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

Discussions 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 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 Srock, 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 presenting varying perspectives on the Iraq War. UI Amnesty International coordinator Kate Karacuz, among those who are convinced students are politically conscious, said that while variable opinions can be hard to find, the UI remains an adequate marketplace of ideas and discussion about war.

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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. McLaren hopes to raise $5,000 to take part in the Mayor’s Midnight Sun Run, a triathlon in Anchorage, Alaska, on June 17.

UI Student Government’s top posts will have plenty of time to flesh out their platforms over the next month, 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 profile stories. This is the third of four.

Flu poised to hit, market says

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BY ERIKA BINEGAR

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Playmate gets war philosophy

BY GINA HOLLAND

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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.

BY BRETT SELZAK

The state board of Regents is studying how salaries for Iowa's top university administrators — including presidents, provosts, and chancellors — stack up against peer schools. But UI Regent Gary Steinke said the study, which has been in the works since September, is still in its early stages and would not likely be ready until the January meeting.

"We wanted to be sure that the data that we used were comparable," he said.

Steinke is the board of Regents' Compensation and Human Resources Committee chairman. The committee meets three times a year to review the salaries of presidents, chancellors, and other top university administrators.

The regents' study since September, said Regent Robert Downer. "I think there is a general philosophy that we need to continuously evaluate the marketplace," he said, adding if the market price for a position is higher than the current salary, "we would support increasing the UI president's salary by between $100,000 and $150,000."

President David Skorton, 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 meaningful steps in place to retain that person," Downer said. "We don't want to lose any one, but she or he is a good fit," he said.

Regents study officials’ salaries

BY SAM EDSILL

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**Fiber optics connects Indian writer with high-schoolers**

**BY MARGARET POE**

Speaking into a microphone in a nearly empty North Hall classroom, Mansi Rao seized the opportunity to impact some wisdom to the Iowa high-school students on a 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 Iowa 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 opportunity not only into a classroom filled with miles away, but into a distant world of Hindus gods, Mumbai streets, and well-traveled polyglots,” said Rao, who in the writer’s interview was another successful writer in residence.

Rao — whose shaved head, dark eyes, and elegant features form a commanding presence almost to the point of the Iowa City — has bypassed the State Capitol Tuesday in for a year-long session in Iowa’s “wide open spaces.”

As the participating in the International Writing Program in the fall of 2006, 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 Adel 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 now for teachers to have students participate in the program, said Jennifer Kendrick, the manager of communications for Iowa Public Televisions.

“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 BYRCE BAUER**

DE SMOINES — Undergraduates from Iowa’s three public universities gathered under the golden dome and, according to the State Capital Tuesday in for a year-long session in Iowa’s “wide open spaces.”

Participants were interested in international programs on topics ranging from topics ranging from topics ranging from topics ranging from topics ranging from topics ranging from topics ranging from topics ranging from topics ranging from topics ranging from topics ranging from topics ranging from.

“The students are so articulate and able to explain what they are doing. There is a lot of energy and enthusiasm and a lot of knowledge that would be a shame to lose.” — Rep. Vicki Lensing, D-Iowa City

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“The high quality of the professors at Northwestern is a huge strength to the program. They really know about the amount of work that is required, but I know I will look back and realize that I learned from the best of the best.” — Chris Grier, chiropractic student, Student Senate President
Student government has been the hot topic on campus in recent
weeks, as the UISG elections approach. Posters urging students to vote
are plastered to every surface, and candidates and
constituencies on campus receive. Much of the UISG budget is derived from
student government fees, which are collected for by the students
throughout the course of the academic year. The
budget allows for one party or another to promote their
campaigns on campus. However, through my role as this
year's UISG budget chair, I have witnessed first-hand the
problems associated with the UISG elections. The elections
are designed to attract harassment and violence, what
were not represented in that quotation.

I have always been inspired by the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,
who said, "I have a dream." I have a dream that every UI student,
regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or
race, feels safe and respected on campus. I have a dream that our
campus is free from hate crimes and discrimination.

I am appalled and saddened by the ver-

criminals on this campus.

I have not been able to say this without
consideration of the UISG elections.

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BY ANDREW SHANKS

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Gymnastics Amanda Rudolph practices her floor exercise Tuesday afternoon. Iowa is ranked 24th in the 2006 Big Ten Championship.

BY BRENDAN STILES

The Hawkeyes beat Drake, 6-1, in the Big Ten opener.

Megan Skoby ALL-BIG TEN

The Iowa women's basketball team will have three new starters on Tuesday for the Iowa men's basketball season opener at W.B. Youngblood Coliseum.

The Hawks feel confident about their chances against the Drake Bulldogs, who lost all season, to face Penn State Thursday night in the 2006 Big Ten opener.

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

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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 Megan Skouby, who was named conference Freshman of the Year as well as to the All-Big Ten second team by the results and third team by the coaches Tuesday.

Q: What has made the transition from high school to college as natural for you?

Skouby: The coaching staff here is really good. They’ve helped me come into this environment and adjust in with everything. Sure, there are some predicaments and then telling them about it. Peer, seeing second, but he needs a boost to get him 6-3 to No. 1 seed Jake Herbert earlier in the year. But that don’t change his expectations.

Q: Well, this has one’s hard to tell. Because Paul Bradley has become an early challenge to wrestle and often goes wrong distance a match. You can tell early how a Bradley match may go. Bradley’s style is, it’s going to be a long round for the tough to beat. The Hawkeyes need him to get nasty.

Q: We’re coming off of seventh seed in this bracket, and it will be up to Bradley. This fundraiser to wrestle better than he should. He’s been up in most of the matches but has yet to put it all together. Freshman mistakes have cost him, despite out-wrestling opponents, at times.

Q: Heavyweight—Fortunately, Storm, Kyle O’Rourke gave him the No. 3 seed. Unfortunately, Fuller likely won’t be around. Freshman Michael Recklin will take his place and therefore be drawn into the bracket. Without Fuller, he won’t be as much of a threat as other teams. Fuller is quite the challenge.
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* When Chuck Norris doesn’t have parents, he’s the love child of Street Fighter and a snowman.
* Crop circles are a result of farting, not alien intervention.

**DIRECTIONS TO THE LEDGE**

Contact you to set up a photo. Ledge? Prove it. Submit to daily-iowan@uiowa.edu. If your name is not on the ledge, we will spam the hell out of you.

— Daniel Czologosz

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