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Locals see hope in marriage vote

U.S. Senate vote blocks an amendment banning gay marriage, giving Palermo and others hope that civil rights are possible

BY DANNY VALENTINE
THE DAILY IOWAN

After the U.S. Senate on Wednesday effectively blocked a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, many in the UI community said they were happy with the outcome, and they called it a break from the partisan politics that so often accompanies the issue.

"One should not overly praise the Democrats for supporting the [gay and lesbian] movement or vilify the Republican party," said Rich McCarty, a UI religious-studies graduate student. "This doesn't need to be a Republican or Democrat issue. More important is the way people think carefully and critically about what it means to be human. It's less about party politics and more about people."

Although he said he was glad the Senate bill was defeated, he found it most interesting a larger number of Republicans voted down the potential amendment, compared with the same proposal in 2004.

Despite Republicans' four-seat gain in the Senate since the issue last came up, the amendment only received one more vote. In all, seven Republicans helped to ensure that the ban fell 11 votes shy of the necessary 60.

"What I see is both Republicans and Democrats saying gay marriage will not lead to societal collapse," McCarty said.

Crystal Bouziden, a UI senior and the College Republican vice chairwoman, said she also sees changes in the gay-marriage issue.

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Iowa City resident Jefri Palermo, 53, sits in her home Wednesday evening. In response to the Senate's failure to invoke cloture and move ahead on a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage, she said, "There is always a risk involved in any form of self-revealing." Palermo lives with her partner and her daughter.

Survey: UISG induces yawns



McElligott
UISG president



Stark
UISG vice
president

BY ASHTON SHURSON
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Students are apathetic about UI student government, according to a survey conducted by a recent UI alum — a feeling many students confirmed Wednesday.

"I think there are some students who care a lot," UI graduate student Jennifer Leveck said in response to the survey. "But it's a small group."

One UI senior, walking through the IMU, demonstrated his lack of UISG

UISG SURVEY

Key findings from recent UISG survey released by UI alum Chris Jones:

The former political-science major conducted a survey with 284 UI students evaluating their opinions on UI Student Government.

- 63 percent are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied with UISG.
- 42 percent neither agree nor disagree that UISG addresses important issues.
- 36 percent did not follow the 2006 UISG election at all.
- 39 percent think UISG has a small effect on student life.

knowledge when asked for his opinion on UISG President Peter McElligott and Vice President Addison Stark.

"I've never heard their names before," said Omar Camarillo.

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VACCINE FOR CERVICAL CANCER MAY BE CLOSE

New vaccine awaiting approval will help guard against cervical cancer and reduce the amount of testing for women

BY ABIGAIL SAWYER
THE DAILY IOWAN

Today, after eight years of trial studies, UI researchers await the stamp of approval from the Food and Drug Administration to legitimize the first cervical-cancer vaccine in the United States.

Many Iowa experts have high hopes for the vaccine — Gardasil — which would guard against high-risk strains of human papillomavirus, which is responsible for nearly 70 percent of the cases of cervical cancer diagnosed worldwide.

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Rachel Mumney/The Daily Iowan
Tracy Peters sits in her office in Westlawn on Wednesday. Peters oversees the trials for the UI's human papillomavirus vaccine, which is up for approval by the FDA today.

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NEWS

Some take aim at student vote

BY BRYCE BAUER

THE DAILY IOWAN

Following the battle to win their parties' nomination in June 6 primary elections, Johnson County political hopefuls are taking a collective rest before repeating the process all over again for the Nov. 7 elections.

Part of their strategy will most likely include attempts to solicit the student vote.

"The goal will be to try to get more public input," said Alan Curry, one of two Republican nominees for the Johnson County Board of Supervisors. Curry, who said one of his first campaign activities will be participating in an upcoming North Liberty parade, said he hadn't yet decided on his main campaign issues. The expansion of Newport Road, which he said he opposes,

is the only topic he knows will be included in his political bid.

Janet Lyness, the Democratic nominee for Johnson County prosecutor, cited several concerns related to students.

Among these, she included the significant population of UI graduates who leave with criminal records, a problem she hoped to remedy by establishing a diversion program for PAULA offenders. By allowing them to work with the county, offenders could avoid the charge appearing on their permanent records.

However, local politicians may find many students are simply unaware what their job entails.

"The people I'm around, we are highly interested in politics — but just not at the local level," said UI senior Jameson Ryley, who mentioned tuition as one of his top political concerns. He said

that while he was aware of the primary elections, he did not participate — partly because of academic time constraints.

Amanda Benson, also a UI senior, said she was aware of the existence of the county attorney and Board of Supervisor positions, but she wasn't familiar with the role they played in governance.

Lyness said part of the reason for this unfamiliarity could be that students only come in contact with her office when they violate the law or are the victim of a transgression. She said she did try to connect with students as she sought the Democratic nomination.

"One thing I did during the campaign was speaking with journalism classes," the 47-year-old assistant county attorney said on Wednesday.

Even if she is not presented

with an opponent, she said, she would keep connecting with voters.

"I'm going to continue through the summer and fall to meet with the residents of Johnson County," she said, noting that she also plans to talk with UI Student Government representatives.

Michael Charles, the UISG governmental-relations committee chairman, said the organization will try to inform students about the upcoming vote by collecting and disseminating information on the candidates and eventually making endorsements.

"Definitely for this election coming up, it is crucial to get out the student vote," UISG Vice President Addison Stark said.

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Clifton Carter III, 18, 901 Cross Park Ave. Apt. E, was charged June 6 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Tara Coss, 20, Moscow, Iowa, was charged June 6 with driving while barred.

Anthony Greenwood, 46, address unknown, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Mark Jacobsen, 23, 2514 Cascade Lane, was charged Wednesday with OWI.

Michael Kiely, 22, Downers Grove, Ill., was charged May 14 with public urination.

Christopher Moressi, 25, Coralville, was charged July 14, 2005, with OWI.

Scott Powers, 31, 817 Melrose Ave., was charged Wednesday with disorderly conduct.

Charles Riles, 51, 840 Maggard St. Apt. 7, was charged June 6 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Thomas Ruan, 22, Des Moines, was charged May 14 with public urination.

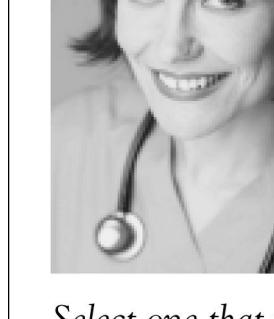
Erik Shelton, 22, 400 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 1416, was charged Feb. 22 with possession of drug paraphernalia and June 6 with OWI.

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Regent: No overstepping

Many in the UI community are concerned with the regents' handling of the university's presidential search committee



Kurtz
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regent

ability of investigating the regents was introduced by fellow co-head Sen. Ron Wieck, R-Sioux City. Alons made it clear no official investigation is currently underway.

"The investigation is not on the agenda yet, but it might be by the time we meet in July," he said.

Some UI faculty are concerned that the regents have delved into matters previously left to university administrators. One area of contention concerns the 19-member UI presidential search committee, which includes four regents.

Sheldon Kurtz, a former president of the UI Faculty Senate, said he couldn't recall any regents on presidential search committees of the last 40 years.

"There may been one at one time, but the last two search committees didn't have regents on them," he said. "There certainly is a sense that the regents have been more actively involved in the management of the institution than in prior years."

But as Arbisser pointed out, despite its sizable regent presence, the search committee is made up of

faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

"There's a pretty significant representation from a broad base of people in the community," he said.

Arbisser dismissed speculation that the regents' decision in August 2005 to give Skorton a 3 percent pay raise — as opposed to the 5 percent pay raises for the presidents of Iowa State University and University of Northern Iowa — represented an underhanded endorsement of Skorton's departure.

"That was not the intention at all," Arbisser said, adding having known Skorton 25 years, he was confident the specific dollar amount of his raise wasn't a significant factor.

Steve Parrott, the UI director of University Relations, offered a similar view.

"He has said all along that the Cornell offer was a great opportunity for him and his wife, Robin Davison," he said.

The regents' next meeting will be held June 20 on the Iowa State University campus. It will begin at 6 p.m. in 1750 Beardshear Hall.

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Despite concerns about the state Board of Regents' overstepping traditional boundaries in its oversight of Iowa's three public universities, the nine-member panel continues to deny any gross interference in operations at the UI.

"I think the rumors come from the type of questions university administrators sometimes get from regents," said Regent Amir Arbisser — a board member since 2001 and Davenport resident. "The truth is, it probably has more to do with semantics than with active micromanagement."

BY MATT SNYDERS

THE DAILY IOWAN

"The truth is, it probably has more to do with semantics than with active micromanagement."

'Unweaving' that tangled web

BY WESLEY CROPP
THE DAILY IOWAN

Log out of Facebook, close out your fantasy-baseball stat tracker, and slap that laptop lid closed — professors nationwide are cracking down on rampant Internet use during lectures, which some deem detrimental to the learning process.

Internet "kill switches" have already been implemented in some lecture rooms at

Massachusetts colleges, such as Bentley and Babson, a trend some UI students fear could reach Iowa City, thereby ending their classroom Internet binges.

Broadband blockers like those already in place on the East Coast, short of banning laptops altogether, are the front-runners in the race for a solution, as professors strive to ensure no technological device impedes the intended message of their course work.

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Kenneth Brown, a UI associate professor of business, recently submitted a request to UI technology staffers to install kill switches in classrooms.

"I would never suggest we ban laptops, because we are interested in technology," he said. "But we need to keep in mind that [technology] is just a tool."

If individual UI classrooms were equipped with virtual local area network capabilities, it would be possible to shut a portion of them down temporarily, said Mark Katsouros, the director of telecommunications and network services in UI Information Technology Services. The university has no such system, but Katsouros said there are many other ways to terminate Internet connections, such as jamming signals in a wireless network.

As for the kill-switch systems, "they would never be without their loopholes," said Phillip Knutel, the director of academic technology at Bentley College. "If a student has a commercial service, the kill switch would not affect it," he added, referring to Internet wireless services available from such companies as Verizon.

Wireless signals occasionally

"bleed" from one room to another, he said, but the strongest signal comes from in-room wireless access points, which, in the kill-switch protocol, can be controlled by a central computer that only the instructor could access with a password.

While instructors might benefit from this power, many UI students wouldn't welcome such an "intrusion."

"If you're in class, and you don't have access to the outside world, the only authority is the instructor," said Amy Charles, a UI student who brings her computer to class to take notes but often ends up checking information presented by the instructor. "It is understandable that instructors want to control the scope of the lecture, but if it is restricted to only the knowledge of the professor, it blocks this level of higher learning."

As Internet "killing" and other technological solutions marinate in the minds of some professors, a more personal approach is already in effect.

"When I tell students what bothers me in class, they tend not to do it," said Beth Ingram, a UI professor of economics. "It's an etiquette thing."

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Student response lags in UI search

BY LAUREN FOLLIS
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person who will be taking over as president."

The UI has received comments ever since Skorton made his resignation public Jan. 21, but Abboud said the number of responses has increased since the e-mail was sent.

"As of two weeks ago, there was a significant number of responses," he said. "More than 130."

But some, like Shelly Campo, a UI assistant professor of community and behavioral health, said she'd noticed the e-mail but opted not to reply.

"I didn't feel that my opinion would be heard," she said. "I believe that there should have been more students and faculty on the committee to begin with."

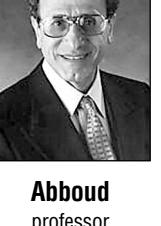
Her concern was a commonly voiced one in response to the establishment of the committee. The presidential search will be overseen by UI faculty, staff, students, community members, and four regents. This component — the regents — has drawn fire among some in the UI community who wanted greater involvement in the process.

Yet for many UI students, the debate is barely an issue. One UI senior, Emily Roberts, had a hard time remembering whether she had received the committee's e-mail or not.

The anthropology major admitted she probably deleted it.

"I think that it is a problem trying to get students involved in campus politics," she said.

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UI VACCINE MAY BE OK'D

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If approved, Gardasil could "revolutionize women's health as we know it," said Tracy Peters, a coordinator in the UI vaccine-trials office. She expects the vaccine will dramatically reduce the number of Pap tests required in the United States and save thousands of lives in the developing world, where 80 percent of cervical-cancer cases are found.

The human papillomavirus is contracted by nearly half of all sexually active men and women at some point in their lives, most commonly by people ages 18-28. Out of the 100-plus known strains of the virus, approximately a third can lead to genital cancers.

Black women are twice as likely as white women to die from cervical cancer. Women with lower incomes, as well as Latinos, blacks, and the elderly, are more likely to contract it, because of decreased access

to adequate health care, according to the American Cancer Society website.

On average, 45 Iowa women die from cervical cancer each year. Nationally, an estimated 4,100 women fall to the disease, according to the Iowa Department of Public Health website.

Jack Stapleton, one of the principal investigators for the UI study site and the director of the UI Division of Infectious Disease, said at 300,000 deaths per year worldwide, cervical cancer is the second-largest cause of female cancer mortalities.

The human-papillomavirus study, commissioned by Merck and Co., a pharmaceutical distributor, includes more than 20,000 women between the ages of 16-26 from 30 countries. The UI's site is a leading contributor, Stapleton said, placing the study on the "upper end of enrollment" among all trial locations. The trial is just one of three currently overseen by

Stapleton. One is for Gardasil, and the other two are for GlaxoSmithKline, a rival pharmaceutical company. All purportedly protect against strains of human papillomavirus.

Since the trial started in 1998, Peters' office has administered the vaccine to more than 500 healthy Iowa City women — mostly college students and young professionals.

Marie Gernes, a recent UI graduate, is one of 535 local women who participated in the trial.

"I've been the recipient of so many other health-care advances — like modern medicine, vitamins, and vaccines," she said. "So it's good to give back."

On May 18, the FDA confirmed Gardasil is effective in preventing cervical cancer caused by types human papillomavirus 6, 11, 16, and 18. Types 6 and 11 are responsible for 90 percent of genital-warts cases, whereas types 16

and 18 are "high risk" and can lead to cervical cancer. A final decision on the vaccine's approval is expected from the FDA today.

Nationally, the trials have caused a stir among conservatives, who fear the distribution of the vaccine would promote unprotected premarital sex. These groups have not attempted to block approval of the vaccine but are instead focusing on how it will be marketed and distributed.

From here, local public-health officials will wait for federal direction before implementing the vaccine, said Nicole Peckum, a spokeswoman for the Iowa Department of Public Health. Ralph Wilmoth, the director of Johnson County Public Health, is also waiting for national cues before implementing the vaccine — but said he supports any initiative to improve the health of Iowans.

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Locals back Senate action

GAY MARRIAGE

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"I am feeling the Republicans and Democrats are coming more to the center on this issue," she said.

While she declined to give her opinion, Bouziden said she found it unlikely a radical measure — either the legalization of gay marriage or an amendment banning it — would become law.

Sens. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and Charles Grassley, R-Iowa split, with Harkin against the measure and Grassley in favor.

"We can no longer sit idly by while a handful of activist judges lay the groundwork to overturn the Defense of Marriage Act and redefine marriage for the entire nation," Grassley said in a statement Wednesday.

"Marriage is a commitment entered into by one man and one woman, and traditional marriage must be protected."

Jefri Palermo, a program assistant with the UI, looked at the vote a bit differently, citing the nearly 50-50 split as yet

another example of the inability for politicians to agree.

"I have pretty much put a ban on reading the newspaper," she said, upset with the way the gay-and-lesbian rights issues are covered. "I just think it is politics-in-an-election-year type of thing."

Palermo, who is openly lesbian, sees the vote as a good step but nevertheless thinks the United States has a long way to go.

"Well, no, I am not happy, because it does not allow for either gay marriage or civil union," she said.

The UI employee will celebrate her 10th anniversary with her partner next week, yet she is denied many of the rights granted to heterosexual couples.

"I am not a traditionalist, but I would like the legal rights," she said. "It's the rights and the legitimacy that I am more concerned with. I guess I would like not to make the effort to explain myself in so many different areas."

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Students ho-hum on UISG

UISG

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Chris Jones, who conducted the survey for a political-science class in the weeks immediately following the UISG election in March, received 284 responses from UI students.

Jones used ISIS to randomly select classes in which to distribute the survey. In addition, he deliberately conducted the survey in two political-science courses to analyze their voting behavior.

After compiling and analyzing the results, a glaring characteristic came to the fore: UI students, in general, are utterly uninterested in UISG.

"I think the thing that sticks out the most is the ambivalence most people have towards stu-

dent government," Jones said.

He found that 63 percent of students are neither satisfied nor dissatisfied with student government, and 42 percent neither agree nor disagree that UISG addresses issues important to students.

"Overall, it pretty much confirmed what I previously expected but didn't know," Jones said.

The political-science major also surmised that UI students involved in student organizations are more likely to vote in and follow UISG elections. A student's satisfaction with UISG has no influence on whether he or she votes, the study also found.

However, Jones noted, the survey has an 8 percent margin of error and that a bigger sam-

pling would better represent the entire student population.

"It shouldn't be considered the absolute truth," he said. "But all social science is like that."

Although Jones, a former UISG senator, said the data only show that students are ambivalent. On why they demonstrate such apathy, the reasons are unknown, though he offered an opinion.

"Student government is internally focused," he said, adding that he feels the lack of accessibility that student government provides is one of the organization's flaws.

McElligott said he wasn't surprised by the survey's results but is still disappointed many students do not comprehend the power of student government.

"It does make sense," he said on Monday. "Student govern-

ment is a very behind-the-scenes organization. Students don't realize the impact it has on their lives."

He said UISG public-relations executive Annalisa Hoeft plans to revamp the image of the group so students can understand everything they facilitate from their modest basement office in the IMU.

McElligott questioned whether the number of survey participants is representative of students in general, but he said he has noticed "people are more and more apolitical."

Jack Sodak, the Student Elections Board director, was not aware of the survey but said he feels the UISG should address its findings.

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'I could've done a better job of getting out the vote. But

I was the top vote-getter, so I guess it wasn't a complete disaster. Campaigns are always intense.'

That's what democracy is all about.'

— Sally Stutsman, candidate

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"He basically parlayed the [Newport Road issue] into victory, but he also tapped into a sentiment that the supervisors, in general, do not seem to be paying as much attention to the public," he said.

Meyers may have also benefited from a prevailing mindset nationwide that has many Americans feeling disaffected with elected leaders, he added. Recent nationwide polls show approximately 70 percent of Americans disapprove of President Bush and Congress.

For Meyers, the Newport Road controversy that catapulted his candidacy was only the beginning.

"The road issue was just a

symptom of what was going on," he said. "The real issue is how county government represents citizens, and what we've seen is a digression from that."

Although Stutsman was ultimately able to capture the most votes in the primary with 5,048 — 46 percent — she said the public furor over the Newport Road expansion makes her feel somewhat vulnerable leading into November, despite her victory in the primary.

"I could've done a better job of getting out the vote," she said. "But I was the top vote-getter, so I guess it wasn't a complete disaster. Campaigns are always intense. That's what democracy is all about."

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Ethnic discord riles Postville

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POSTVILLE, Iowa — A growing discord over the ethnic diversity in this small northeast Iowa community has resulted in the cancellation of a town festival.

The controversy erupted when City Councilor Jeff Reinhardt wrote a letter to the local newspaper on May 24, addressing diversity in a manner that was deemed offensive by some residents of the community, which is made up of more than two dozen nationalities.

It grew further when the city's entire staff — 13 employees — disavowed Reinhardt's remarks in their own letter to the *Postville Herald-Leader*.

In addition, the City Council cut funding for the Visitor's Center, which led to the cancellation of the Taste of Postville festival, which highlights the town's diversity.

The make up of the city of approximately 2,300 has

changed significantly in the past 15 years, in large part because of Agriprocessors Inc., a kosher meatpacking plant owned by Orthodox Jews. It employs around 800, predominantly immigrant, workers.

In his letter, Reinhardt said one group of residents "wants to isolate itself, by dressing a little differently, keeping their children out of our public schools, and wanting a different day for the Sabbath."

He said another group "sends money back to other foreign countries and brings with it a lack of respect for our laws and culture, which contributes to unwed mothers, trash in the streets, unpaid bills, drugs, forgery, and other crimes."

Councilor Leigh Rekow called Reinhardt's letter "rather bigoted" and a "slam against the Jewish people."

Former Councilor Aaron Goldsmith said Reinhardt's letter represents "a primitive and hostile view" of Latinos and

other immigrants.

The Rev. Paul Ouderkirk, 73, the now retired pastor at St. Bridget's Catholic Church, said Reinhardt's comments were unfair and critical of immigrants.

"They know there is a feeling in town that is against them," Ouderkirk said.

Councilor Marlys Sowers said Reinhardt's letter is based on fact.

"If you come to Postville, you will see the disrespect for the law he refers to," Sowers said. "These people get drunk and hit other people's cars. There's no driver's license, no insurance. Who pays for the property damage?"

Reinhardt said he was not referring to Postville's Orthodox Jewish community.

"We have six or eight differ-

ent religions in town," he said.

But he did not specifically identify which ethnic group he was targeting.

"If you are here illegally, you have already broken the law and shown disrespect for it," he said.

Several Postville residents say they saw the dispute coming earlier this year after the City Council cut funding to the Visitor's Center, prompting the resignation of its director, Nina Taylor.

Taylor directed the Taste of Postville Festival and her resignation forced this year's event to be canceled.

"It was the council's attitude as much as the funding cut," said Taylor, 56, about her decision to resign.

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Iran offered nuke concession

BY GEORGE JAHN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

VIENNA, Austria — In a major concession, world powers are no longer demanding that Iran commit to a prolonged moratorium on uranium enrichment and are now asking only for a suspension during talks on its nuclear program, diplomats and officials said Wednesday.

The proposal and a connected offer to allow continued uranium conversion are part of an effort to avoid a showdown over international concerns that the Iranians are trying to develop nuclear weapons.

Backing off the previous stance on enrichment signals a possible readiness by the United States and key allies to accept some limited form of enrichment by Iran, despite years of warnings from Washington that Tehran wanted such technology to make atomic warheads.

Iran insists its nuclear program is intended only to produce power, arguing that it needs enrichment technology to produce fuel for atomic reactors that would generate electricity.

Since talks between European nations and Iran broke off last August, the public stance by the European negotiators and the United States has been that Iran must commit to a long-term halt in enrichment as a precondition for talks.

Still, a diplomat said that despite the concession, a long-term moratorium remained the preferred goal of the six nations that approved a package of incentives for the Tehran regime last week — the United States, China, Russia, Britain, France, and Germany.

Beyond that, the talks are meant to reach agreement on what kind of nuclear activities Iran can conduct under conditions that dispel fears it wants a military program.

European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana, who

presented the offer to Iranian officials this week, said Wednesday that the issue of enrichment would have to be reassessed once talks were completed.

"In principle ... they will have to stop now; we will have to negotiate with no process of enrichment in place," he told reporters in Germany. "After the completion of the negotiations, we will see what happens."

Solana said the incentive offer came with "no specific time frame," but he expected an Iranian answer within "weeks."

He said nothing about uranium conversion, which is a step preceding enrichment. But diplomats told the Associated Press that Iran would be allowed to continue that activity. Previously, Washington and its allies had wanted a freeze on conversion, too.

The diplomats spoke on the condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to divulge the contents of the offer.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said suspension was a precondition for the talks, adding: "Beyond that, I am not going to speculate. Beyond that, we are truly into the realm of the hypothetical and theoretical."

France warned Wednesday that Iran would face U.N. Security Council sanctions if it rejected the proposal for opening talks. But Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Moscow would support sanctions only if Iran violated the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, a possible indication of continued discord among the six powers involved in the effort.

Diplomats said previously that both Russia and China agreed during last week's talks in Vienna to the possibility of imposing sanctions if Iran rejected the initiative.

AP writers Anne Gearan and Geir Moulson contributed to this report.



Khalid Mohammed/Associated Press

Detainees walk from a bus as others pray on the ground at the main bus station in central Baghdad on Wednesday. Five hundred ninety-four detainees were released from U.S.- and Iraqi-run prisons around Iraq in an apparent effort to appease anger in the Sunni Arab minority over allegations of random detentions and mistreatment of prisoners.

100s of Iraqi prisoners released

BY KIM GAMEL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Hundreds of newly freed Iraqi prisoners kissed the ground after being dropped at bus stations Wednesday as Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki launched the largest such release since the U.S.-led invasion.

Sunni Arab political leaders welcomed the initiative, which was intended to promote reconciliation in this fractured nation. But some expressed fear the releases would be offset by more arrests. There have been accusations that Sunnis have suffered arbitrary detentions and even torture at the hands of the Shiite-led government.

"We want a real solution," said Sunni legislator Mohammed al-Dayeni, calling for all detainees to be released. "We demand that random raids and arrests be stopped in all Iraqi provinces, and only in that way can we ensure a safe environment."

The government has promised to release 2,000 detainees whose cases have been reviewed, in batches of approximately 500. The first 594 were freed Wednesday from U.S.- and Iraqi-run prisons around the country, including Abu Ghraib.

Al-Maliki has made security and reconciliation a priority of his new government. But he also has vowed to crack down on violence often blamed on the Sunni-led insurgency, and he said the release plan excludes loyalists of ousted leader Saddam Hussein as well as "terrorists whose hands are stained with the blood of the Iraqi people."

Sectarian tensions were high after Monday's abductions of 50 people in downtown Baghdad by gunmen wearing police uniforms and Sunday's shooting

deaths of 21 Shiites north of the capital, including students pulled from their minivans.

Police said on Wednesday that 15 of the kidnapped people had been released, some with signs of torture, but provided no details on their identities.

A parked car bomb struck an outdoor market in a predominantly Shiite neighborhood in Baghdad on Wednesday, killing at least two people and wounding 12, police said — one of several attacks that killed 21 people nationwide.

One of the newly freed prisoners, Mohammed Jassim Hameed, said he was arrested Dec. 19, 2004, and accused of kidnapping employees of a cell-phone company. He said he had spent time in several U.S. detention centers, including Abu Ghraib and Camp Bucca.

"They used to give us the same food every day. We were fed up with it," said Hameed, who is in his 50s.

A woman who identified herself as Um Ahmed said she was told by the Sunni Islamic Party that her husband, Salih Khalid Salih, would be among those released.

"I've been waiting for him for three months," she said, crying because she could not find him among detainees who filed out of buses, many dropping to their knees and kissing the ground in thanks.

AP Television News footage showed a U.S. soldier giving a hand to one man who was using crutches as he climbed off a bus.

Representatives of the Iraqi Islamic Party, the largest Sunni Arab group in the governing coalition, hugged the detainees.

The prime minister said on Tuesday that 2,500 prisoners would be released, but his

office changed that number to 2,000 on Wednesday. Iraqi officials have said there is an agreement to release up to 14,000 detainees once their cases have been reviewed. A U.N. report last month said there were 28,700 detainees in Iraq. Most are believed to be Sunni Arabs.

Omar al-Jubori, a member of the Iraqi Islamic Party, said the agreement came after negotiations with U.S. Embassy and military officials, as well as street protests. The releases will "give happiness and hope to every detainee and every oppressed person in this country," al-Jubori said.

Lt. Col. Kier-Kevin Curry, a spokesman for U.S. military detainee operations, said it was a joint decision and would be the largest release over a 30-day period since the war began in March 2003. He said those being freed were not guilty of serious crimes and had agreed to renounce violence.

"It's in support of the new Iraqi government and their spirit of unity and national reconciliation," he said. "We view these individuals as providing a relatively low security threat because the Iraqi government has approved the release of those not guilty of serious crimes, such as

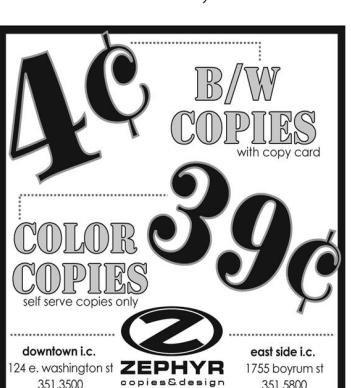
bombing and torture, kidnapping and murder."

The U.S. military also freed nearly 1,000 security detainees in August in a similar bid to placate Sunnis during negotiations over a new constitution.

Al-Maliki announced the releases on Tuesday as he sought to shore up support for his nearly 3-week-old government of national unity. He still has not named Interior and Defense ministers; appointments to those posts are considered vital to his plan to take over security from U.S.-led forces within 18 months.

The plan would put American and international forces in a supervisory role, part of an exit strategy that would eventually allow the troops to go home.

AP writers Patrick Quinn, Qais al-Bashir, Sinan Salaheddin, and Qassim Abdul-Zahra contributed to this report.



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EDITORIAL

Openness crucial in regent inquiry

In the wake of the departures of the UI's president and athletics director, the state Legislature will hold a hearing to find out if state Board of Regents' micromanagement — or mismanagement — has motivated university leaders to pack their bags. Legislators cautioned that short of severe wrongdoing by the regents, the hearings won't result in punitive action, but questions about the effect of the regents' increasing influence on the school are valid and deserve to be answered.

Regent President Michael Gartner has been at the focus of the controversy. Despite former UI President David Skorton's explanation that he just couldn't refuse Cornell's generous offer, some have insisted it was low-ball salary offers from the regents that chased away Skorton and Athletics Director Bob Bowlsby. Gartner simply dismissed the speculation as gossip. This cavalier attitude, coupled with the negative effect these rumors may have on the university community, should be combated with greater openness and a straightforward response from the regents.

Most recently, Gartner voted against the ultimately approved increased service costs at the UI Hospitals and Clinics. As in the search for a new UI president, the proposed increases set off an emotional debate on the direction the university should take. With less financial support from the Legislature, the UI is under pressure to conform to a more business-oriented model. Teachers and students alike are worried that academics will be sacrificed for the bottom line. Whether these concerns are justified remains to be seen, but the regents should strive to include other interested parties in the search, rather than tighten their grip on the presidential search committee.

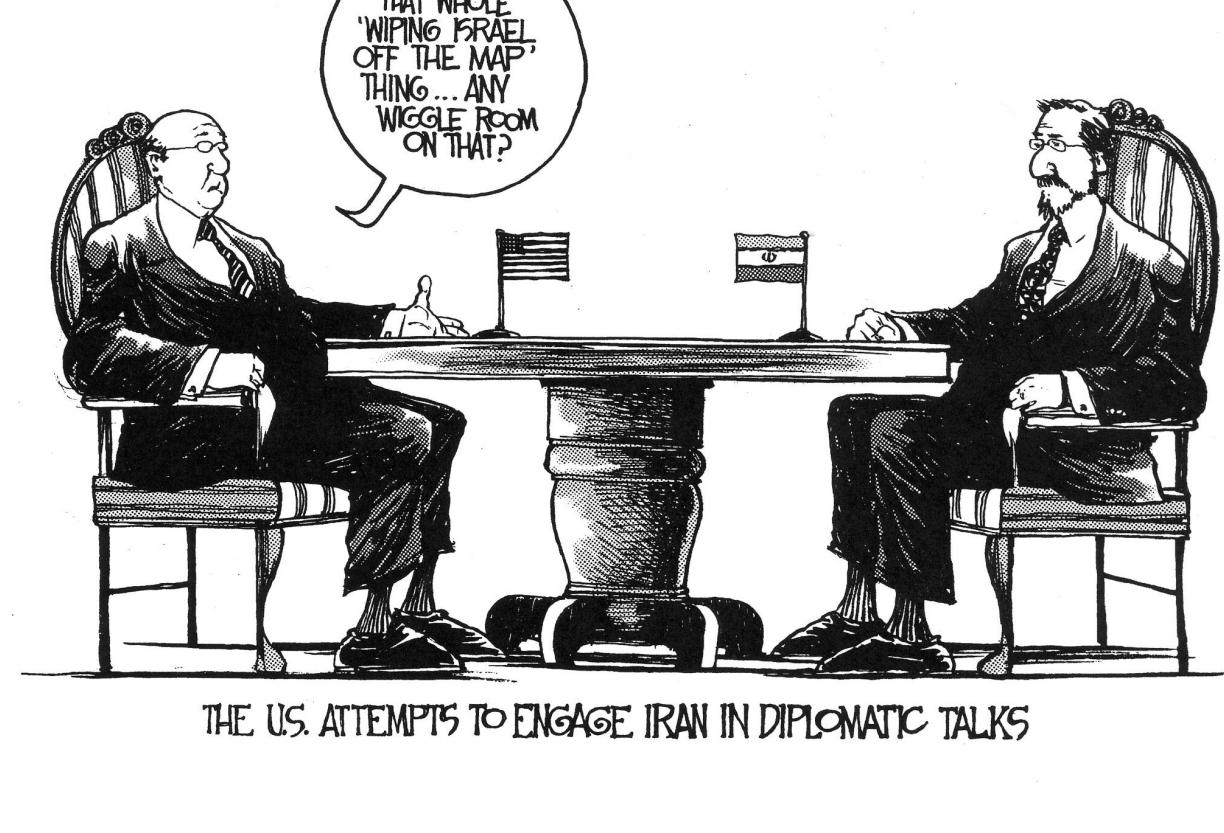
The presidential search committee is a sensitive issue, because faculty and students fear their voices will be stifled by the demands of the regents. As the UI Faculty Senate president diplomatically put it, the current board has more "intensive involvement" than in the past. However, this involvement may mean overly intrusive meddling. At a campus forum on the presidential search committee, Gartner dismissed criticisms of the trend toward regent involvement as premature. However, it's only natural for students and faculty to be hesitant to yield even more control of the UI to outsiders. Gartner should honestly answer questions about the regents' agenda, not dismiss them out of hand.

He has also been cursory about responding to inquiries from the press. Although his aloofness may cause minor aggravation for reporters, the real victims are community members who rely on the media for information on what their public officials are doing with their money. Without honest information from Gartner on the changes the regents have in mind for the university, UI community members have to base their conclusions on speculations fueled by fear and resentment.

Now is not the time for Gartner and his fellow regents to dismiss the concerns of the UI community or ignore the mounting criticism. The regents have a tough job ahead in balancing the demands of the schools, the Legislature, and the students. A permanent UI president must be found and persuaded to stay for more than three years; rising tuition costs must be addressed; the list goes on and on. Gartner and the rest of the regents can make their job easier by being more forthcoming with everyone involved.

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THE U.S. ATTEMPTS TO ENGAGE IRAN IN DIPLOMATIC TALKS

GUEST OPINION

Toughen Army Corps oversight

Last week, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers admitted responsibility for much of the destruction of New Orleans. It was not true, as the corps initially had claimed, that its defenses failed because Congress had authorized only Category 3 protection, with the result that Hurricane Katrina surged over the city's floodwalls. Rather, Katrina was no stronger than a Category 2 storm by the time it came ashore, and many of the floodwalls let water in because they collapsed, not because they weren't high enough. As the corps' own inquiry found, the agency committed numerous mistakes of design: Its network of pumps, walls, and levees was "a system in name only"; it failed to take into account the gradual sinking of the local soil; it closed its ears when people pointed out these problems. The result was a national tragedy.

You might think that the corps' mea culpa would fuel efforts to reform the agency. Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russell Feingold, D-Wis., are pushing a measure that would do just that, requiring future corps proposals be subject to technical review by an independent agency. But the stronger current in Congress goes in the opposite direction. A measure urged by Louisiana senators and written by Sens. James Inhofe, R-Okla., and Christopher Bond, R-Mo., would loosen oversight of the corps. Billions of dollars may be spent in ways that ignore the most basic lessons from Katrina.

Congress has already passed laws with language directing the corps to design

a new flood-protection plan for Louisiana. The language encourages the construction of Category 5 protections for the whole state, a project that could cost tens of billions of dollars; it advertises its own profligacy by laying down that the flood-protection plan should be exempt from cost-benefit analysis. The new measure, which is reportedly part of a revised version of a water-projects bill that will be unveiled shortly, would lower the bar for congressional approval of whatever Louisiana defenses the corps sees fit to propose. Rather than requiring full votes in both chambers of Congress, the corps' plan could be authorized by votes in two committees that tend to rubber-stamp such projects.

In the wake of Katrina, this is almost beyond belief. The corps' admission of its own technical shortcomings points to the need for tougher oversight, not less. And the New Orleans disaster has illustrated the folly of building flood defenses for vulnerable low land: Some of the worst-hit areas would not have been developed in the first place if the corps hadn't decided to build "protections" for them. Encouraging the Army Corps of Engineers to build Category 5 defenses for all of Louisiana, including parts that are sparsely populated for good reason, would not merely cost billions that would be better spent on defending urban areas. It would encourage settlement of more flood-prone land and set the stage for the next tragedy.

The following editorial appeared in the *Washington Post* Wednesday.

ON THE SPOT

Does money play a big role in Iowa politics?

"It'd be naïve to say that it doesn't, on a national or local level."

Jacy Fitzpatrick
UI senior

"I think money plays a role in all politics."

Brenton Thompson
UI graduate student

"I'm sure it has a good portion."

Nayiri Haroutunian
UI senior

"Not as much as in national politics, I would hope."

Veronica Nixon
UI graduate student

Wall Street to Washington

On May 31, President Bush nominated Goldman Sachs's chairman Henry Paulson to be secretary of the Treasury, leading his economic team and representing the administration's monetary policies.

If you didn't already know, the Treasury secretary is kind of a big deal. Responsibilities include implementing policies dealing with all national taxes, financial markets, federal spending, minting of United States currency, trade, and antiterrorist financing.

After graduating from Dartmouth College and Harvard Business School, Paulson — or Hank — as the president refers to him, worked his way up to CEO on the top of Wall Street.

Yet, what makes this nomination unique is that many are hoping for Hank to be more than just a rubber stamp for the Bush administration. With Bush's popularity rating plummeting and the Republicans nervously facing elections, a political compromise was made in the free-thinking Hank.

The U.S. Senate Finance Committee is promptly working to confirm Hank by the end of the month. If approved, he will replace Treasury Secretary John Snow, who resigned after three years on the job. Finance Chairman Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, and Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., have both pledged their support. Rather comically, Schumer praised Hank for his Wall Street success, whereas Grassley praised Hank for growing up on a farm in Illinois.

Wait, you may be asking — why is there bipartisan support for Hank, who is not going to reverse the Bush administration's tax cuts (a disappointment to Democrats) or tackle entitlements (a disappointment to Republicans)?

What both parties do see in this prominent Wall Street guru is the opportunity to focus on tax reforms to potentially benefit both economic growth and social equality.

The general goal of tax reform is to simplify the tax code by cutting out extra fat. According to the Government Accountability Office, deductions in the tax code — namely tax incentives for retirement, education, medical and life insurance, and government bonds — reduced federal revenues by a stunning \$730 billion in 2004.

In the same year, the Congressional Joint Committee on Taxation also reported more than 55 percent of subsidies went to taxpayers with an income of \$100,000 or more — representing only 12 percent of total tax filers.

Yet, rather than put the kybosh on all tax deductions (which ultimately benefit many middle-class Americans, spur economic growth, and support small-business entrepreneurs), a recent reformation proposal involves a standardization procedure for such tax subsidies — across all brackets.

Such a reform proposal would please Democrats by seizing the chance to reverse the widening gap of inequality and reduce the national fat. Still, Republicans would favor curbing wasteful deductions and ultimately keeping the Bush tax cuts. The only real loser would be special interests.

Yet, every U.S. citizen will benefit from Hank's heightened level of sophistication in dealing with China's policy concerning its weak currency, the yuan, which hurts U.S. exports and keeps Chinese imports artificially low, because of his cultivated relationships with Chinese officials.

Hank further believes in the Republican philosophy that the government should spend the taxpayers' money wisely or not at all. However, he differs from most in the Bush administration in his passion for the environment (as chairman of the Nature Conservancy) and concerns for global warming (by donating large funds to a PAC that lambasted Bush for his environmental policies — or lack thereof).

In all actuality, the environment is quite comparable to the economy. Man may help to control each — but the ebb and flow of natural disasters and economic depressions are ultimately determined by a higher power.

Our economy is currently exhibiting expansive growth and strength, yet some troubling signs include rising gasoline prices and a falling median household income — representing irrefutable threats. On Monday, in Grassley's office, Hank described our current economy as "a marvel, but we cannot take it for granted."

Hank's dedication to this belief and commitment to public service is most evident in the pay cut he will be accepting, from a salary of \$38,800 million last year to \$183,500 if confirmed.

As Hank may soon have the reins of the U.S. economy in his hands, the best advice that one can give is the wisdom of his potential boss — President Bush: "If the terriers and tariffs are torn down, our economy will grow." ■

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E. Timor in shambles



Mark Baker/Associated Press

Australian soldiers search a suspected looter in Dili, East Timor, on Wednesday.

BY ANTHONY DEUTSCH

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DILI, East Timor — East Timor seems to have staggered backward to its violent birth in 1999, with the government in shambles and the Foreign minister saying a U.N.-led police force will be deployed for at least two years to help restore stability.

Jose Ramos-Horta, who doubles as the Defense minister, told the Associated Press on Wednesday that the United Nations was expected to debate the force's composition next week. And in New York, Secretary-General Kofi Annan's spokesman said the U.N. chief believes that U.N. peacekeepers must return to East Timor.

"For the immediate future, we need a special police force ... that is a rapid-reaction force to stop riots, hooligans, looting," Ramos-Horta said in an interview. He said the police force was "almost completely disintegrated" and reorganizing it would take time.

Some 600 striking soldiers were dismissed in March, triggering clashes with loyalist

forces that gave way to gang warfare. At least 30 people have been killed in the last month, despite the presence of 2,000 foreign troops, and Ramos-Horta said the death toll may be higher.

More than 40 people have been reported missing from East Timor's capital, the International Committee of the Red Cross said. The number is expected to rise after the Red Cross posted signs offering help in finding lost relatives, said Ida Bucher, the head of the agency's East Timor mission.

More than 100,000 people have fled their homes to makeshift shelters and camps in Dili as machete-wielding gangs have torched and looted neighborhoods. It is the worst unrest since East Timor's bloody break for independence from Indonesian rule seven years ago, when retaliating militia groups devastated much of the territory.

Ramos-Horta — who won the 1996 Nobel Peace Prize for bringing attention to the plight of East Timorese under Indonesian rule — was appointed Defense minister last week in an attempt to ease tensions.

One rebel leader, Alfredo Reinado, said he was willing to sit down and resolve the crisis, but that Prime Minister Mari Alkatiri should quit.

With various anti-government factions making the same demand, Ramos-Horta suggested that forcing Alkatiri out would be considered more of a "people power" revolt than a coup.

"I find it a bit strange that my own government does not seem to be able to accept its own share in responsibility," Ramos-Horta said. "We had a police force that was big in numbers, heavily armed, and disintegrated and fought street battles with our defense force."

In talks with rebel factions, he said, all say "they want the prime minister to resign."

"I have passed on the desire of the president and government to engage in dialogue," Ramos-Horta said.

As during the violence of 1999, the United Nations is preparing to commit major resources.

AP reporter Nick Wadhams contributed to this story.

BY CURT ANDERSON

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld wants to end Army helicopter support for a joint U.S.-Bahamas drug-interdiction program that over the past two decades has resulted in hundreds of arrests and the seizure of tons of cocaine and marijuana.

The Army's seven Blackhawk helicopters and their crews form the backbone of Operation Bahamas, Turks, and Caicos, which the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration credits with helping drive

cocaine and marijuana smugglers away from the Bahamas and its easy access to Florida.

But in a May 15 letter to Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, Rumsfeld said it was time, after more than 20 years, to shift the equipment elsewhere. The military is being stretched thin by the fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan and other commitments around the globe.

The Bahamas antidrug program, Rumsfeld wrote, "now competes with resources necessary for the war on terrorism and other activities in support of our nation's defense, with potential adverse effects on the

military preparedness of the United States."

The letter asks Gonzales to help identify "a more appropriate agency" to provide the air support. Rumsfeld said he wants to complete the military pullout from the program by Oct. 1, 2007.

The DEA is the other major player in the program, but it has only one helicopter in the Bahamas. The Coast Guard has three Jayhawk helicopters assigned to the program, but DEA officials said the equipment would be insufficient to provide quick response along the vast, 700-island Bahamas chain.



Wilfredo Lee/Associated Press

U.S. Army personnel assist Royal Bahamas Police Force officers with their life vests as they prepare to board a Black Hawk helicopter at a U.S. antidrug installation on Great Exuma Island in the central Bahamas on April 7.

Rumsfeld wants to cut drug helicopters

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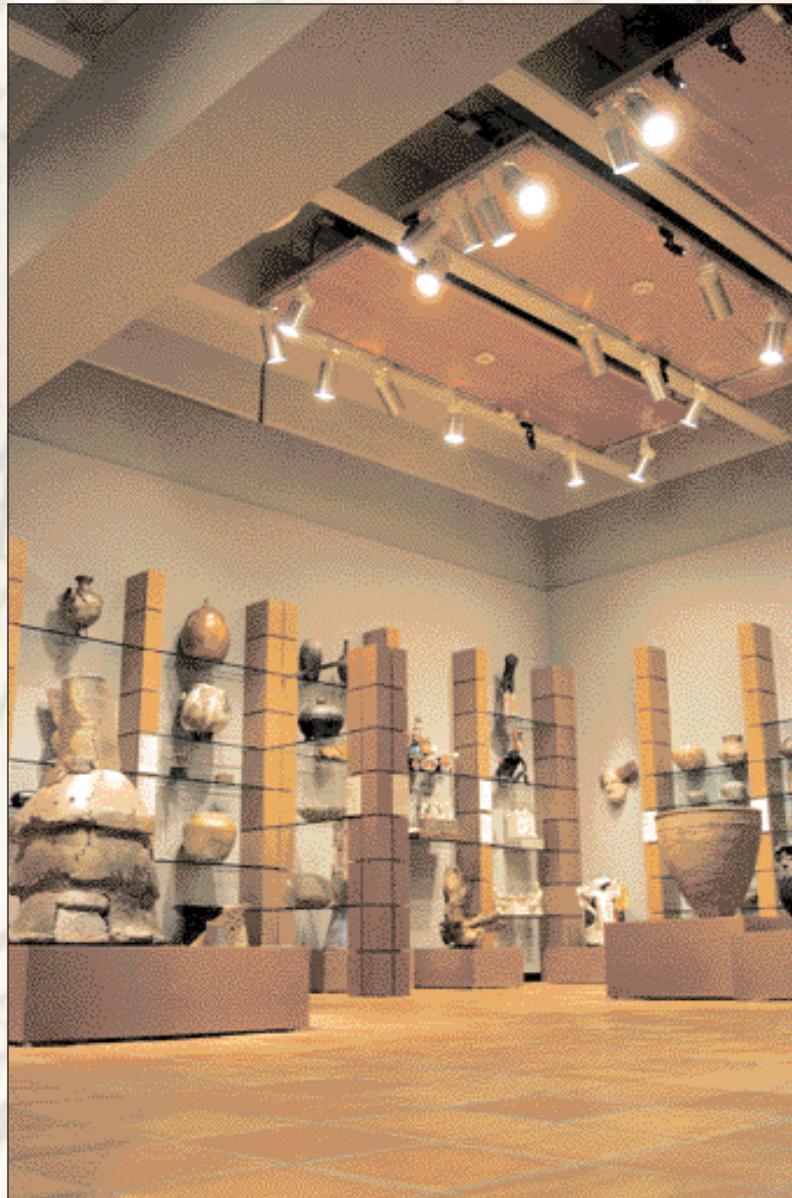
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The first exhibit in the UI Museum of Art's Ceramics Gallery opened Sunday afternoon. Containing a unique variety of ceramics from around the world, the collection displays everything from large pots to small, intricate figures.

The new ceramics exhibition hopes to educate students and the public about the complex art, which has turned from utilitarian use to sculptural beauty

BY MAGGIE ANDERSON

THE DAILY IOWAN

On a recent sunny June afternoon, Gerry Eskin, a guest curator for the UI Museum of Art, led this reporter into the museum's new Ceramics Gallery. The 61-year-old opened a locked door, removed a 2,500-year-old Etruscan kantharos from its glass shelf, and placed the pre-Roman Empire drinking vessel, characterized by delicate handles looping above the rim, into the hands of a 21-year-old journalist once known as "Messy Maggie."

Risky as this occurrence may seem, it is exactly the type of activity the museum encourages.

"I think the gallery really makes [our] mission transparent," said Howard Collinson, the director of the museum. "We're a teaching museum."

The Ceramics Gallery, which opened Sunday, contains a glass-enclosed room-within-a-room in which students, accompanied by a professor, can engage in hands-on study of the collection.

"If you really want to understand ceramic art, this is what you have to do," Eskin said.

Bunny McBride, a UI art professor, said he will use the new gallery's teaching room in his classes every semester.

"It's an incredible opportunity for the students to be able to study this stuff," he said, adding that most museums don't allow students to handle ancient pottery.

"Whenever we go to the Field Museum, [the pots are] in a glass case, and the students are fortunate if they even get to see the bottom," McBride said. Occasionally, he said,

ON WOOD-FIRING:

"Firing with wood is ancient," said UI art Professor Bunny McBride. "It started eons ago." But in the past 20 years, the UI has become particularly well-known for the technique.

In this temperamental firing process, ash from the wood creates an earth-toned glaze on the pots. Each chunk of timber in a wood-fire kiln changes the amount of airflow to the pottery. Too little airflow means the flame never reaches the clay and no color forms; too much airflow, and a single color will dominate the work.

"You start learning how to stack the pieces and what kind of wood to use," McBride said. "After a while, the accidents become controllable. But that's what [some potters] like about it — the accidental quality."

on display," Collinson said. In total, the collection contains approximately 2,000 objects, 300 of which are exhibited in the 1,300 square foot gallery.

The west wall of the gallery showcases three different genres explored by contemporary ceramists: the functional, the sculptural, and the vessel

he has taken groups to the Art Institute of Chicago, where a friendly curator has allowed his students to touch the objects — but only after donning white gloves.

McBride said physical contact with the object is particularly important for ceramists, who need to understand the particular type of clay used, its weight, and the object's construction from all angles.

"Students need to realize what it took to make the pot[s], how people used them, and why they survived," he said.

While ancient wooden tools disintegrate and metal corrodes, a natural material such as clay can survive thousands of years underground. It is with these relics that the museum's exhibition begins.

The ancient section, which lines half the east and the entire north wall, is further divided by origin, including Asian, Iranian, African, Etruscan, Pre-Columbian, and Native North American works. Eskin considers these pieces a background for the gallery's contemporary works, created during a post-World War II ceramics renaissance.

"The museum has a very important collection of late-20th century ceramics that really deserved to be

'We were trying to get people to understand that ceramics can also be this big, bold sculpture. If you're buying something especially for a gallery, you want some sculpture for visual and intellectual accent.'

— Howard Collinson, Museum of Art Director

Traditionally, ceramics have been utilitarian in nature. Ancient cultures used fired pots to store, prepare, and eat food. The simple forms of functional pottery still appeal to such contemporary potters as John Gill, whose Old English style teapot is on display in the functional section.

But some contemporary potters strive to stretch those traditional boundaries. Sculptural ceramics have no utilitarian intent. Rather, artists such as Robert Arneson concentrate on concepts. His self-portrait, *Brick Bang* (1976), is a literal translation of the title — the sculpted potter's head connects with a brick, exploring the artist's own pain and suffering.

Between these two extremes, both in practice and in the exhibit, lies the vessel. Not quite functional, not quite sculptural, the vessel incorporates elements of both areas.

"The point of a vessel is that it references functional pottery, but [functionality] is not its main goal," Eskin said.

Peter Voulkos's *Snowmass* (1995), one of the museum's most recent major acquisitions and, Eskin said, the centerpiece of the exhibition, demonstrates a vessel's composite nature. Voulkos creates functional works — a plate, a bowl, a cylinder — then tears them apart, punching holes and creating cracks. Finally, he reassembles the pieces to form the new object.

Voulkos's vessel stands approximately 3½ feet tall — too big for behind-glass display. It, along with several

other major acquisitions, was chosen specifically for its monumental quality, and it sits on a base in the center of the room.

"We were trying to get people to understand that ceramics can also be this big, bold sculpture," Collinson said. "If you're buying something especially for a gallery, you want some sculpture for visual and intellectual accent."

The final section of the west wall focuses on work associated with Iowa. It includes pieces by current UI faculty (McBride has a piece on display), alumni, and a special section for wood-fired ceramics, a technique for which the UI is well-known.

Eskin has included pieces that would fit in each of the gallery's sections in the teaching room, hoping to provide a study pot for all those interested. Though this practice opens the works to potential damage, Collinson said, the museum is excited to allow serious students this opportunity.

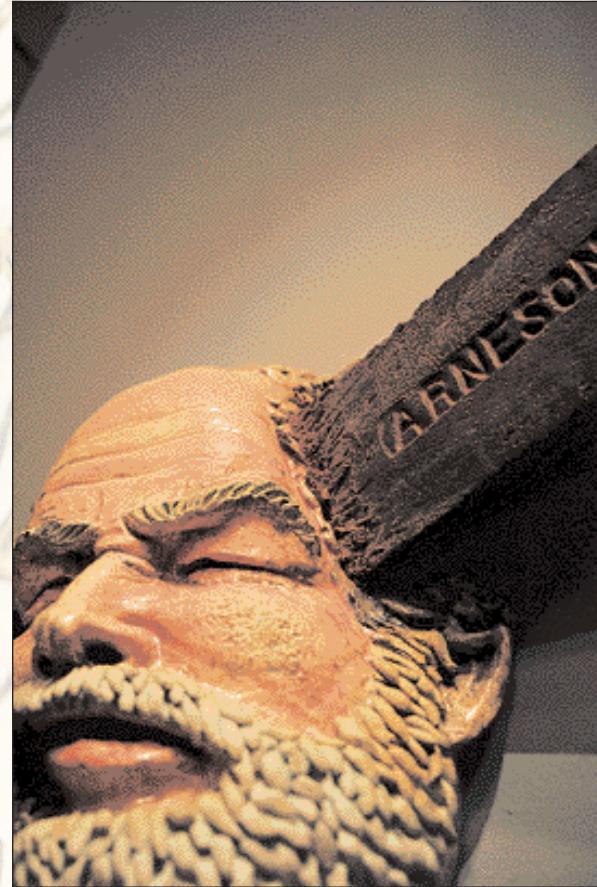
"It's a very unconventional way to do things in a museum," he said. "It'll be interesting to see how it works."

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OPENING UP THE WORLD OF CERAMICS



Melanie Patterson/The Daily Iowan
Robert Arneson's *Brick Bang* is one of the examples of sculptural ceramics — pieces that have no utilitarian intent — on display in the UI Art Museum's new Ceramics Gallery.

KEEPING THE FIRE ALIVE

Gerry Eskin spends his days firing pots in his Aspen, Colo., or Iowa City studios, teaching courses at the UI as an adjunct professor of art and art history, and guest curating exhibitions, such as the one in the UI Museum of Art's new Ceramics Gallery, which opened Sunday.

But just six years ago, the 61-year-old was building a different sort of product: software. As the chairman of the board at his Chicago-based business, Information Resources Inc., Eskin helped businesses market their products.

The company, founded in 1989, introduced a first-of-its-kind software that allows businesses to strategically track their products by barcode. With this technology, companies can determine their competitors' prices, their own products' success rate, and other marketing information tidbits, Eskin said by phone from his sailboat on Lake Michigan.

The business was a natural offshoot of his occupation — the Washington, D.C., native spent most of his life serving as a marketing professor, first at Stanford University, and then at the UI from 1972-90.

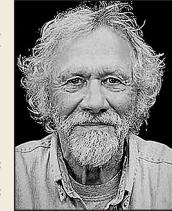
But after his company's success, he decided to take time to pursue another activity: the arts.

"I've been doing ceramics since the '60s," he said. "I just sort of shifted my primary field from business to art."

Now, Eskin said, he doesn't even read the Wall Street Journal or follow his company's stock. And the entrepreneur-turned-potter said he never had trouble reconciling the two seemingly disparate interests.

"I don't think of them as competitive. I just think of it as things I like to do," he said, adding that he encountered just one difficulty while making the switch. Though he once got paid big-bucks to develop others' marketing strategies, finding a niche for his own work has been more of a challenge.

"When it comes to my own product, I can't market my way out of a paper bag," he said.



Eskin
curator

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San Diego 6, Milwaukee 5
Cincinnati 7, St. Louis 4

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TRACK

2 Hawks advance, 1 falls

With high hopes, Iowa junior Adam Hamilton toed the hammer throw ring Wednesday.

But in an unexpected turn, the moment quickly slipped away from the Milford, N.H., native.

Hamilton, ranked sixth in the nation, tumbled to 25th in the preliminary round of the hammer throw at the NCAA outdoor track and field championships in Sacramento, Calif.

Fouling on his first two throws, which Iowa coach Larry Wieczorek said may have resulted from foot fouls, Hamilton turned in a toss of 196-7 on his third and final attempt, failing to qualify for Friday's finals.

"He looked tight to me," Wieczorek said. "On an average day, he makes the top 12. He didn't look like the same guy at regionals. He just had a bad day at the wrong time."

On the women's side, sophomore Kineke Alexander won her 400-meter heat and posted the fifth-fastest time in the preliminaries. Her mark of 52:35 advances her to Friday night's semifinal. Peaches Roach tied five other leapers for the best mark in the high jump, clearing 5-10 1/4. She, too, will compete Friday night, in the high-jump finals.

— by Michael Schmidt

AWARDS

Big Ten honors

Grajewski, Haluska

Iowa basketball player Adam Haluska and gymnast Liz Grajewski earned Outstanding Sportsmanship Awards from the Big Ten, the conference announced on Wednesday, along with 20 other honorees from around the league.

Criteria for the award include sportsmanship and ethical behavior, along with good academic standing and demonstrated citizenship outside the setting of competition. The awards were not the first for either athlete.

Haluska, a senior-to-be from Carroll, Iowa, also earned academic All-Big Ten honors for the second-straight season in 2006, and he was named a third team All-Big Ten selection.

Grajewski, a departing senior from Covington, Wash., also earned academic All-Big Ten honors and was a second team all-conference honoree.

Haluska is probably the conference's biggest name to receive the Sportsmanship Award, but other notables include departing seniors Alex Tirapelle, an Illinois wrestler, and Adam Boone, a Minnesota basketball player.

— by Tyson Wirth

DEATH

Ex-Hawk wrestler McCann dies

Former Iowa wrestler Terry McCann, a three-time All-American, died of a rare form of cancer Wednesday.

There will be a Mass for him at St. Edwards Church of Dana Point, Calif., on Friday.

McCann, 72, passed away from mesothelioma. During his career, he won gold medals at the collegiate and the Olympic levels and helped to found a new national governing body for wrestling, the United States Wrestling Foundation (now called USA Wrestling).

"Although his stature was small, his attitude, confidence, courage, and leadership while representing the sport, both nationally and internationally, was that of a giant," said Lee Roy Smith, the executive director of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, in a statement released by USA Wrestling. "He always felt it was important for anyone involved in the sport to conduct himself in an ethical and sportsmanlike way, yet no one wanted to win more than he did."

McCann is survived by his wife of 52 years, Lucille, seven children, 18 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a brother, and two sisters.

— by Tyson Wirth

Armstrong poised for strong finish

BY IAN SMITH

THE DAILY IOWAN

Instead of hearing the piercing sound of yet another tornado siren Tuesday, Meghan Armstrong enjoyed the warm sunny weather of California. It was just the beginning of what she hopes is a long trip.

She's competing in the women's 1,500-meter run at the NCAA outdoor track and field championships in Sacramento this week. The sophomore will

begin her quest for an elusive title today in what promises to be a competitive field.

"It is pretty much wide open," Iowa assistant coach Layne Anderson said. "The thing that gives me optimism is the woman who barely beat Meghan at conference is seeded No. 1, with the best time. If Meghan can run the same race as she did at conference and get that little extra oomph at the

SEE ARMSTRONG, PAGE 3B



Hawkeye cross-country runner Meghan Armstrong practices with the team on Sept. 14 at the Finkbine Golf Course.

2 ex-Hawks not quite so ex-



Roberston
defensive back



Bailey
running back

BY TYSON WIRTH

THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa football fans thirsty to see Kalvin Bailey rip through defenses and Corey Robertson flatten receivers thought their wish all but dead on June 2, when the university announced the tandem's transfer plans.

But don't pull the plug on those dreams — yet.

The athletes will both begin classes at North Iowa Area Community College on July 17, said North Iowa coach Scott Strohmeier, and while a return to the Black and Gold isn't exactly extra-point sure, it's not a Hail Mary, either.



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MacTaggart truly goes the distance



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At the NCAA regional cross-country meet in Iowa City on Nov. 12, 2005, Hawkeye runner Eric MacTaggart No. 70 leads the team to a second-place finish.

BY MATT BECKER

THE DAILY IOWAN

At the Stanford Invitational on April 1, Eric MacTaggart ran like a man possessed.

With his blue and white Pumas striking the track, his blonde curls bounced as he motored toward the finish line of the 10,000-meter race. Although he didn't know it then, his time of 28 minutes, 50 seconds would rank 15th in the nation, good enough to land him in Sacramento, Calif., today for the NCAA 10,000-meter finals.

"I think it's a race he was

born to run," Wieczorek said. "It takes a lot of heart and a lot of guts to run a race that long at that pace."

MacTaggart was ahead of former Hawkeye All-American Stetson Steele's school record pace (28:44:47) for 21 out of 25 laps, the coach said. While other records can be broken in a minute or less, the junior-to-be said the 10,000-meters

introduces unique challenges.

"It's hard, mentally, because you hear people shout out, '23 laps left,'" he said. "And no one wants to hear that."

Among the 26-man field will be both collegiate and professional runners. MacTaggart will be shooting to be among the top 10-15, Wieczorek said.

Despite being one of the top distance runners in the

country, MacTaggart is no star. His name isn't as celebrated as an Albert Young or a Drew Tate. He's just a normal guy, said teammate Matt Esche.

"You wouldn't know how good he is — unless you asked him," Esche said. "And even then, he'd play it down. He'd say, 'I'm OK.'"

— Matt Esche, Eric MacTaggart's teammate

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Putting his best shot forward

BY BRENDAN STILES

THE DAILY IOWAN

In only his junior year, Iowa thrower Shane Maier is already competing in the biggest track and field meet of his life.

Maier qualified for today's opening shot put round in the NCAA outdoor championships after placing fifth at the NCAA Midwest Regional meet on May 27 in Austin, Texas.

"It has always been a goal of mine to get here," he said. "It's where the best come and compete."

For this week's meet in Sacramento, Calif., Maier has taken a lighter approach with preparation than he normally does, approximately half of what he's been doing all season long.

"We've kind of backed off our



Maier
junior

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NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE**NBA FINALS (Best-of-7)**

Dallas vs. Miami

Today's Game

Miami at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 11

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Miami at Dallas, 8 p.m., if necessary

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE**STANLEY CUP FINALS (Best-of-7)**

Carolina vs. Edmonton

Monday, June 5

Carolina 5, Edmonton 4

Wednesday's Game

Carolina 5, Edmonton 0, Carolina leads series 2-0

Saturday, June 10

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MacTaggart pumped up

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right hamstring during practice, Wieczorek said. While the coach estimated MacTaggart felt "about 95 percent" after a track workout Sunday, he's hoping to have his runner at full strength tonight.

"It feels kind of awkward to run," MacTaggart said on Tuesday afternoon. "It doesn't feel smooth or natural, but there's no pain."

Even with a strained hamstring, Wieczorek estimated MacTaggart ran between 50 and 60 miles last week.

With all the miles the runner has accumulated this year, the coach remains convinced that MacTaggart can put on a good show tonight. If you talk to

Wieczorek long enough about his "star" runner, the word "consistent" pops up in seemingly every sentence. As a music major — he plays trombone — and a member of the Big Ten spring all-academic team, MacTaggart is the definition of a student-athlete.

"I would say that they both take a lot of dedication," MacTaggart said. "I do both [running and music] just about every day. I can't afford to take time off."

Joining him at the race will be his mother, Barbara, and dad, Chris. As a former half-miler at Northern Illinois University, the elder MacTaggart introduced his son to running in elementary school. Now, nearly 10 years later, he's still playing the role of concerned parent.

"I can picture myself in the same position," he said. "I don't want to see him walk away disappointed."

With two years left of eligibility after tonight, MacTaggart will have plenty of time left. The scary thought is, he still has room to improve.

"If he gets a better finishing kick, he could be an absolute animal," Esche said.

For now, the Hawkeyes can live with the human version. That's because Wieczorek knows his best is yet to come.

"I think he'll be one of the all-time greats at Iowa," Wieczorek said. "I'm going to scour the country to find other guys like him. He makes me look like a good coach."

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Ex-Hawks want back

EX-HAWKS

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Police arrested Robertson for drunk driving in April and for public intoxication just prior to his announced departure. He said the charges had an effect, not only on his status on the football team but on his psyche.

"I slacked the first semester, and I didn't pick it up the second semester," he said. "I've had some talks with the coaches and my parents and just done some personal reflection on what I need to do to mature as a person and as a student."

Both he and Bailey, roommates while at Iowa, will attend summer school to try to boost their grades, which Strohmeier hopes will be the catalyst for a strong academic year and graduation from North Iowa by early June 2007.

"Neither is really bad," he added of their school marks. "I've seen worse, and this is manageable. If I didn't think it was manageable, I wouldn't be so adamant about them going back."

If Herky's arms do swing open in welcome a year from now, however, the two athletes won't be stone-cold on the Hawkeyes' system.

The first-year head coach at North Iowa said his team will run a one-back, double-tight-end set similar to the one Iowa uses, which can't hurt Bailey's development in the backfield. And the Mason City school plans to run identical defensive schemes to those employed in Iowa City, which should especially benefit Robertson.

"Corey, I know the Iowa coaches feel he could be a three-year starter," Strohmeier said. "If he stays in the same scheme, it's not as

big a jump [as if he'd gone elsewhere]."

Robertson said it was unclear whether he would be allowed to don the Black and Gold again, and Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz could not be reached for comment late Wednesday afternoon. But Strohmeier, whose staff includes numerous connections to Iowa City, such as former Hawkeye Fred Barr, thought at least some of the Hawkeye staff wanted the athletes to return.

"It's not hard to tell why the staff is so high on Robertson and Bailey. The former streaked, spun, and sprinted his way to 5,275 rushing yards and 73 touchdowns at his Denison, Texas high school before switching to safety in college — a move that prompted Iowa defensive coordinator Norm Parker to say he could be a "something-special player."

Bailey, whose 6-0, 240-pound frame is at least 15 pounds heavier than the 6-1 Robertson, didn't fare as well, pounding out a mere 4,841 yards and 67 touchdowns as a prep in Tampa, Fla.

Both redshirted in their first season in Iowa City, which would leave them with three years of eligibility if they were to transfer to a Division-I institution next summer. But even if they're just rentals, Strohmeier isn't going to leave the Ferraris in the garage.

"In all my years of coaching, I've never seen two athletes like them," he added, recalling the pair's online video clips he saw the same day he discovered the athletes' plans.

He'll have to wait a little longer before molding the duo, however. Strohmeier said both would go home and spend some time with their families, but he hoped to get

them back and in a strength and conditioning program by mid-July.

Mason City, which Robertson and Bailey will call home for the next year, is a long way from Iowa City. But even 12 months from now, the pair of ex-Hawkeyes will only be at halftime of their collegiate careers. Don't be shocked if the second half is spent on the Iowa sidelines.

"I especially feel bad because I feel I let my parents down and everyone who believed in me, plus the coaches," Robertson said. "I think I owe it to them to get back on the right track, wherever that may be."

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Maier to take his shot

MAIER

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weight training. Now, we're lifting two days a week, and I've been throwing a lighter shot put," he said, adding he normally lifts four days a week and throws a shot put four pounds heavier. "We've been doing less weight training and less throwing so that we can get good throws in and get the best positions."

Iowa men's track and field coach Larry Wieczorek sees Maier's immediate success in the shot put as a "tremendous accomplishment."

"He's a hard worker and one of the mainstays of the program," the coach said. "It's great for him to be here and already competing among the very best."

One thing Maier believes has paid off for him is his increased confidence after staying on campus in the summer to lift

weights and improve his throwing instead of returning to his hometown of Storm Lake, Iowa, when school and track season ended.

"You stay in Iowa City, focus on track and field, and gain extra repetitions," he said. "Placing high at big meets gives you that self-confidence. I was definitely confident going in and knew I could go far this year."

In 2004, Maier only competed during the outdoor season, redshirting during the indoor season. Last year, he did the exact opposite, competing only indoors. This track and field season, he competed in both indoor and outdoor meets, and he missed competing in the indoor championships at shot put by a mere centimeter.

Making the transition from indoor meets to outdoor meets and being able to compete in

both types proved beneficial in his pursuit of a title, he said.

Wieczorek said athletes making their first trip to this meet can get nervous easily, but Maier has everything it takes to succeed.

"I'm trying to calm the guys down a little," he said. "The key is to stay consistent and don't try to do something extra special."

Right now, his expectations are to make the top 12 and advance to the final round of Saturday afternoon. Finishing in the top eight on Saturday would increase his confidence even more, he said, as he heads into his senior year.

"I have goals for myself to win shot, both indoors and outdoors," he said. "It will set me off for an unbelievable next two years."

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Armstrong eyes final kick

ARMSTRONG

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end, then you never know what could happen. She is in good shape, and she is confident."

Armstrong qualified for the event with the fourth-best time overall, running a 4:17:41. The time was her personal best and 10 seconds better than her freshman-year best. It was also good enough to break a 17-year-old school record by nearly two seconds.

To help prepare for her first chance at an NCAA title, she has been running both the 800-meter and the 5,000-meter races all season long. The 800-meter was an effort to help improve her speed, and the longer race aided her endurance. The goal was to be ready for this race, she said.

Armstrong also gradually increased her workouts to ignite a run toward the championship.

"We have been focusing everything on the back half, back quarter of the season, with the goal being here in June and running at the NCAA," said Anderson, a third-year track coach. "We've done all the training to get ready for where she is today."

Armstrong could have a significant advantage on the field as the race comes down to the finish line. Instead of having a detailed strategy, the Tualatin, Ore., native said she needs to be in position to cover any move that another runner could possibly make. If all goes well, she

will then allow her natural ability to take over during the last lap of the race.

"Meghan has a great nose for the finish line," Anderson said. "If she can be in contention with a lap to go, she has got a great chance because she is such a great finisher."

While this is Armstrong's first chance to compete in the NCAA meet, the sophomore knows she has plenty of time left to accomplish her goal of winning a title. That doesn't mean that it won't come as early as Saturday afternoon.

"It has always been a dream of mine since I became an NCAA athlete," she said. "I didn't know when or where that chance would present itself, but I have as good of a chance as anybody to win."

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SPORTS**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL****White Sox 4, Tigers 3**

CHICAGO (AP) — Alex Cintron delivered again, hitting a tie-breaking RBI single in the seventh inning Wednesday night to lift the Chicago White Sox to a victory over the Detroit Tigers.

Cintron hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning Tuesday night to give the White Sox a 4-3 win in the opener of the three-game series. And now after back-to-back wins by identical scores, Chicago has moved within one-half game of the Tigers in the AL Central.

Jose Contreras (6-0) won his 14th-straight regular-season decision dating back to last season and picked up his first victory since coming off the disabled list May 21. He pitched seven

innings, giving up three runs — two earned — and seven hits. Contreras is 14-0 in his last 18 regular-season starts and hasn't lost since Aug. 15 of last season.

Bobby Jenks pitched the ninth for his 17th save in 18 chances.

Joe Crede, who made two errors on the same play to allow the Tigers to tie the game in the top of the seventh, opened the bottom half with a single to finish Justin Verlander (7-4).

Rob Mackowiak sacrificed against reliever Jamie Walker to send Crede to second. Cintron then lined a single to left, third base coach Joey Cora waved Crede home, and he made it easily when left fielder Alexis Gomez fumbled the ball.

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• **Preschool Bus Story Time: "Sally Goes to the Farm,"** 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn

• **We Read, for children under 3 years old,** 10:30 a.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.

• **Iowa City Foreign Relations Council Luncheon, "The Struggle for Workers' Rights in Post-Saddam Iraq," Amjad Al-Jawhary,** noon, Congregational Church, 20 N. Clinton

• **Kara Santos, classical flute with piano accompaniment,** noon, eighth-floor patient and visitor center, UIHC

• **Barefoot in the Park,** 3 p.m., Old Creamery Theatre, Price Creek Stage, 39 38th Ave., Suite 200, Amana

• **Farmers' Market,** 5-8 p.m., S.T. Morrison Park, 1512 Fifth, Coralville

• **North Liberty Fun Days,** 5-8:30 p.m., Penn Meadows Park, Cherry & Dubuque Streets

• **Paella, The Perfect Spanish Meal,** Luis Rosell will make a contemporary paella using a variety of ingredients, 6-8 p.m., New Pioneer Co-op, 1101 Second St., Coralville

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- **Argentine Tango Dance, Introductory Dance Lesson and Refreshments,** 7 p.m., Wesley House, 120 N. Dubuque
- **Family Story Time,** 7 p.m., Hiawatha Public Library, 150 W. Willman
- **The Notorious Bettie Page,** 7 p.m., Bijou
- **People's Law School: Buying and Selling a Home,** 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Silver Swing Band,** 7 p.m., F.W. Kent Park
- **"Solidarity in Wartime: Will Workers' Rights Prevail in Iraq?,"** Amjad AlJawhary, 7 p.m., C107 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Maia Quartet, with guest artists,** 7:30 p.m., Voxman Music Building Harper Hall
- **All-State Music Camp Talent Show,** 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall
- **I Am A Sex Addict,** 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Jerry Joseph and the Jackmormons,** 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
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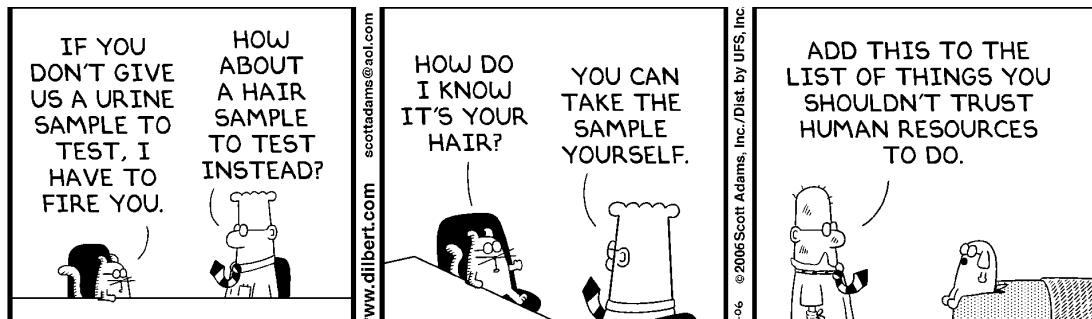
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happy birthday to ...

June 8 — Danae Cole, 19

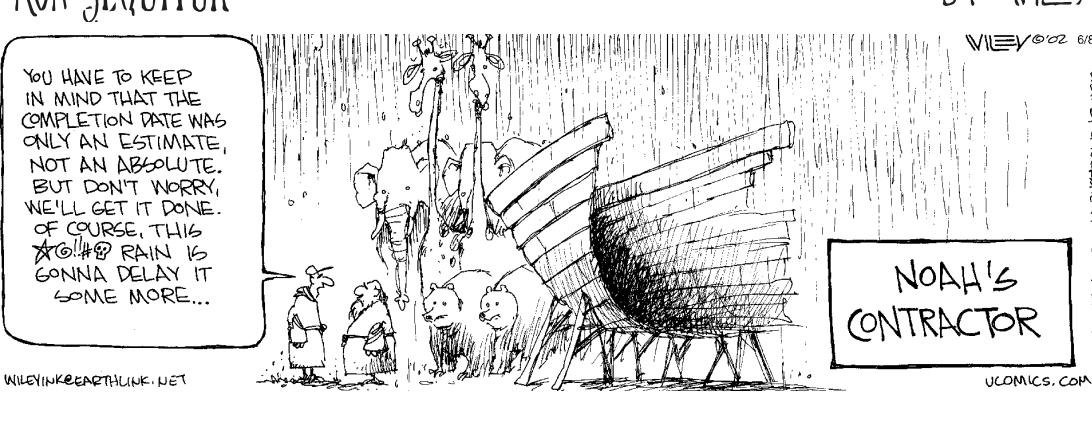
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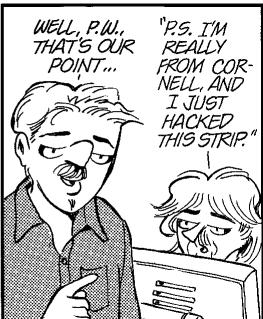
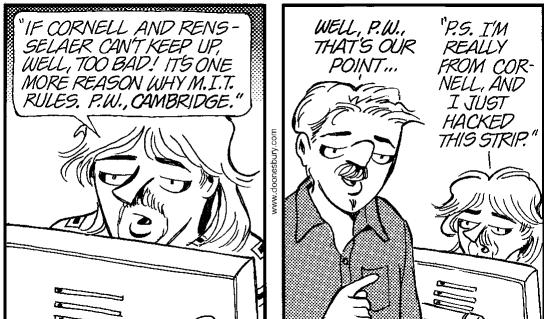
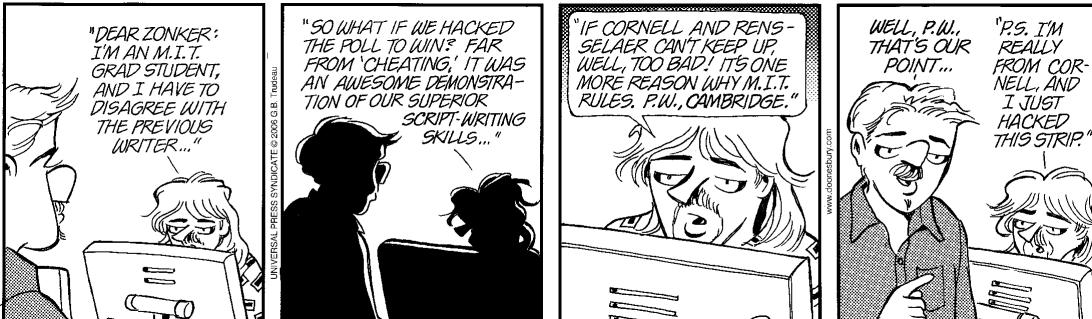
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" [Toyota and Lexus are] the closest things to defect-free.

— Joe Ivers, executive director of quality and customer satisfaction research at J.D. Power and Associates. Toyota Motor Corp. held onto its dominant position in annual vehicle-quality rankings released Wednesday.

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ANDREW R. JUHL

The first lines of books I never intend to write:

• Only a few months earlier, Jimmy "Rocket" Eisenberg would have never thought to cut off his corduroy khakis just below the crotch in order to ensure a more silent approach from the west side of the Governor's Mansion, but the last five months of training at Meaty Studpile's Assassin Academy had made this action almost automatic.

• The sun rose on the Meriwethers' Idaho farmhouse just before the second explosion.

• "Give me four fingers of whiskey and two of your finest cigars, Malcolm, old buddy," yelled Peter Burnside as he walked into the Target Superstore on that gray July morning.

• Abaddon looked at his hand, said to himself, "Cheese," and knew it to be true.

• "Do you think its forearm is strong enough to withstand a bullet-speed katana swing yet?" yelled Tom Jenkins from the upper catwalk, wholly unaware that the roboninja currently assembled by his friend and colleague was already hard at work processing voice patterns and formulating an escape plan.

• Some people will say that self-published Harry Potter "shipping" fanatic is the absolute height of psychotic infatuation/fanatism, and to those people, I riposte: "Read on, disbelievers."

• Little had changed in Evergreen Forest since the last HarvesTRON rusted into disrepair a mere 342 years prior.

• George W. Bush was, simply put, a great president, a great Texan, and a great man.

— Andrew R. Juhl ain't got nothing on Harper Lee.

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Andrew Juhl has Hulk-Hogan-style leg-dropped The Ledge. Hulkamania's running wild now, brother!

horoscopes

Thursday, June 8, 2006

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get involved in something that really holds your interest. If you can offer help or solutions to others, you will find yourself in a key position to get ahead. An opportunity will develop through someone you are connected to emotionally.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Have patience and understanding with the people you care for. Insecurities will lead to jealousy and discord. Try to sort things out by talking honestly but without criticism about the concerns you have.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can make headway with your business concerns. Interviews or sending out your résumé will bring back positive responses. You will find solutions that could lead to your advancement. Romantic opportunities are present.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Pursue your creative dreams, and don't cave in to someone's negative criticism. You can turn something you enjoy doing into a lucrative pastime. Someone you meet through acquaintances or while taking part in a charitable event will turn out to be a very close partner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The people you associate with today will be on edge and disagreeable. Take the attitude that you can't please everyone so you have to please yourself. You won't make friends, but you will make some positive progress.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can make some inroads today by talking to people who can contribute to something you want to pursue. You will be open and receptive to ideas, solutions, and plans. The information will help you proceed with a long-held goal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can't miss a beat when it comes to work situations and advancement. Be ready to take any opportunity that comes your way. You will get the recognition you've been looking for if you are persistent.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be careful how you handle friends and relatives, and you will avoid being talked about behind your back. You will probably feel differently about someone or something once you have time to rethink the situation. It's best to talk in person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If things haven't been going your way, question your motives and what you have been doing to contribute to your success. Facing uncertainties shouldn't mean that you sit back and take a wait-and-see attitude.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Talking will lead to achievement today. You can get the go-ahead on a project you have wanted to take on for some time. Someone you want to partner with will probably have a greater interest than you realize.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't put yourself in jeopardy for someone else's gains. Look out for your own interests, and protect yourself from unjustified rumors. You've worked hard to get your life back on track, so protect yourself and your future.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Money and good fortune are headed your way. Create an opportunity that will lead to a new contract. Remain fair, and you will get positive, lasting results. Romantic opportunities will unfold through creative projects.

PATV

Public Access Television cable channel 18

7 a.m.	Democracy Now	4	The Unity Center
11	Democracy Now	5	Tabernacle Baptist Church
Midnight	Adult Content 3	6	Seed of Faith
1:25 p.m.	Classy Chassy PSSA	7	Grace Community Church
1:30	On Main St.	8	Revival in Oxford
2	Glory 2 Glory	9	Tonight with Bradman Live
2:30	Give Me an Answer	10	Radio
3	Breaking the Mold: Quigley Presents II	11	America's Best Student Shorts
3:25	East Winds	11:30	The Generic Sports Show
		12:30	a.m. Horny Bitch

UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

3 p.m.	"Talk of Iowa, Live from the Java House," Rebecca Johns & General Sherman
8	Finkbine Dinner
9:20	Applications of Biology
11	"Talk of Iowa, Live from the Java House," Rebecca Johns & General Sherman
7	"Talk of Iowa, Live from the Java House," Rebecca Johns & General Sherman

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