



UI graduate students in the Master's Media Project spent the spring semester investigating the soon-to-open Riverside Casino and Golf Resort and the contentious referendum that divided the small Washington County town.

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Welcome back, Old Cap

BY LEE HERMISTON
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Old Capitol is new again. After nearly four and a half years, the local landmark will reopen its doors to students, faculty, and visitors alike.

Saturday's celebration marks the first time the general public will be allowed in the 165-year-

old building since a November 2001 fire torched the Capitol's dome, capula, and bell tower. Further damages resulted from the estimated 40,000 to 50,000 gallons of water blasted into the building to extinguish the flames.

The nearly \$10 million in damages resulted when workers from EnviroSafe Air used open-flame

torches to remove asbestos from the Old Capitol roof, despite warnings from UI officials.

The restoration was split into three phases, Facilities Management project manager Gary Nagle said. Phase one involved replacing the now-incinerated lid with a new 12,000-pound golden dome, which emerged

from behind scaffolding for the first time in May 2003.

In the second phase, holes were drilled into walls and hollowed-out columns to relieve the structure of its pent up moisture. The third phase added new restrooms, offices, galleries and installed new

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OLD CAPITOL REOPENS

Come check out the Old Capitol Reopening Celebration on Saturday in the Pentacrest:

- 9:15 a.m., musical tribute by Collegium Tubum
- 9:30 a.m., special Celebration Program
- 10:30 a.m., official reopening followed by tours
- 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., family activities and entertainment

N-word roils law school

BY MASON KERNS
THE DAILY IOWAN

A UI law professor who recited a passage containing racial epithets during a lecture has some students questioning his conduct, and the incident has spurred larger discussions regarding diversity and alleged ethnic insensitivity at the predominantly white College of Law.



Gerald Wetlaufer read an excerpt from Robert A. Caro's *The Years of Lyndon Johnson: Master of the Senate* to his Negotiations class on March 29. The UI Black Law Students Association and other students sent a letter to UI President David Skorton April 24, contending that Wetlaufer recited the passage, which contained "nigger" numerous times, "loudly and dramatically ... [providing] no preface to this speech [nor a] disclaimer about the language."

Wetlaufer

UI law professor

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Many Iowa City businesses will see an increase in sales during finals week



Rachel Mummy/The Daily Iowan

UI art and theater grad student Jae Hee Kim (left) looks at a selection of oil paints with the help of Blick employee Bunny Donovan on Thursday. Kim, a costume designer, needed the art supplies to finish her end-of-term projects.

FINALS = CASH REGISTERS BUZZING

BY REBECCA MCKANNA
THE DAILY IOWAN

As finals week nears, many Iowa City businesses say they expect to see an upswing in sales, with customers buying goods ranging from art supplies to porn.

Yes, porn. Sales at the Pleasure Palace, 315 Kirkwood Ave.,

increase during finals week, said Laura Matthes, a back-up manager.

"We usually see a \$100-a-day spike in sales around finals," she said. "There are a lot of bar crawls finals week, and a lot of them come to the store at bar close."

John Solow, a UI associate professor of economics, said stores' spikes in business are

due to a unique form of seasonal fluctuation and demand. "It's a very peculiar and narrow season," he said. "Usually, you think of a season as longer than a week or so."

The short period of high demand creates a tradeoff for businesses, he said.

"You want to build enough capacity to meet all your customers, but, on the other

hand, you don't want to build for the peak times, because most of the time that space will be empty," Solow said.

Most businesses build their capacity to accommodate average times, he said, and this accounts for the long lines and crowding you see at establishments such as Java House during finals time.

The manager of Blick Art

Materials, Old Capitol Town Center, Craig Carman, said the store has seen a marked increase in traffic, as many students buy materials for their final projects and presentations.

"The pace seems to quicken at the end of the semester," he said. "We usually see about 120 customers a day, but that

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LETTER DETAILS

The UI Black Law Students Association and other concerned students sent a letter on April 24 to President David Skorton recommending that the College of Law take steps to remedy the Wetlaufer situation and making "near-future" suggestions to address "greater diversity concerns."

SHORT-TERM REQUESTS INCLUDE, AMONG OTHERS:

- A published policy pertaining to professor and student conduct in class regarding discussions of diversity issues, including, but not limited to, race, gender, class, and sexual orientation; also, procedures for students to express grievances resulting from noncompliance.
- An immediate written apology from Gerald Wetlaufer acknowledging he failed to provide a context for using a racial epithet and failed to properly respond to the concerned student and the class.

'NEAR-FUTURE' RECOMMENDATIONS:

- The faculty and staff at the College of Law participate in diversity training on an annual basis.
- Require diversity training for all new law school students during the orientation week.
- The college make genuine efforts to increase diversity among its faculty and staff.
- The newly established diversity committee assess the law school community and curriculum.

More tuition hikes may be on the way

BY SAM EDSILL
THE DAILY IOWAN



Skorton
UI president



McElligott
UISG president

UI students may soon be facing larger tuition increases than anticipated.

The state Board of Regents asked university leaders on Thursday to look for extra dollars to cover pay raises for staff and faculty and to deal

with rising energy costs. The money could be raised through a spike in tuition, which UI officials had hoped to hold to 4 percent. A midyear tuition increase has also not been ruled out.

The decision came after the state Legislature gave

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TRANSFORMATION PLAN FUNDING

The Iowa Legislature gave the state Board of Regents \$40 million for the transformation plan. Regents had asked for all of it to be general-use funds. Here's how the money breaks down:

- \$11 MILLION: general-use money. The UI will get \$4.5 million.
- \$9 MILLION: specific projects. The UI will get \$3.5 million.
- \$20 MILLION: economic-development funding for biosciences, as outlined in the Battelle Report. Regents will decide how much to give each university.

DI/SUSPENDS 2

"The Ledge" column published by *The Daily Iowan* on May 1 appears to have been taken from a website without appropriate attribution. In response to this, the publisher of the *DI* has placed Editor Jennifer Sturm and Managing Editor Alex Lang on leave with pay pending a complete investigation by Student Publications Inc., the *DI*'s Board of Directors. Editor-select Meghan Sims will serve as acting editor-in-chief for the remainder of the 2005-06 academic year.

LATE MAGIC

The Hawkeye baseball team is hoping to spark a late-season hot streak. **1B**



RENEWING POWER

A "dream home" on the North Side will live on the sunny side of power. **2A**

ALL GRACE

Combine a Jewish sculptor, an adventurous priest, and a Catholic church high in the French Alps, and you have a graceful play. **9A**

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Partly sunny, windy

Dream home sports renewables



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Roger Laughlin, son of Don Laughlin, prepares the southward facing roof for this weekend's installation of panels for thermal solar system at the Laughlin's Church Street residence on Thursday. The solar-panel system will provide the home's heating and hot water. The house is also said to be "super-insulated" for increased energy conservation.

BY JASON PULLIAM
THE DAILY IOWAN

Don Laughlin hopes the new house he is building on Iowa City's North Side will be much more than a place to call home.

The former UI Hospitals and Clinics biomedical engineer wants his new digs to be a laboratory for people to learn about solar power and expanded applications for renewable energy.

To that end, Laughlin's house, 827 E. Church St., will play host to a Iowa Renewable Energy Association weekend workshop, where attendees can get hands on experience installing two thermal solar systems.

The project's mid-summer completion will mark the culmination of a vision Laughlin, 83, has had for years. From conception to construction, it's enabled him to brand the endeavor a family-driven enterprise.

Laughlin collaborated with wife Lois Laughlin and son Roger Laughlin on the home's blueprint, and Roger Laughlin used his 15 years of architectural design and home-building experience to handle the construction.

Standing inside the partially completed main floor of the house Thursday morning, Roger Laughlin spoke in earnest of the opportunity.

"It's a house he's wanted for 30 years," he said. "I'm happy to help him build his dream house."

When completed, heating and hot water will be supplied by a thermal solar system fed by 14 panels mounted atop the building's roof.

The super-insulated, energy efficient edifice isn't Don Laughlin's first renewable energy undertaking. His current home in Springdale, Iowa, gets its electricity via solar power and a small wind turbine.

He hopes people see a more sensible approach to energy consumption

when they spot the solar panels mounted atop his roof.

"Eventually, our fuels are going to run out," he said. "The question I have is: How are all of these homes in Iowa City going to be powered?"

While interest in green technologies has grown in recent years, renewables, such as solar, wind, geothermal, biofuels, and hydro power, make up only 3 percent of energy consumption in Iowa, according to the U.S. Department of Energy's most recent data.

Dave Evans, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources' solar initiatives leader, said the state has just begun to realize the potential for such energy.

"We get as much solar radiation as Hilo, Hawaii," he said. "I think that kind of surprises people, when they hear that."

Solar panels can get pricey, but Evans said systems like the one that will heat Laughlin's water are cost-competitive with

SOLAR POWER

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conventional systems.

It's an idea Don Laughlin — whose well-worn blue, paint-splashed Chicago Cubs hat symbolizes his work promoting sustainability — hopes will spread.

"People who really understand the energy issue are going to really like it," he said. "It will take some getting used to, but I hope we see more of it."

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'Last hurrah' for low interest loans

BY EMILEIGH BARNES
THE DAILY IOWAN

Act now, or forever lose low-interest rates.

So it seems for students who want to combine their student or parent loans before federal policy changes July 1, preventing non-graduated students from melding their debt into a single, fixed-interest payment.

Students who fail to do so could end up doling out an extra \$5,000, or \$22 per payment, over the life of the loan, said Eric Solomon, a spokesman for Nelnet, an education-finance company based in Lincoln, Neb.

"It's a huge deal," he said, describing the few weeks before the rate change as a "last hurrah" for those who borrow. "Those rates are going to go up."

Still, there is time.

Students who act quickly can consolidate what they've borrowed and lock in interest rates, which have recently been at all-time lows.

Usually \$7,500 of debt accrued from more than one source is required in order to consolidate loans, Solomon said.

Should students combine the loans, they could use a grace period, where they neither make payments nor gain interest on loans.

"Right now, [full-time students] can take advantage of the lower rates," said Marc Davis, a UI student loans supervisor.

At the same time, interest rates — which alter each year — are moving from locked rates to a rate that fluctuates with

NEED LOAN CONSOLIDATION ADVICE?

The UI doesn't have a specified program, but some of its loans are eligible for consolidation. Agencies to contact include:

- Sallie Mae: (888) 272-5543
- Iowa Student Loan Liquidity Corp.: (800) 243-7552
- Nelnet: (808) 496-4722
- William D. Ford Direct Loan Consolidation: (800) 577-7392

the economic climate.

The move is part of President Bush's Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, which passed in December 2005 and is suspected to trim \$11.9 billion in federal spending by 2010.

As proposed, it represents the largest cut in financial-aid history.

Federally funded Stafford loans are currently at 4.7 percent, while Parent Loans for

Undergraduate Students are at 6.1 percent.

Judging by current conditions, those numbers are "very likely to go up," Davis said.

Students with questions or seeking assistance in the consolidation process can contact agencies such as Nelnet, Sallie Mae, or Iowa Student Loan Liquidity Corporation.

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METRO

Search panel gets 1 more member

The state Board of Regents agreed to add an additional person to the UI presidential-search committee Thursday, bringing total membership to 19.

Regent Teresa Wahlert, the committee chairwoman, will select a member from Service Employees International Union Local 199, which represents 2,000 health-care workers at the UI Hospitals and Clinics.

That decision came as the regents unanimously approved the

committee, which includes four regents and seven faculty members, as well as Barbara Cannon of AFSCME Local 12.

Wahlert said the additional member was added after Local 199 representatives contacted her shortly before the meeting. The union was the only group that did not respond to requests

for nominations to the committee.

The union's government-affairs director, Sarah Swisher, said the group has a vested interest in the search and looks forward to being involved on the committee.

The search panel's first meeting will be May 12 in Iowa City.

— by Sam Edsill

CORRECTIONS

In the May 4 article "Education funding, teachers' pay pass" *The Daily Iowan* reported the Legislature's recently approved \$35 million in teacher-pay increases will go into effect for fiscal 2008. The money will go into effect for fiscal 2007.

In the May 4 brief "New rec-center costs rise," *The Daily Iowan* reported the proposed recreation facility added 208,000 square feet to the original design. The facility's total square footage will be 208,000 including recent additions.

POLICE BLOTTER

Uwem Iniaya, 35, address unknown, was charged Wednesday with criminal trespass.

Rusty Roling, 44, 424 S. Johnson St., was charged Wednesday with improper use of 911, joint criminal conduct, assault on police/fire/EMT personnel, interference with official acts, and assault on a peace officer with intent to injure.

Nathan Scheib, 28, Coralville, was charged Thursday with OWI.

Clinton Walker, 40, 4752 560th St. S.E., was charged Wednesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Michael Webb, 22, 910 W. Benton St. Apt. 116, was charged Monday with second-degree theft by check.

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Local educators eye changes

BY DANNY VALENTINE
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa City educators responded Thursday to a pair of changes that will soon take hold in their schools, applauding a measure to take away sugary sodas and expressing concern about uniform graduation standards.

Under the freshly passed state legislation, students in the 2010-11 graduation year will have to take four years of English and three years of social studies, science, and math.

"It's a global economy. We need to prepare students to compete all over the world," Sen. Robert Dvorsky, D-Coralville,

said. "It's only going to have an impact on a few districts."

The statewide changes mark a departure from the standard of school-board governance which Iowa City schools have enjoyed in the past.

"I won't say it is the death knell for local control, but we are moving toward state standards, like the other 49 states," said Mark Hanson, the City High principal. "The local control is being given up."

School Board member Jan Leff said she wasn't thrilled the district was losing the ability to set its own graduation requirements but said the Iowa City school system was in the

process of altering them anyway.

The new measure would not affect many local students, she said, noting 82 percent of district students already take the number of requirements now required by the state.

"In almost all ways, our schools have stronger requirements than most of the other schools in the state," she said.

Although district officials are critical of the statewide education reforms, they are happy with this week's decision to rid their schools of high-calorie drinks.

Soda companies agreed to sell only healthier options in

schools, agreeing to withhold their carbonated offerings above 100 calories per serving.

"I definitely think it's a step in the right direction," Leff said. "I think, perhaps, we should remove all drinks from the schools."

The move by major soda companies to get rid of sugary drinks comes a year before all school districts are required to have a wellness plan in place.

Leff said the district's wellness plan might also reduce the number of snacks available to students.

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Air-packs used in Sago Mine under scrutiny

BY VICKI SMITH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BUCKHANNON, W.Va. — A mine safety expert said Thursday that air packs recovered from the Sago Mine had not been used to full capacity before trapped miners discarded them, provoking an angry response from victims' relatives.

Russell Bennett, whose father was one of the 11 miners who died from carbon-monoxide poisoning during the 41 hours it took rescuers to reach them, said it's the job of federal investigators to find out why the air packs were not fully used.

"None of them was used up 100 percent, and that should tell you that ... that's unacceptable," Bennett said.

"And I agree with you," replied the expert, John Urosek. "I think that's a question in all of our minds."

Urosek, a ventilation expert for the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration, testified on the third and final day of hearings into the Jan. 2 explosion.

He said the devices, known as self-rescuers, activated when the 12 men tried them, but

tests revealed that the amount of chemicals used to create oxygen varied widely, from just 25 percent to 75 percent.

Only one miner, Randall McCloy Jr., was carried out of the mine alive. In a letter to the families of those killed, McCloy wrote that four of the air packs did not work and the crew was forced to share. The packs are designed to provide up to an hour's worth of oxygen.

Neither mining agency nor state investigators have interviewed McCloy, who Urosek said is the key to questions surrounding the air packs.

For now, investigators know the air packs "did react," he said. "They did start when the miners tried them."

At least two miners who were part of a second crew in the mine escaped the blast and told investigators they, too, struggled with their air packs.

United Mine Workers President Cecil Roberts demanded federal regulators require coal companies to give miners the equipment they need to survive, including tracking and communication devices and more oxygen supplies.

METRO & STATE

Charges dropped against brother in textbook scam

Charges have been dismissed against a Cedar Rapids man accused of involvement in a stolen textbook scam.

Nathan Poisel, 28, was arrested last spring after being connected to the textbook ring reportedly led by brother Aaron Poisel, 32. Nathan Poisel's attorney told a judge Thursday his client did not understand the true nature of the situation.

Poisel and three other accomplices who pleaded guilty to various charges for their roles in the scheme reportedly took textbooks allegedly stolen by Aaron Poisel and resold them for profit. The more than 500 transactions, which exceeded \$50,000, took place between October 2002 and February 2005.

Nathan Poisel's case was dismissed after Assistant Johnson County Attorney David Tiffany concluded there was minimal evidence of Poisel's knowledge.

"[Dismissing the case] was the best thing Mr. Tiffany could have done," said defense attorney Frank Santiago. "Nathan was used by his brother."

— by Meghan V. Malloy

Area man claims malpractice killed spouse

A West Liberty man is suing three area doctors he holds responsible for his wife's September 2004 death.

Homer Zulaica, 57, alleged in a civil lawsuit his late wife, Lucille Zulaica, died because of medical negligence that began in September 2004, after she noticed a patch of redness and swelling on her right thigh.

Lucille Zulaica, who went into septic shock and died at Mercy Hospital on September 20, 2004, was initially treated by Anthony Colby, who diagnosed her with a "skin abscess," according to the lawsuit. She was later seen by Michael J. Franklin and Darwin Peterson at Mercy Hospital, 500 E. Market St., when her condition did not improve.

Homer Zulaica is seeking an unspecified amount in damages.

A representative for Mercy Hospital could not be reached Thursday, and calls to Colby's residence were not returned Thursday.

Peterson said he was not aware of the lawsuit, as of Thursday night, and declined comment.

— by Meghan V. Malloy

Man acquitted in rape case

An Iowa City man arrested for rape in September 2005 was acquitted of the charge on Wednesday.

Asuncion Fuentes, 45, was charged with sexual abuse in the third

degree after a woman told police he raped her at the Alpha of Iowa Inc. factory, 2258 Heinz Road, where both were employed, police records show.

The incident occurred after the factory supervisor left on a lunch break and told Fuentes he was in charge, according to police records. The woman accused Fuentes of then raping her in a storage room.

Fuentes told police at the time of his arrest he thought the Aug. 28 act had been consensual.

He was also charged with possession of cocaine, but the charge was later dismissed, according to online court records.

— by Meghan V. Malloy

Woman charged with child endangerment

An Iowa City woman faces child-endangerment charges after she allowed a sex offender to live in her apartment among her two minor children.

Dekesha Herman, 29, was arrested Wednesday after police received a tip a registered sex offender was living with her and her children.

Iowa City police Sgt. Doug Hart said the sex offender was observed dropping Herman's children off at daycare.

Hart said the sex offender was not at the residence when Herman was arrested but said he expects the man to be arrested in the future, once he is located.

The children did not report being abused by the man, at this point, Hart said.

The relationship between Herman and the man is unknown, but Hart said, "right now, we just know they knew each other previously."

As of Thursday evening, Herman was not being held in the Johnson County jail.

Child endangerment is an aggravated misdemeanor and is punishable by up to two years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000.

— by Rebecca McKanna

Oskaloosa teen kills friend, himself

OSKALOOSA, Iowa (AP) — The son of an Iowa National Guard recruiter killed his 13-year-old friend with a military-style rifle then killed himself with a bullet to the head, police and family members said Thursday.

Joseph Ballantyne, 17, killed Brandon Bunnell on Wednesday night in Bunnell's garage, then shot himself in the back yard. Ballantyne died Thursday night at an Iowa City hospital, his mother said.

Police are investigating whether the shooting was accidental.

Police Chief Jake McGee said the gun — a semiautomatic assault rifle — came from Ballantyne's house, though investigators have not confirmed if Ballantyne's father owned the rifle.

Al Bunnell Sr., the victim's grandfather, said he found three bullet holes in the garage where his grandson was found at about 6:35 p.m. Wednesday.

Bunnell Sr. said the two teens were friends but is not sure what led to the shooting.

"There was no arguments, and why he would do it, I don't know," said Bunnell Sr., who lived at the home with his daughter and grandson.

"I don't understand the three bullet holes in the wall."

A third teenager was in the house during the incident and has been questioned, but police say he was apparently not involved in the shooting.

Waterloo mother, baby sitter arrested

WATERLOO (AP) — A Waterloo mother and a baby sitter have been arrested following a small fire that started while two children were left home alone.

Heather Blackledge, 31, had hired Candace Wood, 24, to watch her 6- and 8-year-old sons while she worked.

Police said the baby sitter left the home about an hour before

Blackledge arrived on April 28, and the children then apparently set a plastic spatula on fire.

According to court records, the 8-year-old received serious injuries to his arm when they tried to extinguish the fire, which did not damage the home.

Blackledge discovered what happened when she arrived but did not seek medical attention for her child, records state.

Officials with the Iowa Department of Human Services later notified police of the incident, and Blackledge and Wood were charged Wednesday with child endangerment.

Wood told police she left the children alone because she was tired and wanted to sleep, records state. Police said she often would leave the children alone before the mother returned.

Woman kicked out of buffet for not clearing plate

DES MOINES (AP) — Wendy Dershem may think twice before leaving that egg roll on her plate at her next Chinese buffet.

The Des Moines woman, her boyfriend, and her two children were kicked out of a restaurant last week after management accused her of leaving too much food on her plate.

"They told us we are not welcome there anymore," said Dershem, a repeat customer at the Dragon House buffet. "We waste too much food. But the buffet is all you can eat. And you know kids. They won't always eat everything, and they want something else."

Dershem said she paid her \$5.95 fee on April 29 but was abruptly told to leave after eating one plate of food.

Employees said they had been watching her family on previous trips to the restaurant and were fed up with her habits.

"They just take one bite and throw it away," said cashier Lin Huyen. "They take four egg rolls and crab ragoon, take one bite of egg roll and throw the whole plate. That is wasting food."

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Math graduate student Colin McKinney clarifies a point made in class to junior premed/biochemistry major Rebecca Sparrow-Gibbs on Thursday afternoon. For their last day of class, McKinney decided to have class outside because "Colin's fun like that," said Sparrow-Gibbs.

Moussaoui tries to explain anger

BY MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN
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ALEXANDRIA, Va. — An unrepentant yet very different Zacarias Moussaoui showed up to speak when he was sentenced Thursday to life in prison.

For a few minutes on the witness stand, he put aside the venom, the stilted abusive epithets, and even the clownish witticisms that have characterized his often-turbulent and sometimes shocking court appearances for more than four years.

The 37-year-old Frenchman, whose words got him in more trouble than his deeds, put aside his prepared remarks and spoke soberly and quietly to three relatives of 9/11 victims in the courtroom. He acknowledged rather than relished their pain and tried to explain the anger that he and other Qaeda terrorists feel toward Americans.

Moments earlier, these three relatives stood in court, faced Moussaoui and described loved ones lost when Qaeda hijackers crashed four jetliners into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field on Sept. 11, 2001.

Rosemary Dillard, who lost her husband, Eddie, at the Pentagon told Moussaoui: "You wrecked my life, you wrecked my career. You took the most important person in my life from me. I live alone. I think of that man every day."

Moussaoui sat in his chair staring at Dillard and the other family witnesses, Abraham Scott and Lisa Dolan, betraying no emotion as they spoke. Then he took the stand for no more than five minutes.

"She said I destroyed her life and she lost her husband," Moussaoui said of Dillard. "Maybe one day she can think about how many people the CIA has destroyed. ... You have an amount of hypocrisy which is beyond any belief. Your humanity is a very selective humanity. Only you suffer; only you feel."

Prosecutor Rob Spencer objected Moussaoui was giving a political speech. Brinkema agreed and told him to discuss the sentence.

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— Zacarias Moussaoui, sentenced to life in prison

up: "You don't want to hear the truth."

He called the trial "a wasted opportunity for this country to understand ... why people like me, like [hijacker] Mohamed Atta and the rest have so much hatred for you."

"As long as you don't want to hear, you will feel, America," he said. "If you don't want to hear, you will feel" pain.

"God curse America and save Osama bin Laden. You will never get him."

Twice in this trial Moussaoui himself passed up opportunities to deliver this message. Once he took the stand to recant four-year-long claims that he had nothing to do with 9/11 and assert he was to hijack a fifth jetliner that day and fly into the White House. His own defense attorneys, the prosecutors, and even the judge have since questioned the truth of part or all of that testimony.

Later, he shocked the courtroom with testimony mocking and relishing the pain of 9/11 victims. In that appearance he fleetingly suggested U.S. foreign policy was partly to blame for violence in Chechnya and Palestine and said, "The children in Palestine and in Chechnya will have pain. I want you to share their pain."

Thursday, U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema suggested America had heard enough from Moussaoui:

"You will never again get a chance to speak and that's an appropriate and fair ending."

In less than half an hour, Brinkema capped four years of legal maneuvering and a two-month trial by giving him six life sentences, which will run as two consecutive life terms.

Brinkema disputed his declaration Wednesday that: "America, you lost. ... I won."

She told Moussaoui that after

the proceeding everyone else in the room would be "free to go any place they want. They can go outside and they can feel the sun, ... smell the fresh air, ... hear the birds. They can eat what they want tonight. They can associate with whom they want."

She went on: "You will spend the rest of your life in a super-maximum security prison. ... It's quite clear who won ... and who lost."

"You came here to be a martyr in a great big bang of glory," she said, "but to paraphrase the poet T.S. Eliot, instead you will die with a whimper."

Special rules at the federal supermax prison in Florence, Colo., where Brinkema sent him will bar the voluble if ineffective terrorist from contact with the outside world for the rest of his life.

On Wednesday, after seven days of deliberations, the nine male and three female jurors could not unanimously agree to the government's demand for Moussaoui's execution. That automatically gave him the life sentences. Their tally for or against death was not divulged.

They could not unanimously agree that Moussaoui, who was in jail in Minnesota on immigration charges, caused the nearly 3,000 deaths that day, and three believed he had only limited knowledge of the 9/11 plot.

And despite graphic images and sounds of the carnage and pain of 9/11 put into evidence, the jurors rejected the government's contention Moussaoui himself acted "in an especially heinous, cruel or depraved manner."

Last month, the same jury ruled Moussaoui eligible for the death penalty after prosecutors argued his lies to federal agents in August 2001 kept them from identifying and stopping some



9/11 hijackers and avoiding at least one death that day.

Outside the courthouse Thursday, Scott, who lost his wife, Janice

Marie, at the Pentagon and regularly came to the trial, said, "It was extremely hard listening to him and not jumping over that little (courtroom) fence and doing bodily harm to him."

Moussaoui's mother, Aicha El Wafi, said in France, "Now he is going to die in little doses. He is going to live like a rat in a hole. What for? They are so cruel."

French authorities said Thursday they may eventually press the United States to have Moussaoui serve his life sentence in France under agreements providing for transfer of convicts.

Brinkema told Moussaoui he could appeal his sentence but not his guilty plea. She predicted "it would be an act of futility" but ordered his court-appointed attorneys, as their last task for him, to file the required appeal notice if he asked.

Lab's new home may break ground this year

BY BRYCE BAUER
THE DAILY IOWAN

The UI could begin construction on a new home for the Hygienic Laboratory as early as this year, officials said, because of \$36 million the Iowa Legislature appropriated this week.

Lawmakers passed the bill Wednesday but the UI already had plans for the new facility, because the research is funded by the federal government.

Located on the UI's Oakdale campus, it serves as the state's public-health lab, helping detect and prevent diseases, such as bird-flu and mumps, as well as bioterrorism agents.

"I've thought for many years it was our responsibility, as a university, to be an advocate to have the lab up-to-date," outgoing-UI President David Skorton said. "[The current building] is not adequate for the very high-quality staff that works there."

Originally constructed in 1917 as a tuberculosis sanitarium, the facility is the oldest such lab in the nation by more than 20 years. Officials from the lab say narrow hallways, inadequate air-conditioning,

and a poor location impede their work.

An exact date for construction has not yet been determined, but officials say they could break ground by the end of this year.

Lawmakers toured the building this year, and seeing the outdated lab firsthand helped bring the issue to the forefront, said Sen. Robert Dvorsky, D-Coralville.

"The need has been there for years," he said. "We are providing first-class service in a really pitiful building."

Lawmakers also appropriated \$2 million for a new College of Public Health facility.

The college is the only department without its own building, said Dean James Merchant.

"We have a lot of problems with fragmentation," he said.

Merchant said the new building is slated to break ground in the fall of 2007, ideally on the former site of the UI International Center. It will cost \$39 million, in addition to moving and planning costs. The money will come from a combination of state, private, and bonded funds, he said.

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RiverFest soggy dampens attendance



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Children spin through the cool afternoon air on a swing ride at RiverFest on April 23, 2005.

BY JENNIFER LICKTEIG
THE DAILY IOWAN

The first round of interviews for the 2007 RiverFest executive council concluded this week, but because of low attendance, the Student Assembly Budgeting and Auditing Committee has cut more than \$6,500 from the event's budget.

Despite the best efforts of the dedicated RiverFest crew, Mother Nature turned the odds against the celebration last weekend, forcing amusement rides to close down and performances to move into the IMU.

"It's a nice event for the community, but the money's

not really going back to students," said budget-committee head Saurav Pandit. "The last two years have been washed out, and, although [event officials] do have backup, they also need funds for those backups. It seems like the whole planning could be more efficient, and they could draw more students."

The three-day festival began on a positive opening night, bringing in close to 800 visitors to enjoy the carnival, food vendors, concerts, and yard games.

"We worked hard, and even though the weather didn't cooperate, we still had a great week-

end," executive director Jennifer Powers said, noting that wet conditions quite literally dampened the rest of the festivities.

Unfavorable weather isn't new to RiverFest. In 2005, the celebration suffered from chilly temperatures and \$4,000 of debt leftover from its predecessors.

"I love carnivals. I haven't gone to one since I was 5," said UI law student Josh Grossman, who has never experienced RiverFest before. "I was really looking forward to going [this year]."

RiverFest co-development director Hilary Thompson said

planning and fundraising began \$3,800 in the red for this year's event. The council raised \$4,200, but RiverFest officials were unable to estimate Thursday whether the trend would continue.

"It's going to be close but too close to tell," said Kristi Finger, an assistant director in the Office of Student Life and the RiverFest adviser. "We've done our best to make sure it comes in below the budget. The plan is not to be in debt."

Demonstrating that runners are more adaptable than carnival rides, RiverRun — an annual series of races, including a 5K



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North Liberty resident Fred Moyes holds a light steady while Ron Weir of Tama, Iowa, plugs it in on April 27 in Hubbard Park. The two work for Craig's Amusements, owned by Weir's son.

that had 294 more finishers than last year — took place despite the downpours.

"Everybody was soaked, but it was a successful race," said Thomas Walz, a full-time volunteer for Uptown Bill's, the establishment set to receive proceeds from the race. "The runners showed up. We even had more runners this year than last year. God bless 'em."

Walz handed out rain-soaked certificates of thanks to each runner, showing his dedication to a program he believes helps keep Uptown Bill's running.

"Last year, they made a contribution of \$7,000 late in the year," the retired UI professor said. "It was really a very important thing in our keeping afloat."

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sprinklers and a fire-alarm system to comply with updated building codes.

Nagle said efforts were made to ensure the building retained its historical flavor in terms of its age and style, something ignored in previous renovations.

Housing the state's government until 1857, the iconic structure has served a myriad of purposes over the years. After the capital was moved to Des Moines, the building became the UI's nucleus.

All classrooms and offices were located in the building until 1863, when the university's second building was erected.

The Old Capitol continued to serve the UI, however, housing the School of Religion in 1924 and becoming the locus for Vietnam War protesters in the 1970s.

In 1970, then-UI

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File photo

The dome of the Old Capitol burns on Nov. 20, 2001. The fire was apparently caused by construction workers using torches while removing asbestos.

President Willard "Sandy" Boyd announced the century-old structure would be

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The Old Capitol, seen here on Thursday afternoon, is ready to reopen. Renovations and a November 2001 fire have kept the building out of commission for 4½ years.

restored as a historic monument. Twenty-four years later,

as interim president, Boyd would again seek to refurbish the structure, mounting a \$2 million fundraising campaign to re-establish the building's educational purposes.

"I'm very happy with the way it's been done, in every respect," he said on Thursday.

While there will be no classrooms located in the building, the Old Capitol Museum will showcase Iowa's past.

One exhibit, "Cornerstones," will give visitors a look at Iowa's history and culture, said museum assistant director and curator Shalla Wilson. Others will map Iowa's growth from the 1500s forward and compare the lives of the state's students more than a century apart.

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Word's power upsets school

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The letter states Wetlaufer "never addressed the word 'nigger' or why the passage was relevant to students' learning" during the 3½ hour class.

Law school Dean Carolyn Jones issued a statement Thursday announcing plans to accelerate work within its Diversity Committee because of the complaints and recent conversations with students, including representatives of the Black Law Students Association. The group, created prior to the March 29 incident, lists "promot[ing] student-faculty discussion of issues arising from the use of potentially offensive materials in the classroom and the context in which such materials, if used, are presented," as an objective of the college's.

While students reacted differently to the reading, many in the lecture were considerably offended. Tori Bobryk, who said she couldn't believe the manner in which Wetlaufer used the word "in a top law school," left the classroom and filed a complaint. This spawned back-and-forth e-mail discussions among Wetlaufer, the school's administrators, and students — some supporting the professor and some concerned with his actions after the initial claims.

"I was shocked to hear the word used numerous times," said Bobryk, a white second-year law student. "There was no preface, no disclaimer, no discussion from the professor. It was the lack of context that upset me."

Wetlaufer, interviewed Tuesday, said the passage was "legitimate and germane" to the class and denied the lack of context.

"The whole class was on that subject," he said emphatically. "We spent the entire period talking about the power and emotional impact of stories and words."

The document also claims, in an April 5 lecture, Wetlaufer "insisted [speaker Lyndon B.] Johnson's use of the racial epithet was OK at the time, because no blacks were in the room when Johnson told the story." Wetlaufer denies that accusation.

"I absolutely did not say it was OK [for Johnson to use

the word]," he said. "I never, ever, said it was OK."

Negotiations student Jennifer Knapp confirmed the Black Law Students Association's allegation that Wetlaufer presented another story containing the word later during the April 5 class.

"Its use the first time didn't offend me, and I don't think he's racist," she said. "And I think he was just trying to show the power of words, the power of storytelling, but after we discussed concerns, he said it again and just kind of blew them off. So, I think it was offensive."

Association president and second-year law student Steven Nelson said the organization appreciates the diversity committee trying to reach a solution before the fall semester. However, he was skeptical of what it could accomplish, because his association and other minority organization members have not been guaranteed spots, and the committee can only propose solutions.

Nelson also cited past "insensitive" events at the College of Law and the lack of remedial action following them.

"We've had professors make remarks about black teens' clothing, calling it 'ghetto clothing,'" he said.

"We've had instances like a Latin student going to a professor's office hours, and the professors use all the Latin terms [when discussing hypothetical law] in a derogatory way, saying stuff like 'so suppose your husband goes to the bodega ...'"

"And it's not the first time we've heard the word 'nigger' in class," Nelson added.

Jones' statement also indicated the college didn't always provide contexts for discussions and understanding varying viewpoints.

The black association proposed a series of reforms, including mandatory annual diversity training for law faculty and staff.

"We have the right to be in class without feeling uncomfortable," he said.

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Finals good for business

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increases about 20 percent during finals."

Paint-splattered art students come in looking for more canvas and oils, he said, while other students come to pick up mat board to mount photos for final photography presentations.

Procrastinating students who want specific materials quickly sometimes face problems, he said.

"The early bird gets the worm," he said. "We try to place special orders, but sometimes they've waited too long to get what they need."

To counteract such problems,

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- **T-SPOONS** — varies, but always a spike during finals week.
- **VINE TAVERN** — increase toward the end of the week, when graduation nears.
- **JAVA HOUSE** — sales are usually weather-dependent, but the downtown stores always sees an increase during finals week.

Carman said, the store usually prepares for end of the term by talking with professors to see what students are likely to need.

UI senior Josh Lewis said he only has one final, and he is planning to spend his extra time sipping "Bud Heavy" at the bars.

"Any bar," he said, smiling.

Lewis said other than downtown boozing, most of his cash he will spend on restaurant and take-out food.

At T-Spoons, Old Capitol Town Center, owner Jammie Goedken said her sales always spike during finals, when students are more serious about

studying and seeking caffeine-laced inspiration.

"They want more caffeinated products and comfort food," she said. "Cookies, pastries ... they're stressed, and they want something familiar."

Danny Lake, the manager of the Vine Tavern, 330 E. Prentiss St., said business at the bar increases more toward the end of finals week, when people are in town for graduation.

"It drops again when students leave for the summer — and take their money with them," he said.

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UI may need tuition hike

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regent universities \$11 million in general use funds for the transformation plan, short of the \$40 million they requested.

Now in its second year, the regents' transformation plan asks legislators for \$40 million in multipurpose funding for public universities on top of the general budget. In exchange, the universities will reallocate \$20 million to core needs, such as faculty salaries, and hold tuition to the rate of inflation.

UI President David Skorton said tuition increases will be one of three options considered to deal with tight budgets. Others include seeking private donations and research grants, a portion of which goes into the

general fund.

"I can't tell how we're going to make it all up," he said.

While he said it's unknown whether a tuition increase would be needed, others are convinced it would be necessary.

UI Student Government President Peter McElligott said the Legislature has put the UI in the position of two poor choices.

"Tough decisions have to be made," he said. "We either raise tuition or cut back on services."

Iowa State University President Gregory Geoffroy said tuition hikes in Ames are likely because the alternative is to "slide into mediocrity."

In an e-mail to ISU students Thursday, he said the Legislature's funding "sends a strong message from our state leaders

that they expect an increasing share of the cost of operating Iowa's public universities to be borne by our students, through increased tuition."

University officials will present their findings to the regents in June, who will then use the plan to budget for next year, Regent Teresa Wahlert said.

UI history Professor Katherine Tachau, who lobbied the regents for faculty salary increases, said raises will be difficult to do without extra money.

"No one wants tuition to go up, but it has to," she said.

The UI is hoping to raise salaries 3 to 4.5 percent next year to help push its pay rankings into the top third of its peer group. The university is ninth in the Big Ten and 10th among its 11 peer institutions

in average faculty pay.

Better faculty pay will make the university more competitive when recruiting top teachers, Wahlert said.

"You don't do that by paying as little as you can for professors," she said.

In spite of what many consider lackluster funding, reallocations at the university next year will again be greater than agreed upon in the transformation plan.

Doug True, the UI senior vice president for Finance, said \$8.25 million will be reappropriated this year, and next year's numbers will be similar.

Deans and department heads will decide where the money will come from, he said.

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Report: Contractors overbilled in Katrina cleanup

BY LARRY MARGASAK
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WASHINGTON — While removing enough debris to cover Britain, contractors working on hurricane recovery have overbilled the government in a \$63 billion operation that only will get more expensive, according to a House report Thursday.

Mileage claims were overstated to get extra fees, debris was mixed improperly to inflate prices, and companies sent bills twice for removing the same loads, Democrats on the GOP-controlled House Government Reform Committee found.

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., who compiled the report for the hearing on Katrina contracting, also complained about layers of subcontractors that drove up costs.

A major contractor would take a large cut and pay smaller amounts to the subcontractors, down to the company with the truck hauling debris to the dump.

"It seems you get more than half," Waxman told Randall Perkins, the president of AshBritt Inc. in Pompano Beach, Fla., after Perkins said his company received \$23 a cubic yard in a debris removal contract but paid a subcontractor \$10 to haul the material.

"We outsource to companies like yours, and they go out and subcontract," Waxman said. "It's a higher overhead."

Perkins said some cleanup contractors did hire many subcontractors, but he only hired a few. He said the prices he charged were determined partially by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers rules he had to follow.

In a story last October, the Associated Press reported of instances in which the Katrina debris cleanup involved five layers of subcontractors. Some haulers reported they were being paid just \$6 a cubic yard. Many of those interviewed at the time said they believed the prime contractors were being paid \$26 to \$28 a yard. The corps refused to provide the cost figures specified in the master contracts and last month denied the AP's request for those figures, made under the Freedom of Information Act.

The committee chairman, Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., said Congress approved more than \$63 billion for disaster relief and that recovery expenses may top \$200 billion.

Davis said many contracts were awarded without competition. Government officials at the hearing said these contracts are being replaced with competitive awards.

Davis said the sole-source contracts allowed an "unprecedented opportunity for fraud and mismanagement."

The corps said hurricanes Katrina and Rita left 87,000 square miles of debris in parts of Louisiana, Alabama, Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, and Florida, roughly the size of Britain.



A house that Hurricane Katrina flooding moved from its foundation sits on a car in the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans on March 14, seven months after the hurricane struck.

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Senate sparks budget battle

BY ANDREW TAYLOR
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WASHINGTON — The Senate on Thursday passed a \$109 billion bill to pay for war in Iraq and hurricane relief at home, knowing it would ignite a battle with the White House and House conservatives determined to shear it of \$14 billion in election-year additions.

A veto threat imperils many of those provisions, which were added by lawmakers seeking additional funding for Gulf Coast relief and farmers, as well as for border and port security.

The measure has grown much larger than President Bush says he is willing to accept, and difficult House-Senate talks loom over how to cut it back to his request.

House leaders promise to take a hard line in upcoming talks with the Senate.

"The House will not take up an emergency supplemental spending bill for Katrina and the war in Iraq that spends one dollar more than what the

president asks for," said House Majority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio. "Period."

The new funds would bring total spending on war-related costs since the September 2001 attacks to roughly \$430 billion, according to calculations by the Congressional Research Service.

Appropriations for last year's hurricanes would now total about \$96 billion.

The Senate measure passed by a 77-21 vote. It contains \$65.7 billion for war operations and \$28.9 billion for hurricane relief, including grants to states to build and repair housing and \$4 billion for levees and flood control projects in Louisiana.

The bill attracted far more "no" votes than is typical for a measure benefiting U.S. troops overseas. But many Republicans — including Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn. — said the measure's cost was simply too high and that too many items unrelated to the war or hurricane relief had been tacked on.

Bush's veto threat puts at risk a host of items not

requested by the president, such as \$4 billion in farm disaster aid, \$1 billion in state grants, and \$1.1 billion in aid to the Gulf Coast seafood industry.

"Unfortunately, there are some here in Washington trying to load that bill up with unnecessary spending," Bush said. "This bill is for emergency spending, and it should be limited to emergency measures."

The tough talk came as the House overwhelmingly passed a bill aimed at boosting security at U.S. ports; one of the Senate's add-ons would boost port security funding by \$648 million. Another would provide \$1.9 billion to secure U.S. borders and waters.

The upcoming House-Senate talks are certain to reduce the tally for hurricane aid, but lawmakers may give the Pentagon funding greater scrutiny, as well. Negotiators are likely to be tempted to use \$10 billion-plus for the Federal Emergency

Management Agency's disaster fund as a kind of piggy bank to fund projects not requested by Bush.

The Senate bill reflects the freewheeling nature of the body, where it takes just a few Republicans to cross party lines to join with Democrats for more spending. That happened again and again, both in the Appropriations Committee and on the floor.

Except for a single vote last week, to kill \$15 million for seafood promotion obtained by Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., conservatives failed to pare back the spending bill.

During almost two weeks before the full Senate, the bill grew by more than \$2 billion, despite a toughly worded veto threat made on the first day of debate. Bush said he would veto any bill exceeding his \$92.2 billion request for the war and hurricane relief, plus an additional \$2.3 billion to prepare for a possible bird flu pandemic.

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EDITORIALS

Lessons in new supplier plan

Students Against Sweatshops has emerged victorious in its battle to pressure the UI into using fair labor sources for clothing that receives its license. The university should be commended for finally signing on to the designated-supplier program, but the anti-sweatshop group should be praised for its perseverance in the face of official foot-dragging. This victory is an example for students who want to make a difference but are frustrated by the slow pace of change.

There is no indication that UI clothing is currently made in unfair conditions, but there's no sure sign that it isn't, either. That is exactly what the worker-rights group sought — a method for ensuring that no sweatshops are involved in the production of the clothes Hawkeye fans so proudly sport. By using the Worker Rights Consortium, the university will not subject its suppliers to burdensome regulations or constricting competition — outcomes that inspire dread in the hearts of free-trade proponents. Instead, the UI simply will choose to support businesses that use fair business practices.

The anti-sweatshop group's successful campaign exemplifies the

importance of the university funding and supporting student organizations — even those that aren't self-supporting or universally beloved. In March 2005, the Student Assembly refused to support the organization, while some students have expressed contempt for such tactics as campouts and clothing dumps.

We don't favor all the group's methods, either. Still, we will all benefit from this particular campaign: It is difficult to believe that people could believe their right to ultra-cheap Iowa shirts outweighs garment workers' rights to a fair living wage and humane working conditions.

The clothing victory also demonstrates the value of political consciousness. Many college liberals may vehemently oppose the Bush administration or rail against the war in Iraq, but neither offer nor work toward concrete solutions. College conservatives are more likely to be organized, though they too often seem content with liberal-baiting jabs, such as Richard Nixon Day. The anti-sweatshop group's success proves that college students can make a practical difference in the world, if they care enough — and try long enough.

Make better plans for RiverFest

RiverFest was held April 28 through Sunday in Hubbard Park, but don't be surprised if you didn't notice. Sadly, the nonprofit event has become a virtual nonfactor to most UI students, serving neither its beneficiaries nor anyone else well. And it doesn't have to be this way.

While RiverRun did net \$7,000 last year for Uptown Bill's Small Mall, these numbers will probably not be repeated. This year, RiverFest seems unlikely even to recoup the \$18,000 provided by the university. Part of the problem can be attributed to bad luck: Rain forced much of the April 29 events inside the IMU, as was the case last year. Better contingency planning would seem to be in order, but the event's troubles cannot all be blamed on the weather.

RiverFest was once a far bigger attraction: At its zenith in the mid-1980s, the event ran for more than a week, with a UI allocation of \$70,000. It was scaled back, however, when student participation waned.

Now, the weekend produces barely a ripple among students despite being held in the heart of campus. This disconnect is a shame, all the more because it could be avoided.

The current form of RiverFest has a problem with identity. It caters to a group that isn't quite college-age, and, even for those students drawn to the carnival rides and pie-eating contest, the event is rather inconveniently timed. Two weeks before finals is not an opportune time for UI students to engage in much festivity, and April in Iowa is known for the cool, wet weather that have plagued it of late. One can hardly even see the Iowa River from the grounds.

Next year, RiverFest will have a lot to prove. We hope it rises to the challenge: A better-timed and focused springtime event would be a tremendous boon to the university and city community. It may take some time to realize that goal, but we ought to begin right away.

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White out

In case this fact has eluded the staff at *The Daily Iowan*, we live in Iowa. Our state's population is 2.1 percent black and 2.8 percent Latino. I find it less than atrocious that the Iowa City Police Department under-represents the community's minority population by 0.8 percent.

A May 3 *DI* headline amused me: "IC police largely white." I searched through the rest of the paper for headlines such as "Iowa City largely white," "Iowa largely white," or perhaps "Midwest largely white," but could find none.

Diversity is a wonderful thing. I define it by differences in culture, background, and character, not by the color of our skin.

I am not a racist person. I am a citizen who hopes that the Iowa City Police Department continues to hire those best capable of serving and protecting our community.

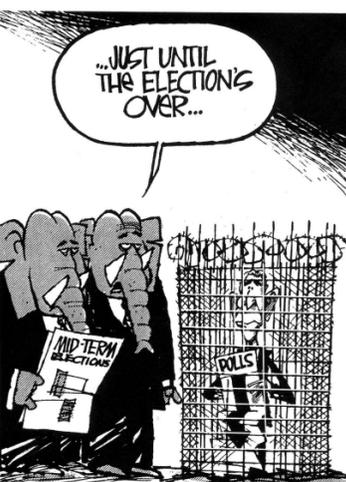
Lorie Field
UI research assistant

Voting block

Currently, some representatives on the Staff Council have been discussing whether your representatives' votes should be recorded. Much to my surprise, there is considerable resistance among representatives to recording and maintaining individual voting records. Some of the arguments that I've heard so far are: 1) it would be too time-consuming; 2) it would make some representatives feel uncomfortable; 3) the meetings are open to the public already.

True, the meetings are open, but they also happen to occur during employee work hours. Many employees are simply unable to attend these meetings, just as many of us are not able to attend the open governmental meetings in Des Moines or Washington, D.C. So, yes, they may be open, but they are certainly not accessible to all.

As to the argument that it would be too time-consuming to record the votes, there



are only 50 representatives. If it takes five seconds to call each name and record the vote, that comes to a total of four minutes, 9.6 seconds. Does that sound like too much time to spend on such an important aspect of democracy as voting accountability? I think not.

Perhaps the most troubling argument I've heard is that some representatives are uncomfortable with making public how they vote. In this case, I would suspect either they do not believe in what they are voting for, or they are unable or unwilling to explain why they voted a certain way. In either case, I think that is a telling sign that they never should have run for Staff Council in the first place.

The best way to ensure that your representatives are truly representing your interests is to examine how they are voting. Unfortunately, as things stand now, this is not possible. I would urge all employees represented by Staff Council to express their opinion on this issue at the Staff Council website: <http://www.uiowa.edu/~staff/>

David Johnson
UI employee

Lyness has it all

I write to support Janet Lyness for Johnson County county attorney. Janet has supervised me in my position as a legal intern in the Johnson County Attorney's Office for the past year. I cannot think of a better mentor for a young lawyer or a better candidate for county attorney. Here's why:

Janet is smart. I learned in law school how to "think like a lawyer." I learned from Janet how to be a lawyer. Janet investigates. She checks facts; she gets the real story. Janet knows the law. Be it codes or cases, Janet knows what the law says and what it means. Most importantly, Janet has people smarts. She understands that the law is not just an abstract set of statutes but that the law affects our everyday lives. Janet knows how to serve Johnson County best.

Janet is tough. Some cases are hard to win, but that doesn't mean they're not worth fighting for. Janet has taught me that being a good lawyer often means putting yourself on the line and making hard decisions. Johnson County deserves a strong

county attorney, and Janet has that strength.

Janet is caring. The most important lesson I have learned from Janet is to take my work seriously. Janet has a deep respect for other people, and it shows in the way that she does her job. She knows that small decisions make a big impact: Janet returns phone calls; she listens to individuals' concerns; she takes responsibility for her actions. Whether she's speaking with a crime victim, a police officer, a judge, or a defendant, everyone Janet interacts with is treated with consideration.

Janet Lyness is a good mentor, good lawyer, and good leader. Johnson County deserves an excellent county attorney. That's why my vote will go to Janet Lyness on June 6.

Elizabeth Craig
UI law student

Experience test

The recent county-attorney forums have proven once again that the two Democratic candidates for Johnson County county attorney have very similar political views. So what's a person to do? How can you decide on a candidate without resorting to who is the most photogenic? Well, I think the answer is to look at experience.

Our current county attorney spends around 70 percent of his time on county civil matters and 30 percent on criminal matters. While we shouldn't expect our new county attorney to spend the same amount of time in each area, we should expect that the new county attorney should have experience in both.

Janet Lyness is the only candidate with experience dealing with civil matters for the county. Janet Lyness is the only one of the candidates who has ever prosecuted a major felony. Our county attorney should have experience with the civil matters of the county and experience prosecuting felonies. My choice for county attorney is Janet Lyness.

Alex Krasov
North Liberty resident

ON THE SPOT

Have you ever gone to RiverFest?



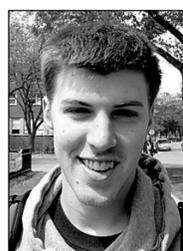
"No."

Stephanie Fuller
UI sophomore



"No, I'm usually working or doing something."

Kelly McDonald
UI senior



"No, I haven't."

Jason Phelps
UI freshman



"No. I thought it was canceled this year."

Anna Steele
UI junior

Par excellence

Aristotle wrote that we are what we repeatedly do.

I shudder when I think about what that makes me. On the positive side of the equation, I'm not a murderer, rapist, or drug addict. But I am a white-liar, a proccist. But I am a food eater, and I'm not as concerned about my own personal excellence as I ought to be. Accordingly, the last five years of my life have pretty accurately demonstrated the fact I'm mediocre.

I can accept mediocrity or even failure in a number of activities, though, for a variety of valid reasons.

Physically, no matter how much I may have practiced, I wasn't built with enough coordination to play a lot of sports well. And any competitiveness I possess has never manifested



BARRY PUMP

itself in tackling a person on the football field, throwing a basketball through a hoop, or hitting a baseball. Accordingly, I accept the fact I will never be excellent at those activities. The same goes for my participation in a lot of other things, as well.

Accepting mediocrity in other activities, however, is far less acceptable.

Using Aristotle's standard, George W. Bush is a liar, so is author James Frey, Barry Bonds is a steroid user, and 19-year-old Harvard writer Kaavya Viswanathan is a plagiarist. And those are just some of the latest cases in a seemingly endless string of examples of America's moral weakness. It's everywhere.

That's exactly why Aristotle preached about habituation and the development of a community in which excellence can thrive. Aristotle didn't mince words: If you grew up in a poor environment, with low expectations and bad examples, then it was only destiny that you would turn out poorly, too. Those who pursued excellence, on the other hand, had excellent examples to follow. Aristotle did not leave room for social mobility, however, so if you were poorly habituated, then you would be doomed to a life of mediocrity. There is a virtuous but vicious circularity to Aristotle's reasoning.

Yet, it should give us pause to think about the type of life we, in America, are exhibiting — and the environment our actions create, in which future generations are developing into citizens. The environment is not just writ large nor concerns only national leaders and personalities. Indeed, the opposite is true. We resemble most closely our parents in many significant ways, so our all-important habituation begins at home with mom, dad, and other close family and friends.

That's why high ethical conduct and moral standards matter so much for all of us — and not just those in the public eye. It's also why morality and the family unit have been so widely politicized, not just recently by evangelical conservatives, but since Socrates. No matter how nice a sentiment it may be, people such as Rosie O'Donnell are just sophomoric and wrong in saying a family is merely about love. It's about so much more than that.

Cultures, cultures, and religions all depend on families developing the next generation to preserve them. That's why it's so important for families to be successful and for all members of a society to set a good example. The next generation must be able to pick up the mantle of all our associations — both voluntary and involuntary — and be great in that task.

But a fallacy exists in thinking there is only one right way to go about pursuing excellence. Aristotle admitted there are many good examples but one destination. That's why it's pointless to say only straight people can raise children, or you have to be great at that particular activity. That thinking is incorrect. Excellent people raise excellent children, regardless of sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, or religion. Excellence breeds excellence. But, at the same time, we should not suddenly end millennia-old conversations about what practices are best at cultivating the highest quality of life.

In fact, considering all the poor examples rampant in the world today (myself included), the conversation about how to be the best — not just the best you can be — should be in full force and robust at all levels of society, from politics to academia to the family. The consequences of not talking about and exhibiting excellent behavior are just too dire.

We are what we habitually do. Columnist Barry Pump is virtuous in returning e-mail; he may be reached at barry-pump@uiowa.edu. ■

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ARTS & CULTURE

The art of art in the church

BY JESSICA FISCHOFF
THE DAILY IOWAN

Jewish sculptor Jacques Lipchitz probably never imagined he would create a replica of the Virgin Mary for a Catholic church in the Alps.

However, *All Grace*, by third-year M.F.A. candidate Chris Leyva, tells the story of the artist and his commission, which was at the time a defiance of Pope Pius XII's order that modern art stay out of Catholic churches.

All Grace will debut today in the E.C. Mabie Theatre at 5:30 p.m. (and be reprised at 9 p.m.) as part of the annual Iowa New Play Festival.

The idea for the play came from

a theology student who had mentioned to Leyva a class discussion about the controversy of non-Catholic artists creating modern art for Catholic churches.

In June 2005, Leyva embarked on three months of research, reading as many biographies, books on modern art, and histories of the Catholic Church as possible before he felt confident enough to begin drafting his script.

"I was looking for moments that felt dramatic and real," he said.

His play focuses on the lives of three characters: Lipchitz, who leaves his Russian village to seek artistic fame in Paris and then flees to New York City at the start of the Nazi reign, Father Couturi-

er, who decorates his church interior with contemporary, secular art despite the pope's warning, and the Virgin Mary, who interacts with the human characters.

Leyva's involvement is not just as writer. He also collaborated with director William Barbour on staging, lighting, and set design.

"I wanted to be a director, at first, but I always found myself writing stories," said the 27-year-old Coe College graduate. "I knew they were going to destroy me if I didn't let them out. I realized I didn't want to tell other people's stories. I needed to tell my own."

Leyva said he wrote every scene he could imagine. In class this academic year, his peers helped him to select and combine

the onstage moments that would best present his tri-character story line. But during the rehearsal period leading toward his Iowa New Play Festival premier, his script underwent an intense series of rewrites.

"I changed parts in response to the actors' questions," he said. "After hearing their concerns, I knew I could trust their instincts."

Leyva completed his script on Tuesday, just four days before tonight's debut.

"In the Iowa New Play Festival, things have a way of changing days before. Anything goes," he said.

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Cubist sculptor Jacques Lipchitz stands in front of his statue *Notre Dame de Liesse*, the inspiration for today's production of *All Grace*.

The beat thievery goes on



CD REVIEW

The Streets
The Hardest Way to Make an Easy Living

★★★ out of ★★★★★

BY PETER MADSEN
THE DAILY IOWAN

"Understated is how we prefer to be / That's why we've sold 3 million, and you've never heard of me."

So raps Mike Skinner on his third release, *The Hardest Way to Make an Easy Living* (VICE).

One-man hip-hop wonder, MC/ DJ Mike Skinner, a.k.a. British hip-hop outfit the Streets, has typified the gritty, lyrically pockmarked niche of UK garage — a subgenre that champions weighty, spoken-word cadences, carried by a pro-

duction inspired as much by mid-90s Def Jam as by rave and electronic scenes.

On *The Hardest Way*, Skinner, in an ill-advised career move, raps about the drudgery of celebrity. He offers an update on his life — much changed since his 2004 *A Grand Don't Come For Free*, an album that followed Skinner as an inept yet affable, small-time hustler. This time around, Skinner has re-cast himself as an incredibly famous MC. The preoccupations and the vices are the same here: drugs, women, money. His worldview, however, is now filtered through the squeaky-clean windshield of his '74 Silver Shadow Rolls Royce, which he careens past such muck and trouble as crack-smoking pop stars, artfully smashed hotel rooms, and into noticeably posh rehab clinics.

With hard royalties earned on some R&B robbery, cadence thievery, and diatribes on slangers of counterfeit Streets merch, Skinner once again lays down dance-hall samples with his trademark charisma drenched in faux-cockney spittle.

On the album's first single, "When You Wasn't Famous," Skinner two-steps over a plinking, skippy-do bassline, explaining that, even when you're as famous as he is, hitting on other pop stars is just as difficult. It's a thick concept — we know — but

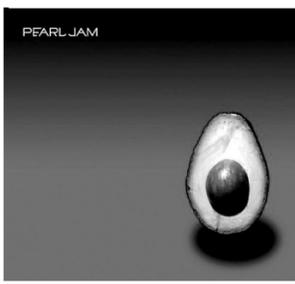
Skinner's ne'er-do-well nonchalance and self-effacement somehow makes us not hate him for such cheeky indulgences.

Don't think Skinner has totally abandoned his thuggish ways, though; "Can't Con an Honest John" details, point by point, the process of duping a dog-watching bartender out of ... the dog? "It's important that you keep listening," Skinner continues, because he wants to explain that running his new boutique label — The Beats — is a lot like hustling too: The trick here is gaining the lout's confidence and then (Holy Mother of Chips) "taking his money!"

For those stumbling onto Skinner avenue for the first time, *The Hardest Way* may seem unremarkable, even mediocre. For us, though, who were sold on the idea of Mike Skinner since the first synth break of 2002 *Original Pirate Material*, we've come to realize the premier "geez" pretender can take us anywhere, including shoddy R&B clubs (in which he sings — poorly). Highly listenable, however, *The Hardest Way* shows Skinner at his flashiest and most suburban. As such, let's think of the Streets as something a bit more vanilla, like, say, the Cul-de-Sacs.

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Pearls among the jams



CD REVIEW

Pearl Jam
Pearl Jam

★★★★½ out of ★★★★★

BY ADAM GREENBERG
THE DAILY IOWAN

Self-titled albums are usually reserved for debuts, but in the case of Pearl Jam's new self-titled release, the shared band and record name announces a return to form for the Emerald City group — one that earned its reputation in the early '90s riding alongside Nirvana and Soundgarden.

Pearl Jam's 1991 Epic debut album, *Ten*, poised the West Coast band for success. But instead of capitalizing on its fame, the Seattle group made two more remarkable, wide-audience albums — *Vs.* (Epic,

1993) and *Vitalogy* (Epic, 1994) — before becoming more of an acquired taste.

Its most impressive record in more than 10 years, *Pearl Jam* (J Records, 2006), reminds us why we forged through a decade of ups and downs (admittedly, more ups than downs) as the band released inconsistent albums, such as *Binaural* (Epic, 2000). Pearl Jam's live set lists of the past decade combined staples, far-fetched covers, and obscure self-written tracks. Who knew what to think?

On its 13-track release, the band once again takes on the world. The single "World-Wide Suicide," released for free on Pearl Jam's website a week before being sent to radio stations, doesn't let us forget Earth's modern-day volatility: "It's the same everyday in a hell manmade/ What can be saved, and who will be left to hold her?"

The track helps launch *Pearl Jam* with a raucous five-song rock-a-thon, as the band raps ironically about God in "Marker In The Sand": "Now you got both sides claiming killing in God's name / But God is nowhere to be found, conveniently."

Stone Gossard and Mike McCready's alarming dual guitars still permeate the disc, as the middle-aged group mem-

bers slow down to sing about the loss of a soldier ("Parachutes") and disillusion with the American Dream ("Gone").

If the album sounds morose, well, that's because it is. It's no secret Pearl Jam disapproves of the current administration — it played on the 2004 "Vote For Change" tour that aimed to vote President Bush out of office and released "Bushleaguer," which caused an uproar with its "anti-American" lyrics: "This is such a tailpipe of a party ... A confidence man, but why so beleaguered / He's not a leader, he's a Texas leaguer."

True to form, the band has made an overtly partisan album criticizing everything from big corporations in "Unemployable" to the politics of the Army Reserve to, of course, the president. According to Ralph Nader's favorite green rockers, we're all expendable, be it in the corporate job market or arena of war.

There's always been a longing in Pearl Jam's music, a feeling that life passed by, and we just barely missed it. But the band has always reacted to bad news with a determined machismo. Accordingly, *Pearl Jam* promises more Pearl Jam for years to come.

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Britain takes over troops in Afghanistan

BY JASON STRAZIUSO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL, Afghanistan — Britain took control of NATO forces in Afghanistan on Thursday, as a key alliance official called the upcoming deployment in the south NATO's "most challenging" ground mission ever.

Speaking at a ceremony to mark the handover of the NATO-led International Security

Assistance Force from Italian to British control, Hikmet Cetin said that NATO's role in Afghanistan this year will be "more crucial" than ever.

NATO will deploy approximately 8,000 soldiers to southern Afghanistan, starting around the beginning of August. By November, around 21,000 NATO soldiers — up from 10,000 now — are expected in Afghanistan, as the alliance gradually assumes command of

all international forces here.

Militants — particularly in the southern provinces — have stepped up attacks in recent months, including the use of suicide and roadside bombs. Afghanistan has seen five suicide-bomb attacks since Sunday, and a governor in eastern Afghanistan survived an assassination attempt Wednesday. Those attacks killed only one person, besides the five suicide bombers.

Cetin, NATO's senior civilian representative in Afghanistan, said NATO's expansion into the south and the east for the first time will be the "most challenging ground situation NATO has ever faced."

Gen. Gerhard Back, who oversees the International Security Assistance Force mission from his base in Brunssum, the Netherlands, admitted Thursday that there are no completely effective measures against

attacks such as roadside and suicide bombs.

The newly installed commander of international force, British Gen. David Richards, told NATO troops and Afghan and Western dignitaries at Thursday's handover ceremony that he would use "robust" military force against militants opposed to the democratically elected Afghan government.

Richards, who replaces Gen. Mauro Del Vecchio, said

Afghanistan's best hope for peace and stability was for Afghans to support their government and international partners.

The United States has 19,000 troops and 500 Defense Department civilians in Afghanistan. U.S. military spokeswoman Lt. Tamara D. Lawrence said military leaders were still discussing how many U.S. troops would remain when NATO increases its troop presence.

NATION

Mass. court considers putting gay marriage before voters

BOSTON (AP) — The same court that made Massachusetts the first state to legalize gay marriage is now mulling whether citizens have the right to get around its ruling by amending the state Constitution to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

The Supreme Judicial Court, which cleared the way for gay marriages with its landmark ruling in 2003, heard arguments Thursday on a referendum proposed for the 2008 statewide ballot.

Supporters of same-sex marriages are trying to block the proposal that would ban future marriages for gay couples. They say the state Constitution bars any citizen-initiated amendment that seeks to reverse a judicial ruling.

"The people shouldn't be able to directly attack" a court decision, said Gary Buseck, legal director of Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, which filed the lawsuit.

Attorney General Tom Reilly, who approved the question for the ballot, maintains the proposed amendment would not reverse the court's ruling or invalidate existing gay marriages. Instead, the question, if approved by voters, would amend the state Constitution so that no additional gay marriages could take place.

Police charge college student in fatal fire

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Police arrested a University of Maryland student Wednesday, claiming the man intentionally set a fire that killed a fellow student — because he was upset about being teased.

Daniel Murray, 20, was charged with murder and arson in the April 30, 2005, fire, Prince George's County police said.

According to court papers, a break in the yearlong investigation came last week when an anonymous tipster contacted police with information that led to an interview with Murray's co-worker.

The co-worker told police Murray had been angry about something that happened at the house a few hours before the fire, then returned with a can of gasoline and intentionally started the blaze.

"He started getting teased, and a little altercation ensued," Lt. Robert Nealon said Thursday at a news conference. Nealon said Murray, of Berwyn Heights, had confessed to starting the fire and was cooperating with authorities.

It was not clear Thursday if Murray had a lawyer who could comment. He was being held pending a court appearance today.

TULIP TIME



Cody Johnston, 2, plays with mother Leslie Johnston in the town square during the 70th-annual Tulip Time Festival on Thursday in Pella, Iowa. The festival celebrating the flowers is expected to draw more than 150,000 visitors Thursday through Saturday to this town of Dutch heritage. In 1847, around 800 Dutch immigrants settled Pella, which means "city of refuge."

Rodney White, Des Moines Register/Associated Press

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EACH WEEK THE D/SPORTS STAFF DETERMINES WHO WAS BLAZING HOT AND WHO WAS COLDER THAN ICE DURING THE PAST WEEK OF HAWKEYE ATHLETICS



The Iowa men's basketball program has experienced more shuffling than Charles Barkley's card table in Las Vegas this off-season.

It started with the dismissal of assistant coaches Rich Walker and Greg Lansing. Their replacements, former Ball State head coach Tim Buckley and ex-Seton Hall assistant Billy Garrett, signed on to join the Hawkeye hardwood family May 3.

Buckley has a strong résumé, with assistant-skipper stops at Wisconsin and Marquette. Garrett only has two years of experience but his former Pirates advanced to the NCAA Tournament each season.

Iowa also inked shooting guard Malik Perry, a Rivals three-star recruit and transfer from Lutheran Christian Academy in Philadelphia.

The Hawkeyes now have one of the top-15 recruiting classes in the nation, according to recruiting analyst Van Coleman of www.hoopmasters.com and Future Stars magazine.



Iowa football was given the icy shoulder in the 2006 NFL draft. Just two Hawkeyes — Abdul Hodge and Chad Greenway — were selected during the seven rounds this year, the fewest since 2001.

While the two linebackers were virtual locks to get their names called, it is surprising that such guys as Ed Hinkel and Clinton Solomon went undrafted. In the seventh round alone, seven wide receivers were drafted, including Ethan Kilmer from Penn State and Mr. Irrelevant, Kevin McMahan of Maine.

Kilmer had just 15 catches in 2005, compared with 46 for Solomon and 40 for Hinkel, who sat out some of the season with a broken arm. McMahan didn't start until his senior season, and Maine isn't exactly a college-football powerhouse.

Position players from Iowa continuously produced in their years playing in the Big Ten, and the NFL teams left them out in the cold.

MLB

Bonds gets a day off

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Barry Bonds' pursuit of the Babe might have to wait until Philadelphia.

Bonds wasn't in the starting lineup for the San Francisco Giants' game against the Milwaukee Brewers on Thursday.

He still had a bit of a headache after taking a ball on the forehead during batting practice Wednesday, and manager Felipe Alou wanted to rest the outfielder, because it was such a quick turnaround.



Bonds right fielder

NBA

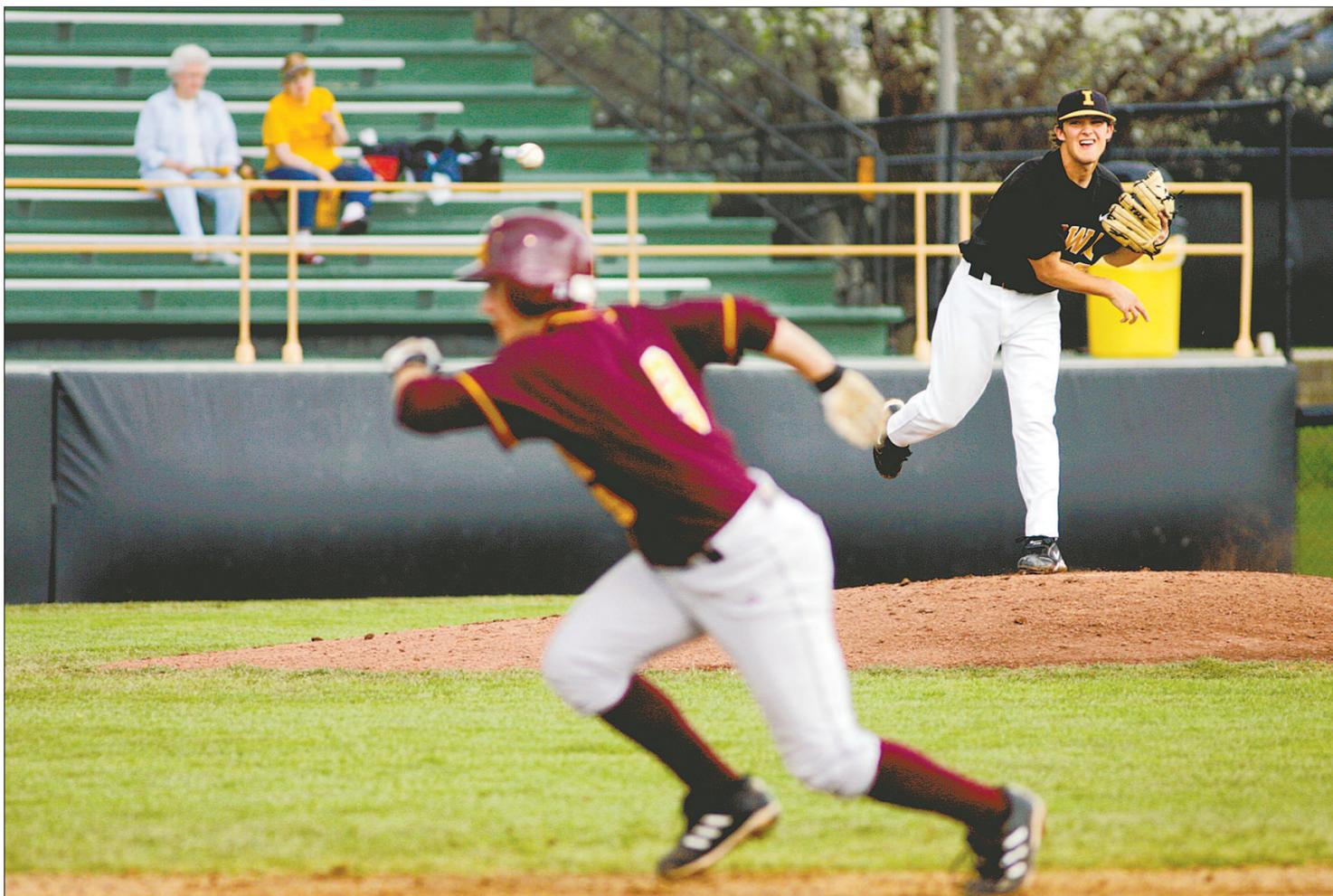
Nets 96, Pacers 90

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The New Jersey Nets overcame Anthony Johnson's 40-point effort to beat the Indiana Pacers on Thursday night and advance to the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Richard Jefferson scored 30 points, and Vince Carter added 24 for the Nets, who won the best-of-seven series 4-2. Jason Kidd approached a triple-double with eight points, 11 assists and 11 rebounds.

Jermaine O'Neal scored 21 points for the Pacers, who played without Peja Stojakovic for the fourth time in the series because of a sore right knee. The team's second-leading scorer in the regular season, Stojakovic played in Indiana's only two wins in the series.

Baseball hopes for late magic



Aaron Hall Holmgren/The Daily Iowan

Minnesota's Dan Lyons races back to first to beat Iowa pitcher Travis Sweet's pickoff attempt during the Hawkeyes' 12-1 loss to the Golden Gophers on April 16 at Duane Banks Field.

The Hawkeyes, currently tied for last, will focus on Ohio State this weekend, knowing how crucial the last few weeks are

BY RYAN LONG
 THE DAILY IOWAN

With four weeks remaining in the 2005 Big Ten baseball regular season, Ohio State found itself near the bottom of the conference standings.

The Buckeyes possessed a 4-9 conference record and looked as if they had no chance of earning a berth in the league's postseason action.

However, Ohio State went on to win 13 of its final 16 conference games, earn the No. 6 seed in the Big Ten Tournament,

was crowned conference champion, and landed a spot in the NCAA Tournament.

Today, with three conference series left for Iowa, coach Jack Dahm could use a little bit of Buckeye déjà vu, with the Hawkeyes tied for last place in the league.

"It's been done before," Dahm said.



Dahm coach

"Why can't we do the same thing they did last year? But, more importantly, we gotta be concerned about ourselves, and take care of our business, and just play good fundamental baseball."

This task will begin today, when the Hawkeyes (18-25, 7-13) take on Indiana (17-25, 7-13) at 3 p.m. in Bloomington.

Dahm said he realizes how crucial these final three weeks are, and he has stressed to his squad the importance of getting the basics consistent.

"I'm not going to talk about how many games we need to win out of our last 12," Dahm said. "We don't know what that number is. The only thing that we can control is our effort every day and playing the game, pitch to pitch."

Last weekend, the Hoosiers earned a split in their series at Penn State, which was the team's first road split since 2004.

Indiana has produced most of its offense through the base paths this

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CHICAGO RUNS INTO MAJOR HEAT WAVE



Jeff Roberson/Associated Press

Miami's Alonzo Mourning (33) dunks as Chicago Bulls Ben Gordon (left), Luol Deng (second from right), and Malik Allen look on during Game 6 of an Eastern Conference first-round playoff series on Thursday in Chicago.

BY ANDREW SELIGMAN
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Shaquille O'Neal dominated, Dwyane Wade played well despite a bruised left hip, and the Miami

Heat never trailed in eliminating the feisty Chicago Bulls, 113-96, on Thursday night.

The second-seeded Heat won the best-of-seven series 4-2; they will meet the third-seeded New Jersey Nets in the Eastern

Conference semifinals.

O'Neal had 30 points and 20 rebounds while staying out of foul trouble, and Miami won its first playoff series against the Bulls and its first postseason

SEE **BULLS** PAGE 4B

SOFTBALL

Half-full not half bad

After playing one of the most difficult schedules in Iowa softball history, the women are a half-game behind third-place Ohio State

BY BRYAN BAMONTE
 THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa softball team is in a glass half-full situation in the standings.

With only two games left before the Big Ten Tournament, Iowa (38-18) is in fourth place, a half game behind Ohio State.

And having played "the toughest schedule they've ever played," it's not half bad.

"I think we're definitely in a good spot," Iowa coach Gayle Blevins said. "We need to demonstrate that we are an at-large team. One of the most important things is trying to position yourselves for that. We need a good at-large record, and how you play down the stretch is crucial."

Another tipping point is the Hawkeyes' RPI, which is

strong because of their strength of schedule. Their early season nonconference schedule will help their cause.

"Some teams went out and racked up 15 or 20 wins early against lesser teams," Blevins said. "We were playing top-10 teams every place we went. We played some really fine teams, and we beat some of them."

On Wednesday, the Hawkeyes helped themselves with the long ball, pasting three home runs in two games, and they swept a double-header from South Dakota State. It was senior day for Iowa, and several reserves started in the first game.

"It was just a great day for our seniors," Blevins said. "Anytime you can sweep a double-header on the last day

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

By The Associated Press

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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	19	9	.679	—
Philadelphia	14	14	.500	5
Atlanta	12	16	.429	7
Washington	9	20	.310	10½
Florida	8	18	.308	12
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	20	9	.690	—
St. Louis	17	12	.586	3
Milwaukee	16	13	.552	4
Chicago	14	13	.519	5
Pittsburgh	8	22	.267	12½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	16	13	.552	—
Arizona	16	13	.552	—
San Francisco	14	14	.500	1½
San Diego	13	15	.464	2½
Los Angeles	12	17	.414	4

Thursday's Games

Milwaukee 7, San Francisco 4
Philadelphia 6, Atlanta 3
Florida 11, Washington 3
N.Y. Mets 6, Pittsburgh 0
Houston 4, St. Louis 3
Cincinnati 7, Colorado 1
Arizona 6, Chicago Cubs 0
San Diego 3, L.A. Dodgers 0

Today's Games

Pittsburgh (Perez 1-4) at Washington (Day 1-3), 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Cain 1-3) at Philadelphia (Floyd 2-2), 6:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Davies 2-2) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 2-2), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Suppan 2-2) at Florida (Mitre 1-3), 6:35 p.m.
Houston (Buchholz 2-1) at Colorado (BKim 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Ramirez 1-1) at Arizona (Webb 4-0), 8:40 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 0-2) at San Diego (Park 1-1), 9:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Capuano 4-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Lowe 1-1), 9:40 p.m.

Kansas City (Elarton 0-4) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 2-1), 7:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Westbrook 2-2) at Seattle (Moyer 1-2), 9:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Kazmir 3-2) at Oakland (Blanton 3-2), 9:05 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

FIRST ROUND, (Best-of-7)

Monday, May 1 Games

Dallas 102, Memphis 76, Dallas wins series 4-0
Detroit 109, Milwaukee 99
L.A. Clippers 101, Denver 83, L.A. wins series 4-1

Tuesday, May 2 Games

New Jersey 92, Indiana 86, New Jersey leads series 3-2
Miami 92, Chicago 78, Miami leads series 3-2
San Antonio 109, Sacramento 98, San Antonio leads series 3-2
Phoenix 114, L.A. Lakers 97, L.A. Lakers lead series 3-2

Wednesday's Games

Detroit 122, Milwaukee 93, Detroit wins series 4-1
Cleveland 121, Washington 120, OT, Cleveland leads series 3-2

Thursday's Games

New Jersey 96, Indiana 90, New Jersey wins series 4-2
Miami 113, Chicago 96, Miami wins series 4-2
Phoenix 126, Los Angeles Lakers 118, OT, series tied 3-3

Today's Games

Cleveland at Washington, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Game

Los Angeles Lakers at Phoenix, 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 7

Washington at Cleveland, TBA, if necessary
Sacramento at San Antonio, TBA, if necessary

GOLF

4 share lead at Wachovia

Tiger Woods is absent from the tournament for the first time in three years because of the death of his father

BY KEITH PARSONS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — It was the kind of day Tiger Woods would have enjoyed. A round of golf on a traditional, tree-lined course that firmed up as the day went on, with conditions similar to a major championship.

Four players, including former U.S. Open champ Jim Furyk and rookie Bill Haas, shared the lead after the first round Thursday of the Wachovia Championship, all finishing with 4-under 68s. Woods wasn't there, having already decided to skip the tournament for the first time in three years to be with his father, Earl Woods, who died of cancer on Wednesday.

"He's obviously mentally very strong, and I think he got that from his dad," Justin Rose said. "He'll cope, but it's not easy."

Rose should know. His father, Ken Rose, died from cancer in 2002 at age 57, and he had been a very big part of his son's development. Ken Rose occasionally caddied for Justin during the early stages of his career.

"Obviously, I was as close to my dad as he is to his, so I know exactly how hard it'll be for him right now," Rose said. "The difference being, obviously, how much attention ... but that comes with being the No. 1 player in the world."

Rose had a 70 and is tied

for eighth at Quail Hollow, a favorite course of the players since the event's inception three years ago. The main draw is the course, which opened in 1961 and has featured improvements over the years from Arnold Palmer and famed designer Tom Fazio.

Sure, there are the Mercedes-Benz courtesy cars and other perks such as lunch served on the range, but the layout draws the most raves.

"It gives you a U.S. Open kind of feel, with the greens firm and fast, and you really have to pay attention," said Billy Andrade, among three players tied for fifth after a 69. "This is the kind of setup I like, the kind of setup I usually play well on."

South Africans Trevor Immelman and Rory Sabbatini also finished with 68s, while Masters champion Phil Mickelson, defending champ Vijay Singh and Ernie Els all had 71s. Singh defeated Furyk and Sergio Garcia in a playoff last year. Els is making his first appearance at Quail Hollow.

"I definitely don't have a mind-set that the course owes me one or anything like that," Furyk said. "I played well here last year, I gave it a good effort, and I was disappointed at that time, but now I have fond memories of it. It's good to come back, knowing my game's in good shape."

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	15	11	.577	—
Boston	16	12	.571	—
Toronto	14	13	.519	1½
Baltimore	14	16	.467	3
Tampa Bay	11	18	.379	5½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	20	8	.714	—
Detroit	19	10	.655	1½
Cleveland	15	14	.517	5½
Minnesota	11	17	.393	9
Kansas City	6	20	.231	13
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	17	12	.586	—
Oakland	15	13	.536	1½
Los Angeles	13	16	.448	4
Seattle	12	18	.400	5½

Thursday's Games

L.A. Angels 7, Detroit 2
Chicago White Sox 4, Seattle 1
Oakland 12, Cleveland 4
Boston 7, Toronto 4
N.Y. Yankees 10, Tampa Bay 5
Texas 8, Baltimore 2
Kansas City 1, Minnesota 0

Today's Games

Baltimore (Ribeiro 1-3) at Boston (Schilling 4-1), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Santana 2-0) at Toronto (Chacin 4-1), 6:07 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 4-1) at Texas (Padilla 3-1), 7:05 p.m.
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KENTUCKY DERBY

Longtime trainer takes a shot

'This is probably the best chance I have ever had or ever will have. So it would be a great thrill fulfilling what has been a long career.'

— Bob Holthus, horse trainer

BY RICHARD ROSENBLATT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — As a lawyer Ron was getting a sponge bath, the early morning sunlight glistening off his wet, chestnut coat. On the other side of the barn, the man he is named after was closing a deal to sell the colt, one of the Kentucky Derby favorites.

Business as usual for the four-legged Lawyer Ron.

Business as usual for the two-legged version, Ron Bamberger.

As executor for the estate of Jim Hines, which owns Lawyer Ron, Bamberger sold an interest in the colt Thursday. The sale comes two days before Lawyer Ron attempts to win the one race Hines longed to compete in.

Asked if he thought the horse knew what was up, trainer Bob Holthus said, "He don't know anything about it." Then added, "And I'm not going to tell him, either."

As if the tale of Lawyer Ron wasn't already fraught with numerous story lines. His 71-year-old trainer is fighting the flu this week, a year after being hospitalized with congestive heart failure.

On Saturday, Holthus will take his best shot at winning — with a pupil on a six-race winning tear. The Arkansas Derby winner is the 4-1 co-second favorite in a packed field of 20 3-year olds.

"This is probably the best chance I have ever had or ever will have," Holthus said. "So it would be a great thrill fulfilling what has been a long career."

talented Derby horse came to him courtesy of Hines, a wealthy businessman who owned hundreds of thoroughbreds when he died Feb. 21 of an apparent accidental drowning in the indoor swimming pool at his home. He was 69.

Hines' death came four days before jockey John McKee guided Lawyer Ron to victory in the Southwest Stakes at Oaklawn Park, which was followed by wins in the Rebel Stakes and the Arkansas Derby.

"Mr. Hines dreamed all his life of breeding a horse and running it in the Kentucky Derby," McKee said. "It seems like everyone is holding on to it for Mr. Hines and cherishing the moment."

Now there are more folks with a piece of Lawyer Ron, a son of Langfuhr, who has earned \$1,220,008 from seven victories in 14 starts. He's 7-for-7 on dirt tracks; 0-for-7 on turf and Polytrack.

Bamberger would not give details but said an "interest" in Lawyer Ron had been sold to Audrey Haisfield, who owns Stonewall Stallions near Versailles, Ky.

Part of the deal calls for Lawyer Ron to run in the Derby in the blue and white silks of Hines Farm.

"I've trained 12-13 years for Hines, and he was a really good guy," Holthus said. "He really knew what he wanted. He's finally got it, and, unfortunately, he's not around to enjoy it."

The sale of a Derby-bound horse is far from unprecedented, but it's rare when one of the favorites is involved so close to the race date.



Amy Sancetta/Associated Press

Kentucky Derby hopeful Lawyer Ron stands patiently while being washed by groom Horace Chambers after a workout at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., on Wednesday. At right is hotwalker Bo Clenney.

THE 132ND KENTUCKY DERBY

When: Saturday at 5:04 p.m. CDT
Where: Churchill Downs, Louisville, Ky.
TV: NBC
Distance: 1 1/4 miles
Morning-line favorite: Brother Derek, 3-1
Total purse: \$2,213,200
Winner's share: \$1,453,200
Weather forecast: Partly cloudy, high of 68 degrees
2005 winner: Giacomo

Field for Saturday's race, with post position, horse's name and odds:

1. Jazil 30-1
2. Steppenwolver 30-1
3. Keyed Entry 30-1
4. Sinister Minister 12-1
5. Point Determined 12-1
6. Showing Up 20-1
7. Bob and John 12-1
8. Barbaro 4-1
9. Sharp Humo 20-1
10. A.P. Warrior 15-1
11. Sweetnorthernst 10-1
12. Private Vow 50-1
13. Bluegrass Cat 30-1
14. Deputy Glitters 50-1
15. Seaside Retreat 50-1

purchased for \$900,000 less than four weeks before the Derby and then won the race at 20-1 odds for trainer Bob Baffert.

"They're all worth more at this moment than ever," Baffert said. "Saturday at 6:10 p.m., most of these horses are going to be a lot less."

Through it all, Holthus has persevered. He's had plenty of practice.

In 1952, when Hill Gail was winning the Derby, an 18-year-old from Nebraska took out his trainer's license. Holthus, the son of a trainer, won his first race that year, with a filly named Colleen, and showed up at Oaklawn Park the next winter. He hasn't left, winning 11 training titles along the way, and he's still going strong: This will be his third straight Derby starter.

Rowing put in the meters



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

Members of the Hawkeye crew row on the Iowa River during practice on March 30.

BY TYSON WIRTH
THE DAILY IOWAN

Mandi Kowal has coached Iowa rowing for 12 years. She mentored a Big Ten Boat of the Week in 2002. She guided Iowa to its first ever NCAA championship appearance in 2001. She even coached the Junior National Team to a gold medal at the Junior World Rowing Championships in Zagreb, Croatia, in 2000.

But in the spring of 2006, she saw something unprecedented. "There's been a pretty big improvement from the fall," Kowal said. "In terms of just fitness and rowing, I think it's probably the biggest jump I've ever seen."

A new winter conditioning program played a key part in that jump. The team members rowed more meters than they ever had, and although different

event distances in the fall and spring rendered time comparisons pointless, the squad noticed a difference.

"I don't think there's another meter I could have asked them to row," Kowal said. "I think we're tapped out. We're there this year, and they should be really proud of that."

The extra work appears to have paid off. The Varsity raced to a 4-12 mark in its first four regattas — but earned 45 points at the 2006 Big Ten championships on April 29 — more than double the 22 it garnered a year ago. Kowal attributes part of the success to improved depth, a benefit of the new training's focus on individual goals.

Now, the season is nearly complete, with just the May 11-14 Central Regionals left on the schedule. The summer will bring a

short reprieve, and the rowers punch in again next fall. But when they do, they'll have lost just one senior to graduation — All-Big Ten first-team honoree Lydia McGee.

"It kind of hit me at Big Tens," said sophomore captain Jamie Siers. "We had little pamphlets with all the seniors from every team. Michigan and Minnesota had a bunch. And we had Lydia ... We gave her a standing ovation. We were the only team to give their seniors that."

What Iowa will return far outweighs its losses, however, at least in quantity — 45 non-seniors participated in the Big Ten championships.

Kowal knows some Novice athletes likely won't return, but she thinks an unusual combination of team chemistry and hard work gives most the Varsity incentive to

come back in the fall. Siers agrees. "We had a young team at the beginning of the year, and we're still young," she said. "We had the positive attitude, the fun-loving spirit. We still have that, but now it's with the hard work to top it off. We're more mature."

Kowal hopes the team can climb into the top 20 rankings before the season's end. Afterwards, she plans to enjoy some rare free weekends this summer, while her rowers relax, work, or travel (Siers is going to Ghana). But as the temperature drops in autumn, expectations will rise.

"Next year, the worst-case scenario, I'm not pessimistic at all — it would be another great year," Siers said. "Best case is an amazing year. I'm really, really looking forward to next season."

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Report: Lowe to take NC St. job

ASSOCIATED PRESS

RALEIGH, N.C. — Detroit Pistons assistant coach Sidney Lowe will return to North Carolina State to coach the school he led to a national championship under Jim Valvano, according to media reports.

N.C. State has searched for a successor to Herb Sendek for the past month and announced Thursday that it would introduce the Wolfpack's new coach at a news conference Saturday.

Lowe, 46, told the *News & Observer* of Raleigh earlier this week he would be interested but wasn't focusing on it, as Detroit chases a second NBA title in three years. The Pistons concluded their first-round series against Milwaukee on Wednesday and will play the winner of the Cleveland-Washington series.

ESPN.com, citing sources it

did not identify, reported that Lowe informed Pistons GM Joe Dumars and coach Flip Saunders of his decision Thursday morning and has agreed to remain with Detroit through the playoffs. The *News & Observer* also reported that Lowe had agreed to take the job, citing sources close to the search.

Athletics Director Lee Fowler did not immediately return phone calls Thursday afternoon.

Lowe was the point guard on the Wolfpack's 1983 national-championship team under Valvano and ranks second among the school's all-time assist leaders and third in steals.

The Wolfpack's top two targets — Texas' Rick Barnes and Memphis' John Calipari — reportedly turned down offers of about \$2 million a year to replace Sendek, who went 191-132 in 10 seasons before leaving for Arizona State last month.

SOCCER

World Cup sparks prostitution tiff

NEW YORK (AP)— The expected World Cup boom for Germany's sex industry has ignited a transatlantic tiff over prostitution, with a U.S. congressman and other anti-trafficking advocates contending Thursday that thousands of foreign women will be forced into sex work during the four-week tournament.

The German government, while defending its policy of legalized prostitution, emphatically denies that it condones human trafficking, and it says it has intensified efforts to combat it. It also denies claims by some critics that it is subsidizing construction of new brothels.

Rep. Christopher Smith, R-N.J., remains skeptical. He urged Germany to recriminalize prostitution and suggested that it should be

reclassified as an "egregious violation" of human trafficking, unless tougher steps are taken before the World Cup starts on June 9.

Smith, the chairman of the House subcommittee on global human rights, convened a hearing in Washington titled "Germany's World Cup Brothels." Witnesses included representatives from Amnesty International, the International Organization for Migration, and the Angel Coalition, an anti-trafficking women's group in Russia.

Juliette Engel of the Angel Coalition, in her written testimony, said the German government had chosen "to act as an official pimp for the 2006 World Cup — anticipating millions of dollars in revenues from the exploitation of women's bodies and souls by tens of thousands of male football fans notorious for their drunkenness and violence."

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Softball set for Big Ten crunch time



Pitcher Ali Arnold pitches against South Dakota State during a double-header at Pearl Field on Wednesday.

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SOFTBALL

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and get to play them all, it's a good day. We got good pitching from both Ali [Arnold] and Britt [Weil] and some big hits.

"It's nice for people in our program who we have asked so much of to get an opportunity to play."

Now, as the curtains close on both the senior class and their



"We certainly want to put ourselves in third by the end of the weekend. But we know they're going to play hard, because they're still playing for a spot in the tournament."

— Gayle Blevins, coach

season, Iowa has one weekend to make a push in the Big Ten race. With the Buckeyes traveling to play Penn State, whose pitching staff has the second best ERA in

the conference, the Hawkeyes will play a game of hit-and-see.

"For us, there's only one thing on our mind this weekend, and that's our games," Blevins said.

"We have a chance to control us, and the more wins we put up, the better we'll be. That's always our mindset, and that's not going to change."

The Hawkeyes' chore will be to avoid complacency against a .500 Badger team that sits toward the bottom in the Big Ten.

"We certainly want to put ourselves in third by the end of the weekend," Blevins said. "But we know they're going to play hard,

because they're still playing for a spot in the tournament."

Iowa's plan is to take two from Wisconsin and hope the Nittany Lions can bag one from the Buckeyes.

"It's a tough challenge for us, this weekend," Blevins said. "We've put ourselves in this spot, with a chance for third, and that's what we're going to play for."

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Baseball wants late-season run

BASEBALL

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season, with three players stealing 20 or more bags.

Leadoff man Reggie Watson has led the way with 37 steals and is batting .331. Keith Haas has a team-best .359 average, to go with his 20 stolen bases, while Jay Brant has five home runs, 15 RBIs, and 22 stolen bases.

The Hoosier rotation for the weekend will be senior southpaw Clint Crosier, (1-2, 4.81 ERA), senior Josh Lewis (4-5, 4.98), freshman Tyler Tufts (1-3, 6.75), and sophomore Doug Fleenor (2-2, 3.31).

Iowa is coming off a difficult weekend, after dropping three of four games to Northwestern (17-25, 14-6), in which they held a lead in the mid-to-late innings.

The Hawkeyes lost the first two games, 9-5 and 9-8, and came back to split Sunday's double-header by winning 16-2 and losing 7-6.

"What I'd like to see us do is extend the season and be able to play in postseason play," Dahm said. "We can make it happen, because the Big Ten is up for grabs."

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Heat overpower Bulls

BULLS

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game in Chicago. O'Neal was 13-of-24 from the field.

Wade scored 23 points, and although he spent more time on the bench than usual, he was 7-of-12 from the field, including 2-of-3 on 3-pointers.

Wade injured his hip late in the first half of Game 5 on Tuesday, when he landed awkwardly after having his lay-up blocked by Michael Sweetney. He was injected with a painkiller at halftime, returned midway through the third quarter, and scored 15 of his game-high 28 points to lead the Heat to a 92-78 victory.

James Posey scored 18 points for the Heat on Thursday, while Udonis Haslem added 17 points and 14 rebounds.

Chicago's Kirk Hinrich and Ben Gordon scored 23 and 21 points, respectively, after shooting a combined 6-for-29 in Game 5. Andres Nocioni added 20 points.

After shooting just under 35 percent in Game 5, the Bulls missed 11 of their first 12 shots Thursday and finished 31-of-75 (41 percent). They were 10-for-30 on 3-pointers.

The Heat finished 38-of-77 from the field, including 11-of-25 on 3s.

Trailing 64-48 early in the third quarter, the Bulls scored seven-straight points, capped by Nocioni's transition basket that brought the crowd to its feet. But after a timeout, O'Neal went 1-of-2 from the line and jammed in a miss by Wade to make it 67-55.

The Bulls pulled within 97-88 on Gordon's three-point play

with 4:58 left, but Haslem converted a three-point play after a miss by Posey at the shot-clock buzzer and then hit a jumper. A steal and lay-up by Posey made it a 16-point game. O'Neal punctuated things with a dunk that made it 106-88 with 3:06 left.

The Heat were 0-9 in post-season games in Chicago and had lost three previous playoff series against the Bulls. Nothing about this series was easy.

Haslem tossed his mouthpiece toward an official in Game 1 and served a one-game suspension. Posey knocked down Hinrich in Game 3 and was suspended for Game 4. O'Neal couldn't avoid foul trouble in the first five games and got fined \$25,000 after criticizing the officiating in Game 3. And teammates Gary Payton and Wade exchanged words near the end of the first half of Game 4.

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GOLF

Wie five back

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INCHEON, South Korea — Michelle Wie used strong putting to shoot a 2-under 70 in the first round of the SK Telecom Open and remained in contention to make her first cut at a men's tournament.

The 16-year-old is five strokes behind leader Adam Le Vesconte of Australia, who shot a 65. Wie had four birdies and two bogeys in her eighth attempt at making the cut in a men's tournament.

"I felt like I played good and bad," Wie said. "I felt like I made some putts where I had to, and there are a couple of more days to go, so it will get better."

Wie birdied the opening hole at No. 10 and made three more birdies, including two after the turn on Nos. 1 and 2. She blamed her approach shots for not going lower.

"I just got really bad lies. Like on the 16th, I had a really bad lie — and on the par-5 18th," Wie said. "So, it was just kind of bad luck on the chips, but I felt like I putted very well, coming back."

Wie had the first of her two bogeys

when her tee shot on the par-4 17th nestled beside a rake — which had to be removed. Her approach shot sent the ball rolling down a hill and into a water hazard.

Her penalty drop was placed on the slope, and she deftly chipped within 2 feet to salvage bogey.

Wie hit into a bunker on the par-5 6th, then watched her 15-foot putt roll to the lip of the cup before it ran out of steam, drawing sighs from the 300-plus gallery of mostly Koreans.

Wie, whose parents were born in South Korea, is regarded by many Koreans as one of their own. The Hawaiian-born Wie finished third in March at the Kraft Nabisco Championship, the first LPGA major.

If she makes the cut after today's second round, she will be the second woman to do so at a Korean tournament. LPGA star Se Ri Pak finished tied for 10th at the KPGA Tour's SBS Pro-Golf Championship in 2003.

"I do not have a specific strategy for tomorrow, but if I hit my irons well, I'll be all right," Wie said. "I'd love to play well and put up a strong challenge. Whatever it is, I'll have a calm and cool approach to the game."

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ANDREW JUHL Things to make you stop and think

- Maybe Solomon wasn't so wise; perhaps he was merely ambivalent toward babies. Or maybe he just really liked cutting them in half.
- Two things known for incest with siblings and eating their own offspring: the Greek Pantheon and mice. Draw your own conclusions.
- If Friedrich Nietzsche were alive today, he would be considered by most to be a modern-day Nietzsche.
- How much would you pay to see a man swallow his own head before thinking, "Gee, I don't know; that's a little pricey?"

• If some mad scientist was able to distill irony into a foodstuff, what do you think it would taste like? Wouldn't you have to be wrong? I mean it is irony, after all.

• If life is like a box of chocolates, which chocolate is cancer? I hope it's coconut; I never eat the coconut ones.

• You can't spell "team" without "meat" and you can't spell "garçon" without one of those freaky lowercase C's.

• What do you think Jaleel White is doing at this exact moment?

• Aren't people with pace-makers technically cyborgs?

• If there is no beer in Heaven, then Heaven has been egregiously overhyped.

• If you're ever forced to choose between losing your dominant hand or losing the love of your life, you should probably take a moment to curse your career adviser.

— These are the things that keep **Andrew R. Juhl** up at night. You can e-mail him at: andrew-juhl@uiowa.edu

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- Men's basketball's Jeff Horner
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- High-jumper Peaches Roach
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- Ugandan AIDS-orphan dancers
- Iowa men's tennis
- DITV Sports Update — Steve Alford coaching update
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- Music Samples: Neko Case
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DI POLL

Should the county ease penalties on first-time marijuana offenders?
 (68%) Yes
 (32%) No
 953 votes

Log on to answer this week's question:
 How stressed are you about finals week?
 Very
 Somewhat
 Not at all
 Senior-itis has been in full swing all semester.

today's events

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- **Spaces, photography by Laura Schmitt, B.F.A./Honors Show**, through May 12, Blank Honors Center fourth floor
- **"Talk of Iowa Live from the Java House," "Aging Without Limits,"** 10 a.m., Java House, 211 1/2 E. Washington, and WSUI
- **Finding God at Iowa, "Faith & Politics as Lived by a Christian From the Middle East,"** George El-Khoury, noon, 105 IMU
- **Stringworks School of Music**, noon, UIHC Colleton Atrium
- **Iowa New Play Festival reading, *Serpent Song*, by Morgan Sheehan-Bubla**, 1 p.m., 172 Theatre Building
- **"Crazy Hat Making,"** Tomás Kubinek, 2 p.m., Iowa Children's Museum
- **Robert and Clarissa Rees Alumni Lecture Series**, 2 p.m., W113 Seashore Hall
- **"Crazy Hats and Kazoo Parade,"** Tomás Kubinek, 4 p.m., Iowa Children's Museum
- **Undergraduate Playwrights Workshop Readings**, 4 p.m., 172 Theatre Building
- **Free Stress Relief Yoga Class**, 5 p.m., 346 IMU
- **Graduate Painting Open House, School of Art and Art History**, 5-8 p.m., Graduate Painting Building, 109 River
- **Index Case, Wreckage of the Modern City**, 5 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington

- **Iowa New Play Festival, *All Grace*, by Chris Leyva**, 5:30, 9 p.m., Theatre Building
- **Advanced Production Workshop Final Screening, Cinema and Comparative Literature**, 7 p.m., 105 Adler Journalism Building
- **For Your Eyes Only ..., photography by Rachel Mumme**, 7-9 p.m., above Deadwood Tavern, 6 1/2 S. Dubuque
- **Friday Film Series, *Pickpocket***, 7 p.m., Newman Center, 104 E. Jefferson
- **Ballroom/Social Dance**, 7:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **Brian Bailey Kantorei and the University Choir**, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall
- **Undergraduate Concert, UI dance department**, 8 p.m., North Hall Space/Place
- **World Percussion Extravaganza: Steel Bands, the Afro-Cuban Drum and Dance Ensemble, and World Percussion Ensemble**, 8 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **Mike Doughty**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Whisky Drinkin' & Hell Raisin'**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **The Boys of Baraka**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Dan Doormouse with Anonymous, C-Minor, Sonar, and Nate Unique**, 10 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington

horoscopes

Friday, May 5, 2006
 — by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Start something new or take a fresh approach to something old. Expand your ideas and concepts, and you'll prosper more than you could ever imagine. Your originality will be what impresses everyone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take a look at your options, but don't make a decision just yet. You will face resistance if you try to push what you want to do on the people you are closest to. Get everyone's blessing before you proceed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Consider what has to be done, and don't waste another minute thinking about it. Your swift actions will impress everyone watching to see how you conduct things today. You can be a hero.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't misinterpret what others are doing or saying. A little constructive criticism can actually help you make needed changes. Trust in a friend who wants to help you be your best.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may want to make a few changes at home or to your personal life, but if it's going to affect some of the people around you, get the go-ahead before you begin. It's better to have support than to explain every little thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Today will turn into a learning experience for you. You will have a chance to prove yourself quite capable of handling whatever comes your way. Prepare to adapt to change, and you will end up as the one in charge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Working for a greater cause will enable you to meet people who think the same way you do. This is a great day to commit to something or someone who moves you. You will obtain a greater understanding of what your purpose is and how to fulfill your dreams.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A change is coming your way. Publishing, travel, and the ability to communicate more within your industry are looking good. Don't let anyone get away with emotional blackmail. Do what you feel is best for yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Everything is beginning to go your way. Short jaunts, money, and making your home user-friendly will be beneficial and easily achieved. Jump at any opportunity to interact with people who can offer you a different point of view. Be prepared to make a fast decision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't be fooled by someone trying to coerce you into doing things her or his way. Follow your own path, and make things work in a practical yet prosperous manner. A partnership may be in question.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Emotional upset will follow if you haven't been honest about your feelings for someone. If you are reasonable, you will be able to make amends. If you try to put the blame elsewhere, you will face greater obstacles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may find yourself jumping from one thing to another — so many interests, so little time. Decide what will bring the highest returns and the most satisfaction, and put everything else off to the side. You can't do it all.

PATV

Public Access Television cable channel 18

7 a.m. Democracy Now
11 Democracy Now
Noon Islam: Dispelling the Myths
1 p.m. Valley Church Service
2 JJ Alberhasky United Action for Youth Benefit Show
3 Wocidj April 12
3:30 Wocidj April 19
3:55 Classy Chassy Cruisers
4 Conversations
5 PATV Open Channel
6 Gospel Explosion Ministry

7 Country Time Country
8 Nature's Logic
8:30 Professor Noodle
9 1st Wocidj 2006
9:30 Undercover TV
10 Fellowship Revival Center
11 Tom's Guitar Show
Midnight Film Punk Productions
12:30 a.m. America's Best Student Shorts
2:30 Iowa City Free Radio 88.7

UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

3 p.m. Invasion Iraq: Civil Liberties on the Home Front
4:30 "Know the Score Live," Art Museum
6:30 Bowen Lecture, "The Perfect Storm and the Privatization of

Public Higher Education"
7:30 Invasion Iraq: Civil Liberties on the Home Front
9 "Know the Score Live," Art Museum
11 College of Education Presents, Academic Job Search

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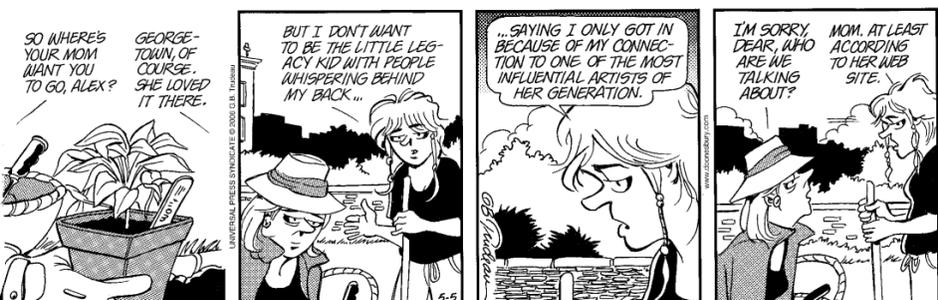


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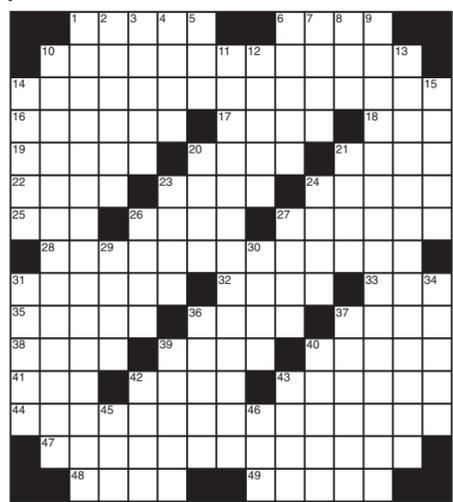
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- Needle problem
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- "It's just between us"
- Gymwear
- Lackawanna's lake
- It opens in Sept.
- Dentist's request
- One may be under development
- Great Trek trekker
- Secures
- Like some craft show displays
- Spirit that's willing?
- #1 on Air Force One
- Result of a quick revolution
- Sunder
- Place for I, O or U
- Without afterthought
- Cut-up
- Popular New York City daily
- "The sun," in 33-Across
- Jours (carnival days): Fr.
- Fictional Jane
- Cousin of a spoonbill
- Trammell, 1984 World Series M.V.P.
- Heroine of Menotti's opera "The Consul"
- "Just the opposite!"
- Response to a brother?
- Dog with a bone, maybe
- Needles follow one
- Fashionable wear
- Lead-in to date or trap
- Looie's saluter

DOWN

- Just what is needed
- Mercedes-Benz sedan
- Take (scream)
- Parks in a pew
- Shell contents
- Girl, in song, "way down yonder in the paw-paw patch"
- Support for a proposal
- Business mag
- Cleanliness, e.g.
- Library supporter, maybe
- Kitchen fixture
- Leader of the Pacemakers in 60's pop
- Get commands
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The Man Behind Casino Gambling in Riverside

BY BLAKE RASMUSSEN

It's the stuff of bedtime stories, tall tales, and Mark Twain novels.

Midwest boy from a large family grows up on the Mississippi, one of five children of riverboat parents who make their living on the river. Pretty soon, gambling comes to town, and the family is forced to adapt, eventually opening a casino of their own.

Mom and dad run the riverboat casinos. The kids practically live on the boat, working 9-5, doing their part to make the family business boom.

And gradually, over time, Huck Finn becomes Donald Trump.

Therein lies the paradox that is Dan Kehl. Part aw-shucks Iowa boy, part casino mogul. Part consummate family man, part \$100-million businessman.

A man with a ruddy complexion, curly short red hair, the quick-to-smile Kehl seems equally at home shaking hands with Riverside farmers or talking profit-margins with Wall Street brokers. As he balances these two extremes, Kehl now finds himself at the helm of Iowa's most ambitious resort project.

There are days when, even to him, it all seems a bit like a dream.

"I feel like the luckiest guy in the world," he says, casting a proud look over construction that by September is scheduled to be transformed into the 58,000-square-foot casino. "I say that every day."

In a way, his life is very much like a dream, charmed and strange at the same time. One of five children of Iowa's first riverboat casino operator, Robert Kehl, a young Dan grew up on a riverboat on the Mississippi.

Now 72, Robert Kehl, has long been tied to riverboats in Dubuque and the Quad Cities. In the days before legalized Iowa gambling,



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Dan Kehl, CEO of Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, stands in his office during construction of the \$100 million project. The Kehl family has been synonymous with gambling in Iowa since Dan Kehl's father, Robert Kehl, was awarded the state's first riverboat gaming license in 1990.

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Casino Owner
Dan Kehl

Kehl's father had a long history of buying and selling businesses; Dan estimates his father has owned some 27 businesses.

Prior to 1972, Robert Kehl ran a catering business on the dining-excursion boats between Dubuque and the Quad Cities. When the company that owned the boats stopped running tours,

Robert and wife Ruth borrowed all the money they could and bought their own boat.

The dinner boat was successful enough that over the course of the next 14 years, Robert Kehl purchased three more, including the Spirit of Dubuque and the Quad City Queen.

It was these boats that served as the childhood homes of Dan and his siblings. They'd spend their summers working there, keeping the business in the family.

"It was awesome," says Dan Kehl. "We worked a lot, but we had fun. When I'd get grounded, I'd have to go into work as long as my dad did," he recalls.

"That meant 5:30 [in the morning] 'til whenever he went home. But he'd pay me for it, so it worked out for me."

whatever it is that entrepreneurs have — that vision where nobody else necessarily sees an opportunity, a lot like his father," says Ken Bonnet, Kehl's business partner since 1993.

The Riverside casino is Kehl's pet project, a venture that will either sink or define him. In order to raise money for the Riverside casino, Kehl traveled to Wall Street to convince bankers to fund his dream. It was his first trip to New York, at the age of 39.

While the casino will leverage Kehl like never before, it's a gamble he seems willing to take.

Kehl, along with his wife and two sons, moved to North Carolina in 2002, when Iowa issued a moratorium on licenses for new casinos. North Carolina offered Kehl the opportunity to continue to expand his business in a new market.

Now, one of the challenges for Kehl has been balancing his family life in North Carolina with his businesses in Iowa.

He blends the two by commuting from North Carolina to Iowa and back again weekly, typically spending Monday through Thursday in Iowa and then jetting back for the weekend. For spring break this year, he took his family to Costa Rica.

When asked if he wants his sons to get into the family business, he pauses, drops his head, and slips into a quiet smile, "Aw, heck yeah, who wouldn't want them to?"

"I've almost got him [my oldest] convinced to come to [The University of] Iowa and work for me," Kehl says, admittedly excited by the prospect of a third Kehl generation in the business.

In the meantime, he plans to honor his father when the Riverside Casino is scheduled to open on Sept. 10 — Robert Kehl's 73rd birthday.

"It's my present to him."

In the late 1980s when Iowa legislators began to consider riverboat gambling, the Kehls were adamantly opposed to the change, fearing it would mean the end of their excursion-dining business. But when the legislation ultimately passed, they decided that they might as well join in the dawning of legalized Iowa riverboat gambling.

And so, in 1990, Robert Kehl was awarded the state's first riverboat gaming license. More casinos and more riverboats would follow, and soon Robert Kehl would become a pivotal force in not just Iowa gambling but gambling throughout the Midwest. "If it weren't for him, none of us would be sitting here," says Dan Kehl.

But to think of Dan Kehl as merely inheriting his family's business would be a mistake. "I think his ability is to have

Riverside Project

May 5, 2006

Riverside Bets Its Future on Iowa's Largest Casino Resort

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WHAT IT WILL HAVE

Riverside Casino and Golf Resort

1,175 slot machines, 24 black jack tables, four craps tables and two roulette tables

14-table poker room, VIP room, stage for live entertainment

7,200 yard 18-hole golf course, clubhouse, retail shop and practice facilities.

204-room hotel, rooms start at about \$120 per night



If They Build It, Will They Come?

BY ELAINE WATKINS-MILLER

A billboard on Interstate 380 announces in stylish black type, "Riverside Casino and Golf Resort: Opening Fall 2006."

Casino owner Dan Kehl says the jumbo announcement is part of a regional strategy to deliver as many as 1.6 million visitors to Iowa's newest gambling destination.

But the billboard only hints at Kehl's larger efforts to attract gamblers from Iowa and out of state to his \$100-million resort. If Kehl has figured correctly, the Riverside casino will be his dream come true; if it flops, Kehl's lavish resort could turn into a financial nightmare.

For Kehl's plan to succeed, he says he has to create a one-of-a-kind premier attraction. "That's the concept we are going for," says Kehl, surveying the building of the resort from what is scheduled to be the golf course's sixth hole. "Whether or not we can pull it off, come ask me in a year-and-a-half from now."

To determine what amenities an Iowa resort would have to have to attract such a large number of guests, Kehl and manager Joe Massa asked focus groups in Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, and Aurora, Ill.

The focus groups told the gambling executives that Midwesterners don't want another stand-alone casino. Participants said they wanted something that would include extras, such as an 18-hole championship golf course, a golf school, a luxury hotel, an indoor/outdoor pool, a spa, and concert space. They also indicated that activities for families would be welcomed.

With so much riding on the Riverside Casino, Kehl and Massa have left little to chance. Massa says a consulting firm will soon begin telephone and mail surveys to gauge people's responses to the casino's advertising campaigns, messages, pricing, and even casino logos.

In the meantime, Massa has hired a sales manager to lure groups and conventions to the casino, and he plans to hire a sales staff in Chicago and Des Moines. A package could include a hotel stay with a trip to Kinnick Stadium for tailgating and box seats at an Iowa football game. Kehl says he



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Construction workers install wall components at the Riverside Casino.

wants to organize junkets to the casino, where out-of-state gamblers would be flown into the Eastern Iowa Airport.

Kehl says the resort will only flourish if he can attract "heads in beds," the hospitality industry's jargon for overnight guests, not just occasional gamblers who come to drop a few dollars and check out the buffet. Of the anticipated 1.6 million visits per year, Cheryl Good, the Riverside Casino director says its goal is to draw 20 percent from out-of-state.

This may be optimistic, according to William Eadington, director of the Institute for the Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming at the University of Nevada-Reno. Outside of Las Vegas, casinos are primarily local attractions, he says. The Riverside resort may capture travelers on nearby highways, such as Interstate 80, if it builds a reputation with its restaurants, hotel, and golf course. "There will be some people who will use it as a resort, if it is 150 or 200

miles away," Eadington says. "But nobody is going to go farther than that to travel to a facility that they can find duplicates of."

While Kehl says he wants the resort to be a destination for non-Iowans, his marketing strategy clearly targets Iowans and residents of western Illinois. Of the \$83 million in revenue he expects to pull in each year, \$66 million will come from customers living within a 50-mile radius, and \$10 million is expected to come from 100 miles away. The remainder will come from out-of-staters or "drive-bys."

In places such as Iowa, Eadington says casinos are social centers where people go for a night out. Casinos offer reasonably priced entertainment, restaurants, and maybe even upscale shopping.

There is also, of course, gambling, which is the real money-maker. "The casino allows everything else to happen," Kehl says.

And if the casino is the

"Slot machines are the major profit center for any American casino these days."

William Eadington

engine that pulls everything else, it's the slots that make the engine go.

"Slot machines are the major profit center for any American casino, these days," Eadington says, except in Las Vegas, where table games make more money. He says that a typical casino in the United States generates 80 percent of its revenues from slots. The Riverside casino will have 1,175 slot machines, fewer than the Ameristar Casino in Council Bluff, which has 1,600.

On average, a typical new slot machine costs about \$10,000 and generates anywhere from \$100 to \$800 a day, depending on whether the machine is played in, for instance, Tama or Las Vegas. In Iowa, Eadington estimates daily revenue from each slot to be \$200, so the cost of a slot machine is recouped in less than two months. That's why casinos like them.

Eadington says customers also like them because slots have become increasingly more interactive with video-game features. They often use identifiable logos and themes, such as "Wheel of Fortune," "Jeopardy," and Monopoly. In addition, when people receive positive reinforcement, such as small amounts of money, they tend to stay and play, he says.

A typical casino player in Iowa is female, married, 52 years old, lives within 100 miles of the casino, has an annual household income of \$50,000 or above, has a high-school education, and is likely a smoker, according to a 2005 University of Northern Iowa study.

Because of these demographics, Massa says that the casino would lose more business than it would gain if non-smoking sections were created in the casino. In fact, Eadington says casinos typically lose 20 percent in revenue when smoking is banned.

The casino industry, including Riverside, also wants to attract Gen-X'ers — people younger than 40. Kehl says he

would love to book the Black Eyed Peas for the casino's opening. This would appeal to a younger crowd, potentially even college students. The UI, after all, is just 15 miles away.

Whether a casino attracts retirees or Gen-X'ers, any marketing expert would agree that the goal is to build loyalty. Twenty percent of casino customers make up 80 percent of casino revenue, Eadington says.

Kehl and other casino owners rely, in part, on a 2-by-3 inch plastic player's card. The card and the concept of database marketing have transformed the way casinos cultivate loyal customers and attract new ones.

As customers spend money in the casino gift shop or on the gambling floor, they earn points that can be redeemed for free meals, discounted hotel rooms, or gambling chips. The more they play, the more incentives customers get to play.

To get a player's card, customers provide the casino database with personal information, including their birth dates. To earn redeemable points, customers insert the card into their slot machines, hand it to the dealer at table games, or use it when paying for golf. The casino's computer system tracks their preferred games, how long they play, how much they bet, win, and lose.

The card also helps get customers in the door. Although the casino will advertise on local radio, print, and television, direct mail is a key marketing component. The casino already has a database of names from the Fort Madison's Catfish Bend Riverboat Casino, in which Kehl also holds an interest. The database will grow this summer, when sales staff plan to hit county fairs and malls to enroll people in the player's club, in anticipation of the casino's September opening.

As he continues to survey his project from a hill on the golf course, Kehl says the resort is an ambitious project, but Iowa's casino market requires something new. "Iowa gaming was started to create tourism in the river communities, back in 1991," says Kehl, whose father, Robert, was the first to be granted a gambling license in Iowa.

"It worked — until other states joined in. Now [Iowa gambling] has lost its luster a little bit. We have to up the ante."



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Riverside residents participate in the Shirts and Skirts Square Dance Club. The group formed in 1955 and still meets.



Beth Skogen/The Daily Iowan

Father Rich Adam speaks to parishioners during Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

The view of Riverside from the steeple of St. Mary's Catholic Church.



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Riverside boys play Babe Ruth league baseball.

Rural Riverside Throws the Dice

BY SONIA GUNDERSON

Riverside is so small that it seems almost everybody is related to — or married to — a Schnoebelen, a Thomann, a Schneider, or a Kron.

"You have to watch what you say about people," says Joan Bex, former editor of the *Riverside Current*, now Deputy City Clerk. "It's all kind of personal."

Located 15 miles south of Iowa City, Riverside is a pastoral community of 928 residents that sits alongside the banks of the English River.

Route 22, which runs through the middle of town, has so little traffic that people often cross the street without

looking both ways.

But that will likely change in early September, when Iowa's largest casino resort is set to open in Riverside.

In the summer of 2004, gambling mogul Dan Kehl, wearing a pressed flannel shirt that looked like it had come right out of the box, came to town and unveiled his plans to put a huge gambling resort in Riverside.

For a community reeling from the collapse of family farms, Kehl's scheme seemed to some like a lifeline. "He came to us!" marvels Marj Schnoebelen, a local businesswoman and retired farmer.

Others thought of *The Music Man*, the Meredith

Willson musical in which Professor Harold Hill comes to River City, promising the moon.

Kehl, owner of casinos in Fort Madison and Clinton, came to Riverside promising jobs, investment opportunities, money for schools, and a new fire station.

Kehl offered to put Riverside on the map.

He predicted that each year the resort would attract 1.6 million visitors and earn \$83 million revenue, bringing new life to the downtown. Kehl said his \$100 million "destination resort" would include a glitzy 58,000-square-foot casino with water attractions, three restaurants, a gift shop,

and an entertainment center. It would also have a 204-room hotel and an 18-hole championship golf course designed by Rees Jones, builder of award-winning courses throughout the world.

Many residents were dazzled by Kehl's plans. Just 15 years earlier, most people in Riverside probably would have found gambling in Iowa unthinkable. At that time, many considered gambling a vice, one that could only be indulged legally in Nevada or Atlantic City.

But times have changed. In recent years, many forms of gambling — the lottery, scratch cards, TouchPlay machines, poker, casinos,

and an entertainment center. It would also have a 204-room hotel and an 18-hole championship golf course designed by Rees Jones, builder of award-winning courses throughout the world.

Internet gambling — have joined the American mainstream, and gaming venues have refashioned themselves as family-friendly entertainment centers. Iowa and other cash-strapped states, staggering from federal budget cuts and reluctant to raise taxes, have turned to gambling revenues to fix their budget woes.

With statewide gambling revenues of \$320 million last year, some Iowans say the proceeds have helped stanch fiscal bleeding. Yet the profusion of gambling and the state's growing reliance on its revenues have divided the state.

The proposed Riverside project is no exception.

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Amid Bitter Debate, Riverside Prepares for Casino Opening

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In his early meetings with Riverside's City Council, Kehl asked for sole rights to build a casino and golf resort, plus the city's support for a Washington County referendum to develop the complex.

And Kehl was in a hurry. He demanded an immediate answer on exclusive rights and wanted to push through a countywide vote in less than six weeks.

He told the council that, after the defeat of a casino measure in Linn County and discouraging poll results in Johnson County, he planned to draw clients from those areas by locating his resort just over the line in Washington County.

The Riverside location had another advantage. It would position the casino to attract travelers from Interstate 80, 18 miles to the north, and nearby Highway 218, a segment of the new Avenue of the Saints, which links St. Louis and St. Paul.

Riverside's City Council hastily approved Kehl's bid for exclusive development rights. With the first stage complete, Kehl added the Riverside Casino and Golf Resort to the lineup of gambling proposals before Iowa voters.

The flurry of activity leading up to Washington County's Aug. 31, 2004, referendum plunged residents into chaos, bitterly dividing Riverside and the county.

Local residents, such as Marj Schnoebelen, Bill Poch, and Jerry Murphy, became instant advocates, believing that Kehl's resort was the answer to Riverside's problems.

Certainly, people would be able to make money from Kehl's project.

Schnoebelen and her husband Paul, who had recently converted their farm property into Windmill View Subdivision, were seeking prospective buyers.

The day she heard about the resort, Schnoebelen signed up to be a paid canvasser for Kehl, telling locals the casino development would benefit schools. She soon took on another responsibility — head of the casino-backed Washington County Citizens for Good Jobs Committee.

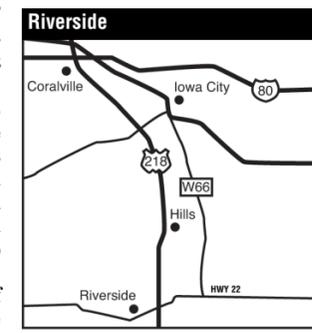
wearing a plaid flannel shirt," she says of their first meeting, "I knew I could trust him."

Bill Poch, Riverside's mayor, drives a truck for the UI laundry service. He hopes the new project will allow him to quit his day job, saying, "I'd like to work full-time on bringing new businesses to Riverside."

Jerry Murphy, owner of Murphy's Bar & Grill, the only tavern remaining in a town that used to have five, says he believes the new resort will bring him more customers and revitalize Riverside's downtown area.

But not everyone backed the casino. Opponents, such as Larry and Tina Thomann, owners of Thomann Welding; Brad Franzwa, a medical researcher at the UI; Jeanine Redlinger, a teacher in Iowa City; and Jim Hussey, then-president of Kalona's Mid-Prairie School Board, quickly formed a grass-roots anti-casino group.

The group opposed the



nearby Kalona's Amish community, the largest Amish settlement west of the Mississippi River.

In the weeks before the referendum, Kehl left little to chance. He hired the Illinois-based Strategy Group to wage a slick campaign, bombarding Washington County residents with glossy promotional materials depicting a cruising riverboat casino.

In fact, the casino would not be a boat. Nor would it float. It would be a fixed edifice located above the flood-

slim 352-vote margin.

A day later, in violation of ethics rules that required a full accounting of expenditures five days prior to elections, the pro-casino group made its final payment of some \$400,000 to the Strategy Group and other firms involved in the campaign. The Iowa Ethics and Campaign Board later cited the Kehl-backed group for a breach of ethics.

In the end, at a cost of approximately \$100 per vote, the pro-casino group outspent opponents nearly 50 to 1.

Eight months later, following several hearings with the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission, the Kehl group was granted a gambling license, the final step required to begin construction. The next day, a photo of a beaming Marj Schnoebelen, her hands clasped together and her eyes cast skyward, appeared in newspapers throughout Iowa.

Meantime, Riverside residents tried to settle back into

site — a necessity if the resort was to attract tourists — Walnut Avenue, a main north-south artery for locals, would need to close.

The casino group made real-estate deals with nearby property owners and later reneged on them.

Then there was the tropical rain forest.

Widely panned by the media as an egregious waste of taxpayer dollars, the \$280-million project sprang to life when Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, the powerful chairman of the Senate's Finance Committee, tacked \$50 million for "the world's largest indoor rain forest" onto the Omnibus Appropriations Bill in January 2004.

Thanks to Kehl's group, which saw the rain forest as another draw for his resort, Riverside is one of several communities vying for the project. And Kehl has already picked out a spot for the rain forest — the old F.W. Schnoebelen homestead, right next to the casino.

Are there more surprises to come? Most expect there will be.

As the casino's Sept. 10 opening date draws near, the mood in Riverside is a mixture of apprehension and excitement. While they hope the promised boom will materialize, some residents worry. With so many gambling options now available to Iowans, will people come to the casino? Will the results be mixed, as they have been in Osceola, where Terrible's Lakeside Casino Resort opened six years ago?

Will the casino overload schools, attract crime, create addicts, perhaps accelerate the breakup of families, or tease locals into losing their paychecks or their life savings? Will the promised casino jobs be low-wage?

Some townspeople believe the casino will herald the dawn of a new age of prosperity in Riverside. But will the town become a vaunted tourist destination? Will residents enjoy previously unimagined financial security?

One thing is certain. In bucolic Riverside, where the sweet smell of prairie grass in the English River valley now fills the air, life will never be the same.

In the end, at the cost of approximately \$100 per vote, the pro-casino group outspent opponents nearly 50 to 1.



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Jane Dickey and Bob Sexton put away food after serving dinner at the Riverside Senior Center. Dickey, a resident of Lone Tree, has been cooking and serving food at the center since 1981.

Riverside Elders Await Casino

BY GLORIA WILLIAMS

RIVERSIDE POPULATION

At the heart of downtown Riverside, the city's elders gather in a redbrick building for lunch. They share news of deaths, births, and recent illnesses. When the topic of the casino comes up, they seem intrigued.

"I know I'll go to the buffet," says Joanne.

"It's a way for people to get together, to get out of the house," adds Ann.

"Besides," she says, "there's nothing down here."

Although almost everyone in the Senior Dining Center is on a fixed income, most say they'll visit the casino.

"It's going to be a beautiful place," Jeannette says. Once a year, she and her husband go by bus with other retired farm couples to gamble at casinos in Dubuque andavenport.

- Riverside Population
- Median Age: 35
- Males under 20: 14 percent
- Females under 20: 16 percent
- Males 20-40: 14 percent
- Females 20-40: 15 percent
- Males 40-60: 13 percent
- Females 40-60: 13 percent
- Males over 60: 6 percent
- Females over 60: 9 percent

With the Riverside casino's opening around the corner, they won't need to travel that far.

For now, many Riverside seniors play euchre or Bingo at five cents a game. Winners

"I, myself, have nothing against it. It's supposed to help the community. I think my biggest concern is young people. As long as they know how to handle it, it will be O.K. It's certainly going to help employment if they employ as many as they said they would."

receive prizes of pop and food. At noon, the elders line up for lunch, dished out onto blue plastic plates. The meal today is steamed vegetables, brown rice, and meatballs with apricots on the side.

Four men gather around a table. One man, wearing bib overalls, says while gambling proponents contend that the casino will help keep property taxes down, he's doubtful.

"Nothing is going to help with taxes," he says.

"They will go up anyway, so this casino won't help anything."

"There are problems with anything you do," says Don, his eyes peering over his glasses. "But it can't hurt anything I can see."

"I, myself, have nothing against it," says Jane.

"It's supposed to help the community. I think my

biggest concern is young people. As long as they know how to handle it, it will be O.K. It's certainly going to help employment if they employ as many as they said they would."

Jane plans to go to the casino, though only occasionally.

"It's something to do," Jane says as she looks at those around her — "as long as they don't spend their social security checks."

Tornado of Different Kind Hits Riverside

BY BLAKE RASMUSSEN

They were caught unprepared. The tornado rolling through their quiet little town was unlike any they had seen before.

Sure, towns such as Riverside, with their open fields, trailer parks, and low-slung buildings are vulnerable for all kinds of storms that kick up everything under creation.

But this was a different sort of storm.

The whirlwind that is the Riverside Casino and Golf Resort swept up the residents of Riverside and dropped them, like Dorothy and Toto, in a world they didn't quite understand and weren't ready for.

"I don't think it's something you can prepare for," Riverside Mayor Bill Poch says.

"You don't have a crystal ball," says the 56-year-old part-time mayor, whose full-time job is driving laundry trucks for the UI. "You want to make the right decisions, but you don't know how they'll turn out, good or bad, in the future."

He speaks with confidence, a trait that belies how far in over his head he may be. He struggles to recall the exact sequence of events that brought the prospect of casino-gambling to his town, only recalling that it began "somewhere near the end of June" 2004, and that "there were a lot of work sessions in there."

The problems started right away.

At a July City Council meeting, Riverside Casino CEO Dan Kehl and manager Joe Massa asked for a letter granting Kehl's group exclusive

GAMBLING TIMELINE

- July 2004: Riverside City Council voted to give exclusive rights to develop a casino in the town for five years.
- Sept. 2004: Gambling referendum passed countywide by 52-48 percent.
- May, 2005: Riverside Casino license approved by State Racing and Gaming Commission.
- July 2005: Discussions to close Walnut Road begun.
- October 2005: Riverside annexation of casino land approved.
- Sept. 2006: Riverside Resort and Casino scheduled to open.

rights to any gambling development for the next five years. Poch said that meeting was one of the most heavily attended in his memory, with at least 25 people showing up.

While the meeting hall was packed, two of the five city councilors, Brian McDole and Todd Yahnke, did not attend. The council approved the letter by a 3-0 vote. Although the council had a quorum, the decision to move forward was roundly criticized by casino opponents. Poch caught most of the flack for not postponing the vote.

"In retrospect, we should have tabled the meeting," he says. "But even then, I didn't view it as a big deal."

But it was only the beginning.

The problems were compounded by the general lack of experience on the part of nearly everyone involved on the city's side.

Kehl noted that inexperience early on. "It's been a

Casino owner Dan Kehl was called a carpetbagger and liar. Some accused him of riding on the coattails of his father, Robert Kehl, who started the first riverboat casino in Iowa in Dubuque.

learning experience for us and them," he says, adding that when he and his partners came to town, the councilors appeared to know little about such things as tax-increment funding, or TIF, and how to handle aging infrastructures like water and sewers.

For Kehl, the council sessions seemed "more like town-hall meeting[s]," which contrasted with the paid professional staff and structured meetings he was used to when he appeared before other city councils.

In August 2004, Washington County held a referendum to authorize casino gambling, which passed by a margin of 52-48 percent. The animosity kicked up by the referendum pitted neighbor against neighbor, causing old friendships to dissolve and businesses to be boycotted. Poch says even the Kwik N Ez, the town's one-stop shop, lost some business when the owner posted a sign in favor of the casino.

What upset many locals was that Kehl was a wealthy outsider.

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Iowa in Dubuque.

In fact, it was those negative tactics that may have helped secure the younger Kehl's victory in the referendum, Poch said.

One such tactic was an anti-casino poster in which opponents depicted casino customers as old men and women playing slots while soiling themselves, too entranced with gambling to remove their own feces. The poster invited parodies. One casino proponent hung diapers from a clothesline with a pro-casino message.

In another instance, the fire station came under scrutiny when several volunteer firefighters appeared in a poster advertisement for the casino. The Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board investigated and concluded it was more a misunderstanding than anything else.

However, Poch says, members of the opposition took the advertisement to the state attorney general. When word got out that the anti-casino group had been the one to cause trouble for the city's firefighters, opinion turned against them, Poch says.

After the referendum passed, the next step was to determine how the casino would get its water and sewer

service. Casino representatives initially promised that there would be no cost to the city for such services. But negotiations eventually reached a stalemate.

At first, the mayor and other city representatives essentially dared the casino to build its own water and sewer — an impasse Poch compared to sitting down at a poker table.

But in the end, he and city engineer Mike Hart decided it wasn't good to have two sewer and water systems in such a small town. As a result, Washington County used its bonding capacity so that Riverside could borrow the \$9.4 million needed for the project. The casino had called the town's bluff.

Now, four months from the scheduled grand opening of the most ambitious casino project in Iowa history, there's a sense that the storm may be clearing, and that, while the wreckage wrought by the tornado may not be forgotten, the hope of renewal springs forth.

"I never thought any of this would happen," says 60-year-old City Councilor Mariellen Bower. "This little town will change — for the better, I'm sure."

"But it's going to take a while. I hope I'm alive to see it."

BY EARLESHA BUTLER

Truckloads of dirt, orange road-closed signs, and cut-down trees surround hundreds of acres, as construction crews busily work to finish the Riverside Casino for its September grand opening.

All this commotion is closing in on car mechanic Douglas Swailes, 46, who owns a modest two-story beige home that casino officials want to buy to make room for a championship golf course.

"I just feel violated and taken advantage of, all the time," he says. "I didn't give them permission to be on my property. I said stay the hell off."

From Swailes' backyard, there's an open view of the rising casino and the resort's five-story hotel. Swailes says there's been increased traffic speeding past his home on Walnut Avenue. Without permission, he says, the local electric company has planted flags and sprayed orange paint, marking off sections of his land.

But it was when workers crossed the casino's property line and dug up sections of his land that Swailes says he'd had enough.

The sound of bulldozers and tractors digging on and around Swailes' property is a result of his reluctance to sell his land to the casino's owners. Last May, when casino general manager Joe Massa showed interest in buying Swailes' three-and-a-half acres as part of a golf course to be built at the resort, Swailes thought he had hit the jackpot.

"They were after me. They wanted me," he says. "They were in a buying position ... I was in the driver's seat."

After meeting with the

David vs. Goliath

RIVERSIDE HOMEOWNERS FIGHT CASINO DEVELOPERS



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Riverside homeowner Brad Berger looks at the dirt that used to be his lawn, which was excavated to make way for the Riverside Casino golf course. Berger and his neighbor Doug Swailes have not sold their properties to the casino resort and are holding out for better compensation.

casino's lawyer, Swailes consulted a local real-estate agent and agreed to sell for \$600,000. He signed a contract and prepared to move.

But a month later, Swailes said Massa canceled the contract and offered Swailes a lower price.

"He's doing what he [does] best, trying to get something for nothing," Swailes says about Massa. "I think he was hoping that I would be a fool."

The 2005 assessed value of Swailes' land was \$189,000, according to the Washington County Assessor's Office.

Massa said Swailes' land, at \$600,000, was overpriced.

"We never got to where we could make a deal," he says. "The price ... was higher than what we were willing to pay."

After declining to buy Swailes' land, Massa said, the casino bought 75 acres north of the casino to accumulate additional land needed to complete the golf course.

"I'm not asking to hit the lottery here. I'm asking for fair compensation," Swailes says.

One of Swailes' neighbors, Bradley Berger, owns one-and-three-quarters acre. Berger says a casino lawyer contacted him in May with an offer to buy his land, but the \$200,000 bid was not enough, he says. The assessed value for Berger's land totaled \$110,000 in 2005, according to the Washington County Land Assessor's Office.

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Avenue. He says the casino's offer wouldn't pay off his existing mortgage and allow him to purchase a new home for his family and mother, who lives above him.

Both Berger and Swailes say they will hold out until casino representatives come knocking again.

"What they plan on envisioning is a nice clear-cut view," says Berger. "You're not going to want this single house or duplex sitting there."

David Mattingly, an agent for Coldwell Banker Real Estate Professionals of Iowa City, says the casino's offer for both properties is fair. He says many local property owners see the casino's desire to buy land as "a gold rush."

Still, Mattingly advised

Swailes to hold out if his price range wasn't met. Once the casino generates money, Swailes' and Berger's property values will increase, Mattingly says.

"They have a chance of getting more money [by] just waiting it out," he says. "If developers have a vision for the land, they'll buy it ... they'll pay top dollars."

Meanwhile, Swailes paces his property and glances at what's left of his once-bucolic backyard, which, he says, was partly dug up by construction crews to connect sewer lines without his permission.

"When I moved out here, I thought I got away from it all," Swailes says, shaking his head, wrinkles forming on his forehead. "I'm going to just keep doing what I'm doing. I was here first."

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Big-City Brokers Tip Balance in Riverside Vote

BY JASON PULLIAM

The local opponents to gambling in Riverside had just six weeks to try to stop the casino.

The pro-casino effort was fueled by the best consultants money could buy — an out-of-state political powerhouse that had helped deliver victories to former President Bill Clinton and U.S. Senators Tom Harkin and Barack Obama.

Even the name chosen to launch the pro-casino effort in Riverside — Washington County Citizens for Good Jobs Committee — was ironic given that the campaign's message was shaped 250 miles away in a Chicago suburb.

Longtime Iowa riverboat owner Dan Kehl had a lot riding on the outcome of the August 2004 Washington County referendum, which if passed, would allow him to open his \$100-million Riverside Casino and Golf Resort.

To help ensure victory, Kehl shelled out more than \$280,000 to The Strategy Group, an Evanston, Illinois-based political consulting firm. The group prides itself on convincing wary voters to side with its clients' interests, suggesting on its website that the firm's expertise can make "the difference between winning and losing in tight races."

The selection of the consultants was one of the pivotal decisions Kehl made that ultimately delivered a 52-48 percent margin of victory in a contentious referendum that fractured not only Riverside, but much of Iowa.

Fifty-three percent of Washington County's 14,800 eligible voters turned out for the August 31, 2004 referendum, which passed by 352 votes.

The Strategy Group wasn't new to Kehl or to the state. The firm had already helped Kehl win victories that allowed him to place casinos in Fort Madison, Clinton and now Riverside. The election consultants boast a 6-0 record in convincing Iowa voters to approve gambling in counties throughout the state.

Of the six public referenda the Strategy Group has helped win in Iowa, only the Mineral City Hotel and Casino in Webster County failed to secure a license from the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission.

HOW THE CASINO WON

Riverside casino owner Dan Kehl hired the Illinois-based consultants, the Strategy Group, to convince Washington County voters to approve casino gambling in Riverside. The Strategy Group's clients include: Clinton-Gore 1992, 1996 Gore-Lieberman 2000 Kerry-Edwards 2004 U.S. Senator Tom Harkin U.S. Senator Barack Obama

Campaign Money Spent:
Pro-casino: \$470,000
Anti-casino: \$ 10,000

Referendum results:
Pro-casino: 4,099 yes
52 percent
Anti-casino: 3,747 no
48 percent

Through direct mailing, television, radio and print advertisements, as well as paid vote canvassers, the Kehl-backed pro-casino effort spent up to \$470,000 to convince Washington County voters that gambling should come to Riverside.

With such a well-oiled machine to sway voters to back the gambling initiative, the opposition didn't stand much of a chance.

That opposition, the grassroots Citizens Against Riverboat Expansion (CARE) spent "just south of \$10,000," says Jim Hussey, a leader among the anti-gambling group's 200 volunteers.

"We had about a hundred times the number of donors than they did, but they only needed one," says Hussey, referring to Kehl.

It was only six weeks before the referendum when Kalona resident Hussey, 45, first learned of the casino and the upcoming ballot issue. He and the other volunteers had to dismantle The Strategy Group's artfully crafted campaign to defeat the gambling initiative.

Although Hussey concedes that he had "not thought two minutes about casinos" in his life, he became one of the key voices of opposition. Hussey says he had two main reasons to fight the casino: concerns that the casino would "cannibalize" local businesses and the social ramifications of

"It just shows money can buy some of the best marketing and strategies available. It appears to me people had enough money to go out and capture an election."

Former Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission member
Mike Mahaffey

legalized gambling.

"Being lucky at the slot machine or roulette table seemed counter to what we're trying to teach our children — that hard work and service to others is how you make your way in the world," he says.

To get out their message, Hussey and a team of volunteers walked door to door, handing out low-budget flyers in an all-out blitz to defeat their opponents.

Meanwhile, the Strategy Group got Kehl's message out with glossy leaflets and slick television and radio spots.

Hussey and his supporters hoped their message would make up in substance what it lacked in style, relying on letters to the editor, yard signs, public forums, and radio ads.

With a master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University and 13 years in public relations and news, Hussey probably had the most local experience to compete against the Chicagoland political consultants.

The central message crafted by the pro-casino Strategy Group was that the casino would economically benefit Washington County schools. This rankled Hussey, a seven-year Mid-Prairie School District board member.

"It was a rationalization to do something they wanted to do anyway," Hussey says. "They justify it by throwing a few pennies back on the dollar that they extract from the community."

The almost half-million dollars Kehl's camp spent on the referendum led former Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission member Mike Mahaffey

— who served from 1999-2005 — to stand as the lone vote the commission voted to grant the Riverside Casino & Golf Resort its license to open.

Mahaffey says that the nearly fifty-to-one lopsided expenditures made by Kehl's group, as well as the political savvy of the Strategy Group, made the difference in the razor-thin referendum results.

"It just shows money can buy some of the best marketing and strategies available," Mahaffey says. "It appears to me people had enough money to go out and capture an election."

The amount of money poured into the Washington County referendum was not the only thing that troubled the state commissioner. Mahaffey says the casino's proximity to the University of Iowa and the incursion upon the traditional Mennonite and Amish communities in Kalona makes the casino a bad fit for Washington County.

He believes there is a connection between alcohol and gambling, which may exacerbate binge drinking on the UI campus. "I think you're just asking for trouble," Mahaffey says. "I thought it was absolutely the last place a casino should go," adding passage of the referendum and the subsequent approval of the gambling license still bothers him profoundly.

Aside from the lure for college students looking to try their luck at Riverside tables and slots, Mahaffey views the Amish — who chose not vote in the referendum — as the

forgotten voice since the casino will surely affect them just seven miles away.

"I think had they voted, it may have been defeated," Mahaffey says.

Hussey and Mahaffey say another element might also have swung the election in the opposition's favor: timely financial disclosure as required by Iowa law.

By the day of the referendum, the pro-casino group had not fully disclosed its expenditures, as required by state law. This resulted in a reprimand from the state's Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board. No fines were incurred by the pro-casino group.

The financial-disclosure irregularity was one of the issues that irritated Mahaffey, who subsequently chose not to serve another term on the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission, even though Gov. Tom Vilsack sought to reappoint him.

Mahaffey says he wasn't surprised by the pro-casino group's tactics. "You come in under the radar and report it as late as you can and hope you sneak by," he says.

For local strategist Hussey, the reason the casino referendum passed had as much to do with money as anything else and the divisions it caused have yet to heal.

"Had it been message against message, I think we would have come out on top," Hussey says.

"I think the county would've been better off if the casino had never entered our conversation. But it did, and we're still picking up the pieces."



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Riverside homeowner Doug Swailes stands in his driveway behind a sign that warns construction crews to stay off his property. Swailes and neighbor Brad Berger are the last on their block who haven't sold their land to the Riverside Casino and Golf Resort to make way for a golf course.

IOWA BECOMES MORE AND MORE HOOKED ON CASINO-GAMBLING

BY ERIC KOCHNEFF

Gambling at Iowa casinos and racetracks has become as much a part of the state as hogs, soybeans, and Hawkeye football.

Since casino gambling was legalized more than 20 years ago, the state has reaped billions of dollars in revenue and taxes. Last year, the state earned a staggering \$320 million from casinos, racetracks, and the lottery.

If Iowa isn't addicted to gambling dollars, it sure has become dependent on them.

Owners of Iowa's casinos have been powerful political players in Des Moines. As many as 70 Des Moines lobbyists are employed by the gaming industry to promote its interests.

"Good luck to anyone trying to find an anti-gambling lobbyist," says Tom Coates, director of Consumer Credit of Des Moines, a nonprofit agency that counsels gamblers with bankruptcy and other problems associated with chronic gambling.

The main casino lobbying group is the Iowa Gaming Association, which played a pivotal role in persuading the legislature to ban the more than 6,000 Touch-Play machines throughout the state. That ban went into effect Thursday. The reason for the state gaming association's opposition to Touch-Play: The machines could cut into casino business.

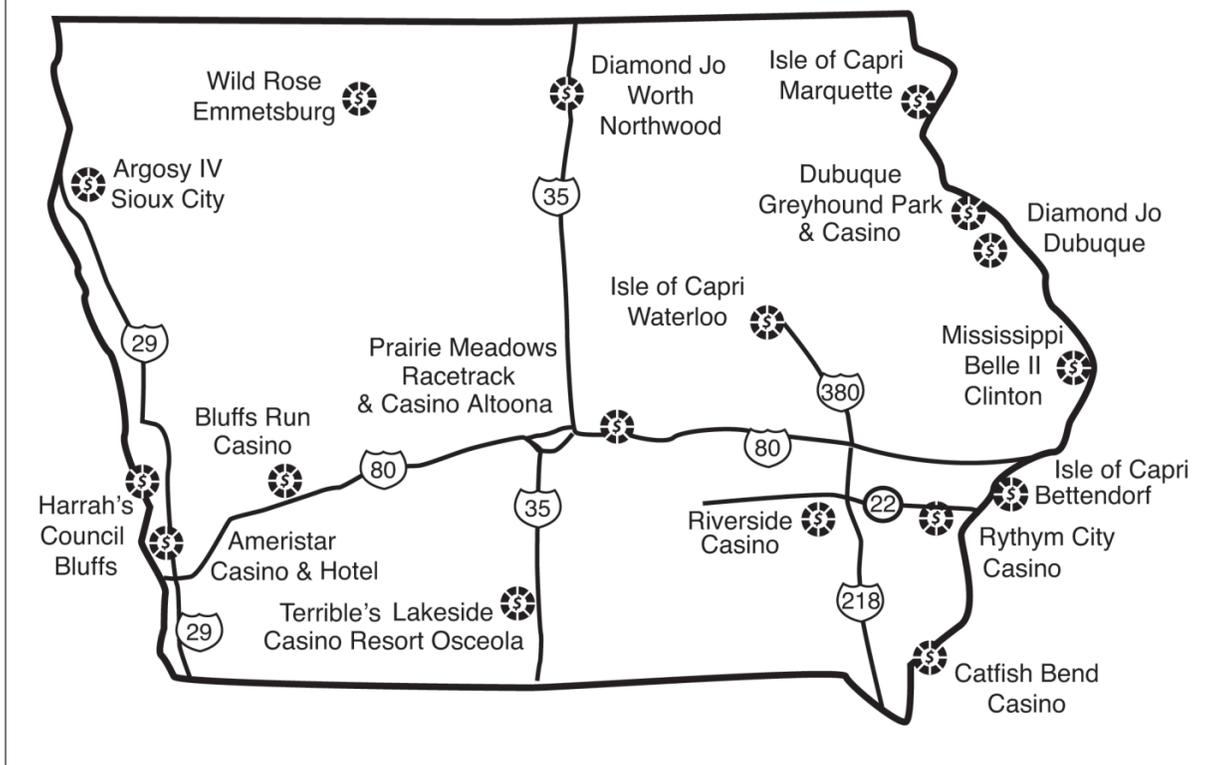
"I'd say 30 - 40 percent of that ban was caused by the gaming lobby," says Coates, who has been involved in anti-gambling measures across the state for years.

Coates describes the influence from the state's gaming lobby as "the most obvious area of corruption I've ever seen."

Others, though, say that legalized gambling is one of the best things ever to come to Iowa.

"I, personally, think casino gambling has done a lot of good," says State Senator Mary Lundby (R-Marion).

Location of Casinos & Racetracks in Iowa (current & proposed)



When asked what would happen if casino gambling were ever to be banned in Iowa, The Republican Party floor leader replied, "Oh, gosh!" then paused to consider the financial ramifications.

Last year, the Iowa General Revenue Fund received more than \$110 million from gambling taxes and fees paid by the casinos. This represents more than two percent of the total allocation from the fund.

The rest of the state's gambling bonanza was distributed primarily among four separate accounts — Endowment for Iowa's Health Account (\$70 million), Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (\$62 million), Environment First Fund (\$35 million), and Vision Iowa (\$15 million).

The largest account, the Endowment for Iowa's Health, combines gambling taxes with money awarded to

the state in settlements with tobacco companies. Combined with the tobacco dollars, the account is worth more than \$700 million today. Money from the fund is used for anti-smoking campaigns, substance-abuse treatment and enforcement, and other health-care needs in the state.

The Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund is used to construct and repair airport facilities, state highways and roads, and parking lots. It also includes provisions for items such as recreation trails and libraries.

The Environment First Fund goes for programs such as Resource Enhancement and Protection, which is run by the Department of Natural Resources. The money is used to improve soil and water conservation, clear roadside vegetation, enhance historical understanding of

the state, and to aid conservation education.

Vision Iowa, aimed at improving tourism in the state, is the best-known of these programs. Water seems to be an ongoing theme with Vision Iowa, as every city that has received a Vision Iowa grant has used it in some way to either build a water-theme park or to improve existing water attractions, such as the America's River project in Dubuque.

Iowa's foray into legalized gambling began in 1983. Until then, the only form of legal gambling in Iowa was bingo, and players could find it only in places such as churches, VFW halls, and fraternal groups like the Moose Lodge and the Elks. That all changed when Governor Terry Branstad signed into law the Pari-Mutuel Wagering Act, which legalized bet-

ting on horse and dog racing at state licensed tracks.

The gambling ante was raised two years later, when Branstad approved legislation that mandated the creation of a state-owned lottery.

Gambling on excursion boats followed in 1989, as long as voters in the county where the wagering would take place approved a referendum. The law was further modified to allow gambling 24-hours a day, as long as the wagering venue was on or adjacent to a body of water.

In six years, Iowa had gone from bingo to all-out legalized gambling.

Today, there are 16 casinos in Iowa (two of which are owned and operated by American Indian tribes and do not provide any revenue for the state), and three more are under construction, in Riverside, Waterloo, and Emmetsburg.

School Officials Downplay Casino's Impact

BY JESSICA DUNHAM

Carol Montz isn't bothered by the new casino opening in Riverside.

"Quite frankly, we have other issues to worry about besides a casino," says Montz, the superintendent of Highland Community Schools, dismissing the new Riverside Casino and Resort as a non-issue.

"I just don't think it will impact us."

Whether Montz, 55, wants to admit it or not, the decision to allow a casino to open in Riverside has fractured the small town, 15 miles south of Iowa City. Some contend the casino will threaten families and could mean an increase in alcohol consumption, as well as gambling among Riverside residents. Proponents argue that whatever the social costs of the casino are, increased revenue from the casino will benefit the district's schools.

The school district has taken a neutral stance on the casino. Montz says she doesn't anticipate problems affecting Riverside's schools, despite a recent University of Northern Iowa study that documents an increase in domestic abuse in Iowa communities where casinos operate.

"We aren't going to take steps based on the possibility of something that might happen," says Montz.

One of the reasons for Montz's lack of concern stems from conversations she's had with her counterparts in another Iowa community where a casino has recently opened.

Montz and school board President Mike Roberts say they were reassured by Doug Stearns, the Clarke Community school board president in Osceola, where Terrible's Lakeside Casino Resort opened in 1999.

Stearns said that the casino has brought nothing but great things to Osceola, including funding for schools.

"We're anticipating similar financial boosts," Riverside's Roberts says. The farmer in Ainsworth estimates the available money from Riverside's casino will approach \$3 million.

Such optimistic predictions are premature. There is no guarantee how much money will be channeled from the casino to the city of Riverside, when the money will be



Kindergartners from Riverside Elementary School, Cullen Klebe, Bailey Harmston, and Garrit Tomann watch as their classmate, Jayden Sedlacek, swing across monkey bars during recess. Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan

CHILDREN IN THE CASINO'S COMMUNITY

Highland Community School District has four schools: Highland High, Highland Middle, Ainsworth Elementary, and Riverside Elementary.

- Highland High School in Riverside: Grades 9-12, 185-200 students
- Highland Middle School in Riverside: Grades 6-8, 145-150 students
- Ainsworth Elementary: Grades Pre-K-5, 110 students
- Riverside Elementary School: Grades Pre-K-5, 220 students

The Highland School District is located in Washington County and serves the towns of Ainsworth and Riverside. There are some 660 students in the district.

available, and whether any of it will go to local schools.

According to state law, Iowa casinos must donate a percentage of their revenue to local non-profit organizations, which then allocate grants for educational and community purposes. That money can go to hospitals, libraries, city

repairs, and local groups, as well as schools.

"Nothing is earmarked for the school district," emphasizes Ned Cox, Clarke Community School district superintendent, which includes the Osceola schools.

In fact, schools in Osceola received nothing from the

casino for the first five years of its operation. Only last year did Osceola schools receive a grant through the local funding agency set up to dole out money from the casino. That grant amounted to \$65,000 and was used to build a concession stand, high school-track restrooms, a storage facility for the high school band, and buy science textbooks for grades 7-12.

Stearns downplays any suggestion that Osceola schools should have gotten more money sooner from the casino.

"People are always going to complain about something," he says.

Now, six years after the Osceola casino opened,

Stearns is still a staunch supporter of the bounty he says it has brought to his community.

"People are going to say they lost a lot of money, but it's their choice to go out and gamble," he says. "Personally, I don't see the problem. They got a real nice restaurant out there. They got a buffet."

In addition to his role as Clarke Community school board president, Stearns also runs a taxi service in town. His business, he said, has boomed since the casino opened, largely from driving intoxicated gamblers home.

In Riverside, the non-profit group that will distribute money derived from casino revenues is now in the process of developing guidelines for potential applicants. These guidelines will decide what organizations in town will be eligible for funding.

If Highland Community Schools were to receive any money, both Montz and Roberts say they'd want computers and gym bleachers.

Neither says there are ethical issues if a school district receives grant money stemming from gambling.

"It's not immoral to take that money," Montz says, maintaining that as long as the grants were channeled through a bona fide community-based funding organization, such revenue would be acceptable.

Beneath her frameless glasses, Montz's eyes dart about her modest office. She settles her gaze on the playground, where two girls pump their legs on the swings, and several boys zigzag among their classmates.

Montz says that she has talked with teachers and school board members about the possibility of Riverside parents developing gambling and alcohol problems stemming from the casino and how those issues might affect schoolchildren in the district.

"This could affect families more than the schools," she says.

"I know there are adults in this town with addiction problems, and I worry about what might happen to their children when the casino comes."

Montz shuffles papers, her eyes back on her desk. "But as far as the schools go, we're staying out of it," she says.

"I really don't think there is much of an issue here."

FROM TRAINS TO STARSHIPS TO A CASINO – RIVERSIDE'S LEGACY

BY GLORIA WILLIAMS

These days, a futuristic starship is Riverside's most popular symbol, but it was trains that led to the city's founding in 1872.

When Jessie Boyd heard that the Muscatine Western Railroad would be coming through his property, he and three other men plotted the land between the Iowa and English Rivers destined to become Riverside.

By the time the railroad crossed the Iowa River two years later, 40 buildings were already in place.

The first was the general store, built with lumber hauled by a team of mules from Lone Tree.

Buildings often served dual purposes in those early days. The town's first Masonic Lodge was above the general store and on Sundays was used by the Christodelphians, a religious sect still extant in the U.S. and Europe. One building was used as a Baptist church and also a Catholic school. Of the two shoemakers in town, one had a saloon in his shop.

One of the most popular places in town was the Mraz Dance Hall, a lively place where people came from miles around, often staying all night, writes Marge Luckey in Riverside's centennial history, published in 1972. Families came in buggies and farm wagons, and many girls who lived nearby walked barefoot, carrying their shoes and stockings to keep them clean for the dance.

Prohibition came in 1882, and the dance hall closed. That same year, the growing town was incorporated and named Riverside.

According to the 1880 census, Riverside had a population of 826. The population declined to an all time low of 608 in 1980, as the shift from farms to cities took its toll.

"The change was so gradual you hardly noticed it," says Gerald Mansheim, author of two books on Iowa history and architecture. Mansheim, a retired railroad worker, notes that the coming of the automobile hurt businesses in small towns

RIVERSIDE HISTORY AT A GLANCE

- First home built in 1873
- First mass held in newly erected St. Mary's Church in 1877
- First automobile in 1907
- Electricity comes to town in 1917
- Riverside Casino and Golf Resort in 2006

throughout Iowa.

Once people in Riverside started owning cars, in 1907, they no longer had to shop at the general store. They could drive to larger towns and make purchases at the growing number of discount stores.

The opening of Highway 218 as a divided highway in the mid-1980s helped Riverside grow again, says Dave Gebhart, a retired Kirkwood Community College history professor.

In the two decades since the 1980 census, the population increased more than 50 percent, to 928 today. With easy access to Iowa City and other nearby towns, Riverside has become a bedroom community.

"I've seen some downtown areas come back because of casinos, like Davenport and Burlington, and to a lesser extent, Dubuque," Gebhart says, noting that the businesses that do well in casino towns tend to be restaurants, bars, and coffeehouses, not retail stores.

But Gebhart says the soon-to-be-opened casino may not benefit the rural town of Riverside. Visitors are likely to go to the casino and not stop at other local businesses.

One positive sign in Riverside has been the establishment of the annual Trekfest, held the last week of June, which draws hundreds every year. A replica of a starship sits in a downtown park — just a few blocks north of the abandoned railroad tracks that once heralded Riverside's future.

CAPTAIN KIRK IS ALIVE AND WELL

To the people of Riverside, Captain Kirk is family. Every year, they celebrate the birthday of Star Ship Captain James T. Kirk, and this year was no exception. More than two dozen Riverside residents showed up this year to mark the occasion in the back room at Murphy's Bar & Grill. Three little boys blew out candles on a cake decorated with a gray star ship.

When the fictional Kirk was created by Gene Roddenberry, he wrote that the famous captain would be born in Iowa on March 22, 2233.

But nowhere did Roddenberry write where Kirk was to be born.

That led to some creative thinking by Riverside City Councilman Steve Miller, who in 1985 suggested that Riverside adopt the future star ship captain as its own. The council concurred and officially declared Riverside Kirk's future birthplace. When Roddenberry was asked, he gave the city his blessing.

To bolster the city's legacy with Kirk, Riverside residents this year have requested \$3,000 from the Riverside Casino to pay for the bands that will play at this year's Trekfest, scheduled for June 23-24.

At this year's birthday party, organizers played a recorded message from actor William Shatner, who played Kirk on the original StarTrek TV show and subsequent films.

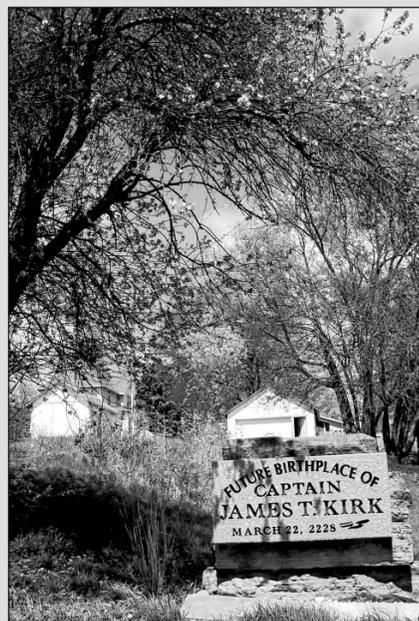
"I really miss Riverside and all the people I met there," Shatner told the crowd, his voice booming from a CD player Mayor Bill Poch had set up in the tavern and grill.

Shatner reminisced about his ten-day visit to Riverside almost two years ago, when Spike TV came to town to film Invasion Iowa. The people of Riverside had been told that Shatner was in town to produce a science-fiction movie. Actually, the program was a reality TV show designed to be a joke on Riverside.

But Riverside locals took the ribbing in stride. Ever since the council had declared the city Kirk's birthplace, Miller and others in Riverside had been trying to get Shatner to come to town. When Invasion Iowa arrived in September 2004, for many it was a dream come true. Never mind that it was a hoax.



Captain
James T. Kirk



Photos by Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan
A stone commemorating the future coming of Captain Kirk is in a Riverside city park.

Shatner was greeted with a large canvas banner, and today the banner hangs behind Plexiglas in the backroom at Murphy's, opposite life-size cutouts of Dr. McCoy and Captain Picard.

Shatner has, in some ways, become a patron of Riverside. After filming Invasion Iowa, he gave the town \$100,000, as well as a marble bench that now sits in a city park across from a scale model resembling the Star Ship Enterprise.

The bench is dedicated in memory to Nita Rath, the wife of longtime Riverside resident Don Rath. During the filming, Shatner became friendly with Don Rath, who appeared on Invasion Iowa, singing a love song at Nita Rath's gravesite.

"Shatner sure was nice," says Rath. "He fit in like he was one of us."

— by Gloria Williams



A sign outside the Riverside Senior Dining Center is paired with Star Trek memorabilia scattered around town. Riverside is the future birthplace of Captain Kirk whose expected arrival will be March 22, 2233.

Eric Kochneff, a University of Iowa student, tests his luck at riverboat gambling



JUST HOW FAR DOES \$100 GO?

The player next to me, a wrinkled old guy nursing a watered-down Coke, wore a tan beret, Carhartt jacket, and jeans.

"You here to change our luck?" he asked with a grin.

"Only if it'll help me," I replied, as I placed a crisp \$100 bill onto the blackjack table, cracking my knuckles.

Behind me was my entourage — Drew, Pat, Adam, and TJ. Unlike in *Ocean's 11*, there were no beautiful women crowded around our table.

We were in Dubuque on a cloudy and blustery Sunday afternoon at the Diamond Jo's Casino, a riverboat nestled in the harbor on the Mississippi River. Three of my crew had never even set foot inside a casino. It was Pat's 21st birthday, and he wanted to win big.

I had gone to the bank and asked for a new \$100 bill. It was the only bill in my wallet, and here I was giving it away.

I was on a mission — to bet a total of \$100. Drew was standing behind me with pen and notepad to record each of my bets.

The dealer was thin, lanky, and named Ron. He was wearing the standard red dealer vest. I immediately took a liking to Ron. I'm not exactly sure why, but he gave off good-dealer vibes.

Ron gave me chips with a booming "Changing \$100" call to the box man. I placed a five-dollar chip inside the betting triangle.

At 3:15 p.m., my \$100 gambling odyssey began.

On the first deal, my man Ron tossed me an ace. I knew this guy was good, but this was great. And it would get better — Ron tossed me another ace.

NICE!
Being the blackjack stud that I am, I split the aces, placing another \$5 chip on the inside of the betting

triangle ... that Ron promptly moved to the outside.

So now I had two aces and ten dollars wagered on my first hand. Ron threw me my next card — a jack!

Blackjack!
Sweet. This game was shaping up nicely.

On my next card, though, Ron let me down — a five.

So I had to stand on 16, especially because the dealer was showing a seven.

Ron flipped with an ace for a total of 18. (That made for three aces in the first hand, but I didn't think much about it.)

Ron paid me \$7.50 for the blackjack, so I was up \$2.50.

It was time to show Ron that I meant business. I placed another five-dollar chip inside the triangle. Ron sent down the cards. I ended up with a jack and a 10. It was about as solid as it gets.

But not solid enough. Ron turned over an ace and a nine.

Push. At least I didn't lose anything.

Ron and I stayed together for nine more hands. I scored only one more blackjack. By 3:27 p.m., out of my original \$100, I

was down to \$95.

I hadn't lost that much, but come on. I was here to gamble. I wanted to win, and I wanted to win big.

I bid adieu to Ron and the guy in Carhartts, and Drew and I moseyed on over to the roulette table. I had never played roulette, but Drew was familiar with the game and talked me through it. The best way, he said, was to place separate but equal bets on two of the three sets of 12 numbers.

I didn't understand his logic (and I don't think it was true) but that's how I started.

I put five dollars in chips on the second 12 numbers (13-24) and five bucks on the third set (25-36). With a practiced flick of his wrist, the dealer sent the white ball around the spinning wheel. The ball slowed down, jumping in and out of the number slots, finally resting in number 31.

NICE!
I had won five dollars. It was better than losing but not what I had in mind.

Eight spins of the ball later, it was 4:35 p.m., and I was up a whole nine dollars.

When I checked in with TJ and Adam, I found out I was thus far the big win-

after ten minutes, my \$40 was gone, and I had no fun giving it away.

The sign coming into the casino read, "Slot Machines deliver 93.5 percent pay out." But that includes all losers and winners — including the grandmother who scores a \$1.9 million jackpot. When that trickles down to the average slot player, I bet that 93.5 percent is more like 60 percent.

I decided then and there that slot machines are for suckers. I also noticed that most people at the casino were playing slots. If I could lose \$40 in just ten minutes, what about folks feeding bills into slots all day long?

"To heck with slots," I said, gathering up my crew and heading back to the table games.

I ended up winning back most of my money and then some that day. I got lucky playing roulette again and walked out of the casino \$60 ahead, after tossing the roulette dealer a ten dollar tip and the same to Drew for the record-keeping.

It was a small victory, but considering the times that I had gambled at various casinos, the house was still ahead. I've kept a record of my losses and winnings, and after nine trips, I'm still \$70 in the hole.

My friends didn't come away with much that day. Pat ended up taking home \$50 more than he came in with, but TJ walked out \$100 lighter. Adam walked out with less, but he wouldn't tell us how much he had lost. Adding it up at the end (with an estimation of Adam's losses), Drew and I figured that the house had taken the five of us for about 60 bucks. Not a huge amount of money, but it was \$60 that we could have spent on beer, women, or on our moms for Mother's Day.

Forget Baseball. Texas Hold 'em Is the New National Pastime.

IOWA CITY'S LEGAL CARD PARLORS

BY ERIK FARSETH

When the Riverside Casino opens in September, it promises to be Iowa's premier gambling facility. But what if you built a casino and no one bothered to show up?

Bettors don't have to drive 15 miles to Riverside — gambling is everywhere. You can bet in Texas Hold 'em games right here in Iowa City. And it's mostly legal. The Yacht Club and American Legion Post 17 host weekly poker games, and local home poker games are advertised in chat rooms and bulletin boards.

But that's just the tip of the iceberg: The real action is taking place in online casinos, where there are no betting limits, few restrictions, and where anyone over the age of 18 is free to gamble all they want — in the privacy of their own home. With billions of dollars being waged over the Internet, websites such as Full Contact Poker, are giving amateurs the opportunity to play against the pros. The most popular site — PartyPoker.com — boasts it pays out more than \$4 million every day.

So who needs a casino in Riverside? Though some visitors may be drawn by the irresistible all-you-can-eat buffet, yet-to-be-determined lounge singers, and whirling slot machines, a trip to Riverside probably wouldn't be very appealing for any college student hoping to land a coveted spot on the next World Poker Tour.

Forget baseball. Poker is the new national pastime.

Half of all college-age men admit to betting on cards at least once a month, according to the Annenberg Public Policy Center, which estimates that 2.9 million young people gamble in an average week. This includes informal frat-house games as well as Internet casinos.

"Gambling has always been illegal in Iowa, except at a licensed venue," says David Werning, a spokesman for the Social and Charitable Gambling division of the state Department of Inspections and Appeals. "There are a few exceptions ... but poker tournaments have always been illegal in Iowa."

But that hasn't stopped gambling from flourishing throughout the state.

The law does permit the licensing of bars and charitable organizations, and that's what you'll find here in Iowa City. "We have a social gambling license," says Pete McCarthy, who works at the downtown Yacht Club, which has a license that permits customers to engage in gambling on the premises. "We're just providing people with a place to play. We make zero money off the actual games."

Deputies Brace for Gamblers' Descent

"I don't see how this is going to work," says Washington County Sheriff Jerry Dunbar

BY STEPHEN GRANT

Washington County Sheriff Jerry Dunbar leans back and clicks a black pen. He knows he has a problem down the road — 24 miles to be exact.

What's on his mind these days is the Riverside Casino, scheduled to open in just four months. Iowa's newest and largest gambling resort is expected to dump as many as 1.6 million people a year in Dunbar's backyard.

And Riverside doesn't even have its own police department.

Riverside employs nine full-time sheriff's deputies, all borrowed from Washington County. The nine-officer force is three fewer than the city had in 1975.

With the September opening of the mega-casino just east of Highway 218, any sheriff would have to be apprehensive.

"I don't see how this is going to work," says Dunbar, who voted against the casino-gambling measure that passed in Washington County in 2004.

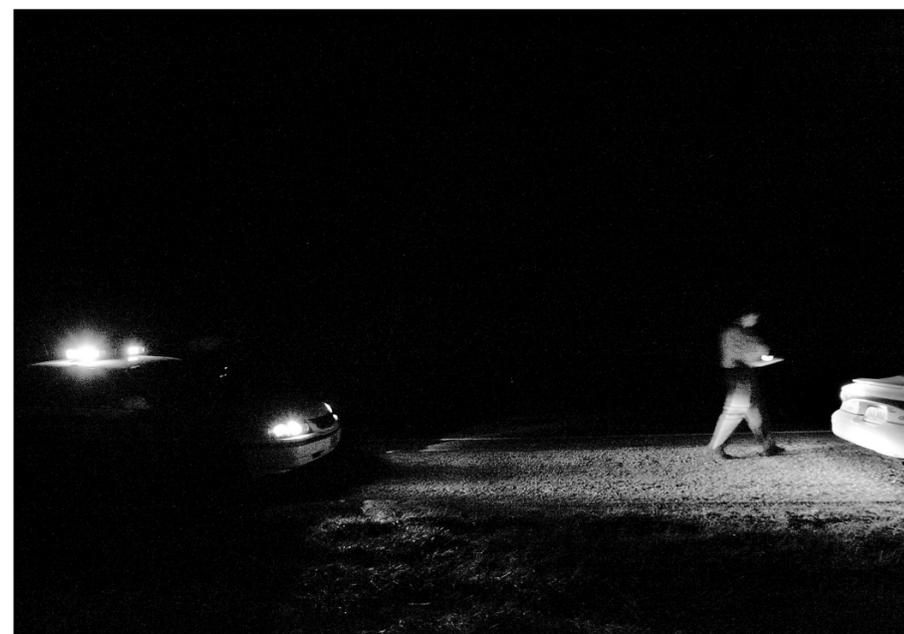
Dunbar, in office just over a year, sees a host of problems on the horizon. One is the strain on his department once local businesses in Riverside begin operating around the clock.

"My sheriff's office patrol schedule is not designed or staffed to handle the 24/7 services Riverside is expected to both need and request," he says.

Riverside is not the first rural Iowa community to have a casino reshape its landscape. One-hundred and fifty-miles away, Osceola's ten-member department police force has had to contend with issues ranging from increased crime to traffic congestion due to Terrible's Lakeside Casino, which opened in the Clarke County city in 2000.

Because the Osceola riverboat is less than half the size of the projected Riverside casino, Osceola Police Chief Marty Duffus predicts that Dunbar will need additional officers. "The sheriff's going to need more people simply because of the size of the draw of the attraction," he says.

Duffus says his own depart-



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Washington County Sheriff's Deputy Kirk Bailey gives a speeding ticket to a motorist on Interstate 380 near Riverside.

Osceola Police Chief Marty Duffus compares the expected influx of gamblers in Riverside to Iowa's annual 500-mile cycling event — RAGBRAI. "That's 40,000 people you didn't have before in your town," he says. But RAGBRAI is in town for only one or two days. The influx of so many people in a rural Iowa town, "is like RAGBRAI coming to town ... permanently."

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Washington County Sheriff Dunbar says he'd like to hire

two more deputies, but Riverside Mayor Bill Poch says the city doesn't have the money for new hires.

Staring out a window from his oak-paneled office, Dunbar pauses, stroking his salt-and-pepper mustache.

"I don't like the idea of wait-and-see," he says. "By the time we see an unmanageable increase in crime, it's too late."

Perhaps as an indication of what may happen when the casino opens, two months ago, thieves broke into the Riverside Travel Mart and

serious crimes such as counterfeiting and money laundering. A small contingent of DCI officers will be assigned to the casino, in addition to private security personnel the casino says it will maintain at the site.

An issue DCI Special Agent Jaget Sandhu says will come up is the casino's location, just 15 miles from Iowa City and the largest number of college students in Iowa. "Anything's possible with such a large group, when alcohol is thrown into the mix," says Sandhu.

No one knows, of course, what impact crime will have on Riverside in the shadow of the new casino. Osceola's Duffus, though, has the advantage of experience.

Theft, vandalism, fake IDs, public intoxication, and alcohol-related domestic violence all spiked in the wake of Terrible's opening.

It's the last of these problems that Dunbar says caused him the most worry.

"There are many reasons people argue — money, time not spent with family, late-nights out, jealousy, and alcohol consumption. The casino offers all of this in addition to the rest of life's daily challenges," he says.

As it turns out, Dunbar's uneasiness is supported by The National Gambling Impact Study Commission, which was designed to determine the social impact on communities where gambling casinos are located. The commission reported three main categories where gambling most affects families — increased divorce, child abuse, and domestic violence. Based on a National Opinion Resource Center survey, gamblers experienced an almost 30-to-50-percent increase in divorces.

Other domestic issues associated with gambling include everything from suicide to bankruptcy, the study reported.

Osceola Police Chief Duffus has learned one thing when it comes to rural communities and casinos.

"You have to be prepared. If you can imagine it, it could happen."



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Poker players place their bets at the Yacht Club during a game of Texas Hold 'em. The Yacht Club and the American Legion host legal poker games in Iowa City with caps on betting amounts and winnings.

Law and Order in Riverside

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For the Yacht Club, offering poker on the premises is a chance to sell a few more drinks. "Normally, we'd be closed on a Monday night," McCarthy says.

Such establishments must abide by the state's rules: no house, no dealer or croupier ("everyone has the opportunity to shuffle the cards," says Werning), no profiting from social gambling, and no one is allowed to win or lose more than \$50 in a single night. Though rarely enforced, the same rules apply to anyone who plays poker with friends at home.

At the American Legion Hall in Iowa City, a mixture of middle-aged poker players and college students is lining up to pay ten dollars each in exchange for 400 poker chips. Complimentary copies of Card Player College, a full-color glossy magazine, are

Everyone seems to know one another, and the waitress is teasing one of the regulars, a guy named Tom. There's no swearing allowed during the tournament, though every once in a while, someone slips up and curses. Soon it's down to three tables.

As bettors run out of poker chips, the play shifts to the bar. There, players are collecting money for their own side games. It's low-stakes gambling — five dollars per person per game — and as players are eliminated, new side games are erupting in other parts of the room.

Texas Hold 'em is a variant of stud poker, with players combining the two cards in their hand (the hole) with five community cards (the first three, the flop; the fourth, the turn (or fourth street); and the fifth, the river) to create the best possible hand. As the play progresses, the minimum bet increases.

week, with \$275 payouts for no-limit Texas Hold 'em games. There were hardly enough tables to accommodate the crowds, and games spilled over into the bar. The organizers were turning people away at the door.

But that was before the state of Iowa started cracking down on gambling at fraternal organizations.

"The Department of Inspection and Appeals came by to clarify," says American Legion service officer Mike Hull. Having "clarified" the law, the agency issued a warning.

Though the Legion had raised more than \$8,000 for local charities, the hall's poker tournaments were threatening its liquor license. Under the Bona Fide Contest rules of the Iowa gambling code, there is no limitation placed on "[c]ribbage, bridge, chess, checkers, dominoes, pinochle, and similar contests ..."

complying with the law, and it is not."

The Yacht Club denies breaking any such law.

"We only sell a maximum of \$10 worth of chips," says McCarthy. Players can cash out at any time.

"We don't do tournaments," McCarthy adds. "That's how some of the Legion halls got into trouble ... Other places were having \$300-\$400 payouts. So people weren't going to the casinos. And the casinos complained."

On a recent Monday night, players at the Yacht Club are obtaining extra chips. Whether they are doing so at the bar or are simply buying chips off the other players is a bit unclear. A Yacht Club regular says players buy in for ten dollars at a time, and they'll repeat this procedure, if needed, eight or ten times throughout the evening.

When a young man in a blue baseball cap runs out of chips for the second time, he starts throwing down \$5 bills.

It wasn't until recently that Iowa's riverboat casinos started hosting Texas Hold 'em games. "Poker wasn't that popular," says Jack Ketterer, the administrator for the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission. "And it took up a lot of floor space." With limited space aboard the boats, slot machines mean greater revenue per square foot.

Texas Hold 'em presents a challenge for the 24-hour casinos. "It's different from the other casino games," says Ketterer, "in that the player is not against the house. The player is against the other players, and the house just rakes a commission off of each pot. You couldn't go to a casino and necessarily be assured that [Texas Hold 'em] would be played at any given time. So that's one of the reasons why poker is popular online."

Though Internet casinos have been around since 1998, it wasn't until poker tournaments started airing on cable television that online gaming — and Texas Hold 'em — exploded into a \$14 billion industry.

With the introduction of tiny lipstick cameras in 2002, the American sports network ESPN beefed-up its coverage of the World Series of Poker. Since then, the annual card tournament has become a major sporting event. When Chris MoneyMaker qualified for the 2003 event — after paying \$40 to enter an online

tournament — and walked away from the finals with \$2.5 million, thousands of would-be moneymakers rushed to embrace Texas Hold 'em. That same year, two other Texas Hold 'em programs debuted on American television: "World Poker Tour" and "Celebrity Poker Showdown," creating the card-playing equivalent of the perfect storm.

By 2005, there were nearly a dozen copycat programs airing on cable television (including "Heads Up Poker," "Ultimate Poker Challenge," "Poker Superstars Tournament," "Poker Royale," "and Hollywood Poker Night"). That same year, 5,619 players competed in World Series of Poker (compared with just six players in 1971) — the majority of whom were amateurs who entered online.

"Internet gambling is and always has been illegal in Iowa," maintains the state's Werning.

But so far, no one has been prosecuted for engaging in betting online. The Internet casinos are all located overseas. In 2002, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the Wire Act — which prohibits sports betting by telephone — does not apply to Internet casinos. And in April 2005, the World Trade Organization ruled that the United States may be violating free-trade standards by discriminating against foreign online betting companies.

With millions of college students playing online Texas Hold 'em, businesses have been quick to capitalize on the poker phenomenon. Absolute Poker promises one lucky winner free college tuition for a semester ("Win Your Tuition Poker Challenge"), while 25,000 students compete for shares of \$135,000 in scholarship money in annual the College Poker Championship — a tournament that's open only to students who are enrolled in an accredited institution of higher learning.

Locally, Yacht Club employee McCarthy says a few people have complained about the bar's Texas Hold 'em nights. But he says gambling that takes place in his bar more regulated than on the Internet.

"The way I look at it, it's the popular thing on TV," says McCarthy. "It's gonna happen. You can't stop it. So it might as well happen in a controlled environment."



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Washington County Sheriff's Deputy Kirk Bailey patrols one of three main arteries leading to the Riverside Casino and Golf Resort.

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stacked near the door. The magazine mixes epic "tales of champions" with a little T & A; go to its official website (www.cardplayer.com/cpcollege) and you can download photos of the latest Card Player Girls.

Tonight is a slow night. Thirty-four players are seated around four green-felt poker tables. Most of the older players are drinking Cokes, while the college students are guzzling pitchers of beer. As the cards are shuffled, one of the organizers, Jennifer Villhauer, announces that there will be a ten-dollar bounty on last week's champion. As co-host of the twice-weekly Texas Hold 'em games at American Legion Post 17, Villhauer is not above playing a little poker herself.

Though Texas Hold 'em dates back to the early 1900s, it was not until 1998 that the Cadillac of poker games entered the national consciousness.

That was the year when Ed Norton and Matt Damon starred in the cult movie *Rounders*, a gambling film that incorporated footage from the World Series of Poker. Future poker sensation Chris MoneyMaker (yes, that's his real name) has said that *Rounders* is what inspired him to take up Texas Hold 'em.

In the two-and-a-half years since the American Legion first started hosting Texas Hold 'em tournaments, the Iowa City post has seen its fortunes come and go. At its peak, the Legion hall was attracting 120 people, twice a

nights were subject to a different set of rules.

"They considered blackjack and poker a parlor game ..." says Hull. "I said, 'This is stupid. You've got bingo nights where you can win \$2,500 in a single night!'"

Hull has been working with two members of the State Senate to try to change the law. "The people who play bingo are predominantly older females," he says. "The American Legion is mostly younger males. They like the competition of a card tournament."

Ever since the \$50 limit went into effect, the Legion has been losing many of its players to such places as the Yacht Club.

"It makes me mad," says the Legion's Villhauer. "We're

A Washington County sheriff's deputy responds to a domestic-abuse call in Riverside.

With up to 1.6 million people estimated to visit the Riverside Casino each year, local sheriff's deputies are expecting a rise in crime.



Washington County Sheriff's Deputy Kirk Bailey stops a vehicle near the intersection of Highways 22 and 218. Bailey patrols for drunk drivers during his Saturday evening shift.

FORTUNE SMILES

With a Push of a Button, James Fifer Becomes a Millionaire

BY ERIK FARSETH

Not everyone's a loser. Forget what you might have heard. You can win big on slot machines. It doesn't happen often, but it happens.

On July 12, James Fifer, a supervisor at an Illinois propane-tank assembly plant, hit the \$1.87-million jackpot on a Wheel of Fortune slot machine at Terrible's Mark Twain Casino in La Grange, Mo. — just days after another player had taken home \$2.1 million on a Wheel of Gold slot.

"It helped us to financially be secure for the rest of our lives," says Fifer, speaking from his home in La Belle, Mo., a small town 150 miles west of St. Louis. "As long as I'm able to keep working, I know that we'll always make it."

With that kind of money, you might think that Fifer would have quit his day job.

Think again.

Since winning, he has yet to take a vacation. "We kinda want to go somewhere, but we haven't, yet," he says.

Fifer says he hopes to start a new side business with the jackpot he won.

"Me and my wife, we cook kettle corn. ... We're going to try to get into some craft shows and do our kettle corn as a part-time business."

Winning the jackpot gave Fifer the freedom to spend more time with his ailing mother.

"You see, my mother was ill," he says. "And we didn't really have a lot of money before I won... Actually, I probably shouldn't have been there gambling, if you want to know the truth. Not that I was in trouble or anything — 'cause I had a job. But we had bills."

Fifer's mother died in February. "I took some days off from work every week to assure her of her wish to pass on at home. So me and some of my brothers and my wife... we took care of her there."

Since then, he's been thinking about his future. "I could retire at an early age, if I wanted to. But I don't know what I want to do."

He says he still plays the slots from time-to-time. "Not much, though."

An occasional gambler,



Three patrons of Terrible's Casino in Osceola, Iowa, play the slots.

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Fifer says he never cared much for card games. "I just always played slots," he says. "Usually the Wheel of Fortune, 'cause I liked hitting that spin."

The Wheel of Fortune is a progressive jackpot, which means that the game is linked to a statewide computer network. The more people around the state play the game, the more the jackpot increases over time. Using images and sound from the popular TV game show, "Wheel of Fortune," the machine gives players the chance to spin for extra credits in a bonus round. A player who qualifies for the bonus hits a button to activate a miniature wheel, located above the spinning reels. To win the jackpot, a player needs to get three "Wheel of Fortune" insignias in a row.

So when the winning match came up, what was going through Fifer's mind?

"I don't really remember," he says.

What Fifer does remember



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James Fifer, a supervisor at an Illinois propane-tank assembly plant, hit the \$1.87 million jackpot on a Wheel of Fortune slot machine at Terrible's Mark Twain Casino in La Grange, Mo.

is being treated very well.

"They gave us something to eat and drink and gave us some cokes," he says. Fifer and his family had to wait around for a while "cause they had to verify that the machine actually hit — that it wasn't rigged-up or something."

Fifer recalls that the casino manager came out of an office

"I could retire at an early age, if I wanted to ... But money ain't everything to me. Really, it's being happy."

and spoke to Fifer about his windfall. "His advice was to invest it and don't get in a hurry to make a decision and that if I did that, I would probably succeed for the rest of my life."

Fifer says he is grateful to the manager for taking the time to describe some of the pitfalls of suddenly having a lot of money. "He was pretty generous about explaining how some of the winners end up broke in 10 or 15 years."

When Fifer's winnings were certified, the casino handed him a giant check for \$1.87 million. The casino took photos of Fifer receiving the

check.

Fifer chose to take his winnings as a lump sum, rather than settling for annual payments.

Casino winnings count as income for the purpose of taxation, says Jack Ketterer, the administrator of the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission. Fifer's winnings were a lot smaller once the government took a bite. As a married man, filing jointly, Fifer would be expected to pay an estimated \$630,000 in taxes on the \$1.87 million jackpot.

"But money ain't everything to me," says Fifer. "Really, it's being happy."

WANT TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IN RIVERSIDE? LOOK TO OSCEOLA Riverside and Osceola: Twin Cities?



A giant cowboy with a drooping moustache greets gamblers at Terrible's Lakeside Casino, near Interstate 35 in Osceola.

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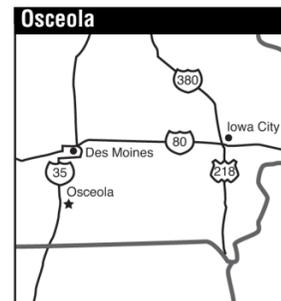
BY KELLI ANDRESEN

Drivers on Interstate 35 can't miss the gigantic sign — a huge cowboy with a red vest, white shirt, and black hat. The cowboy, named Terrible, beckons gamblers to Terrible's Lakeside Casino Resort, four miles east of Osceola (pop. 4,659). Residents of the Clarke County town voted to allow gambling nine years ago.

Much like Riverside, Osceola residents were bitterly divided when it came to the vote. Many believed the casino would be an economic bonanza for Osceola. Others thought the casino would bring crime and moral corruption. One measure of that tension is that the vote to approve a new casino in Osceola failed three times before it passed.

Six years after the Osceola casino opened, the town is still divided.

Osceola City Administrator Ralph Lesko credits Terrible's for "vast improvements" in the city and surrounding Clarke County. He hasn't



seen any negative effect from the casino's presence in the community, he says.

"It provides a tremendous amount of entertainment," he says.

"It may have affected the lives of individual families. It all depends on perception."

Lesko cited a new aquatic center, fairground, baseball and soccer fields, as well as road repairs as tangible results of the casino's presence.

As required by state law, all casinos in Iowa are obligated to allocate a small percentage of their gaming revenues to the communities in which

they are located. In 2004, Terrible's — then Lakeside Casino Resort — gave the city of Osceola and Clarke County Development Corp. \$1.8 million and gave Clarke County almost \$750,000.

At least two other projects have been created from casino revenues. One, called Paint the Town Red, grants Clarke County homeowners up to \$5,000 for improvements to the exterior of their homes; the other allots \$5,000 for new non-rental homes in Clarke County that are assessed at \$125,000 or more.

Little of the casino money goes to the downtown area. Relatively few casino patrons ever visit downtown Osceola, admits Elizabeth Simpson, program manager for the Clarke County Development Corp., who adds that she and others are working on ways to pull tourists in from the casino.

Many residents were too optimistic about the casino and were looking at gambling "through rose-colored glasses," says Kim White, owner of White's Woodworking and Frame, who is also a member of the Osceola Chamber of Commerce.

"We all thought, 'This is going to bring so much,' and I think it's been the opposite," she says.

She was uncertain whether the casino has directly hurt the retail and service businesses in town, but the number of restaurants in town has decreased, she says.

White attributed that to area residents who now patronize the casino, which has three restaurants.

Once the casino opened, she says, there was an increase in crime, including incidences of prostitution, near the casino. She senses a decrease in disposable income among Osceola residents because of the casino's lure, she says.

Another local business owner, Teresa Joss, says, "People thought it was going to change Osceola, but it's made it worse."

Joss, who opened Coffee Parlor Cigars on the town square at the same time the casino opened in Osceola six years ago, says owning a business is frustrating because the casino hasn't always worked with the town. She says the casino has tried to keep people at the gambling venue so they would spend their money there.

Last year, the Las Vegas-based Terrible Herbst chain bought the casino from Southern Iowa Gaming Company of St. Joseph, Mo., and with the change in ownership, White, Joss and other merchants say they are hopeful that Osceola's fortunes will change.

"If something seems too good to be true, it probably is," White says.

Asked what advice she'd give Riverside residents, White says, "They need to work with the casino owners from the very beginning, or their downtown will still be dead."

A Blight on the Simple Life

THE RIVERSIDE CASINO AND KALONA'S AMISH

BY SONIA GUNDERSON

Last May, Amish farmer Herbert Mast and his father Lloyd parked their horse and buggy and climbed into neighbor Barb Immermann's blue Saturn for the 120-mile journey to Johnston, Iowa, to testify before the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission. There they joined 18 other Kalona residents who opposed the licensing of a new casino in nearby Riverside.

When Herbert Mast, 38, stood to speak in front of the overflowing crowd, he remembers being dazed by popping flashbulbs and whirring TV cameras. Perspiration beaded on his forehead.

Wearing black cotton trousers, suspenders, and a dark blue coat, he stroked his short brown beard as he glanced around the room at men in coats and ties and women in high heels and business suits.

"It was just like politics," he recalls. "Some looked on the rough-character side. Not the kind of people we're used to being around."

The people Mast is used to being around are the more than 1,250 members of Kalona's close-knit Amish community, the largest Amish population west of the Mississippi River. Known for their reclusive lifestyle and their choice to forego cars, telephones, and electricity, the Amish live close to the land and one another.

Locals say the Masts' testimony at the commission's licensing hearing represents an unprecedented gesture in the 150-year history of Kalona's Amish and a measure of the community's strong opposition to the casino project.

Staunch pacifists, the Amish refrain from voting or engaging in political activities because their religion does not support governments that wage war.

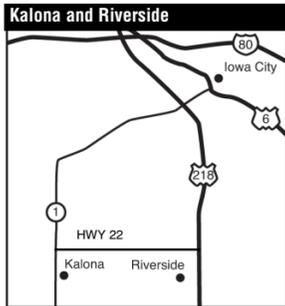
But the prospect of a casino located just seven miles from Kalona sent shock waves through the community.

Because the Amish were troubled by the prospect of a casino located nearby, Kalona's seven Amish bishops met to discuss whether they should make an exception to



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A horse-drawn buggy passes through downtown Kalona. Home to the largest Amish settlement west of the Mississippi River, Kalona is seven miles from the Riverside Casino and Golf Resort.



the group's voting ban and encourage members to vote against the casino in an upcoming Washington County referendum.

In the end, they chose to maintain tradition and refrain from voting.

"We decided to commit the issue to prayer," says local bishop Clayton Borntrager.

Despite their prayers, the casino referendum passed in August 2004 by a slim 352-vote margin.

The following May, the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission called a hearing to consider applications from 10 Iowa communities seeking gambling licenses, including a request from casino owner Dan Kehl to license the casino in Riverside.

The delegation from Kalona traveled to the Johnston hearing to protest the granting of the casino's license for a number of reasons, from alleged ethics

violations and financial irregularities by the casino backers to the lack of broad public support in Washington County.

What led Herbert Mast, a robust Amish father of five, to abandon his farm chores and make his landmark trip to Johnston?

It wasn't to take issue with the results of Washington County's casino referendum. "Because we did not vote, we felt it was not our place to object to the results of the referendum," he says.

He felt compelled to protest what he called misrepresentations made by the casino proponents, which included statements that the Amish would favor the casino because it would provide a larger market for Amish goods — pies, produce, eggs, handicrafts, furniture, and quilts.

"I managed to choke out the words," Mast says, months later, reaching to light a kerosene lantern in the hallway of his farmhouse as the sun falls below the horizon. "It was the longest day of my life."

At the meeting, Jim Hussey, a non-Amish Kalona resident, presented the commission with a petition signed by more than 100 Amish from Washington County. The petition said that the Amish wanted to correct the record and "would not welcome the casino's presence" near their community.

Despite the Kalona delegation's protest in Johnston, the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission approved the casino's gambling license. Since then, construction of Riverside's casino and hotel has proceeded quickly.

Approximately one-third of Kalona's Amish and their more liberal sister sect, the Mennonites, live in Washington County. The other two-thirds live just over the line in Johnson County, which begins a mile north of Kalona's shopping district. In spite of their proximity to the casino, Johnson County residents could not vote in the referendum.

The Amish and Mennonites came to this country in 1729, at the invitation of Quaker William Penn, after they suffered religious persecution in Europe. They now have settlements in more than 20 states.

For the Amish, the casino conflicts with a primary tenet of their faith. "The Scriptures teach us to labor with our hands and earn a living in an honest way," Clayton Borntrager says. "To us, gambling isn't really an honest way to make a living."

Kalona's Mennonites, who number more than 2,000, embrace similar values — but vote, drive cars, use telephones and electricity. While they helped trounce the casino referendum in Kalona by a 3-1 margin, that wasn't enough to defeat

the initiative countywide.

When the casino opens in September, many Amish say they do not expect the attractions to affect their lives. "I don't think our youth will be tempted," says Ed Schlaybach, owner of the Stringtown Grocery. "If they are, we missed teaching them something."

But some worry that the casino's presence will increase crime. Mast says his brother Lavern recently had a car pull up to the gas pump on his property. The driver got out, filled his tank, and then spent another half hour filling canisters, while Lavern Mast's family huddled inside their home, terrified. After the casino opens, Mast wonders if he and his neighbors will still be able to leave their houses unlocked at night.

Mast says he also worries about the casino's effect on rural land values, which have skyrocketed in the Kalona area, rising 30 percent in the last five years. Today, agricultural real estate has become scarce, and farms in the region sell for as much as \$7,500 an acre. As a result, Amish families from Kalona are moving to other parts of Iowa and nearby states where acreage is more affordable.

If the casino development boosts Kalona's land prices further, Mast frets that he won't be able to afford land to establish his sons as farmers. "How am I going to keep my boys on the farm?" he asks quietly, adjusting the lantern flame.

As the casino's opening date draws near, many Kalona residents wonder how it will affect the community. Some worry about chartered tour buses filled with gawkers, snapping photographs of the Amish (photography is banned by their tradition). Others worry about increased traffic in Kalona, which may endanger the Amish in horse-drawn carriages.

"No one knows what will happen," Jim Hussey says. "We're all hanging on for the ride here."

As for Mast, he performs his daily farm chores with a clear conscience, knowing he tried to stop the nearby casino. After testifying in Johnston, he says, "I can look back and feel I did my part. Otherwise, I would always feel, 'Why didn't I go and at least try?'"

Confessions of Gambling Addicts

BY ANGIE TOOMSEN

Beneath the glitz and glamor that casinos project, there are countless gamblers who have stories of compulsion, loss, and despair. These are two of those stories.

THELMA

Over 72-straight hours, Thelma wrote \$7,000 in bad checks and maxed out four credit cards — so she could gamble nonstop at the Isle of Capri Casino in Bettendorf.

The 53-year-old Cedar Rapids woman had hit rock bottom.

Without a dime in her purse — and not having slept or eaten in three days — she returned home, where her husband of 23 years was waiting at the door.

"I wasn't gonna say, 'I'm sorry,' because those words are too pitiful and didn't mean anything," Thelma says now. "I was sick, and I needed help."

That was three years ago, and Thelma says she hasn't gambled since.

It hasn't been easy. For many problem gamblers such as Thelma, gambling becomes their reason to live. "At the casinos, everyone is happy to see you, and no one tells you what you can and can't do," she says. "You're in your own little world."

Thelma started gambling at 15, playing cards with her father, who taught her "you play cards better when you play for money — it helps you concentrate." In her 20s, she shifted to church bingo, and, later, when casino-gambling became legal in Iowa, she and her husband often went to Tama on weekends. She recalls that, at the time, she thought her gambling was "controlled."

But during the day while she worked from home, she says she began to obsess about getting to the casino, 51 miles away. Soon, Thelma would bolt for the casino every night, 10 minutes after husband left for his night job. She'd arrive back home a half hour before him.

Even though at the time Iowa casinos had \$200-a-day limit for individual losses, Thelma found a way around the state regulation. After the state cap was lifted, Thelma became a master of quick and easy cash. She learned how to get instant \$10,000 cash advances on her credit cards. She cashed in life-insurance policies, borrowed against her car, and received

GAMBLING: CLEAN FUN OR ADDICTIVE DISEASE?

Credit counselor Tom Coates knows the consequences of gambling addiction. Every week, the counselors who work for his nonprofit agency, the largest of its kind in Iowa, sees up to ten gambling addicts drowning in debt.

"We are in the midst of a gambling explosion," says Coates, director of Consumer Credit of Des Moines, who notes that Iowa's bankruptcy rate is soaring at the same time residents have the greatest opportunities to gamble legally. "These numbers are not coincidental," he says.

The areas within a 40-mile radius of each of Iowa's casinos show much higher incidents of alcoholism, drug use, crime, divorce, bankruptcy, domestic violence, prostitution, and suicide, says studies conducted by Coates' agency. Unlike Nevada — a tourist model that draws in revenue from outside the state — Iowa's casinos draw from mostly Iowans, who often are in lower-income brackets, says Coates.

"You are taking money away from good people and channeling it into social pathologies," says Coates, citing a University of Illinois study that found for every dollar a casino nets, the rest of the state loses two dollars in debt charge-offs, increased insurance rates and crime, and welfare payments for people thrown into the social system.

limit on her debit card. In addition, Thelma set up what she calls "roadblocks," including a self-declaration that the casinos must not admit her. How much did Thelma lose over the last 20 years? She won't say. She does admit to missing gambling, though. "The easiest way to explain it is that you just buried your best friend."

She has swapped gambling for healthier activities, such as golf and spending time with her grandchildren. She now has what she describes as a positive relationship with her husband. "What I did to my husband was the same as having an affair, not physically, but emotionally," she says. "I was sneaking and running around. It took a while to get the trust back."

"The fear of losing my family is what keeps me clean."

Coates considers the casino coming to Riverside "a scam."

"They weren't going to get it passed in Linn County or Johnson, so they went to a border county and a dying town where they could get it passed and still suck revenue from the more populated counties," he says. "The state turned a blind eye to that, which is nothing new."

Coates accuses the state of ignoring problems associated with Iowa's expanding gambling market, demonstrated by what he calls insufficient and poorly administered studies, as well as a reliance on uninvestigated statistics.

Coates says the casino industry's often-cited the statistic that only one percent of the population has a gambling problem is wrong.

UI psychiatrist Donald Black, an expert on compulsive gambling, also charges that the state is basing its estimates on woefully inaccurate figures.

"The numbers falsely reassure legislators, because they are artificially low," he says. "I can tell you that many pathological gamblers are embarrassed to admit — even to me — that they have a problem, and research shows that only about ten percent of compulsive gamblers ever come forth. They are only seeing the tip of the iceberg."

Black, whose patients have no problem driving one or two

hours to gamble in Osceola and the Quad Cities, says that prevalence of gambling addictions is much higher the closer casinos are to bettors.

When the casino arrives in Riverside, he anticipates the numbers of problem gamblers to rise drastically. He expects that UI students who are old enough to enter the casino will be among those who develop problems.

Like Coates, he says the casino will ultimately hurt the local economy.

"Supporters say it brings money because of the taxes and the businesses that employ people, but service industry wages tend to be low," he says. "It's hard to imagine people will come from outside the state to head to Riverside. Most of the business will come from a person's discretionary income from around here instead of channeling it in to other sectors of the economy. And the people who'll gamble the most are the ones who can't afford it."

About the only silver lining that Black sees with the opening of the Riverside Casino is that eastern Iowa will become a research gold mine for him.

"One thing is clear, the UI will have plenty of subjects with pathological gambling to study for the next 20 years. It's quite tragic, really."

— by Angie Toomsen

everything.

Tom started gambling 15 years ago and, like many problem gamblers, was able to control his betting for a while. As the years went on, he started to place more and more bets through a bookie in Cedar Rapids. As the losses piled up, he took out loans to cover his debts.

When his wife discovered he was hooked, she left him for the first time. Devastated, Tom entered a gambling-rehabilitation program and for a year was clean. His wife returned, and it seemed Tom's recovery would be permanent — until a misguided bout of swagger changed everything.

When Tom's wife went to visit family in Chicago for the weekend, Tom had a nagging impulse to hit the riverboat in Dubuque. "For some reason, I thought it'd be all right," he says. "I was wrong."

After losing \$2,500 of his family's savings in minutes, he returned home and waited out telling his wife.

It was too late. Back in Cedar Rapids, his wife checked the couple's bank statements online and saw the withdrawal.

This time, she was gone for good.

"I love my wife. I blew everything in one night," says Tom.

Tom's total gambling losses, he says, were \$12,000 — much less than most compulsive gamblers, who can easily rack up six-figure debts. The school district fired Tom because of the incident at Lake Macbride. His wife has filed for divorce, and the couple's home is now up for sale.

"I'm 57 years old," he says. "The future doesn't look too bright."

Tom vacillates between wishing that he would have succeeded in his suicide attempt and feeling fortunate to have failed. Now enrolled in a gambling-treatment center — Anchor Point Counseling in Cedar Rapids — he says he hopes his story will help other gamblers.

He says he is certain the Riverside casino will make things worse for gamblers in the area and plans to speak out about the dangers of the nearby casino at a gambling-treatment conference.

"Anybody wants to argue with me about gambling, I can tell them what can happen," he says. "I keep hoping and praying I won't gamble again, because, next time, I might not make it through."

TOM

When Tom's wife of 30 years left him, the 57-year-old driver's-education teacher from Cedar Rapids drove the "Student Driver" car out to Lake Macbride State Park in the middle of the night. He plugged up the car's tailpipe with a towel and swallowed handfuls of Tylenol and aspirin. Tom passed out, and, when he came to in a groggy stupor, his car had somehow crashed into a tree.

Like his efforts to quit gambling, Tom's suicide attempt was a failure. Tom spent the next two weeks in a medical psych ward because of liver damage from the drug overdose and to keep him from attempting suicide again.

He knew he was an addicted gambler but never expected sports betting to cost him

RIVERSIDE BUSINESS OWNERS TO CASINO: WE'LL TAKE ANYTHING

BY KELLI ANDRESEN

The sidewalks are empty, save for the rustling leaves that linger from the fall. Dilapidated storefronts — most with Closed or For Sale signs in the windows — line First Street, which doubles as State Highway 22 for drivers on the way to somewhere else.

One abandoned downtown storefront is a graveyard for broken-down refrigerators, washing machines, and TVs. A weather-worn wooden sign advertises the office of a newspaper that moved to neighboring Wellman two years ago.

Of the few businesses remaining in Riverside (population 928), most aren't even open five days a week.

But all that could change when the Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, touted as one of Iowa's premier destinations, opens in September a few miles east of downtown.

Jerry Murphy, owner of Murphy's Bar and Grill, couldn't be happier about the new developments taking place in the sleepy southeast Iowa town. He has been waiting for this moment since he opened his tavern a decade ago.

An optimist, Murphy was sure Riverside was going to grow like many of the other small towns surrounding nearby Iowa City.

But five years went by, and nothing happened. He began to wonder, "When will it be Riverside's time?"

"Well, when is now," says Murphy, 45.

With the casino scheduled to open in just four months, he sounded as though he were about to rake in a jackpot. "The downtown businesses will start to fill up. It'll happen," says Murphy, wearing a Budweiser cap, a Murphy's T-shirt, and a greasy apron while preparing three pans of lasagna for parent-teacher conferences.

Down the road is the Kwik N Ez, a one-stop gas station, grocery, and deli that serves up fried chicken and 48-cent cups of coffee (35 cents for a refill). Four craggy men sit in booths and argue about gas prices, who owns Panama these days, and whether the Kwik N Ez's Special of the Day — pork egg

rolls — is too exotic for their tastes.

Owner Becky LaRoche, sporting a Farrah Fawcett haircut and blue eye shadow, says she's excited about the possibilities that the casino will bring to town.

"It sounds like it's going to be very elite, which says a lot about little Riverside," she says.

Although most downtown business owners say they're looking forward to what they hope will be a surge of tourists coming into town, LaRoche isn't banking on them. She says she thinks her business will increase from the casino's estimated 800 casino employees.

But Doug Havel, a regular at the Kwik N Ez and the owner of Bud's Meats, which sits between the casino and downtown, says Murphy and LaRoche are dreaming. Havel, a Riverside native, doesn't buy the idea that the casino will bring dollars to downtown, located a few miles west of the casino complex.

He's angling, though, for a contract with the casino owners to provide locally slaughtered meat in the resort's gift shop. He also has plans to transform Bud's Meats to a retail-only meat store.

Havel, wearing a heavy overcoat and blood-splattered boots, says he's worried that the casino may change Riverside's homey nature. "It won't have a small-town feeling anymore," he says. "We'll lose some of the family atmosphere."

Anyone who thinks the coming casino will transform downtown Riverside may want to talk to Osceola Police Chief Marty Duffus, whose town became home to a casino six years ago. When a casino opens, he says, it doesn't mean revitalization of businesses downtown, but rather, it can create competition that will draw people away from downtown. And then there's the specter of new businesses opening next to the casino, bypassing the town entirely.

"There's very little doubt in my mind whether visitors, developers, or residents will start to build businesses,"



Tom Beauchamp, Joe Rosien, and Sean Wehr eat lunch at Murphy's Bar & Grill. The men work for J-9 Construction in Washington, Iowa. They say they expect to be building homes in the surrounding area after the Riverside Casino and Golf Resort opens.

Duffus says.

"Someone's going to see the opportunity to make a dollar between the casino and Riverside."

It's that kind of competing

development that worries some Riverside business owners. With the opening of the casino comes the possibility of a strip mall and fast-food restaurants closer to the

resort.

Whether they are starry-eyed optimists or just eager for something to happen, LaRoche and others, though, see any new development in

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Becky LaRoche serves up fried chicken at her store, the Kwik N Ez.



Vintageville Antiques owner Brenda Mickel in her shop.



Doug Havel, owner of Bud's Custom Meats, prepares cuts of meat. Havel, whose butcher shop and store are located within view of the Interstate, expects that the casino will bring more business to his store.