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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 fourth of four.

Spirit of youth

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BY ERIKA BINEGAR
THE DAILY IOWAN

The UI Student Government presidential candidate's Indian name means "unmatchable," while the vice-presidential candidate answers to the nickname "OC" — initials for "out of control."

And, as UI freshman Atul Nakhasi leads the Big Awesome Party with "serious" solutions, running mate Julie Mickelson said she offers "bone-headed" logic that connects with people.

"We're almost opposites. But it's complementary," the 18-year-old Mickelson said.

The freshman pair agree on two things — they are highly motivated and add "spice" to the race for the top UISG seats.

The ticket adds a dynamic not seen in past elections — freshman leadership. And, while some have questioned the ticket's know-how, the two insist that they enjoy the "underdog" role.

"I don't think lack of experience is going to stop us," Nakhasi said, adding he is confident they can overcome obstacles. "We're showing that it can be done, and you have a voice."

But Bridget Henry, the UISG Student Elections Board director, said no freshmen have secured a top spot on student government for at least 13 years.

Still, Nakhasi, a self-described optimist and member of the UISG Student Traffic

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THE SEARCH FOR THE NEXT UI PRESIDENT



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Regents (from left) Michael Gartner, Amir Arbisser, Robert Downer, Rose Vasquez, and Tom Bedell listen to ideas from UI faculty and staff regarding what they want in a new university president and the makeup of the search committee.

Regents face tough questions

BY SAM EDSILL
THE DAILY IOWAN

Campus leaders fired tough questions at the state Board of Regents on Thursday, regarding how to best choose the next UI president.

The open forum started out as an easygoing affair, with lighthearted introductions and jokes, but it turned tense when several people pressed the regents on why it was necessary to change from the successful faculty-led search process of previous years.

"There has been a clear indication of change with no explanation why," said UI Student Government President Mark Kresowik.

Regent President Michael Gartner said it was too soon to talk about change, because "we don't know what the nature of the change will be."

Campus concerns were "fear of the unknown," said Regent Teresa Wahlert.

"We should not assume that if a change does occur, it will be negative," she said. "Maybe we won't change anything. I don't know."

Regent Robert Downer of Iowa City said Iowa law requires the regents to select the president, and "the spirit if not the letter" of the law means board members should have a voice in picking which candidates go into the selection pool.

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James Spratt, a UI professor emeritus of pharmacology, speaks to the state Board of Regents during an open forum at the IMU second-floor ballroom on Thursday evening. Spratt wore an armband to the forum in protest of regent control of the UI presidential search process.

UISG slate hit with violations



Thomas
IC party
presidential
candidate

BY DREW KERR AND
JASON PULLIAM
THE DAILY IOWAN

donors dated Feb. 15.

Thomas said on Tuesday the letter had been distributed to some 10 business owners and friends of Johnson, but because only one copy of the letter could be produced, the ticket was held accountable for just one early campaigning infraction.

The violations continued to incense other UISG hopefuls, who provided evidence to election-board officials, including highlights of the UI ethical policy they say the slate violated.

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Johnson
IC party
vice-presidential
candidate

UI Student Government presidential and vice-presidential candidates Shannon Thomas and Zach Johnson of the IC party were found "responsible" for three campaign violations Thursday night during a Student Elections Board hearing.

The elections board charged the ticket \$20 for violating early campaigning rules by sending a letter to would-be

Making a difference

With 41 graduates participating in the Peace Corps, the UI is among the top 25 peer universities to send students abroad in the program

BY BRYCE BAUER
THE DAILY IOWAN

Hopping on a donkey isn't something found in many Iowans' morning routine, but it could be just one of a myriad of new experiences for people in the Peace Corps program who gathered for a sendoff Thursday night.

Local citizens and UI students met at the Iowa City Public Library, 123

S. Linn St., to say farewell to soon-to-leave Peace Corps volunteers who are heading to such countries as Botswana, Chad, and Romania.

The volunteers will join 7,810 other U.S. citizens volunteering in more than 70 countries.

With 41 graduates currently serving, the UI is tied for 25th among peer universities — defined as institutions with enroll-

ment of 15,000 and above. The number is down slightly from last year's, when the UI was ranked 24th, with 46 undergraduate alumni participating. Six graduate school alums are also participating in the program.

"I wanted to work abroad," said Erin Beesley, who will land somewhere in Eastern

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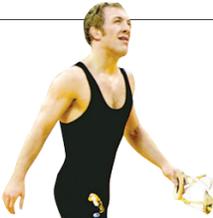
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DITV CHECK OUT DITV — UITY CAMPUS CHANNEL 4, CABLE 18 OR WWW.DAILYIOWAN.COM. — FOR VIDEO COVERAGE OF UI PRESIDENT DAVID SKORTON'S BROWN-BAG LUNCH.

BY EMILEIGH BARNES AND MARGARET POE

THE DAILY IOWAN

Leaning toward UI Provost Michael Hogan, UI junior Pete McElligott confided in the fellow Black Hawk County native their quintessentially Iowa connection. "Your cousin is my sister's godmother," the lanky UI Student Government presidential candidate said during a Thursday night question-and-answer session with Hogan, UI President David Skorton, and Phillip Jones, the UI vice president for Student Services.

McElligott's revelation provoked laughter among the 10 undergraduates chatting with the UI bigwigs in the Currier Van Oel Multipurpose Room. McElligott and fellow UISG presidential hopeful Shannon Thomas briefly reflected on their campaigns, but the gathering's focus remained on the esteemed administrators.

Nibbling cookies while mocking each other's advancing age, the trio fielded questions from students about UI divestment



Aaron Hall Holmgren/The Daily Iowan

UI President David Skorton answers questions during a brown-bag lunch on Thursday afternoon in the IMU. Skorton met with UI faculty and staff members at the event, which was planned by the UI Staff Council.

policies, enrollment figures, and tuition increases — and a few pleas decrying Skorton's imminent departure for Cornell University in July.

After inquiring about the students' course loads and professors, the ever-genial Skorton explained the state's decreasing support for its three publicly funded universities. Iowa faces tough decisions balancing human services with education, an act not helped by a "funky" economic situation.

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"In my view, the burden has to increasingly fall on tuition," Skorton said. Brow furrowed, he said one of his biggest concerns is the new federal budget, which seriously limits financial aid programs.

Yet Jones was optimistic about the university's ability to give students their money's worth.

"They've squeezed a nickel until they gave you 6 cents," he said.

The informal student chat capped a day of UI questioning.

In the afternoon, Skorton met with UI faculty and staff members in an open forum sponsored by the Staff Council.

Open conversations with faculty, staff, and students are vital to the success of the university — especially in times of change, Skorton said at the forum.

"I can't think of anything more important or a more important time to have it," he said.

At the meeting, Skorton addressed topics from budget concerns to whether he and wife Robin Davison, an associate professor of anatomy and cell biology, would hold a garage sale before leaving this summer.

Skorton said he was optimistic that the state Board of Regents would receive more than the \$6 million Iowa House representatives proposed. The regents had requested \$40 million as a part of the transformation plan.

"It's, of course, a very great concern," he said. "I am very hopeful that we will end up in a place, hopefully far better than \$6 million."

This number is "totally inadequate," said Sen. Joe Bolckom, D-Iowa City.

"It's a starting point for the regents, and the Senate will greatly improve upon the regent appropriation," he said.

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UI rakes in \$60,000 from bowl

BY JENNIFER LICKTEIG

THE DAILY IOWAN

The Hawkeye athletics department stands to pick up \$60,000 for the football team's appearance in January's Outback Bowl.

The team, staff, band, official party, and family members spent a collective \$1,389,788 — less than the \$1.45 million the Big Ten allocates to the athletics department.

"Any time we come away from it and have money left over, we've done a good job," said Steve Parrott, the UI director of University Relations, on Thursday. "The idea is not to make money, but we don't want to lose it."

This year's profit is down from past years. The team pulled \$119,285 for its 2005 appearance in the Capital One Bowl and collected \$98,000 from its 2004 appearance in the Outback.

It is only a fraction of the \$250,000 profit gained from UI's participation in the 2003 FedEx Orange Bowl.

Parrott thinks the change may be the result of rising costs in transportation and lodging.

This was the fourth-straight appearance in a January bowl game for the Hawkeyes. The Florida Gators beat the Hawkeyes, 31-24, in Tampa, Fla.

The 2004 Outback Bowl ended in a Hawkeye victory, 37-17. The 2005 Capital One Bowl game against LSU featured "The Catch" and a heart-stopping, last-second Hawkeye win, 30-25.

Transporting the Hawkeye team and staff down for their second Outback Bowl appearance in three years ended up

2006 OUTBACK BOWL

Even though the Hawkeyes didn't snare the victory in this year's Outback Bowl, their costs came out below the budgeted amount.

Participant Revenue:
\$1,450,000

Costs:

- Team & Staff: \$1,041,531
- Band: \$312,237
- Official Party: \$36,020
- Total Expenses: \$1,389,788

Balance: \$60,212

costing \$342,570. Lodging and meals for the Hawkeyes were around \$470,000.

The university incurred more than \$300,000 in expenses related to the Hawkeye Marching Band, with a bulk of the cost spent on transportation.

The 23-person official party attending the bowl game spent \$21,572 on transportation. Its overall cost totaled \$36,020. This party included UI President David Skorton and Provost Michael Hogan.

Athletics Director Bob Bowlsby, who was not available for comment Thursday, presides over bowl expenses and has historically done a good job of keeping costs under the over-all budget, Parrott said.

"He knows what he's doing," he said.

Profits are sent back to add to the athletics department's multi-million-dollar budget.

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Florida's Dallas Baker celebrates with fellow wide receiver Chad Jackson in front of a sea of Gator fans after catching a last-second touchdown pass at the end of the first half in the Outback Bowl on Jan. 2 in Tampa, Fla.

METRO

Man charged with rape in prison

A man serving prison time faces sexual-abuse charges after reportedly raping a fellow inmate.

Montrell Anderson, 28, serving a sentence at the Iowa Medical & Classification Center in Oakdale for first-degree burglary and second-degree sexual abuse, reportedly took a pen and threatened to stab the inmate sharing his cell if he did not have anal sex with him.

Anderson allegedly forced the victim to partially disrobe and then forced him to have anal sex, police records show. He is charged with second-degree sexual abuse.

In 1997, he was found guilty of terrorism, and last year, he pleaded guilty to two counts of assault causing injury to peace officers or others. He was also charged with third-degree sexual abuse in 2003; that case is set for trial in April. Court records show Anderson was

transported to the Johnson County Courthouse on Feb. 28 for an initial appearance and was returned to custody at the Oakdale prison.

Anderson could serve up to 25 more years in prison if found guilty of second-degree sexual abuse, a Class B felony.

— by **Rebecca McKanna**

Woman charged with endangerment

A Coralville woman faces charges after reportedly beating her child with a belt.

Tonya Lanier, 30, was charged Tuesday with child endangerment after officers allegedly saw various bruises and marks on her daughter.

Officers met with the girl at her grade school, where she reportedly told police her mother hit her with a belt to punish her. Police said they observed "two parallel marks running across the

child's upper back, continuing on to her right arm." The marks had broken the skin and were starting to heal, police records show.

The child also had redness and marks near her kidney area and bruising and marks on her buttocks and right leg, police said.

Lt. Ron Wenman said police generally intervene in such cases if the marks do not fade after 24 hours. The child said she had been hit on Monday, and the marks were all still clearly visible, police said.

Lanier posted \$2,000 bond to be released from the Johnson County Jail.

— by **Rebecca McKanna**

Man pleads guilty in textbook scam

A man recently sentenced to three months in jail for distributing pseudoephedrine pleaded guilty Thursday to a charge of ongoing criminal conduct.

Aaron Joseph Poisel, 31, withdrew

his plea of not guilty for his part in a textbook scam spanning more than two and a half years. Poisel and four other men allegedly resold stolen textbooks to Iowa City bookstores. Two of his accomplices named him as the alleged provider of the stolen textbooks.

Police alleged Poisel supplied more than 500 stolen textbooks to be resold, valued at more than \$50,000.

Online records indicate the charges of ongoing criminal conduct and distribution of pseudoephedrine are only a few among Poisel's lengthy criminal record.

Poisel was sentenced to 87 days in jail, which he had already served, in addition to a \$250 fine and \$540 in court fees and surcharges for distribution of pseudoephedrine.

Ongoing criminal conduct is a Class B felony punishable by up to 25 years in prison. Poisel's sentencing is scheduled for April 21.

— by **Amanda Masker**

POLICE BLOTTER

Phillip Austin, 19, 319 E. Court St. Apt. 42, was charged Wednesday with possession of marijuana.

Seth Knight, 19, 525 Iowa Ave. Apt.

3, was charged Feb. 24 with domestic assault with injury and Thursday with assault on police/fire/EMT personnel.

Lesley Krebs, 19, 929 Iowa Ave. Apt. 24, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Eric Schmit, 37, Cedar Rapids, was

charged Thursday with OWI.

Gregg Truitt, 39, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. F4, was charged Wednesday with domestic assault.

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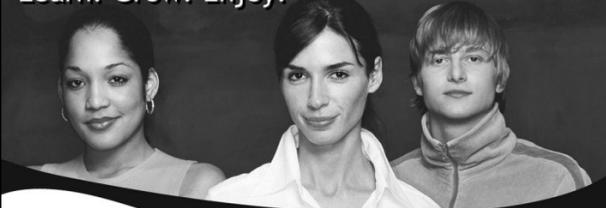
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Duo contends UISG needs some frosh faces

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Court, stressed that, if elected, he and Mickelson could keep their roles in UISG for the next few years.

Though campaigning has consumed most of his time, the biology and pre-med student's academic motivation flows from a hope to follow in his doctor parents' footsteps. Nakhasi, a member of the pre-med undergraduate group Medicus, shadows a surgeon at the UI once a week.

But before the Waterloo native can try his hand as a surgeon, he has to get through the UI's curriculum — traditionally packed with courses to "weed out" students.

One such class includes Principles of Chemistry I. Nakhasi, currently enrolled in the second part of the course, climbed to the top 1 percent of the class last semester, said Peter Hansen, a visiting assistant professor in the chemistry department.

Despite his high rank, Nakhasi visited Hansen's office approximately four times to argue for more points on tests.

"He had his ducks in a row. He tried to document the basis for his decision," said Hansen, one of two instructors for the course. "He didn't just crab."

Though Nakhasi did not persuade his professors to add points, Hansen said, he has good communication skills and is "not bashful."

The 18-year-old's running mate, a business major and member of Chi Omega sorority, is also far from bashful.

"She's actually pretty bold," said the candidate's brother, John Mickelson. "She's really not afraid to say anything to



Big Awesome Party senator candidate and Iowa football player Vernon Jackson (right) and presidential candidate Atul Nakhasi (center) distribute fliers to people exiting the Burge Marketplace on Thursday evening. Nakhasi and running mate Julie Mickelson, both freshmen, are trying to make history as the first frosh ticket to win the UISG election. Jackson is also a freshman.

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anyone."

John Mickelson, a UI law student, said his sister's spirit would

help ensure efficient UISG Student Assembly meetings.

"She jumps in feet-first and

really just adapts," he said, noting she seems to be involved "in everything at once."

The West Des Moines, Iowa, native served as vice president of her high school's student

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Regents on UI hot seat

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But many argued for a strong faculty presence on the search committee.

"A president who doesn't have the confidence of the faculty won't be able to change the university," UI history Professor Jeff Cox said.

The decision to hold the forum grew out of discussions between the regents and UI representatives at the board's Feb. 2 meeting. Eight of the nine regents attended Thursday's meeting, with Ruth Harkin absent, and roughly one-third of the room's 250 chairs were filled.

In addition to debating the committee's composition, the audience tried to pinpoint the what qualities the next UI leader should possess.

James Bradley, a UI laboratory technician in pharmaceutical services, said the best presidential candidates should have significant experience on the faculty of a university.

"It's obvious you must have an academician to lead academics," he said. "We're not looking for a marketing vice president for Pepsi-Cola."

While cautioning that other board members may disagree with her, Regent Mary Ellen Becker agreed the next president should have a strong background in academics.

"Probably every regent has a different opinion, but that's something I do believe in," she said.

The regents said the most important quality in the next president is strong leadership ability.

"At the end of all those collection of skills [a president should have], the one skill that stands out, that has to carry us all through at the end of the day is leadership," Wahlert said.

Gartner said the next president must also be a "strategic thinker" and Regent Rose Vasquez added sensitivity to issues of diversity and public engagement.

The search committee will be selected at the regents' March 20 meeting.

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UISG slate receives fines

IC PARTY

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"He was pledging to use student money to finance conservative candidates," said King Kong presidential candidate Flip Arkulry. "To me, that's a little sketchy."

Arkulry includes a UISG ethics committee on his platform and said the incident provided further evidence of the need for such a panel.

Election-board Director Bridget Henry said the remaining charge, which focuses on the letter's ethical implications, lay outside the election board's jurisdiction and would be handled by UISG Student Judicial Court.

The letter said the financial support would help "embolden conservatives campuswide."

All parties had been notified, and a Student Judicial Court hearing would be scheduled soon, she said.

Thomas and Johnson did not immediately respond to phone calls Thursday night, but the IC party's financial director Jennie Glidden said the campaign would likely stay within the campaign spending limit of

\$1,500, despite asking for \$2,000 in the much-talked-about letter.

"I'm leaving it up to them," she said.

The elections board will look into a campaign-finance complaint about the \$2,000 solicitation next Thursday.

If the group is found to have spent more than the limit, it could be disqualified under the UISG Constitution.

Does a Student Body Good presidential candidate Peter McElligott said he can no longer trust Thomas and Johnson to run an ethical campaign and questioned their ability to effectively administer the UISG budget if elected.

"We can't trust people to run an \$800,000 budget if they can't follow simple campaign-finance rules," he said.

The IC party was also found unanimously responsible for sending two unauthorized Facebook messages and was assessed \$20 in fines for those violations. Student Elections Board rules require approval of all campaign material by an elections board official.

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Sarah Mercier/The Daily Iowan

A panel of returned Peace Corps volunteers answers questions from prospective volunteers at the Iowa City Public Library on Thursday. The Peace Corps send-off was also an opportunity for departing volunteers' families and friends to learn more about the program.

Corps volunteers set to take off

PEACE CORPS

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Europe. "This was the perfect opportunity to do so."

The UI graduate student and German teaching assistant became interested in the program after hearing stories about a high-school teacher's daughter who participated in the program. She has also traveled and studied abroad in the region.

Allison Pinneke, the Peace Corps campus representative at the UI, said many students serve for altruistic reasons.

"I think [the Peace Corps] puts a good light on a people of the U.S.," said Andy Abram, who recently moved to Iowa City after graduating from the University of Northern Iowa.

He planned to participate in Peace Corps but wasn't sure

where he was going and said he really didn't care.

"I think it is going to give me a broader understanding of other culture," he said.

Fran Boyken, a UI international studies major interested in health education, also was unsure of her final destination.

"I think it adds to the excitement," she said.

Other possible participants said they were considering the Peace Corps as a way to travel after they graduate.

"I'm interested in going overseas," Boyken said. "After looking at a lot of programs, I felt this was the way to go."

Erin McGillivray, a Peace Corps recruiter for the state of Iowa, said host countries are chosen based on who invites the volunteers.

The program had its roots in then-Sen. John F. Kennedy

challenge during a speech to University of Michigan students "to give two years of their life to the service of oth-

ers," according to the program's website.

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Marching against premature birth

BY CATHERINE GAA
THE DAILY IOWAN

The room was full of adults celebrating the local March of Dimes Walk America kickoff Thursday night at Atlas World Grill. But everyone's attention was on two small, blond twin boys in matching green sweat-shirts. This, their mother said, is nothing new to the toddlers.

Hayden and Quinten Kupka came into the world commanding attention. On Feb. 28, 2004, the boys were born 15 weeks premature to Jeremy and Amber Kupka. Doctors gave them a 50/50 chance of survival. Quinten weighed in at two pounds, two ounces, while Hayden was a mere one pound, 13 ounces. The boys were immediately taken to the UI Hospitals and Clinics neonatal-care unit and put on ventilators.

"It was a scary time for our family," said Amber Kupka. "We were very, very scared and very unsure."

It's a scary time many families face. Premature birth is the leading cause of infant death in the country, and it can also cause birth defects, according to the March of Dimes website. Each year, nearly half a million babies are born premature. In Iowa, 734 babies are born each week — 84 are considered premature.

The Kupkas spent three months in the hospital, learning to bathe and feed their twins. When they returned home, the boys continued to stay on oxygen — Quinten for two months, Hayden for six. The Kupkas, however, were relieved to have their boys home and getting stronger.

"You learn to appreciate the good days," Amber Kupka said. "We didn't see the tubes. We just saw our healthy babies."

As the boys grew stronger and gained weight, the couple looked for ways to help spread awareness and help others cope with prematurity. The answer came to them during a trip to Kmart.

The Kupkas spotted registration forms for the March of Dimes Walk America at the

'It's getting to the point where you can't find one person who isn't personally affected by premature births.

— Jessica Phillips, March of Dimes chairwoman

store. They signed up to walk with Mergen Orthodontics of Iowa City last spring, forming a team called "Kupka Miracles." Because of their support and the twins' recovery, the family was chosen as the Iowa City ambassador family for 2006, said Hawkeye Division Director Chris Garrett.

The March of Dimes is a non-profit group that raises awareness about premature births. In the Hawkeye Corridor, it coordinates volunteers and collects money for its biggest event, Walk America, which, in turn, provides research grants for UIHC.

Garrett hopes to have 400 walkers and raise \$55,000 this year to help support families in the Iowa City community. Fifteen UI students also recruit walkers and raise funds, Garrett said.

Jessica Phillips, the chairwoman of the March of Dimes Collegiate Council at the UI, got involved with the organization after her sister had two premature births. Her main goal is to reach students and educate them on the risks of premature birth.

"It's getting to the point where you can't find one person who isn't personally affected by premature births," she said. "We stress education, because we're the next generation of parents."

The Kupkas say they have a lot to be thankful for. They're preparing to do what they can to make this year's Walk America, which will be held on April 29 at City Park, successful.

"We are so honored to have been chosen as this year's ambassador family," Amber said. "This is such an inspiring and proud day."

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Sarah Mercier/The Daily Iowan

A member of the local March of Dimes ambassador family, Quinten Kupka kicks off fundraising and preparations for Walk America Iowa City with some Goldfish snacks at the Atlas World Grill on Thursday. The walk will raise funds to help fight premature births. Twins Quinten and Hayden were born prematurely to Jeremy and Amber Kupka at UIHC two years ago.

Senate renews Patriot Act

BY LAURIE KELLMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Thursday gave its blessing to the renewal of the USA Patriot Act after adding new privacy protections designed to strike a better balance between civil liberties and the government's power to root out terrorists.

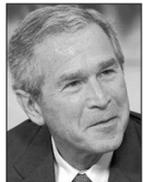
The 89-10 vote marked a bright spot in President Bush's troubled second term, as his approval ratings dipped because of the war in Iraq and his administration's response to Hurricane Katrina. Renewing the act, Bush and congressional Republicans said, was key to preventing more terror attacks in the United States.

Bush applauded the Senate for overcoming "partisan attempts to block its passage." The House was expected to approve the two-bill package next week and send it to the

president, who would sign it before 16 provisions expire March 10.

"This bill will allow our law-enforcement officials to use the same tools against terrorists that are already used against drug dealers and other criminals, while safeguarding the civil liberties of the American people," Bush said in a statement from India.

Critics held their ground. A December filibuster led by Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., and joined by several libertarian-leaning Republicans, forced the Bush administration to agree to modest new curbs on the government's power to probe library, bank, and other records.



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ENDORSEMENT

McElligott-Stark best for UISG

It is the consensus of the Daily Iowan Editorial Board that Peter McElligott and Addison Stark's Does a Student Body Good Party represent the best available choice in the 2006 UI Student Government presidential election.

Our decision this year was not an easy one. Unlike Mark Kresowik and Lauren McCarthy's potent blend of ambition and practicality in last year's race, no one ticket has set itself so clearly ahead of the pack. Nonetheless, McElligott and Stark are solid candidates who are best positioned to see UISG through the coming year.

In their conversations with us and on the campaign, the duo articulated a vision focused largely on continuing Kresowik's more successful initiatives, while making UISG less opaque and more effective. They complement each other well, both in their attitudes and experience: McElligott brings his experiences from student organizations, such as the Lecture Committee, while Stark is a teaching assistant, research assistant, and UISG insider. Moreover, as Stark will be a graduate student for most of his tenure, he is well-positioned to address their concerns as well.

Their ticket is not perfect: We question the value of some of their ideas, such as a "Dead Week" prior to finals, and we would like more specifics on others. The platform displayed on the McElligott/Stark website is the least detailed of any ticket's, and McElligott admitted to being disconnected from Iowa City issues, despite the candidates' focus on civic engagement. McElligott's ties to University Democrats also caused us to wonder if he could conduct the office in a nonpartisan way — yet he does deserve credit for his honesty, which we, apparently, cannot take for granted.

Shannon Thomas and Zach Johnson of the IC party might well have received our endorsement, instead, but for the underhandedness of Johnson's behavior before and through the campaign. We were inclined to agree with their view that partisan convictions need have no bearing on the top office in UISG, but their view now seems to be somewhat different: Johnson's campaign solicitation letter can not be read as anything but a pronouncement of a partisan agenda. Regardless of whether Johnson's now infamous letter is in accord with the Student Elections Board's rules, it demonstrates a two-facedness which we cannot accept.



McElligott
Presidential candidate



Stark
Vice-presidential candidate

This is sad, because the ticket has much to offer. Thomas and Johnson present a strong vision and a firm grasp on what is needed to see it through. Their platform, too, is imperfect, but it is more comprehensive and better defined than that of McElligott and Stark; their goals were clearer, and they seemed better prepared to reach them. But this means little if they cannot be trusted to keep their promises and if their vision is something other than they have described.

The other two tickets' drawbacks are less spectacular, but they are significant, nonetheless. Flip Arkulary and Pamela Wong of the King Kong Party offer a plethora of ideas but cannot explain how their goals will be attained. Arkulary's experience in UISG and prior work in lobbying the Legislature is valuable but unnecessary, as Kresowik has proven. What is necessary are feasible suggestions, of which their platform contains few.

It could be worse. Atul Nakhasi and Julie Mickelson of the Big Awesome Party spend so much time pointing out their ticket includes a football player that it's impressive they find time to mention issues at all. Their bizarre brand of identity politics accompanies a platform aiming to remedy everything from Iowa City's crime rate to water pressure in the residence-hall showers. While they possess some reasonable ideas, such as revamping the UI's admissions standards, they are no more detailed than the King Kong ticket. Coupled with Nakhasi and Mickelson's collective lack of experience with UISG and the UI in general, this suggests they would have a very ineffectual year in office.

Three weeks ago, when five tickets applied to contest the UISG race, we looked forward to a historically lively campaign — fitting to conclude the tenures of Kresowik and David Skorton, who used their respective presidencies to promote civic engagement throughout the university. While the level of voter participation remains to be seen, the race has already been a letdown in many ways. McElligott and Stark are certainly capable of a successful presidency, while Thomas and Johnson still have potential. Yet, both must leave their politics behind — and Thomas and Johnson must learn that transparency begins with themselves.

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Left, right, and wrong

In regards to Bryce Carlson ("IC potential," March 2), I could not agree more with the first thing he said: "There are things on this campus that are done wrongly." Unfortunately, Carlson seems to forget that "it's about right and wrong" when picking the "right" ticket.

The IC party flat-out cheated on several counts, and it has become the biggest disgrace in student-run elections I can remember at this school. If lying and cheating are what Johnson and Thomas consider to be "conservative values," I don't think our community needs their help, and the students certainly don't need them in office.

I say that as someone who is neither Democrat or Republican, just someone who values honesty and integrity — qualities the IC party has demonstrated total disregard for in the hands of its campaign. I wonder what rules the ticket would be able to break if it actually won?

Ben Bessman
UI employee

Campaign ethics

What I have learned over the past few days is that integrity is a funny word. The

allegations made against the IC party are just that, allegations. Once the board rules, its opinion will stand; and no matter what, I will stand by Shannon Thomas and Zach Johnson — not only in vote, but in friendship as well.

I know both of these candidates; we move in the same circle of friends. Shannon Thomas has been there for me when I needed encouragement and support the most. Her wisdom has guided me through a lot of personal decisions. Of course, this means nothing to those who haven't met Shannon and Zach. Headlines are what matter.

The three other candidates knew that and waited to announce their complaints until the most opportune moment — in the opening minutes of a debate. They knew it would land on the front page of *The Daily Iowan* no matter the truthfulness of the complaint. They used the possible mistakes of others for their gain and accused the IC party of cheating and lying before the truth was decided.

I wonder how much glee entered the other candidates when they heard of these letters and how much talk went into planning the best time to call for withdrawal. This isn't about being honest — if it were, they would have gone straight to the violations committee before announcing it at a debate. They would wait until the board decides before calling for the IC party to drop out.

It makes me angry to hear the other candidates acting like the truth is already

known. For that reason, even if the IC party weren't on the ticket, I still wouldn't lend my vote to any of them.

Katie Byers-Dent
UI student

Doing good

As a volunteer for the McElligott-Stark UISG campaign, I admit my bias, but I was disappointed in the *DI*'s lack of coverage of our night of service. On Feb. 23, our campaign embodied the spirit of volunteerism that all of the tickets espouse by preparing and serving food to 40 people at the Shelter House. These actions speak louder than words. Presidential candidate Peter McElligott also volunteers at the Iowa City Public Library's not-for-profit bookstore.

For me, actions speak louder than words, so platform statements about increasing student involvement does not mean as much as candidates going out and doing it. As far as I know, only the McElligott-Stark ticket has actually gone out into the community to help. Please join me in voting for Peter McElligott and Addison Stark.

Lee Langdon
UI student

Standup Dems

Marty Broyles' comments about the futility of protesting the current U.S. policy in Iraq ("Discussion to examine war," March 1) have really affected me, so greatly in fact, that I've decided to go up registering any public dissent for said policy. It's pointless, because nobody will pay attention anyway, especially if the *DI* is any gauge. After all, it is the campus newspaper; therefore, stories it covers and the opinions it expresses must be the only ones we should believe are worthy of thoughtful consideration. But I digress.

I think what I need to do, instead of wasting my time protesting (because apparently it's not the kind of war where it'll do any good), is count on the political

process to remedy the situation. Indeed, the Democratic Party will help greatly, because it's just the type of party to stand on principle and not political expediency. This is especially true here in Iowa, where registered Democrat caucus-voters would never sell out a confirmed antiwar candidate for president to support a candidate whose position is a carbon copy of the incumbent Republican's pro-war stance. Thanks again to the *DI* for running a story that really has opened my eyes to the ineffectiveness of activism. I'm really relieved, because now I can get back to thinking about whether talking on a cell phone in the UI library is a sign of my indifference to the sacrifice of our military-service personnel.

Tim Gauger
UI employee

Antiwar coverage

It may be true, as you said in your editorial ("Unfortunate apathy over Iraq," Feb. 28), that "myriad explanations exist for the invisibility of the antiwar movement on campus," but there's one very good explanation right in the *DI* offices, in the well-warmed seats of some staffers' chairs.

Despite being sent press releases about antiwar events, despite being repeatedly called about those events, despite pleas for the *DI* to cover them or for activists to be allowed to write about them, the *DI* has, for at least the last six months, been the local paper that has shown the most hostility toward the antiwar movement. Both the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* and the *Gazette* have covered events far more consistently and with a greater evenhandedness.

If, as a result, the *DI* is increasingly irrelevant and left out of the loop about local antiwar events, you probably shouldn't be surprised.

Those who wish to learn (or tell others) about local antiwar activities are invited to visit www.uiantiwar.org.

Julia Daugherty
Iowa City resident

ON THE SPOT

Who are you going to vote for in the UISG elections?



"I wasn't even planning on voting."

Jennifer Clark
UI senior



"I don't even know who the people are."

April Freely
UI graduate student



"McElligott/Stark. They seemed to be more interested in the needs of students."

Eric Murphy
UI senior



"Thomas/Johnson. They have similar views to mine about the Graduate Student senate."

Peter Gierut
UI junior

Exploiting a legacy

Last week — a day before Roger Bentley was sentenced to two-consecutive life sentences in prison for the kidnapping, rape, and murder of 10-year-old Jetseta Gage — the Iowa House Judiciary Committee passed House File 2286, which would reinstate the death penalty in the state for the first time in more than 40 years.

The bill would provide for the lethal injection of those found guilty of the three-pronged offense of kidnapping, raping, and murdering a child, when convicted with DNA or fingerprint evidence that connects them to the crime. The 23-page piece of legislation also includes exceptions for minors and those with diminished capacity, such as mental illness.



BARRY PUMP

At a press conference following Bentley's sentencing, I asked Jetseta's mother, Trenea Gage, whether such a bill should be her daughter's legacy. She responded, "I believe everybody who kidnaps, rapes, and murders should be given the death penalty. If it took my daughter to wake up people's eyes then I guess, that, maybe, was the purpose. I don't know."

After the party-line vote at the Statehouse, with Republicans in favor and Democrats opposed, it appears the sad events surrounding Jetseta's murder will only continue — but now in the political realm. Politicians with an agenda have never met a dead child they didn't like.

Bill sponsor Rep. Jim Van Fossen, R-Davenport, and House Speaker Christopher Rants, R-Sioux City, have used the Jetseta case to play on the worst fears of anyone with children and derive political power from the basest of human emotions — revenge.

Minutes before Bentley was sentenced, Rants sent an e-mail to supporters criticizing Senate Democratic Leader Mike Gronstal, D-Council Bluffs, and other Democrats for not supporting the reintroduction of the death penalty in the state. Gronstal is almost single-handedly keeping the evenly divided Senate from debating the issue and, therefore, also keeping Iowa from making a regrettable wrong move.

"Democrats marched in lockstep with each other and out-of-step with Iowans," Rants wrote in an e-mail titled "Rants & Raves." "An overwhelming number of Iowans support the death penalty, especially in light of the upsetting Jetseta Gage and Evelyn Miller cases, so, it surprises me that Democrats chose this bill on which to 'make a statement.'"

To the contrary, the Republicans are politicizing child-murder cases and trying to "make a statement." I don't find it surprising that Rants, Van Fossen, and other Republicans are using fear to manipulate the hearts and minds of Iowa voters. They've learned, since George W. Bush's re-election in 2004, that fear — no matter how irrational — can be a great motivator. But that, unfortunately, does not make it any less despicable. Whether it's Al Qaeda, gay marriage, or child molesters, Republicans seem to stop at nothing to draw out the worst in voters.

While Republicans are trying to find ways to bring the death penalty back in Iowa, nationally, the tide is turning against the punishment. A judge in California last week suspended the death sentence of confessed murderer Michael Morales when doctors refused to examine whether lethal injection — the same manner of execution proposed in Van Fossen's legislation — constituted constitutionally barred cruel and unusual punishment. His ruling has been a de facto moratorium on the ultimate punishment in that state.

In Virginia earlier this year, then-Gov. Mark Warner suspended executions while investigators sought to justify, with DNA evidence, the execution of a man who had maintained his innocence until the end. When convinced they did indeed have the right man, after all, years after his death, the state continued to execute people. And then, we cannot forget about Illinois' death-penalty moratorium, now entering its sixth year, which was enacted when then-Gov. George Ryan realized that 13 people on death row had been wrongly convicted.

Iowa is one of 12 states that do not have a death penalty, which means it does not have the added expense of such a barbarous device, and it doesn't have the same level of guilt when the legal system admits its errors. Iowa Democrats are keeping it that way, despite heat-of-the-moment fear-mongering politics by Republicans. Democrats are taking the principled stand in this debate and showing the backbone that so often lacks in much of their politics. And for that, we should be proud of and supportive of them. They are keeping Jetseta's legacy from becoming sadder. ■

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CALENDAR-WORTHY

"LIVE FROM PRAIRIE LIGHTS," novelist Vinita Hampton Wright will read from *Dwelling Places*, her story about a family who lose their farm in Iowa during hard times; 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., and WSUI, free.

ARTS & CULTURE

Youth movement

BY LOUIS VIRTEL
THE DAILY IOWAN

In another installment of Iowa City's recent Shakespearean trend, the Englert Theatre will stage a new adaptation of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as part of its Children's Series. But this adaptation, unlike the Moongarden Acting Company's *Macbeth* and the UI's *Love's Labour's Lost*, isn't penned by a professional playwright.

Or a professor. Or a middle-school graduate. The writer is Chuck Foster, a seventh-grader at Southeast Junior High, 2501 Bradford St. Foster's idea to readapt the romance came after he watched Riverside Theatre's 2003 production of the classic. His work will hit the Englert, 221 E. Washington St., on Saturday at 7:30 p.m., more than two years after he began drafting the script.

"I am happy that Chuck loves language," said Foster's mother, Darcy Lipsius. "But I think in the last couple of years he has really come to love theater as well."

The precocious *Cats* lover started developing his version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as part of an independent-study project. Through subsequent discussions with local performance artists, Shimek chose his work as its spring production to be performed at the Englert. Foster will play the part of Theseus, the Duke of Athens' attendant, in Saturday's show.

Still, he isn't sure what propelled him through the exhaustive playwrighting process.

"I was just doing it because I was bored, basically," he said.

The 13-year-old sees theater as part of his professional future, perhaps in the form of



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Aliese Gingerich, 13, (Puck) and Joe Lewis, 9, (Oberon) practice for their upcoming performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on Thursday in the Englert Theatre. The adaptation will include songs from *Grease* and *42nd Street*, among other sources.

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Admission: \$10

musical theater or comedy. He admires the cast of *Rent* and idolizes older sister Hillary, who, he says, has "a tremendous singing voice." But drama and tragedy have never been his acting forte, he says, and any dramatic acting on his part is meant for comic relief.

But his ambition remains ever-present.

"It's pretty astounding," said Beth Bewley, the Englert's executive director. "[His drive is] something magical. I thought it

was a special way to have the first Shakespearean show at the Englert."

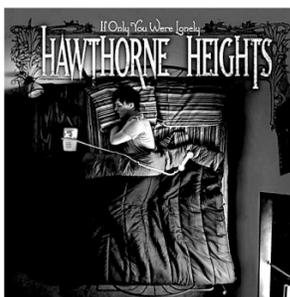
A Midsummer Night's Dream, even in its newest form, follows two couples, their romantic entwinements, and a whimsical fairyland in which hordes of colorful characters abound and even rehearse a play of their own. Bewley describes the set design for the play as impressionistic and suggestive of grandeur, with exaggerated columns and an almost cartoon-like forest.

Featuring an "intense cat-fight" and musical numbers substituted for soliloquies, the play translated easily from the page to the stage, Foster said, because of the young cast's readiness to collaborate.

"Adults whine more than children," he said. "They kind of want to do everything their own way."

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Hawthorne's depths



CD REVIEW

Hawthorne Heights
If Only You Were Lonely
★ ½ out of ★★

BY ANNA WIEGENSTEIN
THE DAILY IOWAN

Stop the presses. My quest is over at last. After a lengthy search, I may have finally uncovered the answer to a question long plaguing modern society: Why are emo kids so sad, anyway?

Answer: Albums such as Hawthorne Heights' sophomore release, *If Only You Were Lonely*.

I ... it's just ... *sigh*. Listening to this record, I felt unbelievably frustrated, and if that's how I felt every time I put in a record by my favorite artist, I might be driven to bitter Livejournal feuds, too.

Hawthorne Heights has been picked on in the past for its emo nature, most notably in a lyric on the popular Internet "Emo Song" video, wherein a bi-curious-scene kid laments, "I can't get through a Hawthorne Heights album

without sobbing."

Having never listened to the band before this week, I was unsure of what to expect. What struck me upon first glance was the 11th track title, "Where Can I Stab Myself In The Ears." Now, post-listen, I can feel nothing but vaguely sad for the group's members — they could easily be twice the band they are now, given a little work.

If Only You Were Lonely presents itself as a tale of epic proportions, with the band's website taking more than a minute to load, even with a high-speed cable connection, thanks to a ridiculous movie-style intro laying out the basic plot — boy meets girl, boy moves away, both boy and girl become very sad. The record even comes with two separate album covers, with a pathetic sticker pleading that I buy both versions for "the whole story." Thanks, but one copy is more than enough.

This impossibly morose yarn is told mainly through the pictures in the CD insert, as the lyrics never delve deeper than inch-deep whining: "Seeing you cry makes me feel like saying sorry." Well said, boys.

To tell the truth, I could fill my entire inch requirement for this review with nothing but my favorite tear-stained lyrics. Topping the list: "You are my first dissection/spilling my insides." But I'll admit, I like "My Chemical Romance," whose lyrics won't be deemed national poet-laureate material any time soon — or ever. Great writing isn't the only song element in pop

music that makes you lower the bread knife from your ears.

In terms of musicality, I will allow that Hawthorne Heights certainly knows how to write a melodic, catchy chorus. This, in a way, is the most heart-breaking thing about this album, lyrical content aside (OK, just *one* more: "These lips need medication these days are dripping poison, girl!"). Songs such as the aforementioned "Saying Sorry," as well as "We Are So Last Year" and "Light Sleeper," seem almost scientifically designed to burrow into your brain, then nest there for at least a week.

Unfortunately, these vocal melodies, all sung by frontman J.T. Woodruff in a tone just south of sickly sweet, get either overpowered by completely unnecessary "hard-core" screaming or lost behind a slew of boring guitar parts — quite a feat, when you consider there are three guitars at work in Hawthorne Heights, which, in theory, should mean more exciting riffs.

On the Hawthorne Heights website, a banner picturing the band in matching white suits, looking like the most misguided attempt at a boy band in existence, screams for fans to vote "Saying Sorry" onto TRL to herald the return of "real music." Looking at that, I thought about all the times I had ever uttered the phrase, "Cheer up, emo kid." If only I had known what they were pumping through their headphones.

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Filmmaker tapes Iowa's black history

BY DANNY VALENTINE
THE DAILY IOWAN

After attending elementary school, he felt uneducated. Middle school gave him no sense of self. And after four years at Washington High School in Cedar Rapids, he thought he was destined to become a football player.

David Jackson, a UI doctoral candidate who is black, said he wasn't exposed to his own culture until he came to Iowa City and experienced the UI

African-American studies department.

"The racism is fierce in the education system," he said. "It's not blatant; it's more institutional. As an African-American child coming through the education system in Iowa, you don't get an adequate dose of self-knowledge, so you come out feeling inferior to your [white] counterpart."

But now, Jackson has done something about it.

Working with the African-American Historical and Cultural

Museum of Waterloo, the film director is the first person he knows of who has videotaped the oral histories of black Iowans at a professional level.

Jackson spoke to 10 black Waterloo citizens for his first volume, interviewing each for three hours and spending countless more in the editing lab to make the tape look professional.

He took the museum's assignment with the intention of sending the documented histories to schools and media outlets around

the state, and, although the volume is not set to debut until next week, it is already making its way into the classroom.

"With this project, we can [make] change," Jackson said. "This project is good for both the white child and the black child. Now, they can appreciate one another."

Jean Agbese, a social-studies teacher at Waterloo West High, is showing the videos to her students and is working closely with other schools to encourage them to do the same.

"They need to be exposed to other things besides the information in the textbooks," she said. What students learn now is "the accomplishment of the dead white man," she said.

Fredrick Woodard, a UI African-American world studies associate professor who has worked with Jackson in the past, said he thinks this is a "vital" and long-overdue project.

"People have written about the African-American history, but, largely, they have done that by

looking at other books," he said. "We went directly to the people."

Iowan history is light on documentation, he said, and minority Iowan history is even worse. In the future, both Woodard and Jackson said they envision the project will spread throughout state.

"This kind of history simply has not been told," Woodard said. "There is a genuine interest in the whole of the Midwest looking at the things David is doing."

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SEX OFFENDERS

Bill splits locals

BY MASON KERNS
THE DAILY IOWAN

Various local officials voiced both approval and concern Thursday over implications of a Iowa House "shell" bill that could alter restrictions on, and public awareness of, the state's sex offenders.

House File 2468 originally included language giving courts the right to grant exemptions to Iowa's "2,000-foot rule" — a law prohibiting sex offenders who have victimized children from residing within the designated radius of education facilities or daycares.

Before today's legislative "funnel," when bills must be approved in committee or die, the bill was stripped of the more controversial language, enabling its approval on Tuesday by the Public Safety Committee. As it stands, it grants the state Department of Corrections more authority to electronically monitor sex offenders, but its flexibility, said Rep. Kurt Swaim, D-Bloomfield, gives lawmakers the ability to put "just about anything" they agree upon in the bill.

Portions of another sex-offender restrictions bill, HF 2539, which he co-sponsored, died this week but could be inserted into HF 2468, he said. One measure of Swaim's bill would require the Department of Public Safety to annually purchase ad space in all newspapers "of general circulation" and publish the names, addresses, and convictions of area offenders. Each month, address changes and new local offenders would also be printed.

Swaim said he proposed the measure to make offenders' locations available to "folks not comfortable with the Internet," the location of the current registry.

Coralville police Lt. Ron Wenman, whose department verifies offenders' registered whereabouts, said newspaper ads would be helpful.

"Certainly, it's important that people know where offenders are," he said.

Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White disagreed.

"I think the system badly needs a dose of assessment of risk for re-offense," he said. "The person who danced naked at a party and was charged with indecent exposure may not be at a huge risk to re-offend, yet he's on the registry."

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WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS: GYMHAWKS TAKE ON NEMESIS, 4B

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



Diamonds might be forever, but gold is right now for Kineke Alexander.

The sophomore women's track and field speedster took home golds in the 200 and 400 meters at the Big Ten indoor championships on Sunday. Her time in the 400 set a school record of 52.31, and the mark also is now tops in Big Ten history.



Alexander
sophomore

Kineke busted up the old conference mark by 1.47 seconds. Three days later, she was named to the All-Big Ten first team.

Just when you thought it couldn't get any better, it turns out she is a team player, too. Her 1,600-meter relay squad qualified for the NCAA indoor championships.



Maybe it was the lingering effect of winter break. Maybe it was the opening-round frost delay. Whatever it was, the Iowa men's golf team was frigid last weekend in Hilton Head, S.C.

Never moving above 13th in the 15-team field, the Hawkeyes needed a map to find the fairways at Wexford Golf Club. Freshman standout Cole Peevler opened the event with an ice-cold 85, a score matched by fellow Hawkeyes Bennett Hammerberg and Todd Larson during the competition.

When it was all said and done, the Hawkeyes finished 14th with a total score of 947, also known as 83 over-par. But look at the bright side — Andy Tiedt got the first ace of his career on Tuesday, and the only team to finish below Iowa this week? You guessed it — the Cyclones.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Women golfers start well in Arizona

The Iowa women's golf team got off to a hot start Thursday in Rio Verde, Ariz., shooting an opening-round team score of 308 to put them in third place. In first place for much of the afternoon, the Hawkeyes struggled late; they now sit just six strokes behind first-place Northwestern.

Freshman Tyrette Metzendorf led the team the first 18 holes of competition, making two birdies and carding six bogies for a round of 75, putting her in a tie for second. Junior Amy Riepma was three over heading into her final two holes, but her round got worse when she closed with consecutive bogies to finish at 76.

Junior Karla Murra finished with 78, and sophomores Maggie Gelber and Melanie Boyles both scored rounds of 79. Of the five Big Ten squads competing, Iowa is currently second, behind only Northwestern.

The team will play its second round of the 54-hole event today, starting with another 1 p.m. shotgun start. Live scoring is available at www.golfstat.com.

— Charlie Kautz

COLLEGE HOOPS

Michigan State holds off Wisconsin

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Paul Davis scored 27 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead No. 25 Michigan State to a 74-65 victory over Wisconsin on Thursday night.

In his next-to-last home game, Davis was 9-for-12 from the field and 9-for-10 at the foul line for Michigan State, which had lost two in a row and four of five to fall out of the race for the Big Ten title.

Maurice Ager had 19 points, including 12 in the final 5:07, and Shannon Brown added 18 for the Spartans (20-9, 8-7), who reached 20 wins for the seventh time in nine years.

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Women hoping to hear Dance music

BY RYAN LONG
THE DAILY IOWAN

When Iowa takes on No. 14 Michigan State today in the Big Ten Tournament, it will be the rubber match of the season series.

The Hawkeyes (17-10, 10-6) and Spartans (21-8, 11-5) will tangle with one another at 1:10 p.m. in Consecro Field House after splitting the

two previous contests this season.

Iowa coach Lisa Bluder, who sees today's game as the "marquee match-up" of the second round, will be able to use the previous two battles with Michigan State as learning experiences.

"I think we really know what to expect from Michigan State," she said. "I think that both times we played them, we

were prepared, our team responded to what was thrown at them, and, so, I think, it's just a familiarity that we know what to expect.

"We know what their zone defense looks like. We know what their full-court pressure is going to look like. We know that we have to handle the press in order to have chance to beat Michigan State. And, the last two times we've

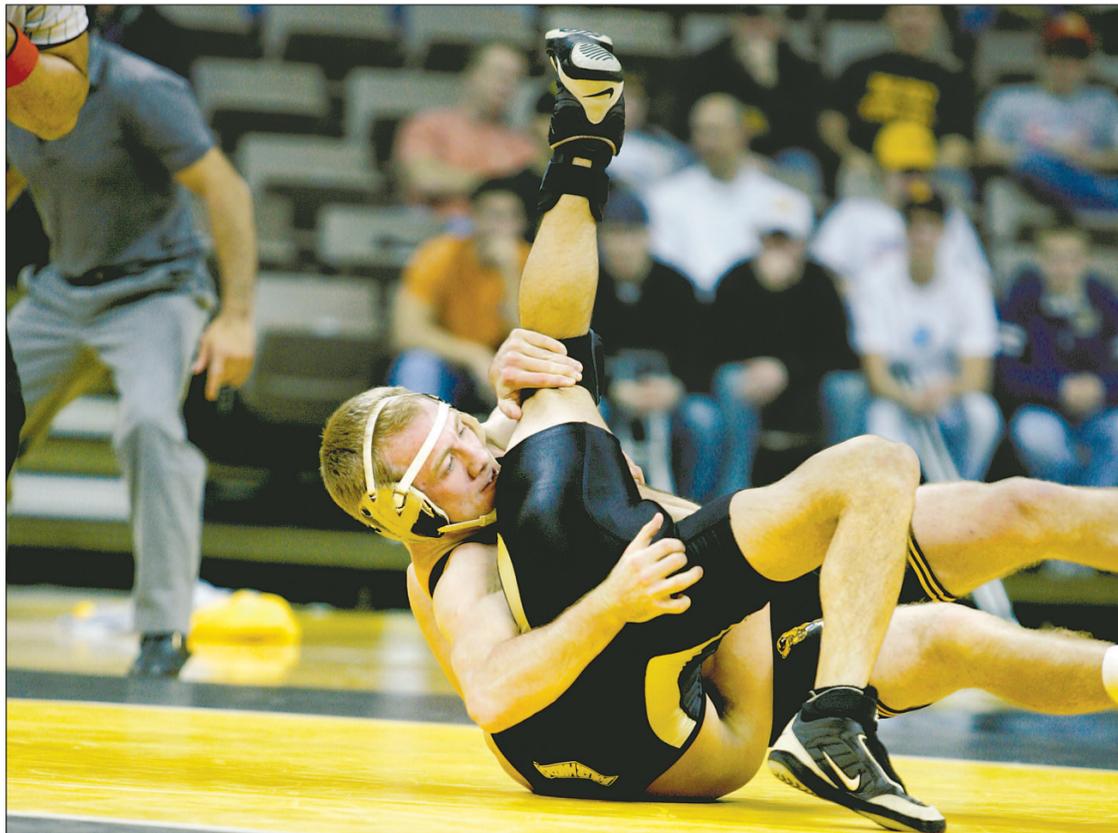
played them, we have handled the press."

Today's game may play a key role in whether the Hawkeyes earn a berth in the NCAA Tournament. Iowa's 10-6 conference record would lead many to believe the Hawkeyes are in, because the last time the selection committee did not take a team from the Big Ten with that mark was 1995.

SEE WOMEN'S HOOPS, PAGE 3B

Trio grapples with history

Seniors Paul Bradley, Joe Johnston, and Ty Eustice could wrestle for the last time in the Big Ten championships this weekend



Aaron Hall Holmgren/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye Ty Eustice rolls Purdue's Doug Withstandly onto his back while trying to get a pin on Jan. 27 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Eustice won the match with a 4-2 decision, helping the Hawkeyes to a big win, 28-11.

BY BRYAN BAMONTE
THE DAILY IOWAN

For Paul Bradley, Joe Johnston, and Ty Eustice, it's been a long time coming.

The three senior All-Americans have spent the past five seasons wrestling expectations. They've escaped opponents, but expectations require more than a full nelson. You can't just shoot for them.

They sit next to you in the room.

They smile at you when you walk down the hallway. They stand there, in ready position, with a self-assured look. Free-and-easy. Pompous puss and all.

That's what these three are up against — 31 Big Ten titles, 20 national titles, and a wall full of past NCAA champions. Bradley doesn't wrestle against other 184-pounders; he fights himself. Johnston isn't just trying to make it somewhere. He's been everywhere but that wall. Eustice isn't just a

wrestler; he's a parent. And, this weekend, they're not battling the Big Ten. They're battling time.

"They've been here a while, and they've each made strides, on and off the mat," Iowa coach Jim Zalesky said. "It hasn't been perfect, but it has been fun. This is their senior year, and I know they all would like to see their picture here."

SEE TRIO, PAGE 3B

2006 BIG TEN WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Iowa looks for upset

BY ANDREW SHANKS
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa wrestling coach Jim Zalesky walked into practice Tuesday and asked his players a question.

"I asked if all of the Big Ten champions in the room could raise their hands," he said. "The only people in the room with their hands raised were the coaches. No one else was a Big Ten champ. We thought it might be a good motivational tool."

Indeed it should. With the tumultuous regular season now behind them, the Hawkeyes have shifted focus toward capturing the program's 32 Big Ten title when the conference meet begins Saturday. The team's resurgence might need to be unparalleled for the No. 11 Hawkeyes to capture the title, which has eluded them since 2004.

"We think that we're better than people are giving us credit for," senior All-American Joe Johnston said. "If that means that we're going to have to change their minds about us, then so be it. We'll do that this weekend."

SEE WRESTLING, PAGE 3B



Zalesky
Iowa coach

NO. 23 IOWA VS. WISCONSIN SATURDAY, AT CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA, 3:40 P.M. CST, TV: KGAN-CBS

Iowa center Erik Hansen dunks in the face of Penn State's Travis Parker during the second half of the Hawkeyes' 65-38 victory on Wednesday night in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.



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Men look at Carver streak



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BY NICK RICHARDS
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa's task this weekend is simple.

Beat Wisconsin for the Hawkeyes' first unbeaten season in Carver-Hawkeye Arena history and secure no less than a second-place finish in the Big Ten, and pray for a miracle the next day.

With Ohio State's late heroics over Northwestern on March 1 in Evanston, Ill., the Buckeyes hold a one-game lead over the Hawkeyes for the Big Ten title. With the Buckeyes guaranteed no worse than a tie for the crown, Iowa will need help from last-place Purdue to prevent Ohio State from becoming the first school in Big Ten history to win outright titles in both men's and women's basketball in the same season.

But with the title that seemed like a lock two weeks ago likely destined for Columbus, there will be no need for any psychological fixes after some saw the end of the Ohio State

game, which ended just moments after Iowa's 65-38 win over Penn State.

"That was tough to watch. Those things happen," coach Steve Alford said. "I think the guys are pretty excited about what they have done, and they have been really good about concentrating on what they can control."

"We have a chance to finish this off, and really have a special season, and be 11-5 in the best league in the country and get to 22 wins going into the Big Ten Tournament."

The last time Iowa went undefeated in a home season was 1965-66, when it went 12-0 in the Field House.

"It has never happened since Carver has been here, so those players can really put their mark on something that is very special," Alford said.

Iowa's goal of an undefeated home schedule, however, will be difficult. No Iowa player on the roster has beaten Wisconsin, and the seniors have gone 0-6 in their careers. Before Wisconsin's 66-52 win at the Kohl Center on Jan. 5, Iowa's last three games with the Badgers had been



Alford
Iowa coach

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 Ohio State vs. Penn State, 11 a.m.
 Michigan State vs. Iowa, 1:30 p.m.
 Purdue vs. Illinois, 5 p.m.
 Minnesota vs. Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Semifinals
Sunday, March 5
 Ohio State—Penn State winner vs. Michigan State—Iowa winner, Noon
 Purdue—Illinois winner vs. Minnesota-Indiana winner, 2:30 p.m.
Championship
Monday, March 6
 Semifinal winners, 6 p.m., ESPN2

MEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

Conference	W		L		Pct		All Games	
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT	W	L
Ohio St.	11	4	.733	22	4	.846		
Illinois	10	5	.667	24	5	.828		
Indiana	10	5	.667	21	8	.724		
Wisconsin	9	6	.600	19	9	.679		
Michigan	8	7	.533	18	8	.692		
Michigan St.	8	7	.533	20	9	.690		
Indiana	8	7	.533	16	10	.615		
Penn St.	6	10	.375	14	13	.519		
Minnesota	5	10	.333	14	12	.538		
Northwestern	5	10	.333	13	14	.481		
Purdue	3	12	.200	9	17	.346		

NATIONAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	31	26	.544	—
Philadelphia	29	28	.509	2
Boston	23	34	.404	8
Toronto	20	37	.351	11
New York	15	42	.263	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	29	27	.518	7½
Orlando	20	37	.351	17
Atlanta	19	37	.339	17½
Charlotte	16	43	.271	22

Central

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	47	10	.825	—
Cleveland	33	26	.559	15
Indiana	29	25	.537	16½
Milwaukee	29	29	.500	18½
Chicago	25	32	.439	22

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	45	12	.789	—
San Antonio	45	12	.789	—
Memphis	32	26	.552	14
New Orleans	31	27	.534	15
Houston	25	33	.431	21

Northwest

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	31	27	.534	—
Utah	27	30	.474	3½
Minnesota	25	32	.439	5½
Seattle	22	36	.379	9
Portland	19	38	.333	11½

Pacific

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	39	17	.696	—
L.A. Clippers	33	23	.589	6
L.A. Lakers	29	29	.500	11
Sacramento	27	30	.474	12½
Golden State	25	32	.439	14½

Thursday's Games
 Cleveland 92, Chicago 91
 San Antonio 98, Dallas 89
Today's Games
 Sacramento at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
 Indiana at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
 Chicago at New York, 6:30 p.m.
 Washington at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
 Denver at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
 Charlotte at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
 Orlando at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Utah, 9 p.m.
 Detroit at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
 Toronto at New Jersey, 12 p.m.
 Atlanta at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 New York at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
 Portland at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Denver, 8 p.m.
 Detroit at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Alabama-Birmingham 80, #3 Memphis 74
#14 Washington 91, Arizona State 64
#15 UCLA 67, California 58, OT
#24 Nevada 83, San Jose State 60
#25 Michigan State 74, Wisconsin 65

WOMEN

TCU 63, #17 Utah 62
#18 BYU 69, Colorado State 67
UNLV 65, #21 New Mexico 63
#23 Florida 98, Mississippi State 83
#23 Vanderbilt 64, Alabama 62

EXHIBITION BASEBALL SCORES

Thursday's Games
 Tampa Bay 9, Toronto 5
 N.Y. Mets 12, St. Louis 7
 Detroit 8, Cincinnati 5
 Cleveland 5, Houston 2
 L.A. Dodgers 3, Atlanta 2
 Florida 6, Baltimore 4
 Pittsburgh 9, Washington 1
 Philadelphia 6, N.Y. Yankees 3
 San Diego 2, Seattle 2, tie, 10 innings
 Kansas City 5, Texas 5, tie, 11 innings
 Chicago Cubs 8, Oakland 7
 San Francisco 10, Milwaukee 5
 Colorado 8, Chicago White Sox (ss) 1
 Arizona 9, Chicago White Sox (ss) 2
 L.A. Angels 12, Milwaukee 1
 Minnesota 6, Boston 3

HAWKEYE SPORTS

Softball wants some rebounding

The Iowa softball team, looking to rebound from a rain-soaked 0-2 weekend in Columbus, Ga., will return to play this weekend, going to the Coach B Classic in Carbondale, Ill. The tournament will be hosted by Southern Illinois. Now No. 24 in the ESPN poll, the Hawkeyes are looking to rebound from two losses last week to ranked teams. Iowa fell to Louisiana-Lafayette and Tennessee, both in the top 15, by a combined score of 17-2. Iowa's staff ERA sits at an unspectacular 4.25, and the duo of Ali Arnold and Brittany Weil have given up a combined 15 home runs in 12 games. But, even with the inflated numbers, Iowa coach Gayle Blevins feels the defense, more than the pitching, needs to improve.

The Hawkeyes will play at 2 p.m. Saturday against the host Salukis. Iowa will then play Northern Illinois at 4 p.m. Saturday — and will face Illinois-Chicago at 10 a.m. on March 5, then be seeded for another game Sunday afternoon.

— by Nick Richards

Women's tennis heads to Drake

After having won five-straight dual matches away from home, the Iowa women's tennis team heads to more familiar settings on March 5, when it visits Drake in Des Moines at 1 p.m.

The Hawkeyes (6-2) enter on an ultimate high after ending Nebraska's 69-match home winning streak against non-Big 12 schools last weekend.

Also, while the Bulldogs will be playing their third match in four days, playing UNI on Thursday and Iowa State today in the state capital, the March 5 match will be the only one this weekend for the Hawkeyes. Coach Daryl Greenan said preparation would be the same for this weekend but that it's nice to only have one match to worry about, compared with the typical two.

"We just have a little more time to prepare, and I think it's easier going in, just knowing that you're going to be done after one hard day," he said. "We can kind of go back and hit a couple of things that we need to improve on."

— by Brendan Stiles

Last Chance for tracksters looms

It's the final opportunity for the Iowa men's track and field team, but only one Hawkeye is in serious

position to improve his stock at the NCAA Last Chance Meet in Ames on Saturday.

Thrower Shane Maier is a provisional qualifier in the shot put for the NCAA indoor championships in Fayetteville, Ark., on March 10-11. His best toss of 61-2 is the nation's 14th-best.

"Shane is right on the bubble," Iowa coach Larry Wiecek said. "I think he has a good shot at getting in."

Junior weight thrower Adam Hamilton, another Iowa provisional qualifier, is doubtful for this weekend's meet. Wiecek said Hamilton may choose to focus his time on getting ready for the outdoor season.

Other Hawkeye entrants for the Last Chance meet include David Chaplin (60 meters, 200), Prince Riley (400), Brian Rae, Tony Rakaric, Matt Esche (3,000), and Matt O'Hollear (800).

"Those guys are not likely to get on the NCAA list, but, hopefully, they will compete at a higher level," Wiecek said.

Also, Iowa's Matty Gorman was named to first team All-Big Ten team after capturing the conference's indoor long-jump title last weekend.

— by Michael Schmidt

3 track women take last shot

Three members of the Iowa women's track and field team will travel to South Bend, Ind., for one last shot at securing a spot in the March 10-11 NCAA indoor championships.

The trio consists of two distance runners — Meghan Armstrong and Krista Anderson — and a sprinter — junior Tiffany Johnson.

"Those are the ones that have a realistic chance of qualifying," said coach James Grant. Armstrong, a sophomore, will compete in the mile, Anderson, a freshman, in the 3,000 meters, and Johnson in the 60-meter hurdles.

A few Hawks already have bids to the championships locked up. Sophomore Kineke Alexander advanced in both the 200 and 400 meters. This week, the native of St. Vincent and the Grenadines was named to the All-Big Ten first team after her record-breaking performance in the 400 at the conference's indoor championships Feb. 26.

"The best has yet to come," Grant said. "She has so much potential, she doesn't even know how good she can be."

— by Dan Parr

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Hawks hope for a Reavis return

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BY DAN PARR
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa men's gymnastics coach Tom Dunn is ready to call it a comeback. His hope is Michael Reavis, three-time Big Ten Gymnast of the Week, ends his two-week drought without the title, with a performance worthy of the conference honor on March 5 against No. 5 Illinois. "He started like gangbusters," Dunn said. "Hopefully, this meet will be a bit of a comeback."

The meet will also be Iowa's Senior Day. There is one more home meet on the schedule, but at the Big Ten championships — in Carver-Hawkeye Arena — a special's seniors are not allowed special recognition.

Two other Hawks set to graduate — Dan Proudfoot and Erik Tefteller — have battled injuries throughout the season. Proudfoot will be active this weekend, but Tefteller will remain out, with a neck ailment. Reavis' only health issue this year has been a sinus infection. Dunn calls him one of, if not the, best gymnasts he has had in his 27 years of coaching.

"He's possibly done more than any one in his four-year career," said the coach. "In terms of contributing to the team score, yes, he's the best." Reavis has enjoyed his final season as a Hawkeye thus far, which has included an appearance in *Sports Illustrated's* "Faces in the Crowd," but he said he is not one to get sentimental.

"I'm not trying to be the best Iowa's ever had," said the Tallahassee, Fla., native. "But if that's how I'm remembered, I'll be proud."

"Truthfully, I'm not thinking about the last home meet. I'm thinking about it as a warm-up meet for Big Ten's."

He is not alone in that regard — Dunn expressed the same sentiment.

"Illinois is just another step along the way," he said.

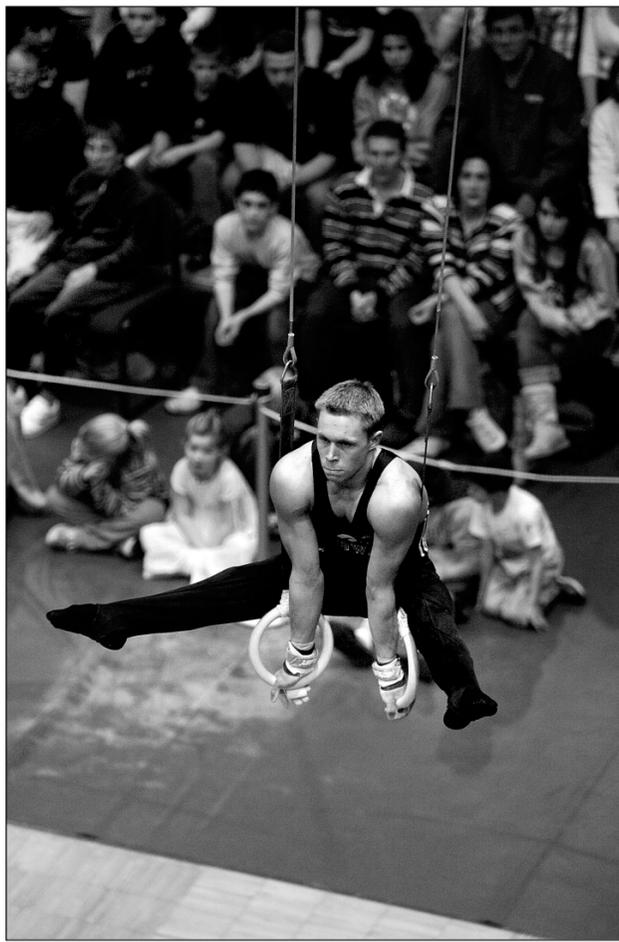
Iowa faced the Illini just two weeks ago in Iowa City, falling, 209.6-211.85. The swing for the neighbors to the east might be parallel bars — Iowa led in the Feb. 18 matchup before dropping the event by three points to Illinois.

Dunn said that loss might be the key to a win this time.

"They were within our grasp; we could've won that meet if we finished stronger," he said. "It might work to our advantage."

"They might think the thing's in the bag and not psyche up enough."

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Hawkeye gymnast Michael Reavis performs a routine on the rings during the Hawkeyes' Feb. 10 meet against Oklahoma in the Field House.

3 look to go out on top

TRIO

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Perfect would be the three of them finishing the job this season with individual titles, but, then, perfect has abandoned them in the past. Between them, Johnston's second-place finish last season is the highest. But this season is supposed to be different. They are seniors, they are veterans, and they are motivated.

"You know what; nothing's easy," Bradley said with a smile. "But, like every experience, you learn something. For me, I think a lot of it was just putting too much stress on myself and forgetting about having fun."

Fun. The reason they wrestle. The reason they look back

at the pictures. And the reason they still haven't given in, even if everyone else has given up.

"We're not expected to do highly at Big Tens, or NCAAs, or anywhere else," Bradley said. "But that doesn't mean anything to us. We plan on putting it all on the line."

That's how they're going to go out. Maybe as winners, maybe not. Head up and chest out.

"It's kind of sad, but the way we think about it — as there's nothing to feel, yet," Bradley said. "We still have this weekend and NCAAs. Then I'll start thinking about it."

"But I'm proud to have been a part of this program for five years."

A program that has always been about champions. Then and now.

"You always have ups and downs, and, preferably, you would like more ups than downs," Zalesky said. "But these guys have been great to coach and great to get close to."

"They've been great leaders for us, and they'll be remembered as that."

Funny thing is, they'll forget what most people remember.

"It's really been great to have something like this, guys with different personalities and approaches but all with the same goal," Bradley said. "Just being a part of it, working every day, with the team, it's special."

All three do it differently. Bradley is like an ultimate fighter, always bleeding from somewhere and always missing a tooth. He doesn't have to

speak to motivate. But he does, anyway. Eustice appears passive, but it's an act. He's the same guy who said the entire team might need to be slapped after a meet this season. And Johnston prides himself on leading by example. The entire team admires his work ethic.

"You need that variety," Zalesky said. "We need that leadership from each of them. I think, last year, they were thrown in a little early and didn't know what to do. Now, they know what to do."

And what they have to do. Meet expectations head on. Past and present.

Either way, this is the end.

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Women face familiar foe

WOMEN'S HOOPS

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Bluder believed Iowa was snubbed last season after going 8-8 in conference and 23-10 overall. However, it's pretty safe to say that a victory over the Spartans would solidify a spot for the Hawkeyes.

"We think we've done enough to get into the NCAA Tournament, but we don't want to take anything for granted," the coach said. "I guess last year kind of put a sour taste in my mouth about the whole process of leaving anything to chance."

Senior guard Crystal Smith, who was named first team All-Big Ten and was named to the conferences all-defensive team, believes a second win over Michigan State and a run in the Big Ten Tournament may be necessary in order to make the Big Dance.

"The first thing we need to do is just beat Michigan State," she said. "I think if we beat Michigan State, they have to take us, but I do think we need to go further in the tournament."

The first time the two teams competed against one another, Iowa defeated then-No. 9 Michigan State, 75-64, in Iowa City, earning its first win against a top 25 squad. The second time around, in East Lansing, the Spartans came out on top, 73-71, after Hawkeye freshman forward Wendy Ausdemore missed an open 3-pointer for the win at the buzzer.

"For us to beat a top-10 team, I think, made a statement," Bluder said. "Also, to go their place and compete at a place where it's very hard to compete. And, so, I think, going to their place and having it come down to a game-winning or game-losing shot at the very end really gives our team a lot of confidence going into this game and playing on a neutral floor."

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Hawks try to wrestle back

WRESTLING

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One thing working in Iowa's favor is that a few of the wrestlers are beginning to peak. Senior 149-pounder Ty Eustice (21-1) hasn't lost in over a month, while sophomore Alex Tsirtsis has put together a string of impressive performances in the 141-pound weight class, including a victory over then-No. 5 Ryan Lang of Northwestern in Iowa's last conference meet on Feb. 12.

"We've got a couple guys right now at 149 and 141 who are wrestling really well," Zalesky said. "But we've had a couple guys banged up and a few others who regressed a little during the season. We've been fixing things this week and getting everyone prepared for the Big Tens. This has been our goal all season, and we feel that if we wrestle like we should that we could win."

The Hawkeyes should also reap the benefits of sophomore All-American Mark Perry's return. Perry, who is ranked third nationally and was the NCAA and Big Ten runner-up a year ago, wrestled in only three of eight conference meets this season, placing a stranglehold on Iowa's chances of a regular-season conference title. His return to the lineup could spell doom for the conference's 174-pounders.

"Mark is healthy and ready to go," Zalesky said. "You can just tell from looking at him how much he wants to win the Big Tens. We think he should. He was close to doing it last year, and I think that's motivation for him this season."

Another wrestler who can look no further than last season's success for this season's inspiration is Johnston. He was also the NCAA runner-up last season, and as the seventh-ranked wrestler in the

nation, he was awarded the conference's fourth seed.

"Physically, I'm absolutely ready to go," he said. "I'm just excited. I've beaten all of the guys who are seeded before me so I know I can win it. And this is my last chance to win the Big Tens. It's sad, but at the same time, I'm looking forward to it."

This is also the final chance for Iowa's emotional leader, Paul Bradley. The much-maligned Bradley received the Big Ten's fifth seed because of a mid-season rut, but he has had success in the conference's deepest weight class.

"He was thinking too much and not wrestling," Zalesky said. "For Paul to be successful, he needs to force his style on the guy and come out aggressive. He knows that. It's a very deep class, but Paul could surprise some people."

With heavyweight Ryan Fuller's back injury forcing

him to withdraw from the competition, a team title could be asking too much. Especially because Fuller was replacing Matt Fields — the off-injured heavyweight starter. Now, Zalesky must turn to relatively unknown Michael Bucklin to try to garner a few points.

"Michael has prepared as the starter, so we're fine in that regard," Zalesky said. "We expect the same from him that we do from everyone."

Expectations or not, the coach is just hoping that his players can join him in raising their hands the next time he asks.

"No one raised their hands when we asked the first time," he said. "Hopefully, someone will be able to after this weekend."

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Badgers are Hawks' nemesis

MEN'S HOOPS

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decided by just eight points. Jeff Horner missed a 3 as time expired on Feb. 11, 2004, in a 54-52 Wisconsin win in Carver-Hawkeye. Iowa blew a 13-point lead with 12:43 remaining last season in a 72-69 Badger win in the Kohl Center. Iowa's third close loss in as many games came in the Big Ten Tournament semifinal, when Alando Tucker hit a running 3 from 35 feet that banked in to beat the Hawkeyes, 59-56.

"We have fought Wisconsin and done a nice job of defending them and being right there, but we have not gotten over the hump. It has become a very pivotal game," Alford said.

With the Badgers recovered from a mid-season slump in which they dropped five of six and fell out of first-place, the game suddenly becomes a pivotal contest for Big Ten Tournament and possibly NCAA Tournament seeding. With a win, the Hawkeyes secure the second-seed in the conference tourney, no matter what happens between Illinois and Michigan State, because of Iowa's win over Ohio State.

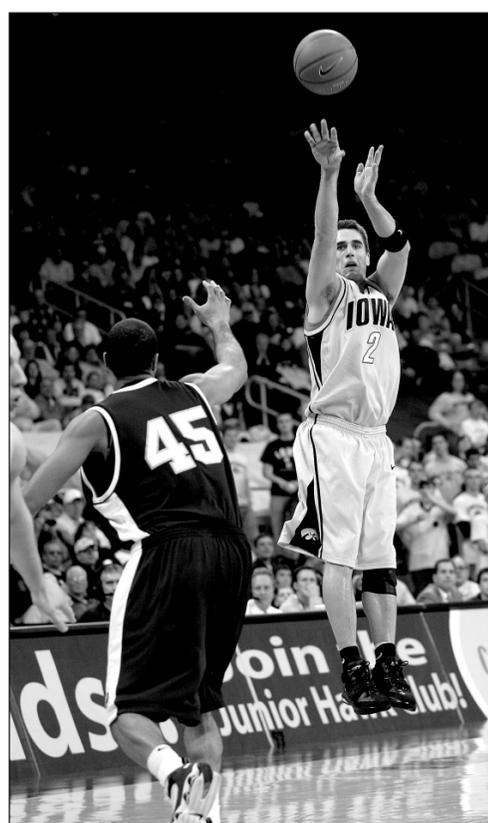
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— Steve Alford, Iowa coach

selves and be the No. 2 seed in the Big Ten Tournament, and I think that has significant ramifications if you are one or two in the Big Ten, which is ranked as the No. 1 league in the country right now," Alford said.

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Hawkeye guard Jeff Horner tosses up a 3-point shot against Penn State in the second half of the Hawkeyes' 65-38 win on Wednesday night in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The Hawks will host Wisconsin on Saturday in Carver-Hawkeye.

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GymHawks take on nemesis



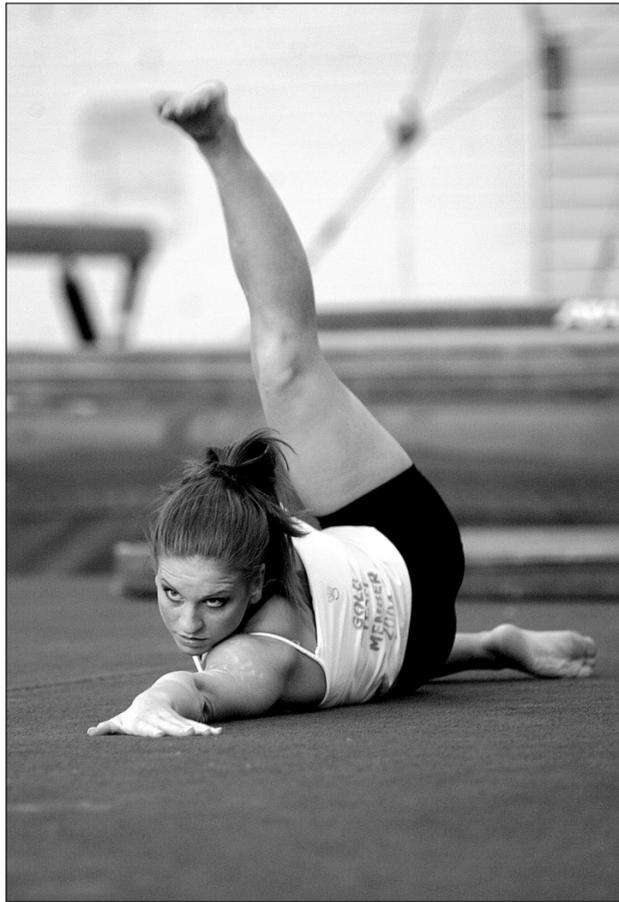
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— Kortny Williamson, co-Big Ten Gymnast of the Week

BY BRENDAN STILES
THE DAILY IOWAN

The GymHawks have been impressed with the fan turnout they've had this season at the Field House, but they're hoping for their biggest turnout on March 5, when they host Big Ten nemesis No. 22 Minnesota. In Carver-Hawkeye Arena. "Just the idea of being in Carver makes it more professional," Iowa head coach Larissa Libby said. "It kind of makes you feel a little bit about everything, and it will just be more comfortable for everybody." After getting three big wins last week in Denton, Texas, the stages are set for this important conference meet. At Carver, the women will compete with the Golden Gophers; the men will compete against Illinois at the same time, and on top of all that, two GymHawk seniors will be recognized for their efforts. One of those is Kortny Williamson, who was named co-Big Ten Gymnast of the Week on Thursday — along with Penn State senior Meredith Hoover. Her a performance included a 9.900 score on beam. She went so far to say the Golden Gophers are a bigger rival to Iowa than No. 5 Iowa State. "During my freshman year,

we beat them at home, and everyone was so excited because we hadn't beat them at home in a real long time," Williamson said. "That's what really makes it that much more fun. It's our senior meet, and they're a rival to us." The Golden Gophers have owned the overall series, holding a 43-15 record head-to-head with the GymHawks, which includes three wins over Iowa last year. Libby said prior to last season, Iowa was the more dominant team in this rivalry, and the Hawkeyes have not forgotten last season. "When [former head coach] Mike Lorenzen first took over here, that class that he had as freshmen had decided certain goals that they wanted to have, and beating Minnesota was one of them," Libby said. "We're close proximity to them, and we feel like our teams are really similar, on the same competitive level." Two factors will benefit the GymHawks when they walk into Carver on March 5. One is they are coming off a strong performance last week. "You need a boost like that, a confidence builder, to prove to yourself and everyone else in the nation that you're that good and that you can compete with anyone else," Williamson said.



GymHawk Beth Dilick practices her floor exercise on Tuesday afternoon in the Field House. Iowa will compete against Minnesota on March 5 in Carver Hawkeye Arena.

The other factor is the Gophers will only have one day of rest before they come to Iowa City. They will be in Ames tonight, competing against the Cyclones. Liz Grajewski, the other Iowa senior to be honored, said it will be extremely important for the GymHawks to do well on vault, the first event.

"We've gotten really strong on vault," she said. "I think it's possible to get off to a good start, scare them a little bit, and hope that we build from there." E-mail *DI* reporter **Brendan Stiles** at: brendan-stiles@uiowa.edu

Men's tennis faces Gophers

BY ANDREW SHANKS
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Malempati
Iowa tennis



Taylor
Iowa tennis

A medical-school interview this weekend could severely hinder the Iowa men's tennis team's chances of winning its Big Ten opener against Minnesota on Saturday. Chaitu Malempati, the squad's No. 4 singles player and a member of the team's No. 2 doubles tandem, will miss the Minnesota match because of a medical-school interview. "It's unfortunate that Chaitu will have to miss the match, because he's such a major part of our team," coach Steve Houghton said. "Chaitu is hard to replace, because he is a top singles player as well as a top doubles player. We'll have to do some balancing to get our lineup in order for Minnesota." Without Malempati, the team will move Brett Taylor up a spot in the lineup to fourth. Taylor, a senior from Salina, Kan., was Iowa's lone singles victor in Drake's 5-2 victory on Wednesday. "For a time there, I really thought we were going to win the match," Houghton said. "We won the doubles point, and Taylor won quickly, so we went up 2-0. The other singles matches were pretty close and could have gone either way. I told the guys afterwards that it wasn't a bad loss but a missed opportunity for a good win." Remaining focused and going for the proverbial jugular are the two things Houghton said needed improvement before the Hawkeyes could win regularly in the Big Ten. Citing the top singles matches from the Drake meet as evidence, the coach said the team needs to obtain a killer instinct, too.

"If we finish off our individual matches better, we'll give ourselves a better chance to win, every time," he said. "Most of the times, we're right there with every team. The difference, though, is that we might get soft when we need to go for the win." Minnesota (3-7) is trying to bounce back from consecutive losses at Middle Tennessee State and Louisville. The 40th-ranked Golden Gophers are paced by No. 49 D.J. Geatz — the team's top singles player — and are considered to be a top-three team in the conference. "[Minnesota] has always had pretty good teams," Malempati said. "We usually play [the Gophers] pretty tough, though. We beat them a few years back, but last year, they handled us pretty good. They don't have the same team that they did last season. This is a great opportunity to get a quality win for us." Third-ranked Illinois (10-1) is once again considered to be the best team in the conference. The Illini have won 54-consecutive conference matches, and they are the six-time defending conference champs. E-mail *DI* reporter **Andrew Shanks** at: andrew-shanks@uiowa.edu

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NFL extends free-agency limit

League owners announced on Thursday afternoon they would extend the deadline for free agency, creating more tension between the NFL and players union and putting off potential cuts of high-profile players

BY DAVE GOLDBERG
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NEW YORK — A few hours after NFL owners voted to continue their standoff with the players union, the league extended its deadline for free agency by three days, putting off what threatened to become a mass purge of high-priced players from rosters.

League Vice President Joe Browne announced the delay Thursday afternoon, seven hours before the midnight deadline.

The owners' vote after a 57-minute meeting earlier in the day had seemed to end 13 years of labor peace between the league and its union.

Browne did not elaborate on the deadline delay, which gives the union 72 more hours to negotiate a contract extension to the labor agreement that could add approximately \$10 million to the current salary cap of \$94.5 million. Many teams spent the day scrambling to get under that figure, and a number of big-name players were expected to be cut.

Free agency will now start at 12:01 a.m. EST March 6 instead of today.

That move puts off free agency for a class led by two running backs: NFL MVP Shaun Alexander of Seattle and Edgerrin James of Indianapolis. If other players were to be cut because of the salary cap and hit the market, free agents would find fewer buyers and less money available.

The extension came seven hours after Commissioner Paul Tagliabue had announced "the situation is as dire as dire can be." There was a pall around the league as general managers struggled to find cap room and agents tried to figure out how to sell clients in a market with



'I won't come down. The players know that. Only the owners can make a proposal.'

— Gene Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players Association

money is expected to be included in the new labor contract for the first time.

Upshaw contends that internal dispute should be settled before the labor agreement is reached, but the owners didn't even discuss it Thursday.

"Sure we should discuss it," said Buffalo owner Ralph Wilson, one of the have-nots. "But we didn't."

The ramifications for this year go beyond free agency. Cap problems will make it hard for teams to sign their draft picks, especially the high ones.

"We can always find creative ways to do things," said Leigh Steinberg, the agent for Southern California quarterback Matt Leinart, expected to be chosen no later than third in the draft.

less money and a potential glut of players.

In fact, the owners' meeting was so short that a lot of people who expected a 12-hour session arrived after most of the owners had departed the New York hotel where they met, braving a mix of ice and snow to try to get home quickly. It was thought at the time to be a strange rubber stamp by owners who had flown to New York from around the country.

The extension rekindled hope amid the rhetoric. "I won't come down," Gene Upshaw, the executive director of the NFL Players Association, said when hearing of the owners' morning action. "The players know that. Only the owners can make a proposal."

Upshaw and the union are asking for 60 percent of league revenue for players, 4 percentage points more than the owners are offering.

There are two years left on the labor agreement first signed in 1993 and extended continually before the deadline.

But unless there is an agreement, there will be no salary cap in 2007, which could create big-spending "haves" and low-revenue "have-nots," a situation that has prevailed in other sports such as baseball. That also has traps for teams and players: a player would be eligible for free agency only after six years instead of the current four; there would be no salary minimum, and annual raises would be limited to 30 percent.

That is complicated by an internal dispute over revenue sharing between big- and small-money teams, a battle that has accelerated as outside revenue has increased from sources from stadium naming rights to local radio. That

"But I hope by draft time we will be beyond that. As teams peer into the abyss, as they peer into the apocalypse, sanity will return. When the NFLPA and management truly recognize the nature of no agreement, their intelligence and rationality will force them into making a deal."

Leinart wouldn't be the only one to wait. So will many free agents.

IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

State board OKs eligibility rule

DES MOINES (AP) — The state Board of Education on Thursday approved an amended version of its "no pass, no play" rule, requiring high-school athletes to pass all their classes to remain eligible to play sports.

Under the amended standards, athletes are declared ineligible for 20 school days if they receive a failing grade at the end of their school's grading period.

The board's previous proposal would have made student athletes ineligible for 20 days if they were failing a class at any time and would have required schools to

check student's grades at least every four weeks.

The new standards also allow schools to check a student-athlete's progress on their own timetable, deferring eligibility and reinstatement actions to the school's discretion.

But the board stuck to its guns on its main objective — a statewide mandate that raises the bar of expectations for student-athletes.

"The most important thing I think was that we believe that all kids can learn, and that failure is not an option in a state that has high standards for education," said board member Mary Jean Montgomery of Spencer. "Activities are a privilege, not a right."

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THREE bedroom. Close to U of I and Mercy Hospital. W/D. (319)337-8504.

DAILY BREAK

“The video makes it perfectly clear once again that [Katrina] was not out of the blue or unforeseeable. It was not only predictable, it was actually predicted.”
— Sen. David Vitter, R-La., speaking about a newly disclosed videotape of a briefing the day before Katrina hit for President Bush in which officials warned that the storm could breach levees, endanger lives in the New Orleans Superdome, and overwhelm rescuers.

the ledge

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MICHAEL MOLLER

You Know Something's Wrong When ...

- Paul Walker just had the No. 1 movie in America — without, keep in mind, a whipped-cream bikini scene.
- Last week was the first time this semester I only went out three times in a week — lousy Thursday midterms.
- Your roommate is about to see his girlfriend for the fourth time out of six weekends this semester, and she lives more than four hours away.
- The weight room is actually packed right now ... wait, it's only a couple weeks until spring break.
- You and Drew Tate are the only guys in a tanning salon waiting room among 20 women.
- You want to find out what it feels like to take a roofy.
- You start Facebooking kids who moved away in elementary school to try to bulk up your reality's list.
- You want a reality show on TV.
- On Fat Tuesday, you didn't even try to see a pair of hooters because you blocked out so bad.

Michael Moller is hoping nothing will go wrong this weekend for him. E-mail him at: michael-moller@uiowa.edu

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- “Does A Student Body Good” Ticket Profile
- New to Iowa City: David's Place
- Men's Basketball Highlights Against Penn State

Monica Verma, as the student group prepares to host the association's annual dance event

Nachte Rahon

- Local instrument makers' classical and experimental creations

Only if it turns out like *Waterworld* (11%)

402 votes

Logon to answer this week's poll: Do you think the death penalty should be reinstated in Iowa?

VIDEO

- About the theatrical production, *I Will Make You Orphans* and its creator, Sean Lewis
- About Indian Cultural Association President

DI POLL

Last week's poll result: How concerned are you with global warming? Very (45%) Somewhat (22%) Not at all (22%)

MP3s

- DeathShips
- Humans
- Public Property
- Scottie Long Trio
- The Slat's
- Sleeping Planes
- Low

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PHOTOS

- Photo slide show: 2006 Outback Bowl

VIDEOS

- 2006 Outback Bowl coverage

STORIES

- Scouting report

horoscopes Friday, March 3, 2006 — by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will realize your capability today and will bounce back from any aggravation that comes your way. You will turn a little into a lot in a short period of time. You can resolve a problem that has been plaguing you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take matters into your own hands, and you can get things done your own way. An older relative may try to stop you from following through with something that means a lot to you. If the advice being given is for your own good, think twice before proceeding.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The fine print will be what counts today. Don't sign anything without dissecting every aspect of what is being proposed. Expect nothing, and take nothing for granted.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A chance to prove yourself is in the works, so stick to what you know. You will be able to make some professional changes that should lead to a more interesting position.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The more unusual route you take, the greater satisfaction you'll receive. An opportunity to try something totally different will open your eyes to a new direction. Someone may confuse you emotionally. Be prepared.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Travel, relaxation, having fun, and in general enjoying yourself should be your intent. Love and romance should be considered one of your main goals today. Don't let anyone put words in your mouth or dump responsibilities in your lap.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your goal should be to listen and learn today. You will be able to put new information to good use sooner than you think. This is a great day to tie up loose ends and to get on with the things that really matter to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can make some major changes to your home and your current personal situation if you take the initiative. This is a day of action, and, if you don't take action, someone else will leave you in a vulnerable position.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't sit around stewing about things you can't change. Your best outlet for physical activity. You need to contribute to the stress you've been experiencing before you tackle something that will contribute to your worries.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Love interests will develop if you travel or you visit some of the places you used to frequent. An old partner is likely to want to get together. A greater sense of who you are and what you want will makes you appealing to someone who has an interest in you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't lose sight of your goals. Mistakes will be made if you don't pay close attention. Don't leave anything to chance. Confusion will play an important role in your life today. Don't get distracted.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Expect someone to do things behind your back. As long as you are aware of the underlying deceit, it won't get out of hand or cause you grief. Anger is never the answer, but outsmarting someone at her or his own game is.

today's events

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- “Europe in Civilization: The Rearticulation of European Civilization in a Global Age,” 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 179 IMU
- “Talk of Iowa Live from the Java House,” author Vinita Hampton Wright and singer-songwriter Sara Routh, 10 a.m., Java House, 211½ E. Washington, and WSUI
- “Finding God at Iowa,” Kristen Thelander, noon, 105 IMU
- Iowa City Foreign Relations Council Luncheon, “Tourism and Indigenous Peoples in Central America: New Colonialism or Economic Alternative?,” Charles Hale, noon, Congregational Church, 30 N. Clinton
- Economics Department Tow Seminar, “Competition and Price Variation When Consumers are Loss Averse,” Paul Heidhues, University of Bonn, Germany, 3:30 p.m., C125 Pappajohn Business Building
- Liberalism and Its Legacies, “Tales from the Dark Side: Conservatism in Early 19-Century Mexico,” Eric Van Young, University of California, 4:30 p.m., UI Museum of Art Lasansky Gallery
- Iowa City Gallery Walk, 5-8 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- SCOPE Concert, 10 Bands for 10 Bucks, 5 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- First Friday: “Royal Treatment, Hallmark of the Kingdom,” InterVarsity Graduate Church, Fellowship, 7 p.m., First Mennonite Church, 405 Myrtle
- Friday Film Series, *Andrei Roublev*, 7 p.m., Newman Catholic Student Center, 104 E. Jefferson
- “Live from Prairie Lights,” Vinita Hampton Wright, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights WSUI
- *Paradise Now*, 7 p.m., Bijou
- Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, Gil Shaham, violin, 7:30 p.m., Hancher Auditorium
- *I Will Make You Orphans*, 8 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert
- Mike and Amy Finders, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- *The Treasure Locker*, by W. David Hancock, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Thayer Theatre
- Long Beach Short Bus, with guests Public Property, 9 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
- Nickelbackung CD Release Party, with Poppa Neptune, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- *The World's Fastest Indian*, 9 p.m., Bijou

GET IN THE DI

Are you a student who pays for her or his tuition? We'd like to meet you, follow you to work, and run a photo-story on your life. We're looking for people with an unusual/degrading/laborious jobs to photograph for this project.

Please contact photographer Nick Loomis at nicholas-loomis@uiowa.edu or the photo desk at: (319)335.5852

Like to eat? We're looking for people who have a favorite place to eat on or near campus. We're looking for those

obsessed with a particular restaurant that serves you up right two or more times a week.

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happy birthday to ...

E-mail first and last names, ages, and dates of birth to daily-iowan@uiowa.edu at least two days in advance.

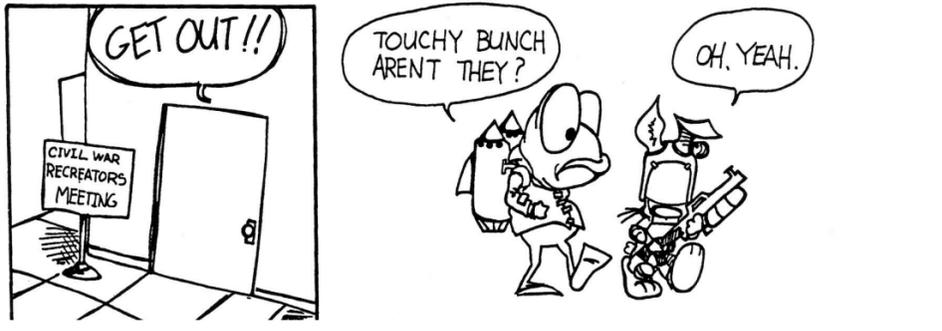
March 3 — Sarah Lowen, 20; Jeff Vetter

March 4 — Michelle Thompson; Calvin Hennick

March 5 — Dan Rossi

The 4th Floor

by Troy Hottatz



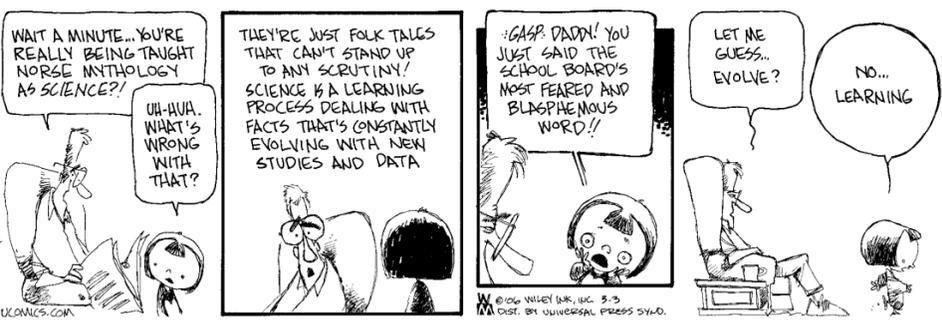
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PATV Public Access Television cable channel 18

- 7 a.m. Democracy Now
- 11 Democracy Now
- Noon Islam: Dispelling the Myths
- 1 p.m. Dr. Geneva Gay @ WPC 2005
- 2:05 Snow Blessing
- 2:25 Al Zappala's Gold Star Families for Peace
- 3:10 Fly Awake
- 3:25 February Snow Removal
- 3:30 Wocidj Feb. 8
- 4 Conversations
- 5 PATV Open Channel
- 6 Gospel Explosion Ministry
- 7 Country Time Country
- 8 Nature's Logic
- 8:30 Professor Noodle
- 9 Wocidj Jan. 11
- 9:30 Undercover TV
- 10 Fellowship Revival Center
- 11 Tom's Guitar Show
- Midnight Film Punk Productions
- 12:30 a.m. America's Best Student Shorts
- 2:30 Iowa City Radio 88.7

UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

- 3 p.m. UI Lecture Committee Presents, Janet Reno
- 4:30 2006 Presidential Lecture, Paradoxes of Legislatures
- 6 Chinese New Year Celebration
- 7 2006 Chinese New Year Global Gala from NTDTV
- 8:30 The War on Terror, Civil Liberties vs. National Security
- 10 Human Rights Week: Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation
- 11 Two Boxes, 50 Books, and a Dream, The History of the UI Libraries, Sesquicentennial Celebration
- 11:30 Student Video Productions, Dinosaurs Have Feathers

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The New York Times Crossword

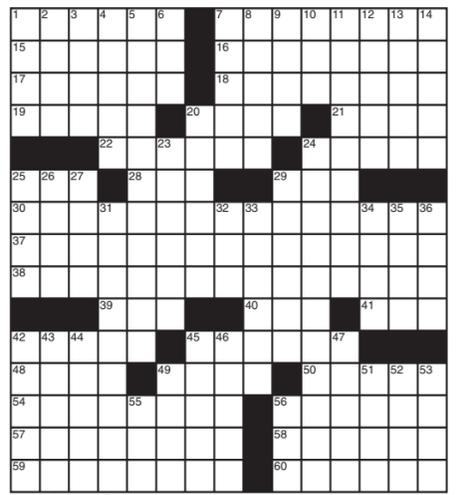
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Antique store?
 - 7 Violin components
 - 15 Make a ball
 - 16 Ladle
 - 17 Secrets
 - 18 Holder of an afternoon service
 - 19 French flag color, in France
 - 20 "Shoot!"
 - 21 Where workers may do the daily grind?
 - 22 Excited pointer's comment
 - 24 1999-2001 Broadway musical revue
 - 25 Editorial cartoonist Rall
 - 28 Listener
 - 29 Firm, in some names
 - 30 Former Washington duo
 - 37 Stepped in like Superman
 - 38 Somewhat
 - 39 Resort of a sort
 - 40 Old TV control abbr.
 - 41 Old protest grp.
 - 42 2000 Olympic gymnast
 - 45 Rhoda's sister on "Rhoda"
 - 48 Passionate time
 - 49 Dogsboddy, so to speak
 - 50 Mark of distinction
 - 54 Isabel Allende's birthplace
 - 56 Meet, as expectations
 - 57 Child's cry at a parade, perhaps
 - 58 "Harrumph!"
 - 59 Kids' game sites
 - 60 Preceder of many a goal
- DOWN**
- 1 Unpopular worker
 - 2 Cast
 - 3 Sea predator
 - 4 National headquarters of J.C. Penney, Dr Pepper and Frito-Lay
 - 5 Paper strip for old computer data
 - 6 Energy Star org.
 - 7 Toledo twinkler
 - 8 Command to a dog
 - 9 Just so
 - 10 Fail to keep
 - 11 Surrounded by
 - 12 "Dona Pacem" (Latin hymn)
 - 13 Plays for a sucker
 - 14 Ancient burial stone
 - 20 Popular snack chip
 - 23 One of The Jacksons
 - 24 Fates
 - 25 Kind of salad
 - 26 Zip
 - 27 British title
 - 29 Castle with many steps
 - 31 Paper carrier
 - 32 Part of a sentence: Abbr.
 - 33 Showy bird's mate
 - 44 Hero of Charles Frazier's "Cold Mountain"
 - 45 Topper with a tab
 - 46 Voluntary
 - 47 Places for glass stained-glass windows
 - 49 Tender in Tijuana
 - 51 First name among clothiers
 - 52 Hunter players
 - 53 Work with mail
 - 55 Old TV's Club
 - 56 Narrow waterway

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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 ATHOME EASYA
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