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## Students trade school for Guard duty

New wave includes nine UI students and marks the battalion's first deployment since WWII



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Jordan Cannon poses for a quick second with girlfriend Lauren James while friend Laura Smith takes a snapshot at Godfather's Pizza on Wednesday evening. Cannon will be sent to Iraq as a medic after he completes training beginning Feb. 25.

BY BRIAN SPANNAGEL  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Jordan Cannon missed his first semester to train as a medic for the Iowa National Guard, and now, like his father and grandfather, the UI freshman will go to war, leaving the university behind for at least 15 more months.

Wednesday marked the last day nearly 650 soldiers like Cannon would spend in civilian clothes before being called up with the Iowa National Guard's 1st Battalion, 168th Infantry.

Nine of those soldiers began this semester at the UI, but they had to drop their studies when duty called, according to the Registrar's Office.

This morning, the battalion will report to armories across the state to gear up for a still-uncertain mission.

For the next week, they will train for nearly nine hours daily until they leave their bases to convene at Camp Dodge on Feb. 25. They expect to be deployed for 15-18 months.

"Really, it's flattering in a way that the Department of Defense had chosen a specialized force from Iowa to pick us to do whatever they wanted," said Maj. Greg Haggood, the Iowa National Guard public-affairs officer.

The 168th hasn't been deployed as a unit since World War II, and while the Guard members view the send-off as

a compliment, anxiety about the future is settling in on family, friends, and the soldiers themselves.

"It is easy to get into a routine of having your own place, going to school, and to work, but in one day, your whole life can change," Cannon said.

After being called up last week, the 19-year-old asked whether he should still go to school and do his homework.

He was told by military officials to spend time with family and friends for the next week while preparing to leave.

"As citizens, we all enjoy the same freedoms, and it is our obligation to defend those freedoms," Cannon said.

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### IN MEMORY

Bill Mertens, the editor and publisher of the *Burlington Hawk Eye*, died Wednesday of cancer. Mertens, 55, was a member of Student Publications Inc., the governing board of *The Daily Iowan*, a member of the UI journalism school professional advisory board, and a close friend of Iowa's journalism community. Our hearts go out to his family and friends.



MERTENS

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## PAULA measure seen as draconian

BY PHIL DAVIDSON  
THE DAILY IOWAN

An Iowa legislator's move to increase the penalty for possession of alcohol under the legal age is facing skepticism from some Iowa City officials who think the proposal is too severe.

Rep. Doug Struyk, D-Council Bluffs, proposed the measure on Monday. It would raise the penalty for underage possession of alcohol from a simple misdemeanor with a \$100 fine to an aggravated misdemeanor with a maximum of two years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

The bill is now awaiting action in subcommittee.

Jim Clayton, the Stepping Up Project co-chairman, said he supports Struyk's effort to initiate dialogue about underage drinking, but he's not sure about the proposal's feasibility.

"If we had a law like this on the books in Iowa, we'd need to build a big prison," Clayton said, adding that Struyk's proposal is a response to a pair of fatalities last year stemming from underage drinking.

Clayton said he would like to see increased responsibility for persons providing alcohol to minors, which is provided for in Struyk's bill. According to the

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## Dean shelves campaign (sort of)

BY JONATHAN FINER  
WASHINGTON POST

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Howard Dean suspended his bold and innovative bid for the White House Wednesday, while signaling his intent to retain influence in the Democratic Party by urging voters to keep backing him in the remaining primaries and caucuses.

Speaking to an afternoon gathering of some 250 supporters, volunteers, and staff, many of whom hugged one another or teared up as he spoke, Dean pledged to support the eventual nominee and said he would convert his vast campaign network into a political organization that would work toward the defeat of President Bush in November.

"This is the end of phase one of this fight, but the fight will go on," the former Vermont governor said, adding that he was "no longer actively pursuing the presidency."

His grudging exit was as unconventional as other aspects of a candidacy that was unprecedented both for its meteoric rise in fund raising and polls in 2003 and spectacular fall once voting actually began this year. He did not mention either of his two principal rivals by name and left unresolved what role his hundreds of thousands of supporters would play as the campaign moves forward by asking for their votes.

"Fight on in the caucuses. We are on the ballot. Use your network to send progressive delegates to the [Democratic National] Convention," he said. "We are not going away."

Dean's withdrawal from active campaigning reduced the race to a contest between Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., the front-runner who won his 15th state on Tuesday in Wisconsin, and Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., the underdog whose weekend surge pushed him into a strong second place. The two candidates sparred Wednesday over trade and electability as they pointed toward a March 2 showdown

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### TWO FOR THE ROAD



John Richard/The Daily Iowan

Local magician Nate Staniforth demonstrates an illusion involving a randomly chosen playing card appearing on behind a pane of glass. See story, Page 1C.

## Regents mull changes in financial-aid plans

BY CHRISTINA ERB  
THE DAILY IOWAN

The state Board of Regents will decide today whether Iowa's public universities should provide at least half of all tuition-based undergraduate financial aid to needy students, a policy the UI already pursues.

If passed, the three regents' universities would be required to designate a minimum 7.5 percent of their tuition revenues for financial-aid packets. Of that amount, 3.75 percent would be used for need-based grants. The universities could disperse the rest as they see fit.

"We meet those standards easily. [The policy] doesn't affect our short-term plans," said UI interim Provost Patricia Cain. "It could affect our long-term flexibility."

Barb Boose, the regents' communications specialist,

said the policy is significant because it further specifies how the universities should use the tuition they set aside.

During the 2003-04 school year, Cain estimated that the UI set approximately 16 percent of its total tuition revenues aside for financial-aid packets — with 80 percent, approximately \$19.5 million, of that going toward undergraduate need-based grants.

According to the regents' November 2003 docket, the UI set aside \$33.8 million (17 percent) of its total tuition revenues for student aid in fiscal 2004. The University of Northern Iowa set aside more than \$10 million — or 18 percent — of the \$56.1 million it earned through tuition, while Iowa State University designated 21.9 percent of their total revenues for aid.

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## Allegations by UISG candidate based on faulty information

BY DREW KERR  
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI Student Government presidential hopeful Chad Aldeman, who began his campaign by criticizing the manner in which the current administration has handled student fees, acknowledged Wednesday that figures on which he based his allegations were misleading or inaccurate.

Responding to a *Daily Iowan* review of records that show his comments on Feb. 16 exaggerated the current administration's financial situation, a clearly shaken and remorseful Aldeman said he should have verified a handful of UISG expenses before speaking to a reporter.

"This is not the way I intended to begin my campaign," he said in an interview.

Aldeman had denounced UISG's traveling, office, and campus cleanup spending, but



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— Chad Aldeman, UISG presidential candidate

he overestimated a number of figures he obtained from "someone high-ranking in UISG." He refused to identify his source.

The UI sophomore said he would save \$10,000 in office supplies by placing scholarship applications online, yet links to the forms are already available on the UISG website, [www.uiowa.edu/~uisg](http://www.uiowa.edu/~uisg). The link is clearly featured in the site's left column.

UISG's 2003-04 budget records indicate that just \$1,033.93 of the \$1,500 supplies budget has been spent to date. "The online scholarships are

hidden, and the hard copies cost too much money," said Aldeman, who could not account for the nearly \$9,000 discrepancy.

The "\$2,000" campus cleanup project Aldeman had referred to actually cost \$696.97. But he still said, "They spent a large amount on food that was wasted."

UISG President Nate Green said the October 2003 cleanup's turnout was significantly lower than expected — 15-20 people, compared with the anticipated 75 — and he

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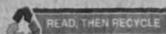
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NEWS

# UIHC shows off maternity ward

DVD players are part of new comfort in the birthing rooms

BY CHRISTINA ERB  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Weaving through a mess of construction workers, dust, and loose wires, members of the state Board of Regents received their first glance at UI Hospitals and Clinics' new maternity ward Wednesday, a project they approved six years ago.

Set for completion April 13, the UIHC Maternity Ward will be one of the most cutting-edge facilities in Iowa, boasting state-of-the-art fetal-monitoring systems, whirlpools, Ethernet connections, and DVD players. One regent, however, did raise his eyebrows at the mention of the

DVD players being located in all birthing suites.

Regent David Neil made the sole objection to the new center's features during the five-hour-long meeting with UIHC officials. The tour came as hospital officials struggle to make financial ends meet.

Neil said he found it hard to justify the need for DVD players during a time of financial distress.

However, his sentiments stood alone as other regents joked about wanting to have kids again.

The addition — located on the six and seventh floor of the Pappajohn Pavilion — will feature 55 Neonatal Intensive Care

Units beds, 32 mother-baby units, and five labor-deliver-recovery rooms. Nurses and high-risk obstetricians will also be available 24-hours a day.

"It is very important for us to provide comfortable spaces for family," said Edward Bell, the UIHC neonatology director. He said less stress increases survival rates and breast feeding. Officials justified the DVD players, saying they will be used for educational purposes.

"The intent is for the parent to be here with the baby and learn," UIHC administrative associate Jackie Nelson said. In order to ensure the safety of premature babies, Neonatal Intensive Care will be equipped

with alarms that will sound if activated and directly page the on-duty nurse.

The center will provide the strictest protection policies — doors to the facility will be locked at all times, with both alarms and security cameras positioned at each exit.

UIHC officials are planning on conducting several "abducted baby" scenarios in order to test security guards' reflexes and the reliability of safety features.

"The security we are going to have with this facility is tremendous. It's like Fort Knox in here," Nelson said.

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# Vilsack to veto education-funding bill

BY DAVID PITT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Gov. Tom Vilsack said Thursday he will veto the education spending bill approved by lawmakers because it provides too little money for Iowa schools.

The governor said he has received hundreds of e-mails, letters, and phone calls from Iowans since Wednesday night's passage of the Republican-drafted bill.

"Here is what I've heard: Iowans expect education to be the state's top priority," the governor said.

He asked Republicans, who hold a majority in the House and Senate, to discuss funding options with him and Democrats and come up with a new spending bill.

"When I was in school, if I handed in a test or handed in a paper that was inadequate, wasn't enough, wasn't the best I could do, the teacher would hand it back to me and say you can do better. Try again; keep working. That's what the public has said to me, and that's what I'm asking the Legislature to do."

— Gov. Tom Vilsack,

again; keep working," Vilsack said. "That's what the public has said to me, and that's what I'm asking the Legislature to do."

The bill passed along party lines, 53-47, in the House but only after Democrats failed in their attempts to amend it to provide more money for schools. It passed, 28-21, in the Senate.

Under the bill, schools would get approximately \$1.9 billion

from the state's general fund next year. That includes a \$65 million increase in basic funding and \$44 million to replace across-the-board cuts made last year.

Under the bill, basic school funding would increase by \$44.8 million in 2006.

The bill contains a requirement that \$10 million of that school funding be set aside for textbooks and supplies for each year, a measure Vilsack said takes away

local control for school districts.

The bill also requires lawmakers to set school funding each year for the following year rather than two years in advance, another idea Vilsack said was "unacceptable."

"We're not going to give up working with the General Assembly, both parties — Democrats and Republicans, House and Senate members until we get it right," he said.

Republican legislative leaders said Vilsack was using the education bill as tool to get tax increases he has suggested to fund portions of his 2006 budget.

"This is about the governor's desire to raise taxes in this state," said House Speaker Chris Rants, R-Sioux City. "Make no mistake about it. It's not about education anymore or what we can afford or what the size of our budget is, it's about his demand — and that's what it is now — it's about his demand to raise taxes."

# State may lose millions under Bush Medicaid plan

BY RYAN J. FOLEY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Iowa could lose up to \$70 million in Medicaid funding, forcing benefit cuts that could affect thousands of poor people, if the Bush administration cracks down on financing mechanisms that shift costs to the federal government, state officials said.

According to a congressional audit, some states make illusory Medicaid payments to state- or county-run hospitals and nursing homes to boost federal

matching funds. Money then is returned to the state to reinvest in the Medicaid program.

States have used such mechanisms for years — with the approval of federal regulators — to increase federal funding.

The practice allowed states "to inappropriately generate excessive federal Medicaid matching funds, while their own share of expenditures have remained unchanged or decreased," according to the report from the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress.

President Bush's budget proposal suggests \$1.5 billion could be saved by doing away with so-called "intergovernmental transfers."

"It would be catastrophic if that happened," Iowa Medicaid director Eugene Gessow said Wednesday. He said Iowa uses the federal matching funds it receives to pay for health care for the poor.

The impact of the Bush administration's new stance is already being felt in Iowa, where the growing Medicaid program provides health care to about 275,000 people every month.

State officials already have been told they will not get an additional \$13.5 million in higher payments to doctors at UI Hospitals and Clinics that had been included in this year's budget.

"We have concluded that any new attempts are futile, but we're now trying to protect what has been approved," said state Rep. Danny Carroll, a Republican from Grinnell.

That includes \$70 million in matching funds for popular health care programs such as the Senior Living Trust Fund and the Hospital Trust Fund.

## POLICE BLOTTER

- Herman Addison**, 41, Coralville, was charged Tuesday with driving while suspended.
- Elijah Allen**, 39, 2650 Whispering Prairie Ave., was charged Tuesday with operating while intoxicated and driving while barred.
- Andrew Hobbs**, 20, Grinnell, was charged Wednesday with possession of alcohol under the legal age.
- Erin Mahoney**, 20, 522 S. Van Buren St. Apt. 15, was charged Wednesday with driving while suspended.
- Dale Marsh**, 22, 637 S. Lucas St. Apt. 3, was charged Wednesday with operating while intoxicated.
- Kathleen Milder**, West Branch, 32, was charged Tuesday with driving while barred.

- Robert Murdock**, 53, address unknown, was charged Tuesday with criminal trespass.
- Michael Neson**, 21, Hampton, was charged Wednesday with operating while intoxicated.
- Aaron Shafer**, 23, Coralville, was charged Tuesday with domestic assault causing injury.

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For more information on how you can participate, contact Kathy Flanders at 356-4602 between the hours of 8:00 and 4:00, or e-mail at [flandersk@mail.medicine.uiowa.edu](mailto:flandersk@mail.medicine.uiowa.edu), or visit our web site at: <http://obgyn.uiowa.edu/>

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## CITY

### Musser appeals HIV conviction

An Iowa City man convicted of illegally transmitting HIV to a Coralville woman is appealing his guilty verdict, labeling evidence used against him in last week's trial as "hearsay."

Adam Musser contends that a UI Hygienic Laboratory report that intended to show that he was HIV-positive was "admitted without proper foundation, expert testimony, personal knowledge," according to court records filed Wednesday. The report, he contended, was "clearly hearsay."

In addition to a motion for a new trial, the 23-year-old is also asking for a change of venue — his third — contending that his trials have received too much press coverage, especially in last week's trial. He cited articles that appeared in the Cedar Rapids Gazette, The Daily Iowan, and the Des Moines Register.

According to the petition, 18 of the 25 prospective jurors had been exposed to media coverage of the charges prior to the Feb. 10 trial.

"With each successive case, finding prospective jurors who have not read about the defendant's cases will become progressively more difficult," the petition read.

Musser and his lawyer, Kelly Steele, are requesting that the remaining two trials be moved out of the 6th Judicial District. Hearings to discuss the motions have not been set.

Musser is charged with four counts of criminal transmission of HIV. He was found guilty last week in Anamosa, Iowa, for failing to tell his on-and-off girlfriend about his condition. The Coralville woman tested positive for HIV last month.

Musser is also asking for a new trial in his first guilty verdict, returned in January by a Benton County jury. A hearing to debate the motion is scheduled for March 5 in 6th District Court in Johnson County.

— by Seung Min Kim

### Official nixes plea bargain in cocaine case

A Johnson County deputy auditor charged with possession of a schedule II controlled substance (cocaine) will stand trial next month and not accept a plea bargain, his attorney said Wednesday.

John Charles Deeth, 40, was charged in February 2003 along with his former wife, Laura Poisel, after officials allegedly found bags of cocaine on Poisel's dresser at the couple's 714 Brookside Drive home. Deeth was later arrested at his 418 Brown St. apartment.

Police reports also show the couple allegedly failed to properly medicate their 13-year-old daughter, who suffers from a life-threatening illness.

Deeth's attorney, Leon Spies, said on Wednesday that Deeth is affirming his not guilty plea and his trial, scheduled for March 1, will go on as scheduled. Deeth filed a written plea of not guilty to the charges on April 11, 2003.

Court records show that the Poisel and Deeth applied for a divorce in June. Poisel, whose case was severed from Deeth's in September 2003, pleaded guilty to the drug and child endangerment charges in October 2003.

If convicted, Deeth could face up to two years in prison and a maximum of \$5,000 in fines.

— by Seung Min Kim

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# It may be too late for Edwards

BY RONALD BROWNSTEIN  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — With his strong showing in Wisconsin, John Edwards has finally achieved what he's sought since the Iowa caucuses: a two-man race with front-runner John Kerry. But Edwards may have found his lane when Kerry is too near the finish line to catch.

Edwards' close second-place finish on Tuesday guarantees he can continue his campaign at least through March 2, when 10 states — including California, New York, and Ohio — will vote.

The Wisconsin results showed again that in states where Edwards has time to become known, he attracts moderates, independents, and voters most concerned about the economy. And the North Carolina senator could benefit from increased media attention if Howard Dean quits the race after his distant third-place finish in Wisconsin. But Edwards still must overcome enormous obstacles to seriously challenge Kerry who, after all, won Wisconsin and now has 15 victories in the 17 nominating contests.

"It's not at all clear that this changes the central dynamic of the race, which is the inclination of Democratic voters to rally around Kerry as the presumptive nominee in the hopes of defeating President Bush," said Democratic pollster Geoff Garin.

Also working in Kerry's favor are the accelerated primary calendar, the breath of support for the Massachusetts senator, the institutional party support gathering behind him, and the rules of the nominating process — which makes it difficult to catch the candidate who amasses the most delegates early on.

To overcome those advantages, Edwards probably must find much more cutting arguments against Kerry than he's unveiled so far. And even that could prove insufficient — especially because sharper attacks would provoke a backlash from some party leaders now backing Kerry.



U.S. Sen. John Edwards greets supporters at the American Serb Hall in Milwaukee on Tuesday. Edwards' surge in the Wisconsin primary has made the Democrats' contest a two-man race.

"If Edwards actually wanted to compete for the nomination, he needed to start drawing a contrast with John Kerry a month ago," said Steve Murphy, the campaign manager for Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., who quit the race after finishing fourth in Iowa's Jan. 19 caucuses. "Democrats are coalescing around John Kerry right now ... and they are eager to get onto the task of beating George Bush."

Indeed, four-fifths of the voters in Wisconsin said they would be satisfied if Kerry wins the nomination, according to the exit poll conducted by the National Election Pool. Kerry demonstrated similar strength on that question in earlier contests.

That attitude underscores the largest challenge facing Edwards: identifying a constituency dissatisfied enough with Kerry to reconsider his nomination.

It's not unusual for front-runners to hit a speed bump when they seem to have the nomination in hand: Buyer's remorse has become a common primary phenomenon.

And candidates trying to recover from initial defeats, like Edwards, have been able to rebound only when they have been able to find arguments that shear large constituencies from the front-runner.

It's not clear there is a significant pool of Democrats unhappy enough with Kerry to create such opportunities for Edwards. His most obvious target would seem blue-collar, non-college educated voters sympathetic to his tough-on-trade message.

Yet targeting those voters won't be easy with organized labor putting its shoulder behind Kerry. On Tuesday, Kerry was endorsed at a raucous rally in Milwaukee by the coalition of industrial unions that had backed Gephardt, the AFL-CIO — the union umbrella group that is the most powerful institutional force in the Democratic Party — will enlist behind Kerry on Thursday.

"I just don't see an opening on the populist, labor front for John Edwards," said Murphy. "It's just too little, too late."

In Wisconsin, the exit polling Kerry fought Edwards to a virtual draw among the large group of

voters — roughly three-fourths — who said they believed international trade had cost more jobs than it created in the state.

The survey, conducted by Edison Media Research/Mitofsky International, a cooperative arrangement among the broadcast television networks, CNN and the Associated Press, sampled 2,277 voters. The margin of sampling error was plus or minus three percentage points.

Edwards showing among Wisconsin voters skeptical about free trade was an improvement for him — he ran behind those voters in last week's Virginia and Tennessee primaries. That suggested Edwards benefited in Wisconsin from more explicitly highlighting his disagreement with Kerry over the North American Free Trade Agreement.

But the result also indicated that Kerry's pledge to reassess NAFTA and toughen labor and environmental standards in future agreements may be enough to blunt Edwards' escalating criticism.

# Future unclear for Nextel after merger

BY ANITHA REDDY  
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Nextel Communications Inc. has in the past had merger talks with WorldCom Inc., AT&T Wireless Services Inc., and other potential partners, but they led nowhere.

Now the question is: Will Cingular Wireless LLC's \$41 billion bid for AT&T Wireless, a deal that would result in the nation's largest cell phone company, force Reston, Va.-based Nextel into a marriage with another carrier?

'When niches come under pressure, there are two things you can do. You can either try to become better and better at what you do, or you can bulk up and become a much larger carrier.'

— Viktor Shvets, an analyst for Deutsche Bank

Susan Kalla, an analyst for Friedman, Billings, Ramsey Group Inc., says yes. She gives Nextel at most two years before it succumbs to a merger or acquisition. Combinations like Cingular Wireless and AT&T Wireless will achieve enough cost savings to "put smaller players like Nextel at a competitive disadvantage," Kalla said.

"Nextel will be forced to do some consolidation."

Viktor Shvets, an analyst for Deutsche Bank, says not necessarily. "When niches come under pressure, there are two things you can do," he said. "You can either try to become better and better at what you do, or you can bulk up and become a much larger carrier."

Shvets agreed that Nextel's target market — businesses — will inevitably become more competitive and less profitable. But he said the company can survive as a stand-alone player. "The niche itself will not disappear; it will just splinter into more niches," he said.

Audrey Schaefer, a Nextel spokeswoman, declined to comment on future strategy. "Of the six national players, five of them basically compete on price," she said. "Nextel has taken a different avenue."

Nextel's trademark service has been its walkie-talkie, which allows users to reach people by pushing a button to talk instead of dialing phone numbers. The feature first attracted construction workers and truck drivers and eventually became popular among professionals who need to be in constant communication with customers and co-workers. More than 90 percent of Nextel's 12.3 million customers are businesspeople, according to the company.

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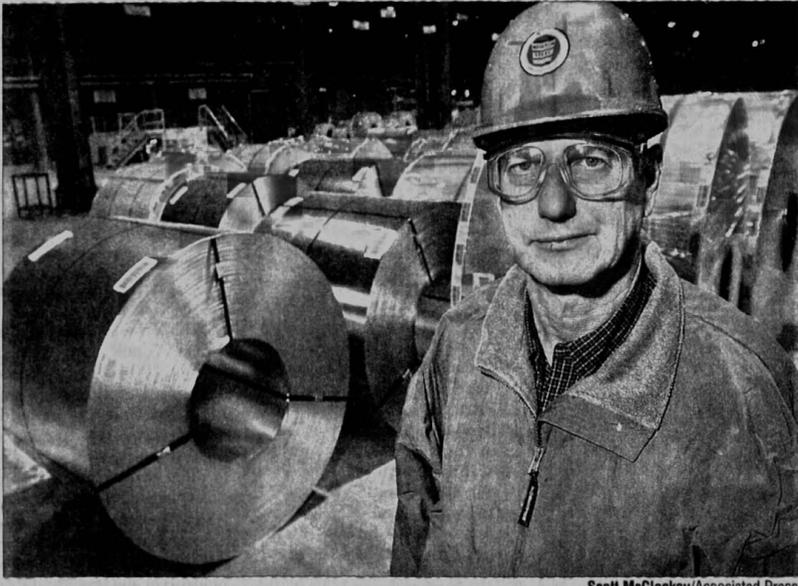
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Former Independent Steelworkers Union President Walter Bishop of Weirton, W.Va., stands near steel coils located at Weirton Steel plant in Weirton on Thursday. Bankrupt Weirton Steel Corp. has accepted a \$255 million buyout offer from Ohio's International Steel Group Inc.

# Int'l Steel buys bankrupt firm; poised for No. 1 spot

BY VICKI SMITH  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEIRTON, W.Va. — International Steel Group Inc. struck a \$255 million deal for bankrupt Weirton Steel Corp. on Wednesday, giving the 2-year-old company a chance to surpass U.S. Steel as the nation's largest steel producer.

International Steel, based in Cleveland and built from the remains of other struggling or bankrupt steelmakers, would acquire one of the nation's largest tin-plate mills if its offer for Weirton wins approval from a bankruptcy judge.

Given the complexity of the sale and the need for an agreement with the Independent Steelworkers Union, Weirton CEO D. Leonard Wise said International Steel will likely prevail in the court-run auction required to complete the deal.

"We have had some other interested parties, but no one who was ready to come to the table," Wise said. "The odds are very strong International Steel will complete this deal and any bidding will perhaps be minimal. But we invite anyone to make an offer."

If approved by the court, the deal would end a labor legacy at the West Virginia plant, once the largest American company owned 100 percent by its workers. Weirton employees now own only 21 percent.

The \$255 million offer includes cash and the assumption of Weirton Steel's liabilities. Company spokesman Gregg Warren declined to release details of the offer, saying they would be included in a bankruptcy court filing.

U.S. Steel Corp., currently the No. 1 domestic producer, confirmed that consummating the Weirton deal would give International Steel the capacity to become the nation's top steelmaker.

If it were to keep all of Weirton's operations open, International Steel could produce 21 million tons a year, compared with Pittsburgh-based U.S. Steel's 19.4 million tons, U.S. Steel spokesman John Armstrong said.

International Steel chairman Wilbur Ross said "it's essential to move toward further consolidation of the industry."

"We've been speaking for quite a while about the need for there

being a smaller number of quite a bit larger companies that are more diverse," Ross said in a telephone interview from New York.

But industry analyst Charles Bradford considers Weirton an unattractive acquisition because it needs too much modernization, has too many employees, and sits too far from its raw materials and customers.

International Steel was created in 2002 when Ross purchased the assets of bankrupt LTV Corp., then Bethlehem Steel and Acme Metals. In December, the company sold 16.5 million shares of stock in an initial public offering, raising \$462 million.

After Wednesday's news, International Steel shares rose \$1.89, or 5.1 percent, to close at \$38.64 in trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

The company has plants in 10 states, including facilities in Cleveland and East Chicago, Ind., that make flat-rolled steel.

International Steel has created a new model for efficiency, dramatically slashing the number of workers and their wages to cut production costs.

# Marriage amendment faces long, tough road, experts say

Amendments must garner two-thirds majority in Congress and be ratified by three-fourths of the states

BY MARY CURTIUS  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — Despite the intensifying political furor surrounding gay marriage, supporters of a proposed constitutional amendment restricting marriage to the union of a man and a woman are not counting on success anytime soon.

Partisans on both sides of the issue said Congress' traditional reluctance to alter the fundamental document of American democracy, coupled with the politics of this presidential election year, make it unlikely that a marriage amendment will come to a vote in either the House or the Senate in 2004.

"Congress already has a pretty full plate this year," a senior Republican congressional aide noted tersely when asked whether an amendment could move forward before the November elections.

To be sure, images of thousands of gays being wed in San Francisco, coupled with the recent affirmation by the highest court in Massachusetts of an earlier ruling that gays must be allowed to marry, have galvanized many conservative Christian groups to action. But they say they know they face a tough battle on Capitol Hill.

That's what the Founding Fathers intended.

In order to discourage frequent changes, they decreed that a proposed amendment would have to achieve supermajorities — two-thirds of the vote — in both chambers of Congress, then win ratification by three-fourths of the states. Thousands of amendments have been proposed, but only 17 amendments after the original 10 in the Bill of Rights have met those high standards.

The record for the longest time from proposal to enactment is held by the most recent amendment, the 27th. James Madison proposed the regulation of congressional pay raises

to the first Congress, in 1789. But it wasn't until 1992 that the last of the required three-quarters of the states ratified it.

"I think it is always a very difficult thing to get an amendment passed," observed Ed Vitagliano, a spokesman for the American Family Association, a conservative Christian group based in Tupelo, Miss., that supports a constitutional amendment on marriage.

Supporters say their best hope for pushing an amendment through Congress lies in President Bush fighting for it. Some say the president must publicly embrace the effort to energize his conservative base. So far, Bush has not.

Backers of an amendment say White House aides have assured them that a presidential endorsement will come "soon." But in his most recent statement on the issue, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said only that "we continue to look at events closely and continue to look at this issue very closely."

Bush's hesitation, even some amendment supporters say, is at least partly based on a political calculation that his backing could alienate swing voters who may be crucial if the November election is close. But his stance is also thought to reflect a presidential reluctance to amend the Constitution.

"Once you publicly say, 'I support a constitutional amendment,' that is there until the end of time," observed Mickey Edwards, a former Republican congressman and former national chairman of the American Conservative Union. Bush, Edwards said, "has been very reluctant to do that."

Edwards, who teaches at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, described marriage as "a social customs issue" seen by many as more properly handled by the states, or in federal statutes such as the Defense of Marriage Act, passed by Congress and signed

by President Clinton in 1996.

Advocates of a marriage amendment say it is necessary because the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's ruling may lead to the federal marriage law being ruled unconstitutional. That law defines marriage as a legal union between a man and a woman and says no state is required to recognize as valid a same-sex marriage sanctioned by another state.

"The House and Senate spoke very clearly in 1996, saying that marriage should be between a man and a woman, and that is what we are trying to solidify in public policy," said Guy Short, chief of staff for Rep. Marilyn Musgrave, R-Colo. Thirty-nine states — the number needed to ratify a constitutional amendment — have laws similar to the Defense of Marriage Act.

Musgrave's proposed amendment states that "marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman," and that "neither this [Constitution] nor the Constitution of any state, nor state or federal law, shall be construed to require that marital status or the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon unmarried couples or groups."

Musgrave's proposal has at least 112 House co-sponsors, and Bush told a recent Republican congressional retreat that he supports the language. But, so far, no hearing on it has been scheduled.

One aide to the House Republican leadership, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the effort to move the amendment forward has been slowed by divisions among conservatives over its wording.

Some argue that Musgrave's amendment leaves open the possibility of civil unions, and they say they want the amendment to ban such unions.

Despite the possibility that a constitutional amendment may stall, gay activists are worried.

# FDA moves against fake drugs

BY MARC KAUFMAN  
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — To protect against the threat of counterfeit drugs, the Food and Drug Administration wants drug makers, distributors, and pharmacists to adopt new technologies — including embedded computer chips that would transmit identifying information — by 2007.

FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan said Wednesday that an agency task force had concluded that a reliable radio-frequency sys-

tem, as well as other electronic track and trace technologies, could be available and cost-effective by that time.

He said he did not support making the new anti-counterfeit technologies mandatory — regulation opposed by the drug industry — but that manufacturers had voiced a willingness to significantly upgrade their counterfeiting protections by 2007.

"FDA will not rest until we have strong protections in each link in the drug supply chain, and we intend to work with all of those

involved in getting medicines to Americans legally and safely to make sure that Americans are protected," McClellan said.

Radio-frequency identification systems tag medications with a chip containing information about where a drug was manufactured and where it was shipped. Each time the drug moves further down the user chain, the additional information would be added to the chip, which can be scanned by distributors and pharmacists to make sure the product is legitimate.

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# Railroad blast kills 200 in Iran

BY KARL VICK  
WASHINGTON POST

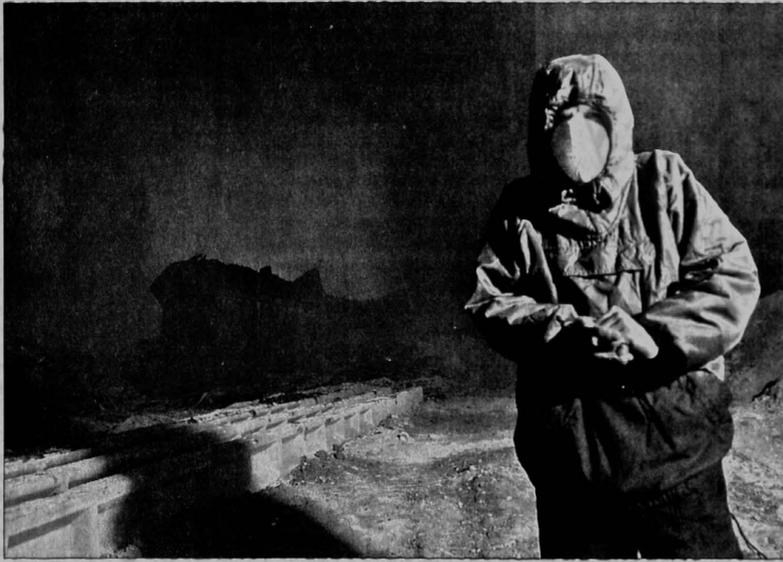
TEHRAN, Iran — Burning railroad cars laden with gasoline and fertilizer exploded in northeastern Iran on Wednesday, killing more than 200 people and injuring at least 400, many of them firefighters who had surrounded the derailed cars, according to the official Islamic Republic News Agency.

The massive explosion came after 51 freight cars careened out of control for several miles and derailed near Neyshabur, a city of 170,000 approximately 400 miles east of Tehran. The derailment ignited a series of fires that drew scores of firefighters, rescue workers, and onlookers from surrounding villages.

The toppled cars spilled gasoline, sulfur, fertilizer, and other industrial chemicals on either side of the east-west rail line, which at the site of the explosion runs through an area of one-story mud brick homes. When the spilled substances ignited, the percussive force of the explosion brought down the roofs of several buildings nearest to the tracks.

News pictures broadcast on state television showed hellish scenes of tangled metal illuminated by flames of orange, pink, and bright red. Plumes of gray and black smoke swept past crowds of onlookers and rescue workers wearing surgical masks against the toxic smoke.

Hospital workers told reporters of treating injuries similar to those in Bam, the city in southern Iran where an earthquake killed more than 40,000 people on Dec. 26. The pre-dawn quake brought down the heavy mud brick that



Kamran Jebreili/Associated Press

An Iran Railway Co. employee waits for his colleagues to continue rescue operations as the blazing wreckage of the train illuminates the background in Dehnow, Iran, on Wednesday.

many Iranians use to make their homes despite its deadly weight and Iran's propensity for quakes.

It was unclear how the string of freight cars became a runaway. Initial reports raised the possibility that the incident may have been initiated by a mild earthquake, but the U.S. Geological Survey recorded no seismic activity in the area, according to the Associated Press. The blast itself was so powerful, however, that Iranian sensors registered it as a 3.6-magnitude tremor.

Mohammad Maqdouri, the head of local emergency operations, said the runaway cars rolled out of the station on

their own about 4 a.m., set on their way by "some vibrations," according to the state news agency.

Without a locomotive, the freight cars traveled downhill to the next stop, approximately 12 miles away at the village of Kayyam, where they jumped the track and overturned. Several ignited, and firefighters and rescue workers converged on the scene. Onlookers gathered from surrounding houses.

The massive explosion occurred hours later, at 9:37 a.m., Maqdouri said. The blast shattered windows six miles away and "severely damaged" five villages along the tracks, according to the

state news agency.

Estimates of the injured ran from 300 to 400, transported by ambulance or military helicopter to Mashhad and Neyshabur. Of the 200 people treated at three hospitals in Neyshabur, 80 percent had injuries sustained when their homes collapsed, the news agency reported. The remainder were being treated for burns or blast effect.

After the explosion, the area came under the control of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, the elite fighting force that has responsibility for disaster response in Iran. It closed off the area, citing fears of more explosions.

# Pakistan, India OK peace 'road map'

BY PAUL HAVEN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan and India agreed on Wednesday on an aggressively rapid plan for peace talks they hope will put a history of acrimony behind them, planning high-level meetings on such contentious issues as Kashmir, terrorism, and nuclear weapons.

The dialogue will culminate with a summit in August between the two nations' foreign ministers — a major breakthrough that would have been unimaginable two years ago, when the atomic adversaries stood on the brink of war.

"We hope that this road map will eventually lead to the settlement of all outstanding disputes between India and Pakistan and in the direction of durable peace," Pakistani Foreign Secretary Riaz Khokhar told a new conference after the talks.

A series of midlevel meetings will begin directly after the Indian elections in April, including a discussion in May on nuclear confidence-building measures, and another in June to discuss ways to combat drug trafficking and smuggling.

Khokhar and his Indian counterpart, Shashank, will meet again in May or June in the Indian capital to discuss the divided Himalayan region of Kashmir, the central dispute in a half-century of animosity. The two are the top bureaucrats dealing with foreign policy. Shashank uses only one name.

Even before the Indian elections, talks will be held on transport links and other issues, Khokhar said. The exact dates for most of the talks have not been decided.

Shashank did not comment after the three-day talks. The Indian side barred all Pakistani journalists from a briefing held for Indian newspaper correspondents Wednesday evening.

In New Delhi, Foreign Ministry spokesman Navtej Sarna said both sides had a "sincere desire to discuss and arrive at a peaceful settlement of all bilateral issues, including Jammu and Kashmir."

Khokhar urged patience but expressed optimism about the talks.

"We feel that the atmosphere is much better," Khokhar said. "There is a realization on both sides that war is not an option."

Since April, Pakistan and India have restored ambassador-level diplomatic ties and resumed bus, rail and plane service.

The agenda for talks reached Wednesday is similar to a plan first agreed to in 1997 that failed to make any headway. The plan calls for the two countries to set up eight groups to tackle Kashmir, nuclear arms, terrorism, drugs and trade, among other issues.

Pakistan and India nearly went to war in 2002, following an attack on India's parliament that New Delhi blamed on Islamic militants and Pakistan's intelligence agency. Pakistan denied the charges.

There are many obstacles ahead, though Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee is expected to win the April vote and continue the dialogue.

Some worry whether Vajpayee, 79, and Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, who survived two assassination attempts in December, can hold on to see the peace process through to conclusion.

Kashmir is by far the most emotional issue, and both leaders face powerful forces opposed to a deal. Musharraf has angered Islamic militant groups by even coming this far, and they are believing behind the two attempts on his life.

The militants want to see all of predominantly Muslim Kashmir wrested from Indian control, either to create an independent state or become part of Pakistan. Neither outcome is likely.

Pakistan and India have fought two of their three wars since gaining independence from Britain in 1947 over Kashmir.

# Haiti's second-largest city on brink of falling

BY MARK STEVENSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAP-HAITIEN, Haiti — Frightened police barricaded themselves inside their station Wednesday and said they could not repel a threatened rebel attack on Haiti's second-largest city, the last major government bastion in the north. Officers in other towns deserted their posts with no guerrillas in sight.

Even as police made it clear they were too scared to patrol the streets of Cap-Haitien, militant defenders of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide vowed to take a stand against the 2-week-old rebellion, which has killed some 60 people and has attracted leaders with murderous backgrounds.

"We have machetes and guns, and we will resist," said carpenter Pierre Frandley. "The police might have been scared, but the people got together and organized. ... We blocked the streets."

There were fears rebels already have infiltrated the northern port and more were headed that way. U.S. officials worry the current crisis would only worsen if Aristide is forced to flee. One option being internally discussed is a transfer of power, with Aristide's consent, to a temporary governing board made up of Haitians who would run the country until a new president was elected. It is not clear how much support that proposal has at top levels of the Bush administration.

Aristide rebuffed Bush administration suggestions that he convene early presidential elections as a way to defuse the crisis, a senior U.S. official said on Wednesday.

Although the administration has said it is opposed to any Haitian opposition attempt to drive Aristide from office, Bush officials are privately discussing ideas for a possible constitutional succession before Aristide's term expires in February 2006.

Haitian government spokesman Mario Dupuy called both options "unacceptable." "They are tantamount to admitting the legitimacy of a coup d'etat against the government," he told the Associated Press.

As Haiti's beleaguered government pleaded in vain for international help, former soldiers

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— Pierre Frandley,  
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ousted in a 1994 U.S. military intervention crossed from the Dominican Republic to join the rebellion.

"The army is no longer demobilized. The army is mobilized," said Jean-Baptiste Joseph, a former army sergeant who had headed a group of demobilized soldiers before being jailed in the 1990s for plotting insurrection.

He spoke in Hinche, a town of 50,000 at a strategic crossroads in Haiti's agriculture-rich Artibonite district, which was seized Monday by some 50 rebels led by a former death squad leader.

Amnesty International warned "the specter of past violations continues to haunt Haiti" and that the newly emerged rebel leaders have "a horrific track record when it comes to human rights."

Their arrival means "fears of a mass population outflow from Haiti are bound to increase," the human rights organization warned, recalling the tens of thousands of Haitian boat people who fled to U.S. shores to escape the 1991-94 military dictatorship.

One sign that a refugee crisis may be imminent would be a large-scale construction of boats. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said there are no signs of such activity, but the administration wants to "make sure that we're prepared should something happen."

The rebels have chased police from more than a dozen towns and cut supply lines to northern Haiti from Port-au-Prince, the capital to the south, and from the western Dominican Republic, which shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti. Dominican soldiers said Wednesday they arrested four fleeing Haitian police along the sparsely guarded border.

Food and fuel prices have soared behind rebel lines; electricity and telephone service, always erratic, has been cut totally in many towns. Most

vulnerable are nearly 300,000 drought-stricken peasants dependent on food aid.

The U.N. Security Council on Wednesday threw its weight behind Caribbean and Latin American efforts to find a peaceful political solution. The statement came at the behest of Chile, whose ambassador, Heraldo Munoz, said there was no discussion about sending U.N. peacekeepers.

The Security Council called on Aristide's government and the opposition "to restore confidence and dialogue, and overcome their differences peacefully and democratically through constitutional means."

Only France, Haiti's former colonizer, has said it is considering whether there is support for an intervention force.

The crisis has been brewing since Aristide's party swept flawed legislative elections in 2000. Donors froze millions in international aid, leaving Aristide no means to keep election promises to make a better life for Haiti's 8 million people, half of whom go hungry daily.

Since then, Aristide has lost support amid charges he uses police and militants to terrorize opponents and allows corruption fueled by drug-trafficking to go unchecked.

The once-beloved former priest, who won Haiti's first free elections in a landslide in 1990, was ousted by the military eight months later. He was restored to popular acclaim when the United States sent 20,000 troops to Haiti in 1994.

Illustrating the problems Aristide faces, businessman Bruno Firmin told AP that people in Cap-Haitien think rebels already have infiltrated some neighborhoods and that many would welcome them, even though their leaders are former military and police officers with infamously bad human rights records.

"I'm not afraid of the rebels, I'm afraid of the Aristide supporters,"

Firmin said of gangs of toughs who have burned homes and attacked opposition supporters in Cap-Haitien.

At Cap-Haitien's police station, one officer who spoke on the condition of anonymity admitted they too were scared. "Of course we are," he said. "It's a natural reaction after what happened in Gonaives and in other parts of the country."

AP reporter George Gedda contributed to this story.

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## Finding a sane way to set tuition

A BOARD OF REGENTS PROPOSAL TO SET TUITION RATES AFTER STATE FUNDING IS SECURED COULD LEAD TO FEWER AND SMALLER TUITION HIKES

The state Board of Regents' current proposal to set tuition later in the year could be an effective way to decrease tuition. The regents are expected to enact the policy next week. The current process, which is to fix tuition rates by December, was set 17 years ago.

The new plan will allow regents to know the state's projected revenue and the state appropriations their public universities will receive. Under this proposal, "under unusual circumstances, a range of tuition rates could be offered in December, with further discussion in February, and a final decision made by the board in March." However, several administrators are working to prevent such a late deadline, and the regents will most likely be required to make their final decisions by February at the latest.

Late deadlines are dangerous, as information regarding the amount of financial aid available for students might be delayed. Students can apply for financial aid as early as Jan. 1, but without knowledge of next year's tuition rate, the Student Financial Aid Office might be forced to estimate the award amounts. Some students could be so negatively affected by this blind process that their attendance at the UI could be in jeopardy.

The regents are in Iowa City today discussing tuition and financial-aid policies, specifically "statutory timing of tuition setting," along with mandatory student fees and other policies. The docket for their discussion admits that "unless there is a modification of the statute, the board cannot effectively plan for the future."

An important issue for the regents, according to a recently released document summarizing the their recommendations, is that the "funding decisions for state appropriations and tuition

revenues are integral to the financial well-being of the universities." For the past five years, the regents' institutions have experienced decreased state appropriations; a later deadline would fix this problem. Regent Robert Downer told *The Daily Iowan* that when the regents enact substantial tuition increases without knowledge of appropriations, legislators have cut the money for the university.

Because the regents have been setting tuition blindly, legislators can easily be accused of appropriating state money to the university based on tuition rates, leading to a cycle of decreased state funding and increasing tuition. If appropriations were delegated before tuition is set, legislators would no longer be accused of taking advantage of this problem, and the circle of budget cuts followed by tuition hikes could be broken.



We better start our savings plan for his college...

### LETTERS

#### Support troops, if not war

When I read a letter written to you by a student named Jeremy Whitaker titled "How to help a soldier" (*DI*, Feb. 18), I was shocked that as a member of the military he was so unsupportive of what a student group was trying to do. College Republicans and Students for George W. Bush joined forces to staff a table at the IMU for a day in order to raise money for the troops serving overseas.

Every cent of the money raised will go to an organization called Operation Uplink, which uses the money to purchase phone cards for the troops. And in exchange for their donations, people receive a button that says "Honor Our Veterans, Support Our Troops." We did this last spring, and we were able to raise more than \$500 for the cause.

Knowing all that, I still wonder why Whitaker wouldn't support this. His alternative idea was to send care packages, which is a great idea, and we looked into this possibility. However, we chose not to do it because, from all the info we were able to gather, there is a surplus of care packages, and it takes a very long time to get to the soldiers. So instead, we chose phone cards, which are always in need, so that soldiers can call their loved ones.

Now the issue of being in the Middle East is an entirely different one. The goal of raising money was not to show support for or dissent against the war, it was to show support for our troops.

Whether you agree with the war or not, support should still be given to the troops. They are over there risking their lives for our country, and for that we should thank them. This fund-raiser was not about politics. I would challenge any other student group or an individual student to do something to show your support for our men and women who are so far from home.

Sarah Sauber  
UI College Republican chairwoman

#### Seuss-ify your life

With all the debate on gay marriage recently, I've been thinking about movies and stories from my childhood. "The Star-Bellied Sneeches," by Dr. Seuss, is a story that I think adults as well as children could learn a lot from. It's about a bunch of birds that hang out on the beach. One group has stars on its bellies; the other group does not. The star-bellied ones think they are superior to the sneeches without the stars. Along comes a stranger with an amazing machine that gives the plain-bellied sneeches stars. Of course, the sneeches with the original stars raise a fit. The stranger offers them the opportunity to have their stars removed if they run through his amazing machine. This one-upmanship goes on and on until all the sneeches have used all their money to run through the machine. Only then do they realize how foolish they were.

Wouldn't it be nice if life could be more like a children's story?

The smug, self-righteous people hurling their anti-gay biblical quotes will continue for quite some time, I'm afraid. The plain-bellied sneeches, or in this case, gays, lesbians, their families, and friends, will need to work relentlessly in this fight for acknowledgment as full human beings. During these hard times, however, it's important to keep balance in our lives.

Lately, I've found myself feeling dreary, walking through the grocery store and feeling the urge to throw a pie in someone's face. It's kind of like that feeling I got as a kid watching *The Wizard of Oz* and seeing old, smug Miss Gulch making her way to the Gales' house to nab Toto. It's that feeling of having something very dear to you being removed. But let's keep in mind that no matter how nasty this fight may become, we have families, friends, lovers, pets to pull us away from all that nastiness. Let us not forget laughter and the simple joy of life. With these, I believe we shall overcome.

Mark Grover  
Iowa City resident

#### Apathy and Alford

In the article about Steve Alford and the lack of support for the men's basketball team (*DI*, Feb. 17), I found something extremely interesting. Alford is quoted as telling his guys not to worry about the things that they can't control (which sounds like good advice), such as injuries, family problems, or academics. Then it hit me: The

coach doesn't think the players can control their academic performance? Aren't they student-athletes who should be taking care of their scholarly responsibilities before they worry about athletics? Doesn't he think that funny little things such as studying, going to class, and paying attention to instructors have anything to do with his players' grades?

I think Alford's comment shows us what's really going on in his mind. He seems to have little to no regard for the university as an educational facility, seeing it only as a year-round basketball camp in which he'll make some big bucks doing his "Bob Knight-Lite" impression (which few at Iowa are thrilled with anyway). Alford sounds as if he's trying to take the "student" out of "student-athlete," and the problem with that is the athletes who are left don't want a whole lot to do with him and the Iowa men's basketball program. Something has to change.

Ben Bessman  
UI alum

Alford's handling of the Pierre Pierce assault incident. Compare this with Kirk Ferentz's zero-tolerance policy and dismissal of Benny Sapp from the football program following an arrest for an incident in which the charges were dropped. Ferentz was willing to sacrifice one of his stronger players in an already weakened secondary to do the right thing. Alford was apparently more interested in preserving his reputation by supporting his star player right or wrong. Any other student on campus who committed a similar offense would still be serving time and would no longer be a student at Iowa, let alone being the recipient of a scholarship for an additional year of college. Steve Alford is more concerned with Steve Alford than he is with the UI, its fans, and boosters.

I am not apathetic toward Alford. I don't like him, and I don't like what he has done to the Iowa men's basketball program.

Bill Barry  
Iowa City resident

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## Dream the impossible dream

"ONE CAN'T BELIEVE impossible things," Alice remarked in Lewis Carroll's classic *Alice in Wonderland*. To which the Queen of Hearts replied, "When I was your age, I always did it for half an hour a day. Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast."

I've got to side with Alice on this. Believing impossible things is detrimental to anyone's mental health. However, I've recently realized what the queen was talking about. She must have been a news junkie. Most newspapers or cable news networks demand that the reader/viewer stomach the impossible before having a bite of breakfast with which to wash it down.

Six impossible things seems on par for an average news cycle. This is a list of impossible things I still haven't been able to convince myself are true before breakfast — or any other meal. By default, sources in the news and daily news outlets presume these are true and irrationally expect everyone to believe them without question.

**Building a domed rain forest in Coralville will make Iowa a tourist destination.**

This is my favorite local one. Recent news coverage by KCRG has compared the proposal with the Eden Project, built in an old quarry in Cornwall, England. While that project has brought millions in tourist revenue, Cornwall already had a thriving tourist industry. Aside from the British rail system, which makes the area readily accessible, and other famous attractions such as Restormel Castle, Cornwall has quite mild weather (palm trees grow there), especially compared with Iowa — which transforms into Siberia for two months every year.

**Stricter alcohol laws will prevent underage drinking and binge drinking.**

This usually applies to the Iowa City City Council's attempts to close access to bars for minors by ticketing young people and punishing businesses at Gestapo-like rates.

However, under a measure proposed in the Iowa Legislature, an underage person possessing alcohol would be charged with an aggravated misdemeanor, with a fine of up to \$5,000 and possibly even two years in prison.

Prison for drinking beer. Seeing our state lawmakers taking a nationwide policy of locking up our nation's youth in order to save them one step further sends a frightening message. Which brings me to the next impossible thing we are supposed to believe.

**Prohibiting drugs cuts down on crime and makes our country a safer place to live.**

Drug addiction is a problem, but the crime that accompanies it would be reduced by decriminalizing drugs. Drug addiction is a health issue. Current drug laws turn millions of Americans into criminals instead of treating them for their addictions or allowing citizens to exercise personal responsibility. According to the fifth edition "World Prison Population List," approximately 701 people per 100,000 of the U.S. population are in prison — the highest rate in the world by nearly 100 per 100,000.

**Restricting gun ownership and banning assault rifles will keep criminals from possessing guns and makes our country safer.**

The arguments against this go along with many of the drug-prohibition arguments. Owning a gun is not dangerous, nor harmful. Like drug prohibition, outlawing gun ownership will not stop people from having guns. Banning assault rifles will prevent honest, law-abiding people from owning assault rifles. Banned or not, such weapons will still exist, and if they became illegal, the only people interested in acquiring them would be criminals.

Many proponents of such restrictions assert that people don't need assault rifles. However, in rural areas, guns are sometimes essential for protecting property and livestock. Granted, in urban areas, guns may not be as essential, but neither are SUVs.

**Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean was the best hope for unifying the Democratic Party.**

Lately this talk has died down, and most came from mildly left-leaning sources anyway. As exciting as his campaign was, his candidacy made more Democrats nervous than Republicans. Retired Gen. Wesley Clark was only thrown into the race as the Democratic National Committee's pet lizard to weaken Dean's support. Get over it. As I've said before, Dean is done; he has been done for weeks.

**Because I'm on TV or have a newspaper column, what I have to say is important and correct.**

Yeah, right; and building a domed cornfield in Brazil would make sense, too. ■



JOHN MOLSEED

### ON THE SPOT

Do you prefer boxers or briefs?



"Boxers."

Karen Lucas  
UI sophomore



"Definitely boxers, but preferably boxer briefs."

Rachel Myers  
UI sophomore



"Boxers. They're more attractive."

Sam Watson  
UI sophomore



"Boxers. I've always heard you're square if you wear briefs."

Alex Greenberg  
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## Bush retreats on jobs forecast

OFFICIALS' PREDICTION WOULD REQUIRE NEARLY 226,000 NEW JOBS PER MONTH FOR THE REST OF 2004

BY DANA MILBANK  
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — President Bush distanced himself Wednesday from a forecast made by his economic advisers predicting that the U.S. economy will add 2.6 million jobs this year.

A Feb. 9 report by the White House Council of Economic Advisers predicted that payrolls would grow to an average of 132.7 million in 2004 from 130.1 million in 2003, an exceptionally rapid employment gain for an economy that has shed 2.3 million jobs during Bush's tenure. Facing the prospect that Democrats would make a campaign issue of Bush's failure to meet his own projections, Bush and top administration officials declined to endorse the 2.6 million jobs forecast.

Asked Wednesday if he agreed with the prediction, Bush would not endorse the figure, saying, "I think the economy is growing, and I think it's going to get stronger." Treasury Secretary John Snow and Commerce Secretary Don Evans were similarly reluctant to back the forecast, which was made by staff from the economics council, Treasury, and the Office of Management and Budget.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan, repeatedly asked about the forecast,

played down its significance. "It's an annual economic report that is put out by the administration based on the economic modeling and the data that are available at that point in time," he said. "What the president stands behind is the policies that he is implementing."

It was the second time that last week's economics council report, sent to Congress with Bush's signature, has caused political problems for the president. Bush last week retreated from an argument made in the report and in comments by economics council Chairman Gregory Mankiw that the expatriation of service jobs could be beneficial. While economists generally supported Mankiw's argument, Democrats pounced on the administration for appearing to praise job loss.

In an interview Wednesday, Mankiw said the 2.6 million job figure was made on Dec. 2 and not subsequently updated. "We still expect 2004 to be a robust year for the economy both in terms of economic growth and in terms of jobs creation," he said. "But in terms of our specific quantitative forecast, the forecasting team has not gotten together to produce one since Dec. 2."

The opposition party delighted in the second flap over the economics council report by Bush in as many weeks. Rep. Rahm Emanuel, D-Ill., a former aide to Bill Clinton, said Bush "faces a credibility gap with his own economic team." Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said "the White House is totally at sea" on economic policy. Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.,

and six other Democrats wrote to Bush asking him to revise the jobs forecast.

The annual economics-council report has had difficulty in the past with its forecasts for jobs growth. Previous reports predicted the economy would add 1.7 million to 3 million new jobs in 2003, but in fact the nation lost 53,000 jobs.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Tuesday the 2.6 million jobs forecast was "a credible forecast" if productivity gains decrease this year. But the Fed issued a report Tuesday saying rapid productivity gains are "likely to be sustained" this year.

The creation of 2.6 million new jobs would require an average of 226,000 per month for the rest of the year. In the past five months combined, the economy has added 366,000 jobs.

J. Bradford DeLong, a former Clinton administration economist now at the University of California-Berkeley, said the Bush administration forecast is even more optimistic than it appears because it is based on year-average numbers. In fact, DeLong said on his website, the White House is assuming the economy will create 3.8 million jobs by the end of 2004.

Though McClellan said Wednesday that Bush did not endorse the jobs forecast because he's "not a predictor," the president last year used an economics council jobs projection as evidence that his tax cut would add 1.4 million jobs by the end of 2004. "That's the projection of a lot of smart economists who have analyzed the package," he said then.



Brennan Linsley/Associated Press

Wissam Ali (right), 7, and his sister Gezek, 6 months, are treated at a hospital in Hillah, Iraq, after they were injured when two explosives-laden trucks were detonated outside a Polish military camp Wednesday. The two children survived, but both their parents were killed in the blast.

## Iraqi suicide blasts kill 10

Iraq's Governing Council distances itself from the Bush administration's election proposal for Iraq

BY SAMEER N. YACOB  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HILLAH, Iraq — Suicide bombers detonated explosives outside a Polish-run base Wednesday, killing 10 Iraqis and wounding more than 100 people, more than half of them coalition soldiers. The United States arrested seven guerrillas believed linked to Al Qaeda in an early morning raid to the north.

The attack in Hillah, the third suicide bombing of security targets in two weeks, was part of a wider effort "to isolate us from the Iraqi people," coalition military commander Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez told reporters in Tikrit.

Coalition and military officials said at least 106 people were hurt in the blasts, which happened in the Hayy Babil neighborhood near Camp Charlie. The wounded included 32 Iraqis and 26 Poles, as well as Hungarians, Bulgarians, Filipinos and an American.

The casualty toll could have been much higher had guards not opened fire and prevented the bombers from entering the camp. One truck exploded under the gunfire and another blew up after hitting a concrete barrier.

The 7:15 a.m. blasts — from 1,540 pounds of explosives — flattened 11 homes nearby and blew down the entire sides of several other houses in this town south of Baghdad.

The stepped-up violence could be aimed at preventing U.S. administrators from handing over power to the Iraqis on June 30, when Iraqi security forces would also take a more prominent role against the insurgency.

A senior U.S. official said Wednesday the Bush administration is considering a major shift in its plan for transition to Iraqi self-rule, possibly extending and expanding the Governing Council so it can take temporary control of the country on July 1.

The administration is eager to see if U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan approves of the idea of a major shift, the Washington official told the Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

On Wednesday, members of Iraq's Governing Council distanced themselves further from the U.S. idea of holding regional caucuses to elect an interim government after the planned hand over.

Mouwafak al-Rubaie, a Shiite Arab member of the Governing Council, said the idea of using caucuses to choose a provisional legislature was "gone with the wind." He said the only solution palatable to Iraqis is general elections.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said Tuesday that the United States was committed to giving the Iraqi people control of their country by July 1 but remained open to ideas from the United Nations. The world body sent a team to Iraq to evaluate the best way forward and is expected to report this week.

Governing Council member Dara Nor al-Din, a Sunni Kurd, said the Iraqi body was waiting "for the decisions reached by the United Nations on whether the elections

are possible and what ideas they have to solve the problem."

Annan is expected to support the Bush administration and advise against direct elections for an interim government in Iraq, another U.S. official in Washington said on condition of anonymity.

Annan Today is to receive a firsthand report at the United Nations from Lakhdar Brahimi, his special adviser who led the U.N. team to Iraq to assess election possibilities and possible changes that might be acceptable to a wide range of Iraqi leaders.

Earlier Wednesday, U.S. troops arrested seven militants believed linked to Al Qaeda in the turbulent city of Baqouba, north of the capital, the military said. It gave no details on the nationalities of the militants. There was no indication the attacks and the U.S. raid were directly linked.

Troops from the 4th Infantry Division carried out the raid early Wednesday targeting an "anti-coalition cell" that may have ties to Osama bin Laden's terror group, a statement from the U.S. command said.

Suicide attacks have killed 300 people, mostly Iraqis, since the beginning of the year. They have fueled speculation that Islamic extremists, possibly linked to Al Qaeda, were playing a greater role in the anti-coalition insurgency. U.S. military officials had believed the attacks were spearheaded by Saddam Hussein loyalists.

Two suicide bombings killed more than 100 Iraqis last week. Polish Gen. Mieczyslaw Bieniek, commander of the 9,500-member Polish military contingent, said

Wednesday's bombings, about 55 miles south of the capital, were a "well-coordinated terrorist attack."

Mohyee Mokheef, a 50-year-old cafe owner who lives in the neighborhood, said he was having breakfast when he heard a faint first explosion and a second, louder one that shattered the windows in his home. He blamed Al Qaeda and an Iraq-based group linked to it, Ansar al-Islam.

"I saw dead and injured Iraqis lying on the ground," he told the Associated Press. "I suspect that Ansar al-Islam and Al Qaeda were behind these operations because they want to create strife between Sunnis and Shites and between the Shiites and Americans. They want to derail the elections process."

Most of the wounded among multinational troops were hurt by flying debris and glass. The injuries were not life-threatening.

Another debate connected to the hand-over of power is the drafting of an interim constitution and the role Islam will have in it.

The council's president, Mohsen Abdul-Hamid, appeared to back away from an earlier demand that the constitution specify that Islam is the principle basis for Iraq's laws. L. Paul Bremer, the top U.S. administrator in Iraq, suggested this week he would block such a move.

"This question has not reached its final stage," Abdul-Hamid, a Sunni Muslim, told reporters. He stressed that the draft interim charter says Islam is "a primary source" — as opposed to the primary source — for legislation.

### WORLD

#### Ex-Mexican president dies

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Former President Jose Lopez Portillo, who governed Mexico through an oil-driven boom to a debt-induced bust, has died of complications from pneumonia. He was 83.

Lopez Portillo, who led the country from 1976 to 1982, died Tuesday at a Mexico City hospital, according to family members and medical officials. "He died at peace with himself, with his family, and with his conscience," his son, Jose Ramon Lopez Portillo, said.

Tall, balding, and blustery, Lopez Portillo often referred to himself as the last of the country's presidents who remained loyal to the "true ideals" of the bloody 1910-20 revolution, promising to bring prosperity for all, especially to the millions of Mexicans struggling on the edge of poverty.

He succeeded for a while. Sworn in while Mexico was wallowing in its worst economic recession since World War II, Lopez Portillo seized on an oil boom to bring the country unprecedented prosperity. But it was followed by such a

huge bust that the economy worse off than before. In his last state-of-the-nation address to Congress he wept, apologizing that he had not done much for Mexico's legions of poor.

By then, the bottom had fallen out

of the world crude-oil market, Mexico's principal source of income. As a result, the peso had to be sharply devalued three times, the country fell deeply into debt, and the economy became a shambles.

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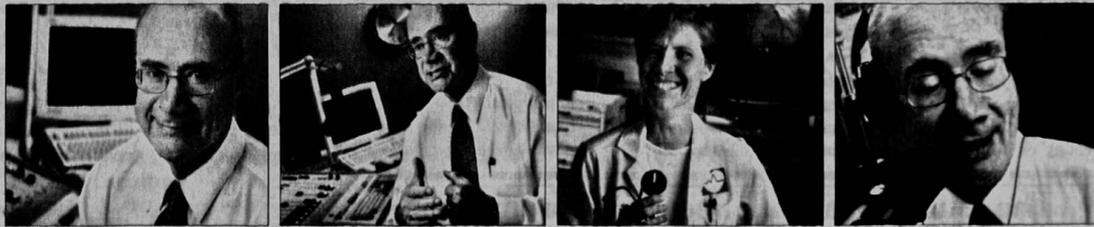
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NEWS

# Some UI students head off for Guard

## 168TH BATTALION

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UI graduate student Bill Donovan, also deployed with the 168th, signed up for the Iowa Guard after 9/11. The art student, a Massachusetts native, said he enlisted to connect with his country after the attacks and improve his self-discipline.

"We are going to a general Middle East area," he said. "Within reason, I am worried about my well-being, but I am

going with a good group of guys." Cannon's family, too, is sliding between concern and pride about the time their "Jordy" will spend overseas.

"I am afraid, but on the other hand, I support his decision," said his mother, Sue Cannon.

Cannon, like his two brothers, enlisted in the Iowa Guard when he was 18. His brother Jake is in Iraq now, expected home in April.

Cannon's father was in Vietnam, his grandfather was a colonel in World War II, but his family's military history dates

to his great-great-great-great-grandfather, who died fighting the English in the Revolutionary War.

UI freshman Lauren James said Cannon is more than her boyfriend — he is her best friend. They have dated for more than two years, and she plans to maintain the connection through e-mail while praying for his safe return.

"I believe God is watching over me, and it's all really in His hands," Cannon said.

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# Dean bows out of race with no wins in 17 states

## DEAN

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that includes contests in California, New York, Ohio, and Maryland.

Wednesday was a day many of Dean's staff and supporters said they once thought might never come. As recently as a month ago, Dean was the runaway favorite for the party nomination, and discussions of a running mate to fill out the ticket had begun.

He bowed out having won none of the 17 primaries and caucuses held so far; his only victory was in the District of Columbia primary in January, a beauty contest that yielded no delegates.

The announcement brought some closure to one of the most unconventional campaigns in American history, which saw the obscure former governor of a tiny state ride his early and consistent opposition to the war in Iraq to the covers of *Time* and *Newsweek*, endorsements from party heavyweights such as Al Gore, and the front of the Democratic pack.

Along the way he took advantage of an unprecedented Internet strategy to build a

network of more than 600,000 supporters and set records for fund raising by a Democrat, bringing in close to \$50 million, mostly from small donations.

But questions raised by rivals and the news media about his temperament and electability — two factors shown by exit polls to have given voters pause — brought him back down to earth. Soon Kerry and Edwards and other rivals began to adopt the most successful parts of Dean's message in their stump speeches.

"You have already written the platform for the Democratic Party for this election," Dean told supporters Tuesday night in Madison, Wis. after election returns showed he had finished a distant third.

As his losses mounted — beginning with a shocking third-place finish in Iowa on Jan. 19 and his now-famous screaming concession speech that followed it — aides said they began considering an appropriate exit strategy. Dean's standard stump speech was amended to include lines about his contribution to the race and the Democratic Party.

In early February, the campaign said in an e-mail message to supporters that Dean would bow out if he did not win

the primary in Wisconsin — where on Tuesday he finished a distant third. More than \$1 million was raised in response; days later Dean vowed to fight on regardless of the results in the Badger State, confounding his closest advisers.

In a matter of weeks, he had blown through most of his war chest and replaced heralded campaign manager Joe Trippi. His formidable union and congressional support began to soften, his campaign chairman talked of backing Kerry, and aides and party officials began to call on Dean to withdraw.

On Wednesday Dean — who was joined on stage by his wife Judith Steinberg Dean — said he would use his "enormous grass-roots network to continue our effort to transform the Democratic Party and to change our country."

Kerry and Edwards, both of whom have made overtures for Dean's support in recent days, released conciliatory and flattering statements Wednesday on Dean's role in the campaign. Democratic Party Chairman Terrence McAuliffe, who along with the two senators had become a frequent target of Dean's attacks on "Washington insiders," also offered kind words.

# Local officials skeptical on toughening PAULA

## PAULA

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proposal, persons ages 18 to 20 would face penalties for supplying alcohol to minors even if it is purchased with fake identification. Under current Iowa law, only those of legal age can be charged with providing alcohol to minors.

Though Iowa City City Councilor Connie Champion said she would like to see the state institute tougher penalties, she thought the bill was ridiculous.

"It's an extreme measure," she said. "It's not an offense that needs to be treated that intensely."

She expects that the bill will not be brought up at the next council meeting because she believes it will expire in legislative subcommittee.

"If it passes, expect people to leave town because next, we'll be going to jail for spitting on the ground," she said.

In Clayton's experience, most UI students are willing to risk the monetary consequences of underage-alcohol possession. Though the penalty increases for each subsequent citation, he said, it's not enough of a deterrent.

Since the City Council agreed in August 2003 to ban those under 19 from entering bars

after 10 p.m., underage drinking tickets have remained high. Iowa City police issued 107 citations in January — normally a slow period because of the semester break.

UI freshman Ann Weston, who was recently cited for PAULA, said she does not plan on drinking at the bars again. She thinks students generally have the idea that they'll never get caught.

"It's rolling the dice," she said. "Getting caught kind of made me think that it's not worth it."

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# UISG candidate backs off charges

## UISG

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blamed the sparse attendance on poor weather. Leftover food from the event was donated to the Crisis Center.

"We want people to understand that their money is being used in the best way possible," Green said.

Aldeman also took issue with past UISG executive trips to Washington, D.C., which totaled \$6,511.21 in February 2003, records show. Aldeman pegged the cost at \$8,000.

"The problem with that is [the trip] is taken at the end of the year," Aldeman said. "It seems more of a reward. They can't use their leadership skills for UISG purposes once their term is over."

He added that, under the Student Assembly Budgeting and Auditing Committee's guidelines, UISG will not fund plane tickets for other student groups.

"I don't think the president should get special privileges not afforded to the normal students," he said.

This year's UISG trip to Washington will cost less than \$4,000 because the trip was cut from eight days to three, Green said.

Also under fire was Green's January trip to Israel. He said — and records confirm — that UISG only paid for his flight to New York, including a one-night layover, which totaled \$725.51. Green sent proposal to Phillip Jones, the vice president for Student Services, and the UISG adviser, Assistant Provost

David Grady, while submitting expenses for approval.

"I hadn't gone on the leadership conferences before, and I thought it would help me on my duties as president," Green said.

Telephoned at his home on Wednesday, Grady said such trips are carefully scrutinized.

Aldeman, an elementary-education major, decided to run for office in response to news that the budgeting and auditing committee had doled out \$25,000 of student fees in violation of the UISG constitution. The committee had allocated funds with only two of its nine voting members present and failed to record meeting minutes.

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# Regents consider financial-aid changes

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Although the UI already complies, Cain and other UI officials remained neutral on the proposal Wednesday evening. Cain

noted that several other financial aid sources, such as private scholarships, are available to students based on academic achievement, merit, or ethnicity.

"As tuition increases, you want to raise money to help

those who are hurt by tuition raises," said Cain, emphasizing the UI's tradition of setting aside more tuition for financial aid than is typical.

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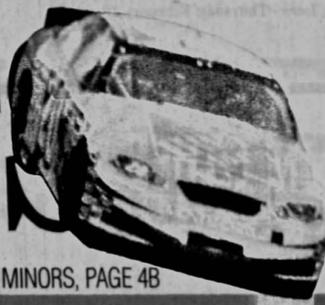
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IOWA 78, OHIO STATE 67

## Hawks back in the game

BY RUSTY MILLER  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Brody Boyd scored a career-high 25 points, and Iowa won its second game in a row for the first time in two months, beating Ohio State, 78-67, on Wednesday night.

Boyd, whose previous best was 23 points three years ago against Michigan, hit 8-12 shots from the field including 6-9 3-pointers for Iowa (14-9, 7-5 Big Ten).

The Hawkeyes hadn't won back-to-back games since they opened the season with six-consecutive wins.

Boyd continued his strong play against Ohio State (11-13, 3-8). In Iowa's 79-65 win over Ohio State in Iowa City on Jan. 24, he scored 19 points — all in the second half.

Pierre Pierce added 19 points, Jeff Horner had 12 points and seven assists, and Glen Worley chipped in with 12 points and 10 rebounds as the Hawkeyes kept alive their faint hope of grabbing an NCAA Tournament berth.

Velimir Radinovic and Tony Stockman each had 16 points, Terence Dials added 14, and Ivan Harris came off the bench for 11 for the Buckeyes, who lost their third in a row — all by double-digit margins.

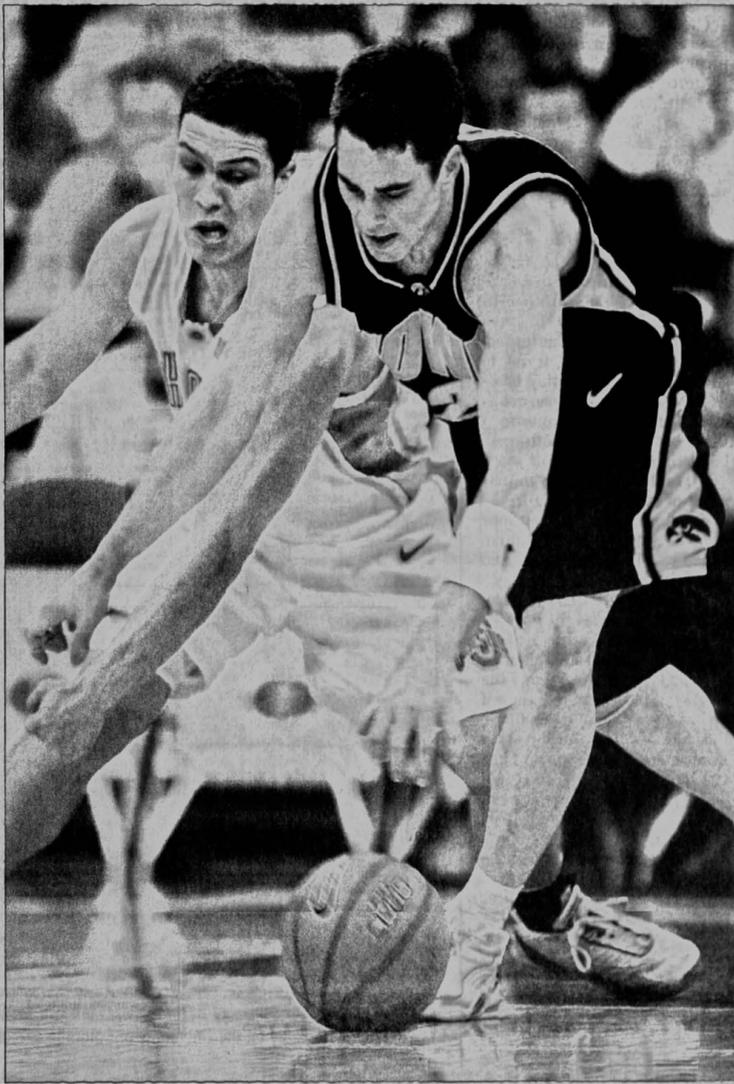
The Hawkeyes, who hit 56 percent of their shots from the field, have won eight of their last nine games in Columbus. They have games remaining at home against Illinois and Minnesota and close the season at Northwestern and Purdue.

Boyd's 3-pointer put the Hawkeyes ahead by 18 points in the early moments of the second half, but the lead sank to seven points at 58-51 on Harris' baseline jumper with 9:53 left. After the teams traded misses, Boyd popped in a 3-pointer from the top of the key at the 8:08 mark and the lead never fell below eight points again.

Iowa hit 9-15 3-point attempts to Ohio State's 5 of 20.

The Hawkeyes shot 62 percent in the opening half while taking a 44-36 lead. They led by as many as 10 points after hitting 9 of their first 11 shots from the field.

Ohio State has lost only 13 Big Ten games in its six seasons in Value City Arena, but Iowa is 4-1 in the building.



Jay LaPrete/Associated Press

Ohio State's Brandon Fuss-Cheatham, left, tries to steal the ball from Iowa's Jeff Horner during the first half on Wednesday in Columbus. Iowa beat the Buckeyes 78-67.



DONOVAN BURBA

## Drama absent in Hawks' victory

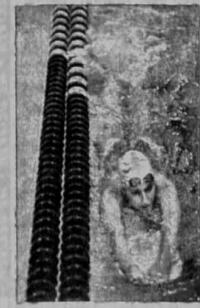
GIVEN THAT IOWA'S THREE games prior to Wednesday's came down to the final minutes, even seconds, one might get the impression that the Hawkeyes' finish is more important than their beginning or middle.

But Steve Alford has stressed all season long that each 40-minute contest is really a series of four-minute games and that games can just as easily be decided in the last four minutes of the first half as of the second.

On Feb. 11, Iowa went the last 4:09 of the first half without a point and had to make a late run at Wisconsin, falling short, 54-52. Four days later, the Hawks went through a 5:25 drought and sealed the game late.

Wednesday, though, provided the best evidence for Alford's argument. The Hawkeyes led Ohio State 35-32 at the critical four-minute mark before the break. After Ivan Harris hit a lay-up for the Buckeyes, Iowa could have gone into another swoon. Instead, led by a

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SWIMMING

### Skolaski demolishes school record

The Iowa women's swimming team is in three-way tie for fourth place at the Big Ten championships after recording school records in both the 200 medley relay and 800 freestyle relay Wednesday night.

Iowa's 200 medley relay team of Jennifer Skolaski, Emmy Haeger, Kelly Werner, and Katie Haeger finished in fifth place with a time of 1:42.94. The previous school mark was from 2002 with a time of 1:44.47.

The Hawkeye's 800 freestyle relay, consisting of Skolaski, Christie Hooper, Katelyn Eustis, and Joyce VanKeulen, also finished fifth with a time of 7:18.90. They beat the school record by over 3.5 seconds, which was 7:22.52 from 2001.

Skolaski demolished Iowa's school record in the 200 medley for the first leg of the relay. Her individual time was 1:49.07, and the previous record was 2:03.98. It counted towards the record because she swam the first leg.

Michigan leads after day one with 74 points, while Wisconsin (66), Penn State (64), and Iowa, Purdue, and Minnesota (all tied with 56 team points) are close behind.

"We're just thrilled," Hawkeye women's coach Garland O'Keeffe said. "That was beyond our expectations for either relay. It was a huge opening night for us. We're real excited about how fast we swam."

— by Jason Brummond

MLB

### Henry & Steinbrenner trade verbal shots

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — George Steinbrenner wasn't about to keep quiet when the Red Sox took a shot at his team.

So a few hours after Boston owner John Henry criticized the New York Yankees over their acquisition of Alex Rodriguez and called for a salary cap, Steinbrenner struck back Wednesday.

"We understand that John Henry must be embarrassed, frustrated, and disappointed by his failure in this transaction," Steinbrenner said in a statement. "It is time to get on with life and forget the sour grapes."

Spring training is just getting under way, and New York and Boston already are at each other's throats.

Both teams spent the off-season adding stars. The Red Sox nearly got A-Rod, too, but couldn't work out the financial aspects — the Yankees had no such money problems.

"There is really no other fair way to deal with a team that has gone so insanely far beyond the resources of all the other teams," Henry said in an e-mail to reporters.

Responded Steinbrenner: "Unlike the Yankees, he chose not to go the extra distance for his fans in Boston."

"It is understandable but wrong that he would try to deflect the accountability for his mistakes on to others and to a system for which he voted in favor," Steinbrenner said.

Commissioner Bud Selig got involved and quickly told the teams to stop the sniping.

"I've agreed and will abide by that request," Henry said. "The anticipation about the 2004 season is at an all-time high. So let's shift our sights to the field. Let the games begin."



JASON BRUMMOND

## Welcome back, Greg

THE BEATLES SPLIT IN 1970 and never reunited. The Boston Red Sox sold Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees following the 1919 season, and he went on to win four World Series titles in pinstripes. Both cases reek of questions — what could have been? And, why did it have to happen?

Chicago Cubs fans won't have to ask those questions anymore. They're about to find out.

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John Bazemore/Associated Press

Atlanta Braves starter Greg Maddux throws to a Baltimore Orioles batter on June 20, 2003. Maddux decided to sign with the Chicago Cubs.

## Maddux: 'Privilege' to play for Cubs again

The former Braves pitcher inks \$24 million deal with the team he left in 1992

BY NANCY ARMOUR  
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MESA, Ariz. — Bringing his career full circle, Greg Maddux is back home with Chicago Cubs.

Maddux signed a \$24 million, three-year deal Wednesday, returning to the team that gave him his start in the big leagues. His return delighted Cubs fans, his new teammates — and Maddux himself. "It's a privilege to have the chance to come back and play in Chicago," Maddux said at an evening news conference. "I spent nine great years here when I first started, and I never forgot that. I'm just glad this day has come again where I have chance to come back and finish where I started."

Maddux will make \$6 million this year and \$9 million each of the next two seasons. But the Cubs can void the final year of the deal — with no buyout — if Maddux doesn't pitch 400 innings over this season and next.

Maddux has failed to reach 200 innings just twice in his career. In 1987, his first

full season in the majors, and in 2002, when he pitched 199 innings.

"As great a story as it is, it's really about the fact that Greg Maddux can still win a lot of baseball games," Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said. "It's a feel-good story, but it's a story based on Greg making us a better ballclub."

Chicago already had one of the NL's best rotations in Kerry Wood, Mark Prior, Matt Clement, and Carlos Zambrano — a foursome that took the Cubs within five outs of the World Series a year ago. Add Maddux to that mix, and the Cubs' rotation has to be considered one of, if not the best in the game.

"The more the merrier," Wood said. "He would definitely help our ballclub, no question."

Maddux, who turns 38 in April, may not be the same pitcher he was in his youth, but he's still one of baseball's best. Despite a slow start, he was 16-11 with a 3.96 ERA last season.

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## Seniors on emotional ride to season end

BY ROSEANNA SMITH  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Jennie Lillis doesn't know yet if she'll cry after her last game at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 22 against top 25-ranked Penn State.

In fact, she admits she doesn't even really know if it's her last game that it'll be her last time out at home because the Hawkeyes play No. 11 Minnesota first tonight, and then go on the road for two more conference games before the Big Ten Tournament.

"If you're a football player, you know when your last game is,"

Lillis said. "If you're a basketball player, you have no clue. There's a lot left — it's going to be exciting, it's going to be fun, it's going to be emotional. That's the beauty of basketball, you never know when you're going to be done."

Teammates Kristi Faulkner and Becca McCann will join Lillis at center court following the Feb. 22 game to say a few words of thanks after their last game on the Iowa City hardwood.

Lillis recently became the first Iowa player to rank in the top 10 in the five major statistical categories: 1,680 points, 790 rebounds, 104 blocks, 178 steals, and 279 assists. She is the only player to score in double figures in every game this year, but her modesty is perhaps the only thing that exceeds her talent.

Faulkner will exit after a stellar career in which she transferred after her freshman year at Illinois. She sat out a year, per NCAA rules, and began working right away. She ranks

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Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan  
 Hawkeye forward Becca McCann helps Jennie Lillis up after a hard foul during the game against fifth-ranked Purdue on Feb. 10.

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**SPORTS**

# In NASCAR, minor-leaguers rub shoulders with big-timers

BY PAUL NEWBERRY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The first guy to take the checkered flag was Dale Earnhardt Jr. Not far behind were Gary Gordon, Kevin Harvick, and Matt Kenseth.

And this was supposed to be the minor leagues of stock car racing?

When it comes to NASCAR, the lines between the majors and the minors are definitely blurred. Nextel Cup stars such as Earnhardt regularly take a demotion to race against the up-and-comers and on-the-way-downers in the Busch Series.

And no one finds it all that unusual — even though it's akin to Alex Rodriguez, Barry Bonds, and Eric Gagne stopping by to play a few games in Triple-A every year.

"I like it because we can come down here and be real successful," said Earnhardt, who won the season-opening Busch race on Monday — less than 24 hours after winning the Daytona 500 on the same track. "It's just fun. Until they say we can't, I'll keep doing it."

NASCAR has no problem with its top drivers taking part in Busch races, knowing they bring in more fans and sponsors to the series that normally provides a warm-up to the big event every weekend. The stars even have their own name: Buschwackers.

The 34-race Busch season includes 26 events that are run in the same cities as the Nextel Cup races, usually the day before to bolster the weekend schedule.

(The Busch race at Daytona International Speedway wasn't completed until Monday because of rain.)

The other eight Busch races serve a different purpose for NASCAR, going to tracks — including Nashville, St. Louis, and Kentucky — that haven't landed a prized spot on the Nextel Cup schedule. Call it the consolation prize.

Gordon, who finished third in Monday's race at Daytona, said the Nextel Cup regulars add a little glamour to the developmental series. He's got a three-year deal to run 25 Busch races annually, in addition to his regular job.

"It's great for the sport," Gordon said. "If not for the Cup guys coming down, the Busch Series would struggle. They wouldn't have the sponsors they do now."

There are other benefits, as well. "We can teach the young kids what the next level is like," Gordon said. "A lot of the guys in our series came from the Busch Series."

What do the stars get out of it? For many, it's a chance to start building their own race team. Earnhardt, for example, co-owns a Busch operation with stepmother Teresa Earnhardt. Martin Truex is the team's full-time driver, but Junior plans to take part in at least two more Busch races this year.

Then there's Johnny Sauter and Kasey Kahne, rookies in Nextel Cup. They'll do double duty this season with a full slate of Busch races — a way to gain twice as much experience in a year's time.

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WONDERFUL Westwinds

SPORTS

# Win proves Iowa can finish strong in Big Ten tourney

**BURBA**

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Brody Boyd 3-pointer and two Greg Brunner buckets, the Hawks went on a 9-2 run to close out the half.

Iowa didn't let up coming out of the locker room, putting five more on the board before a Brunner goaltending violation got Ohio State back on the board. The Buckeyes never recovered, and Iowa walked away with a crucial 78-67 win.

The Hawkeyes' success before halftime can easily be attributed to Boyd and Pierre Pierce. The guards combined for Iowa's first 19 points of the game, picking up the slack for Jeff Horner, who was limited to five points and just one field goal before the break. Normally, Horner's success is a barometer for Iowa's, but for one night, the sophomore didn't have to carry his team.

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But while Boyd and Pierce put up big numbers, they must share credit for that 14-2 mid-game run with bench players Kurt Spurgeon and Erik Hansen. Both played nine first-half minutes, with Hansen blocking at least three shots, including a convincing rejection of Brandon Fuss-Cheatham as the clock ran out.

Although neither Spurgeon nor Hansen made much of a difference on offense, by playing big minutes early, they allowed several Hawkeye starters to take breathers on the bench,

leaving the starters fresh for the mid-game charge.

Ohio State may not be the Big Ten's toughest team, and a win over the Buckeyes may not impress, say, the NCAA Tournament selection committee. But Iowa proved two important points in Columbus. First, the Hawkeyes won despite an off night for Horner. Typically, when Horner struggled, so did the Hawks, and when he scored 20, they won. Tonight he finished with 12, not an overwhelming total, but his teammates had no trouble putting points on the board.

Second, Spurgeon or Hansen proved that should Alford need them to eat up minutes to give the starters a break, they'll do more than just take up space. Hansen isn't a scorer yet, but he is turning into a proficient shot-blocker in the paint. And Spurgeon is a fighter, diving for a loose ball Wednesday after grabbing four rebounds in five minutes and hitting two big free-throws against Michigan.

Iowa may need to win the Big Ten Tournament to earn a spot in the Big Dance, a feat that more than likely will require winning four games in four days. Horner can't score 80 points over four consecutive days, nor can all five starters each play 160 minutes over that same span.

Wednesday's win showed that Iowa can make a deep run in Indianapolis without either needing to happen.

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# New Cub not exactly new

**MADDUX**

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And it's not just Maddux's arm that can help the Cubs. He's one of the savviest pitchers in baseball, with an almost encyclopedic knowledge of hitters. Spend time around him, and that knowledge can't help but rub off.

"If you watch the guy, you're going to learn from him," said bench coach Dick Pole, who was Chicago's pitching coach in Maddux's first stint with the Cubs. "They're all bright kids. They're going to watch what he does, and I think they'll pick up stuff from him."

Bringing Maddux back also goes a long way toward soothing the angst of the Cubs faithful, who never forgave the team for letting him go in the first place. Maddux spent his first seven seasons in Chicago, going 95-75 and winning the first of his four straight Cy Youngs.

"He would've been a good real estate agent because he understands pitching is location, location, location," Pole said.

Maddux was 194-88 with a 2.63 ERA during his 11-year

stint in Atlanta, setting an NL record for most consecutive innings without a walk.

Maddux also helped make the Braves the dominant team in the NL. Atlanta won a division title every year he was there, as well as the 1995 World Series. The Cubs, meanwhile, wallowed in mediocrity — or worse. They've had only five winning seasons since he left, and didn't make the playoffs again until 1998.

But these Cubs aren't the lovable losers of old. Hendry bulked up the bullpen with LaTroy Hawkins and Kent Mercker, and he traded for Gold Glove first baseman Derrek Lee. He also bolstered the bench with Todd Walker and Todd Hollandsworth.

Hendry thought he was done tinkering with the team after he signed Todd Walker on Dec. 23. But a couple of days later, while on vacation in Louisiana, Hendry started wondering if there was a way to get Maddux.

"It was just a gut feeling. It seemed he'd be perfect with Woody and Prior. A perfect complement to the other four guys," Hendry said. "I just woke up one day and thought, 'Well, what the heck. Might as well try.'"

# Maddux 'could write a book on pitching'

**BRUMMOND**

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Greg Maddux has agreed to a two-year contract, with an option for a third season if he reaches performance goals in 2005, to come back to the team where his 18-year career began in 1986.

Although it wasn't anything remotely goat-esque, Maddux's free agency departure to the Atlanta Braves following the 1992 season led to one of the worst Cubs chapters in history. He took his game elsewhere after a money dispute and ended up becoming one of the greatest pitchers of his time.

The crafty veteran known predominantly for his astonishing control spent seven seasons in the Windy City, tallying a 95-75 record while earning his first Cy Young Award in 1992, when

he went 20-11 with a 2.18 ERA. With a career mark of 289-163, the right-hander is only 11 wins from joining the prestigious 300-win club. He is the only pitcher in Major League Baseball history to win at least 15 games in 16-straight seasons and will try for No. 17 this season.

It remains unclear what spot Maddux will land in the pitching rotation. It is likely that he will take on the No. 4 spot, which would drop Matt Clement down to the No. 5 hole — a vast improvement over 2003's Shawn "Who's going to hit a home run off me today?" Estes.

Maddux defends his position better than anyone in the business, winning 13 Gold Glove Awards during his career.

"The guy is a winner, and he knows how to pitch," Chicago manager Dusty Baker told the

*Chicago Tribune*. "He's a little older, much wiser, and we can use his knowledge and wisdom as well as his on-the-field presence."

Even though the 37-year old is past his prime, his addition could prove to be a determining factor for the Cubs in 2004. While Maddux may not be the great player he was with the Braves, it is possible that he'll improve the Cubs in other ways.

With Maddux in the rotation, the inconsistent Juan Cruz will likely move to the team's bullpen, where he has shown signs that he is capable of throwing harder and with more control than in the starter's role. With Cruz, the bullpen is much improved had he been forced to be a starter.

Maddux, a future Hall of Famer, has an exceptional awareness and understanding of the game that will benefit

Chicago's young pitching staff, too. Scott Boras, Maddux's agent, has said the four-time Cy Young Award winner could write a book on pitching, and it would be a best seller. Mark Prior and Kerry Wood may flourish under Maddux's tutelage, which would be scary for opposing hitters.

With only 45 days to Opening Day (not that I would actually count down to such a trivial event), general manager Jim Hendry has made the necessary acquisitions to prepare his team for another run at the Central Division title. However, I'm going into the season with only moderate expectations. History, even history as recent as five months ago, has taught me better than to be overly optimistic with the Cubs.

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# Iowa needs upset victory for NCAA bid

**WOMEN'S HOOPS**

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No. 14 on the career scoring list with 1,139, just nine behind Cara Consuegra. Faulkner also ranks second in career 3-pointers with 126.

McCann has registered a more quiet career in the record books, but her contribution is measured more off the court with teammates and helping with recruiting. She has a career-high 10 points and two blocks against Minnesota earlier in the year, and she averages around 12 minutes per game.

Iowa coach Lisa Bluder said the two games would be tough because of the upcoming farewells.

"Jennie, Becca, and Kristi have been here as long as I've been here. It's going to be unusual to see them play their last game on [Feb. 22]. Obviously, it's going to be an emotional game with that, so we're going to have to override that and be able to keep everybody's composure in check in order to win that game."

But the first order of business is against the Gophers, who previously bested the Hawkeyes on Jan. 12 at a sold-out Williams Arena.

However, the advantage for Iowa — besides the home court — will be in the form of a replacement for the Gophers' All-American guard Lindsey Whalen, who broke bones in her shooting wrist on Feb. 12 against Ohio State and will be out for four to six weeks.

Whalen had led her team in scoring, contributing 19.5 points per game, good for fourth on the conference scoring list. She scored a game-high 30 points — or almost half of the Gophers'

total — against Iowa in the 75-61 victory.

But even without Whalen, Faulkner said, her team is anticipating a fight.

"We have so much respect for them that we have to be ready to go and ready to work hard," she said.

Without Whalen, All-American forward Janel McCarville is the team's leading scorer with 15.0 points and rebounder with 12 boards. She led the Gophers on the blocks against Illinois on Sunday, where Minnesota rebounded from its loss to Ohio State with a 63-54 win.

"They had a big confidence boost by getting that win at Illinois," Bluder said. "They proved that they are more than just a Lindsey Whalen team. They have a lot to go to; they're not a

one-dimensional team. But would I rather play Minnesota without Lindsey Whalen? Absolutely. We want to take advantage of that if we can."

When Iowa last played Minnesota, the Hawkeyes kept the game closer than anyone predicted — cutting the lead to four before the half and coming within five points in the second half.

Bluder said the game was pivotal to the Hawkeyes' confidence in the rest of the season; since the loss, Iowa has put up a 7-2 record in the Big Ten.

"I think that at that point we really realized we could play with almost anybody in the conference," Bluder said.

For this week's matchup, she said she expected to see more of Minnesota's players on the floor and possibly more zone defense,

but she didn't know exactly what alterations the Gophers would make for today's game.

The Hawkeyes have two more games after this week — on Feb. 26 at Purdue and Feb. 29 at Illinois — and to be eligible for an NCAA at-large bid, they need either a winning record in the conference or the Big Ten Tournament championship and its automatic bid. Iowa is fourth in the Big Ten, tied with Minnesota at 8-4.

But with four games — three against top-25 opponents and the upper three in the conference — the stretch is vital for postseason success.

"I feel good at this point," Bluder said. "But obviously, we have a tough stretch, and we need to get an upset here."

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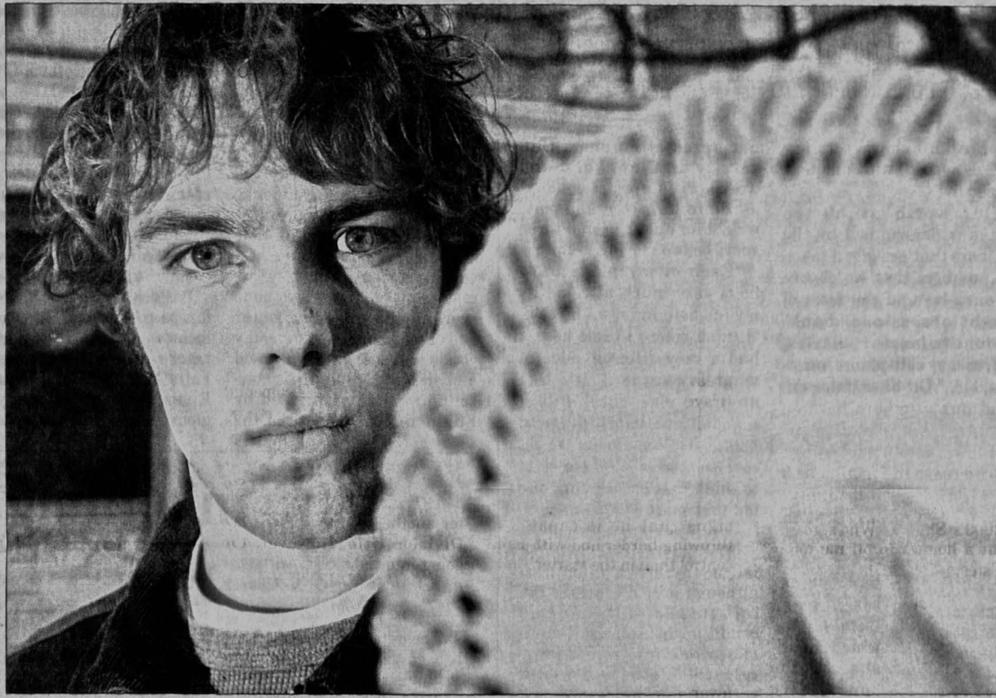
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## Illusions of grandeur



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Imagine a single memory of someone for whom you have a positive recollection. Say the name in your head. Say it again. Imagine your shock if someone guessed the name of the person you're thinking of — anything is possible for Nate Staniforth.

From swallowing sewing string and needles and making objects disappear to levitating and eventually setting aflame a paper rose to chaining himself up and jumping in the Iowa River, Nate makes the truly impossible look easy.

Magic is the last thing the UI junior thinks of before he sleeps and the first thing on his mind when he awakens.

The local magician is driven by his love for astonishing people, because, as he says, there is not enough amazement in the world. He shares his passion with others whether on the street with strangers, on the stage, or performing for school children.

His curly locks and big blue eyes are inviting, along with the deck of cards he constantly shuffles, creating a sense of curiosity.

### 'The sleight of hand is never just an illusion'

More than a mantra, this lyric is from "Change of View," a song written by the multi-talented Staniforth for inclusion in his performance for a DVD tentatively to be released in March. The DVD shows a collage of documentary clips from his shows, ranging from staged public performances to impromptu street tricks.

A poster of Staniforth's hero, Houdini, hangs on the wall of his room. He said the famous magician worked every day of his life, and the poster's presence reminds him to keep working.

"I don't think I've ever been anywhere with [Staniforth] without him working on some illusion, weaving a coin through his fingers, or playing with a deck of cards," said Megan Maher, who has known him since ninth grade. "Seriously, he carries a deck in his shirt pocket."

The constant practice is necessary to pull off his most impressive feat of wonder. His Iowa River escape required lots of cold-water practice in the dorm showers.

"You have to be ready for the shock," he said, "in order to get yourself out of the chains."

The 21-year-old from Ames was captivated

at age 8 by the *Lord of the Rings* (book) trilogy, specifically Gandalf the wizard. Young Nate wanted to cast spells, too.

One of his first tricks he taught himself was making a coin disappear. The reaction of those who saw him perform was what Staniforth describes as the incentive to keep him going.

In high school, Staniforth got quite use to the big stage by making people and motorcycles disappear in front of the eyes of his peers.

Maher was an assistant in *A Night of Magic*, one of two shows Nate performed at Ames High School annually.

"He had me as part of this really great illusion where he gets stuffed into a trunk by some guys — with Nate there was never just an illusion, but plot and theatrics as well. They raised the trunk up high while I was looking up at it from the ground, then they threw me around, and at the end, Nate appeared, and I was the one in the trunk," she said. "It still blows my mind."

He takes the ideas of those performers he admires and moves in his own direction.

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### 50 REASONS FOR ROMANCE

Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore are reunited in this romantic coupling of sick jokes and sentiment.



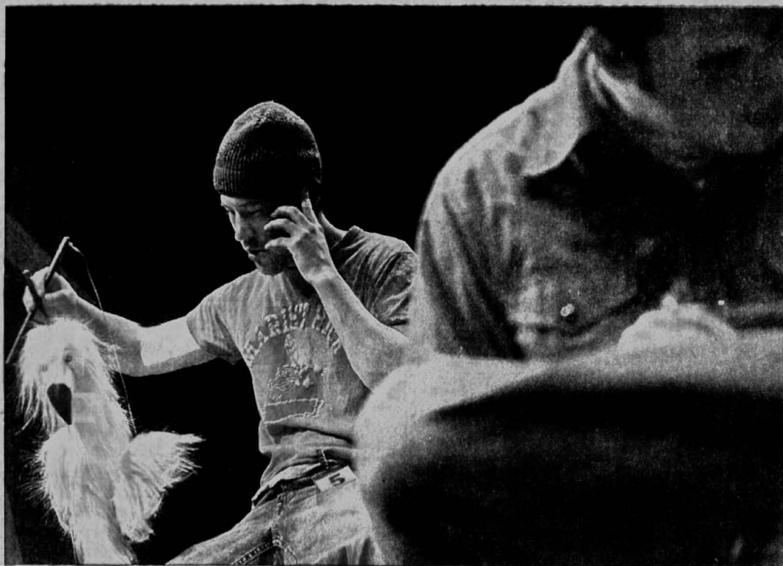
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### PLAY BY NUMBERS

This play by Peter Gil-Sheridan explores the consequences of a culture driven by mechanical systems.

"The main place where I draw my ideas is not from magicians but from rock bands, directors, books, and my own experiences, and then doing the impossible"

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Luke McDermott holds up a flamingo puppet Tuesday evening during a dress rehearsal for *Top-Ten*.

# Lives painted by numbers

PETER GIL-SHERIDAN, WHO HAS WRITTEN SIX FULL-LENGTH PLAYS, CRAFTS A COMEDIC DRAMA ABOUT 10 CHARACTERS FACED WITH THE CHALLENGE OF DEFYING PERSONAL AND EXTERNAL EXPECTATIONS IN ORDER TO FIND PEACE.

BY SARA CONRAD  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Peter Gil-Sheridan, a third year M.F.A. candidate in the Iowa Playwrights' Workshop, has never taken meth or the LSATs, but that doesn't mean he can't write about it.

His play, *Top-Ten*, co-directed by third year M.F.A. candidate Nancy Hoffman, is a comic drama involving 10 characters searching for individuality among America's mass network of numeric, mechanical systems. When they compromise their individuality for their society, they find themselves reeling down the wrong paths, including those laden with drugs and legalities. "Essentially, the characters are faced with the challenge of defying personal and external expectations of themselves in order to find peace," Gil-Sheridan said.

Mirroring American's technologically based society, the play might appear predictably modern. But he adds a twist in which one of the characters, the number Nine, connects each of the characters so that they are able to see one another.

Another surprise is that *Top-Ten* doesn't have a main char-

acter. All 10 characters are fully developed, with uniquely defined lives.

"Our worth as human beings is determined by the numbers that are given to us, the numbers that we choose for ourselves, in the form of weight obsessions, bank-account balances, salaries, addresses, cell-phone numbers, etc.," Gil-Sheridan said. "And our numbers become confining. We get lost in our schedules, in our technology, and we cease to function as a community ... each character in the play has her or his own number to which he or she is bound for much of the play. And ultimately, the character's numbers become meaningless when the shit hits the fan."

He has written six full-length plays, including one titled *Shot in the Light* that will appear in the Iowa New Play Festival in May. His play *Queen Bees* was presented in last year's festival.

Before writing and directing plays at the UI, Gil-Sheridan studied theater as an

undergrad at Fordham University in New York and worked "semi-professionally" as a director, actor, and playwright for an additional three years before moving to Iowa.

"Each of my plays have been very much affected by my life here in Iowa," he said. "I think before I came here, I had a very different idea of what Iowa was ... it's like anyplace else, chock full of scandal, and heartache, and habits, and happiness. We get real isolated in NYC and start to think that culture (and life for that matter) stops at the George Washington Bridge."

"The play makes me laugh more often than not, although it still captures the difficulties of the human condition in America," Hoffman wrote in a recent press release. "Peter is a writer with both an immense heart and an immense capacity for mischief. Consequently, we roll with laughter as we find ourselves both lampooned and loved in his plays."

*Top-Ten* will premiere today at 8 p.m. and will run through Saturday with an additional showing at 3 p.m. on Feb. 22 in Theatre B of the Theatre Building. Admission is \$5, \$3 for UI students. Tickets go on sale at the door one hour before the show.

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## THEATER

### Top-Ten

When: 8 p.m. today-Saturday, 3 p.m. on Feb. 22  
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## ARTS

### Sock it to 'em

TORONTO (AP) — Canadian politicians are denouncing "The Late Show with Conan O'Brien" because of a sketch in which a cigar-chomping sock puppet hurled insults at French Canadians.

The NBC show came to Toronto last week with the help of \$750,000 in Canadian taxpayers' money, a trip that Canadian promoters hoped would help rebuild the city's tourist industry

after a SARS outbreak last year.

In the pre-taped skit that aired Feb. 12, Triumph the Insult Comic Dog confronted visitors to Quebec City's Winter Carnival.

When one couple confirmed they were French Canadian separatists, the grouchy puppet said, "Listen closely. Hear that? It's the sound of no one giving a," followed by an expletive bleep.

"You're in North America, learn the

language," he hollered at another.

Mauril Belanger, the deputy government House leader, told the House of Commons on Feb. 13 that the government was not amused. He said Ottawa completely dissociated itself from the material.

But businessman Peter Soumalias, who helped bring the New York-based show to Toronto, said Canadians were taking the show too seriously.

# Music as a stately concept

BY DAN MALONEY  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Michigan, widely known for its rhythm and blues, the automobile industry, and such figureheads as Michael Moore and the White Stripes, has always teetered on the line between significant and forgettable. Indie songsmith Sufjan Stevens, however, finds nothing but meaning in the state.

His third studio album, *Greetings from Michigan, the Great Lakes State*, is a concept work that occasionally feels like a tribute to the state, but more often seems like a memorial. Stevens, who plans to make a concept record based on each of the 50 states, began with Michigan because it's where he was born and raised.

Each of the song titles and song concepts on *Greetings* reference a specific city or geographic region of Michigan, ranging from Flint to the Alanson River. On the first track, "Flint (For the Unemployed and Underpaid)," Stevens opens with a sad piano and hushed vocal line that embraces the plight of the common Michigan working person's misfortune. He gently breathes, "Since the 1st of June, lost my job, and lost my room."

The next track, "All Good Naysayers, Speak Up! Or Forever Hold Your Peace," as well as "Oh Detroit Lift Up Your Weary Head (Restore! Rebuild! Reconsider!)," are flip sides to the plaintive "Flint." The tracks are soaked with layers of time changes and dozens of orchestral instruments. On "Naysayers," a piano and vibraphone swirl around a winding guitar and organ line. Stevens' breathy vocals complement a banjo and a chorus of high-school-choir-sounding vocals provided by Elin and Megan Smith of the



## CD REVIEW

Sufjan Stevens

*Greetings from Michigan*

The ethereal "Taquamenon" chimes like raindrops on a windowpane. However, although the natural frequency continues on "Alanson," it fails to spark as much interest.

Stevens' folk-structured standout tracks are "Holland," "Romulus," and "Sleeping Bear, Sault Saint Marie." The mostly acoustic "Holland" and "Romulus," named after small Michigan towns, follow in the footsteps of Nick Drake and invoke the soft coos of indie-whisperer Iron and Wine. Both songs are so painfully depressing and somber that one must wonder what the suicide rates are in these rural towns.

Stevens intones such mournful words as "Fall in love to fall apart/Things will end before they start" on "Holland" and "Our grandpa died in a hospital gown/She didn't seem to care/She smoked in her room and colored her hair/I was ashamed of her" on "Romulus." "Sleeping Bear" ascends triumphantly like it's being sung from the steeple of a church. A banjo and melodic vocals surge majestically as if provided from a higher being.

What makes the album great is that it can be listened to from start to finish without the use of skip button. Perhaps more impressive is that Stevens recorded and performed basically all the sounds on the record except for some backing vocals and a couple of horn parts. Stevens being able to create a hybrid among pop, folk, rock, jazz, and electronic music ensures there is something on *Greetings* for everyone.

Maybe there is hope for Michigan after all.

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quirky Christian indie-pop group the Danielson Family. The structure of the song shifts effortlessly from part to part, providing a fluid temperament.

On the chaotically choreographed "Oh Detroit," piano, oboes, trumpets, bells, vibraphone, backing vocals, guitar, drums, and shaker percussion parts weave like the bustle of rush-hour traffic. The looping piano-based groove creates a new genre within the traditionally jubilant pop-song structure, sounding like something Chicago pop group Sea and Cake wasn't ambitious enough to create. Despite the busy production, it all works beautifully and becomes one of the smartest and catchiest pop songs I have heard. Somewhere, a sedated Brian Wilson is circling the state of Michigan on a map with a smile on his face.

Besides the melancholy and fast-paced numbers, Stevens also includes ambient instrumental tracks such as "Taquamenon Falls" and "Alanson, Crooked River." Both rely heavily on glockenspiel and vibraphone.

# I believe in a thing called rock

BY DAN MALONEY  
THE DAILY IOWAN

I've heard all the chatter. Is the UK band the Darkness for real? Is it supposed to be a joke? This is too outrageous to be serious.

The bottom line is: These questions are irrelevant, and they're just what the group wants you to think. Just because lead singer Justin Hawkins parades around like the ghost of Freddy Mercury in spandex jump suits, doing aerial kicks with a jagged, toothy grin, doesn't mean his band is a joke.

Though the Darkness seems like little more than glam-rock or hair metal copycats, below the surface is a rock band with a lot to offer. The group treads a fine line between genius and novelty, and to its credit, it works miraculously.

The Darkness' debut record, *Permission to Land*, was one of the most impressive releases of last year. Reaching No. 1 status in the UK, its success has spread to the United States like a pandemic, thanks to word of mouth and MTV. Simply speaking, these guys can play, and their songs are brilliantly arranged.

The Darkness' singles "I Believe in a Thing Called Love" and "Love is Only a Feeling" are



## CD REVIEW

the Darkness

*Permission to Land*

Mariah Carey, the result would send dogs racing in circles.

Besides the hit singles, there are some straight-ahead rockers, such as "Black Shuck" and "Get Your Hands Off My Woman." The two follow the AC/DC means to success — they're loud, guitar driven, and sexually explicit. Hawkins tends to use "fucking" and "motherfucker" more than a mimicking preschooler, but hey, this music isn't meant for law-abiding and morally concerned people. On "Black Shuck," a Marshall amp cranks like multilayered distorted guitars. A howling Hawkins, in fine flamboyant fashion, slurs his words as the rest of the band sings the gang-vocal shout of "black shuck." "Get Your Hands Off My Woman" doesn't unpack more than what the title implies. Hawkins howls over a jam-packed beat, "I've got no right to lay claim to her frame/But soiled my obsession/You cunt." Well, enough said there.

It would be silly to think that a band such as the Darkness is for everyone. But just because it has been pigeonholed a joke doesn't mean that, in the end, the joke's not on us.

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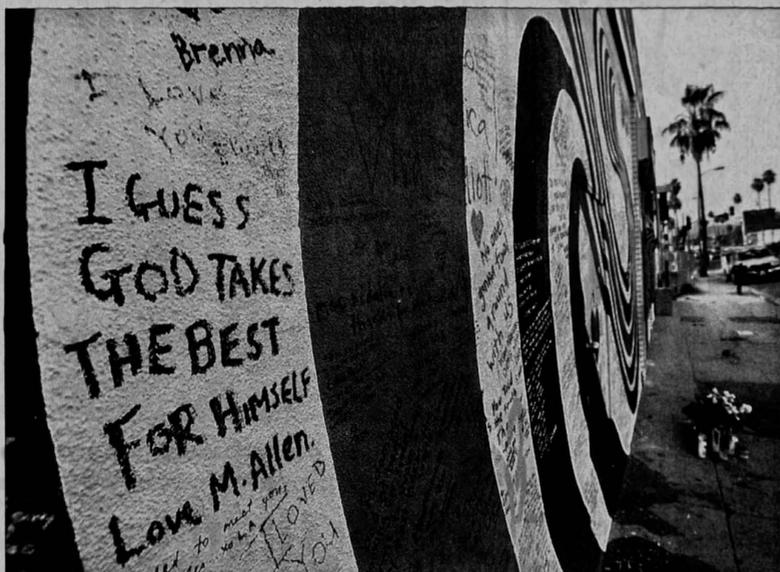
# 'I guess you weren't made for these times'

BY SCOTT TIMBERG  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

HOLLYWOOD — In a bohemian stretch of Sunset Boulevard that winds through Los Angeles' Silver Lake neighborhood, there's a stereo-repair shop with an exterior that seems, for some, oddly familiar: The coiling red and blue lines on its external wall served as the cover for an album by a battered troubadour named Elliott Smith, a Los Angeles musician who at the time of the record's release, in 2000, was one of pop's bright lights — someone who combined dark, sometimes self-lacerating lyrics with melody inspired by the British Invasion.

Signed to the DreamWorks label, with a rabid following among critics and musicians, Smith seemed poised to become a melancholic, low-key version of Beck. Fans — for whom an underground musician is often a secret passed from one to another — responded passionately to the delicacy and bedroom-scale quality of his music. It made them feel as though he was singing about their lives, too.

Since Oct. 22, the day after Smith's sudden death by knife wound to the chest in his apartment, the wall on Sunset has come alive with their remembrances of the musician, who moved to town in 1999 after years of wandering. Now, nearly every space on the wall is covered with a scrawled lyric, a fan wishing the singer well, offering condolence ("I guess you just weren't made for these times") or expressing frustration at his unexpected departure. Candles, melted over the lips of wine and beer bottles, broken wooden speakers, and arrangements of flowers sit on the



The coiling red and blue lines seen here were featured on the cover of Elliott Smith's album, *Figure 8*.

sidewalk, still tended each day by tattooed acolytes.

Interest in Smith has spread far beyond Silver Lake. Tribute concerts are taking place from Atlanta to Dublin; closer to home, a petition is circulating to turn part of Smith's Echo Park neighborhood into a memorial. Magazine stories keep coming, and a New York journalist is working on a biography. His family is making arrangements for a posthumous album. A cult musician in life, he seems, like English folkie Nick Drake, Joy Division singer Ian Curtis, and alt-country pioneer Gram Parsons, to provoke fascination in death as well as in life.

Smith's music, much of which was almost nakedly intimate, often concerned ambiguity and ambivalence. He called one record *Either/Or*, a title borrowed from Kierkegaard. At least one song, "The Biggest Lie," which concludes his self-titled 1995 album, is a masterpiece of obfuscation: He sings about a couple that experience joy and sorrow and then concludes, "I just told the biggest lie."

"He never lets you on to which part of the lyric he's lying about — that happiness or the sadness," Luke Wood, Smith's DreamWorks A&R rep, noted on a local radio appreciation. "And that's Elliott." (Wood and many close to Smith, including his family, declined to

discuss him for this story.)

The ambiguity of Smith's life has taken on an even deeper meaning with his death, originally judged to be a suicide but now under investigation by the Los Angeles police for possible foul play. The report by the LA County Department of the Coroner refuses to rule on his death because of circumstances "atypical of suicide" that "raise the possibility of homicide," in the words of the deputy medical examiner.

That, says Stephon Lew, the owner of Solutions repair shop who knew Smith as a customer and friend, leaves the 34-year-old musician's death "a constant mystery to his fans." Benjamin Nugent, a New

York-based freelancer who's working on a book tentatively titled *Elliott Smith and the Big Nothing*, said the Smith cult comes from "the depth of his songwriting, the timeless artistry and skill" as well as its sense of personal connection.

"His songs provided at least the illusion of great intimacy with the artist," Nugent says. "I think people make the mistake of thinking they afford more intimacy than they do. The real Elliott Smith is a lot more hidden."

The real Elliott Smith was shy and troubled but powerfully intelligent and, at times, enormously fun. With his jet-black hair, trademark wool cap, tattoos of the state of Texas and Ferdinand the Bull, he was a frequent sight at Silver Lake bars and clubs.

"He was extremely restrained; he didn't make the kind of brash, anthemic statements rock musicians are often given to," Nugent said. Danny Preston of the band Wiskey Biscuit, a neighbor who performed several of Smith's songs at a November tribute show, says he really got to know Smith while learning to play his music. "He has parts that fool you every time," keyboardist Preston says, describing weird chords, tricky bridges and deceptively simple patterns. At a festival in Long Beach two weeks after Smith's death, several musicians, including Iggy Pop and Modest Mouse, performed songs by Smith and there was a tribute by Sebadoh's Lou Barlow leading Smith's old band. "It's gonna stay with people a long time," Preston says of the impact of Smith's music. "It's gonna be timeless."

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**MAGIC**

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**'Illusion needs to be approached with honesty'**

With a long string of performances as a magician, Staniforth feels that copying is easy but taking one's own path is hard. He notes that when Jackson Pollack was introduced to the art world, "artists didn't just start splattering paint on canvases, but they continued to pursue art" in their own directions, as Staniforth does with his magic. Along came David Copperfield into the realm of magic, and "everyone got leather pants and a tiger," Staniforth said. "Magic needs to catch up."

"I think of something amazing, an idea, and never change the goal; I just figure out how to make it work," he said.

"Nate's magic is more amazing everyday illusion, because he works harder for it than anyone I've ever met," Maher said. "I think the mark of genius is that he first comes up with the illusion, then goes back to make it work. He takes the impossible, something you'd never expect, and finds a way for it to happen."

"He says, 'I want to make a motorcycle appear from thin air on stage,' then figures out how. I mean we were dealing with this huge beast of a machine and a high-school auditorium, but he made it happen."

UI senior Spencer Griffin has known Staniforth for two years and remembers seeing him perform for the first time in the Theatre Building. Griffin saw that Staniforth was the "hottest ticket

in town" and asked him if he would like to have a regular show at Public Space One. Now, every other Friday at 8 p.m., you can be mesmerized by Staniforth.

**'It's not just pulling rabbits out of a hat, it's more alive'**

"The main place where I draw my ideas is not from magicians but from rock bands, directors, books, and my own experiences, and then doing the impossible," Staniforth said.

He recalls four years ago when he was in high school and decided to play piano on stage between the sets of his magic shows. He says he wants to capture a sense of emotional response felt through music and reflect it in his magic.

This combination of music and magic can be seen in his DVD *Spellbinder*, in which Staniforth's talent on piano, drums, and guitar, followed by his heartwarming voice, leads you through his captivating lifestyle in the world of magic. His DVD will be out early March, with 45 minutes of magical footage and his original soundtrack, recorded in his basement.

**'You can see it, but it's off in the distance' (from "Change of View")**

"Nate's one of those people who says he's going to be famous, or he's going to change the world, and you don't even blink because you know he will," Maher said.

"His audiences consist of deeply rooted amazement not found anywhere else in Iowa City because there is a lot of entertainment for certain people, but Nate's shows are for everyone," Griffin said.

Staniforth is no stranger to many faces; MTV aired a demo

tape of his magic, and he's pursuing the possibility of an appearance on "The Tonight Show" sometime in the future.

"With Nate, he's not presentation-able. He's real. There's no separation between the art and the art form," Griffin said.

Staniforth will perform Thursday at Old Brick, 26 E. Market St. Performances will begin at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. There is no cover, although donations will be accepted. Staniforth will perform a trick he's been mastering for five years and previously performed only once at Public Space One.

Donations from the show are intended to raise awareness of Old Brick as a local venue as well as for the Catalpa Tour, which promotes theater tours from Iowa City to Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Los Angeles, and, eventually, Scotland.

"We want to show the state what Iowa City has to offer," said Griffin.

More than just magical skill, Staniforth's pursuit of his passion has given him the training to think on his feet in all aspects of life.

"In order to be excellent, you accept it as a huge part of your life and run with it," he said. "It's a dangerous field. Not all want to succeed the way I want to, and it's a long fall to the bottom."

Maher however, sees more to Staniforth's drive than personal success.

"It's more than just illusions to him, and in the end, it really doesn't have anything to do with a deck of cards. For Nate, it's the magic of the way people smile when they see the impossible. It's in people's eyes."

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# Everybody loves the same old



**FILM REVIEW**  
by Laura Jensen

**Welcome to Mooseport**  
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★★ out of ★★★★★

Apparently, everybody really does love Raymond — at least that is what the makers of *Welcome to Mooseport* are hoping. The play works well enough to create an amusing, if forgettable, comedy.

The film is largely an extended episode of Ray Romano's hit television series in which he plays Ray Barone. The character's name in *Mooseport* is Harold "Handy" Harrison, but he never strays far enough from the character of Barone to convince the audience that he's capable of anything else. His sassy love interest (Maura Tierney of TV's "ER"), fed up with his cluelessness, might as well be Patricia Heaton's Debra on "Everybody Loves Raymond."

Handy is the popular plumber in the small Maine town of Mooseport, where the former U.S. President Monroe Eagle Cole (Gene Hackman) moves after his wife takes his house in their divorce settlement. When Mooseport's long-time mayor dies, the town turns to its new political powerhouse to fill his shoes. Cole, who has become smitten with Sally (Tierney), Handy's girlfriend and the town's veterinarian, gladly accepts.

Unbeknownst to Cole, other town leaders have recruited Handy for the same position. Handy is prepared to bow out of the race until he sees Cole hitting, somewhat successfully, on Sally, who he is on the outs with because she's frustrated that he won't propose.

The rest of the movie revolves around the two men's ridiculous battle for a position



Production photo  
Ray Romano and Gene Hackman battle for the same girl and the title of Mooseport mayor in the forgettable comedy *Welcome to Mooseport*.

that neither truly wants and a woman who is clearly meant for only one of them. These high jinks include the appearance of Cole's ex-wife (Christine Baranski of TV's "Happy Family") and a round of golf during which Cole discovers that the perks of the presidency have given him grand illusions about the quality of his game.

Oscar-winner Marcia Gay Harden (*Pollock*), as Cole's aide Grace, seems largely out of place in this goofy comedy, and she gives a stiff, embarrassed performance. Hackman is great, but he is never challenged. The same goes for Romano, who has been playing the same character for the last eight years.

Despite its hokey premise the film produces several genuine laugh-out-loud moments. The movie pokes fun at small-town residents, and some of it rings hilariously true (a radio DJ announces that the call-in winner will receive an orthopedic tractor-seat cover), and some of which falls insultingly

flat (a naked man is allowed to run freely through the streets, accepted as just another eccentric inhabitant of Hicksville).

The story never quite jells, though, because the audience is not exactly sure why Handy remains in the race. It supposedly has something to do with Sally, but it is never clear where Handy gets the impression that his mayoral candidacy will have any effect on her. She wants him to marry her and commit to their future, which seemingly has nothing to do with running Mooseport or defeating the president. The ending also falls apart when it slips into sappy territory.

Luckily for director Donald Petrie (of recent romantic comedy cheese-fests *How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days* and *Miss Congeniality*), the decision to allow Romano to stick to the formula that has won him millions of fans works well. Although it is nothing new or exciting, Ray Barone is almost as funny on the big screen as on the small.

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Top: Drew Barrymore and Adam Sandler are reunited in the romantic comedy *50 First Dates*.  
Bottom: Rob Schneider plays Ula, an island version of Cheech and Chong who is purely comic relief.

# More than gross-out yucks



**FILM REVIEW**  
by David Fulco

**50 First Dates**

When: 12, 2:20, 4:40, 7, and 9:20 p.m.

Where: Cinema 6 and Coral Ridge 10

★★★ out of ★★★★★

It seems strange to say, but in *50 First Dates*, Adam Sandler is finally growing up.

Henry Roth (Sandler) is a marine biologist working with the animals at a Sea World-esque theme park in Hawaii. He has commitment issues and therefore only dates tourists, showing them a great time on the island and then breaking things off with them just before they fly away. His ambiguous dealings with these women are intentional, because he is planning a sailing excursion to Alaska in order to study the underwater behavior of walrus.

All this changes when Henry runs into Lucy Whitmore (Drew Barrymore) at a local Hawaiian diner. Lucy seems to be every-

thing that Henry has been looking for, except that, because of a terrible car accident, she has lost her short-term memory. It is explained by Dr. Dan Aykroyd that Lucy awakes every day and can only remember the events of her life before the accident — at night her memory is wiped clean, and she continues to live the same day over again.

Though there is a *Groundhog Day* feel to Lucy's life, she is surrounded by a supportive cast who go to great lengths to keep her life as normal as possible. Still, when Henry finds himself falling in love with her, he valiantly goes to great lengths to try to jog her memory and to bring her back to a normal life. He employs videotape, a dressed penguin, and even a feisty walrus to try to help her, but nothing works. Thus the question arises: What should Henry do if he knows that he is going to have to make the woman of his dreams fall in love with him every day of his life?

The appeal of Sandler's films is the coupling of gross-out humor and sentimentality; *50 First Dates* is no exception. Most of the juvenile humor comes via Rob Schneider, whose entire career has hinged on Sandler's charity. Schneider plays Ula, a local Hawaiian and a poor man's Cheech (or Chong). The part seems written to entertain the masses of Sandler fans who have come to expect a certain level of crudeness in his films. Schneider

is up to the task, but his shtick is beginning to run short.

The good news is that Sandler is distancing himself from the violence and the gags that brought him fame in such films as *Billy Madison* and *Happy Gilmore*. In *50 First Dates*, he is an observer of the outlandish and the foolish, which gives even the most critical detractor reason to hope that he may one day grow up. Sure, there are walrus penis jokes and projectile vomiting à la *The Exorcist*, but we are given a much tamer version of Sandler than we have ever seen before, and he comes off as a credible and charming romantic lead.

This is not to say that Sandler carries the movie on his own. Barrymore proves to be every bit as capable as he is at delivering comedy, and the spark between the two is remarkable. Both have an air of vulnerability and uncertainty that brings about a believable comic chemistry on screen. We are not in the midst of witnessing a pairing like Cary Grant and Katherine Hepburn, but Barrymore and Sandler work better than most screen couples.

Critics have always been asked by the viewing public to just take Sandler movies for what they are — comic escapes from the world. I am glad to say that *50 First Dates* can be taken as much more — a worthwhile romantic comedy.

Paid: \$5  
Worth: \$10 (you need a date for this one)

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# 80 HOURS ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### FILMS FOR FREE

**AMERICAN TABLEAUX FILM SERIES** WILL PRESENT THREE FILMS ON SUNDAY AT 2 P.M. THE SCREENINGS ARE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AMERICAN TABLEAUX ART EXHIBIT, ON LOAN FROM THE WALKER ART CENTER.

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**THE SUICIDE GIRLS BURLESQUE TOUR**, FEATURING SIX DIFFERENT DANCERS, WILL SHIMMY INTO GABE'S ON FEB. 22. DOORS OPEN AT 8, TICKETS ARE \$10.



### TODAY

#### Music

- **Court Hill Woodwind Quintet**, Museum of Art, 7:30 p.m., free
- **At Harlem's Height**, New York Festival of Song, Clapp Recital Hall, 8 p.m., \$12-\$30
- **Martian Water**, New Sense, Kelpie and Anchondo, Gabe's, 330 E. Washington, 9 p.m., \$4
- **DJ Mel Richard**, Green Room, 509 S. Gilbert, 9 p.m., \$3
- **Jazz Jam**, Sanctuary, 405 S. Gilbert, 9:30 p.m.
- **The Grommits and Wave Fly**, Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn, 10 p.m., \$4

#### Theater

- **Top-Ten**, by Peter Gil-Sheridan, Theatre B, Theatre Building, 8 p.m., \$3-\$5

#### Misc.

- **Spellbinder**, benefit show for Catalpa Tour, featuring Nate Staniforth and Gamut. Old Brick, 26 E. Market, 7:30 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY

#### Music

- **The Big Wu**, Euforquestra, Green Room, 9 p.m., \$10
- **Skunk River Bandits**, Coach Mahler and the Athletes, Yacht Club, 10 p.m., \$4
- **Killowatt & the Count**, Sanctuary, 9:30 p.m.
- **Andre Williams**, the Greasy Wheels, the Bent Scepters and Paul Cary (ex-Horrors), Gabe's, time TBA, \$8-\$10

#### Words

- **John D'Emilio**, nonfiction, Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque, 8 p.m., free

#### Theater

- **Top-Ten**, Theatre B, 8 p.m., \$3-\$5

### SATURDAY

#### Music

- **Target Family Concert Series: UI Percussion Ensemble**, Dan Moore, director, 3 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall, free
- **Destrophy and Leven (CD Release)**, with White Knuckle Trip, Gabe's, 6 p.m., \$5
- **University Symphony Band**, Hancher, 8 p.m., free

#### Theater

- **Benefit for family of Michael Kearney**, Green Room, 9 p.m., donations

#### Misc.

- **Indoor/Outdoor with Anton Hatwich**, Chicago jazz, Sanctuary, 9:30 p.m.
- **Scream n' Peas**, Brace for Blast, Yacht Club, 10 p.m., \$5

#### Theater

- **Top-Ten**, Theatre B, 8 p.m. \$3-\$5

### SUNDAY

#### Music

- **Honor band concert**, Hancher, 2:30 p.m., free
- **University Chamber Orchestra**, William LaRue Jones, conductor, Clapp, 3 p.m., free
- **Flying Bacchus**, Yacht Club, 8 p.m., free
- **The Suicide Girls Burlesque Tour**, Bloom, and Faultlines, Gabe's, 9 p.m., \$8-\$10

#### Theater

- **Top Ten**, Theatre B, 3 p.m., \$3-\$5

#### Misc.

- **American Tableaux film series**, *Scorpio Rising*, *Castro Street*, *Hold Me While I'm Naked*, Museum of Art Carver Gallery, 2 p.m., free



ARIANNA QUARTET

WEDNESDAY

### MONDAY

#### Music

- **Alan Huckleberry**, piano and harpsichord, Nicole Esposito, flute, and Anthony Arnone, cello, Clapp, 8 p.m., free
- **The Diplomats of Solid Sound**, Lotus, Green Room, 9 p.m., \$6

#### Words

- **Panel discussion**, "Artists as Witness: The Role of Artists in Oppressive Societies," Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio and Christopher Merrill, Voxman Music Building Harper Hall, 7:30 p.m., free
- **Kate Christensen**, fiction, Prairie Lights, 8 p.m., free

### TUESDAY

#### Music

- **Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio**, Clapp Recital Hall, 8 p.m., \$15-\$30
- **Urge Overkill**, Rockers the Los Vegas, and Orphan Auction, Yacht Club, 9 p.m., \$15-\$18
- **Arc of Covenant**, About Ouch, Gabe's, 9 p.m., \$4



NEW YORK FESTIVAL OF SONG

THURSDAY

- **Guest and Glitch**, Green Room, 9 p.m., free

#### Misc.

- **Stitch 'N' Bitch Iowa City**, knitting and crochet, Public Space One, 6 1/2 S. Dubuque, 4 p.m., free

### WEDNESDAY

#### Music

- **My Business Failed in 3 Weeks**, Coach Mahler and the Athletes, and Samuel Lockeward, Gabe's, 9 p.m., \$4

- **Arianna Quartet**, Clapp Recital Hall, 8 p.m., free

#### Words

- **Poetry Slam**, Green Room, 9 p.m., donation
- **Robert Hass and Jennifer Vanderbes**, poetry and fiction, Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium, 8 p.m., free

#### Theater

- **The Seven**, by Will Power, David Thayer Theatre, Theatre Building, 8 p.m., \$8-\$17

### BIJOU

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Iowa City, Iowa  
**Naqoyqatsi**  
(2002, US)  
Thurs-9:30pm, Fri-5:15pm, Sat-9:30pm,  
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Tue-9:30pm, Wed-9:30pm  
last screening 2/25/04

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(2003, Canada)  
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Sun-7:30pm, Mon-7:15pm,  
Tue-5:15pm, Wed-7:30pm  
last screening 2/25/04

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(1980, UK/US)  
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last screening 2/25/04

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Sunday, Feb. 22, 7pm  
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Fri-Sun 1:30, 3:15, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45

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**YOU GOT SERVED (PG-13)**  
12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

**BUTTERFLY EFFECT (R)**  
12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:45

**MYSTIC RIVER (R)**  
12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30

**ALONG CAME POLLY (PG-13)**  
12:15, 2:40, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

**MIRACLE (PG)**  
12:10, 3:20, 6:30, 9:40

**BARBER SHOP 2 (PG-13)**  
11:50, 2:10, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

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12:10, 3:20, 6:30, 9:40

**COLD MOUNTAIN (R)**  
12:30, 4:00, 7:30

**PERFECT SCORE (PG-13)**  
12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:20

**WIN A DATE WITH TAD HAMILTON (PG-13)**  
12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:20

**CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN (PG)**  
12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30

**LOTR: RETURN OF THE KINGS (PG-13)**  
Noon, 4:10, 8:00

**SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE (PG-13)**  
12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:40

**MOVIE LINE**  
337-7000  
category 4220

### ARTS

#### Fallen 'Angel'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The WB has done what no vampire slayer could: It killed "Angel," the do-gooder blood-sucker with a soul.

WB network executives said Tuesday they announced their cancellation decision earlier than usual to give series creator Joss Whedon, who spun off the supernatural comedy-thriller from "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," a chance to prepare for a grand finale.

"We did not want to contemplate this

being the last year of 'Angel' without giving the show's creators the option of crafting their own destiny for this character and for this series," said WB Co-Chairman Jordan Levin.

"Angel" has struggled in the ratings, but it maintains a loyal cult-fan base and has had strong reissue sales on DVD.

There may be hope for resurrection. Although nothing is completed yet, Whedon is talking with the network about possible "Angel" TV movies next year to tie up any loose ends in the story.

A lot depends on whether Whedon and 20th Century Fox Television, which produces the show, will succeed in shopping a sixth season of "Angel" to another network, such as TNT, which carries reruns of the show, or UPN, which previously picked up "Buffy" after it left the WB.

"Angel" stars David Boreanaz as an 18th-century monster living in Los Angeles in the present day as he tries to redeem his past evil deeds. The series is in its fifth season.

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# Rise and shine with The Daily Break

## calendar

- Board of Regents Meeting, 8:30 a.m., IMU Richey Ballroom.
- "Grant Writing," Nonprofit Management Academy, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., UI Credit Union, 825 Mormon Trek Blvd.
- Marrow Marathon Donor Registration Drive, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Medical Education and Biomedical Research Facility Atrium.
- Biochemistry Seminar, Kevin Rice, pharmacy, "Evolution of Biopolymeric Targeted Gene Delivery Carriers," 10:30 a.m., 2117 Medical Education and Biomedical Research Facility.
- Student Activities Fair, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., IMU Landmark Lobby.
- U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals panel, 1 p.m., Boyd Law Building Levitt Courtroom/Auditorium.
- Graduate Student Workshop, "Vascular Protection During Aging: The Role of Superoxide Dismutase," Kathryn Brown, 12:30 p.m., 2-501 Bowen Science Building.
- Special Astrophysics/Space Physics Seminar, "Relativistic Jets from Compact Objects in Our Galaxy," Philip Kaaret, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, 1:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen Hall.
- Mechanical Engineering Graduate Seminar: Thermal/Fluid, "Radiant Cooling Using the Atmosphere and Radon Gas Migration," A. Chebhi, Université de Luxembourg, 3:30 p.m., 3505 Seamans Center.
- Linguistics Colloquium Series, "Slavic perfective prefixes: What they are, what flavors they come in, and how they are acquired," Roumyana Stabakova, linguistics, 4 p.m., 207 English-Philosophy Building.
- Industrial Engineering Graduate Seminar, "Accident Frequency and Injury Severity Comparison between Factory Standard and Owner-Modified Sport Utility Vehicles," Gudmundur Ulfarsson, Washington University of St. Louis, 4:30 p.m., 3321 Seamans Center.
- Ida Cordella Beam Distinguished Lecture, "Trust in Transition," Margaret Levi, 5:30 p.m., Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium.
- Icelandic Film Series, *As in Heaven*, Kristín Jóhannesdóttir, director, 7 p.m., 101 Becker Communication Studies Building.
- "Women in Popular Culture," Women's Resource & Action Center, 7 p.m., WRAC.
- "Will the Courts Make Us Free? The Lawrence Decision and the Campaign for Same-Sex Marriage," John D'Emilio, University of Illinois-Chicago, 7:30 p.m., Van Allen Hall Lecture Room 2.
- Ida Beam Distinguished Visiting Professor Lecture, "The Human Conceptual System," Lawrence Barsalou, Emory University, 7:30 p.m., 101 Biology Building East.

### Little University

- What would you get if you ordered a pint of Istrobheli from a Zulu grocer?
- What screenplay did Cameron Crowe tap out after taping a photo of famed groupie Bebe Buell to the wall?
- What city voted to pay up to \$50,000 to city workers who surgically switch sexes in 2001?
- Who led the *Boston Globe* to rant: "No single person has done more to harm U.S. magazine journalism over the last two decades"?
- What Boston area college claims it launched the "world's first newspaper on the web" in 1993?

11. Strawberries  
10. Almost Famous  
9. San Francisco  
8. Tina Turner  
7. MIT

## Black History Month Facts

Ira Aldridge starred in *Othello* on April 10, 1833.

— provided by the Black Student Union

## happy birthday to ...

- Feb. 19 — P.J. Epperson, 22
- Feb. 19 — Dannielle Hutchinson, 19
- Feb. 19 — Dedraw Martle, 24
- Feb. 19 — Kristy Pease, 19
- Feb. 19 — Jessie Renoux, 22
- Feb. 19 — Sarah Ann Stumpf, 19
- Feb. 19 — Julie Thompson, 20

Wish your friends a happy birthday. E-mail their name, age, and date of birth three days in advance to [daily-iowan@uiowa.edu](mailto:daily-iowan@uiowa.edu).

## news you need to know

The UI Committee on Paper or Plastic tries to educate students on the importance of wise use of credit. As part of the program, free financial counseling is available to students who feel as though their debt, whether it be student loans or credit-card bills, is out of hand.

For more information, call Emily Cornish, an assistant director of marketing at the UI Alumni Association, 335-2214.

Visit the group's website at: <http://www.uiowa.edu/~vrrac/paperorplastic/>.

## horoscopes

Thursday, February 19, 2004 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** (March 21-April 19): You will feel good about yourself if you make a contribution to help an organization you believe in. Get involved in this group, and you will make new friends and possibly business partners.
- TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You'll have to be careful when discussing personal matters. The people you think you know the best may surprise you today. Don't hide your feelings.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): The unusual will draw your attention and lead to a chance meeting with someone who will help you do what you want to do. Travel for business or pleasure will lead to interesting conversations with strangers.
- CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Don't play the martyr or pay for things you aren't responsible for. Focus on what you need to do to make your life better.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): You and your partner can come up with a great idea that will be advantageous for both of you. Take care of the one you love. Don't neglect personal responsibilities.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The focus is on work and money today, so don't waste time on futile pursuits. Dig in, and do the best job possible.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A new personal look will pay off in the way others respond to you. Re-evaluate what it is you want for the future and what it will take to make it so.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You should be the one asking for favors and not the one always doing for everyone else. Sharing will play a very important role in how far you get today.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The chances are good that you will do well in the romance department, so make your plans to enjoy something special with the one you love. A belated Valentine gift might be the answer to the cold shoulder you've been receiving.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Money will have a wonderful idea regarding how you can make your investments grow or how you can turn your job around. Start your own business on the side, and discover how resourceful you can be.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may be on edge if you haven't taken care of all the odds and ends plaguing you. Someone is likely to make you feel insecure about yourself. Get your feelings out in the open.
- PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Times are changing, and you must prepare to do so as well. If something is no longer working for you, it's time to turn things around. Rid yourself of the things dragging you down.

## THE LEDGE

### HOW TO RUN A SUCCESSFUL UISG CAMPAIGN

By Jesse Ammerman

- There come times, you shall explain, when students must rally around a cause much greater than themselves. Which, in this case, is getting "UISG President" on your résumé instead of that lame internship you're applying for.
- When you promise to lower tuition, try not to wink and use the air quotes so much.
- A cute and clever campaign slogan is an important first step toward making a complete mockery of yourself and all that you've ever stood for.
- Don't be discouraged by criticism you might encounter along the way. Instead, boast loudly that you're taking this campaign to the IMU, to the Old Capitol, to Calvin Hall, to the Main Library, to Rienow, to Stater, to Daum! Yeeeah!!!
- Textbook costs are a growing concern among students. Pledge to lower these expenses by requiring that professors only assign the most recent issues of *Maxim* and *Cosmo*.
- For the time being, allow students to address you by first name instead of "Your Majesty."
- You'll need to appeal to a wide variety of interests, as all 27 potential voters are unlikely to think exactly alike.
- Sure, fliers aren't a bad thing to pass to students on the morning of the election. But ask yourself this: Do they impair judgment and lower inhibitions the way that free booze can?
- Keep in mind that slandering the opposition is only effective when voters actually know who's competing in the election.

## PATV

- 7 a.m. Democracy Now
- 10 Maktabi Piano Recital
- 11 The Geneva Lecture Series: John Calvin & the Problem of American History
- 12:30 p.m. 2003 Diabetes Awards Banquet & Health Fair
- 1:30 On Main St.
- 2 Glory 2 Glory
- 2:30 Give Me An Answer

- 3 Signal to Noise III
- 4 The Unity Center
- 5 Tabernacle Baptist Church
- 6 PPI Benefit Concert
- 7 Grace Community Church
- 8 Revival in Oxford
- 9 Sports Opinion
- 10 Power of Victory
- 11 Farmers & Barns

## UITV

- 6:30 p.m. Know the Score
- 8:30 Ueye
- 9 Live from Prairie Lights: Marcos McPeck Villatoro
- 10 Student Video Productions

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## DILBERT ®

by Scott Adams

WELCOME TO DOGBERT'S SCHOOL FOR WORTHLESS SYCOPHANTS.

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GOOD, GOOD... NOW GET READY TO SNAP IT FORWARD.

## NON SEQUITUR

BY WILEY

Y'KNOW, EVERY FOUR YEARS, THE BLACKOUTS REALLY COME IN HANDY

## Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

I'LL GIVE THEM ONE THING, MONEY—HALLIBURTON'S BEATING US ON THE GROUND!

OUR BOTTOM LINE HAS BEEN IN THE TOILET EVER SINCE TEAM CHENEY BLEW INTO TOWN!

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## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0108

- ACROSS**
- 1 European capital of 2 1/2 million
- 5 Part of N.A.A.C.P. Abbr.
- 9 Business school subj.
- 13 Mouth site?
- 15 Endangered goose
- 16 Prefix with magnetic
- 17 Love
- 18 Nursery offering
- 19 Certain rug worker
- 20 Like LP's
- 22 Latin 101 verb
- 23 Appropriate
- 26 Comic strip set in Cocoono County
- 28 Messes up
- 29 Article in Die Zeit
- 30 Around
- 33 Hosp. picture
- 34 Not worth debating
- 35 Birthplace of Hans Christian Andersen
- 36 Pioneer in vaccination
- 38 Rampaging
- 39 Watching
- 40 Copycat
- 41 Computer units: Abbr.
- 42 Commercial prefix with foam
- 43 Careered
- 44 U.S.S. \_\_\_ ship in 2000 news
- 45 1933 RKO hit
- 47 0 letters
- 48 Plant with pods
- 50 Doesn't ignore
- 52 Crawl (with)
- 53 "Beetle Bailey" dog
- 54 "Me, too"
- 58 San \_\_\_ Italy
- 59 Mouselike animal
- 60 Order beside a car door
- 61 About half of binary code
- 62 Milk dispensers
- 63 Certain race ... or a cryptic title to this puzzle

### DOWN

- 1 Spectra maker
- 2 Polit. designation
- 3 "Kanadu" rock group
- 4 Greeting card features
- 5 Frontal, to an anatomist
- 6 Reynaldo, to Polonius
- 7 Blessed act?
- 8 Not self-sufficient
- 9 Wagered
- 10 Classic comedy figure
- 11 "\_\_\_ bien!"
- 12 Reason for an R rating
- 14 Business card abbr.
- 21 Barely make
- 23 Presto and others

Puzzle by Michael Shewman

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

OCULTI HARP ADDS  
WATER AGHA NOOK  
LLANO VEER TONY  
CHANGESATTIRE  
BAN YACK  
MIATAS EDIT EST  
ANGER EXAM VETO  
TURNSONTHEVIPER  
TIES POOL AVERT  
ETA YELL BLARES  
TOON EAU  
ADJUSTSTEMIR  
AREA LATH DORIS  
SLAY OREO ADAGE  
POLS TOPS TENSE

- 24 Out-and-out
- 25 It opened its first store in Winston-Salem, N.C., in 1937
- 27 1950's-60's Hungarian premier János
- 31 In working order
- 32 Less wordy
- 34 Physics particle
- 35 Tense
- 37 "1000 Oceans" singer, 1999
- 38 Some women's shoe features
- 40 Peter or Paul, but not Mary
- 43 One way to the top?
- 44 Baby
- 46 Boxing need
- 48 Other: Sp.
- 49 Neato
- 51 Bother
- 55 Downed
- 56 Bit of time: Abbr.
- 57 Publicity

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If you need further assistance concerning the issues discussed in the previous pages or if you have questions concerning:

- sub-leasing
- discrimination
- defenses to an eviction
- the wording of the law
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Our web site is <http://www.uiowa.edu/~tla>.

We also have a link to the U of I Housing Clearinghouse's web page if you need assistance in finding a place to rent.

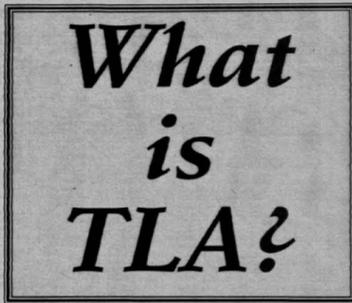
## LEASING...

### When Should I Sign a Lease???

February is the time of year landlords and rental agencies are looking for tenants. You may be receiving mailings from prospective renters, or your friends may be looking for roommates. Either way, you're probably caught up in the rental buzz.

Before you jump into something you are unsure of, know what you're getting in to. Keep in mind that if you don't sign a lease right now, it does not mean you will not find a place to live. Many of the larger rental agencies try to pressure students into signing a lease right away, and give the impression that if you don't sign now, you won't find a place to live. This is completely false!! In fact, many landlords are not even ready to begin signing leases until mid-March or April.

The Housing Clearinghouse (HCH) can provide you with a complete list of all available rentals in the Iowa City/Coralville area for next year. HCH is a free service to students located at the Campus Information Center in the IMU (335-3055).



### Tips on Leasing

- Check condition of dwelling before moving in. Ask about bug problems, noise, prior rent increases, building security, bus routes, and the quality of appliances and plumbing. Keep in mind that your landlord will be reluctant to convey any negative information about the rental unit, so it may be helpful to contact Housing Inspection Services to inquire if the property has had previous housing code violations. If at all possible also try contacting former tenants.
- Make sure the price range fits your budget (including hidden costs like utilities, parking, and living expenses).
- Determine the amount of the security deposit. This can be up to two months worth of rent.
- Read the lease thoroughly and make sure all items are understood. Pay close attention to rules regarding subletting, paying rent, upkeep, repairs, utilities, pets, lease dates, guest rules, maximum occupancy, and parking.
- Negotiate with the landlord any special terms desired. Make sure any amendments, special terms or oral agreements are written out and signed by all parties.

- Get an inspection checklist from the landlord or TLA, to fill out upon moving in. This documents the original condition of the rental unit, which reduces the possibility of unnecessary deductions from the deposit. Have all parties on the lease go over the checklist together and keep signed and dated copies. Give the original copy to your landlord.

- Take pictures of any questionable conditions (i.e. - cracked fixtures, peeling linoleum).

### Hidden Costs

As a tenant, it is important to remember that rent and deposit are not your only

expenses. Your lease should outline which utilities for which you will be responsible. Some utilities require a deposit before service will begin. If you want an estimate of the average utility costs for a particular address, you can contact the utility company. Here is a partial list of costs that the tenant should consider when budgeting for the rental unit:

- Rent
- Damage Deposit—maximum of two months rent
- Heating—electric or gas
- Water, sewage, and garbage—deposit and regular bills
- Electricity
- Telephone—initial hook-up, and monthly service
- Internet
- Cable
- Parking/garage fee
- Transportation costs
- Late rent fees—up to \$40/month
- Sublease fees
- Additional roommate fees
- Cleaning costs
- Rental Insurance

### Rental Agreements

The rental agreement is the backbone of your understanding with your landlord. Oral agreements constitute a month-

to-month lease and require one month's notice to end the agreement.

will be forced to pay. If you do send it back, another hearing will then be set up to determine if you must pay or not.

STEP 4: You must show up at your eviction hearing at the time and date specified on the Forcible Entry and Detainer Notice. If you do not, the landlord wins and you are evicted. If the landlord does not show up, he/she automatically loses. If both parties are in attendance, the judge will listen to both parties and then make a decision. If the judge rules in favor of the landlord and you are evicted, an Order of Removal will be issued to you and the landlord will receive a Writ of Removal. The Order of Removal will contain the date you have to vacate the property. If you are not out by the date and time stated, then the Sheriff's office will remove you. You may only be given one day to move out; the date is at the judge's discretion.

If you are being evicted, contact the TLA office for further information. We also have a list of legal defenses to evictions and can refer you to legal professionals.

### Housing Clearinghouse

The Housing Clearinghouse (HCH) is a free service of the University of Iowa Campus Information Center. The service assists students, staff, faculty, and the general public in locating available housing in the Iowa City/Coralville area. The HCH maintains up-to-date vacancy listings of rooms, apartments, houses, and mobile homes available for rent. A roommate matching service is offered to students interested in sharing housing.

### Current vacancies are listed by type of unit as follows:

- Efficiencies/One Bedrooms
- Two Bedrooms
- Three Bedrooms/Houses/Mobile Homes
- Rooming Houses
- Roommates Wanted

People Seeking Housing: Come to the Campus Information Center to begin your housing search. Ask to see the listings for the type of housing you are seeking.

### In addition to a knowledgeable staff, the Campus Information Center provides:

- Campus, city and transit maps
- Local newspapers
- Courtesy telephones
- Many useful handouts for new residents
- A comprehensive apartment directory (also available at: [www.imuis.uiowa.edu/cic](http://www.imuis.uiowa.edu/cic))

General housing information packets are mailed outside the Iowa City area on request for those wishing to start their housing search before arriving in Iowa City. Current vacancies are not mailed or provided over the telephone due to high volume and turnover.

for subleasing. This would be outlined in your lease.

It is important to remember that when you sublease, your original lease are not terminated.

## Harassment

Entry in an "unreasonable manner" or repeated demands for entry may constitute harassment. A landlord who uses unreasonable or unlawful entry to harass a tenant may be

People Offering Housing: Call or come to the Campus Information Center to complete a housing vacancy form. Your vacancy will remain listed for two weeks and can be renewed.

The Housing Clearinghouse is a service of Campus Information Center (319)335-3055, Terrace Lobby - Iowa Memorial Union, 8am - 8pm Monday through Friday 10am, 8pm Saturday, Noon - 4pm Sunday. Hours reduced during interim and summer session

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-Katie Zimmer, TLA Coordinator

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Your landlord may only enter the premises at "reasonable times." Also, you, the tenant, cannot unreasonably refuse to allow your landlord onto the premises to make necessary repairs or inspections.

If you are experiencing problems with abuse of access or wish to receive a sample letter to send to a landlord who enters unlawfully, contact the TLA office.

**TERMINATING A LEASE...****Terminating a Rental Agreement**

Many times tenants and/or landlords may want to terminate the lease because it is not satisfactory to either one of the parties. There are several reasons to terminate a lease. Terminating a lease is a very drastic measure with legal consequences, and you are advised to contact the TLA before making any decision about ending the lease. The following is a partial list of possible circumstances.

- Mutual agreement between the tenants and landlord
- Tenant non-compliance (i.e. failure to pay rent, destruction of property) keep in mind that if you are evicted, the landlord can sue for the remaining portion of the rent outlined by the lease
- Landlord non-compliance (i.e. housing code violations, abuse of access)
- Severe fire or causality

In addition to the above reasons for terminating a lease, periodic tenancy (i.e. week-to-week or month-to-month) may be terminated as follows:

- Month-to-month tenancy may be terminated by a written notice given at least 30 days before the desired ending date.
- Week-to-week tenancy may be terminated by a written notice given at least 10 days before the desired ending date

Terminating a lease is not a simple process, nor is it very common. Be sure to contact the TLA for the correct procedures, so you do not face possible legal infractions. Quite often, we can help remedy your problem without having to terminate the lease.

**Subleasing**

If you need to move out of your home before the end of your lease, or if you need to move out for several months in the middle of your lease, you might consider subleasing your apartment.

Subleasing is renting your place to another person for a period of time within your lease. Your right to sublease is governed by your lease. Get your landlord's written permission before your sublease. Sometimes a landlord will charge a fee

for subleasing. This would be outlined in your lease.

It is important to remember that when you sublease, your obligations under your original lease are not terminated. If the person to whom you sublease fails to pay the rent, or damages the unit, your landlord may hold you liable. If you do not plan to return to the rental unit, you might consider signing a sublease agreement with the person you are renting to, which is available at the TLA office. Furthermore, the approval of the landlord is required, as well as the approval by any current roommates.

There are several ways to find somebody to sublease your apartment: fill out a sublease form with the Housing Clearinghouse located at the Campus Information Center in the IMU; place notices on local bulletin boards; or place and ad in local newspapers.

**Evictions**

If you are being evicted read over this material then seek further legal advice by calling the TLA office for a referral. An eviction is a legal process and usually requires legal assistance.

**Reasons for Eviction:**

- Failure to pay rent (not paying rent at all or being late on a payment)
- The tenant has violated a provision of the lease
- The tenant does not vacate the property after the lease ends

STEP 1: The first notice you will receive is either a notice of non-payment of rent (if the reason for the eviction is the tenant has failed to pay rent) or a notice to quit (if the reason for the eviction is a violation of a provision of the lease). This is not a formal court order and it does not mean you must move out in three days, even though the wording of these notices often gives that impression. The wording means that the landlord intends to terminate the rental agreement if the rent is not paid within three days (in the situation of failure to pay rent). Once you receive one of these two notices, you should seek further legal assistance immediately or give us a call!

STEP 2: After three days, the landlord will then start the legal proceedings for the eviction process. The landlord will go to the Clerk of Court, in the county you live in, and acquire a Forcible Entry and Detainer Notice. A sheriff or county official will deliver this notice to you at your place of residence. This notice will include the reason for the eviction, the date of the scheduled eviction hearing, and the signature of the landlord or the attorney of the landlord. The hearing usually takes place within seven days of the time the landlord filed for the notice.

STEP 3: Included with the Forcible Entry and Detainer Notice may be another notice which would inform you that the landlord is suing you for the rent that was not paid or for damages. You have twenty days to fill out the notice and send it back. If you do not send it back, the landlord wins and you

to-month lease and require one month's notice to end the agreement.

**Things that Can be Included in a Rental Agreement:**

- Amount of rent to be paid
- When, where, and to whom the rent is to be paid
- Term length of rental agreement
- Number of tenants and their names
- Who is responsible for paying utilities (tenant or landlord)
- Requirement that tenant must tell landlord if tenant will be away from rental property for an extended period of time

**Things that Cannot be Included in a Rental Agreement:**

- Agreement to give up right or protection under landlord-tenant law
- Agreement to pay other person's attorney fees
- Agreement in advance to forgive the other party for any responsibility for damages that may occur to the property
- Agreement to confess judgement (lose automatically) if a legal dispute arises

It's important to remember to read your lease carefully before you sign it. This is a legal agreement, and you will be held responsible for what you sign. If you have any questions about your rental agreement, call the TLA office at 335-3878 or 335-3264. You can even bring a copy of your lease to our office and we would be happy to look it over with you before you sign.

**DURING TENANCY...****Moving In**

To make sure moving day goes smoothly, there are a few procedures you should follow. First, you must make sure that the former tenant is completely moved out. It is a good idea to go to the Housing Inspection Services web site and use the address of the rental property to view the listings of the violations of that property. You can find the violations at <http://www.iowa-city.org> and scroll to New On-Line Services and click on Check Permit and Case Status and then input your landlord's name or the property address to view the history of all the violations of your landlord or of the property.

**Proper Moving in Procedures:**

Go through the rental unit with an inspection checklist. This is a list of items in the rental unit that you should check in the company of either your landlord or a witness who doesn't live in the rental unit. Completing this checklist can help you make sure you get your rental deposit back when you move out. If you need a sample inspection checklist, call the TLA office and we can mail one to you (335-3878 or 335-3264).

Make sure you have a copy of the signed lease at the time you sign. If you do not, you may find it difficult to obtain a copy later. The lease must include:

- Name and address of the owner of the rental property
- Name and address of the property manager (if applicable)
- The specifications for payment of utilities

**CAUTION! Do Not Sign an Incomplete Lease! Signing an incomplete lease could become a problem in the future.**

Get a receipt from the landlord when you deliver your deposit (receipt should have date and amount).

You may need to contact the phone, water, and utility companies a few days before moving in to assure that these services will be ready when you are.

**What if the rental unit is not ready on the agreed moving in date?**

After you have made a rental agreement with a landlord to rent a place to live, you have a right to expect that your new home will be completely ready to move into at the agreed time. This means that the landlord must take responsibility for making sure that no one else is still living in the house or apartment you plan to rent. It also means that the landlord must have the unit in proper condition when it's time for you to move in. No rent is due if a landlord does not make the unit fully available to you in the proper condition at the time agreed until the unit is ready. You may also end the agreement if the property is not in livable condition within five days. If a tenant finds himself or herself in this position, contact the TLA office for further information (335-3878 or 335-3264).

**Rental Deposits**

The landlord usually collects a rental deposit, also called a security deposit, when a house or apartment is rented. The landlord cannot ask for any more than the dollar amount equivalent to two months rent for a deposit. But don't forget! You usually have to pay one month's rent in advance plus the deposit to move in. The law states that the landlord must keep your deposit in a federally insured account that is completely separate from the landlord's personal money. The account can earn interest. However, the landlord can keep the interest for the first five years. If you stay in that rental unit for more than five years, the interest earned on your deposit is yours!

The law also states that the landlord can keep any portion of the rental deposit for any one of these three reasons:

- To compensate for any unpaid rent.
- To repair any damage to the rental property that was caused by the tenant.
- To pay for the costs of removing a tenant remaining in the house or apartment after given proper notices to leave.

Getting your deposit back after you move out can be a complicated task if you don't follow these steps:

1. Follow the proper moving in procedures specified in the Moving In section.
2. Tell the landlord about damages (in writing if possible) that occur while you are renting. The damages should be explained because the tenant is responsible only if the damage was the tenant's fault.
3. Give proper notice if you want to move out early or when you know the time you will be vacating the apartment on move out day.

4. Give the landlord your new mailing address on or before moving out day and keep a copy with the date on it for your records. If you do not give your former landlord your new address within one year, you lose the right to get any of the deposit back.

Set up a meeting with the landlord on the day you move out. Go over the inspection checklist you made when you moved in (see the section "Moving In"). Assess the damages you are responsible for. Try to get your deposit back at this meeting. Remember, the tenant is **NOT** responsible for normal wear and tear caused while inhabiting the unit.

If you don't agree with the landlord's reasons for keeping your deposit, discuss it with your landlord. You can take your landlord to small claims court if an agreement cannot be reached. Contact the TLA office for further information.

After you have moved out and left a mailing address, in around 30 days you should expect either the return of your deposit or a written explanation of why some or all of the deposit is being withheld. If you have not heard a response by this time you should contact your landlord. If still no progress is made, legal action should be considered.

**Communication**

Every tenant-landlord arrangement should be treated as if it may be discussed in court someday. In order to protect yourself, you should keep signed and dated copies of all documents, and put all communications or changes in writing. On the other hand, it is most important to maintain a friendly tenant-landlord relationship; so do your best to get to know your landlord. Remember landlords are people too, and they will generally be more receptive to your needs as a tenant if you treat them with respect.

**Roommate Issues**

When and if you decide to live with roommates, it is important that everyone correctly understands the terms of the rental agreement. The Tenant/Landlord Association provides information on tenant's rights as well as your rights as a roommate.

Roommates have the following responsibilities:

- To pay the landlord their portion of the rental deposit
- To pay their portion of the monthly rent and utilities on time
- To conduct herself/himself in a manner which does not threaten other roommates
- To conform to all other obligations or rules listed on the rental agreement

All roommates whose names appear on the rental agreement are equally responsible for making sure monthly rent is paid.

**Joint and Several Liability:**

The joint and several liability clause is very common in multiple party rental situations. Most landlords in the Iowa City area use this type of agreement. This means that if a roommate moves out, the remaining tenants may be responsible for the total amount of rent. In some cases, your landlord may be willing to hold each separate tenant responsible for his or her own rent. It never hurts to ask!!!

If a roommate moves out before the end of the rental agreement:

All roommates are responsible for paying the total monthly rent, including the rent of the person who just moved out. If rent is not paid in full, the landlord can sue all roommates for the amount owed. If this happens, call the TLA office and we can discuss your options

The individual who moves out is responsible for paying their portion of the rent, or finding a sublet that is approved by the remaining roommates and perhaps the landlord as well

**Roommate Agreement:**

To help stop these problems before they appear, we have developed a roommate agreement which all roommates can sign at the time of the lease signing, designating financial responsibilities equally. If a problem should arise in the future among roommates, this agreement can serve as legal documentation of responsibilities. It also helps settle any questions about moving out before the rental agreement is complete, and issues of subleasing. Overall this agreement is very helpful for roommates because it defines everyone's responsibilities as roommates, and helps solve problems before they arise. For a copy of this agreement contact the TLA office.

**Maintaining the Rental Unit**

Eventually, during your stay in your rental unit, it will need repairs. Whose responsibility is it to fix your rental unit? This section will discuss the solutions to that question and provide some actions that you should take.

Your landlord has the responsibility to do the following:

- Keep the rental unit up to city, state, and federal housing code standards
- Making whatever repairs are necessary to keep the unit in liveable conditions
- Provide a container for garbage collection
- Provide a necessary "essential services" (these services include hot and cold running water and heat but NOT air conditioning)
- Keep any common areas clean and safe
- Keep appliances in safe working order

**The tenant has the duty to perform all of the following tasks:**

- Keep the rental unit in a safe and healthy condition (as required by the housing codes)
- Properly dispose of all garbage
- Keep plumbing fixtures clean
- Use appliances and facilities in an appropriate manner
- Restrain from carelessly damaging the rental unit or allowing someone else do so
- Refrain from interrupting other tenant's quiet enjoyment of the property.

If you want to make some changes in your rental unit, such as re-carpeting or re-painting, be sure to write a written notice to the landlord and get some written understanding from your landlord.

Are there exceptions? Yes. In the case of a disabled tenant, the landlord cannot refuse a tenant's request to make changes (at the tenant's expense) that are necessary for the tenant to fully enjoy the unit.

Essential Services include: Heat and running water In Iowa City, air conditioning is not considered an essential service.

What does a tenant do when a landlord fails to provide an "essential service?"

First, the tenant must provide the landlord written notice stating what the problem is and the course of action the tenant plans to take in order to remedy the situation. The TLA office has a sample of this notice.

The tenant then may choose one of three options to deal with the problem:

Go elsewhere to obtain the lacking essential service and then deduct the cost from your next month's rent. Staying in a reasonably priced hotel or with a friend are possible places you can go to obtain the lacking service.

Sue your landlord in small claims court for damages incurred. This is called "Reduction of the Fair Rent Value." Contact the TLA office for more information.

Sue your landlord for the rent you paid for the period of time the essential service was lacking.

When a landlord fails to provide the "non-essential" service or fails to repair a problem that has been reported to him/her: A tenant may perform a procedure called repair and deduct. In this case a tenant can fix the problem (if it is in fact the landlord's responsibility to fix it and hasn't) and then deduct the cost of the repair from the next months rent. The tenant must follow these steps in order:

Write a letter to your landlord, stating what the problem is, and inform the landlord that if the problem is not fixed within the next seven days, you intend to take the necessary steps

to fix the problem and deduct the cost from your next month's rent. The landlord must receive this letter at least seven days prior to the due day of the rent that you will be deducting the repair costs (the TLA office has a sample of this notice.

Have the problem fixed by a professional. Be careful not to exceed the cost of one month's rent. Keep track of all costs, save and make copies of all the receipts, and see that the repairs are sufficient. Deduct the costs from your rent. When paying the next month's rent, include a notice of the deductions and copies of all receipts (the TLA office has a sample of this notice.

There are two last options for a tenant if the landlord fails to perform some important duty under the rental agreement or doesn't perform any of the duties affecting health and safety. For further information on these options, contact the TLA office.

You must make your course of action known in any situation discussed in this section to the landlord. We recommend using our sample letters and sending them through registered mail or hand deliver them in the presence of a witness. Remember to contact the TLA office for more specific information concerning you situation and for copies of the sample letters (335-3878 or 335-3264).

**Abuse of Access**

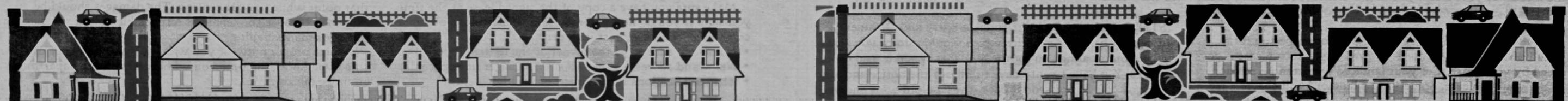
Although your landlord owns the property where you live, he/she is limited to when he/she can enter the premises. Generally, the landlord must give 24 hours notice to enter, unless there is an emergency or the tenant has abandoned the property.

Possible Reasons for Landlord to Enter Premises (24 hours notice required):

- Inspections
- Agreed to or necessary repairs
- Alterations or improvements
- Agreed or necessary services
- Show the property to prospective tenants, buyers, workers, or contractors

Possible Reasons for Landlord to Enter Premises (no notice required):

- Emergency, such as fire or broken pipes
- Tenant has abandoned or surrendered property
- Tenant is away from rental property for more than 14 days (landlord may enter property whenever "reasonably necessary.")



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