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## FINANCIAL AID Aid's drug terms eased

BY DANNY VALENTINE

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Drug citations will soon have less of an effect on students' ability to get financial aid — and UI officials say it's about time.

Congress passed a reform to the Higher Education Act's drug provision Feb. 1, which will allow students with violations to get federal financial aid as long as they weren't receiving government dollars at the time of the infraction.

Under the old provision, students with one conviction could lose eligibility for a year; three convictions could mean indefinite ineligibility.

Catherine Wilcox, the senior associate director of UI Student Financial Aid, said that while the move represents progress, she would like to see drug convictions removed from aid eligibility altogether.

"Hopefully, we are moving toward that," she said.

The Drug Reform Coordination Network cites a U.S. Department of Education statistic that 180,000 students have been denied federal aid since 1998 because of drug infractions, though that statistic could not be confirmed.

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Warner

UI Student Financial Aid director

## UI rallies resources against bird flu



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

UI senior Christine Hake reaches for packaged chicken breast at the New Pioneer Co-op on Tuesday afternoon. Co-op managers have seen a decrease in poultry sales and an increase in beef sales, possibly resulting from public concerns about avian flu. The only known ways to transmit the flu are direct contact with infected poultry or ingesting infected birds that haven't been properly cooked.

BY ERIKA BINEGAR

THE DAILY IOWAN

The deadly strain of avian flu in Asia has yet to hit the United States, but local officials are already planning for a possible pandemic.

"This is a real threat, but we don't know when it will occur," said Chris Atchison, an associate dean in the UI College of Public Health.

Atchison, the director of the Upper Midwest Center for Public Health Preparedness, will chair the new Pandemic Preparedness Task Force at the UI. Waiting for the

threat of a human pandemic to arrive at our doors is not an option, he said.

"I think it's very important," he said. "As a residential facility, as a major research facility across the state, and as a place where people visit, [the UI] has a responsibility to develop plans for dealing with a health event, like a pandemic, should it arise."

Provost Michael Hogan announced the creation of the university's task force on Tuesday. The group will work toward developing a preliminary plan by early June, and it represents the latest in a rash of recent Iowa

efforts to prepare the Hawkeye State from a possible pandemic.

The strain worrying officials across the globe and at the university — the avian influenza A (H5N1) virus — can transfer from infected poultry to humans. As of Feb. 6, out of 165 reported cases, 88 infected people had died, according to the World Health Organization, whose response plan will be incorporated in the UI's efforts. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' methodologies will also be used.

People can contract the virus through close contact with infected

birds or by eating inadequately cooked contaminated poultry, said Darrell Trampel, a professor of veterinary diagnostic and production-animal medicine at Iowa State University.

"To date, this virus has not acquired the ability to readily move from an infected person to other people," he said. "If the virus does acquire this ability, then a human pandemic could occur."

The H5N1 strain is an RNA virus, which means it mutates quickly and

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## 1,000s BID SCOTT KING ADIEU

BY ERRIN HAINES

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LITHONIA, Ga. — Ten thousand mourners — including four U.S. presidents, numerous members of Congress, and many gray-haired veterans of the civil-rights movement — said goodbye to Coretta Scott King on Tuesday, with President Bush saluting her as "a woman who worked to make our nation whole."

The immense crowd filled the New Birth Missionary Baptist Church — a modern, arena-style megachurch in a suburban Atlanta county that was once a stronghold of the Ku Klux Klan but today has one of the most affluent black populations in the country.

More than three dozen speakers at the funeral took turns remembering the widow of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., who worked to realize her husband's dream of equality for nearly 40 years after his assassination. She died Jan. 30 at age 78 after battling ovarian cancer and the effects of a stroke.

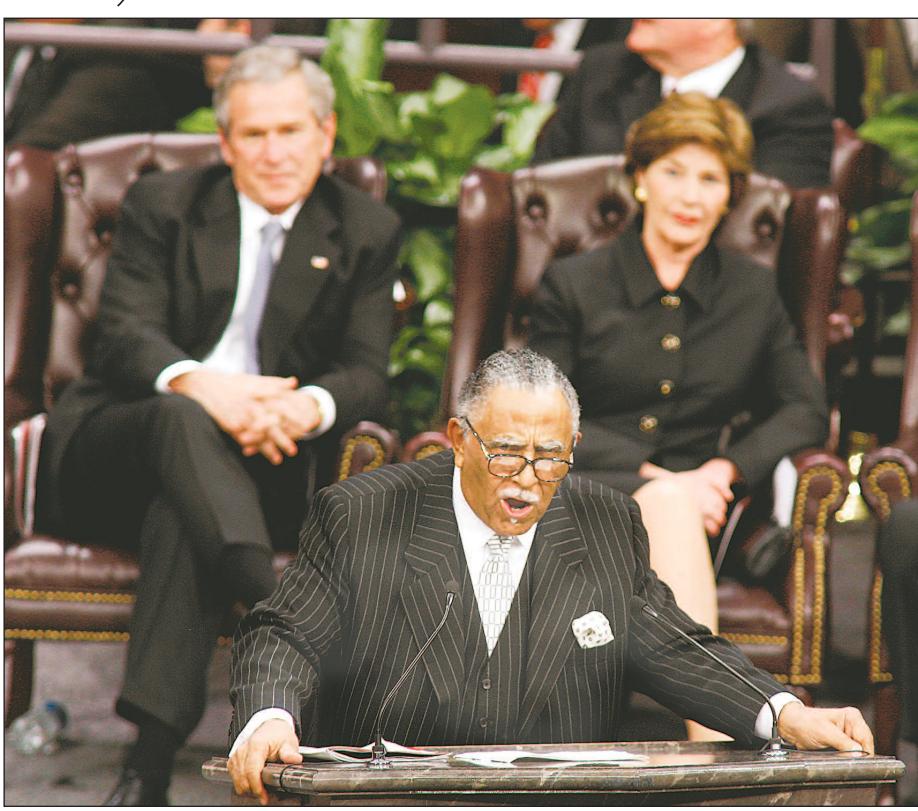
The president ordered flags flown at half-staff across the country.

"Coretta Scott King not only secured her husband's legacy, she built her own," Bush told the crowd. "Having loved a leader, she became a leader, and when she spoke, Americans listened closely."



Scott King

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The Rev. Joseph Lowery speaks during the funeral for Coretta Scott King in Lithonia, Ga., on Tuesday. At rear is President and Laura Bush. Lowery, who co-founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference with Martin Luther King Jr., took several jabs at foreign and domestic policies.

## Price for new rec center up

*The rec-center project manager estimates that delays will cost the university up to \$2.5 million*

BY NICK PETERSEN

THE DAILY IOWAN

Delays in the planning stage of a new UI recreation building are projected to cost an additional \$1.5 million to \$2.5 million, the project manager said Tuesday.

Planners are six months behind, having stalled on deciding whether to include a proposed multipurpose gym, and they are now waiting for cost estimates from the architect. At present, they expect the project to cost \$60 million, a figure that would rise if they approve the gym. Student fees had been designated to pay for original costs of construction and use of the building.

An independent consulting firm determined the effect the delays will have on costs, which will change as planners make design adjustments, project manager Stephen Buckman said. Inflation in the construction industry will be a major factor.

"This is an anticipated cost increase based on anticipated inflation," he said. "We, as designers, are working to minimize the cost associated with what a delay of bidding could cause."

Buckman, a senior architect for UI Facilities Management, said the actual cost could be less than the consulting firm's estimate, as planners choose construction methods, materials, and design.

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### SOFTBALL RETURNS

The Hawkeyes have a few more players than last season's thin squad, including an outfielder looking for a comeback and a hot-shot teen pitcher. **1B**



### HEALTH MAJOR

So far, the UI is not part of a trend beginning to sweep across college campuses: an undergrad health major. **2A**

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## NEWS

# UI lags in health-major trend

BY SAM EDSILL  
THE DAILY IOWAN

The UI may have missed the boat on a trend sweeping college campuses.

University officials considered starting an undergraduate health-care major several years ago, and now, similar programs are gaining popularity at colleges across the country, including Marquette University, the University of Colorado, and The Ohio State University.

UI nursing Professor Kathleen Buckwalter, a former associate provost for health sciences, said nothing came of the idea when it was initially discussed here roughly three years ago.

"There's a lot of concern about students who wanted health careers, but, because the admission standards are so stringent, they couldn't get into graduate programs" such as nursing or pharmacy, she said. "We don't want to lose those students."

In 2002, Ohio State created an undergraduate health-science program that offers concentrations in health-care business, health education, and aging. Since then, enrollment has exploded from 33 to 240 students.

"It has grown so much, we weren't ready for it," said program manager Deborah Kennedy. "We could have 500 easily, but we have to have the faculty and resources to teach more sections."

Health programs are increasingly popular at the UI, as well. Psychology ranks first and biology fourth among the

most common undergraduate majors; both are considered strong choices for students considering medical careers.

Biomedical engineering, a major in which one-third of graduates go on to medical school, saw enrollment jump from 372 to 519 over the past decade.

In 1999, the UI added its newest college, the College of Public Health, which offers advanced degrees in health-care policy and biostatistics.

Joe Coulter, an associate dean of the public-health school, said public-health courses frequently have to limit the number of undergraduates so there are enough spots for graduate students.

"I think if you poll students and ask them, 'Would you like to see a health-sciences major?,' there would be overwhelming support," he said.

However, Christopher Squier, an associate dean of the College of Dentistry, said a general health-science degree may not include courses required by graduate schools, making the program less useful.

UI graduate student Melinda Malek, who is studying health-care administration in the public-health school, said an undergraduate program would benefit students looking for a broader education base.

"I think knowing that a lot of other universities in the Midwest are offering programs like this ... it's an excellent opportunity for people with an interest in business and health care," she said.

Buckwalter said that such a program is still worth pursuing.



Sarah Mercier/The Daily Iowan

Ghazi Kayali works to test human antibodies against avian influenza on Monday in the emerging-pathogens lab on the Oakdale campus. Kayali earned a bachelor's degree in environmental health and a master's degree in public health at the American University in Beirut, and he is a doctoral student in epidemiology at the UI.

"I, personally, thought it was a great idea, and maybe it's something to try to revive again," she said. E-mail *D*/reporter Sam Edsill at: samuel-edsill@uiowa.edu

## Official wants trailer to be destroyed

BY AMANDA MASKER

THE DAILY IOWAN

A week after Roger Bentley was found guilty of kidnapping and murdering Jetsetta Gage, Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White expressed an interest he'd had from the case's preliminary investigations — demolishing the trailer.

Investigators found the body of the 10-year-old Cedar Rapids girl crammed inside the bathroom vanity in March 2005. Upon arriving at the property, 4703 Orval Yoder Turnpike S.W., officials came across a blood-stained Bentley at the rear of the trailer, which contained inches of garbage and debris.

It's an eyesore that certainly conjures up bad memories, White said.

Although he doesn't have the authority to take action himself, he is interested in facilitating a cleanup of the property.

"I resolved, when the trial was over, I would see what I could do," he said.

An increasing problem is what to do with vacant properties all over the county, said Jann Ream, a code-enforcement assistant for Iowa City.

These properties could house "any sort of illegal activity," she said.

One method to advance the cleanup of the area is for the Public Health Department to get involved, an official said.

A complaint filed by any member of the community would initiate an investigation



Meghan V. Malloy/The Daily Iowan

The front yard of the trailer in which Jetsetta Gage was found dead is littered with trash and junk. Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White would like to clean up the site.

of the area, said Ralph Wilmeth, the director of Johnson County Public Health.

"We have never received a complaint on that property," he said early Tuesday afternoon.

Should the investigation prove the trailer is a public-health nuisance, the owner would be instructed of necessary steps to avoid legal reprimand, Wilmeth said.

While he has described the trailer as "pretty well trashed out," White said he doesn't think it is necessarily a health hazard.

"I want to try to do this, without resorting to public funds," he said.

Instead, he said, he intends to

obtain permission to level the trailer from the property owner, Ann Enck, and the man leasing the property to raise cattle, Bob Bulechek.

He would then seek people, possibly volunteers, to help clean it up, he said.

White spoke with Enck on Tuesday and said she was "entirely cooperative."

The best time to undertake this project is spring or summer, he said.

People are always going to remember that this is the location, White said. "Jetsetta's memory would be better served by somehow getting it cleaned up."

But he also hinted at a

possible motive of his own.

"I suppose, to a degree, it is a personal interest," he said with a smile. "It's one way that I might be able to be some help to the family."

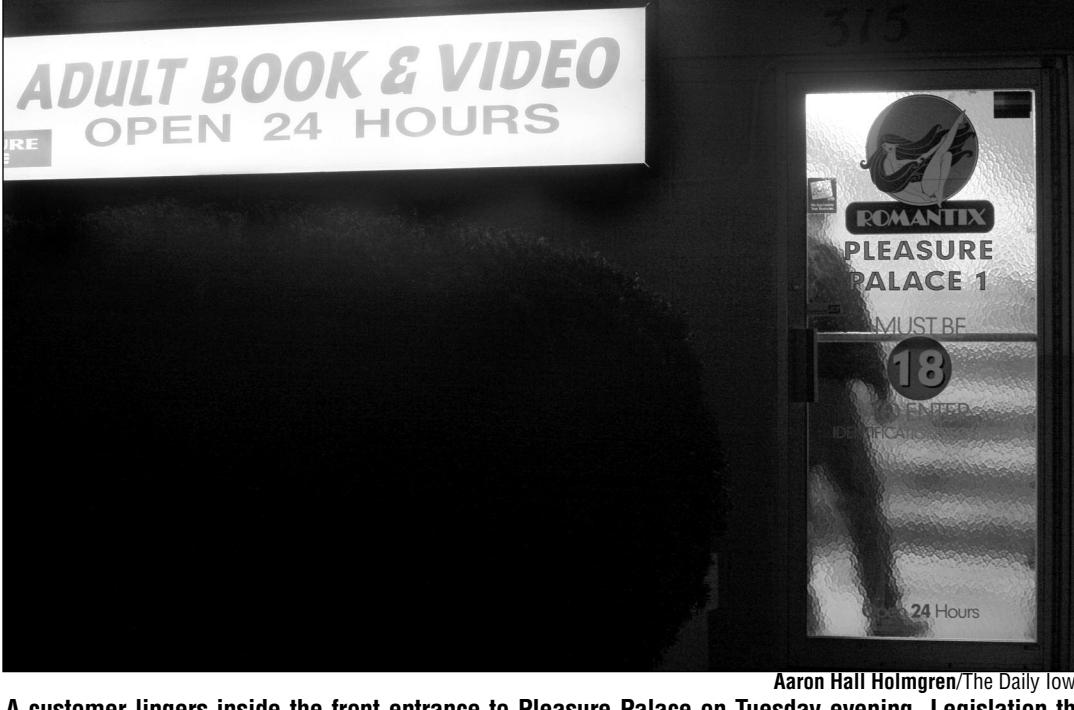
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## NEWS

# Measure would restrict sex toys

A bill introduced in the state Legislature on Feb. 1 would prohibit adult non-parents or -guardians from giving sex toys to minors; however, many locals question the need for the measure



A customer lingers inside the front entrance to Pleasure Palace on Tuesday evening. Legislation that would restrict minors' access to sex toys has been introduced in the Iowa House by several Democrats.

BY MASON KERNNS  
THE DAILY IOWAN

A member of the Iowa House contends that a pornographic-and-sex-toy limitation bill he co-sponsored was the brainchild of concerned parents — while some in the UI and Iowa City community question the bill's efficacy and value Tuesday.

Rep. Kurt Swaim, D-Bloomfield, co-sponsored the legislation, introduced on Feb. 1, with several House Democrats. The bill would bar any non-parent or -guardian adult from knowingly giving or selling a minor any device primarily designed for sexual stimulation, among other limitations.

Under the current law, those under 18 are prohibited from entering most adult-entertainment stores, where pornographic videos and DVDs — and often sex toys — are sold. However, this does not ban minors from buying sex toys from other retailers, such as novelty or gift stores, nor does it outlaw adults from giving sex toys to minors.

On Tuesday, Swaim cited parental requests for more oversight as the genesis of the sex-toy aspect of the legislation. He added that parents' fear that exposure to sex toys could steer minors toward less-safe sexual experimentation was the bill's driving force.

But Sanford Markham, a UI professor of obstetrics/gynecology, said notions linking sexual activity to minors' exposure to

'There hasn't been a study published that would validate either a positive nor negative correlation between exposure to these things and pregnancy or anything.'

— Sanford Markham, UI obstetrics/gynecology professor

sex toys, or lack thereof, are empirically unfounded.

"There aren't any such data," he said. "Unless something came in tonight, there hasn't been a study published that would validate either a positive nor negative correlation between exposure to these things and pregnancy or anything."

The owner of the 440 Kirkwood Ave. Adult Marketplace, who wished to remain anonymous, said she doubts whether the establishment will lose any sales if the bill passes, because minors aren't allowed in the store. But, because she also believes there aren't an abundant number of sex toys being bought and given to minors, she questioned the bill's necessity.

"I guess when I was 18, I never would have thought about going out and buying a vibrator," she said.

Charles Buell, an employee of the Adult Emporium, believes the law won't have a significant effect on minors using sex toys.

"It's like alcohol," he said on Monday. "There's no way we're going to be able to tell if the one buying [the toy] will give it to someone else."

Myles Kappelman, an official in the Iowa Legislative Information Office, said predicting the bill's passage or failure would be nearly impossible, because little is known about the bill's bipartisan appeal and because more pertinent legislation could keep it from reaching the House floor.

After initial referral to the House Judiciary Committee, the bill was transferred to the Public Safety Committee, where it awaits subcommittee assignment. Offenders of the proposed law would be charged with a serious misdemeanor, punishable by up to a year in jail and a maximum fine of \$1,500.

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## NATIONAL EDUCATION

# Numbers up for Advanced Placement

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WASHINGTON — The percentage of public high-school seniors passing at least one Advanced Placement test increased in nearly every state last year, but ethnic gaps remained, the College Board reported Tuesday.

More students took the placement exams, more students passed them, and average scores were steady from 2004 to 2005.

"The quality of learning in [Advanced Placement] classrooms has remained steady as schools have invited more students to take on the challenge of an [Advanced Placement] course," the board said in a statement.

In the nation's public schools, 14.1 percent of the class of 2005 passed at least one Advanced Placement test, up from 13.2 percent a year before. In 2000, 10.2 percent of high-school seniors passed a test.

The number of students passing at least one test increased by nearly 120,000 from 2000 to 2005. But black students continued to take the exams at lower rates than white students, and their overall scores remained a level behind whites last year.

Nationwide, black students make up 13.4 percent of the student population but only 6.4 percent of the students taking AP exams. The percentage of white and Latino students taking the tests more closely mirrored their numbers in the classroom. A similar ratio of American Indian students also took the exams.

"Major initiatives are needed to ensure that all students are adequately prepared starting in middle school so that students will have a fair shot at [Advanced Placement] success when they reach high school," College Board President Gaston Caperton said in a statement.

The Advanced Placement Program, which the College Board oversees, offers college-level courses in 20 subjects. The most popular subjects are U.S. history, English, and calculus.

Approximately 610,000 of the roughly 2.7 million members of the class of 2005 took a total of 1.5 million Advanced Placement tests. Around 380,000 of the students passed at least one test.

Passing an exam "is a strong predictor of a student's ability to persist in college and earn a bachelor's degree," according to the College Board's report.

Forty-four states and the District of Columbia increased

the percentage of students passing at least one Advanced Placement test last year. The percentage of students passing at least one test declined in five states — Florida, Nevada, Oklahoma, West Virginia, and Wyoming. It was flat in Louisiana.

New York led the nation with 22.8 percent of its high-school seniors passing at least one test. Louisiana was last with 2.5 percent.

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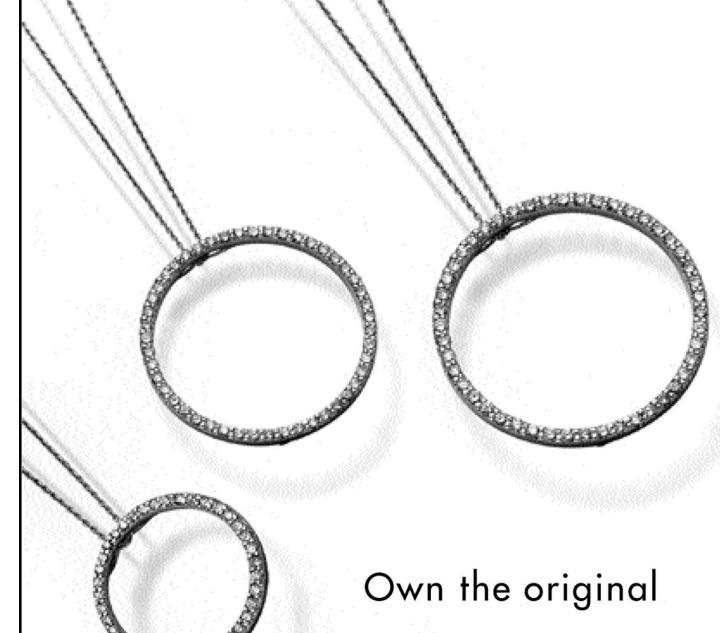
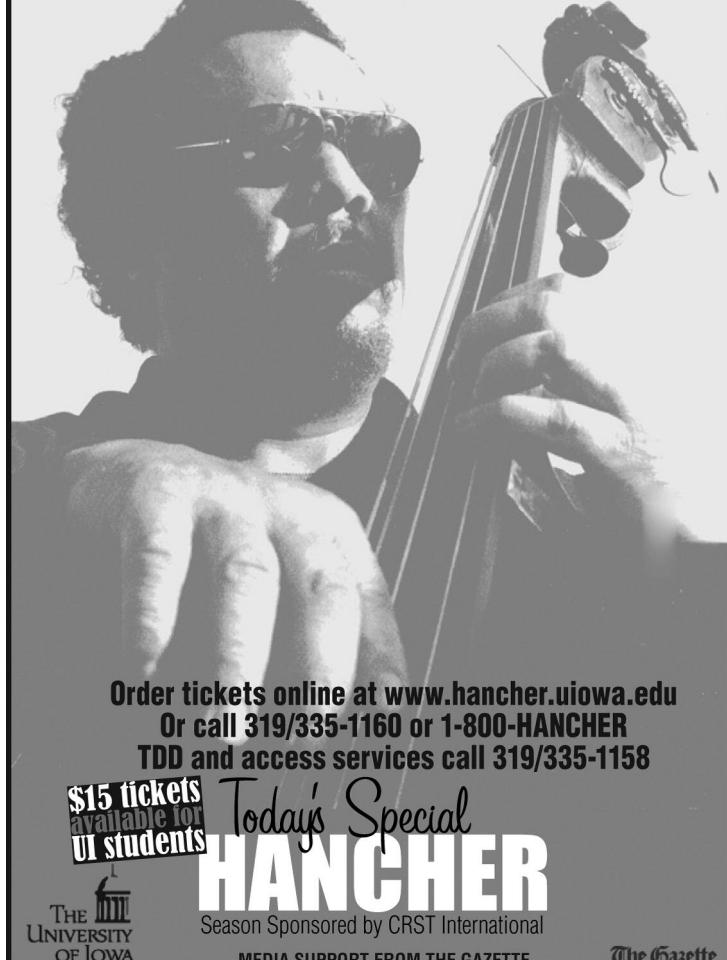
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## EDITORIAL

# Sex topic lacking substance

The Iowa Legislature 2006 legislative session is not getting off to an auspicious start. Despite venting outrage over the fact the TouchPlay video-gambling machines, whose installation they authorized, are apparently being used for gambling, state legislators have found the time to consider House File 2163. The bill, introduced on Jan. 30 by Rep. Dawn Pettengill, D-Mount Auburn, seeks to restrict "the exhibition or dissemination of certain sexual devices to minors." Yes, that's right: Our elected officials have been spending the week debating sex toys.

At times, the bill itself borders on self-parody. It would not only criminalize the sale of a "sexual device" to a minor but also the possession of such an item in the presence of anyone under age 18. Bizarrely, the law excludes parents and guardians — but no other family members — from this regulation. (A "sexual device" is defined as "any three-dimensional item designed and marketed as useful primarily for the stimulation of human genital organs.") How often do lawmakers have to come up with phrases like that?

Yet, as humorous as the bill appears, its implications are not very funny. Anyone convicted under the law would be guilty of a serious misdemeanor, punishable by up to a year in prison and a \$250-\$1,500 fine. But the most worrisome aspect is that violators would be placed on the state's registry of sex offenders, which is certainly no laughing matter.

Because of the restrictions that prevent sex offenders from living within 2,000 feet of a school or daycare (and still more stringent rules in many communities), such a classification would mean serious life changes. Moreover, if an 18-year-old were convicted of showing an underage sibling a sex toy, he or she could become a registered sex offender. Not only would this

make a mockery of the state's effort to keep track of sex offenders, but possession or sale of a sex toy should in no way be legally equated with child molestation or rape.

More than the bill's overly punitive nature, it is aggravating that it is even an issue in the first place. Yes, few parents want their children exposed to sex toys, but, somehow, this doesn't seem like a very pressing problem. Most sex shops already require IDs demonstrating that patrons are at least 18 years old. There are numerous sexual-harassment laws and policies that can be used to prosecute those who behave inappropriately around minors. And, frankly, "sexual devices" are not themselves harmful, and any negative uses they may be put to could also be accomplished without them. And, unlike certain sexual activities, they do not lead to sexually transmitted diseases or unwanted pregnancies. All they really do is make us uncomfortable.

Bills such as House File 2163 illustrate just how skewed and strange the priorities of our legislators can be. The idea of politicians carefully formulating phrases such as "stimulation of human genital organs" is rather comical, but the issues they could be spending this time on are not. The state budget is in deficit, the education system is slipping in national rankings, and Gov. Tom Vilsack's tenure is nearing its end. While matters of social morality are certainly of concern to many voters, this is not an issue that deserves the resources and energy of Iowa's government. Hopefully, our elected officials will have the good sense to dispatch this bill as quickly as possible and move on to the truly important matters.

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## Limit power

I urge the complete investigation of the recent wiretapping incident led by a special, nonpartisan prosecutor and the full prosecution of anyone found breaking U.S. law.

This incident is a key erosion of Americans' civil rights, and if we let this pass without full prosecution, we are not only allowing the privacy of thousands of Americans to be violated and fueling a growing division within our society, we are also setting a dangerous precedent for a president to disregard U.S. law. If a president can, as Bush has said, "do whatever is necessary to maintain public safety," we, the U.S. citizenry, have just put ourselves under his unlimited power.

That is not a democracy; that is a dictatorship. The time to say no is right now.

**Dr. Cole Swensen**  
UI associate professor

## Terror meaning

As time goes on and President Bush echoes the words that spill from Dick Cheney, Tom DeLay, Dennis Hastert, and

even his brother John Ellis Bush (Jeb), governor of Florida, instead of their losing their meaning, we begin to lose the meaning of the men speaking them.

"The War on Terror." A definition for "terror" is intense, overpowering fear. Are you experiencing intense, overpowering fear? I am not.

Do you go to bed at night believing that only President Bush and Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia are standing between you and intense, overpowering fear? I don't.

"Terror" is as a title for one that instills intense fear, such as a spoiled kid who became the terror of the neighborhood.

However — Osama bin Laden has been out of the loop for some time now, but, still, the idea of terror is reflected over and over on television, the radio, and newspapers — but the source is always the same. The messages of terror and fear and anger are in my opinion coming from President Bush, the vice president, and several members of the House of Representatives (and a couple in the Senate).

Now, there, we come to the meaning of the word "terror" that we live with every day. It is the ability to instill intense fear,



like the terror of exposed weapons or harping politicians. President Bush seems to take his pleasure attempting to instill intense fear into the heart of America.

When will he get back to work and stop politicking?

**Alfred Brock**  
Canton, Mich., resident

## COMMENTARY

# A compromise on domestic spying

Senators seeking to learn more about the Bush administration's warrantless surveillance of Americans didn't get much satisfaction this week from Attorney General Alberto Gonzales. During a daylong hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Gonzales repeated the administration's legal defense of the spying by the National Security Agency but provided few answers to the basic questions about the program. He said the surveillance "is triggered only when a career professional at the NSA has reasonable grounds to believe that one of the parties to a communication is a member or agent of Al Qaeda or an affiliated terrorist organization." But when asked if he could state that no one in the United States was monitored who did not communicate with a suspected terrorist abroad, he answered, "I can't give you absolute assurance of the kind you've asked for."

Gonzales also didn't say how many Americans had been monitored, how widely the information collected had been shared within the government, or whether permanent records had been kept. He said there were rules for handling the intelligence but could not say whether they had been reviewed either by Congress or a court. Gonzales said the NSA personnel ordering wiretaps followed the same standard the administration uses when seeking court authorization for surveillance under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. He also said counterterrorism operatives have used FISA to eavesdrop on purely domestic conversations. So, why are FISA procedures adequate for monitoring Qaeda communications inside the United States but too "cumbersome and burdensome" for calls

between the United States and foreign countries? Gonzales didn't offer an explanation.

Fortunately, a bipartisan group of senators expressed the view that the warrantless surveillance is either legally or politically untenable, as currently practiced. While agreeing that intelligence agencies should have the authority to monitor suspected Qaeda communications both in and outside the United States, Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and Sens. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, Sam Brownback, R-Kan., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., among others, pressed Gonzales to consider reforms. Specter suggested that President Bush submit the entire NSA program to FISA's secret court for review; DeWine and Brownback urged the administration to work with Congress on a revision to the FISA statute that would allow spying to be conducted under that law, with the checks and balances it provides.

Gonzales responded that "we are happy to listen to your ideas." He iterated the administration's concerns that legislation might result in the leak of critical information about the surveillance or in "attempted restrictions upon the president's inherent constitutional authority." But, he added that "most concerns can be addressed in one way or the other, and ... obviously, we'd listen and consider your ideas." If those words meant that Bush is opening the door to a compromise with Congress that would bring NSA spying under FISA or some other legal authority providing for judicial review and congressional monitoring, then that is to be welcomed.

This editorial appeared in Tuesday's *Washington Post*.

# College,

Inc.

I'm here at my desktop, looking at Yahoo News and seeing the world's most powerful Ivy League alumnus, George W. Bush, is cutting the higher-education budget.

Hey Iowa students, can you hear that? That's the sound of your Pell Grant shriveling. Whoopie!

Our tuition is getting redonkulous, and, simultaneously, I'm noticing that my classes are more crowded than they were my freshman year. At the UI, it seems as though a professor needs to literally die in order for a full-fledged faculty search to go on. The budget is getting pretty dire; to this point, we've only cut the fat, but, now, it seems like we're going to saw some bone.

**STEVE SHERMAN**



David Skorton is a doctor, so he should know all about stuff like that.

But he's an Ivy boy now, because they can afford him. But we can't afford Cornell — comprehensive fees for undergrads at the College of Arts and Sciences there will set a guy back \$44,000, yearly. With its \$3.8 billion endowment, Cornell can afford enough counseling services so kids don't jump into the gorge and give the school bad PR and the "suicide school" label. According to the first rule of College Inc., PR is relevant to an education. Bad PR means fewer applicants and slimmer donations from alums with fat bankrolls.

So there you have it, ladies and gentlemen: the Ivy League! Give the hegemons a warm round of applause.

And, as Skorton will remind us, it's the Year of Public Engagement. I think "public engagement" and addressing the "issues of the local, national, and international levels" takes some time. It should require work, if you want to go beyond "addressing" and actually help out. There's some self-sacrifice involved.

But, I don't think that a \$375,000 yearly pay raise, which is what Cornell offered Skorton, has much to do with self-sacrifice. Apparently Dr. Skorton's current salary, roughly \$300,000, is not enough.

That \$675,000 can pay a lot of heating bills.

So, I'm plain sick of reading the collective ass-kissing this publication and the university community has given him. This man backed down from the continuing challenge of leading our university through its shrinking reliance on public funds and got a raise for himself.

I want to laugh off greed like this and make a joke about how undemocratic the idea of the Ivy League is. But, instead, I invite some of my friends over for dinner, because I worry they're not eating well enough, and I, thank God, have money for groceries.

It's not like the Ivies over here in Iowa. We at Iowa have visiting professors wondering if their departments can ever afford a new faculty seat, ballooning class sizes, TAs without full tuition waivers, library acquisition funds that can't keep up with inflating costs, and brick buildings like turds. The Ivies have fireplaces, subsidized cafeterias with chandeliers (which I've written about in this space), admission quotas for the children of alumni, oil-baron children, and the best faculty that only money can buy.

But the Ivies can keep all that. When I walk with my degree, I will remember how I studied to the point that I vomited and that I got an education without chandeliers, without gourmet food, and without a campus paid for by alumni who pumped money so as to guarantee their kids got accepted. Education is not a matter of how well-funded a university is but primarily a matter of the student's own brute, ugly willpower to be educated. And you don't need College Inc. if you have a world-class faculty who care about their students and the UI community, no matter the money they are offered elsewhere.

The University of Iowa does not need a huge endowment to show that it's well-endowed.

So, if Dr. Skorton wants to practice that public-engagement spiel and address the concerns of the local community, here's what he should do:

Give up his money, because the UI doesn't have the alumni bankroll that Cornell does. I'm not talking some silly \$5,000 grant. I'm talking the whole \$375 grand. If Dr. Skorton wants to show he values his time at Iowa, he should give up the main thing Cornell has above us: the ability to pay him more. ■

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## ON THE SPOT

Should the government prohibit the sale of sex toys to minors?

"I really don't think they should be able to tell kids whether or not they can. It's kind of a personal thing. That's invasion of privacy."

**Nikki Lang**  
UI junior

"I don't see what's wrong with buying sex toys, but I think there should be an age. It should be 16. You can drive — you can buy sex toys."

**Ryan Langel**  
UI junior

"I think that because all the stores that sell them are 18 and over, it should be 18 and over."

**Amanda Brown**  
UI sophomore

"The law should be passed. I don't think people under 18 should be playing with sex toys."

**Joshua Wassink**  
UI sophomore

**CALENDAR-WORTHY**

North American Saxophone Alliance "Classical Brazil" with the UI Symphony Orchestra, the North American Saxophone Alliance with Clifford Leaman and Eugene Rousseau on saxophones will perform, 8 p.m., Hancher Auditorium, \$8.

**ARTS & CULTURE****Gossip in a groove**

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BY ERIK FARSETH

THE DAILY IOWAN

**THE GOSSIP**  
*Standing in the Way of Control*

★★★ out of ★★★★

On *Standing in the Way of Control*, Bruce Paine and Hannah Billie bring new meaning to the term "drum 'n' bass" — this from a band without a bass player. Distilling rock music down to its potent essentials, *Standing* is all about the groove.

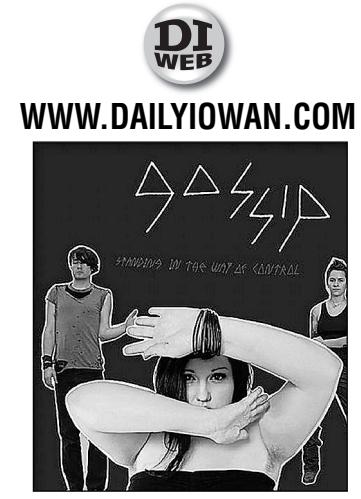
Kicking off the title track with crashing cymbals and fuzzy guitar chords, the groove quickly asserts itself, with disco beats and an octave bass line giving way to a dirty, bass-heavy guitar lick. Lead singer and queer pinup model Beth Ditto belts out a bluesy yowl long

eschewed by other alternative acts: more Janis Joplin than Johnny Rotten or Joan Jett.

On this, its third full-length release [Kill Rock Stars (2006)], the Gossip throws down some great dance tunes. In addition to the title track (a remix of which appears on the soundtrack for *The L Word: Season 3*), the album's highlights include "Jealous Girls," "Keeping You Alive," and "Your Mangled Heart" — a slow, sexy number whose Motown-meets-the Make Up beat switches abruptly to '80s tribal drumming. But the slowest songs on the album are among the weakest tracks. "Coal to Diamonds" sputters, while "Dark Lines" lacks the fire and enthusiasm of the more obvious singles. Ditto's breathy vocals and the sparse piano are essentially wasted here; you can see where they're heading in terms of AM radio atmospherics, but the song ultimately fails to deliver the goods.

Produced by Fugazi's Guy Picciotto, *Standing in the Way of*

*Control* has a full sound that belies the minimal guitar-plus-drums arrangement. In direct contrast to the slick studio production, "wet" guitars, and heavily modulated vocals ("faux-calls?") favored by Good Charlotte and other, more radio-friendly, lite-rock acts, if there were any multitracking done on the Gossip's latest recording, you'd never know it. When the bass comes in on "Standing," the guitar drops out, leaving the musical equivalent of "white space" with which to define the edges of the sound. The stripped-down production, bluesy vocals, and the lack of a bass player invite obvious comparisons with the White Stripes, which the Gossip have toured with. Indeed, "Listen Up!" sounds a bit like the White Stripes' "Seven Nation Army" with a much better drummer. But guitarist Paine (a.k.a. Nathan Howdeshell) pooh-poohs the notion that the Gossip is a mere garage-rock revivalist, pointing to atonal No Wave

**GIVE A LISTEN**

The Gossip  
*Standing in the Way of Control*

**Featured tracks:**

- "Yr Mangled heart"
- "Listen Up"

Check out the Gossip's MySpace.com account for these tracks

bands, such as the Contortions, as a bigger musical influence.

Paine plays guitar like a bass player, imbuing the music with a kind of funky swagger. "The way I tune my guitar, I kind of cover all the bass frequencies," he told the *St. Petersburg Times*. "I really detune my guitar." The video for "Standing" does feature an actual bass player — in addition to Paine clutching a Fender Jazzmaster — but the bass player's face is hidden behind a mask. Could this be Paine in a double role?

New drummer Hannah Billie has already become an essential component of the Gossip's sound, a step forward from the primitive bash-and-crash of its earlier records. While fans of the Gories may find a little less to love than on *Standing*, compared with its 2002 *Arkansas Heat EP*, the new record marks a natural progression without falling into the trap of outright wankery. Though a bit uneven, *Standing in the Way of Control* marks the Gossip's best recording to date.

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**COMMENTARY**  
**Louis.Gwen.**  
**Virtual.Baby**

BY LOUIS VIRTEL

THE DAILY IOWAN

Fashionista and pop star Gwen Stefani released a cutesy mix of Top 40 sass with her 2004 solo shot *Love.Angel.Music.Baby*, a bopping, lollipop affair with the subtlety of neon-yellow wallpaper. Seemed innocent enough, right? A year and a half later, she is still releasing singles off *Love.Angel.Music.Baby*, which is just about the craziest thing I can think of. Her newest pout, "Crash", marks *L.A.M.B.*'s sixth single — but as we all probably know by now, Gwen is just a bit overrated.

Look, I understand she keeps peddling *L.A.M.B.* because she's pregnant and not producing new music. That's at least more understandable than when Janet Jackson released, like, 20 singles from *Rhythm Nation 1874*. But Gwen is different from Janet. Gwen clearly has ulterior motives, and I'm finally speaking out, because I. Just. Can't. Take it anymore.

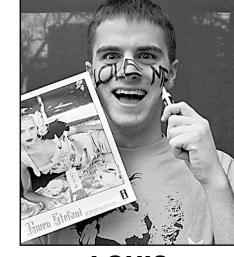
I wasn't raised to tolerate intentional slams to my integrity, and that's just what she's doing. I would call Gwen "nervy," but that gives her too much credit.

First, she owned summer radio and, *huff*, my blackened heart with "Hollaback Girl," which is catchy, sure, but also intentionally meant to hurt my feelings. Like when she says, "I heard that you been talkin' shit / And you didn't think that I would hear it."

Gwen, I know you're pissed that I implied Liz Phair had a nose job in my review of her album. Get over it. You don't even really know Liz Phair or *The Daily Iowan*. I think you are just jealous that I'm finally getting attention. I can't live in your heartless shadow forever, Gwen. It is cold there, and I get too many ideas. I was willing to forgive you at first, but then you had to wear a leopard-print dress at the VMAs. What, Gwen — your anger for me has reached animalistic heights?

— your anger for me has reached animalistic heights? Hold your horses, dear. Think rationally.

And do I even have to bring up the tell-all command in that spunky single "Crash"? To review: "Put your hands up / Put your hands up / Uh / Uh / You got it /

LOUIS  
VIRTEL

You got it." Kind of tacky to make fun of my religion, Gwen. I "put my hands up" as part of Scientological worship, not so you can write hit singles. Nothing is sacred, really, is it Gwen? I suppose the next time you find me in your penthouse apartment crying by myself, you'll turn that into something "catchy" too, right? It burns, Gwen.

You can just stop telepathically calling me a friend.

And then you start appearing in my bedroom's wallpaper at daybreak. If you thought I didn't notice, you underestimated me. I am much trickier than you know, Gwen. When I lie my head back on my Tootsie Roll pillow and look out my east window at 4 a.m., I notice it's

your "Rich Girl" belt buckle I see wavering in the branches of the trees. Just hanging there. Like a butcher's lamb shank. If I look longer, I see your unborn child begging for my attention. How truly tricky of him. However, I usually don't cave to his requests for long hugs and milkshakes. I respect your privacy, Gwen, and how you raise your kids is up to you.

I need my inhaler.

I hope I have a new parole officer by the time you read this. Gwen, you have crossed the line, but don't worry, because I have found a new line. It is hidden from you because I know you will want to steal it. I fashioned it from licorice ropes and barbed wire. Try your games now. Try to unlove me now.

Thank you for listening as you always do — and I will always be listening, no need to worry. Until we "holla back" at our eternal rest on the dark side of Neptune ... good night.

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**NEW DVD RELEASES**

By David Frank

**ELIZABETHTOWN**

Shoe designer Orlando Bloom dumps a gazillion-dollar valentine into the crapper after creating the stupidest pair of sneakers in the history of footwear (the things have wings ... WINGS!?). On top of this fiasco, his father catches the white-light express to heaven, which sends Bloom off to Kentucky to meet his quirky extended family. A lazy, sloppy piece of filmmaking by the cuddly Cameron Crowe (*Jerry Maguire, Almost Famous* — if thou dare question Crowe's cuddly credentials) that descends into a non-stop music montage during the film's final act. Yet, with that said, it's still a Cameron Crowe movie, which means there's a likable layer of earnest warmth pooling around all the flaws.

Movie: ★★★ out of ★★★★  
Extras: ★½ out of ★★★★

**DOOM**

The greatest video-game movie ever made, which isn't saying much, when its competition is *Super Mario Brothers* and the *Resident Evil* atrocities. Yeah, *Doom* exhibits the brains of a crack-smoking squirrel. And, yes, it's the most shameless *Aliens* rip-off this side of ... well, I can make a pretty good argument that *The Sisterhood the Traveling Pants* is a huge *Aliens* wannabe, and *Doom* plagiarizes much more than that flick. Essentially, you've got The Rock, and the non-Orlando Bloom blond dude from *The Lord of the Rings*, and a bunch of cardboard marine stock characters zipping off to Mars to blow the feces out of a



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Orlando Bloom (left) stars alongside Susan Sarandon and Judy Greer in *Elizabethtown*, released on DVD Tuesday.

bunch of badly designed monsters. Yet, there's an agreeable charm working within *Doom's* unapologetic B-movie execution and a few clever surprises in its "screenplay," too. *Doom* reels out fun on the most primitive level one can enjoy a flick: explosions, blood, and — well there's no sex, but two out of three ain't bad.

Movie: ★★★ out of ★★★★  
Extras: ★½ out of ★★★★

*Off the Shelf Classic*

**BARRY LYNDON**

A gigantic box-office A-bomb during its release in 1975, *Barry Lyndon* is an oft-forgotten entry on auteur/madman Stanley "The Exacting" Kubrick's filmography. A deliberately unhurried three-hour character study about an 18th cen-

tury Irishman who takes on the following roles during his unpredictable life: cousin-diddler, dueler, soldier, spy, card shark, gold digger (per the Anna Nicole Smith definition), and rich bastard. It's kind of like *Forrest Gump* à la 300 years ago but with a keener, meaner main character and sarcasm in place of the syrup and chocolates. Okay, maybe it's not much like *Forrest Gump*, after all. However, if the pace and length doesn't drive you mad, then prepare for a film of lush visual beauty and painstaking detail. Note: Lars von Trier's screw-you-America films (2003's *Dogville* and 2005's *Manderlay*) owe their sardonic narrator, among other elements, to Kubrick's period film.

Movie: ★★★★ out of ★★★★  
Extras: ½ out of ★★★★

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**NEWS****ENGINEERING SOME FUNDS**

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During a UI American Society of Mechanical Engineers fundraiser at Diamond Daves on Tuesday night, Clint Carne, the group's vice president, takes the orders of UI graduate Sarah Goetsch (center) and UI junior Laura Goetsch. The sisters were the first to eat in support of the UI group.

**Another Katrina exodus starts**

*Some 4,500 refugees are evicted from their government-paid hotel rooms, as FEMA cuts off the money*

**BY RUKMINI CALLIMACHI**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — Hauling everything he owned in a plastic garbage bag, Darryl Travis walked out of the chandeliered lobby of the Crowne Plaza, joining the exodus of Hurricane Katrina refugees evicted from their hotel rooms across

the country, Tuesday.

More than 4,500 evacuees were expected to check out of their government-paid hotel rooms Tuesday, as the Federal Emergency Management Agency began cutting off money to pay for their stays.

Far more people — a total of more than 20,000 storm victims — were given extensions by FEMA until at least next week and possibly as long as March 1, said FEMA spokesman Butch Kinerney.

FEMA said it gave people every possible opportunity to request an extension.

"We've bent over backward to reach out. We've gone door-to-door to all of the 25,000 hotel rooms, no fewer than six times. And there are individuals who have refused to come to the door, refused to answer. There are people who have run when they saw us coming — those are the ones that are now moving on," Kinerney said.

While some of the evacuees leaving the Crowne Plaza said they had found other housing, several said they were now homeless.

Travis, 24, and his five childhood friends — all in their 20s — had been living on the floor of another evacuee's hotel room, never having registered.

"All I got is a couple pairs of pants and some shirts. The pressure is on," said Jonathan Gautier, 26, one of the six, who was also carrying a single plastic bag filled with clothes.

Wheeling out her boxes of belongings, 20-year-old Katie Kinkella and sister Jennifer Kinkella were heading back to their ruined house in heavily flooded St. Bernard Parish. The sisters had stayed first at the Marriott and later at the Crowne Plaza as they waited for FEMA to deliver a trailer. Then they waited some more for FEMA to hook up the electricity at the trailer.

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**IOWA CITY POLICE BUDGET****Chief: IC needs new officers**

*Working with a tight fiscal 2007 budget, Sam Hargadine pushes to replace officers lost two years ago*

**BY REBECCA MCKANNA**  
THE DAILY IOWAN

One city official called the lack of money set aside in next year's city budget for new law-enforcement agents "worrisome" on Tuesday.

Iowa City Police Chief Sam Hargadine said the department requested the city's fiscal 2007 budget help replace the four officers lost two years ago.

However, he said, he knew the budget was tight this year, and he was glad the city had provided the department with any new officers at all.

"The city has to deal with state rollbacks and other things that have tightened up the budget," he said. "I'm encouraged we're being



'The city continues to grow, and that calls for service.'

— Hargadine, police chief

ians and answer emergency 911 calls.

City Manager Steve Atkins said he didn't have much hope the city would be able to substantially increase the number of officers in the fiscal 2008 budget — especially with the UI grabbing more of the old Capitol Town Center and depriving the city of taxable revenue.

"The next fiscal year is going to be even more trouble," he said. "The UI bought a substantial portion of Old Capitol mall, and that's going to hit on our tax base. It's certainly worrisome."

Atkins said some of the strain on the city's budget also came from a reduction in state appropriations two years ago. Those cuts, he said, cut millions of dollars the city formerly had available annually.

Meanwhile, Hargadine said, he had requested two new dispatchers because the police department had started dispatching for University Heights.

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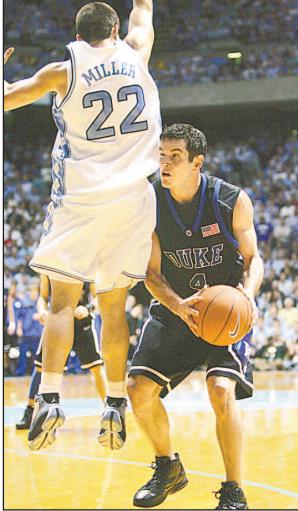
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## COLLEGE HOOPS



Duke vs. NC

**No. 2 Duke 87,  
No. 23 North  
Carolina 83**

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — J.J. Redick banished a career full of poor individual efforts against Duke's biggest rival with a virtuoso performance that's becoming all too familiar.

The shooting star had 22 of his 35 points in the second half, freshman Josh McRoberts added a season-high 17 points, and the second-ranked Blue Devils held off No. 23 North Carolina on Tuesday night.

Playing for the final time in the Dean Smith Center, Redick was 12-for-22 from the field — including five 3-pointers — and set a career high with four steals. Three of those led to breakaway lay-ups.

His previous best against the Tar Heels was 18 points, but he struggled with his shooting in the previous seven matchups (34 percent). There was no such problem in this one, and Redick saved his best for last.

With Duke (22-1, 10-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) clinging to a one-point lead, Redick calmly swished a 3 over Wes Miller to increase the margin with 1:54 remaining. He later added another with the shot clock winding down to make it a seven-point game, and despite a furious rally by the Tar Heels (14-6, 5-4), the Blue Devils picked up their 16th victory in the past 19 games in this Tobacco Road rivalry.



UNI vs Wichita St.

**No. 25 UNI 68,  
Wichita St. 56**

CEDAR FALLS (AP) — Eric Coleman scored 20 points, and Ben Jacobson added 15 as No. 25 Northern Iowa beat Wichita State on Tuesday night.

The Panthers (21-4, 11-3 Missouri Valley Conference) have won seven of their last eight games and completed a season sweep of Wichita State (19-6, 10-4).

After squandering a 10-point lead, Northern Iowa pulled away with an 11-2 run late in the second half. Jacobson broke out of an early shooting slump to lead the surge, putting the Panthers back on top with a 3-pointer, then hit fade-away jumpers from 15 and 18 feet to push the lead to 61-52.

Jacobson stole the ball from PJ Cousinard beneath the basket on Wichita State's next possession and capped the spurt with a runner with 1:25 left that made it 65-54.

Cousinard led the Shockers with 17 points and Sean Ogorri added 11. Paul Miller, Wichita State's leading scorer, was held to seven points on 3-of-12 shooting.

Grant Stout had 11 points and 12 rebounds for the Panthers, who shot 52 percent from the field, including 6-of-16 from 3-point range.

# SPORTS

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: IOWA GYMNAST MICHAEL REAVIS, 2B

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BY JASON BRUMMOND

THE DAILY IOWAN

If anything can halt the hot Hawks' run, perhaps it's a trip to Evanston's haunted Welsh-Ryan Arena.

Iowa, riding a four-game winning-streak that includes victories against three nationally ranked opponents, hasn't had the best of luck at Northwestern. The 18th-ranked Hawkeyes need a win tonight to maintain their first-place footing and get rid of their Evanston funk.

"We have a veteran group, and we have to go up there and change that," Iowa coach Steve Alford said. "This is a different team. They're seniors now."

The Hawkeyes have lost four of the last five games at Northwestern, including a pair of defeats the last two seasons decided in the final seconds. Last season, little-used senior Michael Jenkins nailed a 3-pointer at the buzzer to steal a 75-74 victory in overtime. In 2004, Vedran Vukusic hit a long jumper with 0.7 of a second remaining to give the Wildcats a 51-49 win.

Still, the Hawkeyes aren't fretting about this trip.

"We're a veteran team — you have you go in confident," Adam Haluska said. "We know we're a good team. Now, we need to work on becoming a better team."

A good start would be stopping Northwestern forward Vukusic, a Hawkeye killer and the leading scorer in the conference at 20.5 points per game. Besides beating Iowa in 2004 with a late jump

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# Softball ready to roll



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye infielder Kylie Murray (right) and infielder/pitcher Steph Ackerson (middle) joke with Lone Tree residents Dee and Ron Rife during the Hawkeye softball media day at the Athletics Hall of Fame on Tuesday night. The players both hail from Dowling High School in West Des Moines.

## Hawkeyes expand squad

BY NICK RICHARDS

THE DAILY IOWAN

Brittany Weil, welcome to the Big Ten.

All you have to do is replace graduated senior Lisa Biocci — a legend, an icon in Iowa softball who recorded a school-record 946 career strikeouts, 90 wins, 81 complete games, and 842% innings pitched in four years.

"I'm ready. It's going to be a good experience," the soft-spoken freshman right-hander said.

Weil, a native of Garden Grove, Calif., will have the unenviable task of attempting to replacing Biocci, who was a three-time All-Big Ten pick and a third-team All-American in 2003 and 2005. Weil comes to the 19th-ranked Hawkeyes — who will open their season Friday against No. 10 Georgia in the Diamond Sports Fun and Sun Classic in Miami — with an impressive résumé of her own,



Weil  
freshman pitcher

### HAWKEYE SOFTBALL

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which includes two state titles in ultra-competitive California and the *Los Angeles Times* Pitcher of the Year her senior year.

"She has played against a lot of the kids she'll see in the Big Ten," Iowa coach Gayle Blevins said. "She was fortunate enough to be on a lot of the bigger travel ball teams, so you get to see those faces, you're a little bit more familiar with them, and you know a little bit more about them."

Fortunately, Weil has senior pitcher Ali Arnold — who has notched 52 wins of her own — to lean on. The senior, from Bloomington, Ill., has been instrumental in Weil's early development, but the freshman has also been a help in meshing.

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[Readinig] just helped me stay focused from not being so devastated I couldn't play.'

— Emily Gerlick

senior outfielder



## Gerlick reads her way back

BY TYSON WIRTH

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All last summer, Emily Gerlick rehabbed. The Iowa softball star practiced balancing exercises, resistance training, and weight-lifting while recovering from a torn ACL suffered Feb. 13, 2005, against Stetson. But she also utilized a more untraditional remedy — reading.

"It just helped me stay focused from not being so devastated I couldn't play," she said.

She had no way of knowing that just her third game of the 2005 season would be her last for 12 months. As a pinch-runner, she stole third, saw the ball carom into left field,

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Alford  
coach



Haluska  
senior guard

## Gymnasts know signs of the times

*Senior Bryan Bourland is not just a wonder on the high bar for the Hawks, he is also becoming a master in American Sign Language*

BY DAN PARR

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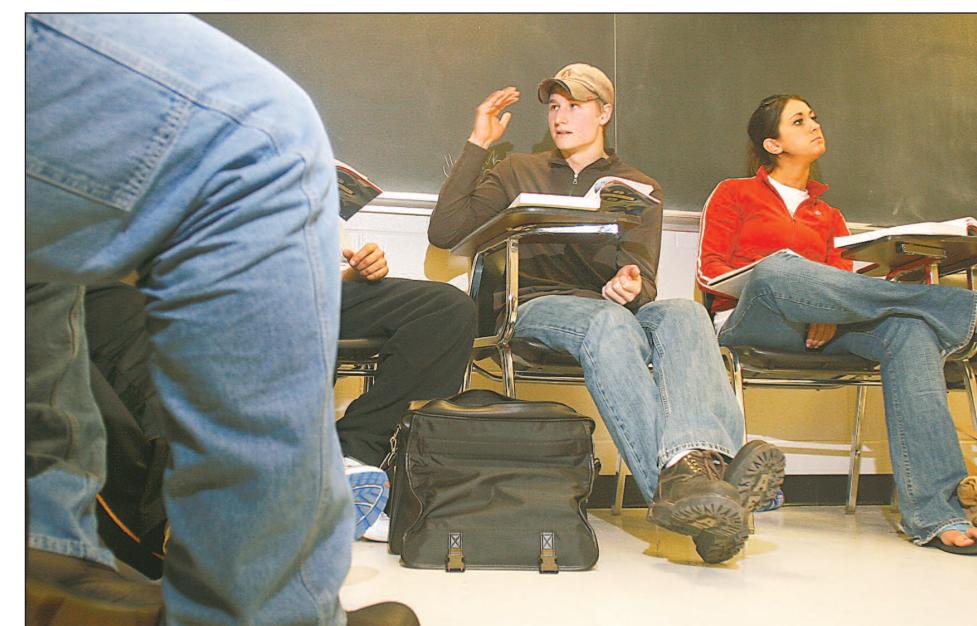
Iowa men's gymnast Bryan Bourland can talk with his hands. His 10 fingers know an entire language.

In between studying for his microbiology classes and planning for medical school, the senior high-bar specialist is picking up one other tool that might come in handy — becoming a master of American Sign Language.

Bourland is in his fourth and final semester in the sign-language program, which will fulfill his foreign-language requirement.

"I was tired of Spanish; I took it in high-school," said the wiry 5-8 Bourland. "I decided to take sign language, and it's been well-worth it. When I was younger, I saw my teammates signing, and I was very interested."

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Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan  
Hawkeye gymnast Bryan Bourland signs to a classmate during an American Sign Language class on Feb. 2 in Phillips Hall. Bourland is among the Iowa gymnasts who have taken the skills learned in the class to the gym.

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# In the spotlight: Michael Reavis

This week, The Daily Iowan kicks off a new feature: weekly interrogations of some Hawkeyes whom you should know. Getting it started this week is gymnast Michael Reavis. On Feb. 4, he became the first Hawkeye in almost a decade to make the U.S. Senior National Team after finishing sixth in the all-around at the Winter Cup in Las Vegas. The senior's name is ballooning in popularity. You can also find him featured on [cnnsi.com](#)'s "Faces in the Crowd" section.

DI: Favorite Vegas moment?  
Reavis: Let's just say, celebrating with my Hawkeye teammates.  
DI: How often do you think about the Olympics?  
Reavis: This year, it hasn't been very often.  
DI: What was your favorite

commercial from the Super Bowl?

Reavis: I didn't see it. We were flying back from Vegas.

DI: What's on your iPod?  
Reavis: Mostly country. I've got a lot of Green Day on there, too.

DI: Best movie you've seen recently?  
Reavis: *Wedding Crashers*.  
DI: Premeet ritual?  
Reavis: Getting plenty of rest.  
DI: What are you doing when you're not in the gym?

Reavis: Enjoying being a college senior. I've got a light schedule, only six hours, two communications classes.

DI: Favorite food?  
Reavis: Pagliai's Pizza.  
DI: TV show?  
Reavis: "Desperate Housewives."  
DI: Worst job you've had?  
Reavis: I've never had a job.  
DI: Being a native of Florida, what is your take on Iowa winters?  
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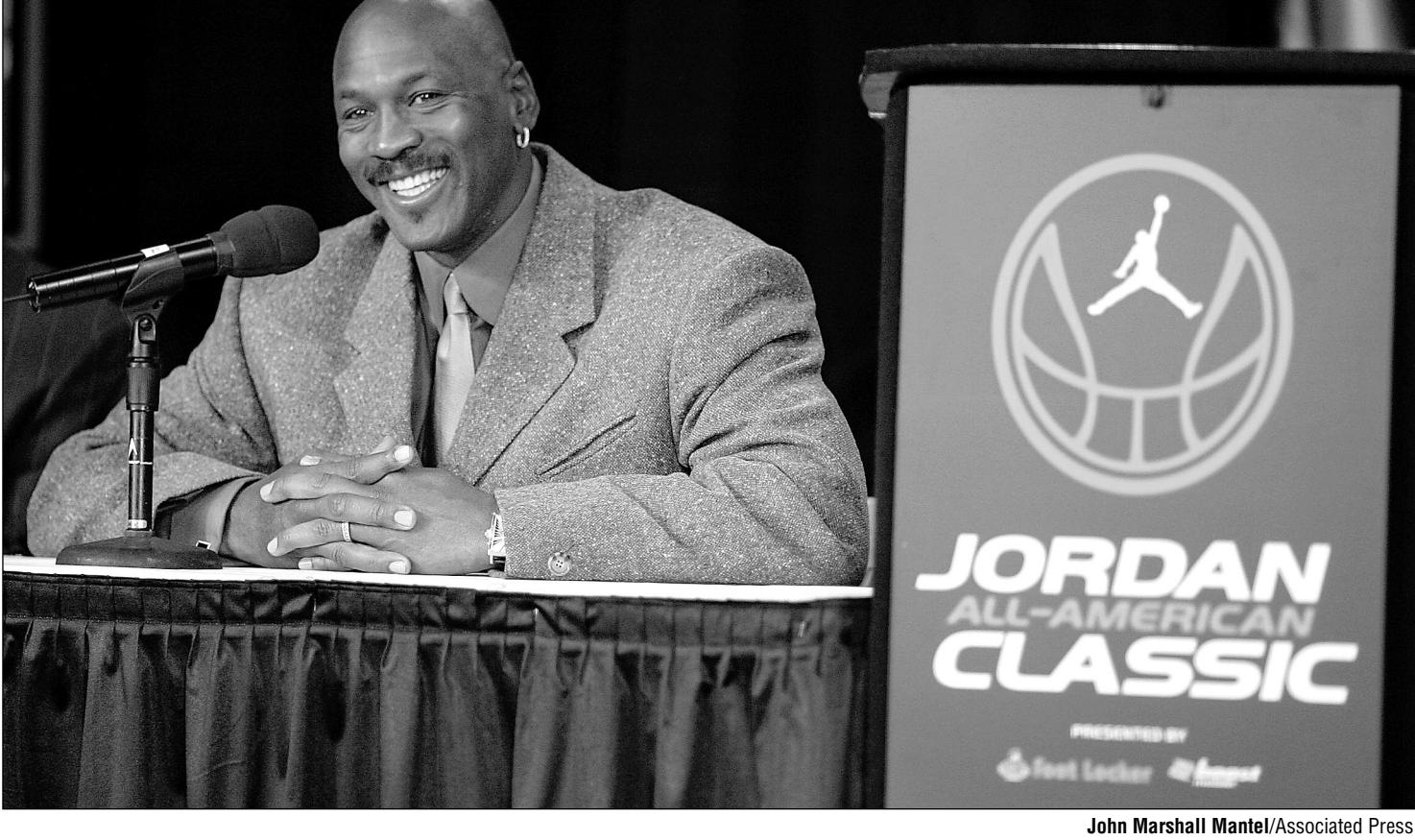
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Basketball great Michael Jordan announces the 2006 Jordan American Classic high-school basketball showcase in Madison Square Garden in New York on Tuesday. The April 22 event will "feature the country's top high-school seniors" and will benefit the Children's Aid Society.

**BY KRISTIE RIEKEN**

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — When it comes to scoring points, Michael Jordan is an expert.

So, he couldn't help but delight in Kobe Bryant putting up 81 and a New York high-schooler going wild for 113.

Still, Jordan insisted things would have been a bit different if he'd been guarding Bryant.

"If I was on the other side, there's no way I would have been in at the end of that game without six fouls. I don't know if I could have given up 81 points and not fouled out of the game."

— former NBA player  
Michael Jordan

was in town to announce the players for his high-school showcase, the Jordan All-American Classic, set for April 22 at Madison Square Garden.

Jordan was so impressed by Prince — one of the top prep players in the nation — he's contemplating adding a girls' event next year.

"I think that she's going to innovate this game," he said. "I think we should give women an opportunity to be recognized."

Jordan, whose NBA career-high was 69, couldn't remember a specific time when people got on him about scoring too much.

But he knows there were probably many occasions like that.

"I imagine you guys were mad at me a lot in New York," he joked. "People got mad at me for playing hard every minute I was on the basketball court, and it so happened that I scored a lot of points on their team."

The former Chicago Bull star

Bryant has often said he fashions his game after the 10-time NBA scoring leader. Jordan said he can see some similarities.

"You see him playing with any of the elite guys in the league ... he's going to guard them defensively, and he will beg for them to guard him on the other end. That's my approach. I would do the same thing."

He stopped himself before declaring the Los Angeles Lakers star the top player in the league — but came close.

"If I had to pick the best player in the game, he certainly is up there, right now," Jordan said. "It seems as though he's got the edge over anybody in that position, if not in the league right now."

Back in the city where he was born, Jordan said he wouldn't give an opinion on why the

Knicks are struggling this season, because "someone would take my opinion and use it as the Bible."

But, then, he gave one anyway.

"Everybody goes through up and down times in the season," he said. "They haven't been able to find the right mix."

He would like to see the NBA tinker with its new rule on when players can be drafted. Now, they have to wait one year after high school — he wants it to be two, so they get past their teens.

"I think, from an educational and maturity standpoint, it should have been at least 20," he said. "That way, they get at least two years of college. Colleges get the chance to teach and educate them about the game of basketball and life, and it trickles down."

"There's no way that an 18-year-old kid is going to be mature enough to handle some of the business things that they have to deal with on a professional level. Sure, you have your obvious examples of a LeBron [James] and Carmelo [Anthony]. But, for every one of those, you can think of four or five who missed the boat and made the wrong decision, and now they can't find their way."

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# Gerlick looks for comeback

## GERLICK

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and headed for home. Except she fell on the way. And she didn't get up.

"I'm just glad my parents weren't there, because I was in a lot of pain," the Wonder Lake, Ill., native said. "I had no idea what it was. I just knew I was in excruciating pain."

It was a torn ACL, and a sprained ankle. Gerlick, who had earned third-team All-Big Ten honors in 2003, suddenly wouldn't be able to straighten her leg for a month.

An athlete all of her adult life, she was now relegated to watching in street clothes.

"We all have to stand, right? I'd have to sit on the bench," she said. "I mean, I'd still be in there; I'd still be a part of the team. But that's when I had my low moments. When I couldn't be going through what they were going through, the pain. I'd have joy with them, but I'd want to go through everything they were going through, and I couldn't."

So she dove headfirst into her rehabilitation each and every day, with no Sundays off. Gerlick enrolled at Core Fitness, where she soon was able to bike again. She played catch with coach Gayle Blevins. And she began to read.

She devoured everything from *Confessions of a Shopaholic* to *The Catcher in the Rye* to Roald Dahl's short stories. Her spirits, and her reading skills, soared.



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

**Hawkeye outfielder Emily Gerlick laughs while watching a Hawkeye softball 2005 season-highlight video during media-day festivities at the Athletics Hall of Fame on Tuesday evening. Gerlick, a third-team All-Big Ten selection, will return after sitting out her junior year with a torn ACL.**

Yet summer turned into fall, and her knee still hurt. So on Sept. 26, doctors scoped it.

"I had a ton of scar tissue, and bone growing in this thing called a notch," she said. "It wasn't supposed to be growing there. So they shaved bone out. That helped a ton. And after that, I've been increasing everything. It feels a lot better, tons better."

It's easy to believe. Gerlick, who said she is almost at full-strength, is quick with a laugh and walks without a limp. With

the season opener looming on Friday, Blevins said, she will compete for playing time with a host of other Hawkeyes in the corner outfield, a position she switched to from second base before last season. Her most likely competitors for playing time are Kylie Murray, Jenna Spratt, and Quinn Morelock.

But whether she starts or not isn't the most important thing, right now — just getting back on the field is.

"I'm so excited to get out in the fresh air, and get back on

the field, and just get dirty," Gerlick said.

And she'll be able to, thanks to diligent rehab, both traditional and not. She's currently halfway through *Ender's Game*.

"Don't tell me anything," she said about the book's plot. "I heard it gets sad at the end."

For Scott Orson Card's epic, sad may work as a descriptor. But not for Gerlick. She's writing a happy final chapter to a long-awaited book.

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# Softball gets fresh troops

## SOFTBALL

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"We'll rotate games and rotate starts," Arnold said. "It's been going well. Brittany and I work really well together. If she has questions, I can answer them for her, and she gives me a lot of good feedback."

Taking even more pressure off the young pitcher is Iowa's explosive offense, which last season set school records for team and individual home runs. The team also set single-game records for home runs and RBIs

in a game. Sophomore Emily Nichols slugged 16 home runs — as a freshman — shortstop Stacy May hit an obscene .583 in the NCAA Tournament in Lincoln, Neb., center fielder Mindy Heidgerken hit an eye-popping .421 in conference play, and senior Kylie Murray led the team in home runs and RBIs in conference games, with six long balls and an absurd 42 RBIs in 18 league games.

For as much as the offense surged early, it hit a wall in NCAA play, with May recording seven of Iowa's 11 hits and plating all three runs in four tournament

games. Much of the slump was the small number of players Blevins had at her disposal last season — she operated with just a 13-player roster.

To ensure the team doesn't hit another late-season slump at the plate, she brought in a larger recruiting class to build on the razor-thin roster that stalled in Lincoln, with one of the freshman, Erin Riemersma, a probable starter this weekend in Miami.

"The prevention [of a slump] is that we have more options," Murray said. "That was one thing that hurt us, was that we

only had 13 people on our team, so, you can't keep all your options open if you only have three extra people on the bench."

They now have depth. Depth could propel the seniors past Lincoln.

"I would echo that one. I'd love to move past that spot," Blevins said. "I'd love to be home. We would have loved to have had that regional in Iowa City last year."

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# Iowa hopes to shake jinx

## HOOPS

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shot, the Croatian scored a career-high 32 points, including five 3-pointers, a year ago.

He also leads the Wildcats from beyond the arc, hitting more than 36 percent this season.

"You just have to stay really

into him," said senior Greg Brunner, who will likely draw Vukusic defensively more than any other Hawkeye.

"He can really burn you in many ways. You have to keep an eye on him. He's crafty."

The Wildcats (10-10, 3-6), who rank second in the Big Ten in scoring defense and turnover margin, run a Princeton offense under coach Bill

Carmody that has caused Iowa trouble in the past.

But the Hawkeyes have seen a similar style of offense earlier this season. In late November, the Hawkeyes held North Carolina State — which also runs a Princeton-type offense — to 17-of-50 shooting from the floor and forced the Wolfpack to commit 24 turnovers.

"Every time out, you have to

play a different team with a different style," said Brunner, who could be the school's all-time leading rebounder with just six boards against the Wildcats.

"If we can maintain playing the same way we have been, we'll be fine."

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# Gymnasts sign on

'I've had a couple of students tell me that during a meet they're waiting for the other team, and they will sign to each other about that team. I think that's pretty funny.'

— Shannon Marsh,  
Bourland's American Sign Language teacher

## SIGNING GYMNASTS

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Taking the class has become a tradition for the Hawkeyes. Coach Tom Dunn, a 27-year Iowa veteran, has become accustomed to catching members of his squad sending quickly paced hand signals back and forth at practice and meets.

"Since about 2000, we've always had a few who could sign," he said.

Dunn and other non-signing teammates can't help but watch and wonder.

"I wouldn't say it's distracting, but I try to figure some of them out, from time to time," Dunn said.

Bourland's teammate Jacques Bouchard is often his partner in conversation. Bouchard, the team captain, finished his fourth semester of sign language last year. Dunn said he has yet to notice any trend in the gymnasts who get involved with signing, but these two do share one thing.

"Those are two of the sharper guys on the team," said the skipper. "They are real good students."

Neither one of them is deaf or directly related to anyone who is. Bourland's teacher, Shannon Marsh, is usually the only deaf user of the language he comes into contact with.

"As students, [the gymnasts] are great," Marsh said through the help of interpreter AmyRuth McGraw.

The lecturer, in his first semester at the UI, has a theory on why Bourland and his fellow Hawks are involved with the sign-language program — they get to do what they do best, use their bodies.

"Athletics is physical," he signed. "Those students might be more comfortable in that manifestation of language."

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### DITV

- Police communication gets an upgrade
- Teach for America wants you
- Preview: Men's basketball vs. Northwestern

### DI POLL

Log on to answer this week's poll question: How concerned are you about bird flu affecting our area chicken/turkey farms?

• Very

- Somewhat
- Not at all
- I don't even know what bird flu is

### MP3s

- The Great Lakes
- FT (The Shadow Government)
- Clearlake
- The Letterpress Opry

### VIDEO

- Iowa Fan Fest 2006
- Dance Marathon 24-hour coverage
- Highlights of visiting

dance troupe Shen Wei  
Dance Arts' visit to Iowa City

### • Second City performance

### PHOTOS

- Dance Marathon hour-by-hour slide show

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### PHOTOS

- Photo slide show: 2006 Outback Bowl

### VIDEOS

- 2006 Outback Bowl coverage

### STORIES

- Scouting report

### COMING SOON

- Football news podcasts

## today's events

• **UISG Budget Request Form Workshop**, 12:30 p.m., 346 IMU

• **Expo Activation Session, info session on UI Employment Expo, an online recruiting system**, 2 p.m., C310 Pomerantz Center

• **Career Education Series, "Job and Internship Search Strategies,"** 2:40 p.m., C310 Pomerantz Center

• **Tow Seminar, "Markov Perfect Industry Dynamics with Many Firms,"** Gabriel Weintraub, Stanford University, 3:30 p.m., C125 Pappajohn Business Building

• **Mandatory Student Organization Workshops**, 4 p.m., IMU Big Ten lobby

• **Ida Cordelia Beam Distinguished Visiting Professor, "Sustaining Learning and Language: Forgotten in Education?"** Shirley Brice Heath, 4:30

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p.m., Lindquist Center Jones Common

• **Circle K**, 6:30 p.m., 343 IMU

• **Burlington Bluegrass Band**, 7 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington

• **Forty Shades of Blue**, 7 p.m., Bijou

• **Geneva Campus Ministry Undergraduate Spring Events, "Does the Study of Science Undermine Faith?"**, 7 p.m., Danforth Chapel

• **Joe Carr and Max Colby, UI Antiwar Committee**, 7 p.m., Uptown Bill's Small Mall, 401 S. Gilbert

• **"Live from Prairie Lights," Thomas O'Malley, fiction**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque, and WSUI

• **Tribute to Robert Paredes**, 7:30 p.m., Hillel Foundation, 122 E. Market

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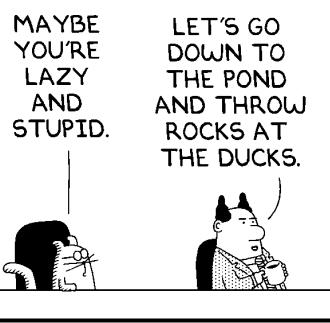
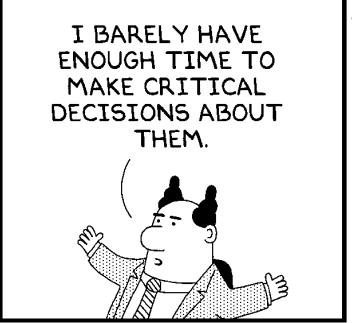
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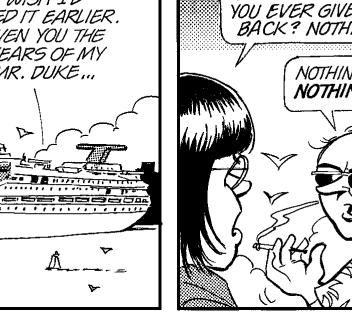
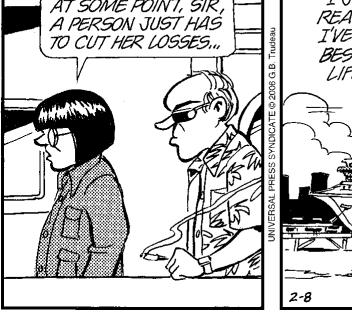
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**LAURA SHOREY**

## Why you SHOULD walk on the grass at the UI

• Grass is so much nicer on your feet.

• There's dog doo on the sidewalk.

• You want to duck behind a tree to avoid being seen by your ex.

• The fences aren't THAT hard to crawl under or climb over.

• It's hard to graze your sheep on the sidewalk.

• The maple syrup you sell to the Co-op comes from a tree located in the middle of the Pentacrest (shh ... don't tell them it's not organic).

• Your tree house is now inaccessible.

• You're a squirrel.

• Maybe walking on the grass will help the university realize where the sidewalks SHOULD be?

• Your class is on the other side of the Pentacrest, and you don't want to walk all the way around the block to get there.

— **Laura Shorey** wishes the UI would remove the fences preventing her from walking across the grass in the Pentacrest. To show your support e-mail her at: [laura-shorey@uiowa.edu](mailto:laura-shorey@uiowa.edu)

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## horoscopes

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

— by Eugenia Last

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): It's never too late to make a change. Look around you, and if you aren't happy with the way things are, do something about it. Talking to people with similar interests will open your mind to a new way of doing things.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Your emotional well-being will be in question if you have trouble keeping your point of view to yourself. Ridicule and criticism will be far too easy to dish out and far too difficult to swallow if you are on the receiving end.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Use your vast vocabulary and your way of expressing yourself to talk circles around anyone trying to compete with you. Work on something that ignites on your creative imagination. Someone will misinterpret you on purpose.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): You have to follow your instincts and read between the lines — especially when it concerns money matters. A chance to do something nice for the one you spend the most time with will be well worth it in returns.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't limit yourself especially when it comes to partnerships. If someone is offering you something, get it in writing, and make sure that everything is to your specifications before you sign. A chance to make some money is apparent.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): No matter what stage you are in life, there is always the potential for change. Don't take anything for granted. Trust in yourself and your abilities. You have the drive and some very brilliant ideas.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may have some wonderful suggestions, but someone may try to take credit for what you do. Stay on top of things. Discuss your plans with enough people that you are recognized as the brains behind what unfolds.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will be torn between choices today. Don't be a martyr; it's your turn to step into the limelight and follow your own pursuits to completion. You are overdue for a change.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stop changing your mind so much. You will confuse everyone, including yourself if you don't make a decision and stick to it. A pleasure trip should be in the works.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Everything will revolve around your ability to complete what you start. Enlist the help of someone you trust. A choice to go out before you've completed your responsibilities will upset some of the people who are counting on you.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It's time to do something that will give you a pick-me-up. Consider fitness or a self-improvement procedure that will raise your self-esteem and confidence. Giving yourself a boost will contribute to how well you do this year.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): You will have trouble listening to good advice today. Your emotional well-being will be tested if you are stubborn. This is not the day to be living in a dream world — every decision you make will have an effect on your future.

## PATV

Public Access Television cable channel 18

7 a.m. Democracy Now

5 Construction Video

11 Democracy Now

5:30 Don Tang's Story

Noon Al Zappala's Gold Star Families for Peace

5:50 February Snow Removal

12:45 p.m. Myths & Realities of Immigration

6 U.N. Report

1:25 Telefriend

6:30 Film Punk Productions

1:30 Wocidj Jan. 11

7 Sports Opinion

2 First United Methodist Church

8 PATV Open Channel

3 Faith Holiness Apostolic Church of God

9 Iowa City Free Radio 88.7

3:30 Wocidj Jan. 4

10 C.H.I.L.D.

10:25 Painful Grey

10:30 Undercover TV

11 Medium

11:30 Songy Challenge

## UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

3 p.m. "Live from Prairie Lights,"