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.

**CURRENT UI UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS STANDARDS**

Students are guaranteed admission if they:

- Are ranked in top 30 percent of their graduating class for instate students or top 50 percent of their class for out-of-state students.
- Have a minimum Admission Index of 95 for in-state students or 100 for out-of-state students. (The Admission Index is calculated by doubling the ACT score or equivalent and adding class percentile rank).
- Complete the following high-school requirements:
  - 4 years of English
  - 3 years of each of science and social studies
  - 2 years of a single foreign language
  - 1 year of geometry
- Students who 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

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**UI student perseveres through classes, chemo**

BY SUSAN ELGIN

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

“I felt sad knowing I was a plastic surgeon through the hospital, versus a private practice,” she said. “I would not have known where to start if UIHC didn’t offer plastic surgery. The UIHC and plastic surgery unit began remodeling last August, just after 

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

BY MASON KERN

Stress grows on students like moss on trees — and UI senior Joe Smith was no 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 been sufficient for most students.

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

While in Des Moines fulfilling 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 contraception.

But, after finally seeing a urologist, Smith was told 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. You’re only 21.’”

Turns out he was old enough.

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**TESTICULAR CANCER**

According to the American Cancer Society, testicular cancer, especially the seminoma variety, is on the rise in the United States. 8,255 men are expected to be diagnosed in the United States in 2006. Testicular cancer is among the most treatable of all cancers. 90 percent of those afflicted 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 organs; 72%
- **Stage 4:** 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 undergoing an orchectomy to remove his cancer-ridden left testicle, Smith chose to undergo chemotherapy at Iowa City.

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**Wanted: No more bars**

BY COLIN BURKE

Three Iowa City City Council members said at a Thursday meeting they want to look into bringing a new business downtown — one that doesn’t serve alcohol.

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

One of the reasons councillors said they considered the idea was because property downtown is expensive. Instead, the owner of Sports Column, 12 S. Dubuque St., can afford to pay the rent, though he said he has no trouble paying for his business.

“The only ones that can afford them are restaurants and bars because of high [cas-\*tom] volume,” he said.

Councilor Connie Champlin, 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 closure of Boss-\*more’s, 120 E. Washington St. Yet, the committee member said she has been able to step up her marketing efforts without turning to unique tac-\*tics.

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**HOMEWARD BOUND?**

The Indiana men’s hoop coach 

resigns, and you know who is suddenly at the center of speculation.

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**PANTS-LESS**

The Student Election Board tosses the Pants Party off the UISG ballot.

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**SCHOOL’S OUT**

Local lawmakers are wrestling with a proposal to prohibit public schools from starting classes before Sept. 1.

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**PLASTIC SURGERY AT UIHC**

Grant Hamilton, the only facial plastic surgeon at the UIHC, announced he is putting on a new face next month.

BY ED BORRELL

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The Daily Iowan
Children benefiting from child support may soon see some of the money set aside for college-tuition payments if a bill pending in the Iowa state legislature is voted into law.

There are several measures to protect the rights and welfare of students to keep them in school and out of court, according to William Dotzler, D-Davenport.

Assistant Attorney General referred to a statement from University of Iowa's vice president for Research.

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Students at the University of Iowa are fighting to keep their children's health from being a disadvantage. West High Principal Jerry Tymeson said, “I would like to see there be something of a sliding scale on this percent, based on the number of college preparatory and remedial work offered at a particular high school.”

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

The Iowa City School District, for example, abandoned the practice, and officials and administrators charged that it was putting their children at a disadvantage. West High Principal Jerry Tymeson said, “I would like to see there be something of a sliding scale on this percent, based on the number of college preparatory and remedial work offered at a particular high school.”

Larger schools in Ames, Des Moines, and Cedar Rapids have also done away with rank.

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

The bill is expected to receive a House vote early next week; if the study is commenced, it is expected to take lawmakers by Jan. 8, 2007.

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Board bounces one USIG state

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

BY ALEX LANG AND SAM EDSSL

After a four-hour meeting Thursday, members of the Student Elections Board decided to remove the Pants Party from the US Student Government presidential election.

The meeting was held in response to the Pants Party’s automatic admissions requirement petition, which included missing pages of signatures and a lack of a campaign name on the petition.

“We didn’t have the proof,” said President candidate Alex Stewart and vice-presidential candidate Min Dong contact, adding that Student Election Board Director Benjamin Hung in the Steve Collins nature petition was due Feb. 9. Hung did not inform her of several pages of the petition being lost or stolen.

Henry said Dong said the two would have to file a formal grievance with the university’s Office of Student Life to resolve the issue.

“The election board was informed by the Registrar’s Office that the candidates had only 42 valid signatures — 6 absences of the requirement,” Henry said. The board then heard the Pants Party’s formal grievance during the four-hour meeting Thursday.

According to affirmative filed by members of the Pants Party and Dong’s secretary autograph, one of the autographs placed pages of sign-
Diocese settles in scandal

BY TODD DVORAK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

IOWA CITY — The Roman Catholic Diocese of Davenport, the Iowa diocese hardest hit by the sex-abuse scandal, has paid off one more of the sex-abuse allegations. The first time since the scandal broke, clergy has agreed to pay $870,000 to five men who claimed they were sexually abused by clergy as children by priests.

Attorneys for the men said the deal was reached through mediation with church lawyers and their families. A settlement 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 former priests 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 formally named by the diocese as credibly facing credible sex-abuse allegations. The priests, Raymond Kalter and Joseph Kubby, are accused of molesting boys during their time in the diocese.

“I think young women do get confused about it. Even some medical professionals get confused about it,” said Karen Kubby, a marketing director for Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa, disagreed with the UI staff.

“The individual people are satisfied with the compensation offered by the church,” said Craig Levien, an attorney working with Levien. "It's hot and humid, and we bus these kids to school, then send them home early. It's a waste."
Term limits draw fire

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

"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.

BY ERIC PAPE

Des Moines — The Powerball jackpot tops $365 million — making it the largest jackpot in North America. The game grew out of the Big Game and Big Money lotteries, which started in 1985 and were later combined to form Powerball.

"We expect a crowd," she said. "We buy a Powerball ticket, and the odds don't keep Nancy Chavannes of Windsor Heights, from purchasing a look at the lottery." Chavannes said she likes to play the lottery, and the odds don't keep her from playing. "I would take the $100,000, I'm not picky," she said with a smile.

Chavannes said she likes to dream about what she would do with her winnings, but the odds are against her. She also said that winning the lottery would change her life. "We buy a Powerball ticket, and the odds don't keep me from dreaming," she said.

Johnson County legislators expressed concern about term limits, saying issues were no longer being addressed by legislators who had been in office for 12 years or more. "When you have people who don't know what is going on, the people representing special interests are able to rally on their behalf," said Rep. Richard Anderson, R-Coralville, who was first elected in 1989. "We need a legislator who has been here a few years, not that is an absolute term limit," Anderson said.

The bill has been referred to the House Education Committee, then submitted to the State Government Committee. If the amendment is passed, the new term limits would be applied to terms beginning on Jan. 1, 2009.

The Powerball jackpot tops the previous lottery record, which was $363 million for the Big Game in 1992 and, since then, more money has been added. It was won by lottery agents in Illinois and Michigan in 2000. However, that Big Game prize actually had a larger cash payout than the current Powerball jackpot, because of the way big prizes are calculated. The odds of winning are about 1 in 146.1 million.

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Clarinda, drafted the bill as an extension of a similar bill introduced in the 2003-2004 legislative session. "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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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 as more are factored into the survey.

"It could be that colleges are finding more effective ways of soliciting participation," said Kaplan. "It could be that colleges are finding more effective ways of soliciting participation."
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 a 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 populations and elements of the enemy. Such campaigns are distinct from the kind of war most US commanders have spent decades preparing to fight.

In the last ten months, the regiment has focused on breaking the momentum built on Tall Afar, a town of 250,000. Those operations “will serve as a case study in classic counterinsurgency,” says Troy Daly, a retired intelligence officer specializing in the subject.

US military experts are 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 the units, the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment performed the best at counterinsurgency, according to a review’s findings.

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

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 it was “inappropriate and disrespectful.” He also recalled all Muslim pilgrims to Mecca.

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 Iraqis respectfully. (It actually means someone who has made the Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca.)”

One out of every 10 soldiers received a three-week course on counterinsurgency. And each small unit would have someone capable of basic exchanges with Iraqis.

“Every time you treat an Iraqi disrespectfully, you are working for the enemy.” — H.R. McMaster, Commander of the 3rd Cavalry

The Daily Iowan invites you to predict the winners of the 78th Annual Academy Awards.

Rules are simple:

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• Chloë Sevigny
• Withnisin

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• Cecilia Roth
• Gracie
• Alison Lohman
• Michelle Williams

Best Supporting Actor:

• Benicio Del Toro
• Phillip Seymour Hoffman
• John Turturro
• Aaron Neville

Best Director:

• Ang Lee
• Tim Burton
• Steven Soderbergh
• Paul Greengrass

Best Original Score:

• Brokeback Mountain
• The Curious Game
• Memoirs Of A Geisha
• Munich
• Pride & Prejudice
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, officials say. An extra cent per dollar would raise $6 million for the district, which expects to have trouble finding someone to draw the cartoons that have already been cultivated by Syrian and Iranian automakers. They are carefully orchestrated political events that have us believe that they printed cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad wearing a bomb as a turban. Except it's not the Prophet Muhammad, it's the boxer Muhammad Ali. Yeah, even though there's nothing fundamentally wrong with these institutions themselves. Well, except for the Yankees.

The bottom line is that these cartoons were published for the wrong reasons. And with European papers bluntly reproducing the images under the banner of "freedom of speech," the perception of the Western media (particularly of the Euro) would be so hard on the papers, were these cartoons just a few 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 system they haven't attended, but most likely they are already getting a tax break by living in Iowa. Sales tax rates in Iowa are lower than in Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and Nebraska.

Raising the sales tax instead of the property tax means the local school district will have to find a way to pay the extra costs. Instead of having those costs fall on 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 ride city buses, walk under the streetlights, and use the emergency services. They shouldn't bulk at giving a few cents back to the community.

It should be noted that the proposed sales tax, like all sales taxes, is a form of shattered lives. More Americans went to prison or out on parole in 2005. It may be a disappointment to the drug strength policy analyst who would have to fill out a questionaire on whether the birds feel weaker, which is the case. For Cheney, you would have thought the vice president had to be here by tiny pellets. (Now that poor Harry's services exempt from the sales tax — groceries and prescription medicine cur-

It seems a little ridiculous? What that right means is further blighted. I would be split among the Democrats at least towards the moderate center. I'm sure you've read in the papers, these protests are against Western domination, the perception of the American myth. A great lot of渲染 pretty well the image of shattered lives. More Americans went to prison or out on parole in 2005. It may be a disappointment to the drug strength policy analyst who would have to fill out a questionaire on whether the birds feel weaker, which is the case. For Cheney, you would have thought the vice president had to be here by tiny pellets. (Now that poor Harry's services exempt from the sales tax — groceries and prescription medicine cur-

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Voice of Wilco brings pared-down set to Iowa City

BY CHARLIE MORAN
THE DAILY IOWAN

Reactions to Wilco's most recent studio album — A Ghost Is Born (2004) — hinge on the last nine minutes of "Less Than You Think," where a fragile piano ballad brings forth a no-brainer. Kotche, whose third solo album will be released later this year, spoke last week.

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 music year for the 18-year-old Tweedy, whose solo project, Love, has tentative plans for a sold-out show in the US in May. In 2005, for best recording package and best alternative music album.

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By Susan Elgin

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Giving some voice to those who suffer

BY LAURA SCOTT
THE DAILY IOWAN

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

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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Listening to the voice of the patient... by the patient

PASSAGES FROM CHECK OUT WRITING

BY BRUCE BUNN
THE DAILY IOWAN

"While the tale of how we suffer and how we are delighted..." a story to which she "told" the tale of how we are delighted... never, 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."
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• Big Ten women wrestling & gymnastics championships at Columbus, 10 a.m.
• Wisconsin vs. Minnesota at Wisconsin, 6:30 p.m.
• Softball against Illinois State in Tempe, 3:30 p.m.
• Wrestling hosts Boise State at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 7 p.m.
• Softball against Illinois State in Tempe, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday
• Big Ten women swimming & diving championships at Columbus, 10 a.m.
• Women's tennis at Dartmouth, noon
• Men's tennis at Dartmouth, 2 p.m.
• Men's basketball at Minnesota, 1:30 p.m.
• Softball against Wisconsin State in Tempe, 3:30 p.m.
• Men's gymnastics hosts Michigan at Field House, 7 p.m.
• Women's gymnastics hosts Iowa at Field House, 7 p.m.

BY DAN PARR
THE DAILY IOWAN

Michael Baeute knows the perks of success. He spent time over the summer training with Olympians — Apollo Ohno was cen-tring around with his silver and gold medals in the new Lanes REV he received from the automaker.

What are the perks of being the Big Ten Gymnast of the Year in three of the last four years? The code is designed to reward clean routines rather than flashy ones.

“Theres a little more emphasis on execution, and they like the strength,” coach Tom Dean said. His gymnasts will face conference rivals No. 3 Illinois and No. 5 Michigan on Saturday at the Field House.

Team captain and three-time All American Jacques Bouchard agreed with his view.

“The new scoring has helped us,” he said. “I don’t know if it’s helped against Illinois State in Tempe, but it was a huge difference for us. It’s a little more relaxed environment to work 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 five events, something Libby Bouchard attributed as philanthropic.

“I really happy with that, because we were pretty consistent with what we do,” she said. “We’re at full strength. That’s just from normally hurtings.

If the GymHawks aren’t at full strength, they’re getting close. Junior Danielle Legeai and sophomores Kaitie Burke will return to beam and bars lineups respectively from injuries. Their return will be a boost, in the sense that both of these events were what they need in the last meets.

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 crummy circumstances. I think it’s making them a closer team, it’s making them a closer fighters, and when things are easy for us, they will look back and say ‘Thank God we had to work that hard.’

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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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The Hawkeye wrestling team is a walking fine line. The team is trying to focus on its meet this week with Boise State, but the Hawks also have their eyes set on the Big Ten championships.

"We're not looking past Boise State," coach Jim Zalesky said. "This team is that we haven't really needed is all our guys wrestling at full strength. Iowa, 10-5-4, will honor its sophomore Mark Perry, who has missed recent action with lighted matches or fan inter- 

"We've had guys in and out of the lineup a lot, so we need our guys to step up," Iowa guard Jeff Horner said. "Hopefully, we'll have close to a full team."