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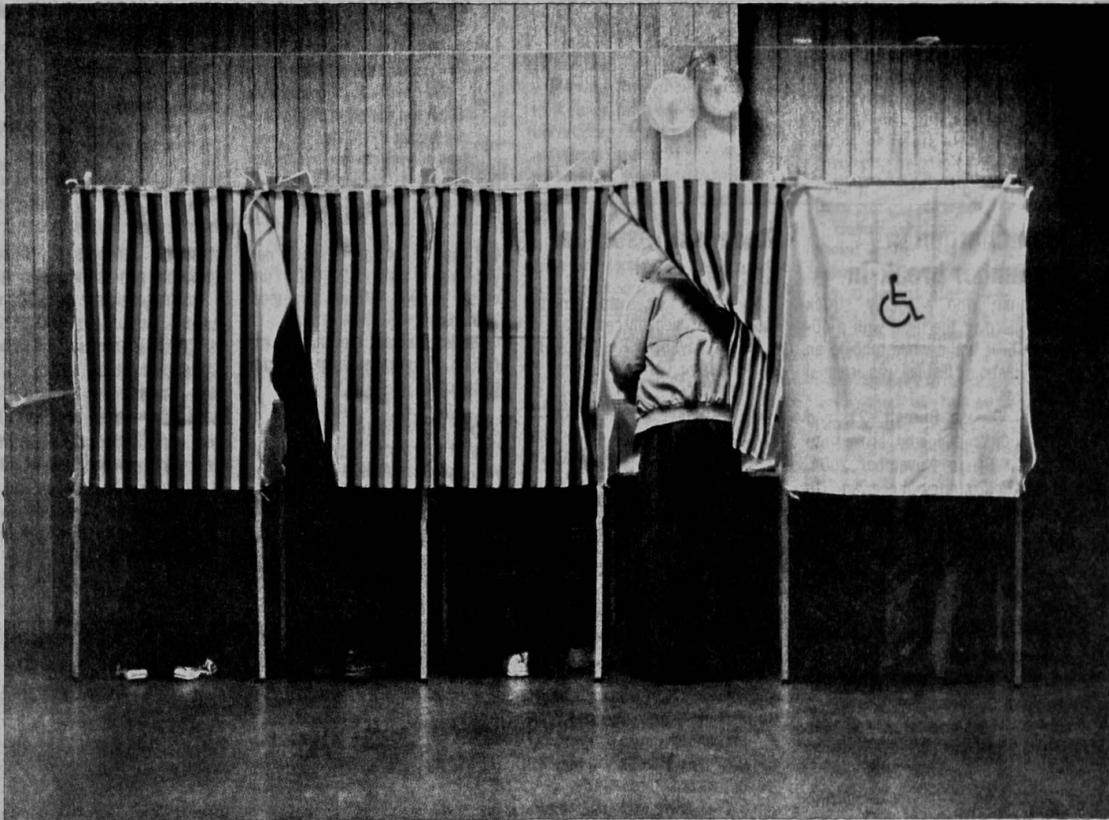
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LOOKING BACK

From the extremist group that ransacked Spence Labs to Pierre Pierce's arrest — again — the UI saw a variety of news this year that dominated headlines. From this list, the DI chose the year's five biggest stories.



Jessica Green/The Daily Iowan

A man casts his vote in the presidential election at a West Liberty polling station on Nov. 2, 2004.

YOUTH VOTE TURNS OUT

Young voters in Johnson County challenged the view that young people are not likely to vote when they increased their turnout by 57 percent in the 2004 presidential election.

County Auditor Tom Slockett credited the higher turnout among 18- to 24-year-olds to a stronger awareness after the 2000 election that every vote counts, the efforts of local political parties to make registration convenient,

and the young voters themselves.

"They took on the responsibility of registering, getting a ballot, and casting their vote," he said.

Celebrities who visited the UI to support Democratic nominee John Kerry may also have had

an effect on the increased turnout. Former UI student and actor Ashton Kutcher and actors Ron Livingston and Josh Hartnett came to the UI to target young voters and rally Democratic support.

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ANIMAL-RIGHTS GROUP TRASHES SPENCE LABS

An extremist international animal-rights group spurred an FBI investigation in November after breaking into the UI psychology department's research labs and causing destruction and vandalism while releasing approximately 400 rats and mice.

Computers, surgical equipment, researchers' offices, and what the Animal Liberation Front called "torture devices" were destroyed inside Spence Laboratories on Nov. 13. The group caused approximately \$450,000 in damage.

In a letter to local media, the group took responsibility for the attack, saying it was done to stop the "exploitation" of animals and to "halt the barbaric

research of the UI psychology department's seven primary animal researchers."

The perpetrators broke into the building and bypassed the lab's key-card entry, which sparked criticism of the UI's security.

In turn, the psychology department hired a security consultant, and the university also went looking for a new security system, said Steve Parrott, the director of University Relations. Classes in Spence Labs and the connecting building, Seashore Hall, were canceled on Nov. 14, and hundreds of students, faculty, and staff were forced to relocate for the remainder of the week.

Because of the presence of hazardous chemicals, including hydrochloric acid dumped during the break-in, the building

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Aaron Holmgren/The Daily Iowan

Members of the National Guard don HAZMAT suits before entering Spence Labs on Nov. 15, 2004. Guard troops and the Johnson County Hazardous Material Response Team entered the building to identify what type of chemicals had been spilled after members of the Animal Liberation Front broke into the facility and ransacked some labs.

PIERCE ARRESTED, KICKED OFF BASKETBALL TEAM

The Hawkeye basketball team's leading scorer was again at the center of criminal accusations in late January after West Des Moines police confirmed he was the focus of an investigation.

Pierre Pierce, 21, was kicked off the team Feb. 2 when officers said they were investigating a break-in at the West Des



Pierce

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GOVERNING BODY OF IOWA'S UNIVERSITIES LOSES FOUR REGENTS

The makeup of the state Board of Regents changed drastically earlier this semester as four members quit or retired, resulting in a period of uncertainty for the governing body of state universities.

Regent President John Forsyth resigned in January amid conflict-of-interest concerns with Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, of which he is chairman. The UI and Wellmark are locked in

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FACEBOOK A HIT AT UI — 9,000 STUDENTS NETWORK

Whether searching for a house party or chatting with UI President David Skorton, the Facebook offers a collegiate social and academic network that has boomed in popularity among UI students this year.

More than 9,000 of the university's students belong to the network, which came to the school last fall, to get friendly with the university president, advertise a kegger, or sell a candidate.

"I have more than 2,000 friends," said Skorton, who has been a member since January.

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Councilor: Consult groups on alcohol use

BY ELAINE FABIAN
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa City City Councilor Bob Elliott is requesting that the council meet personally with several organizations in the community, especially the UI, to discuss the alcohol issue.

Although the council has heard separately from local organizations such as the university, police, and bar owners, he said, he would like the council to sit down with representatives from all the organizations to discuss ways they could work together to solve the problem.

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Graduating Seniors | LAURA SIMPSON



Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Laura Simpson spikes the ball against Indiana during the Hawkeyes' 3-2 victory on Nov. 18, 2004. The graduating senior would like to do humanitarian work for the United Nations in Africa.

Hawk spiker ready to lend helping hand

BY SAM EDSILL
THE DAILY IOWAN

Volleyball has made UI graduating senior Laura Simpson a star wherever she's gone.

In Australia, the 6-2 hitter was a three-time state champion. At Iowa, she was the team captain for four years. But after receiving a diploma on Saturday, the player, who is affectionately called "Mother Hen" by her teammates, will leave the sport.

"People always think I want to do volleyball," the global-studies major said. "I think athletes get stereotyped a lot."

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'Walking' no longer automatic in liberal arts

BY MATTHEW SORAPARU
THE DAILY IOWAN

Almost 25 percent of the graduating seniors in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences won't show up at the commencement ceremony on Saturday.

Participation in graduation ceremonies — or "walking" — is seemingly not as automatic as it was for high-school graduation. And while many still view walking as a necessary rite of passage, numbers show that some beg to differ.

"I really have no reason to walk," said UI senior Elliott Hoffman. "The only reason I would go would be to cheer on my friends who are graduating with me, and I only know one person who is walking. It was different in high school, when I knew a lot more people."

The liberal-arts school, which tends to see a smaller proportion of walkers-to-total graduates than smaller colleges, said Associate Registrar Julie Fell.

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HAPPY TRAILS

The Daily Iowan will go on a three-week publication hiatus after today so weary staffers can replenish their spent vocabularies and copy editors can re-dig the grammar trenches. The DI will also move to the Adler Building; the business office (E131 Adler) will be open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, beginning May 16. The DI will resume publishing June 6. Have a safe break.

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NEWS

Vilsack signs Medicaid overhaul

This is unique. It is cutting-edge, and it is all about providing the opportunity for quality health care.

— Gov. Tom Vilsack

BY MIKE GLOVER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Gov. Tom Vilsack signed into law an overhaul of the state's Medicaid system on Thursday, staving off the loss of \$180 million in federal money and adding up to 30,000 people to the state's health-care rolls.

"This is unique," he said. "It is cutting-edge, and it is all about providing the opportunity for quality health care."

Under the measure, the state will be able to use money spent on charity care at two big public

hospitals as a lure to attract federal matching funds, adding those patients to a modified form of Medicaid.

After signing the measure, Vilsack released a letter he sent to Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt, who had given tentative approval to the state's handling of the issue.

"My administration is anxious to complete our work with you," the governor said.

The legislation, which sets up a new pilot program offering health coverage through the UI Hospitals and Clinics and Broadlawn Medical Center, was the result of months of bargaining between state and federal officials.

The state had been faced with the loss of \$60 million in funding because of accounting changes. The deal will allow the state to retain that money and draw another \$120 million in matching funds.

Joy Wilson, a Medicaid

specialist with the National Conference of State Legislatures, said as many as 15 states around the country faced a similar problem.

"It's still being worked out across the country," she said, with little coordination between the states. "It's all under the radar screen."

The new program is expected to extend health care to approximately 30,000 Iowans who now do not qualify for Medicaid. They won't receive the full range of benefits offered under Medicaid and must pay a modest premium.

Rep. Danny Carroll, R-Grinnell, one of the main backers, said there will be bumps in the road as the state puts in place the complex new program.

"The really hard work is ahead — we've got to implement it," he said.

Wilson said Human Services officials have been inconsistent over the years in what the will allow states to do to attract Medicaid funding.

"This has been an issue since 1990, because [Human Services] changes its mind about what's OK," Wilson said. "We think it would be helpful if they put something in writing."

Many states are approving budgets for next year based on assumptions about what will be acceptable.

"Our issue is we can't be comfortable that we know what we're doing," said Wilson.

Vilsack said he was confident the state would receive final approval for the new program.

"In signing this legislation, Iowa has the opportunity to be a leader in delivering health care services, particularly to the uninsured," the governor.

Vilsack said he previewed the program for health experts at Harvard University during a recent visit.

"They know of no other effort in the country that is like this," Vilsack said.

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CITY

IC man charged with assault

Police charged an Iowa City man with assault while displaying or using a dangerous weapon for allegedly punching a man and possibly slicing his lip with a small knife.

Christopher Blanchard, 1258 Dolan Place, could face up to five years in prison and a maximum \$5,000 fine if convicted.

The 43-year old allegedly admitted to punching the man with a lighter, but the alleged victim told police that Blanchard stabbed him with a knife, records indicate.

The accuser had a cut on his lip that appeared to be caused by a knife or sharp object and required stitches, police said.

One witness reported that Blanchard had a knife, and another witness said he used a pocket knife, according to police.

An online search of Blanchard's criminal record revealed that he has been convicted of obstructing an officer in April 2004.

Blanchard is being held in the Johnson County Jail on a \$5,000 cash-only bond.

— by Nick Petersen

Man charged with sexual abuse

A 19-year-old Iowa City man faces sexual-abuse charges for allegedly raping a female who was 8 or 9 when the incident reportedly occurred sometime in 1997 or 1998.

Charles Phillips, 2709 Wayne Ave., allegedly climbed through the window of a church with the girl when he was 11 or 12 years old, went into a bathroom, and tried to have sex with her.

Phillips allegedly admitted to the incident, but he told police that the girl had been 10 years old and had given consent, records indicate.

The girl told police otherwise. She said Phillips "told her not to worry, because she wouldn't get pregnant, pulled down her pants, got on top of her, and began putting his penis inside her vagina," according to records. She then screamed and ran from the building.

Phillips faces the charge of second-degree sex abuse, a Class B felony that carries a maximum punishment of 25 years in prison.

He was released on his own recognizance Thursday after his initial court appearance.

— by Nick Petersen

Man charged in November break-in

A man who allegedly struck someone over the head with a 40-ounce beer bottle while robbing an Iowa City home last fall was arrested this week.

Cory Dontae Burnett, 21, and three others allegedly broke into 2216 D St. in November 2004, demanding money, according to police records. One other person — Jacob Daniel Baxter — has been arrested in connection with the incident. Baxter's trial is set to begin in June.

Burnett and Baxter allegedly entered the home without permission. Baxter reportedly held a gun to a person's head, court records allege, and another person was struck with a lead pipe. The suspects demanded money and drugs.

One of the alleged victims identified Baxter, a Clarence, Iowa, native. Court records allege that a co-defendant identified Burnett.

If convicted of first-degree felony, a Class B felony, Burnett could face up to 25 years in prison.

— by Traci Finch

Student arrested in fire incident

A UI student was arrested Thursday for allegedly setting a book on fire in Mayflower Residence Hall and for carrying brass knuckles.

Henry Moy, 22, faces up to six years in prison and a maximum \$6,000 fine if convicted of reckless use of fire and carrying weapons, both misdemeanor charges.

While Moy was being arrested on a public-intoxication charge Thursday, a UI police officer searched him and discovered brass knuckles in his back pocket, according to police reports. The officer said Moy could not produce a concealed weapons permit.

The Mayflower staff reported "a large fire" in an ashtray, reports allege, and found a burning book. The fire, which witnesses said Moy started, was burning onto the ground, according to reports.

Moy, reached by cell phone Thursday evening, said he had no comment.

— by Traci Finch

No sports to be dropped

The Iowa Athletics Department

will keep all 24 varsity sports next year despite losing \$250,000 in university funding, officials announced Thursday.

Earlier this year, there was talk of cutting a non-revenue men's sport to cut costs.

"I won't say that we'll never drop a sport, but we would hate to see the loss of any of our athletics teams," Athletics Director Bob Bowsby said at a Presidential Committee of Athletics meeting.

Rising ticket prices, fundraising, and increased revenue from Hawkeye-apparel sales will be able

to cover shrinking support from the university general-education fund.

Bowsby said the department succeeded in balancing its budget despite experiencing significantly larger cuts than those to other departments.

In other news, new facilities for the tennis, field-hockey, and soccer teams will proceed on schedule. The 12 outdoor tennis courts and a new field-hockey field on Mormon Trek Boulevard will be ready for use in the fall.

— by Patrick Davis

POLICE BLOTTER

Nicholas Amelon, 19, 621 S Lucas St., was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Cody Arneson, 19, 14 Amber Lane, was charged Wednesday with keeping a disorderly house.

John Atchison, 20, Schaumburg, Ill., was charged Thursday with possession of alcohol under the legal age.

Bryan Bamonte, 20, 512 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 10, was charged Thursday with PAULA.

Wayne Crawford, 25, address unknown, was charged Wednesday with possession of marijuana.

Amanda Drevyanko, 18, Clinton, was charged Thursday with PAULA.

Nicholas Eldridge, 19, West Des Moines, was charged Thursday with PAULA.

Amy Essary, 34, address unknown, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Robert Hansen, 18, 2020 Hollywood Blvd., was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

Michael Harvey, 19, Deerfield, Ill., was charged Thursday with PAULA. Jessica Hoyt, 20, Tiffin, was charged Thursday with PAULA.

Travis Nelson, 20, 111 S. Governor St., was charged Thursday with PAULA.

Andrew Niebur, 20, 303 Ellis Ave., was charged May 7 with criminal trespass.

Melody Peer, 22, Coralville, was charged April 24 with disorderly conduct.

Darrin Plantz, 33, 1908 Clark St., was charged Wednesday with possession of marijuana.

Jenna Raineri, 20, Elmhurst, Ill., was charged Thursday with PAULA. Jesse Rodriguez, 19, 14 Amber

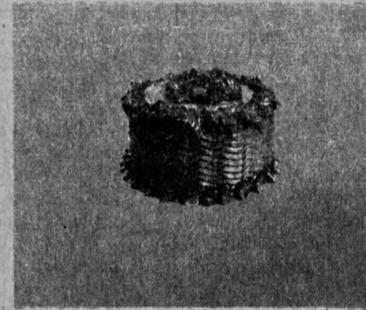
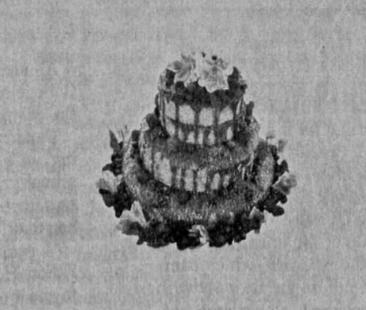
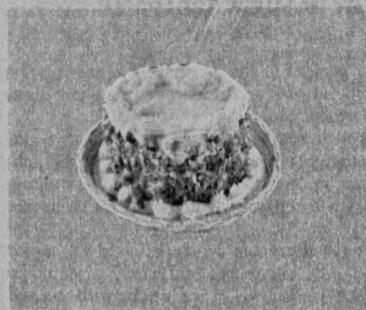
Lane, was charged Wednesday with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and a drug tax stamp violation.

Daniel Simon, 20, Highland Park, Ill., was charged Thursday with PAULA.

Heather Ward, 18, Elmhurst, Ill., was charged Thursday with unlawful use of a driver's license/identification of another and presence on the premises of a bar after hours.

Jonah Woods, 24, Cedar Rapids, was charged Thursday with operating while intoxicated.

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From militant to a star gone awry

ELECTIONS

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Voter turnout also increased 25 percent among the general public, leaving the Johnson County Auditor's Office searching for better ways to accommodate the large number of voters.

"Our facilities were pretty much overwhelmed," Slockett said.

Voter turnout wasn't the only thing surprising about the presidential election. An unprecedented 1,000 ballots were contested in Johnson County, approximately four times the number in the 2000 elections.

"A lot of inexperienced voters were encouraged to vote," Slockett said, adding that it led to increased scrutiny of the ballots by Republicans, who are outnumbered in the largely Democratic county.

— by Elaine Fabian

SPENCE LABS

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remained closed through Thanksgiving break.

A dispute regarding animal research at the university followed the incident. Numerous guest opinions in *The Daily Iowan* admonished the university for allowing animal research in its buildings, while others praised the work.

UI President David Skorton issued a campus-wide e-mail regarding the break-in, saying the university will continue its research practices.

"We will not tolerate this intimidation," he said.

— by Jessica Seveska

PIERCE

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Moines home of one of his female friends. Coaches contended that Pierce "betrayed" the trust of his coaches and teammates, fumbling the second chance administrators gave him after he was charged with sexual assault in 2002.

Pierce was charged with two counts of first-degree burglary, assault with intent to commit sexual abuse, and criminal mischief. Police allege he attacked the woman on Jan. 27, after discovering text messages from her new boyfriend.

Pierce allegedly forced the woman to the floor, tore off her clothes, and threatened her with a knife.

In an e-mail released in a search warrant, Pierce admitted to trashing the woman's townhouse after she fled.

In late April, Pierce admitted to violating a no-contact order more than 80 times by calling the woman repeatedly. A 5th District Court judge added restrictions to his pretrial release: In addition to a curfew, Pierce is banned from drinking or visiting bars. The Westmont, Ill., native must also wear an electronic monitoring device.

Pierce, who will likely not return to the UI next year, is set to stand trial Aug. 16.

— by Traci Finch

REGENTS

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a dispute because the university had demanded an extra \$39 million from the insurance company.

Regent David Neil, a former member of Wellmark's Board of Directors, quit with Forsyth. Regent Sue Nieland stepped down in early February because of dissatisfaction with the Wellmark negotiations and ensuing regent resignations.

Longtime Regent Owen Newlin also retired in April.

Gov. Tom Vilsack quickly appointed former NBC News President Michael Gartner, businessman Tom Bedell, Ruth Harkin, the wife of U.S. Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa; and businesswoman Teresa Wahlert as replacements.

Gartner, who owns the Iowa Cubs baseball team in Des Moines, was unanimously elected the board's president in April.

Having three board members quit in as many weeks signaled uncertainty for the board, especially as regents prepared to ask state lawmakers for \$40 million in funding.

Regents touted their transformational plan for excellence as a blueprint that would streamline education in the public schools, keep tuition increases at 4 percent, and make university operations more efficient.

The nine-member panel meets every six weeks in locations around the state to make decisions regarding tuition, construction, academic programs, and other university issues.

— by Seung Min Kim

FACEBOOK

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"I get some serious messages from students with good ideas about the university. Sometimes they're not so serious."

Each Facebook profile includes a wall, allowing friends to post messages.

Skorton's messages included everything from "you almost hit me with your car the other day" to "great job sticking up for Seashore Hall. I was really impressed by your forceful condemnation of those nut militant animal groups."

Started in February 2004 by a group of Harvard University students, the Facebook features include profiles with personal information and a photo.

Members, who are limited to college students and alumni, can also form groups such as "Actual Iowans at Iowa," which boasts 3,406 members, and "Drunk dialers anonymous," which has 1,410 members.

Students can also search for shindigs going on in Iowa City through the site's "My Parties" option, which include everything from pajama parties to bar crawls.

Besides serving the campus social scene, the Facebook also spiced up this year's UI Student Government elections. Candidates used the site to post news of events and information.

"We felt [using the Facebook] was necessary to keep up with new innovations in student communications," said Ryan Thompto, the Bull Moose ticket candidate.

— by Jane Slusark

Some grads to walk the walk, some won't

WALKING

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"The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences features a much larger and longer ceremony [held at Carver-Hawkeye Arena], and that might deter people a little bit," she said, adding that the proportion of walkers to non-walkers has been similar in recent years.

Of the 1,815 students who have applied for graduation in the liberal-arts school, 1,370 plan to participate in Saturday's commencement ceremony, Fell said, adding that 450 of the 510 students who have applied for graduation in the Tippie College of Business are likely to attend. Some attending the ceremonies will technically graduate in July but are walking in May because there is no longer a summer ceremony.

Nancy Hauserman, the associate dean for the business college's undergraduate program, attributes the school's relatively high projected turnout to a cozier commencement atmosphere.

"Because the number of

ticket holders is smaller, we have a chance to hold our ceremony in Hancher Auditorium," she said. "That kind of setup really creates a good sense of community."

That Hawkeye football head coach Kirk Ferentz is scheduled to speak won't hurt turnout either, she said.

Crowd sizes and celebrity speakers aside, there are those who have chosen to participate because they see walking as a tradition, a final opportunity to bask in their accomplishments.

"I decided to walk, because, well, that's just what you do," said senior finance major Drew Hintze. "I figured if I did it in high school, why not do it in college? It's a really proud moment."

Still, some students at least partially attribute insistent parents for their decision to participate.

"My parents really wanted to see me walk across the stage," said senior psychology major Jeff Nemetz, who will be walking on Saturday.

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Hawkeye volleyballer looks ahead to Africa

SIMPSON

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Instead, she has her sights set on doing humanitarian work for the United Nations, specifically working in Africa.

"A lot of people think [the U.N.] is passive, but I think it's something that really can work," Simpson said.

Before getting her "hands dirty" working with people in need, the French and Italian minor will begin graduate school at New York University in September, aiming for a master's in global studies.

The 23-year-old spent a year and a half at Melbourne University, near her home in Sas-safras, Australia, then came to Iowa after deciding she wanted to play collegiate volleyball. In high school, she was captain of the junior national team but did not play in college because intercollegiate sports are not common in Australia. She chose the UI over several other schools, because a friend was also enrolling.

When she told her friends she had chosen Iowa, they laughed, she remembers.

"Everyone made fun of me, like it was going to be some corn farm in the middle of nowhere,"

she said.

At the UI, she has been looked at as a leader in the classroom and on the court.

"I'm the team mum," she said. "They call me 'Mother Hen.'"

Laurence Fuortes, a UI global and environmental health professor who worked with Simpson on her honors thesis on local health-care access for migrant women, is confident she will succeed at helping people.

"She is going to turn around some aspect of society," he said. "More power to her if she makes the U.N. a better place, but her goal is to make big chunks of the world a better place."

After graduating from NYU,

she wants to work directly with people.

"I'm a people person," she said. "Policy people don't know what's going on on the ground."

UI senior Amoreena Reynolds, Simpson's friend and teammate for three years, said she is a strong, driven woman who leads by example.

"Laura tries her hardest to be the role model you'd want your children to have," Reynolds said. "I'd want my children to be like her."

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NEWS

Council urged to consult on alcohol

COUNCIL

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"Everyone says, 'We have a problem here. What are you going to do about it?' But it is not a problem the council has to address unilaterally," Elliott said. "This is the only reasonable way to address the problem."

In a memo to the council earlier this week, he listed a number of potential ordinances that the council could discuss with the state, county, and university.

He said he would like the council to ask the university to ensure that Thursday and Friday classes have the same importance as other classes throughout the week to keep students from going to bars before the weekend begins.

"I get the feeling it would be difficult to do," said Jeremy Schreiber, the UI student liaison to the council. "Students make their own schedules. I have the same number of classes available for any given day, and it is up to me to decide when to have class."

Elliott said the city should also discuss requiring one- to three-day alcohol-education sessions for incoming freshmen before the fall semester.

COUNCIL ORDINANCES

Ordinances for the city and university to work on:

- One-to-three day alcohol sessions before fall semester classes for incoming students
- Students guilty of offenses get a warning or proclamation from the dean's office
- Involve parents' association and student government
- Ensure Thursday-Friday class effectiveness for meaningful student attendance

Ordinances for the city and state to work on:

- Graduated liquor-license fees based on bar capacity
- Increased fines for individual and bar alcohol offenses
- Increased fines for party-house bootlegging

Ordinances for the city and county to work on:

- Downtown alley cleanup as part of punishment for alcohol offenses
- Keg registration

Phillip Jones, the UI vice president for Student Services, said the university already works with the city to resolve the alcohol issue, citing the work of the Stepping Up Project. But he said he would be open to any suggestions from the council.

"The city would need to present suggestions based on knowledge of what the university already does," he said. "During Orientation, we send home a letter about alcohol to incoming freshmen."

Stepping Up provides information and seminars on the issue for the city. It also conducts research on how well ordinances being con-

sidered would do if implemented. The organization supports the 21-ordinance and said in a memo to the council earlier this week that reducing access to and availability of alcohol is the best resolution.

If councilors were to meet with Johnson County representatives, Elliott recommended they consider requiring people with alcohol offenses to help clean up downtown.

"Downtown, particularly on Sunday morning, is atrocious," he said.

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Iowa shines in rural ed

BY MICHELLE SPITZER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Only one other state produces more graduates from rural schools than Iowa, a national report shows.

"Why Rural Matters 2005," released this week, ranks the condition of rural education in each state. The study was done by the Rural School and Community Trust, a nonprofit organization based in Arlington, Va., that works with schools and community groups to improve the quality of education and state education policies.

Nearly 90 percent of rural school students in Iowa successfully complete their education, the study says. Nebraska was the only state to rank higher. The national average is around 70 percent.

In the overall ranking, 13 other states measured higher than Iowa. The scoring is based on the combined averages of four categories: rural importance, poverty, challenges, and policy outcome.

Massachusetts received the top overall ranking, and Mississippi ranked the lowest.

"There are a lot of states for whom the Iowa education system would be an envy," said Marty Strange, the group's policy director. "What you have to work on is finding ways to keep them performing well and improve the overall cost effectiveness."

Strange said Iowa ranked high in the importance category because the state has such a large number of students enrolled in rural schools. The study says 54 percent of public schools in Iowa are in rural areas. Nationally, approximately 30 percent of public schools are in rural areas.

The study defines rural as any school or school district in a community of fewer than 2,500 people.

Iowa ranked just behind Connecticut and Vermont in the severity of challenges the state faces, including students with disabilities, who speak English as a second language,

or who face generations of ethnic discrimination.

"It means they are not Mississippi," said Marty Strange, the group's policy director. "They are not facing the low level of education among adults. There aren't a high percentage of students who don't speak English."

Jerry Johnson, the study's lead writer, said the state's ranking may have been higher if rural school district were given more money to work with.

"Iowa serves so many rural kids, but the urgency of addressing some of these policy concerns isn't nearly as high," Johnson said.

Judy Jeffrey, director of the Iowa Department of Education, said she's pleased Iowa ranked well in the study but feels the focus of it should be elsewhere.

"I really believe that, too often, their reports don't focus as much as they should on the outcome of the students rather than the size of schools," Jeffrey said.

STATE

DM columnist testifies on ALS

DES MOINES (AP) — A *Des Moines Register* columnist diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease testified about the lack of available treatments before a congressional subcommittee responsible for federal research funding.

"The weird thing about this illness is that there is so little in terms of hope, in terms of positive good news," said Rob Borsellino, 55, who was diagnosed in November with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS.

He traveled to Washington for Wednesday's hearing at the request of Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, who said researchers consider ALS "exactly the kind of disease that

could benefit from stem-cell research."

Also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, ALS is characterized by the loss of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, leading to increasing difficulties in speech, breathing, and movement.

Borsellino said he was told by his doctors that most people with the fast-moving disease live two to five years after the onset of symptoms. The only federally approved medicine available is thought to prolong life by just a few months.

In just six months, he said, his voice has deteriorated, and his hands have weakened.

"It's Little League season right now, and I can't play catch with my 15-year-old," he said.

Borsellino said he knows Iowans

with ALS who have gone to China for stem-cell therapy that is not allowed in the United States. "It's a complete mystery to them and to me why this illness remains a death sentence," he said.

Approximately 5,000 Americans are diagnosed with ALS each year, and 10 percent live more than five years after the onset of symptoms, said Story Landis, director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, part of the National Institutes of Health.

Treatment options are "quite limited," Landis said.

President Bush has authorized research only on existing stem-cell lines, saying he does not want to cross a "fundamental moral line" and encourage destruction of additional human embryos for research.



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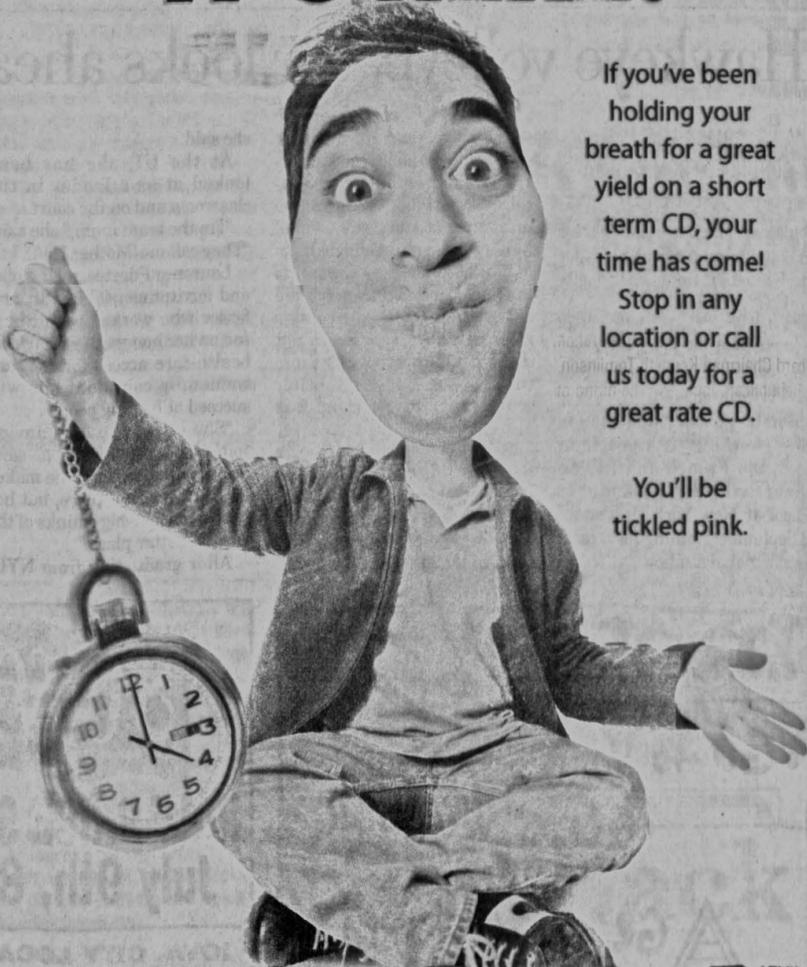
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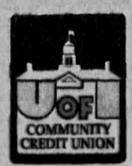


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Panel narrowly advances Bolton nomination

The committee did not include the customary recommendation that the Senate approve the controversial appointee

BY ANNE GEARAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — John Bolton, President Bush's sharp-elbowed nominee for U.N. ambassador, survived a cliffhanger Senate committee vote Thursday after renewed criticism from both Democrats and Republicans, leaving the final confirmation decision to the full Senate.

The Foreign Relations Committee voted 10-8 along party lines to



John Bolton
Nominee

but still represented an embarrassing setback early in his second

advance Bolton's nomination without the customary recommendation that the Senate approve it. The procedural move spared Bush outright defeat in the Republican-led committee

term. The pivotal vote came from Ohio Republican Sen. George Voinovich, who said Bolton was a sometime bully whose short fuse would have gotten him fired in the private sector.

"This is not behavior that should be endorsed as the face of the United States to the world community at the United Nations," Voinovich said. "It is my opinion that John Bolton is the poster child of what someone in the diplo-

matic corps should not be."

It was not clear when Bolton's nomination would come to the Senate floor. Republicans hold a 55-44 majority, making confirmation likely. One wild card: Democrats could still try to block a final vote.

The White House predicted eventual victory despite Voinovich's harsh assessment and weeks of tumult over whether Bolton abused subordinates, stretched government intelligence to fit a preconceived ideology, or

retaliated against government analysts who disagreed with him.

Public misgivings among four of the panel's 10 Republicans held up the Bolton vote for three weeks, and the White House launched a full-throated lobbying campaign.

In the end, only Voinovich broke GOP ranks. The committee's chairman, Republican Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana, gave point-by-point answers to many of the allegations against Bolton, such as instances when he may have improperly pressured or

retaliated against government analysts who disagreed with him.

Even that lengthy defense of Bolton carried an asterisk, however.

"Secretary Bolton's actions were not always exemplary," Lugar said. "On several occasions, he made incorrect assumptions about the behavior and motivations of subordinates. At other times, he failed to use proper managerial channels or unnecessarily personalized internal disputes."

NATION

Bush pushes Central American trade pact

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush tried Thursday to break congressional resistance to a free-trade agreement with Central American nations by arguing that open markets will help improve security and promote freedom in the Western Hemisphere.

Bush welcomed the presidents of the Dominican Republic and the five Central American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua to the White House for a private Oval Office meeting and a public show of unity in the Rose Garden.

"The best way to achieve peace and prosperity for our hemisphere is by strengthening democracy and continuing the economic transformation of Central America and the Dominican Republic," Bush said. "And all of us agree that the Central American and Dominican Republic Free Trade Agreement presents us with an historic opportunity to advance our common goals in an important part of our neighborhood."

Review promised on PBS monitoring

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Corporation for Public Broadcasting will begin an internal review of political monitoring of PBS programming in response to Democratic complaints, the group's inspector general said Thursday.

Reps. David Obey and John Dingell have asked for the review into several actions by corporation board Chairman Kenneth Tomlinson, a Republican, including the hiring of a consultant to review the guests on the show "Now With Bill Moyers."

The *New York Times* reported last week that the consultant kept track of "anti-Bush," "anti-business," and "anti-Tom DeLay" guests on the show. Moyers has left the show and now hosts "Wide Angle" on PBS.

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You did it!
We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom & Dad



Erik-
We are so proud of you! From a little "E-Man" to a "Bulldog." Way to go!
Love - Mom, Dad, Kyle

Belle Beeper-
Congratulations! With book smarts to add to your street smarts-Look out world! Go, Tiger!
Love, Mom & Dad



Patrick-
My how the years go by! Congratulations! We are extremely proud of you!
Love, Dad & Shal

Deb-
We are sooooo proud. Always pursue your passions. And if you get the choice to sit out or dance... We know you'll dance.
Love, Mom & Dad



Sharon-
Congratulations. Wow, you endured and finished! Prayers for courage to move on.
Love, Mom and Dad



Erin-
Yesterday our precious toddler... Today a Big Ten college graduate! Congratulations!
Love Always, Mom & Dad, Eric, Jennifer, & Grandma



Jade,
Congratulations to our new nurse! We are so very proud of you!
Love, Mom & Dad Jimmy & Jordan



Doug-
From Nursery Rhymes to Nabokov! Congratulations Graduate!
Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations Gina Marie Ledonne
We are very proud of you and love you very much.
Angie, Joe, Lisa Ledonne

To Matt Farmer & Kelly Dolan
Congratulations! Graduates both, we are very proud of you. May God bless you as you move to the next step on your journey.
Love, Randy & Michele Farmer & Kids



Jen Brown,
Congratulations on graduating. We are so proud of you.
Love, Mom & Dad

Michael
Your accomplishments and success at The University of Iowa have been a source of pride to your entire family-Congratulations.
Love Mom, Dad, Jana and Family



Congratulations, MIKE ALTMAN
on your college graduation. We are proud. Sig Eps rule!
Go Hawks!
Love, Mom & Dad

Joe Peters,
Congratulations! Mere words can not express how proud we are of you!! Look out Pittsburgh there's a new man in town. Good luck @ Carnegie Mellon.
Love Mom & Dad



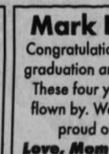
Jeff-
N320. 405. 508. The places you've been! The places you'll go! All signs point to a bright future ahead.
Love, Mom, Dad, Dan & Gwen



Eric (Voorjack):
Congratulations! Say goodbye to BOW. No soup & ck for you (U of Iowa)! We love you & are very proud of you.
Love, Mom & Dad



Angela Reams
Congratulations on receiving your Masters degree. Now is your time. There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven... Ecclesiastes 3:1
Love & prayers Dad & Mom



Mark Burja,
Congratulations on your graduation and new job. These four years have flown by. We are very proud of you.
Love, Mom and Dad

Alicia Brooke,
Congratulations! Party is over! Time to put your nose to the stone!
Love, Mom & Dad

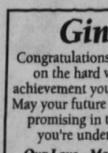
Mara,
Congratulations! We're very proud of you. All our best wishes as you start on the next phase of your life.
Love, Dad, Mom, Lauren and Midnight



Dear Wei,
Congratulations! We are so proud of you! We know that you can fly even higher.
Love, Mom & Dad



Dear Christopher-
Words cannot express how proud we are of your accomplishments. Whichever path you take in business, you will be a success. We are most proud of your relationship with your brothers. You know what they say... "A brother's love is a brother's love."
Love Mom, Dad, Nicholas and Justin



Gina,
Congratulations. Daughter! on the hard work and achievement you strived for. May your future be bright & promising in the career you're undertaking.
Our Love - Mom & Dad



Jamie-
Congratulations and Good Luck! We are very proud of you and know you'll be a success at whatever the future holds!
Love, Mom & Dad

Stephen and Mary Nielson of Orem would like to announce the graduation of their son Andy Wilson from the University Of Iowa College Of Medicine with an MD degree. Andy graduated from BYU in August of 2001, and will graduate from the University of Iowa School of Medicine in May of this year. Along with being a dedicated husband and father to 2 girls, Andy has served in many leadership positions within the College and is currently the College of Medicine Student Body President. Among many other awards, Andy was inducted into the "Gold Humanism Honor Society", was one of 50 medical students in the entire country to be nominated for the prestigious "AMA National Scholar Award", was one of 2 students at the University of Iowa School of Medicine to be nominated for the "Hancher-Finkbine Medallion" (the University of Iowa's highest honor given to a student), was one of 3 medical students to be recognized with the "Distinguished Student Service Award" by the office of Student Affairs, and has received recognition for his research by graduating with "Research Distinction" on his degree. Andy and his wife Heidi are looking forward to his residency in radiology which he will complete at the University of Florida.



Justin-
We are so proud of you! Congratulations on your graduation and good luck in the future!
Love, Mom and Dad

Michael-
Congratulations and best of luck in Med School at Iowa!
Jon, Sally, Alison, & Elicia



Lindsey-
Congratulations! Your hard work has paid off. Continued success in PA School at Iowa.
Love, Mom, Dad, Alison, & Elicia

Jamie-
Way to go! Graduation and a new job. We're very proud of you!
Love, Mom & Dad



Jef,
Congratulations! to you Son. Wow, Law School is done! Three years that seemed to go too fast, are now in the past. You make us very proud and we will say it out loud! Celebrate! Celebrate! Celebrate! Best of luck in whatever your future brings you!
Love Mom & Dad & All Your Family



Beckie-
You've given us so much to be proud of. Just follow your heart and do your best. It's so wonderful having a daughter like you.
All our love and affection and praise, Dad and Mom



Chad-
We are so proud of you! Your infectious smile, charming wit, and sensitive personality will take you far in all your future endeavors. Good luck with those job interviews. God bless you & we love you!
Mom & Dad



Lauren
Congratulations! We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. May this be the first step of many on your road to success.
Love, Mom, Keri, Grandma & Grandpa



Lindsay-
Congratulations on your many successes and accomplishments. You have made us very proud!
We love you, Mom & Dad



Ben,
We're so proud of you! You worked so hard to get to this day. We love you!
Your Family

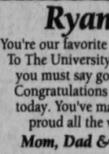
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Laura,
"Practically Perfect in Every Way." At least we think so. Congratulations on your degree of Doctor of Pharmacy!
With Love and Pride, Mom, Dad, & Brandt



Pam Kavadas
Oh Baby!!! How Time Flies!! Congratulations!! We're so proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad & Jen



RYAN,
You're our favorite hawkkeye. To The University of Iowa you must say goodbye. Congratulations we say today. You've made us proud all the way.
Mom, Dad & Kyle

LISA
CONGRATULATIONS!
We are so proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad, & Brian



Melissa, You Did It!
Congratulations! Another chapter ended; another just beginning. Can't wait to see what happens next! "Breakaway" "Spread Your Wings" We are so proud of you-
Love, Mom, Dad, Ricky, Grandma

We are all so proud!
Tammy Louise-#10
Congratulations! A great "Hawkeye" Field Hockey Player & on the "Dean's List" every semester - What a Great Student-Athlete!
Love, Mom, Dad & Tracy



Congratulations, Sigrid
We are very proud of you...not only for such outstanding effort in the classroom but in the UI Choral Music and Mock Trial programs as well. On to the next challenge: UI College of Law. Go, Sigrid!
Love, Mother and Dad



Kathy,
Four years have flown by. Hope you have great memories, tailgating, Greek Week, bats, Williamsburg and life on the farm! We couldn't be prouder.
Welcome Home, Love, Mom & Dad

Matt Hemphill
Congratulations on your Law Degree! We are so proud of you!
Love, Dad, Mom & Lindsay



KATIE KRISTINE

You are such a dear! You have always made us so proud.
We love you, Baby Girl!
Mom & Dad, Pierce, & Jackson

Dreams and hopes Aspirations and hard work Never give up And you will be successful Dana, you have all of these qualities. We're so proud of you. Congratulations!
Love, Mom, Dad, Jamie and Nikki

Rhiannon,
Congratulations! We are so very proud of you! We are excited about your future and what it holds in store for you.
Love, Mom and Dad



Andrew Michael Wilcox
You have always been a Hawkeye on the road to great things! I am so proud of you.
G'ma

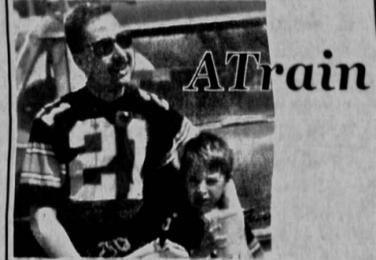
Adam-
We are very proud of you! You will always be our "Little Guy".
Love, Mom & Dad Suds



Congratulations Rachel!
You've come so far and still going strong! Good luck in grad school!
Love, Mom, Dad, Ellen & Jill



Jennifer-
The Day is Here! You have reached another level of Life! "Open minds collect more riches than an open purse." We are very proud!
Love, Mom, Kyle & Dad



Some things never change... well, maybe a little! We are proud of you!
UD

Dear Katie,
A Roosevelt grad so refined, Took off for UI to design, She studied real hard, And earned such great grades, That Champagne now pays her to go!
Love from Your Family

Tommy Conger-
Your family from Riceville are very proud of you! Best of luck with your future plans.
Love You Much.



Congratulations Jer
We are proud of you! Glad you didn't sleep through college!!
Love, Mom & Dad

Tanner-
Congratulations! Enjoy this milestone and go forth with enthusiasm. We're so proud and happy for you!
Love, Mom & Dad

Rich-
Congratulations! All of your hard work and perseverance has paid off. We are so proud of you.
Love, Mom and Dad



Paula,
Congrats on finally graduating! Seems like forever ago that you started college but I knew you'd do your best. If you ask me you finished top of the class. Good luck on your new job too.
Love, Your Sis, Pam



MARNI-
Congratulations! Graduation is here. We are very proud of you. We love you.
Mom & Dad



Danielle-
The years have flown by so quickly, it's hard to believe it was 22 years ago when we first held you in our arms! We're so proud of you! Congratulations!
Love, Mom & Dad

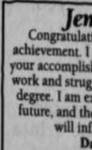
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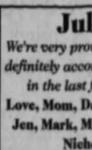
TO: Chris Costas
Chris, the road through Iowa has been tough. At times you've wanted to quit. But now that you're graduating, your Mom and I want to say...
CONGRATULATIONS! YOU DID IT!!!! Love Mom & Dad



Chris-
Yet another milestone crossed towards your dreams. We love & support you in all your choices in life.
Mom & Dad



Jenny,
Congratulations on your achievement. I am so proud of your accomplishment, the hard work and struggles to get your degree. I am excited for your future, and the children you will influence.
Dad



Julie,
We're very proud of you. You definitely accomplished a lot in the last four years.
Love, Mom, Dad, Grandma, Jen, Mark, Mike, Chris & Nicholas



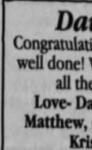
We started our life together with joy and happiness the day you were born. Now in middle life I have the honor to present to the world a beautiful woman, educated and beaded on to face life with our complete confidence in you.
Love Mom & Dad



ANDREW WILCOX
A Hawkeye of high distinction- The A-TRAIN. From the Iowa Fight Song at 2 to Phi Beta Kappa at 22, you've always been a **HIGH FLYIN' HAWKI** congratulations. We are so proud of you.
Mom, Dad, Austin & Morgan



RACHEL
I'm so proud of you. Keep following your dreams!
Love Mom



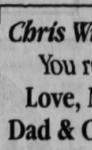
David-
Congratulations on a job well done! We wish you all the best.
Love- Dad, Mom, Matthew, Grandma, Kristin



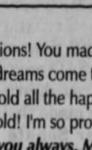
Chad
Our "little man" is beaded for law school! Congratulations on receiving your B.B.A. You have both our love & our prayers as you begin your J.D. at Iowa.
Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations, Liz!!
Iowa City, and you, are the best!!
Affectionately, Cesar

Dear Liz,
Wishing you a future even brighter than your eyes and smile! With pride, love, and congratulations,
Mom and Dad and Andrew and Eileen and the cats

Chris Witaske,
You rock!
Love, Mom, Dad & Carolyn



Beth-
Congratulations! You made all your plans and dreams come true! May your future hold all the happiness your heart can hold! I'm so proud of you,
Love you always, Mom



James-
A lot has changed since you were this age, but your smile still lights up our hearts. Congratulations on your graduation. We're very proud to have a son like you.
Love, Mom & Dad

Ann-
May your new chapter in life bring you success and happiness. We are very proud of your accomplishments!!!
mit Liebe, Mom, Dad, & Emily



To our Dear Mariam,
Congratulations! How time flies...from Kindergarten to College Graduate. We are so very proud of you! Keep on soaring...and may all your dreams come true.
Love, Babe, Mama & Sara



Jon-
Congratulations on a job well done. We are all so very proud of you.
Love, Your Entire Family



Kris-
from HeMan and Masters of the Universe to Legos, The Commodore Computer and fire poi - it all adds up to our fantastic grad. Congratulations!
Love Mom & Dad



Congratulations Becky!
We are so proud of you. The world awaits you and all you have to offer. We know that you will reach for the stars and catch them.
Love Mom & Dad



Debbie-
Great Job!
We are really proud of you!
Love, Mom & Dad



Jean-
Congratulations! We are so very proud of you! In the blink of an eye you went from our brave little girl going off to first grade to a beautiful young woman graduating college.
Love, Mom & Dad



Dearest Choyon,
Congratulations! From Hillcrest to Jefferson, through the halls and Ped Mall, at The Daily Iowan, Burge dining room and radio station, it has been a wonderful four years. This is just the beginning of your adventure. May each step in the journey be magical.
With Love, Mom, Dad, Eishita, the D'Mellos and Manjekar



Jessica Kozlowski
With Christ as your wingman, you're ready to take a bite out of life! We are very proud of you!
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Andrea Giganti-
Congratulations! The four years go by so fast. You are a wonderful daughter and a great sister, we are all very proud of you. *The whole world is out there for you, take advantage of the opportunities. May all of your dreams come true.*
All Of Our Love, Mom, Dad, Tim, Chad & Ashley



Mitch,
Congratulations on getting your B.S. degree in EE! That sports car you've dreamed about is just around the corner. We wish you the best in your future and to keep living your dreams.
You make us proud! **Love, Dad & Mom** Keep smiling!

Cyndi - Congratulations!
Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.
Love, Daddy and Tina



Kara, we're so proud of all you've accomplished. It seems like only yesterday you were heading off to pre-school!
Good luck at Rush next year!
Love, Mom & Dad

HQJ -
You made it! Congrats on your degree and awesome job in California. We'll miss you with all our hearts, but we know you'll do great!
Love, Duke, Sims, Piz, Sarah and Wendy

Hey Kelli -
Yea! You did it! We knew you would! Congrats - we're so proud of you!
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Kolly, Laura, Tokoy -
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Congratulations!
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Jeanna Boyes,
Congrats "Bunny", "Sisser", "Dolly"! Your heart is in the right place. Stay as wonderful & loving forever!
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Jill, We are so proud of you! Congratulations on your degree in Pharmacy. I know you'll help and care for people while working in the medicine field.
You're loved by all you touch,
Mom & Jason



Jillian,
CONGRATULATIONS!
It seems like yesterday... We are so proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad & Brandon

Julie Z -
Great job! Congratulations! Has it been 4 years already? We know you are going to miss Iowa!
Love, Mom & Dad

Congratulations, TIM CROSS
From Frosh to Alum in 4 years. You've made your whole 'fam-family' proud.



Congratulations, JAKE!
The monkeyman returns and we are proud!
Love, Mom and Dad



Kelsi -
We are so proud of you!
Good luck in Arizona!
Love, Mom, Dad, Spencer & Maddie!

Fred - *After 20 years of school, we hope you are ready for the real world.*
We love you. Mom and Dad




Angle - We are so proud of you and know that you will go far. Keep God in your life, stay true to yourself, and remember us at the Oscars!
Love, Dad, Mom and Mel

Tanisha Bess-
Good job on your four years at University of Iowa, Graduating Class of '05. Proud of you! Your mother, Barbara Ann, P.S. Your Brother AKA Binky
Love Always from us



Molly (our little Zeta),
Your dreams come alive in 2005. We're so proud of you. Good luck in Chicago.
Love, your family

Congratulations, Class of 2005!

NEWS

Dems warn Frist on 'legacy'

The fight over filibustering judicial nominees is heating up

BY JESSE J. HOLLAND
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Irritated by Democratic chiding, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist on Thursday defended the "fairness and principle" of pressing a confrontation over judicial filibusters.

During an hour-long exchange, Senate dean Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., told Frist, "Don't leave this as your legacy." That was a reference to a Republican plan to eliminate minority Democrats' ability to block President Bush's judicial choices with just 41 votes in the 100-member Senate.

"You have a shirttail full of nominees, and you're going to wreck Senate tradition," Byrd said.

Annoyed, Frist pointed out that Byrd also had talked about the Tennessee Republican in front of Bush on Wednesday and had promised to support holding confirmation votes.

"Didn't you also say as the other part of that statement to the president of the United States, being critical of the potential legacy I might have to leave in order to stand up for fairness and principle, didn't you also say you would give all of these nominees up or down votes?" said Frist, who is expected to leave the Senate in 2006.

"I don't remember what I said, a few, or all, or three, or four — I don't remember," Byrd replied.

Bush has repeatedly called for yes-or-not votes requiring a simple majority of 51 on his choices to fill appeals court vacancies instead of making them first garner 60 votes.

Democrats blocked 10 of Bush's first-term nominees through filibuster threats and have threatened to do the same to seven of them Bush renominated after winning re-election in November. During the Clinton administration, Senate Republicans blocked more than 60 of Bill Clinton's nominees.

Frist has been looking for two years at doing away with the 60-vote requirement to cut off debate in what Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., called the "nuclear option." Democrats have promised to retaliate by thwarting Bush's legislative agenda.

"Don't travel that path, because the leader of his party may some day be executed on the same gallows," Byrd said.



Manuel Balce Ceneta/Associated Press
Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., delivers a statement during a Senate Judiciary Committee meeting on the nomination of William Pryor Jr. to the 11th Circuit on Thursday in Washington.

"But when you have a nominee that comes over, all you can do is shine the light, you examine him, unlimited debate. And then to give advice and consent — which is in that Constitution — how do you do it? Vote yes, no. Confirm, reject."

— Robert Byrd, D-W.Va.

Republicans have argued that the Constitution requires confirmation votes, though Frist conceded Thursday there's no language in the document that specifies that.

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Byrd noted that the Senate has rejected dozens of nominees over the years by simply never voting on them: "Now to give consent, we may vote. But to deny consent doesn't require a vote."

The West Virginia senator kept talking, but Frist eventually walked out of the chamber, leaving Byrd surprised. "Where's my adversary?"

The tense debate may only be a precursor of the battle next

week, when Frist is expected to turn to the first of the White House's blocked nominees.

Frist has threatened to disallow future filibusters and force a confirmation vote on former Alabama Attorney General William Pryor, Idaho lawyer William Myers, Texas judge Priscilla Owen, California judge Janice Rogers Brown, and other nominees Democrats oppose.

Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada has been offering Frist deals on less controversial nominees to try and avoid the showdown.

Reid on Thursday promised that Democrats would not block confirmation votes on Michigan nominees Richard Griffin, David McKeague, and Susan Neilson to the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals if Frist didn't force a showdown. He made the same offer on former Senate lawyer Thomas Griffith, who

NATION

Pataki pledges Freedom Tower progress

NEW YORK (AP) — Trying to put the rebuilding of the World Trade Center site back on track after a series of snags, Gov. George Pataki gave assurances Thursday that a new, more terrorism-resistant design for the 1,776-foot Freedom Tower will be ready by next month.

"Failure to rebuild is not an option," the Republican governor said in a speech in downtown Manhattan. "We will not tolerate unnecessary delays."

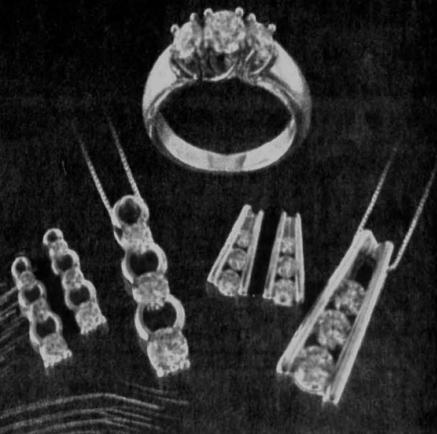
The announcement came just eight days after Pataki announced the Freedom Tower would have to be sent back to the drawing board to address security concerns raised by the police department. Officials have said the concerns would probably delay the tower's 2009 opening by at least a year.

Police were worried that the tower would be too close to the street, making it vulnerable to car or truck bombings. Police spokesman Paul Browne said the new design double the distance from the street and calls for thicker glass.

The security concerns were the latest of several problems that have plagued the Pataki-led efforts to rebuild the site — one of the nation's most closely watched construction projects. The troubles included a long battle over the tower's original design, the placement of a mass transit hub, and the design of a memorial to the nearly 3,000 people killed in the Sept. 11 attack.

The project holds the potential to become Pataki's crowning achievement, but in recent weeks, it began to look like a political liability for the governor, who has yet to decide whether to seek a fourth term in 2006 or perhaps run for president or vice president in 2008.

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Violence rages on in Iraq

Iraqis enraged at the continual bloodshed throw stones at police and U.S. forces

BY ANTONIO CASTANEDA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — A car bomb exploded in a jammed commercial district Thursday, turning the sky gray as shops and restaurants caught fire in the most deadly of a string of attacks that killed 21, including a general and colonel who were assassinated.

Iraqis expressed growing fury at the relentless bloodshed, throwing stones at police and U.S. forces who came to the scene of the bombing. More than 90 were also wounded in Thursday's violence.

The attacks came as U.S. troops were in the midst of a major offensive near the Syrian border, 200 miles northwest of Baghdad. Fierce clashes were reported with insurgents on the outskirts of the town of Qaim, where angry residents lashed out at U.S. forces.

"They destroyed our city, killed our children, destroyed our houses. We have nothing left," one man in Qaim told Associated Press Television News. He did not give his name and hid his face with a scarf to address the camera.

Families were fleeing in trucks packed with luggage, and AP TV footage showed plumes of smoke rising from the town. The U.S. has pounded the area with air strikes, artillery barrages, and gunfire in the first days of the offensive aimed at rooting out followers of Iraq's most wanted militant leader, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Five more American troops died in Iraq, two during the offensive Wednesday and three others when their convoys hit roadside bombs Thursday in Baghdad and surrounding areas, the U.S. military announced. At least 1,611 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

More than 420 people have died in the two weeks since Iraq's first democratically elected government was announced.

At the Pentagon, Gen. Richard Myers, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, indicated on Thursday that the insurgency could last for many more years.

"This requires patience," he said at a news conference. "This is a thinking and adapting adversary ... I wouldn't look for results tomorrow. One thing we know about insurgencies, that they last from three, four years to nine years."

"What we're seeing is really an attempt to discredit this new cabinet and new government," Myers said. "This is, the most cases, Iraqis blowing up other Iraqis. And I don't how they expect to curry favor with the Iraq population when we have Iraqi-on-Iraqi violence."

Scores of Iraqis in Baghdad vented their frustration at the nonstop violence, beating two Iraqi photographers and throwing rocks at Iraqi police and U.S. forces at the site of the bloody car bombing near a market, cinema, and mosque.

The U.S. and Iraqi troops fired in the air to disperse the crowd, according to an Associated Press photographer at the scene.

The blast, which set fire to shops, restaurants, and cars, killed 17 Iraqis and injured 81, including women and children, police said. About 15 minutes later, the fuel tank of a burning car also exploded, wounding three more people, police said.

In all, four car bombs hit Baghdad on Thursday, two of them suicide attacks, said Master Sgt. Greg Kaufman, a U.S. military spokesman. At least two of the attacks targeted U.S. patrols, he said, but he had no immediate word on casualties. Police said a

suicide car bomber targeting an American convoy on a highway injured two civilian bystanders. Another car bomb in eastern Baghdad wounded three civilians, the U.S. military said.

Elsewhere in the capital, insurgents assassinated Col. Fadhil Mohammed Mobarak on his way to work at the Interior Ministry, and Brig. Gen. Iyad Imad Mahdi, who worked at the Defense Ministry, police said. Al-Zarqawi's Al Qaeda in Iraq claimed responsibility for Mobarak's death in an Internet posting. The claim could not be verified.

Russia: Western spies use NGOs

BY STEVE GUTTERMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW — Russia's security chief accused U.S. and other foreign intelligence services Thursday of using non-governmental organizations that promote democracy to spy on Russia and bring about political upheaval in former Soviet republics.

The remarks by an ally of President Vladimir Putin reflect concern in the Kremlin over its waning regional clout following the ascent of pro-Western governments on its borders.

"Along with classic forms of influence on political and economic processes, foreign intelligence agencies are ever more actively using nontraditional

methods," including working through "various non-governmental organizations," Federal Security Service chief Nikolai Patrushev told lawmakers.

"Under cover of implementing humanitarian and educational programs in Russian regions, they lobby the interests of the states in question and gather classified information on a broad spectrum of issues," he said.

Patrushev iterated claims by Russian officials who have accused the United States and other Western nations of using

government-funded groups to aid opposition forces that have brought down governments in former Soviet republics in the past two years.

Groups Patrushev accused of involvement in espionage — including the Peace Corps — denied the allegations. And White House spokesman Scott McClellan said he was not aware of the accusations by Russia's security chief. "I have not seen those comments, and I have no idea what he is referring to," he said.

WORLD

Britain, France warn Iran on nukes

LONDON (AP) — British Prime Minister Tony Blair said Thursday he would support referring Iran to the U.N. Security Council if it breaches its nuclear obligations, sending a strong warning as Tehran threatened to resume a program that officials fear could result in an atomic bomb.

In a sign the pressure was having some effect, the head of Iran's nuclear agency — who previously said conversion could begin as soon as Thursday — said the date for resuming the nuclear program was not set and that it could be postponed for a few days.

Iran has said it is planning to conduct some uranium reprocessing activities, sparking sensitive diplomatic negotiations with Britain, France, and Germany.

"Let's wait and see what actually happens," Blair told his first news conference since his Labour Party won a historic third term. "But we certainly will support referral to the U.N. Security Council if Iran breaches its undertakings and obligations."

"Nobody is talking about invasions of Iran or military action against Iran," Blair said when a reporter noted that President Bush has refused to rule out military strikes. "We have to make sure that this diplomatic process works, and we will fight very hard to do that."

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Thursday that the Bush administration "continues to support the efforts by the Europeans to resolve this matter and to make sure there's an objective guarantee in place."

Still, "Iran needs to abide by its international obligations," he said.

The United States has long pushed for Iran to be referred to the Security Council, which has the power to introduce tough economic sanctions.

Britain, France, and Germany, acting on behalf of the 25-nation European Union, want Tehran to abandon its enrichment activities in exchange for economic aid, technical support, and backing for Iran's efforts to join mainstream international organizations.

Tehran insists the program — kept secret for two decades — is only for peaceful energy purposes and is reserving the right to restart uranium enrichment activities, which it froze in November. The off-and-on talks, which began last year, have failed to find common ground.

Hasan Rowhani, Iran's top nuclear negotiator, said Thursday that Tehran could not continue with them.

"Continuation of negotiations in their present format is not possible for us," Rowhani told state-run television. "The basic point that the Islamic Republic of Iran will resume part of its nuclear activities in the near future is definite," Rowhani said.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader, said his country was opposed to nuclear weapons but would not be "bullied" by the West into giving up its nuclear capabilities, according to state-run TV.

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COMMENTARY

As semester ends, some closing remarks

At this time one year ago — but what seems more like one week ago — I was reading the sign-off commentary of my predecessor, Calvin Hennick. I was set to assume the position of the *Daily Iowan* Opinions editor just three weeks later when the paper began printing for the summer session. I had some serious doubts. Calvin was (and is) an outstanding writer and journalist who made this page a great one. He would be a tough act to follow.

That said, it's with a degree of amazement that I find myself writing a sign-off commentary of my own. When I inherited the Opinions section last year, I had some ideas in mind for it: It should place a greater emphasis on local, nonpartisan issues, and when it is partisan, it should be balanced. Neither a liberal nor conservative viewpoint should be the sole voice on this page. At the beginning of my tenure, I received a number of e-mails stressing that point.

How well has this been accomplished? That's for our readership to decide. I'll suffice it to say that I've made no shortage of mistakes in the last 12 months: I grimaced each time I opened the paper to discover a typographical error on this page (there were, uh, just a few of them), and every correction of factual errors brought with it a decided feeling of disappointment.

Nevertheless, I consider this year to be a great success, and it isn't due in major part to my own work. I've had the privilege of working with a group of highly intelligent and capable individuals, each of whom has contributed valuable insight and effort into the construction of dialogue about a broad spectrum of issues.

The editorial writers whose names appear at the top of the page were always here to produce well-written opinions, even when the news was excruciatingly slow, and to collect answers for our On-the-Spot question, even when the temperature struggled to top the single digits with subzero wind chills and blowing snow.

For that, I convey my appreciation to all of them. The job wouldn't have gotten done without their work, which too often went unrecognized.



PETER WARSKI

Also deserving of thanks are all the columnists and university and community members who contributed their thoughts and input to this page, whether that came from letters to the editor, guest opinions, or columns. I've always said that the quality of an editorial section can be judged in part by the letters that are published. Without the contributions of our readers, this page would have been hopelessly dull, to put it charitably.

I know that many who are reading this did not agree with the Editorial Board's stances throughout the year — and, to put it bluntly, may have had nothing but contempt for our opinions. That's fine. Our views were never meant to be exclusive. They were meant to provide just one angle of what was often a multi-faceted debate, and we were always thrilled to receive feedback from readers, even when that feedback was less than cordial.

Having said that, I hope my short tenure has produced a constructive and open forum for community dialogue. Now it's time for me to step aside. Erik Owomoyela, one of my staff members whose superior journalistic skills are made clear by his ambitious reporting and masterful writing, will take my place as of the summer session.

He'll be in China (yes, China) for most of June, so I'll likely be back to help edit this page in his absence, but I'm officially handing it over to him. I have no doubt whether he'll make this page a better one than it was under my watch. (His last name, for those wondering, is pronounced oh-woh-moy-ay-lah.)

As of tomorrow, I will be a UI alumnus, and then it's on to the rest of my life. The same can be said for several others whose work graced this page: Brittany Shoot will start graduate school in Boston, and Robert Schneider will pursue medical school.

Margaret Poe and Katie Chelminski will continue their journalism coursework here at the UI next fall. I wish them all the best of luck, and I offer my regards to everyone who has read our page regularly this year.

Thanks. It's been fun.

Back into politics

Remember Arianna Huffington? Once the wife of former Rep. Michael Huffington, R-Calif., she morphed from conservative to ultra-liberal sometime after her lucrative divorce settlement and before her recent run for governor of California. Her 15 minutes of fame, which she has rather skillfully managed to milk into a couple years of minor celebrity, commenced when she picked a fight with Arnold Schwarzenegger during a debate for governor. Minor appearances on news and talk shows kept her name in the political grapevine since that time, but Arianna Huffington, who possesses the self-righteous breed of liberalism endemic to the extraordinarily affluent, was slowly starting the inevitable fade back into obscurity.



ROBERT SCHNEIDER

But not more. Huffington's latest entry into the world of politics is the creation of a new website, the Huffington Post (www.huffingtonpost.com). Conceived, it is rumored, as a liberal version of the Drudge Report, the Huffington Post features links to the day's top news stories (much like Drudge) and dabbles in the gossip that makes Drudge's website, currently on top of the Paula Abdul/Corey Clarke scandal, just tawdry enough to be enjoyable. In what must be some sort of coup, Huffington even managed to lure away one of Matt Drudge's top collaborators, Andrew Breitbart, whose presence will likely lead the Huffington Post to some degree of minor success, if not as spectacular as the 400-pound gorilla of media that Drudge has become.

If Huffington is honestly interested in successfully influencing American political media (wanting to mimic the success of the Drudge Report), it is likely that she will have to do away with my personal favorite part of her website — namely, the celebrity blog. Featuring pithy insights from such notable political heavyweights as Julia Louis-Dreyfus and John Cusack, the blog entries (blogs, for those of you behind the technological curve, are simply online journals) serve to remind us why celebrities have earned the "elitist" tag.

I point you to the blog entry of the aforementioned Louis-Dreyfus, who with husband Brad Hall (it's OK, I've never heard of him either), writes a remarkably unfunny diatribe against the traditional marriage crowd, even managing to throw in the f-word. They also describe marriage as a "sacred rite" in an entirely ironic blog entry, leaving it unclear whether they view marriage itself in an ironic tone or are just spectacularly incompetent writers. Cusack's entry is roughly as entertaining: an ode to Hunter Thompson, which delivers no additional insight into Thompson himself but allows Cusack to drop names and announce what great buddies (Hunter even sent him a T-shirt!) the two of them were. Jim Lampley, who is not really a celebrity but is a cable-television boxing commentator, believes that because exit polls showed John Kerry beating George W. Bush and bookies in Vegas then used these polls to set odds on presidential betting, Karl Rove stole the election (no exaggeration).

All of which basically confirms what most of us know about the Hollywood Left: They're idiots. So why does Huffington feature their juvenile rantings in what otherwise is a pretty nifty website? Nikki Finke, a columnist at *LA Weekly*, has a great answer: "Perhaps Huffington is no longer a card-carrying progressive but now a conservative mole. Because she has served up liberal celebs like red meat on a silver platter for the salivating and Hollywood-hating right wing to chew up and spit out." Her appraisal of the blog is equally scathing and pretty funny to boot: "Her blog is such a bomb that it's the movie equivalent of *Gigli*, *Ishtar*, and *Heaven's Gate* rolled into one. In magazine terms, it's the disastrous clone of Tina Brown's *Talk*, JFK Jr.'s *George*, or Maer Roshan's *Radar*."

Which is too bad, because the *Huffington Post* is actually a well-organized and fun website. The summer will see whether Huffington herself manages to finally find success in politics, via this new venture, or whether she will become another national punch line. ■

LETTERS

Inhaling death

To the two students I approached outside the IMU: Sorry.

I probably should have walked on by, like I do most days when I see students smoking.

It's your life, it's your choice, and certainly it's none of my business. Well, actually, it sort of is my business, or it will be. Anyway, you caught the brunt of a lot of frustration spilling out from the past few years — seeing too many students smoking in front of dorms and university buildings.

I am a relatively newly minted doctor, class of 2004, but even in my limited experience the devastating effects of tobacco are inescapable. I don't know what cigarettes are for you, what pleasures they provide you, what self-image they feed. For me, they mean cancers and failing lungs.

I see the faces of people confronting their premature deaths, often unable to breathe. Just a few hours after I spoke to you, a 50-year-old man — who, despite having a breathing tube in his throat, still smokes a pack a day — came to my clinic.

He wants to quit, but tells me it's harder than quitting cocaine, which he did. He has a new grandson, his first, whom he wants to see grow up. When he breathes deeply for my stethoscope, it's like listening to an old accordion.

Grandchildren, even children, may be impossibly far away for you. Death is perhaps beyond your conception. Perhaps you are victims of tobacco-company advertising and now are yourself unable to quit despite wanting to. Whatever.

There was probably no sense in giving you a 15-second lecture on emphysema and interrupting your moment of relaxation.

So please accept my apologies and recognize that I see you not just hanging out but taking a drag on misery, suffering, addiction, and death. Maybe next time I can listen to your good reasons for smoking. Professionally, one of my colleagues or I will probably see you again. That time will come sooner than you can possibly imagine.

Tom McNalley
UIHC resident physician

A YEAR IN REVIEW ... THE LAST DANCE

Here are our two last year-in-review responses of the semester:

IN APRIL:
• How should Pope John Paul II be remembered?

A complaint about John Paul II is that he was too conservative regarding females in the church, divorce, homosexuality, abortion, and so on, to which I respond: He was chosen by the highest establishment figures of a 2,000-year-old institution.

Were you expecting Sonny Bono? Of course he preached the establishment line. What is remarkable is to whom he preached it.

Jesus spent much time reaching out to His society's outcasts — prostitutes, racketeers, the physically repulsive, maniacs, sluts, widows, riff-raff, foreign occupying troops — and bringing them into the community. Yet He didn't wimp out on His doctrine for fear of offending someone.

John Paul II successfully followed this example. He went nearly everywhere and extended goodwill and fellowship to the Orthodox Church, homosexuals, youth, Israelis, Palestinians, Communists, even his attempted assassin. Too many people believe outrageous loudmouths such as

Jerry Falwell represent all Christians. A high-profile normal Christian helped show others the truth.

— **Matthew A. Bricker**, Iowa City resident

• Should Iowa reinstate capital punishment?

Iowa should not reinstate the death penalty. There are few if any benefits to it, and a number of detriments. The appeals process guaranteed to any death-row inmate costs the state more money than incarcerating criminals for the remainder of their lives.

It has not proven effective as a means of deterrence.

Likewise, many family members of victims who push for the death penalty admit that when all was said and done, they did not feel the closure or revenge they had anticipated.

Beyond these facts, I know that if someone ever committed a crime against me or my family, I would want her or him to sit in prison for life and have to remember every day what he or she did to land there.

— **Kasey Hollinrake**, UI student

This concludes our year in review for the 2004-05 academic year. Thanks to all who contributed.

Have a great summer.

sure enough, the truck I had rented had a dent.

Although I tried to persuade the employee that I had not caused the damage, the employee asserted there could have been no other cause of the dent. I thought the ordeal was behind me, until I received a letter from UHaul's claims adjuster a few weeks ago, ordering me to pay \$1,000 for the damage. I have been fighting this huge corporation ever since. Although my pre-rental contract contains a statement in the employee's handwriting that the damage was already there when I rented the truck, I was told by UHaul that none of its employees wrote that.

UHaul, U-pay

Last fall, like so many UI students, I rented a UHaul truck to move from one apartment to another. If I had realized at the time how much aggravation that decision would have inflicted upon me, however, I never would have done it.

The morning after I moved, I received a phone call from a UHaul employee claiming that the truck I had rented had severe damage and was "unrentable." Knowing I had not caused any damage, I drove to the facility, and

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ON THE SPOT

What are your plans for the summer?



"I'm moving to New York to look for a job."

Gillian Greenough
UI graduate student



"Straddling the cradle that is known as the universe."

Ambar De Kok-Mercado
UI freshman



"I'm going to see GWAR in the Sounds of the Underground Tour."

Emily Miller
UI freshman



"Boycotting GWAR and its Satanic music."

Adam Luksetich
UI sophomore

CALENDARWORTHY

A musical ensemble named **FOR A THREE-HEADED DOG** will give its debut performance today at 8 p.m. in Clapp Recital Hall. Cerebus, named for the animal that guards Hades in Greek mythology, is made up of three musicians from the UI School of Music faculty — Jeffrey Agrell (horn), Brent Sandy (trumpet), and John Manning (tuba.) Admission is free.

ARTS

The genetics of art, the art of genetics

BY ALI GOWANS
THE DAILY IOWAN

Darren Corkery has cerebral palsy. It confines him to a wheelchair, restricting his actions and his ability to speak clearly. But tonight, none of that will stand in his way. Tonight, Corkery will express himself as never before. And he couldn't be more excited.

Corkery will play the keyboards in Bayo Gallery's show "Genetics." The multimedia, multi-artist show will begin at 6 p.m. in the Bayo Gallery in the Old Capitol Town Center. There is a suggested \$5 donation.

Corkery got involved after stopping into the gallery one day while music was being played. The second time he came in, gallery owner Olabayo Olaniyi asked him if he wanted to play the piano. They started practicing regularly and recorded Corkery's music.

"He was very, very excited," Olaniyi said. "You could tell from his expression that something was working inside him." Corkery told Olaniyi he wanted to start a band, so Olaniyi recruited musicians from past shows to play and sing with him. The composition will be presented at tonight's show.

"For me, I don't see that he has as a disease," Olaniyi said. "There are different kinds of people with different kinds of genes. It is an enrichment of humanity."

"People will be disturbed by his music; they will love his music; they will be moved by his music."

With the help of Systems Unlimited employee Dustin Pierce, Corkery said he wasn't nervous about the performance. Instead, he is excited about the chance to perform.

"The idea for this show was

conceived a long time ago," said Olaniyi's wife and Gallery co-owner Reena Patel. "Every show we've done is addressing different aspects of the community or society. We wanted to address science and medicine in a new light."

To that end, the show will include a scientific discourse on genetics led by Carrie Persoon, a UI graduate student in civil-environmental engineering. The scientific theme will be carried on by Karen Koch, who will present a video installation. She is interested in the genetics found in hair and in the continuation of genes between generations.

The science involved in genetics is not the show's only focus, however. Olaniyi and Patel are also interested in the idea of genetics as the things that connect people, that make them who they are.

"I guess it just starts with the root of everything. We're looking at ideas of lineage, of ancestry," Patel said. "We're taking the smallest part of a whole. It affects everyone and everything."

City High junior and rapper James "Jmass" Massey will be the MC for the event. City High sophomores Lydie Mabikulu and Jenny Chen will dance with another rapper, West High junior German Torres, who will perform "My Evolution—Germanetics."

"It's about my family and all that they meant to me," he said. "My genetics are Colombian. Colombian is European and native South American. Everybody has part of everything. Now I'm in Iowa. So now I'm everything plus Iowa. All that culture, that's everything that makes me."

Oba and Aluna Olaniyi, Olabayo Olaniyi's children, will also explore the mixing of people and culture that make up each of us. Oba, 7, and Aluna, 4, will sing their original song "Oh



Aluna and Oba-Santos Olaniyi rehearse as their father Olabayo Olaniyi looks on Wednesday evening in the Bayo Gallery, Old Capitol Town Center. Their multimedia show "Genetics" will open today in the gallery.

Chocolate."

"We got the idea for the song one morning when we were drinking hot chocolate," Oba said. "We saw how the chocolate and everything mixed together, and we got the idea."

This will be the first show at Bayo Gallery in which the children perform, and Bayo Gallery will break ground in other ways as well, Olaniyi said.

A group of elders from the Jesus Christ Church of Latter Day Saints will also perform. The title elder, which has nothing to do with age, is given to any church member who has committed to spend two years serving the church full-time.

"We've never done anything like this before. We think we

will reach a different audience," Elder Gregory Schulz said. "People think of us as hyper, ultra-conservative folks, and in some cases that may be true. But I think there's some artistry in what we do."

"Artists often express something they have strong feelings about. We'll be using song, spoken word, the stage, all these things. The goal is to help people understand what we believe and where we're coming from."

Schulz and the other church members got involved in the show after one of their members stopped into Bayo Gallery

one day. After speaking with Olaniyi as a missionary, he ended up being recruited for the show.

"They are here to engage the audience," Olaniyi said. "What is it that makes them go out into the world to preach? What is genetics? Is it in blood? In chromosomes? The idea is also the genetics of faith, of thought, of culture, of music. It all has to do with some source. How far back or forward can we go? We're just trying to understand the idea of what makes us who we are."

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ARTS

Tea-rrific

Finals will soon be over, and it will be time to relax. And nothing's more relaxing than a nice cup of tea — or three.

Arts à la Carte will hold its second English Tea Party on May 15. Last year's was "so much fun, we decided to make it an annual event," said Shari Stevens, the chairwoman of the tea-party committee and president of the Arts à la Carte Board of Directors.

There were more people than expected at last year's tea party, and Nora Garda Marcos, one of the executive directors, hopes they all come back this year.

"It was a lot of people, a lot of fun," she said. "They were in the tea-party mode. The women were in beautiful dresses and hats."

Janette Ferrise is looking forward to it. "I'm the tea person," she said. Originally from England, she came to Iowa in 2003. "I helped last year," she said. "And I'll probably help next year, too." She will serve three kinds of tea — Earl Grey, a traditional English tea, and green tea with lemon.

The tea party is a fundraiser for Arts à la Carte. "It's to keep us up and running," Stevens said. "We need community support to stay open, and we do it to support artists and workshops."

Ferrise supports Arts à la Carte as well. "I used to go ... every week," she said. "It does a good thing for the community."

The English Tea Party will be held from 3-5 p.m. at the home of Nancy and Craig Willis, 2984 Oliver Lane N.E., regardless of the weather. Entertainment will include dancers and musicians from Arts à la Carte in addition to a tour of the house. A \$25 donation is requested.

— by Kate Bullen

Loan Consolidation Benefits College Graduates

Recent grads must act before July 1 to secure historically low interest rates

If you're like most students, chances are you'll be leaving school with thousands of dollars in student loan debt. Although making monthly student loan payments while starting out on your own can be difficult, consolidation can help.

Consolidation is one of the smartest ways for college graduates to manage student loan debt - but it is critical to act quickly. Time is running out to lock in one of the lowest interest rates in history. Rates are likely to rise on July 1 - only three months from now.

The Federal Consolidation Loan Program allows graduates (or parents with PLUS loans) to combine all eligible federal student loans into a single new loan. This new consolidated loan has a fixed interest rate and extended repayment terms that can significantly lower monthly payments. Congress established the Federal Loan Consolidation Program so graduates can take advantage of one low, fixed rate and take more time to pay back their loans. This means that cash-strapped graduates with comparably low entry-level salaries can take smaller chunks out of their paychecks for loan payments - and have more money left over to pay rent and other necessary bills.

Additionally, graduates who consolidate within the first six months after graduation - before their loans enter repayment - can reduce their interest rate by up to an additional 0.6 percent¹. Although a 0.6 percent decrease may seem small, it can potentially save thousands of dollars in interest over time.

This year, there's even more reason for graduates to act quickly. Over the past several years, rates have fallen to historic lows. That's about to change, however, as this year's rates are expected to rise by two percentage points or more. **It is important to take immediate action before federal student loan interest rates are adjusted on July 1.**

The Congressional Budget Office projects that student loan rates for the 2005-2006 school year rate will jump by at least two percentage points, to about 5.5 percent, and will continue to grow for the foreseeable future*. This potential increase would be reflected in both Stafford and PLUS loan rates.

Graduates who consolidate before these new, higher rates take effect on July 1 can avoid the rate increase and save thousands by consolidating today and locking in unprecedented low interest rates for the life of their loan.

"According to the Congressional Budget Office, federal student loan interest rates are projected to rise this July and each July thereafter in the near future," Massachusetts Senator Edward Kennedy wrote in a Bentley College Vanguard editorial March 10. "According to the Congressional Research Service, the fixed interest rate benefit today is worth over \$5,000 for the typical, new student borrower over the life of his or her college debt."

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to see if you qualify for these savings.

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* Stephen Baird, "Creditors Alter Tactics to Fight Over Student Loan Consolidation," The Chronicle of Higher Education, April 1, 2005.
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STERIODS

Selig, others testify before Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — The commissioners of Major League Baseball, the NFL, NBA, NHL, and Major League Soccer will testify next week at two days of congressional hearings about legislation calling for standard steroid testing across U.S. sports.

In a witness list released Thursday, the House Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection Subcommittee said it will hear from baseball's Bud Selig, the NBA's David Stern, the NHL's Gary Bettman, and Don Garber of MLS on May 18, with the NFL's Paul Tagliabue appearing the next day.

Baseball players' union head Donald Fehr, NBA players' union chief Billy Hunter, and former U.S. Anti-Doping Agency Chairman Frank Shorter will also testify.

The subcommittee's chairman, Florida Republican Cliff Stearns, proposed the Drug Free Sports Act on April 26.

His panel's inquiry is separate from that being done by the Government Reform Committee, which heard from baseball players and officials on March 17, the NFL on April 27, and is scheduled to hear from Stern on May 19.

SOFTBALL

All-Big Ten softball team announced

The All-Big Ten softball team was announced Thursday, and Mindy Heidgerken was named



Heidgerken

to the first-team, going as Iowa's only first-team pick. Heidgerken hit .421 with one home run and six RBIs and a .684 slugging percentage in conference play. Kylie Murray was a second-team selection, as was Lisa Birocci, while Ali Arnold was a third-team pick.

"I wasn't surprised that Mindy got selected, because she had the best offensive stats of any outfielder, and she was a unanimous pick," Iowa coach Gayle Blevins said.



Murray

"Kylie's had a great season for us, too. It would've been nice to get both. It's just that in our situation, with not being the No. 1 or 2 team, it's highly unusual to get two in that situation."

Murray, who hit two home runs and collected 15 RBIs in conference play, and Birocci were both victims of being on the third-place Big Ten team. Stacy May, who was a glaring absence in Blevins' mind, with her .351 average with one homer and six RBIs in conference play, was named a District 7 academic All-American by *ESPN the Magazine*.

"That was disappointing, because Stacy was definitely deserving of being selected. There's just always a lot of competition for positions, and shortstop's one of those," Blevins said.

Iowa, the third-seed, will play sixth-seeded Penn State today at 11 a.m.

— by Nick Richards

DI Sports Awards | STORY OF THE YEAR: WARREN HOLLOWAY'S 'CATCH' TO WIN THE CAPITAL ONE BOWL

MIRACLE FROM THE 44

BY JASON BRUMMOND
 THE DAILY IOWAN



File photo/The Daily Iowan

Fifth-year senior Warren Holloway caught his first-ever touchdown pass in the last seconds of his college football career, delivering a dramatic victory for the Hawkeyes against LSU in the Capital One Bowl. He hauled in a 56-yard heave from Drew Tate amid confusion in the Tiger secondary for an unbelievable finish, cementing his place in Iowa football history. "I wasn't thinking about anything," Holloway said. "All I saw was the end zone. I caught the ball, and that's all I saw. That's all I ran for."

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Most importantly, you'll remember Warren Holloway — his name, his number, his wide-eyed expression when he saw a path to the end zone, and his two-handed death grip on the football, even though there wasn't a defender in sight.

With seconds left in the Capital One Bowl on New Year's Day, Iowa quarterback Drew Tate scrambled behind the line, looked downfield for an open receiver 56 yards away in the end zone, and found a wide-open Holloway.

The play defined Holloway's career, summarized a season, and defeated defending national champion LSU, 30-25.

"I wasn't thinking about nothing but running forward," Holloway said. "All I saw was the end zone. I caught the ball, and that's all I saw. That's all I ran for."

Holloway, a fifth-year senior, had caught zero touchdown passes in 35 previous games as a Hawkeye.

Thirty-two career catches without one leading to the end zone before there was literally no time left on his college career.

"I'd have to say, without the catch, I guess I feel my career would be incomplete," Holloway said.

After trailing for most of the game, LSU scored a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns to take a 25-24 lead.

The Hawkeyes had decent field position after Walner Belleus' ensuing kick return, setting up Iowa's drive for a potential game-winning field goal. Two catches later, Iowa stood at midfield, but the clock continued after the second reception failed to reach a first down.

A false start penalty cost Iowa five yards, when Tate attempted to spike the ball without the line being set.

"I blew it not taking the time-out there," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "I guess I didn't realize after a penalty, they start the clock even though we spiked it."

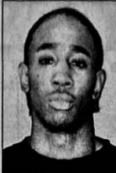
Holloway made sure Ferentz didn't lose any sleep.

Tate hustled the team to the line once he realized the clock was ticking down and found an open Holloway streaking down the sideline because of LSU's blown coverage.

LSU coach Nick Saban said the Tigers have three or four defensive plays to call when there's a last-second play situation — some variations of man defense, others zone.

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ALSO CONSIDERED



Pierre Pierce
 Star guard was dismissed from the basketball team in early February after allegations of sexual assault.



Men's basketball NCAA Tournament
 Steve Alford led the Hawkeyes to two wins in the Big Ten tournament to make first NCAA appearance since 2001.



NFL draft
 Four players selected in the 2005 NFL; In the last four years, only Ohio State (30) has had more players drafted from the Big Ten than Iowa (18).



Running back injuries
 Kirk Ferentz turned to once-sixth-team back Sam Brownlee to start after a slew of injuries, including three ACL tears.

IOWA WOMEN'S TENNIS

Women's tennis heads to NCAAs for second time

BY BRYAN BAMONTE
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Familiarity won't be a problem this weekend for the Iowa women's tennis team.

Making their second trip in as many years to the NCAA Tournament, the Hawkeyes will see a Notre Dame team they have seen before — twice.

The Fighting Irish ousted the Hawkeyes from the first round a year ago and followed that with a 7-0 win this season in

South Bend. So the Hawks are hoping to have more luck the third time.

"Well, I think we're a much different team now," Iowa coach Daryl Greenan said.

"Earlier this year, we played them indoors, so I think playing outdoors on a neutral site should be good for us.

"But more importantly, we are playing much stronger tennis now."

SEE WOMEN'S TENNIS, PAGE 4B

Men's basketball receives an F in academics

BY TED MCCARTAN
 THE DAILY IOWAN

The NCAA recently tweaked its report card on academics, which resulted in some programs that had failed moving off the failing list, such as the Connecticut men's basketball team. But some programs that had been satisfactory now fall short — such as the Iowa men's basketball team.

A revision in the NCAA's Academic Progress Report moved the Hawkeyes from a

passing score to a failing one, though no sanctions or penalties have been given.

"At this point, it doesn't mean anything; it just puts notice on last year's numbers," said Fred Mims, an Iowa associate athletics director.

"Because it doesn't go into effect until next year, and it's a two-year average, we need to be cautious that this next year's persistence of our student-athletes is very important," he said. "Meaning: retaining the students and

meeting eligibility standards."

The NCAA system scores all student-athletes. Two points are available per semester per athlete, one of which is attained for being academically eligible and the other for the retention of the student athlete. A score of 925 or higher is considered acceptable, signifying a 92.5 percent retention and eligibility rate. NCAA research shows a rate as such or higher corresponds with a 50 percent graduation rate.

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SPORTS

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BIG TEN SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Thursday Games
 #2 Northwestern 2, #7 Purdue 0
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Today Games
 #3 Iowa vs. #6 Penn State, 11 a.m.
 #4 Ohio State vs. #5 Wisconsin, 1:30 p.m.
 Northwestern vs. Iowa-Penn State winner, 4 p.m.
 Ohio State-Wisconsin winner vs. Michigan, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday's Championship Game.
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NATIONAL LEAGUE

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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	21	13	.618	—
Florida	19	12	.613	1
Washington	18	16	.529	3
New York	18	17	.514	3½
Philadelphia	15	21	.417	7

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	22	12	.647	—
Milwaukee	17	16	.515	4½
Chicago	15	18	.455	6½
Pittsburgh	15	18	.455	6½
Cincinnati	13	21	.382	9
Houston	12	22	.353	10

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	20	14	.588	—
Arizona	21	15	.583	—
San Diego	19	16	.543	1½
San Francisco	17	17	.500	3
Colorado	9	23	.281	10

Thursday's Games
 St. Louis 10, L.A. Dodgers 3
 Cincinnati 7, Philadelphia 5
 San Francisco 6, Houston 3
 Arizona 6, Colorado 3
Today's Games
 Chicago Cubs (Rusch 2-1) at Washington (Loaiza 1-2), 6:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Capuano 2-2) at Pittsburgh (K.Wells 3-3), 6:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Milton 2-3) at Philadelphia (Myers 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
 St. Louis (Marquis 5-1) at N.Y. Mets (Glavine 1-4), 6:10 p.m.
 San Francisco (Rueter 1-2) at Houston (E.Astacio 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
 Arizona (Halsey 2-1) at Colorado (Francis 2-1), 7:35 p.m.
 Florida (Beckett 5-2) at San Diego (Eaton 4-1), 9:05 p.m.
 Atlanta (Ramirez 2-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Weaver 4-2), 9:40 p.m.

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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	22	12	.647	—
Boston	21	13	.618	1
Toronto	19	16	.543	3½
New York	16	19	.457	6½
Tampa Bay	13	22	.371	9½

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	26	9	.743	—

HAWKEYE SPORTS SCHEDULE

- TODAY**
- Softball at Big Ten Tournament, Ann Arbor, Mich., 11 a.m.
 - Baseball at Purdue, 3 p.m.
 - Men's track at Big Ten championships, Columbus, Ohio, All Day
 - Women's track at Big Ten championships, Columbus, Ohio, All Day
- SATURDAY**
- Baseball at Purdue, 1 and 4 p.m.
 - Men's track at Big Ten championships

- Rowing at central regionals, Oakridge, Tenn., All Day
 - Women's track at Big Ten championships
 - Softball at Big Ten Tournament, TBA
- MAY 15**
- Men's track at Big Ten championships
 - Rowing at central regionals
 - Women's track at Big Ten championships

IOWA MEN'S TRACK

Wieczorek looks for team to peak at Big Tens

Iowa wants to qualify more this weekend

BY JUSTIN SKELNIK
 THE DAILY IOWAN

The statistics for the Iowa men's track team performance at the last two Big Ten Championships look grim. A ninth-place finish in 2003 followed by a last-place finish last year. Senior Bill Neumann is the only Hawkeye to win an outdoor championship from those meets.

But this year, head coach Larry Wieczorek is looking for his team to step up at this year's Big Ten championships, which start today at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium in Columbus, Ohio, and continue through May 15.

"We have a nice relaxing week at practice to tune things up," Wieczorek said. "I am looking for a lot of people to peak at the Big Tens."

Iowa has not been in competition since the Drake Relays, which concluded on April 30. The Big Ten meet is the last chance for several Hawkeyes to qualify for the NCAA Midwest regional. Seven Hawkeyes have qualified for the regional, but Wieczorek hopes to get a few more this weekend.

"It would be real nice to get a few more competitors qualified," he said. "We have Derrick Burks in the 100 meters, and both of our relay teams could put together a great race and find themselves qualified."

Once again the Big Ten meet is loaded with competition.

Wisconsin is the defending champion and looks to be the favorite on paper to defend its title.

But Indiana, Michigan, and Illinois could make a run and claim the title themselves.

There are a few Hawkeyes going into the Big Tens as major competitors for Big Ten titles, and it is not surprising that most of them are in throwing events.

Seniors Andy Banse and Ken Kemeny will be major factors in the shot put.

They rank second and forth in the Big Ten respectively, in the event.

Banse and junior Tim Broderesen are two of the top three competitors in the discus. In the hammer throw, Chris Voller ranks second in the Big Ten.

In the running events, look for Eric MacTaggart and Dan Haut to run well in the 5,000 meters, as well as Tony Rakaric in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. All three are already qualified for the NCAA regional.

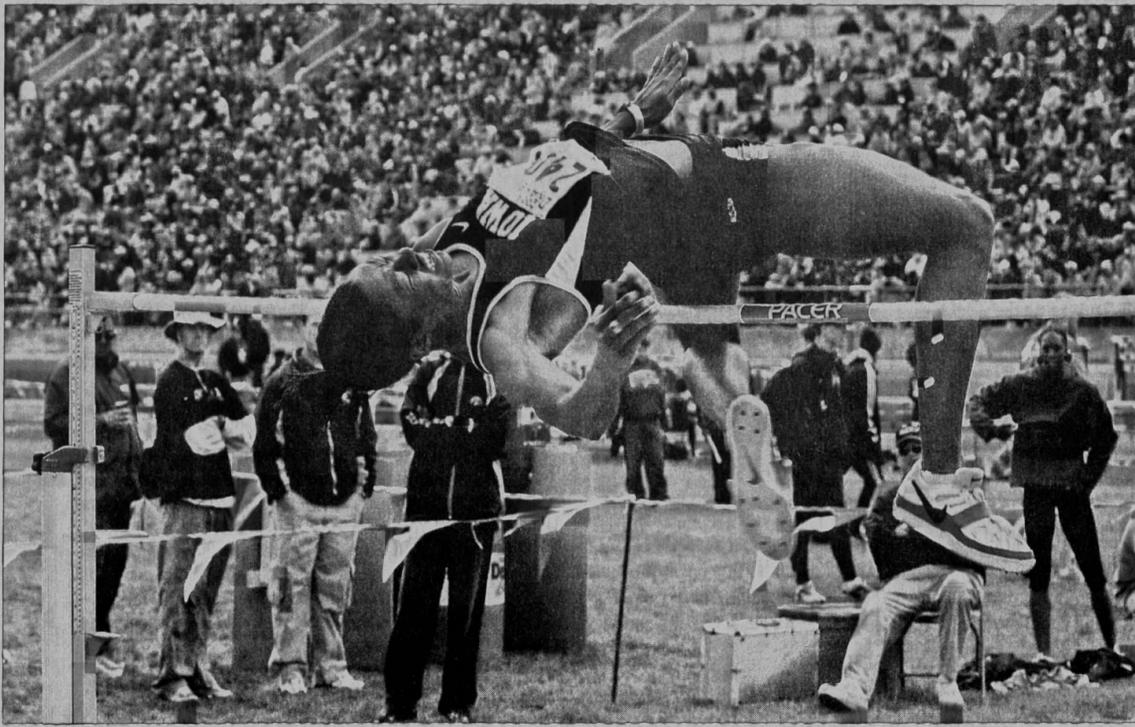
Although Iowa is not the favorite to win the championship, Wieczorek is still hoping for a strong effort out of his team. A victory in an event or a top-three finish can earn a team a good number of points, but he is not denying that the Hawkeyes, as well as all the teams competing this weekend, face a tough three days.

"There is a lot of competition in the Big Ten in every event," he said.

"But who knows? At a big time meet like the Big Ten championships, anyone can step up and have the best meet of their life."

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IOWA WOMEN'S TRACK



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Iowa's Peaches Roach clears the bar during the high-jump competition at the Drake Relays on April 30. Roach won the event and qualified for the NCAA regional.

IOWA GETS SET FOR BIG TEN TOURNAMENT

BY KRISTI POOLER
 THE DAILY IOWAN

The sprinters have speed, the distance runners have endurance, and, finally, their team has depth.

Last season, the Iowa women's track and field team had a weak point — field events. This year, it has solved that problem.

As they prepare to travel to Columbus, Ohio to compete in the Big Ten championships on Friday through May 15, the Hawkeyes are well-rounded; they not only boast talented runners, but, for a change of pace, strong throwers as well.

The Hawkeyes now have sophomore throwers Becca Franklin and Erin O'Hern and senior Kamesha Marshall filling the gaps that led to last year's ninth-place finish in the Big Ten. All three women have improved tremendously over the course of the season, and, Grant said, they have "really come on" over the past month.

O'Hern has shown progress in the hammer throw, and Marshall has improved in the discus and the shot put, an event which she placed third in at the indoor championships. Grant says that Marshall has improved in the shot put each week and expects her to do well if she can maintain the distance that she has been throwing, though he admits that her discus throws still need some work before the Big Ten meet.

Franklin, whose success this season earned her an invitation to the 2005 Drake Relays, tossed herself into the record books on April 23, when she broke the school's hammer-throw mark. Her enthusiasm about her own success can only be eclipsed by her excitement over the progress of the team.

"The team, as a whole, has made a lot of improvements since indoors," she said, "I feel like we are really coming together. It's hard to say how the team will place at Big Tens, because it is such a strong conference."

Grant agrees. Since the end of the indoor season, he has seen his athletes improve, and not just in throwing events, but across the board.

"From the end of indoor until now, I've seen a different attitude [from the team]," Grant said.

"Over the last month, I've seen an upsurge in attitude and performances, which I am very pleased to see. There shouldn't be any reason why it shouldn't continue, and we should have a good Big Ten meet."

Among the elite Hawkeyes to improve this season are high-jumper Peaches Roach and sprinter Kineke Alexander.

Roach, who won her second Big Ten indoor high-jump title earlier this year and achieved All-American status, could make Hawkeye history this weekend if she wins another Big Ten title to equal a total of four honors. She would be only the third Iowa female student-athlete to win four Big Ten titles.

Alexander, a freshman, has

shown significant improvement in her 400-meter times since the indoor season ended. Grant says that since running her first 400 here at Iowa, where she ran a personal best, she has only gotten faster. With individuals performing at their peak and holes from last year's squad filled in, Grant sees no reason that the well-balanced Iowa team shouldn't finish among the top five in the Big Ten.

Indoor champion Michigan will enter the meet as the favorite. The Wolverines are a strong team based around what Grant characterizes as a "good distance core."

Illinois, who finished second at the indoor meet, boasts talented sprinting and distance teams.

"To finish in the top five, everyone needs to be on her 'A' game," Grant said. "Once the meet starts, I want us to be really intense about [competition], and I think if we can do that, then we can accomplish something really good."

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NBA PLAYOFFS

PACERS HAVE AN ADVANTAGE

With three home games in Indiana, Reggie Miller and his crew could finish the season as victors

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With Richard Hamilton hobbling, Reggie Miller and the Indiana Pacers may not have to be as concerned about another letdown at home.

After stealing homecourt advantage with a win in Game 2, the Pacers return to Conseco Fieldhouse when they continue their Eastern Conference semifinal series with the Detroit Pistons.

Miller had 19 points, and Jeff Foster grabbed a career-high 20 rebounds Wednesday to lead the Pacers to a 92-83 win over the Pistons that tied the series 1-1.

Indiana can now win the series by winning its three home games. Detroit, meanwhile, must steal a game in Indianapolis.

Miller, who plans to retire after the season, knows the Pacers must improve their play at home if they hope to take the series.

"Nothing is secure for us at home. We lost twice at home against Boston," Miller said, recalling the Pacers' first-round meeting with the Celtics.

"That's probably a bad thing for us and a good thing for Detroit."

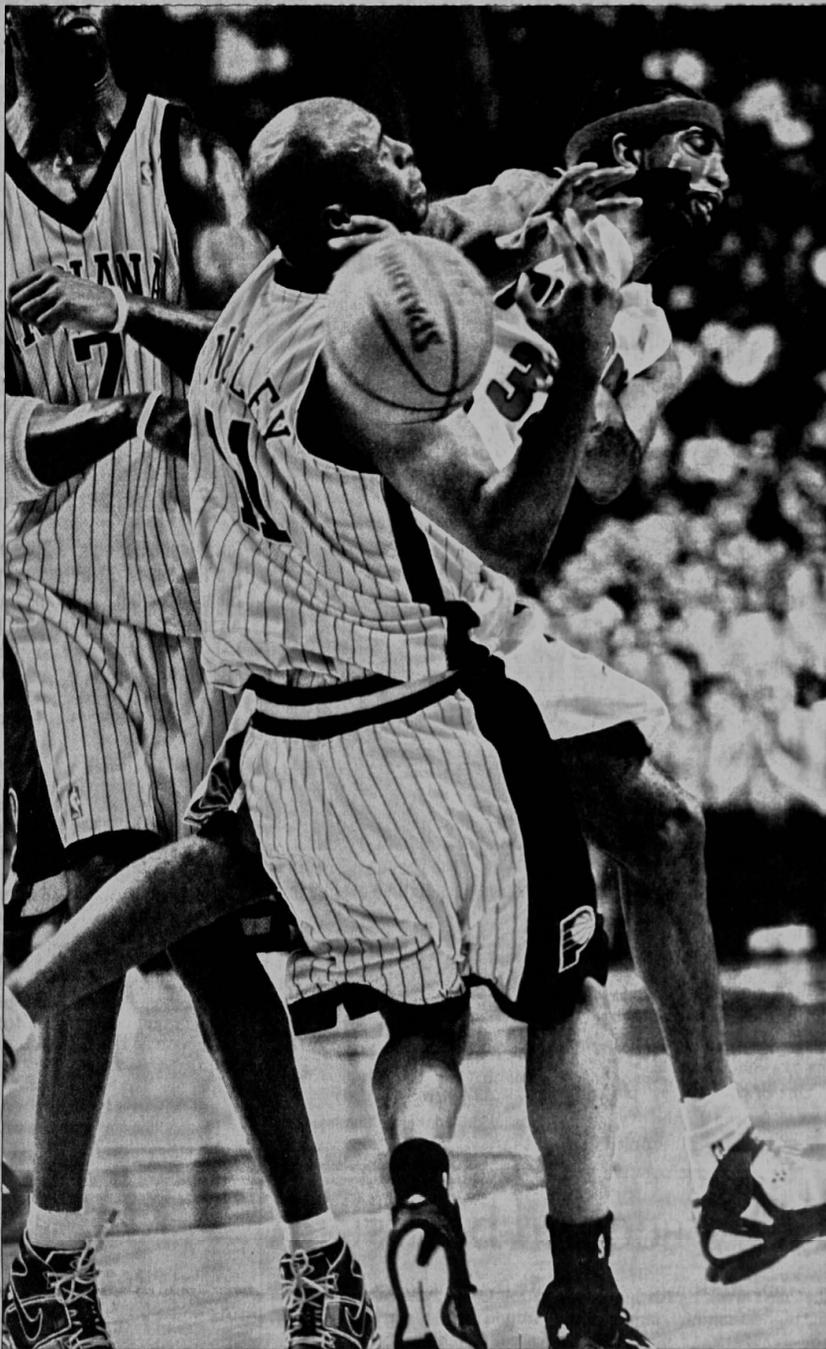
Detroit stole homecourt advantage in Game 2 of last season's Eastern Conference finals against Indiana and went on to win the NBA title. The Pistons' hopes of bouncing back may rest with the health of Hamilton.

Hamilton played the second half with his right calf wrapped after hurting it in the first half, but he says he doesn't believe the injury is serious. He finished with 14 points but shot 6-for-17 from the field and had seven turnovers — one more than the rest of his teammates combined.

Hamilton didn't use the injury as an excuse.

"This motivates us, more than anything," said Hamilton, who had a game-high 28 points in Detroit's 96-81 victory in Game 1 Monday.

Many wrote the Pacers off when their Nov. 19 brawl with the Pistons and their fans led to suspensions, but the Pacers didn't let the loss of Ron Artest and others — or injuries later in the season —



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Indiana Pacer guard Jamaal Tinsley (11) and Detroit Piston guard Richard Hamilton run into each other during the Eastern Conference semifinals in Auburn Hills, Mich., on Wednesday.

devastate them.

After losing Game 1 by 15, the Pacers trailed by 15 after the first quarter Wednesday and didn't take the lead until there was 4:10 left in the third when Miller's 3-pointer capped an 11-4 run.

"I don't think any pro team — in any sport — can handle what we've handled," said Pacers forward Jermaine O'Neal, who had 22 points. "Our goals haven't changed. Our goals are to get to the NBA Finals and win a championship. We still believe."

Indiana even pulled off a rare road win in a Game 7 of the first round at Boston.

"These guys have been tough. They've been through a lot," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "When they get knocked down, they tend to get back up fighting."

Miller, an 18-year veteran, scored just two points in each of the first two quarters before scoring 15 in the second half. He scored six points in the series opener.

The Pistons had won eight straight home playoff games

dating to last year's conference finals.

Detroit, which usually has a frontcourt advantage, was outscored 38-20 in the paint Wednesday. It was the first time this postseason Indiana has held an advantage in the post. The Pacers had been outscored inside by an average of 15.5 points per game.

Ben Wallace dominated Game 1 with 21 points, 15 rebounds, and four steals, but was limited to three points — on 0-for-4 shooting — Wednesday.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Eckstein carries Cards

BY R.B. FALLSTROM
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ST. LOUIS — If David Eckstein keeps hitting like this, the Cardinals won't miss Scott Rolen very much.

Eckstein set the table for another St. Louis victory with three hits, helping the Cardinals beat Derek Lowe and the sloppy Los Angeles Dodgers 10-3 Thursday.

The scrappy shortstop singled, doubled, and tripled to extend his hitting streak to 13 games. He finished the four-game series 11-for-16.

"Yeah, I had a good series, but we've got another game tomorrow," Eckstein said. "One at-bat feeds into the next one. Just getting to where you feel comfortable and taking good swings, that's the key."

Eckstein wasn't the only one to step up in Rolen's absence after the all-star third baseman went on the 15-day disabled list with a sprained left shoulder. Chris Carpenter (5-2) struck out eight in seven innings, Yadier Molina had three hits in his first start since spraining his left ankle last weekend, and John Mabry hit a two-run double in his second game since replacing Rolen at third.

The ensemble performance made up for an off day by Albert Pujols. The slugger failed to reach base for the first time in 43 games dating to last season and struck out three times for the first time this season. After striking out seven times in his first 26 games, he has fanned six times in the last eight.

St. Louis, which completed a 4-4 homestand, beat the Dodgers at home for the eighth time in nine games dating to the playoffs last fall.

Milton Bradley homered in the second inning, and Paul Bako and Lowe had RBI singles for the Dodgers.

Lowe (2-4), who won the

final game in each playoff series last year to help the Boston Red Sox win their first World Series title since 1918, allowed six runs, but just two of them were earned. He gave up 10 hits in five innings with two walks and six strikeouts.

In Lowe's first regular-season appearance against the Cardinals, Los Angeles had two errors and a passed ball in a five-run third inning that included four unearned runs.

Second baseman Oscar Robles missed the bag on what would have been an easy force-out on Pujols with two outs, allowing a run to score. Pujols then scored from first when right fielder J.D. Drew's relay to the plate went to the backstop on Jim Edmonds' run-scoring single, and Edmonds scored on a passed ball, a pitch that just missed hitting Reggie Sanders.

"I don't like to make excuses, but I really feel that two-out play at second base was obviously a huge turning point in this game," Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said. "I think the situation snowballed after the call."

Lowe pitched seven scoreless innings in Game 4 of the World Series as Boston completed a four-game sweep of St. Louis. He retired his first seven hitters on routine plays Thursday, then faced 10 batters in the third.

Lowe didn't see his return to St. Louis as a significant event.

You can't compare the two: one's Game 4, and one's Game 30 of the year, or whatever it is," Lowe said. "They put a whipping on us."

Eckstein singled and scored in the third, doubled in the fourth, walked in the sixth, and tripled off the base of the wall in left-center in the seventh. Ten of his hits came in the last three games of the series. St. Louis won three of four in the matchup of division leaders, outscoring the Dodgers 31-17 over the four games.



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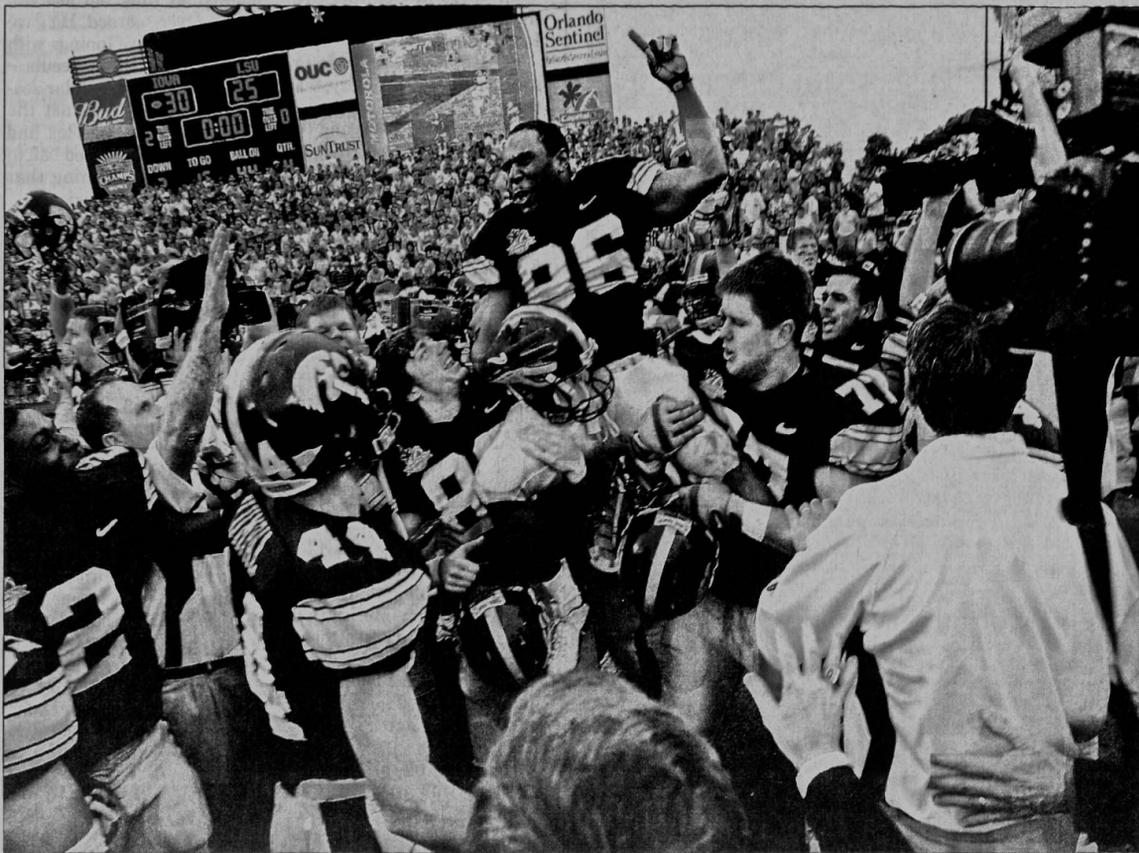


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DI Sports Awards | STORY OF THE YEAR: WARREN HOLLOWAY'S 'CATCH' TO WIN THE CAPITAL ONE BOWL

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Iowa's Warren Holloway is lifted up on the shoulders of his teammates after catching the game-winning touchdown pass as time expired in the Capital One Bowl against LSU on Jan. 1. The memorable catch topped off Holloway's career.

'THE CATCH'

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"There was nothing wrong with the call, but it's like every other call you make," said Saban, who now coaches the NFL's Miami Dolphins and

former Hawkeye Matt Roth. "If you don't execute it properly and correctly, you've got a chance to get beat, and that's exactly what happened."

Today, the play is being used by Iowa's sports marketing department to sell tickets for

the upcoming football season. Fans can buy limited-edition posters and framed pictures of the famous play bearing Holloway's John Hancock.

One of the greatest plays in Iowa football history and arguably the greatest finish in a

bowl game, "The Catch" will always be remembered.

"Very few times does a real-life experience measure up to imagination," Holloway said. "But this experience blows my imagination away."

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Catching may only be T.O.'s second-best skill

BY JIM LITKE
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Catching the ball is supposed to be Terrell Owens' specialty.

Turns out he's pretty good at throwing down, too, at least when it involves tossing somebody under a bus. In what is threatening to become an annual event, T.O. decided to amuse himself recently by seeing how another teammate — in this case, Donovan McNabb — would look with tire tracks imbedded in his reputation.

Upset with the seven-year, nearly \$49 million contract he signed with Philadelphia only last March, Owens first tried to make his displeasure known by skipping the team's mandatory minicamp last month. When that stunt failed to have the desired effect on Eagles' management, T.O. resorted to another familiar ruse — running over teammates to make himself look better.

Asked to justify his renegotiating stance, Owens answered by taking a cheap shot at McNabb: "I'm not the guy who got tired in the Super Bowl."

This is a little like Kobe Bryant volunteering to the cops in Colorado that his ex-teammate, Shaquille O'Neal, had his own way of dealing with problems — even though they weren't asking about Shaq. But at least those two had a long-standing feud. Why Owens chose to trash McNabb is something only he can answer. It might be because he's jealous that the Eagles remain McNabb's team.

More likely, Owens is jealous of the 12-year, \$115 million contract the quarterback negotiated two years earlier. Either way, it was a strange call.

Not only did McNabb use that leadership to persuade the front office to take a chance on Owens after the wide receiver wore out his welcome in San Francisco, now, McNabb said life without T.O. won't necessarily be any less rewarding than with him. If

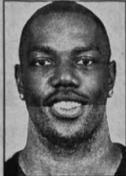
that isn't washing his hands of the highest-maintenance part in the NFL's vast machinery, somebody tell me what is.

"With T.O., I think we can do a lot of great things," McNabb said. "Without him, I still think we can do a lot of good things."

But it was already clear Owens had struck a nerve. On the first day of minicamp, McNabb warned T.O. "Just keep my name out of your mouth. Don't try to throw names or guys under the bus to better yourself."

Unfortunately, had McNabb done more studying and less lobbying, he would have seen this coming. At his last stop, Owens trashed then-49ers quarterback Jeff Garcia for failing to get him the ball and then went after Steve Mariucci, his coach at the time, for the same sin. What McNabb failed to grasp is that T.O. might be willing to change his uniform but never his stripes.

All that talk about how happy he was to be in Philadelphia turns out to have been just that — talk. He might have had a case for renegotiating before he stepped on the field for the Super



Owens
Philadelphia
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Women's tennis head to NCAA

WOMEN'S TENNIS
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The 46th-ranked Hawkeyes had their highest finish in school history this season — Greenan's crew placed third in the Big Ten.

"I think this is a good draw for us," he said.

"I don't think it hurts to be familiar with your opponents, especially in elimination matches, and the women have some insight as to their opponent's style of play."

He noted that many other Big Ten teams his team handled well this season played tough against Notre Dame.

"We did real well in the Big Ten, so we know we're ready to face opponents ahead of us in the rankings or the standings," he said.

Notre Dame is exactly halfway between Iowa and the No. 1 slot heading into the May 13 match ranked 23rd,

according to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings.

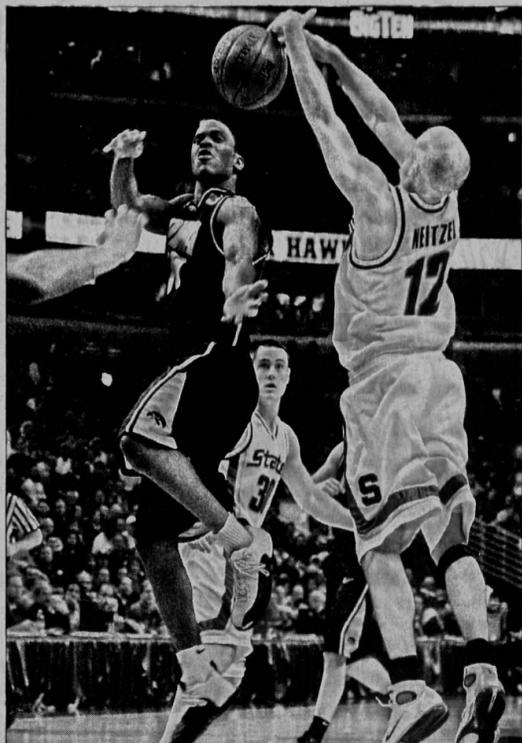
Meg Racette has finally earned a spot in the singles rankings after single-handedly knocking off the women in front of her during the season.

She is ranked 104th and will once again be pitted against a higher-ranked opponent. The

only disappointment for the women was the weather. They were hoping for California. They got Evanston, Ill.

"They wanted a West Coast trip," Greenan said. "But we're excited to be in, and I like our chances."

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Iowa sophomore guard Mike Henderson attempts a pass during the Hawkeyes' 71-69 upset over Michigan State in the second round of the Big Ten Tournament on March 11. Henderson scored a career-high 17 points against the Spartans.

Men's b-ball fails

NCAA

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"If it's below that, then you subject your team to possible penalties," Mims said.

Currently, Iowa men's basketball, wrestling, and women's tennis are below the benchmark.

Mims noted that players who transfer to a different school, get dismissed from the team, or quit a sport affect the rate, because the student isn't "retained" — one of the two categories that earns a point.

"All that plays into it," he said. No sanctions or penalties will

be given until reports on the 2004-05 school year are revealed. By the fall of 2008, teams with failing grades could face a 10 percent reduction in the number of scholarships or being ineligible for postseason play.

As a whole, the total grade for all Iowa athletics programs sank under the newer regulations from 972 to 955, still above the quota designated by the NCAA.

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SPORTS

Rice released from hospital

BY MICHAEL MAROT
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INDIANAPOLIS — Buddy Rice was released from the hospital Thursday, one day after a hard crash during practice ended his hopes for a second-straight start from the pole in the Indianapolis 500.

Rice, the defending Indy winner, was hospitalized overnight with a severe bruise to his back and a concussion from the crash just 16 minutes into practice Wednesday.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway officials said several hours later that Rice won't be cleared to drive until at least next week — meaning he cannot qualify this weekend.

"He's frustrated, and I know he's angry," said team co-owner Bobby Rahal, the 1986 Indy winner. "But you've got to make sure he's right. You don't want a problem on the track."

Rahal's most immediate concern is getting Rice healthy in time for the second qualifying weekend and then the race May 29. Qualifying will resume May 21. Bump Day, the last of four qualifying days, is scheduled for May 22.

Rice will be the fourth defending champion since 2000 to miss a pole qualifying attempt. Kenny Brack won the race in 1999 and Juan Pablo Montoya in 2000, but neither returned to defend his title. Gil de Ferran won it in 2003 and retired after the season.

Rice ran into some bad luck quickly Wednesday. On the second day veterans could drive, Rice's No. 15 car spun in the second turn, and the back end slammed into the outside wall, scattering debris across the track. The car spun several times as it slid down the track before rolling to a stop.

Rice remained in the smoking

car for several minutes before track workers helped him out. He walked away from the wreck but was sent to the hospital for further examination.

Now, he probably will have to defend his Indy win from near the back of the 33-car field. The top 22 spots are expected to be filled in this weekend's qualifying.

"Unfortunately, this stuff happens," Rahal said. "But he's healthy. Where he starts, I think, is irrelevant."

Track workers also repaired the damage to the SAFER barrier, a device Rahal credited for preventing more serious injuries. Rahal said onboard computers indicated the car hit with a force of 75 Gs — although Rahal believed it was even harder than that.

"He's in good shape, but he's hurting," Rahal said. "It was a big wallop, but nothing is broken, fortunately."

It was a big blow for the Rahal team.

Through rookie orientation and the first two days of practice, Rahal's stable of drivers had been among the fastest on the 2 1/2-mile oval. Danica Patrick was the fastest driver Sunday and Monday in rookie orientation, topping 222 mph on the second day. Brazil's Vitor Meira was 10th fastest Tuesday with a speed of 224.172.

Patrick and Meira finished among the top 10 Wednesday. Patrick was second-fastest at 226.944. The only driver who was faster was IRL champ, Tony Kanaan of Brazil, at 227.453. Meira was ninth at 225.714.

But the crash dampened the mood in Rahal's garage.

"That's awful," Patrick said. "I know what it's like to crash. It took me almost two weeks to recover from the one in Homestead."

Patrick had a concussion in the first race of the season but has finished 15th, 12th, and fourth in the

last three. And now she has one of the fastest cars at Indianapolis.

"It's nice to know we could go almost 227," she said. "We did a bunch of 224s, and it's still not trimmed out all the way, and we're still working on the balance. So it's good to know we're not happy, and we're still running 227."

The big question, though, was what happened to Rice, who has completed all but one lap in his first two Indy 500 starts. He finished 11th in 2003 after starting 19th.

Rahal said there was no indication anything broke and that replays didn't show any fluid leaking before the crash.

"It's odd where it happened," he said. "I'm afraid it's one of those situations that you'll never know what caused it."

The driver with the best view might have been Kosuke Matsuura of Japan, who was following Rice and spun out to avoid the wreck. His car was towed in, but Matsuura was not seriously injured.

Matsuura thought Rice was trying to do too much too quickly, saying he was passed by Rice in the pits and that Rice then tried to pass two-time Indy 500 winner Helio Castroneves and Sam Hornish Jr., drivers for Roger Penske's team.

When Rice crashed, Matsuura did the only thing he could to avoid the wreck.

"I wanted to go outside, but it was very dusty," he said. "His car came to the inside, so I spun to avoid the crash. I didn't hit the wall and saved the car, but I have quite a lot of damage. It could be worse. It was very lucky for me."

Rice won a rain-shortened Indianapolis 500 last year. He also won last year at Kansas and Michigan and finished third in the points behind Kanaan and England's Dan Wheldon.

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DAILY BREAK

calendar

- **Tippie School of Management Commencement**, 10 a.m., Hancher Auditorium.
- **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Commencement**, 9 a.m. Saturday, Carver-Hawkeye Arena.
- **College of Medicine Commencement**, 7:30 p.m., Hancher.
- **College of Law Commencement**, 1 p.m. Saturday, Hancher.
- **Jeffrey Agrell, horn, Brent Sandy, trumpet, and John Manning, tuba**, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall.
- **Graduate College Commencement**, 3 p.m. Saturday, Carver-Hawkeye.
- **Tippie College of Business Commencement**, 9 a.m. Saturday, Hancher.
- **College of Nursing Commencement**, 5 p.m. Saturday, Hancher.

quote of the day

“I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.”

— Mark Twain

horoscopes

Friday, May 13, 2005
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't be too quick to start something you can't finish. An argument will leave you in an awkward position. Try to control your temper by putting your energy into something constructive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take care of your social plans early. This will be a highly romantic day. You'll have no problem attracting attention or getting others to do what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take the initiative, and go after whatever you feel will be to your advantage. A small business venture can turn into extra cash. You don't have to go it alone — help will be there when you need it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may find yourself in the hot seat today. Honesty may be an issue. If you think someone is withholding information, do your own research. Overreacting will be difficult for you to avoid.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): It won't be that easy to uncover what you need to know to make extra money, but if you are diligent about getting to the bottom of things, you will prosper. A chance to form an important partnership is apparent. Plan to do a little entertaining this evening.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): New connections are possible if you participate in activities that include large groups. You can get a lot accomplished if you communicate openly. Keep in mind that someone may exaggerate in order to impress you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Use whatever it takes to get what you want, but don't be surprised if you still fall short of your goal. Someone you have to deal with may be difficult or downright mean. The changes you are experiencing are necessary.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Outdoor activity will jump-start your ability to create. Consider what you can do to improve your home, lifestyle, and income. A trip will lead to an opportunity that will make you a profit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Clean up any paperwork or overdue projects, and plan your strategy for completing all your unfinished business. Money can be made but not by taking unnecessary risks. The more organized you are, the better.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take things as they come. Do whatever is necessary to keep yourself busy. Ignore anyone who uses a temper tantrum to get you to do what he or she wants. Emotional blackmail must not be tolerated.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The more effort you put into something you feel could turn into a profitable business, the better you will do today. You can drum up support and persuade others to get involved. You'll be in a passionate, sensual mood.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll feel anxious if you haven't planned an engaging day. Self-improvement projects will turn out well and leave you feeling good about who you are. Socializing will lead to a very close encounter.

news you need to know

Today — End of finals, 9 p.m.
— Residence halls dining contract ends, dinner
Saturday — 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 13 — Cameron “Angry Ramrod” Shields, 21; Birsan Donmez, 25
May 14 — Tracy “Hawaii Hottie Girl” Bayan, 20; Amber Ford, 21
May 15 — Bethany Bastron

E-mail first and last names, ages, as well as dates of birth to daily-iowan@uiowa.edu at least two days in advance.

PATV

7 a.m. Democracy Now
11 Conservation on Your Own
Noon Islam: Dispelling the Myths
1 p.m. Demolishing Hope
2 Mid-Prairie Track Highlights
2:25 Invasion Iowa
2:50 wocidj — keeping track
3:10 sfadi_2004_2a
3:30 Stop the Destruction of the World No. 17
4 Conversations
5 U.N. Report
5:30 Education Nebraska
6 Gospel Explosion Ministry
7 Country Time Country
8 Eden
8:30 The Geneva Lecture Series
10 Fellowship Temple
11 Tom's Guitar Show (Replay)

UITV schedule

3 p.m. UI Lecture Committee Presents: Mitch Albom
4 This Week @ NASA
5 Intellectual Property, Patent Law, Professionalism, and Ethics
6 UITV Presents: Commencement Ceremony, Tippie School of Management (M.B.A.)
7:30 UITV Presents: Commencement Ceremony, College of Medicine
9 UITV Presents: Commencement Ceremony, Tippie School of Management (M.B.A.)
10:30 UITV Presents: Commencement Ceremony, College of Medicine

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the ledge

ADVICE FOR COLLEGE GRADUATES

— by Nick Narigon

• Go ahead and pursue an acting or music career. There may be no other time to do it.

• Sometimes the best career is, “I don't know.”

• If you just spent the last 17 years of your life in school, take some time off before rushing to grad school.

• Read for fun. I know it's been a while since you have read anything besides a textbook.

• Check with your adviser one last time to make sure you really did graduate.

• Find a freshman, and give her or him a wedge.

• Remember, you can no longer use the excuse, “It's a college thing.” You now have to take responsibilities for your actions.

• For instance, your parents are less likely to bail you out of jail.

• You will soon learn that you do have to pay back student loans.

• Move somewhere cool, such as Vancouver or Austin.

• Once that last final is done, go ahead and pour yourself a beer. You deserve it.

Little University

- 1 What Arab did Bob Dole describe as “a leader to whom the United States can talk?”
- 2 What movie did Warren Beatty opt to shoot in seven basic comic-book colors?
- 3 What English-speaking country stopped making 1- and 2-cent pieces in 1990 because they cost more to mint than they were worth?
- 4 What U.S. state's Supreme Court did David Souter spend six years serving on?
- 5 What second baseman played in every All-Star game of the '90s, representing the Padres, Blue Jays, Orioles, and Indians?

1. Saddam Hussein
2. Dick Tracy
3. Australia
4. New Hampshire
5. Roberto Alomar

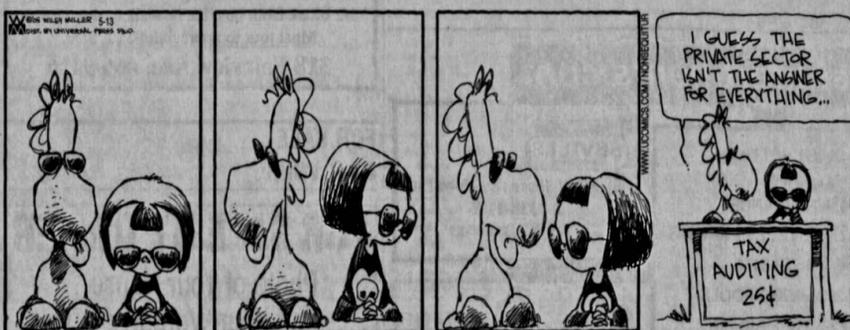
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The New York Times Crossword

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No. 0401

- ACROSS**
- Put away
 - “Did you ___?”
 - Bloke
 - Inlay on some guitars
 - Peeve
 - One-___
 - With 37-, 39- and 56-Across, what this is
 - Modern-day corp. giant with a 1992 I.P.O.
 - Selling point in cigarette ads, onigra
 - Act out of impatience, maybe
 - Not on the level
 - Dealers' clientele
 - Call to a draft horse
 - Sunning site
 - ___, 20, Natl. Games Day
 - A big chunk of an atlas
 - Metamorphosing fish
 - Lead provider
 - 37 & 39 See 17-Across
 - Swear
 - Nap site
 - Part of an abbey
 - Draft letters
 - Fashionably late?
 - Court officials, for short
 - ___ show
 - Three czars
 - Astringent fruit
 - Half a dance
 - See 17-Across
 - Car with a griffin in its logo

- DOWN**
- Empire builders
 - “O Come, O Come Emmanuel,” e.g.
 - Life preservers?
 - Advanced deg. holders
 - Love symbol
 - Near
 - Cain, for one
 - Do agenting (for)
 - They may be child's play
 - Woodworker's tool
 - Hype, with “up”
 - Regard
 - First name in cosmetics
 - Roll
 - Riot
 - Vegetable in a nursery rhyme
 - Sounded spooky
 - Male hawk
 - Another name for Emmanuel
 - Robot in “Forbidden Planet”
 - ... and make it snappy!
 - Butler of film
 - Fresh
 - Marquee name
 - Hurdle for a future
 - 64-Across: Abbr.
 - Vacation destination
 - ... penny earned
 - Mil. address
 - ___ price

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

MAN ASPEN THY
OTIS BEARON HAM
JONI SCRAPE RIC
OMENS SATES ETA
DELI DOTTHEIS
GROWINTO SEED
UAW PROXY AROMA
LINK ENIAC EWAN
FLIER SCRUB NIT
SPAY ANDROIDS
SOFTBOIL SANS
AHA BUMPS GETAT
VAL IDEALS ARCH
ERS TITIAN LURE
SEE GARBO EEN

Puzzle by David Pringle

33 Goes unused
34 Trespass on
36 Bounded
38 The last word of “The First Noel”
39 Unduly
41 Sounded spooky
45 Male hawk
46 Another name for Emmanuel
47 Robot in “Forbidden Planet”
48 “... and make it snappy!”
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