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## Rain forest may flee

BY EMILEIGH BARNES  
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Coralville now officially faces losing a \$180 million rain-forest venture, after leaders of the Iowa Environmental/Education Project left a meeting Thursday prepared to pack up and move out of the city should the need arise.

An hour-long conference call — organized in response to a Nov. 18 letter sent by former Gov. Robert Ray to Coralville Mayor Jim Fauset — left Coralville city councilors confident the city could smooth over issues but left environmental-project leaders looking for alternative locations.

"Our position was we could have resolved them," Coralville City Councilor John Lundell said. "Because we couldn't resolve them on the phone today, they are going to discuss other venues."

Points included in Ray's letter included site size, location, financing, and other support issues.

Lundell said that although it was impractical to expect a community such as Coralville to come up with the \$40 million requested, business leaders and residents of eastern Iowa have already expressed interest in giving substantial donations.

"That just isn't feasible for a community like Coralville to come up with," the councilor said. "But, with some further discussion, we thought we could meet a compromise."

Coralville is still the ideal place for the rain forest, because the project's educational aspects fit well with Coralville's vicinity to the UI, Lundell said.

The environmental-project board will meet Dec. 13 to discuss responses and overtures from other communities, and Coralville may still stay in the mix of possible sites.

"Hopefully, fairly soon, we'll make a decision," project executive director David Oman said.

Dubuque is one alternative, and Mayor Terry Duggan said on Thursday that, should the team to move to his city, the project would likely change.

"Would it be the environmental project they have there?" he said. "I doubt that."

Dubuque is currently undergoing expansions on its museum and aquarium — which will feature an exhibit about rivers. Duggan said a feature on the Amazon River could fit well with the goals of the environmental-project leaders.

Coralville is not interested in being thrown into a competition with other communities over the project's location and will begin looking for other ways to use the land put aside for the rain forest along Interstate 80, Lundell said.

"Meanwhile, we're going to head off in a different direction and head off into a process to develop other ideas for the land," Lundell said. "I think what we're going to do is engage the community in making suggestions."

The councilor said he has heard talk of adding a water park to the site but was also quick to say he did not think the endeavor would establish Coralville as a major and useful destination.

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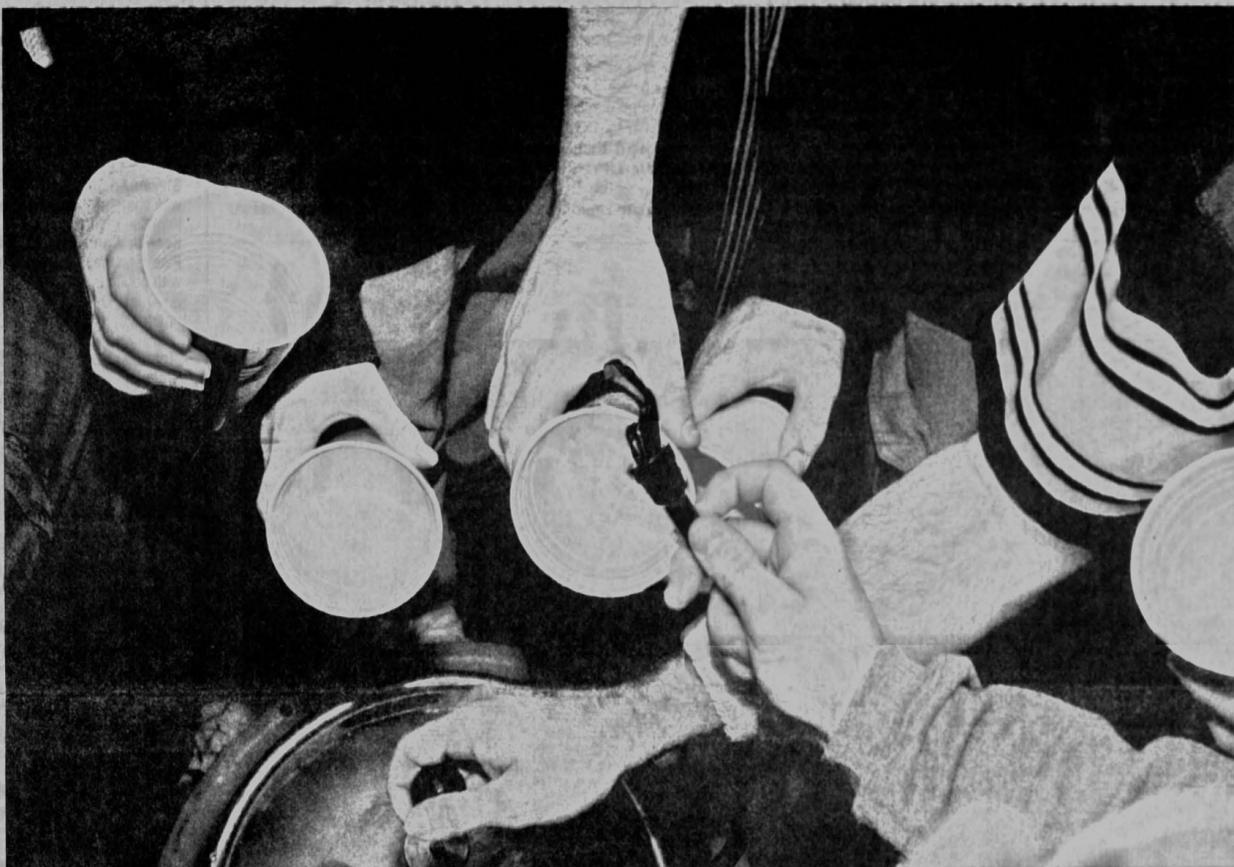


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By Drew Kerr & Nick Petersen

# HOUSE PARTIES

## TALES FROM THE UNREGULATED WASTELAND



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Eager party-goers hold their cups out for beer from a newly tapped keg during a house party on Melrose Avenue before the Iowa/Michigan football game on Oct. 22. Iowa City party hosts are rarely ticketed for distributing alcohol to underage people.

**YOUTHFUL PARTYGOERS FILL** a white-walled Gilbert Street apartment to capacity on a recent Friday night this fall, making movement difficult. In the kitchen, a robust keg rests in a tub of ice on the linoleum floor — now a slippery, stale smelling indication of the evening's drink of choice.

Over a whirl of drunken dialogue, a male voice unexpectedly cries out the one word every underage drinker fears.

"Cops," the voice from outside bellows prophetically, inciting party attendees to simultaneously rush the room's only exit or weasel into a closet.

Their attempts to avert a fine were unnecessary, at best.

Despite Iowa City's preoccupation with underage and excessive drinking, as evinced in the annual push for a 21-year-old age entry minimum for bars, another substantial facet of the drinking scene is often marginalized — house parties.

A *Daily Iowan* review of Iowa City police records shows house-party hosts and their guests are rarely, if ever, reprimanded for their indiscriminate dispensing of alcohol.

Iowa City police have not arrested any party hosts for bootlegging since 2001; just seven have been cited for distributing alcohol to minors during that same time.

But take a walk east of South Gilbert Street on any fair-weather weekend night during the school year, and at least that many underage parties are accessible.

Police records also show 93 percent of underage drinkers cited for possession of alcohol were ticketed at the bars, as

but it seems Rediger's escape from penalty isn't unusual.

While first-year chief Hargadine initially said he would pressure his officers to bypass warnings, because they "don't work," a review of complaints versus tickets shows the practice has persisted.

Just three disorderly house tickets materialized out of 111 calls involving noise complaints at residences during a recent 30-day period.

The 841 disorderly house tickets issued in the last five years could also be due to nuisances, such as overgrown weeds or trash, making it difficult to determine just how many of those tickets belong to party hosts.

Hargadine said he has not issued any policy directives on the issue.

But for those unfortunate few in Iowa City who do receive a disorderly house ticket, the penalties can include more than the maximum \$500 fine and night in jail.

A city ordinance, implemented two years ago, makes renters who receive numerous disorderly house tickets meet with city officials and their landlord to hash out a solution. If it becomes a persistent problem, the tenant can face eviction, and the landlord could lose her or his rental license.

But, with police responding sometimes as much as two hours after a complaint, both landlords and police note the ability for parties to stay out of the system unscathed.

Some disgruntled landlords who acknowledge this have begun patrolling their properties themselves.

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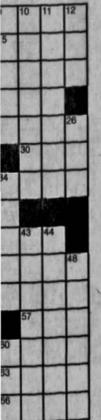
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NEWS

# Reported rapes jump locally

Local officials and victim advocates believe the rise in rape reports could be due to more women reporting the crimes

BY DANNY VALENTINE  
THE DAILY IOWAN

The number of rapes reported between July and September jumped 28 percent in Johnson County over the figure in the same period last year — a spike local officials attribute to an increased number of women stepping forward.

During the first quarter of fiscal 2006, the Rape Victim Advocacy Program has seen a significant change in the number of rapes — an increase of 17 — as well as numerous other eye-opening statistics, said Karla Miller, the executive director of the organization.

"It could be because it is occurring more, and I would say it seems like it, but it is such an underreported crime," she said. "If I had to guess, it's just because we're hearing about it more."

In the quarter, victim advocates saw the number of reported "stranger" rapes increase from four to 21 and the number of child sexual-abuse cases rise from 13 to 24.

Gang rapes, which jumped from four to seven cases, are

"I am not kidding; we go to the hospital all the time. One day, we went to the hospital five times, four in the emergency room and one in the clinic."

**Karla Miller, Rape Victim Advocacy Program executive director**

also an important factor contributing to the hike in total rapes, Miller said.

Almost one out of 10 rapes go unreported, she said, but because of recent highly publicized cases, such as the Jetseta Gage trial and the Pierre Pierce ordeal, women have felt more empowered to report rapes.

The program head also attributes the increase in reporting to a rise in information sharing through the newly formed Johnson County Sexual Assault Investigation Team.

Diane Funk, an assistant director for the organization, agreed, though noting it is sometimes quite difficult to tell if more rapes are occurring or if it is a rise in reporting.

Funk cited mass e-mails to students, as well as her organization's tight relationship with

other local agencies, as the reasons for the increase in reporting.

Along with the increase in reported sexual assaults, rapes reported to the police doubled from 16 to 32 — a very positive sign, Miller said. The number of rape victims going to the hospital also jumped, from seven to 16.

"I am not kidding; we go to the hospital all the time," she said. "One day, we went to the hospital five times, four in the emergency room and one in the clinic."

Although these are relatively new developments, a trend she has seen since 2003 is the heavy use of date-rape drugs and alcohol in rapes.

The spike in drug-related rapes came during 2003 and 2004. During 2003, there were 15 cases of date-rape drug use,

## RAPE STATISTICS FOR IOWA CITY

Comparison between first quarter statistics between this year and last year:

- Total rapes increased in Johnson County from 60 to 77.
- Child sexual abuse jumped from 13 to 24.
- "Stranger" rapes increased from 4 to 21.
- Rapes reported to police doubled.
- The number of rape victims going to the hospital increased from 7 to 16.
- At least one out of every 10 rapes go unreported.

while the next year saw 15 cases in just the first quarter.

Date rapes are often used by college students, Miller said, adding that people have a tendency to separate college student rapists from other attackers.

"A lot of sex offenders have college degrees," she said.

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## NAILING THE UI



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Coralville resident Kim Mitchell stands near the Pentacrest on a snowy Thursday afternoon, Dec. 8, 2005, with members of the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters to protest the UI's support of contractors who pay employees substandard wages for construction work. Group members, who stood by a sign reading "Shame on the University of Iowa," declined to comment.

## METRO

### School to offer 'gifted' counseling

The UI College of Education will be the first program in the nation to offer an emphasis in gifted and talented counseling in K-12 education, officials said Thursday.

The students in the program will complete their first sequence of training at the Belin-Blank Center during summer 2006.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for Iowa to be a leader in the state with gifted and talented education," said UI education Associate Professor Tarrell Portman. "The program will recognize the need for counseling professionals to have a broad base of knowledge of gifted education."

Many educators receive their counseling endorsement but have no knowledge of the needs of gifted students, said Belin-Blank Center Director Nicholas Colangelo. He feels the additional training in gifted education will make UI graduates more appealing in the job market.

"There are bright kids in all schools, so hiring someone with expertise in gifted education is appealing and rare," he said.

While this is the first program of its kind, Colangelo believes more universities will soon be offering similar endorsements.

Portman feels the emphasis will attract students nationwide to the

UI's college of education.

"This will set students apart as leaders in the field of gifted education and counseling," she said. "It provides an opportunity to serve the public schools of Iowa with gifted education and beneficial research."

— by Susan Elgin

### Equal Opportunity searching for new leader

The UI Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity is conducting a national search for a new director, after former head Charlotte Westerhaus left in August to take a position with the NCAA.

The search committee will be chaired by Raul Curto, the executive associate dean of the College Liberal Arts and Sciences. He will be assisted by Salome Raheim, the new senior associate to the president. Curto did not return phone calls Thursday.

There is no word on how long the search is going to take.

After being selected, Equal Opportunity and Diversity officials said the director will be responsible for both Opportunity at Iowa and the Support Services Program. Opportunity at Iowa is a program that assists in recruiting minority students to the UI and, until recently, was under the supervision of

Office of the Provost.

The Equal Opportunity and Diversity has also been responsible for providing all services and education for university compliance with equal-opportunity, civil-rights, and affirmative-action laws.

— by Meghan V. Malloy

### Man faces bribery charge

An Iowa City man who allegedly attempted to buy his way out of a police citation may have bought himself time behind bars Thursday.

Around 1 a.m., Iowa City police officers pulled over Christopher Barrero, 23, near the intersection of Lower Muscatine Road and Mall Drive for driving at night without headlights, according to police reports.

During the traffic stop, officers discovered Barrero was operating the vehicle with a suspended license, police said. In an effort to avoid the charge, he allegedly offered two officers \$100 each if they overlooked the violation.

Barrero now faces a charge of bribery of law enforcement, a Class D felony. If convicted, he would face a maximum of \$7,500 in fines in addition to a possible five-year prison term.

He was also charged with driving while revoked, a serious misdemeanor which carries a maximum

penalty of one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

— by Mark Bosworth

### NCAA may hike women's scholarships

The NCAA will vote on increasing maximum scholarships for four women's sports at its convention, Jan. 6 to Jan. 9 in Indianapolis.

If approved, Division-I schools, including Iowa, could add two scholarships each for women's track and field, soccer, and gymnastics, as well as one scholarship for women's volleyball.

Participation in those four sports has increased since the last time the NCAA raised scholarship maximums for women's sports in 1996, according to the organization's website.

"This is an opportunity to increase opportunities for women," said Jane Meyer, the Hawkeyes' senior associate athletics director.

The scholarships would be available by Aug. 1, 2006.

Meyer also said the per game price of football season tickets will not go up for the 2006 season, despite adding a seventh home game to the schedule.

Public season tickets will be \$325, up from \$280 in 2005. Regular games will be \$45 each, with the Iowa-Iowa State game \$55.

— by Sam Edsill

## POLICE BLOTTER

**Steven Adams**, 38, West Branch, was charged Wednesday with giving false reports.  
**Kenneth Cornelius**, 43, 1402 1/2 Pine St., was charged Thursday with public intoxication.  
**Michael Dolezal**, 32, address unknown, was charged Oct. 18 with fifth-degree theft.  
**Timothy Kukkonen**, 24, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 2212, was charged Thursday with OWI and interference with official acts.

**Tiffany Remington**, 21, Urbana, Iowa, was charged Oct. 4 with forgery by check.  
**Ashlee Shalla**, 19, 1421 Sycamore St., was charged Tuesday with simple assault.  
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GENEROUS SANTAS



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"Friends of Santa" gather to drink and eat pizza on Thursday night at the Airliner to raise money for Toys for Tots. The group, made up mostly of UI alumni, goes out once a year with each member dressed as Santa and spends money at a local restaurant on food and drinks, and donates that amount of money to charity. Everyone in the group pledged at least \$100.

City not able to hunt deer on UI land

BY REBECCA MCKANNA  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa City's deer-shooting program will not be allowed to take place on any portion of the UI campus, city officials said Thursday.

In a letter to City Manager Steve Atkins, Donald Guckert, the UI associate vice president for Facilities Management, denied Iowa City's request to use university property to reduce the deer population from Jan. 11 to Feb. 28.

Guckert told the city he supported the use of UI property but only during a time when the university is not in session. The UI authorized the city to employ sharpshooters during winter break, from Dec. 18 to Jan. 13.

But, Atkins said, the city will be unable to kill deer during the university's approved period, because the Jan. 11-Feb. 28 dates were specifically designated by the state Department of Natural Resources.

The city has been unable to change the dates, Atkins said, adding that he is unsure why the department is forcing the city to shoot the deer in such a specific period.

"That means we can't shoot at the university," Atkins said. "We'll do the deer shooting on other property."

Atkins said the city had hoped to shoot deer in the west area of campus, including the

Finkbine Golf Course. The city has requested use of university property for the deer-kill program in recent years but has never received approval.

"It's one state agency giving one set of dates — the university — and another state agency giving another set of dates," Atkins said. "They don't communicate, and we're stuck in the middle. It kind of makes me want to go screaming into the night."

Steve Parrott, the director of University Relations, said shooting on campus always carries a negative connotation but added that safety is the overriding concern.

"We felt it made a big difference to have it during break, rather than when the university was in session," he said. "There would be significantly fewer students around."

Parrott said he hoped the city would be able to change the dates of the deer kill, so it could use UI land.

"We understand Iowa City's problem," he said. "We want to participate in the solution, but it has to be under the conditions we requested."

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Panel looking to ring in UI

BY MARGARET POE  
THE DAILY IOWAN

A committee of students, faculty, and staff met Thursday evening in the initial planning stages of a program to outfit the UI with a series of official class rings.

Coordinated by the UI Alumni Association, the group aims to develop rings unique to this institution — in comparison with the plethora of varieties available now — and boost sales of the symbolic jewelry.

"The UI is not a major ring campus at all," said Richard Shannon, an assistant director of the University Book Store and Hawk Shop, noting the bookstore currently sells only 60 rings a year. The committee is trying to change this low figure.

As an initial step in the process, the committee selected a new ring vendor to replace Jostens Inc., the company that previously held the contract.

Beginning next semester,

Herff Jones Inc. will visit the bookstore to hawk its series of fully customizable class rings, which allow students to choose all aspects of the design.

Next fall, all UI rings available through Herff Jones will bear the new official look.

Over the spring semester, the committee will design the rings. Though they will all have the new aesthetic, the series will allow flexibility for buyers to customize the ring to evoke their graduation year and degree.

"Regardless of where you end up after graduation, the ring is your tie to the UI," said Emily Cornish, the interim marketing director for the UI Alumni Association. She is leading the effort to create a "highly recognizable" keepsake for students and alumni.

She said committee members have discussed holding a ceremony for ring buyers to receive their keepsakes.

The committee recruited students from various organizations, including greek houses, the athletics department, and the UI Student Government to contribute to the planning, Cornish said.

One participant, Jessica Shaw, learned about the initiative through her work with Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow.

"I think it's going to be very neat," the UI sophomore said. "It will all be unified."

She said she had not really thought about purchasing a ring before she got involved with developing the new design, but she will consider it now.

Cornish said the group will meet again at the end of January to discuss the project. No university funds will go into the process of creating the ring series.

Herff Jones covers all the design costs, she said.

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# N.H. may defy party on primary



Jim Cole/Associated Press  
New Hampshire Secretary of State William Gardner stands in his office at the Statehouse in Concord, N.H., on Thursday. For almost three decades, Gardner has made sure that New Hampshire had the nation's earliest presidential primary.

BY NORMA LOVE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CONCORD, N.H. — If the Democratic National Committee tells New Hampshire to hold its 2008 presidential primary after as many as five caucuses in other states, will New Hampshire obey?

The man in charge, Secretary of State William Gardner, wouldn't say during an interview Thursday. But officials of both parties say don't bet on it — even though the party could refuse to seat the state's delegates as punishment.

The threat means little, because party conventions are essentially rallies staged for television, say analysts, including Dayton Duncan, author of a book about the primary.

"It's never been about the delegates," he said. "That's the simple fact."

In 29 years as secretary of state, Gardner has been a fierce

defender of the New Hampshire primary, the nation's earliest, since 1920. When Delaware threatened in 1996, Gardner set the date — Feb. 20 — only nine weeks before.

To keep rivals from jumping ahead by holding primaries the year before a presidential election, the Legislature — which elects Gardner every two years — gave him authority to do that, too.

Determined to give minorities more of a say in choosing Democratic nominees, a party commission that meets Saturday is expected to recommend putting two to four caucuses into the 2008 calendar, after Iowa's lead-off caucus but before the New Hampshire primary. Part of the thinking is that if New Hampshire tolerates one earlier caucus, it might accept more.

But state law, which requires Gardner to schedule the primary a week or more before any "similar election," gives him

complete discretion to decide what is similar. And he made it clear Thursday that a caucus could qualify.

"The law doesn't say primary. It doesn't say caucus. It is the process by which voters' choices are made," he said.

"Think about it. What is an election? An election is making the choice by the people. ... And in the presidential nominating process, it is choosing delegates from the states to attend a national convention. And that can be done in a number of different ways."

Dante Scala, a political-science professor at Saint Anselm College and the author of another book on the primary, agrees that refusing to recognize New Hampshire delegates is an empty threat.

"No candidate comes to New Hampshire, because the delegates themselves are so important. They're relatively few in number, compared with

California," he said. "It's to gain momentum." (Counting alternates, New Hampshire has 31 Democratic delegates, California, 502.)

Besides, Scala says, no one gains from a fight at a convention.

"What nominee would want to make any state angry, let alone New Hampshire, a swing state?" he said. "At that point, it's all about party unity. You don't want the story out of the convention [being] that the party refused to seat New Hampshire and Iowa delegates."

The Democratic commission's recommendation Saturday will go to the party's rules committee and, ultimately, the Democratic National Committee. But Gardner — not national Chairman Howard Dean or party leaders — will decide the date, say Scala and Duncan.

And, Scala predicted, "He will protect the primary's first-in-the-nation status, under any conditions."

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## Law-enforcement officials warn against cuts

DES MOINES (AP) — Law-enforcement officials released a new study on Thursday warning that a budget working its way through Congress would cut deeply into anticrime efforts and toss 4,000 Iowa children out of early childhood programs.

Polk County Attorney John Sarcone warned that one out of seven Iowa youngsters would be denied access to Head Start programs, an education effort to get

youngsters off to the right start in life. The budget would also cut, by 25 percent, funding for community police officers.

"The proposed cuts would really stretch police very thin," Sarcone said. "These cuts are real. There is no peace dividend when it comes to law enforcement."

Miriam Rollin of the advocacy group Fight Crime: Invest in Kids also criticized the plan before Congress.

"The proposed cuts would slash and burn our most effective crime-prevention weapons, leaving Iowans exposed to more crime and violence," she said.

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## FBI: Iowa-bound traveler cleared

DES MOINES (AP) — Federal officials have cleared an Iowa-bound traveler whose shoes falsely tested positive for explosive residue during a stop at a New York airport last week.

The man, an Egyptian national, was catching a connecting flight to the Des Moines area when he was stopped at a security checkpoint at John F. Kennedy Airport on Dec. 2, said FBI spokesman Jeff Tarpinian.

He said the shoes initially tested positive for a trace explosive. They were confiscated by airport security, and then the individual was released. The shoes were then provided to the FBI, which later contacted and interviewed the man, Tarpinian said.

"We determined he was not a security threat, and the more sophisticated testing of the shoes determined that there were no trace explosives materials in those shoes," he said. "It basically was a false positive ... There really was, to our belief, no security threat at all."

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## A DI IN-DEPTH REPORT

# For some teens, a college party is the high life

Local and area high-school students visit college friends and get down at house parties with little to no supervision

BY DANNY VALENTINE  
THE DAILY IOWAN

By the end of Saturday night, the South Johnson Street apartment was trashed.

An upstairs toilet was filled with the vomit from a sophomore in high school. Spilled beer and the cheapest of André champagnes coated the hardwood floors and black futon, and an imposing pyramid of Pabst Blue Ribbon paid homage to the night's drinking game — "Hour of Power."

Nine City High students attended the UI freshman's party, throwing back drinks, compliments of a UI junior.

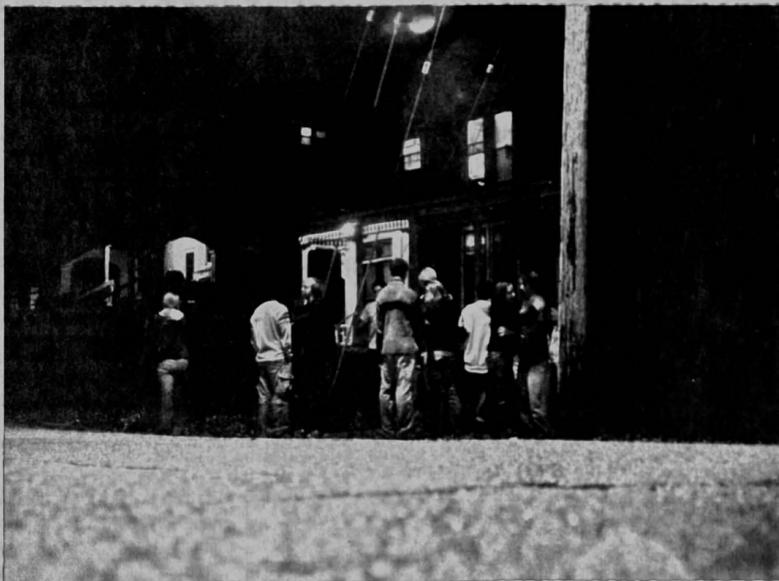
The night's festivities culminated when a seemingly drunk high-school girl provided oral sex for one of the college students while several guests watched through the reflection in the window.

The phenomenon of local high-school students crashing college parties can be attributed to decreased chances of getting in trouble, students said, and the Iowa City police aren't doing much to curb this behavior, records show.

"I am not worried at college [parties] downtown, because those usually don't get busted," said J.S., an 18-year-old male who wished to remain anonymous because of legal concerns.

"I am more worried at high-school parties."

In the past five years, Iowa City police have only issued seven tickets to students for providing alcohol to minors at house parties. And for the more



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

A group of house-less partiers stands on the corner and plans its next move after a party on Washington Street was broken up by police on Nov. 12. In the past five years, police have issued 841 disorderly house tickets. At some of these parties local and area high school students have been present and ticketed.

serious charge of bootlegging — reselling beer from kegs — it has cited zero people.

In one of the seven citations for providing alcohol to minors at house parties, the ticket showed there were eight minors cited for possession at the party — the youngest, 15, the oldest, 18.

Police Sgt. Doug Hart said that if this is occurring, then it is something the entire community should be concerned about, not just the police.

D.K., a 17-year-old male City High senior, said that from his experience, there is less chance of getting caught at a college party. He has been going to UI parties for a little under than a year, including two that were broken up by police. In both cases, he walked away from without being checked for drinking.

"It seems to me, at college parties, cops just tell everybody to disperse," he said.

"At high-school parties, they know everyone is underage, and they can easily bust people."

West and City High students said they are drawn to Hawkeye parties, because they sport a more relaxed atmosphere and easy access to alcohol.

"High-school parties are a lot more immature," said Dani, an Iowa City resident who has been attending college parties since the end of her freshman year.

At high-school parties, she said, people worry more about keeping things clean so their parents won't find out, and the atmosphere is generally more stressful.

"I don't really feel safe at either, but if I had to choose, I would choose a college party, because they try to keep them more low-key," Dani said.

The large crowds and sheer number of house parties in the downtown area provide a sense of security for the underage partygoer — the more offenders, the less chance they will be singled out with alcohol.

B.D., an 18-year-old woman, said she uses downtown parties to meet up with friends who have graduated from high

school and enrolled at the UI.

"We basically go because we want to hang out with [them]," she said.

For most high-school students, college parties are limited to the houses of former high-school friends and the people those friends have met, B.D. said. Because of this, she and her group of friends are usually the only high-school students they see.

Other students said, however, that they see up to a half dozen high-school students at any given party.

"College parties are just a lot more fun," D.K. said.

"I'll tell you that much."

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## COUNCILORS TAKE ON IC HOUSE PARTIES

Iowa City city councilors say alcohol is an ever-present topic of debate, but the conversation seems to revolve only around the bars. In fact, many interviewed said they wouldn't be discussing the topic of house parties had they not been asked for comment by *The Daily Iowan*.

Regenia Bailey — "I don't think there are active deterrents, and, yes, that's probably a problem."

Connie Champion — "Police officers don't have the right to go into a house just because they're selling alcohol. It's the rights of the citizens versus the responsibilities of police officers, and I don't have the answer."

Bob Elliott — "People talk about the alcohol problem, but there's no way to solve it, only ways to lessen and control it. It's been with us since time began and will be with us until time ends."

Mike O'Donnell — "If you call attention to yourself, then chances are good you are going to be visited by a police officer. They are on the ball in Iowa City."

Dee Vanderhoef — "Unfortunately, the size of the police department hasn't gotten bigger, so directing police efforts is a pretty tough balancing act."

Ross Wilburn — "We have a lot of officers in the downtown area, which takes away from our ability to be more proactive."

Ernie Lehman (outgoing mayor) — "I think you deal with the severity of the problem. You do what you have to do to maintain domestic tranquility."

Amy Correia (incoming councilor) — "I'm definitely interested in looking at the adequacy of our department's efforts. If we find that we need more officers, we need to figure out how to fund those."

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# A DI IN-DEPTH REPORT



Two affectionate party-goers at a College Street apartment find some intimate space in a crowded kitchen on Dec. 3. Once the hosts ran out of beer and stopped mixing "jungle juice," the guests quickly left. Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

## TAKING IT TO THE HOUSE IN IC

### HOUSE PARTIES

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A

"We do the research on our own," said Nancy Skay, owner of Lincoln Real Estate, which has about 25 campus-area properties.

She said she has never once been through the city's arbitration process, so her company has had to draft no-keg clauses into lease agreements and force parents to co-sign in order to curb the partying.

A common excuse for police has been the difficulty in enforcing what they cannot see.

And, in examining the handful of cases that have resulted in charges, it seems true that action can and will only be taken if the indulgence spreads outside the confines of the house or if an officer is voluntarily given access to the interior.

UI student James Terrell said he was given his 2004 providing alcohol to a minor ticket after sidewalk flippy cup games, a 115-pound hog roast, and eight kegs attracted as many as 90 students to his humble South Johnson Street abode.

"Everything was fine, and then the fucking cop drags me out of the house," recalls the now 21-year-old.

"He didn't ask me about the keg or anyone else who lived at the place. It seems like he was just on a mission, that day."

While departments elsewhere have averted this hindrance by implementing sting operations, Hargadine said officers here must simply rely on their own discretion.

So, with little threat aside from the prospect of theft, property damage, or alcohol poisoning on the premise, do party hosts have any reason to stop partying?

The answer, according to some recently interviewed hosts, is, apparently, no.

### A booming business

"I don't want to say it's a business, but it is," said UI student Jim Hilton, after a recent Friday night soiree that reaped hundreds of dollars in profit. "This is how we make our grocery money."

The 21-year-old, like many party hosts, says he knows and understands the law but has few concerns about being caught, after surviving almost an entire semester of bi-weekly parties ticket-free.

Noise from his apartment traveled past a balcony crowded with smokers and down a wooden staircase, so the hum of the crowd was audible from the sidewalk on Johnson Street. Hilton expected to profit at least \$250 that night.

Drinkers, too, realize the benefits of residential parties. Unlike the bars, parties have

### MAKING MONEY

Just how much can one house stand to make on a house party? Quite a bit, when you break down the numbers. Consider: A single 15-gallon keg of Miller High Life Light sells for \$49.99 at the Liquor House, 326 S. Clinton St. That's enough to fill a 16-ounce solo cup approximately 150 times. These are how the numbers break down at \$5 a cup:

# of people	# of kegs	Total profit
50	1 = \$250	\$200
80	2 = \$400	\$300
105	3 = \$525	\$375
125	4 = \$625	\$425
140	5 = \$700	\$450
150	6 = \$750	\$450
155	7 = \$775	\$425

no entry age minimum, nor do the faceless hands pushing toward a house party keg have ages as they hold cups awaiting a refill. People as young as 15 years old were found at one party, according to police records. [See High School Students, 5A]

Besides offering easier access, a house party can be cheaper than a night at the bars. It's all the beer a drinker wants, until the party dies, for \$5 — an amount that would translate to only a couple of bottles downtown.

"I'm not going to spend \$50 at a bar when I can spend \$5 at a house party," said 19-year-old Kelly McInerney. "Plus, cops don't bust house parties; they bust people in bars. At house parties, they tell everyone to go home."

Strapped-for-cash partiers like McInerney do, however, acknowledge risks other than those that come from a badge.

### 'It's becoming a sport'

"I will beat the fuck out of you," yelled Aaron Williams outside a Johnson Street apartment party. "I'll beat the fuck out of you and your motherfucking friends. Keep looking at me."

Williams, who travels from the Quad Cities to Iowa City on the weekends to party, nearly found himself in a fight while — in his words — defending a visiting friend from Iowa State University outside the party.

While the altercation ultimately fizzled, the lack of oversight gave rise to the question of just what could be safer: a bar with staff members paid to

keep patrons in line and police officers an earshot away — or an unsupervised, no-limit drinking environment.

Besides fights, excessive drinking in unsupervised areas can also foster prime conditions for rapists.

"It's becoming a sport at parties," said Karla Miller, executive director of the Rape Victim Advocacy Program.

The leader of the Iowa City-based program that counsels rape victims said she has heard stories about parties where male hosts target women by feeding them drinks out of a punch bowl and direct men to drink out of a keg.

But, despite these dangers, Miller acknowledges that most rapes tend to originate at the bars in Iowa City. Based on her experience, she said most of the 286 rapes reported to RVAP last year originated in bars because of the sheer number of people that filter through them in a given week.

To prevent rape at house parties, Miller recommended a buddy system and making a plan to get home safely. She said that many assaults occur after the rapist offers to walk the victim home.

Miller also cautioned partiers to avoid large parties, because hosts can easily conceal from police what goes on inside their house. "The more people and the crazier the party gets, the more people inclined to act out do so," she said, adding that sexual assaults tend to occur when the victim and aggressor either start out alone or are in a hectic situation where they can slip away unnoticed.

### PARTY RISKS

It's well known that hosting a party can turn quite the profit. But there are also risks. What exactly is at stake?

• Under state code, bootlegging is a serious misdemeanor. For anyone over 21, that could mean a fine between \$250 and \$1,500 and up to a year in jail; for underagers, it's a simple misdemeanor that carries a fine between \$50 and \$500 and up to 30 days in jail.

• Also under state statute, providing alcohol to minors is a serious misdemeanor for those over 21 that could carry up to a \$500 fine. If injury were to result, that fine would be bumped up to \$5,000 and a possible sentence of two years in prison. If someone dies at a party, and you could get as much as \$7,500 in fines and five years in prison, plus civil liabilities.

### Not the "fun police"

Despite the apparent lack of regulation, city councilors have remained relatively mute on the topic of house party enforcement, giving it scant attention beyond what impact a 21-only bar ordinance would have on their magnitude.

While councilors do not have direct policy oversight, they say they could use their seats to garner public awareness or pressure the department to beef up its efforts. Councilors acknowledge they could also help the department find scarce dollars to fund specific party patrols, as campus cities elsewhere have done.

"Cops are not out to make sure people don't have a good time," said outgoing Mayor Ernie Lehman, expressing a widely felt sentiment among councilors.

"They're out to make sure neighborhoods have some harmony."

And even typically vocal policy advocates don't seem terribly dissatisfied.

"Police are doing the best they can, with their staffing needs," said Angela Reams, coordinator for the Stepping Up project, adding that the low number of citations was not particularly surprising.

Still, others contended that house-party enforcement warranted more attention.

"Is it the best policy approach? Probably not," said Councilor Regenia Bailey.

"I don't think there are active deterrents and, yes, that's probably a problem."

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## SUPER HOUSE PARTY HOSTS



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan  
UI students (from left to right) Mike Palermo, Austin Meier, Zach Rampold, and Stuart Higgins are known for the house parties thrown at their Clinton Street apartment. The guys are all under 21, except for Rampold, and their house is equipped with a bar.

BY NICK PETERSEN THE DAILY IOWAN

Upon entering one Clinton Street house, guests immediately see a Christmas tree decked out with empty beer and energy-drink cans. A mantle is lined with used liquor bottles to the left, and through a doorway to the right, rests a

wooden bar with a beer tap protruding out of the top.

This is where UI students Stuart Higgins, 20, Austin Meier, 19, Mike Palermo, 19, and Zach Rampold, 21, live and throw parties that they estimate have raked in roughly \$250 from the four bashes this year.

Their parties, which feature themes, such as Redneck and Will Smith Millennium, have never gotten them a ticket — even after the same police officer visited the home twice in one night, they said.

Below are excerpts from a conversation with the students.

### Q&A

How did you end up living here?  
Rampold: We all lived in Daum last year; this place was our last-ditch effort to get out of the dorms.

### Where do you make the most money?

Meier: We make the most money with the [50-cent] Jell-O shots, by far.

Higgins: There were approximately 200 Jello shots at Halloween, and they were gone in two hours. We have a friend that bartends. He stays sober.

### Where did the bar come from?

Higgins: A friend's dad had it. We drilled a hole in it for the tap.

### What do you do to prepare for a party?

Meier: We clear everything off the floor, buy sheets of plastic, and lay them down on the carpet. We lay down pieces of carpet over the top.

Rampold: It's so gross afterwards.

Meier: Another thing we do is go around and look for valuables that could be stolen.

Higgins: We also write a letter to neighbors to let them know we're having a party. We put phone numbers on it and try to deliver the letter in person.

Palermo: The letter is effective. The party on Halloween was the best, because cops had other things to do.

### How do you spread the word about your parties?

Higgins: We send out invites on Facebook. Based on RSVPs, we determine how much liquor we buy.

Meier: We invite people we know and tell them to bring a friend. That way, we usually know who's here.

Palermo: We invite 150 to 200 people, and 200 or more show during the night.

Higgins: At Halloween, the rooms were all full. You couldn't walk through. People were spilling out into the hallway.

### Have you ever run into any trouble with the cops?

Higgins: No, we haven't gotten any tickets. You can probably attribute that to our location.

Rampold: I think they just kind of accept it.

Meier: The cops have always been nice.

Palermo: It's not like we do this every weekend. It's only about once a month.

Higgins: We try to spread it out, so we don't piss the neighbors off. We usually pick a weekend that works for all of us.

### What's the cleanup process like?

Meier: The afternoon of the next day we start to clean up.

Higgins: After every party, we make a list of things we can do better.

### What do you do with your profits?

Higgins: Put it toward the next party. At the end of the year, we'll probably put it toward rent.

Meier: It's not about making money. It's about people calling you the next day and saying, "Damn, that was sweet."

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### KEGGERS



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan  
An enthusiastic party-goer parades a finished keg at a house party on Melrose Avenue before the Iowa/Michigan game on Oct. 22. The party filled the backyard of the home but quickly dissipated after the beer was finished and the game started. Police presence at the party was intermittent, and few IDs were checked.

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## A DI IN-DEPTH REPORT

# Partying tougher elsewhere

BY DREW KERR  
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When University of Minnesota police Capt. Steve Johnson encountered his first fatal case of alcohol poisoning, he decided it was time for his department to take action.

Facing scrutiny from both parents and university alike for their seemingly blasé approach to house party enforcement, the police began actively pursuing grants to specifically target hosts and their guests. This year, having received a small amount of financial support from the state, the police will spend more than \$16,000 on house-party enforcement alone.

The extra officers now available on weekends can make as many as 100 arrests in a single night by using undercover agents and house lockdowns that trap partygoers unless they pass a preliminary breath test, Johnson said.

Still, the 26-year law enforcement veteran says he wishes his department could do more.

"I'd rather not have to explain to a parent why we didn't do more," Johnson said. "When you see a death like I did, \$16,000 is nothing."

The Minnesota department is not alone in its attentiveness to house parties.

A *Daily Iowan* survey of house-party enforcement in comparable college towns across the Big Ten and Iowa shows departments elsewhere use numerous tactics ignored by Iowa City police.

More than half of the departments patrolling Big Ten cities assign at least a pair of officers to respond specifically to house parties on weekend nights, and a number of departments report using undercover agents to nab indiscriminate party hosts and the underage partiers they serve.

Some cities, facing residents' complaints and rowdy nights, have even written specific codes to tackle house parties that are more stringent than Iowa City's policies.

For example, in Michigan State University's home of East Lansing, a common source of alcohol, an entry fee, and the presence of more than one person for every 20 square feet of livable house space can result in a \$500 fine and a two-night lay-over in jail. While the ordinance is only used in "extreme" cases, the threat alone has served as a sufficient deterrent, East Lansing police Lt. Kevin Daley said.

"We want you to have your friends over, but we don't want you to have a thousand of your friends over, half of whom you don't know and are underage," he said, adding that the barrage of citations doled out at the beginning of each semester generally conveys an effective message.

Targeting pocketbooks has also been a staple of enforcement

### TACTICS USED IN OTHER COLLEGE TOWNS

House-party enforcement across Midwestern campuses varies, but there are some common threads.

Many police departments assign at least a pair of officers to specifically target densely student populated areas, and others have drafted precise city codes to address the situation. Here are some highlights:

• Iowa City:  
UI population: 29,450  
Iowa City population: 63,027 (2004 estimate)

Enforcement: A 2-year-old nuisance-house ordinance could mean eviction for tenants who receive numerous tickets within a given time frame.

• Iowa State University (Ames):  
ISU population: 26,380  
Ames population: 52,319 (2004 estimate)

Enforcement: Recent VEISHA riots have led to numerous recently adopted party-enforcement measures, including a police response team that informs potential party throwers of their limits and the ramifications when hosting a party. The city also requires parties with more than three kegs to register with the police and have used stings to nab indiscriminate hosts in the past.

• Purdue University (West Lafayette):  
Campus population: 38,712  
West Lafayette population: 28,609 (2004 estimate)

Enforcement: The police conduct undercover raids on parties they learn of through school faculty and administration. The Indiana Legislature also recently enacted a keg registration that would force purchasers to provide their names and addresses, allowing officers to review the data and direct their efforts in advance.

See all Big Ten and regent school tactics online at: [DAILYIOWAN.COM](http://DAILYIOWAN.COM)

efforts for the Madison, Wis., police, who must control famously rowdy University of Wisconsin students.

A 2004 party in Madison, for example, resulted in seven party hosts receiving a collective \$73,000 in fines after they hosted a 600-person party. The 154 tickets included charges for each roommate for dispensing alcohol without a license to each party guest.

One reason these police departments have been able to do more is because their bars are 21-only. But even in such Big Ten cities as Columbus, Ohio, and Champaign-Urbana, Ill., where the bar entry age is under 21, house-party enforcement plays a more prominent role in alcohol enforcement efforts.

Champaign police, for example, split their time between the 155 liquor-licensed establishments — most of which have a 19-year-old entry age — and the numerous house parties in the University of Illinois area.

When they buy more than one

keg in the city, purchasers must sign their names, addresses, and intents because of city registration ordinances. That information is then available for law-enforcement agents, who review the records and target potential problem houses.

Those efforts, combined with 18-officer party patrols and a "follow the keg" program, in which officers follow purchasers to their location, can cost the department as much as \$50,000 a year, said Sgt. Scott Friedlein, whose sole duty is to enforce alcohol violations.

While Iowa City police have said lack of money has hindered their ability to enforce house parties more aggressively, Champaign police estimate they raise \$250,000 per year through ticketing party hosts and their guests — money that does not directly bankroll enforcement efforts but does help to ensure at least \$50,000 will fall under Friedlein's discretion.

That approach to enforcement, he said, has led to significant decreases in the scope and scale of house parties. He also pointed to a 2001 report that showed a 44 percent drop in violent crime — including assault and sexual-abuse cases — in the campus residential area most frequently home to parties.

"It's not an A causes B kind of thing, but I have to believe our focused efforts certainly had a role in that drop," he said, adding a similar study now underway promises to have similar findings.

Enforcement at many of these departments can often be more proactive than reactive.

In Columbus, the home of Ohio State University, police make a point to venture out before famous party nights to instruct hosts of the laws and to let them know police will be patrolling. Law-enforcement officers follow up by sending plainclothes officers to parties to make sure drinkers are carded.

Iowa City police said they do not have any similar efforts to warn potential party throwers of the consequences of illegal activities at their parties.

Enforcement by the numbers also appears to be shadowed by other departments. A *Daily Iowan* review of police records revealed that Iowa City police have handed out seven providing-alcohol-to-underage-drinker tickets and zero bootlegging tickets in the last five years.

There have been 841 disorderly house tickets during the same time frame, but those tickets could also be given for things such as overgrown weeds and excessive trash.

Meanwhile, 89 providing-alcohol-to-underage-drinkers citations were issued by the Bloomington police, home to Indiana University, and 440 nuisance-party violations were handed out in Ames in the same time frame.

And, while Iowa City police

seem to lack specialized enforcement of house parties, they have not left the issue completely behind.

A nuisance-property ordinance adopted in May 2003 effectively formalized an arbitration process between landlords and their party-friendly tenants by notifying property owners when their tenants were ticketed by police.

But with just eight patrolling officers on a typical weekend night, law-enforcement officials admit that it can take up to two hours before a complaint is addressed, making it difficult for party hosts to be caught in the act, thus avoiding reprimand.

A total of 430 tenants have faced summons since the law was enacted, but no cases have resulted in evictions, said Iowa City senior housing inspector Norm Cate.

The slow response time and comparatively fewer aggressive tactics do not seem to greatly concern police or local officials, however.

"The police department does not have a responsibility to eradicate house parties," Iowa City Police Chief Sam Hargadine said.

So, even while departments elsewhere continue to push for more officers, more patrol, and more tickets, local officers and city officials seem content with the status quo. When asked whether measures elsewhere may be implemented locally, officers and councilors appeared doubtful.

"That's not how this community wants the police to operate, and I think that's valid," said City Councilor Regenia Bailey.

Police also emphasized the demands for resources brought on by the bars.

"Frankly, there is a bigger problem in the downtown area than private parties, so we focus our efforts there," Hargadine said, adding that he had no plans to issue any new directives or policy changes in the near future.

When asked whether he would could tell parents whether he did enough should he encounter a drinking death, as Johnson did at the University of Minnesota, Hargadine responded without hesitation.

"It's not my job to raise them," he said. "They're adults. Yes, I can sleep like a baby answering that question."

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### EDITORIAL

## House parties merit scrutiny

The role of the house party is one of the odder features of the debate over alcohol policy in Iowa City. Students, community members, and city councilors have invoked the danger of house parties in arguments against an ordinance that would limit the city's bars to those 21 years of age and older; yet, in the absence of the debate over such a 21-ordinance, these domestic shindigs garner too little attention from law enforcement and our elected officials.

The city's fixation on bars and other licensed alcohol vendors is understandable, to a certain extent. The establishments are largely concentrated in the downtown area, whereas house parties are dispersed throughout the city; the bar culture, and its aftermath on a Saturday or Sunday morning, is thus more apparent to many. However, few UI students would deny that house parties play a prominent role in Iowa City's alcohol culture — certainly not the nearly 2,300 listed as members of the "Need a House Party?" Facebook group as of Thursday afternoon.

The concentration of bars does make the police's focus there understandable, from a logistical standpoint. Yet, any serious crackdown on licensed drinking establishments would risk having the same effect as a 21-ordinance, driving underage drinkers into house parties and further spreading rowdy partygoers into the neighborhoods.

It is for this reason that a serious police strategy to deal with house parties must be part of any solution to Iowa City's alcohol issues. Bars are

staffed by trained professionals and offer an inherently better-regulated environment than house parties. Moreover, house parties are more remote from the city's police or emergency services, meaning that, in the event of a serious brawl or injury, help will likely not be so quick to arrive. This is a problem now and would become a much more serious one, if bar-goers would relocate to the houses.

Not only would more attention paid to house parties now help prepare the police should such a migration occur, but tougher enforcement at bars and house parties alike is the best way to persuade those underage to explore alternatives to drinking rather than simply alternative venues.

In this way, the 19-ordinance is still useful. Because of the greater ability of bars to regulate their patrons, police enforcement is less critical there than it would be at a comparable number of house parties. Moreover, because many students are drawn to bars rather than house parties on any given night, the remaining house parties may be policed with considerably fewer officers than would be required if the bars were off-limits to those under 21. Retaining the 19-ordinance allows for the most efficient allocation of limited police resources at bars and house parties alike.

It is likely impossible to eliminate house parties entirely, nor would we want to do so. Rather, we wish to see those that present a serious danger to neighborhood quality and public safety suppressed so that responsible behavior may prevail. Neither the police nor the city ought to write off this goal.

### LETTERS

#### Holiday politics

While I agree with the view that private businesses may be able to attract more customers by using a non-denominational "holiday" greeting ("Please ignore holiday wars," Dec. 8), to promote ignorance is deeply upsetting. Sure, we live in a country where people are free to choose whether to say "Merry Christmas" or "Happy Holidays," but shouldn't that freedom be coupled with the encouragement to learn the differences in perspectives, not shut them out?

I find it intriguing the *DI* mentions Kwanzaa as a "holiday." If you know anything about the origin of the word holiday, then you would understand it stems from "Holy Day." Tell me what is holy about Ron Everett's extreme violence, advocacy for a separate black state, and overt racism? Those who embrace a "holiday" that promotes divisiveness should be chided, not given a free ride because their ethnicity lacks a "holiday" of their own, much less rewarded for it.

I challenge the *DI* to find anything that is not "politicized and commercialized well past the point of rationality" in today's society. Suggesting that the problem surrounds, or the culprit is, Christmas shows a lack of understanding of our society. What other excesses should we attack? Birthdays? Anniversaries? Perhaps the Super Bowl or March Madness?

My beef is not with those who choose to say "Happy Holidays" or "Merry Christmas"; it is with those who laud tolerance and diversity while ignoring integrity. The process of forming an opinion based on preconceived notions and little if any fact is irresponsible and, unfortunately, a growing problem. All I ask is that whoever reads this makes a conscious effort to examine what is around them with a critical mind. Happy 1/365th of a year today, and good luck on finals.

Mark Brown  
UI student

#### Comic error

The *Daily Iowan* ran a comic Dec. 8 characterizing the ACLU as having a "policy to oppose any Christmas music in public places." That doesn't sound like an opinion; it sounds

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like a statement of fact. I'm not a member, but I had a sneaking suspicion it isn't actually true. I went to the ACLU's website and saw no mention of such a policy, even in its "religious liberties" section. In fact, the ACLU announces that it has recently joined

a lawsuit supporting the right of a second-grader to sing "Awesome God" at a talent show. Could the artist have just made such a thing up out of whole cloth? What for?

I know it's everyone's right to be factually challenged, but as the gatekeepers of

information, *The Daily Iowan* should endeavor to avoid printing the counterfactual nonsense produced by someone so detached from reality.

Chris Moseng  
UI law student

### COMMENTARY

## In Europe, parsing secret prisons

If it's Thursday, then it must be Belgium, and it's doubtful whether Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice will put to rest European concerns over reports that the United States has secretly detained terrorism suspects in Eastern Europe. Rice departed on her weeklong, four-country trip with her anti-torture remarks at the ready. But her insistence that the United States "does not authorize or condone torture of detainees" didn't convince the Dutch or European Union leaders or some of her German hosts with whom she visited Tuesday. And that's because Rice can't be frank about the alleged detentions. Candor would exacerbate tense relations between the United States and its European allies over the war on terror and further sully America's reputation on treatment of detainees.

Throughout her trip, Rice has neither confirmed nor denied the existence of the secret detentions. She says she doesn't comment on "intelligence" matters. The secretary has chosen her words carefully in iterating the Bush administration's adherence to international laws against torture. She defended its antiterrorism operations, insisting that the United States has respected the "sovereignty" of its partners

in the war on terror and strongly suggesting that some allies fully understood the parameters of U.S. intelligence measures. In Berlin, the case of a German citizen mistakenly abducted by the CIA prompted her pledge that the United States would work as swiftly as possible to rectify any mistake. Again, she never admitted that the United States had indeed been mistaken about Khaled al-Masri, who was kidnapped in Macedonia and flown to a secret prison in Afghanistan, where he says in a lawsuit that he was tortured. Questions about CIA activities followed Rice to Romania, another alleged site of a secret facility. But Rice stayed firmly on message. Her parsing shouldn't be excused for diplomacy, not when the subject is clandestine prisons and torture has been alleged. European leaders have to be able to credibly assure their people that America isn't doing its dirty work in their backyards. The Bush administration can't afford more anti-American hostility on the continent, not with Iraq in such turmoil. And the American public deserves to know whether secret prisons are being operated in its name.

This editorial appeared in Thursday's *Baltimore Sun*.

### ON THE SPOT

Do you prefer bars or house parties?



"Being a nursing student, I don't have time to go to either."

Ashley Pieper  
UI junior



"I'd say bars, because there's a bigger variety of alcoholic beverages."

Nate Soriano  
UI junior



"Bars, because parties don't have the best drinks."

Ashley Swartz  
UI junior



"I'd say a house party, because it's cheaper. Especially in the snow, because you don't have to go outside."

Tory Losasso  
UI senior

## Good-bye, Joe

It's time for Joe to go. Connecticut Democratic Sen. Joseph Lieberman's Nov. 29 *Wall Street Journal* op-ed praising American progress in Iraq is exactly what Democrats trying to unseat incumbent Republicans don't need. And all the political capital that his party has accumulated from President Bush's missteps in the beleaguered Middle Eastern country — forget about it.

At a time when Democrats need to present a unified front, for better or worse, Lieberman decided to unilaterally issue an "A" grade to the Bush administration and muddle the Democratic message all the more.



BARRY PUMP

After Bush's speech Wednesday in front of the Council on Foreign Relations, Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., iterated his call for American troop withdrawal. "The American public is thirsting for a plan — they don't see a plan, a way out," he said. "The sooner we get out, in my estimation, the better off we'll be."

Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., expressed a similar view — what should be every Democrat's view — of American foreign policy in Iraq. "Democrats firmly believe that the U.S. can and must succeed [in Iraq], but the president's open-ended, ill-defined policy will not get us there."

Reed and Murtha offer clear but loyal opposition to the failed policies of the president. They give people an option, if they disagree with Bush, to vote another way and still be part of "the mainstream" of U.S. politics. Those Democrats do what members of the second party in a two-party system should do: provide an alternative.

For Lieberman's opinions, we need look no further than President Bush's own speech to the Council on Foreign Relations. He quoted the senator on Wednesday morning: "Does America have a good plan for doing this, a strategy for victory in Iraq? Yes, we do. And it's important to make clear to the American people that the plan has not remained stubbornly still but has changed over the years."

Now, from a strictly political standpoint, if you were a senator, would you write something in a national newspaper that the president from an opposing party could quote in a speech a week later as an endorsement of his policy?

Not unless you had a favor coming to you, and Bush can't dole out a lot of favors right now — not when half the public disagrees with him.

One can assume that favors weren't involved in writing the piece and that Lieberman doesn't want his party to be strategically weaker. So what motivation did Joe have for writing such a piece in one of America's most widely read conservative publications?

A reason could be that Joe actually believes what he and the president are trying to sell. If that's the case, one wonders what he's smoking and whether the rest of us can legally take a toke, too. Yet, if the senator truly believes in nation-building and the way in which we're doing it in Iraq, you can't help but think he's being used as an idealistic pawn in Bush's far more treacherous game of empire.

In this game, a mixed message from the opposing party helps Bush consolidate power. It makes the opposition look indecisive, while he alone possesses the answers to America's security problems. More importantly, Lieberman's support makes it look like something resembling a "victory" in Iraq is even possible — something most Americans currently doubt.

The position that Bush and Lieberman have adopted remains a plausible option, as long as we have hope that something like a free and democratic Iraq is possible in the near term and that American troops can win enough tranquility there militarily to make such a place possible. Progress reports such as Lieberman's keep that hope alive. But should it?

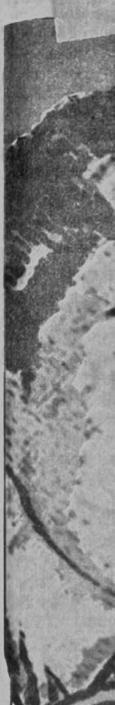
Iraq is placed in a precarious position, and the U.S. government is not on firmer ground. An incorrect pullout of troops could hurt both Iraq and the United States more than any of us know. But we run the same risks if the military remains in the country.

I am unconvinced by either course of action. But I like having both options available, so next year I can choose between the two at the ballot box. Lieberman's off-message op-ed, though, makes having two viable options that much harder, and for that, he really ought to become a Republican and save his party some grief and the voters some confusion.

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When Iowa City starts looking and feeling like one big icebox, it always gives me great satisfaction to unbutton that jacket, defrost those toes, and shake the ice out of my hair. And then cook.

No, really: Preparing flavorsome, healthful, season-appropriate food doesn't have to mean hours of chopping, stirring, and boiling — nor cost coffers of coinage. I don't even particularly enjoy cooking (rather, it earns my toleration, because it leads to eating), but I do recommend all these recipes for their ease and quality.

Some are favorites from my family, like the lamb chops with mint and orange sauce and the mulled wine. The others are derivations of delicious recipes — such as the pasta with lemon sauce — or else the glorious results of last-minute emergency substitutions (the beef stew with apple cider).

All should warm you up, at least for the evening.

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This delicious, vegetable-packed pasta sauce can be made in five minutes flat. Truly, Lemon's strong flavor perfectly suits the asparagus, tuna, and peas in this recipe — and it delivers some extra vitamin C.

### Yellow and Green Pasta Sauce

- 1 lemon
- 1/2 cup asparagus spears, chopped
- 1/2 cup peas (frozen or fresh)
- 1 can tuna
- 4 tablespoons of butter

In a small, non-copper saucepan over low heat, melt the butter slowly. Do not allow the butter to burn. Zest the lemon, avoiding the pith, and finely chop the zest before adding it to the butter. Cut the lemon in half and squeeze its juice into the butter mixture, add the peas, asparagus, and tuna. Stir. Taste, and add salt and pepper to taste. Serve over hot, buttered pasta of your choice. Serves two.

Lamb chops with mint sauce is an old standby and great for winter — but adding orange juice gives the concoction a new zing.

### Lamb with Orange and Mint Sauce

- 1 orange
- 1 tablespoon fresh mint, chopped
- 2 tablespoons of honey
- Few dashes each of salt and pepper
- 4 lamb chops

Zest half the orange, then squeeze all its juice into a small bowl. Chop the zest finely, and add it. Stir in the honey, salt, and pepper. Brush the mixture over both sides of each lamb chop.

Put the chops under the broiler of your oven until they are nicely browned (about six to seven minutes on each side). Brush with more of the orange glaze when you turn them over.

Then, pour the rest of the orange sauce into a small saucepan, add the chopped mint, and bring it all to a boil for two minutes over high heat, stirring constantly. Serve the lamb chops with the mint orange sauce poured over them. Add rice and vegetables for a complete meal. Serves two.

### Alyssa's Beef Stew

- 1 1/2 pounds of beef stew meat, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 2 portobello mushrooms, diced
- 8 ounces of other mushrooms, diced
- 11 ounces of green beans, chopped (can be frozen)
- 3 potatoes, cubed
- 1 onion, chopped
- 7 cloves of garlic, chopped
- 1 cup of apple cider
- 1/2 cup flour
- 2 teaspoons each of salt, pepper, and leaf thyme
- Olive oil

Put the flour, salt, and pepper in a re-sealable bag, add the beef, close the bag, and toss it around until the meat pieces are coated. Discard the flour mixture.

Put a little olive oil in a biggie saucepan over medium-high heat. When the oil is hot, add the floured beef cubes and the garlic, and stir until browned (approximately five minutes). Then, reduce the heat to low, and add the onion. Cover, and stir occasionally for another five minutes or so, until the onion is translucent. Then, add the mushrooms, the thyme, the potatoes, the beans, and the apple cider, cover the pot, and let it simmer over very low heat for another 45 minutes to one hour. Stir occasionally.

When the potatoes are tender, serve the stew over rice or buttered egg noodles. Serves four to five.

Apple cider and beef? Why not. This new twist on an old standby will be a delight at the end of a winter's day. The cider imparts a spicy, apple aroma and surprisingly subtle taste to complement the meat and potatoes, while the beans add color.

### Mulled Wine

- 1 bottle of red wine
- 3 sticks of cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon of whole cloves
- 1 tablespoon of whole allspice berries
- 1 whole nutmeg
- 1 orange
- 1/3 cup of sugar
- 1/2 cup of water

In a medium-sized saucepan, mix the water, sugar, and spices (give the nutmeg a smack with something heavy, like a rolling pin or an iron skillet, before you add it). It's important to use whole spices, not ground, because, otherwise, you will have to spend time sieving spicy silt out of your beverage before you imbibe.

Bring the water mixture to a simmer over low heat for 10 minutes. Then, add the wine. Stir, and do not let the wine boil. Zest the whole orange, being careful only to slice off the orange skin and not the bitter, white pith. Add the zest in big pieces to the saucepan. Cut the orange into rounds, and add them to the steaming — but not boiling — wine mixture.

Continue to stir and simmer the mixture for another 10 minutes, then turn off the heat and serve. Either fish the spices and oranges out at this point, or let them sit in the pot for a while to give the wine an even stronger flavor.

"MULLED" just means "heated and spiced." In theory, any drink could be mulled to winterize it — this recipe also works well with apple cider. Best drunk from large mugs on particularly cold nights.



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# Iraq economy grows, but violence hurts

BY CHRIS TOMLINSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Iraq's economy is expected to grow by 4 percent this year and by double digits in 2006, as reconstruction efforts begin to bear fruit, a U.S. official said on Thursday. But the cost of the insurgency remains high, both in financial and emotional terms.

Iraqi merchants complain that business has dropped off because bombings have terrorized customers, and they say the government must do more to help them.

Dan Speckhard, the U.S. official in charge of reconstruction in Iraq, said 16 percent to 20 percent of reconstruction money goes to providing security for businesses. He said the cost of rehabilitation projects is high, because the security situation is "tenuous and difficult."

Nevertheless, Speckhard said, Iraq's "fundamentals are there." "Iraq's economy will grow at 4 percent this year and accelerate into the double digits next year," Speckhard said. "Per capita income is nearly double what it was two years ago, [and] sales of consumer and durable goods are booming."

Speckhard spoke to reporters a day after President Bush said economic progress in Iraq is lifting hopes for a democratic future, despite "fits and starts" in the reconstruction program. Although unemployment remains a problem, more than 30,000 new businesses registered with the government in the last year, Speckhard said.

In Baghdad, where 23 percent

of Iraq's 27 million population lives, business owners have charted ups and downs.

Kadhim Morshed Salloum, a clothing merchant, said that in the weeks after the fall of Baghdad, "demand increased, and commerce flourished."

"But, during the last six months, the market has been fluctuating, for various reasons," he said. "Many families stopped going to the market because of the security situation. Before, many women used to come by themselves, but now they go out only with their husbands or brothers."

A constant complaint in Baghdad has been electricity, and it has become part of the battle against insurgents, said Brig. Gen. Bill McCoy, the commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Iraq.

Power plants in Iraq have the capacity to generate 10-12 hours of electricity a day for most of the country, and those outside of the capital mostly receive it, he said. But Baghdad remains a problem, with an average of only four hours a day in November because of downed transmission lines.

Iraq's oil sector, also hampered by unrelenting insurgent attacks, appears set to pump less crude in 2005 than last year's disappointing showing and far less than under Saddam Hussein. The only bright spot is that near-record oil prices have softened the blow by boosting export earnings.

The attacks have made it all but impossible to attract foreign expertise needed to rejuvenate the rusty infrastructure, drill new wells, or take any number of steps toward increasing production or exports.

U.S. officials have long cited progress in Iraq, marked by setbacks along the way.



Dan Speckhard  
Iraq reconstruction official

# House retains capital-gains cuts

Tax breaks for teachers who purchase school supplies are among the items passed by the House

BY MARY DALRYMPLE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The House voted on Thursday to make sure investors hang onto lowered tax rates for capital gains and dividends for an extra two years.

Voting mostly along party lines, the House narrowly passed a \$56 billion, five-year package of tax cuts that retains reduced tax rates on capital gains and dividends in 2009 and 2010. The vote was 234-197.

Republicans said their record of tax cutting revitalized a sluggish economy, and the White House praised the bill. "These extensions are necessary to provide certainty for investors and businesses and are essential to sustaining long-term economic growth," the president's budget office said in a statement.

Democrats said tax cuts for investment income and much of the GOP's economic agenda help Republican friends and ignore average workers.

"Everybody loses, under this bill. Everybody, that is, except the top one-fifth of 1 percent," said Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga. "Some might call them the superrich. Apparently, the majority calls them donors."

The tax bill includes some items popular with both Republicans and Democrats. Most of those provisions preserve tax breaks that would otherwise expire in a few weeks, including deductions for state and local sales taxes, tuition, and classroom supplies purchased by teachers.

Businesses won extensions of two major benefits, a tax credit for research and development and write-offs for small business investment.

The tax-cut package was passed a day after the House pushed through three other tax bills by overwhelming majorities. One offered businesses incentives to stay or establish in hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast communities. A second extended some small tax breaks expiring at the end of the year, including one that helps soldiers in combat claim the earned income tax credit.

A third bill blunts the bite of the alternative minimum tax, which threatens to hit some 17 million individuals and families with higher taxes next year.

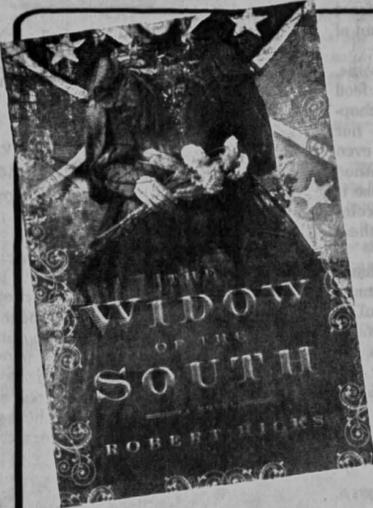
It's unclear whether these bills can be reconciled with different versions passed in the Senate in the short time that lawmakers have the rest of this year.

The Senate earlier struggled to get enough support for a two-year extension of capital gains and dividends tax cuts.

They ultimately decided to drop the effort for a short time, to get their tax agenda moving. Senate leaders vowed to make sure the final version of the legislation keeps the investment tax cuts alive.

The 15 percent tax rate for investment income is currently scheduled to disappear at the end of 2008. If the reduction runs out, the top capital gains tax rate would be 20 percent, and dividends would be taxed like ordinary income, at rates up to 35 percent.

The House rejected an alternative tax package drafted by Democrats that would have omitted the tax breaks for investment income. It also would have replaced \$43 billion in government revenue lost to tax cuts by raising taxes on individuals earning more than \$500,000 and couples earning more than \$1 million.



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A flurry of teams head

DALLAS (AP) — The Texas Rangers finished their season with a flurry of home runs, including a home run by Edgar Renteria in the top of the ninth inning on short rest and the New York Yankees' second baseman

On the fourth busiest winter Boston sent Renteria to the Dominican Republic. Perhaps the Tejada could win the 2004 season.

"I've been in the direction I think a change would be the best," Tejada said in a phone interview. Press from the Dominican Republic.

"I've done my team, and I've seen the other teams while the Orioles signings to stay in the direction," Tejada said. Renteria won the NL pennant in 2003, then the \$40 million, for Red Sox but left with 30 errors. Boston agreed to buyout if his 2005 season was a bust. "We looked at when he returned to the Atlanta general manager Schuerholz, who prospect Andy Boston also 2004 World Series. Ramirez, and to pay some of the left fielder over

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Barnett re steps do

BOULDER, Colo. — Barnett's tenure as Colorado ended with a coach reluctant to accept a \$1.5 million severance pay. "I respect the field problems and bad results on

In a news conference, Barnett was forced to step down. Director Mike Barnett, who didn't resign wholeheartedly, said he would make this decision. "I would do

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Bohn, who would be known for his year is for toward the place to play

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## HAWKS GO COLD ON FRIGID NIGHT

BY RYAN LONG  
THE DAILY IOWAN

AMES — The inability to execute a consistent jump shot may have been the most significant aspect of the Iowa women's basketball team's 77-61 loss to Iowa State.

The Hawkeyes, who came in averaging just over 77 points per game and had shot nearly 48 percent from the floor since the beginning of the season, were held to just over 35 percent on the evening.

"Unfortunately, we didn't play the game at 2 o'clock when we got off the bus, because we were shooting lights out in shootaround today. But, their five beat our team [Thursday]," said Iowa coach Lisa Bluder. "We kept trying to stress to get the ball inside, but their pressure defense on the outside must have stopped us from being able to see the inside players."

The five that Bluder spoke of was freshman forward Nicky Wieben, junior guard Lyndsey Medders, freshman guard Heather Ezell, junior forward Megan Ronhovde, and senior forward Brittany Wilkins. All finished in double figures with Wieben, Medders, Ronhovde, and Wilkins each contributing a double-double.

"Really proud of the effort of our team," said Cyclone coach Bill Fennelly. "We only played six kids, but I don't know if I've ever coached in a game of this magnitude and this level where we had four people get double-doubles."

Fennelly's squad — which jumped to 4-1 — used its zone as a way to contain the inside penetration of Iowa senior guard Crystal Smith. She

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Aaron Hall Holmgren/The Daily Iowan

Iowa guard Crystal Smith flips a shot through the outstretched arms of her Cyclone opponents during the Hawkeyes' 77-61 loss to Iowa State on Thursday night in Ames. Smith tallied 11 points for Iowa, but the Hawkeyes were unable to break their losing streak against the Cyclones.

### COMMENTARY Magic bites



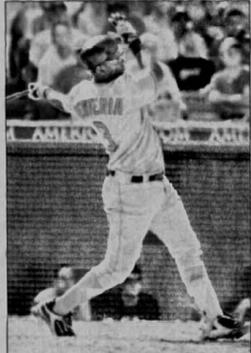
TED MCCARTAN

AMES — I'll admit it, I'm a huge David Blaine fan. Got him on my TiVo. Those David Copperfield specials that used to be on CBS? Taped every one. With the exception of "The Gathering," I love magic of any kind, whether it includes a deck of cards or some 10-year-old's disappearing nose.

The Iowa women's basketball team, on the other hand, hates magic. Or at least Hilton magic.

During the mid-90s, some of the longest home-winning streaks in the country made Iowa State's Hilton Coliseum one of the toughest places to play in the nation, and Cyclone fans hyped the good fortune as "Hilton Magic." And last night, the reputation was upheld, with Iowa's 77-61 loss to Iowa State in front of a loud and impressively organized home crowd and student section. The victory was the 17th in a row for the Cyclones on their home court, their last loss

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Edgar Renteria

MLB

### A flurry of deals before teams head home

DALLAS (AP) — Baseball executives finished the winter meetings with a flurry of deals before heading home, with the Boston Red Sox giving up on shortstop Edgar Renteria and the New York Yankees getting rid of second baseman Tony Womack.

On the fourth and final day of the busiest winter meetings in years, Boston sent Renteria to the Atlanta Braves for Andy Marte.

Perhaps the Orioles' Miguel Tejada could wind up as his replacement in Boston. The All-Star shortstop said Thursday he wants out of Baltimore, which signed him to a \$72 million, six-year contract before the 2004 season.

"I've been with the Orioles for two years, and things have not gone in the direction that we expected, so I think a change of scenery would be the best," Tejada said in a telephone interview with the Associated Press from his home in Bani, Dominican Republic.

"I've done many things with this team, and I've not seen results, and the other teams are getting stronger while the Orioles have not made any signings to strengthen the club," said Tejada, the 2002 AL MVP.

Renteria won Gold Gloves in 2002 and 2003, then helped St. Louis win the NL pennant in 2004. He signed a \$40 million, four-year deal with the Red Sox but led the major leagues with 30 errors last season.

Boston agreed to pay \$8 million of the \$26 million he is owed in the next three seasons — plus the \$3 million buyout if his 2009 option is declined.

"We looked at his time in the National League, and we believe that when he gets back to the National League in Atlanta, he will return to the Renteria of old," said Atlanta general manager John Schuerholz, who sent third base prospect Andy Marte in the deal.

Boston also is exploring trading 2004 World Series MVP Manny Ramirez, and teams want the Red Sox to pay some of the \$57 million owed to the left fielder over the next three years.

FOOTBALL

### Barnett reluctantly steps down

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Gary Barnett's tumultuous stay at Colorado ended Thursday, when the coach reluctantly stepped down, accepting a \$3 million payment to sever a tenure riddled by off-the-field problems and finally done in by bad results on the field.

In a news conference he wanted to be a part of, Barnett said he was forced to step down by Athletics Director Mike Bohn.

"I respect that decision," Barnett said. "I didn't like that decision — I didn't resign my position — but I wholeheartedly respect the responsibility and decisions leaders have to make. Mike felt like he had to make this decision."

Barnett, who finished 49-38 in seven seasons at Colorado, pointed to a résumé that includes a Big 12 championship, four Big 12 North titles, and two AP Big 12 Coach of the Year honors.

"I would deem that a success. Other people might not," he said.

Bohn, who took to the microphone after Barnett left the room, said the coaching search would begin immediately. Knowing how crucial this time of year is for recruiting, he looked toward the cameras and emphasized that Colorado is a great place to play.

### A quiet winner

BY ANDREW SHANKS  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Ty Eustice's demeanor might be soft, but his game is far from it.

Quietly, the 141-pound All-American from Blue Earth, Minn., ran his record this season to 8-0 with a dominating 15-5 major decision over Northern Iowa's Justin Swafford on Thursday night.

"I knew that I could score on [Swafford], because I had wrestled him before," Eustice said. "He kind of likes to cut corners and scramble, so I knew that I had to take good shots. I knew he wasn't going to score on me if I went out there and took good shots and got him tired right away."

Indeed, the only points that Swafford scored were when Eustice allowed Swafford to escape. The let-him-up take-him-down style that Eustice employed worked to perfection, and the score was already 6-2 after the first period.

"I've gotten a little better on top this year," he said. "I'd rather be on my feet, though, where I can really do damage to my opponents. If I let him up, I know that I'm just going to take him

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UNI/IOWA WRESTLING

## WRESTLERS START HOT, FINISH COOL

BY BRYAN BAMONTE  
THE DAILY IOWAN

It's been a "start fast, somehow finish" Iowa wrestling team thus far.

And it was more of the same Thursday for the Hawkeyes, who defeated Northern Iowa, 25-11, in front of a Carver-Hawkeye crowd of 3,000.

The Hawkeyes, 3-0, won the first five matches and pitter-pattered past the Panthers the rest of the way.

"Well, I thought we did a better job this week, but it's still a bit shaky," said sophomore Mark Perry. "We didn't have our starting 65 [165 pounder] or 84, which gave them a majority of their points, but we can still do better."

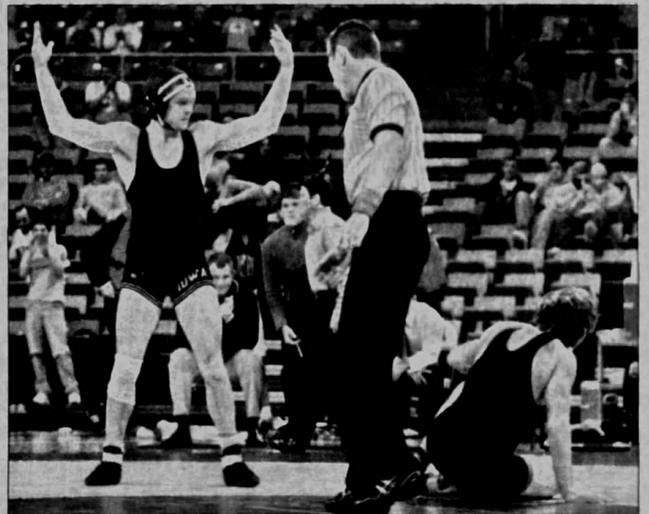
Iowa was without seniors Paul Bradley and Cole Pape, who were held out to avoid further aggravating minor injuries. Bradley was a little "beat up," and Pape was sidelined with a sore shoulder. Neither are serious, and both would have wrestled had they been needed.

The first three Hawkeye wrestlers won mirror-image matches, comfortably defeating their opponents. All three failed to earn major decisions, but they still gave Iowa a 9-0 lead.

"I thought we came out hard in most of the matches, but we didn't finish strong enough, from a team standpoint," Iowa coach Jim Zalesky said. "I thought at 25, 33, and 41, we had a chance to get majors, and we kind of backed off in the third period. It was what it was. Guys are still adjusting and some other things."

"My only concern is that in tougher matches, we won't hold up."

Iowa's Daniel Dennis continued his



Rachel Mummey/The Daily Iowan

Iowa sophomore Mark Perry reacts after pinning UNI's Curt Zinnel in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Thursday. As a team, the Hawkeyes pinned the Panthers, 25-11. Perry has a 3-0 record on the season.

somewhat surprising start, with an 11-5 decision against the Panthers Chris Helgeson. He was also disappointed with his finish.

"I think I need to get in a little better shape and be able to get a major at the end," he said. "Their length wasn't too effective, because I was still able to get in and work my moves."

Iowa 149-pounder Ty Eustice earned Iowa's first major decision with seven takedowns, including a leg whip in a 15-5

decision. Eustice's "score-first, sweat later" strategy gave the Hawkeyes a commanding 13-0 lead.

Northern Iowa failed to earn a take-down until the fifth match, when Chris Bitetto escaped and scored against Iowa's Joe Johnston for the Panthers first such points of the night. Johnston, who fell behind 5-4, quickly regained the lead and eventually won an 8-5 decision.

The Hawkeyes lost two of the next

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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**AMERICAN CONFERENCE**

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	5	0	.583	259	282
Miami	5	7	0	.417	219	240
Buffalo	4	8	0	.333	184	247
N.Y. Jets	2	10	0	.167	143	264
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Indianapolis	12	0	0	1.000	366	162
Jacksonville	9	3	0	.750	255	201
Tennessee	7	5	0	.583	239	319
Houston	3	11	0	.263	153	241
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	9	3	0	.750	327	239
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	274	225
Baltimore	4	8	0	.333	161	241
Cleveland	4	8	0	.333	183	214
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	8	3	0	.750	310	221
San Diego	8	4	0	.667	301	257
Kansas City	8	4	0	.667	301	257
Oakland	4	8	0	.333	249	296

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	8	4	0	.667	319	218
Dallas	7	5	0	.583	253	205
Washington	6	6	0	.500	241	233
Philadelphia	5	7	0	.417	229	268
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	9	3	0	.750	290	194
Tampa Bay	8	4	0	.667	277	237
Atlanta	4	8	0	.333	183	241
New Orleans	3	9	0	.250	183	295
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	9	3	0	.750	201	127
Minnesota	7	5	0	.583	219	223
Detroit	4	8	0	.333	190	241
Green Bay	2	10	0	.167	239	242
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Seattle	10	2	0	.833	338	208
St. Louis	5	7	0	.417	294	351
Arizona	4	8	0	.333	239	302
San Francisco	2	10	0	.167	183	340

**NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE**

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**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
N.Y. Rangers	19	8	4	42	96	75
Philadelphia	16	7	4	36	103	89
N.Y. Islanders	14	12	2	30	90	96
New Jersey	13	12	2	28	84	90
Pittsburgh	7	15	6	20	77	115
Northwest	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	21	4	0	42	115	52
Buffalo	18	10	1	37	95	93
Montreal	15	7	5	35	77	82

Toronto	15	11	3	33	98	93
Boston	10	15	5	25	92	105
Southeast	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	18	8	2	38	102	81
Tampa Bay	16	10	3	35	92	87
Atlanta	10	16	3	23	97	110
Florida	9	17	4	22	74	102
Washington	9	16	2	20	77	109

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

Central	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	19	8	2	40	108	75
Nashville	18	9	3	39	77	68
Chicago	11	14	2	24	73	93
Columbus	8	19	0	16	52	96
St. Louis	5	17	3	13	89	101
Northwest	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	17	9	4	38	73	72
Vancouver	17	9	2	36	92	81
Edmonton	16	11	2	34	92	86
Colorado	16	10	3	33	108	91
Minnesota	11	12	4	26	73	65

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By The Associated Press

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

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Atlanta	18	7	1	.714	0
New Jersey	8	9	4	.471	1
Boston	8	10	4	.444	1
Philadelphia	8	11	4	.421	1
New York	12	13	5	.471	2 1/2
Toronto	3	17	1	.150	6 1/2
Southeast	W	L	T	Pct	GB
Miami	10	9	5	.526	1
Washington	8	9	4	.471	1
Orlando	7	11	3	.389	2 1/2
Charlotte	5	14	2	.263	5
Atlanta	2	16	1	.111	7 1/2
Central	W	L	T	Pct	GB
Detroit	13	2	5	.667	0
Cleveland	11	6	5	.547	3
Indiana	11	7	8	.511	3 1/2
Milwaukee	10	7	5	.500	4
Chicago	9	8	5	.529	5

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

W	L	T	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	15	3	5	.833	0
Dallas	13	5	2	.722	2
Memphis	13	5	2	.722	2
New Orleans	8	10	4	.444	7
San Antonio	5	12	2	.294	6 1/2
Northwest	W	L	T	Pct	GB
Minnesota	11	6	5	.547	1
Denver	10	9	5	.526	2
Seattle	8	9	4	.471	3
Utah	8	11	4	.421	4
Portland	5	13	2	.278	6 1/2
Pacific	W	L	T	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	13	5	2	.722	0
Phoenix	12	5	3	.706	1
Golden State	12	7	5	.632	1 1/2
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# Swimmers, divers look to end drought

BY CHARLIE KAUTZ  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa swimming and diving coach Marc Long can't remember the last time the Hawkeyes left Ames victorious.

"I'd have to look that one up," said the former Iowa swimmer and three-time Big Ten champion. Six years to be exact. The team's last win at Beyer Pool came on Dec. 12, 1999, when the women defeated the Cyclones, 191-109. Beginning at the Field House pool in 1978, the storied rivalry has been dominated by the Hawkeyes, who lead the all-time series, 18-9. Home-pool advantage has played a key role in recent years — the host team has won the previous five events — including a 214-85 Iowa victory last season.

Heading into its sixth event of the season, the women are coming off a disappointing sixth-place finish at the Ohio State Invitational last weekend. Finishing last among the six Big Ten teams that competed, the Hawkeyes only managed to score 274.5 points in the three-day event, 50.5 points behind fifth-place Illinois. Senior swimmer Kelly Werner earned the team's best finish of the meet, taking fourth in the 200 backstroke, with a time of 2:04.88.

While it appears that the team may have taken a step back in Columbus, a major detriment for the swimmers was the coaches' decision not to taper for the event. The meet gave the swimmers an opportunity to face tough competition without fully preparing, a move

intended to help the team build toward the championship season this spring.

As they travel to Ames for their annual meeting with the Cyclones tonight, the Hawkeyes will once again look to seniors Kelly Werner and Nancilea Underwood to lead the team. The two have combined for an astounding 13 first-place finishes in five events this season, with the most impressive performance coming at home against Minnesota. Underwood shattered her own school record with a score of 300.90 in the 3-meter dive, only to be nearly matched by three first-place finishes from Werner.

Also relying on a pair of veteran talents are the Cyclones, who will turn to seniors Kim Rogers and Tami Ritchie to set the pace against Iowa today at 7 p.m. Iowa State most recently defeated Northern Iowa, 162-120, including a Rogers victory in the 100 backstroke and a first-place finish from Ritchie in the 1,000 freestyle.

In a week focused mainly on academics and upcoming final exams, the Hawkeyes have a chance tonight to get their first victory in Ames this millennium. As demonstrated by the last five meetings in the series, Long believes you can throw out the records when it comes to this in-state rivalry.

"It's just like football," he said. "It never matters who has been swimming well coming into the event. They will always bring their best when we compete."

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# Boo birds circling for Haluska

BY NICK RICHARDS  
THE DAILY IOWAN

It could be a rude reunion in Ames for Adam Haluska.

As the 12th-ranked Iowa basketball team heads back on the road for another round of in-state basketball today at 7:05 p.m. with Iowa State, the junior guard will be making a return trip to his old stomping grounds in Hilton Coliseum, a building he called home for one season before committing the cardinal sin in the eyes of many Cyclone fans.

After the 2002-03 season, in which Haluska averaged 9.2 points per game and earned all-freshman honors in the Big 12, he transferred to Iowa after the Larry Eustachy saga. Tonight, the forgotten son returns in a game Cyclone fans have had circled since the swing guard from Carroll switched to black and gold.

"I'm not going to worry about it," Haluska said after Iowa's 72-59 win over Valparaiso on Dec. 3. "It's out of my hands."

He will hear a chorus of boos in the pre-game introductions, will be booed each time he touches the ball, and will be on the receiving end of taunts throughout the contest.

"It doesn't bother me that much," he said. "I know they are going to be on me, a little bit."

Haluska struggled in Iowa's first in-state matchup with Northern Iowa on Tuesday in Cedar Falls. He shot just 1-of-7 from the floor and scored just three points in Iowa's 67-63 loss.

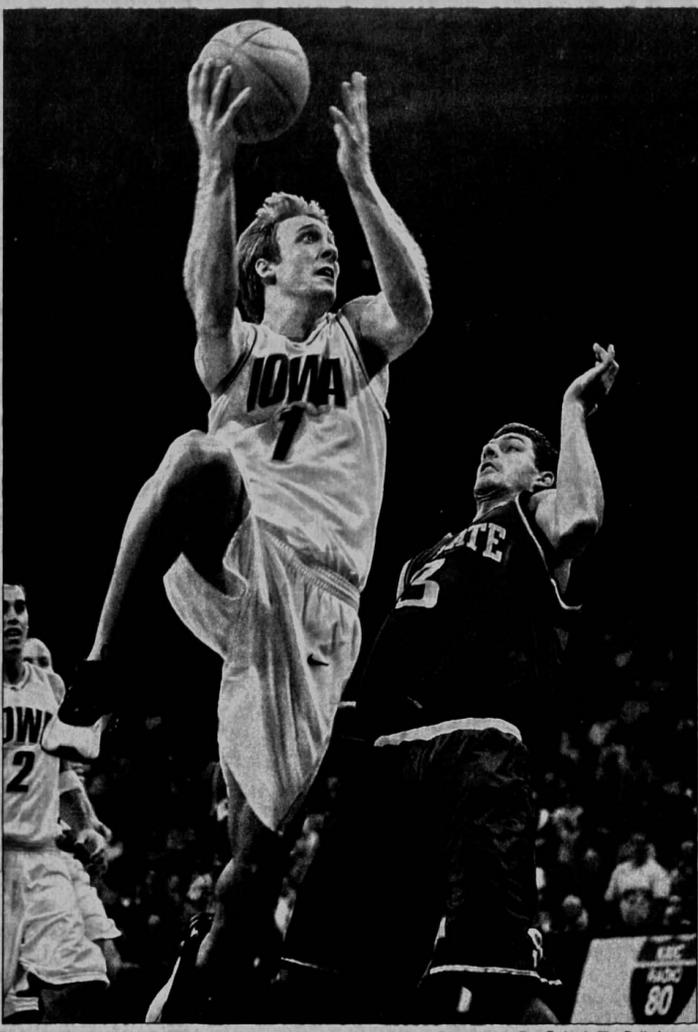
"If he struggled tonight, good luck Friday," Iowa coach Steve Alford said after the game. "That's something we have to work on. This is a very tough, demanding week, and now with Jeff being [out], it really puts a lot of pressure on our other guards."

The only link remaining between the 2002-03 Iowa State team Haluska played for now is guard John Neal, who buried the Hawkeyes in Ames two years ago with six points in just six minutes to spark Iowa State's come-from-behind 84-76 victory.

Iowa's task of splitting with Northern Iowa and Iowa State took a hit when senior co-captain Jeff Horner fell with a knee injury against the Panthers. Horner tore the posterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, and he will be out for at least two weeks. The injury comes at a bad time, considering Iowa State's depth at guard, with Curtis Stinson and Will Blalock, who are averaging 20 and 13.6 points per game respectively.

Freshman Tony Freeman will step into Horner's role, getting his first career start in one of the toughest environments in the nation.

The key for the Hawkeyes could be the battle inside, where Iowa has an advantage



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan  
Hawkeye guard Adam Haluska flies to the hoop during the Iowa/North Carolina State game on Nov. 30 in Carver-Hawkeye. Iowa won, 45-42.

over the smaller, inexperienced Cyclone frontline of Ross Marsden, a prep teammate of Alex Thompson at Ames High School, Rahshon Clark, and Shawn Taggart. The latter two are averaging a combined 24.7 points per game. The Hawkeyes will need Greg Brunner, who put up a season-high 26 points against the Panthers, to have another big game.

Even though Horner will be relegated to

the sidelines, he worried a bit about Haluska a week ago.

"I'm a little nervous for him," Horner said. "Adam's a competitor. He'll block it out. We've got to find a way to get him in the game early, and, once that tip goes up, he'll just forget it, because he's going to get booed pretty bad in the starting lineup."

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# Cold Hawkeyes fall

**BASKETBALL**  
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entered the contest averaging nearly 22 points per game but was held to just 13 on 6-of-19 shooting. "I don't think it was mainly difficult," she said. "I think I really didn't look to penetrate enough, even when I knew that my shot wasn't going in. I just wasn't looking for it."

After the Hawkeyes began the first half with an 18-12 advantage, defensive pressure and offensive execution began to be applied by the Cyclones with 11:02 remaining.

Iowa State went on an 11-0 run that lasted until the 8:23

point of the first half. The Hawkeyes responded with a 3-pointer and two converted free throws from Tiffany Reedy. That tied the game at 23. However, the Cyclones continued their first-half consistency by executing a 13-4 run and brought a 37-27 advantage into the locker room. The run continued right from the start of the second half, with Iowa State extending the score to 45-27 — its biggest lead of the night.

Iowa adjusted, and the contest went back and forth until the 14:23 mark of the second half. The teams slowed down on exchanging baskets, while the Hawkeyes climbed right back in to it. Iowa went on a 12-3 run,

including a trio of 3-pointers, that made the score 54-48 in favor of Iowa State.

However, it would be the closest the Hawkeyes would get; the Cyclones remained solid on defense for the rest of the game. Even though Iowa State's zone was the backbone to the Cyclones' victory, Bluder believes a lot of credit goes to Medders' ability to establish tempo.

"Lyndsey Medders just did a great job of running that team out there," the Iowa coach said. "She was in control the whole time. When you think 20 points and 14 assists, that's a heck of a game."

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# Hawk wrestlers cruise

**WRESTLING**

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three matches, including a technical fall at 165 pounds, when Iowa's Joe Uker, replacing Pape, fell 21-6 to the Panthers best wrestler, Nick Baima.

"We were a little slow there in those middle matches," Zalesky said. "Part of that was because of circumstances, and part of it was we didn't attack enough."

However, Perry pinned the Panthers' Curt Zinnel a little more than two minutes into their match, earning a near fall before finishing Zinnel.

"I just didn't push the pace like I can last week," Perry said. "And I went into this week wanting to take it to the

**IOWA VS. UNI**

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149 Ty Eustice (Iowa) maj. Justin Swafford (UNI), 15-5  
157 Joe Johnston (Iowa) dec. Chris Bitetto (UNI), 8-5

165 Nick Baima (UNI) tech. fall Joe Uker (Iowa), 21-6  
174 Mark Perry (Iowa) pinned Curt Zinnel (UNI), 2:11  
184 De'Andre Nunn (UNI) dec. Ben Stedman (Iowa), 12-10  
197 Andrew Anderson (UNI) dec. Adam Fellers (Iowa), 3-2  
Hwt. Matt Fields (Iowa) dec. Tyler Rhodes (UNI), 7-3

next level, each match."

Matt Fields, a sophomore wrestler for the Hawkeyes, made his dual-match debut and won a 7-3 decision at heavyweight in the final match of the night, securing a 25-11 victory for Iowa.

Fields — previously believed to be sitting out this season — decided against redshirting,

because the seventh-ranked heavyweight expects to help the Hawkeyes this season.

"I didn't really waver at all. My family was a bit skeptical about putting me in," Fields said. "They weren't sure if I was mentally ready, but I just told the coaches this sitting thing just is for me."

# Hilton works magic

**HILTON**

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coming way back in 2004 — only months after Wardrobe-Malfunction-Gate at the Super Bowl XXXVIII — with a defeat in the WNIT.

As far as Iowa women's basketball is concerned, it's some kind of black magic, maybe voodoo.

But as far as the Iowa State women's basketball team is concerned, it's some kind of fans, maybe 10,422 of them that drove gingerly through snow to the game last night. And when Cyclone coach Bill Fennelly began addressing the press following the game, he wanted to give credit — first and foremost — to every single one of them.

"I wanna thank our fans," he said. "Amazing turnout with the bad weather."

And, if anybody hates the snow, it's Iowa State guard Lyndsey Medders, a Los Angeles native. Medders played all 40 minutes, and all those who made the trip out to the game gave her an extra boost when she needed it.

"If you have the kind of weather we have all day, I did-

n't wanna get out of bed, and I'm sure people didn't wanna get out of their houses, but it just shows the kind of support we get for this program," she said. "I cannot say about what the fans did here tonight and what playing here means."

"They affected the game," Fennelly added later.

Heading into the contest, Iowa's freshmen looked like the most vulnerable members on the team, it being their first game in front of true Hawkeye haters, but the four who usually get quality minutes played fine. The quartet totaled just three turnovers, and guard Kristi Smith was responsible for all of them.

The problem was Iowa couldn't make anything, whether it was a 3, a lay-up, or a pack of Betty Crocker Pop-Secret microwaveable popcorn. On the game, the Hawks shot just 35 percent from the field and 30 percent from 3-point range.

Crystal Smith even missed the lone free throw she attempted, which happens as often as a women's floor at Slater misses the "OC" — about once or twice a semester.

"Sometimes, the ball

doesn't go in the hoop," was the only way senior Tiffany Reedy could explain it.

Yeah, it doesn't go in if there's a spell cast on the dang thing. And I can't be the first person to see a striking resemblance between the Iowa State logo and the Ghostbusters logo. Something just isn't right here.

"There's a sense of pride when you step out on that floor," Cyclone junior Megan Ronhovde said. "I speak for the rest of the team. It's something that when we step onto that floor, we know we're not going to lose. Because it's important to us, it's important to the fans, and we take pride in the fact that not a lot of women's teams are getting the support that we get."

Wait, I think I'm starting to get it.

It's not rabbit and a hat magic. It's about support, allegiance, and pride, almost like Nick and Jessica-type magic. Now wait, before you get ahead of yourself, relax, I've been keeping up on my US Weekly. I'm just trying to jinx this place.

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# Eustice quietly wins

**EUSTICE**

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back down. I felt going into the match that I could get a major decision, if I stayed on my feet and kept shooting, and it worked."

While fellow All-Americans Paul Bradley and Mark Perry are acclaimed for their bulldog mentalities, Eustice is a self-described "leader by example." And although his success — he's ranked No. 2 nationally in his weight class — could speak for itself, Eustice would prefer to keep a low profile.

"I think leadership is really about what you do — leading by example," he said. "Anyone can talk. Actually, there are a lot of people who can talk. But I've had teammates, such as Cliff

Moore, who don't say that much, but they always won and always worked hard in practice. That attitude is what made an impact on me, and that's why I try to lead through winning."

And win he has. Eustice has recorded 90 wins against 26 losses as a Hawkeye, including a 2004 Midlands championship and a third-place finish at last season's Big Ten meet. His 8-0 mark this season is the only unblemished record among wrestlers with more than three decisions.

If Eustice is serious about remaining perfect after Iowa's next dual meet — a Jan. 7 clash against No. 1 Oklahoma State — he'll have to beat the reigning national champion, Zach Esposito.

"He's going to need to have seven minutes of intensity against Esposito," Iowa coach

Jim Zalesky said. "You can't relax against [Esposito], where one takedown could make the difference in the match. If he keeps wrestling hard and worrying about his attacks, he has a great shot at beating him."

Eustice has been looking ahead to this match since he got off the mat last season after being defeated by Esposito, 2-1 — in overtime — on a questionable call. Not that he'll challenge the call, now. It's too outspoken for him.

"I've been close to beating him before," Eustice said. "But that was then. What happened last year, happened. It's over, and I'm looking forward to getting another chance at [Esposito]."

Enough said.

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# UNI looks to break semis slump



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Iowa defensive tackle Matt Kroul hunts down UNI quarterback Eric Sanders on Sept. 17, 2005, in Kinnick Stadium. The Panthers will face Texas State in a 1-AA semifinal game in San Marcos, Texas, today.

BY LUKE MEREDITH  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Northern Iowa coach Mark Farley has been down this path before. The Panthers have lost in the 1-AA semifinals five times since 1985, and Farley has been a part of every defeat, as either a coach or a player.

It's a burden that weighs heavily on Farley's mind. But he says his players are focused solely on the task at hand, and after beating top-seeded New Hampshire, 24-21, on Dec. 3, UNI has reason to believe that this might be the year it snaps the program's semifinals slump.

UNI (10-3) will travel to San Marcos, Texas, to face fourth-seeded Texas State (11-2) today, with its first-ever berth in the 1-AA championship game on the line.

Farley was a senior when UNI lost to Georgia Southern, 40-33, in 1985. The Panthers dropped three more semifinal games during Farley's tenure as a UNI assistant and lost to

Montana, 38-0, in 2001 — his first season as head coach.

"[The streak] does have something to do with it," he said. "From a coaching standpoint, you bet it does. But these players only know the race they're in. They are determined, and they proved it by what they did at New Hampshire last weekend."

For the Panthers to keep their national title hopes alive, they'll have to find a way to stop Texas State senior QB Barrick Nealy, the Southland Conference's player of the year and a Walter Payton Award finalist.

Nealy was 192-of-338 passing for 2,654 yards and 18 TDs during the regular season, but his running ability is what has the UNI coaching staff most concerned. Nealy is the Bobcats' leading rusher with 1,013 yards, 13 TDs, and a staggering 6.9 yards per carry average.

"[Nealy] is an exceptional athlete," Farley said. "He scrambles a lot, and he gets a lot of running yards when he gets the football."

Texas State jumped to 1-AA from Division II in 1984. But the Bobcats have had only four winning seasons since then, and this is the schools' first 1-AA playoff appearance. Texas State has won nine of its last 10 games, after losing, 44-31, to 1-A Texas A&M in College Station, Texas. They beat Georgia Southern, 50-35, and Cal Poly, 14-7, at home to reach the semifinals.

Texas State ranks 11th in the nation in total offense. The Bobcats defense, led by conference defensive player of the year Fred Evans, has allowed just 18.8 points per game.

UNI is coming off its first-ever win over a top-seeded opponent in the playoffs, and it has already beaten three teams that were ranked No. 1 at some point in the season.

The Panthers are powered by the best offense in school history and a defense that will bend but has yet to break, despite allowing 59 points in two playoff games.

New Hampshire pushed the Panthers' defense all over the field, after falling behind 21-0, racking up 631 yards of total offense. But UNI held the Wildcats scoreless in the fourth quarter and won on Brian Wingert's second-straight game-winning field goal.

Sophomore QB Eric Sanders, who ranks fifth in 1-AA in passing efficiency, and running back David Horne, who has tied the school record with 17 TDs this season, lead an offense that has posted a school-record 5,250 yards of total offense.

Horne has come on in the playoffs. After rushing for 141 yards in the Panthers' 41-38 win over Eastern Washington in the first round, he set a career high with 144 yards rushing against New Hampshire.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

### Ex-NYC firefighter returns home as coach

NEW YORK — Former New York City firefighter Tom Masella was defensive coordinator at Louisiana Tech when the World Trade Center was attacked on 9/11. He watched on television and wondered how many old friends were in those buildings.

Like many transplanted New Yorkers, Masella felt a tug to return to his hometown after 9/11. "I lost quite a few friends," he said. "That was one of the reasons

we left Louisiana Tech. We wanted to get closer to home."

It took a little while, but he is finally back in the Big Apple, as head coach of Fordham University in the Bronx, a couple of subway stops from where his beloved Yankees play.

The 46-year-old was introduced at the Division I-AA school on Thursday, where he'll try to bring the championship touch he had at Central Connecticut State to the Rams.

"How could you go wrong with a New York City fireman?" Fordham Athletics Director Frank McLaughlin said.

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## NFL

### Penguins say Lemieux cheerful, upbeat

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh Penguins general manager Craig Patrick knew owner-captain Mario Lemieux was feeling much better after yet another medical scare when he heard laughter in the team's executive offices Thursday morning.

Lemieux, from his hospital bed, was text-messaging club employees and, Patrick said, "I know everybody was chuckling every time they read one of them."

Lemieux, whose oft-interrupted Hall of Fame career has included an uncommon sequence of medical misfortune, was released Thursday from a Pittsburgh hospital after being admitted less than 24 hours before with a rapid heartbeat. The condition, known as atrial fibrillation, is commonly treated with medication and is not expected to end his career or alter his life.

The 40-year-old Lemieux was "very happy, very relieved" upon hearing that his problem was not much more serious, according to Patrick. Lemieux could be working out again within a week, after doctors determine how much medication he needs, and he could return to the ice not longer after that.

"He's started his medication already, and it will solve his problem," Patrick said. "He's in great shape, and he's in great spirits. This has been something that has been lingering on and off, and they finally figured out what it is."

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# Heisman winners, NFL flops

BY JIM LITKE  
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The second after the announcement is made, Vince Young should shake Reggie Bush's hand heartily, smile broadly, and then flee Saturday night's black-tie gala in Times Square like the USC defense was already hot on his trail. All the while murmuring, "Thank you, thank you" under his breath.

Other than tearing a rotator cuff in a bowl game or blowing out an ACL, few things augur worse for a player's NFL career than winning the Heisman Trophy. Check it out:

There have been 70 winners since University of Chicago running back Jay Berwanger took home the first one in 1935, and using both hands, you could total up the number who went on to become truly great pros.

Twenty-three of those winners have been quarterbacks — Young's position at Texas — including the last five in a row. But for reasons nobody has ever suitably explained, your thumb and index finger are enough to count the exceptional ones — Roger Staubach (Navy, 1963) and Jim Plunkett (Stanford, 1970). The trend may be changing — we'll explain why below — but at the moment, there are enough failed NFL quarterbacks with Heismans sitting on a shelf back home to open up a licensed pawn shop.

"As far as the NFL does, the Heisman means you were a great college player. Period," San Diego Chargers general manager A.J. Smith said over the phone Thursday.

That's it? "Pretty much," Smith said. "It gets you noticed, but the evaluation process is the same for every player, on a case-by-case basis: Does he have the physical skills? How quick does he learn? What's his work ethic? How much of it can he take to the next level?"

"And believe me," he added, "the NFL is a different level."

We bring this up as

consolation for Young, who's almost certain to finish second in the balloting to Bush, USC's all-purpose back. How certain? A website run by Democratic strategist and USC grad Kari Chisholm, at [www.stif-farmtrophy.com](http://www.stif-farmtrophy.com), has predicted the Heisman outcome with stunning accuracy, and he's looking for a landslide Bush victory. One that might even topple Young's fellow Longhorn, Ricky Williams, who polled an all-time 85.2 percent in 1998.

Young tried to give his candidacy a boost in recent days, as though his numbers weren't compelling enough. They are. He threw for 2,769 yards and 26 touchdowns this season, ran for a team-high 850 yards and nine more TDs, all the while orchestrating an offense that scored 50 or more points seven times. His pass efficiency rating is 168.6, the best in the nation.

And he did all that, Young pointed out, despite sitting on the bench for the second half of quite a few blowouts.

But USC was no slouch on offense, and Bush had to share his touches with quarterback and 2004 Heisman winner Matt Leinart, fellow running back LenDale White, and a corps of receivers that could segue into the NFL tomorrow. He put up similarly eye-popping stats — 187 rushes for 1,658 yards and 15 touchdowns; 31 receptions for 383 yards and two more touchdowns; 18 punt returns for 179 yards and one touchdown; 23 kickoff returns for 391 yards — and he did it from just about every spot on the field.

Bush might not have sat out as long as Young did. But to suggest that a significant chunk of those yards were collected during mop-up time is unfair. The most revealing number about Southern California's equally incredible season on offense was this: Thirteen times this season, the USC juggernaut has run up at least 20 unanswered points against opponents. And whether it was with a kick or punt return, a



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Texas quarterback Vince Young dashes for a gain against Texas A&M on Nov. 25 in College Station, Texas.

screen pass or a busted play, Bush was almost always the ignition coil and rarely just the taillights.

Both Young and Bush have benefited from an unprecedented and continuing trend that is shaping college football. More and more, even stodgy coaches are opening up their game plans, if only to recruit kids who want to play in a prostyle offense. That's why no teams besides the service academies and Frank Solich at Ohio, still channeling his days at Nebraska, run the option anymore.

The number of points scored and passing attempts have been skyrocketing since 1999. This season's per-game average of 26.8 points could yet eclipse the record of 27.3 set in 2002, after the bowl games are done. The average team passed 223.3 times this season — the record, set in 2003, is 223.9 — and if Young and his counterparts sling it around furiously in

the postseason, that mark could fall, too.

Whether that means quarterbacks, especially Heisman winners, will arrive in the pros better prepared in the future is anyone's guess. Of the last five QBs to win the award, only Carson Palmer has been a success, though Leinart could well be.

San Diego's investment in Drew Brees, meanwhile, is paying major dividends in his fourth season, giving the Chargers the luxury to let rookie Philip Rivers study the learning curve at a leisurely pace. Few teams get that lucky with a young quarterback, let alone two, but Smith says don't read much into that.

"It depends on the system they've played in, somewhat, and how well they've done it," the Chargers GM said. "And all the attention that comes with the Heisman is nice. But it's always going to be about the individual."

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# VASHER 'THE INTERCEPTOR'

BY RICK GANO  
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LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Nathan Vasher's got one eye on the receiver he's covering. Out of the corner of the other, he's trying to pick up the quarterback, all while back-pedaling into position or ready to make a split-second cut.

And if it happens to be in the air, there's also a football in the middle of his concentration field.

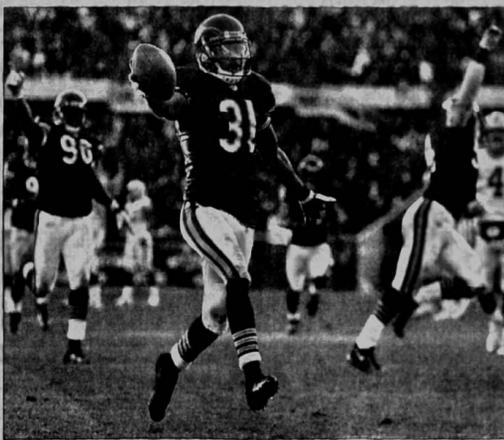
With vision, preparation, a feel for the game, and a knack for knowing where the ball is headed, Vasher has played an integral role in helping the Chicago Bears develop into the league's top-rated defense.

The second-year defensive back has 12 interceptions in just 28 career games, including seven this season for the Bears, who take a 9-3 record into their Dec. 11 meeting with the Steelers.

"That's really quick; he's got 12 picks in two years," said Bears defensive-backs coach Perry Fewell. "It takes guys a long time to get that. So, yeah, I think that's pretty fast development."

"The young man is gifted. The ball finds him. He's instinctive, he's a very smart guy, and he's a smart football player. And he studies the game pretty well, too."

Vasher's in the record books already. He caught a wind-blown missed field goal deep in the end zone against the 49ers on Nov. 13, and, after a nifty spin move to reverse fields,



Jeff Roberson/Associated Press

Chicago Bear Nathan Vasher runs into the end zone after intercepting a pass during the fourth quarter against the Green Bay Packers on Sunday in Chicago.

returned the ball 108 yards for a score — the longest play in NFL history.

"I know I ran 108 yards," Vasher said. "I knew I always had the capability. It was just having the opportunity to go out there and do it."

Nicknamed "The Interceptor" by coach Lovie Smith, Vasher's been a standout as a fourth-round pick out of Texas, working his way from nickel back as a rookie last season into the starting lineup this year.

"You have to have real good peripheral vision and real good instincts," Vasher said. "It's

basically the same game, and I've been doing it for a long time."

The Bears have returned three of their 18 interceptions for touchdowns this season, including a game-winner in overtime against Detroit by Vasher's running mate at cornerback, Charles "Peanut" Tillman. And Tillman's longest return, a 95-yarder last week after picking off Brett Favre in the end zone, set up a field goal.

Chicago's secondary also includes safety Mike Brown, who has the Bears' career record with six defensive touchdowns, including a 41-yard

interception return against Detroit for a score this season.

Vasher got his second TD of the season and third of his career when he intercepted Favre last week and returned it 45 yards for a clinching TD.

Vasher's success is not just based on his physical skills. He's learned that the pro game takes a lot of homework, because there are so many talented players and an array of formations and patterns.

"It's a combination of all of that, as far as my preparation of watching teams. It takes about all week to watch the last four games and just pick up on certain stuff," he said.

"I think if I can just pick up one or maybe two different formations or tendencies on Sunday, I'm ahead of the game. There is no way you can know everything they do. So, try to pick up a couple of things. If I can recognize it, then I can get a jump on it."

Smith's teams have returned eight interceptions for touchdowns in his first two seasons and also one fumble recovery. The former Rams defensive coordinator has preached that his defense should do more than try to stop the other offense. It should also try to score.

Vasher has listened.

"First, you have to get into position to make plays," Smith said. "Every time [Vasher is] in position to make a play, he's made it."

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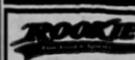
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# DAILY BREAK

“If it weren't for that darned Constitution, it would be much easier.”

— Iowa City Police Chief Sam Hargadine, on the policing of local house parties.

## the ledge

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BY ERIC FOMON

### SIGNS THE SEMESTER IS ALMOST OVER

Your lecture went from 75 to 350 students, but you suspect some of the older ones might just be hobos.

Almost everybody in your discussion section has some sort of communicable disease that they seem intent on sharing with you.

There's a shortage of Hillcrest cafeteria trays, because everyone is outside sledding on them.

You realized that the most important thing you've learned this year was that the green light means walk, and the red light means free tuition if the Cambus hits you.

You're already sending your ex-high-school girlfriend cute little messages, such as, "Hey Hunny Bunny, can't wait to see you over break," in the hopes of securing four solid weeks of booty calls.

The Ped Mall is riddled with igloos that the seniors have to live in after their rent checks bounced from betting their life savings on Iowa winning over Northern Iowa.

Sixteen weeks ago, the woman down the hall who never drank and studied every night is now loaded 24/7 and thinking of transferring to a cosmetology school.

Eric Fomon thinks finals papers that are 12 pages long with 11-point font should be outlawed.

Think you could write a better Ledge? Prove it. Submit to [daily-iowan@uiowa.edu](mailto:daily-iowan@uiowa.edu). If your Ledge is something special, we'll contact you to set up a photo.

## today's events

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- "Building Our Global Community," Country Culture Workshop: Turkey, International Students & Scholars, 10 a.m., IMU
- "Talk of Iowa Live From the Java House," holiday at UI Hospitals and Clinics with Dan Knight and Betsy Hickok, 10 a.m., UIHC Rooftop Café and WSUI
- "The Role of Blood Centers in Emergency Response," College of Public Health, noon, 5236 Westlawn
- "Can LARGE Sweeten the Links in Congenital Muscular Dystrophy?," 12:30 p.m., 2117 Medical Education and Biomedical Research Facility
- Collegium Tubum, John Manning will direct the tubas in a performance on the steps of Macbride Hall, 12:30 p.m., Macbride Hall
- Welcoming Shabbat Celebration, includes free Shabbat Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Hillel Braverman Chapel, 122 E. Market
- *Everything is Illuminated*, 7 p.m., Bijou
- Tracy Jane Comer, 7 p.m., Guido's Deli & Market, 227 First St.
- "Seven Deadly Sins" and "Mahagonny Songspiel," 8 p.m., Voxman Music Building Opera Rehearsal Room
- Jazz for the Season, Johnson County Landmark, UI Jazz Repertory Ensemble, and City High Jazz Bands will perform

- Duke Ellington's *Nutcracker Suite*, 8 p.m., Englert, 221 E. Washington
- Mrs. Bob Cratchit's *Wild Christmas Binge*, City Circle Acting Company, 8 p.m., Arnold Studio Theatre, 213 E. 10th St., Coralville
- *Off-Center: Four Plays on the Edge*, Second Stage Series, "Cry in the Street" and "Woyzeck," 8 p.m., Theatre Building Thayer Theatre
- *Swinging Christmas*, Dan Knight, Paul Kresowik, Nic Coffman, and Betsy Hickok, 8 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert
- Open Mike, 8 p.m., Uptown Bill's Small Mall, 401 S. Gilbert
- Dance Party, with Lady A, 9 p.m., Gabe's
- *Dear Wendy*, 9 p.m., Bijou
- Finals at the IMU Week, Study Break, Free Pura Vida Coffee and Candy, 9 p.m.-midnight, IMU River Room
- Greyhounds, and Storytime, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- LKBT DJs, 9 p.m., Martinis, 127 E. College
- Wilders, with the Gospelujahs, 9 p.m., Mill
- Finals at the IMU Week, Study Break, Free Food, 10 p.m., IMU Wheelroom
- No Shame Theatre, 11 p.m., Theatre Building

## horoscopes Friday, December 9, 2005

— by Eugenia Last

- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't let your emotions spoil your day. Don't take what others say seriously. Trust in your own judgment, and follow through with your own plans. Letting someone else dictate, because your own insecurities will not get you ahead.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Taking on too much will lead to exhaustion. A lack of concentration is likely to lead to minor mishaps. Put off any major decisions until a later date. You need more time to figure out what's best for you.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You may think that you have everything in order, but double-check — there is no room for error. A relationship will form with someone who can help you realize your potential and how you can reach your goals.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Face up to your personal problems. It may take some finagling to put these matters behind you, but you will feel so much better when you do. The time is right to get other people to buy into what you want to do.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Someone you feel is special will want to participate in a project you are getting involved in. You will have the discipline to follow through with whatever plans you make. Make your move — do something that you've wanted to do for a long time.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Keep a close eye on your money and personal matters, and spare yourself having to deal with people trying to take advantage. A short trip will result in knowledge that can help you form an opinion or even make an important decision.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Preparation will be the key to handling the unexpected today. Your emotions will be close to the surface. A financial opportunity must be looked at. Something or someone who doesn't appear to be that important will turn out to be just the opposite.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You will be in demand regarding your talent and the services you offer. Work overtime if you must — it will be worth it in the prestige and financial gains you make. Stick to your own principles.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Get involved in something that will get you motivated and in the mood to challenge yourself. Social events that incorporate business or an industry that interests you will lead to an opportunity. Partnerships will take an unusual turn.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You may fall behind because of mishaps beyond your control. Don't let your emotions take over. Keep things in perspective, don't try to blame others, and work diligently to rectify any problem you come across.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Partnerships, relationships, and doing things in unison with someone special should be your goal. You will find yourself becoming serious about a situation you have been contemplating. A decision must be made.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Send out a proposal, or incorporate something new into what you have been trying to accomplish. A creative idea will turn into a prosperous endeavor. Listen to someone with more experience.

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- Dec. 9 — Sarah Fischbein, 19
- Dec. 10 — Christina Freisinger, 26; Ashley Burg, 21; Preston Moore, 39
- Dec. 11 — Christina Bedoe, 22; Jessie Kennedy, 21

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## PATV

- 7 a.m. Democracy Now
- 9 Christian Orthodox Church of Greater Iowa
- 11 Democracy Now
- Noon Islam: Dispelling the Myths
- 1 p.m. Sportstron 2005: West vs. City High
- 2 Town Meeting on the Future of Media
- 4 Conversations
- 5 PATV Open Channel (replay)
- 6 Gospel Explosion Ministry
- 7 Country Time Country
- 8 Eden
- 8:30 Professor Noodle
- 9 The Sports Stop: Late Edition
- 9:30 Undercover TV
- 10 Fellowship Revival Center
- 11 Tom's Guitar Show (replay)
- Midnight Film Punk Productions

## UITV

- 3 p.m. Grant Wood at the University of Iowa: Community and Controversy
- 4 Import and the Risk to Agriculture, Public Health Grand Rounds
- 5 Gulf Coast Underwater: America Uncovered No. 5, The Soul Patrol — New Orleans rescue workers
- 5:45 Gulf Coast Underwater: America Uncovered No. 6, An Unnatural Metropolis: Wrestling New Orleans from Nature
- 6:45 "Talk of Iowa, Live from the Java House"
- 7 Grant Wood at the University of Iowa: Community and Controversy
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- 9 Gulf Coast Underwater: America Uncovered No. 6, An Unnatural Metropolis: Wrestling New Orleans from Nature
- 10 Workers' Movements and Imperialism: The Changing World of the Twentieth Century
- 11:30 Student Video Productions, Dinosaurs Have Feathers, Kinnick Stadium

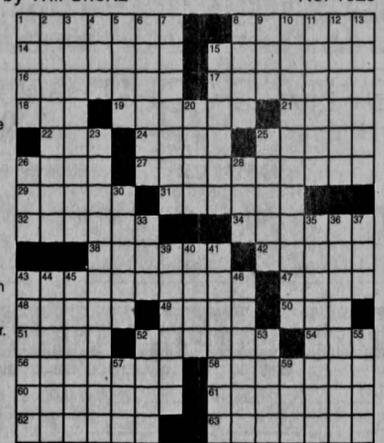
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Edited by Will Shortz

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Where Patrick Ewing was born
- 8 Jalapeño-topped snack
- 14 Raising hell
- 15 Parry
- 16 Get out of shape?
- 17 Tranquilizer
- 18 Little butter?
- 19 Got a feel for, in a way
- 21 Counter offer
- 22 Denial
- 24 Wonder-full sounds
- 25 Kind of PC command
- 26 Pet dog at Camp Swampy
- 27 Giotto and others
- 29 Splitting words
- 31 Jacques Chirac and Grover Cleveland, once
- 32 Peripherals
- 34 Rosetta stone composition
- 38 Salt, sometimes
- 42 Desi's daughter
- 43 Portrays precisely
- 47 Grammy-nominated Franklin
- 48 An admission of guilt
- 49 Actor Willard of "The Color Purple"
- 50 Canals
- 51 Shake alternative
- 52 Patterned fabrics
- 54 Certain dama: Abbr.
- 56 Staked out, say
- DOWN**
- 58 Apt to snap back?
- 60 They may be required to get in
- 61 Supermarket checkout staple
- 62 Pickles
- 63 Soul-searching sessions?
- DOWN**
- 1 Enthusiast, informally
- 2 Divinely chosen
- 3 Ruled
- 4 Counselor: Abbr.
- 5 The "I" in I. M. Pei
- 6 Mailing label words
- 7 Medium
- 8 Sine qua non
- 9 The Titans were in it: Abbr.
- 10 Sociological study
- 11 Series of six
- 12 Leopardus pardalis
- 13 Cause of some fractures
- 15 Fancy
- 20 Hedda's schoolmate in "Hedda Gabler"
- 23 Frequent losers and gainers
- 25 Storybook ending, sometimes
- 26 Costa Rica's Peninsula
- 28 Ear part
- 30 Put \_\_\_ to
- 33 Prussian pronoun
- 35 Psalm 119, e.g.
- 36 Trip in a tux, maybe
- 37 Picker-upper
- 39 Some roasters
- 40 Holder of notions
- 41 "Sorry!"
- 43 Chinatown chow choice
- 44 Go by
- 45 Monet subject
- 46 Table
- 52 Fashionable group
- 53 It takes quite a while to tell
- 55 Components of good deals
- 57 Randomizer
- 59 Star



Puzzle by Elizabeth C. Gorski

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  - Inside Iowa House Parties
  - Pauly Shore & Dave Atell @ Hancher
  - Hawkeye Break-down
- VIDEO** Footage from:
  - DI videographer Taylor Gentry's footage from Dec. 3's UI Museum of Art Mexican Fiesta
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- AUDIO** Audio from:
  - Futurerock
  - "Broken Glass"
  - "Jesus Would Get the Biggest Speakers"
  - "Heartbeat"
  - Greyhounds Liberty
  - "Yeah Yeah Yeah"
- PHOTOS** Slide shows from:
  - Photographer Nick Loomis took to the streets — see his house-party photo slide show
- PHOTOS** Slide shows from:
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