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UI Freethinkers will host a panel discussion on war in the Pomerantz Center tonight

Discussion to examine war

BY MASON KERNS
THE DAILY IOWAN

Most scholars cite domestic political discourse, largely centered on university campuses, as a chief cause of the United States' eventual withdrawal from the Vietnam War.

But one group at the UI is saying it's difficult for people to form their own opinions about war, partially because of "force-fed" information from the media.

Today's "Why War?" panel discussion, at 7 p.m. in C20 Pomerantz Center, emerges as one of just a few organized events regarding war in recent UI history.

Kyle Sieck, the president of the UI Freethinkers, which organized the event, said the discussion is aimed at examining the philosophy and theory of war. He said his group has no formal stance on the Iraq war, adding that the group hopes to facilitate "a forum for students to discuss war, in general, on a fundamental level," rather than focusing solely on current Middle East violence.

Student group leaders, meanwhile, were split on the issue of perceived student apathy about the Iraq War.

UI Amnesty International coordinator Kate Karacay, among those

FREETHINKERS

The "Why War?" panel discussion, sponsored by the UI Freethinkers

When: 7-9 p.m. today

Where: C20 Pomerantz Center

What: Four UI faculty members will present differing perspectives on war for 10 minutes each, followed by audience questions.

who are convinced students are politically conscious, said that while visible opposition can be hard to find, the UI remains an adequate marketplace of ideas and discussion about war.

UI senior Marty Broyles was similarly unconvinced that students are apathetic about Iraq, even compared with the Vietnam War era. He said students, who are far removed from the battlefield, could feel minute in their efforts and choose not to speak out. Broyles also had doubts about the effectiveness of protest.

"I don't necessarily think it'd do anything," said Broyles, who is opposed to the U.S. policy in Iraq. "People don't see it as that kind of war."

But Willard "Sandy" Boyd, the UI

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BEADING HEART



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UI junior Brooks McLaren, a health- and sports-studies major, hands out Mardi Gras beads downtown in return for donations to benefit cancer research and treatment on Tuesday night. McLaren is active in the Team in Training organization, which raises money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, the world's largest volunteer health organization. The group's members also raise money to travel to and participate in marathons and triathlons. McLaren hopes to raise \$5,000 to take part in the Mayor's Midnight Sun Run, a triathlon in Anchorage, Alaska, on June 17.

Flu poised to hit, market says

Students normally contract the flu after winter break, but this week looks to be a 'red' week, during which the market expects influenza throughout the state

BY WESLEY CROPP
THE DAILY IOWAN

Don't toss the cough drops just yet; a UI futures market says Iowa is expected to feel the brunt of flu season this week.

Influenza typically plagues students upon returning from winter break, but the Iowa Electronic Market — which pays investors for predicting events — shows speculators think this will be the first week of heavy flu hits.

"The flu peaks and drops off; the question is: When does it peak?" the market's founder, George Neumann, said on Tuesday.

The market tags this week "red" — where Iowans should expect the flu statewide. Next week, the range should lessen, affecting only specific regions.

The market does not forecast how severe a flu season will be but provides a more comprehensive

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evaluation by making the weekly predictions, Neumann said.

UI Student Health Service officials say they have not treated many ill students yet, but the numbers are increasing.

"There was only one case before Christmas," said Student Health nurse manager Lisa James. "That has increased in the past couple of weeks. We are waiting for it to hit."

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— Lisa James, Student Health nurse manager

Student Health has "plenty of shots left," she added.

Approximately 20,000 doses of influenza shots arrived in early October, and they are "typically fairly well used," said Tom Moore, a UI Hospitals and Clinics spokesman. However, he said, the supply is now limited, and anyone who needs one should contact the UI Family Care Center.

While UI officials say the traditional, or respiratory, flu is in a mild year, another strand — one without a vaccine — is on the rise locally, said Georgene Lynch, the nurse manager at Mercy Iowa City, 500 E. Market St.

Lynch said the hospital has seen an influx of gastrointestinal

influenza — a more frightening bug that cannot be prevented with a vaccine. The intestinal flu is, "in a sense, contagious, but it is not airborne" like the respiratory infection.

Despite the predicted increase in flu cases, some UI students beamed with optimism, saying they aren't worried and wouldn't take precautionary measures.

"If you're young and healthy, you should save the vaccines for people who are more susceptible to it," said UI senior Maria Rahe, adding she doesn't plan on getting a vaccine this year.

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UISG ELECTIONS

Funds letter sparks outrage



CHECK OUT WWW.DAILYIOWAN.COM TO SEE THE FULL TEXT OF THE LETTER SENT OUT BY THE IC PARTY.

BY JASON PULLIAM
THE DAILY IOWAN

Opponents of UISG presidential and vice-presidential hopefuls Shannon Thomas and Zach Johnson of the IC party filed complaints against the ticket with the Student Elections Board Tuesday night and demanded that it withdraw from the race, alleging "flagrant disregard" for election rules.

The outrage stems from revelations that Johnson wrote a letter to donors before the campaign's official start to solicit funds in excess of election-board regulations, which allow for \$1,500.

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UISG PARTY PROFILE

Candidates vying for the UI Student Government's top posts will have plenty of time to flesh out their platforms over the next week, but successful leaders aren't defined by policy alone.

The Daily Iowan will help you get a glimpse of who this year's hopefuls really are by talking to their parents, professors, friends, and even past employers in a series of party profiles. This is the third of four.

Dreams count, too



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BY ANNE WILMOTH
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI Student Government presidential hopeful Flip Arkulary found himself employed as a cookie baker at 13, whipping up sugary confections for the customers in one of a chain of grocery stores his father owned in Duluth, Minn.

The manager of a local cookie shop said Arkulary's position requires a lot of attention to the little things.

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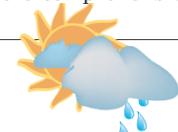
UISG PARTY PLATFORMS

On the chopping block:

- Today — Flip Arkulary and Pamela Wong, the King Kong Party
- March 3 — Atul Nakhasi and Julie Mickelson, the Big Awesome Party

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↓ 32 °C



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IN ON THE GROUND FLOOR

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UISG HONORS DEBATE



Beth Skogen/The Daily Iowan

UISG presidential candidate Shannon Thomas (center) defends the campaign-finance practices of the IC party during a UISG debate on Tuesday night in the Honors Center. Opponents of the IC party were outraged over the content of a letter asking for funds to advance conservative priorities on the UI campus.

Final debate starts tensely

BY ERIKA BINEGAR
THE DAILY IOWAN

Though tensions were high as the final UI Student Government debate kicked off in the Blank Honors Center on Tuesday night, they seemed to diffuse as candidates shared ideas about the future as well as opinions of one another.

Before the debate began, Peter McElligott of the Does A Student Body Good slate submitted a formal complaint against the IC party.

"The IC party has forced the hands of the three presidential candidates who wish to formally request the voluntary resignation of the IC party," he read from a statement.

The request came in response to a letter from the IC party's vice-presidential candidate, Zach Johnson, who, on Feb. 15, asked for

\$2,000 from local business owners and friends — \$500 more than the spending limit allowed by the UI Student Elections Board.

The IC's presidential candidate, Shannon Thomas, declined to withdraw from the campaign.

"We are trying to run this campaign [with] as much integrity as possible," she said.

Though the turmoil left some candidates visibly upset, the debate became comical as Big Awesome senatorial candidate Vernon Jackson and Does A Student Body Good vice-presidential candidate Addison Stark cracked jokes.

Hawkeye football player Jackson provoked laughter explaining why Kinnick Stadium was his favorite place in Iowa City, saying he likes it when the referee makes a bad call and fans go "berserk." The audience, packed with supporters wearing the red,

white, and blue shirts of each party, also chuckled at Stark's idea to increase school spirit — nudity. Though unsure how his idea will work out, he said, it "will involve body paint."

Each candidate had two minutes to respond to questions on graduate-student concerns, changes in student-government operations, and the allocation of student fees.

Flip Arkulary of the King Kong ticket referred to graduate students as "the bread and butter" of the UI and said he is "very much in favor" of a referendum that would create a committee to discuss the separation of undergraduate and graduate student senates.

Both Atul Nakhasi, presidential candidate for Big Awesome, and Johnson stressed the need for communication between the senates. Stark said his status as a

graduate student next year would help ensure a smooth transition, if the referendum passes.

The candidates were also asked to name the "biggest issue" they would address if elected.

While McElligott listed job placement for students as a major concern, saying "it's not simply finding a job; it's finding a job they want." Johnson stressed a more efficient management of UISG funds.

Pamela Wong of King Kong listed safety as her ticket's No. 1 priority. Arkulary agreed, adding they want to see a "comfortable and friendly community." But Nakhasi focussed on a change in admissions standards to increase the university's prestige, in effect retaining "high-quality teachers who don't put me to sleep in lectures."

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Council hears firefighter plea

BY COLIN BURKE
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Public safety and helping those less fortunate were at the forefront of an Iowa City City Council formal session Tuesday.

A local firefighter union president addressed the city's decision not to recommend hiring three additional firefighters for fiscal 2007 as the council held a public hearing on the proposed budget and capital-improvement plans.

Eric Nurnberg, the president of the International Association

of Firefighters Local 610, said the city needs more emphasis on safety.

"These three firefighters and this fire station, as I'm sure you've heard before, are desperately needed," he said, adding the city has the same number of firefighters since the 1970s, but the job is different.

Firefighters have to deal with emergency rescue, ice rescue, and hazardous materials, in addition to fighting blazes, he said.

City Manager Steve Atkins addressed the budget's public-

safety allocations during the meeting but did not say whether more firefighters would be included in the fiscal 2007 budget.

One local official also highlighted an increasingly pervasive issue in Iowa City: homelessness. Dale Kepler, the homeless overflow coordinator at the First Christian Church of Coralville, asked councilors to allow his fellowship hall to be considered as an "emergency shelter."

Changing the building's classification, he said, would

remove fire-code restrictions that inhibit larger numbers of shelter seekers and allow people more to stay the night. Twenty people who sought shelter during the subzero temperatures in late February were turned away, he said; so far, 60 people have been denied shelter in the past two months.

Councilors also unanimously approved a first consideration on the proposed raise in city parking fees.

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METRO

Pseudoephedrine distribution draws sentence

A man who has been charged with illegally reselling textbooks was sentenced to almost three months in jail for distributing pseudoephedrine on Tuesday.

Aaron Joseph Poisel, 31, was sentenced to 87 days in jail, which he has already served, by Judge Kristin Hibbs, after being charged with making pseudoephedrine available — aiding and abetting.

He also has to pay a fine of \$250, as well as all \$540 in court fees and surcharges.

Poisel also intends to write in a plea of guilty on March 2 on one charge of ongoing criminal conduct for reselling stolen textbooks, court records show. He was arrested for the scam, which lasted more than two and a half years, in June 2005, along with four other men, including his brother, Nathan Poisel, 27.

In May 2005, two of Aaron Poisel's alleged accomplices, his brother and Cho Kantaphone, said Aaron Poisel took textbooks from people on campus and handed them

off to the others for resale.

Kantaphone, 30, pleaded guilty to second-degree theft, receiving a suspended \$750 fine and a suspended five-year prison sentence.

Ongoing criminal conduct is a Class B felony punishable by up to 25 years in prison.

— by Meghan V. Malloy

Coralville to aid Oakdale upgrade

The Coralville City Council approved an agreement Tuesday to contribute \$43,500 to remodel conference spaces in the UI Technology Innovation Center on the Oakdale campus.

"We've been seeking ways to upgrade them," said Thomas Bauer, the interim director of the Oakdale Research Park. He said the conference rooms were "inadequate" in the 83-year-old main business-incubator building. "Tenant companies have been very patient but have suffered over the years," he said.

The remodeling project will cost an estimated \$140,000, Bauer said. "We've been partnering with the

university in the park there for quite some time," said Coralville Mayor Jim Fausett. "It brings good-paying jobs and employment to the community."

Coralville was a major investor in Oakdale Research Park when it was established in the late 1980s, providing the water and sewer infrastructure worth close to \$1 million. As part of the agreement between the city and the UI, the conference space will be available to the city at no cost.

The funds will go toward improving two conference rooms used by the 15 current tenant companies, with improved heating and air conditioning, new tables and chairs, and a new projector and computer for advanced presentations.

— by Jennifer Lickteig

Local female students gaining in BMIs

Female students in the Iowa City School District are falling behind on fitness tests and looking at higher body-mass indexes as they get older, physical-education officials reported to the School Board on Tuesday.

Jan Grenko Lehman, the district's physical-education coordinator, used a report from the first of a three-year grant program to show the average body-mass index increased 6 percent between fourth and eighth grade for females. The male index decreased by 5 percent for the same time period.

At age 15, only 30 percent of females fell below the norm for the pacer test, an endurance fitness exam, while at 17, 78 percent fell below the norm.

"We're finding out that students aren't as active as they used to be," Grenko Lehman said.

Overall, males improved by 1 percent on the pacer test, going from 57 percent below normal at 14 to 56 percent below normal at 16.

The grant program focuses exclusively on the eastern side of the district, where a Wellness room was recently added at City High.

The \$271,000 in first-year funds paid for five TriFit machines, heart rate monitors that electronically log time in target zone and average heart rate, and other exercise equipment.

— by Danny Valentine

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Jeffrey Boffeli, 19, Cascade, Iowa, was charged Tuesday with PAULA **Colin Dangelo-Kemp**, 22, 641 Westwinds Drive, was charged Tuesday with driving with a revoked license.
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In the summary of the Feb. 27 article "Local officials vigilant on intestinal bacteria," the *DI* incorrectly linked the Type 1 strain of the Clostridium bacteria with a possible virus. The summary should have said, "Type 1 strain of Clostridium bacteria hasn't hit Iowa City yet, but local health officials are confident they could contain the infection if it does." The *DI* regrets the error.

Panel to cover war philosophy

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president through much of the Vietnam War era, remembers a period when American foreign-policy debate had moved out of conferences and symposiums and into the streets; he recalls when one couldn't walk out of Schaeffer Hall without being inundated by protest.

The law professor said the UI campus was full of protest against U.S. military action in Southeast Asia during his tenure. The majority of protests were well-intentioned and non-

violent, he said.

"It was a period of enormous change," he said. "We were in the midst of human- and civil-rights movements and tuition increases of 66 percent. And then the antiwar movement came along."

Boyd declined to speculate on what it would take for UI students to engage in protests but said the reinstatement of a military draft — which Bush administration has fervently denied it is considering — would likely provoke a "substantial outcry."

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Playmate gets Supreme date

BY GINA HOLLAND
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — *Playboy* Playmate Anna Nicole Smith's date with the Supreme Court had all the trappings of a soap opera: tears, a family feud, and lots of money.

And justices hinted that the 11-year fight was far from over.

The court will decide in a few months whether to renew Smith's claim to a piece of the estate of Texas oilman J. Howard Marshall II, who died at age 90 after a brief marriage to Smith.

The case pits Smith, 38, against her former stepson, 67-year-old E. Pierce Marshall.

Both were in court. Smith, glamorous in a black dress with her long blonde hair loose, wept as justices discussed her former husband.

Pierce Marshall, wearing a suit and accompanied by his wife, said afterward, "If I have to fight this for another 10 years, I'm ready to do it."

Justices trod delicately on the subject matter.

Chief Justice John Roberts said the case involved "a substantial amount of assets," referring to the fortune of Smith's husband of 14 months. The estate was estimated at as much as \$1.6 billion.

The court's other new member, Samuel Alito, remained silent, as did Justice Clarence Thomas.

Otherwise, however, it was a lively debate that included many references to Smith and her plight, although justices referred to her by her given name, Vickie Lynn.

Justice Stephen Breyer said there was evidence that J. Howard Marshall's will was forged and that the son hired

private detectives to keep Smith away from her elderly husband's sick bed. She was a 26-year-old topless dancer, divorced with a son, when she and Marshall were married. One of her husband's nurses testified that Smith bared her breasts to the bedridden man as part of her effort to get an inheritance.

"It's quite a story," Breyer marveled.

Justice David Souter distilled her claims in only a few words: "I just want some money from this guy."

Her late husband, a widower with a penchant for strippers, showered Smith with gifts, including two homes, jewelry, and clothes.

In addition, she contends that he promised her half his estate.

G. Eric Brunstad Jr., the lawyer for the son, said that a Texas court investigated her claims during a five-month trial and rejected them. He said that Smith had no grounds to bring a separate claim in federal court in California.

He faced tough comments from the justices who seemed hesitant to limit the federal courts' reach.

"That's just not the way our system works," said Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the only woman justice, who was especially feisty in her questioning.

"I don't see your logic," Souter told Brunstad.

The case requires the court to clarify when federal courts may hear claims that involve state probate proceedings.

About two dozen photographers swarmed Smith and her attorney as they left through a side door of the court building after the hearing, then sped away in a black SUV. She declined to answer questions.

Hopefuls dedicated to work, fun

KING KONG

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"Basically, you're looking for someone who is detail-oriented and can follow recipes perfectly," said Angie Hoover, the manager of Cookies by Design in Coralville, who has never met Arkulary.

Meanwhile, sophomore Pamela Wong, whose Facebook profile declares "This Asian is running for UISG Vice President!!," launched her employment history at a Cedar Rapids Hy-Vee's Chinese Express.

It was the town's "ghetto-Vee" location, where "they wouldn't let us park in the lot, and it was really scary, with pictures of child molesters everywhere," said Wong, a Cedar Rapids native.

So, what does it take to put a friendly smile in every aisle?

The store's director, Brent Heinz, said he hires those who are honest, hardworking, and have friendly personalities.

Requisite qualities for cookie baker and Chinese-food-maker may also well serve the next UISG leadership. Regardless, the two hopefuls for the slot have moved on since those days.

Wong, a pre-pharmacy and Chinese major, serves in residence hall government as vice

president of association relations.

Arkulary, on the other hand, is president of UI Habitat for Humanity as well as an undergraduate activities at-large senator. The junior religious-studies major also served as chief justice for the Intrafraternity Council until he officially resigned today in order to focus on the presidency.

Along with his academic pursuits, Arkulary is a singer-songwriter and composer — the only musician running for president, he said — who plays several instruments, from guitar and piano to "a couple weeks of pipe organ lessons."

Wong, who said her most interesting trait is her inability to grow arm or leg hair, spends her time working as a waitress at Brothers Bar & Grill, 125 S. Dubuque St.

"It's really fun, but obviously, there are intoxicated people around, and sometimes it can get frustrating to deal with them," she said.

The two said they like to indulge in Iowa City's nightlife themselves, although Wong's father, Ark Wong, said his daughter "has her head in the books most of the time."

As the two work to complete their UI careers, Arkulary said he "really wants to" stay in



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

King Kong Party candidates Pamela Wong and Flip Arkulary play pool in the Lambda Chi Alpha house during a break between classes on Tuesday afternoon. The two candidates like to split their time between their UI involvement and their pursuit of a good time in Iowa City.

Iowa after graduation to work for a nonprofit organization or write music professionally, perhaps film scores.

Wong, who hopes to be a retail pharmacist, said she will "definitely" remain in state.

These sentiments connect to one tenet of the party's platform, which involves creating a mentoring program to put graduating seniors in touch with UI alums working in their

desired field and location. They say this would remedy Iowa's "brain drain."

"We have dreams that we know in our hearts we can make come true," Arkulary said. "[Other tickets have said they have] realistic solutions, not idealistic dreams, but you need to keep dreaming to make solutions happen."

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Campaign letter raises howls

CAMPAIGN MONEY

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A copy of the letter, obtained by *The Daily Iowan* and dated Feb. 15, details Johnson's appeal to would-be donors for \$2,000 to fund his campaign.

Thomas said the IC party declined to exit the race, saying the extra \$500 it sought was intended to compensate her and Johnson for personal expenses incurred during the campaign, such as cell-phone bills, meals, and fuel.

"We are honest people," she said on Tuesday night. "We currently have not been found guilty of any violations."

Thomas said Johnson sent the letter to 10 people, including friends and business owners.

A full list of six UISG senatorial, presidential, and vice-presidential candidates is not allowed to officially kick off the campaign until Feb. 20, and it cannot spend more than \$1,500, according to the election board's spring 2006 election code.

The campaign-finance provisions of the code were disclosed when candidates collected petitions and at a mandatory meeting held Feb. 2, election-board Director Bridget Henry said on Tuesday.

"This is my fourth year on the board, and I have never seen

anything like this come up before," she said.

Candidates are required to sign a bond acknowledging their agreement to adhere to rules governing the UISG electoral process as prescribed by the election code.

Of further concern to the IC party's opposition was the partisan tone and pitch of Johnson's letter. In the letter, he said funds would be used to help "embolden conservatives campuswide, promote conservative values, and lend UISG support to conservative state candidates."

Thomas and Johnson have maintained throughout the campaign they would not use the UISG presidential and vice-presidential offices as a springboard for partisan politics.

Peter McElligott, the Does a Student Body Good presidential candidate, said on Tuesday he was infuriated by the letter's contents.

"I'm outraged," he said. "This is unacceptable. This is despicable. This is everything Shannon and Zach said they would not do as conservatives on campus."

King Kong presidential candidate Flip Arkulary expressed concerns about the nature of Johnson's letter.

"It's not morally correct to break the Student Elections Board code," he said. "All I can say is, poor judgment on Mr.

Johnson's part."

The complaint filed against the IC party will be reviewed by the election board. Surpassing the \$1,500 spending limit would be "considered an egregious violation that yields the steepest of fines and penalties," Henry said.

Big Awesome Party presidential candidate Atul Nakhasi joined in the criticism.

"I think we're trying to represent everyone here," he said.

"We're not trying to be conservatives or Democrats."

Although the IC party maintains its commitment to impartiality, the controversy did not escape the attention of current UISG President Mark Kresowik.

"My gut reaction is that I am absolutely furious," he said. "I think it's duplicitous."

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Bill would mandate sex balance

A preponderance of males on Iowa county, city, and school boards is motivating a state lawmaker to push for legislation to encourage women to run for political office; however, local leaders have differing opinions on the matter



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The Iowa City School Board, which comprises one man and six women, meets on Tuesday. Vice President Toni Cilek (center) led the meeting for President Pete Wallace, who was absent. Two males were in attendance: Superintendent Lane Plugge (right) and Paul Bobek, the executive director of administrative services (not pictured).

BY BRETT SLEZAK
THE DAILY IOWAN

Proposed legislation at the Iowa Legislature looks to bridge a purported gap between the sexes on city, county, and school boards across the state by mandating equal numbers of men and women on the governing bodies.

Rep. Beth Wessel-Kroeschell, D-Ames, said she sponsored the bill to encourage more women to run for political positions across the state.

"Why do we struggle to find women to run for office? Why has Iowa never elected a woman to a statewide or national office?" she asked in a recent interview. "Perhaps it is because we are not giving Iowa women opportunities to lead at the local level. This bill is one step in the right direction."

Women make up 25 percent of the Iowa House and 10 percent of

the Iowa Senate, and in Ames, 52 men serve on boards and commissions, compared with 28 women.

Under current Iowa law, all appointive boards, commissions, committees, and councils of the state must be balanced between the sexes; however, no law for political subdivisions, such as city councils or county supervisor boards, exists.

Some local governing bodies, such as the Iowa City City Council, are already relatively balanced, and some say women are already making their voices heard.

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D-Iowa City

boards," said Rep. Vicki Lensing, D-Iowa City.

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors, however, consists of four men and just one woman — Sally Stutsman.

She said she has mixed feelings about the bill concerning balance between the sexes.

"I think it is a very good goal to reach for, but I don't think it needs to be a law," she said.

While there have been times she wished another woman served on the board, Stutsman said, mandating equity could keep more qualified applicants out of the running.

Still, some say local successes with balance could be of benefit elsewhere.

"If a county or city government is dominated by males, I think that county or city could do better," City Councilor Bob Elliott said.

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Regents study officials' salaries

BY SAM EDSILL
THE DAILY IOWAN

The state Board of Regents is studying how salaries for Iowa's top university administrators — including presidents, provosts, and vice presidents — stack up against peer schools.

Regent Executive Director Gary Steinke said the study, which began after the regents' meeting earlier this month, is still in its early stages and would likely not be ready until the board's May meeting.

The regents have been informally discussing a salary study since September, said Regent Robert Downer.

"We wanted to be sure that these [salaries] were comparable with peer institutions," he said.

The UI's peer institutions include six Big Ten universities — Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio State, and Wisconsin — as well as the University of California-Los Angeles, the University of Texas-Austin, the University of Arizona, and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Iowa Regent Teresa Wahlert said market forces should determine what an administrator is paid.

"I think there is a general philosophy that we need to continuously evaluate the marketplace," she said, adding if the market becomes flooded with qualified candidates, the appropriate salary should go down.

"It's important, because it's a business," she said. "It's a market."

Compensation varies greatly among university presidents at the UI's peer schools, according to a 2005 survey by the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. University of Michigan President Mary Sue Coleman, who left the UI in 2002, is the highest-paid public



Skorton
Iowa president



Coleman
Michigan president



Steinke
UI Regent executive director



Downer
UI Regent

university president in the country with a salary of \$724,604, including benefits. Lowest among the peer schools is North Carolina President

James Moeser, at \$295,022.

But UI President David Skorton, who will take over as president of Cornell University in July, falls near the bottom of that range, earning total compensation of \$309,250.

In August, the regents approved a 3 percent pay increase for Skorton and 5 percent for leaders of the other two state schools.

Iowa State University President Gregory Geoffroy is the highest-paid president of an Iowa regent university, earning \$367,912.

University of Northern Iowa President David Koob, who will retire this summer, earned approximately \$242,000.

Downer said last week he would support increasing the UI president's salary by between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

"It's important we increase the salary and put reasonable steps in place to retain that person, once we figure out he or she is a good fit," he said.

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WHAT PRESIDENTS EARN

When it comes to presidential pay, the UI falls near the bottom among peer institutions. A study by the state Board of Regents will look at how the UI stacks up in salaries for top administrator positions, including vice presidents and provosts.

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- Texas: \$520,500
- Arizona: \$503,394
- Minnesota: \$452,600
- Illinois: \$400,000
- Wisconsin: \$370,068
- Iowa State: \$367,912
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Fiber optics connects Indian writer with high-schoolers

BY MARGARET POE
THE DAILY IOWAN

Speaking into a microphone in a nearly empty North Hall classroom, Mani Rao seized the opportunity to impart some wisdom to the Iowa high-school students on a TV screen.

"I hope everyone realizes the value of the place you're living in," said Rao, a native of India and permanent resident of Hong Kong and, this spring, the UI International Program's writer in residence.

With the aid of Iowa Communications Network technology, on Tuesday, the writer eloquently interacted with students on topics ranging from her writing process to the lingering bitterness between Hong Kong and China. The TV screen, which beamed the high-schoolers' images and questions into the room, offered the internationally published writer a glimpse into rural Iowa schools.

For the students, the fiber-optic-enabled conversation provided an instant portal, not only into a classroom dozens of miles away, but into a distant world of Hindu gods, Mumbai streets, and well-traveled polyglots. For the writer, it was another successful morning of outreach.

Rao — whose shaved head, dark eyes, and elegant features form a commanding presence among those milling the streets of Iowa City — has bypassed city life for a year-long sojourn in Iowa's "wide open spaces." While participating in the International Writing Program in



Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan
Mani Rao, writer in residence for the International Programs, speaks in North Hall as Ursula Adelt of International Programs looks on Tuesday. Rao spoke with students across Iowa via the Iowa Communication Network about her writing and how her experiences affect her work.

the fall of 2005, Rao discovered this "lovely, literary town" is the ideal place for writers, thus prompting her to apply for the spring residency.

The outreach division of International Programs uses the technology to connect inquisitive Iowa youth with global visitors approximately three times a semester, interim coordinator Ursula Adelt said. While Iowa City students often

have access to international scholars through the UI, many across the state are not so lucky, she said. The conversations allow visitors such as Rao to engage in direct conversation with young people from every county in the state.

An Iowa Public Television Program, "K-12 Connections," partners with the Iowa Communications Network to coordinate and fund interactive chats

between students and guests. It is free for teachers to have students participate in the programs, said Jennifer Konfrst, the manager of communications for Iowa Public Television.

"We think it's important to make things available to Iowans across the state, regardless of where they live or how much they can pay," she said.

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Students show off research

The UI vice president for Research and nine UI students gathered in the Statehouse on Tuesday in order to display their work

BY BRYCE BAUER
THE DAILY IOWAN

DES MOINES — Undergraduate students from Iowa's three public universities gathered under the golden dome of the State Capitol Tuesday to show off research projects on topics ranging from "sexual-harassment coverage by the media" to "magnetically modified fuel cells."



Hay
UI vice president for Research

"We are very excited to show off our best and brightest," said Meredith Hay, the UI vice president for Research. She and nine UI students visited the Capitol to trumpet their work, prompting legislators to express their desire to keep those minds in Iowa.



Jacoby
Rep. D-Coralville

Participants were intentionally pulled from all corners of the state, said Robert Kirby, the assistant director of the UI Honors Program.

"We really tried to get broad representation on the regions of Iowa and the type of research done in Iowa," he said.

UI senior Travis Witt presented his research on the "use of X-ray crystallography to determine potassium influence on calmodulin binding of calcium."

"Getting involved in my freshman year was not hard at all," he said, adding, "It has been a great experiment."

UI senior Addison Stark, a candidate for UI Student Government vice president, researched the magnetically modified fuel cells. He said his studies showed how magnets can allow fuel cells to operate on

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D-Iowa City

ethanol, which can be made from corn, and methanol.

"With an internal-combustion engine, the best [efficiency] you can do is 40 percent," Stark said. "With fuel cells, you can, theoretically, go up to 100 percent."

Many legislators, including some local ones, walked through the event and chatted with students about their projects.

Rep. Vicki Lensing, D-Iowa City, called the presentations "very impressive."

"The students are so articulate and able to explain what they are doing," she said. There is "a lot of energy and enthusiasm and a lot of knowledge that would be a shame to lose."

Other legislators agreed the event highlighted the need to keep students in Iowa after graduation.

"Our struggle will be how we keep these people here," said Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville.

Lawmakers need to tie the state's intellectual capital with business development and give entrepreneurs a place to incubate their ideas, he said.

Rep. Tom Schueller, D-Maquoketa, agreed that Iowa needs to attract businesses but said legislators need to ensure jobs brought to the state pay well.

"If we are going to give tax incentives or tax breaks, let's make sure we create jobs that pay above the local community wage," he said.

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EDITORIAL

Trim UISG's legislative branch

Student government has been the hot topic on campus in recent weeks, as the UISG elections approach. Posters urging students to vote for one party or another are stapled to every surface, and candidates and their supporters gather for bar crawls to publicize the party's ticket. In the midst of all this activity, however, one portion of UISG, the Student Assembly, is often forgotten and easily forgettable.

Divided into three groups — the Undergraduate Activities Senate, the Undergraduate Collegiate Senate, and the Graduate and Professional Student Senate — the Student Assembly comprises a large sector of UISG representatives. It is responsible, in part, for approving the budget determining how much of UISG's \$800,000 the various student organizations on campus receive. Much of the UISG budget is derived from student fees and spent on student activities, so students must know whether their money is being spent wisely or whether their interests are being met.

However, the full Student Assembly currently meets only three times per semester and spends much of its time arguing over nonbinding resolutions and its own internal structure. It can also muster a meager attendance, which hardly inspires confidence in its effectiveness. Yes, conflicts do arise that may prevent a senator from attending every meeting, but chronic absences by senators should not be allowed. Currently, absence excuses must be reported within 24 hours of an assembly meeting. No

restrictions on the nature of these excuses are specified. UISG's credibility will only sink lower if it cannot find a way to boost meeting attendance.

One way to do this would be to enact a stricter attendance policy. Currently, senators who miss two consecutive meetings without an excuse forfeit their seat. At first glance, this may appear a strict policy, but with only three meetings a semester, being able to miss any for no particular reason is fairly lenient. If students wish to accept the responsibilities that come with a senate position, then they must be prepared to spend time fulfilling these responsibilities.

Another option would be to lower the number of senate seats, making those remaining coveted. Attaining a senate position should not merely be something nice to put on one's résumé. With 97 seats available, there is not much incentive to campaign and meet students to hear their concerns; it's not too difficult to win the position, so those running tend not to put forth the effort desired. With fewer seats, candidates might need to work to get elected and give students a reason to vote for them, instead of voting for candidates based on their Facebook profiles.

The nature and particulars of any reform would understandably be subject to considerable debate, one thing the Student Assembly is quite good at. Nonetheless, this problem must be addressed by UISG; failure to do so will only lessen the credibility of our student government and further the political apathy among the student population.

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Diversity view

As I read Anne Wilmouth's coverage of the *DI* UISG Presidential Debate ("Hopefuls take on diversity, alcohol," Feb. 28), Bill Heathershaw's quotation regarding diversity, needless to say, made my stomach churn. However, through my role as this past year's UISG Diversity Committee chairman, I have had the great honor of working with this very talented, well-rounded, and progressive individual and felt it very unlike him to truly believe that statement.

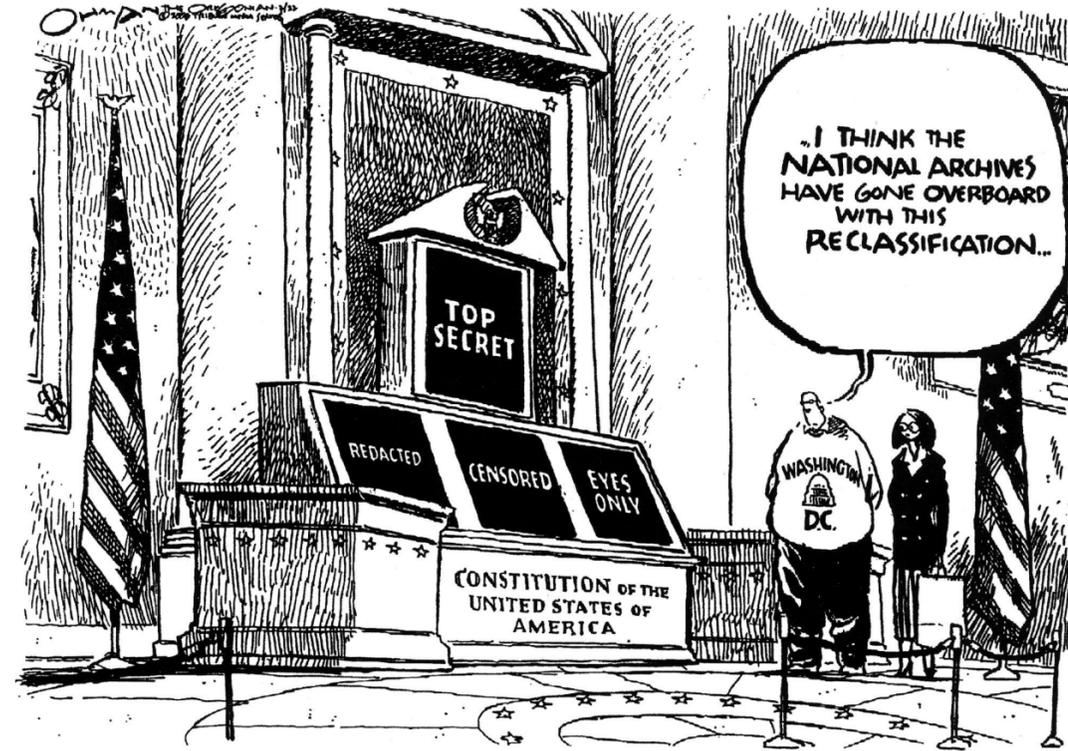
Though I am not claiming that I am endorsing the King Kong Party, I would like to mention, for whatever it may be worth, that Bill Heathershaw is a great advocate for diversity groups and organizations on campus. He has voiced many opinions and concerns, most recently aiding in the diversity forum held by UISG this past January, in collaborating the ideas of many diverse student organizations on campus. Perhaps the direct words were a result of nervousness or of anxiety, which I'm sure we've all felt, of sitting up there in such a public arena. Regardless, Heathershaw's true intentions and beliefs regarding advocating diversity were not represented in that quotation.

Thang M. Chau
UI student
2005-06 UISG Diversity Committee chairman

Hostility message

I am appalled and saddened by the verbal and physical violence inflicted upon Victor Hubler and his friends ("Hatred's Cauldron," Feb. 23); I am nearly equally saddened by the seeming lack of awareness expressed by the "anonymous UI sexualities professor" who, in the call-out quotation, trivialized harassment of straight men perceived as being gay ("it's like boo-hoo, a straight man being harassed" — that must be such a minority event"). To be certain no misinterpretation occurred (because the context was not provided in the article), I e-mailed Peter Madsen, the writer, and received confirmation.

If even the assumption of being gay attracts harassment and violence, what



purpose does it serve, anonymous professor, to marginalize these events as "minority"? Does the recognition of this reality — by the way, I am one of your "minority," the target of an event in which two young men tried to murder me and a friend on the presumption of being gay — somehow dilute the troubling reality of hate crimes committed against people based on sexual preference, perceived or real?

Your extreme position tacitly contributes to the problems of harassment and violence in society. One cannot and should not trivialize harassment and violence on any level. Such trivialization undermines the alliances made among peoples for common strength and advancement of human rights.

Sometimes anonymity is necessary for protection; no wonder the UI sexualities professor preferred anonymity — here, however, it's the cloak of a dangerous and cowardly bigotry.

David Hulm
Kirkwood assistant professor

Details wanted

In its attempt to prevent a Super Wal-Mart from opening its doors in Iowa City, the group Iowa City Stop Wal-Mart has made a number of undefined, unsubstantiated claims. Here are a few in example.

1. Wal-Mart presence results in independent businesses closing their doors.

2. Wal-Mart presence results in job loss for other area businesses and the area economy, in general.

3. Wal-Mart presence drives down wages in the area.

4. Wal-Mart presence "lowers the bar" for workers.

It is simply irresponsible to claim, without substance, that a new Wal-Mart will force local businesses to close and create job loss in the Iowa City/Coralville area.

When the current Iowa City Wal-Mart opened up, Mr. Sanders, what local businesses closed shop? We need names. What local jobs were lost when the Super Wal-Mart opened in Coralville, Mr. Sanders? We need specifics. Show us, Gary, that wages in Iowa City/Coralville have indeed been driven down by Wal-Mart presence. We need correlation. Chart for us, Mr. chairman, that Wal-Mart presence has indeed "lowered the bar" for Iowa City/Coralville-area workers. We need substance.

Trying to impede Wal-Mart's exercise in the free market with hollow claims is wrong.

Mike Thayer
Coralville resident

Reactionary costs

Republican reactionaries are a peculiar lot. They decry drug abuse but oppose a tobacco tax. They want harsh penalties, like Rush Limbaugh, except for themselves.

Gary Smith
Iowa City resident

ON THE SPOT

Do you know of anyone who is running for student senate?



"No. Someone left a flier on my door, but I don't remember the name."

Jennifer Ferring
UI senior



"I don't really know anything about it."

Ashlyn Hachmeister
UI sophomore



"Tony Rediger."

Blake Sieloff
UI junior



"Tim Judd."

Isaac Lewis
UI freshman

Nerds

You see that little thing up in the top right-hand corner of this page, begging you for letters?

That's an imperative, private. We like letters over here in *The Daily Iowan*-ville. Feedback keeps us honest, and, if some reader writes in when we screw up, it helps prevent us from making the same mistakes in the future. Truth.

And the letters have been flowing into *DI* HQ, as of late.

But there are not so many letters criticizing the *DI*. Yeah, we get some of them, and the requisite "Bush is an idiot" letters (because if there is ever a great forum for national political debate, it's a newspaper in eastern Iowa run by sexually frustrated 20-year-olds); but there is a new trend in letter country.



STEVE SHERMAN

It's the UISG season, so we got the scribes writing in letter after letter about why Johnny McWhitney would be a good UISG prez.

Well, for all you letter writers out there, I can only say this:

Y'all are a bunch of NERDS. Nerds, nerds, nerds. Hike up them pleated khakis, Urkel, because, back in the high-school days while y'all were playing Magic the Gathering, I was throwing touchdown spirals and boinking the head cheerleader. Fresh!

UISG: It's like when the nerds were back at the high-school lunch table, getting into screaming matches over a game of Magic the Gathering. "You spilled grape juice on my Shivan Dragon." Meanwhile, everyone else kind of looked over at their table for a sec and then got back to talking about how Mrs. Gregorio had toilet paper coming out the back of her pants.

It's a weird self-contained bubble, where something matters so much to most but means absolutely nada to most everyone else.

OK, in 2004, only 14 *goddamn* percent of Iowa students voted in the UISG elections. You thought the national turnout was low. And though that percentage popped up a little bit in last year's campaign, it's more or less obvious that the vast majority of students here don't give a shit about this UISG jazz.

Now, I actually *have* voted in every single student-government election — also, I used to play Magic the Gathering. Anyhow, I follow news in this town, and I like to consider myself an involved citizen. Voting for UISG isn't that hard to do, either — just a simple logon to ISIS. And that turnout is so low, considering how flipping easy it is to vote, should tell you something.

I have this rigorous scientific logarithm that dictates who receives my vote. I call it the "funny-name logarithm." And I'm sure my formula is a pretty popular one. I mean, "Barry Pump" was elected a UISG senator for three years. Given this trend, when I read that this dude named Flip was running this year, I instantly had a pretty good idea of how the election will turn out.

It's funny how a lot of these kids are political-science majors (two of last year's and two of this year's initial five candidates). If these people have any political aspirations, the UISG seems to be a good training ground for what's coming in the future. UISG and national politics have a surprising amount in common. Like, there's the false promises that abound in both: Anyone remember Kresnowik's promise of "bar cards"? — wait, probably not, because no one cares about UISG races.

So, the national and student politics have tons in common. Let's see: We've got overwhelming apathy from the majority voting populace. Check. Two, we've got false promises. Check. And three, we've got lots of white people. Check. Yep, it all clears. UISG: like national politics — but without the oral sex.

But the apathy is key, and do not blame it on the voting populace. Politicians cast themselves as different, but it's white men from the same career path: poli-sci, law or business school, and then larger and larger offices. They speak their career-contained language and then have the nerve to blame this all on "apathy."

Oh, please. Go back to your lunch table, nerds, and leave me alone. ■

Steve Sherman never actually played for his high-school football team, and most of the cheerleaders at his high school were busted. But his Magic the Gathering career was legendary. Contact him at stephen-sherman@uiowa.edu

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THE DAILY IOWAN

CD REVIEW

Arctic Monkeys

Whatever People Say I am, That's what I'm not

★★½ out of ★★★★★

It's cliché, I know, but imagine, if you can, Franz Ferdinand (the band) fathered a child with Pete Doherty (the Libertines' lead singer and resident dirty junkie) — the offspring they'd produce would be the Arctic Monkeys. Now, if you haven't heard of the potential kin of this highly improbable affair, don't worry. It just means you're an American.

The latest English phenomenon, the group's debut record *Whatever People Say I am, That's What I'm Not*, sold 360,000 copies in its first week — a record in the UK for a debut — and the band is about to showcase the release on

the "Saturday Night Live" stage on March 11. So, what separates the Arctic Monkeys from its grimy, hip counterparts? Not a whole lot, actually.

Not one of the band's members will be able to drink (legally) at any of the American clubs in which they are about to play, but they have pumped out the same guitar-driven, garage-bred rock that has dominated the UK since August 2001, when garage-rock poster boys the Strokes' debut hit the charts. That said, the Monkeys does have one thing going for it: lyrics.

Frontman Alex Turner, like most 20 year-old men, comes equipped with a seemingly endless number of alcohol-steeped tales featuring: drunken women waving from limousines, riot vans, and the regular cast of rogues who populate most night lives. However, Turner, on the album's best cuts, has a certain wisdom only attained after one too many Sunday morning attempts to remember Saturday night.

The album's single, "I Bet You Look Good on the Dancefloor," is a great example. The story of an imminent



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one-night stand where "there isn't no love ... just banging tunes," "Dancefloor" is infectious fun led by charging, overdriven guitars that sound as eager to "hook up" with this woman as Turner is. Other standouts come when the foursome give their buzz-saw guitars a rest, stop strutting, and relax. "Riot Van" sounds anything but riotous, as Turner remembers a night/countless nights spent dodging those "silly boys in blue," singing casually over a delicately strummed and ringing Fender Stratocaster.

Oddly enough, when the band members drop their Libertines scuzz for their most Ferdinand tune, it's about a very sketchy character, the "Mardy Bum." Here, Turner stands face-to-face with a man with whom he used to "laugh and joke around," but they have since had a falling out. The song doesn't sound urgent or pleading; it's mournful — but pseudo-apologetic and cocky. The jangly guitar line and Turner's delivery let everyone know that, while right now "it's like looking down the barrel of a gun," everything will be back to normal shortly.

If the next-big-thing deemers and artist-hypers know anything, the next single from this record will be the album's best track, its closer, "A Certain Romance." Here, all elements fight for attention: a throbbing, declarative opening, a bouncing bass line driving the verse, and tongue-in-cheek lyrics. "A Certain Romance" is a love letter to the music scene the Arctic Monkeys belongs to, to the city that provided the backdrop for all its debauchery, to the kids the members grew up with, to everything

that makes *Whatever People Say I am, That's What I'm Not* what it is.

The album has everything the United States has come to expect from the garage-rock revival in the UK and proves itself the movement's anthem. However, for every "Dancefloor" and "A Certain Romance," there are three or four cookie-cutter UK garage tunes. So, if you're salivating for a new Franz Ferdinand disc or you've spooned in a cell with Pete Doherty, this could lie beneath your next weekend of slumming it.

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Give a listen at the band's MySpace page Arctic Monkeys
Whatever People Say I am, That's What I'm Not
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• "I Bet You Look Good on the Dancefloor"
• "Fake Tales of San Francisco"
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COMMENTARY

Facing up on the wall & down the poke



AHRIF SARUMI

Hey Iowa, My name is Facebook.com, formerly known as TheFacebook.com, and I know you all call me Facebook, for short. I don't know how to put this, but I'm kind of a big deal. Really. People know me. If you don't know me, you must have been bunking with bin Laden in a remote cave for the past two years. Welcome to my kind of (non-)civilization!

Anyway, I have a few things to say to the UI students. First, I'm humbled by your embrace; with your help, I'll remain in the top 47 most popular websites, according to

Alexa.com. MySpace, that shift, music-uploading syster, is killing me from its top-five position, but that could change. I can play dirty, too — I might just start wiring cash to corral new members.

I love ogling at the crazy pictures you send me and that you keep me posted on the plethora of splendidous shindigs. Aah ... good times.

Oh, and while we're on that subject of crunk-ness, guys and gals, listen up: I've been pretty good about keeping up with all your birthdays to make sure you all have a drunk-licious time. Yet, regardless of my birthday benevolence, I noticed none of you sent me an e-card (and don't act like you didn't know — it's clearly listed when you click on the "about" section as Feb. 4).

Come on people, you see me every day — how could you forget me? No worries. I got down and loaded that night, then crashed "hard".

I concede, though, I can't

stay mad at a school with more than 700 members in its "I Facebooked Your Mom Last Night" group and cool cats that relished in my semblance with their Halloween costumes — thanks for the shout-out. As a joke, I dressed up as Iowa State's website, and nobody talked to me all night (fugly Iowa State women don't count. Humph).

"Course, a couple Cambridge University undergraduate music students have got you beat: They wrote a damn song about me. Too bad it's ear drum-bleedingly bad; let's just say it makes you rethink Elton John and Kiki Dee's "Don't Go Breaking My Heart" as a stroke of musical genius. Tim Dickinson belts over synthesizer riffs: "I poked her first on Sunday / then she messaged me on Monday / So we slept together / It seemed like the right thing to do." Like a first-round "America Idol" candi-

date, he yelps: "It's never been like this with me before / it's always taken time / My life was never so work-free before / but now I spend whole days online."

Talk about devotion.

Now, allow me to address a major issue of concern: members exploiting the laurels of my feature-heavy goodness. I will not continue to tolerate you using me as an intermediary for schmoozing other members — I ain't Cupid, stupid. I am strongly advising you not to use the "poke" feature as the electronic equivalent of "hey there, hot stuff" to a stranger. What's more, you shouldn't submit requests to be someone's friend, unless you actually know them — such an act infringes upon my rigid, moral computer code — and, plus, it's kinda pathetic.

Think of me as a platonic milieu designed to link you to your current friends and to reconnect you with old ones. If you're looking for

anything from ever-lasting love to one-night shtooting, I'll delightedly refer you to the know-how of *The Daily Iowan's* own love doc, Drew Kerr (just name check his article "Match Point," Feb. 9). Drew can aid you in subscribing to the infamous Match.com, which now boasts the new-to-loveland-addition Dr. Phil and his zeppelin of relationship insight.

And to the members gone gaga with their respective mates, I implore you to limit the glorification of your adoration to the relationship status of "in a relationship." Any further declaration of your "unequivocal love" — namely, on your partner's wall — gushing with saccharine chatter (also listing your mate as an "interest") is sooo unnecessary and wholly unacceptable.

Think of your wall-y love-fest as graffiti on the wall of a privately owned building — you may think

it's cool, but it's still illegal. To my discontent, there will be no legal action taken against your ill-conceived electronic PDA. (I just threw up a little bit.) But I will cut you off quicker than Oprah gave James Frey's *A Million Little Pieces* the boot from her precious book club. Well, I have to get back to the "Grey's Anatomy" episode I Limewired, but I'll leave you to ponder this: Is the icky schmoozing and mushy sweet-talk worth getting "Frey-ed" from your virtual obsession with me? (Think about it ... think about it.) Didn't think so.

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IOWA HEALTHCARE

Measure would push health savings accounts



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"Health savings accounts are just starting to hit the marketplace," he said. "We'll start seeing a lot more."

While he said it is impossible to determine when health savings accounts will take off, they could affect the hospital sometime in the future.

"There will be some impact, but I'm not sure of what nature," he said. "It will be a little more difficult, because you'll be dealing with patients rather than insurance companies for many bills."

The U.S. Congress approved the concept of the private accounts in December 2003. Under the plan, the funds are nontaxable and are to be used only for medical expenses. They are particularly popular among the self-employed and small business owners, who use them to offset the high costs of health insurance.

Wieck's legislation, if passed, would be financed through the cash reserve fund and administered by the Department of Revenue. Participating Iowans would repay the state in monthly installments within one year.

But one local lawmaker said he's unsure the accounts are the best way to pay for health care.

WHAT IS A HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT?

Health savings accounts are nontaxable accounts to be used only for medical expenses. These can be used with insurance plans to pay high deductibles. These accounts are traditionally used to help self-employed people and smaller business owners offset the high costs of health insurance.

"Health savings accounts are just starting to hit the marketplace. We'll start seeing a lot more."

— **Chris Klitgaard, UIHC director of patient financial services**

"I know it is a challenge for many families that struggle to make ends meet," said Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City. "These families have no extra resources for a health savings account."

The UI currently does not have health savings accounts for its employees, because their plan "does not meet the qualifications" even though it is a similar high-deductible plan, said Richard Saunders, an associate director of Human Resources.

"Our plan is currently meeting needs, and we have good participation," he said, adding health savings accounts could be available in the future.

Bolkcom said he suspects Wieck's proposal will increase the popularity of the accounts and is worth pursuing but added, "If we provide incentives, we need to make sure we direct it to people with the most need for those."

A better insurance alternative for independent employers is to create "insurance pools" among small businesses and share a common insurance plan, he said.

The bill is currently in committee; if it does not make it through within the next week, it will die, Wieck said.

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BY **SUSAN ELGIN**
THE DAILY IOWAN

A state senator hopes to make opening a health savings account more attractive to Iowans, but such a program could translate to more work for UI Hospitals and Clinics, officials said Tuesday.

Sen. Ron Wieck, R-Sioux City, submitted legislation to establish a \$10 million interest-free fund for Iowans looking to start their own health savings accounts. Iowans desiring such accounts could borrow up to 80 percent of the up-front costs of starting an account under this bill, he said.

The private accounts would pay for medical expenses, and they could be used with insurance to help pay high deductibles for Iowans who don't yet have enough money to cover a large medical expense.

"I believe health savings accounts are not taking off as fast because of this," Wieck said. "This is an important opportunity to get people involved in their own health care and make their own decisions."

UIHC officials say they have not yet seen many patients using health savings accounts, but Chris Klitgaard, the director of patient financial services, expects that to change.

Homeless crisis looms



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ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF THE
HOMELESS PROBLEM IN IOWA CITY.

BY **EMILEIGH BARNES**
THE DAILY IOWAN

Johnson County is in a state of crisis among the homeless, with shelters bursting at the seams, members of the Iowa City community said at a press conference Tuesday afternoon.

The county is one of the worst at providing for its homeless population, said John McKinstry, the pastor at First Christian Church in Coralville. The church is one of the facilities providing temporary lodging this winter when the Shelter House, 331 N. Gilbert St., reaches capacity.

"This is actually the place where some homeless people will be sleeping tonight," McKinstry said, motioning to two green cots in the corner of the room in the First United Methodist Church, 214 E. Jefferson St., where the conference was held.

In the past three months, 125 people were turned away from overflow shelter housing and onto the streets, with little more than blankets to warm them, said Crissy Canganelli, the Shelter House executive director. The number is the highest since the beginning of Johnson County's church-based overflow housing several years ago.

Churches need an average of 80 volunteers a week to monitor every 10 people in overflow housing. To aid the rising numbers of homeless people, the number of volunteers would need to double, said Mel Schlachter, the rector



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Pastor John McKinstry (left) of the First Christian Church in Coralville details statistics on Tuesday afternoon during a press conference on the Johnson County homeless "crisis" at the First United Methodist Church in Iowa City.

of Trinity Episcopal Church, 320 E. College St.

"We just can't do it out of our congregation," he said. "We've tried."

Nearly 80 homeless people were turned away from housing during a sample two-week period, more than any other county in the study except for Polk County. For the 1,275 homeless people in Johnson County, there are 64 shelter beds, reported the 2005 Iowa State Homeless Study.

But living on the streets is a terrible experience, marked by searching out every nook and cranny away from wind and watching people nearly die from effects of living on the street, said Fred McNeal, who has been homeless for the past four years.

"It's pure hell," the 52-year-old said. "You do what you have to do to get by."

The formerly self-employed maintenance man said Iowa City is no longer the blue-collar town he was born and raised in. The only people who can manage to make ends meet in

the city are "yuppies," he added.

For the rest, the community does not currently have the ability to provide shelter, even on the coldest nights, McKinstry said.

"There is simply not any space for them to stay," he said. "There is not enough room in the inn, so to speak."

Fire code prohibits more than 21 people from sleeping in First United Methodist each night.

"There's not just a need in Johnson County," Schlachter said. "We have a crisis on our hands."

People are drawn to Iowa City in search of a better life, he said, but they are met only with frustration when they cannot find affordable housing.

To solve problems, the Shelter House needs more dependable funding from local government and new facilities, McKinstry said.

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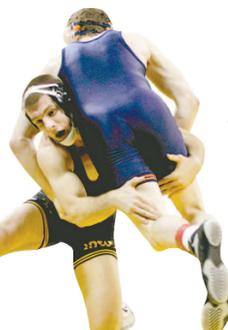
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GYMHAWKS IN ON FLOOR

BY BRENDAN STILES
 THE DAILY IOWAN

The one thing the GymHawks have lacked most of this 2006 season has been consistency.

With that said, the one event in which the team has remained consistent, week in and week out, is the floor exercise, the only event Iowa has been ranked in the top 25 nationally; the Hawkeyes go into their March 5 meet with Minnesota ranked 24th on floor.

One vital part of floor is the music playing in the background while the gymnast does her routine. The only requirements are the routine must be a minute and 30 seconds and the music being played cannot have any words.

While it's been Iowa's most successful event, head coach Larissa Libby said it's also one of the hardest events to prepare for.

"It's a big endurance event, and it always leaves that pit in your stomach," she said.

"It's only a minute and 30 seconds, at the most, but it is the most taxing minute and 30 seconds ever."

Libby also said unlike club and other forms of youth gymnastics, what music gets played during the routine is the gymnast's choice. Junior Beth Dilick has the most recognizable — performing to "Don't Phunk with My Heart," by the Black Eyed Peas — and she's glad that she gets to perform to something that fits her personality.

"I think floor would be a pretty boring event without [music]," she said. "Dancing to dead air isn't really as much fun."

Even though the songs played during a routine aren't allowed to have words, that aspect isn't new to any of the gymnasts, and they don't seem to mind it when they do their routines.

"You do it your whole life in gymnastics, so you get used to it," senior Liz Grajewski said. "I think it would be more awkward to do it with words; plus, I'd probably be singing along."

The entire team seems to have fun with the choreography when competing on floor during an actual meet, and being able to do that is what sophomore Ally Zipse believes has made floor a key part of the GymHawks' success this year.

"We're getting there with other events, but with floor, we just really stand out," she



GymHawk Amanda Rudolph practices her floor exercise Tuesday afternoon. Iowa is ranked 24th nationally in women's floor routines. The Hawkeyes will compete against Minnesota on March 5 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena at 2 p.m.

said. "We have a great choreographer in Larissa, which helps us make routines that the crowd really likes, and we just have so much fun when we're out there."

Libby knows her choreography. She knows the difficulty in being original and knows not everything can be done, so she'll seek advice from her gymnasts.

"They'll come in with all their hip-hop stuff that I'm not familiar with and can't do, and just by watching them play around, I figure out their style," Libby said.

"By their helping me with certain floor routines, I can figure out what's easier for them."

The biggest thing that has come from floor this year is experience and the confidence that comes from it, she said.

"I think it's the most secure lineup, because we haven't



GymHawk Danielle Legeai practices the floor exercise Tuesday afternoon.

kept throwing people in and out of the lineup all the time," she said.

"They have a good confidence level and trust in each other there.

"Unfortunately, for us, it's the only lineup that we've been able to do that with and not bounce around."

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Megan Skouby

ALL-BIG TEN

3 women hoopsters honored

The Iowa women's basketball team racked up some personal accolades on Tuesday.

Senior guard Crystal Smith, sophomore forward Krista VandeVenter, and freshman center Megan Skouby were each named to the 2006 All-Big Ten team.

Skouby was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year, earned all-freshman team honors, and was named to the All-Big-Ten second team by the media and third team by the coaches.

Smith earned all-conference first team by both the media and coaches and was also named to the all-defensive team.

VandeVenter earned honorable mention by the media, and she is Hawkeye women's basketball nominee for the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award.

— By Ryan Long

SEE A Q&A WITH MEGAN SKOUBY, 2A

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MEN'S GOLF

Golfers finish 14th

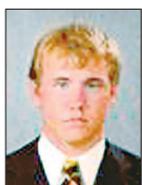
Senior Andy Tiedt's hole-in-one, the first of his career, was one of the few highlights on Tuesday for the Iowa men's golf team this week; it finished 14th in the 15-team field at the Wexford Plantation Intercollegiate. The players started the day with an 8 a.m. shotgun, first finishing the final holes of the second round and then continuing into the final round of the 54-hole competition.

After shooting 82 in his first round of the spring, Tiedt led the team in both the second and third rounds of the event, with scores of 75 and 77. Junior Jon Feldick started strong the first 36 holes — posting scores of 75 and 77 — but faltered in the final round, carding a disappointing 83 to finish a stroke behind Tiedt in the event.

The most surprising story of the event was the play of freshman Cole Peevler, the team's No. 1 player. After struggling through an opening-round 85, Peevler finished the last two rounds with scores of 80 and 78, placing him fourth on the team.

The team will next compete at the USA Spring Classic on March 13-14. During the week of spring break, the entire roster will play the event, with five players counting toward the team score and the rest entered as individuals.

— By Charlie Kautz



Feldick
11 over



Tiedt
first career hole-in-one



Grajewski
senior

IOWA VS. PENN STATE

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Hawks hungry for win

With only two games left in the Big Ten season, the Hawkeyes are focused on beating Penn State and Wisconsin, not watching the scoreboard.

BY JASON BRUMMOND
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Maybe Iowa's loss to Illinois last weekend wasn't so bad, after all.

After dropping two-straight Big Ten games by double figures, Iowa coach Steve Alford said his team — now a game back from first — doesn't feel pressured or down. Instead, the senior-heavy Hawkeyes feel ready to go.

"Because of the loss, the guys know what they need to do," Alford said. "Not that they wouldn't have known if they had won, but, I think, there is more of a sense of urgency. I sense more excitement and enthusiasm over the weekend than feeling any kind of pressure."

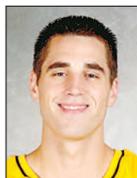
And, luckily, the 23rd-ranked Hawkeyes (20-8, 9-5 Big Ten) return to Carver-Hawkeye Arena, where the team hasn't lost all season, to face Penn State (14-12, 6-9) tonight, with tip-off scheduled for 7:05.

Far from an intimidating venue for the past few seasons, Carver has displayed a raucous environment the past month while the team has been in the thick of a championship race.

SEE MEN'S BASKETBALL, PAGE 3B



Brunner



Horner

Drake poses major hurdle for Hawks

BY ANDREW SHANKS
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Forget about Iowa State.

For the Iowa men's tennis team (4-1), tonight's competition against intrastate rival Drake is the match to be amped about.

"Drake is very, very good," coach Steve Houghton said. "Drake always gets twice as excited when they play us, and we need to do the same thing. Top to bottom, Drake is probably the best team we've played, so far. It is definitely on par with Western Michigan."

If that's the case, than Houghton might have cause for concern. The lone blemish on Iowa's record came when the

UPCOMING MATCH

What: Hawkeyes vs. Drake Bulldogs
Where: Drake Tennis Courts, Des Moines
When: 6:30 p.m. today
Series: Iowa leads the all-time series 23-5. Last year, the Hawkeyes beat Drake, 6-1, in Iowa City.

Hawkeyes traveled to Kalamazoo, Mich., on Feb. 4 and were blanked, 7-0, by the Broncos.

Drake has even more depth than Western Michigan, the Iowa coach said.

"We saw [Drake] in the fall, and it was outstanding then," he

said. "Drake has had a good program for the better part of the last 25 years, and this is probably its best team yet. [Drake's] No. 1 and No. 2 singles are both outstanding players that merit national recognition."

Drake (7-1) is the first-place team in the Missouri Valley and is coming off of a 6-1 thrashing of Northern Illinois. The Bulldogs are paced by No. 1 single Sergi Vila, 8-0 on the season and the reigning conference Player of the Week. Maor Zirkin and Dalibor Pavic — Drake's No. 2 and No. 3 singles players respectively — are both 8-0 as well, giving the top of the singles competition an international flair.

"Vila has always been a great

player," Houghton said. "But this year, their No. 2 and No. 3 players are playing phenomenally well, too. This should set up for a very challenging match, because both teams are playing good tennis, right now."

Iowa is playing in its first match since downing DePaul, 6-1, on Feb. 19. Bart van Monsjou reclaimed the team's top singles spot with a decisive 6-3, 6-4 victory over DePaul's top single, Gabe Inchauste. Sophomore J.P. Ritchie also improved his team-best record to 4-1 in the victory.

The team's top doubles tandems have been steadily improving as well. Senior Chaitu Malempati has teamed with van Monsjou to form the

squad's No. 2 doubles pairing. The two have combined to match Aaron Schaechterle and Christian Bierich — Iowa's No. 3 doubles team — in the win column with 4-1 records.

The vast improvement of Iowa's doubles teams might prove vital in tonight's contest, because the eventual champion could be decided by the winner of the elusive doubles point.

"The one doubles point is going to probably be key," Houghton said. "We need to pick up victories in doubles, and then our top three need to match the play of Drake's top three. If we can do that, we can win."

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Iowa	9	5	.643	20	8	.714	
Wisconsin	9	5	.643	19	8	.704	
Michigan	8	7	.533	18	8	.692	
Michigan St.	7	7	.500	19	9	.679	
Indiana	7	7	.500	15	10	.600	
Penn St.	6	9	.400	14	12	.538	
Northwestern	5	9	.357	13	12	.500	
Minnesota	5	10	.333	14	12	.538	
Purdue	3	11	.214	9	16	.360	

Portland	18	38	.321	11%
Pacific	17	37	.311	6
Phoenix	38	17	.691	
L.A. Clippers	32	23	.582	6
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Sacramento	26	30	.464	12%
Golden State	24	32	.429	14%

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LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Acquired RHP Jason Bulger from Arizona for INF Alberto Callaspo.
National League
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Skouby fits in quickly

The Daily Iowan continues its Q&A "In the spotlight" feature. This week, we will highlight freshman center Megan Skouby, who was named conference Freshman of the year as well as to the All-Big Ten second-team by the media and third-team by the coaches Tuesday.

DI: What has made the transition from high school to college so natural for you?
Skouby: The coaching staff and the players. They have helped me come into this environment and just fit right in with everything. Sure, there were some games where I wasn't on my game, but they helped me realize that it's OK. You can have your off game. You can still do fine. I think I've done a pretty good job on that.



Skouby center

DI: What lessons can be taken from the previous matchups with Michigan State?
Skouby: We can stick with [the Spartans]. If they go on a run, we have to counteract that run and make a run of our own. We can definitely play with them. They're definitely a beatable team. We beat them here. They beat us there — but only by two points. It's going to be a good game. It's going to be a fun game to watch. I hope people make it out there to see it.
DI: Do you think the neutral court can play to your advantage then?
Skouby: I really do. It's kind

of in-between. We'll probably have about the same number of fans there, hopefully. I think it really is an advantage for us, because we have great fans, and they'll be loud, they'll be cheering, and it'll be a fun game.

DI: Would this season be categorized as underachieving if Iowa does not make the NCAA Tournament?

Skouby: I don't know if it's exactly underachieving, but it would be a disappointment if we don't make it. Right now, I feel that we're in a good position. We should be able to make at least an at-large bid, right now, because we've played with a lot of great teams. Even though some of them we haven't won, we have beaten a few great teams out there. If we win that first game [against the Spartans], I really feel like it's undeniable, because two out of three times, we would have beaten a team that's going there. I just feel that we're in a pretty good position, right now.

DI: Which aspect of Lisa Bluder's coaching has impressed you the most?

Skouby: She's a great all-around coach. I don't even know how to describe her coaching, because she doesn't ever give up. Even if we're not doing great, she does not ever give up, and she always wants the best from you, which is great. She's on you sometimes, but it's tough love.

DI: Pretty safe to say she gets the most out of her players?

Skouby: Yeah, pretty much. I really feel like we give our all for her.

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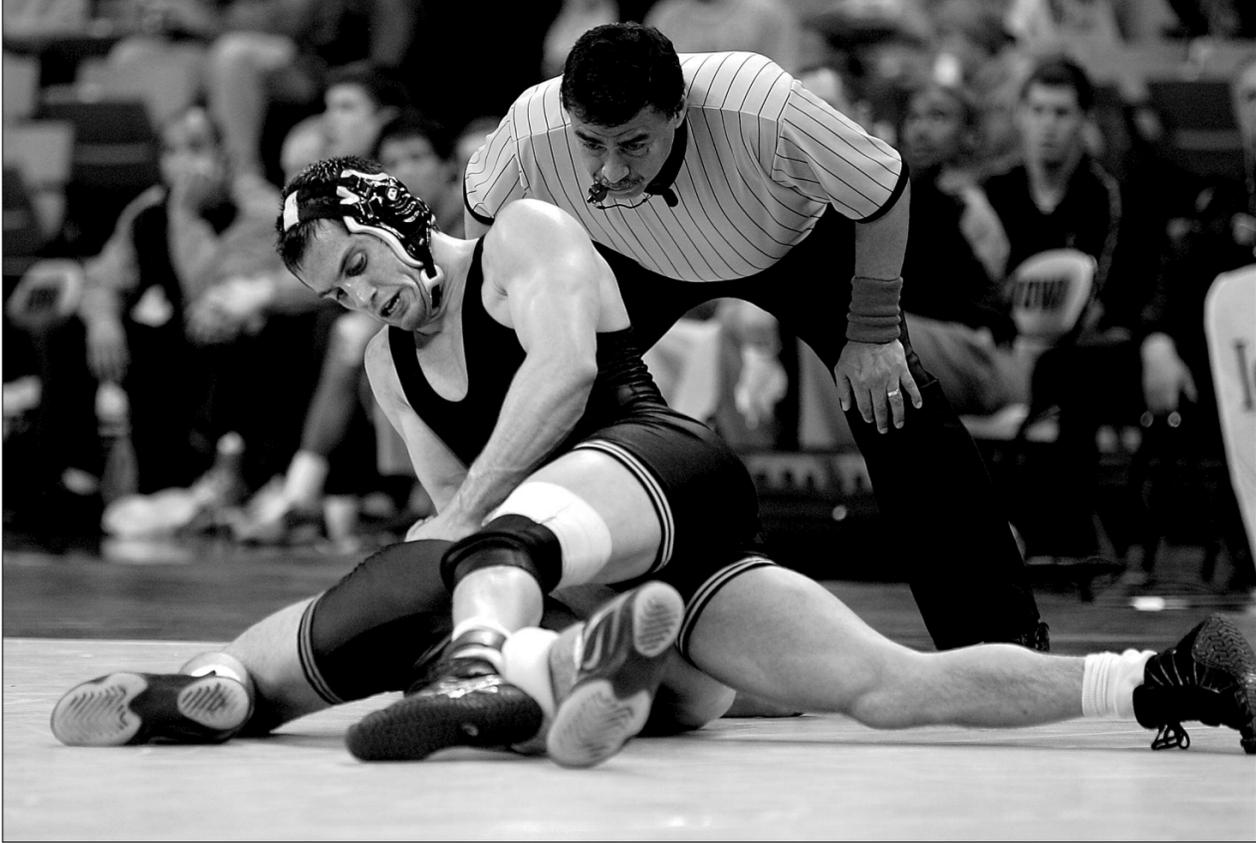
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Cleveland	32	25	.561	15½
Indiana	28	25	.528	17½
Milwaukee	29	28	.509	18½
Chicago	25	31	.446	22
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Denver	30	27	.526	
Utah	27	29	.482	
Minnesota	24	32	.429	
Seattle	22	36	.379	

HAWKEYE SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Today**
 • Men's tennis at Drake, 6:30 p.m.
 • Men's basketball hosts Penn State, 7 p.m.
- Thursday**
 • Women's golf at East/West Rio Verde Invitational, Rio Verde, Ariz. All Day
- Friday**
 • Swimming & diving, Iowa Senior championships, 9:30 a.m.
 • Women's basketball at Michigan State, Indianapolis (Big Ten Tournament), 1:10 p.m.
 • Baseball at Northwestern State, Lafayette, La. (Louisiana Cajun Classic), 2 p.m.
 • Women's golf at East/West Rio Verde Invitational, Rio Verde, Ariz. All Day

WRESTLING ANALYSIS

BIG TEN MATCHUPS LOOK TOUGH



Beth Skogen/The Daily Iowan
 Hawkeye wrestler Alex Grunder holds down Illini wrestler Troy Tirapelle on Feb. 10. Grunder won the match, 9-4, but the Hawkeyes lost, 24-13.

BY BRYAN BAMONTE
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Take your pick of superlatives. Biggest. Brightest. Most important.
 This weekend's Big Ten wrestling meet in Bloomington, Ind., is all of the above.
 The Hawkeyes head to the Hoosier State as a possible sleeper, a result of both injuries and indifference. Without a No. 1 seed and healthy lineup, Iowa will try to win its 32nd Big Ten title.
 Below is a breakdown of how the Hawkeyes match up in the various weight classes against the rest of the Big Ten.
125 pounds — Lucas Magnani put the squeeze on Iowa coach Jim Zalesky during the Big Ten season when he was pinned by Illinois' Kyle Ott in a match that was considered a coin toss. Magnani is the fifth seed, and he will most likely see Ott again. He's wrestled hot in quarters, but the 125-pounder must avoid an early pin. Magnani could get past

Ott — but not much further.
133 — The Hawkeyes are unseeded at this spot; true freshman Daniel Dennis struggled through most of the Big Ten season. He will be drawn into the bracket and could end up anywhere. Wherever he does end up, it likely will be too much for him.
141 — This is the first weight class Iowa has a chance to take. Sophomore Alex Tsirtsis is the third seed, and he has faced both guys ahead of him this season, losing one- and two-point decisions. He'll likely see No. 2 seed Andy Simmons again in the semifinals, before a potential rematch with No. 1 Josh Churella.
149 — Ty Eustice lost one match all season — it just happened to be against Minnesota freshman Dustin Schlatter. Schlatter is the only thing between Eustice and this weight class.
157 — Joe Johnston has the "experience" factor. It's the reason Zalesky hasn't bugged

him more about slow starts. It cost him a higher seed. However, guys don't like wrestling him, and once he gets going in these tournaments, he doesn't stop. Even as the No. 4 seed, if he forces his style, he'll be a tough out.
165 — This is one of the tougher weight classes, and Iowa's Eric Luedke, the fifth seed, will have quite the challenge. However, Luedke is a wildcard, a guy with confidence and ability. He didn't show it all season, but he can get past Penn State's David Erwin, who beat Luedke, 4-3, this year.
174 — If you're an Iowa wrestling fan, it doesn't get much better than Mark Perry. The sophomore is a joy to watch, putting opponents in predicaments and then telling them about it. Perry, seeded second, hurt his neck before a 4-3 loss to No. 1 seed Jake Herbert earlier in the year. But that doesn't change his expectations. Or anyone else's.

184 — Well, this one's hard to tell. Because Paul Bradley has become an anomaly, choosing when to wrestle and often letting others dictate a match. You can tell early how a Bradley match will go. If he's on his heels, it's going to be a long night; if he's brawling early, he's tough to beat. The Hawkeyes need him to get nasty.
197 — Iowa has the seventh seed in this bracket, and it will be up to freshman Dan Erikson to wrestle better than his seed. He has been in most of his matches but has yet to put it all together. Freshman mistakes have cost him, despite outstanding wrestling opponents, at times.
Heavyweight — Fortunately, Iowa's Ryan Fuller was given the No. 3 seed. Unfortunately, Fuller likely won't wrestle. Freshman Michael Bucklin will take his place and therefore be drawn into the bracket. Without Fuller, they won't win a match.
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Adam Haluska and Greg Brunner battle for a rebound against Ohio State on Jan. 28 in Carver-Hawkeye.

Men hope to finish strong

MEN'S BASKETBALL
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Alford said seniors Greg Brunner and Jeff Horner, two in-state favorites, helped jump-start the fans' return to the arena.

"That's honestly going to be the happiest moment I'm going to have this season," Brunner said. "This year has been incredible."

Iowa beat Penn State in their first matchup, 80-76, but neither squad resembles the teams on the court in mid-January. Led by sophomore forward Geary Claxton's 15.7 points an outing, the Nittany Lions have been one of the biggest surprises of the Big Ten, picking up six wins in league play.

The Hawkeyes must find consistency with its rebounding, and a date with Penn State, where 6-6 Jamelle Cornley is the tallest starter, could be the night to break out of the funk.

Iowa has been out-rebounded by 19 in the last two games — both losses — while 6-11 center Erik Hansen has snagged just two rebounds in the last two games.

"I think we are a better transition team now than we were in January, but it will be a

nightmare game for us if we don't take care of the backboard and take care of transition," Alford said.

"The backboard is a big issue, because the last two teams have beaten us up there. We have to get back to being a more dominant rebounding team."

Even if the Hawkeyes take care of Penn State and knock off Wisconsin on Saturday, they're going to need help to earn a share of the Big Ten title for the first time since 1979.

If Ohio State (21-4, 10-4) doesn't falter this week, the Buckeyes will claim the conference title outright. Ohio State will travel to Northwestern tonight before hosting Purdue on Saturday — teams it beat by a combined 25 points earlier this year.

"Northwestern has not helped us in a long, long time," Alford said. "I guess it would be nice if it could help us out."

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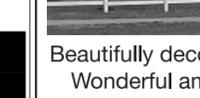
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LOOKING

“ I'd like to neuter Jack Abramoff and take him out of the gene pool so he can't reproduce. ”
 — Stan Boyd, a lobbyist for Idaho's cattle, sheep, and elk industries.

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DANIEL CZOLOGOSZ

Chuck Norrisisms you've never heard

- With the first pick in the draft, the Houston Texans select Chuck Norris, face-kicker out of Dallas
- When Chuck Norris' mother was pregnant, she asked the doctor what she was having, the doctor replied, "It's a Chuck."
- Psyche; Chuck Norris doesn't have parents, he's the love child of Street Fighter's Ryu and a bear.
- When Chuck Norris was in first grade, he couldn't read or write, but he kicked ass at a sophomore level.
- Earth is screwed if the rumor is true that Chuck Norris is a universal time-traveling assassin who is on his last stop to wipe out the remaining life in the galaxy.
- Chuck Norris can't fly ... yet.
- Chuck Norris jumps rope with an 8-foot king cobra.
- Crop circles are a result of a furious Chuck Norris throwing down an endless number of roundhouse kicks in a field ... Chuck hates crops.
- Chuck Norris is in a porno called "Walker Texas Banger."
- Jack and Jill went up the hill to fetch a pale of water, Jack fell down and broke his neck when Chuck Norris gave him a 360 backkick to the face.

— Daniel loves Chuck Norris but still feels Abdul Hodge and Chad Greenway would destroy him in a fight. E-mail Daniel at: daniel-czologosz@uiowa.edu-

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horoscopes Wednesday, March 1, 2006 — by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Do whatever is necessary to bring in more cash. Your commitment to finishing something or beginning something new that you feel has potential will bring the results you want. Talks will be productive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Taking charge will be the key to getting what you want. An opportunity will open through a partnership you are considering. Prepare to start whatever process is required. Say what you think, and you will gain approval.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You won't get the help you need, so don't waste time asking. Don't share your ideas with others. Keep your thoughts to yourself, and you will avoid opposition. Getting along with others may be difficult for you today.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Accept any invitation that will take you on a trip either mentally or physically. What you learn or experience today will be stimulating and inspiring and will affect the way you do things in the future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will find a little more serious about your financial situation. Money can be made through property or an unusual investment. Good advice will come your way if you listen to someone with more experience.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't back down because someone is being a bully. Don't retaliate. Move forward doing your own thing regardless of what others think. Honesty, patience, and the ability to listen will help you sort through the issues.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on health and happiness, and you will feel good about yourself and your future. Implement a program that includes exercise, diet, and relaxation. You need to get back on track physically.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Bring some of your old creative ideas back into play. You may have been a little ahead of yourself in the past, but now you should be able to develop and prosper. You will feel great satisfaction.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take things one step at a time, and don't make promises to someone for whom you feel sorry. By making inexpensive, minor alterations, you can satisfy many of the problems you face at home. Avoid arguments.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Time is on your side so use it to your advantage. Get to know someone better before you talk about your life and desires. You will attract someone who is interested in you in more ways than one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Consider what's happened in the past before you jump into something that could easily be a repeat performance. Find a new way to raise your income, and you will feel better about your future. Consider a slight modification to an old idea, and it will probably take off.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Change has been a major factor in your life for some time, but today it can bring about prosperous results. Satisfying your own needs will spark your imagination and get you moving down the right path.

today's events

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- **UI Student Health Fair**, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Field House Main Deck
- **"Building our Global Community," Country Culture Workshop: Germany**, 10 a.m., IMU
- **Career Education Series, "Job and Internship Search Strategies,"** 2:40 p.m., C310 Pomerantz Center
- **American Dreamz**, 5 p.m., Bijou
- **Women's Fitness Seminar**, 6-8:30 p.m., Medical Education and Biomedical Research Facility Shabai Auditorium
- **Peace Corps volunteers dinner and questions**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thai Flavors, 340 E. Burlington
- **Banjoy Band**, 7-10 p.m., Mill Restaurant 120
- **E. Burlington**
- **Career for Change Speaker Series, "Immigrants Among Us," panel discussion**, 7 p.m., W401 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Masculin, Féminin**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Andrew Pelletier**, horn, 8 p.m., Voxman Music Building Harper Hall
- **Defeaters: Religious Pluralism, Reformed University Fellowship**, 9 p.m., 337 IMU
- **Jam Band Jam**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club 13 S. Linn
- **The President's Last Bang**, 9:15 p.m., Bijou
- **King Kong Party Date Auction**, 9:30 p.m., Brothers', 125 S Dubuque St
- **Talk Art Cabaret**, 10 p.m., Mill Restaurant

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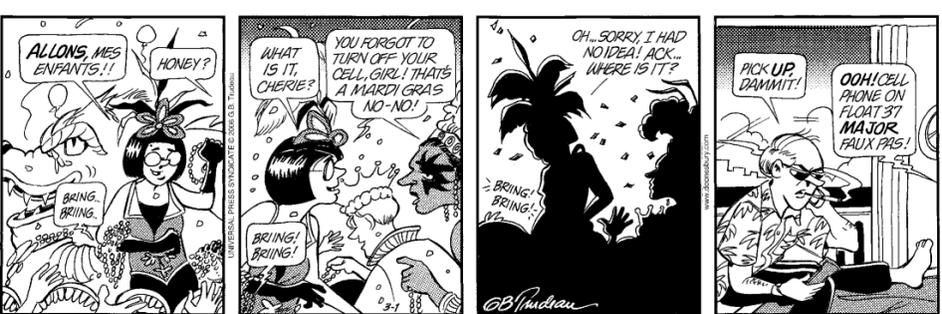
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- 4 Chinese New Year Celebration
- 5 2006 Chinese New Year Global Gala from NTDTV
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- 11:30 Sony Challenge
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- 12:30 a.m. Sports Stop Late Edition

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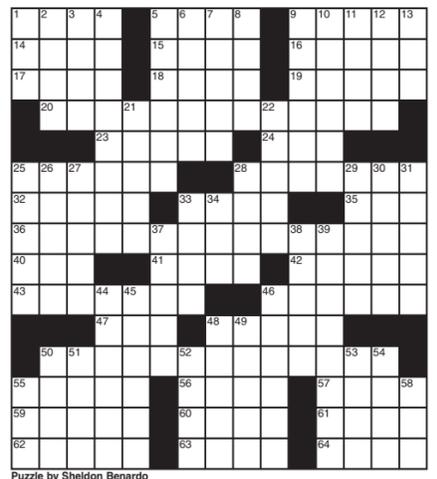
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- 30 Aunt ___ of "Oklahoma!"
- 31 A sad thing to be in
- 33 Wallet fillers
- 34 School grp.
- 37 Prefix with sound
- 38 Not silently
- 39 Is in charge
- 44 Barely ascetic
- 45 Ancient catches, as the heels
- 46 Stretched in order to see
- 48 Deep-six
- 49 Selected
- 50 Bell the cat
- 51 Fateful date
- 52 Lashes
- 53 ___ court, law student's exercise
- 54 Make full
- 55 Distant
- 58 Bottom line?

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