Someday, your prints may buy you groceries, attend class, or get you into a gym.

BY TERRY MCCOY

When you walk into a grocery store, you'll be asked to use a fingerprint scanner. You'll scan your finger, and a code will be sent to your bank to verify the transaction. If you're approved, you'll be allowed to shop and checkout. If you're not approved, you'll be refused service.

But what if your prints are not approved? What if your prints are rejected? What if your prints are - literally - rejected by the system?

That's the question at the heart of a new biometric technology called Pay By Touch. Pay By Touch is a system that allows consumers to use their fingerprints to make purchases at any store that participates in the system.

"Because fingerprints are unique, biometrics are more secure than other authentication methods, such as signatures, personal identification numbers, or even photos," said Lauren Stilwell, the vice president of communications for Pay By Touch.

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**BY SUSAN ELGIN**

With its “snowflake” all-lit up — Iowa City’s light poles, the downtown shopping area — would look like a fairy tale.

But the light poles come at a cost. Up to $10,000, in the city’s current general budget, which is roughly $157 million, more than the city spent last year.

This year, the city is looking at putting the Iowa City Downtown Association’s 85 “snowflakes” into the downtown shopping area, which will remain off of the downtown’s light poles, said Lisa Barnes, the downtown association’s executive director.

The downtown association’s limit has a budget, and it was an expense that was too high, because [the association’s] couldn’t afford it anymore (an expense),” she said.

When the association was in charge of downtown’s cost, it cut roughly $8,000 a year to decrease the city for the holidays. Lights were strong in the trees, but those lights too big, only the trees could be strung — leading to increased vandalism because of the accessibility.

Helling said the association couldn’t afford it, and the city would get paid, minus enough money to pay for them. “I didn’t want to say it was a waste,” she said. “It wasn’t a huge expense; but we had to repair them weekly.”

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**S-8 housing tweaked**

**HOUSING CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1A**

People under the age of 24 with children or students living with them who reside in Section 8 housing are not subject to the new rules.

UI housing administration director Steven Rodie said the changes come after Hawkeye scholarship recipients were found to have broken into, or tried to break into, research facilities.

The changes, as reported by the Des Moines Register, in June 2004, were an alteration of a revised preference list. The change places a higher emphasis on local residents and encourages the applicant to establish residency in Iowa City by obtaining a driver’s license, paying taxes, getting a job, enrolling children in school, or voting.

Recently there is no restriction on who can apply for the waiting list, and while this won’t change, it will give local residents a higher preference. Roughly 1,500 families are on the list, which has a wait-time of approximately two years and a half years.

A public hearing was held before the vote, but no one addressed the council. “I’m going to support the new regulations,” Councilor Terry Corrigan said. “I think the public has a right to know what we need to evaluate the goal.”

The changes to the Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan and Admissions and Continued Occupancy Plan took effect on Jan. 1. Rackis said he will work with members of the council on changes to the plan, as reported by the Des Moines Register.

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Law targets animal terrorism

Will McBride, who represents the UI Farm Animal Welfare League’s families, said protecting against terrorism is a new area of concern beyond the Bill of Rights.

“Everyone would have prevented the act if vandalism as terrorism would have been defined,” McBride said.

“Let this message be clear to all who victimize the innocent: They threatened malice and we are investigating and we are looking over their shoulders,” Cooper said.

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LISTEN UP, DISGRUNTLED UI PROFESSORS: THE STUDENTS CHATTING ON THEIR CELL PHONES, SURREPTITIOUSLY TEXT-MESSAGING FRIENDS, OR PLAYING SOLITAIRE ON THEIR LAPTOP DURING CLASS MAY NOT BE AT FAULT FOR THEIR OWN BEHAVIOR. RATHER, TODAY'S SOCIETY IS TO BLAME FOR DISRESPECTFUL Demeanor IN THE CLASSROOM, says Drake University Professor Delaney Kirk. But teachers still have the opportunity to make a difference, she told the Associated Press.

Kirk, the author of Taking Back the Classroom, wants to help professors in need with a list of suggestions that were published in her 2005 book and are publicized via nationwide workshops.

In one suggestion, she encourages teachers and professors to determine how formal their class will be ahead of time. In another, she said teachers should set a positive example for the students and eventually become a role-model.

UI women's studies lecturer Naomi Greyser said she has barely had any experience with irreverent students. "I find it more disrespectful when students disrespect the material," she said. Greyser's good luck is most likely because she thinks Kirk's suggestions are a given. As Kirk has also previously stated, Greyser said students calling her by her first name, for example, is a result of student behavior trends in society — not a sign of disrespect. Although she hasn't noticed any rude behavior, some UI students have admitted to not always giving their full attention.

UI freshman Anne Swett said she does send text messages during class, but that's her limit. Pulling out a laptop without intending to use it for notes is taking it a step too far, she said. "It's stupid," she said. "If you're going to play games, why come to class?"

Michael Krepsi, also a UI freshman, said he text messages during class in order to keep up with his friends. "When the phone rings, I feel like I'm missing something," he said. But Robert Delong, an agricultural-science teaching assistant, said he doesn't use his phone during class. "I only use it during lecture so they can't see me," he said.

Attendance problems are probably the most difficult to regulate because most large lectures are not mandatory, he said. As for Kirk's suggestions, Delong said, he does try to prepare his material beforehand — if anything, for the students.

"It loses people's faith in you when they see you stumbling around," he said.

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Council extends Iraq mandate

I think this is a very important decision by the council. It shows the resolve to continue to cooperate with the government of Iraq.

—John Bolton, U.S. Ambassador

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Gov Tom Vilsack's intervention in the conflict encompassing the UI presidential search on Monday night was welcome, but his impact on the process will still be not entirely clear.

The regents' announcement that the search was over, though it is not confirmed that the regents have presented a list of finalists to the board, it is clear that the regents are looking for a president in the next few weeks.

The regents should reconsider four finalists for UI president.

GERSHOM GORENBERT

What qualities do you want in the next UI president?

If Vilsack believes the four candidates are capable (and if the other three finalists are not) then the regents need to choose a president from among the four finalists. This Editorial Board reserves the right to edit for length and clarity. Theregents should continue to meet with candidates and make a decision on a new UI president as soon as possible.

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**ARTS & CULTURE**

**Hancher set for Verdi’s Requiem**

_Timothy Slater, UI music Associate Professor_  

Verdi’s requiem is combined with Verdi. They’re both Italian. They both serve as vehicles for something huge, and this might not be good for a lot of people’

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**COMMENTARY**

Still, seriously, playing with toys

**SUSAN ELLINGSON**

It’s over to us. It’s over even. I saw five N SYNC bobble heads, and I’m not ready quite to part with them on eBay.

When I saw that Dwight Schrute on “The Office” had a doll made in his likeness, I thought: Why can’t I have a little bobbling Susan to sing “Señorita” with JT? Why. Not. Me.

Bobbing Susan to sing “Señorita” with JT. I’ll own up to it: I own all five “NSYNC bobble heads, and I’m going to hang out, and I listen to music. It’s a wonderful challenge for me as a conductor to interpret this piece. It really emphasizes the whole idea of being judged when you die, and this might not be good for a lot of people’

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McDermott returns to Cedar Falls

AMES (AP) — Greg McDermott of the University of Northern Iowa will not return as the head coach in 2003 and led the program to an
unprecedented three-straight NCAA Tournament and the program’s first appearance in the Big Ten.
But nothing lasts forever. McDermott made the gut-wrenching decision last March to take on the challenge of rebuilding Iowa State, leaving his job at UNI on a high note.

A former Hawkeye guard who led Panther in the 1970s, McDermott started at UNI as the head coach in 2001 and led the program to a trip to the NCAA tournament for the first time in school history.

McDermott makes his much-anticipated return to Cedar Falls today, when the Panthers (4-1) take on the Adel Democrats (1-8) at 7 p.m. Monday.

Henderson's point guard

Young Hawks face big learning curve

BY JASON BRUMMOND

The Daily Iowan

His cell phone rang. Senior Mike Henderson, injured and home in Waterloo during Iowa’s trip to the Virgin Islands and Arizona State, answered to find teammate Tony Freeman on the other line.

Freeman, though a majority of the point-guard duties in Henderson’s absence, struggled on the road trip. The Maywood, Ill., native committed 15 turnovers, with just 3 assists and shot 9-of-33 from the floor on the four-game stretch.

The sophomore wanted advice. Henderson’s guidance was crucial here, and to the point — patience on the court leads to better decisions.

“When I was a sophomore, I didn’t have to run the point all by myself.”

Henderson said. “He’s kind of thrown into the fire right now.”

It’s just a big learning curve right now. We’ve got a lot of new guys When it comes down to it, it’s going to help everything out, just being put in those situations.”

But the Hawkeyes, on a three-game skid with tough in-state contests just a week away, don’t have much time to adapt.

Henderson could return this weekend, but Iowa coach Fran McCaffery said he may only see on-jrimummer transfer Justin Johnson at point guard as the Hawkeyes clash with Virginia Tech tonight as part of the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

The ACC has won the Commissioner’s Cup the previous seven seasons, dating back to when the series began.

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Creating a bit of bicycle Craziness

Rachel Mummey/The Daily Iowan

Ethan Froese pushes his bicycle uphill during the men’s elite cyclocross competition at the Johnson County Fair Grounds on Sunday.

Cyclocross is growing across the country, especially in the Midwest. Riders race around a course and must dismount and carry their bikes over obstacles.

BY DIANE HENDRICKSON

The Daily Iowan

They came from every corner of the nation. For 44 hours, Iowa City was the hub of the cycling world.

Last weekend, riders came for Angle Cross Rock, a cyclocross meet expanded to two days to accommodate demand.

Cyclocross is a spectator-friendly form of cycling, similar to steeplechase on a bike. Competitors ride many short laps on an off-road loop.

Obstacles along the course require riders to carry their bikes and run.

The race lasts for a set amount of time, up to 60 minutes, and whoever has completed the most laps is named the winner.

“You have to be a little crazy, because it’s brutally difficult,” said Paul Deming, who is primarily a road racer but has competed in a few cyclocross races. “You ride through mud and sand. The only thing that they’re not doing is shooting at you.”

Long popular in Europe, cyclocross has only recently caught on at the coasts and gradually moved inland in the United States.

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What has been the fun.

What's one thing you've learned about your teammates this year seniors,” Kent said. “I ultimately sending the nationals and Oct. 29 Big Ten championships … it kind of put us on the racecourse that you're important when you step out on the court or court, make a mistake. I've seen basketball."...
Sometimes, it’s tough to dig out of losing rut

The football and men’s basketball teams are not the only Hawkeyes who have hit a dreary losing streak this season. Every Iowa coach knows the agony, and each has his own remedy.

BY ERIC MANDEL
THE DAILY IOWAN

Losing is inevitable, the key is not making it a habit. But, unless your name is Pete Carril or you play for the Cardinal and Gold in Southern California — who lost more than one in a row since 2001 — the trend can be a damaging losing streak in a common occurrence. To dig out of the morass, a coach can only throw everything he has at the problem. And every problem has a solution.

Hawkeye sports’ two biggest revenue vehicles, football and men’s basketball, find themselves mired in losing streaks at opposite ends of their respective seasons. They are not alone in misery, though; volleyball was the season killer, both coaches know the agony, and each has her or his own remedy. For more information, bowl reporter Paul Kazmierczak can be reached at paul-kazmierczak@uiowa.edu.

The biggest thing is to stay the course, the expectations need to stay consistent. "I think you talk about the philosophy; the expectations need to stay consistent," said coach Jack Dahm. "I think you talk about the process, as opposed to focusing purely on the results. It’s the way you make it through the ups and downs."

"It always gets to you, because, as an athlete, you never want to lose. You’re a competitor, and that’s the way you think. The important thing is not to ding and to stick in your philosophy, the expectations need to stay consistent." Dahm added that there is a process of getting caught in a three- or four-game stretch and how it can dishearten a group.

"When a program is accustomed to success and losers, it can throw you out of kilter, but when building, it is somewhat expected. The win will come, even if they don’t come right next. It didn’t get away, coach. Jack. I believe knowing all too well about hitting pro-"
The Hawkeyes will need across-the-board improvements and the biggest gains of any in the country.

In its third installment, Jungle Cross held 23 races and gave out more than $13,000 in prizes, $3,000 in sponsorships, and $1,500 in savings. The playin made enjoyed some of the nation’s best mountain bike racing and cyclocross.

Contingent on the wind factor, the Hawkeyes will host one home race this year. The remaining matches are outdoors, with the program’s emphasis on cyclocross.

The Hawkeyes know they need to keep their heads up during the Big Ten Play. Iowa closed out the season with a dominant 16-1 conference record and came out with a loss. Never was the loss more evident than in the Big Ten Play, where the Hawkeyes lost four of seven matches.

Players say any of the masked Hawkeyes’ improvement could be attributed to the Hawkeyes’ brutal conference schedule. To be the nation’s strongest team, the NCAA selection committee knows the Hawkeyes need to improve, but the Hawkeyes have proven to be a team that can compete in the Big Ten.

Iowa’s volleyball team won’t hide behind the fact that the Hawkeyes are a young team. Iowa’s volleyball coach, Fredrick, has lured three recruits to play at Iowa. Her third appearance — and first since 1985 of the best-played matches were

Volleyball looks ahead

The Hawkeyes will need across-the-board improvements and contributions from some fresh blood

By NATHAN COOPER

BASKETBALL

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**Story Time** 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library 123 S. Linn
**“Sexual Harassment at the University of Iowa: Results of a Campus-Wide Study”**
Thursday, 4 p.m., Gilmore Hall third floor
**“An Uncommon Eye: Paintings by CE Gebre”**
Thursday, 7 p.m., Public Library
**“Latin Dance Night”**
Thursday, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 113 S. Linn
**“Global Warming and You,” UI Environmental Health and Safety**
Thursday, 4 p.m., 1117 Medical Education and Biomedical Sciences Building
**“Politics and the Prejudiced Heart”**
Thursday, 7 p.m., Auditorium
**“The Highs and Lows of a Men’s Wrestling Match”**
Thursday, 7 p.m., Auditorium

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**World’s Richest, 8 p.m., Hatchet Auditorium**
**“The Lion,” 10 p.m., Yoga Club, 13 S. Linn**
**“Animals Among Us,” all day, Old Capitol Museum**
**“An Uncommon Eye: Paintings by Louis Pollock,” all day, senior center**
**“As Long As Conditions Permit: Science Fiction Panorama During World War II,” all day, UI Main Library**
**“Black and White Photographs by Brian Massa,” all day, Cottage, 14 S. Linn**
**“Common Ground,” all day, Arts Iowa City, 215 E. College**
**“Faces and Figures: A Festival of Portraits,” all day, Chautaqua Galleries Downtown, 216 E. Washington**
**“John Webster-Vos,” all day, UIHC**
**“Julius Kirschbaum: The Need to Dream of Some Transcending Meaning,” all day, UI Museum of Art**
**“Nahled Truth: An Odyssey in Poetry, Painting, and Prose,” all day, UIHC**
**“Organic Form meets Geometric,” all day, MC Ginsburg, 110 E. Washington**
**“Passion for Paint, All Day Chautaqua Galleries Downtown**
**“People, Places, and Things,” all day, Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington**

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