



The Iowa men's gymnastics team took third-place at the Big Ten championships in Carver-Hawkeye Arena over the weekend, led by senior Michael Reavis' first-place medal in the floor exercise, 1B.

FLAG AT HALF-STAFF

The flag will be flown at half-staff today because of the death of former UI President James O. Freedman, who served from 1982-87.



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Bar-deals messaging frowned on

'The students did not do anything illegal, but there is a concern that because the messages involve bars, it could contribute to underage drinking.'

— Steve Parrott, the director of University Relations

BY MEGHAN V. MALLOY

THE DAILY IOWAN

Two UI seniors running a text-message service to promote deals at area bars lost the support of the UI administration last week on the grounds that they didn't follow their originally stated business proposal.

Kane Johnson, 22, and Ian Jacobson, 22, came up with the idea to promote Iowa City's downtown nightlife via text message in February in hopes that UI students would respond to deals on cover and drinks that appeared on their cell phone.

The *Daily Iowan* reported on the UI seniors' business endeavor, which continues to occupy office space at the Bedell Entrepreneurship Learning Laboratory, in February, but the university did not withdraw its support until a *Des Moines Register* story ran March 24.

"The students did not do anything illegal, but there is a concern that because the messages involve bars, it could contribute to underage drinking," said Steve Parrott, the director of University Relations, on Sunday.

The two students will be allowed to stay in the Bedell Lab only if they rework their business plan, he said.

Which is precisely what Johnson says he plans to do.

"This university does great things for us, and I understand the action it took regarding this," the finance and business major said.

Johnson, also the founder of icviphost.com, a website that runs articles about trends in Iowa City, admitted that the business plan he and Jacobson submitted to the Bedell Lab in January 2005 was not congruent with what they carried out.

David Hensley, a UI assistant professor and Pappa-john Entrepreneurial Center director, declined to comment Sunday.

Jacobson said since launching the text message service, 300 university students have signed up to receive the updates. Though he did not have exact numbers, he said, he thinks that number had "greatly increased" since publicity from news outlets across the state.

He said five bars downtown have signed on, and he and Johnson are negotiating with two others. Both he and Johnson said they would like to start a similar venture outside the UI program.

"We don't want to limit ourselves to just alcohol deals," Jacobson said. "We already have deals with places that are not bars, and we are looking to expand to restaurants here and in other cities."

Jacobson and Johnson said the university did not give them any financial support to jump-start the business.

Phillip Jones, the UI vice president for Student Services, was unavailable for comment on Sunday.

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ECUMENICAL WORSHIP IN IOWA CITY



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Iowa City resident Paul Ingram prays during a silent period of meditation during a Taizé service on Sunday evening at Old Brick. While Taizé is not completely different from traditional religious services, its primary focus is on individual meditation and personal reflection.

NO-FRILLS SERENITY



CHECK OUT DITV — UITV CAMPUS CHANNEL 4, CABLE 18 OR WWW.DAILYIOWAN.COM. — FOR MORE ON TAIZÉ

BY MARGARET POE

THE DAILY IOWAN

Eyes closed, her legs folded beneath her, the second-year UI medical student sat in silence.

The rumble of cars cruising past on Clinton

and Market Streets and the chatter of songbirds were the only sounds permeating the space as Ann Morris and around 20 other Iowa City residents gathered in Old Brick on Sunday night.

Fifteen minutes of the hour-long service passed in utter quiet — a rarity in our harried lives, said the worshippers gathered for a weekly Taizé service. Though the ecumenical worship draws on Christian tradition in its harmonious, repeated melodies and Bible readings, it lacks a

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Ticket probe targets hearing

Five Hawkeye players are allegedly involved, with Jovon Johnson reportedly having been named as one

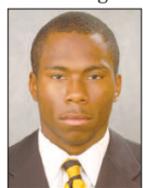
BY TYSON WIRTH

THE DAILY IOWAN

The UI Office of the General Counsel is reviewing audio recordings of the hearing for a former cell-phone salesman who heavily discounted merchandise for five Iowa football players, allegedly in exchange for 2006 Outback Bowl tickets.

Documents obtained from the unemployment-compensation appeals hearing indicate that former IPCS Wireless employee Jeremy Reed sold a \$79.99 headset and a \$49.99 phone charger to a customer for one penny each, among other charges.

Clips from the recording on the *Des Moines Register* website name Jovon Johnson as one of the football players indicated in the exchange.



Johnson senior

"I have no reason to doubt the name mentioned," said Steve Parrott, the director of University Relations, who did not confirm Johnson's involvement. "But everything's still just allegations at this point. This early, it wouldn't be fair to judge anyone."

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State's environmental spending decried



Shoultz D-Waterloo



Jacoby D-Coralville

BY JASON PULLIAM

THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa's struggle to improve water quality has received no shortage of attention during the current legislative session, although lawmakers have yet to decide how to fund the statewide cleanup effort.

Rep. David Jacoby, D-Coralville, said the state's inability to adequately protect its lakes, streams, and rivers is hampering economic-development and tourism

revenues, because people have a negative perception of Iowa's water resources.

"I'd give us a 'D' for a letter grade" in terms of promoting better water quality, he said.

A 2005 survey by Iowa State University researchers established a strong relationship between people's perceptions of water quality and where they choose to enjoy recreation.

Iowa has more than 300 critically polluted waterways, including several in

Johnson County, according to the state's 2004 impaired-waters list.

Water-quality standards recently passed by the Iowa Environmental Protection Commission went into effect last week, placing tighter controls on ammonia and bacterial pollution from wastewater-treatment facilities.

The recently passed Senate File 2363 would create a financial-assistance

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SERIOUSLY POLLUTED JOHNSON COUNTY WATERWAYS

Iowa River (several segments): Bacterial pollution and biological impairment that has resulted in a 50 percent decline in the river's freshwater mussel population.
Coralville Reservoir: Bacterial pollution
Ralston Creek: Coal-tar pollution from former gas facility located at 505 E. Burlington.
Clear Creek: Fecal and sanitary waste material in stream.

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Cloudy, brisk winds, 90% chance of rain

SOMBER RETURN

A UI student who survived an auto accident that claimed the lives of two of his friends returns to classes. **2A**

BAD AIR DAYS

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NEWS

1 I-80 crash victim returns from injury

BY REBECCA MCKANNA
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI junior Paul Dornbier returns to classes today — nine days after suffering injuries in a rural Iowa car accident that claimed the lives of two undergraduate friends.

But whatever pain he has as a result of a bruised lower back, neck problems, and broken ribs pales in comparison to the overwhelming “shock and amazement” that comes in knowing his travel companions are gone.

“It’s not impossible, but it’s extremely hard to go through the motions,” the 19-year-old said on Sunday.

Dornbier, released from Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs on March 19, was traveling home after a spring-break trip to Colorado with UI sophomores Brooke Walton and David Hartwig, junior Mark McCloy, and senior Chris Wallner, when, law-enforcement officials say, Rudolph Huebner of Tabor, Iowa, hit their car.

The I-80 crash near Underwood, Iowa, killed McCloy and Walton and left Wallner in serious condition in a drug-induced coma at Creighton Hospital. Hartwig, Walton’s boyfriend, is in fair condition.

Dornbier said he was knocked unconscious in the crash and does not remember



Walton
crash victim



McCloy
crash victim

the events that followed. When he came to, he was lying on a gurney being rushed to the hospital in an ambulance.

His short hospital stay was a blur filled with continual worry about the other passengers of the car, he said.

“I was hoping everyone was OK — that no one was permanently injured or, God forbid, dead,” the West Des Moines native said.

Dornbier eventually received word but says he can’t remember from whom. After a few days spent with family, Dornbier returned for McCloy’s memorial service late last week in Iowa City.

“Just sitting there during the memorial, I realized I wouldn’t be able to handle Brooke’s service,” he said.

Dornbier said he knew little of Wallner’s or Hartwig’s conditions but hopes to visit them soon.

Wallner’s sister, Jessica Wallner, 18, said her brother was still in critical condition

Sunday but was “stable” and “on and off responsive.”

When not on the coma-inducing medication, Chris Wallner’s body begins to shake, Jessica Wallner said, adding doctors plan to keep her brother comatose to allow him to heal. His lungs were damaged, and he cannot breathe on his own. Although many organs were injured, doctors will not begin to operate until he can breathe independently, she said.

Hartwig, who broke his hip and knee, underwent two surgeries, and he is now starting physical therapy, Chris Wallner’s father, Mark Wallner, said.

Pottawattamie County Sheriff Jeff Danker said officers are not giving out any new information about the accident. Officials have mapped the scene and are determining the speed of Huebner’s car by measuring the impact and “crush factor,” he said.

Most of the investigation would hinge on Huebner’s blood alcohol content at the time of the accident, which could be unknown for as much as a month, as state investigators test the sample, he said.

“Until then, we’re trying to gather all the information we can,” Danker said. “Our goal is to have everything else wrapped up by the time we get the [blood alcohol content].”

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METRO



IC man charged in attempted robbery

An Iowa City man has been charged with attempting to rob a man outside a convenience store in November 2005.

Alfonso Reid, 33, was charged with first-degree robbery after he allegedly approached a person near the front doors of the Kum & Go on Mormon Trek Boulevard and displayed a handgun. Police say Reid told the man to follow him.

According to police reports, the man said, “I don’t have shit,” and kept walking.

Reid was later picked out of a lineup by the man. Reid was being held in the Johnson County jail in lieu of \$27,500 bond as of Sunday evening.

First-degree robbery is a Class B felony and punishable by up to 25 years in prison.

— by Rebecca McKanna

Car-pedestrian accident reported

Iowa City police are investigating a reported accident in which a car allegedly struck a pedestrian.

According to police documents, a black Honda hit a male subject crossing South First Avenue north of the railroad tracks near Southeast Junior High on March 25.

The collision occurred around 5:30 p.m., and the man was transported to UI Hospitals and Clinics, police Officer Allan Mebus said on Sunday.

Mebus did not know the man’s condition.

— by Rebecca McKanna

Area man charged with sexual abuse

A North Liberty man reportedly sexually abused and injured a person he was in a domestic relationship with March 25.

Delbert Anderson, 45, committed a sex act against the will of a person with whom he has a domestic relationship. The person was treated by emergency medical personnel and transported to the hospital for further treatment and evaluation, North Liberty police documents show.

The person was also allegedly assaulted by Anderson, causing pain to the person’s upper torso and abdominal region, police said.

Anderson was charged with third-degree sexual abuse, a Class C felony, and domestic assault with injury, a serious misdemeanor. If convicted, he faces up to 10 years and a \$10,000 fine for the rape charge and up to one year in jail and a \$1,500 for the assault charge.

He was released from the Johnson County Jail on a \$5,000 bond.

— by Rebecca McKanna

ULTIMATE WANT



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

UISG President-elect Peter McElligott (right) “wants it more,” in his words, than UI senior Chris Traeger during a game of Ultimate Frisbee on Sunday in Hubbard Park. McElligott caught the Frisbee and scored for his team during the informal game.

POLICE BLOTTER

Donald Adams, 32, Coralville, was charged July 19, 2005 with possession of a schedule III controlled substance, two counts of possession of a schedule IV controlled substance, and driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Dominic Axton, 28, 1421 Ash St., was charged March 25 with public intoxication.

Jared Baumann, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged March 24 with public intoxication.

Jared Bean, 19, Waukee, Iowa, was charged March 25 with public intoxication.

Nancy Bontrager, 43, Swisher, Iowa, was charged March 4 with fifth-degree theft.

Lynda Branch, 39, 2730 Wayne Ave. Apt. 8, was charged March 18 with possession of marijuana.

Martina Cadena, 32, Coralville, was charged March 25 with disorderly conduct.

Curtis Chenoweth, 19, 436 S. Johnson St., was charged March 24 with PAULA.

Melanie Cribbs, 26, 1108 Oakcrest St. Apt. 4, was charged March 25 with disorderly conduct.

Nicholas Daglas, 19, Long Grove, Ill., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Anthony Daniels, 23, Des Moines, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Keegan Doremus, 22, 518 S. Capitol St. Apt. 3, was charged March 25 with public intoxication.

Jacob Dudley, 21, Winthrop, Iowa, was charged March 25 with public

intoxication.

Benjamin Durchslag, 20, 632 S. Dodge St. Apt. 8, was charged March 25 with third degree criminal mischief.

Justin Eilers, 21, Pella, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Valerie Ernst, 20, 1910 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 1, was charged March 25 with OWI.

Jonathan Fitzpatrick, 19, Maquoketa, Iowa, was charged March 24 with OWI.

Andrew Gibicjas, 21, Menomonee Falls, Wis., was charged March 24 with OWI and possession of marijuana.

Matthew Gutierrez, 22, 1810 Grand Ave., was charged March 25 with disorderly conduct.

Nicholas Hale, 22, 725 E. Davenport St., was charged March 24 with public intoxication.

Gregory Hamm, 20, 255 Iowa Ave. Apt. 602, was charged March 24 with OWI.

Matthew Hennig, 24, Des Moines, was charged March 25 with OWI.

Brian Hobbs, 22, 507 Bowery St. Apt. 2, was charged March 24 with public intoxication.

Courtney Jackson, 21, 634 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 4, was charged March 25 with child endangerment/abuse without injury, domestic assault, and interference with official acts.

Jessica Jamison, 20, 806 E. College St. Apt. 2, was charged Sunday with PAULA and keeping a disorderly

house.

Mahoumbah Klobah, 45, 1305 Tracy Lane, was charged March 25 with OWI.

Timothy Kriz, 21, 711 Third Ave., was charged March 25 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Tyler Lafave, 23, Monticello, Iowa, was charged March 25 with public intoxication.

Sean Larson, 34, 102 Clapp St., was charged Sunday with OWI.

Grace Lee, 20, Coralville, was charged March 25 with OWI.

Adam Linares, 58, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 1424, was charged March 24 with driving while barred and OWI.

Zachary Mcvey, 20, Burlington, was charged March 24 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Niel Mittelsman, 20, 2134 Quadrangle, was charged March 24 with PAULA.

Victor Morales, 22, West Liberty, was charged March 25 with possession of an open container of alcohol in vehicle.

Juan Noriega, 25, 2018 Waterfront Drive Apt. 2, was charged March 24 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Leslie Oetken, 43, 310 Finkbine Lane Apt. 8, was charged March 25 with driving with a revoked license.

Tyler Pedersen, 21, 201 Hawkridge Drive Apt. 2108, was charged March 24 with OWI.

Chester Rhodes, 54, 424 E. Jefferson St., was charged March 24 with public intoxication.

Miranda Sisley, 21, Davenport, was charged March 25 with OWI.

Sean Soraghan, 20, 522 S. Van Buren St. Apt. 14, was charged March 25 with public intoxication, interference with official acts, and third-degree criminal mischief.

Jose Tapia, 19, Muscatine, was charged March 25 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Douglas Tallerico, 19, 527 N. Dubuque St. Apt. 13, was charged March 25 with public intoxication.

Timothy Tasler, 20, 4028 Burge, was charged March 24 with PAULA.

Antonette Taylor, 26, 1280 Dolen Place, was charged March 25 with interference with official acts and OWI.

Ryan Thomas, 19, 241C Mayflower, was charged March 24 with public intoxication.

Doran Wallace, 25, Coralville, was charged March 24 with public intoxication.

Jeffrey Wagner, 29, 1434 Spruce St., was charged March 25 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Samantha Wilson, 19, 804 Rienow, was charged March 24 with domestic assault causing injury.

Allen Woods, 47, address unknown, was charged March 25 with criminal trespassing and public intoxication.

Bradley Yost, 20, 630 N. Dubuque St., was charged March 24 with PAULA.

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The Iowa City Human Rights Commission is currently accepting nominations for the 3rd Annual Iowa City Human Rights Commission Youth Awards Ceremony to be held May 9, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the Englert Civic Theatre.

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Lawmakers want more education spending

BY BRYCE BAUER
THE DAILY IOWAN

The state is expected to spend upwards of \$3.7 billion this fiscal year on elementary and secondary education, but concerns about teacher pay and shortages of math and science teachers have some education advocates calling for additional money.

They say part of a newly discovered \$143.9 million pool — funds not included in the original budget — should be used for education initiatives tailored to address those concerns.

To spark citizen response on these issues, four Democratic lawmakers held a roundtable discussion March 24 in the Blank Honors Center to discuss the issue with local students and UI College of Education faculty.

“We are here ... to let people know this session will not adjourn until we have adequately put resources in [education],” said Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City.

One of the big topics discussed at the forum was teacher pay, which Iowa ranks 36th in the nation, paying an average of \$39,432, according to a 2004 U.S. Census Bureau Report.

“We have [teachers] going across the border for 10,000 more,” said Rep. Frank Wood, D-Eldridge, who is also an associate principal at North Scott High School. “They need to be financing education, and one of the things is paying our teachers,” which, he noted, could be accomplished without raising taxes.



Wood
D-Eldridge



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— Frank Wood
D-Eldridge, associate principal at North Scott High School

He added he wanted to make sure the legislature focused on important initiatives instead of bills that increase “busy work,” such as synchronized bell ringing.

Ryan Gerling, a UI sophomore and education major, said he attended the event “because I want to be paid more money.”

However, he said, even if he doesn’t get his wish for higher pay, he plans to stay in Iowa and teach social studies.

Legislators also focused specifically on how the state could attract more math and science teachers. The Iowa Department of Education included math and science teachers for seventh through 12th grades in its “statewide areas of shortage” in a 2005

report. In a 2002 document published by the same agency, most superintendents who planned on hiring a math or science teacher expected difficulty in finding them.

Despite the shortage, most in attendance were averse to the idea of increasing salaries exclusively for teachers in those disciplines.

“I would like us to look more at the forgivable-loan approach,” said Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, referring to initiatives for waiving student debt for education graduates.

One proposal, currently in the House Ways and Means Committee, would provide incentives to teachers — and the businesses that hire them — to take jobs during their off-season that would include “an opportunity to gain practical work or research experience” in their discipline.

“We will probably want to target math and science” [teachers], because we aren’t graduating enough,” said Rep. Carmine Boal, R-Ankeny, who sits on a ways and means subcommittee. “But we are not opposed to increasing all teacher’s salaries as well.”

She said she wanted to see the excess money pay for some state projects, such as the senior living trust fund.

Others felt spending more on education would save money elsewhere.

“Arguably, if we invest more in education, we will need less on the human-services side,” said Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville.

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NATION

Illegal immigrants take center stage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Founded by immigrants and praised as a haven for the oppressed, the United States now is struggling to decide the fate of as many as 12 million people living in the country illegally.

The Senate will take up the emotional debate on the heels of weekend rallies that drew hundreds of thousands of people protesting attempts to toughen laws against immigrants. Among the ideas that President Bush and members of Congress are considering:

- Erecting a fence on the Mexico border to deter illegal immigration.
- Treating people who sneak across the border as felons to be deported.
- Allowing foreigners to stay in the country legally as custodians, dish washers, construction workers and other low-paid employees.
- Allowing those working in the U.S. a path to citizenship.
- Requiring them to get in line behind everyone else back in their home countries who want to become Americans.

Today, the Senate Judiciary Committee will take up the issue, and Bush will headline a naturalization ceremony for 30 new citizens at Constitution Hall. Demonstrations are planned near the Capitol, including a prayer service with immigration advocates and clergy who plan to wear handcuffs to demonstrate the criminalization of immigration violations.

Bush will go to Mexico this week for a meeting with the leaders of Mexico and Canada. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said on Sunday that it’s important that Mexico “recognize the importance of defense of the borders and of American laws.”

Protests raged across the country over the weekend, led by more than 500,000 people who

marched through downtown Los Angeles on March 25 in one of the largest demonstrations for any cause in recent U.S. history. Marchers also took to the streets in Phoenix, Milwaukee, Dallas, and Columbus, Ohio.

The president, working hand-in-hand with the business community that relies on cheap labor, is pressuring Congress to allow immigrants to stay in the country legally if they take a job that Americans are unwilling to do.

Judiciary Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., also supports the idea, and he has vowed that his committee will advance a bill to the full Senate today, even if they have to work “very, very late into the night.”

“If they’re prepared to work to become American citizens in the long line traditionally of immigrants who have helped make this country, we can have both a nation of laws

and a welcoming nation of workers who do some very, very important jobs for our economy,” Specter said Sunday on ABC’s “This Week.”

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., has said that whether or not a bill gets out of the Judiciary Committee, he will open two weeks of debate on the issue Tuesday. He has offered a plan that would tighten borders, add Border Patrol agents, and punish employers who hire illegal immigrants because he says the most important concern is improving national security in an age of terrorism. His bill sidesteps the question of temporary work permits, but he has said he’s open to the idea.

Democrats have said they will do everything they can to block Frist’s bill. Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said on Sunday that legislation creating tougher enforcement does not do enough.

STATE

DM police use hallucination machine

DES MOINES (AP) — Police officers experiencing paranoia and hallucinations are usually not held in the highest esteem.

But in Des Moines, officers are being encouraged to have a hallucination or two — as long as it’s in a controlled environment.

The department has purchased a

virtual hallucination machine that allows officers to see the distorted reality of a mentally ill person from the other side of the badge.

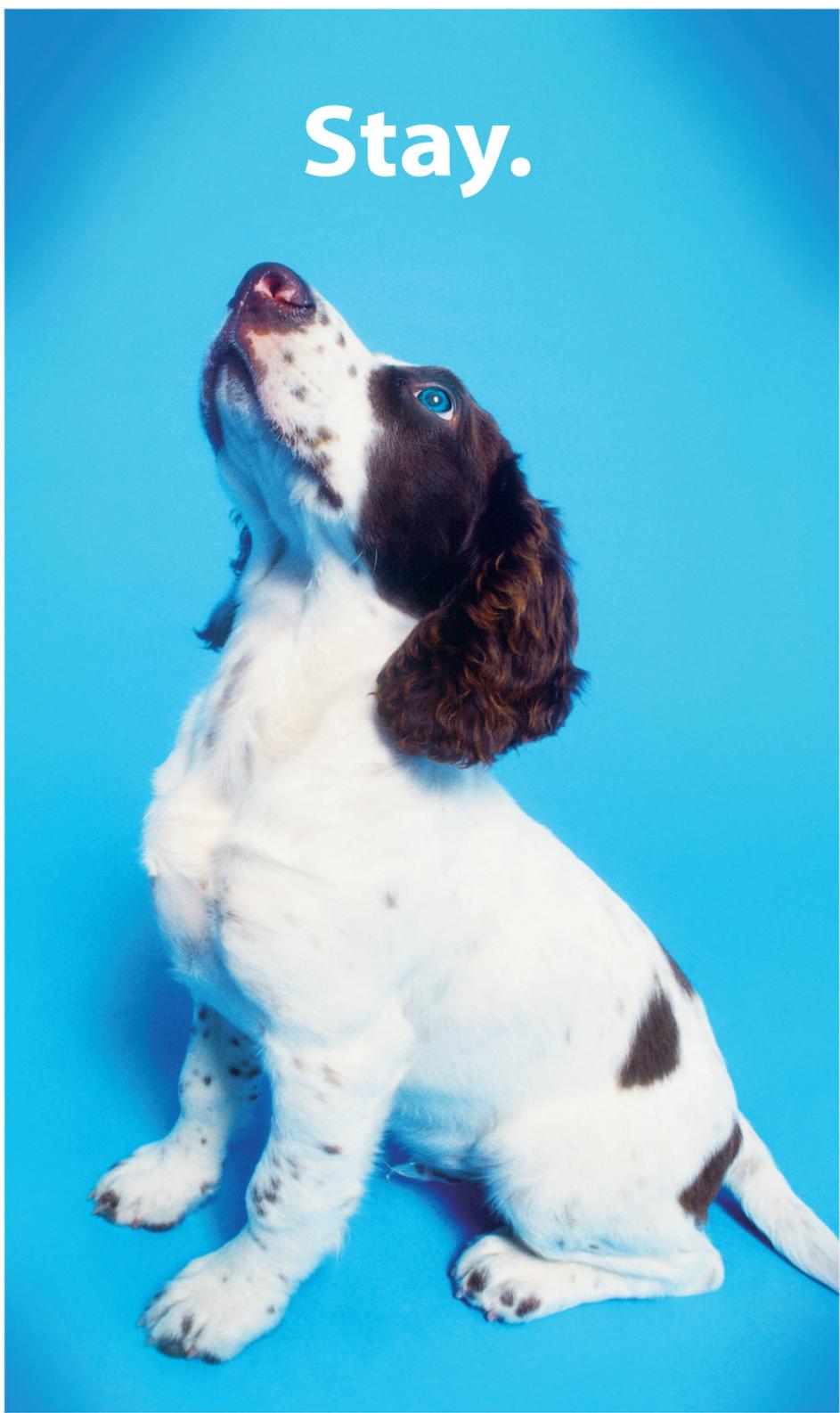
By simply wearing an electronic mask, officers are better understanding some of the people they encounter while on duty.

“The neurons are firing images in random order. Like being awake but dreaming,” Officer Paul Tieszen said, trying to describe the

experience. “Like a lot of jumbled thoughts. Like being trapped in a nightmare but you are awake.”

Tieszen’s hallucination involved a bus ride in which images changed unexpectedly and voices called out from unseen places.

“Things flash out of nowhere,” he said. “Small voices saying, ‘Go get your medication. The bus driver is talking to you normally and all of a sudden he starts calling you Your Highness.’”



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Researchers aid pollution project

BY JASON PULLIAM
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UI researchers are playing a key role in one of the most ambitious and comprehensive air pollution studies ever undertaken.

Throughout March, UI professors and students joined some 300 scientists from more than 60 institutions all over the world to gauge the effect of Mexico City's pollution on the surrounding area.

The "Megacity Impacts of Regional and Global Environments" project uses coordinated aircraft and ground-based measurements, along with satellite observations and computer modeling.

Gregory Carmichael, a UI civil and environmental engineering professor who was involved with the initiative's planning, said the project represents the culmination of five years of planning.

He estimates the project's pricetag at around \$15 million, funded primarily by NASA, the National Science Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Energy, among other organizations.

The project is one component of a broader campaign aimed at determining the collective effect of air pollution from cities with populations of 10 million or more.

"The whole idea is to learn as much as we can about Mexico City," Carmichael said, adding the research methods used in this project will help scientists better predict how pollution influences climate in the future.

In addition to ground-based air pollution measurements, six airplanes with more than a dozen instruments take off from Veracruz, Mexico, to collect air samples. Carmichael and his UI collaborators help to prepare forecasting models based on current weather conditions to ensure the planes fly in a trajectory that yields the best data.

Beyond the difficulty of predicting weather patterns and their effect upon the direction of Mexico City's air-pollution plume, Carmichael said, the researchers also have to make sure the planes don't interfere with commercial airliners.

Youhua Tang, a UI assistant research scientist who worked on the daily forecasts, said while it's difficult for so many scientists to coordinate on a project of this scale, it's importance to the field of science is invaluable.

"Air pollution is not limited by national boundaries," he said. "Mexico City pollutants can be easily transported to the U.S. within one day, under certain meteorological conditions, and Asian dust storms can be transported to North America in five days."

Marcelo Mena, a UI environmental-engineering graduate student, has been in Veracruz, Mexico, for most of the month. Projects of this nature are critical for providing the scientific wherewithal to



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A March 16 DC-8 flight over Mexico City demonstrates the plume of air pollution hovering above the area.

influence environmental and public-health policy, he said.

"We have many cities sizable enough to make pollution almost uncontrollable," he said. "Unless we make advancements in our urban-development policies, making public transportation easier and more comfortable, we'll continue to have decreasing air quality in developing countries."

Once the current portion of the initiative concludes, the team will gear up for the next phase, which will begin in

mid-April, taking UI scientists to Hawaii, Seattle, and Alaska.

Elliott Campbell, a UI environmental graduate student, said the ripple effect of the project is already beginning.

"This was a great opportunity to work side-by-side with leading atmospheric scientists," he said. "The ideas we discussed during this mission are already developing into ongoing collaborative research."

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NATION

Court again reviews Bush's wartime powers

WASHINGTON (AP) — His wartime powers undercut once before by the Supreme Court, President Bush could take a second hit in a case in which Osama bin Laden's former driver is seeking to head off a trial before military officers.

At stake is more than whether Salim Ahmed Hamdan, after nearly four years at the Navy prison in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, goes on trial for war crimes before a special military commission.

Analysts say if the high court rejects Bush's plan to hold such trials for the first time since the aftermath of World War II, it could rein in the president's expanded powers in pursuing and punishing suspected terrorists.

In addition to special military trials for Hamdan and others, the Bush administration since the attacks of 9/11 has claimed it has the authority to eavesdrop on telephone

conversations without court oversight, aggressively interrogate foreigners, and imprison people without giving them traditional legal rights.

Hamdan was one of hundreds of people captured during the 2001 U.S.-led war that drove the ruling Taliban from power in Afghanistan. The native of Yemen denies that he is a terrorist and claims he took the driving job to provide for his young family.

Hamdan's appeal, set for arguments Tuesday, is one of the biggest cases of the court's current term, the first for Chief Justice John Roberts. He, however, will not participate in the Hamdan case. Last year, Roberts was on a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit that ruled unanimously against Hamdan.

It is that ruling that the Supreme Court now is reviewing.

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WORLD

At least 69 Iraqis die in violence

BAGHDAD (AP) — Police found 30 more victims of the sectarian slaughter ravaging Iraq — most of them beheaded — dumped on a village road north of Baghdad on Sunday. At least 16 other Iraqis were killed in a U.S.-backed raid in a Shiite neighborhood of the capital.

Accounts of the raid varied. Aides to the Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and Iraqi police both said it took place at a mosque, with police claiming 22 bystanders died and al-Sadr's aides saying 18 innocent men were killed.

The Americans said Iraqi special forces backed by U.S. troops killed 16 "insurgents" in a raid on a community meeting hall after gunmen opened fire on approaching troops.

"No mosques were entered or damaged during this operation," the military said. It said a non-Western hostage was freed, but no name or nationality was provided.

Associated Press videotape showed a tangle of dead male bodies with gunshot wounds on the floor of what was said by the cameraman to be the imam's living quarters attached to mosque itself.

The tape showed 5.56-mm shell casings scattered about the floor. U.S. forces use that caliber ammunition. A grieving man in white Arab robes stepped among the bodies strewn across the blood-smeared floor.

A total of at least 69 people were reported killed Sunday in one of the bloodiest days in weeks. Most of the dead appeared to be victims the shadowy Sunni-Shiite score-settling that has torn at the fabric of Iraq since Feb. 22 when a Shiite shrine was blown apart in Samarra, north of Baghdad.

Much of the recent killing is seen as the work of Shiite militias or death squads that have infiltrated or are tolerated by Iraqi police under the control of the Shiite-dominated Interior Ministry.

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Troupe leaves audience enchanted (& chanting)

Children of Uganda's Sunday performance at Hancher brings American support to fighting AIDS in Africa

BY ELIZABETH TUTTLE
THE DAILY IOWAN

Audience etiquette at a paid performance in a highbrow theatrical venue demands the crowd members sit quietly in the dark (and probably wait for their neighbors to clap before applauding). But the Children of Uganda music and dance company's Sunday performance at Hancher Auditorium had audience members screaming along.

Alexis Hefley, the director and founder of the Children of Uganda Charity Foundation, stepped on stage to introduce the young performers who traveled so far to share their heritage and culture with an American audience. The performance was not without a more sober purpose, however, as it was also a way for the troupe to earn money and spread awareness of the AIDS crisis.

"The children performing today are making a difference in their lives," as well as the lives of other children orphaned by AIDS in Uganda, she said.

Hefley slipped when she said she was excited to bring the performance to Iowa State University, which was followed by an angry murmur from the crowd, but all went quiet quickly, as the curtain rose above the stage.

The first song woke up the audience with giant drums, beads, and other instruments not only played but worn by performers. A blend of colors representing the bright and vibrant moods of many of the songs washed across the backdrop. Costumes of bright yellows, reds, browns, and tans accentuated the hues behind them.

A performer stationed in the audience shrieked joyfully several times during the show, and, as the spectacle continued, audience members screamed



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

The Children of Uganda perform "Apanolilo" on Sunday afternoon in Hancher. The group is on a nationwide fundraising tour to benefit AIDS orphans in Uganda.

back. The entire audience swayed with the beat of the music and dance, as performers demonstrated the moves.

Dancers changed between tempos and beats, flowing together, then quickly and sharply transforming with the

direction of the song and the choreography. Groups of young boys performed some dances alone, using strong drum beats,

while girls enacted other songs with grass skirts, embellished with excess fabric — akin to bustles — increasing the effect of hip movement.

An all-male performance of one song brought together several different drum beats that grew progressively faster, climaxing with a loud note that resonated in the silence that followed.

Girls balanced pots on their heads while shaking their hips and shuffling their feet, impressing the audience with their ability to balance. This was followed by a percussion song all the females performed.

The show also presented narratives native to Uganda. A man decked in traditional blue flowing garb wove together the performance with stories and facts.

"We, the children of Uganda, are so happy to be who we are," he said, before walking the audience through the many different dances, songs, and legends of his country. In one legend, he told the audience, if you turn a drum upside down and hear a rattle inside it, "that is the heart of the drum."

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Spare change and other labels



TED MCCARTAN

Try this experiment. First, approach a guy. Just your average run-of-the-mill college guy. Then, tell him he's changed. My hypothesis is that his reaction will be something like, "Well, uh, dude, I have not ..." when his defensive switch is flipped on.

It's just kind of an odd thing about us. Call a guy a jerk, no big deal. Call a guy cheap, and for some reason or another, it stings. There are a bunch of them — labels that don't ridicule but emasculate. And they drive guys crazy. Here's a look at a few.

"He's cheap."

The last thing a guy wants to be known as is cheap. Now, if the "cheap" friend in the group spots a deal or finds a special that can benefit everybody and even save them a few bucks, then it's no problem. Then all of a sudden nobody's cheap, just thrifty, like the rental-car service. Which can take us back to the difference between the two terms: If you're cheap, you don't voluntarily chip in for gas. If you're thrifty, you bring coupons or notice the place across the street is a little less expensive (notice how I didn't say cheaper?). There's a big difference.

"Health nut."

Just minutes ago, my roommate called me a health nut. At the time, I was eating celery with natural peanut butter, so he wasn't exactly off target, but it upset me. When people hear "health nut," they think of

someone who does extra cardio work because of a brownie he or she had for dessert. That's not me, and it's a lot more "macho" to be the guy who eats whatever and doesn't care. I just felt the need to defend myself. Oh, and for the record, I eat celery and peanut butter because I like it — it takes me back to my youth. And the natural peanut butter? All I can say is curiosity-induced impulse buy.

"You've changed."

After winter break my sophomore year, my buddies wouldn't stop ragging on me. They insisted I had changed over the three weeks of break. After all, I wouldn't put down *The Da Vinci Code* (that Dan Brown can write a

page-turner), and the fact I was turning down Xbox for the book was uncharacteristic. And it worked; whenever they said it, I'd slam that book shut, insist I hadn't, and join them in the fun. I finished the book, ended the scrutiny (and scrutinized the ending), then transformed back to normal.

So, what gives? Why do we care so much about the labels our friends give us?

It's impossible not to change. We go out each day with beliefs and feelings based on what we have experienced in the past, and if something particularly dignified or unusual happens, then those beliefs and feelings change.

Sometimes the change is

bigger than others, but it always happens. And is that so bad? Change can be good. If you don't believe me, listen to Tupac. He tried to make change cool, years go.

Maybe it's just the word "change." For some reason, it has negative connotations, like "cheap." From now on, I'm using "evolve." So when I graduate, I'll say something like this: "I went to college. It was a blast. Did I change?" (Instead of getting defensive, I respond ...) "Nah. I evolved."

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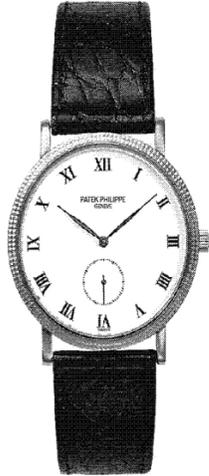
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EDITORIAL

Anonymity important, but tricky

The Free Speech Protection Act and Free Flow of Information Act are two bills that would establish a federal standard for reporter-source confidentiality. The bills, which would create a privilege equivalent to that of doctor-patient or attorney-client, have bipartisan sponsorship in the U.S. Senate and are currently in committee. Such measures, in some form, deserve to pass — but even if they do, much work needs to be done by the media to ensure that anonymous sources are used appropriately.

Currently, state shield laws govern how much reporters can claim as privilege, and those laws vary widely from state to state. There are no media shield laws in 19 states. Iowa does not have a shield law written by the Legislature, but the Iowa Supreme Court has ruled reporters and publishers have a right to conceal their confidential sources, notes, and information. In states that do not protect reporter-source privilege, news outlets often have to fight off subpoenas and other legal challenges.

The threat of legal inquiry creates an unacceptable chilling effect on reporting. Media outlets, especially smaller ones, just don't have the money to risk running damaging stories with confidential information. Even if they win in court, the battle still costs them. So instead, they report safe, boring news — and it's the public that suffers, whether people realize it or not.

But while reporters should have the right to protect their sources, they have a responsibility to use such sources wisely. Newspapers such as the *New York Times* often draw up noble and high-minded codes of ethics, which promise to use anonymous sources as a last resort, but any reader scanning the paper's pages can see this isn't true. When sources go unlabeled, the

readers have no way of determining who are genuine whistleblowers, afraid of losing their jobs, and who are political PR flacks, out to do a hatchet job on their opponents. The readers must trust the judgment of the writers, and readers' trust can only extend so far.

There is a cumulative effect to all this anonymity. When a reporter lets one person go unidentified, the next person with potentially damaging information will demand it, too, and the next, until no one is willing to put her or his name on the information. Reporters should be encouraging people who give them information to go on record. Unless the media provide the public with sources who are accountable, they will have no credibility.

Sources with hidden agendas are perfectly aware of the advantages of namelessness, and they aren't above exploiting it. Political insiders can spread misinformation and damaging innuendo through the anonymous mouthpiece of the media, all without getting any public dirt on their hands. And, as the Valerie Plame-Judith Miller debacle last year demonstrated, political insiders can rely on reporters to take the fall for them, even after the reporters get used.

If newspapers could not use any nameless sources, they would have a hard time filling the blank spaces around the ads where the news goes, and, more importantly, the public would be kept in the dark about what happens in the halls of power. But is misinformation really any better than no information? Reporters should have the power to defend the anonymity of their sources, but they should use that power wisely.

Economic inequality

Last week, I had to write a paper basically explaining how to narrow the gap between the world's rich and poor. The paper was for an economic-development class, and it was supposed to be eight to 10 pages. I had an answer that was probably correct, but, as you can probably understand, the trouble was getting enough content to make eight to 10 pages. It was getting late, so I decided to deviate from the assignment and address something not directly related to it but which I still thought to be relevant in discussing economic development.

I decided to explain why I rejected the premise of the assignment, namely the objective of economic development should be to "narrow the gap between rich and poor." I know it sounds harsh and politically incorrect, but I wanted to rephrase the question.

Instead, I wrote the simple task for economic development is to help people obtain greater well-being and a higher standard of living — period. The task isn't how to help people improve their well-being and standard of living relative to Bill Gates or relative to someone living in Iowa. A focus on vague notions of achieving equal wealth distribution really doesn't get us anywhere. It doesn't get at the specific methods for helping to improve the lives of people within a society. Communist countries may have had great wealth equality, but who would want to live where everyone was equally miserable?

This doesn't imply that inequality is unimportant, just misplaced as a priority. It's true that an economic system has to be seen as being capable of producing positive benefits for everyone in society for it to succeed over time. Yet, I think the focus, instead, needs to be on tangible indicators, such as education or health, that more specifically track how well societies are fostering the equal opportunity that's needed for people to have the avenues to improve their lives. What's often misunderstood in the debate is that trying to ensure equal economic results is different from trying to mandate equal economic results or equal distribution of wealth.

Ultimately, the question that needs to be answered is whether people have the tools to move ahead, not whether certain people can get ahead of certain other people. If there was a fixed amount of wealth in the world, then distribution would be a top concern. But that's not the case. Therefore, the best way to improve the conditions for the poor is not to redistribute existing wealth in the hope of narrowing the gap between rich and poor. It is to have a system that best enables people to create new wealth.

This is what capitalism can accomplish and socialism can't. It is why we see capitalist systems emerging in more and more countries across the world. Countries such as China and India, which have been steadily adopting market based economic reforms, have lifted millions of people out of poverty over the past few decades. Similarly, after suffering 70 years under the communist system, Russia is trying to develop a capitalist system. Its partial success by no means implies a simple formula, but it does provide a general framework for development.

The overall trend in favor of free markets and against socialism is unmistakable today. When we get past our preconceived biases about what system is optimal in theory and instead look across countries today and throughout history, those countries that have experienced the most prosperity, equality, opportunity, and freedom are those that have organized their economies with markets, not government planning.

The effects of economic disparities are increasingly stressed today by liberals and socialists. They make the case the inequities we see show the unfairness of capitalism. Socialism, on the other hand, they say is more compassionate and concerned with notions of social justice and fairness.

I admit, when arguing purely over theory, socialists seem well-intentioned and appear to be more concerned with the success of the poor. But you have to ask the question: Does the socialist system — no matter what its proponents say — produce those results? It does not — and while everyone knows that capitalism often makes a lot of rich people richer, it's still undeniable that some of its greatest beneficiaries have, in fact, been the world's poor.

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War blinds

In light of President Bush's sagging poll numbers, now in the low- to mid-30s, Americans should pause and reflect on the war in Iraq, now entering its fourth year. In the last month, we have seen the most apparent sign of Iraq's civil war, with the bombing of the Shiite mosque in Samarra. Even Iraq's former Bush-backed prime minister, Ayad Allawi, declared his country to be in a state of "civil war." With American deaths at more than 2,300, Americans are beginning to rightfully wonder what the troops are dying for and when they will be coming home.

At the outset of this war, 68 percent of Americans supported the war, according to a CNN poll. As of last month, 60 percent of Americans now believe the war to be a mistake. The president, however, refuses to acknowledge what the American people have already

acknowledged — the war is not winnable. The Greek playwright Sophocles once said, "All men make mistakes, but a good man yields when he knows his course is wrong and repairs the evil. The only sin is pride." Perhaps it's time the president sets aside his pride for the sake of our troops.

Those of us who were against the war from the outset and who continue to call for an end to this war have been labeled "soft" and "unpatriotic" and accused of not supporting our troops. As George McGovern once said, "The best way to support our troops is to keep them out of needless wars." This week, as we enter the fourth year of the war, we keep the safety of our soldiers in our thoughts, while we work to secure their safety by demanding the president bring them home.

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DI BLOG

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Class times

The Iowa House passed what would be a pretty mundane education bill on March 21. It would change the academic calendars of Iowa schools, requiring that the length of a school year be determined by the number of hours spent in class instead of the total number of class days. This means such things as recess, pep rallies, and staff-development meetings wouldn't technically count as part of the school year.

Not a big deal, really. It might mean not so much recess, I guess, but that's about it. But something about the law, which doesn't even affect me, bothered me a lot. I think it is because the proposal seems to be a part of a larger trend in how U.S. politicians are coming to view education as something that can be regimented, standardized, and measured. This attitude does nothing to help foster such traits as intellectual curiosity and ingenuity, education's most important function, in students.

If you haven't noticed, though, it's becoming a pretty standard philosophy among our leaders. We've all heard of the No Child Left Behind Act and its controversial way of measuring accomplishment based on test performance. This way of

thinking even permeates education at the college level. Earlier this semester, the *DI* Editorial Board criticized a proposed law in Congress that would evaluate universities through standardized testing. What an awful idea! The most valuable skills students get out of their classes — analytical ability, creative thinking, a simple interest in learning — are not things that can be condensed into a multiple-choice test.

That's why I don't like this possible Iowa law, either. I don't like the idea that the number of hours spent in a desk in front of a teacher can be an adequate measure of education. My schooling certainly wasn't impaired because of long recesses and late-start Wednesdays — I'd argue that such breaks actually made the school day more appealing and productive. Before they can learn to read and solve math problems, children have to have a desire to learn in the first place. Simply increasing regulation does nothing to address this necessity. In the larger scheme of things, it hardly matters that the Iowa Legislature wants to change the state's academic calendar. But hopefully, our elected officials will come to realize that more rules do not mean better-educated students.

— Claire Miller, *DI* editorial writer

ON THE SPOT

Do you trust unnamed sources?



"If it's true information, why won't they use their names?"

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BY SOHEIL REZAYAZDI
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Their daughter's meandering road to Iowa City was just that. After countless, disheartening prognoses and creeping suspicions of bias against their mentally challenged daughter, Hillary Reston's family had grown restless. Hillary was struck in 1983 by an unknown ailment while only 18 months old, leaving her mentally handicapped for life.

Twenty-three years later, doctors still don't have a name for her illness.

Such is the narrative of *Fragile Innocence* [Harmony Books, \$23], James Reston Jr.'s memoir dealing with the persistent difficulties of raising a child afflicted by a debilitating and nearly fatal mystery disease.

Along with being language-impaired and suffering from habitual seizures, Hillary experienced dual-kidney failure in 1993, resulting in a desperate search for a potential donor. After more than eight years of waiting, her family's hopes were realized — as Reston writes in *Fragile Innocence* — “in a far-off and wondrous place called Iowa City.”

In a phone interview with *The Daily Iowan*, he said, “The kidney transplant was an absolutely transforming event for our whole family.” The father and author will conduct a “Live from Prairie Lights” reading today at 7 p.m. Reston gave a lecture Sunday night at the UI Hospitals & Clinics, where Hillary received the transplant in 2002.



Beth Skogen/The Daily Iowan
Visiting author James Reston Jr. speaks at UIHC on Sunday night about his new book, *Fragile Innocence*. Reston will read from his recently published book today at 7 p.m. at Prairie Lights.

READING
James Reston Jr.
“Live from Prairie Lights”
When: 7 p.m. today
Where: Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque St., and WSUI
Admission: Free

Since the transplant, he said, Hillary is the healthiest she's been in 15 years.

The author of more than a dozen books, Reston works primarily in the vein of historical nonfiction, with titles including 1994's *Galileo: A Life* and 1998's *The Last Apocalypse*.

As a resident of Chevy Chase, Md., he was amazed and comforted by the compassion UI physicians showed when taking care of his daughter.

“We come from a major urban area, where we were the recipients of a lot of flat, dehumanizing medicine,” the 65-year-old historian and journalist said. After years of shuffling between the East Coast and the South, the family discovered a 1999 newspaper article indicating the line for dual-kidney transplants at the UIHC moved relatively quickly.

They soon signed up.

In reference to the medical treatment his daughter received from the UIHC, Reston said, “From the very beginning, there was a certain sense of humanity and sensitivity about our situation that was quite foreign to us as urban Easters.”

Reston worked with wife Denise Reston to assemble the endless details that make up the 20-year scope of *Fragile*

Innocence. The couple, however, quickly realized the pains of discussing and conceiving a book detailing Hillary's turbulent past. Thus, they struck a deal: They would speak about the memoir only one day a week for a half hour.

The tragic reality for James Reston and his daughter was that in order for Hillary to continue living, a potential donor had to first die. This highly uncomfortable situation took a great toll on him. He soon discovered Hillary's kidneys came from the death of a high-school student in Monticello, Iowa. After tracing the donor, Reston and Hillary went on an excursion to Monticello for a quiet day to pay their respects.

“I found it absolutely unconscionable that I could accept this profound gift ... and just say ‘well, thank you very much’ and ‘see you later,’” Reston said.

Since Hillary's operation, Reston has become a strong advocate for controversial advances in science. In an August 2002 article for the *New York Times*, he tackled such touchy ethical issues as stem-cell research and cloning, hoping to shed light on the sensitive situation of those waiting for organ donation.

“There's this horrible connection between the joy of one family connected to the tragedy of another family,” he said. “If stem-cell research can make it possible to grow human organs in a petri dish, that's clearly very preferable.”

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Rebelling in voices



Publicity photo
Susan Lewis and Janet Stecher perform as Rebel Voices at the UI.

BY JESSICA FISCHOFF
THE DAILY IOWAN

In a peaceful protest marking the third anniversary of the Iraq war, the UI Antiwar Committee brought musical renegades Rebel Voices and storyteller and political satirist Charlie King to the UI Sunday night in a free performance in the Pappajohn Business Building.

The evening's lyrical mix of social commentary, political outcry, and a push for embracing community will be followed today with a free interactive workshop titled “Organize! One Hundred Years of Working People's History in Song” at 3:30 p.m. in E146 Adler Building, hosted by the outspoken pair of Janet Stecher, 52, and Susan Lewis, 52, of Rebel Voices.

In the '70s, Stecher worked in New York City as a coordinator of the YMCA's International Exchange Program, when she met Lewis, a professional dancer seeking an inexpensive way to uproot her American residence and travel the world. Stecher, however, encouraged Lewis to drop her dancing dreams and realize her potential as a singer.

The two united with the intention of vocalizing the causes they felt were important to the rest of the world. They relocated to Seattle, where, in 1989, after attempting a number of musical projects, they settled on their current duo, Rebel Voices.

Yet the issue-conscious pair refrain from writing their own songs. Instead, they turn to words already written.

“We are predominantly collectors of music about peace, working people's issues, women's issues, and struggle,” Stecher said. “We've found so many excellent and prolific

CONCERT
Rebel Voices
When: 3:30 p.m. today
Where: E146 Adler Building
Admission: Free

writers who already have great songs. Instead, we think of ourselves as arrangers.”

And, while making no claim their material is original, the couple maintain their cause is universal.

“We sing about empowerment and about a consciousness that there are inequalities and that people can do something about it,” Stecher said. “We want people to know that they are stronger in union.”

This afternoon, their interactive workshop will promote the causes they dedicate in song through the performance of an hour-long blend of theater and humor. Stecher said they will also pay tribute to March being International Women's Month.

Sharon Lake of the UI Antiwar Committee, who is responsible for planning the Iowa City portion of the Rebel Voices' first Midwestern tour, believes that the matters addressed by the two apply to America's prolonged war efforts.

“As we enter the fourth year of President Bush's war in Iraq, it's easy to feel that we are in a no-win situation,” she said, noting that she and the committee “feel angry, sad, and helpless.”

“Although music cannot solve these problems, music does have the power to renew our spirits, revive our hopes, open our eyes to new possibilities, and encourage us to go on,” she said.

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LEFT OUTSIDE LOOKING IN



FILM REVIEW
by David Frank

Inside Man

Sycamore 12:

12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30 p.m.

Coral Ridge 10:

12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:30 p.m.

★★ 1/2 out of ★★★★★

Chalk up the first big disappointment of 2006 to director Spike Lee's *Inside Man*. Nuts. Damn. Crappy-foo. I love Lee and was rooting for the director of such masterpieces as *Do the Right Thing*, *Malcolm X*, and *25th Hour* to rebound from

his previous film — the tedious, insomnia-ending *She Hate Me*. And in the same manner that a parachute-less skydiver ricochets off the dirt after a 10,000-foot plummet, one could say Lee has bounced back a tad.

Following the overstuffed political hellfire ranting of *She Hate Me* (a movie with approximately 976 different plots and genre switches), Lee bears hugs a much safer cinematic mainstream mainstay — the heist film. Clive Owen plays a bank burglar who tells us at the film's onset he has planned the “perfect” robbery — which includes taking the bank's customers and employees hostage — and it's up to Denzel Washington as a New York police detective to defuse the situation.

Yet more complications roll out when the bank's president (Christopher Plummer) hires — I don't know what her job title is, but she's the type of enigmatic person who gets things done — Jodie Foster to

make sure his personal safety deposit box doesn't end up in the criminals' hands.

Why the paranoia? Apparently the box contains incriminating evidence of misdeeds from Plummer's past.

Why didn't he just destroy this material years ago? Well, then there'd be no subplot and no reason to waste one Hollywood's finest actresses in a rather thankless role.

While maintaining the foundation of a conventional thriller, Lee breaches his material from the side. Rife with artifacts from previous heist/hostage/cop movies, yet gliding on a rather playful wink-wink tone provided by the direction, dialogue, and performances, Lee seemingly fashions an uneven, subtle parody of his film's genre — more than a straight-faced example of it.

For instance, take the movie's bombastic score — a rather regular element of Lee's films.

Lee is a master at laying heavy-sounding music onto his films without creating distraction. Yet, the thundering brass horns of *Inside Man*'s score practically draws circles of exclamation points around the archetypes of good guy/bad guy. It feels deliberate, almost as if it's — oh dare I write this — an *inside* joke.

Perhaps the real inside man referred to in the title is Lee, as he tries to subvert the mainstream trappings of his film.

That's admirable. But Lee doesn't crank the parody enough to create anything of focus. Gripping the safety handrail too tightly, Lee still executes numerous scenes with the no-nonsense pitch of a standard thriller. And this frustrating inability to flip the material around with the uttermost conviction leaves us unsatisfied with *Inside Man* as either a thriller or parody.

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TAIZÉ RETAINS CALM CENTER

TAIZÉ

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sermon and relies heavily on personal contemplation.

"We find stillness in our busy, busy world," said Dorothy Whiston, who founded and helps lead the Taizé community in Iowa City.

The services usually draw approximately two dozen people, but the group hopes to reach out more in Iowa City as its 10-year anniversary approaches, she said. However, the intimate congregation, which encourages all members to take turns leading services, does not worry about dominating Iowa City's religious frontier.

"We're also perfectly satisfied remaining a small community," Whiston said.

For Morris, its appeal lies in the freedom of this non-denominational version of Christianity.

"It's liberating," said the five-year follower, who has twice traveled to Taizé, France, where the movement began in the 1940s.

With support from Episcopal and ecumenical groups in Iowa City, the meditative gatherings began in 1997, Whiston said, but Taizé songs and prayers have appeared in mainstream church services across Iowa for years. As far she knows, the local



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Sam Korab of Iowa City sits and reflects in silent prayer during Taizé services at Old Brick on Sunday evening. Taizé was started in the 1940s in Taizé, France, by Roger Schutz.

TAIZÉ IN IOWA CITY

Iowa City's ecumenical Taizé community meets weekly for an hour-long gathering of silence and song.

Where: Old Brick, 26 E. Market St.

When: 5 p.m. on Sundays

Who: Contact Dorothy Whiston: 319-321-7920, or dwhiston@mchsi.com

gathering is the only one in the state that focuses strictly on Taizé.

Morris, who hopes to become a radiation oncologist after graduation, is also involved with the Lutheran Campus Ministry.

The cross-involvement is common in Taizé circles, because the faith does not tell worshippers what to believe, Whiston said.

Julia Easley, who has worked for the Episcopal campus ministry at the UI for 13 years, said Taizé, with its simple, repetitive songs and long spans of idleness, is "refreshing."

"It's that ancient chant in a more modern way," said Easley, who, like the others, wore casual clothes to the laid-back service.

The worshippers gathered in folding chairs facing the church's brilliant stained glass and a small table, where a solitary

purple candle from Taizé, France, flickered. Easley's well-worn overalls and loose ponytail offered no hint of the flower-print dresses or billowy hats associated with typical "church clothes."

Taizé's no-frills approach to religion is what keeps Sam Korab, a UI philosophy and communication-studies major, pushing through the doors of Old Brick week after week.

"It's really straightforward, simple Christianity," he said. "It's sort of simple, in a good way."

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OUTBACK BOWL

Ticket probe eyes hearing

TICKETS

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If involved, the senior cornerback could not be suspended from game action because he has used up his eligibility. Athletics Director Bob Bowlsby declined to say what disciplinary action seniors or non-seniors might face if found guilty of NCAA violations.

"We're not going to speak in hypotheticals about it," he said on Sunday. "We'll take the necessary steps, find out the necessary info, and go from there when it's appropriate."

Players received six bowl tickets to be given to other students and family. If the players are found to have exchanged their tickets for something of value, Bowlsby said, the department would report any violations to the NCAA.

At his hearing, Reed said the tickets were gifts from a friend. The judge determined the friend in question was a football player, and the preferential treatment provided to

'We're not going to speak in hypotheticals about it. We'll take the necessary steps, find out the necessary info, and go from there when it's appropriate.'

— Bob Bowlsby, athletics directory

the athletes was exchanged for gifts and other benefits.

The insurance appeal indicates the only customers who received perks were Hawkeye football players and Reed's family members.

In a joint statement released March 23, Bowlsby and UI President David Skorton said the initial inquiry would be completed within 30 days.

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Experts: More water-quality funding needed

FORUM

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program for wastewater-facility upgrades in "disadvantaged communities." The bill is awaiting action in the House.

But despite upgrades estimated to cost between \$330 million and \$1 billion, the initiative is currently has zero funding.

Rep. Don Shultz, D-Waterloo, of the House Environmental Protection Committee, said he plans to propose a \$5 million amendment to the bill this week — but he questioned its chances of surviving.

"There really isn't an interest in the Legislature," he said. "It's been very difficult to get any environmental legislation through."

The lackluster fiduciary response is also hampering other water-quality initiatives, lawmakers and experts say.

Mary Skopec, a state Department of Natural Resources watershed-monitoring section supervisor, said it is increasingly difficult for her agency to meet its objectives in the current funding climate.

"The flat funding slowly erodes the base of what we're trying to do," she said.

The Legislature allocated roughly \$16 million of the state's general fund for Natural Resources during fiscal 2006, a number comparable with the agency's relatively static budget in recent years.

Sen. Robert Dvorsky, D-

Coralville, said tight purse strings are likely to persist under the Legislature's current leadership.

"It's a fight, every day, to get the Department of Natural Resources adequate funding," he said.

Speaking on behalf of Environmental Advocates of Johnson County at a March 25 voter forum in Iowa City, Skopec asked legislators in attendance to bolster the Resource Enhancement and Protection Program.

Founded in 1989, the Natural Resources program budgeted \$300 million over 10 years for resource-conservation projects. The law was changed in 1997 to allocate \$20 million per year for 20 years, but funding dipped as low as \$2 million in 2003.

Johnson County conservation director Harry Graves said the monetary shortcoming is a "travesty" and shows the Legislature has done a good job only in giving the program good "lip service."

Iowa ranks next to last in the United States in the amount of

publicly held land it has for parks and recreation, underscoring the importance of the program's vitality, he said.

The program could help clean up some of the state's severely polluted streams, lakes, and rivers, he said, adding that

Iowa's water woes deter people from making the state an eco-tourism destination.

"That's not the kind of stuff that attracts people to a state," he said. "That's a state of crisis."

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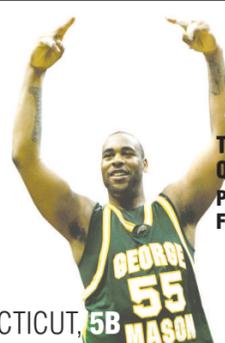
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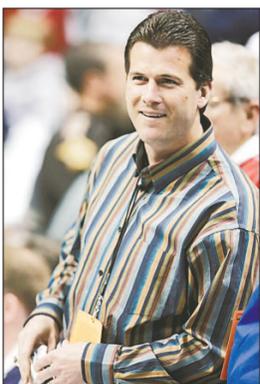
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Steve Alford

TRIP TO INDIANA

Alford watches ex-school win championship

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Iowa coach Steve Alford was at Consecro Field House on March 25, watching New Castle, his former high school, win the Indiana Class 3A state championship.

Alford was Indiana's Mr. Basketball at New Castle in 1983, the year before the Trojans' last appearance in the state finals.

He and his father, former New Castle coach Sam Alford, sat on press row and watched the Trojans beat Jay County, 51-43, for the school's first championship since 1932.

Alford, who has been mentioned as a possible candidate for the vacant coaching job at Indiana, would not talk to the news media.

MISSOURI B-BALL

Anderson brings his tough defense to Missouri

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Mike Anderson's swarming style of defense and fast-paced play is heading to Missouri.

Anderson was hired as Missouri's basketball coach Sunday, taking over following Quin Snyder's resignation last month.

Anderson, who led Alabama to a 24-9 record and an NCAA Tournament appearance this season, is the first permanent black head coach at Missouri, though Melvin Watkins, a Snyder assistant, served as interim coach after Snyder's resignation.

As head coach at UAB for four years, Anderson had an 89-41 record with three NCAA tourney appearances. UAB lost to Kentucky in the first round this season.

PLAYERS CHAMP

Ames blows away golf's toughest field

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Stephen Ames went from making fun of Tiger Woods to winning like him.

Ames delivered a major performance Sunday on the treacherous TPC at Sawgrass, blowing away the strongest field in golf with a 5-under 67 to win the Players' Championship by six shots and earn an unlikely trip to the Masters.

Ames made only one mistake, a double bogey on the 10th hole when he took two shots to get out of the bunker, and it looked as if he would have to battle his nerves along the scary back nine of the Stadium Course.

Instead, he poured it on with impeccable shots that stretched his lead so much that the tiny island of a 17th green was only another hole on his way to a dominant victory.

Ames finished at 14-under 274, six shots clear of two-time U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen, who closed with a 69.

MEN'S GYMNASTICS BIG TENS

REAVIS, TEAMMATES SHINE IN BIG TENS



Sarah Mercier/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye gymnast Matt Beiler competes on the rings during the Big Ten gymnastics meet on March 24. Beiler finished in second place on the rings in the individual competition on March 25.

The Hawkeyes' star gymnast wins the floor exercise in his last Iowa City appearance

BY DAN PARR
 THE DAILY IOWAN

BIG TENS MEN

Final team scores
 No. 3 Ohio State — 215.625
 No. 4 Illinois — 214.800
 No. 7 Iowa — 213.750
 No. 8 Michigan — 210.775
 No. 6 Penn State — 210.250
 No. 9 Minnesota — 205.500

Iowa team first-place finishes
 Pommel horse — 34.15
 Horizontal bar — 36.95

Iowa individual first-place finishes
 Michael Reavis — floor exercise 9.787

presenting," said Reavis after the meet, with his mother, Elaine Reavis, by his side. "There is no one else I would have rather received it from.

"He personifies Iowa gymnastics."

Despite his advanced years, Nissen doesn't lack enthusiasm. He sounded a lot like Reavis describing their moment in the spotlight.

"It's a thrill," he said in a soft voice. "He's really good."

This might not have been the two's last meeting this season. On April 6-8, Reavis and Nissen will both travel to the NCAA championships in Norman, Okla. Reavis will be there to compete, Nissen to present his award, the Nissen-Emery. It is known as the Heisman Trophy of gymnastics, and Reavis is one of the seven finalists nominated for the honor.

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THE WOMEN'S GYMNASTIC TEAM WAITS TO HEARS ITS POSTSEASON FATE, 2B



Sarah Mercier/The Daily Iowan

The Iowa gymnasts line up during Big Ten meet introductions in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on March 24. The Hawkeyes finished third with a score of 213.750 in team competition, behind tournament winner Ohio State and second-place finisher Illinois.

HOME OPENINGS FOR SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL

Softball plays waiting game

The Hawkeyes learn to be patient with a changeup artist and saunter away with a win

BY BRYAN BAMONTE
 THE DAILY IOWAN

All Iowa had to do was wait. Wait to get home from a 25-game road trip, wait on the weather, and Sunday, wait on Ball State pitcher Laura Masch's changeup.

And once the Hawkeyes bats made contact with the ball, it was a fine afternoon for Iowa hitters in a 5-0 win, which marked the last of four wins for Iowa in the Hawkeye Classic. It was the only team that didn't lose a game.

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Baseball snares 2

BY RYAN LONG
 THE DAILY IOWAN

After splitting its first two games with Indiana/Purdue-Fort Wayne, Iowa found a way to put together a complete day of baseball with a 11-1 win Sunday afternoon over the Mastodons.

With the Hawkeyes winning, 5-1, in the opening game and losing, 1-0, in extra innings in game two, a rubber-match victory became essential.

"It feels good," said Iowa outfielder Nate Price. "We had some pretty decent fan support,

which felt pretty good. I think we could have played better overall on the weekend, but we ended it pretty well here."

Hawkeye coach Jack Dahm attributed the Hawks' success to their ability to control the flow of each contest.

"One of the things that's really big to us is the pace of the game," he said. "We really picked up the pace of the game and played a little more crisply this weekend."

Leading 2-1 heading into the bottom of the fifth on Sunday, the Hawkeyes made some impressive noise with their bats

off Mastodon starter Tyler Baatz.

Jason White set the tone with a lead-off single, which was followed by a walk from Ryan Gryzwa. Price did some damage of his own after he ripped a double that scored White and moved Gryzwa to third.

Travis Sweet was next to dig in, and he did his part by connecting on a single that scored both Gryzwa and Price and extended Iowa's lead to 5-1.

After Kevin Hoef drew a walk, Wes Freie continued the hitting spree with an RBI single

SEE BASEBALL, PAGE 4B

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

NCAA MEN'S TOURNAMENT

WASHINGTON REGIONAL
Semifinals
Friday's Games
 At The Verizon Center, Washington
 George Mason 63, Wichita State 55
 Connecticut 98, Washington 92, OT
Championship
 Sunday, March 26
 At The Verizon Center, Washington
 George Mason 86, Connecticut 84, OT
ATLANTA REGIONAL
Semifinals
Thursday's Games
 At The Georgia Dome, Atlanta
 LSU 62, Duke 54
 Texas74, West Virginia 71
Championship
 Saturday, March 25
 At The Georgia Dome, Atlanta
 LSU 70, Texas 60, OT
MINNEAPOLIS REGIONAL
Semifinals
Today's Games
 At The Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome
 Villanova 60, Boston College 59, OT
 Florida 57, Georgetown 53
Championship
 Sunday, March 26
 At The Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome
 Florida 75, Villanova 62
OAKLAND REGIONAL
Thursday's Games
 At Oakland Arena, Oakland
 Memphis 80, Bradley 64
 UCLA 73, Gonzaga 71
Championship
 Saturday, March 25
 At Oakland Arena, Oakland
 UCLA 50, Memphis 45
FINAL FOUR
 At The RCA Dome, Indianapolis
National Semifinals
 Saturday, April 1
 George Mason (27-7) vs. Florida (31-6) 5:07 p.m.
 LSU (27-8) vs. UCLA (31-6) 7:47 p.m.
Championship
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 Duke 86, Michigan State 61
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Today's Game
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HAWKEYE SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday
 Softball hosts Upper Iowa, Pearl Field, 4 p.m.
 Baseball hosts Illinois State, Duane Banks Field, 6 p.m.
Friday
 Softball at Illinois, 6 p.m.
 Baseball hosts Ohio State, Duane Banks Field, 6:05 p.m.

Gym Hawks must wait

BY BRENDAN STILES
 THE DAILY IOWAN



'They held the enthusiasm the whole night. We proved that we held our own.'
 — Larissa Libby, Iowa coach

The GymHawks did what they could to ensure themselves a spot in the NCAA North Central Region meet in Ames on April 8. Now, all they can do is wait and hope their bubble doesn't burst this afternoon when the field is selected.

Even though Iowa didn't win the Big Ten championship on March 25 in East Lansing, Mich., it walked away with a lot of positives. The biggest one might be not finishing last overall.

"[The Hawkeyes] held the enthusiasm the whole night," Iowa coach Larissa Libby said. "We proved that we held our own."

The GymHawks scored 193.425 and finished sixth in the seven-team meet. Minnesota ended Michigan's seven-year reign by taking first with a score of 195.570. Host Michigan State was second, Penn State third, the Wolverines were fourth, and Ohio State edged Iowa by 0.1 points for fifth. Illinois finished last with 192.500.

To Libby, the scores indicated the current parity in Big Ten women's gymnastics, and it was visible to her squad the second they arrived and practiced with some of the other schools. "We're not that different,"

Libby said.

The GymHawks started the first of the seven rotations on floor, an event that has been a success for the team this season. Senior Kortny Williamson had a team-high score of 9.825 on floor and finished tied for 11th in the event.

Libby conceded you would normally want to end on your best event, given how the judges score routines later in the meet, but she also believed it was useful to gain immediate momentum early on.

"They handled it so well, and they were determined," she said. "For us, it set the tone."

Iowa had a bye during the second rotation but competed on vault and bars in rotations three and four respectively. Freshman Jennifer Simbhudas scored 9.725 on vault to lead the GymHawks, finishing tied for 19th. Junior Beth Dilick carried the team on bars, tying for 10th overall with a team-high score of 9.750

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HAWKEYE SPORTS

Men's golf finishes 7th

The Iowa men's golf team shot a final round score of 301 at the Furman Invitational on Sunday in Greenville, S.C., finishing in seventh, with a total score of 896 for the tournament.

Leading the Hawkeyes was sophomore Brian deBuhr, who capped off an outstanding performance with a final-round 73. He shot scores of 70 and 74 in the first two rounds of the event, finishing the 54-hole event with a score of one over-par 217.

Senior Andy Tiedt matched deBuhr shot-for-shot on Sunday, also shooting 73 and finishing at 224. After shooting an even-par 72 on March 25, freshman Cole Peevler shot a final-round 78 to finish at 227.

The Hawkeyes have a lengthy layoff before competing again on April 7 in the Marshall Invitational.

— by **Charlie Kautz**

and earned singles wins from junior Meg Racette (6-1, 6-0), sophomore Milica Veselinovic (6-4, 6-1), and Lee (6-2, 6-2).

Even though the Hawkeyes had wanted to go in and sweep both matches, Iowa coach Daryl Greenan found some positive notes in the Notre Dame loss.

"We competed well, and they're a very strong team, probably the best we'll play all season," he said. "It really pushed us hard and made us a better team, heading into the Big Ten [season]."

— by **Brendan Stiles**

Agaches finishes 22nd and 29th

Iowa swimmer Dragos Agache finished 22nd in the 100 breast-stroke and 29th in the 200 breast at the NCAA championships in Atlanta on March 24-25.

The sophomore from Constanta, Romania, finished his 100 in 54.64 and his 200 in 2:02.40, but both performances fell short of qualifying for the top-16 finals.

After his effort in the 100, Agache now owns the top-two times in school history in the event.

Henrique Barbosa of California won the event at 52.52. Barbosa also finished first in the 200 breast in 1:53.97.

Auburn won its fourth-straight NCAA title with 480½ points. Arizona was the runner-up with 440½.

Michigan placed eighth, the Big Ten's top showing.

Women's tennis splits

Although the Iowa women's tennis team saw its eight-match winning-streak snapped by No. 2 Notre Dame, 6-1, on March 24, the Hawkeyes earned a split this weekend by winning at Ohio State, 4-3, Sunday to improve their mark to 10-3 (2-0 Big Ten) on the season.

In the loss to the Fighting Irish, the Hawkeyes' lone point came on a singles victory by sophomore Jacqueline Lee (6-4, 7-5).

In the win over the Buckeyes, Iowa swept the three doubles matches to take the doubles point

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Iowa blanked but sees success



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Iowa tennis player Brett Taylor fires the ball back on March 24 in the Rec Building.

BY ANDREW SHANKS
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Somehow, the Iowa men's tennis team (5-6) managed to get shut out, 7-0, by Ohio State on March 24 and improve as a team, simultaneously.

Huh?
 "[The game] ends up being a 7-0 score, but anyone who was here knows that it wasn't that kind of match, at all," Iowa coach Steve Houghton said. "We had three matches in singles go right down to the wire. It seems like an odd thing to say, after getting beaten 7-0, but I think we competed really well."

The seventh-ranked Buckeyes (13-1) swept all seven matches, but four of the individual contests could have gone either way. In doubles, Ohio State features the second-ranked and defending national champions, Ross Wilson and Scott Green, at the top slot. Their match with Iowa's top tandem of J.P. Ritchie and Brett Taylor was decided in a tiebreaker (9-8 [3]).

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 — Steve Houghton, Iowa coach

"In doubles, we lost a really close match in a tiebreaker in the first match," Houghton said. "We played really well in No. 1 doubles — but not so much with other two teams. [The loss] is kind of disappointing, because Ohio State is a very good team, and I feel like we were right there with it for the better part of the match."

Indeed, the Hawkeyes came even closer to capturing their elusive first point when the singles matches began. At the No. 1 spot, sophomore Bart van Monsjou squared off with Chris Klingemann in a match that seesawed. Toward the end of the third set, Klingemann held serve, then broke van Monsjou's for the set-deciding two-game



advantage (6-4, 2-6, 6-4).
 "I think Bart played very well in his match," Houghton said. "To Ohio State's credit, it was awfully good all

match and won a lot of key points. It wasn't any different with Bart's match. They won the points that decided the match."

Iowa's second and fourth singles players also gave the Hawkeyes a fighting chance in the match. The team's No. 2 player, J.P. Ritchie, grunted and shouted his way through each point with Ohio State's No. 76 Devin Mullings. The screaming only intensified when the match went into a third-set tiebreaker, with Mullings eventually capturing the victory (6-2, 4-6, 7-6 [6]).

At the No. 4 singles slot, Iowa's Chaitu Malempati lost the first set to Ohio State's Steven Moneke but rebounded with a second-set triumph —

setting up a match-deciding showdown in the third set. The decisive third set teetered for a while, with each player holding serve. Finally, with every other match already completed, Malempati faltered with his serve, enabling Moneke to take the game and, eventually, the match.

"The thing that we've kind of pinpointed in practice this week was competing," Houghton said. "Literally, just competing hard and forgetting about shot execution — just be there intensity-wise point after point. I think our guys really competed hard all day, at least in singles, and that's why we were basically right there in every match."

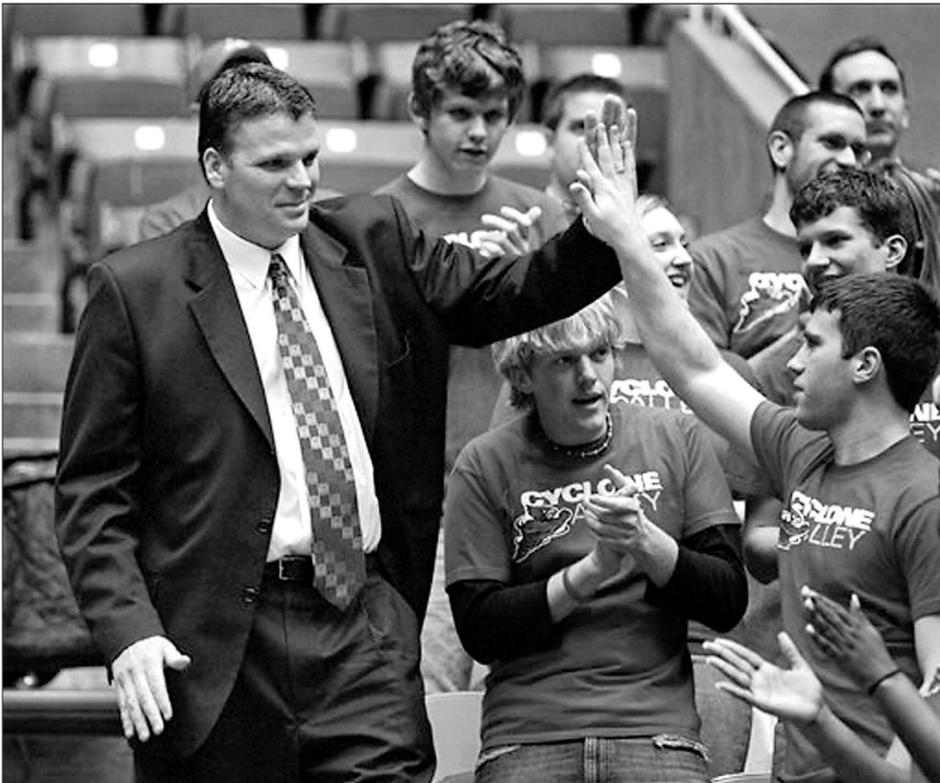
"I think the guys will get a lot of confidence out of this, even though they lost, just knowing that they can play with some of the better guys in the country. I don't think anybody's going to walk away from this thing thinking that we got annihilated, because that's definitely not the case."

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Greg McDermott (left) is greeted by Iowa State students before being introduced as the new Iowa State men's basketball coach during a news conference on March 21 in Ames. McDermott, who was the head coach at Northern Iowa for the past five years, replaces Wayne Morgan.

'There's nothing about next year that's a rebuilding year. Hopefully, we'll plan on returning to postseason play as soon as next March.'

—Greg McDermott, Iowa State coach

McDermott raring to go

LUKE MEREDITH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — In a span of six days, the Iowa State men's basketball program was linked to a reported recruiting scam, lost its two best players, fired a head coach, and hired a new one.

Now, new coach Greg McDermott is settling into his Hilton Coliseum digs, Athletics Director Jamie Pollard is catching up on some sleep, and Wayne Morgan — and the details surrounding his dismissal — already is fading into memory.

Still, McDermott won't have much time to relax over the coming weeks and months, with the program's expectations as high as ever.

"There's nothing about next year that's a rebuilding year," he said. "Hopefully, we'll plan on returning to postseason play as soon as next March."

By hiring McDermott, a native Iowan with a proven track record and a squeaky-clean reputation, Pollard went a long way toward stanching the negative publicity surrounding Iowa State's ties to D1 Scheduling, a California business run by a junior-college coach.

Several college basketball programs reportedly steered more than \$100,000 to the company, which was founded by Los Angeles City College coach Mike Miller. The report alleged that Miller might have been delivering his players to Division I schools, including Iowa State, which paid the company to arrange games.

Fans and media alike have praised the McDermott hiring — and how quickly Pollard was able to get it done. McDermott was considered one of the nation's rising young coaches and a hot candidate for openings around the nation.

But once Pollard identified McDermott as his top choice, the deal was done 24 hours later. That ensured that McDermott wouldn't have time to be wooed by other suitors, such as Big 12 rival Missouri, and made sure that Iowa State's grumbling fan base had reason to smile again.

This was Pollard's first major test since taking over in November. By all indications, he passed with flying colors.

"Greg was on my short list before I ever came to Iowa State," Pollard said. "Greg McDermott was on just about everybody's list. When you're in a situation such as this, there's no timeline. You've got to get it done tomorrow."

About the only concern observers have had about McDermott is his ability to recruit players who can win in the Big 12, but McDermott, as a Missouri Valley Conference coach in Big Ten and Big 12 country, has had experience looking for diamonds in the rough. Northern Iowa has not had

players so talented as Curtis Stinson or Will Blalock, but finds such as Sioux City's Ben Jacobsen and New Sharon's Grant Stout helped lead the Panthers to three-straight NCAA Tournament bids.

"A lot has been made of my recruiting — or lack thereof," McDermott said. "I thought we had a pretty good team."

Unlike past Iowa State coaches, McDermott plans to continue to focus his recruiting efforts in the Midwest, particularly in Iowa. The Cyclones have been beaten to the punch for years by the Hawkeyes for the best instate talent, but McDermott let it be known Tuesday that the days when prep stars from Iowa didn't even consider the Cyclones are over.

"The high-school basketball coaches in the state of Iowa will know that Iowa State exists as an option for their players," McDermott said. It will be the No. 1 choice for [Iowa] high-school students who are capable

of competing at this level. We can't have them going to Iowa."

There's one recruiting trail McDermott will have to hit right away — the one from Iowa State's dorms to his office.

His rousing press conference/pep rally was enough to persuade the Cyclones' best returning player, forward Rahshon Clark, to stay in Ames after the soon-to-be junior said he was undecided earlier in the day.

However, players such as Shawn Taggart and Tasheed Carr — who left Morgan's team with one game left in the season — haven't decided if they're going to stay or not.

McDermott plans to try to convince Carr and Taggart to stay, but don't expect him to beg.

"These guys don't owe me anything. It's my job to earn their respect and earn their trust," McDermott said. "It's my job to learn their strengths, learn what they're good at, and then build our team around those strengths."

Crash kills rookie driver

BY MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Driver Paul Dana died after a two-car crash Sunday during the warmup for the season-opening IRL IndyCar Series race at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

The other driver, Ed Carpenter, was awake and alert at a Miami hospital, IRL officials said.

Dana, 30, a former motorsports journalist with a degree from Northwestern, was a rookie who competed in three IRL races for Ethanol Hemelgarn Racing last year, with a best finish of 10th in the race at Homestead.

The Toyota Indy 300 race ran as scheduled. The team's other two cars — driven by Danica Patrick and Buddy Rice — pulled out of the race.

Dana's wife, Tonya Dana, was in Indianapolis, where the couple lived, and was notified of her husband's death while attending a church service.

"Obviously, this is a very black day for us," Rahal said. "This is a great tragedy."

Carpenter spun and hit the wall moments after the practice began at 10 a.m. EST.



Dana driver

As Carpenter's battered car slid to a stop, Dana slammed into it at almost full speed — about 200 mph.

Dana's car nearly split in half. The chassis flew about 6 feet off the ground, and pieces were strewn down the track. It nearly turned over but landed on its wheels before sliding to a halt.

Buddy Lazier said Dana passed him and Scott Sharp after both slowed because of the accident.

"He carried way too much speed in and wasn't aware of what was going on around him," Lazier said.

Asked about Dana, Tony George, who founded the IRL in

Driver Paul Dana of St. Louis, is seen at the Homestead-Miami Speedway in Homestead, Fla., Saturday March 25. Dana died after a two-car crash Sunday, March 26, 2006, during the warmup for the season-opening IRL IndyCar Series race at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

1995 and is Carpenter's stepfather, said, "I really don't know at this point what happened or who was at fault. It's just a real shame. I don't know that it was inexperience. I don't want to say anything about that."

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"We needed to get some confidence going," Iowa coach Gayle Blevins said.

"We've had some tough road trips, so it's nice to get home, and sleep in your own bed, and only have a 10-minute trip down the road. It was nice for our kids."

The hitters for the Hawkeyes (17-12) were ahead of Masch in the first inning, failing to score despite loading the bases and several long strikes because they were pulling pitches foul. But after loading them again in the second, Mindy Heidergerken sliced one fair, hugging the left-field line for a two-RBI double. Emily Nichols added a sacrifice fly to give the Hawkeyes an early 3-0 lead.

"She was throwing pretty slowly, and we just needed to sit back and wait," Heidergerken said. "That was our problem, early. It's all about relaxing and not pressing to get runs."

Ball State turned the game over to Abby Zollman in the third inning, but the Hawkeyes remained patient at the plate, working counts and stretching both Cardinal pitchers. And despite getting only five hits in the game, two by Erin Riemersma, that was more about balls not finding holes than the Hawkeyes not having good at-bats.

"I felt like we had a lot of good at-bats that didn't result in a base hit or anything," Blevins said.

"There were a lot of balls hit well and straight at someone." Emily Gerlick drove in a fourth run in the third inning, with a single that trickled past Ball State's drawn-in infield. Iowa then went to a double steal for the fifth run; pinch runner Jenna Spratt scrambled home from third as Cardinals' catcher Abby Gross threw down to second to get Gerlick.

Brittany Weil did the rest. The freshman pitcher tossed seven shutout innings, allowing only two hits, with the first not coming until the fifth. Weil struck out six and was in command through out.

"I felt confident because of the defense playing the way it is and our offense scoring runs," she said.

"It's easy to throw." It was the fourth appearance in as many games for Weil, who was forced into action in a 5-3 10-inning win over the weekend.

Weil struck out a career-high 13 batters on March 24 before relieving senior Ali Arnold the next day. Weil and Arnold spilt the action in the second game on March 25, and the freshman finished it off Sunday.

"I felt Ali and Brit did a really nice job for us," Blevins said. "It's a nice combination for us."

So was home-field advantage, nice weather, and some offense.

Hawk bats wake up



Beth Skogen/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Jeff Maitland pitches against Indiana/Purdue-Fort Wayne on March 25 at Duane Banks Field. The Hawkeyes won the first game against the Mastadons, 5-1, but the Mastadons struck back in the second, 1-0.

BASEBALL

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that scored Sweet from second. Jeff Engel added the Hawkeyes' seventh run on a sacrifice fly that drove in Freie from third. Iowa added four more runs in the following inning.

In addition to the numerous contributors on offense, the Hawkeyes got the job done on the mound.

Sweet went five innings and surrendered six hits, three walks, four strikeouts, and one earned run. Chris Zinn, Austin Seward, Steve Turnbull, and Chase Stephens combined to give up one hit and two walks in relief.

"It was outstanding," Price said. "They threw strikes; they made the pitches when they needed to and did a great job, overall, for the whole weekend."

Sweet realizes the importance of finding consistency in the strike zone.

"We know if we throw strikes, we can get people out," he said.

"Defense did really well

again today. If we throw strikes, I think we can beat anybody in the Big Ten."

Iowa will continue nonconference action Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Duane Banks Field with a game against Illinois State, which Iowa defeated, 10-0, on Feb. 25.

"They're going to be coming for us," Price said. "We beat them pretty well the last time we played. We're going to have to bring our game on Wednesday."

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— Nate Price, Iowa Outfielder

MEN'S GYMNASTICS BIG TENS

Reavis steps up in Big Tens

MEN'S GYMNASTICS
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The other Hawkeye winner on day two was coach Tom Dunn. The 25-year coach was named co-Big Ten Coach of the Year, sharing the honor with Ohio State's Miles Avery.

Dunn said the award was due in large part to Iowa's strong showing on day one of the championships, March 24. The first evening of competition was for team and individual all-around competition.

Iowa took third as a team, scoring 213.8 points, its second highest total of the year. Ohio State finished first with a mark of 215.625.

"We probably didn't have quite the talent of Illinois or Ohio State, and we were still pretty competitive," Dunn said.

Reavis rallied to take third-place in the all-around on the first evening after struggling in his second event, the pommel horse. He was penalized for a fall and concluded with a 7.75 pommel score. Strong showings of third in the floor exercise and sixth in rings and high bar helped push his score back up. Illinois' Justin Spring won the all-around with a total of 54.150, topping Reavis by a full point.

The top eight finishers in each of the six events held March 24 advanced to compete on day two for individual titles.

In addition to Reavis, six other Hawks made the cut. Matt Beiler paired with his

floor-exercise-winning teammate as the only Iowans to medal. He finished second in the rings, with a 9.437.

"I am very happy with my Big Ten championships," said Reavis about his final performance in Iowa City before graduating in May. "I really relish this moment."

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Cinderella stuns UConn

BY JOSEPH WHITE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — George Mason's players stood on the press table, waving their jerseys to the crowd. Coach Jim Larranaga walked around with the nylon net around his neck.

It won't be the same old schools from the same old conferences at this year's Final Four — certainly not top-seeded Connecticut.

Buoyed by a partisan crowd and playing some 20 miles from their campus, 11th-seeded George Mason overcame huge disadvantages in size, athleticism, and history Sunday to stun the Huskies, 86-84, in overtime, ending a stranglehold that big-time programs have enjoyed for 27 years in college basketball's biggest showcase.

Improbable as it may seem, the powers-that-be are going to have to make room for a suburban commuter school from Fairfax, Va., that was a dicey choice to make the NCAA Tournament as an at-large team.

"I was kidding with one of my assistants," Larranaga said. "We're not just an at-large team, we're an at-extra-large. And if we win today, we're going to be an at-extra-double-large. I can't tell you how much fun I'm having."

The Patriots overcame their deficiencies with heart and tenacity. They were never rattled, even when they trailed by 12 late in the first half and nine early in the second.

'We're not just an at-large team, we're an at-extra-large.

And if we win today, we're going to be an at-extra-double-large. I can't tell you how much fun I'm having.'

— Jim Larranaga, coach

They hit six straight 3-pointers in the second half, shot 5-for-6 in overtime, and outrebounded UConn 37-34 even though the Huskies have three starters taller than any of the Patriots' frontcourt players.

There was also motivation from Larranaga, who fired up his team during time-outs by telling them that UConn's players didn't even know which conference George Mason is in.

"That's a little bit of disrespect," guard Tony Skinn said. "Coach told us the CAA stands for 'Connecticut Assassin Association.'"

Of course, as more people are learning, CAA stands for Colonial Athletic Association, a league that has never had a team get this far before. The Patriots (27-7) are only the second double-digit seed to make the Final Four, matching LSU's run, also as an 11th seed, in 1986. They are the first true outsider to crash the quartet since Penn and Indiana State both got there in 1979.

George Mason next plays No. 3 seed Florida in Saturday's semifinals in Indianapolis. This marks the first time since the field was expanded to 64 teams in 1985 that no top-seeded team advanced to the Final Four and the second time in tournament history.

The Patriots' at-large selection was roundly criticized by many, including CBS commentator Billy Packer. George Mason's fans chanted Packer's name in the postgame celebration.

"I think it's been working for us, calling us Cinderella," Skinn said. "We were not supposed to get into the tournament; we got into it. We were not supposed to beat Michigan State, and we beat it. Weren't supposed to beat North Carolina, and we beat it. We definitely weren't supposed to beat UConn. I think we'll stick to the script going into whoever we play. We don't mind being the Cinderella."

All five Mason starters finished in double figures. Jai Lewis had 20, and Lamar Butler and Will Thomas each scored 19. Larranaga's team kept the same five players in the game from the 10:37 mark of regulation to the very end of overtime. Butler was chosen as the most outstanding player of the regional, and he and his father were in tears as they hugged at length on the court after the game.



Gerald Herbert/Associated Press

George Mason's Jai Lewis and teammates celebrate their 86-84 overtime victory over UConn in the NCAA Tournament in Washington on Sunday. Connecticut's Hilton Armstrong is at right.

Gators bite Villanova

BY DAVE CAMPBELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS — Joakim Noah and the rest of Florida's sophomores were simply too strong for the last No. 1 seed standing.

With a 75-62 win over top-seeded Villanova in the Minneapolis Regional on Sunday, the young Gators are going to the Final Four a lot sooner than anyone would have thought.

Noah had 21 points, 15 rebounds, and five blocks to lead the third-seeded Gators. Fellow sophomore Al Horford added 12 points and 15 rebounds, and Taurean Green scored 19 points for the Gators (31-6), who will play No. 11 seed George Mason on Saturday in the national semifinals in Indianapolis.

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Villanova star Randy Foye fouled out with 28.9 seconds left and walked slowly to the bench to hug his coaches and teammates with tears streaming down his face. He carried the Wildcats (28-5) for the second time in three days, without any help from fellow senior Allan Ray.

Foye had 25 points. Ray scored 11 points on 5-for-19 shooting.

This was Florida's eighth

straight trip to the NCAA Tournament under coach Billy Donovan, but so many of his previous teams — minus the national runner-up in 2000 — failed to fulfill their potential in the postseason.

This tight group of sophomores, led by the fiery, pony-tailed Noah, vowed to change that after bonding during their first few weeks on campus. Despite a second-round loss in the tournament last year to Villanova, the Gators are a nation-best 15-1 in March over the last two years.

Noah and Horford were too tough for the Wildcats to use much of the flashy, four-guard attack for which they are known. Foul trouble made it impossible in the second half, as Foye drew his third at the 18-minute mark, Kyle Lowry picked up his fourth with 14 minutes left and Ray's third came soon after.

A smooth, sweeping lay-up across the lane by Ray cut the Gators' lead to 54-47 with seven and a half minutes to go. But after a foul by Will Sheridan, a time-out, and two more free throws by Noah, it was a nine-point edge for Florida. The cap came when Horford,

slowly backing down with the ball in the post as if he were Charles Barkley, spun and dropped an easy pass on the baseline to Noah — who powered up and dunked it for a 66-54 lead with less than 3½ minutes left.

Before that, every time the Gators opened up a healthy lead, the Wildcats came right back.

Ray picked up an early technical foul during a brief tiff for holding the ball in the face of Florida's Walter Hodge, and the Wildcats lost some energy after that — falling behind by as many as 12.

A foul by Ray a little later in the half sent him to the bench and put Green on the line for three shots. Green made two of them to give the Gators a 31-21 lead with 5:46 left before halftime.

Despite shooting 21 percent from the field (8-for-38), Villanova refused to limp into the locker room with a double-digit deficit — as it did two days before in a third-round win over Boston College.

Florida became a bit careless, started getting frustrated with the officials and struggled when the Wildcats used their full-court zone press with Mike Nardi pestering Lee Humphrey at the top. The Gators had 10 first-half turnovers.

Florida failed to make a field goal in the final 4:39, and all of a sudden the Gators led 35-30 at the break.



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DAILY BREAK

“Huh? Who’s that?”

— Golf star Michelle Wie, upon being told that Rush Limbaugh had called her a “triumph of marketing.”

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ANDREW JUHL

Selected excerpts of my students' assessments from my two semesters as a calculus TA

- “Andrew impressed me with how much he taught me because he didn’t seem to know much.”
- “I like how you went too slow enough [sic] for me to understand the homework explanations, but I wish you had gone faster so class would have gotten out early more often.”
- “You were OK. Not great, but not bad, either.”
- “I thought Mr. Juhl was a great TA and I learned a lot from him. I would definitely take this class with him again.”
- “I thought Andrew did a great job of losing weight this semester.”
- “Mr. Juhl is the worst TA I have ever had.”
- “I think Mr. Juhl is the best TA I have ever had.”
- “I liked Andrew. He taught me without making me feel dumb for not understanding what he was teaching me. He also owns two of the same shirts as me, so I know he’s an OK guy.”
- “I don’t think Andrew understands calculus any better than me.”
- “This TA angered me on a daily basis because I am not a calculus person.”
- “I have no opinion of Andrew. He seems smart.”
- “I think I could take Andrew in a fight. He’s got maybe 40 [pounds] on me, but I’m faster than him and would sink so low as to use a hidden switch-blade.”

— Andrew R. Juhl uses calculus every day in his job. Really. No, not really. E-mail him at: andrew-juhl@uiowa.edu

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- UI law students help clean up New Orleans
- Moonlighting in Iowa City: late-night jobs
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- Iowa Wrestler Ty Eustice
- Iowa Wrestling: NCAA Wrestling Championships Final Day
- Iowa Wrestling: NCAA Wrestling

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DI POLL
Log on to answer this week’s poll question:

Should the Iowa City Fire Department be more strict in enforcing fire codes?

Results from last week’s poll:

Should Iowa keep Steve Alford as basketball coach? (66%) Yes (34%) No

Sports Point/counterpoint:

Should the World Baseball Classic continue? 80% Yes 20% No 79 votes

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horoscopes Monday, March 27, 2006 — by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Deception is prominent in your chart today. If you feel the least bit suspicious, don’t make a comment or decision. Someone may be trying to trap you into divulging information that may harm you in the future.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can write your own ticket today if you go about things diplomatically. You will be able to come up with solutions and help people who will be indebted to you. A problem with someone in your family may require your attention.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You must be careful not to become so exuberant that you lead someone down a path with no ending. A relationship problem may get out hand if you are too aggressive.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You have everyone in your corner, so don’t hesitate now when you can gain the most. Take advantage of business travel opportunities. Plan a social evening to celebrate your victory.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Spend time fixing things up around your home. This is a great day to look at real estate or to invest. A chance to become involved in a business partnership looks good. Set careful rules and boundaries.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You’ll be drawn into some interesting conversations today, but be careful not to be a know-it-all. A dispute could break out, leaving you in a precarious position. A creative idea you have will go over well at work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can make some significant headway in your professional goals. An innovative approach to something you’ve been doing will bring new life and meaning to your work. Communication, travel, and being things in perspective will pay off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Social or industry events will lead to a chance meeting with someone who will lift your spirits. You will realize what you’ve been missing all along and will enjoy expanding your thoughts with people who have something interesting to offer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don’t be fooled into thinking that everyone is on your side. Emotional matters will escalate if you decide to deal with them today. It may be a good time to cash in an investment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): There is money to be made if you are quick to react to a new idea or project. Take the lead position. Today is all about progress and taking action, something you do very well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be haunted by something from your childhood. Be honest with yourself, and you will be able to overcome anything your face. Straightforward, honest action will be what saves you from making matters worse.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The truth will be discovered, and if you have been embellishing, you can expect to have to ‘fess up. There will be lots of disappointment from those who have trusted you. Put pending problems behind you, and move on.

PATV Public Access Television cable channel 18

- 7 a.m. Democracy Now
- 11 Democracy Now
- Noon Video Franchising Senate Committee Part 1
- 1:25 p.m. Video Franchising Senate Committee Part 2
- 2:30 JJ Alberhasky United Action for Youth Benefit Show
- 3:30 The Bridges at Kent Park
- 3:55 Boots
- 4 Seed of Faith
- 5 U.N. Report
- 5:30 p.m.: Dispelling the Myths
- 6:30 SCTV Calendar
- 7 Education Exchange
- 7:30 Live & Local
- 8 PATV Reserved
- 8:30 Nancy Cree Keyboard Highlights
- 9 30 Minutes
- 9:30 Bread of Life
- 10 Wocidj March 8
- 10:20 Rabid Camel Productions
- 10:30 Veg Video
- 11:30 Late Night with 007
- 12:20 a.m. Dr. Geneva Gay at WPC 2005

UITV schedule Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

- 3 p.m. “Live from Prairie Lights,” Mark Bittner
- 4 Jim Licko, The Distinction between Public Relations and Corporate Communication
- 5 Pietra Rivoli, The Travels of a T-Shirt in the Global Economy
- 6 The Best of “Know the Score 2006”
- 6:30 Ueye No. 9
- 7 “Live from Prairie Lights,” Mark Bittner
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- 9 Pietra Rivoli, The Travels of a T-Shirt in the Global Economy
- 10 The Best of “Know the Score 2006”
- 10:30 DITV News, *The Daily Iowan* Daily News Update
- 10:40 Ueye No. 9
- 11 “Live from Prairie Lights,” Mark Bittner

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today’s events

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- Career Services, Expo Activation Session, noon and 3 p.m., C310 Pomerantz Career Center
- International Mondays, “How To Appreciate Hindu Deities,” Mani Rao, noon, Iowa City Public Library Meeting Room A, 123 S. Linn
- Children of Uganda, 12:30 p.m., UIHC Collo-ton Atrium
- Human Rights in Cross-Cultural Perspective, 12:30 p.m., Gilmore Hall third-floor atrium
- “Organize! 100 Years of Working People’s History in Song,” 3:30 p.m., E146 Adler Building
- Still Remains, If Hope Dies, Nodes of Ranvier, and Demericus, 6 p.m., Gabe’s, 330 E. Washington
- FastTrac NewVenture Entrepreneurial Training Program, 6:30 p.m., W107 Pappajohn Business Building
- “Almost Home: Changing Aging in America,” 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- Darwin’s Nightmare, 7 p.m., Bijou
- “Live from Prairie Lights,” James Reston Jr., 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque, and WSUI
- 2001 Boston Brass, 7:30 p.m., West High School, 2901 Melrose Ave.
- All-Star Gig, Jon Klinkowitz, Saul Lubaroff, Nate Basinger, Ed English, and Jim Viner, 8 p.m., George’s, 312 E. Market
- Keiko Kotoku, marimba, 8 p.m., Voxman Music Building Harper Hall
- Open Mike with Jay Knight, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- The U.S. in World Affairs: Public Lecture Series, T.R. Reid, 8 p.m., 1505 Seamans Center
- Be Here to Love Me, 9:15 p.m., Bijou

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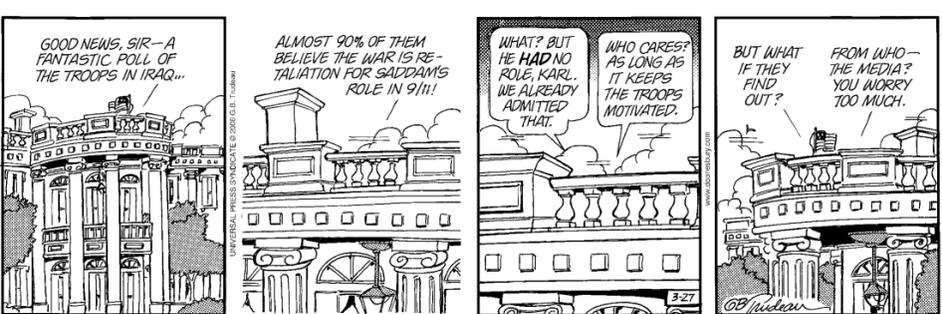
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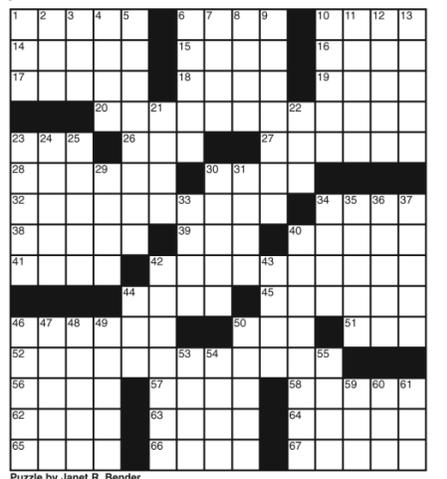


The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0213

- ACROSS**
- 1 Lighting drink
 - 6 High bulb unit
 - 10 Howled, as the wind
 - 14 Graduation march composer
 - 15 Type of textbook market
 - 16 Four-star review
 - 17 John who made plows
 - 18 Grad
 - 19 9:00-5:30 store sign
 - 20 Amusement park ride with organ music
 - 23 ___ Beta Kappa
 - 26 Existed
 - 27 Offers dessert, as to a dieter
 - 28 Hero of a Virgil epic
 - 30 Comedian Mort
 - 32 Toy that bounces weirdly
 - 34 Play divisions
 - 38 Arduous journeys
 - 39 Bolt attachment
 - 40 Mensa-suitable
 - 41 Concerning
 - 42 Counterfeit cash
 - 44 Skirt bottoms
 - 45 Roof attachment seen less often these days
 - 46 Take to a higher court
 - 50 Having ridden one too many times on a 20-Across, say
 - 51 Canonized mlle.
 - 52 Seashore bird with a distinctive cry
 - 56 Humorist Bombeck
 - 57 Christmas carol
 - 58 Not inner
 - 62 Use the library
- DOWN**
- 1 Letters after a prefix
 - 2 Suffix with sched-
 - 3 What birthday candles signify
 - 4 Old MacDonald’s property
 - 5 Most interstates
 - 6 Has on
 - 7 Partner in war
 - 8 Hoodlum
 - 9 Dalton who played 007
 - 10 Janitor’s tool
 - 11 Receive with enthusiasm
 - 12 Media attraction
 - 13 Pursues, as one’s way
 - 21 Coarse file
 - 22 Aunt or uncle, e.g.: Abbr.
 - 23 Rotini or linguine
 - 24 People named in wills
 - 25 Small bay
 - 29 Nevada county
 - 30 Astonishes
 - 31 Env. abbr.
 - 33 E pluribus ___
 - 34 Valentine’s Day cherub
 - 35 ___ Major



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TENSEDAYOKE
ERICASSEZERSE
HUTTSETS
CPORAMATTO
MARITIMENATIONS
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LOVEMELOVEMYDOG

- 36 Bonbon, e.g.
- 37 Baroque or rococo
- 40 Detect with the nose
- 42 Cougars and such
- 43 River to Korea Bay
- 44 “Take that!”
- 46 Watchful
- 47 French city, in song
- 48 Cougars
- 49 “Oh, no!”
- 50 Eskimo dwelling
- 53 ___ contendere (court plea)
- 54 Stones on rings
- 55 Old instrument that’s strummed
- 59 Boy king of ancient Egypt
- 60 “To ___ is human”
- 61 Genetic material, for short

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