Regents not sold on
mandatory health plan

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

BY SEUNG MIN KIM

VIANTON - The state Board of Regents on Wednesday questioned the need for a proposed requirement that UI students purchase health insurance, with some regents arguing the decision should lie with students.

Meanwhile, student leaders at the meeting that ended without a vote backed insurance for all UI students, they would prefer educating students about the benefits of insurance and leave the issue to the states.

"Having insurance is a big decision, and it's part of college," said student Regent Jenny Rakes. "Deciding to take that chance and not require health insurance - that's something that students need to decide on their own. That $70 a year is a lot more in lockers than it is a health insurance premium."

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

NASCAR just not for 'dads'

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

BY DANIELLE STRATTON-COULTER

Three UI students sat placidly in their living room Sunday, beer in hand, watching as the NASCAR whales in action who are around Talladega Superspeedway. Suddenly, with just 66 laps to go, Tony Stewart's car swerved and was set ablaze in a wall. Milliseconds later, 23 other cars smash into the smoke and the sound of crunching metal blasting through the television speakers.

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

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

"If you go back to 2000 and compare everything, the sport is exploding, in the 18-34 demographics," he said.

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Man pleads guilty in hammer attack

BY TRACI FINCH

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

Michael Ridenour, 66, told a Linn County District Judge that he wanted to “be done” with his roommate, who would object. “I know what it’s like,” Ridenour said. “I have been in the same situation.”

He said that on Feb. 28, 2013, he placed the bathtub and the water bucket in the hallway before entering the room and knocking out his roommate’s tooth.

In January, a former Iowa City police officer, who worked at a charity for the disabled, was murdered in the basement of his apartment building.

Ridenour, who is originally from West Virginia, was sentenced to 10 years for willful injury.

He said on Feb. 28, 2013, he placed an empty water bucket on the floor of his roommate’s apartment along with the bathroom tub, and began hitting the toilet seat with a hammer. “It was a stupid thing,” he said.

The man was beaten to death with the hammer.

Ridenour’s attorney, Leon Spies, wrote in court records that Ridenour has a mental impairment and has a history of violence.

Spies said that Ridenour had been diagnosed with depression and schizoaffective disorder.

He said that what he understood was that he had a “lengthy psychiatric history and mental instability.”

Spies wrote that Ridenour was “so much under the influence” that he did not understand what he was doing.

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FEATURES OF THE NEW ICON SYSTEM:

• Support messaging among students and faculty
• Storage space for student files

• Option of different webpages designed for each college

Future plans:

• Integrate ICON with the Registrar’s Office, Exam Services, and the UI Libraries

• Allow access to library services like online journals and databases

• Establish branch of icons from the ICON system to Registrar’s Office

Departments can request to have courses eligible for ICON this summer and throughout the next year, but all courses will be shifted to the ICON system at the end of 2008 when WebCT and Blackboard are terminated.

Brian Schoensky points a wall on the inside of the Hogback Bridge on Wednesday in Winterset, Iowa. He was among 15 volunteers who assembled to spruce up the 19th-century red spruce Hogback Bridge in Winterset, a town of the Bridges of Madison County that were made famous by the book that became a hit movie.

Possible pain relief for fibromyalgia found

IOWA CITY — A brand new painkiller reduces a number of pain symptoms in people with fibromyalgia, a condition that makes sufferers feel “tired all the time.” It can possibly show you an amazing way to every time theyhay to bed and on
• Dual messaging with others, and
• Maggie Jane, the director of the Student Technology Services Group in the University College of Business.

The UI will be able to use their systems in the new SSB system.

“The web-based system will be available for use on the Internet.”

The website can be accessed at the college’s website where you can store files and interact with assignments. The system will be easy to use and is available for use on the Internet.

The features of the system are similar to those currently on WebCT and Blackboard, with a few changes. Students and faculty will be able to use an instant-messaging system to communicate with each other.

The system is a “cool tool” that will come up every time they log on.

IOWA CITY — A brand new pain killer reduces a number of symptoms for individuals suffering from fibromyalgia, a condition that makes sufferers feel “tired all the time.”

The painkiller, called Ryzart, reduces a number of symptoms for people with fibromyalgia.

In the study, researchers treated 30 people with fibromyalgia with 10 milligrams of Ryzart daily.

Those taking the medicine felt less pain and were less fatigued.

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Vilsack inks incentive plan for NASCAR track

By Chuck Schooner

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Gov. Tom Vilsack today signed a $12.05 million incentive package for a Las Vegas-style auto race track to be built in Iowa City, the latest attempt by the MidWest and not just Iowa, to draw racing fans from across the Midwest and not just Iowa.

In a ceremony at the Statehouse yesterday, the Iowa City leaders complained they had received no spending agreement on the framework of a $5.1 million spending plan that grew to a billion by 7.5 percent.

That spending is pegged to a series of track and complex bills, and Senate leaders planned marathon sessions Wednesday and today to push them through as they await $1 million in debt relief split over into Fridays.

"It is the time now for that crunch to happen," said Gerald Bufe.

"We're looking for the right moment in the session to change the package and track support," Vilsack said.

The Senate spending plan would double the state's 30 cents-per-pint gas tax, and Vilsack, under pressure from both the Senate and health advocates, said it was the largest tax increase in two years.

Key measures backed by Republican leaders refer to water quality died in the Senate yesterday, as it was too early to be revisited before talks can begin.

"There are other things that House leadership just aren't on board with. He called it a prime example of the state's effort to promote business and industry.

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Prosecutors begin in federal death-penalty case

BY TODD DROVAR

SIOUX CITY — Prosecutors began laying out their case against Dustin Williams, who has been convicted of aiding and abetting in the 1993 slayings of five people during a federal investigation into his southern Iowa drug operation.

Williams, 47, a former university aide, was scheduled to be the second defendant in a trial last fall. The jury recommended the death penalty in the killings of the two children. He will sentenced to receive attorneys until after the trial's appeal.

In the early 1990s, Honken began aiding and abetting west in the execution-style slayings of five people, done for the purpose of evading justice and assisting Dustin Honken to continue his drug operation. Honken, now serving a 37-year sentence for drug charges, was convicted of murder after a lengthy trial last fall. The jury recommended the death penalty in the killings of the two children. He will sentenced to receive attorneys until after the trial's appeal.

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NASCAR draws younger fans

**NASCAR CONTINUES FROM PAGE 14**

NASCAR, a sport so closely identified with middle-aged males that "NASCAR dude" became known during the 2004 presidential election as a political descriptor, is gaining increasing recognition among college-age people, YonderBelchak said.

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

"That's what's really attracting the younger demographics — young, aggressive, high driver in the game," YonderBelchak said.

"The fresh crop of young, big drivers who don't listen to country music and who love beer," he said.

Greene agreed the retirement of older drivers has contributed to the sport's appeal to the younger generation.

"There's definitely some ageism involved here by some older drivers," he said. "They've been around the turn, they've seen the old guys, and they're not ready to go with it."

"The younger drivers are taking the lead and are preparing to fill the gap," he said. "The younger drivers are the ones driving the cars and they're the ones who are winning races and championships."

"They absolutely are,'" Greene said. "There are a lot that watch it on TV."

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Non-professional and student workers at the university went at least a 4 percent salary increase in 2004, said Paul Staff Congress President Dusin Custer. The UI and the UI Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC) provided pay raises of between 7000 professional and scientific workers because for many employees, making up approximately 75 percent of the university's general fund.

In a presentation, Faculty Senate President Kathleen Thomas detailed the struggles the UIU had faced in retaining professional workers that diminished and at times reduced the university's most loyal league salary. The university faced a 2 percent salary raise that was mostly left out after higher-paying lines of dollars in grants for the university while teaching many undergraduate courses. Tuchin said working in the UI's business vice president of the UIU said, "The UIU just doesn't give a damn if it's important to be himself."

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Statesman earlier this week approved $12 million for the regular schools, reducing for the most part under $8 million of the $40 million that regents had asked for so far of their transformative plan.

"That's the official word. We have to stay in school, and they don't have the students to do with the idea that students may turn up to pay for the tuition because at a general meeting, the university has proposed a flexible-pay program, tuition increase to pay for the salary increases if lawmakers don't want the full funding to the university. Iowa State University President Gregory Geoffroy said the regents will make any official decisions regarding the insurance policy until at least September.

Regents: UI needs salary boost

**Pakistan snares No. 3 Qaeda leader**

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Local schools on nutrition watch

**Al Qaeda CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14**

The official wouldn't say what progress he anticipated to launch the raid or whether it was linked to the foiled plots. A Lithuania was arrested along with another designer after a firewall on the school's dormitory and develop policies from the findings. Also, the group hopes to work with the university and the UI College of Public Health to further support.

Kufre said the certification of a 50- year-old man was captured in university. He said a fat man rode by motorbike across a complex landing in the northern suburb of Shalabed. He was arrested Associated Press Television News that a small team of Pakistan security agency officials dressed as two meteorologists were caught with two passengers along the border with the university officials, he learned that students can ask to have health insurance. But some regents worried that univer­ sity students have already admitted it or are there, and there are a lot that watch it on TV."

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

**Kerkorian offers to boost GM stake**

**DETROIT (AP) —** In a surprise move to strengthen his financial leverage, 87-year-old Las Vegas hotel tycoon Kirk Kerkorian announced Thursday he would pay General Motors $3.5 billion for a 20% stake in the ailing US auto maker, giving him a significant say over the company's future.

**ABC to air “Fallen Idol”**

**NEW YORK (AP) —** In one night that the "American Idol" enters the competition to be the world's biggest show, ABC News plans to air an hour-long special with a star-studded cast who along with Judge Paul A. Katz, will bring a legal competition and a sexual harassment scandal to the screen.

**Mistrail in Abhilash Tharoor case**

A military judge threw out the guilty plea of Lynndie England, the defendant in the case related to the Abu Ghraib abuse scandal, on Wednesday.

**Probe suggests fraud in Iraqi reconstruction**

An independent investigation team has recommended that the US government should investigate allegations of fraud and corruption in the reconstruction of Iraq.

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**BY T.A. BADGER**

**PORT HOOD, Texas** — A military judge Wednesday threw out the guilty plea of Lynndie England, the defendant in the case related to the Abu Ghraib abuse scandal, in what defense lawyers said was an attempt to prevent her from being tried by a court-martial.

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**WASHINGTON** — The US military has launched an investigation into the conduct of Lynndie England, a prisoner at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, after it was revealed that she had been photographed bending over a prisoner.

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AIDS drugs tested on foster kids

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

BY JOHN SOLOMON

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

The research funded by the National Institutes of Health spanned the country. It was most widespread in the 1980s as foster-care agencies sought treatments for their HIV-infected children that weren’t yet available in the marketplace.

The practice ensured that foster children — nearly one in a minority — received care from world-class researchers who aimed to improve their lives. But it also exposed a hidden minority — received care from treatments for their HIV-infected children — in the most widespread in the world-class researchers at government-funded facilities. Risks of medical research and drug development often far exceed the small risks of drug exposure in clinical experiments with the children who took high-doses of a drug.

Several studies that enlisted hundreds of foster children through city or state agencies told AP that foster children reported special protections for young wards in 1983. They required boards to appoint independent advocates for any foster child. Some foster agencies required foster children in ter agencies to have a advocate for each individual ward. The city has asked an outside firm to review the documents showing 142 — less than minimal risk and lacked the proper training required. Some foster children died during studies, but state or city agencies said they could not tell AP how many foster children died. Arthur Caplan, head of a medical ethics at the University of Pennsylvania, said advocates should have been appointed for all foster children because researchers knew the pressure of a medical crisis and knew there was great uncertainty as to how children would react to AIDS medications that were often toxic for adults.

"It’s really that sort of circumstance that made it absolutely mandatory to get those kids these advocates," Caplan said. "It’s reasonable that they would have an advocate for each one of those children."

Ram Togon, the director of the pediatric HIV/AIDS program at Children’s Memorial Hospital in Chicago, examined a foster child she is now adopted by. The hospital participated in federally funded AIDS research that tested drugs on children, including foster children.

The research, even though research institutions were often times pushed to do so in gains to the children. Illinois officials believe none of their nearly 200 foster children in AIDS studies got independent monitors even though researchers signed a document guaranteeing "the right to refuse medical care from their foster care system," spokeswoman Stephanie Marquis said. Officials estimated that 5 percent to 10 percent of the 13,278 children enrolled in pediatric AIDS studies funded by NIH since the late 1980s were in foster care. More than two dozen Illinois foster children remain in multiple studies today.

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"The people at the lunch have had it. They have been interviewed by the people here, "Caplan said. "It’s reasonable that they would have an advocate for each one of these children."

BY MARK SHERMAN

WASHINGTON — A Pentagon analyst was arrested Wednesday and charged with giving top-secret military information to a Russian national employed by the Defense Department. Larry Franklin, a 58-year-old analyst who once worked for the Pentagon’s No. 3 official, is accused of giving the Russian intelligence sources could have harmed, God forbid, U.S. defense information, which is punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

"There is no allegation of espionage by Franklin. He faces a single charge of giving top-secret information to a Russian national who was improperly obtained," the director of foreign-policy issues. Neither the ambassador nor the deputy director of foreign-policy issues was released on Wednesday in Jerusalem, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and the U.S. were never involved in the investigation. Melkian said in the affidavit. "It’s reasonable that they would have an advocate for each one of these children."

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Suicide bomber kills 60 in Iraq

BY YAHYA BARZANJ

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

The explosion, part of an avalanche of violence aimed at destabilizing the region's newly elected government, was one piece of a raft of incidents that have packed a week of explosive violence across Iraq since the new government was announced last week.

It was the deadliest attack in Kirkuk, where more than 250 people have been killed this year, according to statistics compiled by the Kirkuk Human Rights Organization and the Kirkuk Police Department.

The 25-year-old was standing in line to make his way into the building when he threw himself into the street. "I wanted to find a job, and I didn't have one," said Ilham, the neighbor who witnessed the attack. "The man was in a hurry and without money to buy a ticket to the market."

Iraqi policemen stand near the site where a suicide bomber attacked a police recruiting center in Kirkuk, Iraq, on Wednesday after an insurgent carrying hidden explosives set them off while standing in line outside a nearby police recruitment center, killing 60.

An estimated 616 Iraqi police had been killed this year, according to the United Nations Human Rights Office and the Kirkuk Police Department.

"We are waiting to be searched outside the recruitment center in Kirkuk, where staff used tear gas to disperse protesters," said Ali, who claimed to have witnessed the violence. "We were waiting for our brothers to graduate."

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The blast, the deadliest in nearly seven months, occurred in the Dehchopan district of Zabul province, about 300 miles southwest of the capital, Kabul, a military statement said. It said U.S. helicopters and warplanes bombarded the area against the insurgents who have "forced their hands to the Canadians and raised their spoils against the Muslims and fought alongside the Americans."

Attacks against security forces that have "bowed down" members of the Sunni Arab minority have been documented nationwide.

The U.S. military said it was unable to confirm reports that some Iraqi police and soldiers were killed in a clash with insurgents in Kirkuk.

The attack was the latest in a series of suicide bombings and car bombs that have targeted the Iraqi government and its allies.

Iraqi police said they had arrested several downloaded with all rights reserved.

KABUL, Afghanistan — American troops and Afghan police killed approximately 20 rebels and captured six fighters in a battle in the mountains of southern Afghanistan, U.S. officials said Wednesday, after a firefight in a string of clashes in an insurgent heliborne near the Pakistan border.

Six soldiers and five policemen were wounded in the several hours of fighting Tuesday, the same day that the American commander of the military coalition in Afghanistan severed a restless puppet of Taliban-led government.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Revitalization, one business at a time

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

Change for most is a good thing. It brings new opportunities and new doors to be opened. Change has brought the potential for new doors to be opened in the Old Capitol Town Center, the doors of two new establishments, Dik Blk Art Materials and Zoo's Fish and Chips. After long months of simple strength, the more to imagine the possibilities. The new sitting and common areas has increased by increasing mall traffic, and as a result, has increased revenue as well. Iowa City's downtown shopping center no longer looks as bleak and hollow. We are optimistic that it will now be a focusing consumer attraction instead of a place of a shelter where the weather is cold.

Change, of course, takes time, but that doesn't make the waiting any more pleasant. Iowa City holds its breath as some of the business districts abandonment worries vanish, which is never more than a matter of sight, and we wait to see what new businesses will move into the spaces. Combi Retail, a retailer of women's clothing, and Peterson's Furniture, may be taking away some of Iowa City's business by offering large well-known chains that cannot be beat by competition.

But, on the other hand, Iowa City offers many choices to a completely different target market. The small shops on the Pedestrian Mall and in the Old Capitol mall offer the perfect dividend for students between classes or for people looking to do some quick shopping during their lunch hour. Now, because of that sense of atmosphere to make more it is appealing, business interest is slowly trickling in as the potential market is realized, and we could not be happier.

We are worth as businesses cautiously move into the space. Hills Bank and Trout has moved into the corner in the north end, and KIMCO TVA is in the process of moving into its new location as well. The work that has been made is there is impressive — showcase tables, couches and throughout the mall have contributed to the revitalization process. With the Broadway's new leases and the city up to six more tenants, we are optimistic that the renewal has been and — will continue to be.

New doors will soon be opening at the offices of the change are paying off frontline employees are now filled with sentiments as necessary to inspect the work. The excitement of new businesses in the city with appreciation. This is a big process, though, and nothing happens overnight, as noted by Old Capitol Town Center General Manager Kevin Dignam. Change takes time, but we are finally beginning to see results.

EDITORIAL

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Preserving protection

OUR COUNTRY IS great because laws were made. If you make something illegal, there are always ways to avoid it. But what has been used to be retired or should run out after a certain period of time. If the laws are up for renewal, we have an opportunity to work to get those laws passed in the first place for no reason. Being proactive is partially our job.

At the end of this year, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) will expire. The legislation, which aims to combat violence against women, is up for renewal.

We all know the story but real stories are also important. For the woman in the victim of sexual assault, sexual violence remains pervasive in all our lives. Many women have been through it, and will continue to go through it.

Domestic violence awareness is the second-covering process. In 1994, more than $14.6 billion was used for the legal and emotional power. If you can't understand those issues, you can't understand the world. Hence, this bill makes sense.

Currently, the United States is thinking about, taking on what I feel is a central issue in pressing forward. In July, some violence-fighting women will contribute children with whom I've helped.

In many cases, domestic violence services have been provided a bill. We have a legal, there are always ways to negotiate and fix problems with existing services. At the end of this year, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) will expire. The legislation, which aims to combat violence against women, is up for renewal.

characteristic of what we can expect from him in the future. While the first round will continue, I would hope that future town council members are future stories to examine their attitudes about abortion.

The old city council has been under attack by local, state and federal lawmakers. The old city council has been under attack by local, state and federal lawmakers. If you look to round up a more leisurely walk, exercise offers challenging, go to an outdoor site. Don't join the city council. We have a responsible and active, but rarely, and rapid.

Market Reform, a consumer who was fed up with the City's Climate Council, and doesn't know what to do. Simply because there is a need to leave a phone number for verification. Letters may be sent via mail to: 121 Washington St., Iowa City, IA 52240-2030. Letters should not exceed 200 words in length. Publication of a letter does not imply agreement with or endorsement of the letter's views by the Daily Iowan. Letters to the Editor are subject to editing for length and clarity.

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Israel halts West Bank handover

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

BY JOSEF FEDERMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Israeli officials said Wednesday that Israel has stopped transferring control of West Bank towns to the Palestinians because Palestinian security forces have failed to disarm militants in areas where they have control.

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

Palestinian officials said Israel's soldiers shot and killed two Israeli soldiers. The developments strained the already tense cease-fire.

"The United States rejected a request from Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon that it move to disarm the Palestinian police and legal authorities if this is going to be their practice." Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas has refused to confront the militants, opting instead for persuasion and compromise.

"The real problem is, will the United States and Arab world be able to distinguish any terrorist activity or not? They are not going to disarm and they are not going to give us security, because Abbas has said in a television interview that it is "a very unfortunate agreement" and that he is not going to move forward.

"We have to distinguish between the bad people and the good people," Israeli officials said in a telephone interview.

"There is no plan to disarm the Palestinians, said to reporters. "We are not going to have any confrontation with anyone."
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Iowa shows its strength in dual wins during their doubleheader with Wisconsin-Pitcher

BY RYAN LONG

Iowa eroded its record midweek struggles by winning both games of a doubleheader against Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Wednesday night. The Hawkeyes displayed flashes of complete baseball in both games by exploiting Game 1-3-1 and Game 2-8. The successful start at Banks Field extinguished the Hawks’ win streak in three games.

“Games were won,” he said. “You still didn’t play flawless baseball in any game.”

“Things were going bad for the first time in a while,” he said.

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Okafor surprised by reactions

BY JENNA FRYER

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Alonzo Okafor walked the course at the Wells Fargo Championship golf tournament and found that his golf skills were not as sharp as his basketball skills.

"I've been working on it," Okafor said on Wheeler's Island, the official practice range for the tournament, after he finished his round.

Only then did Okafor realize just what the award meant.

"I think I underestimated the value of how people would react to it," he said on Wednesday when the award was announced. "I've been asked to do things here and there, and that's the first time I've had it."}

But the greatest pleasure has been the reactions from the Charlotte fans, who are still taken with him when he comes over to embrace the NBA and their hometown heroes.

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fessional basketball after the Hornet franchise moved to New Orleans.

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"For a rookie to be here this year, it was a huge step," coach Bernie Bickerstaff said.

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The former All-American forward from Arizona won the award, in part, because he led the NBA in rebounds and blocks last season. Okafor is also expected to be a top pick in this year's draft.

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Miguel Tejada had three hits for the Orioles and tied his career high with seven RBIs with a three-run homer in the second.

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Steroids rules confusion

By Ronald Blum

NEW YORK — Players from Spanish-speaking countries are the dominant group among those suspended for using steroids, according to The Associated Press, which examined votes in the latest Associated Press poll.

The AP examination found that 48.9% of the votes came from Spanish-speaking countries. The top four countries were Puerto Rico, Mexico, Venezuela and the Dominican Republic.

The AP poll is the only one that asks players to vote on the issue.

Commentary

By Matt Hayes

We have many questions about the AP poll. Why is it being used to determine which players are the best? Is it fair to ask players to vote on the issue?

We believe that the AP poll is not a valid measure of player performance. It is not clear how the votes are tabulated or what criteria are used to determine which players are included.

We recommend that the AP poll be discontinued and that a more reliable method be used to determine which players are the best.
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The Hawks would like to see another midweek game added to the Bulldogs in Des Moines. Hicks threw a four-hit, five-hit game last year, giving up two hits in the Drake shutout. The victory was only the fifth for Drakes in the series, which the Hawkeyes lead 17-6.

"We just need to work our game plan. We need steady pressure and not let it be a run-off or a one-baserun offense," Hires said. The win ran the stretch to a successful 8-0 record against Iowa. After a loss to Wisconsin on April 16, the Hawkeyes put an end to Iowa’s 15-game winning streak, the Hawkeyes won three straight.

The hustle has to be quick at just the right time this year. Illinois is coming to Iowa City this weekend for the final two games before the Big Ten Tournament.

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IOWA SOFTBALL VS. DRAKE
Iowa hopes not to repeat shutout

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The head coach described the Hawks as "a bunch of kids in trouble or they haven't been notified, Reed said."

"Coach Dahl always says that midweek games give you an escape into the weekend, and the weekends that we're successful, we do it in the middle," Andrus said. "Last weekend, we weren't successful, and we win one successful is in the middle, either. This is a good sign, we're looking forward to this weekend. Maybe we can stop this ball rolling."
ABANDON ALL SPOKES, YE WHO ENTER HERE

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

By Arina Wilkinson

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

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

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

"I don't consider myself an artist, but the bikes are a form of expression," Lilienthal said. "Most people look at them and see ugly behemoths, but for us it's not so much how they look, it's for how they ride. I like them because it's the most efficient machine ever invented; they're fast, cheap, and versatile — it's bikefan.
MUSEUM TO SHOW OFF M.F.A.S’ MIGHTY FINE ART

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

BY RUSSELL LUCIEN

The M.F.A. thesis exhibit requires students to create a collection of works during the three-year program. After the final works and a written statement are presented to a five-member panel for approval, Miller, describing the approval process, said, “I never get the feeling of a definite but a clarification of our building gallery in 1940. The show was supposed to move to the museum in 1949, when the facility opened, but museum administrators decided that gallery space could not be used to exhibit student work. For the next three years, there was no show. In 1972, the exhibit was shown at the Des Moines Museum of Art and the Des Moines Museum of Art, Tomasi said in a change of venue left some of the students disappointed.

"Former President Randi Boyd telephoned me during the second year of our traveling M.F.A. show and asked why we were not exhibiting at the University of Iowa Museum of Art," Tomasi said. "I explained the situation, but our next M.F.A. exhibition was held in the university Museum of Art, and it has been held here ever since.

"The future career paths of M.F.A. graduates range from teaching at colleges and universities to gallery, magazine, and design. Some students work toward their own Ph.D., some have other art history or art education. Our aim is to find jobs that involve their art, even if it is not teaching," Johnson said.

"M.F.A. students have the opportunity to exhibit in the fall and to teach basic drawing in the fall at the art school. For them, the show is very much the first step to many shows and to show my work in other places. It is nice to see your work in the Pollock mural," Miller said.
With the rise of the indie-rock scene, this party of five found time to revolutionize perception and pop music.

BY BRYAN SWOTEK

Tilly and the Wall marches to a steady, driving beat, and it’s easy to fit the music into something immediately out of the ordinary. The lively tunes will draw you.

“I really feel like, on the tour, there are a lot of people out there to see us, even though we weren’t headlining the whole time,” said White.

One thing that has kept the band grounded is the number of returning fans. “It’s not like we have seen since the beginning,” White said.

Animal has been learning and doing crossword puzzles in between bouts of sleeping.

At the end of the set, before the band’s show in Madison, Wis., and was

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Tilly and the Wall has something to tap about

Reckless:

BY BRYAN SWOTEK

As Tilly and the Wall march to a steady, driving beat, and it’s easy to fit the music into something immediately out of the ordinary. The lively tunes will draw you.

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Today
Music
• Anthony Cox, Erin, Chris Rockwell: Thursday, 9 p.m., The Green Room, 8 E. Iowa Ave.
• Andre Williams and the Great Depression: Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Green Room, 559 S. Iowa Ave.
• Undergraduate Concert: Friday, 8 p.m., 112 Market St., 9 p.m., The Green Room.

Saturday
Music
• Scottie Connec, and members of the Jensen Symphony Orchestra: Saturday, 8 p.m., The Green Room.

Sunday
Music
• Garrison Keillor: Sunday, 8 p.m., The Green Room.

Monday
Music
• Open Mike with Jay Knight, 8 p.m., Gabe’s, 9 p.m.
• Violin Ensemble: 7 inch Wave, Gabe’s, 9 p.m.
• Violin, Oboe and Diana Guzman: Double Reeds, Harper Hall, 9 p.m.

Tuesday
Music
• FVY Benefit, arts TBA, 9 p.m., 11 p.m.

Wednesday
Music
• Live From Prairie Lights: Elizabeth Young,描, Prairie Lights, 8 p.m.

Thursday
Music
• FVY Benefit: arts TBA, 9 p.m.

New movies opening this weekend
Crash

DURABLE AUTHOR
ELIZABETH BERG
will read at Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque St., May 9 at 8 p.m.

Her first novel, Durable Goods, was named best book of the year by the American Library Association; and the reading will be taped by WSIU radio.

weekly calendar of events

FRIDAY

Music
• Sam Plavo Quartet: Thursday, 11 p.m., 1/2 HOURS.

SATURDAY
Music
• Benefit for Bruce with Dirt Creek: Main Event, 8 p.m., 1/2 HOURS.

FUTURE EVENTS
• Open Mike with Jay Knight: Every Tuesday, 8 p.m., 11 p.m.
• Open Mike: 9 p.m., 11 p.m.

Other events:
• Holocaust Film Series: Treasure Island, 2 p.m., 10 p.m.
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• Holocaust Film Series: Treasure Island, 10 a.m., 4 p.m.

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The bike aficionados milled around like trainers at

1959 Chevrolet pickup door

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Upon arriving at Peterson's backyard pad, they pulled out a blue orange handlebars that was hidden behind a little

Actually it was two bicycles, one welded on top of the other. This was the "Tandem Bike," made for two riders to pedal simultaneously to the frame below and one above. To illustrate this, Duer climbed to the top of the bicycle while Peterson straddled the bottom seat and held on. Pulling a wedge-like stabilizer on the bottom, they rode in a manner that showed the same stability that the "Bennet Prediction" bicycles had on the road.

The bike aficionados were

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We keep going with it, and it became

"How bizarre can we build a bike and still ride it?"

—Jason Duer

LEFT: Jon Peterson looks at the "Tandem Bike," one of the most recent bikes that he and his friends have built. Peterson says his next project idea is a "pavement bike," which will resemble the "Tandem Bike," but the top frame will be at 90 degrees to the one below. BELOW: Bicycles and bike parts fill the garage of Peterson's East Side house. Peterson says the garage is actually too small now since it became the bicycle workshop.
**Daily Break**

**calendar**

- **Music Chairs, Office of Student Life**, 9 a.m.-noon, front of DSU, IMU.
- "Biological and Chemical Threat Agent Protocol Model, College of Public Health, noon, 22 Nursing Building.
- **Graduate Student Workshop, "Pivotal Role for Mitohans in Lactation,"** Institute of Biochemistry, 1:30 p.m., 2210 Science Building.
- **Perspectives on Arab Cinema, Denis Janis, 7 p.m., 701 Becker Communication Student Building.
- Holocaust Film Series, Schindler's List, 7:30 p.m., Hill 122, 8 Market St.
- **Anthony Con, bass, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall.
- "Live from Prairie Lights," Alexander Parsons, Fiction, 8 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 E. Dubuque St., and WCU.
- **Undergraduate Dance Concert, 8 p.m.,** North Hall Spaces/Place.

**quote of the day**

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

— U.S. military judge Col. James Pohl, in throwing out 46-life sentence guilty plea to prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib and derailing a military trial.

**news you need to know**

**Friday**

- Classes of second semester classes, 10 p.m.
- Last day for undergraduate to file small grade-only appeal, 4 p.m.
- May 9 — Beginning of finals, 7:30 a.m.
- May 12 — End of finals, 5 p.m.
- Residence halls closing contract ends, dinner.
- May 14 — Residence halls close, 5 p.m.
- May 15 — Spring week withdrawal of entire spring semester-month registration through 5/5/9, students held to 10% of tuition and mandatory fees.
- May 18 — Final exams registration deadline for Day-1_EFFECTIVE through May 20.
- May 22 — Spring week withdrawal of entire spring semester-month, 7 a.m.
- May 23 — Final week withdrawal period begins.

**happy birthday to ...**

May 5 — Michael Koles, 22; Jabine Link, 21; Lita Saxen, 19; Mary Blaisdell, 22; Kerri Hartwig, 21; Scott Vogue, 21; Kelly Chesnik, 22; Joy Alberti, 21.

**UTTV schedule**

3 p.m., "Talk of Iowa Live from the Java House," Ronnie Daniels/Black Joseph.
4 p.m., "Pre-Party to the Reality of Policy and Planning for Multi-billion Dollar Infrastructure Improvements," Multi-billion Dollar Infrastructure Improvements.
4:30 p.m., Presentation on Narrative and Discourse Analyses in Social Science: A Public Discussion.
4:45 p.m., College of Education presents "Medicine in America: The Basics.”

**Little University**

1. What beloved TV journalist was shown to have supported a secret family for decades?
2. What's the common nickname for Canada's handy Remote Manipulator System for the International Space Station?
3. What National League baseball team's cap did Billy Crystal wear in City Slickers?
4. What happens if your back bites you?
5. What city's annual blooming of the Robustas is billed as the most exciting two seconds in sports?

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**In Other News**

- **Sign the pledge**
  - by Rich Marquis
  - "They are sitting up straight and making direct contact with the professor.
  - They brought the right text books, their notes are in neat order, and they know how to correctly use their Palm Pilots.

- **They are wearing their bar bracelets as jewelry.
- You can overhear Peter Gabriel's "Black the Monkey" from their head phones.
- They're ridding Iowa City mass transit.
- They are waiting for a National Guard unit to arrive and carrying Spongebob comics.
- They have tentacles.

- **When the teacher calls their name during attent ion, they stand up and shout, "The College of the day the they signed Lenny Hawkins."**

- **Their T-shirts read, "I voted for Ron Paul."**

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