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## Courts for new rec center up in air



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A group of students waits to play a game in the Field House south gym on Monday night. Officials have not yet signed off on including basketball, volleyball, and badminton courts in a new recreation facility to be built on Burlington Street.

*A multipurpose gym would add a couple of million dollars to the \$60 million budget the project already carries; rec-center construction had been slated to start in June 2007 but could be delayed*

**BY NICK PETERSEN**  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Planners of a UI recreation center signed off on features the new facility will offer Monday but delayed a decision on whether to include a multipurpose gym that would include basketball courts.

Harry Ostrander, the director of UI Recreational Services, said the group decided to wait to forward its plans to the architect until a cost estimate on an area for volleyball, badminton, and basketball is received. Under the approved plans, the proposed three-floor facility will have a pool, fitness equipment, and a wellness center.

Because moving the existing departments from the proposed Burlington Street site will cost the project an unexpected \$4 million, the designs have been trimmed, Ostrander said.

"We've cut a ton of things out, and we're trying to stay on budget," he said. "We've already cut a lot more than we would like to."

The project was originally budgeted at \$55 million, based on what administrators thought students would be willing to pay for a new center. It now carries a price tag of \$60 million, and the addition of a multipurpose room would add another couple million, depending on its size, Ostrander said.

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### UI FOUNDATION

## UI beats funds goal

*In seven years, the UI Foundation raised more than \$1 billion, 71 percent of which came from outright donations*

**BY MASON KERNS**  
THE DAILY IOWAN

A campaign to raise private funds for the UI topped its \$1 billion goal by \$58 million by the end of last year, UI Foundation officials announced on Monday.

The seven-year, \$1.058 billion effort raised \$200 million in 2005 alone. The total for the previous seven-year-period, 1992-98, was approximately \$490 million.



**Skorton**  
UI president

Susan Shullaw, the foundation's VP of communications and campaign support, said the record represents a recognition of the UI as a quality institution. But society's increased dependence on technology may have something to do with it, too, she said.



**Shullaw**  
vice president of communications

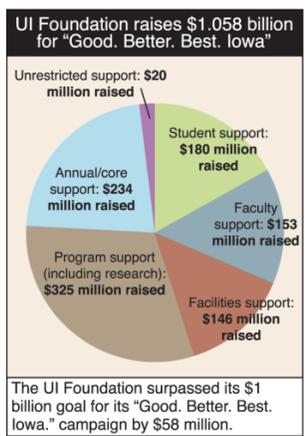
Program and research support received \$325 million, and student support totaled \$180 million, much of which helped create 535 new scholarships.

Outright donations, which the university can spend right away, accounted for an unusually high 71 percent of the \$1.058 billion, while 29 percent of gifts were deferred through wills or payment plans.

In 1999, as state support decreased, the UI faced two seemingly grim options: Cut faculty, programs, and student services, or subsidize the reductions through private donations.

With that in mind, the "Good. Better. Best. Iowa." fundraising campaign was launched.

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## Some groups not quite such an honor

*Some programs are not recognized as true honor programs — any group of students can call its organization an honor society with no minimum GPA requirement*

**BY SUSAN ELGIN**  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Honor societies are all over campus, sending postcards to students and collecting membership fees. But some of the groups soliciting UI students for membership may not be so honorable.

Sarah Prineas, a program assistant in the UI Honors Program, said certificates from some organizations aren't worth the paper they're printed on. Currently, any group of students can create a club and call it an "honor society," she said. The Honors Program Steering Committee and the Office of Student Life will establish criteria for

honor societies at their upcoming February meeting.

"Instituting policy will help us be able to say that the UI does not recommend students join these societies," Prineas said.

The Association of College Honor Societies is a national organization that examines honor societies and certifies them based on quality and credibility. An organization seeking certification must require a minimum GPA of 3.2 and a class rank of the top 20 percent. Honor societies that require a minimum GPA of 3.0 are more appropriately called "recognition societies," said group executive director Dorothy Mitstifer.

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### ORGANIZATIONS NOT RECOGNIZED BY THE UI HONORS PROGRAM

- Phi Sigma Theta**
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- The National Scholars Honor Society**
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  - No local chapter or meetings

See which honors societies are recognized by the Honors Program at [WWW.DAILYIOWAN.COM](http://WWW.DAILYIOWAN.COM)

## Interest rates for student aid to rise

**BY BRYCE BAUER**  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Students paying for college with money from Stafford or PLUS loans will have a harder time repaying their debts when a recently passed bill is signed into law by President Bush Wednesday, UI officials said Monday.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, the legislation will carve \$11.9 billion in federal spending from now until 2010, the largest cut in financial-aid history. The cuts are part of a bill dubbed the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, which the House narrowly passed last week. The measure required a tiebreaking vote from Vice President Dick Cheney in the Senate on Dec. 21, 2005.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, called the cuts "modest," and in a press release said the decrease "represents just one-fourth of 1

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**Bush**



**Grassley**  
R-Iowa

### NATIONAL DEBT

Attempts by the federal government to eradicate a \$8.2 trillion deficit will translate into increased interest rates on federally funded student-aid programs beginning July 1. Here are the highlights.

- Stafford rates to 6.8 percent
- PLUS loans to 8.5 percent
- Maximum loan amount for first-year students to \$3,500
- Maximum loan amount for second-year students to \$4,500

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### OLD & IN THE WAY

The Field House pool is a relic of another century, and it's showing its age.

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### SHOOTING PROBE CENTERS ON EX-HAWK

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# UIHC continues to renovate

*In the three years, the facility has seen some 200 renovation and construction projects, with 24 ongoing at the moment*

BY ANNIE HUMBLE  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Cranes and construction trucks have been planted outside the UI Hospitals and Clinics for so long, they've almost grown roots — there have been approximately 200 separate construction and renovation projects over the past three years at the facility.

The projects, which range from office remodeling to expanding the emergency treatment center, are a response to space constraints, UIHC media-relations coordinator Tom Moore said, adding projections show the treatment center will see almost 15,000 more patients each year in the next few years.

"[The hospital] has been expanded and renovated to meet the increased demand for patient care," Moore said.

At present, there are 24 construction projects at the hospital.

The expansion and renovation of the emergency treatment center is estimated to cost \$30 million, Moore said. Portions of the project, set for completion in 2009, include the enlarging the current facilities to 60,000 square feet, enlarging the parking area, relocating the entrance, adding more levels to the treatment center, relocating utilities,



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Barry Roberts, an employee of Day Mechanical Systems in Cedar Rapids, works on the south side of the UIHC on Feb. 2, 2006. Renovations and construction at the facility are still in progress.

'[The hospital] has been expanded and renovated to meet the increased demand for patient care.'

— Tom Moore, media-relations

and renovating current facilities.

Employees at the center say they are looking forward to the modifications, said David Walz, the center's project facilitator.

"In the long run, we are going to have a much nicer and efficient facility," he said.

Comfort is one of the important features of the project.

"What we are looking forward to is a more patient-centered facility in which we have private and more flexible rooms and a more comfortable

'What we are looking forward to is a more patient-centered facility in which we have private and more flexible rooms and a more comfortable waiting area.'

— David Walz, project facilitator

waiting area," Walz said.

In addition to more elbow room for patients, the space for nurses will be less cramped — the staff was outgrowing the old facility, Walz said.

Another project, the ambulatory surgery center, started up in May. The center, which is being added to the Pomerantz Family Pavilion, provides outpatient service; another level is being built to add two operating rooms, for a total of eight.

The focus for the new surgery

area is to create a more pediatric-friendly environment, said Jose Fernandez, the director of UIHC capital management.

"We are creating an entry point for kids and adults, so we can tailor to the individual needs effectively," he said

The new addition will have more child-like colors, a pre-operative space, and designs that will allow patients to have more privacy, he said.

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# Ex-Hawk focus of probe

BY REBECCA MCKANNA  
THE DAILY IOWAN

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department is investigating a former Hawkeye football player in a California shooting.

Ivory Webb, 45, a deputy in the department, was an Iowa wide receiver in the 1980s. He is on administrative leave after shooting a suspect in a Chino, Calif., car chase, according to documents from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department.

According to department documents, on Jan. 29, deputies saw a blue Chevrolet Corvette speeding through a residential area at more than 100 mph. Deputies attempted to stop the car, but a chase ensued until the Corvette crashed into a block wall in Chino. The deputy attempted to take the driver, Luis Escobedo, and passenger, Elio Carrion, into custody.

In the video, now found on the Internet, Webb is shown standing over Carrion, who is on the ground and appears to be unarmed, said David Klinger, a University of Missouri criminology professor and former LAPD officer who viewed a video of the incident.

"The suspect is lying on the ground looking up at the deputy," Klinger said. "The deputy says, 'Stand up.' The suspect says, 'I'm



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— David Klinger, criminology professor

going to stand up.' Then the deputy shoots him three times."

Although the tape is grainy, Klinger said, he still found the deputy's actions "bizarre."

According to sheriff's department documents, Carrion was listed in good condition at a San Bernardino area hospital after the shooting; Escobedo, who was unharmed, was released from custody on Jan. 30.

Klinger said, although it is difficult to judge from the video, what he saw was not consistent with appropriate police doctrine. "It literally makes no sense," he said, adding the only way he could see Webb's actions as being appropriate would be if there was a hostage in the car or if the suspect made a abrupt movement not picked up by the tape.

U.S. Attorney's Office spokesman Thom Mrozek said federal agents are conducting an investigation of the incident since media reports sparked interest last week.

"We are looking into a possible

civil-rights violation," he said. "We will determine if there was no violation — or if there was, we will determine who was responsible. It's way to early to tell anything."

The homicide division of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department is also conducting a separate investigation.

Klinger said he expected the investigations would include interviews with all possible witnesses, ballistic tests on the bullets, written statements from everyone present, and toxicology on Carrion — to see if he was under the influence on any drugs. The process would take at least a few weeks, he added.

According to documents from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Webb was assigned to the West Valley Detention Center in March 1997. In August 2001, he was promoted to a Deputy II and assigned to patrol at the Chino Hills Station.

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Tracy Lane, wearing a bath towel. Jensen began rubbing his genitals and asked the girl to stay with him.

When she told him no, Jensen took off the towel and exposed himself to her, police said.

According to police documents, Jensen told officers that he "didn't intend to rape her. I only wanted to show her my stuff."

Johnson County Jail staffers said Jensen has been released on \$1,950 bond.

Gordon Miller, the public-service executive for the Iowa Department of Public Safety, said that if convicted, Jensen would be placed on the sex-offender database. Because the female was a minor, Jensen would also have to abide by a residency law that prohibits sex offenders from living within 2,000 feet of day-cares or schools.

— by Rebecca McKanna

## METRO

### Couple sues UIHC

A Nebraska couple is suing the UI Hospitals and Clinics for negligence for allegedly failing to exercise the appropriate degree of care, skill, and knowledge during a March 2003 procedure.

Kameron and Tisha Graham filed the petition Monday and requested a jury for the case, which alleges the UIHC failed to act responsibly when attending to Tisha Graham, who received a cerebral carotid arteriogram, an X-ray of blood vessels.

Court records indicate the procedure involved catheterizing the thigh's main artery, called the femoral artery. Tisha Graham suffered bilateral femoral nerve injuries from the procedure, the petition alleged.

The suit also claims Tisha Graham incurred medical expenses, loss or impairment of full mind and body, physical/mental pain and suffering,

and impairment of earning capacity.

"Kameron Graham has been deprived of her aid, service, support, affection, society, and companionship," the suit contends.

The State Appeal Board denied both a \$2 million claim and a \$1,000 claim filed in this case in November.

UIHC spokesman Tom Moore said officials would not immediately comment on the case, because the litigation was pending.

— by Amanda Masker

### Man charged with indecent exposure

An Iowa City man reportedly rubbed his genitals and exposed himself to a 16-year-old girl on Feb. 4.

Kelly Jensen, 45, is facing charges of indecent exposure after police said he presented himself to a 16-year-old girl at his home, 1208

## POLICE BLOTTER

**Jerad Alger**, 18, Milford, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Eugene Cardine**, 20, address unknown, was charged Dec. 4 with forgery.

**Derek Eadon**, 22, 221 Iowa Ave. Apt. 1922, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

**Keith Eadon**, 19, 733C Mayflower, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

**Melissa Ernst**, 20, Keokuk, was charged Sunday with OWI.

**Rigo Flores-Cortes**, 28, Coralville, was charged Feb. 4 with public intoxication.

**Lance Hazelett**, 35, Washington, Iowa, was charged Sunday with violating a no-contact domestic-abuse order.

**Dustin Heisterkamp**, 19, 4336 Burge, was charged Feb. 3 with public intoxication.

**David Hodges**, 31, Coralville, was charged Feb. 4 with criminal trespassing.

**Nathan Houston**, 19, 125 N. Gilbert St., was charged Sunday with unlawful use of authentic driver's license/ID of another and PAULA.

**Nicholas Jaeckle**, 20, 632 S. Dodge St. Apt. 9, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Zyeisha Johnson**, 20, address unknown, was charged Dec. 4 with forgery.

**Fatima Perkins**, 27, 2010 Taylor Drive, was charged Jan. 4 with perjury.

**Benjamin Reicks**, 27, 527 E. College St., was charged Feb. 4 with public intoxication.

**Nichole Smith**, 20, 2100 S. Scott Blvd. Apt. 122, was charged Sunday with driving while barred.

**Nicholas Stanley**, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Feb. 4 with public intoxication.

**Jenna Vansteltton**, 20, 431 E. Jefferson St. Apt. 3, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

**Brooks Wheelan**, 19, 2214 Quad, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

## CORRECTION

In the Feb. 6 story "Fanning the Hawkeye fervor," the date the photograph was taken was incorrectly stated as Feb. 4. The photo was actually taken Feb. 5. The *DI* regrets the error.

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# New courts up in air

## REC CENTER

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The university is already set to charge \$165 in student fees, when construction starts, to cover the building's cost and \$40 for ongoing use, said UI Student Government President Mark Kresowik. If building planners approve a multipurpose gym, fees could go up another \$10 to \$50.

"It seems pretty likely student assemblies would support such a small increase to get that in," Kresowik said.

A resolution passed by graduate and undergraduate student assemblies last week recommended that the UI recognize "students deserve better opportunities for recreation, including added gymnasium space to the East Side building," but it did not give a position on raising student fees.

The public will have to pay for membership, planners have said.

"[The Field House] courts are full every night. If there were another one across the river, it would get used, too. It would be a really big mistake not to include it."

— James Denker, UI graduate student

Construction was scheduled to start in June 2007, but it will likely be delayed, because the planning is taking longer than expected.

"The architect who met with us today said we're at least six months behind schedule," Ostrander said. "We're trying to speed up to get back on track."

He said officials will take comments from the community when they consider architectural design, but there won't be any more public forums for planning what to include in the building.

At the UI Field House Monday night, students were vocal about the inclusion of basketball courts in the new building. All of the courts in the south gym and main

gym were in use as UI graduate student James Denker waited on the bleachers for a chance to play.

"These courts are full every night," he said. "If there were another one across the river, it would get used, too. It would be a really big mistake not to include it."

Tyler Eason, an intramural graduate assistant for recreation services, said that on Friday and Saturday nights, players must wait about half an hour to get a badminton court.

Following construction of the east campus building, Recreational Services will renovate the Field House. It will stay open through its the process.

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# UI passes \$ goal

## UI FOUNDATION

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with the goal of bringing \$850 million to the UI.

Initial success caused UI President David Skorton to increase that goal to \$1 billion in 2004.

The most visible result of the record-setting campaign was the erection of 14 new or significantly renovated campus buildings, paid for under the foundation's facilities support.

The \$146 million in donations financed part of the Old Capitol Museum Renovation and the UI Athletics Hall of Fame,

among others.

Shullaw said a small number of large donations accounted for most of the gifts. The Carver Trust, for example, doled out \$63 million to the College of Medicine, which bears the name of Roy and Lucille Carver.

Still, small donations, many of which came via the student-employed telefund, helped bolster the record-setting sum.

"We have kids who've raised more than \$100,000 over the phone," said Jackie Aanes, who, as the telefund supervisor, oversees approximately 65 student callers. "Many times, the young alumni who feel a

connection to their school and give \$25 end up donating large sums in the future."

Shullaw also pointed out that university presidents nationwide have played an increasingly key role in fundraising — and Skorton was no exception.

"What Dave brought to the position was that he'd been here so long, knew so much about the institution, and had the contacts," she said. "He could talk so eloquently about everything, from medicine to his jazz show."

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# Iranians rip Danes

## BY NASSER KARIMI

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEHRAN, Iran — Hundreds of angry protesters hurled stones and fire bombs at the Danish Embassy in the Iranian capital Monday to protest publication of caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad. Police used tear gas and surrounded the walled villa to hold back the crowd.

It was the second attack on a Western mission in Tehran on Monday. Earlier in the day, 200 student demonstrators threw stones at the Austrian Embassy, breaking windows and starting small fires. The mission was targeted because Austria holds the presidency of the European Union.

Thousands more people joined violent demonstrations

across the world to protest publication of the caricatures of Muhammad, and the Bush administration appealed to Saudi Arabia to use its influence among Arabs to help ease tensions in the Middle East and Europe.

Afghan troops shot and killed four protesters, some as they tried to storm a U.S. military base outside Bagram — the first time a protest over the issue has targeted the United States. A teenage boy was killed when protesters stampeded in Somalia.

The EU issued stern reminders to 18 Arab and other Muslim countries that they are under treaty obligations to protect foreign embassies.

Lebanon apologized to Denmark — where the cartoons were first published — a day

after protesters set fire to a building housing the Danish mission in Beirut. The attack "harmed Lebanon's reputation and its civilized image," said Lebanese Information Minister Ghazi Aridi.

In the Iranian capital, police encircled the Danish Embassy but were unable to hold back 400 demonstrators as they tossed stones and Molotov cocktails at the walled brick villa. At least nine protesters were hurt, police said.

Approximately an hour into the protest, police fired tear gas, driving the demonstrators into a nearby park. Later, around 20 people returned and tried to break through police lines to enter the embassy compound but were blocked by security forces.

# Loans may cost more

## RATES

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percent of what Congress would otherwise spend during the next five years." Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, however, said the plan favors the wealthy instead of helping the needy.

His concerns mirrored those of Rep. James Leach, R-Iowa, who voted against the bill on Feb. 1. It passed the House, 216-214.

Leach "is basically concerned about the fairness of asking people to sacrifice while at the same time offering tax relief to people with high incomes," said Greg Wierzynski, the congressman's chief of staff.

White House spokesman Trent Duffy, however, said the plan would only affect lending agencies who have benefited from "corporate welfare" by pocketing government subsidies in the past.

"Whatever concerns your school has are completely misplaced," he said.

The bill will raise interest rates on PLUS loans from 7.9

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— Derek Willard, the UI special assistant to the president for Governmental Relations

percent to 8.5 percent to coincide with a previously set increase for Stafford loans. The interest rate on Stafford loans is variable now, ranging from 4.7 to 5.3 percent, but that will be increased to a fixed rate of 6.8 percent in July.

Mark Warner, the director of UI Student Financial Aid, said that while he understands the need for deficit reduction, he would prefer the budget savings go toward other financial-aid programs, such as Pell grants, which haven't been increased for the last three years.

"I think the biggest effect on students will be the change in the interest rate," he said.

UI students, collectively, had approximately \$100 million in Stafford loan debt last year, he said.

Derek Willard, the UI special assistant to the president for Governmental Relations,

echoed Warner's concerns.

"I don't know what the effect will be, but I know it will raise questions for students," he said.

Carly Blankenship, a UI senior who uses student loans, said the increases wouldn't affect her because she is graduating soon. However, she said, the government needs to help middle-class students in other ways.

"I think there could be more scholarships to people in the middle range," she said.

Jeremy Liabo, another UI senior, said while he didn't have any student loans, he would prefer that Congress cut "pork-barrel projects, such as the proposed Coralville rain forest" instead of student aid.

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Buddhist monk Kelsang Wangden speaks with an attendee following his weekly Introduction to Meditation program at the Lamrim Buddhist Center on Monday evening. Wangden moved here from Chicago one month ago after his teacher of six years, Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso, asked him to go to Iowa City to lead the weekly sessions. Classes are held every Monday night, providing an introduction to Buddhist thought and meditation practices.

NATION

Thousands pay respects to Scott King

ATLANTA (AP) — Thousands of mourners filed past the casket of Coretta Scott King on Monday, paying their respects to the "first lady of the civil-rights movement" at the historic church where her husband shared his dream for equality in the 1960s.

People lined up for blocks outside Ebenezer Baptist Church, waiting for hours in freezing rain for a moment to bid farewell to the widow of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Across the street, an estimated 1,700 people filled the church's newer facility for a musical tribute,

including Oprah Winfrey and other entertainers, such as Gladys Knight.

"For me, she embodied royalty. She was the queen," Winfrey said. "You knew she was a force."

Winfrey laughed as she described persuading Scott King to get a new hairdo on her TV show. And she became emotional when she told how Scott King, in the week before her death, sent her a handmade quilt that her husband's mother had passed down.

"She leaves us all a better America than the America of her childhood," Winfrey said.

Scott King, 78, died Jan. 30 at an alternative-medicine clinic in Mexico, where doctors said she was battling advanced ovarian cancer. She also had been recovering from a stroke and heart attack.

# Groups not so honorable

## HONORS

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"There are quite a few groups with low standards that call themselves honor societies," she said. "Those with lower standards just want more people."

These "recognition societies" have been around for decades, she said, but the Internet has spurred an influx in the groups. Mitstifer said there are only 67 honor societies certified to the national standards — but several hundred uncertified groups exist. While she knows of no lawsuits or legislation dealing with the uncertified organizations, she said, some societies have gone out of business because the Better Business Bureau have challenged their legitimacy.

Numerous UI students received postcard invitations to join the National Scholars Honor Society this year, Prineas said. The organization is not recognized by the UI Honors Program or the national honor-society association, Prineas said, because it invites students indiscriminately, has no minimum required GPA, has no local chapter, no local adviser, no local meetings, does no community service, and charges a \$75 membership fee.

Phi Sigma Theta also solicits UI student membership but is not recognized by the Honors Program. While it has a minimum 3.0 GPA, the organization is inactive and has no scheduled meetings. A lifetime membership costs \$50. A representative from Phi Sigma Theta declined to comment, and the National Scholars Honor Society could not be reached for comment.

The UI Graduate College doesn't put much faith in many of these organizations, said John Keller, the dean of the graduate school, adding that he believes the importance of an honor society on the résumé depends on which organization it is. He said it is considered but not given "high priority."

One society the UI Honors Program does endorse is National Society of Collegiate Scholars. The UI chapter president said she wants to break the stereotypes that honor societies are a waste of money.

"I want people to realize that honor societies give students many amazing opportunities, and I discourage anyone from

thinking that all they offer is a résumé builder," said UI senior Courtney Farrell.

The national collegiate society raised more than \$12,000 for Dance Marathon this year, making it one of the top contributing student organizations. The UI provides the national chapter with a list of eligible students to invite, and the invitations are sent on UI letterhead with a local contact number — two things students must look for when deciding whether to join the society, Prineas said.

Regardless, students should only join a group if they are looking for involvement, not prestige, she said.

"Students need to make wise choices about how to spend their money," Prineas said. "Honor societies are great for students seeking a way to be involved on campus. Don't join unless you plan on being an active member."

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# Hotel tells smokers to butt out

BY SAM EDSILL AND  
MEGHAN V. MALLOY  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Following a nationwide trend of smoke-free hotels, two local business owners are telling clients to take it outside.

HotelVetro, 201 S. Linn St., is the latest to open (Feb. 3) under the smoke-free banner; it will be joined in August by the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Coralville.

Bobby Jett, who co-owns hotelVetro with local developer Marc Moen, said that while some smokers may object to the Vetro's policy, it will eventually work in the facility's favor.

"I remember there was backlash when a smoking ban was being placed on restaurants," Jett said on Monday. "You have [backlash] with anything involving a smoking ban, but I think people will be happy there's a place without smoking."

The Iowa City City Council passed an ordinance banning smoking in restaurants in 2001 but repealed it in 2003, after the Iowa Supreme Court struck down a similar provision in Ames because it conflicted with existing state laws.

Still, smoke-free hotels continue to grow in popularity across the country. In December 2005, Westin Hotels and Resorts announced it will become the first major hotel chain to make the move. The company has 77 locations in North America and the Caribbean.

Justin Hannah, the



Sarah Mercier/The Daily Iowan

In room 410 of hotelVetro on Monday, Feb. 6, general manager Jay LeaVesseur explains the facility's no-smoking policy by saying, "The property is just too new, it's too nice." The hotel will have two restaurants, a Japanese oil-free shabu-shabu restaurant and a holistic organic restaurant, and guests will also have access to a fitness center.

Coralville Marriott's director of marketing and sales, said the decision not to allow smoking was made to appeal to a wider swath of customers.

"We did not want to alienate patrons who do smoke, but the majority of our customers are asking for — even demanding — smoke-free rooms," he said.

In Cedar Falls, the Blackhawk Hotel has been smoke-free since

2002. The boutique hotel's owner, Dan Tindell, said he made the decision because most of his patrons, even those who do smoke, prefer nonsmoking rooms. Now that Westin is promoting a smokeless environment, he said, its only a matter of time before other chains follow suit.

"It took the big boys four years to catch up to where we are," Tindell said.

Not all lodging in Iowa City is jumping on the bandwagon, however. The Sheraton Hotel, 210 S. Dubuque St., still has one floor designated for smoking clients.

Manager Nicki Connor said that even with hotelVetro and Marriott opening their doors, the Sheraton is not anticipating any negative effects.

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# Cartoon furor illustrates deep divisions in world

BY EMILEIGH BARNES  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Danish cartoons that generated fiery protests in the Middle East show a split in worldviews that may never be reconciled, UI community members said Monday.

Muslims expressed outrage over caricatures of the prophet Muhammad that circulated throughout European newspapers. Creating any likeness of Muhammad is forbidden in Islamic tradition.

"In a way, these cartoons are like throwing salt in a wound to a Muslim world that largely feels victimized by foreign occupation," said Aman Aminzay, a UI medical student and a Muslim.

Shams Ghoneim, coordinator of Muslim Public Affairs Council in Iowa, said the Middle Eastern response, though

unacceptable, was understandable.

"This is a deliberate incitement of a minority group in Europe — or wherever these cartoons may eventually be published," Ghoneim said. "It's confrontational, and it's inflammatory. I think freedom of speech has been misused and abused in the Western part of the world and specifically in Europe."

Lyombe Eko, a UI assistant professor of journalism and mass communication, said cartoons are often specifically designed to evoke emotions. If people protested every offensive drawing, no cartoons would remain, he said.

"All cartoons are designed to be critical," said Eko, who has studied cartoons extensively. "It is part of freedom of the speech and the press. It is incorrect for

extremists to try to impose their laws on Danes and Norwegians."

The newspapers printing the cartoons are correctly standing by its freedom of expression, he said.

Aminzay said he thought republication of the drawings should be prohibited.

"Although the right for freedom of speech should be respected, I think where it crosses the boundary is depictions of prophets and respected religious figures that are done in ways that can incite hatred and promote intolerance of people of other faiths," Aminzay said.

As the protests play out, Middle

Easterners could become more hostile and Europeans could become more skeptical about allowing Muslim immigration, said Douglas Madsen, a UI political-science professor.

Finding a solution for such conflicts is not easy, he noted.

Eko said the conflict is essentially a clash between universal rights and what countries decide to print should be determined by their individual laws.

"If the Muslims do not like the cartoons, they should not show them in their country," he said.

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## EDITORIAL

# TouchPlay troubles no surprise

The gathering storm of angry legislators over Iowa's TouchPlay video-gambling machines, whose highlight so far was a bipartisan upbraiding of Iowa Lottery director Ed Stanek, has already secured a 60-day moratorium on new machines from Gov. Tom Vilsack, and legislators seem to be just warming up. Their outrage isn't really justified, given the machines' history, but it might serve a useful purpose.

Legislative action in 2002 allowed the installation of TouchPlay machines in non-casino locations, such as gas stations, bars, and convenience stores. Since 2004, the machines have appeared across the state, sparking complaints and a legislative backlash that has yet to progress much beyond finger-pointing.

The central question is how closely the TouchPlay games resemble slot machines — which they do, quite obviously. Rep. Christopher Rants, R-Sioux City, castigated Stanek for "misleading" legislators, but this is preposterous: What exactly did Rants expect, a video scratch-off? Legislators cannot have been so ignorant of the machines' nature when they authorized their installation in the first place; if there truly was any such confusion, legislators should have found the time to do a bit more investigation before voting to allow them. Angry blustering in 2006 does not disguise failing to do their homework in 2002.

The legislature's newfound indignation is more likely aimed to appease angry constituents than a reaction to "deception" on the part of Stanek or anyone else. This is understandable: Iowans have raised many legitimate concerns over the TouchPlay machines' effect on parenting, gambling addiction, and counties' autonomy.

TouchPlay lottery games are not the only way for underage people to gamble, but they are certainly the easiest. In January, Uncle Buck's Bar & Grill in Ottumwa was cited for allowing a minor to play a TouchPlay

machine — after the minor tried to collect her \$1,000 winnings. There is no way of knowing how many other minors gained access to the machines and didn't win. And, while a person with a gambling addiction may avoid temptation by staying away from casinos, it's much harder to avoid gas stations, grocery stores, bars, restaurants, and the other places in which Iowa's thousands of TouchPlay games are located. Moreover, counties that voted to bar gambling have had their judgment effectively overruled by the state.

The only safeguard legislators included in the 2002 law requires the machines to be built within the clerk's or cashier's line of sight. But should policing the gambling machines be left to harried waitresses and high-school-age grocery-store cashiers? Licensed casinos can train their staff to handle these issues better. The state needs to weigh the risk of underage gambling against the economic benefit to businesses and to the state.

The biggest problem with the new machines may simply be how successful they are — the machines have brought in an estimated \$45 million for the state's general fund. The casinos are nervous about their new competitor, which may be the real reason why legislators such as Rants, are causing a commotion. They want to put control of the TouchPlay machines in the hands of the Racing and Gaming Commission — the same body that governs the casinos. This would benefit the casino industry, but how it would benefit Iowans remains unclear.

Changing management and maligning the lottery director won't solve any of the problems that Iowans have with TouchPlay. Lawmakers should be debating the machines' benefits and drawbacks with honesty and reason, not indulging in overwrought political posturing and melodramatic personal attacks.

# Tinfoil & Dada

A curious note wafted out of Baghdad last week, which has been the source of around a thousand nights of curious notes in recent years. Give or take a curious note. Or a curious night.

A judge in the Saddam Hussein trial, noting that the ex-dictator and other defendants (not to mention the courtroom) were not actually *in* the courtroom, said, "By their absence, they are present."

Kafka couldn't have written it any better.

Nor Dali painted it any more clearly — though I'm not sure that painting clearly was ever Dali's intention.

And so, when you ask, How goes the planting of democracy in the Middle East that the Bush administration crows so mightily about? — you know the answer:

Democracy is present in its absence. And thus, the United States continues to plant some more seeds of democracy in the Middle East. Who knew, those few years ago (outside of people in Florida), that our government meant it was going to plant seeds of *Dada* democracy, meaning that the reality-based community's notion of democracy slides off the edge of the table like a Dali watch?

So it should come as no great surprise that Cowboy in Chief Richard W. Nixon has tried his best to defend his warrentless domestic-spying program by invoking lies, half-lies, quarter-truths, and the surveillance techniques of Abraham Lincoln.

Well, Nixon's thinking goes, if *Dada* democracy is good enough for Iraq and Florida, it should be good enough for the rest of those whiners. Who do they think they are, anyway? And lies, half-lies, and quarter-truths are what Nixon excels in. That was his major in college, after all, and the only curious note is, you have to wonder how he only managed to get those gentleman's C's.

But the surveillance techniques of Abraham Lincoln? You just get the feeling that Nixon has been spending too much time in the Oval Office scampering about on his hands and knees, chasing and battling around little balls of tinfoil.

That scenario would explain a lot of the curious notes coming out of the Nixon White House lately. And it would explain why the administration has been denuding our prized tinfoil forests.

I mean, otherwise, this whole domestic-spying program makes no sense. Oh, I know, Nixon and his posse have contended that it "has saved thousands of lives" (Stealth President Cheney), but even America's No. 2 spymaster, Michael Hayden, last week said he "cannot personally estimate" such a high number.

The one case that the administration trots out in defense of the program is that of the kook who wanted to bring down the Brooklyn Bridge with a blowtorch (talk about your curious notes). But even in his case, FBI agents say the domestic-spying program had little to do with catching him.

And, as the *Washington Post* reported Sunday, this is not a tightly focused program, as the administration has contended. Thousands of American citizens have been swept up in the net, the *Post* reported, citing intelligence sources. And the vast, vast majority have been "washed out" — dismissed as being any kind of potential terrorist suspect.

Which means that thousands of innocent people have been spied upon. And that makes some in the intelligence community a tad uncomfortable. As the *Post* reports, "National-security lawyers, in and out of government, said the washout rate raised fresh doubts about the program's lawfulness under the Fourth Amendment, because a search cannot be judged 'reasonable' if it is based on evidence that experience shows to be unreliable."

So what we have here is an administration riding roughshod over the Constitution and existing law — and accomplishing almost nothing.

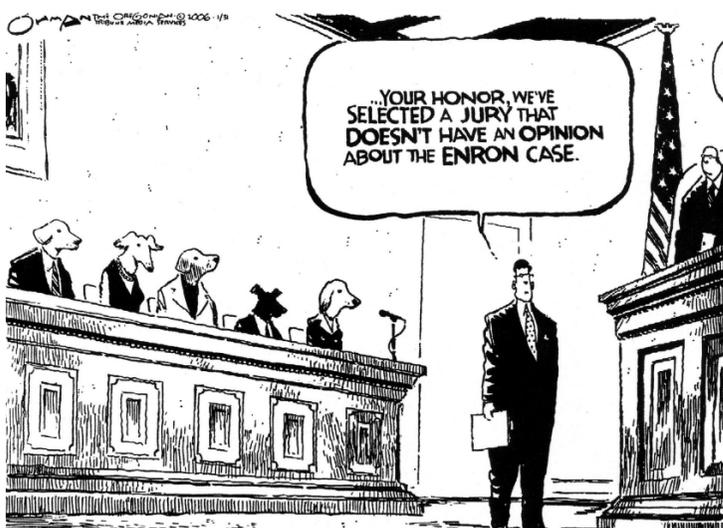
Doesn't that make you feel all warm and fuzzy? Apparently, Baghdad isn't the only spot with curious notes.

I don't know about you, but somehow, I felt a whole lot safer when all the administration was doing was denuding the prized tinfoil forests. ■

Beau Elliot obviously doesn't care about our prized tinfoil forests, having single-handedly denuded several of them in order to play with a cat. The hypocrisy of liberals seems unbounded, if not unfilled.



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must be fast-tracked so that as many counties as possible can benefit from the extended deadline. The only way that will happen is if members of Congress hear from their constituents that passage of HR 4666 must be a priority. It's about your vote, too.  
Michael Mitchell  
Swisher resident

## COMMENTARY

# Nepal's election: kingdom in crisis

Once upon a time, there was a king who acted like a dictator. That did not go well, so the king called an election. But the people doubted him. Rebels boycotted, assassinating two candidates and threatening to kill more. So the king offered life insurance to anyone who would stay on the ballot.

The situation in Nepal might seem like a comic fairy tale, if it were not actually a dire reality. The Himalayan kingdom, once a paradise for traveling hippies and mountain climbers but now plagued by civil war, is devolving into political miasma. Every attempt to make things better seems to leave them worse.

King Gyanendra, frustrated by his inability to defeat a Maoist insurgency, took drastic measures one year ago. Already head of the government, he attempted to seize control of all information, shutting down phone lines, cell phones, and Internet access and dictating exactly what could be broadcast or printed within Nepal. Yet his promises — to end the civil war, crush the Maoists, and return the country to democracy in 100 days — went nowhere. Phone service eventually resumed, but political progress froze.

Now, taking a different tack, the king has scheduled municipal elections to

take place across Nepal on Wednesday. But the nation's opposition parties are refusing to field candidates.

Past elections in Nepal, beginning in 1990, have generally been ruined by blatant ballot stuffing and vote buying. In a country that is still dirt poor, with per-capita income at less than \$25 a month, a Maoist campaign sprouted in 1996 and won support for its plan to redistribute wealth, end the monarchy, and nationalize state assets. In 10 years, more than 12,000 people have died in the civil war, as the rebels gained control of more and more of the countryside.

In a bizarre episode in 2001, a crown prince who had been drinking shot and killed his parents — the king and queen — as well as a sister and a brother, before committing suicide. Gyanendra, brother to the slain king and nearest surviving male kin, became the monarch. Unpopular and politically inept, he has done little to inspire confidence. Token elections are better than none at all, but real positive change is still a long way off.

This editorial appeared in Monday's *Los Angeles Times*.

## ON THE SPOT

What do you think about the new TouchPlay gambling?



"I don't support it, because I think gambling can do a lot of harm."

Melissa Marino  
UI freshman



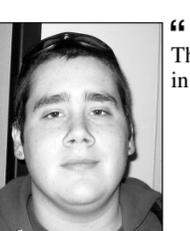
"It can be pretty bad. I've had people ask me for money to gamble."

Jessica Pohl  
UI freshman



"I don't think it's worth a fuss."

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"They're stupid. They should stay in casinos."

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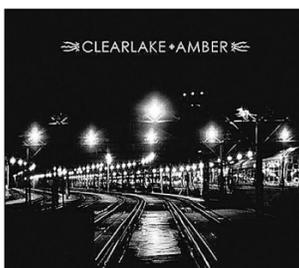
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## Coming out of a funk

BY CHARLIE MORAN  
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### ALBUM REVIEW

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### GIVE A LISTEN

Clearlake

Amber

### Featured tracks:

- "No Kind of Life"
- "It's Getting Light Outside"

When the tears are dry and the phone crawls back onto its cradle, there is one effective medicine to soothe an achy breakup: Head to a pub with your mates and laugh about your misery.

With two hauntingly bitter albums in the past, Clearlake seems finally ready for this sort of catharsis. On *Amber* [Domino], the Sussex lads leave much of their familiar, dreary surroundings for the lure of loud-and-fast British nightlife. The spooky mist that barely concealed the violence and desperation of their 2003 album, *Cedars*, has been replaced by the honeyed glow of street lamps and the promising rays of the coming dawn.

The call-to-arms track, "Good Clean Fun," encapsulates this aesthetic when singer Jason Pegg begs over an abrasive Primal Scream groove: "Good clean fun / never hurt no one / I'd like to know where I can get mine."

But, like any other dejected lover, Clearlake can never really leave its pain at the door. Instead, the band squelches it with dance-floor tempos, riotous guitar solos, and a hypnotically persistent kick drum.

On tracks such as "Finally Free," the group loses all inhibitions, cracking a woodblock and shaking hips to chugg-a-chugg-a guitar chords. On this song and others, such as "I Hate It That I Got What I Wanted," Pegg mimics the scrappiness of early Blur with unpredictable chord changes and infectious tavern chants.

The album is shrewdly paced, with the choicest nuggets spread from beginning to end. The anthemic first track, "No Kind of Life," with stomping battle drums and prickly, low guitar fuzz, is a post-breakup assertion of independence. On "It's Getting Light Outside," Pegg's reedy vocals caress like Morrissey's as he recalls a tender reunion with an old flame.

Halfway through the disc, "I Dreamt That You Died" is slow and somber, a shattered yet reassuring wee-hour telephone call recounting a painful nightmare. Pegg says he wrote the song for someone else to sing, but it's unfathomable without his earnest English diction.

Nipping at its tail, the Pulp-thumping "Far Away" bounds across with reverb and alienation.

Clearlake finishes with the epic "Widescreen," in which Pegg can no longer guard his conscience. He sings, "I'm the first to confess I get used to being unhappy / I get caught in a loop like a scratched CD / I'm the first to confess I do it 'cause it's easy." After the clatter of guitar and ride cymbals fade away, the album ends with uneasy guitar chords sliding into silence.

*Amber* is full of songs that get better through repeated draughts, but some grow stale before you've finished swallowing. "Here to Learn," with a repeating rocket-riff that rarely lets up and a numbing lack of variation, is a moment of weakness. "Neon," the album's first single, built on a throwaway Godsmack riff, is full of uninspired, chanted verses and is easily forgotten by the next morning like 100 lame come-ons to 100 bored cocktail waitresses.

But in the oft-unforgiving world of the recently single, we should try to forgive these sorts of excesses. Clearlake's latest isn't as creepy, subtle, and mystifying as *Cedars*, and it won't haunt your waking dreams with ghosts of the English countryside.

*Amber* won't bolster any of your illusions, but it's got some good advice for making them disappear.

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## WHATCHA LISTENING TO?



• Steven Pinter  
UI sophomore, 19

"It's easy-listening and kind of soothing."

Ryan Cabrera  
*Take It All Away*  
"Take It All Away"



• Adam Garcia  
UI senior, 23

"It's relaxing, easy to read with."

Sigur Rós  
(*Untitled 2*)  
"Untitled 2"



• Jon Higgerson  
UI sophomore, 20

"I don't think of demons, just how harsh reality can be."

Black Sabbath  
*The Mob Rules*  
"E5150"



• Ian Bell  
UI sophomore, 19

"It takes me back home, because I grew up on a farm."

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BY JESSICA FISCHOFF  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Battlerusa is not a fight to the death — it is a live music showdown pitting slide-guitar strings against steady drum beats, jousting vocal harmonies against acoustic instrumentation. Ultimately, Battlerusa is an 18 U.S.-city touring musical competition, offering the prize in each site of a coveted spot on the lineup of the Wakarusa Music and Camping Festival, to be held in Lawrence, Kan., June 8-11.

In November 2005, Loyal Family, a St. Louis-based art and music promotion company proposed hosting nationwide musical competitions that would provide performance slots to smaller artists as part of Wakarusa's focus on local, soil-steeped music.

"We are acting as a promotional vehicle for the festival by traveling throughout the country in search of bands to perform there," said Joshua Grigaitis, 28, the company's founder.

"But we're also making personal connections with the bands and the venues along the way."

Loyal Family will bring Battlerusa to Gabe's, 330 E. Washington St., at 7 p.m. today, promising to add a budding Iowa City act to Wakarusa this summer. Bambu, Euforquestra, the Letterpress Opry, Public Property, Stable Daze, and Straiht Wikid Crew will bring a competitive mix of hip-hop and rock 'n' roll to Gabe's in hopes of impressing the Loyal Family with their musical ability.

Now in its third year, Wakarusa initially began as a festival highlighting dominant acts in the jam-band community. By seeking bands from across the country, Loyal



Aaron Hall Holmgren/The Daily Iowan  
Euforquestra member Ryan Jeter and the rest of the band practice on Oct. 5, 2005. Euforquestra is one of the groups that will compete in a Battle of the Bands to be held at Gabe's today.



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Family is attempting to bring variety to the Wakarusa front, a trend that Grigaitis says is beginning to influence the broader jam-band scene.

"For so long, jam bands have been stereotyped as doing the Grateful Dead thing, or doing the Phish thing, but, lately, they have incorporated jazz, bluegrass, soul, and so much more into their music," he said. "There's a little bit for everyone in this scene."

The Letterpress Opry has

been preparing for its performance since early winter in hopes of dodging the drawbacks of competition.

"Our past experience with contests has taught us they can be a double-edged sword," said Stacy Webster, the band's lead guitarist and vocalist.

"They can be exciting, but they can also have a nerve-racking lead-up that is not fun. But there is the potential of a slot at Wakarusa, which would be hard to get any other way."

But Grigaitis wants each Battlerusa competition not to have an overwhelming competitive nature. Loyal Family members, not attendees, will determine the winning bands.

"We already know the bands are talented," said Grigaitis, who picked the Gabe's lineup from among more than twice as many artists.

"We want this to be more of a showcase."

Eric Quiner, the keyboardist for Euforquestra, says his band's strategy will be to play up its poppiness.

"There is a lightheartedness involved, but we all want to win," he said.

"We want to show Loyal Family what we represent."

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## the ledge

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MICHAEL MOLLER

### Super Bowl Halftime Thoughts

- I found Mick Jagger's treasure trail more offensive than Janet Jackson's nipple slip.
- If I wanted to see creepy old men, I'd go to the Ped Mall and watch the Lion King guy dig in the trash.
- My friend Jake Nickel during halftime commented, "My grandma's totally aroused right now."
- Michael Moore has less upper arm flab than Mick Jagger.
- The kitty halftime show featuring kittens lying on their backs playing with balls of yarn was more entertaining.
- I actually missed hearing John Madden's voice.
- My 5-year-old illegitimate daughter does her pliés better.
- A girl standing in the stage crowd was so bored she carried on a cell-phone conversation.
- Wanting something exciting to happen and finding myself wishing the entire time someone in the crowd would get lit on fire.
- The professional hip thruster showing what he did to way too many of our moms.

— Michael Moller is still recovering from the Super Bowl. E-mail him at: michael-moller@uiowa.edu

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## horoscopes

Tuesday, February 7, 2006  
— by Eugenia Last

- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You can surprise someone who is interested in what you have to say and do. A chance to make money or come into a gift is apparent. Be careful not to take what's not yours. If you are uncertain as to what belongs to whom, ask.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Don't get angry about the way things are being done and the lack of reforms being made. Instead, do something about it. Speak up for what you believe in and for those unable to fend for themselves.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You will have an opportunity you must take advantage of today. By concentrating on one thing, you can make the greatest change. Now is not the time to spread your talent around.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** A change in your personal life will be exhilarating. Do something a little different with your spare time, but don't overspend. Your heart will be in the right place, but that doesn't mean you should bail someone you love out of a financial mess.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Be honest with yourself about a partnership you are in, and you will make the right decision. An opportunity to give back to your community will make you feel good. You will impress someone special with your thoughtfulness.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Don't get angry about work or with the people you have to deal with today, or little will be accomplished. Take the time to do your job right, and disregard what others do or say. You will be the one who gets ahead if you are diligent.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Travel, entertainment, and pursuing a creative dream should all be a part of your day. Plan your next vacation, or start off on a trip. An opportunity to turn one of your hobbies into a lucrative pastime looks promising.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Tempers may be mounting, especially with people whom you deal with regularly. Don't let these people get to you. Get out with friends who understand you. Your feelings regarding a certain someone appear to be changing.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You will want to be in the center of whatever is going on today. You will have lots of wonderful suggestions, but someone may take what you are trying to do the wrong way. Diplomacy will be important.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You can make some very worthwhile changes to the way you earn your living. Think about the things you enjoy doing most, and you will discover the direction that best suits you. It's time to incorporate your talents into your daily schedule.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** This is a perfect time to do some fixing up to make your home more comfortable. Inviting someone to stay with you or opening your doors to a group you belong to will help put you in a superior position. Romance should be on your mind.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Your changing moods may confuse some of the people in your life. It is probably due to a secret you've been keeping. Money matters can be cleared up but only if you stop being a spendthrift.

## today's events

- **Total Time Management: How to Better Organize Your Life, UI Learning & Development, 8:30 a.m., IMU**
- **Campus Activities Board event, Intersection, male a cappella ensemble, noon, IMU Wheelroom**
- **Career Education Series, "Interviewing Tips and Techniques," 12:10 p.m., C310 Pomerantz Center**
- **Career Services Expo Activation Session Info session on UI Employment Expo, an online recruiting system, 3 p.m., C310 Pomerantz Career Center**
- **College of Engineering Job and Internship Fair, 3-7 p.m., Sheraton Hotel, 210 S. Dubuque**
- **Mandatory Student Organization Workshops, 4 p.m., IMU Big Ten lobby**
- **Afro-American Cultural Center Black**
- **History Month Event, "What Are You Going to Do After College" panel discussion, 6 p.m., Afro-American Cultural Center**
- **Create Valentine Crafts, 6 p.m., Latino Native American Cultural Center**
- **Ice Cream Social, Alpha Epsilon Phi Social Event, 7 p.m., 346 IMU**
- **Battlerusa: Battle of the Bands, 7 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington**
- **Israeli Film Series, The Syrian Bride, 7 p.m., Hillel Foundation, 122 E. Market**
- **The Passenger, 7 p.m., Bijou**
- **Movie Night, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn**
- **Richard Buckner and Doug Gillard, with Andrew Gaffrey, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington**
- **Forty Shades of Blue, 9:30 p.m. Bijou**

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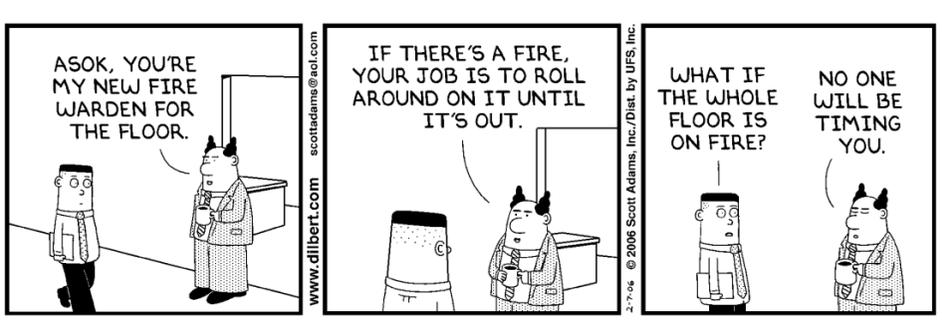
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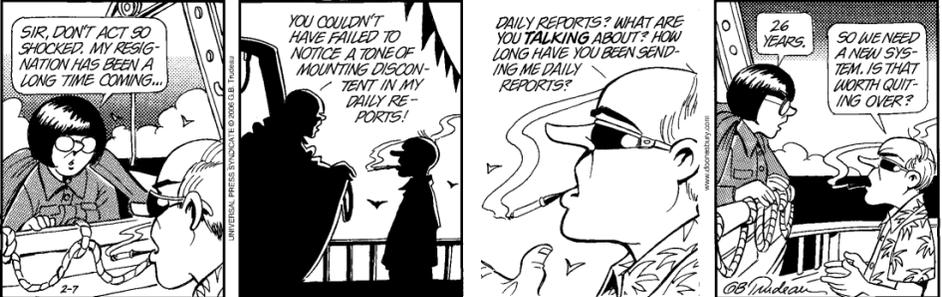
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- 6:05 Iowa Basketball with Steve Alford
- 6:30 Lisa Bluder Conference with the News Media
- 7 The Martin Luther King Unity Step Show Presentation
- 8:45 The Other Side of AGEF
- 10 Iowa Basketball with Steve Alford
- 10:30 DITV News, The Daily Iowan Daily News Update
- 10:40 Lisa Bluder Conference with the News Media
- 11 The Word No. 6, Recovering New Orleans

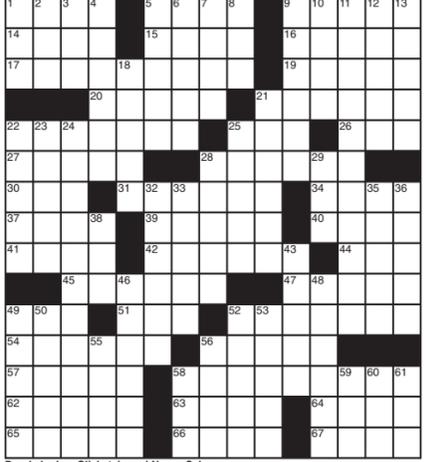
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  - Tattle (on)
  - Knight's "suit"
  - "Ain't that the truth!"
  - Where to get off
  - Lorna of literature
  - Flier of coffee for long distances?
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  - Big 60's dos
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  - Martians, e.g., in brief
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  - Bleep out
  - Surgery ctrs.
  - Steps out of France
  - Not completely closed
  - Sound heard in 17- and 58-Across and 11- and 24-Down
  - Grenade part
  - Kind of engr.
  - Hoofing it
  - "This \_\_\_ test"
  - Long arms?
  - Went like a shooting star
  - Ottoman governor
  - TV spots
  - Fearful feeling
  - Private gag
  - Corners
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  - High school grads?
  - The one with 0 in 7-0
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  - Wings it
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  - Witticism from Sherlock Holmes?
  - Take care of
  - Sleeve ends
  - Clumsy sort
  - Tristan's love
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  - Noted bankruptcy of 2001
  - They may be graduated
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**90.7 million watch Super Bowl**

NEW YORK (AP) — An estimated 90.7 million people watched the Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Seattle Seahawks Sunday, the largest Super Bowl audience since the Steelers last played in the title game, in 1996. The audience was 5 percent bigger than the 86.1 million people who watched the New England Patriots beat the Philadelphia Eagles last year, according to preliminary estimates from Nielsen Media Research.

When the Dallas Cowboys beat the Steelers in 1996, there were 94.1 million people watching.

**HAWKEYES**

**Softball gears up**

The No. 19 Iowa softball team will host its annual "Meet the Hawks" night today at the Iowa Athletics Hall of Fame, with the event starting at 6:30 p.m. Coach Gayle Blevins, members of her staff, and the entire 2006 Hawkeye squad will be on hand.

The gathering will include a short program, with pizza and soft drinks available. Exhibit space in the Hall of Fame will also be open to the public. Fans planning on attending are encouraged to send a RSVP top at (319) 335-9257.



**Blevins**  
softball coach

The Hawkeyes will open their season Friday against 10th-ranked Georgia in the Diamond Fun and Sun Classic in Miami — the first of six currently ranked opponents the Hawkeyes will face this year. Iowa will also face Tennessee, which is ranked third, and No. 21 Louisiana-Lafayette at the NFCA Lead-off Classic on Feb. 24-26 in Columbus, Ga. They will face No. 7 California in the National Invitational Softball Tournament on March 18.

Blevins' team is one of three Big Ten teams in the ESPN.com/USA Softball poll. Michigan, the defending national champion, sits atop the rankings, while Northwestern is 15th. The Hawkeyes must again travel to Evanston, where they were swept last year, in a double-header April 2, while the Wolverines will come to Iowa City for games April 14-15.

Iowa will open at home March 24 against Loyola-Chicago, and it will start Big Ten play at Pearl Field with Minnesota on April 7.

— by Nick Richards

**NCAA**

**Stinson named Big 12 player of the week**

AMES (AP) — Iowa State junior guard Curtis Stinson was named Big 12 player of the week Monday after posting the third triple-double in school history.

Stinson scored 24 points, grabbed 10 rebounds, and dished out 10 assists to lead the Cyclones past Colorado, 96-79, on Sunday.

Stinson joined Marc Urquhart and Jamaal Tinsley as the only Cyclones to record triple-doubles. Urquhart notched one against Illinois-Chicago, in 1989, and Jamaal Tinsley recorded his against Missouri, in 2000.

Stinson ranks second in the Big 12 with 19.6 points per game, and his 5.4 assists a game is third-best in the conference.

## Aging pool a challenge

*The Field House pool, constructed in 1927, is acting its age*



Beth Skogen/The Daily Iowan

UI student Nick Runions swims laps in the Field House pool.

BY CHARLIE KAUTZ  
THE DAILY IOWAN

First greeted by layers of chipped turquoise paint, visitors then encounter the smell of chlorine, which hits like a freight train. A loud creak from the diving tower resounds across the tattered ceiling, punishing spectators' ears, and the room echoes like a cave. Heavy beads of sweat begin to slide down fans' faces as they move closer to the water.

Welcome to the Field House pool. Renovation plans, dating back to 2001, have been on hold for nearly five years because of budget constraints and upgrades to other athletics facilities. The pool's condition has hindered both recruiting and the swimming program's ability to schedule home competition.

The latest details include hopes to break ground on a new facility in June 2007, with completion to come in late 2009 or early 2010.

"It's a matter of timing and sources of funding," said Jane Meyer, the Iowa senior associate athletics director. "Success of the program is not a factor."

"Is it a do or die thing? No." In the past 35 years, the men's and women's programs have combined for two Big Ten championships. Last year, the men's team placed 10th, while the women's team finished eighth at the conference meet. Neither team won a dual meet in the Big Ten this season, and the Hawkeyes hosted just two meets.

Second-year head coach Marc Long, a former Hawkeye All-American, is well aware of the effect the pool's length and status has on the program.

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**UI OFFICIALS ON THE FIELD HOUSE POOL — THEN & NOW**



**Bowsby**

**ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT**

"I think we would have difficulty fielding quality swimming programs without an upgraded venue. It's certainly one of the glaring weaknesses, in terms of the overall facility package."

— Athletics Director **Bob Bowsby**, January 2004

"It's a matter of timing and sources of funding. Success of the program is not a factor. Is it a do or die thing? No."

— **Jane Meyer**, senior associate athletics director, February 2006



**Meyer**

**RECREATIONAL SERVICES**

"Currently, it is functioning fine. But because of its age and old filtration system, we are always concerned that, should we have a major problem, we have no other university pool to relocate programs. Providing that we don't run into a major problem with the filtration system, we feel we can make the Field House pool function for our entire program needs until 2008."

— **Harry Ostrander**, director of Recreational Services, January 2005

"Our intercollegiate teams are definitely handicapped. It's particularly hard with the competition we are recruiting against. We're functioning, getting by, until we get the new pool."

— **Ostrander**, February 2006



**Long**

**COACHES**

"It needs some serious updating, just to bring it up to code, so we're going to need a pool regardless. I'd really be surprised if they built a new rec facility without a pool. It needs some serious updates, and I don't think an 80-year-old building can really afford many updates."

— **Marc Long**, swimming coach, January 2004

"Obviously, the facility is one of the key components to a successful program. A new pool not only will allow us a place to train effectively, but it will give us a place to hold junior-style national meets that will bring thousands of recruit-age athletes and parents to our university."

— **Long**, January 2005

"It is a challenge for having home competitions. It provides for us to have adequate training. Our national events are all long course, so it is a disadvantage."

— **Long**, February 2006

## Alford likes the view

BY JASON BRUMMOND  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Sitting at the top of the top-ranked conference in college basketball, Iowa coach Steve Alford nearly missed the moment that happened last weekend. But then his wife called.



**Alford**  
men's basketball coach

Penn State's 66-65 victory over Illinois on Feb. 4 allowed the Hawkeyes to break away from the pack and perch alone in first place in the Big Ten in February for the first time in 24 years.

Alford almost missed the dramatic finish to the Illinois-Penn State game. The seven-year coach turned off the game when the Illini jumped out to a 13-0 lead but reached for the clicker when wife Tanya Alford called on her way back from Des Moines.

"My wife called and said, 'Are you watching this?'" Alford said Monday. "We immediately turned it on and watched the end of the game."

The Hawkeyes — off to their best start under Alford — haven't been 7-2 in league play since 1996-97, when the team reached the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Alford's teams haven't finished better than tied for fourth in the regular season, although his 2000-01 squad won four games in four days to claim the Big Ten Tournament title. With four or five wins in the last seven games, Alford could accomplish a feat that his predecessor, Tom Davis, couldn't — win a Big Ten championship.

SEE ALFORD, PAGE 3B

**POINT/COUNTERPOINT**

## WOULD IOWA STILL BE IN 1ST WITH PIERRE?

**NO — TYSON WIRTH**

Iowa would indeed be in first with Pierre Pierce. First in the Big Ten in fans alienated, turnovers, and free throws missed.

The cold facts are these — when Pierce suited up last year, the Hawkeyes won a meager 43 percent of their conference games. The team's Big Ten victory rate without Pierce the second half of last season and this year is 62 percent.

Not only is the team surviving without No. 3, it is thriving — and with virtually the same lineup that existed when he played.

There are many theories, but here are a few less debatable ones: Pierce cast a cancerous shadow on the team. His middle name was Turnover. And he knew the meaning of "choke" better than Latrell Sprewell.

Want proof? His career free-throw percentage at Iowa was a Shaquille-esque 57.1

**YES — ANDY SHANKS**

Yes, Iowa would still be on top of the mountain in the Big Ten if Pierre Pierce were still on the team. In fact, the team would be insurmountably better than it is at present. I don't care he had some off-the-court distractions; the kid could play basketball — period.

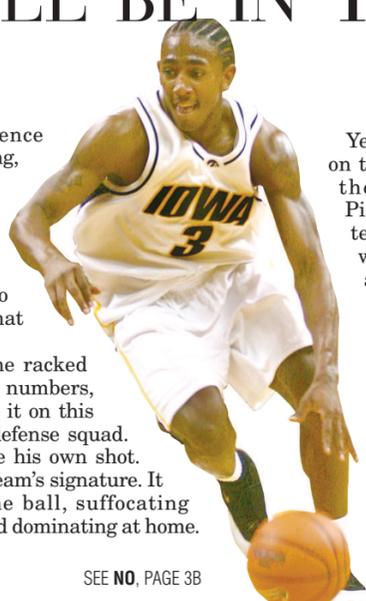
Imagine a starting five that included Pierce instead of Mike Henderson — and by no way is this an indictment of Henderson, who

has played well thus far — but rather a praise of what Pierce would bring to the team. Last season, Pierce averaged 17.8 points per game, compared with Henderson's 7.7 this year. The 10 extra points Pierce would provide would greatly help the Hawkeyes' struggling offense.

You'd have Horner, Pierce, Haluska, Brunner, and Hansen. Forget Big Ten championships. That team could rival any in the nation. Remember how good the Illini were last year? The Hawks could be that good.

The team's offense would benefit the most from his return. Because, let's face it, this team is going to go as far as

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|--------------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Team               | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| Atlantic           | —  | —  | —    | —   |
| New Jersey         | 25 | 21 | .543 | —   |
| Philadelphia       | 24 | 24 | .500 | 2   |
| Boston             | 18 | 31 | .367 | 8½  |
| Toronto            | 17 | 31 | .354 | 9   |
| New York           | 14 | 32 | .304 | 11  |
| SOUTHEAST          |    |    |      |     |
| Team               | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| Miami              | 30 | 19 | .612 | —   |
| Washington         | 23 | 23 | .500 | 5½  |
| Orlando            | 19 | 27 | .413 | 9½  |
| Atlanta            | 14 | 32 | .304 | 14½ |
| Charlotte          | 13 | 36 | .265 | 17  |
| CENTRAL            |    |    |      |     |
| Team               | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| Detroit            | 28 | 19 | .595 | —   |
| Cleveland          | 28 | 19 | .595 | —   |
| Milwaukee          | 24 | 23 | .511 | 15% |
| Indiana            | 23 | 22 | .511 | 15% |
| Chicago            | 20 | 27 | .426 | 19% |
| WESTERN CONFERENCE |    |    |      |     |
| Team               | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| Salt Lake          | 37 | 10 | .787 | —   |
| San Antonio        | 37 | 10 | .787 | —   |
| Memphis            | 26 | 20 | .565 | 10½ |
| New Orleans        | 24 | 23 | .511 | 13  |
| Houston            | 19 | 29 | .396 | 18½ |
| NORTHWEST          |    |    |      |     |
| Team               | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| Denver             | 26 | 24 | .520 | —   |
| Utah               | 25 | 25 | .500 | 1½  |
| Minnesota          | 22 | 29 | .433 | 2½  |
| Seattle            | 19 | 29 | .396 | 6   |
| Portland           | 17 | 29 | .370 | 7   |
| PACIFIC            |    |    |      |     |
| Team               | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  |
| Phoenix            | 31 | 17 | .646 | —   |
| L.A. Clippers      | 28 | 17 | .622 | 1½  |
| L.A. Lakers        | 24 | 23 | .511 | 6½  |
| Golden State       | 22 | 25 | .468 | 8½  |
| Sacramento         | 20 | 27 | .426 | 10½ |

**Monday's Games**  
Washington 94, Orlando 82  
Houston 87, Philadelphia 81  
Cleveland 89, Milwaukee 86  
Miami 114, Boston 98  
Charlotte 119, Seattle 106  
New Jersey 99, New Orleans 91  
Utah 109, Chicago 107, OT  
Minnesota 103, Phoenix 101  
Golden State 122, Denver 114

**Today's Games**  
Detroit at Atlanta, 6 p.m.  
L.A. Clippers at New York, 6:30 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.  
Memphis at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**  
San Antonio at Toronto, 6 p.m.  
Portland at Indiana, 6 p.m.  
Golden State at Washington, 6 p.m.  
New York at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.  
L.A. Clippers at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.  
Orlando at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.  
Seattle vs. New Orleans at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.  
Cleveland at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 7:30 p.m.  
Memphis at Phoenix, 8 p.m.  
Chicago at Denver, 8:30 p.m.

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| EASTERN CONFERENCE |    |    |    |     |         |
|--------------------|----|----|----|-----|---------|
| Team               | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF GA   |
| Atlantic           | —  | —  | —  | —   | —       |
| N.Y. Rangers       | 32 | 15 | 8  | 72  | 176 137 |
| Philadelphia       | 31 | 15 | 9  | 71  | 183 177 |
| New Jersey         | 28 | 21 | 6  | 62  | 159 158 |
| N.Y. Islanders     | 24 | 26 | 4  | 52  | 161 194 |
| Pittsburgh         | 12 | 33 | 11 | 35  | 154 226 |
| NORTHWEST          |    |    |    |     |         |
| Team               | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF GA   |
| Ottawa             | 36 | 12 | 7  | 77  | 218 128 |
| Buffalo            | 34 | 15 | 3  | 71  | 173 146 |
| Toronto            | 26 | 23 | 5  | 57  | 170 182 |
| Montreal           | 25 | 22 | 6  | 56  | 154 173 |
| Boston             | 23 | 23 | 9  | 55  | 158 170 |
| SOUTHEAST          |    |    |    |     |         |
| Team               | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF GA   |
| Carolina           | 38 | 12 | 4  | 80  | 205 164 |
| Tampa Bay          | 30 | 21 | 7  | 64  | 165 153 |
| Atlanta            | 24 | 25 | 6  | 54  | 189 197 |
| Florida            | 21 | 26 | 8  | 50  | 146 173 |
| Washington         | 19 | 29 | 5  | 43  | 149 201 |
| WESTERN CONFERENCE |    |    |    |     |         |
| Team               | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF GA   |
| Detroit            | 36 | 13 | 5  | 77  | 193 137 |
| Nashville          | 35 | 12 | 6  | 72  | 176 158 |
| Columbus           | 22 | 31 | 2  | 46  | 137 196 |
| Chicago            | 17 | 29 | 7  | 41  | 136 187 |
| St. Louis          | 14 | 31 | 8  | 36  | 142 201 |
| NORTHWEST          |    |    |    |     |         |
| Team               | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF GA   |
| Vancouver          | 32 | 19 | 5  | 69  | 192 171 |
| Calgary            | 31 | 17 | 7  | 69  | 147 141 |
| Edmonton           | 30 | 18 | 7  | 67  | 184 170 |
| Colorado           | 29 | 20 | 6  | 64  | 199 177 |
| Minnesota          | 27 | 24 | 4  | 58  | 162 144 |
| PACIFIC            |    |    |    |     |         |
| Team               | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF GA   |
| Dallas             | 37 | 15 | 3  | 77  | 179 143 |
| Los Angeles        | 30 | 21 | 5  | 65  | 187 179 |
| Anaheim            | 25 | 18 | 11 | 61  | 160 154 |
| San Jose           | 27 | 26 | 3  | 57  | 165 179 |
| San Jose           | 24 | 21 | 8  | 56  | 161 164 |

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**Monday's Games**  
Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, OT  
Ottawa 5, Pittsburgh 2  
Dallas 4, Nashville 2  
Edmonton 6, Anaheim 5, SO  
Vancouver 7, Columbus 4  
Calgary 4, San Jose 3

**Today's Games**  
Florida at Washington, 6 p.m.  
Buffalo at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.  
Atlanta at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.  
Los Angeles at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
Chicago at Phoenix, 8 p.m.  
Edmonton at Colorado, 8 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**  
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.  
Los Angeles at Columbus, 6 p.m.  
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.  
Boston at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.  
Nashville at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.  
Anaheim at Calgary, 8 p.m.  
St. Louis at Vancouver, 9 p.m.  
Chicago at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

# Lasorda upbeat on Hawk future

BY RYAN LONG  
THE DAILY IOWAN



Lasorda

There are a few times just prior to the college baseball season when one of the baseball world's most important ambassadors makes his presence felt on campuses across the country. On Monday night in the Sheraton Hotel, Hall of Famer Tommie Lasorda did just that.

The former Los Angeles Dodger manager was the guest speaker at the Iowa baseball 2006 Lead-Off Dinner. The current special adviser to Dodger Chairman Frank McCourt provided several reasons on why Hawkeye coach Jack Dahm has aimed the Iowa program in the right direction heading into his third season.

"I can say this, honestly and truly. If I had a son, I would be sure to send him to play for this guy," Lasorda said. "Because he loves what he's doing, and he's just not interested on what the players do on the baseball field; he's just as interested in what they do in the classrooms."

Lasorda answered a number of questions from the media on the current state of Hawkeye baseball, next month's World Baseball Classic, and Major League Baseball's responsibility in the elimination of steroid use.

**Q: What are your thoughts on the improvement of the Iowa baseball program and the job of Dahm and his staff?**

Lasorda: Well, I knew the moment he came here, [the Hawkies] would be improved. Because he's a good coach, and he should be coaching here for a long time. Because he has the

ability to motivate players, he has the ability to handle them, and that doesn't surprise me that he's done a good job here in the couple years he's been here. That doesn't surprise me. He's going to continue doing a good job. He's going to get better.

**Q: What sort of effect is the World Baseball Classic going to have as far as promoting Major League Baseball world wide?**

Lasorda: Well, I'm excited about it, No. 1. No. 2, it's something that's outstanding. I think it's comparable with world soccer. You're going to have the best baseball players in the world performing in this classic, and there are 16 countries involved. And they're going to have four pools of four teams, and I think it's going to be great. The purpose of it is, the commissioner wanted to spread throughout the world. There are countries that are now starting to play baseball. There are countries that within the next 10 or 15 years will develop good players. So, that's what the commissioner's idea was to have this classic.

**Q: What sort of concerns do you have about it?**

Lasorda: I don't have any concerns about it. None whatsoever. I look at this thing with a very, very optimistic outlook. Because I think it's going to be big. I went to San Diego; I did TV shows, radio shows, [and] interviews. That day tickets

went on sale, I tried to persuade people to buy tickets now, because when this things starts to get bigger and bigger, you're not going to be able to get a ticket. That night, 20,000 people called for tickets. Sold out in San Diego.

**Q: What do you think of the tougher steroid policy that was implemented?**

Lasorda: I think it was a long time coming. We had the worst drug rule in all of sports. We couldn't test a player, because it was an invasion of his privacy. You're paying a guy \$10 million a year, and you can't test him? Pilots get tested, doctors get tested, every body else gets tested. Why shouldn't they be tested? And now they are testing them, and they're going to wipe out those guys that have been

taking, and they're going to wipe out the guys who were thinking about taking them. You know people say to me, 'Why did Congress get involved with baseball?' And I said, 'I'll tell you why Congress got involved in baseball. Because this has been documented that there are 500,000 young high-schoolers taking steroids.' That's the ones they're concerned with. We've got to stop those youngsters from taking it. These guys up here, they've taken it. You can't do very much about it. But those youngsters down there, those are the ones we have to get to quit taking them. And, I think, we finally got a drug rule that's going to be very, very effective.

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# Tsirtsis back off the mat

After beginning the season in a significant slump, Alex Tsirtsis is beginning to re-discover his stride

BY ANDREW SHANKS  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Alex Tsirtsis didn't forget how to wrestle.

The Iowa sophomore didn't exhaust his competitive drive or lose his desire to win, either.

Instead, Tsirtsis — who won four state titles in high school on his way to an undefeated 236-0 mark and then parlayed his success into a 22-12-2 freshman campaign — just plain wasn't wrestling to his abilities. And there was nobody who could pinpoint why the stand-out wrestler was suffering the dreaded "sophomore slump."

"I just tried to keep at it and not get too down on myself," the 141-pounder from Griffith, Ind., said. "I just wasn't wrestling very well at the beginning of the season. There isn't one thing that I changed to correct what was going on. I just kept at it and felt that things would eventually turn around."

Getting down on himself would have been easy for the kid who barely knew what it was like to lose before joining the Hawkeyes. After opening this season with a second-place finish at the Kaufman-Brand Open and a victory in Iowa's inaugural dual meet at Arizona State, Tsirtsis went on to lose against Iowa State and Oklahoma State before falling in his first match at the Midlands Tournament.

"I think he lost confidence in himself for a while there," Iowa coach Jim Zalesky. "We all knew that he had the talent to win the matches that he was losing. He's worked really hard on the bottom position since then, and now he's winning matches that he might have lost last season or the beginning of this one."

Indeed, it appears as if Tsirtsis finally has hit his stride. Since conference action began, Tsirtsis's only defeats were a 4-3 decision against Minnesota's No. 15 Manuel Rivera and a 2-1 decision in Iowa's most recent dual meet against Michigan State's No. 5 Andy Simmons. "He's definitely starting to fig-



Rachel Mummy/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye wrestler Alex Tsirtsis dominates Minnesota's Tommy Owen on Feb. 11, 2005, in Carver-Hawkeye.

'I just tried to keep at it and not get too down on myself. I just wasn't wrestling very well at the beginning of the season. There isn't one thing that I changed to correct what was going on. I just kept at it and felt that things would eventually turn around.'

— Iowa 141-pound wrestler Alex Tsirtsis

ure some things out," 157-pound Iowa All-American Joe Johnston said. "He looked good [against Penn State] and wrestled really solid. He made things happen for himself. He had a match that could have been very tough, but he made things happen for himself."

Tsirtsis' resurgence is even more meaningful to Zalesky's squad with the injuries it has sustained to heavyweight Matt Fields and 174-pound All-American Mark Perry. For a team that has uncontrollable fits of inconsistency, Tsirtsis could provide a much-needed boost to the

beginning of the lineup. "Tsirtsis is one of those guys who, if we can bring him along, he can be big down the road for us, as far as the Big Tens and the NCAAs are concerned," Zalesky said. "To have a successful team, we need guys other than our four All-Americans to come along and win some matches.

"And, I think, he's one of those guys where he has the ability to win at this level and be a very good wrestler. We just need him to continue where he's at."

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**Iowa coach Steve Alford reacts to a call during the Hawkeyes' game against Michigan. The Hawks won, 94-66, giving them sole possession of first place in the Big Ten.**

# Hawks alone in 1st

## ALFORD

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And instead of trying to play themselves into the NCAA tournament, the Hawkeyes will try to improve their footing. But Alford insists that doesn't help alleviate any pressure.

"Our pressure this year may be different," he said. "Our pressure this year may be trying to win a league championship."

Maybe more impressive about Iowa's first-place position is being first in the toughest conference.

The Big Ten leads the nation with seven teams ranked in the top 25 of the RPI rankings, including four in the top 10. The Hawkeyes are ranked 10th in this week's rankings. Iowa, which jumped to No. 18 in the Associated Press poll and 19th in the coaches' poll on Monday, is being pegged as a No. 3 or 4 seed for the NCAA Tournament by March prognosticators.

But Alford and team said they haven't begun thinking about seedings.

"I honestly haven't thought about that at all," senior Greg Brunner said. "Let's just say that if we can contend for the conference championship, that will take care of itself. I definitely want to contend for that, because it's been something that's been out of my grasp for three years."

The Hawkeyes don't have an easy road, however. Four of the team's next five games are away from Carver-Hawkeye Arena, and the Hawkeyes will face four teams likely headed to the NCAA Tournament.

"We're fortunate to be in the situation we're in now," Alford said. "If you look at the rest of our games, we can win them, and we can just as easily lose them. That's the problem being in the league we're in."

## HORNER HONORED BY CONFERENCE

Jeff Horner earned co-Big Ten Player of the Week accolades after the Cousy Award finalist scored a career-high 32 points against Purdue on Feb. 1 and 14 points against Michigan on Feb. 4.

The Mason City native drained nine 3-pointers last week, including 7-of-10 against the Boilermakers, en route to becoming Iowa's all-time leader from beyond the arc with 232 treys.

Horner shared the award with Ohio State's Je'Kel Foster.

## FEW TICKETS REMAINING

Tickets are still available for two of Iowa's last three home games. There are 2,000 tickets left for the Hawkeyes' game against nationally ranked Michigan State on Feb. 14, while 3,500 remain for the Penn State game on March 1.

Iowa's last home game, against Wisconsin on March 4, is already a sellout.

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## POINT/COUNTERPOINT

# HAWKS BETTER WITH PIERRE?

## YES

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Horner's and Haluska's shooting takes it. The team relies so heavily on them curling off screens and shooting J's that if the iron's unkind, they struggle mightily to score. And, if the 3's aren't falling come March, then Alford and the gang will be on the first flight back to Iowa City. And as for Brunner, don't you think that his game would benefit greatly if Iowa had a player that could break down a defense at will? So do I.

His personal shortcomings aside, Pierce instantly transforms Iowa's magical run to the Big Ten title into a quest for a national championship. He's the type of player who can play with a Michigan State or a UConn on athletic ability alone.

Iowa has the talent to far in the "big dance," possibly to even be one of the four teams left come April. Can it play with the Dukes of the world? That remains to be seen. But I'd be a lot more confident with Pierce on the team.

— by Andy Shanks

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That never happened during the Pierce era; it *couldn't* happen, because the frequently troubled guard isolated so many fans. Coach Steve Alford and his Hawkeyes have repeatedly said the raucous home crowd is a major reason for their record-setting streak in Carver this year. Can you see fans jam-packing the arena with Pierce still on the team? Me neither.

Pierce's character is a matter of opinion. That the basketball team is better off without him is a fact.

— by Tyson Wirth

# UI pool getting old

'A quality aquatic facility would be important for the entire campus.'

— Jane Meyer, senior associate athletics director

## POOL

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"It is a challenge for having home competitions," he said. "It provides for us to have adequate training. Our national events are all long course, so it is a disadvantage."

The oldest facility in the Big Ten, the Field House pool was constructed in 1927, and it has encountered numerous structural problems, especially in recent years. In late April 2003, tiles began to fall from the ceiling, forcing the removal of the tiles and an increase of noise in the facility. Because of a leak in the pool a few years ago, the water can no longer be drained for fear that the pool will shift. And, just last season, jacks were used to prevent the pool's bulkhead from collapsing.

Along with key structural issues requiring attention over the years, the pool has several glaring disadvantages when trying to host home competitions. A 50-yard pool, the Field House does not match standard Olympic length of 50 meters found in the majority of collegiate facilities around the country. Other problems include the depth of the shallow end and the lack of a 10-meter diving well.

"I think, if you look across the country, [programs] all have 50-meter pools," Meyer

said. "We want all our athletics programs to have top-notch facilities."

A non-revenue sport, swimming last underwent a major facility renovation in 1979, costing \$400,000 to upgrade the pool. A diving well was added the following year. Since then, many of Iowa's athletics facilities have been renovated or constructed, with the most recent being the ongoing Kinnick Stadium project and field hockey's Grant Field.

The Field House pool, past the point of being a liability, is making officials believe the swimming program's potential could be limited until the 79-year-old facility is replaced.

"Our intercollegiate teams are definitely handicapped," said Harry Ostrander, the director of Recreational Services. "It's particularly hard with the competition we are recruiting against. We're functioning, getting by, until we get the new pool."

And, as much as a new facility will benefit the swimming program, it may benefit students more. Initial plans for the pool include a 50-meter pool, a separate 10-meter diving well, and bleacher seating to hold up to 1,000. Also in the plans are spa facilities for student use and a separate lap pool.

"This is a campus-wide project," Long said. "We're excited not only for swimming but for the culture of the campus."

"A quality aquatic facility would be important for the entire campus," Meyer said.

The second of two Iowa home meets came and passed on Jan. 21, and the team again finds itself in the same position it has for so many years — left to wonder when a new facility will make the Field House pool out to what it has slowly become — ancient history.

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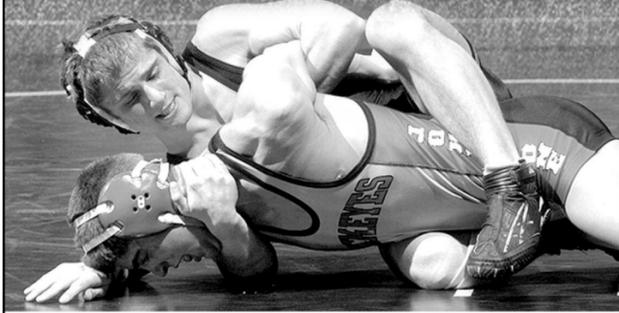
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Get paid to:  
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Each office independently  
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Regina  
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Please send letter  
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Are you seriously looking for a  
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We've got a store full of clean  
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Includes meals, taxes, entry to  
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From \$199! Beach front rooms  
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DO YOU WANT TO SHARE  
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Place an ad in *The Daily Iowan*  
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Call (319)335-5784  
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1995 Volvo 850 wagon. Afford-  
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EXPERT low cost solutions to  
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**CO-OP HOUSING**  
ROOMS available. \$254/ month.  
All utilities, organic food. \$157,  
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**FREE ROOM** in exchange for  
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**AVAILBLE** immediately.  
Women's dorm style room. \$285  
utilities included. Three blocks  
from campus, no parking. Call  
(319)354-2233 for showings.

**AVAILBLE NOW FOR  
FEMALES.** Close to campus.  
Near Co-op grocery, Iowa Ave.,  
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kitchen and two bathrooms. All  
utilities furnished. W/D. \$295.  
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**COLLEGE HILL HOUSE.** Single  
occupancy rooms in grand set-  
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**DORM STYLE** room available.  
\$235 plus electric, free parking,  
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**EXTRA** large room. Hardwood  
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**STUDENT** room. Includes  
utilities and housekeeping. One  
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**FURNISHED.** Across from med-  
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utilities paid. (319)337-5156.

**LARGE** quiet room. S.Lucas.  
parking, W/D, no smoking, no  
pets. Available now. \$275- 305  
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have two roommates. Reason-  
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**PRIVATE** room on busline with  
shared bathroom and kitchen.  
Free parking, on-site laundry,  
utilities, cable. Less than one  
mile from campus. \$250/ month.  
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**QUIET,** close, furnished- \$325-  
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Utilities paid.  
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**ROOM for rent.** Utilities paid,  
\$200/ month. Must be comfort-  
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**UNIT 3** at 424 S.Lucas. Shared  
kitchen/ bathroom. Coin laundry  
on-site. Rent \$275/ month, uti-  
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**ROOMMATE  
WANTED  
FEMALE**  
AVAILABLE now! One bedroom  
in four bedroom/ two bathroom.  
Share with three girls. S.Linn;  
nice, secure, close to campus.  
\$380 plus utilities/ negotiable.  
Call anytime (563)343-6838.

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*Love is in the air...*  
On Tuesday, February 14,  
The Daily Iowan will  
publish a special  
Valentine's Edition

You can send your special Valentine a thoughtful message; just pick out a design (indicated by number\*), enclose your message, a photo if you wish, and payment for the ad(s); then mail it, FAX it, or drop it by our office by Monday, February 13 at 10:00 a.m.!

**Design #1**  
30 words max.  
\$14

**Design #2**  
30 words maximum  
\$14

**Design #3**  
10 words max.  
\$5

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CALL 335-5784**  
Ads shown here are  
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**The Daily Iowan Classified Dept.,**  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Design # \_\_\_\_\_  
If placing your Valentine ad by FAX or Mail  
Visa/MasterCard # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Message: \_\_\_\_\_

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stamped envelope.

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WEDDING VIDEOGRAPHY  
Call Photon Studios for  
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MASSAGE**  
MASSAGE room available, Iowa  
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**INVESTORS** wanted.  
Commercial/ apartment real es-  
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**KAMA** OSTRAS romantic sup-  
plies for valentines day.  
The Soap Opera.

**ADOPTION**  
Happily married couple seeks to  
share our hearts and home with  
(white) new born. Will provide  
unconditional love, compassion,  
and financial security. Expenses  
paid. Call Roslyn and Rob,  
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Web Programmer/Software  
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The AdTrack Corporation, a  
leader in customer  
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seeking a Web  
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Developer to join our team of  
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ideal candidate has at least  
3-5 years software  
development experience, 2  
years of experience in  
object-oriented programming  
with #, ASP.NET / .NET  
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HTML. Experience using  
Visual Studio, Web Services  
and working with SQL Server  
are pluses. The position will  
be responsible for software  
development of data-driven  
web applications, and Windows  
applications and services. You  
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ability to learn quickly,  
provide creative solutions,  
adapt to a constantly  
changing environment and  
handle multiple tasks  
effectively. We are seeking a  
strong team player with a  
positive attitude. College  
degree preferred; technical  
experience required. Send  
cover letter and application to  
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Use your brain and phone skills  
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Citizen Action Network is hiring 5  
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**WEST BRANCH SCHOOL**  
is accepting applications  
for a  
Choreographer  
for the High School musical  
to be performed April 21-22  
Please contact :  
Chris Reed or  
Molly McCarthy-Hill  
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**CHILD CARE  
NEEDED**  
SHORT term nanny needed.  
We need a babysitter to come to  
our home and watch our  
17-month-old for six weeks,  
Mondays (7:30am-5:30pm) and  
Thursdays (9:30am-6:00pm)  
starting mid-March. Pay is excel-  
lent. Please call (319)665-6649.

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Deadline for submitting items to the calendar column is 1pm two days prior  
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published more than once. Notices which are commercial advertisements  
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Event \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_  
Day, date, time \_\_\_\_\_  
Location \_\_\_\_\_

**ROOMMATE  
WANTED  
FEMALE**  
TWO separate spacious rooms  
with private bathrooms available  
in brand new three bedroom  
townhouse. 2-1/2 miles from  
campus. Furnished living areas,  
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Internet, W/D in unit. One gar-  
age space available. On bus-  
line. Short or long term.  
(641)919-5023.

**ROOMMATE  
WANTED  
MALE**  
AVAILABLE immediately. One  
bedroom available in four bed-  
room house near campus. \$450/  
month plus utilities. (319)351-4733.

**ROOMMATE  
WANTED**  
AUGUST 1. Too early? Reconsi-  
der! \$258, nice apartment,  
lovely neighborhood, low utilities,  
garage, laundry, cable, DVD  
player. (319)337-4388.

**BEN NEEDS** a roommate, 961  
Miller Ave. (319)337-2685,  
(319)930-7323.

**FARMHOUSE,** close, garage,  
W/D, 624, 3 pets ok, \$250.  
(319)541-6244.

**FURNISHED 46" HGTV/ HBO,**  
Internet, W/D, fireplace. Share  
with male. Parking, busline.  
\$400 includes utilities. No lease.  
(319)338-5227.

**HOUSEMATE** wanted:  
Close, comfortable, clean with  
new kitchen appliances and  
W/D. \$240/ month plus utilities.  
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**NEWER** house. W/D,  
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\$350/ month, no utilities.  
(319)358-0061.

**ONE** bedroom in a two bedroom  
condo. Westside. W/D, dish-  
washer, A/C, secure building,  
garage. \$400 plus 1/2 utilities.  
(319)321-9580.

**ONE** bedroom in two bedroom,  
two bathroom apartment. \$300  
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Iowa City. Dishwasher, A/C.  
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**ONE** or two rooms available in  
five bedroom house. 620 S. Capital  
St., house close to downtown,  
A/C, parking, \$340 plus utilities.  
Call Adam (319)400-2741.

**RESPONSIBLE** roommate  
wanted. \$312.50/ month plus  
utilities. Close to campus, very  
spacious. Available January 1.  
Please call (319)936-6550.

**SHARE** two bedroom town-  
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FALL OPTION**  
FOUR bedroom apartment. 427  
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TWO bedroom Coralville apart-  
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Available for June 1. Date nego-  
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# Steelers take Super Bowl road less traveled

*The Pittsburgh Steelers point to this past weekend's Super Bowl victory as proving those who doubted them wrong*

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DETROIT — The Pittsburgh Steelers owned the easy road to the Super Bowl all those years they squandered home-field advantage, all those years coach Bill Cowher's teams couldn't stand up to the pressure, the moment, the challenge.

Maybe this is what was needed to bring out the best in a team that often was among the NFL's top teams but never played like it when it counted most: the toughest road to a Super Bowl championship.

No team had won three road playoff games and then the Super Bowl, much less by beating the top three teams in its conference and the best from the opposing conference. Making the challenge even greater, the Steelers had to win their final four regular-season games just to reach the playoffs.

"It feels so much better to do something people say you can't do," linebacker Joey Porter said, after the Steelers won their first Super Bowl in 26 years by beating the Seattle Seahawks, 21-10, Sunday night. "There's no better feeling than that. We will always be remembered for the way we did it."

After going from 15-1 a year ago to an underachieving 11-5 during a regular season marked by injuries — quarterback Ben Roethlisberger was out four weeks with two knee problems — and a three-game losing streak, the Steelers fit a career's worth of highlights into a month's worth of playoffs.

By doing so, those four AFC championship game losses and one Super Bowl defeat since January 1995 finally began to fade into the past, along with the perception the Steelers and their coach couldn't win the big one.

Even Terry Bradshaw, Joe Greene, Franco Harris, and Lynn Swann, stars of the Steelers' four Super Bowl championships of the 1970s, never put together anything like this championship run of a lifetime.

The Steelers rallied from 10 points down to win at Cincinnati, helped by an early injury to Bengals star quarterback Carson Palmer. They beat Super Bowl favorite Indianapolis, 21-18, in a stunning upset that will be long remembered for



Seattle Seahawk receiver Joe Jurevicius is tackled by Pittsburgh Steeler safety Chris Hope after making a 35-yard gain during the Super Bowl on Sunday in Detroit.

Jerome Bettis' late-game fumble that nearly turned a certain victory into a historic defeat — and the Roethlisberger tackle that made certain it didn't.

That victory carried them to a 34-17 AFC championship game win at Denver. Then, after a bye week that drained some of their momentum after they won seven games in seven weeks, they shook off Roethlisberger's first poor game in two months and a sluggish start to beat the Seahawks.

"It was 'Just tell us where we're going next; just send us off to another team,'" Cowher said on Monday. "I think the guys thrived on that. With all due respect to Heinz Field, we just kept going off [on the road]."

Cowher and his players felt something special building weeks ago — and so could Hall of Famer Greene, who now works in their personnel department. When Greene had lunch

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— Pittsburgh Steeler coach Bill Cowher

with Cowher on Feb. 4, he looked at the coach and said, "You guys got it, don't you?"

Cowher replied the team was in a zone. It's a zone they didn't leave, even during some rough times against the Seahawks that included two interceptions thrown by Roethlisberger.

"We had a chance to make history, and that motivated me a little more," center Jeff Hartings said. "You can make history by going 16-0 and winning the Super Bowl, and we did the opposite. We made history by

winning as a sixth seed."

They did so after Cowher recited some American history.

To motivate his players when they were 7-5 and the playoffs were in doubt, Cowher related — and here's a never-before-used coaching ploy — Christopher Columbus' journey to

America in 1492 and how many told him it was an impossible trip.

"There's a lot of people telling you that you can't do it, but, you know what, that doesn't mean you don't go try," Cowher said. "Don't let your journey be defined by history; let your journey make history."

Bettis took his place in NFL history by retiring as the league's No. 5 career rusher after finally winning a Super Bowl in his 13th season and in his hometown of Detroit. What is still to be seen is how Bettis' departure affects the team's locker room — "This is the closest team we've ever had," Cowher said — and this team's future.

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— Pittsburgh Steeler linebacker Joey Porter

The core components are relatively young, which should make the Steelers contenders for years: the 23-year-old Roethlisberger, the youngest QB to win a Super Bowl; Willie Parker, the running back who starred for a Super Bowl champion after not starting in college; Super Bowl MVP receiver Hines Ward; All-Pro guard Alan Faneca; safety Troy Polamalu; nose tackle Casey Hampton; linebackers Joey Porter and James Farrior.

"This will make coach Cowher even hungrier," defensive end Aaron Smith said. "He will enjoy this, but come next season, he'll be even hungrier to get back here."

There will be the inevitable changes created by free agency. Unrestricted free agents, including Antwaan Randle El, who threw the first Super Bowl touchdown pass by a wide receiver; defensive end Kimo von Oelhoffen, cornerback Deshaea Townsend, safety Chris Hope, backup quarterback Charlie Batch, and running back Verron Haynes. Starting cornerback Ike Taylor is a restricted free agent.

And, while Cowher cited Columbus to inspire his team, maybe he also should have quoted Robert Frost's poem "The Road Not Taken."

Frost wrote: "I took the road less traveled by, and that has made all the difference."

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