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Class rank under scrutiny

The Legislature is considering a bill that would direct the regents to re-examine college admissions, with an eye toward changing the class-rank criterion

BY SAM EDSILL
THE DAILY IOWAN

Some members of the Iowa House want to re-examine state university admissions standards, specifically a rule granting admission to all Iowa high-school students who graduate in the top half of their classes.

Under a bill proposed by Rep. Jodi Tymeson, R-Winterset, the state Board of Regents would examine whether other guidelines, such as grade-point average or course difficulty, would be more accurate indicators of college success.

Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, said part of the concern with the present method is that the



Tymeson
R-Winterset



Mascher
D-Iowa City

rules are unfair to students in larger high schools, who may fail to finish in the top 50 percent — despite a strong academic record.

“As a student, you could not take any higher math and science courses and end up with a really great G.P.A., but you’d be

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CURRENT UI UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS STANDARDS

Students are guaranteed admission if they:

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 - 1 year of geometry
- Students whose schools do not rank must present an academic profile that shows strong likelihood for success at the UI.

Source: <http://www.uiowa.edu/admissions/undergrad/index.html>

PLASTIC SURGERY AT UIHC



Ed Bornstein/The Daily Iowan

Grant Hamilton, the only facial plastic surgeon at the UIHC, answers questions during an interview in the meeting room of his newly re-modeled unit. Hamilton hopes to hold monthly seminars starting in April that would explain plastic surgery.

UIHC unit putting on a new face

BY SUSAN ELGIN
THE DAILY IOWAN

For most of her time in college, UI junior Kelly Slattery couldn’t breathe without opening her mouth.

But now, thanks to a corrective rhinoplasty at UI Hospitals and Clinics, the marketing major is a “normal person.”

Slattery injured her nose in field-hockey practice her freshman year but waited until December 2005, when she was done competing, to have the surgery.

“I felt safe seeing a plastic surgeon through the hospital, versus a private practice,” she said. “I would not have known where to start if UIHC did not offer plastic surgery.”

The UIHC facial plastic-surgery unit began remodeling last August, just after

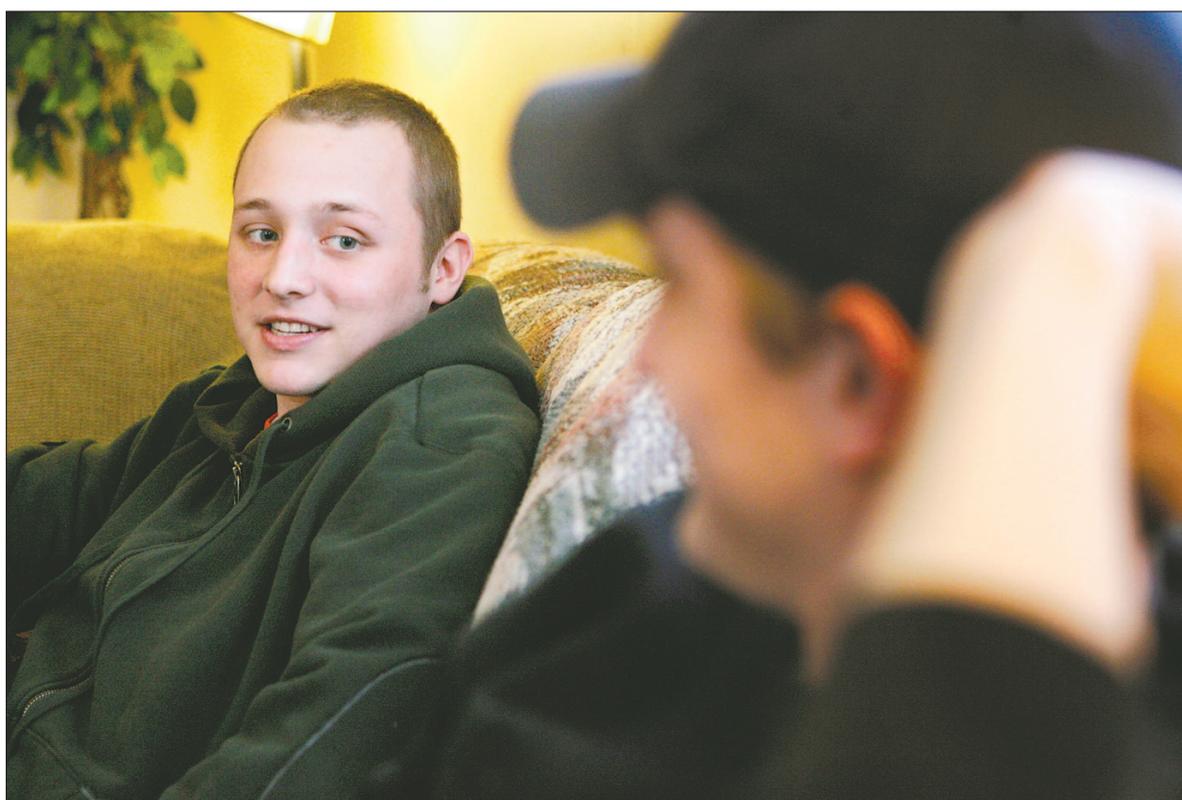
Grant Hamilton, the hospital’s sole facial plastic surgeon, began working there. Workers finished construction on the area in September, but the finishing touches are still being completed around the office — such as new furniture that arrived last week. It’s all part of an effort to place a higher emphasis on elective plastic surgery at UIHC, Hamilton said.

“We’re definitely going to be ramping things up and seeing more patients — surgery is booked through the end of April,” he said.

UIHC is recruiting other plastic surgeons to perform non-facial plastic surgery, though Hamilton said that isn’t a top priority, because the operations are usually not performed out of medical necessity.

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UI student perseveres through classes, chemo



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

UI senior Joe Smith jokes with roommate Wylie Hachey after classes Thursday. Smith has nearly recovered from testicular cancer.

UI student Joe Smith survived the final exams, papers, all-around college stress, and cancer. While going through chemotherapy, Smith attended two classes and earned a 3.5 GPA

BY MASON KERNS
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Stress grows on students like moss on trees — and UI senior Joe Smith was not immune.

During the fall 2005 semester, he battled exams, papers, and deadlines with myriad other business majors. And indeed, the 3.5 grade point average he earned would have sufficed for most students.

But Smith didn’t have the luxuries of afternoon naps, a library environment, or caffeine for studying. In fact, Smith was virtually living in an oncology clinic in Cedar Rapids.

While in Des Moines fulfill-

ing an internship this summer, Smith noticed a lump while watching TV in his apartment. The 21-year-old contacted a local medical clinic, where doctors told him he had epididymitis — the inflammation of the epididymis commonly caused by overexertion. But, after finally seeing a urologist, Smith was left to await the results of an ultrasound, with cancer looming as a possibility.

“I remember sitting and talking to my brother, after the first few doctors were giving me the runaround,” Smith said on Wednesday. “He was saying, no way it’s cancer, man. You’re only 21.”

Turns out he was old enough.

TESTICULAR CANCER

According to the American Cancer Society, testicular cancer, especially the seminomas variety, is on the rise in the United States; 8,250 men are expected to be diagnosed in with the disease in 2006. Testicular cancer is among the most treatable of all cancers; 96 percent of those inflicted survive it. Young men are disproportionately prone to getting testicular cancer.

Stages and 5-year Survival Rates:

- Stage 1: Confined to testicles; 99%
- Stage 2: Spreads to lymph nodes; 96%
- Stage 3*: spreads to lungs, brain, or other organ/s; 72%

*very rare: Testicular cancer is usually detected in Stage 1

Source: American Cancer Society

Doctors told Smith he had stage-two testicular cancer, which had spread from his testes to lymph nodes surrounding his kidneys. After

enduring an oriechtomy to remove his cancer-ridden left testicle, Smith chose to undergo chemotherapy at Iowa

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Wanted: No more bars

BY COLIN BURKE
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Three Iowa City City Councilors said at a Thursday meeting they want to look into bringing a few new businesses downtown — ones that don’t serve alcohol.

At a meeting of the City Council’s Economic Development Committee, councilors proposed planning a field trip to a retail incubator in Cedar Rapids — where a few small businesses are housed in one large property — to see if the concept would be applicable to downtown Iowa City.

One of the reasons councilors said they considered the idea is because property rents downtown are expensive. Brett Sawyer, the owner of Sports Column, 12 S. Dubuque St., can attest to the expensive rents, although he

said he has had no trouble paying for his business.

“The only ones that can afford them are restaurants and bars because of high [customer] volume,” he said.

Councilor Connie Champion, the owner of Catherine’s women’s clothing store, 7 S. Dubuque St., said she thinks it’s tough for small retailers to survive in a large space in Iowa City, citing the recent closing of Bremer’s, 120 E. Washington St.

Yet the committee member said she has been able to support her store’s payments without turning to unique tactics.

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Class rank may be ditched

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no more prepared for college than the man in the moon," said Mascher, a member of the House Education Committee, in which the bill received unanimous approval recently.

"That doesn't do you any good, and it doesn't do the institutions you're applying to any good," she said.

One problem, legislators say, is that Iowa students frequently enter college needing basic coursework.

"We have heard from community colleges, universities, and

even private colleges that quite a few students come in needing remedial work," Tymeson, the co-chairwoman of the House Education Committee, said on Thursday.

Regent President Pro Tem Robert Downer said those concerns are warranted, and he contended that state universities are spending too much on remedial courses to catch students up.

"We have to face the question of how well-prepared students are for college," the Iowa City resident said.

The regents have frequently discussed the issue, he said. New criteria could encourage

schools to offer more difficult classes, he said.

"I would like to see there be something of a sliding scale on this percent, based on the number of college preparatory and [advanced-placement] courses offered at a particular high school," Downer said.

At the same time, many Iowa high schools are abandoning class rank altogether, further eroding the applicability of automatic admissions requirements.

The Iowa City School District, for example, abandoned class rank in 2005, after parents and administrators charged that it was putting

their children at a disadvantage, West High Principal Jerry Arganbright said.

Larger schools in Ames, Dubuque, and West Des Moines have also done away with rankings.

"We would much prefer that standard be removed," Arganbright said, adding he would prefer more weight placed on which courses students take.

The bill is expected to receive a House vote as early as next week; if the study is commissioned, the results will be given to lawmakers by Jan. 8, 2007.

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UISG ELECTION

Board bounces one UISG slate

The Pants Party is dropped from the upcoming campaign because its petition is 68 signatures short

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Stewart
Presidential candidate



Dong
Vice-presidential candidate

After a four-hour meeting Thursday, members of the Student Election Board decided to remove the Pants Party ticket from the UI Student Government presidential elections.

The meeting was held regarding a dispute over several missing pages of signatures in the party's petition to run for office.

Presidential candidate Alan Stewart and vice-presidential candidate Min Dong contacted Student Election Board Director Bridget Henry moments before the 500-signature petition was due Feb 10. Henry said Dong informed her several pages of the petition had been lost or stolen.

Henry said she told Dong the two would have to file a formal grievance with the election board to review the matter.

The election board was informed by the Registrar's Office that the candidates only had 432 valid signatures — 68 short of the requirement, Henry said. The board then heard the duo's formal grievance during the four-hour meeting Thursday.

According to affidavits filed by members of the party and Dong's sorority sisters, one of the sisters placed pages of sig-

natures on Dong's desk, Henry said. When Dong went to retrieve the pages, they were missing.

"We didn't have the proof, beyond a reasonable doubt, that this was the truth," Henry said. She added the party only submitted corroborating evidence but no physical proof that signature pages were misplaced.

The board reached its decision around 9:30 p.m. Thursday and informed the candidates via e-mail of its decision.

Stewart said late Thursday he had not heard about a final decision from the board, but he noted that he had not checked his e-mail in a while.

"I'm disappointed; I was excited about running," he said.

Stewart said the party had done "absolutely" nothing wrong, and its members had done everything they could to try to remain candidates.

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Unit has true Facebook

PLASTIC SURGERY

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He estimates that 60 percent of the operations involve a cosmetic aspect. While elective plastic surgery was performed at UIHC prior to August, Hamilton said, the hospital's exclusive emphasis on facial reconstruction makes it competitive with private practices.

"There is no such thing as an actual specialty in cosmetic surgery," he said. "In private practices, you can sometimes get people without training in facial

plastic surgery who can do this, because there is no oversight. Coming here, patients can feel comfortable that I am accredited and trained."

Thomas Lamperti, also a physician, flew from Anchorage, Alaska, to have his rhinoplasty — for both corrective and cosmetic purposes — at UIHC. Lamperti chose to make the trek because he was a medical resident with Hamilton and "had faith in his skills."

Before, Lamperti said, he wore glasses to hide a bump on his nose, which he had broken several times as a child. Now

his sleeker schnoz helps him feel comfortable wearing contacts all the time — a necessity, because glasses would irritate the bridge of his nose.

Because many of these surgeries are elective, Hamilton said, he must make the office as patient-friendly as possible.

"I'm in a weird area of medicine, in that I'm not treating people who are sick," he said. "People associate time, paperwork, and hassle with hospitals, and I'm trying to eliminate those obstacles."

Patients do not have to check in at the main front desk.

Instead, they can go straight up to the newly renovated unit. Hamilton said all appointment times last one hour, so he can fully address all concerns and options with patients. The department hopes to host an open house in late March and hold free educational seminars once a month to answer people's questions about plastic surgery, starting in April.

"My job is to make this more of a place where people want to come rather than have to come," he said.

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UI student battles cancer

CANCER

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Blood and Cancer Care in his native Cedar Rapids. He needed nine total weeks of treatment, three of which would require being pumped full of cancer drugs six or seven hours daily.

Smith said his "great oncologist," Dr. Chirantan Ghosh, advised against any activity that could be physically or mentally strenuous. Smith, who was enrolled in five Tippie College of Business courses, decided to push himself.

"When I said I was staying in two of the classes, they said I was crazy, that no one ever does this," he said. "But I knew that the mental strain [of the treatment] is the worst part, so I didn't want to sit around idle."

Throughout chemotherapy,

Smith drove the 40 miles round-trip from Cedar Rapids, rarely missing a class. Dave Collins, a UI lecturer who taught Smith in a retail-management course, called him a good student who "never used his disease as a crutch."

"He really cowboied up and accepted it," Collins said. "I mean, it snowed today, and some people stayed home. He's the type of guy who's going to show up regardless, and I really admire him for it."

Smith said he was able to keep his spirits up during the first two cycles, or six weeks, of chemotherapy. But though he vowed to attend every home Iowa football game, the Iowa/Illinois Homecoming matchup was the only one he made. And, in hindsight, he probably should have stayed home.

"I was trying to keep as much

normalcy in my life as possible, so I went to the game and to Melrose to tailgate, afterwards," Smith said. "I was playing catch with a football, and I felt a bone down by ankle snap — and then another one."

Those bones were his right tibia and fibula. Whittled away by a steroid Smith was taking as part of his treatment, the bones simply snapped close to his foot. Worse, doctors couldn't risk surgery to align the bones properly at a point when his body was so weak.

"Going through the last cycle with the broken bones was the lowest point," Smith said.

Luckily, the bones fused. More importantly, Smith's nine weeks of chemotherapy proved to be successful. Aside from monitoring his health more closely and going to routine checkups, the

marketing major and Walgreens assistant manager has resumed the normalcy he sought throughout his treatment.

Smith also uses his experiences to touch a fellow UI student. After reading about Hawkeye baseball player Casey O'Rourke in *The Daily Iowan*, who was diagnosed with the same disease in December 2005, Smith immediately sent the pitcher a series of e-mails. O'Rourke, who was unaware of the nature of chemotherapy, said Smith's concern and guidance were comforting.

"We would talk through e-mail a lot before I started my treatment," O'Rourke said. "He would explain to me what happened to him, the ins and outs, what to be prepared for."

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Sans alcohol downtown's motto

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"I can't charge a cover," she said. But she also added the next new business probably won't be another bar.

"I don't think any more can be supported," Champion said.

In fact, one business owner thinks there are too many already. Leah Cohen, the owner of Bo-James, 118 E. Washington St., said a way to bring more diversity to downtown is to just regulate the irresponsible bars.

She said the city could develop a point system, based on violations for serving minors and failing to enforce capacity regulations, to decide which bars can have liquor licenses.

"Owning a bar and having a liquor license in Iowa City is a privilege," she said.

Cohen did add she would like to see more small shops downtown but said the idea of dividing property up for smaller stores is expensive.

Councilor Bob Elliott, who acknowledged there are plenty of bars downtown, said the city

OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- The Genius in Diapers Child Development Center was denied a \$99,880 request for Community Development Block Grant assistance.
- United Natural Foods Inc. was allowed until June 1, 2007, to reach the employment threshold of 300 mandated by its Tax Increment Financing agreement with the city.

has more to offer than the drinking establishments, such as banks, art galleries, and jewelry stores. He said the newly built Plaza Towers will also attract an older crowd.

He added the "retail incubator" would be another way of "attracting and nurturing start-up businesses."

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Avoiding the pill mix-up

Many confuse the Plan B pill and Mifepristone; Plan B does not terminate an existing pregnancy, while Mifepristone chemically induces an abortion.

BY MEGHAN V. MALLOY
THE DAILY IOWAN



'I think young women do get confused about it. Even some medical professionals get confused.'

— Karen Kubby, Emma Gold Director

Women who interchange the meanings of the Plan B pill and the abortion pill are critically wrong, say local experts.

"I thought they were the same thing," said UI junior Brianna Engle. "You hear people call them by the same name."

Not only can the names not be interchanged, but their uses can't, either.

Plan B, a brand name of emergency contraception designed to prevent pregnancy, is often used synonymously with Mifepristone, another pregnancy prevention better known as the abortion pill.

Lisa James, the nurse manager of UI Student Health Service, said the facility distributed 189 packs of the Plan B pill during the last fiscal year, and distribution has been steadily increasing.

The health service does not offer Mifepristone, James said. She said she believes most young women can distinguish between the two products, but Karen Kubby, the executive director of the Emma Goldman Clinic, said some people misunderstand the drugs' uses.

"People try to argue that both pills are abortion-inducing, but, medically, that is not the case," she said.

Mifepristone, which was best known under the name RU-486 during test trials, can chemically

induce an abortion, Kubby said. The drug is effective up to 63 days after the patient has unprotected sex.

The Plan B pill, on the other hand, which cannot terminate an existing pregnancy, is most effective during the 72 hours after sex, though, in some cases, it has been found to be effective for up to 120 hours.

Confusion among women about what the two products do, Kubby said, is not surprising.

"I think young women do get confused about it," she said. "Even some medical professionals get confused."

"Our staff is sure to ask patients questions about their pregnancy or the time span since they had unprotected sex to determine what service they specifically need."

Kubby said 863 of the clinic's clients between 18 and 24 years old had abortions in the past fiscal year. The clinic facilitated 173 non-surgical abortions using Mifepristone.

Kathi DiNicola, the marketing director for Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa, disagreed with Kubby's sentiments about women's knowledge of the drugs,

saying she felt "younger women are becoming more savvy about the difference between Plan B and the abortion pill."

Melissa Grant, the senior director of health service for Planned Parenthood, said that in order to obtain Mifepristone, a woman must have a positive pregnancy test and an ultrasound to determine how far along she is.

Mifepristone, which was referred to as the "morning-after pill" on its website and by Kubby, despite Grant saying that is not correct term for it, was legalized in the United States in 2000, after controversial testing in Europe.

Though the two products can ultimately have different results, Grant said the bottom line is "they're both meant to prevent pregnancy."

Grant said Plan B should become more accessible to women as time goes on, hopefully progressing to an over-the-counter product.

"It would be another way to give women peace of mind and control — a different kind of abortion," she said.

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Bill would push back start of school

The bill's sponsor, who is associated with the state fair, says starting school in August hurts the state's economy by cutting into fair attendance

BY MASON KERNS
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'It's hot and humid, and we bus these kids to school, then send them home early. It's a waste.'

— John Putney, Sen. R-Gladbrook

An Iowa Senate bill may force school districts statewide to postpone the beginning of classes until Sept. 1, or face state funding reductions — and Iowa City school officials indicated this week they wouldn't be thrilled with either scenario.

Under state law, districts are required to begin classes after Sept. 1, though many use waivers so they can start in late August. The recently introduced Senate File 2150 would eliminate those waivers and cut funding for each day classes are held before Sept. 1 — a cost that would be substantial for Iowa City, said Lane Plugge, the district's superintendent.

Though he said funding penalties would likely force the district to comply, he dislikes the plan for several reasons. Current teacher contracts would have to be re-negotiated, the tradition of aligning school breaks with those of the UI would be sacrificed, and, in the event of numerous snow days, classes could pour into mid-June. In addition, Plugge advocated more local control of the overall process.

"I would not support anything that takes away the flexibility of the districts," he said. "Our calendar has always been flexible, and I believe we need to keep it that way."

But the bill's main sponsor, Sen. John Putney, R-Gladbrook, said districts have for years "exploited a loophole"

by applying for the waiver, thereby habitually hastening the start of classes.

"To get it, you're supposed to have to prove a negative educational impact that would result from starting later — but very few, if any, ever have to," he said on Wednesday.

He cited Iowa's economic dependency on late-summer tourism as a main reason for the bill. Putney said many families visit Iowa landmarks and recreation sites in the summer, including county and state fairs. School districts who start their sessions in the summer adversely affect the economy, he said.

The senator, also the executive director of the Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation, said his positions don't present a conflict of interest.

"Keep in mind, the State Fair is just one of the many components of tourism in Iowa," he said. "And there's not one legislator in [the assembly] who doesn't support legislation that [he or she has] personal interest in."

Putney also said Iowa's late-summer heat and lack of air conditioning in many schools makes starting in August both environmentally and financially inefficient.

However, Plugge said cooled areas make up 57 percent of the combined square footage of Iowa City schools. Iowa Association of School Boards statistics show air conditioning is enjoyed in just 45 percent of school buildings statewide.

"It's hot and humid, and we bus these kids to school, then send them home early," Putney said. "It's a waste."

But Gayle Klouda and other Iowa City School Board members contested the bill's necessity.

"I'd have to look at the numbers — maybe we'd save a little money on energy — but we have school for the same number of days, regardless, and who's to say it won't be hot in June," she said on Wednesday. "We are trying to make a calendar that attends to the needs of parents and other people, so I oppose it for our district."

School Board member Jan Leff said opposed the bill for reasons in addition to Plugge's and Klouda's.

"It would make it almost impossible for some teachers to do summer continuing education at the University," she said. "Plus, there are music and summer camps that start in June. It just doesn't seem necessary."

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Diocese settles in scandal

BY TODD DVORAK
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IOWA CITY — The Roman Catholic Diocese of Davenport, the Iowa diocese hardest hit by the sex-abuse scandals involving clergy, has agreed to pay \$870,000 to five men who claimed they were sexually molested as children by priests.

Attorneys for the men said the deal, reached through mediation with church lawyers and officials, was completed Wednesday in cases involving

four former priests, two of whom are deceased.

"The individuals are satisfied with the compensation offered by the church," said Craig Levien, an attorney for the five men and dozens of other victims with claims against the diocese.

"We now know the diocese is serious and willing about settling and resolving these cases," Levien said.

The abuse claims targeted two priests who had never been identified publicly by the diocese as clergy facing credible

sex-abuse allegations. The priests, Raymond Kalter and Herman Bongers, are each accused of molesting boys during the 1960s.

The other two former priests are William Wiebler and Francis Bass, both of whom have been named in several lawsuits.

"We strongly suspect there are more victims of these predators and we hope that they will also come forward and get the help they need and deserve," said Patrick Noaker, a St. Paul, Minn., attorney working with Levien.

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Term limits draw fire

An Iowa lawmaker would like to limit legislative terms to 12 years, but local legislators say this would give lobbyists an unfair advantage

BY ERIC PAPE
THE DAILY IOWAN

A resolution to cap the number of terms an Iowa legislator can serve has local politicians worried the regulated turnover would give lobbyists an unfair advantage over the spring chickens.

The proposed amendment to the Iowa Constitution is working its way through the Legislature to limit representatives and senators to serving no more than 12 years.

Rep. Richard Anderson, R-Clarinda, drafted the bill as an effort to inject "zeal" into the Legislature.

"Senior leadership has been here for such an extended period of time, partisan politics appear to sometimes be more important than resolving issues, and I'm not sure that is what people of Iowa want," the first-year representative said.



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— Richard Anderson, R-Clarinda

Johnson County legislators expressed concern about term limits, saying the position is already cyclic.

"We have natural turnover in the House and Senate, anyway, and some of us who have been there longer than 12 years, like myself; you need people around, like that, who have institutional memory and continuity of service," said Sen. Robert Dvorsky, D-Coralville, who was first elected in 1982.

Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, also opposed the term limits.

"I think that people should decide who is elected," the 49-year-old said. "They are smart enough to figure that out, without an automatic system that removes people from office."

While empathetic to those views, Anderson said, "There is a freshness in the vitality of new people coming into the system that is healthy. My term limit [12 years] is not a short one, and I think that is an ample time."

Both Bolkcom and Dvorsky

also expressed concern that power could fall into the hands of special-interest and lobbyist groups in the Des Moines area with the possible injection of so many new faces.

"When you have people who don't know a lot about the system, the people representing special interests are able to really prey on that," Dvorsky said. "You have lobbyists who have been [in Des Moines] for 50 years, and, if you send a legislator who has only been here a few years, that's not a fair exchange."

Bolkcom said states in which legislators have term limits have seen "an ordinate amount of power" given to lobbyists.

The bill has been referred to the State Government Committee. If the resolution were adopted, it would go before the next General Assembly, then submitted to the voters for ratification.

If the amendment is passed, the new limitations would be applied to terms beginning on Jan. 1, 2009.

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Donors gave an all-time record of at least \$25.6 billion to American colleges and universities in 2005, an increase of 4.9 percent over the year before, thanks largely to greater generosity from alumni and foundations.

Stanford raised \$603.6 million, more than any other university last year, and the second-highest total ever behind Harvard's \$683 million in 2001, according to the annual survey released Thursday by the Council for Aid to Education.

Second was the University of Wisconsin-Madison, whose \$595.2 million included a \$296 million foundation grant awarded to its medical school following the conversion of Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Wisconsin to a for-profit company.

Wisconsin was followed by Harvard (\$589.9 million), the University of Pennsylvania (\$394.3 million), and Cornell (\$353.9 million). The top 10

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— Ann Kaplan, survey director

schools alone accounted for about half the national growth — a figure survey director Ann Kaplan said is fairly typical.

"These are large research institutions, and a lot of these very big gifts go toward supplying infrastructure for, and paying for things like, medical research," she said. Already-wealthy schools, she said, attract donations "not just because of their prestige but because of their programs."

Alumni donations, which account for 28 percent of giving to colleges, increased 6 percent, though the percentage of alumni giving fell to 12.4 percent. The percentage of alumni donors has fallen steadily since 1990, though Kaplan said it is difficult to say whether fewer alumni are donating to their

alma maters or colleges are just better at tracking down alumni so more are factored into the survey.

Another factor could be that colleges are focusing more on big gifts than on soliciting wide participation.

"In the short run it's more efficient to raise a small number of large gifts," she said.

Giving from foundations, which account for about the same proportion of private giving as alumni, rose 12.9 percent to \$7 billion, though corporate donations were flat from a year ago.

The education council surveyed 1,005 institutions, including schools that account for about 85 percent of all voluntary aid raised by colleges and universities.

Powerball hits record

Jackpot reaches \$365 million, topping previous mark of \$363 million

BY AMY LORENTZEN
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DES MOINES — The Powerball jackpot has reached a new high of \$365 million — making it the largest jackpot in North American lottery history.

The jackpot, growing since Dec. 17, is expected to spark a frenzy of Powerball ticket sales.

"That will be the largest the jackpot has ever been," Tina Potthoff, spokeswoman for the Iowa Lottery, said Thursday.

Jasmina Goretic, a clerk at a Dahl's Food Mart in Des Moines, said the store might

have an extra person staff the courtesy counter to handle Powerball sales before Saturday's drawing.

"We expect a crowd," she said. "It's been crazy already."

The Powerball jackpot tops the previous lottery record, which was \$363 million for the Big Game — the forerunner of Mega Millions. It was won by two ticket holders in Illinois and Michigan in 2000.

However, that Big Game prize actually had a larger cash payout than the current Powerball will boast — \$181.5 million compared to \$177.3 million.

After no winner was picked in Wednesday's \$308.8 million Powerball drawing, the jackpot climbed past the game's previous record of \$340 million, which was won by an Oregon family in October.

The game grew out of the Lotto America game, which started in 1987 in seven states.

It evolved into Powerball in 1992 and, since then, more states have been added — 28 plus the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Yearly ticket sales are into the billions of dollars.

The chances of winning the jackpot are 1 in 146.1 million.

The odds don't keep Nancy Chavannes of Windsor Heights, from purchasing a ticket. She plans to get hers on Saturday. She usually only plays when the jackpot gets near a record, but admitted she would be happy with one of the smaller prizes.

"I would take the \$100,000, I'm not picky," she said with a smile.

Chavannes said she likes to daydream about what she would do with her winnings, including expanding her travel agency and wine shop in the Des Moines skywalk.

"We buy a Powerball ticket, go home, have a bottle of wine ... and imagine," she said.

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 — Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y., the chairman of the House Science Committee.

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horoscopes Friday, February 17, 2006 — by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may think you know what you are doing today, but someone will prove you wrong. Don't attempt something you don't have a whole lot of experience doing. You may be able to fool some but the ones who count will call you bluff.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Finish what you start, and you won't have to worry over the weekend. You may find yourself in a tricky situation where a friendship is concerned. Know what you want so that you don't end up hemming and hawing, accomplishing little.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will be a social butterfly today, but that isn't likely to go over big with the people who depend on you. Don't mix business with pleasure. A short trip that will bring you in touch with someone of like mind will help you make some personal decisions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Set your goals and your sights high today. A little love and romance will go a long way where your personal interests are concerned. A walk down memory lane will stir up some long forgotten emotions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep things in perspective. A money deal will turn out in your favor. Take a look at contracts, and prepare to make your changes. Don't back down or give in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Open-mindedness will be the path to new beginnings. Change is required and acceptance necessary. A short trip will result in meeting someone who can alter your future at a personal level.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll have plenty of options today. Take care of work details before you socialize. You can impress the very people who will help you get ahead if you are skillful, conscientious, and enthusiastic.

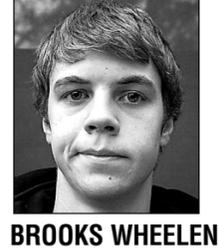
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will be highly creative, and you should be able to come up with some interesting new ways of doing things. You can develop a talent that you have wanted to turn into a professional tool. Be careful not to trust everyone around you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't take anyone or anything for granted, especially in your personal life. You'll have a hard time making your mind and sticking to what you say you are going to do. A chance to do something with someone unusual may be exciting but also misleading.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can rely on friends but not family members today. Things won't turn out as planned if you don't keep an eye on the important details. Make plans to spend time with someone you love.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't get angry or put the blame on someone else. You have to take full responsibility to get through some of the problems you face. Be honest, and deal with matters swiftly. Now is the time to avoid emotional issues, not argue.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will make a lasting impression by going out of your way to help others. A trip will prove to be more important than you expect. Your ideas will draw interest from someone who will help you accomplish your goals.



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Poor Spring Break Decisions:

- Head to the Middle East for break because you feel that the beaches there are an untapped resource.
- You feel the free Girls Gone Wild T-shirt will be worth it in the long run.
- Attend a wet moo-moo contest.
- Bring Grandma to Daytona Beach so she can show you how FDR partied.
- Use jellyfish as a diaper for your wacky and wild new Facebook picture because you want everyone to know how wasted you were 24/7.
- Going ahead and leaving for Florida because your friend assures you that he knows a guy who has a cousin whose boyfriend lives there and you can probably stay in his basement.
- Search for crabs, but not on the beach.
- You see a killer whale and in your current state, you approach it to say you thought its movie *Free Willy* was way over-rated.
- You decide to go back on your promise you made to yourself in fifth grade to never get on the cleaning lady in a hotel utility closet again.

— Brooks Wheelen will be partying hard all break at home with his parents and guinea pig.
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today's events

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- **Afro-American Cultural Center Black History Month Event, "Bigger, Better, Blacker,"** 8 a.m.-5 p.m., IMU
- **College of Public Health Town Hall Meeting,** 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 2117, Medical Education and Biomedical Research Facility
- **Annie Gaines, singer and pianist,** noon, UIHC Coloton Atrium
- **Writers' Workshop Lecture Series, "Surrealism,"** Dean Young, 4 p.m., Shambaugh House
- **North American Saxophone Alliance Concert,** 5 p.m., UI Museum of Art
- **New Nationalisms, an East Asia writers' symposium, The New God film screening,** 6:30 p.m., 335 IMU
- **Afro-American Cultural Center Black History Month Event, Question Party with BGAPS,** 7-9 p.m., Afro-American Cultural Center
- **"Live from Prairie Lights" Steve Semken, nonfiction,** 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque, and WSUI
- **New York Doll,** 7 p.m., Bijou
- **The Vagina Monologues,** 7 p.m., Medical Education and Biomedical Research Facility
- **Big Wooden Radio,** 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Death of a Salesman,** 8 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert
- **Love's Labour's Lost,** 8 p.m., Theatre Building Mabie Theatre
- **The Humanities Division,** Sean Lewis, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Theatre B
- **North American Saxophone Alliance, Johnson County Landmark Jazz Band, John Rapson, director, with Matt Olson, Thomas Walsh, and Bennie Wallace, saxophones,** 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall

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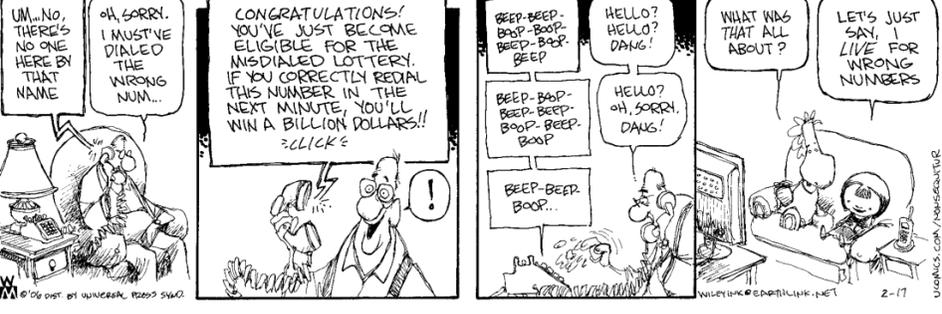
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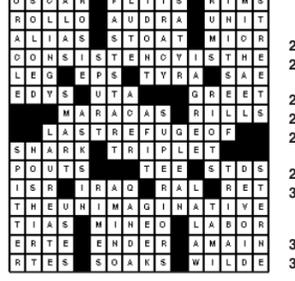
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16 Purveyors of spicy cuisine	43 Daughter of Hyperion	4 Proactive target, informally	5 Aeschylus trilogy
17 "Hurry, you'll be late"	45 Beat in November, perhaps	6 Legendary 49ers receiver	7 Charles of CBS News
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19 Full house sign	48 Some tracks	10 Ices, maybe	11 Bakery output
20 Patriot, e.g.: Abbr.	50 Kind of cart	12 John	13 "Last one ..."
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22 "Look ___!"	53 Elicitors of little dances, briefly	16 Start of an Ella Fitzgerald standard	23 Old map abbr.
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The cartoon war

BY ANTHONY SHADID AND KEVIN SULLIVAN
WASHINGTON POST

BEIRUT, Lebanon — It was Oct. 13 when Teguh Santosa, a 30-year-old editor with wire-rim glasses, slicked back black hair, and a stubby beard, decided to make a point in Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim country. His idea was a small gesture in a broader confrontation, illustrating the power of images in shaping sentiments. He scanned a dozen cartoons published in September by a Danish newspaper that lampooned the Prophet Muhammad and chose to publish on his news website the one that has since proven the most inflammatory: the prophet wearing a turban shaped like a bomb with a lit fuse.

"I wanted them to know why it was insulting," said the thick-set Santosa, a Muslim who runs the widely read Rakyat Merdeka Online.

To his surprise, there was almost no reaction. A few e-mailed comments to the website, he said; that was all. So, he republished the caricature more than a week later, on Oct. 22. Again, nothing.

"We were confused," he recalled, his sleeves rolled up to his elbows. "Why aren't people reacting to this story?"

What followed was a quintessential 21st-century battle, a conflict steeped in decades, even centuries, of grievances, reshaped by the attacks of 9/11 and their aftermath. A digitally interconnected world propelled it forward, as did a series of slights and missteps. And a cultural divide, at times so deep two sides cannot seemingly occupy the same space, transformed an almost incidental decision to publish a dozen cartoons in the inside page of a small newspaper in Denmark into a global conflagration.

Protests have erupted in an arc, stretching from Europe through Africa to East Asia and, at times, the United States. About a dozen people have died in Afghanistan; five were killed this week in Pakistan. Muslim journalists were arrested for publishing the cartoons in Jordan, Algeria, and Yemen. European countries have evacuated the staffs of embassies and non-governmental organizations, Muslim countries have withdrawn ambassadors, and Danish exports that average more than \$1 billion a year have dried up in a span of weeks.

But the scope of the fallout tells only one story. The debate over the cartoons is replete with unintended consequences, some still taking shape this week. On one side is a defense of freedom of expression — on the other, an unforgivable insult to a sacred figure. In between are potentially longer-lasting repercussions: are thinking of relations between Europe and the Muslim world and a rare moment of empowerment among Muslims who have felt besieged. Given the moral certainty pronounced by each party, some in the middle feel forced to take sides, blurring the diversity of religious thought that might offer grounds for compromise.

In the United States and Europe, some officials have suggested that the governments of Syria and Iran, isolated abroad, have stoked the protests for their own political reasons. A few Muslim leaders have contended the controversy would have ended quickly with an apology. But the conflict illustrates a broader collision of world views, often fueled by feelings of Muslim weakness and injury that date back long before the cartoons were published. "The way I see it, the war has already started," said Daii al-Islam al-Shahal, a Sunni Muslim cleric in the Lebanese coastal town of Tripoli, who helped organize protests this month against the cartoons in his hometown and in Beirut. "Will it end soon, or will it come to a close only after it has completely wiped out the two sides? That is up to God."

Unit mounts 'classic' counterinsurgency

The 3rd Armored Cavalry's program was successful because it focused on treating Iraqis with respect



BY THOMAS E. RICKS
WASHINGTON POST

TALL AFAR, Iraq — The last time the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment served in Iraq, in 2003-04, its performance was judged mediocre, with a series of abuse cases growing out of its tour of duty in Anbar province.

But its second tour in Iraq has been very different, according to specialists in the difficult art of conducting a counterinsurgency campaign — fighting a guerrilla war but also trying to win over the population and elements of the enemy. Such campaigns are distinct from the kind of war most U.S. commanders have spent decades preparing to fight.

In the last nine months, the regiment has focused on breaking the insurgents' hold on Tall Afar, a town of 290,000. Their operations here "will serve as a case study in classic counterinsurgency, the way it is supposed to be done," said Terry Daly, a retired intelligence officer specializing in the subject.

U.S. military experts conducting an internal review of the three dozen major U.S. brigades, battalions, and similar units operating in Iraq in 2005 privately concluded that of all those units, the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment performed the best at counterinsurgency, according to a source familiar with the review's findings.



Thomas E. Ricks/Washington Post

Col. H. R. McMaster, the commander of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, works out on the bag in Tall Afar, Iraq.

The regiment's campaign began in Colorado in June 2004, when Col. H.R. McMaster took command and began to train the unit to return to Iraq. As he described it, his approach was like that of a football coach who knows he has a group of able and dedicated athletes but needs to retrain them to play soccer.

Understanding that the key to counterinsurgency is focusing on the people, not the enemy, he said he changed the standing orders of the regiment to state that, in the future, all soldiers would "treat detainees professionally." During the unit's previous tour, a detainee was beaten to death during questioning, and a unit commander carried a baseball bat that he called his "Iraqi beater."

"Every time you treat an Iraqi disrespectfully, you are working for the enemy,"

McMaster said he told every soldier in his command. He ordered his soldiers to stop using the term hajji as a slang term for all Iraqis, because he saw it as inaccurate and disrespectful. (It actually means someone who has made the Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca.)

One out of every 10 soldiers received a three-week course in conversational Arabic so that each small unit would have someone capable of basic

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— H.R. McMaster, Commander of the 3rd Cavalry

exchanges with Iraqis. McMaster, who holds a Ph.D. in history from the University of North Carolina and is an expert on the Vietnam War, distributed a lengthy reading list to his officers that included studies of Arab and Iraqi history and most of the classic texts on counterinsurgency. He also quietly relieved one battalion commander who didn't seem to understand that such changes were necessary.

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Dicks' situation

I've long thought that anyone who gave money to the Bush-Cheney campaign deserved to be shot, but I was just joking. I never thought the vice president would actually play out such a scenario.

But, while you're at it, thanks, Dick. Harry Whittington, a 78-year-old Texas lawyer, was shot by Dick Cheney while quail hunting on Feb. 11 in south Texas, in case you hadn't heard.

And, according to Katherine Armstrong, the lobbyist-owner of the 50,000-acre ranch where the incident occurred, poor Harry was "peppered pretty well" by the birdshot that Cheney ejaculated all over him.

Yes, ejaculated. In this day and age, there is no good reason to go hunting, outside of it being a compensatory male gesture, kind of like owning a Hummer.

People can buy meat at grocery stores now, and anything other than that is to make up for a small male organ, unless your plane crashes in the Andes.

For Cheney, you would have thought driving around in an oil-addicted armored limo and starting two wars in the Persian Gulf would be enough.

Think again. Cheney doesn't just like starting wars and letting other people fight them; he likes to fire a deadly weapon, too. After all, why let the soldiers have all the fun?

Of course, Cheney doesn't want to go all Teddy Roosevelt on us and actually do something that might endanger his life. Although with his heart condition, merely getting up in the morning is Cheney's version of running with the bulls of Pamplona.

No, the type of hunting Cheney engages in with his wealthy lobbyist friends and the occasional associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court is far more cowardly — not unlike begging off service from Vietnam or lying about pretenses to a war that has needlessly killed more than 2,000 U.S. servicemen and thousands more Iraqi civilians.

(By the way, we're still in the "last throes," right Dick?) In Cheney's version of the great outdoors, defenseless birds are raised in captivity for the sole purpose of letting some wealthy businessman or politician violently murder them to make up for the fact that their wives control when they have sex.

The so-called hunters, who are driven to the designated execution site in luxury SUVs, wait for the flushing of the coveys — the time when the birds are released from their cages just long enough for their bodies to be sliced apart by tiny pellets. (Now that poor Harry's gotten a taste of what it's like on the other end of those things, I wonder if he thinks about how the quails feel.)

In the time leading up to the scheduled release of the birds, the hunters have plenty of time to caress the long, hard, well-oiled shafts of their shotguns and talk about the size of their gauge and their last conquest. "You took down a doe last weekend, eh?"

Nudge, nudge. Wink, wink. Say no more. Say no more. Perversely erotic? You betcha!

Now unsurprisingly, Europeans are slightly more advanced in their hunting techniques and goals. They seem to have adopted a more metrosexual approach to the whole affair. Indeed, since Tony Blair's government banned fox hunting in Britain not too long ago, hunting has become more an occasion to wear tweed than to kill anything.

Americans, with their blaze-orange hats and vests, haven't quite caught on to the "hunting as fashion show" idea, yet. Like other great European advances, like banning smoking in bars and restaurants, for example, it'll undoubtedly take some time before we see guys like Dick and Harry showing off their new pair of Wellies.

Walking around and talking about new clothes isn't quite manly enough for the American myth. A great lot of men in this country need to be able to kill something or "hunt," no matter how convoluted it's become; they need demolition derbies, Hummers, shotguns, and professional wrestling to feel like they measure up.

It's no small wonder, then, that multilateral foreign policy and social services for the needy here at home are on the back burner — they make insecure men feel weaker, which is the ultimate disincentive. Wars, violence, fierce competition in business and life all fulfill a need in the lives of these dickless wonders that simple charity, compassion and goodwill cannot.

World peace? Pssh! The little boys in charge of Washington still aren't over the size of their penises. ■

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BARRY PUMP

EDITORIAL

Sales-tax idea worth exploring

The Iowa City School Board is considering holding a vote on a 1-cent increase in Johnson County's sales tax, currently 5 percent. The money would be used for building improvements on schools. School officials say the tax increase could raise more than \$6 million for the School District, which educates more than half of the county's students. Despite principled objections over the fairness of putting the burden for funding schools on outsiders, an extra cent per dollar is a modest increase and would put Iowa in line with other states' sales taxes.

The district is choosing to try to raise money to improve its school buildings through a sales-tax increase instead of a property-tax increase. The Iowa City City Council already voted to raise property taxes this month, so the public is unlikely to stomach paying even more. People with no children or whose children have grown up are often unwilling to pay higher property taxes to support schools. A vote on sales tax may be more popular, because, although it will still bring in a substantial amount of money, paying a few extra cents per purchase feels more palatable to citizens than a big hike in their annual tax bills.

Students from out of state might complain about having to pay more to support a K-12 school system they never attended, but, most likely, they are already getting a tax break by living in Iowa City: Sales taxes in Iowa are lower than in Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and Nebraska.

Raising the sales tax instead of the property tax means the local schools will be funded by anyone who shops in Johnson County instead of just by the people who own property here. Many communities with a large tourist or transient populations take advantage of that temporary population to

maximize the benefit to the local citizens. However, the student population of Iowa City uses many municipal benefits that they don't pay for: They drive on the roads, walk under the streetlights, and use the emergency services. They shouldn't balk at giving a few cents back to the community.

It should be noted that the proposed sales tax, like all sales taxes, is regressive. Because the rich and poor alike are paying the same amount, people with less income are paying a greater proportion of their incomes. Poor people are also more likely to spend more of their income, thus paying more in sales tax. This burden could be mitigated by making more necessities exempt from the sales tax — groceries and prescription medicine currently are, but clothing and school supplies are not.

It remains to be determined how the money raised by a tax increase would be split among the city, county, and school districts, which have varying levels of need. For example, the Clear Creek/Amana School District in Johnson County just passed a referendum to raise property taxes to pay for a new school building. Should it get a cut of the money, if it has taken care of its own funding? Would it be fair to punish it for being proactive by excluding it?

These ambiguities usually make voters wary of opening their wallets. Johnson County, and the school districts should iron out all the details, in order to make a persuasive case to the public. If Johnson County's schools really need millions in building improvements, it should be easy for them to spell out exactly what they require and how the money will be used. If the schools can show why they need the money, Johnson County citizens should be willing to fish out some extra change when they go shopping.

COMMENTARY

I WAS GOING TO HAVE MOHAMMED HERE, BUT APPARENTLY I'M BETTER OFF WITHOUT HIM!



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Cartoonish controversy

Talk about your stupid ideas. Far away, in a culture radically different from ours, people have decided to rampage through the streets, causing damage and wreaking havoc. No, there hasn't been another VEISHEA riot at Iowa State. I'm talking about the Muslim protests sparked by a set of Danish newspaper cartoons. From what I gather, the particularly offensive 'toon has the Prophet Muhammad wearing a turban.

But, so what? Political cartoons are always offensive to someone. Is it just me, or does this situation seem a little ridiculous?

I know some of you might say, "Bill, you're the stupid one. These people are repressed by the Western world and are voicing their righteous anger the only way they can." Baloney. These massive protests are no longer genuine expressions of frustration over religious intolerance. They are carefully orchestrated political events that exploit people's mistrust of the West. As I'm sure you've read in the papers, these protests have been cultivated by Syrian and Iranian autocrats to create fear (rational or not) over how "democracy" and "freedom of speech" will change people's lives.

Believe it or not, for as dumb as I think these protests are, I put the real blame for this mess on the media. The editors of the *Jyllands-Posten*, the Danish paper that started this controversy, would have us believe that they printed cartoons of Muhammad because a children's book author was having trouble finding someone to draw the prophet. Yeah, and this kiddie book needed Muhammad walking around with a bomb on his head? I don't think so. The *Jyllands-Posten* is known as a right-wing, anti-immigrant newspaper. It's nickname is "the morning fascist." So, I guess Fox News is in the Danish newspaper publishing business.

The bottom line is these cartoons were published for the wrong reasons. And with European papers blindly reprinting the images under the banner of "freedom of speech," the perception of what that right means is further blighted. I wouldn't be so hard on the papers, were these cartoons actually making insightful commentary about society, but they are not. They are just stupid.

The only way to prevent violence such as this from occurring again is to exercise our rights responsibly. Just because we can say something doesn't mean we should. Fortunately, the American press has exercised better discretion with this situation than our European counterparts. We need to continue to set a good example. To quote a great 20th-century author, "With great power comes great responsibility." If we aren't responsible with the rights we have, the real villains of this story will make us look like fools and turn those we want to help against us.

The sad truth is that, in the end, most of us will only read a couple headlines about foreign Muslims going nuts over cartoons and have our stereotypes of Islam reinforced. It's kind of like when Christians start bashing gays or Steinbrenner buys your favorite ballplayers. The actions of a few morons can make a whole group look bad, even though there's nothing fundamentally wrong with these institutions themselves. Well, except for the Yankees.

But God bless America, because, now, online, you can commemorate these protests by buying your very own T-shirt of Muhammad wearing a bomb on his head. Except it's not the Prophet Muhammad, it's the boxer Muhammad Ali. Yeah, so it's kind of a stupid idea, but at least this one's funny.

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UISG ELECTIONS 2006

The official UISG campaign period is just a weekend away — have your say on who leads our students in the coming year and where they ought to lead us.

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Drug strength

Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek has good reason to question the value of zero-tolerance drug policies. Most students outgrow their youthful indiscretions involving illicit drugs. An arrest and criminal record, on the other hand, can be life-shattering. After admitting to smoking pot (but not inhaling), former President Bill Clinton opened himself up to "soft on drugs" criticism. And thousands of Americans have paid the price in the form of shattered lives. More Americans went to prison or jail during the Clinton administration than during any past administration.

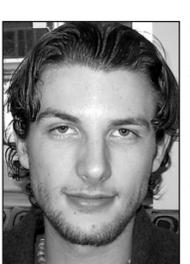
As an admitted former drinker and alleged illicit drug user, President Bush is also politically vulnerable when it comes to drugs. While youthful indiscretions didn't stop Clinton or Bush from assuming leadership positions, an arrest surely would have. The short-term effects of marijuana are inconsequential, compared with the long-term effects of criminal records. Students who want to help reform harmful drug laws should contact Students for Sensible Drug Policy at www.ssdp.org.

Robert Sharpe
policy analyst
Common Sense for Drug Policy



ON THE SPOT

Would you support a 1-cent increase for the sales tax?



"Yeah, I probably would, because with most of the stuff you buy, it wouldn't make a big difference."

Matt Henry
UI senior



"No, because my pennies are precious."

Laura Markley
UI sophomore



"I guess I would, because, since the Coral Ridge Mall opened, Iowa City is probably getting less tax revenue."

Mary Hicks
UI senior



"Sure. It's only 1 cent, and they probably need it."

Derek Schairer
UI senior

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Giving some voice to those who suffer



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BY SUSAN ELGIN
THE DAILY IOWAN

Two women sit together on a white couch, pushing out words onto the notebooks positioned in their laps.

Marsha Murphy stops to read aloud from her piece, which assumes the perspective of her doctor, a sometimes-exasperated man determined to aid the 51-year-old woman in her struggles with mental illness. Margalea Warner, 46, a fellow mental-illness patient, listens intently. When Murphy finishes, she says, "I appreciate your honesty and sincerity."

Both women are students in the Patient Voice Project, an organization that connects Iowa graduate writing students with chronically ill patients in free, one-on-one interactions or group classes. The Patient Voice Project, which deals mostly with people suffering from cancer, HIV/AIDS, mental illness, and chronic pain, was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the UI Art Share in October 2004. In January, the group was awarded \$9,000 from Johnson & Johnson.

Workshop graduate Austin Bunn began the program as a throwback to his hospitalization as a child. That was the first time, he said, that his parents were unable to protect him. Now, he wants to help people

dealing with illness write their untold stories to help them regain a sense of self.

"If you're sick or chronically ill," the 32-year-old said, gesturing with open hands, "you have a clear sense of where the story begins — [which is] followed by an ocean of middle treatment — but you never really have any ending."

For one writing exercise, Bunn instructs his patients to identify three moments in the past week in which they felt mystery, conflict, and grace. He said, typically, they have no problem writing about the first two, but, in their current physical condition, the third appears to be an emotional state out of their reach.

"They are unable to see themselves as a whole person — it's just a muted state of mind," he said.

Bunn also works with his students to create two chronologies: one of their entire life and the other of their illness. He then asks them to identify links between these timelines to help make sense of the illness — something he says can instill a sense of self-empowerment in patients who often feel helpless.

One patient identified a time when, at the age of 6, she was lost. She was able to link that experience to her feeling lost in a giant hospital years later.

"Patients have agency when they recognize that they can decide something," Bunn said. "Stories have their own healing power. I really believe that."

Once the women are done sharing, their teacher, Colleen



Iowa City resident Don Tang and UI graduate student Austin Bunn meet in North Hall on Thursday morning for their second meeting of the Patient Voice Project. Patient Voice Project pairs UI students with chronically ill patients to help them write.

Laura Schmitt/ The Daily Iowan

Kinder, a student in the UI Nonfiction Writing Program, has another prompt for them: Identify a phrase or expression embodying the language of recovery, because, often times, "the language of encourage-

ment is also laden with expectations."

Kinder reads aloud from James Baldwin's "Sunny's Blues," a story to which she believes both women can relate.

"While the tale of how we

suffer and how we are delighted and how we may triumph is never new, it must always be heard," she quotes from Baldwin. "There isn't any other tale to tell, it's the only light we've got in all this darkness."

The group will do a public reading at the Iowa City Public Library on May 12 to celebrate the release of an anthology produced by the patients.

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Voice of Wilco brings pared-down set



Contributed Photo

Jeff Tweedy frontman of Wilco performs live at a concert.

BY CHARLIE MORAN
THE DAILY IOWAN

Reactions to Wilco's most recent studio album — *A Ghost is Born* (2004) — hinge upon the last nine minutes of "Less Than You Think," where a fragile piano ballad gradually devolves into an inhospitable sandstorm of long, prickly tones. Those who like this album are willing to skip to the next track.

Although frontman Jeff Tweedy has defended this as the most beautiful song on *A Ghost is Born*, you won't hear it Feb. 19 when he plays in the IMU ballroom. With his eggshell voice and several of acoustic guitars (all tuned in different keys), Tweedy has spent his solo shows paring down and discarding his more complex work to uncover the skeletal alternative-country songs that made him the voice of the genre more than a decade ago.

Greg Kot, a rock journalist and the author of the definitive Wilco biography, *Learning How to Die*, writes that Tweedy's solo tours are a chance for him to strip away the sonic textures and studio

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tweaking of Wilco albums and prove himself as a songwriter.

"He wants to hear, for himself, how the material sounds," Kot told *The Daily Iowan* by telephone. For Tweedy, "the connections between songs and fans a solo show can bring" provide a level of intimacy unattainable while playing with a large band.

And, as Kot adds, the prolific Wilco leader "kinda likes to sit still" when he plays.

Along with wife Sue Miller and son Spencer, Tweedy has brought the Chicago-based band's drummer Glen Kotche on the road with him to open the show. Kotche, whose third

solo album, *Mobile*, will be released on March 7, has been making music on this tour with a barnyard of instruments, from rubber tubing to common kitchen utensils.

Kotche's unusual act includes a "Balinese Monkey Chant" and an interpretation of Maurice Sendak's *Where the Wild Things Are*, but the percussionist who has been garnering the most attention is 9-year-old Spencer. Frontman of his own band, the Blisters, Tweedy's son has been supplying beats on the tour for "I'm the Man Who Loves You," from Wilco's 2002 opus, *Yankee Hotel Foxtrot*.

It was this album — Wilco's best-selling to date — that grabbed the attention of CBS News and *Newsweek*, four years ago. As documented in Sam Jones' documentary, *I'm Trying to Break Your Heart*, the album was rejected by the band's label, Reprise, and later bought back by the same parent company for reportedly three times the price.

In the spring of 2004, Wilco had to delay the release of its next album, *A Ghost is Born*,

while Tweedy entered rehab for anxiety disorders and addiction to painkillers. Once released, it won two Grammys in 2005 for best recording package and best alternative music album.

The band released its first live album, *Kicking Television: Live in Chicago*, last November, and the group has tentative plans for an early 2007 release. In the meantime, 2006 promises to be another manic year for the 38-year-old Tweedy, whose side project, Loose Fur, with Kotche and Jim O'Rourke, will release its second album, *Born Again in the USA*, in March. He and other members of Wilco appear on Minus 5's new self-titled album, released last week.

But, even with his name gracing the liner notes of so many albums, there is one more thing you won't hear Feb. 19: Tweedy hawking a solo album.

"The big mystery to me is why he's never released a recording of his solo shows," Kot said. "It's a no-brainer."

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This week the D/sports staff will determine who was blazing hot and was colder than ice during the past week of Hawkeye athletics.



Iowa men's gymnast Michael Reavis continues to melt the hearts of the powers that be in the Big Ten. On Wednesday, he was named the conference's Gymnast of the Week for the third time in four weeks.

To make things seem a little more fair, Jake Lee of Minnesota was allowed to share the honor, receiving the highly sought-after title "Co-Gymnast of the Week."

Oddly enough, Reavis has not received anything for his streak — not even a certificate, not even some birdshot from Dick Cheney. What gives?



After two days of competition at the Big Ten championships, the Iowa women's swimming and diving team has something to celebrate — they aren't in last. With 75 points, the Hawkeyes sit in 10th place, barely getting edged out by a dismal Michigan State team for the highly coveted cellar of the conference.

With standout diver Nancilea Underwood already through with half of the events she competes in, the Hawkeyes are luckily still in the running for 11th. Besides, if the team wins a few events the final two days in Columbus, Minnesota is only 125 points ahead in first. Can you say comeback?

BIG TEN SWIMMING

AquaHawks struggling

Even without the highest of expectations heading in the Big Ten championships this week in Columbus, the Iowa women's swimming and diving team has few positives to take from the first two days of competition. After finishing day one in eighth place, the Hawkeyes slid down the leaderboard on day two, falling to 10th place and scoring in just one individual event.

Senior diver Nancilea Underwood gave the team its lone bright spot Thursday night, finishing second in the 1-meter dive with a score of 322.75. After struggling in the preliminaries, Underwood failed to capture a Big Ten title in her final 1-meter competition, barely falling to sophomore Christi Loukas of Indiana.

The team started the conference championship strong on Wednesday, placing sixth in the 200 medley relay and earning 26 points. Alison Gschwend, Emmy Haeger, Kelly Werner, and Katie Martin finished with a time of 1:42.95 and provided some much-needed momentum early. The 800 free relay team would add to the team's score in the next event, placing 10th and earning 14 key points.

The Hawkeyes' only other points on day two came in the 200 free relay, which earned 18 points by finishing ninth with a time of 1:33.46. Currently with 75 points, Iowa sits 125 points behind first-place Minnesota.

The Big Ten meet will resume today, beginning with preliminaries at 11 a.m.

— by Charlie Kautz

U.S. HOCKEY

United States 4, Kazakhstan 1

TURIN, Italy — The U.S. (1-0-1) used three first-period goals to defeat Kazakhstan 4-1 and move into second place in Group B with three points, behind Slovakia — the Americans' next opponent and the only 2-0 team in the bunch.

It didn't take long for the U.S. to shake off any remaining jet lag and the disappointment of its 3-3 tie with Latvia in Wednesday's opener. The Americans quickly established dominance over a team that fielded only two NHL players.

"I loved how we skated and were in position," forward Doug Weight said. "We played better as a team. We should've had a lot more goals."

IOWA 71, NO. 14 MICHIGAN STATE 73

Hawks fall just short against Spartans



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EAST LANSING, Mich. — Lindsay Bowen's record-setting night helped Michigan State record its third 20-win season in a row.

On a go-ahead basket with 2:34 left, she became her school's all-time points leader in her final home game, finishing with 18 points in a 73-71 win over Iowa on Thursday.

"I never looked at the record and never dreamed of it," she said. "But I always dreamed of coming here to play and giving all I could to the team. That makes it a dream come true."

Freshman Aisha Jefferson had a career-high 20 points on 9-for-14 shooting for the No. 14 Spartans (20-7, 10-4 Big Ten).

Bowen broke Kisha Kelley's career mark of 1,668 by two and had a career-high nine rebounds and seven assists in her team's sixth straight win.

"She's tremendous," Iowa coach Lisa Bluder said. "But she has been fabulous since she set foot on the floor here. Even as a freshman, she was never a true freshman. She has given every ounce of energy she has had and been a lot of fun to watch."

Tiffany Reedy had 20 points, including six 3-pointers, for the Hawkeyes (14-10, 7-6). Crystal Smith scored 19 points, and Megan Skouby added 17, but Wendy Ausdemore missed a 3-pointer for the win at the buzzer.

"I'm proud of our team," Bluder said. "I thought we fought hard out there. [The Spartans had] won five in a row and were a Top 20 team. And we had a shot to win at the end. That's all you can ask of a team as young as ours."

Victoria Lucas-Perry had 12 points and 10 rebounds for Michigan State, which got 27 rebounds from its three starting guards.

"The rebounding by our

guards as a whole has to be some kind of record," Spartans coach Joanne P. McCallie said. "They completely outrebounded Iowa — and our post players."

Liz Shimek added 12 points in her final game at Breslin Center but missed the front end of a 1-and-1 that gave Iowa its final chance, a shot she nearly blocked.

"We knew we had to do something defensively," she said. "They were either going to take it to the rack or go for the win and shoot the 3. You just hope what you're doing is good enough."

The Spartans had a 46-33 edge in rebounds and overcame a 30-6 deficit in points beyond the arc. Michigan State was 13-for-15 from the line, including four-straight points from Rene Haynes to protect its lead.

Haynes finished with eight points, eight rebounds, seven assists, and four steals.

GAME BREAKDOWN

IOWA (14-10, 7-6)

	FG/FGAs	FT/FTAs	PTS
Smith, C	7-16	2-2	19
Smith, K	2-6	0-0	5
Reedy	7-13	0-0	20
Skouby	5-13	7-10	17
VandeVenter	1-4	0-2	2
Emmert	1-2	0-0	2
Ausdemore	2-6	0-0	4
Kasperek	0-3	0-0	0
Nyenhuis	1-1	0-0	2
TOTALS	26-64	9-14	71

MICHIGAN ST. (20-7, 10-4)

	FG/FGAs	FT/FTAs	PTS
Bowen	8-17	0-0	18
Jefferson	9-14	2-2	20
Haynes	2-6	4-4	8
Lucas-Perry	3-8	6-6	12
Shimek	6-15	0-1	12
Davidson	0-1	0-0	0
Dwyer	0-1	0-0	0
Hall	1-4	1-2	3
TOTALS	29-66	13-15	73

LET THE SPECULATION BEGIN

Hawkeye head basketball coach Steve Alford talks to the team during the Tuesday night game against Michigan State in Carver-Hawkeye.



Aaron Hall Holmgren/The Daily Iowan

Indiana head basketball coach Mike Davis complains to a referee during the Wednesday night game against Penn State.



Pat Little/Associated Press

Alford rumor mill fires up

BY JASON BRUMMOND

THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa coach Steve Alford could be set for a homecoming.

The former Indiana Mr. Basketball and All-American Hoosier guard, who helped Indiana win its last national championship (1987), has been rumored to be one of the school's top choices to replace Mike Davis, according to a number of media outlets. But the Hawkeye coach said he's not thinking about the job, right now.

"My complete focus and efforts are trying to help my team win a Big Ten championship," Alford said in a statement Thursday. "That's my only concern."

ESPN.com's Andy Katz, citing a source close to Alford, said the New Castle, Ind., native doesn't want to go through a formal interview process with numerous candidates. A *Sports Illustrated* story listed Alford and Orlando Magic assistant coach Randy

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Davis quits at Indiana

BY MICHAEL MAROT

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana coach Mike Davis, the embattled heir to one of college basketball's elite programs, resigned Thursday after months of speculation and increased criticism during the Hoosiers' late-season slump.

Davis, under intense pressure almost from the moment he succeeded Bob Knight in 2000, will remain with the team through the end of this season.

"I felt like it was time for this program to be united," Davis said at a news conference. "I want our players to get it out of their minds whether Coach Davis is returning. It's time for Indiana basketball to move forward."

Indiana President Adam Herbert said Davis initiated discussions about a coaching change a few days before the Feb. 4 game against Connecticut. Athletics Director Rick Greenspan

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IOWA (20-6, 9-3) VS. MINNESOTA (12-10, 3-8) SATURDAY, AT WILLIAMS ARENA, MINNEAPOLIS, 3:35 P.M., ESPN WP

Hawks begin stretch run

BY NICK RICHARDS

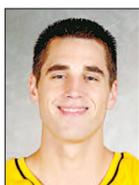
THE DAILY IOWAN

In case you didn't notice, there's a game Saturday.

With the intrigue surrounding the situation at Indiana and the possibility of Steve Alford going back to his alma mater in Bloomington, four games are all that stands between Alford's 18th-ranked Hawkeyes and a date with history.

Two road trips and a final stand in Carver-Hawkeye Arena are all that is blocking Greg Brunner, Jeff Horner, and the rest of the Iowa basketball team from joining Fred Brown and Ronnie Lester as immortals in Iowa basketball.

"We're in the midst of a special journey," Alford said after Iowa's 66-54 win over Michigan State on Tuesday. "I'm very proud of our [guys], knowing that the last couple of years



"I look at it this way: We've been 3-1 every four games. Hopefully, we can just keep doing that.

We don't want to lose any games, of course, but, if we just keep doing that, we'll be alright."

— Jeff Horner, Iowa guard

they've been battling like crazy with a lot of heat on them to make the tournament this time of year, and they've solidified that.

"They're playing for something even more special, and that's a conference championship."

But the first hurdle looking to trip up Iowa's chances at the Big Ten title — their first in 27 years — will be a formidable one. Iowa must travel to Minnesota's Williams Arena on Saturday, a traditional stumbling block and a building in which Alford-

coached teams have won in just two times, for a 3:35 p.m. tip-off.

The Gophers took the Hawkeyes to three overtimes in Carver-Hawkeye on Jan. 18 before Iowa prevailed, and they looked to be back on track after an 0-6 start to conference play. Dan Monson's team had won three of four, including double-digit wins over Indiana and Michigan State — who were both ranked 11th at the time — but were beat by Michigan on Feb. 15, 72-50.

SEE GAME PREVIEW, PAGE 6B

Reed's status up in the air

The word is still out on whether a Hawkeye men's basketball player who was cited for a traffic violation on Feb. 10 will return to the team.

Carlton Reed, 20, was charged Feb. 10 on Mormon Trek and Westside Drive with driving on a suspended/canceled license.

Fred Mims, an Iowa associate athletics director, said on Thursday that he had not talked with Hawkeye basketball coach Steve Alford about whether Reed would return to the team.

However, Mims said, whether Reed would return would probably depend on how the player fulfilled his role as a Hawkeye athlete.

Mims said he believed Alford and Reed were discussing the player's options.

"I'm confident they'll work something out," he said.

— by Rebecca McKanna



Reed guard

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

WOMEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Ohio State	12	1	.923	22	2	.917
Purdue	12	1	.923	21	3	.875
Michigan State	10	4	.714	20	7	.741
Minnesota	9	4	.692	17	7	.708
Indiana	8	5	.615	14	10	.583
Iowa	7	6	.538	14	10	.583
Illinois	5	9	.357	13	12	.520
Penn State	5	9	.385	11	14	.440
Wisconsin	4	10	.286	10	16	.385
Northwestern	2	12	.143	6	19	.240
Michigan	0	13	.000	6	19	.240

Thursday's Games

Michigan State 73, Iowa 71
Purdue 70, Michigan 50
Illinois 60, Northwestern 59
Ohio State 76, Minnesota 55

Sunday's Games

Wisconsin 66, Penn State 56

Sunday's Games

Michigan at Iowa, 1:05 p.m.
Indiana at Purdue, 12 p.m.
Minnesota at Wisconsin, 1:30 p.m.
Monday's Game

Michigan State at Ohio State, 6:30 p.m.

Men's Big Ten Basketball

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Iowa	9	3	.750	20	6	.769
Wisconsin	8	4	.667	18	7	.720
Ohio St.	7	4	.636	18	4	.818
Illinois	7	4	.636	21	4	.840
Michigan	7	5	.583	17	6	.739
Michigan St.	6	5	.545	13	7	.720
Indiana	5	6	.455	13	9	.591
Northwestern	4	7	.364	12	11	.522
Minnesota	3	8	.273	12	10	.545
Penn St.	4	8	.333	12	11	.545
Purdue	3	9	.250	9	14	.391

Saturday's Games

Iowa at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
Northwestern at Ohio State, 11 a.m.
Penn State at Purdue, 1:30 p.m.
Michigan at Michigan State, 3 p.m.

Sunday's Game

Indiana at Illinois, 2:30 p.m.

TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#13 Boston College 65, Miami (Fla) 54
Marquette 57, #17 Georgetown 51
#20 Washington 75, Oregon 72

WOMEN

Florida 79, #2 LSU 78, OT
#4 Maryland 86, #18 Boston College 59
#5 Tennessee 58, #13 Georgia 55
#6 Ohio State 76, #17 Minnesota 55
#10 Purdue 75, Michigan 50
#15 Arizona State 62, #11 Stanford 59
#14 Michigan State 73, Iowa 71
#24 Louisiana Tech 78, San Jose State 48

THURSDAY'S MEDALISTS

BIATHLON
Women's 7.5km Sprint
GOLD—Florence Baverel-Robert, France
SILVER—Anna Carin Olofsson, Sweden
BRONZE—Lilja Eremova, Ukraine

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING
Women's 10km (classical)
GOLD—Kristina Smigun, Estonia
SILVER—Marit Bjorgen, Norway
BRONZE—Hilde Pedersen, Norway

FIGURE SKATING
Men
GOLD—Evgeni Plushenko, Russia
SILVER—Stephane Lambiel, Switzerland
BRONZE—Jeffrey Buttle, Canada

NORDIC COMBINED
Team
GOLD—Austria (Michael Gruber, Christoph Bieler, Felix Gottwald, Mario Stecher),
SILVER—Germany (Bjoern Kirheisen, Georg Hettich, Ronny Ackermann, Jens Gaiser),
BRONZE—Finland (Antti Kuusma, Anssi Koivuranta, Jaakko Tallus, Hannu Manninen).

SKELETON
Women's Singles
GOLD—Maya Pedersen, Switzerland.
SILVER—Shelley Rudman, Britain.
BRONZE—Mellisa Hollingsworth-Richards, Canada.

SNOWBOARDING
Men's Snowboard Cross
GOLD—Seth Wescott, Farmington, Maine.
SILVER—Radoslav Zidek, Slovakia.
BRONZE—Paul-Henri Delerue, France.

SPEEDSKATING
Men's Team Pursuit
GOLD—Italy (Matteo Anesi, Enrico Fabris, Ippolito Sanfratello),
SILVER—Canada (Arne Dankers, Steven Elm, Justin Warszywicz),
BRONZE—Netherlands (Sven Kramer, Mark Tuitert, Carl Verheijen).

Women's Team Pursuit
GOLD—Germany (Daniela Anschuetz Thoms, Anni Friesinger, Claudia Pechstein)

IOWA GYMHAWKS (0-2) VS. NO. 23 ILLINOIS (3-3)

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GymHawks to be tested

BY BRENDAN STILES
THE DAILY IOWAN

Mental challenges have defined the GymHawks' season. Falls, close losses, and injuries have dictated Larissa Libby's second season in charge.

Saturday's meet will provide another difficult test when the Hawkeyes host No. 23 Illinois. Libby believes the mental mindset of her squad will be different against the Fighting Illini.

"They know the rivalry, they've lived it, and they're aware of what those teams can do," she said. "It's just the knowledge that makes it a little different."

After coming off a difficult loss to Denver on Feb. 10, things have gotten back to normal for the GymHawks. For starters, they've had a full week to prepare for the Fighting Illini, something they didn't have against the Pioneers.

"When you only have two days [of training], you feel so rushed, and everything's a little frantic, trying to get it all done for the meet," freshman Brandi Loffer said. "With the whole week of practice, it's a little more relaxing an environment to work out in and make everything as best as we can get it."

When this week's rankings were released Monday, the

GymHawks found themselves ranked No. 23 nationally on floor exercises, something Libby described as phenomenal.

"I'm really happy with that, because it just proves what consistency will do," she said. "We're not at full strength. That's just from merely hitting."

If the GymHawks aren't at full strength, they're getting close. Junior Danielle Legeai and sophomore Katie Burke will return to beam and bars lineups respectively from injuries. Their returns are critical, in the sense that both of those events were what cost Iowa its last meet.

"That's been our goal for the last two years, to make our weakest our strongest, because only then, when you're in situations like this, can you survive," Libby said. "They're all doing the best they can, in some real crappy circumstances. I think it's making them a closer team, it's making them fighters, and when things are easy for us, they will look back and say, 'Thank God we had to work that hard.'"

With both bars and beam being the areas of major concern at the moment, the coaches have taken advantage of their normal time frame and have placed more emphasis on them this week.

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Reavis honors keep pouring in

BY DAN PARR
THE DAILY IOWAN

Michael Reavis knows the perks of success.

He spent time over the summer training with Olympians — Apollo Ohno was cruising around with his silver and gold medals in the new Lexus SUV he received from the automaker.

What are the perks of being the Big Ten Gymnast of the Week in three of the last four weeks?

Reavis, the holder of that title, is still waiting to find out.

"I haven't gotten anything, yet," he said. "I'm still waiting on my Lexus."

After an almost four-year drought of Hawkeye Gymnasts of the Week, the onslaught of honors the senior from Tallahassee, Fla., is collecting has the rest of the squad sensing this season's new scoring code gives an edge to Reavis and sixth-ranked Iowa.

The code is designed to reward clean routines rather than flashy ones.

"There's a little more emphasis on execution, and that's his strength," coach Tom Dunn said. His gymnasts will face conference rivals No. 3 Illinois and No. 5 Michigan on Saturday, at the Field House.

Team captain and ring specialist Jacques Bouchard agreed with his skipper.

"The new scoring has helped us," he said. "We don't have the flashiest skills. We have a group that does gymnastics well and is consistent."

"It's helped guys that used to be mediocre become very good."

As for the meet this weekend, Bouchard and others said it would be nice to win, but that is not what they are aiming for.

The Hawks have their mind on finding out what the active roster will look like in four weeks, when the Big Ten championships roll into Iowa City.

"We don't have very many meetings left," Dunn said. "I'm feeling a little uneasy. I'd kinda like to get this whole team together."

"I'm not panicking yet, but we'd like to get all our cards on the table."

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Hawkeye Jacques Bouchard performs on the rings on Feb. 10. The Hawkeyes will play host to Illinois and Michigan on Saturday at 7 p.m.

Track & field to host invitational

It may be this season's first home meet, but many of the Hawkeye track and field stars will be sitting on the sidelines in order to focus on the Big Ten indoor meet



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Hawkeye Jeff Raymond soars into the air during practice on Jan. 24 in the Recreation Building.

BY DAN PARR
AND MICHAEL SCHMIDT
THE DAILY IOWAN

As the starting gun fires at today's Iowa Invitational, the first home track and field meet of the season, the men's and women's finest will not be sprinting for the finish line or hopping a hurdle.

The most energy they exude will come from claps and cheers.

"I'm not sure this meet will be a good stage," said women's coach James Grant. "The competition of the teams coming is not Big Ten quality."

"Most frontline people won't be competing."

Augustana, Wartburg, Coe, Grinnell, Iowa Central, and open competitors are scheduled for the invitational. The

Hawkeyes will focus on meeting the Big Ten meet qualifying standards set by Grant and, for the men, head coach Larry Wiecezorek.

"Big Tens are very competitive," Grant said. "You don't want to take somebody there who doesn't have a chance at the final."

Wiecezorek sets a goal of 30 qualifiers for the Big Ten meet, based on certain performance standards. The Hawkeyes use NCAA Division-III provisional qualifications for their basis.

Going into today's meet, 23 have made it on the men's side and, Grant said, 19 women.

"Some guys are still developing and trying to hit that standard," Wiecezorek said. "The Big Ten meet is a big meet, and, if you haven't reached a certain standard,

'Some guys are still developing and trying to hit that standard. The Big Ten meet is a big meet, and, if you haven't reached a certain standard, maybe you aren't ready to compete and get anything out of it.'

— Larry Wiecezorek, men's track coach

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Junior Peaches Roach, the sixth-place finisher in the women's high jump in 2005,

will be one of the few stars to see action. Grant said he will keep her out of the 60-meter dash in an effort to boost her jump height. Her best jump this season, 5-10½, has not earned her an automatic bid to the NCAA championship.

"I haven't really thought about [the invitational] yet," Roach said. "The goal is always to go higher than the last jump."

The Hawkeye men, except their distance runners, will trot out their regular lineup. Wiecezorek cited the distance crew's tired legs and need for more workout time.

"They competed so much in the fall in cross-country," he said. "Some of our younger distance runners will get to compete."

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HAWKEYE SPORTS

Softball in Arizona

The Iowa softball team, fresh off a sparkling 4-1 record at the Diamond Fun and Sun Classic in Miami Feb. 10-12, will head west, going to the Littlewood Classic in Tempe, Ariz.

Gayle Blevins' team will start with Illinois State today, then play host Arizona State — ranked No. 23 — three times in three days, something the Hawkeye coach is not thrilled with.

"We have three games against them, which was not the kind of schedule I would like to have for this tournament, but for whatever reason, they did not get another team in the tournament," Blevins said. "That's tough to go in on their field and play them three times."

Because of the dearth of teams, Iowa will also play Illinois State numerous times, too. The Hawkeyes

traditionally play Illinois State, and they have played them in the Littlewood Classic before.

— by Nick Richards

Men's tennis faces tough test

After defeating tennis lightweights Cleveland State and Wisconsin-Green Bay in its last two matches, the Iowa men's tennis team (3-1) has its sights set on a perennial powerhouse Feb. 19.

The Hawkeyes — who lost only one set last weekend while shutting out Cleveland State and Wisconsin-Green Bay — will travel to Chicago to take on DePaul at 11 a.m.

"I expect DePaul to be strong competition and tough on its home court," Hawkeye coach Steve Houghton said. "This will be a good

test, because it is one of our last matches before we begin Big Ten competition."

DePaul (3-5) is paced by No. 1 single Gabe Inchauste and No. 2 single George Wang. The Blue Demons are on a bit of a roll, too, having defeated Illinois State and Bradley in their last two matches. DePaul should also have revenge on its mind, after the embarrassing way that the Hawkeyes dominated it the last time the two teams played — a 7-0 Iowa victory last season.

"The teams that we played last weekend aren't the same caliber as DePaul," Houghton said. "DePaul is always a good test for our team, and we'll need to play our best to get a tough road win."

— by Andy Shanks

Women's tennis heads north

After a two-week hiatus from dual play, the Iowa women's tennis team will visit Minneapolis to play Minnesota tonight and

Dartmouth Saturday afternoon.

With the Hawkeyes holding a 2-2 dual record, head coach Daryl Greenan said they approached the extra week as an active recovery week they desperately needed, and he's feeling confident going into the first conference match of the season.

"It's a good early test to see where we stand in the Big Ten," he said. "I feel like on paper, we're the favorites going in, but Minnesota's a tough team, and we need to expect a tough match for sure."

— by Brendan Stiles

MLB SPRING TRAINING

Beckett doesn't wait for Godot

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Josh Beckett couldn't wait for Boston's first official workout of the season on Feb. 19, so he started a few days early.

"I'm excited about it," the 2003 World Series MVP said Thursday after throwing a bullpen session in Fort Myers, Fla. "It's cool coming in and meeting new people. You've got to find new people to eat with, you've got to find new people to play golf with, everything. It's going to be a good time."

He'll see some familiar faces this spring: Third baseman Mike Lowell and shortstop Alex Gonzalez also left the Marlins to join the Red Sox.

"It's kind of cool," Beckett said. "I got my whole left side of the infield."

Out in Mesa, Ariz., the Cubs were among the nine teams to begin official workouts Thursday. They talked about Sammy Sosa, a day after the outfielder's agent said the former Chicago star is likely to retire.

Sosa, who is 37, batted .253 with 35 homers and 80 RBIs for the Cubs in 2004, then dropped to .221 with 14 homers and 45 RBIs for Baltimore last season. Injuries

slowed him both years, but he is just 12 homers shy of 600.

"I've seen some greats leave the game. You never want to see them leave, and you'd rather see them leave on their terms and leave on top," Cubs manager Dusty Baker said. "It's not over with yet. You don't know if somebody is going to offer Sammy a job here soon or what is going to happen. But Sammy has been one of the great players of the game for a long time and a guy who meant a lot to Chicago and a lot to the game ... I just hope he gets a job somewhere."

In Sarasota, Fla., Ken Griffey Jr. was looking forward to playing for the United States in the inaugural World Baseball Classic. The center fielder will be in camp with the Reds for about two weeks, then head to Arizona for the tournament.

"That's going to be weird. But I'll still be on the phone and looking at the paper in the morning," he said, promising to keep up on Cincinnati.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner, no fan of the tournament, began spring training in classic Boss style, saying he was disappointed some of his stars will be leaving camp for the WBC. Derek Jeter, Alex Rodriguez, and Johnny Damon are on the U.S. roster, and Bernie Williams is on Puerto Rico's preliminary roster.

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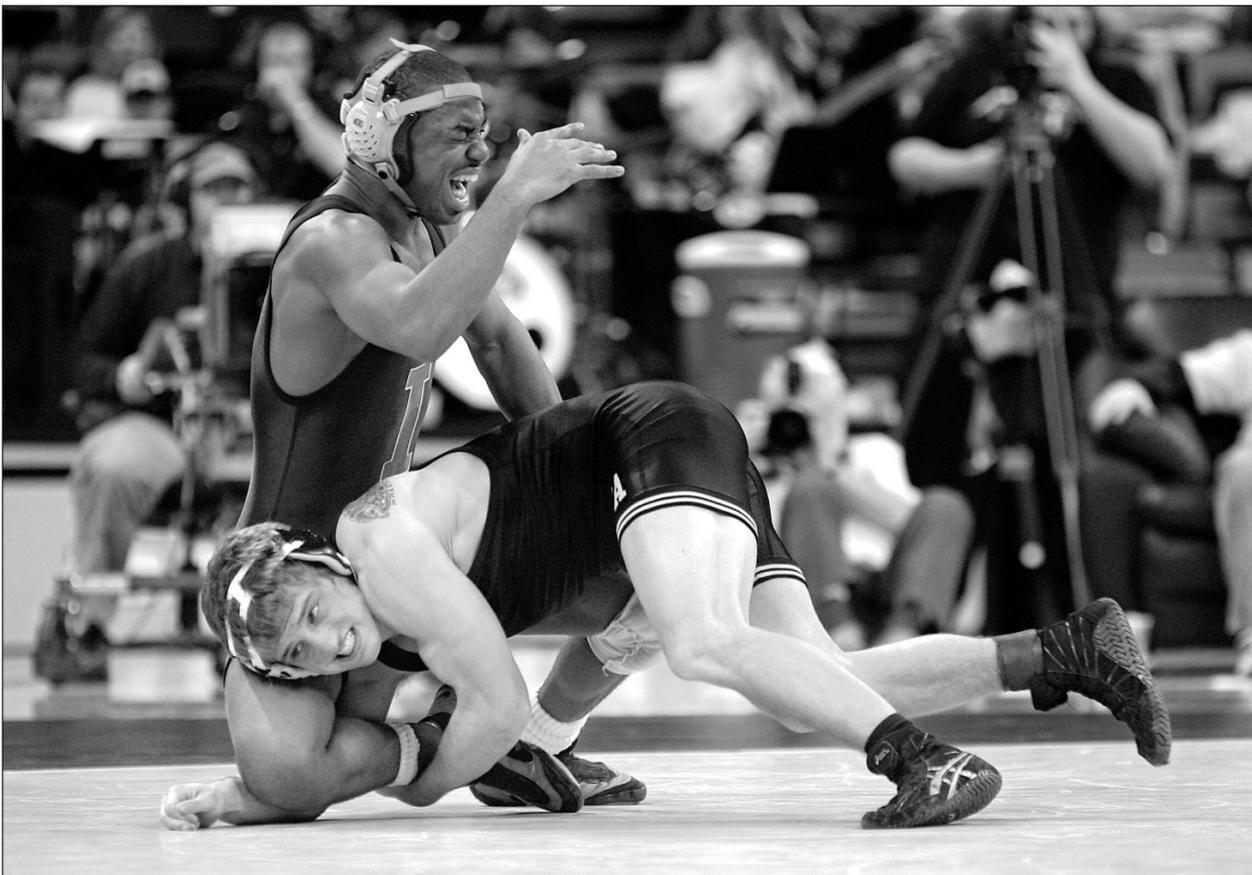
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HAWKEYE WRESTLING



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Hawkeye wrestler Alex Tsirtsis takes down Illini wrestler Cassio Pero on Feb. 10 in Carver-Hawkeye. Tsirtsis beat Pero, 6-2, but the Hawkeyes lost, 24-13.

Wrestlers try to stay focused

BY BRYAN BAMONTE
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Hawkeye wrestling team is walking a fine line.

The team is trying to focus on its meet tonight with Boise State — but the Hawks also have their eyes set on the Big Ten championships.



Zalesky
Iowa coach

“We’re not looking past [Boise State], but we are looking ahead, as far as what we need to do to improve before March 4,” Zalesky said. “The one thing we

really need is all our guys wrestling at full strength.”

Iowa, 10-7,4-4, will honor its departing senior class, which includes All-Americans Joe Johnston, Ty Eustice, and Paul Bradley, as the meet will serve as “Senior Night” and “Prep Night” for the middling Hawkeyes.

After ending their Big Ten season on the up, knocking off Northwestern on Feb. 12, Iowa will face former Hawkeye Greg Randall, who is in his fourth season as head coach at Boise State.

“It’s another match, another chance for us to wrestle,” Iowa coach Jim Zalesky said. “It might not have many high-lighted matches or fan interest, but we expect them to be ready, and I expect our guys to

be ready. It’s time.”

Zalesky has been without sophomore Mark Perry throughout the latter part of the Big Ten season, as Perry continues to nurse a neck injury. The 174-pounder may be in uniform against the Broncos, and he is expected to return for the Big Ten meet. Other Hawkeyes who have missed recent action include Eustice, 125-pounder Lucas Magnani, and heavy-weight Ryan Fuller.

“I said it before that the most promising thing for me about this team is that we haven’t been a ‘team,’ yet,” Zalesky said. “We’ve had guys in and out of the lineup with injuries, and, hopefully, as we head home here, we’ll have close to a full team.”

But of the Hawkeyes who are wrestling, none has been more impressive lately than Alex Tsirtsis. The sophomore spark plug has raised his game to a high-school high, regaining the confidence that helped him stay undefeated before coming to Iowa. It will be guys such as Tsirtsis that decide the Hawkeyes fate in March.

“Well, we know, going in, we have our four guys that we expect to have a good chance to win,” Zalesky said of Johnston, Eustice, Bradley, and Perry. “But we need other guys to step up, and it’s certainly nice to see Alex doing it, at this time. Hopefully, other guys will follow his lead.”

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Hawks 4 games from title

GAME PREVIEW

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Iowa’s trip to the Twin Cities also gives Alford’s Army another chance to win a game on the road. The Hawkeyes already have more road wins than anyone else in the league, and another triumph would ensure Iowa of at least a .500 road record.

“Right now, we’ve got the most road wins in the league, and nobody’s won more home

‘Right now, we’ve got the most road wins in the league, and nobody’s won more home games than we have.’

— Steve Alford, Iowa coach

games than we have,” Alford said. “That’s the key, right now. We’ve got two more home games, but not until March, so we’ve really got two weeks here where we only play two games. Rest, practice, and doing the job on the road’s a key.”

Even with the tough trip, all Iowa needs to do is go 3-1 in their final four games, and the worst they can finish is 12-4. With Wednesday’s developments in Madison — the Badgers beat Ohio State to put Iowa a full game ahead of Wisconsin in first

place and left them as the only team in the conference with three losses — a 3-1 finish could give them the title outright.

“I look at it this way: We’ve been 3-1 every four games,” guard Jeff Horner said. “Hopefully, we can just keep doing that. We don’t want to lose any games, of course, but, if we just keep doing that, we’ll be all right.”

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Alford ignores speculation

ALFORD

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Wittman — also an ex-Hoosier — as the top replacements.

If Indiana officials filled the vacancy by the popular vote, Alford would win hands down.

A sign outside Assembly Hall Thursday displayed the message “Get Alford” on a truck window, according to the *Indianapolis Star*.

A poll on the *Herald-Times’* (Bloomington, Ind.) website Thursday asked fans who they would like the next Hoosier basketball coach. Alford received more than twice as many votes than any other of the 34 possible candidates listed.

Alford’s contract with Iowa runs through the 2008-09 season. He is scheduled to receive a \$300,000 longevity bonus on June 30.

The Hawkeyes (20-6, 9-3 Big Ten) are on pace to win their first league title since tying for the top spot in 1979. With four games remaining, Iowa sits one game ahead of second-place Wisconsin. For the first time in Alford’s seven-year tenure, the Hawkeyes have won 20 games in the regular season.

The team will travel to Minnesota on Saturday. Alford said earlier this week he does not

think his veteran squad will be affected by any coaching rumors.

“We have a very experienced group,” he said on Monday. “They’ve heard everything, and it’s that time of year. This team is very focused, and it’s been a blast. We’re just excited to see where this thing is going to go.”

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Davis quits Hoosiers

DAVIS

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said a new coach probably won’t be hired until after the Final Four, in April.

Davis said he had dealt with rumors almost every year about whether he would return and believed it was time to move on. “I wanted it to be on my terms,” he said.

Davis has won 109 games and was the first Indiana coach — Knight included — to start with three-straight seasons of at least 20 victories. He took the Hoosiers to the NCAA Finals in 2002, losing to Maryland in the championship game, but did it with many of the Knight holdovers.

His personality often caused consternation among fans. Davis spoke openly and honestly about his emotions — a trait that often created trouble.

Less than two months into his tenure at Indiana, after an embarrassing loss to Ken-

tucky, Davis said he wasn’t “the right man for job.” The next season, fans bristled when he said he wanted to coach in the NBA one day.

“Coach Davis assumed one of most difficult challenges any coach can accept — following a legendary predecessor,” Herbert said. “He has responded to these challenges with character, graciousness, with concern for the welfare of his players, and with a determination to raise our program into the ranks of the very best in the nation.”

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