test during the summer months," she said. "I would agree that there probably could be a loophole for some testing, but I think our policy has the infrastructure to kind of support that we could do that."

A decision to test over the summer is dependent on the individual institution, said Kay

Hawes of the national drug center. Her company has contracts with schools that have a form of testing over the summer months and those that don't, she said.

Different types of drugs stay in the body for different lengths of time, and individuals metabolize drugs at varying rates, raising more complications on a lack of summer testing by NCAA institutions. Some substances are chemically metabolized quickly in 24-48 hours — one reason Iowa doesn't notify athletes about tests.

Anabolic steroids are much more long-lasting and can stay in the body for months, Reed said. According to OHS Health and Safety Services, oral steroids are detectable up to three weeks, and injected steroids can be detected three to six months or even more.

Hypothetically, steroids consumed in May could exit an individual's system by mid-August.

Yeaslis thinks collegiate testing loses value by ignoring a lot of athletes over the summer.

"If they want to do it seriously, they have to take the time and all the heat to run down young athletes at home over the summer if they want to really close the door on this," he said. "I doubt whether they really want to do that."

Testing, education deter drug use

Student-athletes tell the NCAA that drug-testing deters drug use, according to an NCAA survey. Iowa baseball player Andy Lytle said athletes understand the consequences for

failing a drug test, and they're cautious about ruining their athletics opportunities.

The Hawkeye shortstop said he has been tested two to three times each year during his three-year collegiate career.

"I think guys don't want to risk throwing away what they have," he said. "I'm here to play baseball, and I don't want to mess anything up for the future."

Coaches agree on the importance of stressing education to their student-athletes.

Iowa football coach Kirk Ferentz said education is the most important process to prevent steroid use among young athletes. Testing may act as a greater deterrent for drug use, but Hawkeye officials believe educating student-athletes is the most important process.

"I think you'd fail to eliminate performance-enhancing drug use if you had one without the other," said football strength and conditioning coach Chris Doyle.

The national drug center's Thomas predicts that more schools will develop stronger drug-testing policies in the near future. She said the growing attention in Congress and the media trickled down to institutions.

"It's certainly a hot topic and big issue at all levels," she said. "You have drug use in sports in the papers every day."

"I think we're seeing an upward turn of more institutions and organizations taking the responsibility to try and do something about this."

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IOWA SOFTBALL VS. DRAKE

Iowa hopes not to repeat shutout

SOFTBALL

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The Hawkeyes would like to avoid repeating last year's 3-0 loss to the Bulldogs in Des Moines. Hicks threw a brilliant game last year, giving up just two hits in the Drake shutout. The victory was only the fifth for Drake's in the series, which the Hawkeyes lead 27-5.

"We just need to work our game plan. We need steady pressure and not being a one-run offense or a one-inning

offense," Blevins said.

The run down the stretch is also important for Iowa. After a loss April 29 to Wisconsin put an end to Iowa's 11-game winning streak, the Hawkeyes won three straight.

The team looks to be peaking at just the right time: 3-13 Illinois is coming to Iowa City this weekend for the final two games before the Big Ten Tournament.

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People in the Arts | **THIRD CIRCLE BIKE ARTISTS**

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Part Dr. Frankenstein, part creative genius, the three daredevil inventors who compose Third Circle bike artists — Jesse Duer, Jon Petersen, and Mike Lilienthal — are hell-bent on taking their love of weird yet functional transportation to the Iowa City streets.

RIGHT ABOVE: Jon Petersen cruises down a residential street on the "Chopper" on Monday. Petersen and friends Mike Lilienthal and Jesse Duer built the bike to look like the motorcycle of the same name. **RIGHT BELOW:** Duer (bottom) and Petersen cautiously ride the "Tandem Bike," one of their more recent creations. The riders have recovered from a recent collision with a car that left the riders not only cut and bruised but with \$40 tickets from the Iowa City police.



BY ARNA WILKINSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

Jesse Duer straddled the massive, shining frame with his hands clutching the handlebars. He was ready to feel wind through his hair and pavement under his feet. He was ready to pedal.

The Chopper had hit the streets again.

This was no ordinary bicycle — it was a mammoth contraption built out of discarded parts by Duer and his friends Mike Lilienthal and Jon Petersen, 20-year-old Iowa City natives who are each part artist and part Dr. Frankenstein as they create the most outlandish bicycles they can dream up.

They are also not alone; in fact, there is a small community of bicycle artists in Iowa City who want to travel as quickly, as hard, and as weirdly as they can. This phenomenon is not unique to the Midwest, either; bicycle artists are spread all over the United States, some building bicycles influenced by motorcycles, hot rods, or lowriders. Artists can order parts from catalogues or make their own from scratch, but every design displays the individuality of the maker.

"I don't consider myself an artist, but the bikes are a form of expression," Lilienthal said. "Most people look at them and see ugly behemoths, but for us it's not so much how they look, it's for how they ride. I like them because it's the most efficient machine ever invented; they're fast, cheap, and versatile — it's bitchin' fun."

SEE ART BIKES, PAGE 5C

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Petersen balances on top of the "Double Tail Bike," the trio's first bizarre creation. The bike was merely a prototype of the strangeness to come.

'It's nice to see your work in the same space as the Pollock mural.'
— Chris Miller, M.F.A. student



Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan

Lee Emma Running draws projected buds of crab apples for her piece *Crab Apple*. Running, a M.F.A. student in sculpture, will exhibit her work at the UI Museum of Art in the M.F.A. show.

MUSEUM TO SHOW OFF M.F.A.S' MIGHTY FINE ART

Thesis works by M.F.A. students will be on exhibit from Friday to June 12

BY RUSSELLA LUCIEN
THE DAILY IOWAN

Chris Miller's painting *Thunderstorm at the Store* evokes images of Romantic landscape paintings with dramatic changes in color just before a rain shower, but it features the contemporary image of a big box store with its expansive parking lot.

Miller is just one of 36 M.F.A. students exhibiting their thesis works at the UI Museum of Art from Friday to June 12. The works range from painting to sculpture to metalsmithing.

Dorothy Johnson, the director of the art school, said, "It's very important for students, because this is their first opportunity to show in an art gallery. It's a good way to present themselves in an exhibit within the context of established artists."

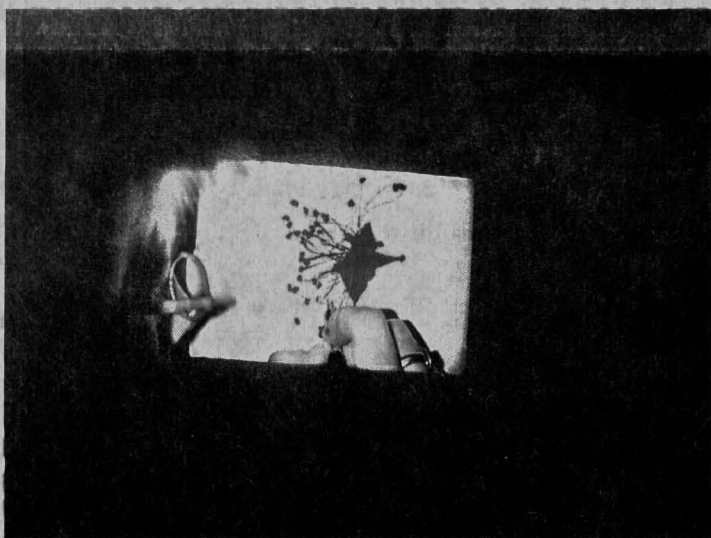
Miller works with landscape themes in his paintings. "They're essential constructions of different places," he said. "They're about the construction of landscape as the physical. I draw on art-history references."

Miller's work also uses photography; he develops the pictures on slide film to project onto a screen to draw different photographic images within the same piece.

The M.F.A. thesis requires students to create a collection of works during the three-year program. The final works and a written statement are presented to a five-member panel for approval. Miller, describing the approval process, said, "I never got the feeling of a defense but a clarification of my work."

Art Professor Wallace Tomasini said the M.F.A. show began with exhibitions in the art-building gallery in 1940. The show was supposed to move to the museum in 1969, when the facility opened, but museum administrators decided that gallery space could not be used to exhibit student work. For the next three years, there was no show. In 1972, the exhibition was shown at the Davenport Museum of Art and the Des Moines Museum of Art. Tomasini said the change in venue left some at the UI disgruntled.

"Former President Sandy Boyd telephoned me during the second year of our 'traveling' M.F.A. Show and asked why we were depriving the university and Iowa City community of the opportunity of seeing the M.F.A. exhibition," Tomasini said. "After I explained the situation, our next M.F.A. exhibition was



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Lee Emma Running works on her piece for the M.F.A. show. The opening reception for the graduate-student exhibition will take place on Friday from 6-9 p.m.

held in the university Museum of Art, and it has been held there ever since."

The future career paths of M.F.A. graduates range from teaching at colleges and universities to digital animation and graphic design. Some students will work toward their Ph.D.s in either art history or art education. "Our alums find jobs that involve their art, even if it is not

teaching," Johnson said.

Miller said he plans to continue his works in the fall and to teach basic drawing in the fall in the art school. For him, the show is "hopefully the first step to many shows and to show my work in other spaces. It's nice to see your work in the same space as the Pollock mural."

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NATIONAL TREASURE

While George Washington and gang were trying to defeat the British Empire, our Founding Fathers still had enough free time in their schedules — between dodging lead and forming a new government — to bury a secret treasure and create a bunch of gadgets, like super-secret decoder eyeglasses, to help find it. Now, Nicolas Cage and his toupee are searching out the lost treasure. Here's a film so ludicrous that it's impossible to hate. Regardless, the film is boring.

Movie: ★★ out of ★★★★★
Extras: ★★ out of ★★★★★

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SPACEBALLS COLLECTOR'S EDITION

Maybe I love it because I'm a *Star Wars* fanatic. Anyhoo, the misadventures of Lone Starr and his half-man, half-dog pal, Barf, as they battle Dark Helmet (comic genius Rick Moranis) in Mel Brooks' spoof of George Lucas' universe is one of the great comedies from the '80s. It's just plain goofy, stupid fun in which the brightest spot has to be

Moranis' brilliant portrayal of nerdy, incompetent, and endlessly quotable villainy ("I knew it. I'm surrounded by assholes ... keep firing assholes!"). Just thinking of that line and so many others sends me in to giggle fits.

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Reminisce about that era when Nicolas Cage *only* took interesting roles: Watch David Lynch's mesmerizing *Wild at Heart*. Cage plays Sailor Ripley, an Elvis wannabe who wears a snakeskin coat, because it "represents a symbol of my individuality and my belief in personal freedom." Sailor and his girlfriend, Lula (Laura Dem), embark on a road trip resembling an acid-fueled re-imagining of *The Wizard of Oz*. Along the way they meet numerous grotesque characters, including Willem Dafoe as a bank robber who learns a harsh lesson in the risks of running with a loaded shotgun. Satiric, bizarre, funny, and always fascinating.

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Reckless: Tilly and the Wall has something to tap about



Photos by Bryan Swotek/The Daily Iowan

With the rise of the indie-rock scene, this party of five found time to revolutionize percussion and pop music

BY BRYAN SWOTEK
THE DAILY IOWAN

As Tilly and the Wall marches on stage, clapping and reciting a rally call, it is clear the audience is in for something completely out of the ordinary. The *Daily Iowan* sat down with Tilly before the band's show in Des Moines and talked about everything from throat coat to bocce ball — and the Midwest weather that's keeping everyone guessing.

Derek Pressnall tuned his guitar while Jamie Williams set up her specially designed box to tap dance on. In the meantime, Neely Jenkins, Kianna Alarid, and Nick White set up mike stands, trash cans, and a keyboard.

They all glow like they just did something detention-worthy in math class and got away with it — but if this is what high school was supposed to be like, we all got robbed.

The guitar begins to strum, the clap of tap shoes demands attention, and the beautiful harmonies flood the stage.

Tilly started its tour last week in Champaign, Ill., with Of Montreal. However, Iowa City fans are in for a treat. Though Of Montreal is not on the Iowa City bill, this is the first tour Tilly has ever headlined.

Also, Iowa City is only the second city in Iowa it has played. Until the Des Moines gig, Iowa was unmarked territory for the group.

"We have headlined in New York, but I think that is a little different, because we have played New York 80 times," Alarid said.

The first headlining show was in Madison, Wis., and was followed by an impromptu dance party. Alarid said the band has a dance mix ready if the occasion arises again.

"After the show, the sound guy started playing some Dr. Dre, and we all started dancing. The next thing you know, everyone is dancing, and the DJ kept going. It was amazing," Alarid said.

One thing the band members said they have had to get used

CONCERT
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and Tell Julia
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to is playing an encore. It was something they all said they didn't even think about until they were done playing, and people were still out there.

"I really feel like, on this tour, there are a lot of people out there to see us, even though we are not headlining the whole tour," White said.

One thing that has kept the band grounded is the number of returning fans.

"It is nice that the people we have seen since the beginning are still coming out, even though we are playing bigger venues and to bigger crowds," Pressnall said.

To keep themselves entertained, the members said they have been reading and doing crossword puzzles in between bouts of sleeping.

Earlier this year, Tilly hit the road with Bright Eyes, and the Tilly members called it one of the best tours they have ever been on, complete with dressing rooms and catered meals before the shows. That tour allowed them to play beautiful venues that they said they wouldn't normally play.

"I think the cutoff is when you have your own bathroom backstage. That is always nice," White said.

At the end of the set, before the members take their final bow and look out in the crowd with beaming smiles, you have already been charmed.

So put on your dancing shoes, and come out to Gabe's on May 8. Opening for Tilly will be Twelve Canons and Tell Julia; cover is \$7.

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ABOVE LEFT TO RIGHT: Neely Jenkins, Jamie Williams, and Kianna Alarid dance the night away at the Vaudeville Mewes in Des Moines on Sunday.

LEFT: Alarid, Nick White, Jenkins, Derek Pressnall, and Williams compose Tilly and the Wall. The women sing, dance, and provide percussion while Pressnall plays guitar and sings, and White plays keyboards. The band will perform May 8 at Gabe's.

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Theater
• **Iowa New Play Festival**, Hum roundtable, 172 Theatre Building, 10 a.m.
• **Iowa New Play Festival reading**, *Abraham: I am an island*, by Sam Hunter, 172 Theatre Building, 1:30 p.m.
• **Iowa New Play Festival**, *Waking Nicodemus*, by Anton Jones, E.C. Mabie Theatre, Theatre Building, 5:30 and 9 p.m., \$4-\$6

Misc.
• **Holocaust film series**, *Schindler's List*, Hillel, 122 E. Market, 7:30 p.m.

Friday

Music
• **Dan Knight**, piano, Museum of Art, 5 p.m.
• "Know the Score Live," Clapp Recital Hall and KSUI, 5 p.m.
• **Andre Williams and the Greasy Wheels**, the Kick-Ass Tarantulas, the Noble Spirits, Gabe's, 9 p.m., \$10
• **Future Rock**, DJ Jason Heyland, Yacht Club, 9 p.m., \$5
• **Mike and Amy Finders Band**, Mill, 9 p.m., \$6
• **Que Flavor**, Siren, 124 S. Dubuque, 9 p.m., price TBA

Words
• "Live From Prairie Lights," Peter Pouncey, fiction, Prairie Lights and WSUI, 8 p.m.

Theater
• **Iowa New Play Festival**, *Waking Nicodemus* roundtable, 172 Theatre Building, 10 a.m.
• **Iowa New Play Festival reading**, *Curious Father*, by Austin Bunn, 172 Theatre Building, 1:30 p.m.
• **Iowa New Play Festival**, *An Experiment in Sainthood*, by Melissa Leilani Larson, David Thayer Theatre, Theatre Building, 5:30 and 9 p.m., \$4-\$6
• **Undergraduate Concert**, UI dance department, North Hall Space/Place, 8 p.m., \$6-\$12

Best of No Shame Theatre, Theatre Building, 11 p.m., \$2
Misc.
• **Holocaust Film series**, *The Pianist*, 11 a.m., *Life is Beautiful*, 2 p.m., *Summer of Aviya*, 4:30 p.m., Hillel

Saturday

Music
• **Acoustic Brunch with Bree Clime-White**, Mill, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
• **World Music Extravaganza**, Clapp, 3 p.m.
• **Stillpictured**, All But Screaming, In Letters, Gabe's, 5 p.m., \$4
• **Ames Piano Quartet**, Clapp, 8 p.m.
• **Dennis McMurrin & the Demolition Band**, Yacht Club, 9 p.m., \$5
• **Pieta Brown and Bo Ramsey**, Mill, 9 p.m., \$8
• **The Specimen**, Bled the Multitudes, and Ghosts of Rodeo, Gabe's, 9:30 p.m., \$5
• **Steve George and the Other Brothers**, Siren, time and price TBA

Theater
• **Iowa New Play Festival**, *An Experiment in Sainthood*, roundtable, 172 Theatre Building, 10 a.m.
• **Iowa New Play Festival reading**, *Goodbye Geneva*, by Sarah Hoeffich, 172 Theatre Building 2 p.m.
• **Iowa New Play Festival**, *How do You Sleep at Night?*, by Michael Hayden, Theatre B, Theatre Building, 5:30 and 9 p.m., \$4-\$6
• **Undergraduate Concert**, UI dance department, Space/Place, 8 p.m., \$6-12

Sunday

Music
• **Acoustic Brunch with Bree Clime-White**, Mill, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
• **The Wolf Gang**, Voxman Music Building Harper Hall, 2 p.m.
• **Philharmonia and All-University String Orchestra**, Clapp, 3 p.m.

Semiannual Last Chance Concert, UI percussion ensemble, Clapp, 8:02 p.m.
• **Tilly and the Wall**, Twelve Canons, and Tell Julia, Gabe's, 9 p.m., \$7

Dance
• **ODC/San Francisco**, *The Velvetten Rabbit*, Hancher, 2 p.m., \$11-\$25

Misc.
• **The Sunday Pub Quiz**, Mill, 9 p.m.

Monday

Music
• **Open Mike with Jay Knight**, Mill, 8 p.m.
• **Red Elvises**, 7 inch Wave, Gabe's, 9 p.m., \$8
• **Volkan Orhon and Diana Gannett**, double bass, Harper Hall, 8 p.m.

Words
• "Live From Prairie Lights," Elizabeth Berg, fiction, Prairie Lights and WSUI, 8 p.m.

Tuesday

Music
• **PATV Benefit**, acts TBA, Mill, 9 p.m., \$5

Words
• "Live From Prairie Lights," Adam Mansbach, fiction, Prairie Lights and WSUI, 8 p.m.

Misc.
• **Salsa Break**, Arts à la Carte, 20 E. Market, 9 p.m.

Wednesday

Music
• **Burlington Street Bluegrass Band**, Mill, 7 p.m., \$4
• **Maia Quartet competition winners**, Clapp, 8 p.m.
• **Unofficial Swing Club**, Siren, 8 p.m., price TBA
• **We are Wolves**, Arp of Covenant, other act TBA, Gabe's, 9 p.m., \$4

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ART BIKES

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Needless to say, Lilienthal and his friends are not the types to wear helmets. Ever.

Earlier that afternoon, before the Chopper was let out of its cage, the three had gone over to Petersen's mother's house, a nondescript white bungalow tucked back in the neighborhoods of Iowa City's East Side. Nondescript that is, until the garage door was opened.

It was a sight to behold. The garage was a morgue for machinery, almost every inch of space filled with tools, handlebars, gears, and pedals. More than 12 bicycles hung from the ceiling in various disassembled stages, and others were shoved into corners. A stereo system had been set up among it all. This was the laboratory where bicycles died and were reborn as part of a fleet of monster creations inspired by the boundless minds of these young men.

"We wanted to do something with our time and build bicycles, but we didn't have any money — all we had was a welder," Duer said. "So we thought, 'Let's build a really a crappy bike.' But we kept going with it, and it became 'How bizarre can we build a bike and still ride it?'"

The finished bicycles were breathtaking in a surreal way. As Jon and Mike brought out one bicycle after another out to the driveway, it was like circus sideshow without a tent.

The "Double Tall Bike," as the creators called it, was two bicycle frames welded together with extra steel tubing. The handlebars and seat from the frame on top were a good 6 feet above the bottom frame, allowing the rider to be perched high above cars and pedestrians. There was one brake lever, and it worked inconsistently. This was the first bicycle, built on New Year's Eve of 2004, after the three had tried out a few prototypes during high school. The more recent contraptions showed a progression of craftsmanship.

The pièce de résistance was the Chopper. A menacing black bicycle mimicking the motorcycles of the same name, the Chopper had extremely long metal tubes extending the front wheel about 5 feet away from the frame. Massive handlebars, taken from an exercise bike, rose up like great metal wings. Resting on the low, curvaceous frame was a banana seat upholstered with duck tape.

It was an apocalyptic version of the movie *Easy Rider*, a bicycle from hell.

Most of the creations were spray-painted with the name "Third Circle," a graffiti tag for the three inventors. It was a reference to Dante's *Inferno* — in the third circle of the underworld, the gluttonous are forced to lie in mud while excrement rains upon them. Duer had read the book and was reminded of it when he started working in the shop.

"I thought of them [the bicycles]



as gluttons, because they eat up old bicycles," he said.

Duer and his friends found the majority of their parts from UI surplus, which takes in bicycles abandoned on campus. They also went through Dumpsters and junkyards. Once the frames and parts were collected, they started constructing whatever blueprints they had in their heads, usually by trial and error. Duer works at World of Bikes, 723 S. Gilbert St., and Lilienthal works at Racquet Master Bike and Ski, 321 S. Gilbert St., so they took care of the mechanical aspects. Petersen works as a welder for the Highway Equipment Company in Cedar Rapids, so he put the bicycles together.

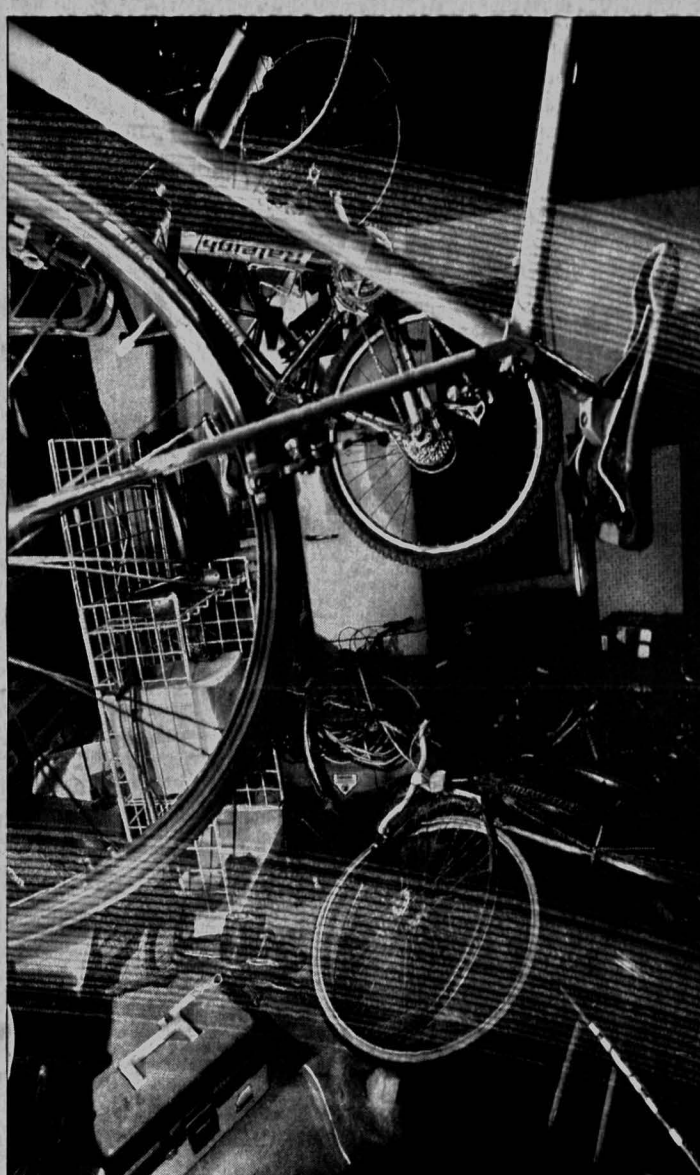
After Duer was done riding the Chopper and Petersen finished some welding, the trio decided to check out one of their newest creations. Upon arriving at Petersen's bachelor pad, they pulled out a blaze orange bicycle that was hidden behind a 1959 Chevrolet pickup truck.

Actually, it was two bicycles, one welded on top of other. This was the "Tandem Bike," made for two riders to pedal simultaneously, one on the frame below and one above. To illustrate this, Duer climbed to the top of the bicycle while Petersen straddled the bottom seat and held on. Following a wobbly start on the driveway, the two rocketed down the street like gleeful 5-year-olds on a Rube Goldberg invention. They raced for a while and then piled back into Petersen's car.

Two days later, there was an accident. The three were cycling home from downtown Iowa City when, Duer said, the Tandem bike and a car collided at the intersection of Kirkwood Avenue and Dodge Street. They were fine, he said, but the police showed up.

"We're in the process of getting dicked over by the police because, you know, apparently scratches on the car are more important than gashes on the face," Duer said.

On the Sunday after the accident, Duer and Petersen



Photos by Jessica Green/The Daily Iowan

showed up at a gathering of local bicycle enthusiasts on the Pedestrian Mall organized by Rich Dana, a bicycle artist and the owner of CyclePsychos, a local customized bicycle and accessory company. Petersen had a black eye and cuts on his face. Duer had a gash above his eye. They joked weakly about having concussions. Approximately 15 other people were there, mainly middle-aged men and teenage boys with an assortment of

deranged bicycles from homemade to highly-polished.

The bike aficionados milled around like trainers at a dog show, eyeing each others' contraptions with awe and a bit of jealousy. It was a bizarre spectacle, yet nothing could compare to the big black Third Circle Chopper, which rested like a gleaming, vengeful god, watching over everyone, daring them to try to take a ride.

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"We kept going with it, and it became 'How bizarre can we build a bike and still ride it?'"

— Jesse Duer

LEFT: Jon Petersen looks at the "Tandem Bike," one the most recent bikes that the trio have built. Petersen says his next project idea is a perpendicular bike, which will resemble the "Tandem Bike" but the top frame will be at 90 degrees to the one below. BELOW: Bicycles and bike parts fill the garage of Petersen's East Side house. Petersen says the garage is actually less messy now than before it became the bike workshop.



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calendar

- **Message Chairs, Office of Student Life**, 9 a.m.-noon, front of bookstore, IMU.
- **"Biological and Chemical Threat Agent Protocol Model, College of Public Health**, noon, 22 Nursing Building.
- **Graduate Student Workshop, "Putative Role for Mitosin in Lovastatin-induced G2/M Cell Cycle Arrest," Kimberly Villiers, and "Endothelin and Pain," Jun Xu**, 12:30 p.m., 2-501 Bowen Science Building.
- **Proseminar on Arab Cinema, Jenin Jenin**, 7 p.m., 101 Becker Communication Studies Building.
- **Holocaust Film Series, Schindler's List**, 7:30 p.m., Hillel, 122 E. Market St.
- **Anthony Cox, bass**, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall.
- **"Live from Prairie Lights," Alexander Parsons, fiction**, 8 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., and WSUI.
- **Undergraduate Dance Concert**, 8 p.m., North Hall Space/Place.

quote of the day

"You can't have a one-person conspiracy."

— U.S. military judge Col. James Pohl, in throwing out Pfc. Lynndie England's guilty plea to prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib and declaring a mistrial.

horoscopes

Thursday, May 5, 2005
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): An impulsive act will leave you out in the cold. Don't overreact — work on what you aspire to become. Check out your motives.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Talk can lead to all sorts of problems if you stretch the truth. You will end up being blamed if you are misleading or if you try to cover up a mistake. Someone may be using you to get ahead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your vast amount of knowledge coupled with the fabulous way you describe everything will capture interest and start the initial stages of a project you really want to get off the ground. A partnership will develop.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you take on too much, you'll end up being taken advantage of. Being a martyr will not pay off. Don't let anyone push you into doing things that you don't want any part of.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You need to have some fun and forget all your troubles. Celebrate the good things in life with your friends. You'll have some creative ideas. Smart thinking and fast action will pay off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stay out of other people's private affairs. You'll end up paying the price if you take on responsibilities that aren't meant to be yours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Draw on your inner self when it comes to an important decision. If it doesn't feel right, don't do it. Making a change is not such a bad idea, and it will lead you in a very interesting direction.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Give whatever you are working on your very best effort. The fewer people you have around to disrupt your accomplishments, the better. Satisfaction will be yours if you focus on something creative.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Participation is the order of the day. Sports events or activities with children or friends will be rewarding. An opportunity to learn something new will present itself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Not everyone will be thinking along the same lines as you, but that doesn't mean that you can't get things done. Making some improvements at home that will help to raise morale will pay off. Real-estate deals will be prosperous and plentiful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your friends should be your top priority. An attraction will spark between you and someone you meet today. You can do something that doesn't come easily to most.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stay out of trouble by keeping busy. You may not like what you are working on, but that doesn't mean that you should do a poor job. Don't let your frustrations get the better of you.

news you need to know

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.

May 13 — End of finals, 9 p.m.
— Residence halls dining contract ends, dinner

May 14 — Residence halls close, 5 p.m.

May 15 — (3-week session) Withdrawal of entire three-week summer-session registration through 5/20, students held to 10% of tuition and mandatory fees

May 16 — (3-week session) Late registration fee for Day 1-5 effective through May 20
— (3-week session) Opening of 3-week summer-session classes, 7 a.m.
— (3-week session) Preliminary class rosters available

May 18 — Second-semester grades must be submitted to the Registrar, 5 p.m.

happy birthday to ...

May 5 — Michael Kelso, 22; Ashlee Link, 21; Liz Saxen, 19; Mary Blachowicz, 22; Kerri Hartwig, 21; Scott 'Peg-Leg' Brody, 21; Kelly Chesnik, 22; Joy Alberti, 22

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PATV

The PATV schedule was not available at press time.

UITV schedule

3 p.m. "Talk of Iowa Live from the Java House," Rennie Davis/Brian Joseph

4 Mega-Projects and Mega-Risks: The Reality of Policy and Planning for Multibillion-Dollar Infrastructure Investments

4:50 Pitfalls of Narrative and Discourse Analysis in Social Science: A Public Discussion

6:20 College of Education presents

Muslims in America: The Basics

7 "Talk of Iowa Live from the Java House," Rennie Davis/Brian Joseph

8 The Search for Water on Mars

9:30 Ueye No. 3

10 "Talk of Iowa Live from the Java House," Rennie Davis/Brian Joseph

11 SCOLA — Evening News from France (English subtitles)

11:30 The Best of "Know the Score"

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Little University

1. What beloved TV journalist was shown to have supported a secret family for decades?
2. What's the common nickname for Canada's handy Remote Manipulator System for the International Space Station?
3. What National League baseball team's cap did Billy Crystal wear in *City Slickers*?
4. What handsome NBC journalist got the nickname "Scud Stud" for his Gulf War broadcasts?
5. What city's annual Running of the Rodents is billed as "the most exciting two seconds in sports"?

1. Charles Kuralt
2. The Canadian
3. The New York Mets
4. Arthur Kent
5. Louisville's

SIGNS THE PEOPLE SITTING NEAR YOU MIGHT BE AN ALIEN

— by Nick Narigon

• They are sitting up straight and making direct eye contact with the professor.

• They brought the right text books, their notes are in neat order, and they know how to correctly use their Palm Pilots.

• They are wearing their bar bracelets as jewelry.

• You can overhear Peter Gabriel's "Shock the Monkey" from their headphones.

• They're riding Iowa City mass transit.

• They are wearing National Guard uniforms and carrying SpongeBob backpacks.

• They have tentacles.

• When the teacher calls their names during attendance, they stand up and shout, "The Cubs will rue the day they signed Latroy Hawkins."

• Their T-shirts read, "I voted for Root Beer."

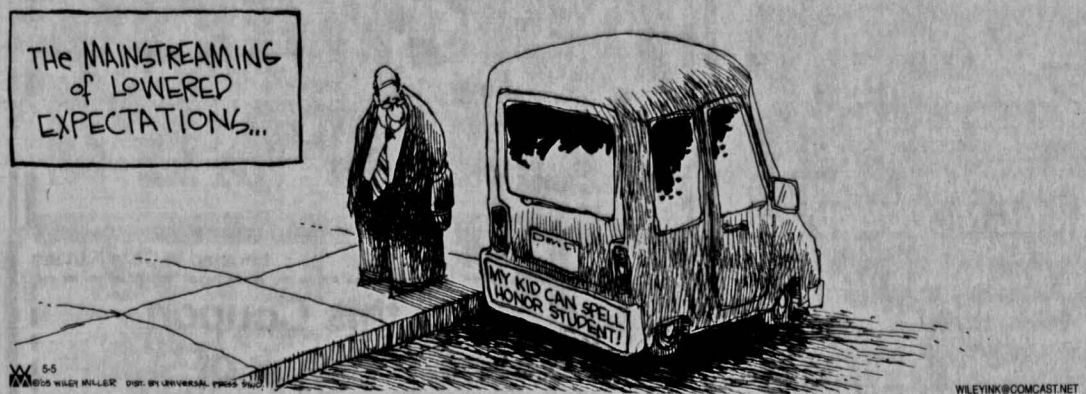
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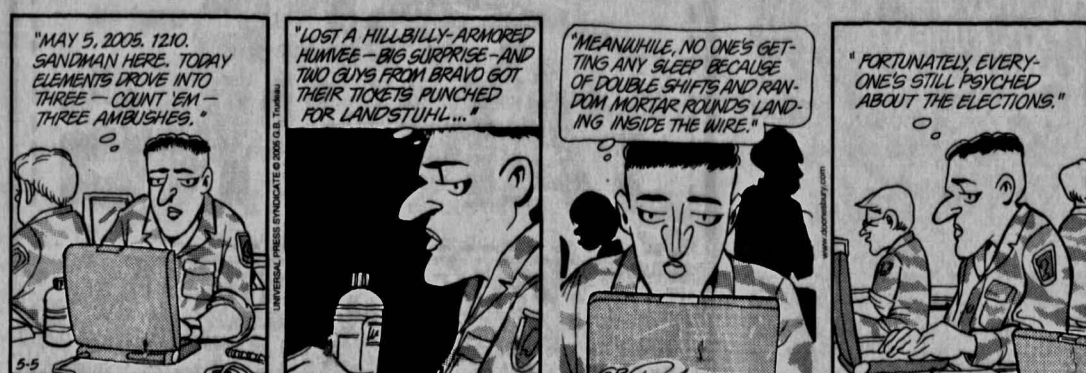
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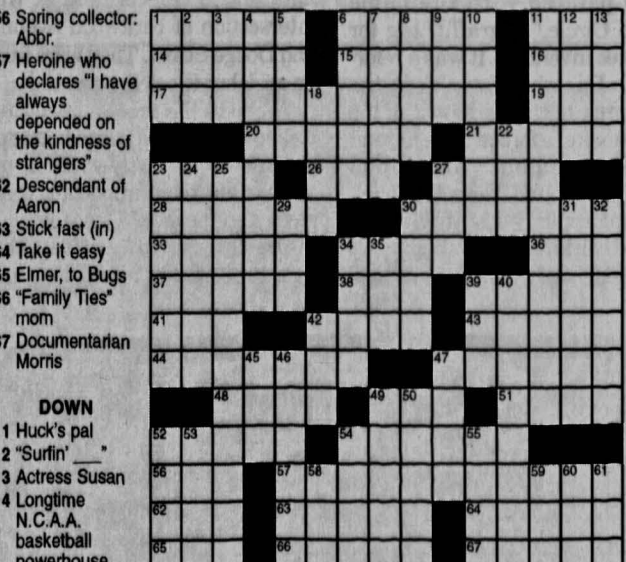
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Contest official
 - 6 Smart
 - 11 Pavement caution
 - 14 ___ to recall ...
 - 15 Do-___
 - 16 Common radio fare
 - 17 Former New York City chief
 - 19 Indignation
 - 20 Banks and others
 - 21 Kind of engineering
 - 23 Partygoer's purchase
 - 26 Air travel needs, for short
 - 27 Mysterious creature
 - 28 No-holds-barred
 - 30 "You Gotta Start Off Each Day With a Song" singer
 - 33 Some burger toppings
 - 34 Do business
 - 36 Idaho, the ___ State
 - 37 Outlines in detail
 - 38 Its common extensions are the theme of this puzzle
 - 39 "The Alienist" author Carr
 - 41 Suffix with labyrinth
 - 42 Go (over)
 - 43 Long-billed game bird
 - 44 Fire starters
 - 47 Absolution seeker
 - 48 Aristophanes work
 - 49 Grunted laugh
 - 51 Loses immediacy
 - 52 1945 Physics Nobelist Wolfgang
 - 54 "Ecstasy" actress, 1933
- DOWN**
- 1 Huck's pal
 - 2 "Surfin" ___
 - 3 Actress Susan
 - 4 Longtime N.C.A.A. basketball powerhouse
 - 5 Mideast ruler
 - 6 Not flimsy
 - 7 Has a bit of Argonauts
 - 8 One of the Argonauts
 - 9 Famous diarist
 - 10 ___ counter
 - 11 Like Poe's tales
 - 12 Actress Petty
 - 13 Grp. founded in Baghdad, 1960
 - 18 Apparatus
 - 22 J.F.K. posting streets, perhaps
 - 24 "Fighting" N.C.A.A. team
 - 25 Gypsy dance accompaniment
 - 27 Broadway's Brynner
 - 29 Vessel name starter
 - 30 Area between hills
 - 31 Fire site
 - 32 Fire remains
 - 34 Pairings
 - 35 Bobbie a fly, say
 - 38 Show with many spinoffs
 - 40 University of Michigan home
 - 42 Butt in
 - 45 ___ Rio, Tex.
 - 46 Like some garnishes
 - 47 Mideast ruler
 - 49 Puts up
 - 50 Quizmaster
 - 52 Variegated
 - 53 Singer Guthrie
 - 54 ___ Day, March 25
 - 55 Cut down on
 - 58 Chat room abbr.
 - 59 Bladed pole
 - 60 Uniform: Prefix
 - 61 Cardinal's home: Abbr.

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