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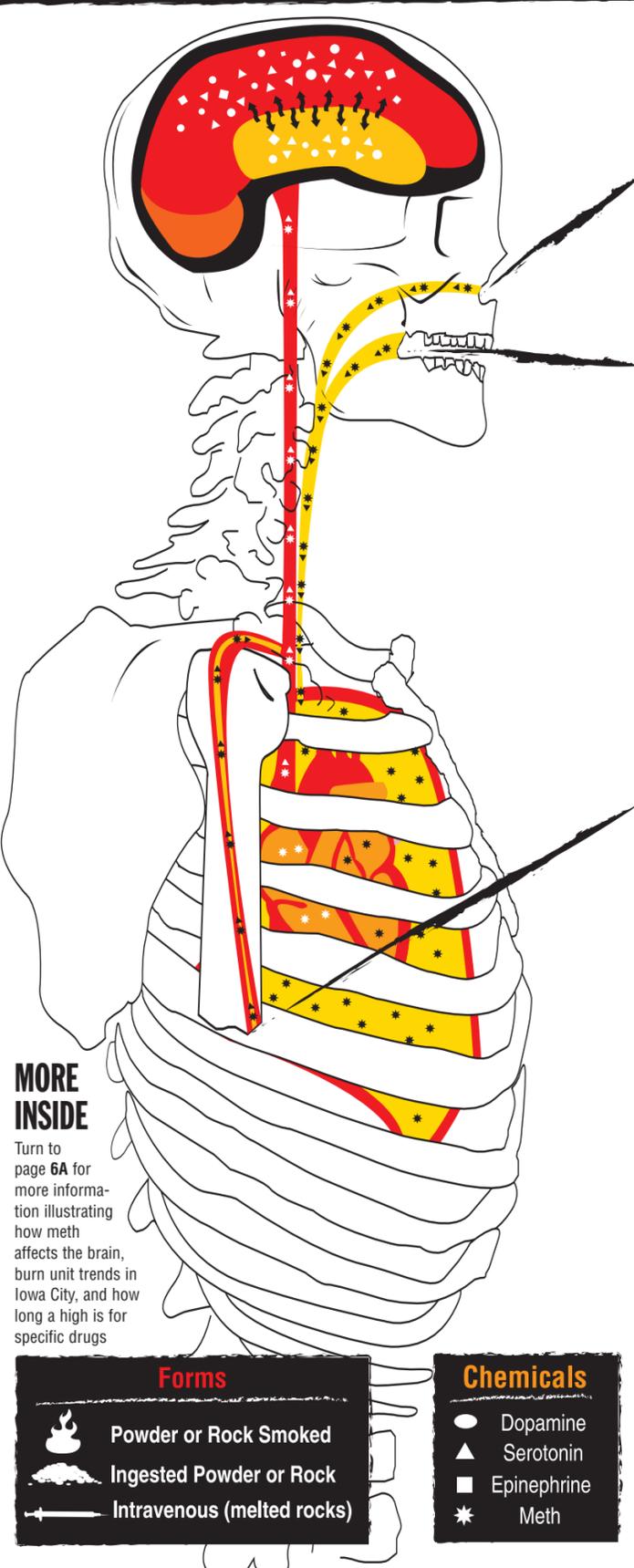
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From The Fallen State

Wrestling with the aftereffects of meth

The Health Hazards of Methamphetamine



Snorting
 Takes effect — 3-5 minutes
 Damage — membrane and tissue damage inside nose; sharing increases chance of contracting viral hepatitis

Smoking
 Takes effect — immediately creates euphoria
 Damage — mouth, lung, throat, and bronchitis irritation and damage

Swallowing
 Takes effect — 3-5 minutes
 Damage — minimal tissue damage and longer onset time, but no reduction of long-term psychological effects

Injection
 Takes effect — Immediately
 Damage — Vein shrinkage, damage, collapse, abscesses, endocarditis, septicemia, swollen skin, risk of HIV and hepatitis B, C, through sharing needles, increased chance of overdosing

Other Forms

Hooping (anal insertion)
 Takes effect — 2-4 minutes
 Damage — serious damage to anal tissue and membranes, can lead to intestinal cramping, bowel problems, increased risk of HIV, STDs, hepatitis B

Skin Popping (injecting into muscle or under the skin)
 Takes effect — 3-5 minutes
 Damage — Extremely painful, abscesses, wound botulism, tetanus, necrotizing fasciitis (a.k.a. "flesh-eating disease"), HIV, hepatitis

MORE INSIDE
 Turn to page 6A for more information illustrating how meth affects the brain, burn unit trends in Iowa City, and how long a high is for specific drugs

Forms	Chemicals
Powder or Rock Smoked	Dopamine
Ingested Powder or Rock	Serotonin
Intravenous (melted rocks)	Epinephrine
	Meth

Sources: National Institute on Drug Abuse
 Some health hazards may take repeated use and abuse.

Justin Goode/The Daily Iowan

While dramatic images of law-enforcement officers kicking down the doors of rural Iowa farmsteads may be the first image of the 'frontline' workers fighting the meth epidemic, another set of professionals — using gowns instead of Kevlar vests, and stethoscopes instead of guns — also sees much of the damage wrought by the highly addictive drug.

BY BRYCE BAUER
 THE DAILY IOWAN

It's addicting. It's damaging. It destroys communities, separates families, and ruins appearances. So what makes people take their first hits of meth?

While reasons vary, experts point to familial use, weight loss, and the general "high" as motivating addicts to explore the drug for the first time. "The beginning may be because of a difficult family situation," said Anne Skinstad, a UI clinical associate professor of community and behavioral health who primarily treats female meth addicts. "But a lot of them also have a family history of drug or alcohol abuse."

Sexual abuse during childhood is one of the best predictor for early onset chronic-alcohol and drug abuse, she added.

Others cite a less traumatic — but often as emotional — reason: the desire to be thin. "That's why we have so many females doing meth," said Sandra Guzman-Armstrong, a clinical assistant dentistry professor who studies the effects of meth on the teeth and gums.

The typical meth patient often hails from a small-town and lower-income class, she noted.

Bridget Burke of the UI Hospitals and Clinics Burn Treatment Center, who researches meth patients and their injuries, said she primarily sees burn victims from Johnson County and near the Iowa-Missouri border.

But many of the meth users that Burke, a registered nurse and clinical research assistant, and her colleagues treat also abuse other types of drugs — often blending substances to achieve different sensations.

Skinstad, who is also the director of the UI Prairielands Addiction Technology Transfer Center, said addicts will sometimes use one drug to relieve the withdrawal symptoms of another. For instance, a mixture of meth, an upper, and alcohol, a downer, will be used to achieve dueling highs.

"It is much more rare to see the alcohol or drug addict only use one drug," Skinstad said.

Burke, whose burn unit runs drug screenings on all incoming patients, said the center often sees polysubstance abusers, as well — with cocaine, meth, and marijuana the three drugs most often used in tandem.

And when the burn unit is treating patients, those drugs can cause problems.

Inside the burn unit

Perhaps an addict's meth lab exploded, spraying an amalgam of scalding hot chemicals over the cook.

Or maybe a rapacious user — strung out on the psychoactive drug — decided to boil some water and instead bathed himself in the scalding liquid.

Maybe no heat at all was involved, but the gaseous chemicals, inhaled in high dosages, did their own blistering damage on a cooker's respiratory system.

Regardless of what lands them in the sterile, fluorescent-lit UIHC burn facility, meth users present a challenge to the medical professionals trying to treat them.

METH SERIES

In a four-part series this week, *The Daily Iowan* explores the complexities — and consequences — of methamphetamine, a drug that has destroyed the lives, broken the families, and debilitated the health of countless Iowans.

Monday: A UI student has battled a crippling addiction since she was 17 years old. Now she's trying to eradicate her desire for meth, which, though it once nearly killed her, at times seems irresistible.

Tuesday: Despite successful legislation and a statewide crackdown on meth labs, the continued high demand from users in Iowa and increasing supply from Mexico worry state officials.

Today: Health-care professionals at the UI Hospitals and Clinics work to treat the myriad maladies that so often afflict meth addicts.

Thursday: Children are often left behind in the tragic tribulations of meth-addicted parents — yet sometimes, they provide the motivation to stay sober.



ON THE WEB

- Look for *The Daily Iowan's* methamphetamine coverage on the web at DAILYIOWAN.COM/METH
- Watch stories of people struggling with their addiction, as well as experts discussing the physical and psychological repercussions of methamphetamine, in **Aaron Preusch's** video at DAILYIOWAN.COM.

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Group to dispense Plan B free today

CHECK OUT MORE ABOUT PLAN B ON DITV ON DAILYIOWAN.COM, CABLE CHANNEL 17, OR CAMPUS 4.

BY ASHTON SHURSON
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa will distribute free morning-after pills today, to both men and women, at the group's 16 Iowa locations, including the Iowa City office, 850 Orchard St.

"It's an opportunity to get emergency contraceptives to as many women as possible, to back up birth control," said Kathi Di Nicola, the director of marketing and communications for the organization.

Planned Parenthood's giveaway follows the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's approval in August of Barr Pharmaceuticals medication — Plan B — for over-the-counter distribution for women 18 and older. Today marks the first time Planned

Parenthood has distributed the pills for free.

Di Nicola said the event will help the many college-aged women she has noticed using the pills as a backup method for birth control — in a good way.

"Women use emergency contraceptives responsibly," she said. "They don't rely on it."

The group ordered 2,000 pills — each containing two doses — and it will issue rain checks if the centers

run out today. The pills at Planned Parenthood normally range from free to \$35, depending on the user's financial need.

Prices vary by facility. At the Emma Goldman Clinic in Iowa City, where price changes are forthcoming because of the new availability over-the-counter, the Plan B pill currently costs \$30. The UI's Westlawn pharmacy charges \$32.

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WHAT IS PLAN B?

- Plan B is used when emergency contraception is needed to prevent a pregnancy.
- If taken 72 hours after sex, it can decrease the chance of pregnancy by 89 percent.
- It is similar to a regular birth-control pill but contains a larger dose of the hormone levonorgestrel than the average birth-control pill.
- The pills work to stop the release of an egg and may also prevent the egg from attaching to the uterus.
- Plan B comes with two tablets, taken 12 hours apart.

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THUD
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LOCAL POWER
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MULTINATIONAL — VERY MULTINATIONAL
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Guilty plea in library child-porn case

UI officials say self-policing is the best method for identifying and defining inappropriate online behavior

BY KELSEY BELTRAMEA
THE DAILY IOWAN

A Coralville man pleaded guilty Tuesday to sexual exploitation of a minor for watching child pornography at a computer in the UI Main Library.



Pitcher
pleaded guilty

Police said they saw Russell Pitcher, 49, watching child pornography at a second-floor computer in September and that Pitcher claimed possession of two computer disks that contained child pornography.

He had previously pleaded guilty to possessing child pornography five years ago in Bloomington, Ind. He now faces up to five years in prison and \$7,500 in fines, and must register as a sex offender.

His instance of viewing pornography was undeniably illegal, but other instances might not be so clear cut, officials said.

associate UI librarian director of research and instructional services, said the library gives guest access to community members such as Pitcher on a daily basis in exchange for the user's name and address.

It is uncommon for citizens to utilize the access for illegal means, she said, "because people are good about self-policing."

"We don't wander around the buildings looking at what people are doing, partly because what someone is doing for research should go without us looking over his or her shoulder," Seamans said, noting that viewing legal online pornography may be a part of a student project or investigation.

"If they are not offending others, they should be allowed to [view pornography], because what some person finds distasteful may be useful and essential to another," she said.

But when it comes to the use of illegal child pornography, she said, it is mostly up to patrons to monitor each other.

The UI police depend largely on library patrons and staff to report any suspicious activity



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— Nancy Seamans, associate UI librarian director of research and instructional services

at the university's libraries, said Larry Langley, the associate director of the police. One such tip led to the investigation and arrest of Pitcher.

Officers respond to several reports of suspicious behavior at the library each month, he said, and they find a variety of cases — from someone sleeping in the building to someone viewing criminal material.

Another charge of a man allegedly viewing child pornography at a UI library is pending in 6th District Court.

David Hodges, 32, was charged with sexual exploitation of a minor in November 2004, when computer technicians, investigating an accusation,

allegedly learned Hodges had visited child-pornography sites. Hodges' trial is slated to begin in late January.

Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White said that though the child pornography market is intended to be underground, the growing number of criminal charges show that people seem to have developed a false sense of privacy within the public environments of libraries. His office has been prosecuting online child-porn cases similar to the two UI library charges for roughly the past six to eight years.

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PRAIRIE CUISINE



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Ken Trainer, the executive chef at the Marriott Hotel in Coralville, dishes up a salad at a cooking class on Tuesday evening at the Prairie Table. The class demonstrated alternatives to traditional holiday dishes.

METRO

Man charged with robbery

Police have arrested a man, whose address is unknown, for second-degree robbery, alleging that he tried to steal from a Kum & Go and attacked the manager.

David Munz, 57, was at the 323 E. Burlington St. establishment on Monday, when he reportedly attempted to take beer from the business, officers said.

When the manager said he needed to pay for the items, Munz allegedly punched and fought him "in an attempt to get away," authorities reported.

Officers said when they arrived, they saw Munz in the parking lot, still struggling to escape the grasp of the manager and another customer.

A search of Munz allegedly uncovered other stolen items, police said.

Munz now faces a public-intoxication charge and a felony charge of second-degree robbery. If convicted

of the Class C felony, he could face up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

On Tuesday, Munz was being held in Johnson County Jail on \$20,000 cash-only bond.

— by Emileigh Barnes

Teen reportedly hits pole, rolls SUV

Police are investigating an accident Monday in which an 18-year-old reportedly crashed a pickup truck into a utility pole in Iowa City, causing the vehicle to roll several times, officers reported.

Thomas Townsend was driving east on Wayne Avenue at 9:06 p.m., when he reportedly lost control of his 2001 Ford Ranger and hit a utility pole; the truck then rolled repeatedly, police said. The vehicle came to a rest on its side, authorities said.

Officers said when they arrived on scene, the truck was still on its side, in the yard at 3038 Wayne Ave.

Also in the vehicle was 18-year-old Iowa City resident Jacob Tholen, police said.

Officers reported that both men were transported to UI Hospitals and Clinics by ambulance for injuries related to the crash.

The incident is still under investigation by the Iowa City police.

— by Emileigh Barnes

Ex-UISG hopeful appeals violations

While most of last spring's UI Student Government election scandals ended nearly nine months ago, one case is still under debate.

Atul Nakhasi, the former student government presidential candidate for the Big Awesome Party, appealed four of his violations from the election to the UISG Student Judiciary Committee. On Nov. 29, the committee overturned only one of the complaints; the rest have been upheld. In response, the UI sophomore said he

will appeal to UI interim President Gary Fethke.

The UISG Student Elections Board disqualified Nakhasi's party during the election because of a high number of fines and violations, said Kara Westercamp, the chief justice of the judiciary committee. After the board initially upheld Nakhasi's appeals in the spring, he took them to the judiciary committee.

"We felt good about [our decision]," Westercamp said.

The four complaints focused on improper use of ICON e-mails, solicitation in residence halls, negative campaigning, and the party's disqualification. Westercamp said the negative-campaigning violation was overturned because it was a "he said, she said argument."

Nakhasi said he wants the truth about these complaints to be revealed.

"I feel I have a better shot at achieving this with Fethke," he said.

— by Ashton Shurson

POLICE BLOTTER

Casey Grabow, 18, 810A Mayflower, was charged Dec. 3 with public intoxication.

Carrie Hanks, 29, 2401 Highway 6 E Apt. 4602, was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Matthew Hinde, 19, Carol Stream, Ill., was charged Dec. 2 with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Pamela Nelson, 60, 34 Rita Lyn Court, was charged Dec. 2 with interference with official acts.

Neil Jennings, 26, 324 E. Davenport St. Apt. 2, was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.

Vincent Nelson, 60, 34 Rita Lyn Court, was charged Dec. 2 with OWI.

Lance Rogers, 24, 2801 Highway 6 E. Apt. 280, was charged Monday with violation a no-contact order.

Matthew Rosentreter, 19, Olathe, Kan., was charged Dec. 2 with public intoxication.

Jakob Saxton, 18, 427D Mayflower, was charged Dec. 3 with possession of marijuana.

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Brownback stumps in CR



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Sen. Sam Brownback, Rep-Kan., listens to Republican supporters during the annual Linn County Republican Christmas Party at the Long Branch Best Western in Cedar Rapids on Tuesday evening. During the dinner, he spoke about the Republican position after the election results and reminded the crowd what the Republican Party stands for.

BY DEAN TREFTZ
THE DAILY IOWAN

CEDAR RAPIDS — U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., started the next leg of a possible presidential run Tuesday night in a small conference in front of local dining Republicans.

Brownback spoke to the Linn County Republicans during their annual Christmas celebration at the Long Branch Best Western in Cedar Rapids on Tuesday night.

"We've got to get spending under control," he said to several nodding heads. "We have to be the party of fiscal restraint."

Touting the socially conservative policies that led *Rolling Stone* to anoint him "God's Senator" earlier this year, Brownback iterated his commitment to anti-abortion and traditional marriage stances.

"I think central for running for president is rebuilding the family and rebuilding the culture," he said.

Following his announcement Monday that he will create a presidential exploratory committee — a formal indication that he is seriously considering running in 2008 — his appearance at the event was designed to bolster support among conservative Iowans.

By creating the committee, the self-described "Ronald Reagan

conservative" joined a short list of possible presidential candidates for the GOP, which includes Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani.

While aides say no Iowa staffers have been hired to work for the Republican senator, Brownback may be eyeing an Iowa upset à la John Kerry's come-from-behind victory over Howard Dean in the 2004 Democratic caucuses.

"Iowa is a place where the Republican Party will be open to a candidate like him," UI political-science Professor Peverill Squire said on Tuesday.

Brownback's Midwestern roots and traditional values, coupled with his concentration on such foreign-policy issues as global poverty and the genocide in Darfur, make the Kansan a dynamic candidate, Squire said.

"I think people will warm to the idea," Brownback said about his human-rights views in a pre-speech interview with *The Daily Iowan*. "It's compassionate conservatism. It's people in dire need."

He said his rural Kansas background affords him an advantage in Iowa.

"Agriculture is a major topic on how we can get energy-independent," the former Kansas secretary of Agriculture said, walking down a hotel hallway.

He then produced a piece of cloth made from corn and wool as an example of farming's versatile products.

Brownback's exploratory committee — which will help him test the political waters in Iowa and other key states — will not take too long to decide whether the senator should run in 2008, said his political adviser, Martin Gillespie.

Arriving early in the afternoon, Brownback spent much of his time in Cedar Rapids talking to local conservative activists. He may soon have to persuade the Republican base that he is the best candidates to oppose the Democrats' nominee in 2008.

At the dinner were Bob and Patti Klaus, active Cedar Rapids Republicans who hosted one of Brownback's possible rivals, Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, in their home this May.

So far, he has been impressed by Brownback, Romney, and Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, Bob Klaus said over his salad.

"I agree with 99 percent of where [Brownback is] at," Klaus said.

He added that although he would have to research his stance on the death penalty, "I still like him overall — anyone's better than Hillary."

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Plan B to be free today



Emily Maxwell/The Daily Iowan

This follows a government move earlier this year to make the emergency contraceptive available over-the-counter for women nationwide

PLAN B

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The two health services won't match their competition's deal, but Karen Kubby, the director of the Emma Goldman Clinic, said her center will eventually have the lowest prices in town. The clinic sees roughly 16 women per week for the medication, she said.

And while the pills are used by women, females don't have to make the trip today — men can also pick up the contraceptive.

"Plainly, partners should be able to buy it, just like condoms," Di Nicola said.

Although no law bans men

from purchasing the contraceptives, some facilities don't allow males to do so. Emma Goldman is one clinic that bans such dispersal, unless there is an important reason and a phone confirmation from the woman.

"We want people directly involved in their health care," Kubby said. "It's part of their responsibility to come in and get the medication."

Chip Martinson, the campus director for the UI chapter of Campus Crusade for Christ, said he doesn't believe women — nor men — should be able to pick up the contraceptives.

"It's a necessary evil you wish didn't have to exist to

cover up people's really bad decisions," Martinson said.

But many local female students said they agree with Planned Parenthood's complimentary distribution today.

"I think it's a good idea just because if you're in a bad situation, it's good to get something you need, especially for free," UI junior Ashley Carnes said.

Despite some criticism, Planned Parenthood is confident about its efforts.

"We think the majority of Iowans are both grateful and understanding about birth control and pregnancy prevention," Di Nicola said.

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STATE

Dems to push minimum wage up

BY DAVID PITT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Minutes after legislative leaders said they wanted to put aside partisan differences from a hard-fought campaign, they squabbled over raising the minimum wage and changes in labor laws.

Meeting Tuesday at a legislative seminar hosted by the Associated Press, Republicans and Democrats elected to the leadership by their parties expressed the desire to move beyond the November election, which handed Democrats control of the Legislature and governor's office for the first time in more than 40 years.

Democrats have said they plan to increase the minimum wage early in the legislative session, making it part of their Plan for Prosperity.

House Speaker-elect Pat Murphy, D-Dubuque, said the plan is to increase the minimum wage to \$7.25 an hour by January 2009.

Iowa's minimum wage stands at \$5.15 an hour, the same as the federal rate.

Among other Midwestern states, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Missouri offer a higher minimum wage.

South Dakota and Nebraska rates remain at \$5.15.

Senate Majority Leader Mike Gronstal, D-Council Bluffs, said Democrats plan to approve an increase early in the session.

"Minimum-wage workers in this state haven't had an increase in nine years, and they have lost significant purchasing power over that nine years," Gronstal said.

He said minimum-wage workers have been left out of economic improvements others have enjoyed, as the state's economy has recovered.

He estimated as many as 125,000 Iowans work for minimum wage, and approximately 70 percent of them are the primary wage earners in their families.

Senate Minority Leader Mary Lundby, R-Marion, said Republicans are more interested in a package of changes that could include a minimum-wage hike, coupled with state assistance for small businesses, which provide health-care benefits for workers.

She said Republicans last year considered providing \$10 million to businesses that join health-insurance pools. The money would help in cases of catastrophic health-care costs that may arise in the first few years of a new pool plan.

"Senate Republicans are not totally opposed to a minimum wage, but we think it's bigger than that," Lundby said.

Democrats may also raise labor issues that Republicans strongly oppose, including changes in the state's Right to Work laws. The set of laws say workers cannot be forced to join a labor union and cannot be required to pay union dues as conditions of employment.

Some Democrats have proposed requiring workers in a unionized occupation to pay a portion of union dues that would represent benefits they receive from the union, even if they're not union members.

Gronstal said unions are required by law to provide legal assistance for employees pursuing a grievance against an employer in a unionized workplace. However, the law doesn't require workers in a unionized business to pay dues.

IOWA AND THE IRAQ WAR

UI's war vets undaunted by finals

War veterans turned UI students have their own difficulties in acclimating to college but are like other students when it comes to preparing for the final exams

'I have busted my ass to get to college. I've gone to hell and back — more than once ... I feel like an alien. All I've ever known is the rifle range — and seeing people die. It feels like I shouldn't be here.'

— Stephanie Linn, Iraqi war veteran and UI freshman

BY KURT HIATT
THE DAILY IOWAN

For Iraqi war veteran and UI freshman Stephanie Linn, basic training was a cakewalk.

"It was fun to get yelled at and crawl in the mud," the 25-year-old said. "I got yelled at the first day for smiling. I did a lot of pushups."

But all of Linn's experiences were just stepping stones to her next goal — graduating from the UI. For now, though, a more short-term goal may be to get through finals week.

"I have busted my ass to get to college," she said. "I've gone to hell and back — more than once."

Linn isn't alone. She's one of the many war veterans taking classes at the UI in their quest for higher education and — maybe — cramming for finals just like their peers.

John Mikelson, the vice

president of the UI Veterans Association and an adviser for veterans on campus, said students who have fought in foreign wars are no different from traditional students when it comes to studying for finals.

"This is not a new phenomenon," the Army Reserve and Army National Guard veteran said. "Most of us ... go to schools, take courses, have additional training [during service]" to prepare for written exams.

Mikelson said the veterans have an advantage over the traditional undergraduate students, despite their time off. They are generally older and more mature than their peers — and they're also usually paying for their own college, he said.

"They are less likely to blow off classes," he said. "And they know how and when to study."

This was the case with

Lyndsey Anderson, the president of the UI Veterans Association, who said she didn't have many problems with finals her first year back at the UI — though she studied a lot.

"I realized my full potential," the 22-year-old senior said. "I had a really positive experience. I benefited from deployment."

But this may not be the case for all veterans, she said, noting that many have a difficult time with school and exams.

Linn said schoolwork is an obstacle when acclimating to life at the UI. Her hiatus from education makes college — and preparing for finals — more demanding, she said.

"I still haven't got [schoolwork] down," she said. "It's really hard to try to focus."

But Linn did say that she may be more determined than her peers, because she

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Source: UI Registrar website

knows what she wants to do professionally. If she wants to get into medical school, she'll have to do well on her finals.

Meanwhile, the veterans also deal with their own array of problems outside of studying.

"I feel like an alien," Linn said. "All I've ever known is the rifle range — and seeing people die. It feels like I shouldn't be here."

Veterans also may have trouble with friends at college after serving.

"When [my friends] were

all bickering about things like who was going to buy the beer that evening or debating where we were going to eat, I found it all petty after seeing real problems in the world," Anderson said.

But the difficulties to transition to college don't outweigh the advantages of serving, Linn said.

"There is nothing that is going to faze me, anymore," she said.

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UI PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

Faculty leader hopes for progress in search

BY DANNY VALENTINE
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI Faculty Senate President Sheldon Kurtz warned faculty on Tuesday to keep their calendars open Dec. 12 for a potential "special meeting."

The session, which would be held at 3:30 p.m., comes the day after the regularly scheduled state Board of Regents meeting — held every six weeks — in Iowa City.



Kurtz

UI Faculty Senate president

The Dec. 11 meeting — which originally was a two-day event ending on Dec. 12 — was shortened to one day because of "a very light agenda," board spokeswoman Sheila Doyle said. The regents' agenda items will be released today around 11 a.m.

This will be the first one-day meeting so far this year. December meetings in 2004 and 2005 were only a single day.

"I continue to be optimistic that before next Tuesday we will see substantial progress on the two issues I mentioned to the Senate at our meeting on Nov. 28, namely restoring an effective governance structure and finding a great president for the University of Iowa," Kurtz wrote in the e-mail.

On Nov. 17, regents voted, 6-2, to reject the four finalists forwarded by the search committee and disband the panel, infuriating many UI faculty, staff, and students.

Since that time, secrecy has enshrouded the process with

THE SEARCH SO FAR

Timeline of recent events in the UI presidential search

- Nov. 17**
 - The regents vote, 6-2, to disband the search committee and reject the four finalists. The four regents serving on the search committee all vote to reject the candidates, despite previously issuing support for them.
- Nov. 21**
 - Regent President Michael Gartner defends the decision in a letter to the *Des Moines Register*, saying the list of finalists could have been stronger. But other committee members say the panel was disbanded because Gartner's pick was not chosen as a finalist.
- Nov. 27**
 - UI faculty, staff, and students meet with Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack about the search process with two regents.
- Nov. 28**
 - UI Faculty Senate and student leaders plan to cast votes of no-confidence in the regents. The UI Staff Council plans to hold a similar vote on Dec. 13. The votes are postponed after various UI officials meet with Vilsack.
- Nov. 29**
 - UI Provost Michael Hogan — also a finalist for the UI search — is announced as a finalist for the presidency at the University of Delaware. On Dec. 1, the school announces that it would accept the other candidate, Patrick Harker.
- Dec. 4**
 - Regents hold a 90-minute closed-session conference about the presidential search. Regent Amir Arbisser says regents decided to reconsider the four finalists originally proposed by the search committee.

closed meetings and a need for confidentiality that has clouded future plans for the next UI president, who will replace former UI leader David Skorton.

"I will keep you fully informed, as best I can, as events unfold, but I may not know until as late as next Monday whether we will need to have a special meeting," Kurtz' e-mail read.

The law professor distributed the e-mail to faculty around 8 a.m. on Tuesday morning.

After a Dec. 4 closed meeting, Regent Amir Arbisser said the regents would reconsider the four finalists, but he declined to

say whether they would consider outside candidates as well.

Recently, UI faculty and staff have expressed their dismay about waiting much longer to choose a president. There is no timeline to pick a new president, yet regents have said they are aware of the concerns.

The heads of the now defunct UI presidential-search committee issued a statement to the media over the weekend that a prolonged search would hurt the university's reputation, make it difficult to find a good candidate, and harm other UI searches, among other problems.

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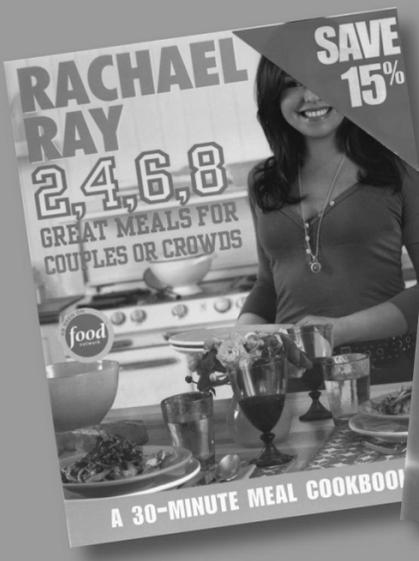
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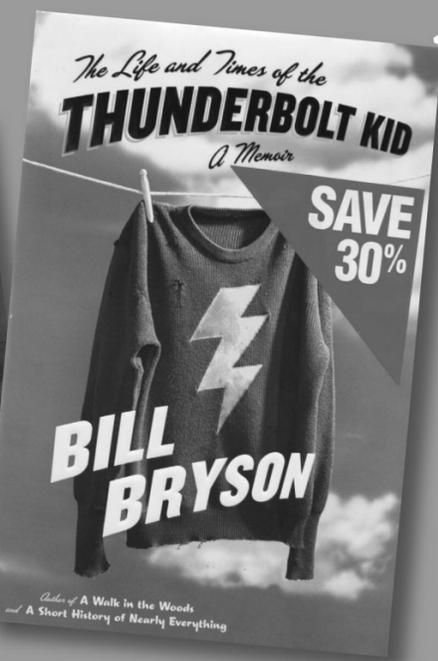
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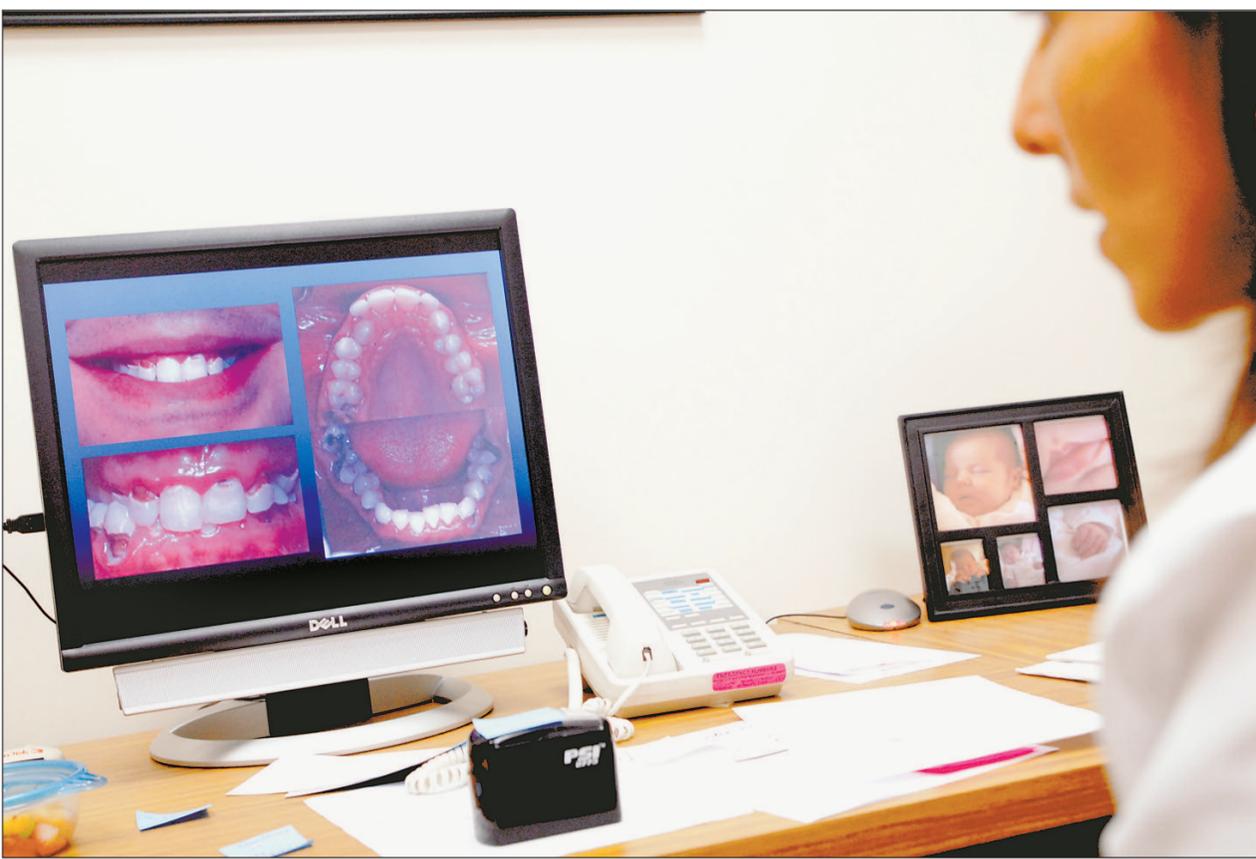
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Health-care workers on frontline of meth fight

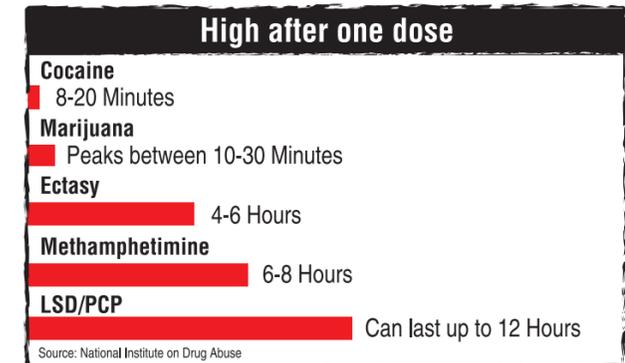


Sandra Guzman-Armstrong, a clinical assistant professor of dentistry, looks over photographs showing tooth decay in methamphetamine users on July 19 in the Dental Science Building.



Melanie Patterson/The Daily Iowan
Bridget Burke, a research nurse in the UIHC burn unit, discusses research and trends related to meth and burn victims on July 20.

‘Unfortunately, we have a lot of failures from these patients. If they fail more than three times, they are out of the program.’
— Sandra Guzman-Armstrong, assistant dentistry professor



‘It is much more rare to see the alcohol or drug addict only use one drug.’
— Anne Skinstad, clinical associate professor in the UI Department of Community and Behavioral Health

METH
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Because of the drug’s withdrawal effects, users are often lethargic and don’t want food — antithetical conditions to a typical treatment regimen. And because they often cannot exercise, patients sometimes develop problems with their injuries and require longer stays, said Burke, who has studied the issue since she became curious about the number of patients listed as “meth-positive” in a burn-unit report.

“It’s been a huge problem for us,” she said. “It’s very costly.” Treatment is expensive because the meth-positive patients often lack the medical coverage to pay for the treatment and — for those injured in lab explosions — have quite serious burns.

“They would be burned in meth explosions, so those are bigger burns, deeper burns,” Burke said. “Hands down, I can almost say none of them have insurance, so we pay for that: you and me.” From 2002-04, prior to Iowa’s pseudoephedrine-control law, the burn unit saw 47 meth-positive or -involved cases, compared with 219 cases in which burn patients had no signs of the drug (21.5 percent).

For the entire year of 2005 — the law became effective in May — the facility saw only seven meth-positive or -involved patients, compared with a historically high 137 cases in which the drug was not present (5.1 percent). And at the end of this May, Burke said, the unit had seen just three confirmed meth cases.

But she doesn’t predict that the flow of meth users entering the facility will halt entirely. Much more potent versions of the drug are arriving via Interstates 80 and 35, following the trend of meth super-lab production in California and Mexico.

And even meth users who burn themselves from mundane tasks can be more difficult and expensive to treat than the typical patient because of the withdrawal symptoms. They more than double the length of stay: from 11 days for a meth-negative patient to 23 for a meth-positive one.

In the burn unit, where an intensive-care bed costs \$2,700 a day, longer stays means larger bills. Between 2002 and 2005, the average cost of treating meth patients totaled \$57,217 more than for their non-meth counterparts.

And because meth users often have a higher tolerance to the critical medication given in the burn unit, they require a higher dosage of drugs to control pain.

“If we can’t get pain under control, then we can’t do anything

How meth reacts in the brain

Meth increases the release of the neurotransmitter dopamine (from the synapse of the nerve cell), creating euphoria

Dopamine Controls

- Movement
- Thought Processes
- Emotions
- Pleasure

Chemicals

- Dopamine
- ▲ Serotonin
- Epinephrine

Healthy • Normal nerve cell release of dopamine

Controlled by Meth • Presence of meth chemicals activates the release of dopamine

Long-term use • Long-term meth use reduces the transaction of dopamine and serotonin

Coming Down

- When a person comes down from meth, dopamine is drained; the person loses all feeling of well being or pleasure and must take more to inhibit more dopamine growth and release.

Other Chemical reactions in the Brain

Epinephrine (an adrenaline hormone/neurotransmitter) an increase in epinephrine causes a decrease in appetite

Serotonin decrease in serotonin increases the chance of violent behavior, anxiety, depression, and impulsiveness

Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse, Office of National Drug Control, www.methresources.gov

else very well, either,” Burke said. “There are a lot of drugs out there, thank God. We just have to kind of figure out what works.”

Repairing an image

While patients in the burn unit are often sequestered in hospital beds, another team of researchers is trying to treat a less-serious, but just as visible, effect of the drug — its impact on a user’s teeth.

“Meth mouth,” the chronic and rampant decay of the teeth, is caused by various aspects of meth use. In the UI’s College of Dentistry, Guzman-Armstrong, the associate professor of dentistry, has studied the disease and created an online course to educate other health-care professionals on how to treat the affliction.

While tooth decay can be

caused by many different things — from poor dental hygiene to high-sugar consumption — meth users are particularly vulnerable.

“In a few months, you can see rampant decay, and in a few weeks, probably, you can see the early stages of cavities,” Guzman-Armstrong said. For a non-meth user, significant decay can take several years.

While researchers are not entirely sure what causes rampant tooth decay in meth users, she laid out what are believed to be the main culprits: dry-mouth, which inhibits the cleansing power of saliva; increased soda-pop consumption because of a need for sugar bursts; teeth grinding and poor dental hygiene associated with drug users; and the possible

acidity of the drug.

To treat any rampant decay, third-year dental students first remove the disease and affix temporary fillings, then install final fillings if the patient is ready. Because the work is done by students, the cost is significantly cheaper than that of many private dental practices, Guzman-Armstrong said.

But the transitional restoration — removing the disease and installing the temporary fillings — can still run upwards of \$400, while the final restoration can cost thousands of dollars.

Like Burke, Guzman-Armstrong said many of the meth patients — who are often difficult to identify in her department — don’t have medical coverage, and they sometimes don’t commit to

hygienic and habit changes.

“Unfortunately, we have a lot of failures from these patients,” she said. “If they fail more than three times, they are out of the program.”

Rebuilding a life

Skinstad, the behavioral health associate professor who works with small-group rehabilitation, said the drug often changes the behavior of its abusers and causes neurological damage.

“What we know is that methamphetamine abuse has a very detrimental effect on your intellectual capacity,” she said.

Users also often feel depressed and paranoid while on the drug and can suffer from ongoing cognitive deficiencies, such as concentration problems and generalization abilities, she said.

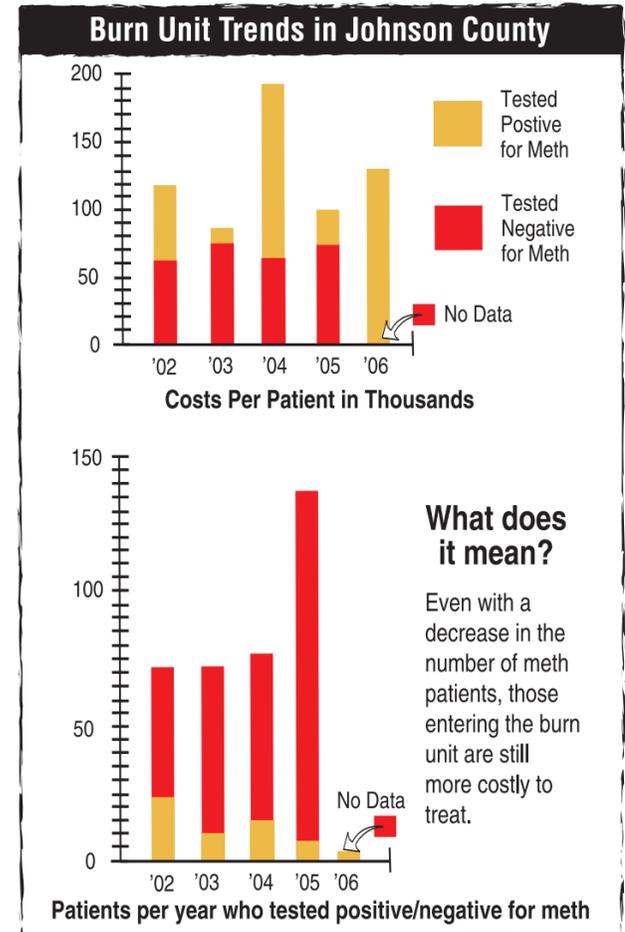
While it is unknown if such damage is permanent, Skinstad said, the problems need to be considered during treatment.

“You can’t anticipate a methamphetamine abuser being able to plan, process information at the same speed,” she said, adding her department tries to inform their patients that such issues are normal side effects of meth use.

While the pseudoephedrine-control law has reduced the incidence of meth production, Skinstad, like Burke, cautioned that the threat was not gone.

“We should never kid ourselves and think that with a reduction in production, we’re going to get a reduction in abuse.”

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What does it mean?

Even with a decrease in the number of meth patients, those entering the burn unit are still more costly to treat.

Lawmakers snare top spots

With recent committee appointments, a number of Johnson County legislators now preside over some of the most important panels

BY **BRYCE BAUER**
THE DAILY IOWANN

As lawmakers return to a politically altered Statehouse in January, Johnson County senators will head the legislative body's largest and most crucial committees.

Sen. Robert Dvorsky, D-Coralville, will lead the integral Senate Appropriations Committee. With 25 members — 15 of them Democrats — charged with doling out the funds that run the state, the committee that controls the nearly \$5 billion annual state budget is the largest in the Senate and arguably one of the most powerful.

During the next legislative cycle, which commences Jan. 8, 2007, Dvorsky said he expected the budgetary committee to focus on some traditional Democratic concerns.

"Our No. 1 priority, at least in the Democratic caucus, has always been education," he said on Tuesday.

Ancillary to the appropriations panel is the Ways and Means Committee, coming in second in the number of members, with 17 lawmakers — 10 being Democrats.

Charged with ensuring that adequate money flows into the state's coffers, the panel sets and analyzes the state's tax policy. Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, will be its new chairman.

One of the most contentious issues in the committee last year was a hard-fought debate over increasing the tobacco tax. The measure eventually failed, but it will likely be reconsidered this year.

While the tobacco issue pitted parties against one other, Bolkcom, who said he is sure the proposal will pass this year, said he would try to stretch across the aisle in some areas.

"We really do need to work for a bipartisan solution for some of the issues we face, because they are very complicated issues," Bolkcom said, citing reformation of the state's corporate property tax system as one such goal.

Gov.-elect Chet Culver endorsed such reform Tuesday, according to the Associated Press.

With the Senate split evenly among both parties during the last legislative session, one lawmaker from each party shared chairmanships for each panel.

Like most of the new committee heads, both Bolkcom and Dvorsky served as co-leaders of their respective groups. Mirroring the national Democratic sweep on Election Day, Iowa's left-leaning politicians have now solidified control in both chambers.

With the change, there is "obviously a lot more responsibility," Dvorsky said. "I think you will be working with people who generally have the same philosophy."

Local Democrats in the lower chamber also fared well in their committee assignments.

Rep. Vicki Lensing, D-Iowa City, was assigned to the Government Oversight Committee, of which she was the ranking member last session. The panel is responsible for ensuring integrity in many of the state government's initiatives, and it was recently involved in investigating the Central Iowa Employment and Training Consortium scandal, where senior executives of the job development organizations were found to be paid exorbitant salaries.

Reps. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, and Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, also garnered top positions on two subcommittees. Mascher will head the early childhood education subcommittee of the Education Committee, while Jacoby will lead the financial services subcommittee of the Commerce Committee.

Republican leaders in both chambers have yet to complete their selections; officials from the GOP Senate and House caucuses said they expected the selections to be released within a week.

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D- Iowa City, early childhood education subcommittee



Sen. Robert Dvorsky
D- Coralville, Appropriations

WORLD

Gunman opens fire at embassy in Yemen

The country continues to battle its history of terrorism as a man fired shots at guards to "kill Americans"

BY **AHMED AL-HAJ**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANA, Yemen — A gunman opened fire outside the U.S. Embassy early Tuesday, but he was shot and arrested by Yemeni guards before he could breach the first of the compound's three security lines.

The man told interrogators that he wanted to kill Americans, a Yemeni military official said. Authorities would not say whether the gunman was acting alone or part of a terror group.

"The militant was a young man in his late 20s, and he was shouting, 'God is great,' while shooting wildly at the embassy security guards," a Yemeni guard on the scene told the Associated Press.

An Interior Ministry official said the gunman was admitted to a military hospital, where he was questioned, as well as treated. All three Yemeni officials spoke on the condition of anonymity, because they were not authorized to speak publicly.

The Interior Ministry said the gunman was named Salem Mohammed Salem but did not release additional information about him.

A statement from the U.S. Embassy said it would reopen today.

On Nov. 22, a Yemeni court convicted 34 members of a

Shiite Muslim rebel group of plotting attacks across Yemen, including one targeting the U.S. Embassy. The group's leader was sentenced to death.

The defendants were accused of being followers of radical Shiite cleric Hussein Badr Eddin al-Hawthi, who launched an uprising in early 2004. He was killed in September 2004, but his followers have continued their rebellion.

Al Qaeda has carried out a number of major attacks in Yemen in recent years, including the bombing of the destroyer USS Cole in Aden harbor in 2000, which killed 17 U.S. sailors. The leader of Al Qaeda, Osama bin Laden, is of Yemeni origin.

Yemen was a haven for Islamists from across the Arab world during the 1990s, but after 9/11, it declared support for the U.S. campaign against international terrorism.

But its crackdown on militants has suffered a number of reverses, such as the February prison breakout of 23 convicts — some of whom had been jailed for Qaeda-linked crimes.

Foreign interests in Yemen often face low-level threats, and foreign tourists are frequently kidnapped by tribes seeking to win concessions from the government, either better services or the release of jailed relatives. Most of the hostages have been released unharmed.

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Iraqi leader reverses, backs regional confab

BY QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA AND THOMAS WAGNER
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BAGHDAD — Iraq's prime minister reversed course Tuesday and said his envoys will talk with Iraq's neighbors about the possibility of a regional conference on quelling the violence here, despite opposition to the plan by some key political allies.

Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki made the announcement as more than 100 people were killed or found dead in and around Baghdad, underscoring the urgency of finding a solution to the bloodshed. The U.S. military said three more American troops had died Monday — two as a result of insurgent attacks and one in a traffic accident. Despite a string of ambushes,

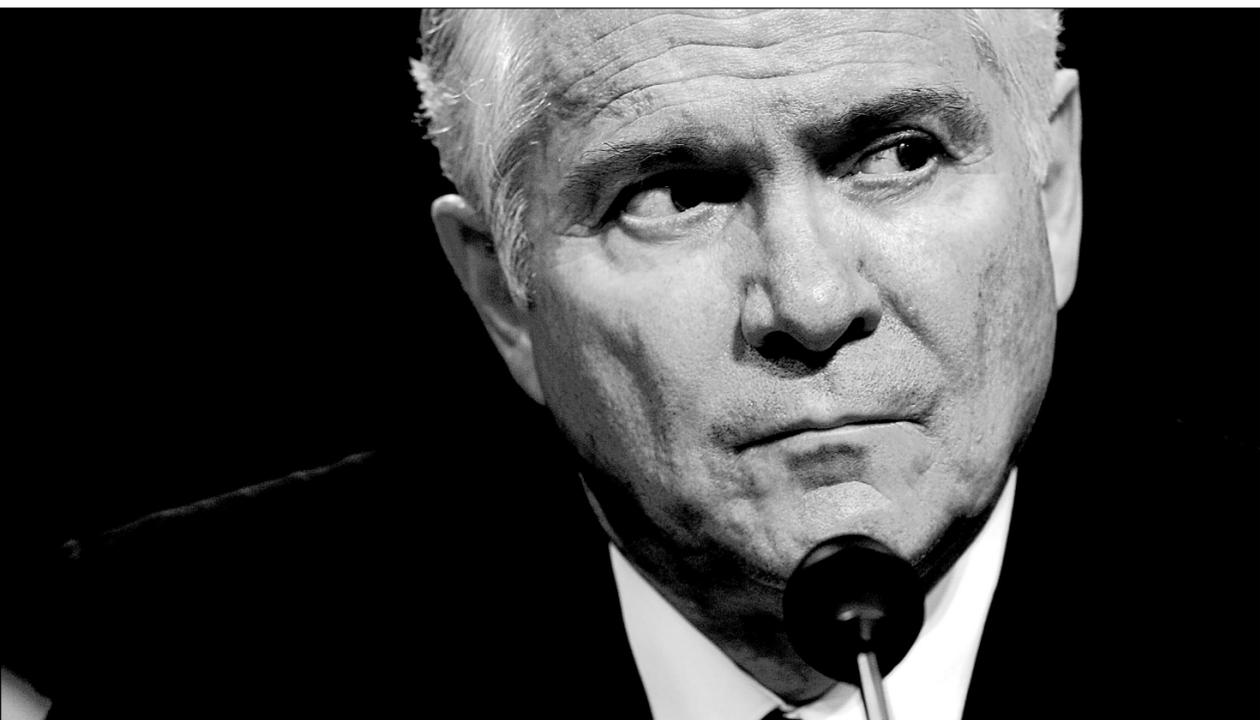
mortar attacks, and bombings Tuesday, the chief U.S. military spokesman told reporters that all of Iraq would be under Baghdad's control by the fall of 2007, with U.S. soldiers and Marines and other coalition forces playing a supporting role. Al-Maliki, a Shiite, told reporters that his envoys would talk with other governments in the region, most of

them Sunni-dominated, about how they might help establish security and stability in Iraq. "After the political climate is cleared, we will call for the convening of a regional conference in which these countries that are keen on the stability and security of Iraq will participate," the prime minister said. The prime minister's statement fell short of an unconditional call for a conference. Previously,

Iraqi leaders have resisted suggestions they include outsiders in efforts to settle their bitter internal divisions. In recent days, President Jalal Talabani and a leading Shiite politician, Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, have rejected U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan's proposal for a regional peace conference. Annan said such a gathering could be useful, if the parties met outside Iraq.

Al-Maliki, though, said any conference should take place in Iraq. Any proposals to emerge, he added, should conform to "what the national unity government wants." The Bush administration welcomed the announcement. "It's a good idea for the Iraqis to be involved in working with their neighbors on issues of regional security," said White House spokesman Tony Snow.

DEFENSE SECRETARY DESIGNATE ROBERT GATES



J. Scott Applewhite/Associated Press

Defense Secretary-designate Robert Gates, President Bush's choice to replace Donald Rumsfeld, listens to questions from members of the Senate Armed Services Committee during his confirmation hearing on Capitol Hill on Tuesday.

Senate panel backs Gates

BY ROBERT BURNS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Robert Gates won approval by a Senate panel Tuesday to be the next Defense secretary, after telling the senators the United States is not winning the war in Iraq and there could be a "regional conflagration" if the country is not stabilized.

At a Senate confirmation hearing that was long on praise for Gates and short on criticism, the man President Bush picked to replace Donald Rumsfeld said he is open to new ideas about correcting the U.S. course in Iraq. He said the war would be his highest priority, if confirmed, as expected.

A vote by the full Senate could come today; it is virtually certain by week's end.

In a closed-door meeting following five hours of open testimony, the Senate Armed Services Committee voted 21-0 to recommend approval of Gates' nomination, said panel Chairman John Warner, R-Va.

If confirmed, Gates said, he planned to visit U.S. commanders and troops in Iraq "quite soon."

Gates, 63, said he believes Bush wants to see Iraq improve to the point where it can govern and defend itself, and that may require a new approach. "What we are now doing is not satisfactory," he said.

"In my view, all options are on the table, in terms of how we address this problem in Iraq," he said. He did not commit to any specific new course, saying he would consult first with commanders and others.

Asked directly by Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., whether the United States is winning in Iraq, Gates replied, "No, sir." He later said he believes the United States is neither winning nor losing, "at this point."

At the outset of an afternoon session of questions about Iraq and other subjects, Gates began by telling the committee he wanted to amplify on his remark in the morning about not winning in Iraq. He did not withdraw the remark but said, "I want to make clear that that pertains to the situation in Iraq, as a whole."

He said he did not want U.S. troops to think he believes they are being unsuccessful in their

assigned missions.

"Our military wins the battles that we fight," Gates said. "Where we're having our challenges, frankly, are in the areas of stabilization and political developments and so on."

At the White House, press secretary Tony Snow was pressed by reporters about Gates' answer that the United States is not winning in Iraq — one that seemed to be in conflict with the president's own position.

Snow said that Gates' testimony, taken in its entirety, showed he shares Bush's view that the United States must help Iraq govern and defend itself.

"I know you want to pit a fight between Bob Gates and the president; it doesn't exist," Snow told reporters.

Gates was noncommittal on questions about whether and when to begin a U.S. troop withdrawal, saying it "depends on the conditions on the ground." He also said that if confirmed, he would go to Iraq soon, to consult with U.S. commanders.

Asked later whether announcing a specific troop withdrawal timetable would send a signal of U.S. weakness, Gates said it "would essentially tell [the insurgents] how long they have to wait until we're gone."

The hearing was nonconfrontational, with occasional hints of humor from Gates. Much of the questioning from panel members was focused on whether he would provide independent advice to Bush, and the former CIA director assured the committee that he would not shirk from that duty.

He said he did not give up his position as president of Texas A&M University and return to Washington to "be a bump on a log."

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a likely 2008 presidential candidate and an advocate of increasing U.S. troop strength in Iraq, asked whether Gates believes the United States had too few troops at the outset of the war in 2003.

"I suspect, in hindsight, some of the folks in the administration would not make the same decisions they made," including the number of troops in Iraq to establish control after the overthrow of Saddam Hussein's regime, Gates said.

He also told Levin he believes a political solution in Iraq is

required to end the violence.

The confirmation hearing came amid intensifying pressure for a new approach, reflecting the outcome of the Nov. 7 elections that put Democrats back in control of both houses of Congress.

U.S. deaths in Iraq have topped 2,900, and questions persist about whether Iraq will devolve into all-out civil war.

"Our course over the next year or two will determine whether the American and Iraqi people and the next president of the United States will face a slowly but steadily improving situation in Iraq and in the region or will face the very real

risk, and possible reality, of a regional conflagration," Gates said.

Bush has repeatedly rejected the idea of a quick U.S. withdrawal from Iraq and said he wants to keep U.S. forces there until Iraq is able to govern and defend itself, without being a haven for terrorists.

"It seems to me that the United States is going to have to have some kind of presence in Iraq for a long time ... but it could be with a dramatically smaller number of U.S. forces than are there today," Gates said.

AP writer Philip Elliott contributed to this report.

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Congress OKs bill to preserve World War II internment camps



This Nov. 17, 1942, file photo provided by the Department of the Interior, War Relocation Authority via National Archives, shows the internment camp for Japanese-Americans near Jerome, Ark.

Interior Department, Tom Parker/Associated Press

Preserving the past

A House bill will grant the National Park Service \$38 million for research and restoration of 10 camps where the U.S. government sent Japanese-Americans after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

World War II relocation sites for Japanese-Americans



SOURCE: National Park Service AP

BY ERICA WERNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Notorious internment camps where Japanese-Americans were kept behind barbed wire during World War II will be preserved as stark reminders of how the United States turned on some of its citizens in a time of fear.

As one of its last acts, the Republican-led Congress on Tuesday sent President Bush legislation establishing a \$38 million program of National Park Service grants to restore and pay for research at 10 camps where the government sent people of Japanese descent after the attack on

Pearl Harbor.

On another issue, the House postponed a showdown vote on opening 8 million more acres in the Gulf of Mexico to oil and gas drilling. Supporters were worried about achieving the two-thirds supermajority needed to pass the measure under rules allowing little debate. They said they might make another attempt before week's end, using different rules that allow broader debate but require only a simple majority.

Lawmakers returned Tuesday for only four days of work before Republicans call it quits, after running Congress for 12 years. Democrats will

control both houses for the first time since 1994, when a new Congress reflecting last month's election starts up in January.

Republicans already have left the biggest unfinished tasks of 2006 — approving budgets for most federal agencies — to their successors.

Leaders in both parties, however, still have hopes of renewing three popular tax breaks before leaving town. They include \$4,000 deductions for college students, a sales-tax credit in states without their own income taxes, and business research and development credits. All expired last December.

Mixed results in antidepressant, suicide report

The FDA said Tuesday that drugs used to curb suicidal thoughts could have opposite effect on young adults

BY ANDREW BRIDGES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Using antidepressants increases the risk of suicidal thoughts and behavior among young adults but lessens it for seniors, the Food and Drug Administration said Tuesday.

The effects of antidepressants on adults from 25 to 64 were mixed — so much so that the FDA would only conclude the drug had a neutral effect on suicidal behavior for them but possibly lowers the risk of suicidal thoughts.

The information came from a mass review of 372 studies involving roughly 100,000 patients and 11 drugs, including Lexapro, Zoloft, Prozac, and Paxil. The FDA analysis will be incorporated in future changes to antidepressant labels, but the agency wants to first discuss its plans with outside advisers.

In 2004, the FDA ordered strong warnings about the pediatric risk of suicidal tendencies put on antidepressant labels and began analyzing whether adults face a similar risk, in part by requesting data from drug companies.

It now appears there is an increased risk among adults between the ages of 18 and 25.

“When results are analyzed by age, it becomes clear that there is an elevated risk for ‘suicidality’ and suicidal behavior among adults younger than 25 years of age that approaches that seen in the pediatric population.”

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— FDA, in documents

the pediatric population,” the FDA said in documents that were released ahead of the Dec. 13 meeting of its psychopharmacologic drugs advisory committee.

The FDA's analysis of the numerous studies suggests an age-related shift in the risk of suicidal thoughts and behavior associated with treatment with the drugs. That means the risk appears to decline with age, even if the numbers don't explain why, the FDA said. The issue is complex to sort out, because depression, itself, can lead to suicide.

All antidepressants now bear a so-called “black-box” warning about the increased risk of suicidal thinking and behavior in children and adolescents.

In May, GlaxoSmithKline and the FDA warned Paxil may raise the risk of suicidal behavior in young adults, too, and changed the drug's label to reflect that risk.

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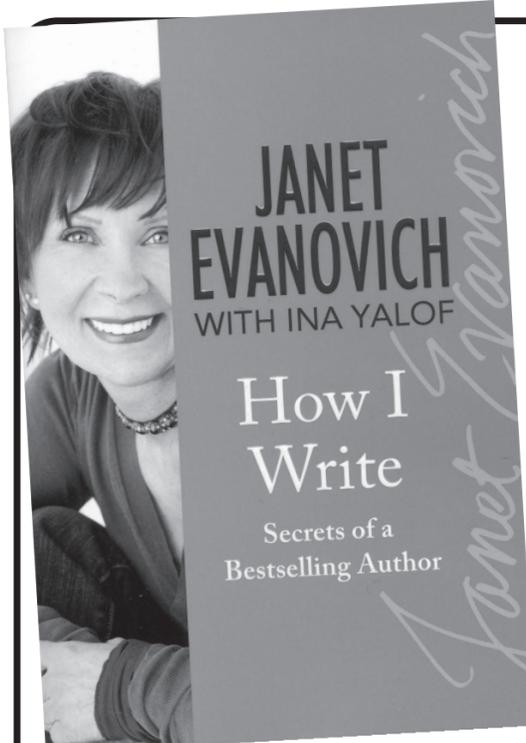


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EDITORIAL

Planned Parenthood's efforts move in right direction

Today, Planned Parenthood clinics across the country will hand out free packages of the emergency contraceptive Plan B to those over 18 who wish receive the pills. Iowa's 16 Planned Parenthood health centers are participating in this campaign to raise awareness about the so-called "morning-after pill," which the Food and Drug Administration gave over-the-counter status in August; teenagers 17 and younger still need a prescription.

Despite disagreement from various Right to Life groups across the nation, including the Iowa Right to Life Committee, which opposes Plan B's availability on the grounds it prevents an embryo from implanting in a woman's uterus if she has conceived, it is important for Planned Parenthood to let women know this method of birth control is accessible.

Since the Supreme Court's still-controversial decision in *Roe v. Wade*, in 1973, the issue of women's reproductive rights has been hotly debated. Those against a woman's right to choose or have access to birth control often cite religion and family values as reasons for their opposition; objections to Plan B are often rooted in these areas as well. What these people don't recognize is that Plan B can actually help reduce the need for abortions. If taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex, the two-pill dose can decrease the chance of an unwanted pregnancy by 89 percent — it is even more effective if taken within the first 24 hours. Plan B should not be confused with RU-486, commonly known as the abortion pill. Unlike this pill, Plan B can prevent pregnancy — and won't work if a woman is already pregnant.

Health concerns are also part of this debate. Plan B contains a larger dose of the hormone levonorgestrel (a progestin), an ingredient in many birth-control pills. The World Health Organization has warned that excessive use of this hormone may lead to a "higher percentage of ectopic pregnancies among emergency contraceptive pill failure cases than

among a normal pregnant population." An ectopic pregnancy results when a fertilized egg implants outside the uterus, usually in the fallopian tubes. Severe bleeding can occur if the fetus continues to grow.

For this and other health reasons, Planned Parenthood will counsel those younger than 18 about birth-control options and caution against using Plan B as a primary form of pregnancy protection. Women will be required to read information about Plan B and its risks so that they can make an educated decision about the contraception method. Planned Parenthood is approaching this issue responsibly and encouraging women to do the same.

FDA regulations also permit distribution of the pills to men. Concern has arisen that this is irresponsible, because a man could use Plan B to hide an unwanted pregnancy or force a woman to take the pills after unprotected sex. To avoid this misuse of the pills, Planned Parenthood and other distributors must be vigilant about who purchases the contraceptive and create a database to track who is buying Plan B in excessive amounts.

Plan B is now available without a prescription at the UI Student Health Service, and it, like the health center at Iowa State University, will sell the pills to men. However, men who purchase Plan B from Student Health's Westlawn pharmacy will be counseled specifically on the use of the drug because, clearly, they are not the primary users. The University of Northern Iowa's student-health center is waiting to use up the prescription form of the pills, but the nonprescription form will later be available.

Planned Parenthood is taking a step in the right direction to raise awareness about Plan B's availability, and the organization's efforts should be applauded.

Rule of norms

In the anarchic realm of world politics, it often seems as though states must choose whether to employ moral policies, such as demanding respect for human rights, for example, or whether to follow more pragmatic policies that directly advance their own interests. It is not surprising that states choose the latter, given the dire consequences of neglecting vital interests, such as national security and economic well-being.

This question is especially relevant today, given the nature of U.S. foreign policy. I've argued many times before that reckless pursuit of regime change is not in the interests of the United States. However, I would like to spend some time exploring how the maintenance of democratic norms can produce a more peaceful world.

The choices in policy may not present diametrically opposed outcomes. In some cases, following norms of behaviors, such as nonviolent conflict resolution and respect for the rule of law, for example, may actually be in the interests of states. A historical example comes from the expansion of the European Union.

In order to fully and adequately understand the consequences of enlargement, it is necessary to analyze the motivations behind it. During the Cold War, the states of Eastern Europe lived under the rule of the repressive Soviet regime. The final crackup of the Soviet bloc, in 1989, created an identity crisis for both Western and Eastern European states. The structure of the international system had fundamentally changed, and its future was unknown.

Western leaders realized that their ideology had triumphed, but the victory would be short-lived if they did not fulfill their commitment to the East. Dissidents had fought for Western values and looked to those states after the fall of the Berlin Wall to provide an image as well as tangible assistance in creating new governments, institutions, and identities. Thus, the current enlargement of the European Union is ultimately due to underlying norms and values that were upheld by Western states during the Cold War and subsequently implemented by Eastern states in the post-Cold-War era.

In fact, the 1950s predecessor institution to the European Union, the European Coal and Steel Community, was founded on the idea that the member states would be more pacific towards each other if they had common security interests. Additionally, the notions of democracy and market economy were also incorporated into the identity of the community as a reflection not only of the existing conditions within the member states but also the need to counterbalance the belligerent tendencies of the Soviet Union.

The insistence that candidate states pursue democratic and economic liberalizing reforms is not just about a moral imperative. This is also the product of pragmatic policymaking. For example, one area of contention is commerce. There is a large financial weight that comes along with integration of new countries into an institution. Currently, it is not clear which current members will be responsible for the majority of the cost. This consideration leads to obvious areas of debate. Additionally, the new members are poorer than the existing members. This creates the possibility for interruptions in the market. When taken in sum, though, integration will ultimately enhance the overall economic strength if the candidate states are required to follow the same rules of economic exchange.

More generally speaking, the norms and rules of behavior that the strongest states in the world espouse will likely delineate the dominant mechanisms of action when nations interact. It is in the interest of both stronger and weaker states to encourage all actors to follow these norms, because negotiations are most productive when all sides have similar operating procedures.

In the world today, the strongest states are democracies. Partially due to the norms of democratic states, for example, the use of third-party mediation, democracies tend to not fight wars with each other. This is the part of the rationale behind the U.S. policy of encouraging democracy.

Although the path to actually realizing these pacific effects is tedious and often wrought with conflict along the way, there is evidence that, in the long run, this type of policy may be in both states' interests and the interest of individual humans. For this reason, it is imperative to thoughtfully analyze the possible courses of future action, despite apparent failure in Iraq. ■



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COMMENTARY

Sending the Right back to school

My wife spent a few years teaching in a mostly low-income elementary school. She found the perfect predictor of her students' performance. The kids with active parents did well, and the kids with disengaged parents did poorly.

The great bugaboo of education reform has always been the role of parents. But if a child's family determines his educational future, then there's not much point in trying to perfect the school environment. Or so it would seem.

A recent *New York Times Magazine* featured a fascinating article by Paul Tough on the conundrum of the education gap between rich and poor (and white and black). The bad news is that this gap is indeed deeply rooted and persistent styles, from a very young age. There is a stark difference between the way middle-class or professional parents raise their children and the way poor parents do. The former talk with their children far more, expose them to a broader range of vocabulary, and give them far more positive reinforcement. "The professional parents were giving their children an advantage with every word they spoke," Tough wrote, "and that advantage just kept building up."

The good news is that some schools have shown that they can compress this gap with an intensive and properly focused program. A small number of educators have figured out how to drill their students into appropriate behavior and learning. One of the biggest factors in their success seems to be quantity. The students arrive earlier in the day, stay later, and enjoy radically shorter summer vacations.

Now, here is where things get political. Conservatives see these success stories and draw from it the (essentially correct) lesson that it is possible to dramatically improve education for poor children. But, much like the neoconservative belief that people everywhere crave democracy, they take this basic truth as a point of departure into wild utopian flights of fancy.

Conservatives citing these success stories have made their motto "No Excuses" — as if it is only the pathetic failure of the education bureaucracy that is keeping every school from matching these achievements. President Bush's No Child Left Behind law set as its official goal the elimination of the achievement gap between rich and poor and white and black within a dozen years.

What the conservatives don't grasp is that the inner-city success stories are hard to replicate on a mass scale. These schools attract a small cadre of extremely bright and dedicated teachers, often willing to work 16-hour days.

You can find some teachers like that, but you can't find enough to staff every school in the nation — or even just the poorest ones.

There are two main problems with our pool of teaching talent. The first is that it's badly distributed. Schools are mostly funded locally, which means rich districts can easily afford to pay teachers more than poor ones. Tough cites a study of schools in Illinois that found the highest-quality teachers concentrated in the richest schools and the lowest-quality teachers concentrated in the poorest schools.

This is the unavoidable result of making schools raise most of their funding



locally. The only way to change this insane system would be to fund schools at the national level.

The second problem is that teachers, in general, are massively underpaid. Two generations ago, teaching was able to attract a lot of highly skilled women, because they were excluded from most professions on the basis of their sex. But as workplaces have opened up to women, schools have lost this vast pool of artificially underpaid talent.

If you want highly skilled teachers who work investment-banker hours, we have to pay them like — well, if not quite like investment bankers, then a lot more generously than we pay them now. This is the point most conservatives refuse to accept. They think you can supply the schools with dynamic, extremely hardworking teachers, while paying them a fraction of what they could earn elsewhere. They believe that market incentives apply to everything in the world, except the market for teachers.

Of course, you do have some teachers willing to make that enormous financial sacrifice. My wife is one of them. But you can't build a national education strategy around relying on the kindness of strangers.

This commentary by Jonathan Chait appeared in the *Los Angeles Times* on Tuesday.

ON THE SPOT

Do the Hawks deserve to go to the Alamo Bowl?



"I don't think they deserve to go to any bowl."

Matt Kline
UI freshman



"I don't know; probably not."

Deepika Kunapuli
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"Yeah, I think so."

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ARTS & CULTURE

COMMENTARY

Plowing through filmdom's babble-ground



ZACH SPITTLER

Here was my reaction, verbatim, to the *Blood Diamond* trailer the first time I saw it: AHAHAHA-HAHA! What the hell is this? Where is he supposed to be from? Hilarious. It's not that the movie looked all that terrible. It should have plenty of guns and explosions and killing — you know, everything that makes American action films “great.” What really got my goat — and shot it in

the head, blew it up, and smothered its remains with a napalm flamethrower — was Leonardo DiCaprio's absolutely terrible accent. He's supposed to be from South Africa, which apparently gives him the right to make some words sound British, others American, and others Texan — yes, it is another country. (Just wait until the Alamo Bowl; you'll find that out, too.) So, in mid-sentence, he'll switch among all three dialects. “That diamond is my ticket out of this godforsaken continent” is a good example. “Diamond” and “my” sound Southern. The rest sound like something that resembles British English, especially when he overemphasizes the consonants in the word “continent,” as clearly every right and good British speaker in the world has

ever done. Did I hear some Canadian in there, too? It's hard to tell. Here's another fun Leo quote from the trailer: “Now in America, it's ‘bling bling,’ but out here, it's ‘bling blang.’” Again, in the “now in America” part, he sounds like he could have come straight from the panhandle. He also throws in a Southern “out” into the mix of the heavily American-sounding British sentence. Isn't Leo DiCaprio supposed to be a good actor? And, yes, part of being a good actor includes acting like you're from another country — and sounding like it convincingly. Nicole Kidman does it quite well. So does Hugh Jackman. In fact, I didn't know he wasn't from America until quite a while after he hit it big. Though he did let a couple

of words come out Australian-ly in the romantic comedy *Someone Like You* — not that I've ever seen that ... like 10 times. And I certainly don't own it. Fellow Aussie Julian McMahon's character on the FX series “Nip/Tuck” lets out an un-American inflection once in a while. He may be Christian f*ckin' Troy, but, at times, he sounds like Paul f*ckin' Hogan. You know, maybe it's more of an American problem. Both of those previous examples speak in something highly resembling the old King's tongue. Tom Hanks, while his performance as an Eastern European in *The Terminal* was quite convincing, was hilariously terrible with a New York accent. When he asked, “How did you pass the bah exam,” I lost it.

Hmm ... come to think of it, DiCaprio was in that movie, too. Coincidence? The plot thickens when you realize that DiCaprio was also on the set for *The Aviator* with Cate Blanchett, when she turned American English into a jumbled mix of bird noises and animal callings. Maybe it's DiCaprio who's spreading the “I'm screwed if I'm not playing a character from my hometown of Duluth, Minn.” disease. It's also worth it to note that Natalie Portman's attempt at a British accent in *V for Vendetta* came just short of ruining the whole movie. You know — why didn't filmmakers just pick Keira Knightley instead for that one? The two are basically the same person, anyway. Ok, so bottom line here —

the butchery of various English dialects in American movies needs to stop. We're facing an earth-shattering problem here. How am I, the consumer, supposed to get any enjoyment whatsoever out of a movie in which a supposedly British person sounds American — or the other way around? Or if a South African character sounds American, British, Canadian, French, Polish, Bosnian, Texan, Brazilian, and Melanesian, all in one statement? Simple: I won't. I don't care how many explosions or make-out scenes or gunshots that movie may have — you can't cover up a film's bad acting with effects — not even if you're the self-proclaimed “King of the World.” E-mail D/ reporter Zach Spittler at: zachary-spittler@uiowa.edu

The doctor of dreams is in the house

BY BRIANNA RUNYAN
THE DAILY IOWAN

The doctor's in town. She isn't here to diagnose your stuffy nose or to examine a bum leg injured when you fell off your loft. She doesn't need a Ph.D. to do what she can for you, either. She's here to inspect your dreams. “It's like looking at the world through a stethoscope,” said Anne Scott, the founder of the DreamWeather Foundation. Scott, an avid believer in the importance of dreams, has been working with the meaning of subconscious visions since she was in her 30s. This weekend, she will bring her expertise to Iowa City. Friday, she will host the lecture “The Power of Dreaming,” from 7 to 9 p.m., and on Saturday, she will present “Love Calls — A Workshop for Women” from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Sacred Space Community Meditation Center, 505 E. Washington St. The 56-year-old native of Hawaii is in the business of helping women understand that their dreams are a tremendous source of guidance. “Dreams come from the deepest part of us,” she said. “It's all we have, men and women, alike.” Men and women both share a curiosity about what their dreams mean, Scott said. “People from all over the

world send us dreams,” she said. “They say, ‘I had this dream, but am I crazy?’” Scott delved into the world of spiritual dream interpretation after a camping trip. After questioning what she was on Earth for, she had a dream that showed her the Earth as a jewel filled with brutality. A voice told her that a feminine touch could cure this. “It was a dream that changed my life — a dream of love,” she said. From then on, she knew what her purpose was in life and now trusts every dream she has to have some deeper meaning. “Dreams guided my life in ways that I could have never figured out with my own mind,” she said. Scott founded the DreamWeather organization in 2001, a nonprofit institution that provides followers a “link to feminine spirituality.” “The intention behind DreamWeather was to support women in a very practical way — to help them access their own feminine wisdom,” she said. She and her associates, however, don't direct troubled women to authority figures or churches to find this wisdom. The real wisdom, Scott said, is inside one's self, and it is demonstrated through the subconscious of one's nightly dreams. Dreams are meant to be looked

at figuratively, and everything in them is a symbol, she said. One of the most common visions she runs across is a dream in which women are prompted to stop hiding who they really are. The dream is centered on finding a precious jewel or pearl necklace, something women usually “keep hidden or wrapped up.” “Really, this is the true nature of a woman, and in the dream, it's clear we don't hide that anymore,” Scott said. “The way in which we live can be changed.” UI psychology Professor Alan Christensen believes that dreams can contain symbols such as these, but he hasn't heard of Scott nor did he cite knowledge about dream work — and neither did a half-dozen others in the psychology department. “I think dreams are complex things, and there are a multitude of things that can influence them, such as things going on in a person's life,” said Christensen, who received a Ph.D. from the University of Utah in 1993. However, he said, other things can influence a dream, such as one's internal state or environment. He posed a scenario in which one could have a dream about being in a cold place and wake to realize he or she had merely left the window open. Scott's ideas still appeal to a certain core of spiritual seekers. The author of two (and soon to be

three) books has also ardently followed Naqshbandi Sufi since 1987, a practice dedicated to “uncovering the love” in every person hidden away by egos and false impressions of the world. She also puts stock in the work of “oneness.” According to the well-traveled journalist, Western culture has separated groups according to masculinity and femininity, east and west, and many other dividing aspects for centuries, which has caused a great imbalance in society. However, she says, times are changing. “There's an emerging understanding that we really are one — what we do affects people elsewhere,” she said. “If we can open our understanding, we see that life is a unified whole, a oneness. Really, it's a part of a new era.” E-mail D/ reporter Brianna Runyan at: brianna-runyan@uiowa.edu



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Anne Scott will host a lecture and workshop Friday and Saturday to introduce her theories on dream work and to help women open up the door to their feminine spirituality.

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Israel: Video shows Hezbollah using civilians

After bearing the brunt of international criticism, an Israeli tape shows the militant group putting innocents in harm's way

BY AMY TEIBEL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — An Israeli think tank with strong links to the military released videos and testimony Tuesday it said proved Hezbollah guerrillas used civilians as human shields during last summer's war in Lebanon.

The report's authors hoped to challenge allegations that Israel committed war crimes when it attacked residential areas during the war.

Although no formal war-crimes charges have been filed against either side, Israel has taken the brunt of international criticism. The country is especially sensitive about the possibility of legal action because of previous lawsuits and indictments abroad against Israeli leaders and military officers.

The 300-page report, compiled by a military-intelligence expert who has an office in the Defense Ministry, argues that Lebanese government and media reports of the number of civilians killed in Lebanon were exaggerated.

The 34-day fighting left more than 1,000 people dead on both sides, according to the U.N. and Israeli and Lebanese officials. Lebanon's Higher Relief Council, a government group, says the majority of those were Lebanese civilians. UNICEF also says most of those killed were civilians and that about a third of them were children.

Of the total deaths, 159 were in Israel, including 39 soldiers.

Israel claimed 800 Hezbollah fighters were killed, but that figure was not substantiated, with the group only acknowledging 70 of its fighters killed.

Israel says its attacks against Hezbollah targets in populated areas did not violate international law.

The report, first released to the *New York Times*, said Hezbollah operated from civilian areas to deter the Israeli military and gain a propaganda advantage if an Israeli counterattack caused civilian casualties. Guerrillas stashed weapons in hundreds of homes and mosques, had missile transports closely follow ambulances, and fired rockets from positions near U.N. monitoring posts, the report said.

Much of the material was released earlier, but some was recently declassified, including interviews with Hezbollah prisoners and aerial photographs showing the Hezbollah buildup in civilian areas.

One video included in the report showed what it identified as a captive Hezbollah guerrilla telling interrogators how the militia rented houses in residential areas to secretly store missiles.

"Even the owner of the house, he knows he's giving [the building] to Hezbollah. They rent it, for instance, but it's not possible for him to know what's in it," said the man, identified as 30-year-old Maher Hassan Mahmoud Kourani.

A Hezbollah official dismissed the Israeli report as "totally untrue," saying it was part of "a campaign to vilify Hezbollah and justify the unjustified Israeli massacres in Lebanon."

"These allegations are part of Israeli propaganda aimed at protecting Israel's generals and officials who face accusations of committing massacres against Lebanese civilians during the summer war," Hussein Rahhal, Hezbollah's media chief, told the Associated Press in Lebanon.

Amnesty International said the report did not contain many new allegations.

"In terms of the fact that Hezbollah had weapons, tunnels, militia facilities in villages, no one disputes it. Hezbollah does not dispute it,"

Positioning a launcher and firing rockets from the vicinity of residential buildings (aerial photographs)

THE ROCKET



An aerial photograph of a rocket launcher (marked with a circle). Firing is carried out from a launcher between two buildings in the village of Sadiqin. The smoke from the launch and the rocket itself are also visible in the photograph (August 7, 2006).



An aerial photograph of a rocket launcher near a house in the village of Abbasiyeh, north of Tyre (August 11, 2006). The rocket launcher is situated at a distance of some 5 meters from the house.

Center for Special Studies/Associated Press

In this image released by the Center For Special Studies and the American Jewish Congress and taken from a report, aerial military photographs allegedly show Hezbollah rockets and launchers placed near civilian buildings during the war in Lebanon in August 2006.

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Dan Halutz and his predecessor, Lt. Gen. Moshe Yaalon, in connection with a 2002 air strike that killed a Hamas leader and 14 others, nine of them children.

said Claudio Cordone, a senior director of research at Amnesty.

Cordone called for an international inquiry.

The Israeli study was prepared by military intelligence expert Reuven Ehrlich, a retired lieutenant colonel who heads the Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center, a private think tank.

"I think it could offer a response to allegations of human rights organizations on why the Israel Defense Forces operated in civilian areas," he said.

Ehrlich's study, citing Israeli military intelligence, disputes Lebanese and media accounts of civilian casualties, stating that at least 450 and as many as 650 of the Lebanese killed were Hezbollah operatives.

Three chapters in the report addressing the war crimes issue were prepared by the Israeli military's legal department, in conjunction with Foreign Ministry lawyers, the report said.

Experience has prepared Israel for the possibility of such charges.

In 2001, then-Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was tried in absentia in Belgium, though not convicted, in connection with a 1982 massacre in Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut.

Critics who have accused Israel of war crimes in Palestinian territories have sought to arrest Israeli military officers overseas, and some have only narrowly escaped incarceration.

Since 2000, several European countries, including Britain and Belgium, have given war-crimes cases "momentum across the continent," Human Rights Watch said in a recent report.

Complaints have been filed against military chief Lt. Gen.



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Minnesota 3, Chicago 2	Seattle 102, Atlanta 87
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Q: Prior to 1981, Hayden Fry's third season as coach, how many consecutive non-winning seasons did the Hawkeyes have?

Answer on page 2B

HAWKEYE BLOGGING



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GRAD RATES

Iowa 9th in grad rate

The Iowa football program ranks ninth among 64 bowl-bound schools with a 72 percent graduation rate for its players who receive financial assistance, the university announced Tuesday. The rate is second among the Big Ten's six bowl teams. The Hawkeyes follow only Penn State, which placed third nationally by graduating 83 percent of its football players.

The NCAA announced graduation rates Monday for the 64 teams, and despite Iowa's troubles on the field late this past season, the program can be proud of its classroom grades.

Iowa's graduation rate for all students is 66 percent, according to the NCAA. The percentages are based on the number of students who entered college in the fall of 1999. Under NCAA rules, graduates are counted as those who earn a degree within six years of enrolling in school. Outbound transfer students, regardless of whether they earn a degree elsewhere, count as a non-graduate.

Boston College topped the list, graduating 92 percent of scholarship football players. The Eagles were followed by Nebraska. Among the bottom-feeders were New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kentucky, and San Jose State, which graduated fewer than 30 percent of their players. San Jose State was last, with a 20 percent rate.

— by Nathan Cooper

TENNIS

Men's tennis lands recruit

The Iowa men's tennis team landed a five-star recruit Tuesday, when Gentry Kaegi of Park Ridge, Ill., signed his national letter of intent to play for the Hawkeyes.

Head coach Steve Houghton said Kaegi has a good chance to play right away, even though the squad will graduate only one senior.

The senior from Maine South High School is ranked 87th in the country by tennisrecruiting.net.

"He moves well, and he's got a big forehand from the baseline," Houghton said. "He has an average to above-average serve, and around the net, he's got really good hands."

Kaegi said the new-this-year Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Facility was one of his deciding factors — other schools in the running included Wisconsin and Purdue.

"The same guy visits a year ago, I'm not sure we'd get him," Houghton said. "He talked about feeling comfortable here, and he canceled some visits with other schools after he visited Iowa."

The recruit looks forward to attending Iowa in the fall. "I love the campus, and I like everyone on the team," Kaegi said.

— by Bobby Loesch

IOWA 55, NORTHERN IOWA 57

HAWKS COLLAPSE; STREAKS END



Tim Speciale/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Tony Freeman grabs a loose ball from Northern Iowa's Jordan Eglseider on Tuesday in Carver-Hawkeye. Freeman's 11 points couldn't save the Hawkeyes, who fell to the Panthers for the first time in Iowa City, 57-55.

Northern Iowa ends Iowa's home winning streak with a dramatic finish



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BY JASON BRUMMOND
THE DAILY IOWAN

Northern Iowa won in Iowa City for the first time in 21 tries, ending Iowa's 21-game home winning streak with a 57-55 comeback victory in front of 11,047 fans at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Iowa led by as many as 13 points with fewer than seven minutes remaining, but the Hawkeyes collapsed in the final five minutes with a bevy of unforced turnovers and poor shot selection. Northern Iowa's Travis Brown made the winning basket with 33.9 seconds left.

The Hawkeyes had two possessions to tie the game, including sophomore Tony Freeman's 3-point attempt that rimmed out at the buzzer — a look Iowa coach Steve Alford explained as his team running the designed play the wrong direction.

"They wanted it more," Freeman said. "It came down to a last-second shot, and we should have had the game in the basket from the jump."

With the game tied at 55-55 with 49.3 seconds remaining, Iowa doubled Eric Coleman on the block, but the forward found Brown across the lane for a lay-up.

After a Hawkeye time-out, Adam Haluska fended off a double team on the wing and passed to Seth Gorney on the baseline, but the center's open look and 13th shot of the game — a career-high — missed everything.

Panther senior Brooks McKowen, a 91 percent foul shooter, missed two free throws with 14.4 seconds left to give Iowa a second chance to force overtime or win with a 3. But Freeman's shot from the top of the key didn't fall.

Coleman led Northern Iowa with 21 points and 15 rebounds despite hitting just 6-of-16 field goals. He made nine free throws — two more than the Hawkeyes attempted — and grabbed six offensive rebounds in 37 minutes.

The 6-6, 240-pound junior scored eight points in the final 6:30, during Northern Iowa's run, connecting on all six attempts from the foul line. Coleman's one assist led to the winning basket.

"A year ago, he wouldn't have hung around mentally long enough to make

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UI student lands in BOWL-TICKET HELL

An error in the university's online ticket system has caused one student trouble in trying to get to San Antonio

BY NATHAN COOPER
THE DAILY IOWAN

A purchase for two tickets to the Dec. 30 Alamo Bowl went quite awry for one UI student Monday — because of an apparently isolated glitch in the UI online ticket-vendor, he's now missing more than \$1,000 from his account.

Clem Crazy Thunder, a UI senior and football season-ticket holder, attempted to purchase a pair of passes through hawkeyesports.com, but after he clicked the "check out" button, an error message appeared.

"It said the payment did not process," he said. "I did it again, and it said the same thing."

All indications from the Hawkeye ticket office and UI Information Technology Services is that the problem was isolated and unrelated to the earlier seating-chart snafu.

Crazy Thunder repeated the process eight times in total before trying to phone in his ticket order, but his bank card was rejected for lack of funds. He checked his bank statement and found that \$1,088 had been deleted from his account for 16 tickets at \$68 each.

But the Iowa ticket office has no record of the purchase, according to David Sandstrum, the Hawkeye athletics ticket manager.

"We never charged his card," Sandstrum said. "This was an isolated glitch that could happen anywhere when using a credit card."

But the bank statement showed eight separate purchases, Crazy Thunder said.

"The [transaction] was accepted," he said. "The system saw it as a legit transaction."

Sandstrum said the university and the bank are working together to resolve the matter and determine if a refund is necessary.

Until the matter is settled, Crazy Thunder is without \$1,200, including the two tickets he successfully purchased this week with a separate card. The lack of funds is forcing him to wait on reservations for accommodations and entertainment in San Antonio.

Sandstrum said Crazy Thunder's bank has told the school to release the purchase code to reinstate the money in Crazy Thunder's account, which is impossible, because the university doesn't have a record of the

SEE BOWL TICKETS PAGE 3B

The mark of Zoraa

Iowa freshman guard Zoraa Quoie made her Hawkeye debut Nov. 30, and she scored her first basket on Sunday against Samford. Quoie has been rehabbing from a second torn ACL.

BY BRENDAN STILES
THE DAILY IOWAN

Some athletes never get the opportunity to return to their respective sport when they tear an anterior cruciate ligament.

Before Iowa freshman guard Zoraa Quoie could make her Hawkeye debut on Nov. 30, against Iowa State, she had to recover from an ACL tear in her left knee.

For the second time in a year.

Quoie first tore a knee ligament in April 2005, but she managed to make it through her senior year of high school. But last March, the injury occurred again — the Woodbury, Minn., native was uncertain whether she would ever get back to the hardwood.

"It was very tough, very frustrating," she said. "I didn't know if I could come back from it. I was a little skeptical as to what I would be able to do."

Basketball is widespread among her family. Both of her parents played, as well as a few siblings.

While she didn't have the words to describe her love for the sport, Quoie knew what lured her in.

"We always played, always watched it," she said. "I was always surrounded by basketball, so, I guess, I just picked it up."

Certain qualities she presented intrigued coach Lisa Bluder on the recruiting trail.

"We recruited her because of her speed, her athleticism, and her jumping ability," the Hawkeye coach said. "Her defense is very, very good and was in high school."

"We were very happy to get someone like her, because we thought that would help us replace Crystal Smith."

After the second torn knee ligament, the then-prepster said she



Quoie guard

SEE QUOIE PAGE 3B

COMMENTARY

Carver bubble pops



DAN PARR

If Iowa ever had a hold on state supremacy in men's basketball, it was only by the thread of a tangled hoop's net.

Now it's been cut, slashed, and stashed away.

So has the third-longest home winning streak in the nation. Gone is the 21-game run when Iowa never allowed the Panthers to beat them on their homecourt.

But how was it only by two points?

Adam Haluska — who entered the game as the Big Ten's third-highest scorer at 18.5 per game — scored nine. Iowa didn't shoot a free throw in the first half and finished with just seven attempts by the final buzzer. Seth Gorney took shots from one step inside the 3-point line and did his best impression of Michael Jordan's fade-away jumper.

It was Gorney, not Haluska — last seen lassoed by Jared Josten — who took the second-to-last shot of the game and failed to draw iron.

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TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#1 UCLA	78	Cal State Fullerton	54
#9 LSU	64	#6 Texas A&M	52
#14 Arizona	72	Louisville	65
#17 Marquette	65	Delaware State	48
Washington State	77	#18 Gonzaga	67
#22 Oklahoma State	72	#21 Syracuse	68
#24 Xavier	68	Detroit	55
Men's Big Ten Scores			
Northern Iowa	57	Iowa	55
Purdue	78	Loyola Chicago	62
Alabama Birmingham	88	Minnesota	81
WOMEN			
#6 Tennessee	85	Tennessee-Martin	29
#20 New Mexico	76	Arizona	63
Minnesota	74	#25 Nebraska	65
Women's Big Ten Scores			
Illinois	80	Florida	57

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic				
W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	7	10	.412	—
New Jersey	7	10	.412	—
New York	7	13	.350	1½
Boston	5	11	.313	1½
Philadelphia	5	11	.313	1½
Southeast				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Orlando	14	5	.737	—
Atlanta	7	9	.438	5½
Washington	7	10	.412	6
Charlotte	5	12	.294	8
Central				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Detroit	11	7	.611	—
Cleveland	10	7	.588	½
Indiana	9	10	.474	2½
Chicago	8	10	.442	2½
Milwaukee	6	11	.353	4½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Dallas	13	5	.722	—
San Antonio	13	5	.722	—
Houston	12	5	.706	½
Oklahoma	8	8	.500	4
Memphis	4	13	.235	8½
Northwest				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Utah	15	4	.789	—
Denver	10	5	.667	3
Minnesota	7	9	.438	6½
Seattle	8	11	.421	7
Portland	7	12	.368	8
Pacific				
W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	12	5	.706	—
Phoenix	10	6	.625	1½
L.A. Clippers	9	8	.529	3
Golden State	9	10	.474	4
Sacramento	8	9	.471	4
Today's Games				
Dallas	92	New Jersey	75	
Portland	88	Detroit	85	
Houston	118	Golden State	90	
Phoenix	127	Sacramento	102	
Seattle	102	Atlanta	87	
L.A. Clippers	101	Miami	97	
Today's Games				
Orlando	at Indiana	6 p.m.		
Toronto	at Cleveland	6 p.m.		
San Antonio	at Charlotte	6 p.m.		
Memphis	at Boston	6:30 p.m.		
Washington	at New York	6:30 p.m.		
Portland	at Milwaukee	7 p.m.		
Houston	at Minnesota	7 p.m.		
Atlanta	at Denver	8 p.m.		
Philadelphia	at Chicago	8 p.m.		
New Orleans	at L.A. Lakers	9:30 p.m.		

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
N.Y. Islanders	14	10	3	31	81	75
New Jersey	14	9	2	30	62	66
N.Y. Rangers	13	10	4	30	88	87
Pittsburgh	11	11	4	26	77	83
Philadelphia	8	15	4	20	68	102

HAWKEYE SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Today**
- Men's and Women's track intrasquad meet, UI Recreation Building, 5:15 p.m.
- Thursday**
- Women's Basketball at UW Green Bay, 7 p.m.
 - Wrestling vs. Coe and North

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Northeast						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Buffalo	21	4	2	44	117	82
Montreal	15	8	3	33	80	74
Ottawa	15	12	1	31	100	75
Toronto	13	11	5	31	93	97
Boston	13	10	2	28	74	88
Southeast						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Atlanta	18	7	4	40	101	81
Carolina	15	11	3	34	70	59
Tampa Bay	13	13	2	28	86	91
Washington	11	9	6	28	79	89
Florida	9	15	5	23	72	98
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Nashville	17	6	3	37	91	72
Detroit	15	7	4	34	70	59
Chicago	10	12	3	23	62	76
Columbus	8	16	2	18	58	74
St. Louis	7	16	3	17	61	91
Northwest						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Edmonton	14	10	2	30	75	70
Minnesota	14	11	2	30	77	72
Calgary	13	10	7	28	69	57
Vancouver	13	14	1	27	59	73
Colorado	12	13	2	26	81	78
Pacific						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Anaheim	20	3	6	46	102	72
San Jose	20	8	0	40	85	59
Dallas	18	9	0	36	75	58
Los Angeles	10	15	4	24	81	99
Phoenix	10	15	0	20	66	94

Today's Games					
Florida	3	Pittsburgh	2		
Atlanta	5	Toronto	2		
Ottawa	4	N.Y. Islanders	2		
Buffalo	4	Tampa Bay	1		
Detroit	5	St. Louis	1		
Minnesota	3	Chicago	2		
SO	Columbus	3	Colorado	0	
Calgary	3	Carolina	0		
Today's Games					
Ottawa	at Washington	6 p.m.			
Montreal	at New Jersey	6:30 p.m.			
Phoenix	at Dallas	7:30 p.m.			
Carolina	at Edmonton	8:30 p.m.			
Nashville	at Anaheim	9 p.m.			

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
 BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Named Gary Allenson manager, Larry McCall pitching coach, Dallas Williams hitting coach, Mark Shires trainer, and Joseph Hogarty strength and conditioning coach for Norfolk of the IL.
 CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with INF-OF Pablo Ozuna on a one-year contract.
 CLEVELAND INDIANS—Named Scott Radinsky pitching coach and Dave Myers hitting coach for Buffalo of the IL.
 KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with C Jared Price, C Damaso Espino, RHP Devon Brazelton, RHP Roberto Giron, RHP Matt Wright, LHP Wayne Franklin, 1B Graham Koopce, RHP Barry Armitage, RHP Cody Smith, LHP Ed Yarnall, INF Luis Castillo, INF Justin Gemoll, INF Omar Pena, INF Mike Stodolka, RHP Leoncio Estralla, RHP Arthur Santos, RHP Martin Vargas, LHP Jason Cromer, C Cody Clark, OF Adam Greenberg and OF Onil Joseph on minor league contracts.
National League
 CHICAGO CUBS—Named Ryne Sandberg manager for Peoria of the Midwest League.
 COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with RHP LaTroy Hawkins on a one-year contract.
 LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Takashi Saito on a one-year contract.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
 NFL—Suspended New Orleans DT Hollis Thomas for four games for violating the league's steroid policy.
 BUFFALO BILLS—Placed LB Angelo Crowell on injured reserve. Signed LB Roy Manning.
 GREEN BAY PACKERS—Released WR Chris Francis. Claimed WR Carlyle Holiday on waivers from Arizona.

A good walk

BY ALEX JOHNSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

The DI continues its In The Spotlight this week with Iowa City native Zach Johnson, who recently concluded his professional golf season. He reveals to the one DI reporter he agreed could contact him, his cousin Alex Johnson, his biggest story of the year — it comes off the greens.

DI: What was your favorite part about the year?

Johnson: It'd certainly be the Ryder Cup experience, both from a professional standpoint and a social standpoint for [my wife] Kim and I. A lot of those players were friends of ours already, and some really weren't. Now, I think they're better friends. ... From a professional aspect, it was nice knowing I belonged out there ... and not only to compete but be a force and a competitor in that sort of arena.

DI: What's it like doing that day-in, day-out grind throughout the season?

Johnson: I'm pretty much living in either a hotel or our 45-foot bus [a souped-up RV]. And I've got my wife, my best friend to travel with me. ... It's all I really know, and I love being on the rounds seeing different places ... I think in my profession, going home almost feels like a vacation. It's nice having time off and regenerating and refreshing your battery.

DI: What's your favorite course or tournament on tour?

Johnson: My favorite golf course would be Muirfield in Columbus, Ohio. That golf course is pretty awesome. I've always liked playing there. John Deere, also, because it's kind of in our backyard, so to speak. ... I enjoy coming home and seeing friends and family.

I like the majors just because they're more difficult — the attention and the focus around them by the media and the players — it only happens four times a year, so it's kind of cool.

DI: What do people misunderstand the most about the PGA?

Johnson: Everybody feels it's a lot more glamorous than what it really is. ... It's very much a job. I love the game of golf. I love the competition of myself versus the golf course, but it's also a grind — whether

it's a practice round, pro-am day, or a tournament round — there's just days I don't want to go. But it's my job. It's what I do, and it's become that. I think you've got to keep that perspective.

At the same time, you've got to understand that you're fortunate to be able to play a sport for a living. ... It's not just always that person having the success — there's a team of people behind you that's really helped you get there. It could be your instructors, corporate sponsors, your trainer, your mental coach, or your wife and family.

DI: Of anybody you've met on tour, whose personality surprised you the most?

Johnson: Every one of the guys out there, even the big name guys are just normal guys. ... You can just look at Tiger. You can see that he's just a normal guy — he likes to do normal stuff. He doesn't have a normal life, far from it. ... I think with what he has to deal with, heeek-in, weeek-out, I think he does a great job, and, frankly, I would never want to sit in that position. ... He's a very normal guy but a very, very, very driven golfer.

DI: As an Iowa boy and an Iowa fan, what do you think of the '06 year?

Johnson: The 2005-06 basketball, I think, certainly had a lot of highlights, winning the Big Ten Tournament and getting a three-seed in the NCAA Tournament. ... I think you kind of look at what those seniors did, especially not losing a game at home. That's pretty impressive in the Big Ten.

Football this year, it's one of those years where things didn't go their way. ... I think they'll play well in their bowl game this year and have a lot better season next year.

DI: What's the biggest thing that happened in the last 12 months for you outside of golf?

Johnson: It would certainly be the pending arrival of our first child. ... His name is Alex Johnson. No, I'm just kidding. It's David William Johnson, which is my dad's name, and he will be called Will.



Johnson golfer

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Despite wins, Perry still hungry

BY IAN SMITH
THE DAILY IOWAN

Beating Travis Paulson — the No. 4 ranked wrestler in the country — isn't good enough.

Neither is a thrilling overtime win in front of a raucous Carver-Hawkeye Arena crowd.

The only thing that satisfies Hawkeye Mark Perry is domination.

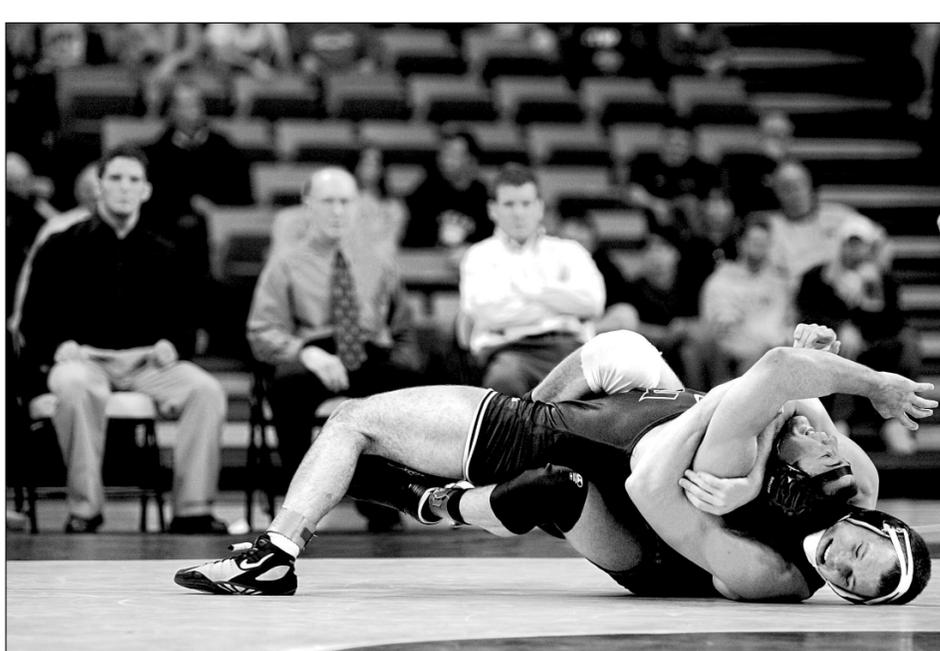
"He's a perfectionist," Iowa head coach Tom Brands said. "We can always find fault in the way we perform. It's probably what keeps us going — it's our edge."

After the Hawkeyes commanding, 24-6 victory over then-No. 4 Iowa State on Sunday, the Stillwater, Okla., native couldn't help but find faults in his come from behind win. His meet-opening take-downs set the tone for the rest of the night, but immediately afterwards, he called his performance an "embarrassment."

Two days and plenty of film review later, he gave himself a little more credit.

"After watching the tape, that's not how I wanted to wrestle, but I pretty much created all the action throughout the match," the 165-pounder said. "I pushed the pace to get back in the match, and he didn't do too much to separate himself."

The battle with Paulson marked the fourth time Perry's tangled with a wrestler ranked in the top 10 since Nov. 20. In the season opening NWCA All-Star Duel in Dallas, Perry fell to defending NCAA champion and No. 1-ranked Johnny Hendricks. Since the loss, he's reeled off victories against No. 5 Nick Baima, No. 9 Patrick Pitsch,



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Hawkeye Mark Perry earns a three-point near fall during his bout with Arizona State's Patrick Pitsch in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Nov. 25. Perry won, 8-4, and the Hawks won the meet, 39-3.

and No. 4 Paulson.

With a record of 3-1, the All-American hopes the experience pays off down the road, but he still critiqued his recent success.

"I haven't got a takedown in the first period in four matches in a row," Perry said. "That's something that just can't happen. If you want to win a national championship, you have to be able to get a takedown in the first period against a top guy."

One area of concern for the No. 2 ranked Perry is a gimpy knee that he's tweaked in each of the last three meets, including at the end of regulation

against Paulson. The Hawkeyes and the banged-up Perry will wrestle Thursday but afterwards get a much needed break, until the Dec. 29 Midland Championships.

"I think I'll be a lot more refreshed after these next two matches," he said. "I have to be ready for these next two opponents. Then I can get where I need to be, health-wise, for the Midlands."

Despite taking little joy in his victories, Perry's efficiency on the mat is sparking the Hawkeyes. His wins against three top-10 opponents are more than anyone on the squad, and his emotional

comeback against Paulson left even Brands impressed.

"More than anything — gutsy," the first-year coach said. "He's a unique individual in his confidence. Even after the match, he said, 'I knew I was going to win that match.' He just didn't know how. That's what you have to do at this level."

If the always-hungry Perry keeps "embarrassing" himself with wins over top-10 foes, he may finally find satisfaction with an NCAA title at the end of the season.

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Panthers bounce Hawks in late rally

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'I thought we did a lot of good things in the first 34 minutes. We just didn't finish.'

— Steve Alford, head coach

those plays," Northern Iowa coach Ben Jacobsen said. "He came through in the second half."

Freshman Tyler Smith led Iowa with 20 points. Freeman added 11 points, but Haluska, the team's leading scorer this season, was held to nine points three days after scoring a career-high against Coppin State.

The Panthers connected on 21-of-29 free throws; the Hawkeyes were whistled for 24 personal fouls. Iowa made just seven visits to the charity stripe.

"You're in your own building ... that one's a hard one to figure out," Alford said.

Iowa scored just two points in the first six minutes but took a 28-18 advantage into halftime on Smith's spinning jumper in the lane with five seconds left for its largest lead of the half.



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Iowa's Adam Haluska reacts after being whistled for his second foul in the first five minutes of the game between Iowa and Northern Iowa on Tuesday in Carver-Hawkeye. Haluska was held to nine points in Iowa's 57-55 loss.

Northern Iowa led 5-2 in the early going, as Iowa committed six personal fouls in the first five minutes. The Hawkeyes answered with a

19-7 run during a 13-minute stretch to gain control, holding the Panthers to less than 24 percent from the field.

"I thought we did a lot of

good things in the first 34 minutes," Alford said. "We just didn't finish."

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N. IOWA (7-1)

	FGs/FGA	FT/FTA	PTS
Stout	5-10	1-3	12
Coleman	6-16	9-11	21
Josten	1-4	4-4	6
Brown	3-7	0-0	7
McKowen	1-7	5-8	7
Jones	0-0	0-0	0
Ahelegbe	0-0	0-0	0
Viet	0-1	0-1	0
Koch	0-0	0-0	0
Eglseder	1-3	2-2	4
Totals	17-48	21-29	57

IOWA (4-5)

	FGs/FGA	FT/FTA	PTS
Smith	9-15	1-3	20
Tate	1-8	0-0	2
Looby	0-1	0-0	0
Haluska	3-10	2-2	9
Johnson	1-5	0-0	3
Angle	0-1	2-2	2
Freeman	4-9	0-0	11
Henderson	0-1	0-0	0
Gorney	4-13	0-0	8
Totals	22-63	5-7	55

Halftime—Iowa 28-18

3-Point Goals—N. Iowa 2-9 (Stout 1-2, Brown 1-3, Viet 0-1, McKowen 0-3), Iowa 6-14 (Freeman 3-5, Johnson 1-2, Haluska 1-3, Smith 1-3, Angle 0-1)

Fouled Out—Smith

Rebounds—N. Iowa 44 (Coleman 15), Iowa 34 (Gorney 9)

Assists—N. Iowa 10 (McKowen 7), Iowa 11 (Freeman 4)

Total Fouls—N. Iowa 14, Iowa 24.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Frosh battles knee injuries

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stayed confident because of the Iowa coaches. Quoiie said they were honest and still believed in her athletic ability. "They stuck with me through the tough times," she said. "They all just stayed with me, communicated with me, told me everything was going to be OK and that I could still play."

"Knowing that all my coaches and all my teammates were behind me, it made me work harder, knowing that I had that support."

Even though she had the same injury just a year before, she said the rehabilitation the second time around was much more demanding.

"When you rehab here in Iowa, it's totally different from just normal rehab that a normal person would have to do," Quoiie said. "It's twice as hard. It's every day. You got to work hard, just to come back. It's pretty tough."

After only playing the last five seconds of the first half



Bluder head coach

against the Cyclones last week, she placed a bigger impression on her coaches and teammates in the Hawkeyes' last outing against Samford on Sunday.

In that contest, she scored the first bucket of her collegiate career and finished with two steals and a rebound as well.

"The first basket you score at any level is always pretty cool, but I couldn't think about it too long, because I had to get back on defense," Quoiie said. "Most of the fans had never seen me play, so to hear them cheering for me was pretty nice."

Bluder admitted catching up would take time, because she missed out on numerous parts of the learning process freshmen normally go through, but the coach is confident about the spark her player can provide off the bench. Bluder added she hopes Quoiie can make some key defensive stops when needed.

"Once she understands offenses and defenses and where to be in the right place and the right time to be places, she's going to be a nice asset for us," Bluder said.

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COMMENTARY

Hawkeyes still searching

COMMENTARY

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Tony Freeman didn't have a problem finding the orange target; he rocked the rim with a last-second 3, which would have stopped the purple, gold, and white explosion from ever igniting in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. With a clank, though, Iowa's record fell to 4-5.

"Everybody wants to make the last-second shot," Freeman said. "I've definitely done that before, but this time I came up short."

"It hurts the most, because it came down to a shot like that, when we were winning the whole game."

He's right — Iowa led by 13 with six minutes left in the game. But we've all seen the program's susceptibility to late-game collapses,

whether against Northwestern, Northwestern State, or UNI.

Gorney, as well, complained of a pain no medication can heal.

"It hurts to lose," he said. "Right now, we're just going to have to get tougher with how we play to be able to keep teams from winning here."

Northern Iowa coach Ben Jacobsen attributed his team's offensive failures, which lasted for 34 of 40 minutes, to the Hawkeye defense. But the Panthers had no shortage of easy lay-ups and open shots — center Eric Coleman dominated late, despite making only 6 of 16 shots. Plenty of those misses would have been makes with a softer touch.

One happy landing to Tuesday's free fall would be

a win over Iowa State on Friday.

"We know Iowa State is a more athletic team, but as far as basketball IQ and savvy, UNI definitely has that," Freeman said. "This year, we've struggled against athletic teams and teams that know how to play. We just got to go out and play our game."

"When we go out and play our game, nobody can beat us."

There's just one problem. Does anybody have a clue what Iowa's game is?

For now, it seems like it's get the ball to Haluska or Tyler Smith — who scored a team-high 20 — and hope for the best.

In two days, for the sake of Hawkeye in-state hoops, the squad must figure out and execute whatever its game is.

"It's been a good haul in here, and now we've got to start a new streak," Alford said. "That's got to start Friday."

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Fans lands in mess

BOWL TICKETS
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tickets were purchased or paid for.

"We don't have a starting point for this other than 'this happened,'" the administrator added. "They need authorization codes, but we don't have the codes."

A spokesman for Crazy Thunder's bank said issues such as this are rare and are often resolved in a matter of hours. However, the episode has understandably put a damper on the trip for Crazy Thunder, who will trek south with the Hawkeyes to a bowl game for the third time.

Around 700 tickets remain for the contest with the Longhorns.

"I was so excited about it when I heard we're playing Texas," Crazy Thunder said. "It started off great, but I'm kind of down in the dumps with this."

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MLB

BoSox get Drew, Lugo

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — The Boston Red Sox brought in outfielder J.D. Drew to protect Manny Ramirez in the lineup.

Now they just have to decide whether to keep Ramirez where he is.

The Red Sox reached a preliminary agreement Tuesday with Drew on a contract that could bring him

\$70 million over the next five years. Although Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein stressed that Drew has not yet taken a physical, he told reporters that Drew is earmarked for the No. 5 spot in the batting order behind David Ortiz and Ramirez.

"With David and Manny, if they want to walk those guys, we want them to pay a steep price," manager

Terry Francona said.

Later Tuesday, the Red Sox reached a \$36 million, four-year agreement with shortstop Julio Lugo that was also pending a physical. Details of the agreement were provided to the Associated Press by a person involved in the negotiations who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the deal was not final.

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BY TONY GATZ
THE DAILY IOWAN

Football's holy grail is far from the grasp of average Joes, but what if armchair quarterbacks could still feel the same pride as those gridiron heroes that hoist the Super Bowl trophy?

For fantasy freaks, the dream has become a reality. For a cost, individuals can now purchase a championship ring, complete with customizable team and league name, as well as the year they captured the crown. The rings, only sold online, range in price from \$99-\$309, depending on the amount of detail and "bling."

In response to inquiries from proud fantasy champions to cast custom rings celebrating their hard work, Jostens decided to branch out from the usual classing routine and offer a product that Rich Stoebe, the director of communications, aims to allow fans to feel the same glory any champion basks in.

"The reason we did it was at the request of fans of fantasy football who in their own right have as much passion and enthusiasm for what they do as the players and coaches," he said.

This is the inaugural run for fantasy hockey, baseball, and basketball, and the third season the company has offered rings for fantasy football. Jostens has crafted 27 of the 40 Super Bowl rings, including those for last year's champion Pittsburgh Steelers and the three New England Patriot teams that won the big game thrice in four seasons.

Jostens officials couldn't provide local sales figures for the rings but



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Jostens is offering rings for fantasy football leagues in response to requests from die-hards. The rings can cost hundreds of dollars.

estimated evenly distributed demand in the area.

UI senior Leif Halvorson could be considered a fantasy purist. He crunches numbers each week playing in a league with his Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity brothers for bragging rights and the opportunity to exercise his knowledge of NFL history and statistics.

"Everybody can be a player, coach, or team owner," he said. "If you win a game in a fantasy league, it's because the people you thought would do well did. That feels good, because you know you made the team."

An avid reader of numerous fantasy-strategy magazines, he thinks the rings weaken the true foundations of why people play fantasy in the first place.

"A school ring shows your 12 years of hard work in the school system. A Super Bowl ring shows the blood, sweat, and tears you put into that," Halvorson said. "Fantasy is just a hobby, and I think they're trying to glorify it and bring it up here" — raising his hand — "when it's just a fun thing to do with your friends."

Stoebe said the fantasy division of Jostens is a small part of the company — and rather than make fantasy sports out to be something they are not, tries to answer the call of the intense market.

"[The goal is to] help fans express the enthusiasm they have for the sport," he said. "It's just fun to see how rabid those fans really are, so our only goal is to help them celebrate that fun."

While Halvorson prefers leagues consisting of friends who play for camaraderie, competition, and bragging rights to be the "big swinging dick of fantasy football," he mentions if a ring were awarded in a higher-stakes league, he would appreciate the honor a little more than someone buying a ring out of his own pocket.

"I think if you won that kind of ring, that would show how big the league was and how much money is involved and how serious it was," Halvorson said. "In those terms, I think it's fine, but if a person goes out and gets one, I think that's a bit unnecessary."

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HAWKEYE SPORTS

Track teams to hold intrasquads

The Iowa men's and women's track teams will compete in an intrasquad meet this evening at the Recreation Building.

The men return two All-Americans — Eric McTaggart in the 10,000 meters and Adam Hamilton in the hammer throw. The Hawkeyes also bring back school record-holders Ryan Niver in the heptathlon and Micah VanDenend in the 3,000 and 5,000 meters.

The women are led by last year's NCAA 400-meter indoor champion, Kineke Alexander. She finished second at the outdoor championships. Last season's All-American in the mile, Meghan Armstrong, and three-time All-American Peaches Roach will also compete for Iowa.

The Hawkeyes will open the indoor season at the Iowa Hawkeye Open on Jan. 13.

— by **Diane Hendrickson**

Goal-line stand could win some bucks

The Iowa football team's starting defenders already receive scholarships for their on-field efforts.

Now the students who buy tickets to their games can benefit financially, too.

The Hawkeyes' Sept. 9 goal-line stand against Syracuse, the winner of Pontiac's Game Changing Performance award that week, is eligible to earn the university an additional \$100,000 in scholarship money — it netted the school \$5,000 at the time.

For the next three weeks, football fans can vote for their favorite effort from the fall at pontiac.com/ncaa — the three lowest vote-receivers will be cut from consideration each week.

The winner is announced Jan. 8, 2007, at the BCS title game.

Iowa's nominee is an eight-play stand late in the contest against the Orangemen, which preserved a Hawkeye victory.

— by **Tyson Wirth**

Iraqi athletes overcome hurdle of war

BY BASSEM MROUE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DOHA, Qatar — Iraqi athletes are hardly bothered by old equipment or few places to train. There are more pressing worries — the fear of being killed or kidnapped.

In the face of such danger, Iraq ended a two-decade absence from the Asian Games. It sent 81 athletes to Doha, men and women exhibiting a will to carry on amid the chaos.

Ali Adnan Amir is at enough of a disadvantage, even without the constant peril. He is competing in the 100- and 200-meter backstroke. He is also all of 10 years old, the youngest swimmer in the competition at Doha.

Amir practices every day for about three hours after school, "but whenever there is a curfew, I can't go to train, so I wait for the next day" — or the day after that.

And he's considered lucky. Amir's home and nearby club are in Baghdad's Palestine Street, where the violence is not so great as in other parts of the city.

"We try to do proper training, despite all the hardship in Baghdad," said Mohammed Sarmad, who is Amir's coach.

National air pistol shooting champion Dhiyya Hassan had to stop practicing at his regular club and set up a range at his home.

Weightlifter Harem Ali, a Kurd from the northern city of Sulaimaniya, had to switch his training base from Baghdad to the south. He won a bronze medal in the 170-pound Monday, Iraq's first

medal of any kind at the Asian Games since it won five silver and two bronze in 1986, at Seoul, South Korea.

Hassan did not do well. He ranked 31st among 54 shooters, but neither he nor his coach were surprised.

"Before the war, I used to train at the club five times a week," the 44-year-old shooter said. "Now I train at home, where there is no real atmosphere."

Tens of thousands of people have died in Iraq since the U.S.-led invasion in 2003. Explosions, shootings, and shelling are daily occurrences.

"Any fair person who looks at Iraq knows that it is impossible for the athletes to train," team spokesman Imad Nasser said. "There aren't enough clubs, and there can't be reconstruction when there is war."

The Iraqi delegation arrived in Doha only two days before the opening ceremony because of a three-day curfew in Baghdad. It was imposed by the government after hundreds of people were killed Nov. 30 in a series of bombing attacks.

Iraq's soccer team was turned away from the 1990 Asian Games in Beijing, which started seven weeks after Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait. Kuwait's Sheik Fahd Al Sabah, the head of the Olympic Council of Asia, was killed in that invasion, and Iraq was suspended by the continental authorities. With Saddam deposed, Iraq has been welcomed back.

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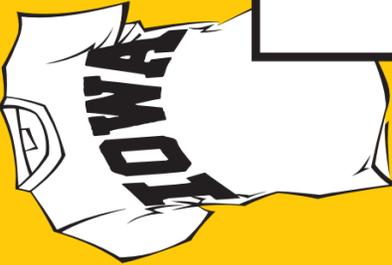


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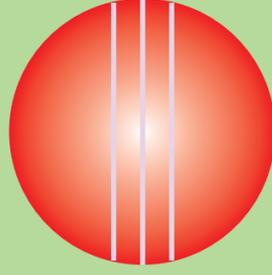
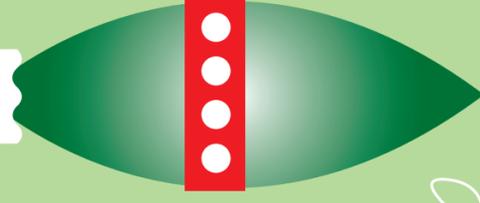
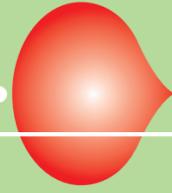
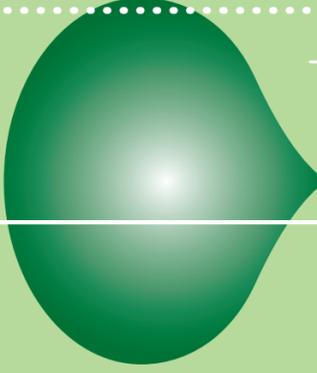
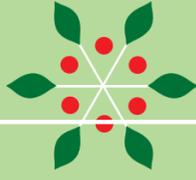
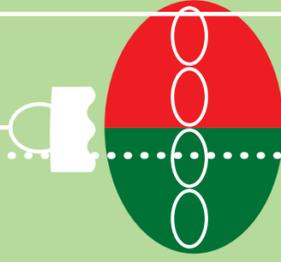
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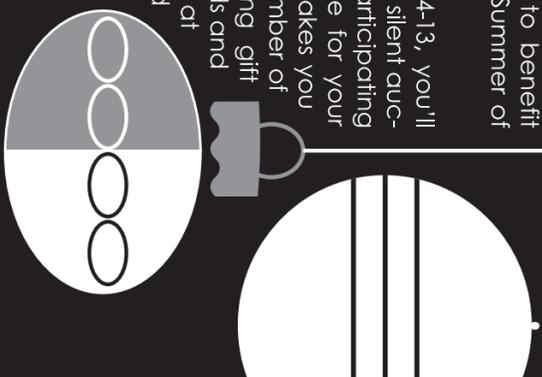
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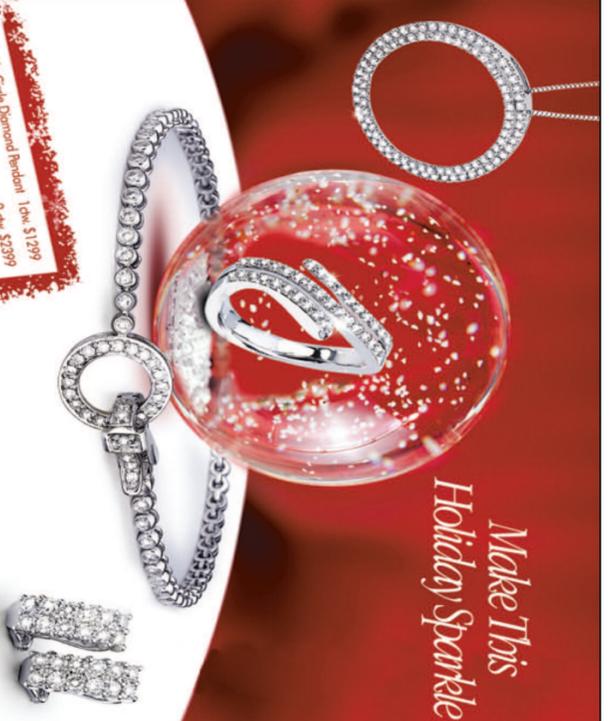
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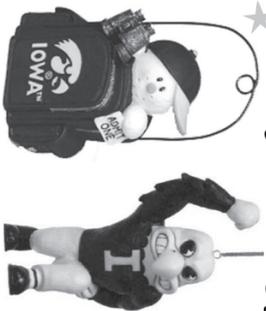
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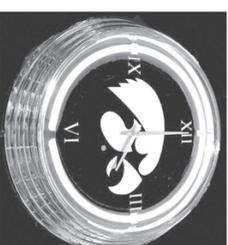
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 - 1 c. brown sugar
 - 1 1/2 c. flour
 - 1/2 tsp. salt
- Combine dates, soda, and water and let stand till cool. Add rest of ingredients to above three ingredients. Nuts best used are Brazil, pecan, walnut, and almond. Soup cans or loaf pans greased well may be used. Soup cans make great gifts. Fill soup cans only 2/3 full and bake at 250° about 1 hour or more on high oven rack. Bake loaf pan approximately 1-1/2 to 1-3/4 hours. Place a pan of water in oven on lower rack during baking-this results in a glazed surface. Delicious!

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Holiday Peanut Cake

- 1 1/2 c. brown sugar
 - 1/2 c. butter
 - 3 eggs
 - 1/2 c. milk
 - 2 c. flour (sifted)
 - 1 tsp. soda
 - 1 tsp. vanilla
 - Peanuts (grind about 2 lbs.)
- Beat together brown sugar, butter, and eggs. Sift flour and soda. Add alternately with milk. Add vanilla. Bake in large pan at 350°. Allow cake to cool thoroughly. Cut into small bars. Frost bars on all sides with confectioner's frosting. Roll in ground peanuts.



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| 2 T. flour | 2 tsp. chili powder |
| Soda crackers | 1 tsp. salt |
| 1/4 lb. cheese | 2 T. vinegar |

Cook onion and garlic in oil. Remove garlic, add ground beef. Stir and cook until meat loses color. Sprinkle flour in and stir. Add all remaining ingredients except crackers and cheese. Simmer for 20 minutes. Butter large casserole, line bottom and sides with crackers. Pour in half of meat mix, cover with half of cheese. Add a layer of crackers and top with remaining meat mixture. Cover with remaining cheese. Bake at 350° for about 45 minutes. Serves 8.

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| 3 cups bisquick mix | 1 tablespoon sugar |
| 1-1/4 cups shredded cheddar cheese (5 oz.) | 3/4 teaspoon dried dill weed |
| 3/4 cup milk | 3/4 teaspoon ground mustard |
| 1/2 cup sour cream | 1 egg |
1. Heat oven to 350°F. Generously grease loaf pan, 9x5x3 inches.
 2. Stir together all ingredients just until moistened. Pour into pan.
 3. Bake 45 to 50 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 5 minutes. Loosen sides of loaf from pan; remove from pan and place top side up on wire rack. Cool completely; about 2 hours, before slicing. Wrap tightly and store at room temperature up to 4 days, or refrigerate up to 10 days.

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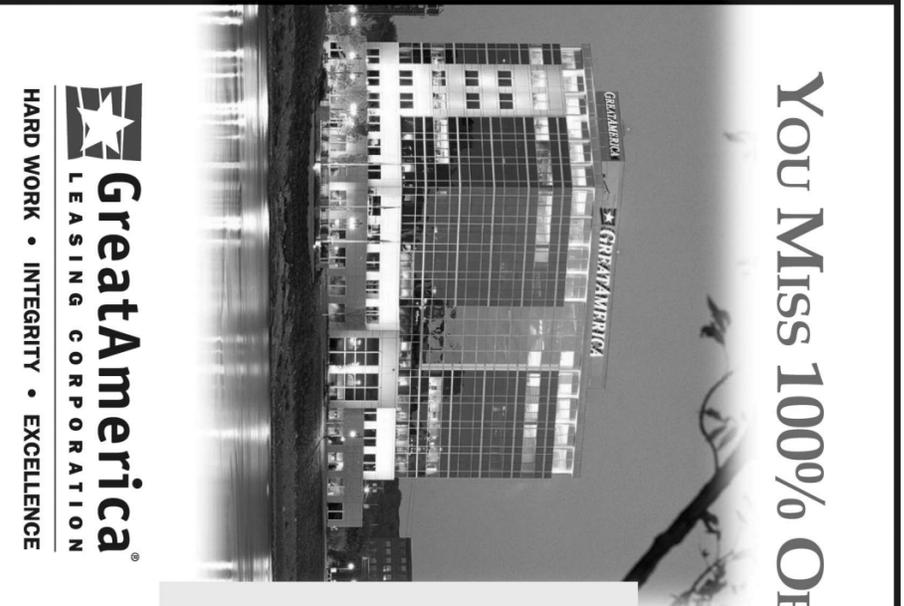
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❖ MEAT ❖

Meat Loaf with Mushroom Stuffing

- 2 cans (3 oz.) sliced mushrooms
- 1/2 c. onion (minced)
- 1/4 c. butter
- 4 c. fresh soft bread crumbs
- 1/4 tsp. thyme
- 2 1/2 lb. ground beef (chuck)
- 2 eggs (slightly beaten)
- 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- Dash of Ac'cent
- 1/4 c. parsley (minced)
- 1/3 c. catsup
- 1/3 c. mushroom broth

Drain mushrooms, reserve broth. Sauté mushrooms and onion in butter until onion is transparent. Combine with bread crumbs, thyme, and parsley. Lightly mix together ground chuck, eggs, salt, pepper, Ac'cent, catsup, and mushroom broth. Pack 1/2 meat mixture in large loaf pan. Pack stuffing on top, then rest of meat mixture. Bake at 375° for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Let stand 15 minutes to drain juices. Turn onto serving plate. To dress up this recipe, place sliced mushrooms over top before cooking. Good!

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❖ BREADS ❖

Festive Cherry Bread

- 1 c. sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 jar (8 oz.) maraschino cherries
- 1/2 c. flaked coconut
- 3/4 c. nuts (chopped)
- 1 1/2 c. all-purpose flour (sifted)
- 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt

Beat eggs and sugar together. Dice cherries and reserve cherry juice. Add cherries, coconut, and nuts to the egg and sugar mixture. Combine flour, baking powder, and salt. Add flour mixture and cherry juice alternately to the egg mixture. Pour into greased 8-1/2x4 1/2x2-1/2 inch loaf pan. Bake in 350° oven for 1 hour.

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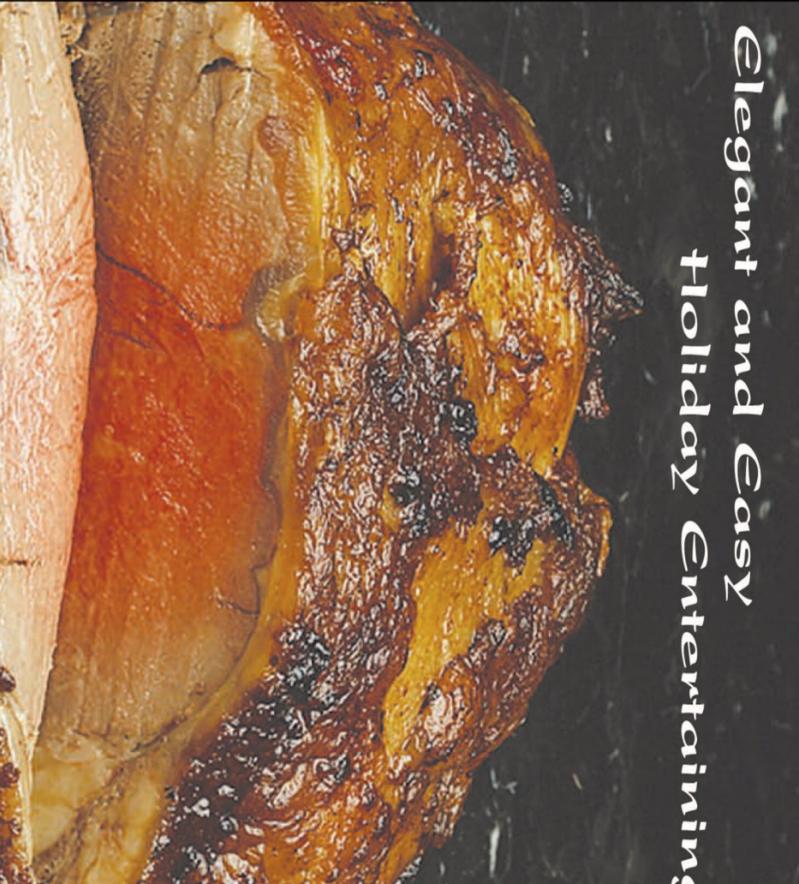
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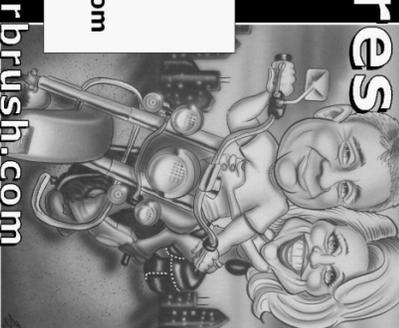
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