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## JETSETA GAGE CASE Trial opens

Roger Bentley faces life in prison if convicted on the charges of first-degree kidnapping and first-degree murder in the death of 10-year-old Jetseta Gage in March 2005

BY AMANDA MASKER  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Jury selection is scheduled to begin today in Davenport for a case that has inflamed public and legislative debate over restrictions and penalties for sex offenders.



**Bentley** expected to face five to six days of trial

Roger Paul Bentley, 38, is expected to face five to six days of trial in the first-degree kidnapping and homicide of 10-year-old Jetseta Gage in March 2005. Bentley, a convicted sex offender, faces life in prison if convicted on both charges.

Sixth District Judge Patrick Grady ruled on Jan. 20 all evidence collected under a search warrant would be allowed — evidence that defense attorneys Peter Persaud and Quint Meyerdirk had moved to throw out Jan. 10.

Persaud and Meyerdirk argued that the search warrant should be void because it lacked specifics about where and what could be searched, lacked a prompt return, and was based on hearsay.

Grady determined that investigators had met specificity requirements.

"The warrant describes the particular vehicles and structures that the judge found probable cause to search, and the property portion specifically mentions the specific Yoder Turnpike address," Grady stated in his response to the motion.

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# REPLACING SKORTON NO EASY TASK

## SKORTON'S TIME AT THE UI

**1980**  
Skorton joins UI faculty.

**1992**  
Skorton is appointed vice president for Research.

**2000**  
UI officials add interim vice president for External Relations to Skorton's job description. He later eliminated the position when he assumed his presidency and reorganized the administration.

**May 29, 2002**  
Former UI President Mary Sue Coleman announces she is leaving the UI for the University of Michigan. Her new starting base salary is \$475,000 per year, \$200,000 higher than at the UI.

**Coleman**  
18th UI president

**Jan. 5, 2003**  
Skorton becomes the 19th UI president following a unanimous vote by the state Board of Regents. He was one of six finalists for the post and the only internal candidate.



**2003** UI President David Skorton speaks at his inauguration March 1 at Hancher Auditorium. Skorton was hired to unite the campus.

**March 1, 2003**  
Skorton assumes the presidency with a salary of \$281,875.

**September 2004**  
Skorton marries UI professor Robin Davisson.

**Davisson**  
UI professor



**Nov. 14, 2004**  
Aaron Hall Holmgren/The Daily Iowan  
Animal-rights group trashes Spence Labs. Skorton rallies against the vandals, saying in an e-mail to the university, "We will not tolerate this intimidation."

**August 2005**  
The Board of Regents raises Skorton's salary 3 percent while giving 5 percent increases to presidents at Iowa State University and University of Northern Iowa.

**2005**  
Skorton leads the university through contract negotiations with Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The UI wanted more bargaining power with the UIHC's main insurance provider, and the company threatened to refuse any contract. The issue was resolved with no contract alterations that would affect UIHC patients. The new agreement included a 5 percent increase in reimbursement, which amounted to an additional \$8.6 million.

**Jan. 25, 2005**  
Skorton joins the Facebook.com, befriending more than 4,000 students in the online community. See what some students said of Skorton's departure, 4A

**January 21, 2006**  
Skorton says he is leaving the UI to become president of Cornell University, in Ithaca, N.Y.

**DI WEB**  
GO ONLINE TO ANSWER THE D/POLL: DID YOU EXPECT PRESIDENT SKORTON TO LEAVE IOWA? AT WWW.DAILYIOWAN.COM

**BY SAM EDSILL**  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Trying to find a leader for the state's largest employer and educational

institution won't be as simple as filing a "Help Wanted" ad. In fact, members of the state Board of Regents said on Sunday that it could take as long as eight months.

The regents agree finding a replacement for UI President David Skorton — who will depart the university in July to Cornell University's top

job — will be difficult, but they are confident there will be no "lack of able candidates" as they begin their search.

"I would be hopeful that it can be shorter than last time," said Robert Downer of Iowa City, the regents' president pro tem, but he doesn't expect a replacement to be found before Skorton departs.

Nine months elapsed between previous UI President Mary Sue Coleman's resignation and Skorton's first day.

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SEE WHAT SKORTON SAYS HE IS MOST PROUD OF WHILE AT THE UI, 4A



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

Former Attorney General Janet Reno listens to a question during a press conference preceding her lecture on the death penalty and judicial reform in Hancher on Sunday afternoon. Reno, the UI Lecture Committee's 2006 Distinguished Lecturer, answered questions in a panel discussion following the address.

# Reno skeptical about death penalty

'Up until 1972, I swore I would never be a prosecutor because I thought prosecutors were more interested in getting convictions than seeking justice. I quickly learned that prosecutors can do much more by ensuring that the innocent don't get charged.'

— Janet Reno, former Attorney General

## DISTINGUISHED LECTURER

BY ERIC PAPE  
THE DAILY IOWAN

A grisly case of sexual abuse and murder in Johnson County less than one year ago has reinvigorated the death-penalty debate in Iowa, but former U.S. Attorney General Janet

Reno said on Sunday that an imperfect justice system negates any of the purported advantages of capital punishment.

Reno, this year's UI Distinguished Lecturer, did not mention the slaying of 10-year-old Jetseta Gage in her speech at Hancher Auditorium, but it was clear she didn't agree with the sentiments of

the Iowa lawmakers who are pushing for the reinstatement of the death penalty for those convicted of sexually abusing and murdering children.

"Once you sentence someone to death and carry it out, there is no going back," said Reno, who served in the Clinton administration.

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## DEATH-PENALTY EVENTS

If you're interested in discussing the death penalty further, check out some of this week's events.

- Today at 7:30 p.m. — Forum of Judicial Reform, "The Death Penalty and *The Exonerated*" at the Iowa City Public Library, 123 Linn St.
- Tuesday at 12:40 p.m. — College of Law forum with Kirk Bloodsworth in the Boyd Law Building Levitt Auditorium.
- Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. — *The Exonerated* production in Hancher Auditorium.

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↓ 28 .2c  
Partly sunny, breezy



## THE WEEKEND THAT WASN'T

For some Hawkeye athletics teams, it was a lost weekend. **1B**

## ROOMIE FOR IMPROVEMENT

The wonders of getting to know your good friends better by moving in with them. **3A**

## MOVER & SHAKER

Tending bar in an Iowa City hot spot involves more than being in the mix. **5A**

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# Probe eyes munition-plant health

*In Middletown, Iowa, recent deaths have stirred interest in the safety of the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant. Two UI professors are leading an investigation.*

**BY JENNIFER LICKTEIG**  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Paula Graham blames deadly toxins in an Iowa munitions plant for killing her sister, mother, father, and brother-in-law.

The Fort Madison native worked alongside her family members during the Korean and Vietnam Wars in the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant — now the subject of a federal investigation.

“We need to find out what killed people,” she said in a recent interview.

Two UI faculty members in occupational and environmental health are doing just that.

Professor Laurence Fuortes and UI Associate Professor R. William Field are leading a congressionally mandated probe into the health risks for conventional-munitions workers at the munitions plant, which is located near Burlington. The Department of Defense is funding the study, one of the largest of its kind.

“It will result in better and safer working conditions,” Graham said. “We should end up with a lot of information with

possible worldwide effects considering how many munitions factories there are across the globe.”

This study is an outgrowth of an earlier health-screening program from the Department of Energy. The original program provided compensation to employees who experienced problems from their work with atomic weapons at the plant between 1947 and 1975.

“It’s been a challenge, but I like a challenge,” said Graham, who is also a member of the community advisory board for the Department of Defense project. “We started out working for justice. We’re still working for justice.”

Fuortes said Graham was largely responsible for getting legislative attention for the five-year study. Her sister, Lasca Yerington, didn’t work at the plant, but she is helping with the project.

Fuortes and his colleagues

hope to investigate several aspects of conventional munitions work, including life expectancy and risks for cancer. The researchers are also examining the effect of beryllium on the plant’s workers, who often used tools containing the element. The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration has said beryllium can cause cancer and chronic beryllium disease, a lung condition.

The Iowa plant got rid of all beryllium tools in 2000, Fuortes said.

“But we don’t know what the statistical risk of working with these tools is,” he said. “Our question is how much of a risk is this to these workers.”

The probe will be a labor-intensive project, Fuortes said, because researchers have to examine so many historical records.

“Dr. Fuortes and the people he works with just do a fine job of helping people,” Graham said. “They are wonderful to work with and full of compassion.”

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## UI Professors investigate plant



## WHAT IS THE IOWA ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT?

- A 19,000-acre facility located approximately 10 miles west of Burlington.
- The first plant in the United States to assemble atomic weapons for the Atomic Energy Commission.
- Both conventional and nuclear weapons were manufactured at the plants under separate U.S. Department of Defense and Atomic Energy Commission contracts until 1975, when production moved to Texas.

## GOT PANTS?



Mary Altaffer/Associated Press

Participants in Improv Everywhere’s Fifth Annual No Pants Subway Ride are detained by the New York City police officers on the 59th Street uptown train platform on Sunday in New York.

## POLICE BLOTTER

**Dillion Arnaman**, 19, Donnellson, Iowa, was charged Jan. 20 with unlawful use of another’s authentic driver’s license/ID.

**Philip Bartelt**, 20, 801 Gilbert Court Apt. 304, was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

**Daniel Bartholomew**, 22, 610 E. Jefferson St., was charged Jan. 20 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Bradley Benner**, 18, Urbana, Ill., was charged Sunday with PAULA.

**Andrew Bieber**, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Jan. 20 with driving with a revoked license, obstructing an officer, and OWI.

**Tyler Bryant**, 20, North Liberty, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Michelle Byles**, 23, Durant, Iowa, was charged Jan. 20 with driving with a revoked license.

**Dustin Conway**, 21, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and possession of marijuana.

**Codi Cox**, 19, 1434 Spruce St., was charged Jan. 20 with PAULA.

**Meaghan Denny**, 19, 204B Mayflower, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Jared Desmet**, 19, Davenport, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

**Ross Devolder**, 19, Marshalltown, Iowa, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

**Wyatt Dowling**, 20, 308 E. Church St., was charged Jan. 20 with PAULA.

**Nicole Earley**, 25, Schaumburg, Ill., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Jennifer Fijor**, 20, 815 E. Burlington St., was charged with PAULA.

**Jermaine Gary**, 23, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 4616, was charged Jan. 21 with destroying evidence, possession of a schedule I controlled substance with intent to deliver, and violating the drug tax-stamp law.

**Parker Gibson**, 23, 801 Gilbert Court Apt. 202, was charged Jan. 22 with OWI and driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Joseph Goulet**, 25, Naperville, Ill., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Daniel Grotheer**, 20, 522 S. Clinton St. Apt. 301, was charged Jan. 20 with public urination, unlawful use of another’s authentic driver’s license/ID, public intoxication, and obstructing an officer.

**Amber Hoerner**, 18, W204 Hillcrest, was charged Jan. 20 with PAULA and presence in a bar after hours.

**Lisa Horak**, 20, Vinton, Iowa, was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

**Ryan Howell**, 26, Coralville, was charged Jan. 21 with OWI.

**Alan Jackson**, 20, 801 S. Gilbert Court Apt. 303, was charged Jan. 20 with PAULA.

**Daniel Lewis**, 20, 6398 S. Capitol St. Apt. 212, was charged Jan. 20 with PAULA.

**Jason Lewis**, 24, Anthony, Kan., was charged Jan. 21 with public intoxication and public urination.

**Donzell Lindsey**, 21, address unknown, was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance, driving while barred, and possessing

an open container of alcohol in public. **Daylin Lloyd**, 19, 632 S. Dodge St. Apt. 8, was charged Jan. 19 with public intoxication.

**Jessie Mackie**, 19, 508 Slater, was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

**Victor Matthews**, 42, 72 Amburst St., was charged Jan. 20 with OWI.

**Joshua May**, 24, 418 S. Van Buren St. Apt. 8, was charged Jan. 20 with public intoxication.

**Ashley McDonald**, 20, 223 S. Dodge St., was charged Jan. 20 with PAULA.

**Murphy Mcgrath**, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

**Michael Meaders**, 22, P.O. Box 2764, was charged Jan. 21 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Ryan Melchiori**, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Jan. 21 with public intoxication.

**Peterson Nathan**, 24, 505 Holt Ave., was charged Jan. 31 with fifth-degree criminal mischief.

**Sonya Ommen**, 20, 34 Lincoln Ave. Apt. 6, was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

**Benjamin Pearson**, 23, 1915 Gleason Ave., was charged Jan. 21 with fifth-degree theft.

**Timothy Pechous**, 24, Coralville, was charged Jan. 20 with OWI.

**Nicole Powell**, 20, 505 E. Burlington Apt. 1B, was charged Jan. 20 with PAULA.

**Skylar Price**, 19, Urbana, Iowa, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

**Jordan Read**, 23, Eau Claire, Wis., was charged Jan. 21 with public intoxication.

**Shawn Robertson**, 29, 16284 Country Lane Road, was charged Jan. 20 with possession of a schedule II controlled

substance with intent to deliver and violating the drug tax-stamp law.

**Jack Rockafellow**, 45, 4047 Stewart Road N.E., was charged Jan. 20 with giving a false report to law enforcement, public intoxication, and possession of marijuana.

**Daniel Rodell**, 21, Arlington Heights, Ill., was charged Jan. 20 with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

**Juan Saldara-Herrera**, 20, 1956 Broadway Apt. 7B, was charged Jan. 21 with OWI.

**Colin Sedgley**, 18, Cedar Falls, was charged Jan. 20 with PAULA.

**Jennifer Sell**, 20, 515 E. Burlington St. Apt. 3, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

**Christopher Shackelford**, 24, 322 N. Van Buren St. Apt. 3, was charged Nov. 11 with fifth-degree theft, possession of a suspended, altered driver’s license/ID, and driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Calli Siegert**, 19, 707 N. Dubuque St. Apt. 5, was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

**Scott Sprague**, 21, Arlington Heights, Ill., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Molly Vangorp**, 20, 414 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 12, was charged Jan. 20 with PAULA.

**Christine Widga**, 20, 600 S. Capitol St. Apt. 108, was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

**Brad Willenbring**, 20, 640 S. Van Buren St. Apt. 6, was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

**Kelley Wills**, 19, Coal City, Ill., was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

**Eric Worden**, 20, Marion, was charged Jan. 21 with PAULA.

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COMMENTARY

# The living room as shoe closet



TED MCCARTAN

*Ever have a roommate with a love-hate relationship? Ted McCartan examines the day-to-day struggles and perks of living with other people.*

You know a lot about your best friends. Such things as intimate secrets, drink preferences, favorite songs, and their side in the ongoing Rachel McAdams vs. Keira Knightly debate.

Then you move in with them. And you get to know more than a lot about them. You get to know *everything* about them. Like while their favorite movie may be *The Shawshank Redemption*, another one of their favorite things is putting dirty dishes in the sink. And here in college, pretty much everybody deals with roommates. The most important part of a good roommate relationship is understanding the compromises necessary to keep everybody content. You put up with the bad to remember the good.

I happen to live with six other guys and a gremlin. The gremlin sneaks into our kitchen on Friday and Saturday nights to make spaghetti, mac and cheese, or whatever else it feels hungry for, and then never cleans up after itself. It happens all the time, we will wake up, wander downstairs and just go, "Whoa ... you make that?" None of us remember any after-hours Iron Chef competition going on, and thus our main suspect, the gremlin, lives on.

The point is, we all got a little gremlin in us. But what one roommate may lack in cleanliness he or she may make up for in something else. The other day my roommate asked me where our cleaning supplies were. We'd lived together now for a year and a half, and he still didn't know where our cleaning supplies are. To me, that's just hilarious. But he's one of my best friends, and he'd do anything for me, and if it came down to living with Mr. Clean himself or with one of my best friends who may be — we'll call it untidy — I'll choose untidiness every time.

And I'm no better.

Sometimes, our living room looks like my shoe closet. For all I know, my nagging makes them cringe like the audience at an Ashlee Simpson concert. And I think there's a genetic link between my sleep and our remote control — I need the same amount of time with each weekly, or I get cranky. But they put up with it.

Right now, I'm heading downstairs to see if the gremlin made a mess last night. You know that elusive son-of-a-gun has been getting into my milk lately? I'll tell ya, the thing is like Santa Clause, you know he's coming at night and you still can't catch him.

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# Study: Iowa schools do more with tight budgets

BY EMILEIGH BARNES  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa's public universities, who have lost a combined \$163 million since 2000, have an ability to stretch each dollar that is second only to Washington state, according to a national study released recently.

The report, conducted by the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, used a formula that includes graduation rates and research and development relative to dollars received to rank the states.

"I think it just confirms what you see in other rankings that look at the connection between the budgets and the quality of the education," UI Provost Michael Hogan said. "[The UI] is a low-cost, high-quality university."

The UI operates on an annual budget that hovers around \$2 billion. More than half of that money is spent on salaries for professors and administrators — an area university officials have said needs more money.

But while UI administrators maintain that more money



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Michael Hogan, UI provost

could improve their capabilities, the Boulder, Colo., non-profit group postulated that money isn't always the ultimate answer.

"Not all institutions need more resources," the study reported. "Some can perform better with what they have, and some can maintain or improve performance with fewer resources."

The December 2005 study said such external factors as a vibrant local economy plays a prominent role in shaping schools' productivity, and it argued that some colleges could maintain their standards even if they were forced to operate with less.

Officials agreed that a downsized budget doesn't always take quality with it, but they said more money would allow them to boost teacher pay,

therefore attracting better instructors.

"I think if we had more resources, we could do a better job," Hogan said.

Despite the financial needs of the UI, Steve Parrot, the director of University Relations, said administrators remained hesitant to collect via tuition increases.

"Iowa has been known for a long time as having a high-quality education and affordable tuition," he said. "We try hard to balance that education with affordability. I think we do a good job."

Still, tuition received by the UI neared the amount of state support in fiscal 2005, contributing just \$13 million under than the state's \$219 million funding.

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## TOP 10 STATE PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

Who perform best relative to funding:

- 1 — Washington
- 2 — Iowa
- 3 — New Jersey
- 4 — Virginia
- 5 — Wisconsin
- 6 — Colorado
- 7 — New Hampshire
- 8 — New York
- 9 — Minnesota
- 10 — Massachusetts

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# Skorton will be greatly missed, many say

'That will be a loss for the state of Iowa. I count Dave as a very close friend.'

**Gregory Geoffroy, Iowa State president**

**BY COLIN BURKE**  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Outgoing UI President David Skorton says his proudest accomplishment in his three years at the helm was putting all the pieces of the university puzzle together.

"It'll be up to historians to write whatever the legacy was or wasn't of my presidency," he said in a telephone press conference on Jan. 21. "But I will say that the ability to share the leadership of the university with the faculty, staff, and students is what I'm happiest about."

On Jan. 21, the Cornell University Board of Trustees picked Skorton to be the Ivy League school's 12th president.

The move elicited a mixture of reactions from the state and university officials who have worked alongside the man who ascended the UI ladder over the last 25 years, but all agreed Iowa was losing one of its shining stars.

UI Provost Michael Hogan heard the news during a 5 p.m. meeting of the Vice President's Group on Jan. 19. He said on Sunday that he was "a little depressed" about the situation.

Hogan, who joined the UI in 2004, recalled a car ride with Skorton and Douglas True, the UI senior vice president for Finance, soon after coming here

## SHOWING THEIR LOVE

Skorton's Facebook Wall Messages  
Mere hours after Skorton's announced departure



• **Katie Field**, senior, communications studies, wrote: "( , we'll miss you." *Because:* "I just kind of wanted to write something positive. I'm upset, but I'm really happy for him, too."

• **Matthew Munstermann**, junior, art and art history, cinema/comparative literature, wrote: "It's a sad dark night on Iowa."

*Because:* "I just wrote whatever I thought of at that time."

• **Ruta Pareigis**, junior, pre-med and psychology, wrote: "Dr. Skorton please don't leave us! You're the only president I've ever known! You're a good man, and the university needs you!"

*Because:* "It was the easiest thing to do. It was there, it was available."

that helped him realize he was in the right place. Riding in the back seat, Hogan said the trio shared jokes and laughed hysterically on their way to a meeting at the UI Hospitals and Clinics.

"When you can laugh with your colleagues ... it just makes life easier," Hogan said.

Because Skorton will continue at the UI until this summer, Hogan said, he would make use of the remaining time to work with Skorton on faculty salaries. And, while the loss has caused some to question the future stability of the university, Hogan said the institution would persist.

"I think the university's in pretty good hands," he said.

Meanwhile, UI Student Government President Mark Kresowik said he was stunned when he heard the news of the president's new job.

"I was pretty speechless for a couple of minutes," he said.

The UI senior said some of his best Skorton memories included the president's Aug. 27, 2005, block party, the popularity of his Facebook profile, and the sessions in which Skorton and Phillip

Jones, the vice president for Student Services listened to the concerns of students.

"[Skorton's] always been a 'reach out' kind of guy," Kresowik said.

The departure saddened not only those in Iowa City but leaders across the state.

Iowa State University President Gregory Geoffroy said he was surprised and sorry to hear about the exit.

"I'm happy for David because it's a tremendous position he's going to, but I'm sorry we're going to lose him from Iowa," Geoffroy said on Jan. 20.

The Iowa State leader has worked with Skorton for more than four years, and he recalled times when they would work on state Board of Regents issues, such as tuition increases and budgets.

"That will be a loss for the state of Iowa," Geoffroy said. "I count Dave as a very close friend."

University of Northern Iowa President Robert Koob, who will retire from his position after nearly 11 years, said he has always admired Skorton's contribution to state education issues.



New Cornell University President David Skorton answers questions during a news conference in Ithaca, N.Y., on Jan. 21. Skorton, who served as president of the UI for around three years, resigned that post Jan. 20.

Kevin Rivoli/Associated Press

"He was a very good friend," Koob said. "But I'll miss him, and I think the state will miss him."

While the 19th UI president is perhaps best known for his efforts on higher education, the community is also losing a great arts advocate said John

Rapson, the UI director of jazz studies.

"I know that I'm going to miss that sense of ebullience that he brought to the university," said Rapson, who played with Skorton at hospital fundraisers and at a memorial service for Frank Conroy, the former director of

the Iowa Writers' Workshop who died in April 2005.

A saxophone and flute player, Skorton also co-hosted the 91.7 KSUI-FM jazz program "As Night Falls" on Sunday evenings.

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**Mark Kresowik**  
student government president

heard the news during a 5 p.m. meeting of the Vice President's Group on Jan. 19. He said on Sunday that he was "a little depressed" about the situation.

Hogan, who joined the UI in 2004, recalled a car ride with Skorton and Douglas True, the UI senior vice president for Finance, soon after coming here

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# Shakin' and bakin' in a cocktail frenzy

*Sports Column bartender Ryan Quisenberry discusses students trying to fake drink stamps, the difficulties bar crawls pose, and other insider information about working in one of the busiest bars in Iowa City*

BY JENNIFER LICKTEIG  
THE DAILY IOWAN

"You have no clue till you've had Q." Or at least that's what the Sports Column women's restroom says. "Q" is Ryan Quisenberry, a bartender and UI graduate who's worked at the place for five years now.

By 11:15 p.m. on Jan. 21, the bar was packed to the brim with bodies, a claustrophobe's nightmare. Q didn't look fazed. The tall and muscled alcohol expert, his two bartending colleagues, and the bar-back were all in constant motion — fluid, quick, and focused. Meanwhile, the over-sized boozier by the popcorn stand acted out "Scottie Doesn't Know" and the blond in gold danced on a barstool.

Q first got his job at the Sports Column as a DJ in 2001 with the help of his friend Billy. The Q nickname came from the plethora of Ryans on his dorm floor in Slater and in his fraternity, Delta Upsilon.

After working as a DJ, Q moved to the "bar-back" position — the lowest rung on the bartending ladder, in which he stocked liquor, changed the kegs, and helped the waitresses. For the past few years, this action-movie fanatic has been a full bartender — a job that, on a night such as Jan. 21, is a perpetual screaming match among the masses demanding drinks

and those trying to converse and flirt as the Black-Eyed Peas' "My Humps" blares from the sound system. But the guys behind the bar are a well-oiled machine, grabbing and pouring drinks with a speed and accuracy Q would be willing to put up against any other bar in town.

The staff members at Sports Column, he said, are very close. But, surprisingly, few are current students. Q graduated from the UI in 2004 with a degree in sociology but says he hasn't really wanted to leave.

"It's a good atmosphere," he said. "Good people. Good friends you can count on to have your back."

After graduation, he decided to stay in Iowa City, but within the next year or so, he may move on from the Sports Column life for the big city.

In the meantime, Q is having fun working at the place he loves with the people he loves. It was a little difficult for him to come up with a good story from the past five years — at least one that was tame enough to be printed in a newspaper.

But earlier in the night, when there was room and air to have a conversation, stories came out with the help of friend and co-worker Andrew. The best tale stemmed from a Halloween celebration when Q and two other Sports Column workers dressed up in matching stripper

outfits, complete with black pants, vests, cuffs with cufflinks, and bowties.

"Yeah, we got up and danced on the bar. Wanted to give the girls a show," Q said. But all clothes were kept attached to the body.

"Except Billy ..." Q reminisced with friend Ryan. They both laughed, but the story wasn't over. Later, on the Ped Mall a fight broke out.

"Captain Morgan threw down a giant banana," Q laughed. "I mean, you don't even want to break it up, you just have to watch."

At that point in the conversation, a bar crawl rolled in. It was a 21-birthday party, outfitted with neon green shirts.

"Did I tell you about bar crawls?" he asked. "Remind me to tell you about bar crawls." Q doesn't like them. The fluctuation in business makes it impossible to serve. He said things have gotten a little better since the summer of 2005, when an ordinance was passed to keep bar crawlers from bringing in outside containers.

"It used to be all graduating seniors," Q said. "But last year, it got to be just a bunch of people



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**Bartender Ryan Quisenberry serves drinks in the Sports Column late on Jan. 21. Quisenberry, otherwise known as "Q," graduated from the UI in 2004 with a degree in sociology, and he plans at some point on moving to a larger metropolitan area, such as Chicago or Las Vegas.**

who put on the same shirt, got huge Kum & Go mugs, and expected to get deals."

Along with bar crawls, a pet peeve is impatience, especially if customers grab his arm to get his attention. Another annoyance is dealing with minors. He's seen some feeble attempts to fake the 21-stamp, like black pen or smeared

cigarette ash over the back of hands.

"You have to wash your hands about six to seven times to get the stamp off, and people don't go to the bathroom that much," he said.

By the end of the night, Q's sweaty shirt was unbuttoned at the top, making his American Eagle bottle-opener

necklace more visible.

"If you're not working, you need to leave," yelled a worker with a microphone at the slow drunkards still in the bar after 1:30.

As the place cleared and tabs were taken care of, Q leaned against the bar and said, "Now, you know what it's like for us."

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# ROE ANNIVERSARY SPARKS RALLIES



A group of abortion-rights opponents walk down Strenger Street in San Benito, Texas, on Sunday. They gathered Sunday to protest the 33rd anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, which legalized abortion.

BY JUSTIN M. NORTON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Thousands of abortion-rights opponents shouldering signs with slogans such as "Peace Begins in the Womb" marched in protest of the 33-year-old *Roe v. Wade* decision, while abortion-rights supporters along the march route waved clothes hangers and shouted "Bigots, go home."

The dueling protests — marking Sunday's anniversary of the Supreme Court decision — reflected the growing tension at a time the makeup of the high court is about to change with Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's retirement.

"It's a crucial time," said abortion-rights supporter Carol Norris, 43, who joined the counterprotest in San Francisco on Jan. 21. "We

have [Judge Samuel] Alito poised to be on the Supreme Court, and he's clearly an anti-choice person."

On the other side, college student Laura Arnold, 20, of Pleasanton, Calif., marched with her mother opposing abortion, saying: "We're here to stand up for the babies that don't have a voice."

"I know so many girls who did it, and they are hurting every day of their life," Arnold said.

The Supreme Court handed down its decision in *Roe* on Jan. 22, 1973, and abortion has been legal across the United States ever since. But efforts to restrict or outlaw the procedure have been just as enduring — 34 states have passed laws requiring parents either to be notified or to give consent when their underage daughters seek abortions.

"Abortion rights have been slowly whittled away while we haven't even been looking," said Kitty Striker, 22, who decorated her hair with small coat hanger replicas for the counterprotest. "That's what's so shocking and so scary to me."

Many abortion opponents said they were heartened by President Bush's choice of Alito to replace O'Connor, a moderate who was often the court's swing vote.

Alito's refusal during his confirmation hearings to agree with assertions by Democrats that *Roe* was "settled law" upset abortion-rights activists.

The largest abortion demonstration was expected today in Washington, D.C., where abortion-rights opponents planned to converge on the mall to hear speakers supporting their cause and

march on the Congress and Supreme Court.

In Michigan, pastors and ministry leaders used the anniversary Sunday to launch a new anti-abortion effort to get a measure on the 2006 ballot that would change the state Constitution to legally define a person as existing at the moment of conception. The American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan says even if it did succeed, it would be challenged in court.

At the San Francisco protest, Archpriest Michael Regan of St. Michael's Orthodox Church in Concord, Calif., said it was important to show mixed public opinion is on abortion, even in liberal cities like San Francisco.

"You do get the impression that there isn't anyone here for the right to life, but look around," he said.

# Pakistani blasts strike

BY FOSTER KLUG  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Pakistan's prime minister on Sunday condemned an American air strike on a remote Pakistani village, saying such attacks should be cleared with Islamabad first.

Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz said no understanding exists between U.S. and Pakistani officials that allows American military forces to attack alleged terrorists in Pakistan without first consulting the government.

"The understanding is that we will work together," he said. "We will work in collaboration with each other."

Aziz said Pakistani officials were given no notice before the Jan. 13 attack that killed at least 13 civilians, including women and children. The attack was apparently aimed at Al Qaeda's No. 2, Ayman al-Zawahri, who wasn't there.

Pakistan, Aziz said, "has regretted and condemned the incident and said that such incidents should not reoccur. We need to work together. There is no difference in the objectives of the two countries, so there is no reason why we shouldn't communicate."

Pakistan is a key U.S. ally, but it has strongly protested the air strike, which has angered many in the Islamic nation of 150 million and sparked friction between Islamabad and Washington.

Aziz is scheduled to meet this week with U.S. President Bush and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

The strike is believed to have killed at least four of al-Zawahri's close associates in the village of Damadola close to the border with Afghanistan.

But Aziz told CNN's "Late Edition" that "we have not found one body or one shred of evidence that these people were there," referring to suspected terrorists.

Aziz also "totally" dismissed the notion that a secret U.S. attack was prompted by the view that some in the Pakistani military and intelligence community might sympathize with Al Qaeda.

"If you see the number of lives we have lost chasing these terrorists, the number of people we have picked up all over the country ... it shows that we have a very effective security apparatus, intelligence apparatus, which has delivered results," he said.

Democratic Sen. Charles Schumer on Sunday defended America's use of targeted attacks on suspected terrorists.

"[Terrorists are] planning to do more damage, whether it's in Europe or the Middle East or here in the United States," he said on CNN. "What we learned is that you can't just play defense. You need a good offense and a good defense. I have no problem with doing it. I think we should."

On Jan. 21, Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf told visiting U.S. Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns that the air strike cannot be repeated, a Foreign ministry official said.

Musharraf, the official said, also assured Burns that Pakistan would not waver in its support for Washington's war on terror.



Shaukat Aziz  
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# U.S. strategy in Iraq may stumble over Kurds

*The Kurds, once the linchpin of U.S. plans in Iraq, may be willing to accept a secular state in Kurdistan in exchange for a more religious foundation for the remainder of the country*

BY BORZOU DARAGAH AND ALISSA J. RUBIN  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

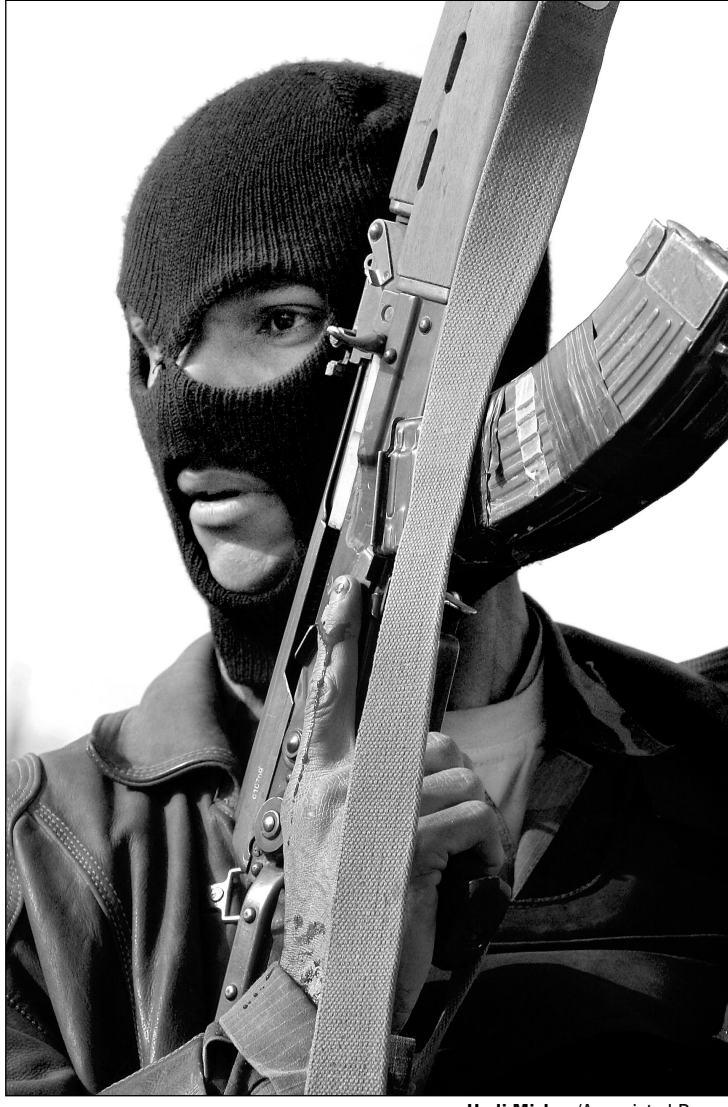
BAGHDAD — They are the orphans of Iraqi history, grown up and remaking the country's political and social order. But the formidable alliance between the long-marginalized Shiite Muslims and Kurds, a union nurtured by Washington in the new Iraq, now threatens to undermine U.S. goals in the country.

The aim of U.S. policymakers has been a united Iraqi state with secular leanings in which the Kurds, who have been strong American allies, would promote a government that leaned to the West. Instead, the Kurds appear poised to accept alliances that guarantee them a secular state in Kurdistan in exchange for their acceptance of a more religious order in the rest of the country.

"This was one of the great flaws in the American strategy," said a former diplomat who is close to the Kurds. "They thought that because the Kurds are American allies, they would share their vision of Iraq as a whole, whereas anybody who understood it would see [that] the Kurds wanted out of Iraq and to be left alone."

Although the Shiite-Kurd alliance is replete with ideological contradictions and conflicting aims, it is held together by mutual interests — and the power that comes with being part of contemporary Iraq's power structure. Together, the two parties won 181 seats: 128 seats for the Shiites and 53 for the Kurds. The total, however, rises to more than 185 if two smaller parties, one Kurdish and one Shiite, are counted.

The new lineup, which will control the government for the next four years, offers other challenges to the U.S. goal



Hadi Mizban/Associated Press

An Iraqi soldier bleeds from a shrapnel wound after a roadside bomb targeted his patrol, Sunday, Jan. 22, 2006, in Baghdad, Iraq. The morning roadside bomb injured four Iraqi police and four civilians.

of keeping Iraq united. Negotiations are under way to choose a prime minister and form the government — a process that is expected to take at least six weeks. U.S. officials are heavily involved in the discussions and are strongly urging the Shiites and Kurds to give Sunnis a share of the power.

But neither the Shiites nor the Kurds trust the Sunnis

enough to want to make them real players in the new government, diplomats said, making it unlikely they will gain control of any key ministries, especially those controlling the security services.

But without Sunnis in powerful positions in security, it is unlikely that the emerging government will be able to stem the insurgency.

## WHO ARE THE KURDS?

- 15 million to 20 million Kurds live in a area straddling the borders of Armenia, Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Turkey.
- The Kurds are a non-Arabic people who speak a language related to Persian.
- Most practice the Sunni Muslim faith.
- The Kurds have tried numerous times to set up their own state, but have been denied on each occasion.

Source: *Washington Post*



could break apart, forcing a new reconfiguration of Iraqi politics more palatable to American interests. "The devil is in the details," said one Western official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The official noted that it had taken almost three months to form a government last year — and that government was for just nine months.

"This will be much harder," the official said.

The marriage of Shiites and Kurds has its roots in Iraqi history and in a shared antipathy for Saddam Hussein. But the alliance thrived more recently because of shared interests: Each wants to be free to run the part of country in which its group is dominant.

"There isn't going to be any deal between the insurgents and Bayan Jabr," a Western diplomat in Iraq, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said about Iraq's current, and controversial, Shiite Interior minister.

Decisions by force are still very much part of the politics on the ground. Both Shiites and Kurds defend their right, guaranteed in the Constitution, to local defense forces for semi-autonomous regions, such as Kurdistan or the Shiite-strong southern Iraqi provinces. But it is only a matter of time before Sunnis create a defense force for western Iraq.

"When it comes to saying where the border is between one region and another, what happens if the Sunnis send their defense forces and the

Shiites send theirs?" said a Western diplomat in Baghdad. Some analysts still say the Kurdish-Shiite partnership

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Former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno lectures a large crowd on the importance of certainty in death penalty cases and the use of DNA evidence on Sunday in Hancher. Reno's also touted the play *The Exonerated*, which will be performed in Hancher on Tuesday and Wednesday.

# Reno against death penalty

## RENO

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Recalling her experiences as a longtime prosecutor and attorney general in Florida, Reno said lawyers had a responsibility to curb wrongful convictions.

"Up until 1972, I swore I would never be a prosecutor because I thought prosecutors were more interested in getting convictions than seeking justice," she said. "I quickly learned that prosecutors can do much more by ensuring that the innocent don't get charged."

The 67-year-old lauded the

DNA technology that has exonerated 168 death-row inmates, and she also offered institutional changes that could improve the system, including electronically recording interrogations in order to have an objective record.

Speaking behind a wooden podium, Reno pointed to a 2000 U.S. Department of Justice study that concluded that more than 75 percent of DNA-exoneration cases were the result of "flawed, inaccurate eyewitness identification."

Showing witnesses sets of photos that contain none of the top suspects and putting officers with no knowledge of the case

on lineup duty could remedy the situation, she said.

Kirk Bloodsworth — who was expected to speak following the lecture but was stalled by plane delays and did not arrive in Iowa City on time — would have proved the very embodiment of Reno's arguments, had he showed.

He was sentenced to death in 1985 in Baltimore County, Md., for the rape and murder of a young girl after five witnesses placed him at or near the scene of the crimes. After nine years of incarceration, including two on death row, Bloodsworth was

set free when DNA evidence proved the semen found on the victim's body and clothing was not his. Another man has since been tried and convicted for the crimes.

"One thing Mr. Bloodsworth told me was what it was like to have a little girl come up to him in the supermarket, and her mom tell her not to go near that man" Reno said.

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## JETSETA GAGE CASE

# Jury selection opens in trial

## BENTLEY

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He ruled that the searches of Bentley's pickup truck and person were justified because police reportedly observed red stains on his jeans, the girl's body inside the trailer, a bloody mattress, and clothing similar to what relatives said Jetseta was wearing when she disappeared. Grady said Bentley had no reason to challenge the search of the trailer because he had no right to be there.

Johnson County Sheriff's Detective Douglas Vannoy filed the March 25, 2005, warrant, which wasn't returned until six days later, according to his testimony in the case's final pre-trial conference Jan. 18.

"The requirement of a prompt return of a search warrant is a 'ministerial' requirement," Grady said in his ruling. "It does not provide ground to suppress the fruit of a search unless a defendant should show prejudice."

The ruling also addressed the defense attorneys' claim that the warrant was based on hearsay. Based on Iowa Code 808.3, Grady resolved hearsay is a reliable means for the issuance of a warrant.

After the judge's Jan. 20 ruling, Persaud and Meyerdirk filed a motion to prohibit the use in court of the Amber Alert naming Bentley as a suspect in Jetseta's kidnapping, citing it as hearsay.

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- **March 28, 2005:** Bentley is charged with first-degree kidnapping and first-degree murder.
- **April 6, 2005:** A formal declaration of charges alleges that Bentley sexually abused Jetseta and details the crime scene.
- **April 14, 2005:** Bentley pleads not guilty to the charges against him.
- **July 12, 2005:** Judge Patrick Grady grants the defense's motion to move the trial. The new location is in Scott County. The same day defense attorneys contest the new location.
- **Jan. 10, 2006:** Defense attorneys file a motion to suppress the physical evidence found in the abandoned trailer, arguing the warrant issued was over-broad.
- **Jan. 18:** Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White agrees against the motion to suppress the physical evidence during a final pretrial conference hearing.
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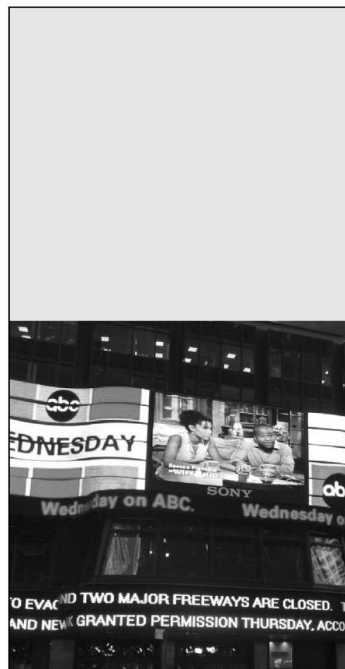
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PRESIDENT SKORTON TO LEAVE UI

# Some expect interim president after July 1

**SKORTON**

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The regents will vote on Feb. 1 to approve a search committee and hire a professional firm to solicit applications, which would begin work in March.

Committee members will evaluate the candidates; they will likely include UI staff, faculty, and student representatives, as well as regents.

Downer said he does not expect the next president to start the job until January 2007.

"I don't see any way that an interim president could be avoided," said Downer, and while he has preferences for possible interim presidents, many within the UI, he would not disclose them.

However, Regent President Michael Gartner was more optimistic than Downer, saying the UI's 20th president could be selected before Skorton leaves on July 1, meaning the board would not need to find an interim president.

A permanent president will be chosen by the search committee, but interims are chosen by the regents, Gartner said.

Regents agreed the next person to helm the UI should be a strong leader, understand the role of the UI Hospitals and Clinics, and communicate well with the public and all members of the university community.

Downer said the next president should be someone "similar to President Skorton."

In addition to tackling the task of replacing the 56-year-old doctor and jazz aficionado, the regents plan to discuss ways to retain UI leaders.

"We will, of course, look to see what the [salary] ranges are for the UI's peer institutions," Gartner said. "Money is always a question."

Regent Mary Ellen Becker of Oskaloosa said a longevity bonus may be helpful, but it would pale in comparison with the position's salary.

UI Provost Michael Hogan



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

UI President David Skorton and Robin Davisson wave to the crowd as part of a procession of Corvettes on Clinton Street during the Homecoming parade on Sept. 30, 2005.

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— Michael Hogan, UI Provost

said whatever made Skorton accept the Cornell University position, it wasn't because he was dissatisfied with his current job.

"I don't think for a minute his relationship with the board had anything to do with his decision, any more than I think he's leaving for the money," Hogan said. "It's ridiculous."

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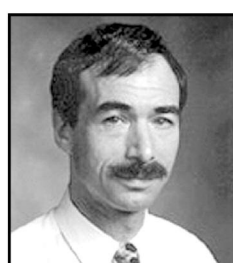
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# Debating wiretaps

Democrats never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity — or at least that's been their history over the past few years. These are unpredictable times, but one thing that's been a virtual certainty is the way Democrats squander opportunities to gain public trust on important issues. The latest example comes with their overstepping rhetoric on the National Security Agency's "warrantless surveillance" program authorized by President Bush shortly after 9/11. In their attempts to define the issue exclusively in terms of civil-liberties violations, their arguments lack substance and pay no attention to changing security needs.

Claims such as those recently made by Al Gore saying that "the Constitution was in grave danger" and the president "has been breaking the law repeatedly and insistently" may play well with their liberal base, but aren't consistent with the facts and simply reinforce the perception that they don't have much to offer when it comes to ideas for keeping the country safe.

The legitimate controversy over this issue has to do with the alleged violation of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act passed in 1978 in response to numerous instances of domestic eavesdropping. One of its provisions requires officials to obtain search warrants from a secret FISA court before gathering certain domestic and foreign intelligence.

After 9/11, however, our law-enforcement agencies were rightfully criticized for not "connecting the dots" in tracking down suspected terrorists. The question that naturally arose from these criticisms was whether such laws as FISA were adequate in giving law enforcement the necessary authority to be flexible and act quickly in carrying out their responsibilities. The warrantless-surveillance program involves the use of an NSA "data mining" procedure that monitors international communications, runs the collected information through computers to identify key words, and then focuses on certain people, phone numbers, and conversations.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff recently defended the program to *Roll Call's* Mort Kondracke by saying, "What we're trying to do is gather as many dots as we can, figure out which are the ones that have to be connected and we're getting them connected." Additionally, he said, "the name of the game here is trying to figure out, with all the billions of pieces of data that float around the world, what data do you need to focus on? What is the stuff you need to worry about? If you don't use all the tools of gathering these kinds of leads, then you're leaving very valuable tools on the table."

Bush should have to explain this does not infringe on civil liberties and that the program is effective. As it turns out, he actually has a persuasive and substantive message on both counts. The *New York Times* article that first broke this story cites two potential attacks the program helped to prevent.

In addition, the administration has defended its legality by citing recent rulings by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review, which took an expansive view of executive authority over FISA. Also, previous administration precedents, including many by President Clinton, suggest that the president is within the law.

Furthermore, Bush consulted with Congress. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., knew about the program before it was reported, as well as other Democrats and Republicans on the House and Senate Intelligence Committees. This is exactly what the president should have done in order for Congress to conduct proper oversight of the program.

Would most Americans care if the government was needlessly listening to their phone conversations? I think they would and should care. But does the public think that a program like this has no rationale and is completely unneeded? Absolutely not.

Most people don't believe their civil liberties are being violated by this, but they are conscious of the possibility of another attack. Bush has been proactive in explaining the necessity of the program. Unlike Democrats, he has been open to debate about how to address changing security circumstances while still respecting fundamental constitutional rights. This is a difficult issue and one that deserves a substantive debate in the months ahead. A question that remains is whether Democrats will ever want to seriously join in on it. ■



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## EDITORIAL

# Skorton's legacy, and the UI's loss

Over the weekend, UI President David Skorton revealed he is leaving us to become the next president of Cornell University, starting July 1. Like anyone who keeps getting dumped, the UI is doing some soul searching — Why does this keep happening to us? Was it something we did wrong? And how can we find someone else who won't break our heart again?

Skorton served as president for just three years. The previous president, Mary Sue Coleman, served for seven years before moving on to greener — and better paid — pastures as president of the University of Michigan. The office of the presidency seems to have a revolving door — the UI may be becoming a stepping stone to bigger and better things. Of course, it's better to be rung on the ladder up than to be stop on the slide down, but ideally the UI would be an academic end in itself.

The timing is unfortunate for the state Board of Regents, which it already must replace the outgoing president of the University of Northern Iowa, Robert Koob. Skorton has denied there was any resentment over shabby treatment by the university or the regents that drove him into the arms of Cornell recruiters. He said Cornell made him an offer he just couldn't refuse — in other words, it's not you, Iowa, it's me.

When Skorton first took the job, he promised to get out in the university community instead of staying locked in his office all day — and he made good on his word. More than 100 students turned out for the block party he and his wife, Associate Professor Robin Davisson, hosted at the president's mansion. He attends campus events, and has succeeded in persuading students that he is, in his own words, "listening and not just nodding his head." He has more than 4,000 friends on Facebook. In a way that is hard to objectively quantify, UI students genuinely *like* President Skorton.

Skorton also said when he took the job that he intended to retire at the UI. An intention is not exactly a promise, and life's changing circumstances may force one to reconsider one's best intentions. But Skorton's assurance he would stay, and his strong Iowa roots (he has been a professor here since 1980) were surely a factor in the regents' decision to select him in 2003.

There will always be the temptation of moving to more attractive schools; even if the UI could match the salaries of more prestigious schools, our leaders might still be drawn away by that greater prestige. When choosing the next president, the regents should consider making a certain number of years in the position a contractual requirement — and offering the next president the kind of salary that would motivate her or him to stay. For example, the University of Michigan has promised Coleman a \$100,000 annual bonus once she completes her five-year contract there.

It's hard to blame Skorton for taking the Cornell offer. The Ivy League school wouldn't disclose what it offered Skorton, but it's reported to be more than \$675,000. That's a 125 percent increase over Skorton's current salary, even more than the \$500,000 Coleman is making at Michigan as the highest-paid Big Ten president. Most of us would change jobs for that kind of money, even if it meant incurring the wrath of a spurned community. Cornell also offered Davisson a prestigious position with its Colleges of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine. Career moves that are advantageous for both spouses can be rare, and the couple are smart to make this one. Unfortunately, understanding Skorton's motives won't make the absence of this impressive and likable president any more palatable, nor will it make him any easier to replace.

## LETTERS

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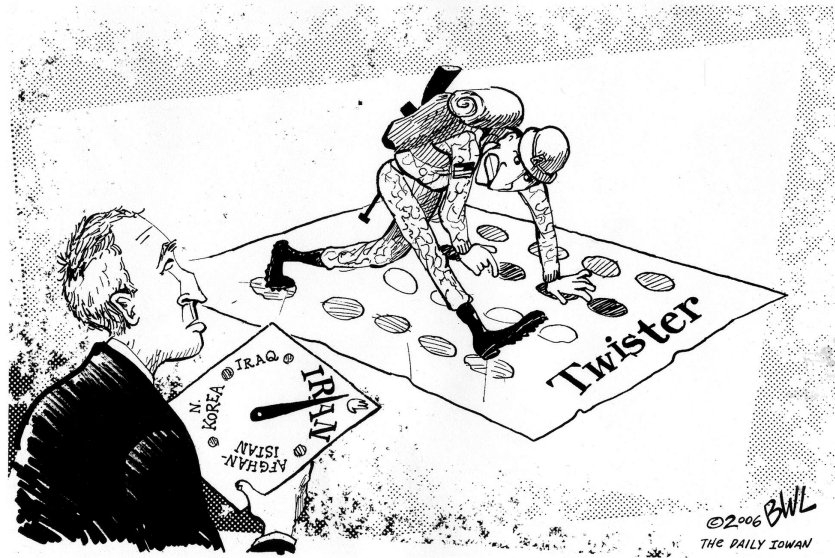
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## America's interest

Lydia Pfaff's suggestion ("Misplaced Aid, Jan. 19) that the United States has no interest in Sub-Saharan Africa and so should not provide any aid there is simplistic, uninformed, and misleading — to put it delicately. Because Pfaff uses the expression "American interests" (code words for oil), I'll confine this response to that part of her article.

Africa is a crucial part of America's energy interest. According to the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development, Sub-Saharan Africa has vast reserves of oil and natural gas, most of which are still unexploited. In his 2001 National Energy Policy Report, Vice President Dick Cheney, "West Africa is expected to be one of the fastest-growing sources of oil and gas for the American market."

According to Department of Energy data for 2005, Nigeria was the fifth-largest exporter of oil to the United States. Angola was seventh. Indeed, the United States imports 15 percent of its oil supplies from Africa, compared with 22 percent from the Persian Gulf. (For comparison, China imports 25 percent.) West Africa has been touted as an alternative to the Middle East in terms of oil supplies to the United States; at least of oil, 10 Sub-Saharan African countries were oil exporters. American companies are frantically exploring for oil



in many parts of Africa. Oil experts predict that by 2010, the United States will depend on Africa for one-quarter of all its oil needs.

The United States has a higher volume of trade with South Africa alone than with Russia and most countries of Eastern Europe. America's trade with Africa is close to \$45 billion per year. If that does not represent a substantial American interest, I do not know what does.

The major challenge facing African governments is transforming the continent's vast resources into economic growth and improved standards of living for ordinary Africans, in the face of the exploitative, neocolonial policies of Western governments and oil companies.

Lyombe Eko  
UI assistant professor

## Republicans' resolve

I am delighted with the resolution that two Republican caucuses, Iowa City precinct 18 and Coralville precinct 4, passed affirming the Republican Party's belief in the "sanctity of human life." These caucuses passed two other planks, one addressing our collective responsibility to the most vulnerable Iowans and the other addressing late-term abortion.

The resolution, "Our society has a responsibility to protect the most vulnerable among us, namely, the poor, the unborn, the elderly, and persons with disabilities, i.e., those groups targeted by abortion and euthanasia proponents," was adopted unanimously by both caucuses, I believe, because it reflects a core American value, namely, caring for others.

The second resolution, which condemns the abortion of 23-24 week unborn premature infants, is supported by current medical statistics, which reveal that 70 to 80 percent of 23- and 24-week premature infants cared for in the UI's neonatal intensive-care unit survive and do well. Abortion of viable unborn premature babies is simply unjustifiable.

I am encouraged by sentiments expressed at the Republican caucuses. My fervent hope, however, is that one day the Democratic Party will again share these values.

Judee Albert  
executive director, Johnson Country Right to Life

## GUEST OPINION

# What Skorton did, and Iowa didn't

I was shocked, saddened, and dismayed by the news that Dr. David Skorton will leave as president of the UI to take the same position at Cornell University.

I wish him and his wife, Robin Davisson, all the best. Although I have interacted with them only occasionally through my visits to Iowa City, they are truly outstanding human beings, and their loss is tragic for the UI.

Skorton's dedication to Iowa was second to none. Having personally seen his rise through Iowa's ranks over the last 15 years both as a student and alumnus illustrated to me that he was the right person for the job at a very difficult time in the history of the university. He made tough decisions on many internal financial matters. He challenged big businesses such as Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Iowa when it was obvious that it was not treating the UIHC fairly. He enlightened the university community with his wit, humor, and artistic talents, all the while keeping a positive outlook on Iowa. He could have easily sulked when the Legislature and Gov. Tom Vilsack cut large amounts of funding to the university. Yet, he never complained; rather, he moved forward with a "can do and we will do" attitude.

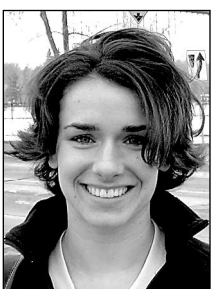
Unfortunately, it is my personal opinion and assessment that the Board of Regents, the governor, and the Legislature have all failed horribly in their handling of President Skorton, and they should take a large amount of the blame for this devastating loss. Giving Skorton a 3 percent raise while allocating to the UNI and Iowa State presidents 5 percent raises was unacceptable and showed a total lack of respect for the tremendous job he was doing with the challenges placed before him. The lack of support from the governor and Legislature on the Wellmark negotiation was appalling. For years, the UIHC and Skorton himself have taken care of the health of Iowans through clinical practice, teaching, and research. For the political powers of the state to question "whether the inmates were running the asylum" was shameful.

To close, the UI, Iowa City/Coralville, and the state will lose a great leader and visionary when David Skorton leaves for Cornell. I wish him and Robin well and hope that the citizens of Iowa realize how unfortunate this really is.

Scott T. Guenther is a 1994 B.S. and 1998 M.D. graduate of the UI and a member of the UI Alumni Association's Board of Directors.

## ON THE SPOT

How do you feel about President Skorton leaving the UI for Cornell University?



"If it accommodates him better, he should do it."

Jennifer Christ  
UI senior



"I think he was a great asset to the university. I hope we find somebody as good to replace him."

Pavlina Sonkova  
UI senior



"I don't know a lot about what he did besides the 'themed' years, so I don't have strong feelings."

Kyle Collins  
UI junior



"It's not good for us, obviously. But if it's good for him, he should go for it."

Amanda Sando  
UI freshman

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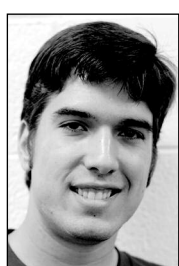
# ARTS & CULTURE



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Q'orianka Kilcher plays Pocahontas in *The New World*, a story of her romance with settler John Smith.

## New world meditations



### FILM REVIEW

by Will Scheibel

#### *The New World*

**When:**

Noon, 3:05, 6:10, 9:15 p.m.

**Where:**

Sycamore 12

★★★ out of ★★★★★

*The New World* is the quintessential Terrence Malick film — anyone worried the acclaimed writer-director of *Badlands* (1973), *Days of Heaven* (1978), and *The Thin Red Line* (1998) has sold out to Hollywood can put those fears to rest. This oblique, lyrical tone poem is certainly not for all tastes, with much more to admire than enjoy.

As in Malick's three other films, *The New World* is loaded with arty ambitions and falls more in line with a meandering mood piece than an actual

narrative motion picture. Uneven, frustrating, pretentious, and languidly paced, but simultaneously hypnotic, gorgeous, thought-provoking, and finely acted, these traits are what we have come to expect from the philosophical oeuvre of this eccentric filmmaker, and his latest, long-awaited drama is no different.

What we have here is a dense and deceptively simple retelling of the Pocahontas legend, starring Colin Farrell and Christian Bale (both in full-fledged ponderous mode) as the British men who love the famous Algonquian princess (Q'orianka Kilcher) during the European colonization of the Americas (specifically Virginia, 1607). John Smith (Farrell) arrives with a team of settlers lead by Capt. Newport (Christopher Plummer), and, already in trouble for his mutinous behavior, becomes entranced with the purity and intrigue of the American Indian culture.

Despite strong tensions between these "naturals" and the English imperials, Smith and Pocahontas fall for each other. When Smith decides to return to England so that he may launch an expedition to the Indies, John Rolfe (Bale) — more honest, faithful, and mature than the

reckless Smith — enters Pocahontas's life. Later exiled from her tribe when the romance grows increasingly serious, Pocahontas travels to London to live with Rolfe as his wife.

Those looking for a rigidly factual history lesson best search elsewhere. Instead, Malick offers a coldly elliptical meditation on the Pocahontas myth, and, more importantly, the emotional and psychological realm of the characters as they encounter their respective "new worlds." The title refers not only to the strange and exciting paradise awaiting the Englishmen in Virginia but also these men's interruption of the Indian way of life, and Pocahontas' struggle eventual struggle with cultural assimilation upon emigrating to London.

*The New World* is overly long and repetitive, occasionally confusing and downright self-indulgent, yet you can't blame Malick for trying, nor can you turn away from his haunting triumph of music, cinematography, and production design. And isn't that sometimes the main reason we go to the movies in the first place, for the basic sensory experience of being engulfed in an artistic new world?

E-mail *D*/film reviewer **Will Scheibel** at: leonard-scheibel@uiowa.edu

## Evolution without intelligent design



### FILM REVIEW

by David Frank

#### *Underworld: Evolution*

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Vampires versus Werewolves: The Movie! — holy Saint Satan, sounds like a ghoulishly golden time at the midnight movieplex. It'd take an onslaught of near Ed Woodian incompetence to muck up such an intrinsically cool premise.

Whoops, almost forgot, with 2003's *Underworld*, a team of inept anti-talents churned-out a rancid (lack of) vision that involved bloodsuckers and howling man-dogs engaging in cable-wire-fu combat — which by 2003 was already *soooo* 1999.

*Underworld* wasn't only sub-moronic, feebly acted, pathetically written, hopelessly derivative — and let's not forget — obnoxiously fixated with women's rubber-clad bubble rumps, it was also one of the most sluggish "action" films to ooze across screens since, well, I don't recall, but it made *My Dinner with Andre* seem like a bullet train.

So now, in the wasteland that is January releases, *Underworld: Evolution* sprouts up from the bowels of cinematic hell to inflict a few more lashes with its dull switch. However, I must say that *Evolution* is better than its predecessor. But that's like saying it's better to piss your pants than crap your shorts. The two movies share the same



Publicity photo

Kate Beckinsale plays Selene, a vampire fighting for her tribe in *Underworld: Evolution*. The sequel to the 2003 film traces the history of the feud between vampires and werewolves.

excruciating flaws, but it just so happens that *Evolution* isn't as hell-bent in forcing the audience members to drive slushee spoons through their throats.

For those lucky enough not to have witnessed the original atrocity — or have undergone hypno-therapy to eradicate the memory — the *Underworld* movies revolve around a war between the sun hatin' bat lovers and moon lovin' ball lickers.

By the latest film's conclusion, a vampire warrior (Kate Beckinsale, who not only looks sexy when paler than copier paper but also delivers a performance of paper-like depth) has broken allegiance with her vampire kin and run away with a werewolf stud (mobile Styrofoam Scott Speedman), who transforms into a rejected creature design from *The Island of Dr. Moreau*.

Anyway, don't worry about those details; approximately one-fifth of *Evolution's* running time is devoted to blur-enhanced scenes from the previous film — and just in case we don't realize these are flashbacks, they're sepia-toned to let us know the events occurred long ago (which is actually yesterday in the film's chronology).

*Evolution* picks up immediately after where its

predecessor (thankfully) succumbed to the end credits, and now Beckinsale and Speedman are on the run from Earth's original vampire (who appears as a scraggy, Irish heroin addict in human form and looks like a lame-ass muppet when rocking the monster visage). Why is this example of bad Hollywood makeup hunting the vamp-hottie and her hairy hump buddy?

Who cares?

This is a movie that believes it can coast on "cool" images of flapping trench coats and fancy-shmancy gunplay. Yet, the filmmakers refuse to grasp that coolness stems from originality or, at the very least, putting a fresh spit-polish on something crusty.

Yet, *Evolution* is nothing more than a pawnshop of ideas. And its shameless, flamboyant pilfering from better movies (namely *The Matrix* and *Blade II*) almost transforms the flick into comedic self-parody. But, I'm not laughing. Instead I weep, because after the bean counters tally this weekend's box-office receipts, it is likely moviegoers will, sadly, be harshly attacked by a third *Underworld* monstrosity.

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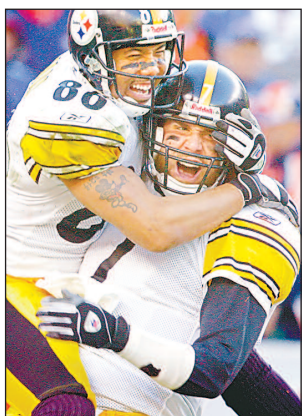
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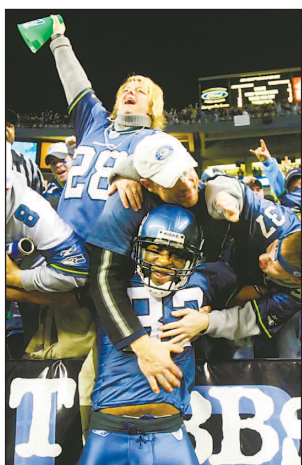


**Pittsburgh vs. Denver  
 Steelers 34,  
 Broncos 17**

DENVER (AP) — The wildest road trip since *Animal House* rocks on. The next stop for Big Ben, the Bus, and all those Terrible Towels will be the Super Bowl in Detroit, thanks to a 34-17 dismantling of the Denver Broncos on Sunday in the AFC title game.

"We were sitting, looking at an outside shot to be in the Super Bowl," Steelers linebacker Clark Haggans said. "This is an unbelievable feeling to be here right now."

Unbelievable and almost unprecedented. Led by 275 yards and two passing touchdowns from Ben Roethlisberger and a touchdown by Jerome Bettis, the Steelers became the first team since the 1985 Patriots to win three postseason road games en route to the Super Bowl. Counting the regular season, they've played five of their last six away from Pittsburgh.



**Seattle vs. Carolina  
 Seahawks 34,  
 Panthers 14**

SEATTLE (AP) — With their MVP back in business, a fierce defense and all the comforts of playing at home, the Seattle Seahawks had everything they needed to get to their first Super Bowl.

And they did, easily. Shaun Alexander came back from last week's concussion to rush for a team playoff-record 132 yards and two touchdowns Sunday, and Seattle pressured Carolina stars Jake Delhomme and Steve Smith into oblivion in a 34-14 rout for the NFC championship.

The Seahawks picked off three passes in winning their 12th-straight home game and shattering the fifth-seeded Panthers' stunning postseason road run.

"We have an unbelievable team, an unbelievable group of fans," Alexander said. "Prayer works. I get knocked out and guys step up. One guy goes down and another guy steps up."

The NFC's best team during the season, the Seahawks (15-3) will have to beat yet another wild card, the Pittsburgh Steelers, in the Super Bowl in Detroit on Feb. 5. Pittsburgh beat Denver 34-17 earlier in the day.

## LOST WEEKEND

*Hawkeye sports teams struggled this past weekend — women's basketball lost to the Gophers, 80-68, and the No. 7 wrestlers got taken down by No. 1 Minnesota, 25-9*



Hawkeyes Crystal Smith (left) and Wendy Ausdemore reach for the ball as Minnesota's Emily Fox grabs it in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday. *Jessica Green/The Daily Iowan*

### Intensity lacking

BY RYAN LONG  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa women's basketball coach Lisa Bluder believes that her team's 80-68 loss Sunday to No. 16 Minnesota was largely due to the Hawkeyes' uncharacteristic style of play.

"We usually play hard," Bluder said. "We didn't play as hard in the second half as I would have liked to of seen

us play. Traditionally, we've played much harder than that."

Trailing 37-32 after senior guard Crystal Smith ended the first half on a 3-point basket, the Golden Gophers applied a press to start the second half, forcing Iowa into some inconsistent shooting and some problems taking care of the ball. Minnesota (13-4, 6-1) opened things up with a 12-0 run and held the

Hawkeyes (12-7, 5-3) scoreless until sophomore guard Abby Emmert penetrated and scored inside with 16:47 remaining.

"I think we definitely did a better job defensively in the second half just by pressuring the basketball," said Golden Gopher coach Pam Borton.

Minnesota had five players

SEE BASKETBALL, PAGE 3B

### Frosh really scales heights

BY TED MCCARTAN  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

She's the biggest thing to hit Iowa women's basketball ever. Literally.

At 6-6, freshman Megan Skouby is the tallest player in the history of the program. And after opening the season as a reserve, the Ohio native has started the



Skouby  
 freshman

SEE SKOUBY, PAGE 3B

## Minnesota salvos bury wrestlers

BY BRYAN BAMONTE  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa wrestling team's second crack at a top-ranked team ended with another loss.

The Hawkeyes were unable to overcome several losses to

lower-ranked wrestlers and were defeated, 25-9, by No. 1 Minnesota on Sunday in Minneapolis.

After securing the first points of the match with a win at 125, No. 7 Iowa failed

SEE WRESTLING PAGE 3B

**IOWA VS MINNESOTA**

No. 1 Minnesota 25, No. 7 Iowa 9

125 — Lucas Magnani (Iowa) dec. Travis Lang, 9-5

133 — Mack Reiter (Minn.) maj. dec. Daniel Dennis, 10-2

141 — Manuel Rivera (Minn.) dec. Alex Tsirtsis, 4-

3 149 — Dustin Schlatter (Minn.) dec. Ty Eustice, 4-1

157 — C.P. Schlatter (Minn.) dec. Joe Johnston, 12-7

165 — Matt Nagel (Minn.) dec. Eric Luedke, 8-3

174 — Mark Perry (Iowa) dec. Gabriel Dretsch, 6-2

184 — Roger Kish (Minn.) dec. Paul Bradley, 4-1

## Swimming & diving let meets slip

BY MICHAEL SCHMIDT AND CHARLIE KAUTZ  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Despite the emotion surrounding the meet because it was the last one at home for 11 seniors, the Iowa swimming and diving team let victories slip away on Jan. 21. The women fell to Illinois and Missouri by counts of 169-130 and 178-117, while the men dropped a dual to the Tigers, 177-108.

The Hawkeye women were without senior leader Nancilea

Underwood, who spent the week at a national diving camp with coach Bob Rydze. Even in defeat, Iowa coach Marc Long was pleased with the way the seniors performed in their final meet at the Field House pool.

"They are really stepping it up," he said. "I was really proud of the seniors."

Do-it-all senior Kelly Werner led the women's team with a first in the 100-yard backstroke and seconds in the 100 butterfly and 200 individual medley. Werner

was replaced in the 200 backstroke by freshman Alison Gschwend — a lineup change that Long thought would help counter the depth of Missouri and Illinois. Gschwend came through under pressure for the swimmers, finishing second in the event and taking third in the 100-yard backstroke.

"I was pretty nervous," she said, before adding, "I kind of like the pressure. It's nice to know that the coaches have faith in me."

SEE SWIMMING, PAGE 3B



Matt Ryerson/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye Mindy Schulte comes up for air while swimming the breaststroke during the men's and women's swimming meet on Jan. 21 in the Field House pool. The event was the final home meet for Iowa's seniors.

# SPORTS

## SPORTS 'N' STUFF

### Men's BIG TEN

By The Associated Press All Times CST	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Indiana	4	1	.800	12	3	.800
Wisconsin	4	1	.800	14	4	.778
Ohio St.	4	2	.667	14	2	.875
Illinois	3	2	.600	17	2	.895
Michigan	3	2	.600	13	3	.813
Michigan St.	3	2	.600	15	4	.789
Iowa	3	2	.600	14	5	.737
Penn St.	2	3	.400	10	6	.625
Northwestern	2	4	.333	9	8	.529
Purdue	1	5	.167	7	10	.412
Minnesota	0	5	.000	9	7	.563

### Sunday's Games

Michigan St. 85, Iowa 55
Ohio St. 75, Penn St. 64
N. Dakota St. 62, Wisconsin 55
Indiana 49, Purdue 49
Illinois 58, Northwestern 47
Michigan 71, Minnesota 55

### Tuesday's Game

Indiana at Iowa, 8:05 p.m.
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### Wednesday's Games

Northwestern at Purdue, 6 p.m.
Michigan State at Michigan, 7 p.m.
Penn State at Wisconsin, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Illinois, 8 p.m.

### WOMEN'S BIG TEN

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Purdue	7	0	1.000	15	2	.882
Ohio State	6	1	.857	15	2	.882
Minnesota	6	1	.857	13	4	.765
Iowa	5	3	.625	12	7	.632
Michigan State	4	3	.571	14	6	.700
Illinois	4	3	.571	11	6	.643
Indiana	4	3	.571	10	8	.556
Penn State	2	5	.286	8	10	.444
Wisconsin	1	6	.143	6	12	.333
Michigan	0	7	.000	6	13	.316
Northwestern	0	7	.000	4	14	.222

### Sunday's Games

Minnesota 80, Iowa 68
Ohio State 67, Michigan State 65
Indiana 65, Michigan 44
Penn State 91, Northwestern 48
Purdue 57, Illinois 53

### Thursday's Games

Iowa at Penn State, 6 p.m.
Wisconsin at Ohio State, 6 p.m.
Northwestern at Michigan, 6 p.m.
Illinois at Indiana, 6 p.m.

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Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta	29	11	8	66	168	149	Philadelphia	28	14	7	63	154	125
N.Y. Rangers	25	19	5	55	145	146	New Jersey	20	24	3	43	139	169
N.Y. Islanders	11	28	9	31	131	190	Pittsburgh	11	28	9	31	131	190
NORTHWEST													
Chicago	29	15	3	61	144	144	Toronto	24	20	3	51	149	155
Montreal	21	18	6	48	132	146	Boston	18	21	8	44	135	153
Carolina	32	11	4	68	173	148	Washington	17	24	5	39	135	175
Tampa Bay	23	20	6	52	175	171	Florida	18	24	7	43	125	155
Atlanta	18	24	7	43	125	155	Washington	17	24	5	39	135	175

## HAWKEYE SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Wednesday**
  - Men's basketball hosts Indiana, Carver-Hawkeye, 8:05 p.m.
- Thursday**
  - Women's basketball at Penn State, 6:05 p.m.
- Friday**
  - Swimming & diving at Northwestern, 5 p.m.
  - Women's tennis hosts Marquette, Cedar Rapids, 6 p.m.
  - Wrestling hosts Purdue, Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 7 p.m.
  - Women's track at Panther Classic, TBA
- Saturday**
  - Swimming & diving at Illinois-Chicago, 1 p.m.
  - Women's gymnastics hosts Iowa State, 7 p.m.
  - Men's basketball hosts Ohio State, Carver-Hawkeye, 7:05 p.m.
  - Men's track at UNI Open, TBA
  - Women's track at Panther Classic, TBA
- Jan. 29**
  - Women's tennis hosts Baylor, Cedar Rapids, 10 a.m.
  - Men's tennis hosts Northern Illinois, Rec Building, 1:30 p.m.
  - Wrestling at Indiana, 1 p.m.

## HAWKEYE SPORTS

### Men's gymnasts take dual

The Iowa men's gymnastics team was victorious in its first dual meet of the season at Illinois-Chicago on Jan. 21.

The fifth-ranked Hawkeyes won every event except still rings and finished off the No. 12 Flames with a final tally of 208.25-200.8.

Bally Ten Gymnast of the Week Michael Reavis placed first in the all-around, scoring 53.3. The senior was the event's high-scoring in the floor exercise, parallel bars and horizontal bars. He finished second on pommel horse and vault.

Reavis said he was disappointed with his floor routine, even though he was the high scorer in the event. "I fell on the floor," the senior said. "I was not happy with my personal performance. I try to focus my gymnastics on no falls."

Sophomore Curtis Kleffman was the star on pommel horse, scoring 9.35 and finishing first. Team captain and ring specialist Jacques Bouchard wrapped up second.

"We definitely improved as a team," Reavis said. "We are continuing to move in the right direction."

— by Dan Parr

### 2 men tracksters take firsts

The Iowa men's track team competed on Jan. 21 at the Jack Johnson Classic in Minneapolis and left with two first-place finishes from sophomores.

In the mile, Jake Berns won with a time of 4:10.10, his personal best as a Hawkeye.

Shane Maier, meanwhile, not only won the shotput with a distance of 58-11¼, he also managed to qualify for this year's NCAA indoor championships.

The Hawkeyes also had second-place finishes in three events in the eight-team event. Junior Lee Elbert finished second by 0.06 seconds in the 60-meter dash at 6.92. Sophomore Ryan Jordan was second in the weight throw with a distance of 53-10¼, and the 1,600-meter relay squad placed second with a time of 3:18.67.

— by Brendan Stiles

### GymHawks fall short

Although the Iowa women's gymnastics fell short in its meet on Jan. 20 to No. 11 LSU, 195.025-191.100, it was not only an improvement over the previous week, but the effort the team displayed in Baton Rouge pleased Iowa coach Larissa Libby — who faced her alma mater for the first time as a head coach.

"I was almost literally in tears," she said. "They did everything we asked them to do, and I'm just so proud."

Not only did the GymHawks stay neck and neck with the Tigers, but differ-

ent Hawks stepped up in each event. Senior Liz Grajewski scored a 9.700 on floor exercises and posted an all-around score of 38.525, junior Beth Dilick placed a team-high on the vault with 9.800, junior Danielle Legeai scored 9.725 on the beam, and sophomore Katie Burke scored 9.700 on the uneven bars.

"At any point, anyone is vulnerable, and it's good to spread the wealth, and it will be good in the long run," Libby said.

— by Brendan Stiles

### Woman snag 3 firsts in track

The Iowa women's track team competed on Jan. 21 at the Jack Johnson Classic in Minneapolis, returning with three first-place finishes.

Junior Tiffany Johnson won the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.46 seconds, freshman Krista Anderson took the 3,000-meter in 9:37.87, and sophomore Meghan Armstrong won the mile in 4:48.14.

The Hawkeyes also had numerous second- and third-place finishes. Junior Peaches Roach finished second in the 60-meter dash and the high jump, sophomore Kineke Alexander was second in the 200 meters, and the 1,600-meter relay team was second behind Minnesota.

Johnson took third in the triple jump, senior Nikki Chapple was third in the mile, and freshman Renee White was third in the long-jump.

— by Brendan Stiles

### Women's tennis finishes strongly

In its first competition of the 2006 season, the Iowa women's tennis team had some struggles before leaving its mark at the Wildcat Invitational, which was hosted by No. 6 Northwestern.

In doubles play late last week, junior Meg Racette and sophomore Jacqueline Lee won the first set against Northwestern (8-3), and against Florida State, Iowa produced two doubles winners. Racette and sophomore Milica Veselinovic won the first set (8-6), and freshman Kayla Berry and junior Hillary Mintz won the second set (9-8).

On Jan. 20, however, Iowa had only three singles winners. Racette scored the lone victory over Northwestern, beating Cristelle Grier (6-3, 6-3). Against New Mexico, the Hawkeyes had two singles winners in Mintz (6-4, 6-2) and freshman Merel Beelen (7-5, 3-6, 7-5).

Iowa managed to sweep the doubles play against New Mexico on Jan. 21. Racette and Lee won the first set (8-5), Mintz and Veselinovic won the second set (9-8), and Berry and freshman Krissy Dowlin completed the sweep (8-2).

On Sunday, the Hawkeyes combined for five singles victories behind Mintz, Veselinovic, Lee, Berry, and Beelen.

— by Brendan Stiles

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# No Spartan diet; Mich. St. feasts

BY LARRY LAGE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Tom Izzo has coached plenty of good teams at Michigan State the last 11 seasons.

Izzo said, however, he has never had three Spartans on one team more talented than the terrific trio he has now.

Maurice Ager scored 25 points, Paul Davis had 19, and Shannon Brown added 17 to lead No. 11 Michigan State over No. 23 Iowa, 85-55, on Jan. 21, its most lopsided victory in a series that dates back to 1937.

"When the three of us are on, we're really tough," Davis said. "There are not a lot of teams that can keep up with us when we play like that."

The Spartans' Big Three are averaging 17 points or more a game — the only trio in the nation scoring that much.

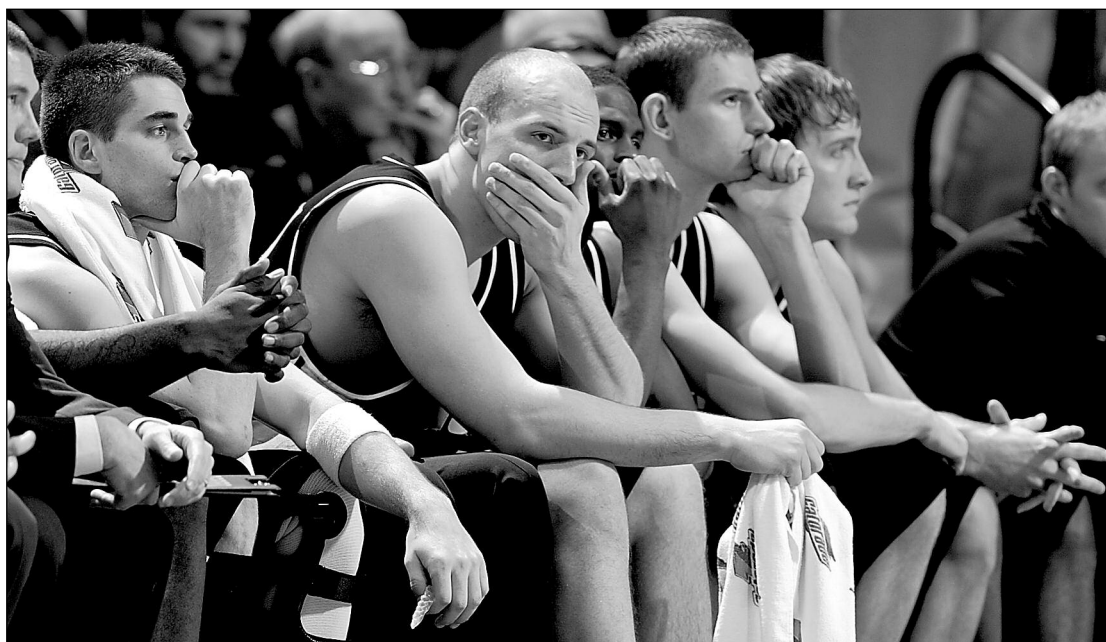
"We have not had three guys as prolific as those three," Izzo said. "They've been pretty special, and they're good guys who are going to graduate, making them the total package."

At halftime, the trio had combined for 27 points, and they were outscored by Iowa's entire team by only one point.

"When they're all clicking like that, they're a hard group to play against," Iowa coach Steve Alford said.

The Spartans (15-4, 3-2 Big Ten) led by nine at halftime, then turned the game into a rout with a 12-2 run to start the second half against the Hawkeyes (14-5, 3-2) and won by their largest margin of the season.

"I don't think there's any



Al Goldis/Associated Press

**Hawkeye starters (from left) Jeff Horner, Greg Brunner, Mike Henderson, Erik Hansen, and Adam Haluska watch from the bench during the closing moments of their 85-55 loss to Michigan State on Jan. 21 in East Lansing.**

question that was our best performance of the year, against a really good team," Izzo said. "That was our best basketball in a couple of years."

Adam Haluska scored 19, and Greg Brunner had 17 points and 11 rebounds for Iowa, which had won three straight and seven of eight.

"This isn't the end of the season, but it's a bad defeat," Alford said.

Michigan State has won three straight after losing its first two Big Ten games. The Spartans are 5-3 against ranked teams, including three victories over teams that were in the top 10 when they played.

Drew Neitzel had 11 points

and six assists for the Spartans, who have won 11 straight at home against Iowa.

"A big key was Neitzel, who got by our guards better than anybody has all season," Alford said.

The Spartans shot 50 percent, making 30 baskets on 26 assists.

"When we play that way, it's tough to beat us," Ager said. "The key was passing the way we did."

Michigan State never trailed; the closest the Hawkeyes got was 2-0.

The Spartans built their first cushion with a 10-2 run midway through the first half, taking a 19-8 lead, and they led 37-28 at halftime.

Four different Michigan State players scored during the decisive run at the start of the second half, which gave Michigan State a 49-30 lead. The Spartans kept scoring from all over the court, connecting on 61 percent of their shots after halftime.

Iowa's Jeff Horner was held to six points — half his average — and the Hawkeyes made 34 percent of their shots.

"I never felt like we were in it," Alford said. "They are very good at the start of each half — that's their staple. We weren't very good; they were awfully good, and they're tough to beat here when they play that way."

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# Skouby a force in the paint

**SKOUBY**

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last six games since Stacy Schlapkohl went down with a knee injury, and she has been the most efficient Hawkeye offensive post player.

On Jan. 9, she scored a career-high 27 points in Iowa's huge, 75-64 win over then-ninth-ranked Michigan State. It was the third-highest single game total ever achieved by an Iowa freshman.

Sunday afternoon, in Iowa's 80-68 loss to Minnesota, Skouby led all scorers with 20 points. Even more impressive was her 9-of-11 shooting, which had coach Lisa Bluder wishing she would have gotten more touches.

"We need to get her the ball more," the coach said. "We need to get the ball into her hands more often when she's shooting the ball that well."

Skouby, who was guarded by 6-2 Gopher senior Liz Podominick, worked the paint well and shot over her shorter opponent with touch and precision. At one point in the first half when the Hawks trailed by four, Skouby scored six unanswered points to gain a two point lead.

But early in the second half, at the 17:32 mark, she recorded her third foul of the game and was forced to play more conservatively the rest of the contest.

"She's a great player. Any time you've got a post player who's 10 feet from the basket, hitting hook shots, I don't know what else you can do," Minnesota coach Pam Borton said. "I

tried mixing up our defense just to give some different looks in the second half, and I thought, Thank goodness she was in foul trouble. She was on the bench a lot of the game."

Borton is looking forward to coaching and scheming against Skouby for the next three seasons like she'd look forward to a traffic jam with no air and a busted stereo. "We'll have to come up with a pretty good game plan the next few years," she said.

And Skouby has a simple approach to her game, exuding a calm that freshmen sometimes don't show.

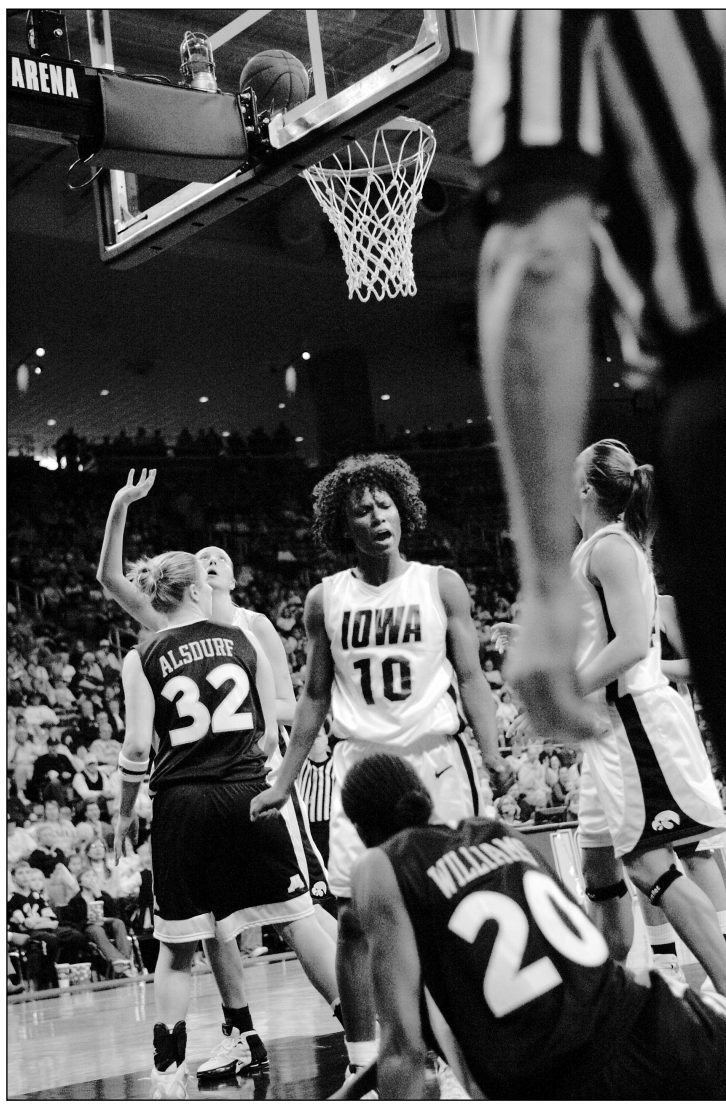
"I just kind of go with the flow," she said. "I post up hard the whole time, which is something I've been working on. There are no breaks — you have got to keep playing hard, keep up the intensity, and play hard the whole time."

But even with her obvious upside that stretches higher than she does, the rookie and her coach know she's got a lot to work on.

"She's doing a great job for us inside. Defensively, we've got some work to do as a whole — our post defense was not very good," Bluder said. "Truly, we need to do a little bit better job in the post defense."

Sunday afternoon, Podominick, Natasha Williams, and Lauren Lacey — 6-2, 6-3, and 6-3, respectively — each scored in double figures and combined for 35 points and eight rebounds. Skouby grabbed just four boards.

"I think I played a pretty good offensive game today, but as



Jessica Green/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye Megan Skouby puts up a shot after a rebound while teammate Crystal Smith angrily addresses Minnesota's Natasha Williams in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday. Iowa lost to the Gophers, 80-68.

Coach Bluder said, I have a lot to work on defensively," Skouby said. "I gave up a lot of easy

baskets on their end." E-mail *D*/reporter Ted McCartan at: theodore-mccartan@uiowa.edu

# Seniors take final plunge

**SWIMMING**

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Among other strong performances were those of seniors Katie Martin and Andrea Hemphill. Martin finished third in both the 50 and 100-yard freestyles, with Hemphill finishing third in the 200 butterfly and fourth in the 200 individual medley. Missouri won the third women's dual of the event, defeating Illinois 166-129.

Despite the setback to Missouri (3-0) on the men's side, Hawkeye senior Trevor Haley gave the Field House crowd something to cheer about.

Haley came within a second of his personal record time in the 200 butterfly while winning that event. He also took the 200 individual medley.

"It was amazing," the Casper, Wyo., native said. "Indescribable, I guess. I could really hear the crowd coming home."

Haley provided the drama in a meet otherwise dominated by the Tigers. The first five finishers in the 200 fly were separated by around two seconds.

"The last 50 [yards] of the 200 fly, I like to stay focused on my underwater," said Haley, who beat Missouri's Justin Sellers by the slightest of mar-

gins (1:52.97-1:53.30). "The last 25 [yards] were huge for me."

Other top finishes for Iowa (3-4, 0-2) included first-place for freshman Nick Divan in the 500 freestyle, a 1-2 showing from Dragos Agache and Paul Divan in the 100 breaststroke and first for the 400 freestyle relay team of Cameron Dye, Nate Keeling, Seth Tweedy and Jeff Kubat.

"For the numbers we had, they swam great," Long said. "Again, we're trying to control the things we can. That relay was an indication of the spark we're starting to see."

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# Gopher rally sinks Hawks

**BASKETBALL**

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in double figures with Liz Podominick tallying 13, Jamie Broback and Natasha Williams scoring 12 apiece, Shannon Schonrock posting 11, and Lauren Lacey dropping 10.

"We just knew that going into the second half that we had to pick up the energy," Broback said. "We were down by five, and we were on the road. It's tough coming back

from behind, and we knew that we had to get a good start."

Iowa's scoring was much less balanced, with just three players scoring in double figures.

Freshman center Megan Skouby scored a game-high 20 points on 9-of-11 shooting from the floor. Forward Krista Vandeventer landed her fifth career double-double, scoring 15 points and pulling down a game-high 12 rebounds, while Smith contributed 11 points on just 2-of-14 shooting on the day.

"I got some pretty good shots," she said. "I thought I had some open shots; they just didn't go down."

The Hawkeyes were held to just 34 percent shooting in the second half as opposed to a steady 51 percent in the first. They also shot just one of nine from beyond the arc for the game, and the Iowa bench was outscored 30-15.

"We just didn't come out with any intensity whatsoever," said freshman Skouby. "That just can't happen

against a good team in order for us to win."

After being held to 44 percent from the floor in the first half, the Golden Gophers shot 56 percent in the second half.

"Our defensive intensity I thought was there the first half, and it was nonexistent in the second half," Bluder said. "They just about scored at will."

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# No. 1 Gophers romp on mat

**WRESTLING**

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to win another match until Mark Perry decided Gabriel Dretsch at 174 pounds. Minnesota won five-straight contests to gain control of the dual meet, retaining the ranking it earned two weeks ago at the NWCA National Duals, when the Gophers upset then-top-ranked Oklahoma State.

Iowa All-Americans Ty Eustice, Joe Johnston, and Paul Bradley were all overpowered by lower-seeded wrestlers, with the No. 1-ranked Eustice losing, 4-1, to second-ranked Dustin Schlatter.

Minnesota jumped out to a 16-3 lead before Perry put the brakes on the Golden Gophers, but once again Minnesota was able to pull out an upset when Bradley was beaten by the Gophers' Roger Kish, ending any chance for the Hawkeyes to get back in the match.

In all, four Hawkeyes who entered the meet ranked higher than their respective opponents were knocked off, leaving the Hawkeyes in an impossible position.

True freshman Dan Erikson, who was recently promoted to starter at 197, continued to produce for Iowa, beating Minnesota's Mitch Kuhlman to start his Hawkeye career 3-0.

Another bright spot for the Hawkeyes was 125-pounder Lucas Magnani, who has sparked the Hawkeyes early in matches and did so again Sunday, giving Iowa a 3-0 lead by beating Travis Lang.

The meet ended when top-ranked heavyweight Cole Konrad earned an injury default over Iowa's Matt Fields, ending a disappointing day for the Hawkeyes, who had hoped to unseat the Golden Gophers.

With the loss to Minnesota, the Hawkeyes fell to 1-1 in the Big Ten; they beat Wisconsin, 24-7, on Jan. 20 in a relatively crisp match. Iowa won eight of 10 matches and cruised to a victory in Madison.

Freshman Daniel Dennis and Johnston were the only two Hawkeyes who lost against the Badgers; Perry took the night off to nurse a sore neck/shoulder.

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Bison still on cloud 9

BY DAVE KOLPACK ASSOCIATED PRESS

FARGO, N.D. — A North Dakota State team consisting mostly of freshmen had plenty of time to revel in its shocking victory over No. 15 Wisconsin — on a 500-mile bus ride home.

"I've never experienced that much excitement through eight hours of travel," Bison freshman Ben Woodside said Sunday, a day after he scored 24 points in a 62-55 victory. "We were all hyped the whole way home. We could not stop smiling."

The Bison, in the third year of a five-year NCAA reclassification from Division II to Division I, became the first non-conference team to win at Wisconsin's Kohl Center in 27 games.

The result made grown men cry, including North Dakota State Athletics Director Gene Taylor and assistant coach Saul Phillips, who was the Badgers' director of basketball operations from 2002-04.

"Coach Phillips was bawling like a baby," said Bison guard Mike Nelson, a former high-school Mr. Basketball award winner from Madison, Wis., who was not recruited by the Badgers.

Nelson attended many games at the Kohl Center while growing up, and he said he only saw the Badgers lose one game.

"It's still hard to imagine," he said on Sunday. "I woke up this morning and thought it was a dream."

Woodside said no player wanted to win more than Nelson.

"He had dreamed of playing there his whole



North Dakota State teammates celebrate at center court after beating 15th-ranked Wisconsin, 62-55, on Jan. 21 in Madison, Wis.

life," Woodside said. "He told me right after the game he was the happiest man alive right now."

Woodside, a 5-11 guard, was 11-of-13 from the free-throw line. He made 10-straight free throws in the final six minutes; his teammates went 2-of-11 from the line during that span.

Woodside, from Albert Lea, Minn., grew up wanting to play for the University of Minnesota.

"I'm feeling good about where I'm at right now," he said. "This whole thing with this win is just starting to kick in."

The players received a welcome reserved for rock stars when they stopped in a Minneapolis restaurant on the way home. The win was announced over the intercom as the Bison players were shown to their tables, much to the

delight of Minnesota fans in the building.

"The people in the restaurant were clapping and cheering for us," Nelson said. "It was amazing. It was the best day of everybody's life."

School President Joseph Chapman was among a group of approximately 50 people to greet the team when it arrived in Fargo close to midnight. He said it was the most important win in the school's 116-year history.

Chapman said the timing of the victory couldn't be better, with the school in the middle of a fundraising campaign to support various programs and remodel the basketball arena.

Engineering and architecture are the largest departments at North Dakota State, a

research-oriented university with an enrollment of 12,000. The school's most accomplished athlete was Phil Hansen, a defensive lineman who played 11 years for the Buffalo Bills.

"Our phones have just been ringing off the hook with calls from alumni, fans, and friends," Chapman said. "And people outside the university want to know where these Bison come from and who they are."

School officials were criticized when they made the jump to Division I two years ago. The Bison still don't have a conference and aren't eligible for the NCAA Tournament until 2009. The move caused hard feelings throughout the state, because it broke up a long rivalry with North Dakota.

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Monday, January 23, 2006  
— by Eugenia Last

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You can make today exciting by positioning yourself with people who are goal-oriented or have similar interests. This is a perfect day to get a personal assessment done and do a little personal update as well.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Proceed with caution. Emotions will be out of control, and everyone you deal with will be a little off today, so don't try to back someone into a corner. Love and romance, however, can be stupendous.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Travel, educational pursuits, and talking about your plans will get you moving down the right path. You will be inquisitive and will ask the right questions. Problems with people in an authoritative position can be expected.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Get out, and do things with someone you really enjoy spending time with. You will enhance your relationship — but don't go over budget to have fun. Stick to a healthy lifestyle even if you feel like overindulging today.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Be careful not to upset someone you live with or are close to. You may have trouble figuring out what someone really wants from you. Don't let anyone know how upset or concerned you really are.

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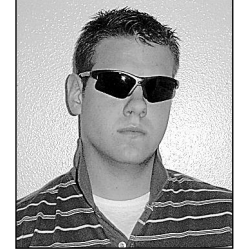
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**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Things may appear to be a little dicey today, but follow through to the end, and you will make some headway. Someone you work with or have to deal with regularly will probably mislead you or make you angry. Don't lose your cool.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Your mind will be on love interests, having some fun, and getting ahead. You can combine business with pleasure today and come out on top. Much can be accomplished if you are down-to-earth, fun to be with, and willing to listen.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Not everyone will see things your way; don't let this get to you. Arguing will not solve the problem, but keeping things to yourself and listening to what others have to say will help considerably.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** A moneymaking opportunity is apparent. You will have good luck in your dealings, and you should be able to sign or formulate a contract today. Don't let anyone talk you into donating what you work so hard to acquire.



ERIC FOMON

## Reasons Skorton is leaving for Cornell

• The only bowls Cornell could possibly lose are knowledge bowls.

• Squash players are less likely to be arrested for false imprisonment, third-degree burglary, and intent to commit sexual abuse.

• No one complains when you raise the tuition for trust-fund kids.

• Watching Cornell play Dartmouth in football is like front-row tickets to Foreman vs. Ali 2006.

• Cornell is just a hop and a skip away from New York City — Skorton's favorite place to shop for couture.

• One too many conversations with him about sweet corn.

• After critics panned his failed UTV show, "Pizzle and Dizzle," he felt so ashamed for had to leave Iowa for some place people wouldn't recognize him.

• His plan for saving money by turning Mayflower into a brothel was greeted with awkward silence.

• He can watch the rowing team without three-eyed fish constantly floating to the surface.

— Eric Fomon regrets not having a personal friendship with President Skorton in which he could refer to him as Skort-Skorts and the president would call him E-Bomb

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

## today's events

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- Office of Student Life Poster Sale, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 256 IMU
- Expo Activation Session, info session on UI Employment Expo, an online recruiting system, noon and 3 p.m., C310 Pomerantz Center
- "Stopping Conflict Diamonds: Can the Kimberley Process Succeed?" J.D. Bindenagel, DePaul University, noon, Congregational Church, 30 N. Clinton St.
- Tippie College of Business Dean Candidates open forum, 4-5 p.m., W401 Pappajohn Business Building
- "Live from Prairie Lights," Kaye Gibbons, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque, and WSUI
- Nine Lives, Bijou, 7 p.m.
- "The Death Penalty and The Exonerated," Forum on Judicial Reform, 7:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- Iowa City Foreign Relations Council Public Lecture Series, "The U.S. in World Affairs," J.D. Bindenagel, 8 p.m., 1505 Seamans Center
- Open Mike with Paul Jay Knight, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- Heligoats, Jason Anderson, Fizzle Like a Flood, and Just Another Kid, 9 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
- Sarah Silverman: *Jesus is Magic*, Bijou, 9:30 p.m.

## GET IN THE DI

• Are you a student who pays for her or his tuition? We'd like to meet you, follow you to work, and run a photo-story on your life. We're looking for people with an unusual/degrading/laborious jobs to photograph for this project.

• Like to eat? We're looking for people who have a favorite place to eat on or near campus. We're looking for those obsessed with a particular restaurant that serves you up right two or more times a week.

Please contact photographer Nick Loomis at [nicholas-loomis@uiowa.edu](mailto:nicholas-loomis@uiowa.edu) or the photo desk at: (319)335.5852

If you think you're one of those people, please e-mail [daily-iowan@uiowa.edu](mailto:daily-iowan@uiowa.edu) or call the news desk at: (319)335.6063

## happy birthday to...

E-mail first and last names, ages, and dates of birth to [daily-iowan@uiowa.edu](mailto:daily-iowan@uiowa.edu) at least two days in advance.

Jan 23 — Hayley "Pixie" Richardson; Annie Shuppy

## The 4th Floor

by Troy Hollatz



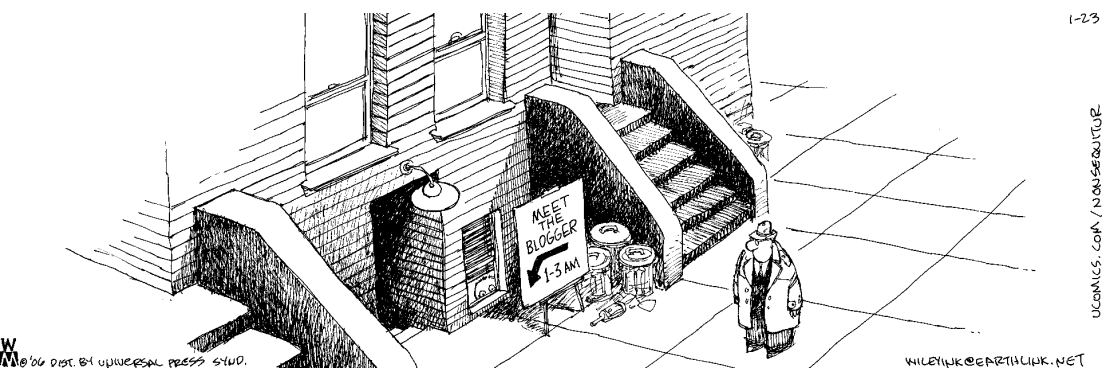
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## PATV

- 7 a.m. Democracy Now
- 11 Democracy Now
- Noon Herbert Hoover's Home Town: Episodes 1 & 2
- 1:45 p.m. Herbert Hoover's Home Town: Episodes 3 & 4
- 3:45 Fly Awake
- 4 Seed of Faith
- 5 U.N. Report
- 5:30 Islam: Dispelling the Myths
- 6:30 SCTV Calendar

- 7 Education Exchange
- 7:30 Live & Local
- 8 PATV Reserved
- 8:30 Nancy Cree Keyboard Highlights
- 9 30 Minutes
- 9:30 Bread of Life
- 10 Modes Episode 1
- 10:30 Veg Video
- 11:30 Bassoon Recital
- 12:35 a.m. Feedlot TV

## UTV schedule

- 2:30 p.m. Steve Alford Conference with the News Media
- 3 "Live from Prairie Lights," Max Alan Collins
- 4 Grant Wood at the UI: Community and Controversy
- 5 Workers' Movements and Imperialism: The Changing World of the Twentieth Century
- 6:30 Steve Alford Conference with the News Media
- 7 "Live from Prairie Lights," Max Alan Collins

- 8 Grant Wood at the UI: Community and Controversy
- 9 Coley Pharmaceuticals Research Presentation
- 9:30 Iowa Basketball with Steve Alford
- 10:30 DITV News, The Daily Iowan Daily News Update
- 10:40 Steve Alford Conference with the News Media
- 11 "Live from Prairie Lights," Max Alan Collins

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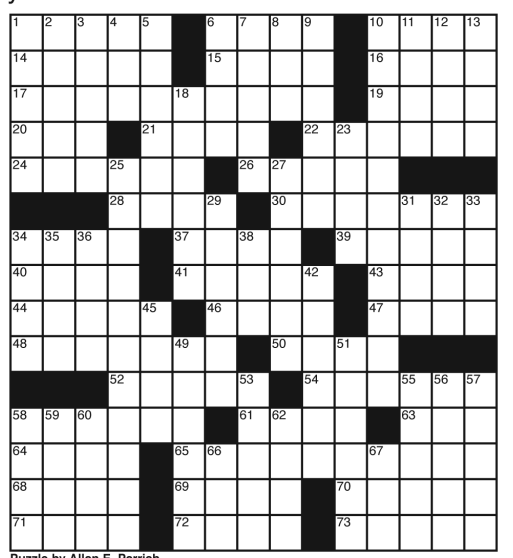
## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 1212

- ACROSS
- 1 Bearcat (classic car)
- 6 Muslim leader
- 10 Drive the driveway
- 14 Gdansk natives
- 15 "I Just Wanna Stop" singer Vannelli
- 16 Manipulator
- 17 How often rent is usually paid
- 19 Perlman of "Cheers"
- 20 1950's prez
- 21 It's nothing at all
- 22 Herb with the Tijuana Brass
- 24 Oldtime crooner Julius
- 26 What a settlement avoids
- 28 Indian music
- 30 Difficult situations
- 34 "My Friend \_\_\_\_\_" (old radio/TV series)
- 37 Frozen waffle brand
- 39 Lovable ogre of film
- 40 Bellyache
- 41 What each of the longest words in 17A, 65A, 10D and 25D famously lacks
- 43 Online auction site
- 44 Mexican friend
- 46 MasterCard alternative, informally
- 47 Inquires (about)
- 48 Kodaks, e.g.
- 50 Crowd reaction
- 52 Jokes
- 54 " " " " " "
- 58 Rocket propulsion
- 61 Pudding fruit
- 63 Blood-typing letters
- 64 Second-largest of the Hawaiian islands
- 65 Lone Ranger's cry
- 68 Writer Waugh
- 69 \_\_\_\_\_ synthesizer
- 70 Din
- 71 Small winning margin
- 72 Diarist Frank
- 73 Xenon and neon

- DOWN
- 1 Go bad
- 2 Toy truck maker
- 3 Stomach malady
- 4 Golf ball raiser
- 5 A Gabor sister
- 6 Stravinsky or Sikorsky
- 7 North Dakota city
- 8 Picnic intruder
- 9 Angora fabric
- 10 Military hero's award
- 11 \_\_\_\_\_ Stadium (Queens landmark)
- 12 Suddenly change course
- 13 Part of Q.E.D.
- 18 Scanty
- 23 Young fellows
- 25 Breakfast beverage
- 27 Boardinghouse guest
- 29 Shocked
- 31 Wall St. figures
- 32 Plumbing problem
- 33 "The \_\_\_\_\_ limit!"
- 34 Apple computer
- 35 Italia's capital
- 36 Seriously injure
- 38 Sock hop locale
- 42 Large-scale emigration
- 45 Underground deposits
- 49 Respiratory problem
- 51 Pointing
- 53 Observe furtively
- 55 Smiley of PBS
- 56 Fatter than fat
- 57 Tender areas
- 58 Fed. agent in finances
- 59 Saint's glow
- 60 Regrets
- 62 Seating section
- 66 Charged particle
- 67 Mauna \_\_\_\_\_ volcano



Puzzle by Allan E. Parrish

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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