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## UI PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

# Regents to start search all over again



BY DANNY VALENTINE  
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI faculty, staff, and student leaders will once again pursue votes of no-confidence in the leadership of the state Board of Regents after the regents decided on Thursday to restart the nearly \$200,000 search for a new UI president.

The move comes after one of the four finalists forwarded by the UI presidential-search committee, who was the only one of the quartet to receive support from the majority of regents, declined to take the position.

"This entire fiasco has to be laid at the feet of the leadership of the Board of Regents,"

*UI student, staff, and faculty groups will once again look into no-confidence votes*

UI Senate Faculty Senate President Sheldon Kurtz said on Thursday. "It is not surprising that a candidate would be unwilling to come to our university, given that leadership."

He had asked the faculty earlier this week to keep Dec. 12 open for a potential emergency meeting regarding the UI presidency, which former President David Skorton

vacated earlier this year to take the top job at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

Members of the now-dissolved search committee concurred with Kurtz' sentiment

about the regents, which governs the UI and other state institutions.

"This is why a change in the board leadership is essential," said Katherine Tachau, a former vice-chairwoman of the search committee.

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## Iowa lags in state aid

BY BRYCE BAUER  
THE DAILY IOWAN

When students from Iowa's public colleges and universities apply for student aid, they probably shouldn't expect much help from the state.

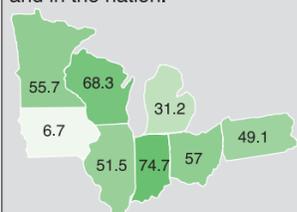
During the 2004-05 year, only 6.7 percent of Iowa's nearly \$51 million in need-based aid went to students attending Iowa's public universities, according to an annual survey by the National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs, a conglomeration of state financial-aid agencies.

That percentage puts Iowa last out among the 47 U.S. states who publish such data. The District of Columbia and Puerto Rico also gave a greater percentage of aid to public university students, the study showed.

"Clearly, the state of Iowa stands out in the very low amount of state financial aid going to the state regent institutions," said Mark Warner, the UI's financial-aid director.

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**Financial Aid**  
At 6.7 percent, Iowa awards the least amount of state financial aid to students attending its public universities of all the states of the Big Ten and in the nation.



SOURCE: National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs  
Nelle Dunlap/The Daily Iowan

## STATE LEGISLATURE

# Minimum-wage increase delights many, worries some

*With the spending power of the national minimum wage the lowest it has been since 1990, politicians and advocates are calling for a boost*

BY MARGARET POE  
THE DAILY IOWAN

To afford a median-priced, two-bedroom apartment in Iowa City, a full-time worker has to earn at least \$12 an hour, said Crissy Canganelli, the executive director of Shelter House.

Yet in Johnson County, some 13,000 workers earn \$10 an hour or less, according to the Iowa Policy Project.

To advocates of increasing the minimum wage, these figures clearly demonstrate the pressing need for a wage hike in Iowa — especially in high-rent Iowa City.

"We need jobs that pay for housing costs," Canganelli said. "It's crucial. We would remove thousands of people off the streets in this country if the jobs they did paid for housing costs."

The issue is expected to surface early next year — the Democratic-controlled Congress and Iowa Legislature will convene in January. The most common proposal would jump the wage to \$7.25.

Minimum-wage proposals played a central role in many midterm election campaigns, and many Democratic legislators are declaring their continued commitment to the issue.

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Photo illustration by Wesley Cropp/The Daily Iowan

A minimum-wage increase will be one of the big topics come January, when the new Iowa Legislature and U.S. Congress convene. At present, there are 13,000 workers in Johnson County earning \$10 per hour or less; 6,500 earn \$7.25 or less.

## UI may ban all smoking

*A panel recommends the school prohibit even onstage smoking in artistic performances*

BY EMILEIGH BARNES  
THE DAILY IOWAN

A proposed plan to ban smoking at the UI may come to fruition, now that a committee has recommended a range of limitations that would eventually prohibit lighting up on all property owned by the university.

The UI's Smoking Policy Review Committee has forwarded a list of recommendations to UI interim President Gary Fethke that would, among other measures, make the school completely smoke-free by mid-2009.

The committee called for expanding the 25-foot ban outside university facility entrances to a policy that would mandate the 25-foot ban be imposed around the entire perimeter of all campus buildings, by July 2007. Two years after that rule is implemented, the entire campus should be made smoke-free, the committee suggested. Members also suggested ending smoking in onstage performances by July 2007 and in University Apartments by the fall of 2008, though smoking tobacco-free cigarettes may be permitted in theater productions.

Committee member and UI civil-environmental engineering Professor Wilfrid Nixon said the committee anticipated upset community members, regardless of the advice members gave to Fethke.

"I think it's pretty clear whatever we recommended, there would always be some people unhappy with it," he said, adding because it is such a polarizing issue, the committee couldn't set itself up to please the whole community.



Fethke  
UI interim president

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# With finals comes the computer crunch

BY BEN FORNELL  
THE DAILY IOWAN

As the semester's end approaches, the Main Library's computer lab is littered not only with coffee cups and notebooks, but scores of pajama-clad procrastinators searching for open computers.

The library hosts approximately 230 computer worksta-

tions and 73 laptops for students, but despite being the largest Instructional Technology Center on campus, it may be where many students are most feeling the squeeze.

"It's kind of hectic that you can't get a ... computer" at the Main Library, said UI senior Joe Noller. "I've come in here and waited 20 to 25 minutes for a computer. There are so many

people in here that I just bring my own."

But with students' computing fees ranging from \$215 to more than \$500 per semester — which totals at least \$1,600 over a four-year UI career — some are wondering why there aren't more workstations in the Main Library.

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## COMPUTING FEES

Student computing fees by major, over a four-year, full-time UI career\*

- Liberal arts, business undergraduates, dentistry, education, medicine, nursing, and graduate students will pay approximately \$1,720.
- Law students will pay approximately \$3,120.
- Pharmacy students will pay approximately \$3,904.
- Engineering students will pay approximately \$4,080.

\*based on fiscal 2006 student computing fees

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## THE DOMINATORS

The Hawkeye grapplers show two overmatched opponents what Iowa wrestling is all about. **1B**

## GUILTY IN OAKDALE ATTACK

An inmate now incarcerated in Fort Madison pleads guilty in the rape of a fellow inmate at Oakdale. **2A**

## IOWA, A PLACE TO WRITE

Pending the English department's approval, a new program in undergrad creative writing could move forward. **5A**

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# Inmate pleads guilty in rape

*Montrell Anderson could have two more years tacked onto the 25-year sentence he's already serving at the Iowa State Penitentiary in Fort Madison*

BY KELSEY BELTRAMEA  
THE DAILY IOWAN

An inmate has pleaded guilty to assault with intent to commit sex abuse in the rape of a fellow prisoner at the Iowa Medical and Classification Center in Oakdale.

Montrell Anderson, 29, was initially charged with second-degree sex abuse for threatening and abusing another man at the medium-security prison in January.

While the two were locked in a prison cell, Anderson threatened to kill the victim by stabbing him in the neck with a pen if he did not comply with the act, court records show. Anderson then allegedly forced the victim

remove some of his clothes and proceeded to rape him.

Anderson, who was initially committed to the Oakdale facility partly for an unrelated second-degree sex-abuse conviction, had been in the facility for 27 days prior to the incident involving the fellow prisoner. He had been sentenced to 25 years for the unrelated sex offense and first-degree burglary after a Black Hawk County jury found him guilty on both charges.

But after pleading guilty to the lesser charge of assault for the rape, Anderson avoided another 25 years in prison; he now faces an additional two years behind bars and \$5,000 in fines.

His victim, currently an inmate of the Newton Correction Facility, will be transported to Johnson County to deliver a statement during Anderson's Dec. 21 sentencing.

Since the rape, Anderson has been relocated to the Iowa State Penitentiary in Fort Madison — which is one of the possible punishments an administrative-law judge can impose should an inmate break prison rules, said Fred Scaletta, a spokesman for the state Department of Corrections.

He said other punishments could include segregating the individual and adding time that may have previously been reduced for good behavior.

He said Anderson's assault case is rare, because cell mates "generally get along," adding that conflicts can force officials to move people from one holding to another.

"If we have to, we do it," Scaletta said. "The last thing we want to do is put someone at risk."

That risk is taken immediately into account when inmates arrive at a correctional facility. Before placing the criminals in cells, officials evaluate the circumstances and nature of their offenses, as well as review each for mental-health issues and medical problems, Scaletta said.

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## DICEY



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UI students play roulette at Currier Hall on Thursday. The Associated Residence Halls, a student group, hosted a casino night in which students could sign up to volunteer for the UI Dance Marathon.

## METRO

### Officials propose bus-route changes

Iowa City Transit officials have proposed several changes to current bus routes because of low ridership on some routes that wind through the western part of town, officials said.

The changes include having the West Side/Hospital bus continue from the UI Hospitals and Clinics ramp 2 to downtown without pulling into the ramp, expanding the East Side Loop route to provide service to Chatham Oaks, and no longer having the East Side Express bus travel on Kenneth or Gustav Streets, according to city documents released Thursday.

The alterations are a result of low ridership on the West Side route because it does not continue to downtown Iowa City, officials said.

Transit officials are also proposing an increase from one three-quarter-time mass transit operator position to full-time in order to decrease shift lengths and allow employees to take breaks.

If the council approves the proposed changes, they will go into effect on Jan. 15, 2007.

— by Rene Panozzo

### Area man charged with sex abuse

An Oxford man who recently turned 18 years-old pleaded not guilty Thursday to three counts of sexually abusing a 9-year-old girl.

Royce Stephenson submitted the written pleas for each charge of second-degree sex abuse.

Police said both Stephenson and the victim made statements indicating that sex acts occurred on three separate dates during a week early last month. Court documents state that using his hand or fingers, Stephenson had "contact" with the girl's anus or vagina.

Because he was 17 at the time of the alleged incidents, Stephenson will be charged as an adult for the crimes.

The three felony charges could put him behind bars for a total of 75 years and land Stephenson on the Iowa Sex Offender Registry for the rest of his life.

— by Kelsey Beltramea

### Supervisors cool to annexation

Discussion at Thursday morning's Johnson County Board of Supervisors meeting brought forth controversy in an already heavily

debated topic: land annexation.

During the formal meeting, the supervisors decided that a North Liberty land annexation violates an agreement between the town and Johnson County on land use.

The county's planning and zoning office concluded that the proposed annexation did not meet requirements found in the existing fringe-area agreement. The North Liberty City Council started the annexation, which would make 206 acres of unincorporated property, seemingly in hopes of blocking a controversial pending annexation that would make 387 acres of farmland part of Coralville.

"[The annexation is] a deviation from our agreement," said R.J. Moore, a zoning department assistant administrator. "The land is zoned as an urban growth area."

The supervisors voted 4-1 to share their disagreement in the form of a letter to the state's City Development Board. That board must approve the annexation in order for it to proceed.

— by Mark Magoon

### Man pleads guilty in SUV theft

A Marengo, Iowa, man will spend a year in an alcohol-treatment facility on a pair of charges involving a

drunken episode fueled partly by the death of his father.

Following a plea agreement, 45-year-old Reo Straw pleaded guilty Thursday to stealing a SUV in August and later driving it drunk.

Police apprehended Straw during a traffic stop in the area of Highways 6 and 965 two days after he swiped a 2005 Hyundai Santa Fe. Authorities charged him with a second-offense OWI and a count of going armed with a knife between 5 and 8 inches in length.

The knife charge, a serious misdemeanor, was dismissed per the plea agreement.

On Thursday, the judge vacated Straw's first-degree theft sentence and ordered him to serve 30 days in jail for the drunk-driving charge, in addition to spending a year in the Lary A. Nelson Center in Cedar Rapids.

In an attempt to explain his offenses, Straw attributed them partly to a high amount of stress he was experiencing because of his elderly father's death.

But Straw said that didn't justify his actions.

"I'm ready to go to the center ... and quit my drinking," he said somberly.

He has another two OWI convictions in Harrison County, Miss.

— by Kelsey Beltramea

## POLICE BLOTTER

**Ben Harrison**, 32, 1958 Broadway Apt. 9B, was charged Tuesday with violating a no-contact domestic-abuse protective disorder.

**Dominique Hilliard**, 23, 2725 Heinz Road Apt. 4, was charged Nov. 2 with assault causing injury.

**Twila Robinson**, 29, Marion, was charged Sept. 24 with possession of a schedule-II controlled substance.

**Michael Rotter**, 24, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 1804, was charged Thursday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

## CORRECTION

In Thursday's article "Judge takes second look at rape case,"

the *DI* incorrectly reported the name of the judge who will

evaluate Michael Alberts' case. Judge Amanda Potterfield will

evaluate the case. The *DI* regrets the error.



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# UI may ban all smoking

'I think it's pretty clear whatever we recommended, there would always be some people unhappy with it.'

— Wilfrid Nixon, professor

## SMOKING

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Committee co-head Sue Buckley, the UI associate vice president for Human Resources, said that although the panel debated the issues seriously, all decisions were made unanimously.

The smoking committee was formed in 2005 by then-UI President David Skorton to review campus smoking policies, and it has solicited community opinions on the issue through forums and e-mails.

Nixon said feedback continues to be an essential part of the restriction process.

"It's ludicrous to think that six people can make decisions of this importance for the university campus," he said.

In a press release, Fethke said he was pleased the committee has put an emphasis on smoking-cessation programs.

Nixon said the committee didn't want to create bans in a

"heartless" way and was in favor of the UI aiding those who wanted to quit.

This proposal is the latest in a series of recent crack-downs on lighting up around campus, which includes the Aug. 14 ban on smoking within 25 feet of all UI entrances and the July 1 smoking prohibition that covers all UI Hospitals and Clinics grounds.

On Nov. 15, the Iowa House Hotel in the IMU officially banned smoking in all guest rooms. Before that, two rooms were designated for smoking.

Hotel manager Patricia Kruse said that since the ban began, the hotel hasn't had any problems with patrons smoking in non-smoking rooms.

"It's absolutely fine," she said. "We haven't had any complaints."

Kruse said a waiver that hotel customers sign agreeing to pay a \$100 cleaning fee if they smoke in their rooms may serve as a deterrent.

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# Minimum-wage action expected

## MINIMUM WAGE

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Since 1997, Iowa has kept its rate at \$5.15, equal to the federal level. In inflation-adjusted terms, the figure is the lowest it has been since 1990.

Six states raised their wage above the federal level in the November elections; now, 28 states and the District of Columbia have rates higher than \$5.15.

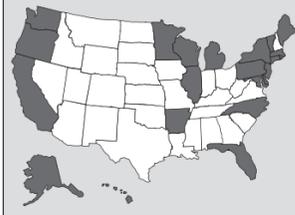
Yet some small business owners are dreading the change. Doug Alberhasky, whose grandfather is the eponym of John's Grocery, 401 E. Market St., and who today manages the 158-year-old business, is one of those opponents.

"I'm thinking to myself, 'How in the heck am I going to be able to come up with an extra \$1,000 a week to pay everybody,'" he said.

The neighborhood grocer employs 43 people, with 16-18 of those working 30 or more hours per week, he said.

Alberhasky fears that even those employees who already make more than \$7.25 will expect a pay boost if the base rate is higher — what economists call a ripple effect.

## States With Minimum Wage Above \$5.15



Nationally, this effect would result in an hourly increase of 50 cents for 3 million workers who now earn between \$7.25 and \$8 an hour, according to a report released last month by global banking, securities, and investment firm Goldman Sachs.

Elaine Ditsler, a research associate at the Iowa Policy Project, a left-leaning think tank, said businesses want to keep wage differentials between employees consistent after a blanket wage increase is put into effect. For the majority of Iowa workers, this is a good thing, she said.

"We get a really positive and significant impact for those workers," she said. "When you're working at such low wages, anything really helps."

While fears of inflation

## MINIMUM WAGE IN IOWA:

- Last time the wage was raised: September 1997
- Number of Iowa workers working for hourly wages between \$5.15 and \$7.25: 257,000 — 18 percent of all workers
- Number of Iowa children whose parents earn between \$5.15 and \$7.25 an hour: 94,000
- Percentage of Iowa workers earning between \$5.15 and \$7.25 per hour working in the retail trade or leisure and hospitality industries: 45 percent
- Percentage of Iowa workers earning between \$5.15 and \$7.25 per hour who are women: 58 percent

Source: Iowa Policy Project

remain a major argument against raising the minimum wage above \$5.15, Goldman Sachs indicates that the effects of a \$7.25 level would be "insignificant" because most workers would be unaffected.

Generally, macroeconomic effects would be minimal, the firm said.

Incoming Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, who recently won the 2nd District seat, has ardently supported a \$2 wage increase.

"He thinks we're long overdue," said former Loebsack campaign manager Jennifer Tuttle.

Regarding the strain on

small businesses that Alberhasky attested to, Tuttle said Loebsack believes bolstering the health-care system will alleviate most of their concerns. Health care is the "single biggest cost facing small businesses," she said.

For Alberhasky, who supports a graduated hike over several years, the raise is a "done deal." Yet he still isn't looking forward to it.

"It's one of those things that's really good in theory, but at least from my perspective, it's got a lot of pitfalls."

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# State falls behind in student aid

## AID

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A large proportion — more than \$45 million — of that money goes to the Iowa Tuition Grants program. Created in 1969, the need-based program awards grants of up to \$4,000 to students attending the state's four-year, two-year, and vocational private institutions.

"The Iowa Tuition Grant program was created to offset the higher cost of tuition at the private schools versus the lower costs of the public, regent institutions," Warner said, noting that without private schools, the state could most likely not be able to accommodate all of Iowa's scholars.

Despite the last-in-the-nation position, others say numbers need to be considered in the whole educational-funding picture.

Keith Greiner, the research director of the Iowa College Student Aid Commission, which oversees the state's student financial-aid allocations, noted that the state also provides hundreds of millions of dollars in general funding to the regent universities.

And public-university students also receive money from other non-grant sources. The state's work-study program, for example, is "heavily weighted toward the regent and community colleges," Greiner said.

## FINANCIAL AID

### Total Need-Based Grant Money Awarded by Select States (2004-05)

- Iowa: \$50.8 million
- Minnesota: \$130.9 million
- Wisconsin: \$79.1 million
- Illinois: \$338.2 million
- Indiana: \$265.5 million
- Ohio: \$159.5 million
- Michigan: \$96 million
- Pennsylvania: \$365.7 million

Source: National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs

Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, who was recently appointed vice-chairwoman of the House Education Committee and also sits on the House appropriation panel's subcommittee on education, was aware of the funding concerns, but she

said the private schools played an integral role in Iowa.

"For some students, the big university is not the best place for them," she said. Some students "do better in a smaller, private university."

In addition to providing more choices for Iowa's students, Mascher said private schools often act as "economic engines" for the areas they reside in, as well as helping to keep students in the state. Those students may eventually attend graduate school at the public universities, officials said.

Because a single student can be eligible to receive numerous types of grants, Greiner said, it is difficult to know exactly how many students per year receive state financial aid, though he estimated that this year 22,000 scholars at public and private schools receive some financial assistance.

"It is surprising how constant it has been," he said of the number of students receiving aid — something he attributed to the program's unwavering funding levels.

In their midterm election campaigns, many state Democrats had pledged to increase educational funding across the board, and now that they've taken control of the state Legislature and the governor's office, Mascher said, they would fulfill that pledge.

"Usually when Democrats are in control, education is the top priority, and we will actually do something about" that, she said. Democrats would most likely not know what types of funding proposals would be considered until they receive incoming Gov. Chet Culver's budget recommendations, she said.

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*Because UI students pay hundreds in computer-use fees every semester, some are wondering why there always seems to be a dearth of Main Library computers during finals.*

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To improve the facility for students, UI Information Technology Services moved the library's ITC in September from its former location in the main hallway on the second floor into the larger, adjoining study area on the building's east side.

The old space, which has now been designated a "quiet study area," was packed with computers and was "just miserable," said Steve Fleagle, the ITS chief information officer. "It just wasn't a good place to work."

ITS did add more computers to the Main Library ITC with

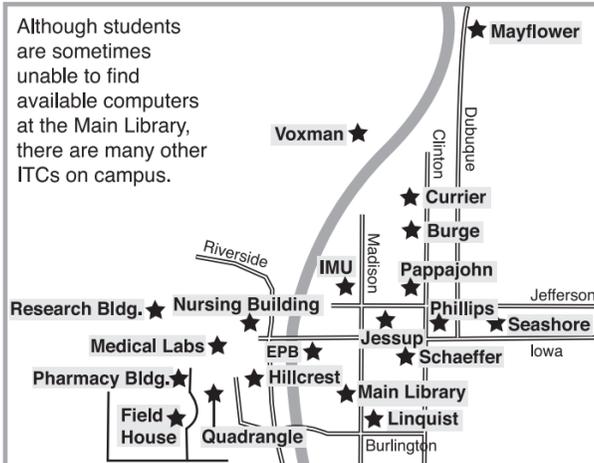
the move, he said, but he could not give specific numbers. Fleagle said he and library officials wanted to establish a balance of space between computer- and quiet-study areas.

"The library has many functions. Being a computer lab is only one of its functions," Fleagle said. "I know that the library has other space concerns right now. The question is: How do you fit 10 pounds of stuff into a five-pound basket?"

Some colleges have considered creating super-labs for the computer-deprived. Temple University created a massive central computer lab for its more than 35,000 students this year, partially to address concerns of overcrowding at its previous lab.

### ITCs at the UI

Although students are sometimes unable to find available computers at the Main Library, there are many other ITCs on campus.



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The "TECH" center includes 600 Macintosh and PC workstations and 100 laptops for checkout. The facility not only acts as a computer lab, it includes multimedia teaching facilities and social areas.

But Kevin Higgins, a lab attendant at the new Temple computing center, said it still gets congested during finals time.

"The place is packed," he said. "Honestly, it all depends on whether or not you're unlucky. Some people do end up walking around looking for a computer."

Of the more than \$5.9 million that the UI collects every year in computer-use fees, Fleagle said roughly only \$1 million goes into the ITCs, with around half of that used



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UI senior Matt Wilson writes a paper on his laptop in the UI Main Library on Wednesday afternoon.

for hardware and software.

"A lot of that money is going to fund other programs," he said.

More computers on campus may not be the solution. Even as some students searched for open computers in the Main Library on Tuesday night, other campus ITCs remained 25 to 50 percent open.

But some students feel that the more than \$1,600 they pay in computing fees could be put

to better use by issuing laptops to individual students and creating a seamless wireless Internet network on campus, as well as establishing a facility for troubleshooting the devices.

"[The university] could probably get them cheap enough [by buying in bulk] to where it would still be making enough money," Noller said.

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## Regents back at square one

**REGENTS**  
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UI Staff Council President Mary Greer and UI Student Government President Peter McElligott also expressed their disappointment in the regents' decision.

McElligott referred to the latest decision as another letdown. "For me, the whole process can be characterized by a series of disappointments," he said. "It is very disappointing that the board felt only one of the four was qualified."

Perhaps the most discouraging sign emanating from Thursday's announcement was that students seem to be fading to the background of this whole controversy, he said.

"It does not even make mention of students in that press release," he said, referring to the official statement from the regents released Thursday morning. "People need to keep students in mind."

Regent Robert Downer said he was also disappointed by the decision, adding that he supported all four finalists proposed by the committee.

He said, however, that he was ready to move forward with a new search.

The statement from regents indicated that they, too, were itching to restart the search for a new UI leader.

"A new search process will be discussed and developed by the regents in consultation with all University of Iowa stakeholders, donors, faculty and staff, deans, administrators, and Iowa City-area community leaders," the release stated.



Downer  
regent



McElligott  
UISG president

Gartner did not return calls Thursday morning regarding the search. Downer said he thought the new search would involve a search committee, although details were still unclear.

Earlier this week, regents held a closed-session telephone conference about the presidential search. During the 90-minute meeting, the regents decided to reconsider the four finalists — one of whom was current UI Provost Michael Hogan — proposed by the now-defunct search committee. The Dec. 4 reevaluation came at the request of Gov. Tom Vilsack, officials said.

"I spoke with the candidate yesterday and was very encouraged by the candidate's qualifications and grasp of the University's needs," Vilsack said in a statement on Thursday. "It is unfortunate that the candidate ultimately decided to decline the position."

Regents incited anger throughout the UI community when the board voted 6-2 on Nov. 17 to disband the search committee and reject the panel's four finalists. Former UI business dean Gary Fethke has served as interim president since Skorton's departure.

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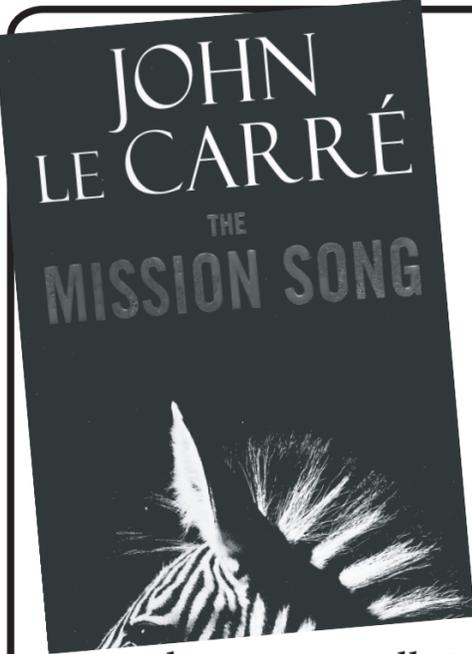


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# Undergrad writing decision expected

*The English department faculty will determine the future of undergraduate creative-writing options*

BY SHANNON BOSHAART  
SPECIAL TO THE DAILY IOWAN

The fate of a proposed curriculum for UI undergraduate writers — which would expand course offerings, offer degree recognition, and give young scribes practical experience — will be decided today, officials said.

After a university task force released recommendations earlier this fall to expand the creative-writing options for UI undergraduates, a group of English students drafted a proposed curriculum and presented it to UI Provost Michael Hogan.

That submission is now up for debate among the English department's faculty members, who will discuss whether to advance the proposal.

"I came to the university for writing because it's a pioneer in the graduate program," said UI sophomore and English major Jessica Lee, who helped launch a petition requesting more creative-writing options for undergraduates.

Under the proposal, students could pursue a creative-writing concentration by taking a combination of writing and literature courses. Upper-level classes would require students to declare a concentration in fiction, nonfiction, or poetry.

Classes on publishing, editing, and workshoping were also suggested. The hope is that students understand creative writing as both an art form and a business — a com-

"I think it would be possible for a strong undergraduate program or track to flourish precisely because of the existence of the [Writers'] Workshop, with its great resource of the country's best young writers."

—Lan Samantha Chang, workshop director

ination that creates an environment for future professional success, said UI sophomore Sam Larsen-Ferree, who helped write the proposal.

English department Chairman Jonathan Wilcox will present the proposal to colleagues during a meeting today. The program needs a majority vote to pass.

"What an affirmative vote would do is allow the beginnings of discussions on bringing in an undergraduate creative-writing track," he said.

Larsen-Ferree said he had some concerns about the English department's upcoming decision.

"Frankly, I would feel a little betrayed if my own department decided my interests weren't worth its attention," he said.

The changes are in response to the recommendation from the UI Writing University Task Force to create an undergraduate creative-writing major. The group, formed by Hogan, found there was a sufficient demand for the undergraduate program through discussions with interested students and their involve-

ment with the project.

Students presented the specific curriculum suggestions to Hogan to demonstrate the demand for the program and how it would benefit UI students.

"What stood out to me was the level of conviction students had for this," the provost said.

Eight Big Ten schools offer students the option of pursuing either a creative-writing concentration or focus, tracks that require advanced upper-level course work, unlike the UI's current offerings.

Northwestern University is the only Big Ten school to offer anything close to a creative-writing major with its program English Major in Writing.

One concern from the faculty is to maintain the major requirements within the creative-writing concentration. Crucial to the proposed expansion will be the preservation of the analytic aspects of the major, Wilcox said.

Currently, English majors can declare a concentration in creative and nonfiction writing, which requires nine hours of lower-level course work. But those efforts are not rec-

ognized on the student's undergraduate degree, though the courses are reflected on the transcript and degree evaluation, said Sharlene Lenhart, the undergraduate coordinator for the English department.

If the undergraduate program were approved, department officials would also investigate ways to develop ties with the Iowa Writers' Workshop. Workshop Director Lan Samantha Chang said she foresees a positive relationship between the two curricula.

"I think it would be possible for a strong undergraduate program or track to flourish precisely because of the existence of the [Writers'] Workshop, with its great resource of the country's best young writers," she wrote in an e-mail.

She also stressed that the lack of an undergraduate program in creative writing would not hinder a student's chances to be accepted into the world-renowned graduate workshop.

An undergraduate major in creative writing can strengthen the quality of work samples included in applications by allowing extra education and training in specific genres, program advocates said.

If the department faculty approve the proposal, the next step would be to establish specific curricula and appoint staff members. Ideally, the program would be viable in a year, Hogan said.

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# Pearl Harbor vets gather, perhaps for last time

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Bill Starling, Press-Register/Associated Press

Chip Herrington plays taps during a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day ceremony on the fantail of the battleship USS Alabama in Mobile, Ala., marking the 65th anniversary of the Japanese attack on U.S. forces at Pearl Harbor.

ian aloha shirts, were honored with prolonged applause at the solemn ceremony near where

some of the ships remain rusting and moss-covered under the harbor's waters.

Many were treating the gathering as their last, uncertain if they would be alive or healthy enough to travel to Hawaii for the next big memorial ceremony, the 70th anniversary.

"It is because of you and people like you that we have the freedoms we enjoy today," Capt. Taylor Skardon said, after relating each ship's story at the end of the ceremony.

A priest gave a Hawaiian blessing, and Marines performed a rifle salute.

For many, it could be their last return to the World War II attack site.

"Sixty-five years later, there are not too many of us left," said Don Stratton, a seaman 1st class who was aboard the USS Arizona on Dec. 7, 1941. "In another five years, I'll be 89. The good Lord willing, I might be able to make it. If so, I'll probably be here. I might not even be around. Who knows.

Only the good Lord knows."

Stratton and other survivors were boarding a boat to the white memorial straddling the sunken hull of the USS Arizona, where they will lay wreaths and lei in honor of the dead.

"We thank those who lost their lives 65 years ago, and we honor the survivors and their families who are with us here today," said

Hawaii Gov. Linda Lingle.

The Arizona sank in fewer than nine minutes after a 1,760 pound armor-piercing bomb struck the battleship's deck and hit its ammunition magazine, igniting flames that engulfed the ship.

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# Phoenix police: Baseline Killer has been captured

BY AMANDA LEE MYERS  
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stopped short of pronouncing him the Baseline Killer while they built a case against the ex-convict.

Cmdr. Joe Klima, who oversaw the investigation, said investigators have collected forensic evidence — including DNA and ballistics — and other evidence implicating Goudeau. He would not elaborate.

"All of this evidence points to Mark Goudeau as the one who committed these crimes," Klima said.

Prosecutor Andrew Thomas said his office would draw up the charges.

"I still believe this man should never again be able to walk the streets of this Valley or anywhere else in freedom," Thomas said. "I'm going to do everything within my lawful

authority to make sure that that is the outcome."

Calls to Goudeau's attorney, Corwin Townsend, were not immediately returned.

The Baseline Killer case originally included 23 shootings, rapes, and robberies that left eight people dead between August 2005 and June. The dead, seven of them women, ranged in age from 19 to 39. Most were killed going about their daily activities, such as leaving work, washing a car, or waiting at a bus stop.

A ninth killing was not publicly revealed until Thursday. The victim, Sophia Nunez, 37, was found dead in her Phoenix home by her 8-year-old son in April. Other cases were dropped from the investigation, leaving a total of 19

in which Goudeau is a suspect.

"It's just a shock when you lose a child. Sophia was 37, but she's still my child," Nunez's mother, Maria, said Thursday.

Police have said the killer usually struck at night and wore disguises, which included a wig of dreadlocks and a fisherman's hat. The name Baseline Killer came from the Phoenix street where some of the earliest crimes were committed.

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# Somalian militants warn of war



A malnourished Somali boy sits with his mother at a therapeutic feeding center in Wajid, Somalia, on Thursday. Somali's prime minister has welcomed a U.N. move opening the way for foreign peacekeepers to come to protect his embattled government, but his Islamic rivals and their Eritrean backers are bitterly opposed to the move.

BY MOHAMED OLAD HASSAN  
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MOGADISHU, Somalia — Islamic militants in control of most of southern Somalia warned Thursday that war will erupt over a U.N. decision authorizing an African force to protect the country's virtually powerless government.

The U.N. Security Council unanimously approved the resolution Wednesday, hoping to restore peace in Somalia and avert a broader conflict in the region. Prime Minister Ali Mohamed Gedis welcomed the decision and urged its immediate implementation.

The U.S. resolution, co-sponsored by the council's African members, also partially lifts an arms embargo on Somalia, so the regional force can be supplied with weapons and military equipment and train the government's security forces.

In a possible indication that countries may be hesitant to contribute forces, Uganda — the only country thus far to volunteer troops — said it may hold off until the security situation improves. Deputy Defense Minister Ruth

Nankabirwa said the situation had changed since Uganda first backed the peacekeeping proposal, in January 2005.

"It may be that we will think of holding off until the terrain is not so hostile for Ugandan forces," she said, although she called the lifting of the arms embargo "a first step."

The resolution also urged the Islamic militants, who control the capital of Mogadishu, to stop any further military expansion and join the transitional government in peace talks.

However, peace talks slated for later this month appeared unlikely, with the Islamic group saying it will now have to reconsider joining any such dialogue with the Somali government.

A spokesman for the Islamic movement said the resolution will introduce sophisticated weapons into Somalia and provoke a war between his group and the struggling government.

"We see the approval of the resolution as nothing but an evil intention," Abdirahin Ali Mudey, a spokesman for the Islamic Courts, told the Associated Press.

Mudey accused the Security Council of giving the Somali gov-

ernment's main ally, Ethiopia, permission to occupy the country. "The international community has proven to be biased and unjust," he said.

The resolution, however, bans Somalia's neighbors from sending soldiers, which would prohibit participation in the force by troops from Ethiopia, Djibouti, and Kenya.

The arms embargo against Somalia was imposed in 1992, a year after warlords overthrew dictator Mohamed Siad Barre and then turned on one another. An interim government was formed two years ago, with the help of the U.N., but it has struggled to assert its authority against the Islamic militants.

There are fears that, without international action, Somalia could become a proxy battleground for Ethiopia and Eritrea, which fought a border war in 1998-2000.

"International terrorists, opportunists, are using some Somali people in order to destabilize our country and the region," Gedis said in Nairobi, the capital of neighboring Kenya. "So the decision by the Security Council must be immediately implemented."

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## Don't forget public universities when allotting funds

Last year, the state of Iowa allotted nearly 13 times more funds for need-based grants to students attending private institutions than for students attending in-state public institutions. This is according to a report released by the National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs that documented the Legislature's spending at \$3.5 million for students attending public institutions and nearly \$45 million on students attending private institutions.

The state spent 87 percent of its budget from which education grants come on students attending private schools, far out-spending the national average of roughly 30 percent. Meanwhile, the paltry 7 percent the state spent on assistance for students at the UI, the University of Northern Iowa, and Iowa State University falls well below the national average of more than 50 percent.

These numbers add up to one conclusion: The state Board of Regents and the Legislature need to be cautious when allotting funds for need-based assistance and ensure that equal support is given to students attending public institutions.

The UI Office of Student Financial Aid advertises that 90 percent of the school's students receive some form of financial aid. This statistic, however, includes all scholarships and loans with grants and is therefore not indicative of the statistics uncovered in the national aid group's study. ISU's

Financial Aid Office claims that roughly 60 percent of students there receive need-based aid, including both grants and scholarships. Despite the number of students receiving aid at either institution, however, there is no doubt whether more money in the form of grants could be given out to make college more accessible to some and to alleviate the debt-burden of others.

Other states with established public institutions, such as Massachusetts, Colorado, and Kentucky, are allotting much higher percentages of their budgets to assist students at their public institutions. In fact, the amount of money they have each allotted is roughly equal to the \$45 million Iowa will spend on students at private institutions. States such as Colorado and Kentucky also have similar tax bases, both in terms of size and demographics, so this discrepancy in funding is hard to explain.

The state Legislature is spending a lot of money on aiding the students at private institutions. While any spending on education should be applauded, the state needs to remain focused on its three major public universities. Private colleges and universities are private for a reason; they rely upon channels of funding that the state's institutions are not always privy to. There is always demand for more need-based assistance at our universities, and institutions such as the UI, ISU, and UNI depend on the Legislature to meet the financial needs of their students. This need must be met before the Legislature takes Iowan taxpayer money anywhere else.

LETTER

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UI should consider tuition freeze

I have recently read that Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, has promised its incoming freshmen that their tuition will stay the same for up to five years. While Northwestern College is a much smaller school than the UI, I think that this plan should be implemented here as well.

Education is an important asset in today's world, and it will become more so in the future. Many students entering college are faced with the problem of paying for tuition. It was mentioned that college tuition increases an average of 4 percent per year. While it is a small percentage, when applied to the cost of attending the UI, which is \$6,135 for in-state students and \$18,359 for out-of-state students, the tuition costs around \$250 and \$700 more respectively per year.

With this considerably large tuition increase per year, education should also get better. But that is not the case. Year to year, the same professors teach the same materials in the same courses to different students. If education does not get better, why should students have to pay more?

The university should consider freezing the tuition for each class of students at their freshman-year rate for up to five years. This guarantees that the students are able to afford the tuition when they come to school and that they will still be able to afford the tuition when they graduate. This eliminates the problems of scrambling for more money just to pay for the yearly tuition increase.

Chong Shao  
UI freshman



GUEST OPINION

## Congress: Could it be time to do some work?

When Democrats take over the House next year, the regular work week will stretch to a backbreaking five days — up from the now-customary Tuesday-through-Thursday arrangement. Members of the House and Senate — no doubt reeling from the two weeks they've worked since the election — will have a mere four weeks off after they leave town today. Hard to believe, but the new leadership actually expects them to come to work on Jan. 4, rather than enjoy the usual elongated holiday break as they wait around for the president to deliver his State of the Union address in late January. In the Senate, the week-long March break is being eliminated and the two-week April vacation cut in half.

This kind of punishing schedule is enough to unite lawmakers of both parties, in both chambers, in a chorus of behind-the-scenes bipartisan grumbling. What, us work?

It would be quite a change. The 109th Congress will have been in session for a grand total of 103 days this year, which, as Lindsey Layton pointed out in this week's *Post*, is seven days fewer than the "Do-Nothing Congress" of 1948. An ordinary full-time worker with a generous four weeks of vacation would have clocked 240 days of work during that same period.

Yes, lawmakers do work back home, and they need time to campaign and to grub for campaign cash. But it's undeniable that the time lawmakers spend in

the capital, actually legislating, has been on a downward path for the past few decades. According to the American Enterprise Institute's Norman Ornstein, the average number of days in session for a two-year Congress has dropped from 323 in the 1960s and '70s to just 250 during the first six years of the Bush presidency.

This saps lawmakers' ability to get much done. It's one explanation, though not the only one, for why they were able to finish work on only two spending bills this year. It takes a toll, too, in less measurable ways, on congressional civility and bipartisanship. How can lawmakers forge friendships — or even learn to get along — when they're barely in town long enough to learn each other's names?

It's amazing enough that the incoming leaders are meeting private resistance from lawmakers who have become used to this drop-by legislating. It's even more amazing that some of them have the audacity to complain about it publicly. "Keeping us up here eats away at families," Rep. Jack Kingston, R-Ga., told the *Post*. Democrats, he said, "could care less about families — that's what this says."

Eats away at families? Gee, Mr. Kingston, they could move here. And, we wonder: Where, exactly, did you think the Capitol was when you ran for this job?

This editorial appeared in Thursday's *Washington Post*

ON THE SPOT

What are your plans for the weekend before finals?



"Studying."

Jenny Seydlitz  
UI senior



"I'm going to study, but not too much."

Mike Magnuson  
UI freshman



"I'm probably going to lie around, study, and work."

Reid Stamer  
UI freshman



"Smoking a lot of pot."

Jordan Hastings  
UI sophomore

# Being 'that kid'

Walking into the screen, the composed warrior swings his weapon of choice, a staff, in one hand, as if toying with his invisible opponent. The deadly rod slices through the air with the confidence and ease of a practiced master of death. Showing no signs of weariness, he continues with his famed kata, jumping from toe to toe. The mop-haired youth performs with the grace of a ballerina and lethality of a 30-foot blood-thirsty Australian python.

It may seem a shock that the same individual was actually wielding a golf-ball retriever and would be attending psychotherapy fewer than four months later, after a video of his dance was leaked onto the downloading site Kazaa. From this point on, Ghyslain Raza was forever knighted the Star Wars Kid.



JOHN LARUE

With more than 900 million downloads, the Star Wars Kid holds the throne of the most-viewed video on the web. His nearest competition comes from Gary Brolsma, or the Numa Numa guy, with 700 million views. While Raza's acrobatic stunts have been compared to the Jedi slayer Darth Maul, the video in no way empties my emotional reservoir in the same violent manner as when Darth Maul killed Qui-Gon Jinn near the end of *Episode I: The Phantom Menace*.

Raza may have had his privacy violated, but look what he gained. Not only will he have to pay for sex for the rest of his mortal existence, but to cap it off, two admiring bloggers hooked up and took donations to land him an iPod and \$2,600 Apple gift certificate. In a backhanded way of showing his appreciation, Raza then filed a \$250,000 lawsuit against the four individuals who leaked the tape.

I'm unsure why he threw such a hissy fit. There are people who would give their first-born child for that kind of publicity. I, for one, am a product of such a bargain. George Clooney can't act — how do you think he got to the top?

The problem with the Star Wars Kid is that millions saw his waltz with a golf-ball retriever as golden entertainment — he only saw a public golden shower. If only he had been more optimistic and engaged the phenomenon of virtual self-deprecation! While digitized degradation is not a new sensation, the landscape has been revolutionized by technological advances.

The first is the crack of college, Facebook. Producing similar physiological effects (hyperactivity, restlessness, and impotence), Facebook is perceived as a "safe zone" for people to "let themselves go" and show how crazy they can be if given enough pot and a PBR. Social networking for some, civic stage for all.

These alter egos have proven costly for an unfortunate few, resulting in the loss of jobs, internships, and, in some instances, relationships. Who knew that cute girl you met at 808 was taking pictures on her Razr?

Maybe the Star Wars Kid can teach us all something. While admittedly the priceless footage of him pretending to be Darth Maul in khakis is hilarious, was it worth the price of his personal dignity so millions can laugh and then forget about it? He will forever be known as the Star Wars Kid, just as that poor redheaded urchin in my first-grade art class will be known as "The kid who pooped his pants and didn't tell anyone about it, but everyone knew, because you could smell it." Nobody wants to be "that kid," so why is everyone in such a damned hurry to upload images and videos of them being "that kid?"

Facebook, through its popularity, is one of the sites where students "write themselves into being" through their profiles, trying out personalities and slowly coming to understand who they are and how they fit in.

In "The Precession of the Simulacra," Jean Baudrillard sees the effects of this culture of simulation trickling upward through the media and it is "in this imaginary world the only phantasmagoria is in the inherent warmth and affection of the crowd and in the sufficiently excessive number of gadgets used there to specifically maintain the multitudinous effect." Namely, the reduction of reflexivity encouraged by the new middle-class American culture. In this sense, the cultural popularity of the Star Wars Kid is not only the epitome of cheap and easy entertainment, but he is also a paradigm case, in which the individual is reduced to a hallway of echoes of mass culture. ■

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# ARTS & CULTURE

## A Starr is born in the Voxman Music Building

BY JOHN C. SCHLOTFELT  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Though you'll see an amazingly brief, 80-minute all-English opera set during the Great Depression in this weekend's symphonic performance of Aaron Copland's *The Tender Land*, you won't hear or see some other notable things — for instance, the man who directed the first cast run-through of the performance: a modest 28 year-old clad in a light blue oxford and khakis.

Jeremy Starr, a first-semester doctoral student, took the baton from William LaRue Jones, the director of orchestral studies, last month. Jones was honored with three sequential guest-conducting visits — in North Carolina, Japan, and Texas — in the month of November and thus forced to defer his orchestral duties.

Up till that point, Starr had only been allotted the chance to direct 25- to 30-minute symphonies.

"I've learned a lot about scheduling this year," said the grad student, brandishing a planner chock full of etched-in appointments. Not only does he balance the opera and a full

class schedule, but he manages a 20-hour-a-week job as the orchestra manager.

While the UI Orchestra works with most of the different departments in the Voxman Music Building, Starr is not as versatile. He's had to find time to do more than run rehearsals — the surrogate Jones has learned the material over the course of late nights and lunch-hour study sessions.

"I have to go into rehearsals and be helping, not learning," he said.

Granted, he wasn't just handed the score as Jones ran out the door. Because the two men have known about the scheduling conflict for months, they had abundant time to get everything arranged. Since August, the two men have discussed the project and the arrangements. "[Jones is] very prepared," Starr said.

"I don't think you're denying students the professors when you have talented TAs," Jones said, adding that the UI provides "not only the information but the opportunity" for students.

Jones also made sure to keep himself partially available. The two talked almost every day. Though Starr admitted with a laugh, after scrolling through



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Jeremy Starr (right) follows along in the musical score to Aaron Copeland's *The Tender Land* as William LaRue Jones conducts a rehearsal Tuesday evening in the Englert Theatre.

his phone to call the professor, "I haven't really experimented with speed dial yet."

This was more than just experience points for Starr,

though — he had to cozy up to opera and deal with vocalists. Guest opera director Valorie Goodall didn't see any transitional problems from him. "He has a

feeling for singers," she said, noting the stand-in conductor's perfect pitch and eagerness to learn. "It's always great, being a teacher, to find a great student."

### AARON COPLAND'S *THE TENDER LAND*

**Where:** Englert Theatre  
**When:** 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Dec. 10  
**Admission:** \$25 adults, \$20 seniors, \$15 UI students and children under 12

Starr's elders aren't the only ones noticing his performance.

"He clearly knows more about singing than most orchestral conductors," said Lynn Maxfield, from behind the fake spectacles of his *Tender Land* character, Mr. Splinters, the postman.

On Tuesday night, Jones strode in to the Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington St., adorned in black cowboy boots. He sat in his seat at the head of the absent Chamber Orchestra — that wouldn't show up until Wednesday night — with Starr and his score to his left. "He's a very focused young man," Jones said. "I think what Jeremy did was great."

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## Out of the closet and into the public

BY MAGGIE ANDERSON  
THE DAILY IOWAN

They might call it a craft fair, but "it's not about grannies and needles," said Susan Junis, tapping the ash of her cigarette into a tray at the Tobacco Bowl on Dec. 2.

Perched on a stool near the window, Junis, a co-owner of local Zine/DIY craft business Skirt, said she and Alissa Van Winkle, the editor and publisher of Iowa City alternative magazine *Little Village*, envisioned something more hip than "doilies and Santa Clauses" for their DIY craft consortium. The event, titled "What a Load of Craft," will begin today at 5 p.m. at the Picador, 330 E. Washington St., and combine crafts, an art show, a record swap, and live music in an effort to bring together Iowa City's wide range of local artists.

"Locals can wear locals," Van Winkle said. "It's a celebration

of creators and creations."

What a Load of Craft will feature nine bands and 15 booths with work by such local artists as Cortnie Widen, the owner of a new business in the Hall Mall called White Rabbit. Other local art will hang on the walls, so visitors can vote on their favorites.

Still, despite the hipster venue, the event is kind of about needles. Junis said that with the DIY revolution, a new generation of young artists became interested in making handmade scarves and sweaters — previously considered grandma-only territory. In her own business, Junis and partner Grace Sinclair create embroidered screenprints and bags. They especially enjoy toying with people's expectations: They'll often depict weapons in frilly, pink material, in an effort "to take the power away," Junis said.

She called their work, and that of the other artists involved in the

event, "on the border between art and craft." They emphasize "handmade, local items that are not too process-heavy" (read: not too expensive). Events such as this offer an alternative to the gallery setting, Junis said.

"This is a way artists and crafters can sell their work at a lower price, because they get to keep 100 percent of their profits," she said.

By setting itself up in opposition to local galleries, What a Load of Craft resembles another, more long-running local artists' fair: The East Side Artists will hold its annual Holiday Show and Sale today from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 10 in

the Masonic Temple, 312 E. College.

Deanne Wortman, an artist and a group coordinator, said she got involved in the group nearly 15 years ago.

"It was a neat idea to showcase our work in an intimate way that's not in a gallery," she said. Similar to What a Load of Craft, the East Side Artists aims to create an event in which local artists can share their work with the public.

"We try to put together an attractive show with lots of high quality, varied work," Wortman said. "It's not really a craft show. These are working artists who work at a very high level."

The East Side Artists' member-

ship contains an impressive array of prominent Iowa Citians. Karen Kubby, who makes pottery and beadwork, works as executive director of the Emma Goldman clinic; Monica Leo owns Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre Company; and Jenny Saylor, who crafts jewelry, is a West High art teacher, among many others.

"It's a collective of artists who are friends, and we decided to share what we do with the public," Wortman said. "You either make all that stuff and stow it in your closet, or you find some way to get it out into the public."

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### LOCAL ART FAIRS

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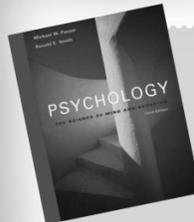
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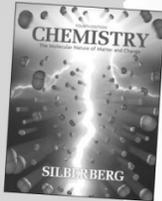
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# Report: Saudis give millions to Sunni insurgents

BY SALAH NASRAWI  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAIRO, Egypt — Private Saudi citizens are giving millions of dollars to Sunni insurgents in Iraq, and much of the money is used to buy weapons, including shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles, according to key Iraqi officials and others familiar with the flow of cash.

Saudi government officials deny that any money from their country is being sent to Iraqis fighting the government and the U.S.-led coalition.

But the U.S. Iraq Study Group report said Saudis are a source of funding for Sunni Arab insurgents. Several truck drivers interviewed by the Associated Press described carrying boxes of cash from Saudi Arabia into Iraq, money they said was headed for insurgents.

Two high-ranking Iraqi officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity because of the issue's sensitivity, told the AP most of the Saudi money comes from private donations, called *zakat*, collected for Islamic causes and charities.

Some Saudis appear to know the money is headed to Iraq's insurgents, but others merely give it to clerics who channel it to anti-coalition forces, the officials said.

In one recent case, an Iraqi official said \$25 million in Saudi money went to a top Iraqi Sunni cleric; it was used to buy weapons, including *Strela*, a Russian shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missile. The missiles were purchased from someone in Romania, apparently through the black market, he said.

Overall, the Iraqi officials said, money has been pouring into Iraq from oil-rich Saudi Arabia, a Sunni bastion, since the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq toppled the Sunni-controlled regime of Saddam Hussein in 2003.

Saudi officials vehemently deny their country is a major source of financial support for the insurgents.

"There isn't any organized terror finance, and we will not permit any such unorganized acts," said Brig. Gen. Mansour al-Turki, a spokesman for the Saudi Interior Ministry. About a year ago the Saudi government set up a unit to track any "suspicious financial operations," he said.

But the Iraq Study Group said "funding for the Sunni insurgency comes from private individuals within Saudi Arabia

and other Gulf states."

Saudi officials say they cracked down on *zakat* abuses, under pressure from the United States, after the 9/11 attacks on New York and Washington.

The Iraqi officials, however, said some funding goes to Iraq's Sunni Arab political leadership, who then disburse it. Other money, they said, is funneled directly to insurgents. The distribution network includes Iraqi truck and bus drivers.

Several drivers interviewed by the AP in Middle East capitals said Saudis have been using religious events, such as the haj pilgrimage to Mecca and a smaller pilgrimage, as cover for illicit money transfers. Some money, they said, is carried into Iraq on buses with returning pilgrims.



Associated Press

An armed militiaman holds a rocket-propelled grenade launcher in Ramadi, Iraq, on Tuesday. Ramadi is located in Anbar province, where many Sunni-Arab insurgent groups are based.

# Israel sticks to nuke 'ambiguity'

BY MARK LAVIE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Israel held firm Thursday to its policy of not admitting it possesses nuclear weapons, in the face of an acknowledgment from the incoming U.S. Defense secretary that Israel has the bomb.

In his confirmation hearing before the Senate, Robert Gates explained Iran's motivation to acquire nuclear weapons.

"They are surrounded by powers with nuclear weapons — Pakistan to their east, the Russians to the north, the Israelis to the west, and us in the Persian Gulf," he told the Senate committee.

Although Israel is widely assumed to have a nuclear-weapons arsenal, it has stuck to its policy of ambiguity on the subject, insisting against all the evidence that it will not be the first to introduce nuclear weapons into the Middle East.

Government spokeswoman Miri Eisin told the Associated Press "there is no direct Israeli comment" on Gates' remarks. Experts played down the importance of the comments.

Retired Israeli Gen. Shlomo Brom, who was once in charge of strategic planning for the military, said Israel was no longer trying to persuade anyone that it has no nuclear arsenal.

He said similar statements came out of Washington during the first Gulf War in 1991 and did not lead to a change in Israeli policy.

"This is nothing really new," he told the AP. "It doesn't change anything."

Israel Radio gave the story prominence in Thursday morning, and one of Israel's three television stations ran a report about the United States' traditional cooperation in the ambiguity policy on its evening newscast.

In 1986, experts concluded

that Israel had a sizable nuclear arsenal, ranking it sixth in the world, after Mordechai Vanunu, a former technician at Israel's main nuclear reactor, gave pictures and documents to the *London Sunday Times*. Vanunu served an 18-year prison term for his disclosures.

"The fact is that for a long time, Israel's policy of ambiguity has been not a matter of people thinking we don't have any [nuclear weapons], just that Israel doesn't admit it," Brom said.

Analyst Yossi Alpher said Israel's ambiguity allows Israel's neighbors "to assume that even if Israel had nuclear weapons, this was not a threat to them."

But he said Israel could acknowledge having the weapons if Iran acquires an atomic bomb.

"It's very possible that if and when Iran goes nuclear, in the military sense, Israel will have

to consider ending its policy of ambiguity," he said.

At a news conference in Tel Aviv on Thursday, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert responded to Gates' explanation of Iranian motives for acquiring nuclear weapons. He did not refer to the reference to Israel's nuclear potential.

"I don't think anyone in the U.S. thinks there is justification for Iran's achieving nuclear [weapon] capability," he said.

"We are not indifferent, cannot be indifferent, and won't be indifferent to efforts that appear serious to us, to develop capabilities that could be used as a springboard to build a [nuclear] bomb," he added.

Gates told the Senate committee that the United States could not guarantee that Iran would not attack Israel with a nuclear weapon if it acquired it.

"I don't think that anybody can provide that assurance," he said.

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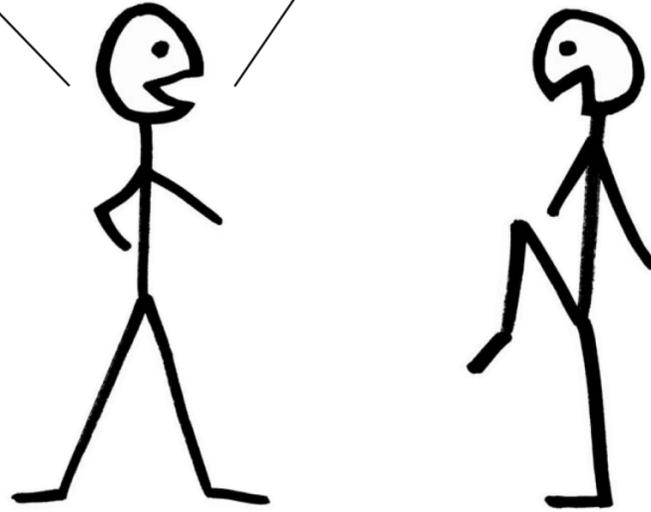
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**Q:** Barry Zito is the third Cy Young winner who played college ball at USC. Who are the other two?  
**Answer on page 2B**

**HAWKEYE SPORTS**

**Football-ticket prices could go up**

The UI increased the price of Hawkeye football tickets by \$2 per game Thursday, after a meeting of the Presidential Committee on Athletics the same day.

Despite the per-contest increase, the price of a season ticket will actually decrease because the Hawkeyes will host one fewer game next season. The 2007 schedule also lacks a matchup with a premium designation.

Under the proposal, a student ticket costs \$132 for six dates, while a public season ticket is priced at \$282. A faculty ticket now costs \$228.

The hike affects student, faculty, and public season tickets and will cover only increased expenses, Senior Associate Athletics Director Jane Meyer said. She emphasized that the additional revenue will not go toward the debt service of Kinnick Stadium's face-lift.

"The increase is a last resort," she said. "But we have to pay our bills."

The athletics department last increased the student-ticket rate two seasons ago, from \$17.50 per game to \$20.

Athletics Director Gary Barta added in a Thursday night statement the UI would eliminate General Fund support next year. The department received \$775,000 in support this year.

— by Nathan Cooper

**Alexander smokes 600 mark**

Defending NCAA 400-meter indoor champion Kineke Alexander ran what would have been a school and facility record time of 1:28.71 in the 600-meters at the track intrasquad meet Wednesday night.

Because the meet was only an intrasquad event, the time does not count as an official record, but it bests the Iowa mark of 1:30.77 set by Senta Hawkins in 1987 and the Recreation Building record of 1:29.57 set by Michigan's Katie Erdman in 2004.

Becca Franklin's 57-1½ weight throw would have also beaten her previous school mark by more than four inches.

In the men's events, Adam Hamilton threw the weight 64-4, enough to provisionally qualify for the NCAA finals.

Freshman Frank Prill's time of 8.64 in the 60-meter hurdles was .02 seconds faster than the team's best time last year.

— by Diane Hendrickson

**MLB**

**Bonds, Giants agree on \$16 million, 1-year deal**

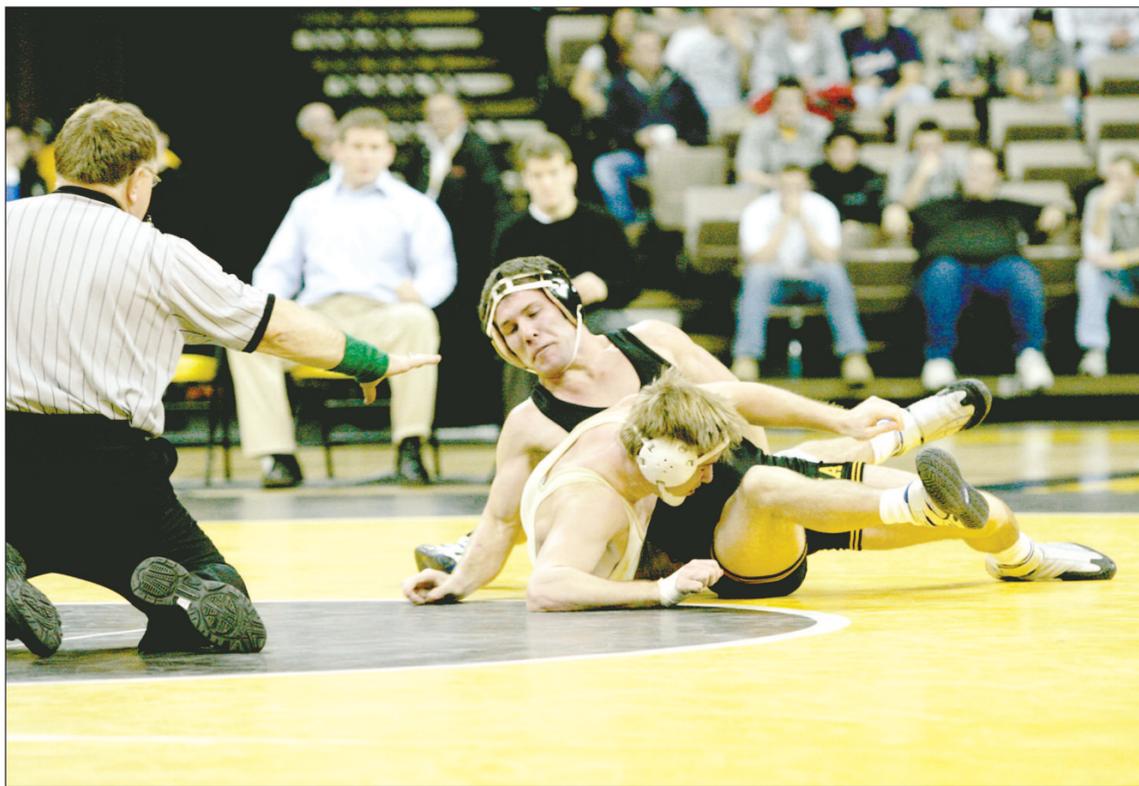
NEW YORK — Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants reached agreement on a \$16 million, one-year contract Thursday night that will keep the controversial slugger in the Bay Area to take aim at baseball's home-run record.

The deal includes four performance bonuses that could make the pact worth a total of \$20 million, a person familiar with the negotiations told the Associated Press, speaking on the condition of anonymity because there had been no official announcement.

While Oakland, San Diego, St. Louis, and other teams showed interest in signing the 42-year-old free agent, the Giants had been considered the front-runners to re-sign their star.

## IOWA WRESTLING

# Wrestlers stomp Coe, N.C. State



Hawkeye Ben Stedman pins Marcus Schneider of Coe College on Thursday in Carver-Hawkeye. Iowa beat Coe, 50-0, and later in that evening also beat North Carolina State, 38-9.

BY CHARLIE KAUTZ  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

On a night in which the Iowa wrestling program earned a milestone 800th win, it was another impressive statistic that stood out most.

Competing in 18 matches in Thursday's dual double-header, the fourth-ranked Hawkeyes (5-0) scored a combined six pins on their way to a steamrolling 50-0 shutout over Division-III Coe College (5-1) and a 38-9 thrashing of a handicapped North Carolina State (2-4) squad.

With the superiority of the Hawkeyes clear at the outset, an insatiable first-year Iowa coach Tom Brands says he's pleased with the way the wrestlers dominated the meet but understands there is plenty to work on over winter break.

"I want what is ideal for our program, and that is to see no weaknesses," he said. "There's a lot of things that are positive, and there's a lot of things that are going the right direction."

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COMMENTARY

## Hawkeyes enjoying this brand



IAN SMITH

The Iowa Hawkeyes staged an intervention Thursday night. The message? Get off the mat. The black and gold rubber

in the middle of Carver-Hawkeye Arena might as well serve as an immediate departure exit for opponents the way Iowa is wrestling. The Hawkeyes quickly disposed of two inferior teams with six pins and seven other match endings.

The pulsating excitement of a near brawl and dominating victory over archrival Iowa State last weekend swiftly passed, but the Hawkeyes sent a clear message by destroying both Coe and North Carolina State, winning by

a combined score of 88-9.

Each team's chances of pulling an upset ended before the members knotted their shoelaces. Do you think there's any way Iowa head coach Tom Brands and assistant Dan Gable would allow this team to sleepwalk past Coe or N.C. State?

"[Tom] Brands told us this week he was really nervous about it, because he thought we were going to overlook these guys and not go into this week with our best heads on

our shoulders," crowd-favorite Ryan Morningstar said. "Turns out we didn't do too bad."

Any residue left from the Iowa State duel was quickly Windexed away during Monday and Tuesday's practices. Brands said he was unhappy with the way the team responded after the Sunday win over the Cyclones, but he changed his tune, at least slightly, during Thursday night's destruction.

"You're still seeing slop, or you're seeing sharp — I think for the most part, we're sharp," the first-year coach said.

The wins were so complete and thorough that the most exciting part of the duel double-header turned out to be when my colleague, Charlie Kautz, devoured a slice of pizza in less time than it took Mark Perry to record his second pin of the night — a mere 47 seconds.

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## Hawks need 'old' Henderson

'I think it's all about just getting comfortable in his mind.'

— Steve Alford, head coach

BY DAN PARR  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Forget about games on the court. Steve Alford said Mike Henderson is having a hard enough time winning the ones in his head.

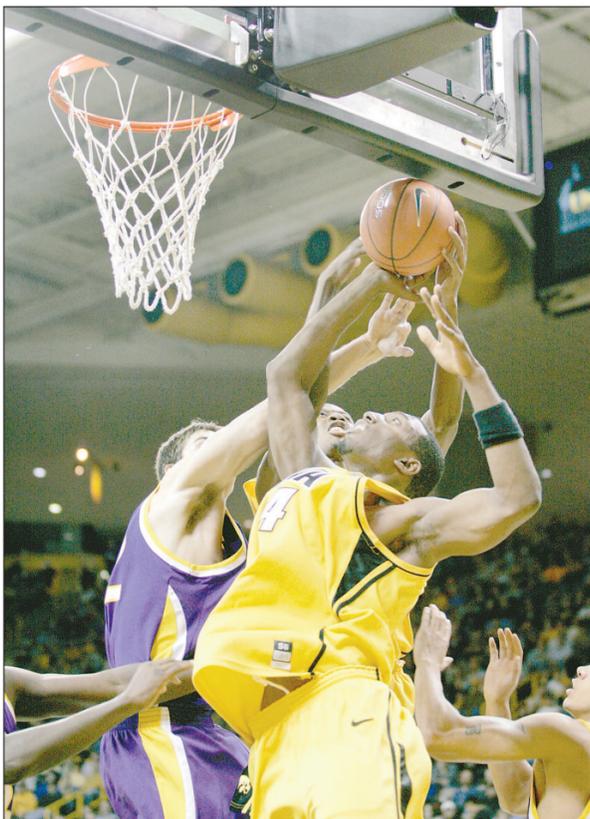
With two contests under his belt — after sitting out the first seven recovering from a broken pinkie finger — the senior guard has yet to settle into his role as one of the team's two senior leaders.

"I think it's all about just getting comfortable in his mind," Alford said at his Thursday afternoon teleconference. "There's really nothing physically wrong. It's healed. He's had some stiffness in his wrist that I think is gone now."

In 19 minutes of play thus far, Henderson scored one point, missed all four shots he took, committed four turnovers, and passed for two assists.

There won't be a better time for a return to form — the Hawkeyes (4-5) will battle Iowa State (8-2) tonight in their attempt to start a new winning streak at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Iowa had won 21 straight at home before falling to Northern Iowa, 57-55, on Tuesday.

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Tim Speciale/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Cyrus Tate fights for a rebound against Northern Iowa's Grant Stout (left) and Travis Brown (center) in Carver-Hawkeye on Tuesday night.

## Green Bay flattens Hawks

*The Iowa women's basketball team suffers its worst defeat of the season, losing to the Phoenix of Wisconsin-Green Bay, 67-43, on Thursday*

BY BRENDAN STILES  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Apparently, there's more to Green Bay, Wis., than the Packers.

The Iowa women's basketball team learned this the hard way when the Wisconsin-Green Bay Phoenix clobbered the Hawkeyes, 67-43, on Thursday night. Iowa's 43 points were the second-fewest scored by a Lisa Bluder-coached squad during her seven years as coach.

Call it a rising from the ashes for the Phoenix, who turned a 24-point loss to Iowa last season into a 24-point victory this season, improving its mark to 4-3. Meanwhile, the defeat dropped Iowa to 7-3 overall, with three more non-conference tilts left for the Hawkeyes.

It was clearly the worst offensive performance by Iowa this season. In the first half alone, the Hawkeyes endured a scoring drought of nine minutes and 19 seconds. Junior guard Abby Emmert scored a field goal to tie the game at 10-10 apiece with 13:56 left — which turned out to be the last Hawk field goal for the rest of the first half.

From there, the Phoenix went on a 26-3 run, and the Hawkeyes went into halftime down 36-13, shooting an anemic 4-for-24, including 2-for-11 from beyond the arc.

"I'm embarrassed by the way we played tonight," Bluder said in a radio interview. "In the first half, I think we set Iowa women's basketball back many, many, many years, back to the Field House days."

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# SPORTS 'N' STUFF

## TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Notre Dame 99, #4 Alabama 85
<b>Men's Big Ten Scores</b>
Michigan 62, Miami Ohio 56
Minnesota 77, South Dakota State 53
<b>WOMEN</b>
#3 Oklahoma 78, South Carolina 51
#4 Duke 69, #11 Vanderbilt 48
#7 Tennessee 85, #21 George Washington 62
#7 Connecticut 84, Georgetown 26
Middle Tennessee State 70, #8 Georgia 62
#16 California 77, Fresno State 62
#18 DePaul 87, #19 Rutgers 73
<b>Women's Big Ten Scores</b>
Wisconsin-Green Bay 67, Iowa 43
Penn State 73, Xavier 66, OT
Wisconsin 75, Illinois-Chicago 53

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

<b>AMERICAN CONFERENCE</b>										
<b>East</b>	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
New England	9	3	0	.750	281	165				
N.Y. Jets	7	5	0	.583	241	238				
Buffalo	5	7	0	.417	212	249				
Miami	5	7	0	.417	207	222				
<b>South</b>	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
Indianapolis	10	2	0	.833	325	251				
Jacksonville	7	5	0	.583	259	174				
Tennessee	5	7	0	.417	221	294				
Houston	4	8	0	.333	199	270				
<b>North</b>	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
Philadelphia	9	3	0	.750	258	160				
Cincinnati	7	5	0	.583	290	240				
Pittsburgh	6	7	0	.462	286	264				
Cleveland	4	9	0	.308	208	294				
<b>West</b>	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
San Diego	10	2	0	.833	377	237				
Kansas City	7	5	0	.583	257	236				
Denver	7	5	0	.583	242	287				
Oakland	2	10	0	.167	146	242				
<b>NATIONAL CONFERENCE</b>										
<b>East</b>	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
Dallas	8	4	0	.667	332	218				
N.Y. Giants	6	6	0	.500	265	255				
Philadelphia	6	6	0	.500	294	263				
Washington	4	8	0	.333	213	274				
<b>South</b>	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
New Orleans	8	4	0	.667	310	251				
Atlanta	6	6	0	.500	227	250				
Carolina	6	6	0	.500	213	217				
Tampa Bay	3	9	0	.250	145	272				
<b>North</b>	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
x-Chicago	10	0	0	1.000	318	150				
Minnesota	5	7	0	.417	211	231				
Green Bay	4	8	0	.333	219	324				
Detroit	2	10	0	.167	216	294				
<b>West</b>	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
Seattle	8	4	0	.667	260	263				
San Francisco	5	7	0	.417	209	319				
St. Louis	5	7	0	.417	242	287				
Arizona	3	9	0	.250	221	284				
x-clinched division										
<b>Monday's Game</b>										
Philadelphia 27, Carolina 24										
<b>Thursday's Game</b>										
Pittsburgh 27, Cleveland 7										
<b>Sunday's Games</b>										
Minnesota at Detroit, 12 p.m.										
Tennessee at Houston, 12 p.m.										
New England at Miami, 12 p.m.										
Oakland at Cincinnati, 12 p.m.										
Philadelphia at Washington, 12 p.m.										
Baltimore at Kansas City, 12 p.m.										
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 12 p.m.										
N.Y. Giants at Carolina, 12 p.m.										
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 12 p.m.										
Green Bay at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.										
Seattle at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.										
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 3:15 p.m.										
Denver at San Diego, 3:15 p.m.										
New Orleans at Dallas, 7:15 p.m.										
<b>Monday's Game</b>										
Chicago at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.										

<b>NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE</b>										
<b>EASTERN CONFERENCE</b>										
<b>Atlantic</b>	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA				
New Jersey	15	9	2	32	64	67				
N.Y. Rangers	14	10	4	32	91	89				
N.Y. Islanders	14	11	3	31	83	79				
Pittsburgh	11	11	5	27	79	86				
Philadelphia	8	15	4	20	68	102				
<b>Northeast</b>	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA				
Buffalo	21	12	2	44	118	85				
Montreal	16	8	4	36	85	78				
Ottawa	15	13	1	31	102	81				
Toronto	13	12	5	31	94	100				
Boston	14	10	2	30	77	89				
<b>Southwest</b>	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA				
Atlanta	18	8	4	40	101	89				
Carolina	15	12	3	33	94	94				
Tampa Bay	14	13	2	30	94	91				
Washington	12	9	6	30	85	91				
Florida	10	15	5	25	75	99				
<b>WESTERN CONFERENCE</b>										
<b>Central</b>	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA				
Nashville	18	7	3	39	95	77				
Detroit	16	7	4	36	74	62				
Chicago	10	12	4	24	63	78				
Columbus	8	16	2	18	58	74				
St. Louis	7	16	4	18	64	95				
<b>Northeast</b>	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA				
Edmonton	15	10	2	32	78	71				
Minnesota	15	11	2	32	80	74				
Calgary	13	10	3	29	71	64				
Colorado	13	13	2	28	86	80				
Vancouver	13	14	1	27	59	73				
<b>Pacific</b>	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA				
Anaheim	21	3	6	48	106	72				
San Jose	20	9	0	40	87	64				
Dallas	19	9	0	38	78	58				
Los Angeles	10	16	4	24	82	103				
Phoenix	11	16	0	22	68	98				
Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.										
<b>Thursday's Games</b>										
Boston 3, Toronto 1										
N.Y. Rangers 3, Pittsburgh 2, SO										
Detroit 4, St. Louis 3, OT										
Florida 3, Buffalo 1										
Montreal 4, N.Y. Islanders 2										
Tampa Bay 8, Atlanta 0										
Minnesota 3, Calgary 2, SO										
Phoenix 2, Chicago 1, SO										
Colorado 5, San Jose 2										
Nashville 4, Los Angeles 1										
<b>Today's Games</b>										
Anaheim at Washington, 6 p.m.										
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.										
Edmonton at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.										
Carolina at Vancouver, 9 p.m.										

<b>Central</b>	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	12	7	.632	—
Cleveland	11	7	.611	1
Indiana	10	10	.500	2½
Chicago	9	9	.500	2½
Milwaukee	7	11	.389	4½
<b>WESTERN CONFERENCE</b>				
<b>Southwest</b>	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	14	5	.737	—
Dallas	13	6	.684	1
Houston	12	6	.667	1½
New Orleans	9	8	.529	4
Memphis	5	13	.278	8½
<b>Northwest</b>	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	15	4	.789	—
Denver	10	6	.625	3½
Minnesota	8	9	.474	3½
Seattle	8	11	.421	7
Portland	7	13	.350	8½
<b>Pacific</b>	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	12	6	.667	—
Phoenix	11	6	.647	½
L.A. Clippers	9	9	.529	2½
Golden State	9	10	.474	3½
Sacramento	8	9	.471	3½

<b>THURSDAY'S GAMES</b>										
Phoenix 161, New Jersey 157, 20T										
Detroit 92, Dallas 82										
Miami at Sacramento, late										
<b>Today's Games</b>										
Washington at Orlando, 6 p.m.										
Portland at Indiana, 6 p.m.										
Houston at Charlotte, 6 p.m.										
Phoenix at Boston, 6:30 p.m.										
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L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 7 p.m.										
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.										
Toronto at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.										
Memphis at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.										
Miami at Denver, 9:30 p.m.										
Atlanta at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.										
New Orleans at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.										

<b>NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION</b>										
<b>EASTERN CONFERENCE</b>										
<b>Atlantic</b>	W	L	Pct	GB						
New Jersey	7	11	.389	—						
Toronto	7	11	.389	—						
New York	7	11	.389	—						
Boston	5	12	.294	1½						
Philadelphia	5	12	.294	1½						
<b>Southeast</b>	W	L	Pct	GB						
Orlando	14	6	.700	—						
Atlanta	8	9	.471	4½						
Washington	8	10	.444	5						
Miami	7	10	.412	5½						
Charlotte	5	13	.278	8						

<b>WESTERN CONFERENCE</b>										
<b>Central</b>	W	L	Pct	GB						
San Antonio	14	5	.737	—						
Dallas	13	6	.684	1						
Houston	12	6	.667	1½						
New Orleans	9	8	.529	4						
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Minnesota	8	9	.474	3½						
Seattle	8	11	.421	7						
Portland	7	13	.350	8½						
<b>Pacific</b>	W	L	Pct	GB						
L.A. Lakers	12	6	.667	—						
Phoenix	11	6	.647	½						
L.A. Clippers	9	9	.529	2½						
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# POINT/COUNTERPOINT

## WHO IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PLAYER IN TONIGHT'S MATCHUP?

### ADAM HALUSKA — BY SEAN MONAHAN

While Adam Haluska may be just the second-most talented player on the Iowa men's basketball team — the primary honor belongs to Tyler Smith — he is the best player. The former Cyclone story has run its course, but it should not be too much to ask the best player on the team to show up for his final Hawk Challenge.



Haluska guard

With Mike Henderson hampered by lingering effects from a hand injury, Haluska is the sole leader for the Hawkeyes. In fact, as it stands now, the 6-5 guard is the only player worthy of the title "leader" for either team.

Haluska holds the highest scoring average of any player on either squad, despite making barely a third of his 3-point attempts this season. If the Carroll, Iowa, native gets on track from behind the arc, the Cyclones are certainly in for trouble, especially considering No. 1 will have at least three inches over the guard who defends him tonight.

In past years Haluska could afford to sit on the 3-point line while Greg Brunner banged down low and Jeff Horner ran the offense. This year, the senior has taken charge of the offense and displayed an all-around game, resulting in his best statistical season — he's averaging 17.4 points per contest. If the Ames defenders make the mistake of fouling the guard, they are practically giving points to the Hawkeyes — Haluska is shooting 94.4 percent on charity shots.

In the shooting guard, Steve Alford's team has a

proven scorer, the likes of which Greg McDermott's crew cannot claim. Haluska has averaged more than 13 points per game in each season of his three-year tenure as a Hawkeye. The Cyclones, on the other hand, have two leading scorers who have not dribbled a meaningful second in Hilton Coliseum before this year, while third-place scorer Rahshon Clark has averaged double figures only once in his career — he is currently averaging 9.1 points a contest.

With the help of Haluska tonight, the Hawkeyes might fare better against this UNI coach than they did the previous.

### MIKE TAYLOR — BY RYAN YOUNG

In all my years as a staunch Iowa fan, I never believed there would be a day I would think my beloved Hawkeyes didn't have the potential to pummel our despised rival Iowa State.

It hurts my heart to even consider such a terrible idea, but after witnessing the men's late collapse against UNI, I'm preparing myself for another upset tonight. Although, all in good reason.

Iowa State's success thus far has rested on the scoring and leadership abilities of junior guard Mike Taylor — the uncanny Cy-clone of Adam Haluska.

Not only do Taylor and the Iowa guard share the same position and an identical 4.4 rebound average, but last week's Big 12 co-rookie of the week also duplicates Haluska's playmaker role for Iowa State. Against Minnesota Nov. 21, he posted a career high 33 points.



Taylor ISU guard

Combine that with his 43.8 3-point percentage and 16.4 points per game — 19.0 before playing UNI — and Taylor is definitely the man to watch in tonight's matchup.

He should provide a tough opponent for Iowa, with Mike Henderson still shaking off the rust from an injury, and Justin Johnson's progress further ahead on offense than on defense.

Taylor has been inconsistent recently, though. At the UNI-Dome, he posted only five total points, and against

Drake only scored 12. But I have a feeling the Cyclones will get an added boost from secret X-factor Rahshon Clark, their key in clutch situations.

Averaging nearly a double-double per game, the 6-6 junior forward appears more dominating at the post than anyone the Hawkeyes bring to the court.

With Taylor and Clark proving a one-two punch, Iowa better strike with a good counter; otherwise, it might go down for the count.

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## CORRECTION

In Thursday's brief "Hawks lag in fall academic teams," the *D/I* incorrectly stated Indiana had 32 mem-

bers on the fall academic All-Big Ten team. Indiana had 66 — Illinois had 32. The *D/I* regrets the error.

A: Tom Seaver and Randy Johnson.

# Fountain of youth hits gym

BY SEAN MONAHAN

THE DAILY IOWAN

A look at this year's men's gymnastics team reveals several new faces — five, to be exact.

The addition of the freshmen, the largest class on coach Tom Dunn's squad, numerically offsets the loss of five gymnasts from last year's team.

While Dunn hopes his young athletes don't experience too many growing pains, he understands there are some "surprises" that come with gymnasts so early in their development.

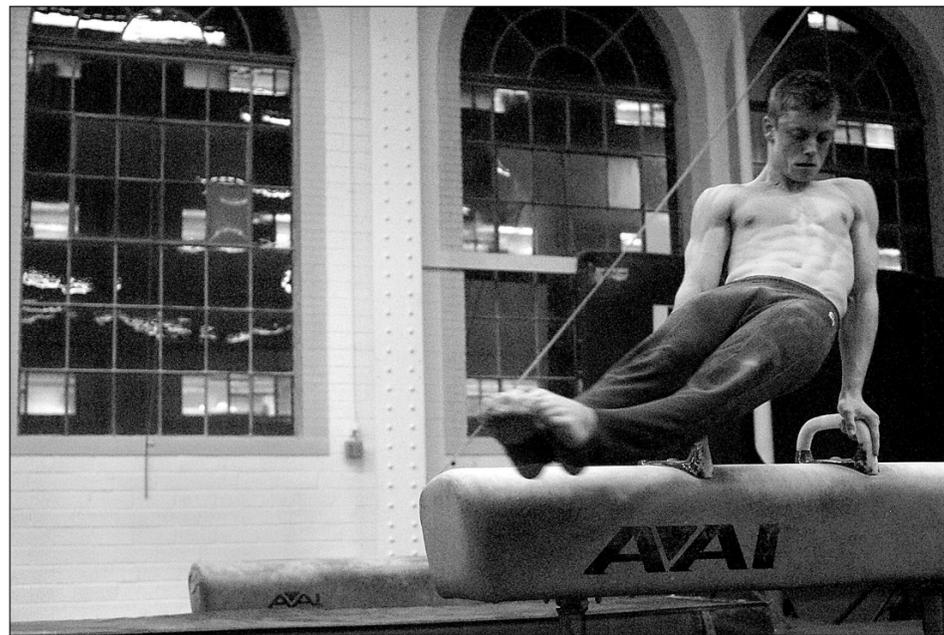
The freshmen got their first competitive preview last weekend at the Black and Gold competition, and while the coach noticed a number of mistakes, he felt they looked good. Dunn acknowledged it will take some coaching to get the five ready, but he is confident they are going to be good.

If counted on to score for the team, the freshmen do not seem apprehensive.

"I feel pretty privileged [to be counted on]," freshmen Danny Kuklinski said. "There are only a few gymnasts in the country who are able to compete in college NCAA gymnastics, and I feel privileged to have my score count for the team."

Freshman Dustin Cranmer agreed, saying the first-year gymnasts' talent and motivation will allow them to live up to the hopes.

In high school, gymnasts compete for clubs — but mostly for individual display. College gymnastics is more about the team. If this first semester is any indication, the young gymnasts



Brett Slezak/The Daily Iowan

# Hawks face Iowa State

The week started with a heart-stopping loss to Northern Iowa and it will end tonight with a showdown against Iowa State

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

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"We're nine games into this season, and Mike Henderson doesn't have a field goal," Alford said. "That's really hurt us with him being out this long just from a leadership standpoint and having somebody who is a go-to guy. Not so much just by scoring but by being a guy who can really get the ball where it needs to get to."

"Mike was our point guard for the last two years, and late in the game, a lot of the times it was Mike getting the ball to Jeff [Horner], getting the ball to Bru [Greg Brunner]. We haven't had that."

It's shown. Alford's team failed to hold late leads twice this season in the Arizona State and Northern Iowa matchups. Iowa held a 13-point lead with roughly six minutes left against the Panthers, but the advantage trickled away during a 17-4 UNI scoring run. The coach is counting on the Waterloo native — who started all 34 games last season and averaged 7.6 points — to be the difference down the stretch.

"He's getting better," Alford said. "His practices have been outstanding. He had two great practices before Northern, he had another good practice today. So it's coming. It's just trying to figure out when it's all going to fit together."

## IOWA VS. IOWA STATE

**Where:** Carver-Hawkeye Arena  
**When:** 7:05 p.m. today  
**TV:** KGAN, ESPN U  
**Radio:** KXIC (800 AM)

## STATISTICS

**Iowa (4-5)**

C Kurt Looby	6-10	Jr.	5.1
F Cyrus Tate	6-8	So.	5.4
F Tyler Smith	6-7	Fr.	14.2
G Adam Haluska	6-5	Sr.	17.4
G Tony Freeman	6-1	So.	8.1

**Iowa State (8-2)**

C Ross Marsden	6-10	So.	3.0
F Wesley Johnson	6-7	Fr.	11.6
F Rahshon Clark	6-6	Jr.	9.1
G Mike Taylor	6-2	Jr.	16.4
G Corey McIntosh	6-0	Jr.	5.9

Iowa State comes to Iowa City off back-to-back losses under the guidance of first-year coach Greg McDermott. The Cyclones fell to UNI, 70-57, on Nov. 29 and to Drake on Dec. 3, 80-78.

Iowa was downed in Ames one year ago — a loss tonight would mark the first time in Alford's tenure that the Hawkeyes lost to both the Panthers and Cyclones in back-to-back seasons.

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# Green Bay stuns hoopsters

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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While the cause for the outcome in Packerland didn't puzzle Bluder, her squad's performance came as a minor shock, given the preparation this week.

"I thought we had two really good practices leading up to this. I thought our shoot-around today was excellent, and I thought our mental focus coming into this game was really, really good," the coach said. "We didn't win any statistical category whatsoever."

"I thought our preparation was good, but we didn't execute tonight. I'm very disappointed in the way that we played."

If there were any positives, the majority came courtesy of sophomore guard Kristi Smith and junior forward Jeneé Graham. Smith led Iowa with 16 points, and while Graham only scored five points, she once again led the Hawkeyes in rebounding with 12 boards.

But those performances were overshadowed by what transpired in the first half. The Hawkeyes cut the deficit to 52-41 with just over five minutes remaining, but the Phoenix ended the game on a 15-2 run.

"We were back in the game, and it seemed like every time we were about to just get over that edge, we turned it over," said assistant coach Jenni Fitzgerald in a radio interview. "Or we let up on a 3. Or we missed a bucket that we needed to have."

"We just didn't have those times where we gutted it out and made the big play." The most troubling stat came from sophomore center Megan Skouby, a preseason All-Big Ten selection. She was held without a single point or rebound in a career-low 21 minutes of play.

The Hawkeyes won't return to the court again until Dec. 16, when they visit former Iowa coach Vivian Stringer and her Rutgers squad. But that upcoming battle was the furthest thought from Bluder's mind after the final whistle.

"I want them to get through finals. That's the most important

thing," she said. "It's hard going into finals after a loss. We're on a tailspin right here, and we've got to fight our way out of it."

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# Wrestlers sweep double-header

The Iowa wrestling program earned its 800th win in style Thursday night at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, defeating Division-III Coe, 50-0, and North Carolina State, 38-9

## WRESTLING

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"I just want to see great wrestling all the time." Riding a hot start from 125-pound Charlie Falck, in which the sophomore earned a 21-6 technical fall over Brian Clement, the Hawkeyes never looked back en route to scoring from of nearly 4,500 fans at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Second-ranked Junior Mark Perry (165) earned consecutive pins over Coe's Bryon Grothus (2:56) and N.C. State's Obie Simpson (:47), and sophomore Dan Erikson (197) earned a 2:40 pin over Jared Carder, then accepted a forfeit in the second dual. Coming off a 3-2 victory over top-ranked Trent Paulson, Ryan Morningstar (157) pinned Coe's Ryan Vogel in 1:03, then earned a tight 5-3 decision over Kody Hamrah.

Moving his season record to 8-3 and building confidence from previous matches against two top-five opponents, Morningstar says it felt good to get a pair of solid wins without being 100 percent.

"It was tough to come down

from it, but I had to do what I had to do," said the redshirt freshman, who's suffering from a sore throat and legs. "My second win wasn't very impressive, but not to take anything away from [Hamrah]; he was a national qualifier last year."

"I didn't wrestle my match, and I need to get healthy right now." Following the lead of Perry and Morningstar, seniors Ben Stedman (3:24) and Matt Fields (2:26) were among five of the last six wrestlers in the Coe dual to earn pins, adding 12 points to an already substantial lead.

Fields, ranked fourth in the country at heavyweight, dominated his opening match by overpowering a much smaller, less experienced Kohawk freshman, Jared Carder. Up against North Carolina State senior and 18th-ranked Jainor Palma, Fields entered the third period up just 3-2 before capturing an evening-ending decision, 7-3.

Now five duals into the season, Fields says though the Hawkeyes have largely bought into Brands' philosophy, there's room to invest more.

"Everybody has bought into it, but it's just that everybody's

## STATISTICS

- Iowa Hawkeyes 50, Coe Kohawks 0**
- 125 Charlie Falck (I) tech. fall Brian Clement, 21-6
  - 133 Mario Galanakis (I) maj. dec. Gannon Hjerleid, 10-1
  - 141 Alex Tsirtsis (I) maj. dec Jared Creason, 17-5
  - 149 Brett Stedman (I) maj. dec. Tyler Baker, 10-1
  - 157 Ryan Morningstar (I) pinned Ryan Vogel, 1:03
  - 165 Mark Perry (I) pinned Bryon Grothus, 2:56
  - 174 Ben Stedman (I) pinned Marcus Schneider, 3:24
  - 184 Phillip Keddy (I) dec. Greg Lalla, 13-7
  - 197 Dan Erikson (I) pinned Rob Kramer, 2:40
  - Hwt. Matt Fields (I) pinned Jared Carder, 2:26

## Iowa Hawkeyes 38, North Carolina State Wolfpack 9

- 125 Charlie Falck (I) tech. fall Taylor Cummings, 24-11
- 133 Mario Galanakis (I) maj. dec. Garrett Cummings, 14-3
- 141 Alex Tsirtsis (I) won by forfeit
- 149 Joe Caramanica (N.C. State) dec. Brett Stedman, 8-2
- 157 Ryan Morningstar (I) dec. Kody Hamrah, 5-3
- 165 Mark Perry (I) pinned Obie Simpson, :27
- 174 Rick Brownlee (N.C. State) pinned Joe Uker, 6:28
- 184 Phillip Keddy (I) injury defaulted Mark Jahad
- 197 Dan Erikson (I) won by forfeit
- Hwt. Matt Fields (I) dec. Jainor Palma, 7-3

## COMMENTARY

# Wrestling, Brands-style

## WRESTLING FEATURE

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In all seriousness, if Thursday's meet showed anything, it's that the Hawkeyes may be destined for great things. Brands and Co. are headed in the right direction, and their target of a national championship could happen sooner than later — if not this year.

From the boisterous Hawkeye faithful who chant "twooooo" for every takedown, to the always-attacking philosophy Brands possesses, it looks like it's all starting to click. Junior Matt Fields knows to reach the ultimate level, the team needs to continue following its energetic coach.

"When we start taking people down two-three times during the first period, instead

of two-three times during the whole match — I think that's what he's [Brands] looking for," the heavyweight said. "Once we start doing that, then that's going to carry over to nationals. That's our goal: to win nationals."

"Anything less than that is a disappointment."

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not doing it, right now," he said. "I don't know if they're scared to make that full commitment. Like myself, I haven't worked as hard as they'd like me to work, but I'm working on it."

Before returning to action at the Midlands Championship on Dec. 29, the Hawkeyes have almost a three-week layoff to heal early season bruises, something Brands says will certainly benefit the Hawks.

"I think it's a good time for the break," he said. "We've got a lot to work on, mentally through the weekend, next week and when they're done with finals next Thursday."

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SPORTS

Lateral movement

BY ERIC MANDEL THE DAILY IOWAN

Sure, it isn't the football team Hawkeye fans envisioned competing for a national title in late December, but hey, beggars can be choosers.

On Dec. 29-31, while the Hawkeye tacklers kick off the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio, seniors Chris Aldrich, Brad Bohl, Jarod Deverell, Reed McManigal, Caleb Recker, Kyle Riffel, and Rob Stork and junior Clark Anderson will be basking in the Pensacola, Fla., sun for the American Collegiate Intramural Sports flag football national championship.

After conquering the regional competition in Lincoln, Neb., the squad — consisting of former Hawkeye football walk-ons Aldrich, Anderson, Recker, Riffel, and Stork — will face off against the best amateur representatives in the country.

"They are a very good team," said Mike Widen, an assistant director of Recreational Services. "They play a good style, are smart, and are all good athletes. ... I think they have as good a chance as anybody. I think they'll do well."

The crew is no stranger to the big stage; it is heading back to a national tournament for the second time in two years — last year in basketball, in which it finished fourth.

When the eight members

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of team UISSC (team BLER in the Iowa recreation league) sat with the DI to chat about their date with the country's elite flag-footballers, there was no shortage of jumbled stories, swagger, and good-humored heckling. They learned from their prior trip to get the most out of their experiences and to remember that keeping things light is the key to victory.

"We play well when we have fun and play poorly when we don't," said team captain McManigal. "We make it a point to try to stay positive toward one another."

The fun epitomizes the "good style" Widen spoke of. When broken down, though, players admit their system basically amounts to wide-open chaos.

As one of, if not the only, team in the regional to go into each play without any plan, each athlete ends up involved. The offense revolves around receivers running deep, screen plays to linemen, and laterals — lots and lots of laterals. Such organization, or lack thereof, allows them to display their team-wide athleticism.

"We have no offensive plays; we forbid huddles," said Anderson, who won the regional tournament MVP. "We just go out and play backyard football every time. ... Our offense looks like the Cal vs. Stanford game — we just pitch it."

The regional championship game exemplified the unorthodox game plan, when the squad, consisting predominately of Iowa natives, found itself down 21-6 with two seconds left in the half and at its own three-yard line. In line with the players' "strategy," they turned a dump pass into a swift kick to their Minnesota counterparts' spirits.

As they remember it, 73 yards and, seven ... no, nine ... well, at least eight ... OK, seven, long-distance horizontal passes later, and the half ended with six points.

The momentum sufficiently switched, and they never looked back. Fourteen unanswered points later, the trophy was theirs.

One must wonder — how many laterals will it take for a national championship?

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Hawks meet ISU in pool

BY PAUL KAZMIERCZAK THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa swimming team will look to defend its home waters tonight when it battles Iowa State in a women's dual meet. The Hawkeyes come into the competition fresh off of a fourth-place finish at Sunday's Ohio State Invitational, while the Cyclones hit the water after a 195-94 victory over Northern Iowa on Dec. 2.

Sophomore Marni Benson and senior Lauren Breunig spearhead the attack for Iowa State, which hopes to avenge last year's 156-144 defeat in Ames. The two led the Cyclones to a second-place finish in the 400 medley relay at the Big 12 championships last season.

Despite lauding his team's improvement and work ethic, ISU head coach Duane Sorenson remains modest about the Cyclones' chances.

"The University of Iowa is probably favored on paper. It's a little deeper," he said. "We expect a lot of close races."

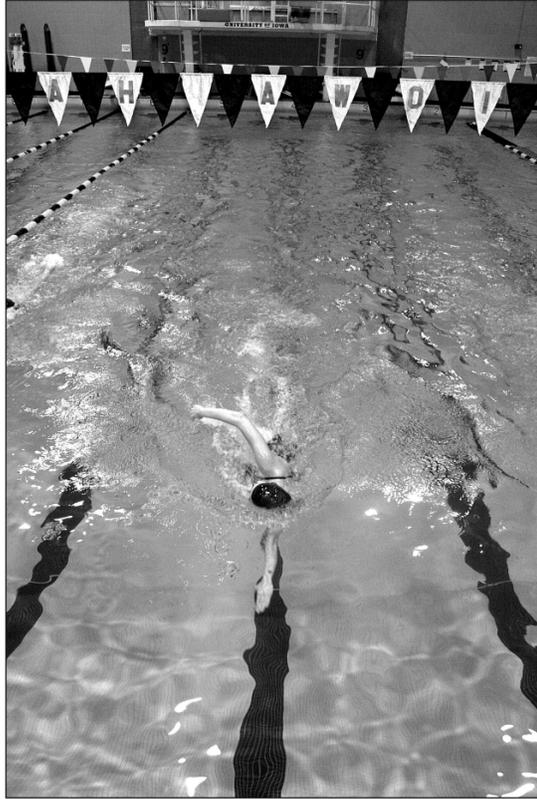
The 10th-year coach says the key to victory for the squad is coming "through in events we're not favored in."

The Hawkeyes, meanwhile, rely heavily on underclassmen. Sophomores Ashley Dell and Alison Gschwend, as well as freshman Julie Feingold, earned fourth, fifth, and fifth place respectively in events at the Ohio State Invitational.

While Iowa head coach Marc Long is pleased with the progression of the younger swimmers, he singled out the accomplishments of a senior.

"Emmy Haeger has stepped up this year and become a leader in the water," said the third-year coach.

Long also echoed Sorenson's cautious optimism. "Last year, we were fortunate enough to leave Ames with a victory, although it came down to the last event, the 400 free relay, and the last leg of the relay," he said.



Emily Maxwell/The Daily Iowan Iowa swimmer Ashley Dell practices in the Field House pool on Wednesday. The Hawkeye women will host Iowa State tonight at 6 p.m.

'This meet really means something. Sometimes in swimming, you don't have that kind of passion for a dual meet. ... They're gonna be ready to swim fast.'

— Marc Long, coach

"[Breunig] is one of the top swimmers in the Big 12 and swam in the NCAAs last year. She's a great competitor."

Both coaches acknowledged the importance of the Iowa-ISU competition. "It's a natural rivalry," Sorenson said. "Both teams bring out the best in each other."

Long said the Hawkeyes place an added emphasis on the ISU matchup. "This meet really means something," he said. "Sometimes in swimming, you don't have that kind of passion for a dual meet. ..."

They're gonna be ready to swim fast."

Notes: Iowa comes into the match with a 4-5 record in dual meets, while ISU enters with a 5-0 mark. The Cyclones, however, have not begun their Big 12 dual meet schedule, while the Hawkeyes have competed against powerhouses Wisconsin and Minnesota as well as Michigan State.

Iowa leads this season's Hy-Vee Cy-Hawk series 7-4, with men's basketball and aquatics events to be held tonight.

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**“ Vietnam presumably taught us that the United States could not serve as the world’s policeman; it should also have taught us the dangers of trying to be the world’s midwife to democracy when the birth is scheduled to take place under conditions of guerrilla war. ”**  
— Jeane Kirkpatrick, a former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and a member of President Ronald Reagan’s Cabinet, speaking in 1979.

## the ledge

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ANDREW R. JUHL

### I’ve got lupus in my brain

• CNN mainstay Wolf Blitzer earned an Emmy in 1995 for his coverage of the Oklahoma City bombing and another in 1998 for having the coolest name ever: EVER.  
• Chief Little Wolf was a good friend to Chief Dull Knife, also known as Chief Morning Star, and fought in the war of Chief Red Cloud.  
• Many a future Chief Adjective Noun would look to his example for guidance.  
• Virginia Woolf was an amazing and terrifying feminist author, but you killed her; she was ... killed ... late in the afternoon ... on a country road, with her learner’s permit in her pocket; she swerved to avoid a porcupine and drove straight into a ...  
• *Beowulf* is an epic Old English poem about monsters that eat Danishes.  
• Operation Wolf is a classic arcade game in which, using a grenade-launching machine gun for a controller, you can mow down enemies, tanks, helicopters, innocent children, and even medical support staff. It was re-released in 2005 for the Xbox as Donald Rumsfeld’s Wet Dream.  
• Scott Wolf shot to stardom playing “Bailey” on the Fox series “Party of Five” opposite my all-time favorite onscreen team: Jennifer Love Hewitt’s breasts.  
• Ron GM was — formerly — a Wolf for Green Bay Packers, which was — formerly — a position to be proud of.  
• *Wolf* was a 1994 movie starring Jack Nicholson as Jack Nicholson trying not to be Jack Nicholson ... and failing miserably.  
— Andrew R. Juhl enjoys the song “Borg to be Wild” by Steppenwolf 359. E-mail him at: andrew-juhl@uiowa.edu.

## horoscopes

Friday, December 8, 2006  
— by Eugenia Last

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Make your plans, and get things moving. Money is headed your way, and deals and contracts can be formulated or completed. You are the one who can make a difference, and everyone will look to you for advice.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Don’t let what someone says or does bother you so much. Concentrate on what you can do to better a partnership or a legal or financial matter that is pressing. A change may be required on your part.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You’ll be torn between work and your personal life. An opportunity that arises may require you to do something that someone you are involved with may not like. It isn’t right not to do something because someone in your life is insecure.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Put all your efforts into completing whatever needs to be done to get ahead professionally, financially, or educationally. Money and how you earn your living should be your prime concern.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Look for love, a challenge, or something creative to do. Deal with children, consider marriage, renew your vows, or just plain have some fun. Today is about you. Take charge, and make things happen.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** For what it’s worth, truth may hurt, but once faced, it will help you move on. You have to be adaptable if you want to survive. Don’t take any nonsense from anyone. Changes at home may be daunting, but you will be better off.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Things may not be as they appear, but don’t let that stop you. It may not be apparent how others feel, but unless you are told, you can’t do anything about it. Concentrate on what’s important in the here and now.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You have tunnel vision today, so don’t worry about anything other than what it is you are intent on accomplishing. Money can be made, professional changes achieved, and a more secure lifestyle put into play. Follow your heart.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You can’t go wrong as long as you follow through and stick to your plans. If you try to add too many new features or take on too much, you will fall short of your goals. A love connection will prove to be helpful in more ways than you imagined possible.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don’t give in to what everyone else wants you to do. You should do whatever is required to take care of matters dealing with government agencies or institutions. You can clear legal and financial matters up as long as you are fair in doing so.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Don’t let laziness stand in the way, or you could lose everything. Now is the time to take on a new lifestyle, project, or job. Don’t let your insecurities stop you from moving forward.  
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** It may be time to shake yourself up and face the notion that change is in order. Your direction or even your geographical location may need an adjustment. Don’t listen to someone who isn’t thinking of your best interests.

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## today’s events

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- **China: My Homeland**, 10 a.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Community Conversation Class**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **East Side Artists’ Holiday Show and Sale**, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Masonic Temple, 312 E. College
- **“Talk of Iowa Live from the Java House,” Reading Aloud, Ina Loewenberg**, 10 a.m., Java House, 211 ½ E. Washington, and WSUI
- **“The Heartbeats,” Hospital Staff and Volunteer Choir**, noon, UIHC Colloton Pavilion Atrium
- **UI Collegium Tubum, Annual Holiday Concert**, 12:30 p.m., Old Capitol east steps
- **“Knowledge as Sufficient Information,” Richard Foley, New York University**, 3:30 p.m., 304 English-Philosophy Building
- **UI Center for the Book Open House**, 4 p.m., North Hall
- **Kids’ Fitness Classes**, 6 p.m., Iowa Children’s Museum, Coral Ridge Mall
- **“Incarnation: The Languages of Belief, Proof and Contradiction,”** 7 p.m., House of Aromas Coffee, 118 S. Clinton
- **Jesus Camp**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **“Christmas Time Is Here,”** Dianne Reeves, 7:30 p.m., Hancher
- **“The Power of Dreams,”** 7:30 p.m., Sacred Space Community Meditation Center, 505 E. Washington
- **Aaron Copland’s The Tender Land**, 8 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **Advanced Choreographic Design Concert, Reflections**, 8 p.m., North Hall Space/Place
- **Live at the Java House, Matthew Maybanks**, 8 p.m., Java House
- **Open Mike**, 8 p.m., Uptown Bill’s Small Mall, 401 S. Gilbert
- **Tallgrass Gothic**, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Theatre B
- **Andre Perry and Jason Lewis**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Caveman Spaceship**, South of 80, and Martyrs of Maudlin, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Metropolis**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Mission Creek Presents, Heathers, with Mike Anichini and Jason Lewis**, 9 p.m., Mill
- **UI Jazz Alumni All Stars**, 10 p.m., Sanctuary, 405 S. Gilbert
- **Java House,” 4 Feet High & Rising**
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Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

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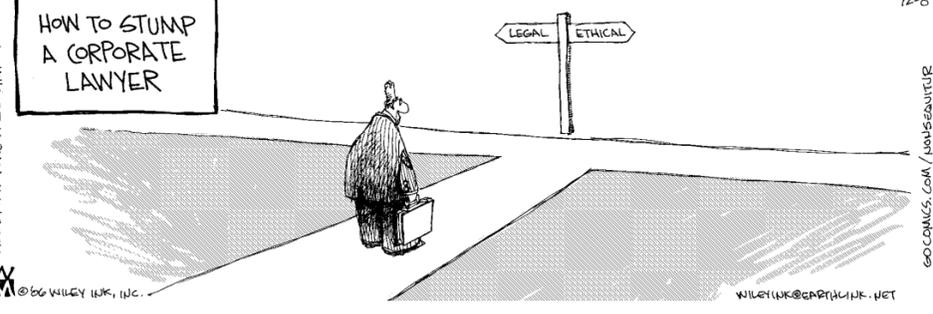
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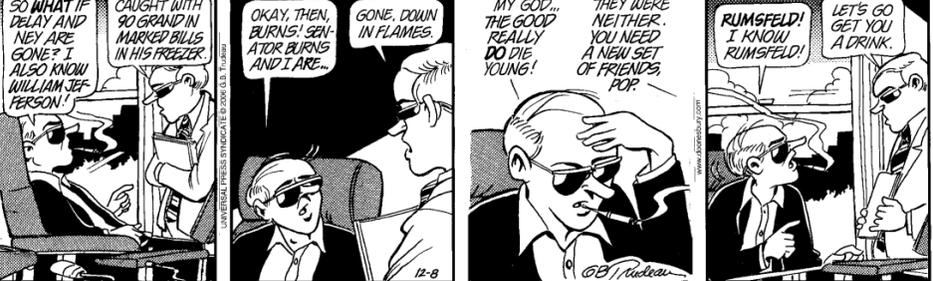
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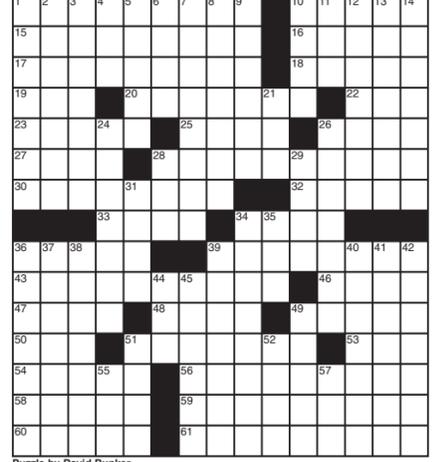


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- ACROSS**
- 1 “King Kong” co-star, 2005
- 10 Magazine subtitled “The Horse Owner’s Resource”
- 15 Son or daughter, usually
- 16 Aachen appetizer
- 17 Fictional king with an enormous appetite
- 18 “Passion” actress, 1919
- 19 It had “three deuces and a four-speed and a 389,” in song
- 20 Yachting event
- 22 Thousandth of a yen
- 23 Has a yen
- 25 Showy
- 26 One hanging around the house
- 27 Napoleon biographer Ludwig
- 28 Maker of a small purchase, sarcastically
- 30 Buttonwood
- 32 Bakery gizmos
- 33 Fire
- 34 Writer Jaffe
- 36 Like some antes
- 39 “The Fearless Vampire Killers” actress
- 46 First name in design
- 47 More than plenty
- 48 Claptrap
- 49 Turkish province or its capital
- 50 Some income: Abbr.
- 51 Unfair
- 53 Opened
- 54 “Dilemma” rapper
- 56 Superlatively stout
- 58 Newsman Roger
- 59 Fiancée, say
- 60 Popularity
- 61 Operation in 1998 news



- DOWN**
- 1 Shakes
- 2 All the things you are
- 3 Prolonged
- 4 It’s tapped
- 5 Chutzpah
- 6 Propositional phrase?
- 7 Cry to an obedient dog, maybe
- 8 Heart
- 9 African livestock pens
- 10 Feudal worker
- 11 Lab. neighbor
- 12 Better model
- 13 Opposite the current
- 14 Some fishing boats
- 21 It’s often put on backward
- 24 Bakery gizmos
- 26 Protected
- 28 Campy wear
- 29 A single, in Stuttgart
- 31 “Love” (1964 hit)

- 34 Contributions to them are not tax-deductible
- 35 It may have a lead part
- 36 “Memed My Hawk” director and star, 1984
- 37 Cell assignment: Abbr.
- 38 What a toddler might pull
- 39 What a scammer might pull
- 40 Brewed bit
- 41 Former Mexican president Zedillo
- 42 Drivers’ duty
- 44 Its members may be seen traveling: Abbr.
- 45 Sluggish
- 49 \_\_\_\_\_! 1944 Pulitzer Crossword
- 52 “Look \_\_\_\_\_!”
- 55 N.Y.C. school
- 57 N.Y.C. subway

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