Study: Lenient laws produce binge drinking

BY SAMANTHA HART

The Daily Iowan

Iowa City drinkers are no longer the state’s heaviest drinking laws for their lifestyle as they wobble down the Prohibitionist’s Mary path toward home — or the nearest local venue — without a care.

A study published in the March 2005 issue of the American Journal of Public Health found a connection between a state’s alcohol statutes and its citizens’ rate of binge drinking. The study’s authors defined binge drinking as five or more drinks in a row for men and four in a row for women during a 24-hour period.

Regulation laws, stricter blood-alcohol limits for driving, and restrictions on happy hours, open containers, and beer sold in pictures

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college students from binge drinking, the study found.

“Our alcohol laws are really liberal," said Con

Cub Stamp, an Iowa City councilman. "I think [alcohol] is much more available the way the Iowa City campus is geographically set up."

The state has no legal registration laws, although a bill had been introduced in the Iowa House. Iowa follows the national standard of a 0.08 intoxication level, but has no restrictions on happy hours or bars sold in pictures, and Lynn Wulff, the executive director of the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division.

But even with stricter laws, many said binge drinking would always occur, at least for some alcohol enthusiasts.

“Drink hard, drink fast, drink heavy,” said Mike Porter, the owner of the Summit and One-Eyed Jakes, on the drinking habits of UI students.

STATE REGENTS

Lawmaker wants regent elections

BY SEUNG MIN KIM

The Daily Iowan

Members of the state Board of Regents could be popularly elected under a House bill introduced Tuesday, a proposal that few critics from one region, who deemed the practice in other state institutions, are avid.

“It pretty much seems like every time there is a political situation, people want another chance of perfection,” said a party official. “But if you're not going to change things, just stay where they are and let people be able to vote for the people that they want.”

The bill, sponsored by Rep. George Eichhorn, R-Stratford, would change the method by which the regents of the state universities, are selected.

“If people want to change it, they should go ahead and change it,” said Eichhorn. “If they don’t want to change it, why would they want to change it? It’s just a vote for the people.”

That decline is due in part to an increase in the number of minors and in part to recent media attention to the consequences of drug use, particularly for teenagers.

In the last two decades, more than 50 percent of the United States in the only country in the world that continues to give official sanction to the juvenile death penalty.

“From a moral standpoint, I think the team who will be missed, friends and family said on Tuesday.

“Andy was such an energetic person, someone who was with Capital City jail who would be missed,” said a party official. “He didn’t just leave a legacy in Capital City, he left a legacy in the world.”

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URUGUAY WELCOMES LEFTIST

The South American nation joined on the continent — left-of-center leaders.

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Skorton defends Pierce handling

'We are always trying to put a positive spin on things and keep supporters enthusiastic high.'

— David Skorton, UI president

BY TARA FLOODHART

The Daily Iowan

During a brown-bag lunch with UI students in the Old Capitol on Wednesday, President David Skorton defended the handling of the Pierce Pearce case and updated the crowd on the university's efforts "to build a blue-ribbon Blue-Sky Blue Shield."

When asked about the Pearce affair, he agreed that the twist in events was "an issue that the university added but did the administration was trying to improve the image.

"We are always trying to put a positive spin on things and keep supporters enthusiastic high."

"But you won't locate an office or have a brown-bag lunch with professor Mellecker is one of approximately 200 who work at the Local Clinics office in Iowa City."

"It's still an applicable area for people interested in community health,

"If a particular area was ever common interest over time."

"My goal is that the university focuses on this issue as much as it does on the research funding and before the contract expires at the end of the year."
Two dozen child soldiers in Afghanistan

We welcome you to the Iowa City Public Library's spring exhibit "Artists for Change," which opens Thursday and will run through May 15. The exhibit features the work of artists and organizations from around the world who are working to end the use of child soldiers and child labor.

Do you have...

**ASTHMA CAUSED BY EXERCISE?**

Volunteers ages 18 to 65 with exercise-induced asthma are invited to participate in an investigative drug research study. Participants will be compensated for their time and travel. For more information, please call 319-555-5553 (toll free).

**Lawmakers debate pseudoephedrine plan**

We need your help to ensure that the pseudoephedrine plan is overturned. Our legislators are considering a bill that would allow for the sale of pseudoephedrine in retail stores. Please join us in opposing this harmful legislation.

**TEXTILES**

*WORCS*

by Anne Kyrö Quinn

**FASHIONS**

by Jennifer Green/The Daily Iowan

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U.S. blames terrorists in Syria for Israel blast

BY JENNIFER LOVEND AND GEORGE STANWICK

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration on Tuesday ruled the Hezbollah militant group responsible for a weekend explosion in southern Israel that killed five people. The ruling called for stepping up the political pressure on Syria to end its support for militant groups like Hezbollah.

The State Department said that Hezbollah fighters had planted the bomb near the border town of Sderot, which had been a focus of American diplomatic efforts aimed at persuading Syria to stop supporting groups that attack civilians in Israel.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said the United States would use the increased international pressure on Syria as a model for how countries should work to end the spread of terrorism and dismantle terrorist networks.

The ruling followed a series of meetings between Secretary of State Colin Powell, Defense Secretary Robert Gates, and President George W. Bush.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said the United States and Israel were right to rule that Hezbollah was responsible for the weekend attack.

In Washington, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said, "We do have firm evidence that the bombing in Tel Aviv is not only authorized by the Syrian government, but that the Syrian regime is directly controlling and directing the Hezbollah group in Tel Aviv to carry out this attack." The Bush administration has previously ruled that Hezbollah is responsible for a series of bombings in Israel in 1996 and 1997.

The Iranian government denied any involvement in the attack. It said that Hezbollah was not involved in the attack.

The United States has long been seeking to increase economic sanctions against Syria since the 1970s, when it was accused of backing the PLO. The Bush administration has stepped up its efforts to isolate Syria since the 2003 invasion of Iraq, when it accused Syria of having a nuclear weapon program.

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A Red Cross volunteer describes being 
back near the front in Rwanda. "When I was 
behind a wall of smoke and fire, I was working 
with children who were 
without mothers, without fathers."

AIDS, Russia, and Venezuela 
recently in the news. Aren't you 
interested in the issue?
Thousands protest Israel blast

BY CASIM ABDUL-ZAHRA

HILLAH, Iraq — Thousands of Iraqis assembled outside the provincial council building in this southern city Wednesday morning to protest what demonstrators called a "savage" airstrike Monday night that killed at least 125 people.

"This is not a war," said 28-year-old Adnan Mohammed, who traveled from the city of Hillah to attend the demonstration. "We can solve problems in other ways. It must stop." Demonstrators held signs condemning the violence and the rule of President Saddam Hussein.

The demonstration in this town of 400,000 south of the Iraqi capital comes as many Iraqis are questioning their support for a U.S.-led coalition that ousted Hussein two years ago. The demonstration was the largest such protest in Iraq since the Shi'ite-led government declared its rule in Baghdad last year.

"It's a massacre," said 30-year-old Hamid Ali, who brought his 7-year-old son to the demonstration. "They are killing our children. We have no freedom.

Lebanese opposition pushes anti-Syria stance

BY SCOTT WILSON

MOUKHTARA, Lebanon — The Lebanese opposition, emboldened by a Shiite suicide bombing in Iraq last week, is pressing for a renewed push against Syrian influence in Lebanon.

The attack on a market in the town of Hillah, southeast of Baghdad, killed at least 125 people. It was one of the most brutal attacks in Iraq in recent months. The attack was attributed to a group calling itself the "Salafi Jund al-Sham," which has been linked to al-Qaida.

"This attack shows that the struggle against the terrorist threat is not over," said Nabil Kanso, a member of the Lebanese opposition's National Coalition. "We need to stand united against all forms of terrorism.

The attack came just one day after a deadly suicide bombing in Kirkuk, killing at least 120 people. The attack was claimed by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, which has been linked to al-Qaida.

The Lebanese opposition, which includes a wide range of political groups, has been pushing for a new government to replace the one installed by Syrian President Bashar Assad in 2011.

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Long, quirky juggling act

by Will Scheibel

A Very Long Engagement

March 2; 8:30 p.m.

Center 1

This film offers its audience a world of amusing and surprising vignettes. From a peasant girl to an adventurer, the film explores the human experience with humor and insight.

The story follows a young woman from rural France as she embarks on a journey to find her missing fiancé. Along the way, she encounters a variety of characters and situations, from a group of circus performers to a private detective.

Jeunet's previous work, like Amélie, is known for its whimsical and surreal nature. This film continues this trend, offering viewers a unique and engaging experience.

The film's powerful soundtrack, filled with original music, enhances the overall atmosphere, making it an enjoyable cinematic experience. The dialogue is witty and intelligent, adding depth to the characters and their interactions.

Overall, A Very Long Engagement is a delightful and thought-provoking film that offers both entertainment and inspiration. Don't miss this opportunity to witness a world filled with surprises and endless possibilities.
NCAA berth still possible

With two more regular-season wins and a few at the Big Ten Championships the Hawks can boost to NCAA's

BY NICK RICHARDS

With two games remaining in the regular season, the Iowa State basketball team knows what it needs to do: win both games. Iowa State's conference record is now 6-7, and with one game left against Nebraska, the Hawkeyes know they need to win both to have a chance at a Big Ten championship. The Hawkeyes' current record is 20-10, and while they have a chance at a No. 1 seed, they will need to win both games to have any chance of making it to the NCAA tournament. 

UI SWIMMING

Long to head men's and women's swimming

UI swimmer Long has been named the head coach of both the men's and women's swimming and diving programs, Athletics Director Drue Tranquill said.

"He served as the interim coach for both programs this past season. "I'm extremely excited about the opportunity that's been given to me," the 38-year-old said. "I look forward to leading the team and building our program back to a place of prominence in the Big Ten and the NCAA."

The Hawkeyes have struggled in recent years, but Long is confident that his team can improve. "We have some young talent coming into the program, and I think we can make some noise in the Big Ten this year."

UI MEN'S BASKETBALL

IOWA STATE

BDU's NCAA situation looking desperate

AAMS (AP) — Jared Homan, who once headed the Iowa State recruits' program, said that Iowa State's NCAA situation looks desperate.

"The Cyclones are in a tough spot," Homan said. "This is the second time in three years that they've been in this situation."

Homan, who was an assistant coach at Iowa State from 2010 to 2012, said that the Cyclones need to get their act together if they want to have any chance of making it to the NCAA tournament. "They need to get their coaching staff in order, and they need to start recruiting better players," Homan said.

BY RYAN LONG

Hawkies Adam Hankula holds the ball just outside the noise of Illinois toward Warren Carter on Feb. 19. The Hawks must win their next two games to keep their NCAA hopes alive.

Malempani looks for No. 1 spot in Big Ten

BY BRYAN RAMONTE

A little over a year ago, the Iowa Hawkeyes' season was over, 54-53, by Drake, making the 13-1 Big Ten regular season team finish with a 17-15 overall record.

At the time, Chau Moua, the No. 1 seed for the Hawkeyes, had been playing with a broken leg. Moua had surgery and was out for the season, but the team had high hopes for the future.

Malempani, who took over as the head coach of the Hawkeyes this season, said he is confident that his team can make it to the NCAA tournament.

"I think we have a chance," Malempani said. "We've got some experience, and I think we can make some noise in the Big Ten this year."

Experts: Bryant settlement makes sense

BY JON SARCHIE

The Bryant settlement has been lauded as a fair and reasonable resolution to the issue.

"It's a good deal," said Bruce Sarchie, attorney for Bryant. "It's a good deal for the accusers and for the university."

Attorneys for Bryant did not return calls, and Bryant's attorneys declined to comment on the report.

Bryant was granted a stay in the case, and the university is planning to appeal the settlement. SARCHIE, JON PAGE 38

UI FOOTBALL

NCAA FOOTBALL

GOING FOR WIN # 3

The women's basketball team takes on Michigan for the third time this season looking for the third win at the Big Ten Championships.

BY BRYAN LONG

Rounding up another one against the same team, not a tough task.

However, the Iowa women's basketball team is used to dealing with pressure, which helps to soften the blow for the Hawkeyes when they take on the court against Michigan (5-2, 1-1) in the first round of the Big Ten Tournament in Chicago on Thursday at 7 p.m.

"Every tournament that we've been in now is on our backs against the wall," said Iowa women's basketball coach Lisa Bluder. "I think that our team has had great experience in that in the last three games," said Iowa coach Lisa Bluder.

The Hawkeyes (13-9, 8-4) took on Michigan on Wednesday, 27, 11-11, and lost the Wolverines, 79-76, on Feb. 23. Even though Michigan sports the weekend record in conference play, Bluder does not want her team looking past this game and focusing on a possible win.

MEN'S BASKETBALL PAGE 38

IOWA (5-7, 1-7) VS. OHIO STATE (7-7, 1-8) TONIGHT, AT CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA, IOWA CITY, 7:05 P.M. CST, BIG Ten
It's a year for second-line free agents

By DAVID GOLDBERG

Denver Broncos have signed with Dallas and Miami. It's part of the reason why the BF Law has drawn interest from several teams. The Brian Desrosiers, especially former Tampa Bay and Detroit, are hot commodities on the free agency market.

As the signing period draws to a close, the players' contracts for 1994 have been released by the NFL. It's a good sign for the future of the league: The free agency period has been the best in years, and the league expects to see even more players signed in the future.

The reason: Most teams now recognize that it's better to have more free agents. Why? Because you can keep your team on the field.
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horoscopes

Wednesday, March 3, 2005

BY EUGENIA LEE

APRIL 21 (TUES) -- Do n't get angry -- get moving. You have to act yourself what you want, and give it a shot. Getting upset with someone who tries to sabotage you is just losing time for everyone.

TAURUS (May 21-Jun. 21) -- It's all about what you get back later for what you put in now. You can be creative and you can rise to new heights.

GEMINI (Jun. 22-Jul. 22) -- Nothing should stand in your way when it comes to getting what you want out of life. You may be feeling fragile, but don't doubt everything you do. Someone is looking to pull you down.

CANCER (Jul. 23-Aug. 22) -- Put yourself first, and don't forget about what's going on around you at an emotional level.

LEO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Getting upset with someone who tries to sabotage you is just losing time for everyone.

VIRGO (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Your communication skills are at an all-time high, so use them to your advantage.

LIBRA (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) -- You can be a hero to someone you love.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- You can't go wrong as long as it involves a contract, a legal or financial matter, or a decision that requires moderation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- You may be feeling fragile, but don't doubt everything you do. Someone is looking to pull you down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- You've got yourself in a position where you can rise to new heights.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Your mind should be on what to do with the money you're making.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Use your charm to get what you want.

BIRTHDAY: You can be a hero to someone you love.

happy birthday to ...

Saturday, March 5, 2005

FRIDAY -- Degree applications due for May graduates, 4:30 p.m.

MARCH 7 -- Late-degree applications for fall are due.

MARCH 11 -- Residence hall closing, 4:30 p.m., dinner

MARCH 12 -- Beginning of spring break, 4:30 p.m.

MARCH 21 -- Residence hall closing, thursday restorant, breakfast

MARCH 23 -- Reapiration of classes, 7:30 a.m.

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HOW TO FIGHT OFF MILE FEVER

—by Nick Nargi

"The snowman is about to melt and I really need until she's prepared."

"Hunt till just before, and fight the "snowmel".

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"Keep your ad, and going to sell "snowmel"."

"Dont move "Omarosa" in your will plan and

"Put it into "snowmel"."

STUDY ROAD

BY SARA C.

When Laura Spoke soda about what she will need to do if she won't be thing promised to "oxygen," she

"The don't and going to sell "snowmel"."

"Keep your ad, while that means.

"Put it into "snowmel"."

"Dont move "Omarosa" in your will plan and

"Put it into "snowmel"."

"Be sure to do the best things you can because

"The don't and going to sell "snowmel"."

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