**Fillmer sentenced to 35 years**

**Domestic Jason Fillmer is found guilty of sexual abuse.**

**By chaotic The Daily Iowan**

As a Iowa City man was convicted Thursday to life without parole in a 1998 sexual abuse case that shocked and shocked the community.

Jason Fillmer, 39, was found guilty of sexual abuse of two girls, ages 6 and 9. Fillmer declined to make a statement after the judge read the sentence, which was 30 years and 10 years for one count of sexual abuse.

The judge sentenced Fillmer to two concurrent sentences, one for sexual abuse of a minor and one for sexual abuse of a minor under the age of 18. The sentences will begin on Jan. 1, 2006, and must be served concurrently.

Fillmer was charged with sexual abuse in February 2000 after authorities received a report of sexual abuse.

**Specials for Olympics**

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**By Mary Jones The Daily Iowan**

Members of the Iowa City figure skating team will compete in the upcoming Olympics. The team's hard work is paying off, and they are looking forward to the opportunity to compete at the highest level of the sport.

**Keeping some secrets**

**By Bobby Morgan The Daily Iowan**

Bo & Flinn drive to the hoop against Sheraton Hotel.

Inside Sports

**Hawkeyes gun for No. 7**

Check out exclusive NCAA Championships coverage. See Section T.

**Around Town**

**Women unite**

Interviews with the Downtown Women's Day on the 23rd. See story, Page 64.

**World**

**Fireworks to ashes**

In the midst of a modest explosion, the Democratic National Committee has announced that it will no longer accept donations from the tobacco industry.

The announcement comes in response to a report by the American Lung Association that found that the tobacco industry spent $2.25 billion on campaign contributions in 2004.

Amy Tan to shed light on Prairie Libraries series

**She will read from her latest best-selling novel,**

**By Nancy Ahrens The Daily Iowan**

As a popular author, Amy Tan is known for her stories of Chinese women and their families. Her latest novel, "The Bonesetter's Daughter," is about the experiences of a Chinese woman who is taken from her family and forced to become a concubine.

Tan will read from her novel in a Prairie Libraries series event.

**Keepers of an I.C. House**

**Two men keep the downtown hotel's running horses while its guests sleep the night away.**

**By Nick Hargens The Daily Iowan**

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Morgan Newman/Staff Photo

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**Amy Tan's Special Olympics**

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Teen held after making gun threat

California school had threat plan

The student allegedly threatened to get a gun and shoot everyone in the school.

Associated Press

Davenport — A 15-year-old student at the school was arrested Wednes day for making a terroristic threat.

Brendlender said he was informed about the threats Monday night by the school's principal, Shanks, however, was visiting the school as a part of a drug bust when he received the call.

Brendlender said Shanks admitted making the threat at some point in the day and said he would follow through on it.

Schools were closed Monday due to the threat.

Davenport police Captain Tom Lamiore said the student was a 10th grader that had attended the school that and that none of the students in his group were in any danger.

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Chinese school explodes

The students were made to play with live snakes.

By John Leicester Associated Press

Knobbe said she thought it would be just their classroom. Instead, it became their gym.

Children who died when their school exploded in southwestern China were teachers, the parents said Thursday. The father of one of the students said the school was crowded and noisy at the time of the blast.

"It's like they were still clattering pipes in their heads," he said.

State media said 42 people were killed and 70 injured. Parents gave figures of between 50 and more than 60 — four of them teachers. Many bodies were destroyed. Persons were trapped inside the school for hours after a 10-year-old girl who died.

Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji blamed a man with mental problems for the explosion, which reduced the school in Panjiaying village to a pile of rubble, a province to a jumble of bricks, and an area to a dust cloud.

Zhu News agency identified the alleged bomber as Qiu Heng, reported to be in his 30s and a worker at a nearby factory. "The explosion occurred during the school time," he said in the village. "I clearly saw the bomb used.

It said police found a notebook in the school containing the confession, probably written in Chinese, that described how the bomber had plotted and carried out the attack with 100 kilograms of silver nitrate, oil, diesel oil, all kinds of killing aids of them at the very end.

But parents and government officials insisted the child may have been involved in the bombing.

"According to the local newspaper, it was the first of a killing children in Chinese history," Knobbe said. "Eleven of 13 children — the youngest among them aged 2 - who entered the school after the explosion were his close friends. I am sure it was the bomber who destroyed the school.

Because he was the one who surrounded our children with almost a thousand rounds of bullets, and even guards, and police, and not geting to think everyone is going away. Give Dominick an opportunity to rehabsitbility to the public.

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Two I.C. Locals worked the graveyard shift

NIGHT HAWK

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Hailing from Baddin, Ill., the two men have spent the last 10 years of their lives serving time in maximum-security prisons, the two former death-row inmates started working in the first line of defense in Illinois this year.

With aden from actors, it's not uncommon for Death Row Crew members to be among the first to meet Tan at the Sheraton, said Ingram.

"Tan is the guy who has the famous name who has not made it big in America. As Johnson spoke of his musical talents, members of the Baddies, the former back-up vocalists for the pair, backed her on stage. The Sheraton was filled to capacity, the audience beams right back with the energy of the audience, and the energy of the audience is still left behind.

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- Many nations send diplomats to aid in negotiations for accord, the leaders refuse to participate.
- By Margarita Martinez

**Black mayors decry census inequity, call for adjustment**

- The black mayors group says many minorities were missed in the recent count.
- By René Ross

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**Colombian government, rebel forces aim for peace**

- A ceasefire proposal by the Colombian government aimed at securing peace in the country.
- Rebels and government representatives met to discuss terms for a lasting peace agreement.
- Diplomats at the talks have been under pressure to reach a resolution, as the conflict has gone on for decades.
- Government and rebel delegates said they were willing to sit down and negotiate, despite previous failures.

**Black mayors decry census inequity, call for adjustment**

- The black mayors group is concerned that many minorities were not accurately counted in the recent census.
- They are calling for adjustment to ensure fair representation in government decisions.

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**Report: Americans don't get enough exercise**

- The findings are based on data from the 2010 census, which covered all 50 states and the District of Columbia.
- The study was conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau.
- The report highlights the need for increased physical activity among Americans.

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**World Brief**

- Peace mission ends in bloodshed
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- The Americans are part of a NATO peacekeeping force.
- The operation is ongoing as of the latest update.

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**Peace mission ends in bloodshed**

- A peace mission in Western Balkans has ended in bloodshed.
- Albanians have been killed, and there is a call for an international investigation.
The ‘pain beam’

The Pentagon has developed a weapon that closely simulates Heller's 'pain-beam'.

According to the Defense Department, this weapon can deliver excruciating pain to a distance of several miles. In tests, the beam was directed at a simulated target, causing immediate and severe pain. The weapon is designed to be used as a non-lethal deterrent, but it can also be used as a lethal weapon if necessary.

This weapon is currently undergoing testing and development. The Pentagon is working with various government agencies to assess the potential uses and implications of this technology.
The Mayflies head south

The band will spend March 14-18 in Austin, Texas, at a music festival.

By Daniel Winotch

The Mayflies may be young, but the San Diego-based band is no stranger to success. Last month the group won the open contest at South by Southwest and has been invited to participate again next year.

The Mayflies will play the weekend of the Green Fleet before headlining for the South by Southwest Music Festival. The band is coming off the release of their first full-length album, "X-Files," and they hope to make a splash at the festival.

The band consists of bassist/vocalist Morgan Savage, fiddler/vocalist Daniel Willmoth, guitarist/vocalist Braidwood, and drummer Devon Hilgard. The Mayflies choose to participate in the festival because they believe it will help them to reach a larger audience.

Brickell: The band sent a proposal to the festival last week, and they were accepted.

The band's music is a combination of country and bluegrass, and they have been praised for their unique sound.

The band has been working hard to perfect their craft, and they are excited to be performing at the festival.

The band's next project is an album that they hope will be released later this year. They are currently in the recording studio, and they are looking forward to sharing their new music with fans.

Their music is described as a blend of old-fashioned country and modern-day Americana. They hope to bring a fresh perspective to the genre and to connect with listeners through their songs.
**calendar**

"Musicology/Tommy Coleman," Maxie Citrus, today at 1:30 p.m., Royce 1007, sticky Rice Building.

"Live From Prairie Lights Series," Amy Sue, nation, today at 6 p.m., Buchanan Auditorium, Poppet's Palace Building.

Friends of History Park, "Bi-Monthly Clean-up," Saturday at 5 p.m., St. Mary's College of History Park.

**horoscopes**

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): You should put extra effort into your work. You can reach your goals easily, which will bring you praise from supervisors. Take work home, but be sure to save some time with your pets.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You may get into trouble over a small matter. You can help those less fortunate if you give them money.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): To avoid pitfalls, you must work hard. You can finish projects if you give them money.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Be original in your approach to life, and you will find success. Take care of the needs of your family before you go. Look for a new path and modification.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): You won't be able to make today. You'll wish to keep your energy in a safe place and retain from going to the mall.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 21): Don't get involved in work with loved ones. Overwork will make you irritable and you will have to call in sick. You must be aware of what you need. If you also cause trouble, you will end up in the hospital.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 22-Oct. 21): You won't have time for anything. You can make a difference if you give them money.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 22-Nov. 21): You will arrive, which will make your energy go down. Take care of the control of the situation. A new venture partner is likely to make today.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't take things for granted. This is not the time to throw your weight around. Listen to the other, understand them and then to assess the situation before you make any comments. Others will help you by their actions.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20): You won't be able to make today. You'll wish to keep your energy in a safe place and retain from going to the mall.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You won't be able to make today. You'll wish to keep your energy in a safe place and retain from going to the mall.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You won't be able to make today. You'll wish to keep your energy in a safe place and retain from going to the mall.

**public access tv schedule**

**Channel 2**

12:00 p.m. "Cafe' Time Comedy"
1 p.m. "The TV Guide Homes" 6:30 p.m. "City High Battle of the Bands"

**Channel 4**

12:00 p.m. "Bmyl" 6:00 p.m. "The TV Guide Homes"
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Iowa goes for seventh-straight national crown

Defense keeps Hawks alive

Iowa hopes magical run continues

**Iowa City will play host to the Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament March 15-17.**

SPORTS QUIZ

What is the record for most points scored in an NCAA Tournament game?

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Last weekend: Iowa improved to 3-0 on the season after 6-3 doubles. Seniors Tony Bartelke and Peter Marochto, both a part of the third team of singles and doubles. Bartelke won both his doubles and singles matches, while Fordham has played only two matches this season.

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**Texas Tech mum on Bob Knight hiring**

- Reports say Bob Knight may take the Red Raiders coaching job.

- **By Doug Teacher**
  Associated Press

Kansas City, Mo. (AP) — Texas Tech plans to hire Bob Knight as its new NCAA college basketball coach, James Dickey in the Red Raiders' athletic department said Thursday.

"That was the final straw," Dickey said.

"That's what caused us to make a decision," Dickey said.

"You just can't go on with an unconfirmed rumor," Dickey said.

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Balance key in 2001 Championships

Coaches of the top-ranked teams say that balance will be important, but finals will decide the winner.

By Jeremy Schnitker
The Daily Iowan

There are two ways a team can win this year's national title: have a balanced team performance or a lot of champions.

Wrestling coaches across the country just can't figure out which style will come through.

With rule changes in the offseason allowing more points to be scored in consolation rounds and wrestle-backs, team performance will be emphasized in this tournament more so than ever before.

However, Oklahoma State coach John Smith says whoever sends the most wrestlers to the finals will still have the inside track.

"I don't know how much different things will be," Smith said. "It definitely makes consolation more important. But I still think the finals will still be where it's at."

Oklahoma coach Jack Spates said the if balance comes through, Oklahoma State and Minnesota will benefit. He said Iowa has the individual edge.

"Balance at a high level would reward Minnesota and Oklahoma State more than Iowa, who is not as well-balanced," Spates said. "But they have finalist potential."

It seems the top three teams in this meet all contrast each other. You have Iowa, with four wrestlers ranked in the top two but only eight total qualifiers, which some are saying is the favorite because of its individual scoring power. Others say Minnesota, with a deep squad of ten qualifiers, is the favorite. Oklahoma State, with ten qualifiers and two top-ranked wrestlers, is also a contender.

Minnesota finished the season ranked No. 1, with OSU second and Iowa third. Both Minnesota and OSU won their conference tournaments.

Iowa coach Jim Zalesky said teams can analyze this all they want but the championship will simply come down to who wrestles the best over the weekend.

"I think this meet will just come down to who wrestles the best on the mat," Zalesky said.

With talk of balance in this meet, there's also talk of parity in the sport of wrestling. No single team has set itself ahead of the pack as the Hawkeyes used to. Three different teams have shared the No. 1 ranking this year.

All these teams gunning for a title should make this one of the most interesting battles in recent history.

Illinois, Michigan, Oklahoma and Iowa State all have individuals capable of lifting their teams into the thick of things.

While parity may be emerging, Minnesota coach J Robinson said Iowa is still on the top, as far as tradition goes.

"It's hard to say balance is in there," Robinson said. "People are still trying to catch up with Iowa — any school has a long way to go."

Along with the team race as a story line in this tournament, Cale Sanderson is as well. Coaches are wondering if the junior from Iowa State will ever lose a match in college, and if it will happen this year.

The 184-pound Cyclone has won over 100 consecutive matches.

"Anybody can be beaten," Iowa State coach Bobby Douglas said. "You're just going to have to have the perfect match against him. His style is very entertaining and it tends to lead to an upset or two."

The meet will be held in Iowa City for the first time since 1995. This year will be the last year the meet will be held in Carver. Tickets are sold out for the event, which starts on 11 a.m. Sunday and will be tape-delayed and shown on ESPN2 at 5 p.m.

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Four Hawkeyes leave their mark on program

Iowa’s four senior wrestlers have placed themselves among the program’s best.

By Jeremy Schnitker
The Daily Iowan

Few athletes in the annals of Iowa wrestling history have been able to dominate throughout their careers like Jody Strittmatter, Eric Juergens, Doug Schwab and T.J. Williams. Their accomplishments include three combined losses all season long, ten combined career Big Ten championships and three combined NCAA career championships.

Among the four of them, they’ve lost only 38 times in over 300 outings.

The Iowa wrestling program has produced an endless list of great wrestlers, and surely these guys will not be left off of it.

As they step on the mat as Hawkeyes for the last time, Williams, Juergens and Schwab will bring No. 1 rankings to Carver-Hawkeye Arena for the 2001 NCAA Championships. Strittmatter brings in a No. 2 ranking.

Lincoln McIlravy, an Iowa assistant coach who knows a thing or two about domination, says these four bring unparalleled aplomb and tenacity.

“Those guys bring an air of confidence that is hard to find in wrestling,” McIlravy, a former three-time NCAA champion at Iowa, said. “They have a tenacity; they’re not going to be denied. They’re going to get what they want, whether it’s a takedown or a national title.”

Together they are the heart of this Hawkeye squad, which placed third at the Big Ten Championships on March 4. To take them out of the lineup would take Iowa out of contention for its seventh-consecutive national title.

Individually, the seniors bring their own unique style to the team: Strittmatter is a hard worker; Juergens brings loads of technique; Schwab brings intensity with his bullying style; and Williams brings a quickness that is almost frightening.

McIlravy sees each wrestler’s attributes everyday in practice. At times it amazes him.

He sees the work ethic in Strittmatter and Schwab: they work super hard and people follow that.

With Juergens and Williams, well, they are so good they almost don’t even need to work hard.

“Juergens knows he’s going to win, almost to the point that ... he doesn’t slack off or cut corners, but if he misses a workout, he doesn’t feel guilty. He just knows he’s gonna win,” said McIlravy.

“Williams is the same way,” said McIlravy.

With such lore surrounding the four seniors, it’s hard not to imagine these guys as intensity-crazed lunatics both on and off the mat — but that could not be further from the truth. They’re actually pretty laid back.

Schwab likes to listen to Van Morrison with his bulging style; and Williams likes to fish.

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Hawkeye fans bring madness to Carver

Wrestling coaches agree that Iowa fans are some of the best.

By Nick Firchau
The Daily Iowan

Kirk Reeder can't exactly remember when all the madness began.

He thinks it may have started on Oct. 3, 1981, at Ryan Field in Evanston, Ill., when the Iowa football team put a 64-0 drubbing on the host Northwestern Wildcats.

That was the day Reeder, donned in a yellow-and-black striped shirt with a make-shift black-and-gold tuxedo complete with bowtie, stood in front of the Iowa faithful and led the first of countless cheers for his beloved Hawkeyes.

Things haven't been the same since.

Nearly 20 years later, Reeder, an Iowa graduate who now lives in Ankeny, Iowa, will be in attendance at the NCAA Championships at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, leading his patented pre-match cheer of whipping a black-and-gold scarf above his head, spelling "Iowa" at the top of his lungs, and flinging the scarf high into the air as a passionate finale.

"I lost a bunch of weight a few years ago, and that tuxedo doesn't fit anymore," Reeder said while watching the Iowa wrestling team at the Big Ten Championships on March 4. "Now, I just have a bowtie on my license plate, but I don't wear it anymore."

The gold-and-black tuxedo Reeder assembled may be a thing of the past, but the energy, exuberance and passion for being a wrestling fan hasn't left Reeder or any of the Iowa fans that have stuck with the Hawkeyes for years.

Iowa's fans have become the most supportive fans of any collegiate-wrestling program in the country over the years, averaging roughly 4,000 fans per dual meet and packing Carver-Hawkeye Arena with as many as 15,000 people for a single meet. Twice this season the home of the Hawkeyes brimmed with the black-and-gold, packing more than 12,000 for the Dec. 8 meet with Iowa State and just more than 10,000 for the Feb. 18 showdown with top-ranked Minnesota.

And the fans travel in packs. Big packs.

Iowa's fans were the loudest and most boisterous at the Big Ten Championships in Evanston, stretching out the length of the arena on the northern side of the four wrestling mats. Illinois fans, who watched the Fighting Illini nip Iowa and finish second in the meet after having their best two days of wrestling all season, had its smaller clan relatively quietly tucked away in the corner of Welsh-Ryan Arena.

Those who have noticed the Iowa fans' passion over the years said that the sea of yellow's presence in Evanston contrasted remarkably with Illini fans and to those from Big Ten champion Minnesota.

"Our fans are good, but they need to get more vocal," Minnesota coach J Robinson said. "Iowa fans are used to yelling, and for years they've kind of manufactured really great fans."

Like Robinson, Illinois coach Mark Johnson now coaches a prominent Big Ten program years after seeing the praise of the Iowa crowds while serving as an assistant coach with the Hawkeyes under former coach Dan Gable.

"Iowa fans are great; that's what wrestling is all about," he said. "That's what we all strive for, to have a following like that."

When you have success, people love to follow a winner. Winning takes care of it. It's hard to build up a fan club when you're not winning."

Robinson, who has repeatedly likened wrestling at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in front of Iowa fans to "going into the lion's den," said he wasn't offended with the display.

"Everybody's against the guy they want to lose," he said. "That's part of what I call the heat of the battle. That's what competition is. The fans get into it, and that's what you want. That's what makes it exciting."

Gable, who was among those in attendance while Iowa failed to finish in the tournament's top two spots for the first time in over 30 years, praised the Iowa fans for their support through the years of the program's success.

"They're loyal, and all they expect is the effort," he said. "Yeah, they want to win. But it's how you win and how you lose that depends on whether you keep the people that follow you. That's real crucial."

"The fans are suffering because they're not used to this, but I tell you, they're still here, and they're not going away. They know we need them."

Reeder said other programs need Iowa fans as well.

"I used to worry about what people thought about me," he said. "But years ago, there was a guy from Minnesota who came over that started doing the Minnesota cheer, and he asked me one time to help him get started. A guy from Penn State usually comes, too."

"Iowa fans are really into it. They have a bigger influence because they really know what they're doing."

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By Nick Firchau
The Daily Iowan

In the week leading up to the Big Ten wrestling championships, Iowa assistant coach and former Hawkeye national champion Lincoln McMahan told reporters looking for a story that they should write something about the team's socks, saying they were like putting on "steel wool." In wrestling, evidently, even the socks hurt.

As Iowa prepares to make a run at its eighth-straight national title at the NCAA Championships on March 15-17, the team members can work on all the escapes and takedowns they want in the Iowa wrestling room. But above all, they have to avoid injury and overcome the consistent pains that have become almost second nature to Division I wrestlers.

"Everything you do in wrestling hurts, and that's the point," said sophomore Jessman Smith, who will compete in the championships at 184 pounds. "You want to inflict pain on your opponent. There are guys who are more susceptible to pain than others, but I mean, everybody's got a bad knee or a bad shoulder. "Everybody's walking around here all taped up."

If inflicting pain on your opponent is the whole point of wrestling, the counterpoint is to avoid serious injuries. Injuries such as a separated sternal clavicular — something Smith went through during his freshman year.

Doctors told him he was cut for six weeks — he was back wrestling in two. Now, that's tough.

"In this program, our guys put up with a lot of pain because we tell them they have to put up with a lot of pain," said Hawkeye coach Jim Zalesky. "You're not feeling 100 percent all the time, so you're going to have pain, and you have to train through it a lot of times.

"The pain is about wear and tear. If you don't have a sore neck or something, then you're not working hard."

Senior Doug Schwab, who managed to avoid serious injury after undergoing shoulder surgery during his high-school days in Osage, Iowa, said the key for wrestlers is the conditioning that coaches put them through. He put it simply: Strength is the key.

"The coaches get us in such good shape, and we're so strong that it's hard to get hurt," Schwab said. "When guys get hurt, they're tired. They get tired at practice, and then something happens. You gotta realize there's a difference between pain and being injured."

"Pain's just part of it, but when you're injured, you have to take some time off."

One Hawkeye who fell victim to an injury this season was 174-pound senior Gabe McMahan, who went down with a separated rib in late January. That injury caused him to miss nearly a month of his senior campaign, during which he has been consistently ranked in the top five nationally.

"I don't have any injuries right now; nothing's hurting too bad," McMahan said following the Big Ten Championships. "We heal pretty fast. When you're in there beating on yourself and other guys are beating on you, your body learns to heal itself, and it gets used to just dealing with it."

Regardless of injuries such as McMahan's separated rib, an MCL tear that plagued senior Jody Strittmatter in last year's national championships, or the ankle injury that bobbled junior Mike Zadick last season, bumps, bruises and sore spots are an everyday thing for the Hawkeyes.

"Necks, knees, shoulders, ankles," McMahan said. "All the joints."

Zalesky said that serious injuries are a rarity in wrestling and that it's even more unlikely that an injury would be serious enough to keep a wrestler from competing in the national tournament. The last injury that was serious enough to put an Iowa wrestler on the bench for the sport's ultimate showcase was when former Hawkeye Mark Reiland went down in 1990 when he suffered a broken jaw during practice. Zalesky said.

"That was a freak thing, the guy just broke his jaw," he said. "We've been pretty lucky in this program; we haven't had many injuries to too many major guys. The guys know they have to be cautious and not get yourself in a position where you can get hurt, especially during this time of the season."

Putting up with pain is something that makes wrestlers a sort of different breed, said Smith, who was also a two-time letterman in football at Southeast Polk High School in Des Moines.

"Wrestlers put up with more," he said. "Football players wear pads for a reason."

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McMahan ready for final go

Iowa senior wrestler Gabe McMahan knows the routine well by now.

By Nick Furchau
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Following the 2001 Big Ten Championships, Gabe McMahan stood with the rest of the Hawkeyes, quietly watching from the corner of Northwestern's Welsh-Ryan Arena, as Minnesota took home the prize of the day. McMahan was silent, with the slightly swollen right side of his face almost visibly throbbing from wrestling in four matches in 48 hours.

By Tuesday's practice back in Iowa City, the swelling under his right eye had ceased, and things began all over again.

It's the story of McMahan's five-year career as an Iowa Hawkeye: Get knocked down, get back up.

And yet, no matter how many times the 174-pound senior from Gakona, Alaska, continues to draw the courage to take on another day as a part of the greatest tradition in college wrestling, the focus shifts to his teammates that boast undefeated records, Big Ten superiority and National Championship trophies.

McMahan is one of five Iowa seniors who will wrestle in his last match in the black and gold at the National Championships beginning on March 15, but he has quietly fallen into the undesired role of "the fifth senior" of the Hawkeyes this season, the only one without a Big Ten title or the swagger of a national champion.

"I don't buy into that," said Iowa assistant coach Lincoln McRavy, who has watched McMahan's career since 1998. "Gabe McMahan has paid his dues here and he has every right to be a national champion just as much as the other four guys do. For people to say that he's the fifth senior kind of puts him in a second tier that he doesn't belong in.

"If he wrestles to his ability, he'll be at the top of the stand. I really believe that." Ability has never been McMahan's problem. The three-time state high school champion jumped right into the national mix during his freshman season in 1998 after redshirting in 1997, placing second at the Big Ten Championships and posting a 21-11 record. He failed to capitalize on his strong first showing, though, placing seventh at the Big Ten Championships during his sophomore season. However, he returned to finish second in 2000.

With one last chance at a Big Ten title on March 4 in Evanston, Ill., holding the second-seed in the tournament, McMahan was thrown on his back by Ohio State's Ryan Heiber in the quarterfinals, earning the Buckeye a takedown and nearfall points from which McMahan could not recover. In his final showing, McMahan finished worse than in his first.

Get knocked down, get back up. It's always frustrating when you lose, no matter what," McMahan said following the tournament. "I planned on proving myself by winning today, but I think people know that I can win and I really don't care that everybody talks about the other guys. I'm not worried about it. I just want to go out there and wrestle."

In the eyes of his coaches, the wrestler, who has won the Team Contribution Award three times and has ranked among the nation's top-five consistently this season, has nothing to prove to anyone but himself during his last chance at Hawkeye glory.

"I don't think there's any extra pressure on him," said coach Jim Zalesky. "He sees the incentives of winning and doing well. This is something he's worked toward for a long time. There's no extra pressure on him personally as opposed to the other guys. He should just go out there and relax and be ready to wrestle."

The key to McMahan's success at the national tournament will be mental focus, according to Zalesky, who said McMahan has always had the talent to win the national title. In a year that would require more mental focus than any previously exerted before, McMahan went down on January 20 with a separated-rib injury that put a sudden halt to a 13-3 season that had as much potential as ever.

He was forced to sit out nearly four months with a padded brace guarding his ribcage and contemplate the fact that he would need to fully recover from his injury and regain top form in less than a month.

McMahan returned with wins in the last three dual meets of the season, but his showing at Big Tens served as another setback to a wrestler dealing with the urgency of winning the sport's biggest prize before his time is up.

"Gabe has a harder time believing all the time that he is going to win," said McRavy. "And there's a difference between thinking or hoping you're going to win and knowing you're going to win. That's where Gabe's at right now. He has to make up his mind between right now and the national tournament that he knows he's going to win."

The difference is monumental, and all those Hawkeye legends who won titles in the years before McMahan understood it. Now, after all the times that McMahan has gotten back up in his career, he will make one last stand in his final days as a Hawkeye.

"It will mean a lot for him," said Zalesky. "That's why he came here. He didn't come here to be a loser. He came here to be a national champion."
Hawkeye NCAA Qualifiers, by weight

Jody Strittmatter
125 pounds
Weight: 133
Year: senior
University: University of Iowa
Record: 23-7
Ranking: 3rd
Big Ten Finish: 1st
Season highlight: Winning the Hawkeyes' 2001 Big Ten title.
Breakdown: Strittmatter will likely make the finals, but has to face No. 1 and win all five matches

Eric Jurgenes
133 pounds
Weight: 133
Year: senior
University: University of Iowa
Record: 21-4
Ranking: 1st
Big Ten Finish: 1st
Season highlight: Becoming the first Iowa wrestler in 11 seasons to win a national title.
Breakdown: Jurgenes has yet to lose in a major dual, having swept his last 16 matches.

Doug Scharb
141 pounds
Weight: 141
Year: senior
University: University of Iowa
Record: 30-7
Ranking: 1st
Big Ten Finish: 1st
Season highlight: Winning the Big Ten title in his senior season.
Breakdown: Scharb is a four-time All-American and is expected to make the NCAA finals.

Mike Zadick
149 pounds
Weight: 149
Year: junior
University: University of Iowa
Record: 20-7
Ranking: 7th
Big Ten Finish: 1st
Fact: His brother Bill was a NCAA champion at Iowa.
Season highlight: Defeating Minnesota's 2000 NCAA champion Jared Lawrence, 3-1.
Breakdown: Zadick has struggled against top talent but has the ability to win big matches.

T.J. Williams
157 pounds
Weight: 165
Year: senior
University: University of Iowa
Record: 11-6
Ranking: 8th
Big Ten Finish: 1st
Fact: Has won his last 10 matches.
Season highlight: Winning the Big Ten title.
Breakdown: Williams is one of the top wrestlers in the nation and will be a key player for the Hawkeyes.

Ben Stark
165 pounds
Weight: 157
Year: senior
University: University of Iowa
Record: 23-7
Ranking: 2nd
Big Ten Finish: 9th
Season highlight: Becoming the first Iowa wrestler to win a national title in 11 seasons.
Breakdown: Stark is the defending NCAA champion and is expected to make the finals.

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Northwestern | L 14-21
Iowa State | W 23-17
Northern Iowa | W 22-18
Fresno State | W 38-7
Oregon State | W 6-9
Rutgers | W 45-3
Washington | W 32-16
Michigan | W 30-14
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A recent move by the Iowa City Water Division increased the amount of chlorine in the city's water supply to treat the increased runoff from melting snow. Now, instead of doing the backstroke in our swimming pools, we drink the pools.

Have no fear. This town does have its perks, or else it wouldn't be more than 28,000 students here from everywhere you can imagine having the time of their lives while (gaug) studying and preparing themselves for the real world.

Arguably the city's best and most useful asset for those in need of a break in between matches is Iowa City's fine array of bars and restaurants, most of which are located downtown, with many on the Pedestrian Mall. You're sure to find a beer or a burger to your liking in places ranging from those that look like you're grandfather's basement (the Dublin Underground, 5 S. Dubuque St.) to the biggest bar in the Big Ten (the Union, 121 E. College St.).

You can also find bars with cheap drink specials and good jukeboxes, such as the Q Bar (211 Iowa Ave.), Quentin's Bar and Deli (215 E. Washington St.) and Iowa City's legendary site for great pizza and drinks, the Airliner (22 S. Clinton St.).

Some of Iowa City's better restaurants are also located downtown, including the recently rebuilt Mondo's (212 S. Clinton St.), Givan's (109 E. College St.) and Vito's (118 E. College St.).

Downtown also plays host to a number of specialty stores for those interested in books, new and used albums or paintings and jewelry created by Iowa artisans.

If you've depleted Iowa City's resources and you're ready for some consumer-inspired excitement, head west to Coralville and lose your mind and your money at Coral Ridge Mall, located at exit 240 off of Interstate 80. Here you can see a movie with equilibrium-altering THX sound, don some ice skates and hit the recreational ice rink, or spend your cash on anything from scented candles to a high-definition television. The Coralville Strip, located just west of Carver-Hawkeye Arena, also boasts every sort of greased and fried fast food you can imagine.

Just make sure you cut weight by the time you get back to the arena. If the wrestlers have to do it, shouldn't the fans have to as well?

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Five things to do in Iowa City while not watching wrestling

1. Visit Herbert Hoover's birthplace in West Branch.

2. Tailgate: We'll find any reason to tailgate in this town.

3. Go to Planet X and play indoor putt-putt or some video games.

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Everybody else is catching up to the Hawks

By Jeremy Schnitker

The last time the Iowa wrestling team was held in Carver-Hawkeye Arena in 1995, this very column was dedicated to describing how the Iowa wrestling team was "light years ahead of the pack."

The speed of light has apparently caught up with the Hawkeyes, and it has been painfully evident all season.

As if the four dual losses weren't enough, Iowa, for the first time since 1967, didn't place in the top two of the Big Ten Championships. Six years ago, Iowa was continuing to separate itself from other wrestling programs, now the Hawkeyes are struggling to stay in the lead. Yet, the Hawkeyes aren't how dominating the Hawkeyes are, it's whether they will even come close to nabbing their seventh national title in a row.

Judging by the way half the team wrestled at Big Tens, they won't.

Iowa was missing that swagger that it had the last time NCAAAs were held here. You fans remember the names: McIlravy, Sharratt and McGinness, Ironic? Back then, even the not-so-good guys, Ray Brinzer and Daryl Weber, were still pretty good. From top to bottom, Iowa had a dominating 23-6.

Sure, Iowa has four wrestlers on this team that are just as good as anybody from the past. T.J. Williams will likely end his Iowa career with only one loss — that would be Iowa's best ever. Doug Schwab and Eric Juergens have had masterful careers. But unfortunately, they represent the last of the old breed.

They are replaced by Randy and Ryan Pulsasas and Josh Liddle, who combined to win only two Big Ten matches all season long.

Hopefully, there is no old breed. Hopefully, Jessman Smith, Luke Eustice and a couple other younger Hawkeyes will emerge from that dungeon on the second floor of Carver-Hawkeye Arena and burst onto the national level. But that has yet to be shown. Nobody from this roster has emerged like Iowa wrestlers used to. Just three years ago, Schwab came out of nowhere his sophomore year to win the national title — why hasn't anybody else?

That's what this program always used to do — churn out national champions every year. I don't really know who's to blame for this semi-downfall of the Iowa wrestling team. I say semi, because Iowa could still win this tournament and everybody would be happy again, and I would look like a schmuck.

But, even if the Hawkeyes do win their seventh-straight, there still is need for concern. This program isn't showing signs of what it used to be. Iowa clearly does not dominate like it used to. Even last year, when the Hawkeyes won the national title, it was awfully close. They went undefeated, but it was one of the closest undefeated seasons Iowa has had.

I hesitate to blame Jim Zalesky for this downfall. He's no Dan Gable, but when a man has won a title every year as head coach, he has no right to be criticized. It's hard to blame the wrestlers. Anybody who has ever watched an Iowa practice knows those kids put themselves through hell and back.

Maybe it's nobody's fault. I mean, physics does say what goes up must inevitably come back down. No athletics team is exempt from that very clause. Every dynasty does have its end.

Maybe there is no need for alarm. After all, Iowa has six titles in a row. It's not like not winning this year is the end of the world. However, Iowa graduates its five best wrestlers this year, and that could deplete this program. Without some stars emerging next year, this team could hit a low that it hasn't in years — many years.

Then the proverbial stuff will hit the fan. For now, all Iowa has to do is bring home another trophy and the native Hawkeye faithful will remain rested for yet another year.

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Top-ranked Minnesota looks to be favorite

DI Sports Editor Jeremy Schnitker takes a look at some of the teams other than Iowa that could be contending for an national championship.

Minnesota

Minnesota brings to the table a team that is probably the deepest of any in the nation. At the Big Ten Championships in Evanston, Ill., on March 2-4, Minnesota didn't have a single wrestler finish below fifth place. All 10 Gophers qualified for the NCAA meet, and all but one, 174-pound Jacob Volkman, are ranked in the top 10 in the country.

However, Minnesota only has one wrestler that will be a No. 1 seed heading into NCAAs — freshman heavyweight Garrett Lowney. Lowney beat John Lockhart of Illinois in the finals of the Big Ten. Lockhart beat previous No. 1 Tommy Rowlands of Ohio State.

Depth is what has propelled the Gophers to an undefeated record, and it was what will give them the edge in the national tournament.

Oklahoma State

The Cowboys, with the exception of a loss to Minnesota during the National Duals on Jan. 21, have had a very impressive season. Oklahoma State, which won the Big 12 title on March 4 and qualified all 10 wrestlers to NCAAs, looks to do some severe damage. While it might not be as deep Minnesota, it's pretty close. The Cowboys will bring two top-ranked wrestlers to Iowa City: Reggie Wright at 149 pounds and Mark Munoz at 197. Also, freshman Johnny Thompson is ranked second at 133 pounds. The fact that Oklahoma State could realistically have three champions definitely makes it one of the favorites in this meet.

Illinois

Following the dual season, few probably thought Illinois would pose as a serious threat at the NCAA meet. But after a strong second-place finish at the Big Ten meet, Illinois looks to be a legitimate contender. It brings two third-ranked wrestlers to NCAAs in heavyweight John Lockhart and Adam Tiraplle (149). The Illini also had nine wrestlers qualify for NCAAs, most of whom will be able to score a substantial amount of points.

Iowa State

Iowa State always seems to be in the mix of things come the final day of competition at NCAAs, and this year will be no different. The Cyclones have a roster that boasts the best wrestler in the nation: 184-pound junior Cael Sanderson, who has yet to lose a match in college. The Cyclones also bring second-ranked Joe Heskett, who made the NCAA finals last year, and third-ranked 197-pound senior Zach Thompson, who also made the finals last year. Iowa State qualified nine wrestlers, so depth of this squad isn't a question. That depth will need to come into play for the Cyclones to get a national title.

Michigan

The Wolverines were a much better dual team than they are a tournament team, but they can still make an impact at NCAAs. With Otto Olson, the Wolverine's second-ranked 174-pounder, Michigan has a title contender. Also, heavyweight Matt Brink could be a big scorer for the Wolverines. DI Sports Editor Jeremy Schnitker can be reached at: jschnitk@blue.weng.uiowa.edu

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Sanderson looks to continue his dominating ways

DI Sports Editor Jeremy Schnitker breaks down the weight classes that Iowa wrestlers aren't ranked at the top of.

149

Reggie Wright, who finished third at last year's NCAA tournament, is back on top at 149 pounds. The senior from Oklahoma State has an undefeated 28-0 record and won the Big 12 championship. Wright will be challenged by Illinois' Adam Tirapelle, who is fresh off a Big Ten-meet win. Minnesota's Jared Lawrence rounds out the rest of the 149-pound group that could make a serious run for the title. Iowa's Mike Zadick, who placed fifth at Big Tens last weekend and has defeated both Tirapelle and Lawrence in the past, poses a slight threat.

165

Two competitors have dominated this weight the last two seasons: Wisconsin's Don Pritzlaff and Iowa State's Joe Hesket. While both bring conference titles to NCAA's, Pritzlaff has a slight edge, having beaten Hesket in last year's finals.

Aside from Pritzlaff and Hesket, this weight is fairly wide open. Robbie Walker of Oklahoma State and Steve Blackford of Arizona State will likely claim third and fourth place.

174

This weight is as wide open as any. Josh Koscheck is the top-ranked man at 37-0, but Michigan's Otto Olson is a formidable opponent with a 32-2 record and a Big Ten Championship. Maurice Worthy of Army is ranked third.

At seventh place, Iowa's Gabe McMahan could be a bit of a long shot, but keep this in mind: McMahan has wrestled everybody in this weight class this season. Koscheck beat him only 5-4 in a tiebreaker and Olson won on a 10-9 decision. This weight class could prove to be one of the most interesting.

184

This weight class won't be that interesting. Not that there is no talent here — in fact, the best wrestler in the nation heads this weight. Iowa State junior Cael Sanderson, who has yet to lose a match during his college career, has thoroughly dominated this class for three seasons in a row. As Sanderson has proven all year long, nobody else has a chance.

197

There is a bottleneck at the top of this weight class. Three Big 12 competitors — Mark Munoz (OSU), Brad Vering (Nebraska) and Zach Thompson (Iowa State) — have given each other fits all season long. However, Munoz came out on top at the conference championships and looks to have the edge at NCAA's. Vering was the champion last year, with Thompson losing to him in the finals. When the podium is brought out, these three wrestlers will likely be at the top three spots.

Heavyweight

This weight is young, but that doesn't mean it isn't tough. Ohio State's freshman Tommy Rowlands held the No. 1 spot most of the season, but was upset by Illinois' John Lockhart in the semifinals at Big Tens. Lockhart then lost to Minnesota's freshman Garrett Lowney in the finals.

Judging by recent occurrences, Lowney should be the favorite here, but you never know. Heavyweight is one of those classes in which lots of crazy things can happen, especially when the top two wrestlers are freshmen.

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125 pounds

149 pounds
1. Reggie Wright (Oklahoma St., Sr) 2. Jared Lawrence (Minnesota, Jr) 3. Adam Turgoff (Illinois, Sr) 4. Dave Esposito (Lehigh, Sr) 5. JaMarr William (Lock Haven, Jr) 6. Jared Frazer (Oklahoma, Jr) 7. Marc Hoffer (American, Jr) 8. Eric Schmidt (Hofstra, Sr)

157 pounds

165 pounds

174 pounds

184 pounds

197 pounds
1. Mark Munoz (Oklahoma St., Sr) 2. Brad Vering (Nebraska, Sr) 3. Zach Thompson (Iowa St., Sr) 4. Rusty Cook (Boise St., Sr) 5. Owen Eksen (Minnesota, Jr) 6. Chael Sonnen (Oregon, So) 7. Waymon May (Oklahoma, Sr) 8. Zach Breitenbach (North Carolina St., Sr)

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