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## Retiring Lehman lauded for service



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At his retirement party, Mayor Ernie Lehman hugs his youngest granddaughter, Nikki, at City Hall on Thursday evening. All three of his granddaughters are featured in the photographs on his tie. Speaking about his tenure as mayor, he said, "I'm going to miss it, but all good things come to an end."

*After eight years as Iowa City Mayor, Ernie Lehman is stepping down*

'It's been an honor and a privilege to serve this city. I can't think of any other city I'd be prouder to be mayor of.'

— Ernie Lehman, outgoing Iowa City mayor

BY REBECCA MCKANNA  
THE DAILY IOWAN

After serving for 12 years on the Iowa City City Council, Iowa City Mayor Ernie Lehman brought his gavel down for the last time, closing his final council meeting on Thursday by passing the new zoning code.

"It's been an honor and a privilege to serve this city," he said. "I

can't think of any other city I'd be prouder to be mayor of."

After the meeting, a reception was held at City Hall honoring his retirement from eight years as mayor.

Roughly 45 people mingled in Harvat Hall, eating cookies and drinking cider and coffee while reminiscing about Lehman's time on council.

Councilor Regenia Bailey, who

is running for mayor pro tem, said she would miss Lehman's quiet leadership style and the respect he gave others, even if he disagreed with their position on an issue.

"He was very conscious of other's viewpoints," Bailey said. "It made him a good leader."

Bailey said she believed a key job of a mayor was to coordinate councilors so issues were voted on

in a timely manner. She said she believed Lehman accomplished that role admirably.

Lehman ran for council in 1993 and won an at-large seat. In 1997, he became mayor.

City Manager Steve Atkins said he always appreciated Lehman's sense of humor, whether it was directed at himself or others.

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### LEGISLATURE

## Officials outline priorities

BY COLIN BURKE  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Three local politicians who are prepping for the fast-approaching legislative session say topics such as the fiscal 2007 budget, additional funding for the UI Hygienic Laboratory, and economic development top their agendas.

Reps. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville and Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, as well as Sen. Robert Dvorsky, D-Coralville, are anticipating an intriguing session full of contentious issues when the state Legislature reconvenes on Jan. 9, 2006.

Jacoby said that with financial conundrums, such as funding for higher education, the fiscal 2007 budget will be one of the most important items on the lawmakers' agenda.

Because the legislators will decide where state funds will be funneled for fiscal 2007, the budget fight has become the prominent topic of interest.

The state Board of Regents has requested \$651 million from the state for fiscal 2007, according to the Legislative Services Agency.

The Coralville lawmaker acknowledged "important" issues, such as stem-cell research and tax reform, will not be addressed with the 2006 general elections on the horizon — even though he feels they should be.

"You won't see someone jump out there with a couple of things we need to do," Jacoby said.

The last bill to specifically concern stem-cell research was the Human Cloning Prohibition Act.

Signed by Gov. Tom Vilsack in April 2002, the legislation revokes the licenses of anyone found transferring or receiving any part of a human embryo or somatic cell, one from either a living or deceased person with a complete set chromosomes.

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### LEGISLATURE

Priorities for the upcoming legislative session for local state lawmakers

- Fiscal 2006 budget
- Economic development through the Iowa Values Fund
- Funding for the UI Hygienic Laboratory

## Playing the drinking game

'Drinking and games are not allowed on campus property, naturally, but that doesn't mean it doesn't happen. We can't allow it. It's a violation of state law.'

— Phillip Jones, the UI vice president for Student Services

BY MEGHAN V. MALLOY  
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI students count among their rich traditions tailgating every football Saturday and the occasional game of quarters, flippy cup, and bags.

But for university officials, rules are still rules — tradition or not.

Earlier in the year, some universities around the country banned drinking games during tailgating to keep football fans under control.

Though alcohol is not permitted on university property, beer and wine are allowed in parking lots for legal drinkers on game days, said Phillip Jones, the UI vice president for Student Services.

"Drinking and games are not allowed on campus property, naturally, but that doesn't mean it doesn't happen," Jones said. "We can't allow it. It's a violation of state law."

City and university police are able to regulate underage drinking during tailgating and football games, but for resident assistants, trying to constantly ensure all dorm residents are following rules can be more difficult.

"We acknowledge that drinking in residence halls is a problem, but, flat-out, all the halls have to be alcohol-free," said Drionne Smith, the Residence Life manager.

She could not give specific

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## Donor fatigue hurts charities

Local charities are receiving fewer donations this winter than in the past, and the Salvation Army, Red Cross, and the Crisis Center have not reached their goals

BY MICHELLE BROOKS  
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While the country saw a large outpouring of support for Hurricane Katrina victims, the past generosity of Americans may be responsible for a recent slump in holiday giving.

The local Salvation Army, Red Cross, and Iowa City Crisis Center are reporting a dip in donations this winter season, and officials say that many feel they donated enough to the Hurricane Katrina relief effort and for victims of the December 2004 Southeast Asia tsunami.

"People have given so much already. Now they are trying to give to their families," said Iowa City Salvation Army Capt. Terry Smith.

With only a couple weeks left in the Salvation Army's annual Christmas campaign, the organization finds itself falling short of its goal — raising \$200,000 between Thanksgiving and Dec. 24. In order to reach the goal, the charity needed to raise an average of \$40,000 a week. At present, it is only halfway to the goal and \$60,000 short of where it had projected to be, Smith said.

The money raised during these weeks is supposed to last for the next eight months.

A main problem for the Salvation Army has been a lack of both paid and volunteer



Matt Ryerson/The Daily Iowan

A Salvation Army worker stands outside of Wal-Mart in Coralville on Thursday, Dec. 15, during his 10-hour shift. Donations have been decreased this year for area organizations, probably so many people have donated to tsunami and hurricane relief.

bell ringers. With 16 locations for the bell ringers in the Iowa City and Coralville area, only five were covered Thursday.

While money has also been coming through the mail, it is not enough, Smith said.

The Grant Wood Chapter of the American

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Mostly cloudy, windy, 40% chance of snow

### TAKE A BREAK

The Daily Iowan and DITV will go on hiatus for the next four weeks in honor of winter, which needs all the help it can get. Most of the *DI* offices will close at noon today and reopen at 8 a.m. Jan. 9. The main office will be open Jan. 2-6. The *DI* and DITV will return Jan. 16 with all your favorite usual suspects. Have a happy, and safe, break.

### ROAD WARRIORS

The timing of a county supervisors' session on roads upsets Mary Ferentz, because it conflicts with her date at the Outback Bowl. **2A**

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Graduating Seniors | MARC BRANDT

# FOUND IN TRANSLATION

BY A.J. LENZE  
THE DAILY IOWAN

When graduating senior Marc Brandt came to UI in 2001, he took notes in his native German, constantly translating his professors' lectures.

Eventually, he had an epiphany — his first dream in English.

"After about a year, it popped," he said.

Brandt moved to Coralville from Hamburg in 2001, and although he spoke English well, using his second language in the classroom was "very scary."

Despite his initial struggles, the 24-year-old said enrolling at the UI is the "best decision I ever made," and he will graduate Saturday with a double-major in finance and economics in addition to earning an international business certification.

And now that he's experienced it, he prefers the American education system to that of Germany.

"In Germany, people sit on the floors because classes are overfilled," he said.

Another foreign aspect to college life in Iowa for him was the attire students wore to classes.

"They came to class with their pajamas on," he said, remembering his initial reaction to his classmates' casual dress. But before long, he discovered the joy of dressing for comfort.

Brandt also struggled with adapting to another facet of Iowa City life — alcohol. He also had to contend with a drinking age of 21 compared

with Germany's 16. But his adjustment to alcohol in America and its beer didn't end there.

"I don't even call it beer," he said. "It's water with beer flavor."

Brandt also struggled with Americans' reliance on cars — while he was walking along a busy street in Cedar Rapids in search of a place to eat, a policeman stopped, assuming he needed help.

And although he misses Germany's constant buzz about football (which Americans call soccer), he's compensated with another similarly sized ball.

"I'm a big fan of the NBA, and now I can watch it — and not at 3 a.m.," Brandt said.

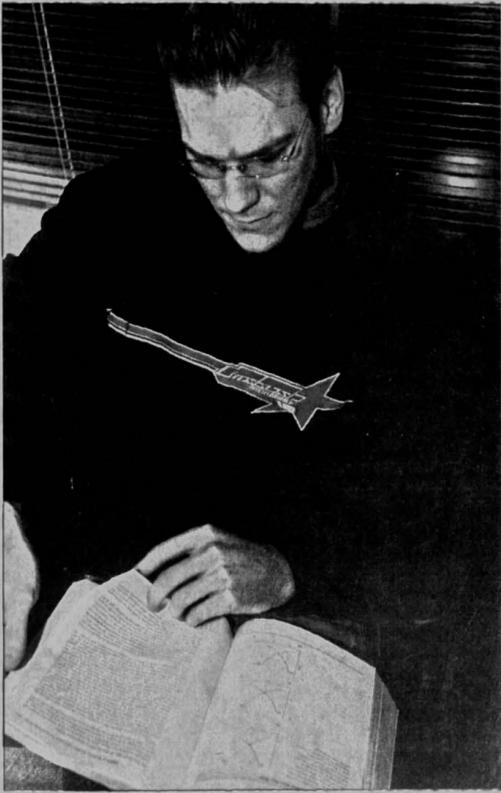
While Brandt has reluctantly accepted some American peculiarities, he embraces others enthusiastically — such as 24/7 convenience stores. Now, whenever he returns to Germany, his friends have to constantly remind him: "They're closed, Marc."

The Iowa graduate will return to Germany in January — but just for a visit. He plans to stay in the United States and put his freshly printed diploma to use, looking for a job in corporate finance, portfolio management, or securities analysis.

After finding a job, Brandt will have huge decision to make — whether to become an U.S. citizen.

"One more year, and I can apply," he said.

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Jessica Green/The Daily Iowan

UI graduating senior Marc Brandt studies for his last final in macroeconomics on Thursday in the Pappajohn Business Building. Brandt, who moved to Iowa from Hamburg, Germany, in 2001, plans to visit his old home and then return to the United States to find a job after graduation.

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**Court rules against biological fathers on leave**

A UI policy that does not provide paid parental leave for biological fathers of newborn children is not discriminatory, the U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled on Thursday.

The policy allows biological mothers and adoptive parents of both sexes — but not biological fathers — to convert unused sick leave into paid parental leave.

In the court's ruling, which upheld a lower court decision, judges wrote that paid leave for biological mothers constitutes disability leave, disqualifying biological fathers, and that adoptive parents face unique financial obligations.

The plaintiff in the case, David Johnson, said he was disappointed

but not surprised by the court's ruling. "I think it's a loss for the entire university," said Johnson, 40, because it could hamper the UI's ability to recruit talented staff. Other schools, including Iowa State University, offer paid parental leave to biological fathers.

Steve Parrott, the UI director of University Relations, said the university's policy is fair because it was developed by staff, faculty, and students — not the university. "We're thankful that the case came out the way it did," he said.

Johnson, then a clerk in the Registrar's Office, sued the UI in 2003 when he was not allowed to take paid leave to care for his newborn daughter.

Johnson hasn't decided if he will appeal the ruling, but he said he is trying to change the university's policy through the Staff Council, of which he has been a member since April.

— by Sam Edsall

# Schedule irks Mary Ferentz

BY AMANDA MASKER AND JASON PULLIAM  
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors on Thursday chose Dec. 29 for a work session to discuss improvements of two rural roads — offending Mary Ferentz, wife of Iowa head football coach Kirk Ferentz, who lives in the area but will not be able to attend the meeting because the Outback Bowl.

Mary Ferentz said on Thursday that the supervisors had to know interested parties in the controversy would be in Florida during the work session.

"It looks like an avoidance of public accountability and scrutiny," she said, pleading for the meeting be rescheduled. "We are one of two stakeholders of what you're discussing at that meeting."

The proposed development on Newport Road via connection with Prairie Du Chien Road, located in northern rural Johnson County, has sparked fierce emotions from residents of the area, who feel that the construction will ruin the area's atmosphere.

Supervisors Pat Harney and Rod Sullivan said on Thursday night that the board is going to begin looking at alternative dates to accommodate the schedules of those who cannot attend the Dec. 29 work session.

"Personally, I'm open to changing the date, but I cannot speak for the rest of the board," Sullivan said. "We picked that date, and members of the public reminded us that's a time of year when a lot of people might be gone."

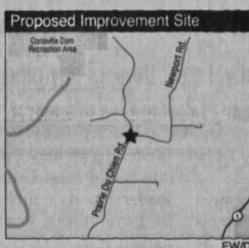
Scheduling the work session for Dec. 29 was not an attempt

to escape public scrutiny, as Mary Ferentz argued, Harney added.

"I think she was just frustrated," he said. "She wanted to be there for the meeting, and rightfully so, because it concerns her and Kirk as well."

The work session may now be scheduled before or after Dec. 29, at which the supervisors will discuss information presented by the Consulting Engineers of the North Corridor Roads, Anderson-Bogert.

The county is being sued by 58 residents of the Newport and Prairie Du Chien Roads area, who argue the supervisors "violated the Iowa Open Meetings Law by changing the conclusions of a consultant's report ... and deliberating on the changes in private and without public hearings and public input."



Harney declined to comment on specifics of the project, because of the pending lawsuit, but he said the board is preparing to begin the review process of Anderson-Bogert's road design recommendations.

"I'm not sure infringement is the right word, but it's certainly going to affect the properties of some of the residents," he said.

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# House hopeful opposes CAFTA

"There are no safety nets in place. We need to go about this more slowly, because we rarely think about enforcing labor standards — we need mechanisms in place that protect the labor rights of workers."

— David Loebbeck, political-science professor at Cornell College

BY KATHERINE BISANZ  
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Democratic candidate for Iowa's 2nd Congressional District said he would have voted against the Central American Free Trade Agreement, which was approved in July, at an Iowa City Foreign Relations Council luncheon on Thursday.

The incumbent, Rep. James Leach, R-Iowa, voted for CAFTA.

David Loebbeck, a political-science professor at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, described the areas the agreement aims to improve and also shed light on CAFTA's lesser-known negative aspects.

"If I had been there, I would have cast a vote against CAFTA — not an easy vote, because there are many people who would benefit from the agreement, but the bottom line, for me, is the people who are harmed by these agreements," he said.

The aim of the agreement is to "signal the end of barriers, so goods and services may pass freely across borders," as well as to encourage democracy and equality throughout the Americas, he said.

And there is no doubt whether for many people in the United States and Central America, the outcome could be positive,

Loebbeck said, then noted that there are people who are going to suffer from the agreement.

Loebbeck cited labor standards as the main problem with CAFTA and expressed concern that its passing was so rushed that assurance of labor standards was forgotten about in the process.

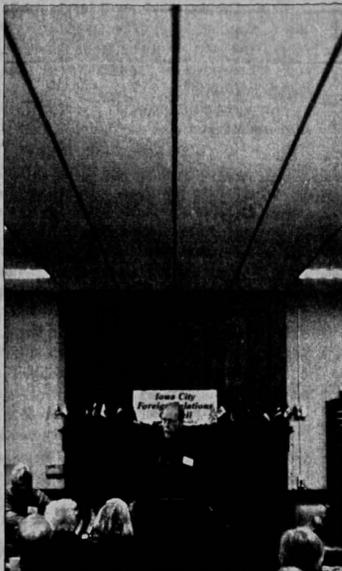
"We need to think long and hard about international standards," he said. "There are no safety nets in place. We need to go about this more slowly, because we rarely think about enforcing labor standards — we need mechanisms in place that protect the labor rights of workers."

Alejandro Alvarez, a UI student and an intern for the Foreign Relations Council, said hearing perspectives on the politics of his native country (Venezuela) from the view of an American politician was quite interesting.

"I liked hearing another perspective from a politician about the politics of Venezuela, because I am able to see another side of the situation," he said.

Another intern for the council, UI senior Lindsay Cirkl, said she learned a lot about the politics of Latin American countries.

"It was interesting to know more about Latin American countries, because that's



Jessica Green/The Daily Iowan  
Cornell College political-science Professor David Loebbeck speaks about CAFTA at an Iowa City Foreign Relations Council luncheon on Thursday. The Democratic candidate for Iowa's 2nd District House seat said he would have voted against the agreement.

where our future lies," she said.

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**POLICE BLOTTER**

Nicholas Miller, 22, 1715 Louis Place, was charged Thursday with driving while revoked.

Allison Schuette, 20, 115 N. Dubuque St. Apt. K, was charged Tuesday with unlawful

use of a driver's license and PAULA.

Cassandra Reardon, 23, 329 Ellis Ave. Apt. 2, was charged Thursday with possession of drug paraphernalia and OWI.

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**Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Break!**

# Legislators discuss agendas

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Meanwhile, Mascher iterated the need for lawmakers to examine stem-cell research because it could aid higher-education research.

"Obviously, every year we wait and delay, it hurts our universities," she said.

The House Ethics Committee's ranking Democrat said that through the Iowa Values Fund, college students will be able to nab well-paying jobs in their chosen fields, while spending free time in Iowa through increased entertainment venues.

"Young people want something to do, and they want to have some fun," Mascher said.

Dvorsky also addressed the

need to boost tourism and entertainment activities and added that he hoped programs such as the Vision Iowa program — which awarded \$5 million toward the Cedar Bend project in Cedar Rapids that would bring more shops and restaurants to the city — would receive funding, as well.

The UI Hygienic Laboratory was another issue the co-chair-

man of the appropriations committee brought to light. Dvorsky said because the lab provides public health statewide, the state should investigate improvements.

"I think it needs to be viewed in a statewide context, not just a regents-capital [funding]," Dvorsky said.

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# Lehman bows out

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"Maybe it was breaking the rules," Atkins said. "But he became my friend."

Lehman said he enjoyed working with the city staff and councilors, but the 44-year resident of Iowa City said he would not miss the frustration of not having the time to reply to every citizen who posed a concern or question.

The outgoing mayor said he would advise his successor to nurture good relationships with the key players in the community, such as UI President David Skorton. He also advised cultivating a genuine respect for Iowa City citizens.

"You must respect the public," he said. "You can't fake it — they can tell if you're genuine."

At the reception on Thursday, Lehman was flanked by two of his granddaughters —

ages 8 and 12 — and wife Dee Ann. Lehman said he looks forward to doting on his three granddaughters as much as possible after retiring from city office.

"I want to spend as much time as I can with them, because it's only so long before they're going to realize you're just a dirty old man," he said.

Lehman said he planned to go to Tampa, Fla., for the Outback Bowl in January and then possibly do some volunteer work when he returned to Iowa City. He also plans to visit Hawaii in March with his wife for five weeks.

Overall, Lehman said he felt positive about his time on council.

"All good things come to an end," he said. He paused and then chuckled, "Now it's time for someone else to take over."

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# Drinking games popular

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statistics about how many students on average are cited annually for possessing alcohol in the dorms, but the number probably should be higher than what it is, she said.

"Students just aren't getting caught," she said. "But we are well aware it does happen, and we don't ignore the issue."

While university officials

worry about students imbibing under the radar, those who sell drinking games do not feel as though they contribute much to the problem of minors consuming alcohol.

"Honest to God, I rarely sell [the games] to kids," said Courtney Mangan, an assistant manager of Spencer's Gifts in Coral Ridge Mall.

Most of the store's customers are older college-age students or even parents, she said.

Among the games available

at Spencer's are "I Never," "Drink Master Says," and the most popular, "Pass Out" — a dice game in which players eventually do as the title mandates.

"Why would I be selling these games to younger kids?" Mangan said. "If you don't have the booze, there's no point in playing them, anyway."

Downtown bars would probably have more to do with contributing to underage drinking than games, she said.

Kristie Allen, the manager of Go to the Game Store, a kiosk in Coral Ridge Mall, agreed with Mangan's sentiments on being a contributor to underage drinking. She said her store sells more games involving playing cards and shot glasses.

"Kids don't have to be a certain age to buy these games, but if they really want to drink, they're just going to do it without a game," she said.

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## SHOP TALK



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A woman stands outside of the American Eagle store in the Coral Ridge Mall while doing some holiday shopping Thursday, Dec. 14.

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# Local donations slow

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Red Cross is also experiencing a slump in donations.

"We will really start to see if the hurricane has had an effect in the next few months," said Kelly Sittig, a spokeswoman for the local Red Cross chapter.

While the holiday season started out very slowly, the donations are picking up, she

said. The local Crisis Center has also struggled with its annual food drives and holiday gift baskets.

"We've had a hard time keeping our shelves stocked," said Dayna Valantyne, the food-bank director for the Crisis Center. "We are in need for financial contributions."

She said she understands the hurricane and other events have made some people more

strapped for cash, noting that many prices had jumped.

"It's a difficult time for a lot of folks," she said. "There is an increase in gas and utility prices."

All the local charities hope that in the next few weeks, more donations will come in, and they will be able to finish the holiday season strong.

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NEWS

# French seize arms in probe of Islamic militants

*Guns, dynamite, ammunition, and other weapons were found in a parking garage in Clichy-sous-Bois.*

BY JAMEY KEATEN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — French counterterrorism agents seized guns, ammunition, dynamite, and other weapons Thursday in a probe of suspected Islamic militants who officials said use robberies to fund terror groups — possibly including Al Qaeda in Iraq.

Police seized the arms cache in a parking garage in Clichy-sous-Bois, just north of Paris, working off information gleaned from questioning suspects. Agents found several pounds of TNT, 19 sticks of dynamite, AK-47 and Famas assault rifles, revolvers, ammunition, ski masks, and bulletproof vests, judicial and police officials said.

"Thanks to questioning, a stash of arms has been discovered, which shows how serious this affair is," Interior Ministry Nicolas Sarkozy said, asserting that officials had uncovered a new link between suspected terror groups and organized crime in France.

Investigators believe the weapons were used to carry out robberies in France to finance jihad. Some money may have gone to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's Al Qaeda in Iraq, the officials said.



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— Nicolas Sarkozy, Interior Ministry

However, judicial officials expressed caution about Sarkozy's assertion that 28 suspects rounded up in police raids Monday and Wednesday had indirect links to Iraq's most feared terror group.

Two of those detained Monday wore bulletproof vests — probably a sign that they had just returned from an abandoned robbery attempt, judicial officials said.

"This band was dismantled ... just in time," Sarkozy said, on the sidelines of an awards ceremony honoring police injured during the three weeks of unrest across France that began Oct. 27.

Police detained the last three suspects Wednesday, the judicial officials said. They spoke on the condition of anonymity because of French law limiting the release of information about

investigations.

At least 10 of the 25 suspects detained Monday were expected to be placed under investigation — one step short of being charged — as part of the inquiry into suspected terror networks and terror financing.

Sarkozy said French authorities believed the group has "indirect links fairly highly placed in the Qaeda organization." But judicial officials and counterterrorism experts cautioned that the connec-

tions tend to be more ideological than authentic.

Still, national Police Chief Michel Gaudin, speaking to the Associated Press at the awards ceremony, said there was "personal contact" between the group in France and al-Zarqawi's Al Qaeda in Iraq.

A police investigator said one member of the group was linked to an intermediary who had contact with al-Zarqawi. The intermediary was killed last spring

in either Syria or Iraq, according to the investigator. He cannot be identified, because his agency does not allow it.

Authorities believe the network focused on armed robberies to finance operations and have found no solid proof to back up suspicions that it was planning terror attacks of its own.

The raids Monday on homes and Internet cafés near Paris and in the

northern Oise area were among the largest sweeps of suspected Islamic militants in France in more than two years.

Police had the alleged network under surveillance for months. Tunisians, Moroccans, Algerians, and French nationals were detained in Monday's raids, some of them women, officials said.

AP writers Verena von Derschau and John Leicester and AP Television News contributed to this report.

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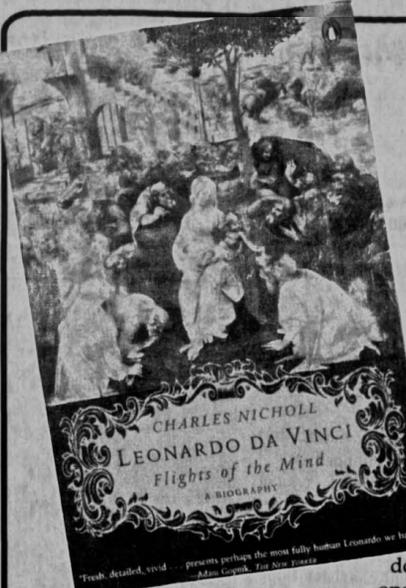
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# Turnout heavy in Iraq, violence level low

BY BASSEM MROUE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Iraqis voted Thursday in one of the largest and freest elections in the Arab world, with strong turnout reported in Sunni areas and even a shortage of ballots in some precincts. Several explosions rocked Baghdad throughout the day, but the level of violence was low.

The heavy participation in the parliamentary voting by the Sunnis, who had shunned balloting last January, bolstered U.S. hopes of calming the insurgency enough to begin withdrawing its troops next year.

But much depends on whether the sides, after the votes are counted, can form a government to reconcile Iraq's various communities or merely fan the current tensions.

Officials were forced to extend voting for one hour, until 6 p.m. (9 a.m. CST), because long lines were reported in some precincts, which election commission spokesman Farid Ayar called a sign that the balloting "was successful, and turnout was good." Results will be announced within two weeks.

Police guarding a polling place in eastern Baghdad's Zayouna neighborhood fired shots in the air to celebrate the end of voting there.

When the polls opened, a mortar shell exploded near the heavily fortified Green Zone, slightly injuring two civilians and a U.S. Marine, the U.S. military said. A civilian was killed when a mortar shell hit near a polling station in the northern city of Tal Afar, and a grenade killed a school guard near a voting site in Mosul.

A bomb also exploded in Ramadi, a mortar round struck approximately 200 yards from a polling place in



Ben Curtis/Associated Press

Electoral workers at a counting center in Mosul in northern Iraq count ballot papers for the Iraqi parliamentary elections on Thursday. Voters were selecting a National Assembly that will serve for four years.

Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, and a bomb was defused at a voting site in Fallujah despite promises by major insurgent groups not to attack such places.

But violence was light overall and did not appear to discourage Iraqis, some of whom turned out wrapped in their flag on a bright, sunny day and afterward displayed a purple ink-stained index finger — a mark to prevent people from

voting more than once. One jubilant Shiite voter in Baghdad proudly displayed all 10 of his fingers stained with ink.

"The number of people participating is very, very high, and we have had very few irregularities," U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad told the Associated Press. "It is a good day so far, good for us, good for Iraq."

The Bush administration hopes the new Parliament will include more Sunnis to help establish a government that can lure other

Sunnis away from the insurgency. Such a development might make it possible for the United States and its partners to start to draw down their troops in 2006.

"The Iraqi people are showing the world that all people — of all backgrounds — want to be able to choose their own leaders and live in freedom," said White House spokesman Scott McClellan.

Elections in some other Arab countries also have shown movement toward greater freedom in

recent months: Palestinians have voted in free local elections in recent months, and Egypt held its freest election ever this fall, but it was marred by violence, low turnout, and police intimidation at the polls. Lebanese elections also are considered among the region's freest.

With a nationwide vehicle ban in effect, most Iraqis walked to the polls. Streets were generally empty of cars, except for police, ambulances, and a few others with special permits.

An alliance of Shiite religious parties, which dominate the government, was expected to win the most seats — but not enough to form a new administration without a coalition with rival groups. That could set the stage for long and possibly bitter negotiations, something the U.S. wants to avoid.

The mood among voters varied. Sunnis, both in Baghdad and in provincial towns, were defiant, as if to assert their rights against the Shiites and the Americans. Shiites and Kurds seemed more hopeful the new government would be more successful than the outgoing one in restoring security and providing basic services. Shiites also appeared confident of retaining their leadership role.

Up to 15 million Iraqis were eligible to vote to elect 275 members of the first full-term Parliament from among 7,655 candidates running on 996 tickets, representing Shiite, Sunni, Kurdish, Turkomen, and sectarian interests across a wide spectrum. Iraqis do not vote for individual candidates but instead for lists — or tickets — that compete for the seats in each of the 18 provinces.

Sunnis appear to have turned out in large numbers — even in insurgent bastions such as Ramadi and Haqlaniyah — to try to curb the power of Shiite clerical parties now in control.

"I came here and voted in order to prove that Sunnis are not a minority in this country," said lawyer Yahya Abdul-Jalil in Ramadi. "We lost a lot during the last elections, but, this time, we will take our normal and key role in leading this country."

Fallujah teacher Khalid Fawaz said he also took part, "so that the Sunnis are no longer marginalized."

AP reporters Sameer Yacoub, Antonio Castaneda, Marian Fari, Hamza Hendawi, Sinan Saliheddin, Chris Tomlinson, and Elena Becatoros contributed to this report.

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EDITORIAL

## What to legislate in 2006

The Iowa Legislature is preparing for the 2006 legislative session; here's our "wish list" for when it begins. As the state continues to recover from the tight budgets of recent years, and the federal government looks to trim its own, the 2006 agenda should emphasize self-reliance and development through meaningful reform rather than flashy proposals that evade the underlying challenges we face.

**Revenue growth**

Neither Iowa's nor the nation's budgets are likely to see great surpluses soon — and important programs, not least our universities, are underfunded already. The Legislature would do well to look at the ways in which its funds are raised.

First, Iowa would benefit from a serious overhaul of its property-tax system. The state links property taxes together through a complicated "roll-back" formula, under which less than half a residential property's actual value is currently taxed. This is bad for cities that depend on property-tax revenue for money and is not at all what the formula was supposed to do — the state just hasn't got around to fixing it.

The cigarette tax should also be raised: Iowa's current cigarette-tax rate ranks 42nd in the country, according to the Federation of Tax Administrators. Funds raised by the taxes could be funneled into worthy state endeavors, such as increased funding for education. (Other efforts, like a statewide ban on smoking in restaurants, would also help make smoking less appealing.)

**Crime & punishment**

2005 was a poor year for crime in Iowa. The Legislature should take a serious look at its sex-offender laws, particularly the 2,000-foot residency restriction. An effort needs to be made to develop policies that not only monitor sex offenders but prevent those most likely to reoffend from doing so. The residency rule is punitive to low-risk sex offenders, and it diverts attention and resources from high-risk offenders. The state should also make a serious appraisal of Oakdale and other state prisons; further repeats of this year's embarrassing prison break could be disastrous. However, lawmakers must stop raising the possibility of a death penalty.

Iowa should be proud of its status as one of the nine states, along with the District of Columbia, that lack the death penalty, and it will not return without a protracted legislative fight. There is no sign that Iowa's law enforcement has suffered — relative to its neighbors — by not having the death penalty, and the state has too many real priorities to justify wasting time on the issue just for political points.

**Quality of life**

Development has been a common theme in recent years, but our progress could be much improved. Statewide economic development, as it exists today, must end. There is little viable economic reason for the levels of money being spent on such a large scale. The indoor rain forest now (hopefully) abandoning Coralville is a prime example of economic development encouraging projects where they don't belong, and towns all over Iowa use similar strategies. Economic-development money should only target areas that need it, instead of being used in almost every city across the state.

Moreover, the state needs to figure out an agricultural plan that does not rely on huge federal subsidies. Iowa is predicted to lose one of its congressional seats after 2010, because of shifting demographics nationwide, which would erode its influence with federal lawmakers, who hand out subsidies. Combined with the subsidies' growing unpopularity with our foreign trading partners, this means the time is coming when the government won't want to bail out Midwestern farmers anymore. Eventually, we must find an option that is economically sustainable, so the smart thing would be to plan ahead.

The state's recycling program could also be expanded. Iowa's bottle-redemption bill has been one of the state's most successful pieces of legislation, but it still comes under fire from the Grocer's Association. The state might raise money and solve the conflict by raising the deposit to 10 cents, giving grocers an extra penny, and expanding the number of items that can be redeemed.

We know that elections loom in November 2006, and legislators will be busy campaigning, but it's still worth hoping that they find some time to govern. If state lawmakers thoughtfully consider these ideas over their holiday break, Iowans are likely to have a happier new year in 2006.

## Imitator Dei

*Miserere nobis, Deus.* Constantinian Christianity has emerged victorious in the latest cultural battle over Christmas.

As so-called Christian conservatives leap to demonize Target, Lands' End, and even President Bush for taking the Christ out of Christmas by wishing people "Happy Holidays" rather than "Merry Christmas," I can't help asking myself: What would Jesus do? And believe it or not, I don't even need a bracelet to do it.

In a time of increasing sectarian strife — look no further than your local bookstore to learn there is a liberal war on Christmas, for instance — poor Jesus is at the nexus of controversy.



**BARRY PUMP**

Considering how he came and left the scene some 2,000 years ago, however, I figure that's exactly where he'd want to be.

But what can Christ, the quintessential rebel with a cause, teach us about this liberal war on his birthday?

Jesus was persona non grata at the time of his death, so it is impossible to know exactly what he would have thought about mass celebration of his birth. It wasn't exactly the only religious national holiday in the world's only superpower then, like it is now.

Yet, Christ's life can teach us much about how we ought to celebrate Christmas.

The incarnate son of God came to Earth not to be merely praised but to be imitated. Followers, as we are instructed in Mark 10:39, become participants in the life of Christ when we drink from his cup and are baptized, as he was. From baptism on, Christians are commanded to imitate Christ's life, not just worship it.

From the perfect example, we learn the ultimate lesson of non-coercive love. If we cleave to this example, then, we must also live out lives whereby we don't impose our will on others. Nothing about Christ's life, for example, implies that we must follow him. But we do, nevertheless, out of love, hope, charity, and the promises of redemption and salvation.

When Emperor Constantine converted to Christianity and made it the official religion of the Roman Empire, though, he couldn't conceive of the love, forgiveness, and freedom of community that Christ preached. Using the crucifix as a cloak for oppression, Constantine unleashed heinous violence to force subjects to his political will in the name of religion. Others throughout history have similarly used religion to gain political advantage.

While wholly unrelated to the message of Jesus, Constantine and those like him made the cross — what once was the ultimate sign of love — into a legitimate sign of fear, hatred, and violence. To this day, for example, many Islamic countries do not allow the Red Cross into their countries but do allow the Red Crescent — the same organization but without the Crusades symbolism. If Christians had learned to imitate God rather than force a perverted conception of him upon others, perhaps such divisions would not be necessary.

Christian symbols remain points of controversy today, not because of the love of God or the promise of salvation, but because of those who have chosen to co-opt them for bizarre political purposes, such as getting upset over "Happy Holidays" rather than "Merry Christmas."

When we look at what Christianity has come to represent over the years because of human perversion — the oppression of ethnicities, the exploitation of women, discrimination against homosexuals — it is very possible that the evocation of Jesus is simply not the truly Christian thing to do. He would not want to be used to cause offense. He would want his message to give hope of a new kingdom — one predicated on love. And if his image could not spread his important message, then there would have to be other ways.

So, the next time someone wishes me a "Merry Christmas," my response will be simple: *Imitator Dei.*

Although he is not Methodist, columnist Barry Pump gives due credit to Stanley Hauerwas for this column. Pump may be reached at [barry.pump@gmail.com](mailto:barry.pump@gmail.com).

LETTERS

**Wasted vision**

What started as a very promising and visionary project has now turned into a complete boondoggle. Spending years stuck in the planning stages, and with the city of Coralville at one point totally embracing such potential, rain-forest managers have squandered the opportunities extended to them. They have failed to get serious and basically have been unsuccessful in doing what is necessary to break ground.

The good people of Iowa should not support any further public funding going toward this mismanaged project. Management had its chance, a second chance, and now perhaps a third? As far as I'm concerned, at this point, rain-forest officials blew it big time and deserve no more chances.

Contact your elected leaders and ask them not to disappoint a growing group of voters by awarding these rain-forest jokers even a nickel

of public assistance of any type, from any level of government.

**Mike Thayer**  
Coralville resident

**Indefinite victory**

President Bush talks a lot about winning the war in Iraq. He must be specific in spelling out what a win is. How will we know we won? The American people and our brave troops deserve to know the answer.

We are fighting a guerilla war in Iraq, as we did in Vietnam. In guerilla warfare, it is difficult to know who the non-uniformed enemy is. We cannot say that America was victorious in Vietnam. How can we be sure we will be able to declare victory in Iraq? Who is going to represent the enemy at the table when the official surrender-signing ceremony is held?

I hope our country can somehow get out of a no-win predicament honorably.

**Paul Whiteley Sr.**  
Louisville, Ky. resident

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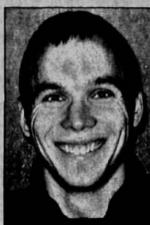
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# ARTS & CULTURE

## Bluegrass as a family affair



The bluegrass group, the Faris Family Band will bring their homemade sound to the Mill to today at 9 p.m.

BY JESSICA FISCHOFF  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Like father, like son ... like mother — oh, and three more sons. Such is the style of the Faris Family Band, a familial collaboration of homemade bluegrass, from musicians Bob Faris, wife Michelle Faris, and their four sons James, Richard, Edward, and John Faris. The group will play tonight at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St.

When he was a child, Bob Faris' mother recounted stories of his grandfather's family band. These tales inspired him to bridge the generation gap of his musical heritage. He enlisted his brother to experiment with a garage band but found the fervent mix of acoustic instruments rooted in the old style of bluegrass more compelling. He began professionally performing bluegrass and met his wife while on stage in Buffalo, Iowa, in 1978.

Fourteen years later, after the couple had moved to Kansas, Bob Faris introduced Michelle Faris to the thick-stringed rhythm of the upright bass, a change from her all-brass instrumental background. As he

instructed her, he also encouraged his sons to continue their musical heritage by teaching them how to play the throng of instruments bluegrass musicians play, including the banjo, guitar, mandolin, and violin.

"There have always been musicians coming to play music with Bob at the house," Michelle Faris said. "[The boys] grew up with folks coming to play music. [Bob] wanted to teach them how to play the instruments, because that was a very big part of him."

In 1994, the sons asked for their parents' assistance in preparing to audition for their school's annual talent show. The children had only one weekend to produce three songs. Michelle Faris boasted about their performances of "I'm Being Swallowed by a Boa Constrictor" and "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."

Bob and Michelle Faris saw the ease with which their children demonstrated their musical abilities, and, although the family had long indulged in impromptu living-room recitals, they began to more seriously consider forming a professional group. Once

**SHOW**  
**The Faris Family Band**  
When: 9 p.m. today  
Where: Mill, 120 E. Burlington St.  
Admission: \$8

formed, the band attended monthly public jam sessions supported by local bluegrass celebrities. The other musicians took an immediate interest in the Faris Family and invited the group to play an array of nearby venues.

"It has just grown from there," Michelle Faris said. Today, the band is the family's full-time profession.

"Last year, we played more than 180 dates on the road," Michelle Faris said. "We keep pretty busy."

The band members write the majority of their music while maintaining a playlist that includes traditional bluegrass. The group's portfolio continues to

build, as the children's musical ability grows more sophisticated.

"I've had the opportunity to stand on stages with a lot of really fine players over the years, but it's especially gratifying to enjoy the music and hear how well the boys have worked on their instruments," Bob Faris said.

The Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music of America agrees. Through write-in ballots, the family has received awards ranging from Entertaining Group of the Year to Traditional Bluegrass Band of the year. Currently, the members are working on producing their next album.

"It's neat to be able to spend this time together," Michelle Faris said. "You never know what the world may bring, and just to have the extra time to spend with them like this, it makes it extra special."

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## Going ape with magic



**FILM REVIEW**

by David Frank

**King Kong**

When:

12, 1, 4, 5, 8, 9:30

Where:

Coral Ridge 10

★★★★ out of ★★★★★

"King Kong ain't got shit on me!"

— Denzel Washington, *Training Day*

Yeah, and the 1933 *King Kong* ain't got shit on Peter Jackson's triumphant remake. Hey, I respect the original flick with its stop-motion aggro-ape fu, but when listening to some folks, you'd think it's the cat's pants of cinematic perfection. Fun? Hell, yeah. Flawless? Hell, no.

Saddled with hammy acting, clunky dialogue, and the emotional and psychological depth of an anthill, *Kong '33* busts inside out with jagged imperfections.

But, its influence on cinema and filmmakers is undeniable. *Kong* cleaved open new territory in special effects and stomped the way for 70-plus years of big-boned monsters terrorizing the screen. Jackson has cited the film as the catalyst for his interest in filmmaking, and since childhood, the New Zealand director has dwelled on the idea of remaking *Kong*.

Yet, I have to admit I was a tad worried about Jackson razzlin' with the dino-fighting gorilla.

When talented filmmakers receive a chance to hatch their lifelong passion projects, the results tend to hit the screen with an unfocused vomit of fervor

— think Martin Scorsese and his clunky *Gangs of New York*.

And, let's face it, when your last film, the 11-hour epic *The Lord of the Rings*, is one of the greatest films ever made (screw the 20-year waiting period for calling a movie out as one of the best films ever made), anticipation about your next movie rockets up and out of the ozone layer.

So, hype was feverish to the point of near delusion. But Jackson's *King Kong* doesn't disappoint viewers. In fact, it gleams on the exuberance of its filmmakers.

The film stays faithful to the original's structure and Depression-era setting. A film crew journeys to a spooky, forgotten island to give some realistic omph to their movie. But the island is home to a mammoth gorilla who falls in love with the movie's lead actress. Eventually, the big gorilla gets captured, shipped to New York, breaks loose, and swan dives off the Empire State Building.

Yet, this remake bustles with more pulse-disrupting action — which includes some of the most enrapturing set pieces ever staged in our computer-enhanced-happy era (a T-Rex tag team vs. Kong is all that I'll say) — and utterly compelling human (or is that primate?) drama than any film centering on a people-eating, blond-loving, steroid-chimp should pull off.

A sense of wonderment envelops the flick, as it portrays the relationship between beauty and beast with a poet's sense of nuance, grace, and warmth.

This is partially due to a new crowing achievement in computer-generated characters. Delivered via top-flight visual effects and the computer captured performance of Andy Serkis (who also provided the foundation for *LOTR*'s pixelated marvel Gollum) Kong comes across as a wholly realized entity of intelligent soul.

And when Kong's inevitable showdown with bullet-spraying airplanes arrives, you just may weep for him, as you would any human actor. That, my friends, is the definition of movie magic, and Jackson has proved himself one of the finest conjurers.

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# DAILY BREAK

“ We've sent a message to the world that the United States is not like the terrorists.”

— Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., after President Bush embraced his proposal to ban cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment of terrorism suspects on Thursday.

## the ledge

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— BY ERIC FOMON

### REASONS THE *DI* CAN'T FIRE ME

I'm only nine and a half years away from having tenure.

Much to my dismay, I have yet to piss off our glorious sponsors.

Without the extra income to support me, I'd have to recycle my empty bottles of Absolut that I use for aquariums, and all my fish would be forced to turn tricks on the street for food and shelter.

I have a unique flair rivaled only by seventh-grade boys — when it comes to poop humor.

My real name is actually Eric Gotti-Fomon.

In another six months, I'll have the local fame Tom Arnold enjoyed between the makings of semi box-office smashes *True Lies* and *McHale's Navy*.

I bought 400 cubic feet of ramen noodles for a shady-looking fisherman, all on layaway.

Without the Ledge to add to my fame and fortune, I'll have to fall back on a worthless liberal-arts degree.

I black out and burn things down when I'm mad.

Without me to write about, Eric-hater Rachel Weber would have nothing to do but play Dungeons and Dragons and bitch about the dangers of underage drinking in her Livejournal.

After a certain back-alley dice game, I technically own Chief Editor Jennifer Sturm.

Eric Fomon needs to get back to writing about the marriage rituals of the Arctic tribal groups, otherwise he would end the semester with a witty one liner poking fun at some small facet of pop-culture or drunk freshmen.

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.

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• “Talk of Iowa Live from the Java House,” *Wapsipicon Almanac* contributors and Bill Bryant, 10 a.m., Java House, 211 1/2 E. Washington, and WSUI

• Heartbeats, noon, UIHC Colloton Atrium

• Open Mike, 8 p.m., Uptown Bill's Small Mall, 401 S. Gilbert • Faris Family, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington

• Johnny Rawls, 9 p.m., Martinis, 127 E. College

• Max Eubank, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

### Commencements

• International Programs Graduation Reception and Celebration, 10 a.m. — noon, International Center Lounge

• Graduate Commencement, 2 p.m., Hancher Auditorium

• Tippie School of Management Commencement, 5 p.m., Sheraton Hotel, 210 S. Dubuque

### Saturday

• Tippie College of Business Commencement, 9 a.m., Hancher

• Undergraduate Commencement, Colleges of Liberal Arts & Sciences and Nursing, 10 a.m., Carver-Hawkeye Arena

• College of Law Commencement, 10:30 a.m., Boyd Law Building

• College of Engineering Commencement, noon, Clapp Recital Hall

## horoscopes Friday, December 16, 2005

— by Eugenia Last

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You may be busy, but try to find some time to help others. Changes at home will be beneficial, so do your part. A serious decision regarding education, travel, or a money matter must be made.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You'll be in a take-action mood, but that may not be your best bet. Consider all consequences before you proceed. Not everyone will be in agreement with you, and if you move forward without family support, you will find it difficult to succeed.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Love is at a high point. Don't make abrupt changes or decisions that could come back to haunt you. Consider what you really want to do. It may be time for another career move.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Realize that you will be emotional, and get over it. Focus on others and what you can do to please. A trip will end up changing your way of thinking or even your future lifestyle.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Uncertainties about your living arrangements or anything to do with your personal relationship will make you think about your future. Get out with friends you trust, and discuss your problem. You will get great support and alternatives.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Don't be fooled by what someone tells you today. Use your intuition, and read between the lines, or you will make a mistake, causing a rift with someone special. Travel will be your best bet if you want to avoid the turmoil at home.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Put your emotions aside, and you will easily gain ground in every aspect of your life. Matters pertaining to work are looking very positive. Communications will be your best asset. Don't hesitate to ask for what you want.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You will be walking a fine line today. Honesty will rule, but you don't have to divulge your secrets. Changes made at home will benefit you both financially and professionally. Don't let situations get blown out of proportion.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You may have to rethink some of the plans you've been making. Try not to jump from one thing to another. Money matters must be cleared up; pay off old debts before you incur new ones.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Do a little soul searching, and ask yourself some very pertinent questions about your motives and your direction. Be true to yourself, and start moving in a direction more suitable to your needs.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Don't let the little things bother you so much. Focus on what you can do, and follow through. Avoid any confrontation with authorities. Now is not the time to take chances, speak in anger, or make promises you won't keep.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Expand your horizons by joining new interest groups. Money matters will improve if you budget and invest in something secure and long-term. It's OK to want to be generous, but don't go into debt trying to impress someone.

## PATV

7 a.m. Democracy Now  
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Noon Islam: Dispelling the Myths  
1 p.m. Bad Ideas  
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2:30 Town Meeting on the Future of Media Part 2  
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 schedule

3 p.m. Can We Share the World? Hope for the Christian-Muslim Dialogue  
4 “Live from Prairie Lights,” Anthony Swofford  
4:45 125th Anniversary of the UI Libraries  
5 Grant Wood at the UI: Community and Controversy  
6 Staff Council presents an Open Forum with UI President David Skorton  
7 Graduate College Commencement Ceremony Replay

8 “Live from Prairie Lights,” Anthony Swofford  
8:45 125th Anniversary of the UI Libraries  
9 Grant Wood at the UI: Community and Controversy  
10 Staff Council presents an Open Forum with UI President David Skorton  
11 Student Video Productions, Incompetent Sports Talk  
11:30 Student Video Productions, Dinosaurs Have Feathers

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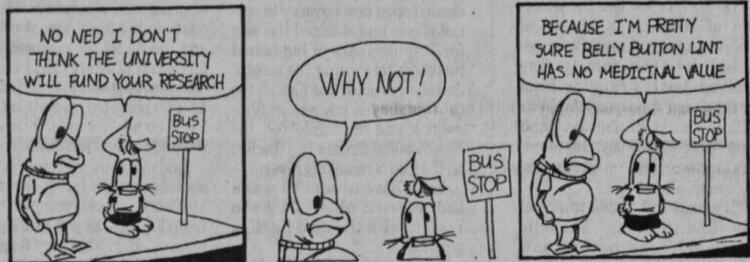
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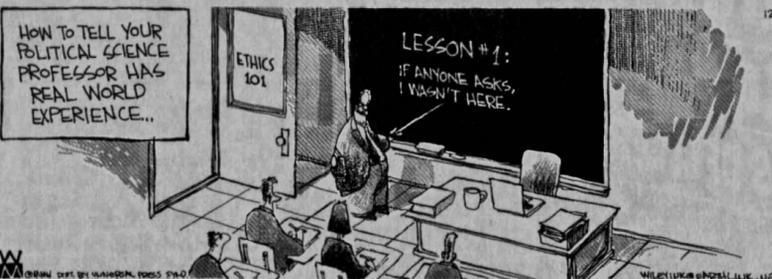
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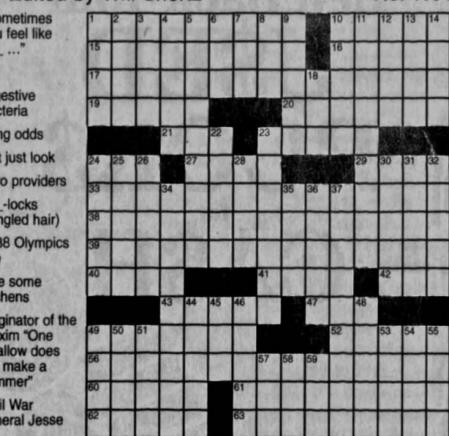
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15 How campers may sit  
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19 Commemorative piece  
20 Concerts  
21 Suffix with señor  
23 Mole  
24 Scottish Peace Nobelist John Boyd  
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29 Bones, anatomically  
33 It's written with acid

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2 “Sometimes you feel like ...”  
3 Pal  
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5 Long odds  
6 Not just look  
7 Intro providers  
8 \_\_\_locks (tangled hair)  
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## OUTBACK BOWL

If you can't be there, come with us

The D/I will be in Tampa for the Outback Bowl — make sure to check back with us at [www.dailyiowan.com](http://www.dailyiowan.com) for updates from the Sunshine State as you prepare for the Hawkeye-Gator showdown.

If you can't make it to Florida for the bowl game, experience the game, pregame and events with stories, photos, and videos from the D/I. Here's a preview of what you can expect in a few weeks:

**Dec. 31**  
• Reports from Florida and Iowa practice  
• Bowl Beach Day — Outback's party on Clearwater Beach

**Jan. 1**  
• More team coverage  
• New Year's Eve parade and pep rally

**Jan. 2**  
• Game preview  
• Postgame update, two hours after the fourth quarter

**Jan. 3**  
• Full postgame coverage, including photo and video

## ACCOMMODATIONS

### Hotel hopes Hawk fans make Days of it

Iowa fans plan to take over Raymond James Stadium for the Jan. 2 Outback Bowl, and one Days Inn employee hopes they'll take over his hotel, as well.

The Days Inn, 701 E. Fletcher Ave., Tampa, Fla., is offering rooms at \$55 per night between Dec. 28 and Jan. 2 and advertising solely to Hawkeye fans.

"Our thinking was, if you choose one team or another and go all out, you could get more people," said Dan Sanborn, the hotel's director of marketing.

Normal rates for rooms run between \$80-\$100 a night.

Sanborn is planning to decorate the hotel in black and gold and is offering discounts to at least five area restaurants.

A hospitality room of approximately 2,000-square feet will be available for Hawkeye fans to "party, socialize, or do whatever they want, within reason," Sanborn said.

For more information, fans should phone 1-813-977-1550, and ask about the Outback Bowl special.

— by Tyson Wirth

## COACHING

### Boise State's Hawkins heads to Colorado

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Boise State coach Dan Hawkins said Thursday he'll be going to Colorado to complete negotiations to become the new coach there.

"If certain things happen," Hawkins said, he will become the new coach of the Buffaloes.

"Officially, nothing's been decided," he said. "There are certain things that have to happen. You can go 99 yards on a football field, but

you have to go that last yard, otherwise you don't get a touchdown." The Colorado Board of Regents is scheduled to meet today to approve Hawkins' contract. If that goes as expected, the Boise State coach could be introduced as the replacement for Gary Barnett later in the day.

Hawkins, who is 53-10 at Boise State, said the decision has been agonizing.

"What it gets down to, is challenge and opportunity, versus continuing to do what you've been doing," he said. "I'm going to prove myself again."

The coach acknowledged the challenges at Colorado, where football has been under scrutiny in the wake of a recruiting scandal and, more recently, a state audit that did not look kindly at the way Barnett ran his personal football camps and the program, in general.

Colorado Athletics Director Mike Bohn said he's looking for someone with the energy to make fans care about and unite behind the Buffs again, the way they did in the early 1990s, when Bill McCartney was coach.

# Family knows going to the mat

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Lucas (right) and Thomas (left) Magnani wrestle before practice in the Dan Gable Wrestling Complex on Thursday.

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"We decided that it would be best if we were co-champions. We didn't need to wrestle against each other to prove anything. We were both satisfied with the result."

— Thomas Magnani, freshman

BY ANDREW SHANKS  
THE DAILY IOWAN

The date was Nov. 13.

Two Iowa wrestlers had just finished demolishing a field of competitors and were slated to meet head-on for the 125-pound title at the Spartan Open in Dubuque. So which one won?

Neither and both. "We decided that it would be best if we were co-champions," said freshman Thomas Magnani, who split the title with older brother Lucas Magnani. "We didn't need to wrestle against each other to prove anything. We were both satisfied with the result."

They weren't born with this com-

passion for one another. Rather, it was instilled in them in their youth. Parents Thomas (Sr.) and Helen Magnani — the former a high-school teacher, the latter a guidance counselor — taught their children that they were brothers first and athletes second.

SEE MAGNANI, PAGE 3B

## GETTING A CHARGE OUT OF THE NFL

BY BRENDAN STILES  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Most football recruits come to Iowa knowing coach Kirk Ferentz's NFL pedigree, hoping that he'll be the one to get them playing in the pros someday.

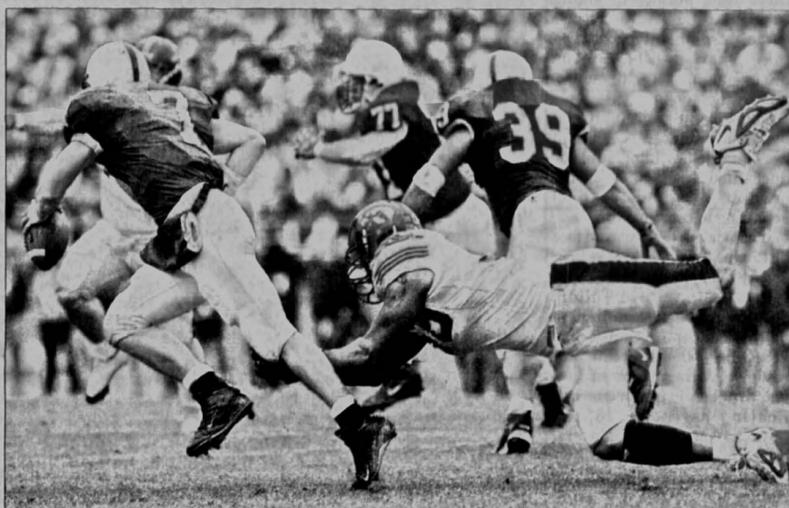
Former defensive end Derreck Robinson was no exception when he came from Minneapolis to join the Hawkeyes.

Just like a few of the mantel-pieces from the 2004 team playing on the defense, such as

linemen Matt Roth and Jonathan Babineaux and safety Sean Considine, Robinson did all of the same workouts for pro scouts prior to last April's NFL draft.

Unlike those three guys, however, Robinson didn't get selected in the draft, so, when he committed to the San Diego Chargers as a rookie free-agent, he knew he had a long road ahead.

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Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye Derreck Robinson dives for Penn State quarterback Zack Mills during Iowa's 6-4 win in State College, Pa., on Oct. 23, 2004.

## IOWA BASKETBALL

### Women work on rebounding

BY TED MCCARTAN  
THE DAILY IOWAN



Bluder  
Iowa women's coach

They're instate rivals and all, but there's more to it than that. It's fact: Iowa and Drake just won't see eye-to-eye in their game at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Dec. 18.

Well, not unless the Drake players get on their tiptoes. Because, from top to

bottom, Iowa's roster just has more height. And that will be a key for the Hawkeyes, who have had problems rebounding and scoring from the post position. Tip-off is slated for 2:05; students will be admitted free with a student ID, and all tickets for all other fans will be just \$2.

SEE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, PAGE 3B

### Men return after eight-day layoff

BY NICK RICHARDS  
THE DAILY IOWAN

After an eight day layoff for finals, the No. 22 Iowa basketball team, barely clinging to its Top 25 ranking after consecutive losses at Northern Iowa on Dec. 6, and Iowa State on Dec. 9, will return to action Saturday against Arizona State. It begins a crucial six-day stretch in which the Hawkeyes (7-3) play three games, including a date with former Iowa coach Tom Davis and

Drake — and Robert Morris. "I thought we handled it as our guys were able of handling it right now," coach Steve Alford said after the 72-60 loss in Ames. "I honestly believe that in the next three games, we're going to get better. They're great opportunities. We play a Pac-10 school. We play a Missouri Valley team, a Drake team that's the best there. Then we've got Robert Morris before we break for Christmas."

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SPORTS

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

No Men's Top 25 games played Thursday night  
 #1 Tennessee 63, Louisiana Tech 59  
 #3 LSU 64, #4 Ohio State 48  
 #12 Arizona State 68, Fresno State 52

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	8	5	0	.615	294	289
Miami	6	7	0	.462	242	261
Buffalo	4	9	0	.308	191	262
N.Y. Jets	3	10	0	.231	169	274
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	13	1	0	1.000	392	180
Jacksonville	9	4	0	.692	273	227
Tennessee	4	9	0	.308	252	329
Houston	1	12	0	.077	193	354
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	10	3	0	.769	350	259
Pittsburgh	8	5	0	.615	295	234
Baltimore	4	9	0	.308	171	253
Cleveland	4	9	0	.308	252	237
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	10	3	0	.769	322	231
San Diego	8	5	0	.615	378	252
Kansas City	8	5	0	.615	329	289
Oakland	4	9	0	.308	259	322

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	8	5	0	.615	284	233
Dallas	7	6	0	.538	256	246
Washington	5	8	0	.385	252	314
Philadelphia	5	8	0	.385	246	299
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	9	4	0	.692	300	214
Carolina	8	5	0	.615	313	254
Atlanta	3	10	0	.231	200	331
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	9	4	0	.692	210	148
Minnesota	8	5	0	.615	246	286
Detroit	4	8	0	.333	190	241
Green Bay	2	10	0	.167	233	297
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Seattle	11	2	0	.846	379	211
St. Louis	5	8	0	.385	307	378
Arizona	4	9	0	.308	252	313
San Francisco	2	11	0	.154	186	381

Saturday's Games

Tampa Bay at New England, 12:30 p.m.  
 Kansas City at N.Y. Giants, 4 p.m.  
 Denver at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sunday's Games  
 N.Y. Jets at Miami, 12 p.m.  
 Arizona at Houston, 12 p.m.  
 Seattle at Tennessee, 12 p.m.  
 San Diego at Indianapolis, 12 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at St. Louis, 12 p.m.  
 Carolina vs. New Orleans at Baton Rouge, La., 12 p.m.  
 San Francisco at Jacksonville, 12 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at Minnesota, 12 p.m.  
 Cincinnati at Detroit, 3:05 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.  
 Atlanta at Washington, 3:15 p.m.  
 Atlanta at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.  
 Monday, Dec. 19  
 Green Bay at Baltimore, 8 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

By The Associated Press  
 All Times CST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	20	9	4	40	113	82
Philadelphia	18	8	4	40	113	97
New Jersey	14	12	5	33	93	101
N.Y. Islanders	15	13	2	32	96	102
Pittsburgh	8	17	6	22	82	124
Northwest	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	22	5	2	46	124	61
Buffalo	20	10	1	41	102	98
Montreal	16	8	5	37	85	89
Toronto	16	12	3	35	102	97
Boston	11	15	6	28	96	109
Southeast	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	20	9	2	42	112	99
Tampa Bay	17	11	3	37	98	94
Atlanta	13	16	4	30	116	125
Florida	11	18	4	26	85	110
Washington	8	17	2	22	83	115

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	21	9	3	45	123	89
Nashville	19	7	3	41	88	82

Chicago 12 16 2 26 84 107

Northwest	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	20	9	2	42	103	89
Calgary	18	9	4	40	75	73
Edmonton	16	11	4	36	95	91
Colorado	16	12	3	35	117	104
Minnesota	12	15	4	28	83	77
Pacific	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	20	8	1	41	99	80
Los Angeles	18	13	1	37	107	83
Phoenix	16	13	2	34	89	81
Anheim	14	13	5	33	87	86
San Jose	13	12	4	30	88	96

Thursday's Games

Carolina 2, Columbus 1  
 Vancouver 5, Philadelphia 4  
 Dallas 2, Ottawa 0  
 Atlanta 3, New Jersey 2, OT  
 Boston 3, Minnesota 2  
 Florida 3, Detroit 2, OT  
 Nashville 5, Chicago 3  
 Montreal at Edmonton, 9 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Phoenix, 9 p.m.  
 Today's Games  
 Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 6:00 p.m.  
 St. Louis at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.  
 Washington at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.  
 Los Angeles at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.  
 Saturday's Games  
 Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 4 p.m.  
 Toronto at Ottawa, 6 p.m.  
 Florida at Atlanta, 6 p.m.  
 New Jersey at Carolina, 6 p.m.  
 Colorado at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at St. Louis, 7 p.m.  
 Montreal at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
 Columbus at Nashville, 7 p.m.  
 Boston at Calgary, 9 p.m.  
 Edmonton at Vancouver, 9 p.m.  
 Phoenix at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

By The Associated Press  
 Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	12	11	.522	—
Dallas	9	12	.429	2
New York	9	12	.429	2
Toronto	6	15	.286	5
Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	13	10	.565	—
Orlando	9	11	.450	2½
Washington	9	11	.450	2½
Charlotte	6	14	.300	6
Atlanta	4	17	.190	8
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	16	3	.842	—
Indiana	12	8	.600	4½
Milwaukee	12	8	.600	4½
Cleveland	12	9	.571	5
Chicago	11	10	.524	6

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	18	4	.818	—
Dallas	16	6	.727	2
Memphis	13	8	.619	4½
New Orleans	10	12	.455	8
Houston	8	12	.400	9
Northwest	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	12	9	.571	1
Denver	10	11	.476	2½
Utah	10	12	.455	2½
Seattle	9	11	.450	2½
Portland	6	15	.286	6
Pacific	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	14	8	.636	—
Phoenix	13	8	.619	½
Golden State	13	9	.591	1
L.A. Lakers	12	10	.545	2
Sacramento	10	13	.435	4½

Thursday's Games

Cleveland 94, Denver 85  
 San Antonio 90, Minnesota 88  
 Houston at Seattle, late  
 Today's Games  
 Utah at Indiana, 6 p.m.  
 New York at Atlanta, 8 p.m.  
 Golden State at Toronto, 6 p.m.  
 Milwaukee at Boston, 6:30 p.m.  
 Denver at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.  
 Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
 Chicago at Detroit, 7 p.m.  
 Phoenix at New Orleans, 7 p.m.  
 Orlando at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.  
 Seattle at Portland, 9 p.m.  
 Washington at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

# Snub of Cuba may hurt Games bids

BY RONALD BLUM  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — U.S. bids to host future Olympic Games will be damaged by the Bush administration's decision to prevent Cuba from playing in next year's inaugural World Baseball Classic, a member of the IOC said Thursday.

The U.S. Treasury Department denied a request by Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association for a permit to allow Cuba to send a team.

"It's for baseball to decide, but if it doesn't make a stand on something like that, then it will have big problems down the road," said Dick Pound, an International Olympic Committee member from Canada.

If not reversed, he said "it would completely scupper any bid" by the United States for the Summer or Winter Games.

Baseball officials said they had asked lawyers at Morgan Lewis & Bockius to attempt to have the Bush administration reverse the decision by the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control, which by law must issue permits for certain transactions with Fidel Castro's communist country.

"I think our policy regarding Cuba is pretty well-known," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said. "We want people in Cuba to participate in freedom."

Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, a Florida Republican, said he had spoken with the Treasury Department urging that the permit be denied.

"There are plenty of free Cuban players and Cuban-Americans here in the majors and in the minors who would be proud to represent Cuba, and they should be able to and not a totalitarian regime that would share in any proceeds from this tournament," he said.

He rejected Pound's claim that the decision will hurt the U.S. in Olympic bidding.

"Hopefully, by an Olympic very near in the future there will be a free Cuba, anyway," Diaz-Balart said. "I think that's one of the most absurd arguments I've heard in a long time."

U.S. Olympic Committee spokesman Darryl Seibel said any fallout in the IOC was hard to predict because the USOC hasn't decided when it will make its next bid. But he also added: "Certainly it's important for any country that's bidding for the Games to be able to represent with confidence that athletes and coaches from around the world will be able to come to their country."

In Havana, government officials didn't react to the decision, but several Cuban citizens were angry.

"Enough already," said Antonio Mayeta, whose brother plays for Havana's Industriales baseball team. "It's unbelievable. This is about sports, not politics. In Cuba, baseball is our culture. Everyone was so anxious to see these games."

Said Victor Renglon, sitting on a park bench in central Havana: "Everyone from Fidel to little boys are born with a bat in their hands."

AP writers Anne-Marie Garcia and Stephen Wilson contributed to this report.

HAWKEYE SPORTS

Swingman picks Hawkeyes

Malik Perry, a 6-5 swingman rated by Rivals.com recruiting service as a three-star prospect, orally committed to the Iowa basketball team Wednesday.

"Providence thought it had him locked up," said national scout Van Coleman. "But he loves the physical play of the Big Ten. He thinks he can flourish there, because they don't call every little bump and bruise a foul."

In high school, Perry played the post. He held offers from Providence and Rhode Island and received interest from Tennessee.

"He's a big-time athlete," Coleman said. "He's a rock solid 225 [pounds], and he defends the heck out of people."

Perry is believed to be the fourth recruit of Iowa's 2006 recruiting

class, along with post players Jamie Vanderbeken and Cyrus Tate and wingman Justin Johnson.

Underwood, Werner honored by Big Ten

Iowa swimmer Kelly Werner and diver Nancilea Underwood received Big Ten honors this week.

Werner earned the Big Ten Co-Swimmer of the Week award, sharing it with Michigan State's Rachael Hagerman. The senior from St. Louis won three events — the 100 butterfly and the 100 and 200 backstroke — in Iowa's 156-144 victory over Iowa State on Dec. 9.

Underwood captured the Big Ten Diver of the Week award after wins in the 1-meter and 3-meter against the Cyclones.

— by Michael Schmidt

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# 4 Vikings charged in boat party

BY JEFF BAENEN  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS — Quarterback Daunte Culpepper and three other Minnesota Vikings were charged Thursday with three misdemeanors each for taking part in a bawdy boat party earlier this season on Lake Minnetonka.

Culpepper, Bryant McKinnie, Fred Smoot, and Moe Williams were charged with indecent conduct, disorderly conduct, and lewd or lascivious conduct, according to court papers.

If convicted, each player faces up to a maximum of 90 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine on each count.

Prosecutor Steve Tallen's decision was based on findings by the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, whose investigators reviewed allegations of lewd and drunken behavior aboard a floating party, Oct. 6, that involved some Vikings players.

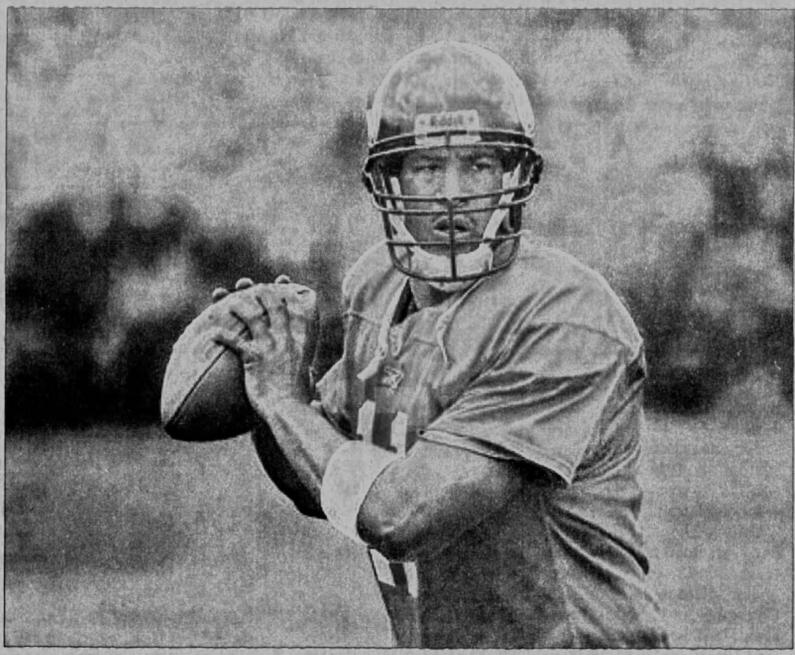
Crew members complained that some people took off their clothes and engaged in public sex acts during the cruise, said Stephen Doyle, an attorney representing the boat owners, Al & Alma's Supper Club and Charter Cruises in Mound. The crew members identified 17 Vikings among approximately 90 people on the two boats.

The court papers released Thursday said Smoot and defensive end Lance Johnstone arranged the charter.

Smoot declined to comment in the team's locker room before practice. Both Culpepper and Williams are on injured reserve and in rehabilitation on their own, away from the team. McKinnie wasn't seen in the locker room.

Vikings coach Mike Tice was careful with his reaction. "According to NFL rules and union contracts, there is a large difference between allegations and charges and convictions," he said. "So, until at any point there is a conviction of some type, if there is, I have no action to take and nothing to say."

After that, Tice threatened to stop talking to reporters if anyone



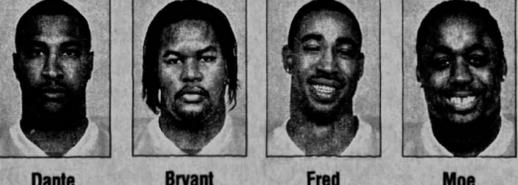
Ann Heisenfelt/Associated Press  
 Minnesota Viking quarterback Daunte Culpepper looks to pass during practice on Sept. 3, 2003, in Eden Prairie, Minn. Culpepper and three other Viking players were charged on Thursday with three misdemeanors each as the result of a bawdy boat party earlier this season on Lake Minnetonka.

asked more questions about the allegations.

Reports that some women at the party were paid to come from outside Minnesota had raised the possibility of federal charges, but U.S. Attorney Tom Heffelfinger said Thursday that no such charges would be brought. Heffelfinger cited insufficient evidence.

That decision, along with sheriff's decision to send the case to Tallen's office, meant any charges would be minor. Tallen is the prosecuting attorney for the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District, which handles nonfelony crimes committed on the big lake just west of Minneapolis.

The boat scandal hit the Vikings when they were already reeling, off to a 1-3 start, and



Dante Culpepper Bryant McKinnie Fred Smoot Moe Williams

made them the object of national ridicule on late-night TV and cable sports channels. New owner Zygi Wilf, who had been seeking state help for a new stadium, responded forcefully, apologizing to Gov. Tim Pawlenty and other state officials and instituting a new code of conduct.

The team has since recovered on the field and, with quarterback Brad Johnson replacing

the injured Culpepper, reeled off six-straight wins to become

# ROBINSON MAKES CUT

**ROBINSON**  
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"Knowing how erratic and crazy the NFL is, I wasn't expecting too much," he said. "There were teams already calling me during the draft, and with San Diego taking some defensive guys early, I knew it was going to be difficult."

That the Chargers took two defensive players — in the first round alone — wasn't the only challenge Robinson faced. Try having to earn a spot for Marty Schottenheimer, one of the NFL's most in-your-face personalities coaching right now.

"I knew it was Marty and that he was old school growing up, and he expects you to be a professional," Robinson said. "But Coach Ferentz is also old school, and he prepares you to be a professional."

"I knew that the more I worked and concentrated, I could play with the best, too."

As the days went by, Robinson was beginning to look better and prove that he took what the Chargers were giving him seriously. The hard work during the dog days of summer in San Diego paid off when he made the final roster of 53 a week before the Chargers' first game, against Dallas.

"Every day, I had been going to train and work out, and that day, I was thinking that I was going back to doing the same thing," he said. "It hit me when I was

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— Derreck Robinson, former defensive end

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It's one thing to make an NFL roster, but it's another to actually get an opportunity to play in a regular-season game, especially as an undrafted rookie. On Oct. 10, he made his first official appearance in a home Monday night game against Pittsburgh. Not only that — but San Diego broke out its old powder blue jerseys for the game.

"It was amazing," he said. "I felt respected, knowing that my first game was on a Monday night, wearing the best uniforms in the NFL."

Not everything has gone Robinson's way, though. On Oct. 31, he was arrested in La Mesa, Calif., on charges of drunken driving. He said he's taken responsibility for

his actions and hopes to put it behind him, once everything is settled.

"I'm going to pay my dues, and that should be the end of it," he said.

Robinson, who along with Charger teammates Nate Kaeding, Howard Hodges, and Mike Goff, are former Hawkeye players, knows that he's in a very good situation, with the Chargers in contention for a playoff spot.

"It was hard enough making it on a team that was in the playoffs last year, and there's only six new guys this year," he said. "I'm real grateful to have a chance to have this year, play for the best coach in the NFL, and start my career on a good team with good people."

Like every other Charger, Robinson hopes to put the city of San Diego on the map faster than Ron Burgundy could tell them to stay classy. He also hopes that he'll continue to grow within the Chargers' organization and be around long enough to help them reach their ultimate goal — winning the Super Bowl.

"I know this year I accomplished things I want to do, but I want to learn more and observe the things about the game that I can't do with any other club," he said.

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# Wrestling in the family

**MAGNANI**

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"I thought that the decision to have them share the championship was the same decision that I would have made," Thomas Magnani Sr. said. "I mean, sure, there's a sibling rivalry and a lot of competitiveness. They would want to win against each other if they were playing chess. But the individual title didn't mean much to either of them, especially because Thomas is red-shirting, and they were brothers before anything else."

For the Magnani family, wrestling is as much of a genetic trait as hair and eye color. Older cousin Jack wrestled for Iowa in the mid-90s and now is an assistant high-school wrestling coach on Long Island, N.Y. One of his main competitors on the New York island — Half Hollow Hills High School wrestling coach Thomas Magnani Sr.

"Jack used to come over when I was 5 and my brother was 8, and he would teach us a wrestling move and then leave," said Thomas Magnani Jr. "When he'd come back a few days later, my brother and I would show him how much we practiced the move."

"We would be having family over, and we'd all be out scrapping on the front lawn. It was never really talked about, then, but it was known that wrestling was a major part of the family."

Lucas Magnani, a junior transfer from Brown University and the Iowa starter at 125 pounds, chose the Ivy League over the Midwest in part because his parents

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— Thomas Magnani Sr., wrestlers' father

stressed academics first. However, Lucas Magnani, who defeated Northern Iowa's Seth Wright, 7-3, in his last match, eventually chose Iowa City as his collegiate destination, mostly because of the program's storied history.

"I went to Brown, because it has a good program and great academics," he said. "It was really important with my parents that I go to a school with good academics and get a good degree. Iowa offered all that and more, with the wrestling program being as great as it is."

Even with all of Lucas Magnani's success this season, his best move for coach Jim Zalesky's squad might have been the recruiting pitch he gave to Thomas Magnani Jr., one of the most highly-touted high-school seniors in the nation a year ago.

"It came down to my going to Virginia Tech, Hofstra, or Iowa," Thomas Magnani Jr. said. "The comfort level that I had with my brother being at Iowa was probably why I

decided on Iowa. I saw how much he liked it here, and that definitely rubbed off on me, too."

And the Iowa wrestling program has rubbed off on their parents as well. Although they can't regularly make the half-country trek to Iowa City, when they do make it to a meet, it's a spectacle.

"I have always loved wrestling," Thomas Magnani Sr. said. "But we're passionate about Iowa wrestling now. A lot of people think we're crazy, but I'm so proud of my kids that I have become a fanatic. We try to just show support, but, sometimes, it's a little over the top."

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MON-THU 5:20, 7:40, 9:50

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MON-THU 5:20, 7:20, 9:40

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KING KONG (PG-13) • NO PASSES  
12:00, 12:45, 3:45, 4:45, 7:30, 8:45

CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG)  
12:00, 3:10, 6:20, 9:30

SYRIANA (R)  
12:30, 3:25, 6:20, 9:15

AEON FLUX (PG-13)  
12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

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12:15, 3:20, 6:25, 9:30

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12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15

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WALK THE LINE (PG-13)  
12:00, 12:45, 3:00, 3:45, 6:00, 6:45, 9:00, 9:45

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12:00, 1:00, 4:00, 5:00, 8:00, 9:00

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YOURS, MINE & OURS (PG)  
12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:20

PRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG)  
12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:45

HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13)  
NOON, 1:00, 3:15, 4:30, 6:30, 8:00, 9:45

WALK THE LINE (PG-13)  
12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30

DERAILED (R)  
7:10, 9:40

CHICKEN LITTLE (G)  
12:30, 2:30, 4:30

# Women work on rebounding

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
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"We definitely have the height," Iowa coach Lisa Bluder said. "We just have to make our height more effective."

Starting at center for Drake (3-4) will be Jill Martin, who, at 6-1, gives up quite a bit of height to Iowa's centers Megan Skouby (6-6) and Stacy Schlapkohl (6-3). It's part of the reason that rebounding should be much improved against Drake.

"[Rebounding is] something, obviously, that's been a bit of a weakness," senior Tiffany Reedy said. "It's a point of emphasis right now."

The Hawkeyes have been out-rebounding in each of their four losses. And with rebounding often being considered more a product of effort than anything else, Bluder is none too pleased.

"We have to have somebody else take initiative with the boards," she said. "I've challenged Megan [Skouby] and Stacy [Schlapkohl] ... as a combined position, I think we had four rebounds out of the five position, whereas Krista [VandeVenter] gets 12. That's crazy."

"A lot of our problems have been on the weak side of the zone and not boxing out in that zone," Bluder said. "Rebounding is understanding angles, I think, too. When a shot is taken here, where's the ball going to come off the rim most of the time. We've been working on that."

Schematically, Drake does pose threats with perimeter pressure on defense. The pressure is something the Iowa backcourt has faced before this season, against Wisconsin Green Bay and Rutgers, among others. And the test will only better prepare the young team for the tenacity it'll face in the Big Ten.

"I think the closest thing to this we've seen is Rutgers, in terms of pressure on the ball," Bluder said. "We've seen it now, we've been through it, hopefully, it'll help us."

After eight games last season, Iowa was 8-0. This year, its record is a less impressive 4-4 — but

'We definitely have the height. We just have to make our height more effective.'

— Lisa Bluder, Iowa coach

maybe more valuable for a young team such as the Hawkeyes. Because with each loss demonstrates an obvious weakness, which can be corrected.

"[Last year], we kept winning until we were afraid to say, 'Oh, maybe we can work on this,'" Reedy said. "We were afraid to be honest with ourselves about some of the things we needed to work on. Some of these losses have brought things up right away. I kind of look at it positively. Hopefully, we'll be plateauing at the end of the season."

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# Men return to action

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
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The Sun Devils will visit Carver-Hawkeye Arena at 7:05 for the first time in their history. The Sun Devils (4-2) are making their first trip of the year and are coming off a 75-71 home loss to Utah Valley State on Dec. 10. It's only the second matchup in the history of the series, with the Sun Devils winning the first one, 96-88, in the 1980-81 season. Iowa will again be without point guard Jeff Horner, who

suffered a partially torn posterior cruciate ligament in his left knee in Iowa's 67-63 loss to Northern Iowa in the UNI-Dome. Freshman Tony Freeman will make his second start of the year, after stepping into the lineup against Cyclones in Ames. The freshman from Maywood, Ill., scored eight points in a tough environment in Hilton Coliseum, where he had to go against the seasoned Cyclone duo of Curtis Stinson and Will Blalock.

"[Horner] just told me to keep my head up," Freeman said. "Jeff's out, and, hopefully,

he'll get better soon — but just keep my head up and keep playing. That's all I can do."

The Sun Devils are in the process of rebuilding after losing big man Ike Diogu to the NBA. Leading the way for the Sun Devils is the duo of Bryson Krueger and Kevin Krueger, who average 16.5 and 16.3 points per game, respectively. Krueger is shooting 54.8 percent from the floor and a blistering 61.9 percent from 3-point land.

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**SPORTS**

# Colts look for 14-0

BY DAVE GOLDBERG  
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Tony Dungy plans to play regulars against the Chargers on Dec. 18, as the Indianapolis Colts try to join the 1972 Miami Dolphins as the only team to go unbeaten through 14 games in a season.

The oddsmakers believe him, making Indy a nine-point favorite.

Even with the Colts on their fast home track, that's a big spread. The Chargers should be motivated — they are in a desperate three-game battle with Kansas City and Pittsburgh for the final AFC wild-card spot.

The Chargers took the Colts to overtime in Indy last season. But they certainly didn't play like a desperate team last week, losing, 23-21, to Miami at home, an unforgivable defeat for a team trying to land a playoff spot.

"It's very difficult, because you think about 'what if,'" said LaDainian Tomlinson, held to 75 yards in that game. "It's normal to do that. 'What if' is always creeping up in your head, but I think you've got to constantly remind yourself that 'what if' could have been easily 13-0, like the Colts."

Thirty other teams also have "what ifs." Like the Chargers, they aren't as good as the Colts. And/or, like San Diego, they have underachieved all season.

Beyond that, Peyton Manning is a student of football history and would love to be the leader of the second team ever to go unbeaten. His teammates agree — although they also know, as Dungy noted, that a Super Bowl victory is more important than an unbeaten record.

This week, they go for the spotless record. Next week, when the Colts go to Seattle for that quarterback clash between Jim Sorgi and Seneca Wallace, all bets are off.

**Tampa Bay (plus 4½) at New England (Saturday)**  
Tom Brady and Foxborough over Chris Simms and the warm-weather Bucs, as the Patriots secure the AFC East. Although Brady is a little gimpy.

**PATRIOTS, 19-13**  
**Kansas City (plus 3) at New York Giants (Saturday)**  
The Giants' run defense had a bad game last week and rarely has two bad games in a row. But middle linebacker

Antonio Pierce is out, so make it a shootout.  
**GIANTS, 30-29**  
**Denver (minus 9) at Buffalo**  
The Bills are unraveling. The Broncos aren't.

**BRONCOS, 27-7**  
**Pittsburgh (minus 3) at Minnesota**  
The Steelers favored on the road against a team that has won six straight? The Vikings' soft schedule accounts for that.

**STEELERS, 24-20**  
**Atlanta (plus 3) at Chicago**  
Depends on Vick's health, but the Bears' defense is quick enough to contain him, especially at home.

**BEARS, 16-14**  
**Dallas (plus 3) at Washington**  
It's a long shot, but the Redskins can still win the NFC East. Not after this week.

**COWBOYS, 21-16**  
**Seattle (minus 7) at Tennessee**  
The Seahawks cruise toward home-field advantage in the NFC.

**SEAHAWKS, 33-13**  
**San Francisco (plus 15) at Jacksonville**  
The Jaguars cruise toward the playoffs.

**JAGUARS, 30-3**  
**Carolina (minus 7½) at New Orleans (Baton Rouge)**  
Does anyone remember that the Saints won on opening day in Charlotte?

**PANTHERS, 24-7**  
**Cincinnati (minus 7) at Detroit**  
Marvin's lads clinch the division.

**BENGALS, 27-14**  
**Green Bay (plus 3) at Baltimore (Dec. 19)**  
Another prime-time dog.

**RAVENS, 6-2**  
**New York Jets (plus 8) at Miami**  
Nice late run by Saban's team

**DOLPHINS, 22-13**  
**Philadelphia (plus 3½) at St. Louis**  
Mike McMahon over Ryan Fitzpatrick. Andy Reid over Joe Vitt.

**EAGLES, 26-10**  
**Cleveland (plus 3) at Oakland**  
Long term, Charlie Frye might be pretty good.

**BROWNS, 20-10**  
**Arizona (minus 1) at Houston**  
Everything has gone wrong for the Texans. So this week, they blow the Reggie Bush pick.

**TEXANS, 17-16**  
**LAST WEEK: 9-6-1 (spread) 13-3 (straight up)**  
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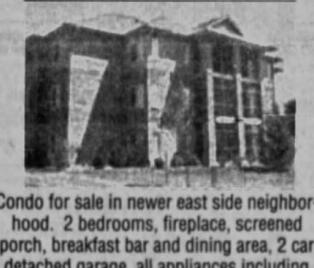


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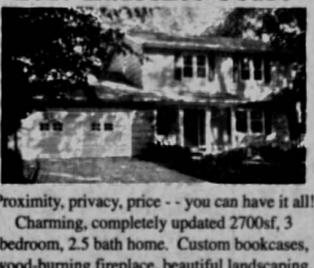


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**Congratulations Adam Pulse!**  
Wish you all the success and happiness in the world! You have made me so proud!  
Dad



**Congratulations Zach!**  
You have done a GREAT job! Your continued hard work will bring you nothing but success. Have a great time in Europe! We love you very much -  
Mom and Dana



**Stephanie,**  
To our princess!  
Congratulations - we are so proud of you!  
Love, Mom, Dad & Samantha



**Dear Paula,**  
We are so proud of everything you've done. Congratulations!  
Love, Dad, Mom & Const.



**Tiffany Lea -**  
Your smile will always capture hearts. We are so proud of you -  
Go Girl.

**Jen - We are so proud of you!**  
We look forward to the encore!  
We love you.  
Mom, Dad, Josh, Parker & Casey



**Melanie -**  
Congratulations! Your years of hard work and sacrifice have paid off. We're proud of you.  
Mom, Dad, David, Lisa & Mindy



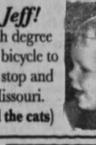
**Jim -**  
Congratulations! You did it. These years went fast. Good luck for this next stage in your life.  
Love always, Mom, Dad, Chris and Pat

Our princess - our graduate. We love you.  
Mom, Dad, Morgan & Cubbie




**Brendan,**  
Your family honors your commitment to fulfill your goals and pursue your dreams. Imagine what the future holds for you. We are so proud of you.  
Love, Mom, Dad, Niles and Marian

**John-John (Butch):**  
Congratulations! We are all very proud of you and wish you success in your future ahead!  
Love, Mom & Dad, Steve, Grandma, and all the Snyders and Ryans



**Congratulations Jeff!**  
Seven semesters for a math degree with honors! Now you can bicycle to student teaching. But first stop and visit us in Washington, Missouri.  
Love, Dad, Mom, Sam (and the cats)



**Brook David Hinchman -**  
Congratulations on all of your achievements. We are so grateful for a son like you. We will always be here for you.  
Love, All of Your Family



**Emily -**  
Glad you got that gerontology training with your BSN Degree. Now you can care for us in our old age! We are very proud of you!!  
We Love You! Mom & Nick



**Erik,**  
Congratulations!  
We couldn't be prouder!  
Love, Dad, Mom & Emily



**Rob -**  
You're in the driver's seat now!  
Love-Mom, Dad, Doug, Karma

**Chuck -**  
It seems like only yesterday you were born and began your journey through life.




*From the proud & loving parents of Destinee Beene,*  
It is difficult to find the words to describe our feelings! Congratulations & Best Of Everything, Destinee! We love & cherish our time with you. Another stepping stone, done with style & grace!  
Happy Graduation, MS. Destinee Beene!!!



**Jill -**  
My how time flies... We are so very proud of you!  
Congratulations!  
Love, Mom & Dad



**TIM -**  
Congratulations!  
3 Degrees - WOW! We are so proud of you and love you so much!  
Mom, Dad, Kate, Ryan and Laura



Your father and I are so very proud of all your accomplishments!  
Our Love, Mom & Dad



**Princess:**  
We are all very proud of you. You have lots of wonderful memories of the last four years. Thank you for working so hard and just being Ann.  
We love you... Mom & Dad



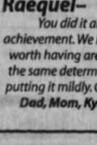
**Michael,**  
Because you're our son, we love you. Because of your achievements, we're proud of you. Because of the man you've become, we respect you. Because of all this, Solid Systems Inc. will be a success.  
Congratulations!  
Mith & Dude



It's no surprise to us everyone is singing your praises for academic excellence. Be prepared world - you'll also be singing Larissa's tune.  
Love, Mom & Dad



**Adam -**  
You finally made it, ABC! Congratulations on graduation and a new job! We're proud of you.  
Love, Mom & Dad



**Raequel -**  
You did it and no one can ever take away this great achievement. We know it wasn't easy but not many things in life worth having are. May all your golden challenges be met with the same determination. We love you and to say we're proud is putting it mildly. Congratulations on your college graduation.  
Dad, Mom, Kyl, all your grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends



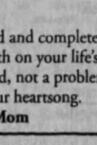
**Erin -**  
Congratulations on your graduation. We're looking forward to your being able to pay your own bills!  
Love, Mom & Dad



Damn the torpedoes...  
...full speed ahead!  
Go get 'em Michelle.



**Ian -**  
So pleased you embarked and completed your education. As you sally forth on your life's journey, life is a mystery to be lived, not a problem to be solved. Sing your heartsong.  
Love, Mom

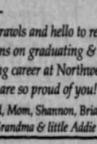


**Congratulations SONYA MUELLER!**  
Our Cute Little "Blondie" all grown up (now a Beautiful "Blonde"). Dec. 2005 Graduate of the University of Iowa. "Goodbye" to U of I and "Hello" Law School. (And WOW - with that terrific LSAT score!) Keep on making your dreams into remarkable realities! We're SO PROUD of you.  
Love, Mom, Dad and Jared

**BRIAN,**  
Congratulations! We are very proud of you. Best wishes for a rewarding career.  
Love, Mom, Dad & Jamie



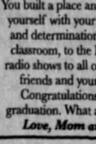
**Dear Ryan,**  
As you know, the secret to success is "buying in". That's what you did at the University of Iowa. You built a place and a name for yourself with your personality and determination. From the classroom, to the DI, to your radio shows to all of your great friends and your brother. Congratulations on your graduation. What a great job!  
Love, Mom and Dad



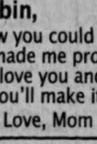
**Scottie Spayd #22,**  
We are so proud of you! Congratulations on graduation and securing a job "before" you graduate! We love you so much! You're the best!  
Love, Mom & Dad

**Way to go Fers!**  
We are so proud of you!  
Love, Dad, Mom and Patti

**JEFFREY THOMAS NELSON**  
You are incredible. Congratulations on your MBA! We are so proud of you!  
Love, Mom, Rhonda and Jenny



**To Robin,**  
I knew you could do it. You made me proud of you. I love you and know you'll make it.  
Love, Mom



**Dear Travis Schott,**  
You're brilliant and perfect, a grad so smart, with a blinding future - character, heart. Your life awaits. We're all so proud. You're standing far above the crowd. Our dear, golden boy, what more can I say... Except, you're adopted... by the way!  
Love you, Mommy & Daddy

**Graduation Congratulations to Marcy Card!**  
We wish you all the best in Grad School, and a future filled with joy!  
Love, Your Family

**Erick -**  
Congratulations! We are proud to be there as you graduate and get commissioned. You will be flying off into an exciting future.  
Love, Mom & Dad



**Chad -**  
"Two roads diverged in a wood, and I - I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." Start traveling... With love and support,  
Mom, Dad and Brother Scott

**For James -**  
To the Hawkeye, the Canadian, the DJ, the band member, the hockey player, the musician, the photographer, the boxer, the pilot, the tree climber, the lock picker and the poker star. To Mister Iowa Low, congratulations on your JD! We're so proud of you.  
Love, Mom, Dad, Stuart, Shelagh, Joe & Kelly



**Puddin',**  
Your first steps were very exciting, now a whole new world awaits you - Go for it! Congratulations on your graduation, we are so proud of you.  
Love, Mom, Dad and Mr. B



**What a wit! What a dear!**  
We are all so proud down here! Congratulations! You have turned into a Wonderful young man!  
Love, Dad, Ma & The Gang

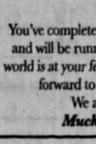


**Angela,**  
Congratulations  
We are so proud of you,  
We love you!!!!  
Love, Mom & Dad



**Matt**  
Grandma Mary, Grandpas Ed and Joe would have been so proud. Grandma Germaine, Maggie, Mike, Joshua and Jayson are proud. And mom and I are bursting. The good news: The best is yet to come!

**Wow! Kristi -**  
You've completed your degrees in 3-1/2 years, qualified for and will be running the Boston Marathon and now... The world is at your feet! It is with eager anticipation that we look forward to seeing what you will be doing next.  
We are SO VERY proud of you!!!!  
Much love, Mom, Dad and Nick.



**Congratulations Anthony C. Floden**  
We love you, Mom, Dad, Nick, Grandma and Grandpa Floden, Grandma and Grandpa Breon, and all of your Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins

**LIZZIE -**  
Great Job, and you did it in less than 4 years!  
Best Wishes, Mark and Marsha

**Tommy,**  
As a famous four year old once said, "A man's gotta do what a man's gotta do." Congratulations. You did it!  
Love, Mom & Dad

**Tommy -**  
Grandma and Grandpa Duffy are very proud of you!  
CONGRATULATIONS!

**The Daily Iowan**  
would like to congratulate our graduating seniors!  
Kristi Pooler  
Ryan Long  
Good Luck & Best Wishes!