

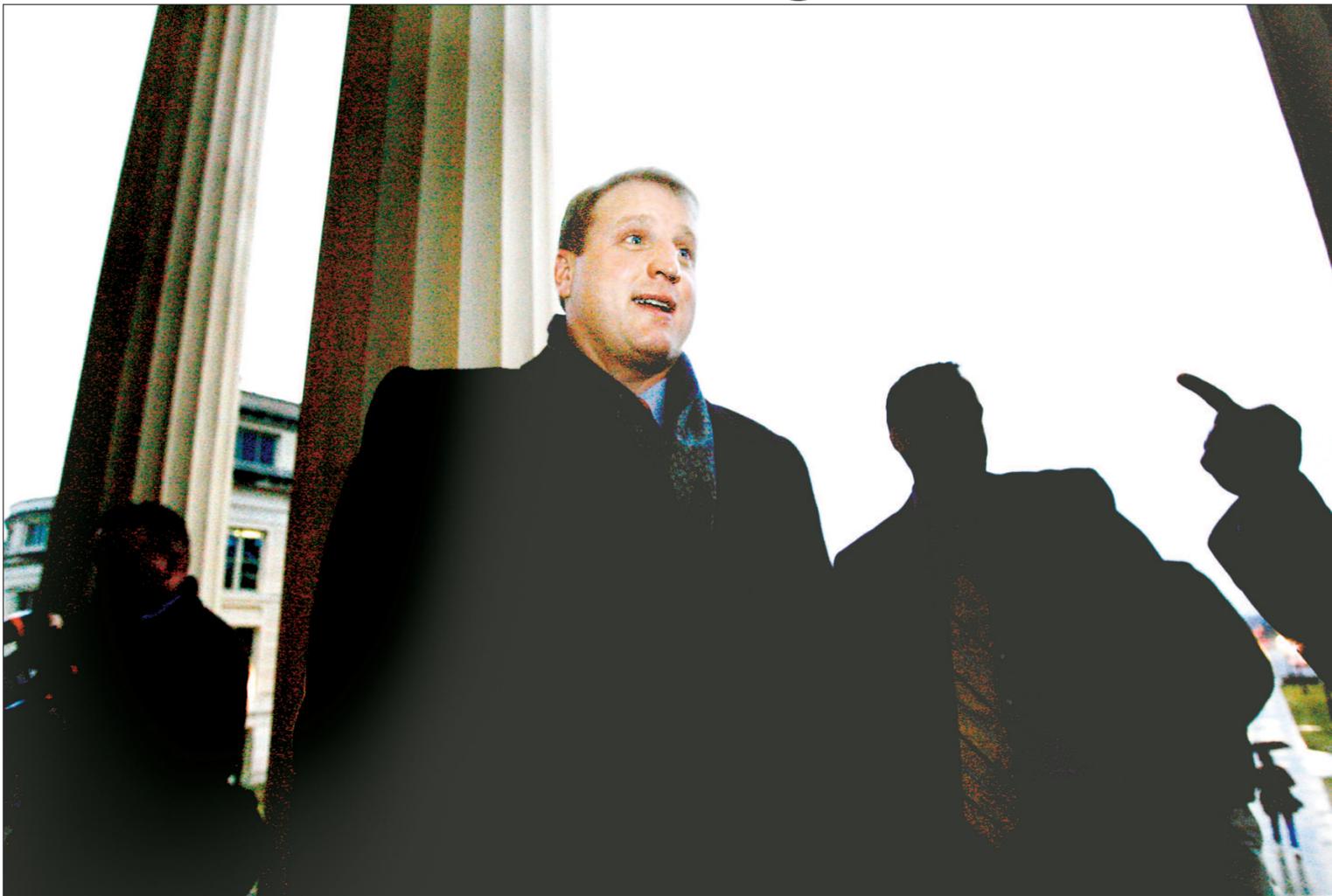
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## Culver looks to aid higher education



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Incoming Gov. Chet Culver makes his way up the Old Capitol west entrance stairway during a celebration of his impending inauguration on Jan. 11. During his pre-inauguration stop, the new governor said he looks forward to finding a "great president" for the UI and that his plans for improving higher education in Iowa include retaining faculty through salary increases and decreasing student-to-teacher ratios.

BY NEAL SAUERBERG  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Each election year, politicians from both parties make big promises to improve Iowa's universities. Gov. Chet Culver and the state Legislature now face the challenge of making these campaign proposals a reality.

At the UI, state funding has struggled to keep up with the increased number of students arriving on campus each semester. Tensions also persist between the majority of the UI community and the state Board of Regents over the regents' management of the school's presidential search.

Prior to his inauguration in Des Moines on Jan. 12, Culver traveled to Iowa City as part of his "One Iowa" tour. He stopped at the Old Capitol to speak with supporters and later attended a celebration held in his honor at Hancher Auditorium.



Fethke  
UI interim president

When asked about his immediate plans to improve the UI, Culver said, "We're looking forward to finding a great president [for the UI]."

In addition, he hopes to improve higher education in the state by making

a concerted effort to retain university faculty through salary increases. These incentives would also be used to attract and retain employees capable of advancing university research departments, whom Culver calls "the backbone of the higher education instruction process." He also made a pledge to decrease student-to-teacher ratios at universities and high schools across the state.

But UI interim President Gary Fethke believes Culver may have difficulty selling his new ideas to Iowans. Recently, the two had a chance to speak informally while

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### CULVER'S EDUCATION PLATFORM

- **Iowa's Senior Year Plus** — Allows high-school students to earn college credits during their senior year
- **Creation of an Iowa Virtual College** — Offers secondary-education opportunities to employed adults, stay-at-home parents, and people living in rural Iowa
- **All-Iowa Opportunity Scholarship** — Provides students one free year of education at any of the state's regent-approved universities or two years in Iowa community colleges.

## Dems off to fast start

BY MASON KERNS  
THE DAILY IOWAN

In a frenzied first week, the newly elected Democratic majority in the Iowa Statehouse introduced several pieces of legislation that could significantly affect Iowans.

• The ever-looming minimum-wage issue was tackled first. Similar bills introduced in the House and Senate would hike the minimum hourly wage to \$6.20, effective April 1, and \$7.25 by 2008.

The Senate, with its 30-20 Democratic majority, is also proposing that the wage be raised yearly in proportion to increases in the Consumer Price Index.



Gronstal  
Majority Leader

In a speech to the Senate, new Majority Leader Michael Gronstal, D-Council Bluffs, touted the Democrats' common argument for the increase: An abundance of Iowans are living at an unlivable \$5.15 per hour.

Yet fiscal conservatives and others opposed to the proposed hike contend it would hurt small businesses and reduce the number of jobs for the "most unemployable" Iowans. Sen. Paul McKinley, R-Chariton, said an increase would also hurt Iowa's economy relative

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## Dems aim at stem-cell measure

BY DEAN TREFTZ  
THE DAILY IOWAN

WASHINGTON — With a new party in control of Congress and a fresh dynamic in Washington for the first time since the GOP took control of the Senate in 2002, Democrats — led in part by Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa — and a handful of Republicans are pushing stem-cell research in legislation nearly identical to a bill passed last year but later vetoed.



Harkin  
senator

The Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007 would lift restrictions on federally funded scientists — including those at the UI — conducting research on embryonic stem cells, which are derived from human embryos and usually obtained from fertility clinics.

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## 2ND SEARCH PANEL IS TAKING SHAPE

BY SEUNG MIN KIM  
THE DAILY IOWAN

A university official leading the new phase of the often controversial quest for the next UI president said he hopes to quickly name the remaining members of the revamped search committee, to which six people have so far been appointed.

The state Board of Regents lauded the current makeup of the new panel, which will seek out finalists for the UI presidency. Clashes between university leaders and regents characterized much of the previous search, but now, officials want to move on and ensure that the recruitment process remains open and the confidentiality of candidates protected.

Different right now in this new search panel, expected to total roughly 12 people, is the absence of a regent. Committee chairman and UI College of Dentistry Dean David

Johnsen said he would defer to regents on whether they would serve.

But Regent President Michael Gartner said the committee's composition was up to Johnsen and that he himself hopes to approve "whomever [Johnsen] wants and selects."

"I think we've asked the dean to come back with his recommendations," Gartner said in response to a question about whether he would push for regent representation on the panel. "I doubt regents will have anything to say about the matter."

Iowa City-based Regent Robert Downer also said he would be "perfectly fine" with not having a regent on the committee.

The previous 19-member search panel, scrapped in November and its finalists for the UI presidency eventually rejected, featured four regents, most prominently Board Presi-

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## Police ID assault suspect

BY ERIKA BINEGAR  
THE DAILY IOWAN

The UI police have identified 15-year-old Jonathan Powell as the suspect in three sexual-assault cases on the university campus dating back to July 2006.

"The assaults were our department's top priority, so all the officers were involved," UI police Lt. Peter Berkson said. "I imagine it's been on a lot of people's minds. We've gotten calls from mothers of students, from fathers of students, and they were wondering what we were doing to bring a stop to this."

Police notified the UI community via e-mail Dec. 19 that after a month-long investigation, they had identified Powell as the alleged perpetrator of a Nov. 12 sexual assault near the Voxman Music Building. The woman, who officials say was assaulted from behind at around 1 a.m., told police she had bitten the attacker's hand, Berkson said.

DNA testing reportedly linked Powell to the scene and to the accuser's clothing, where

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— Lt. Peter Berkson, UI police

traces of his blood lingered, Berkson said.

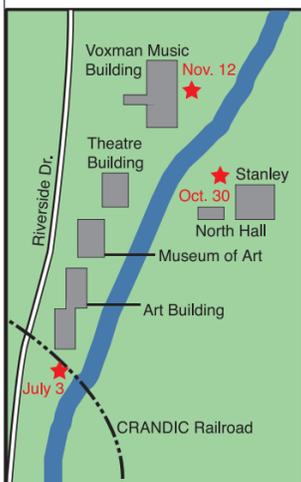
A photo lineup reportedly connected Powell to two other assault cases on campus — one attempt near Stanley Residence Hall, on Oct. 30, and another near a tunnel on the riverbank July 3, Berkson said. In both cases, the alleged victims were jogging when the suspect attacked from behind.

The accuser in the July 3 incident identified Powell from a photo lineup as "the most likely

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### Sex-assault charges

DNA evidence led the UI police to charge 15-year-old Jonathan Powell with a sexual-assault that took place almost two months ago. A photo lineup led to Powell being charged with two other sexual-assaults.



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### DOWNFIELD DYNAMICS

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# NEWS

## METRO

### Credit union to open IMU branch

This spring, the University of Iowa Community Credit Union will open an on-campus branch within the IMU, expanding a partnership between the organizations.

The branch will be located on the ground floor near the University Book Store and will accept payment of university bills and UI departmental deposits.

The addition will be a part of a contractual agreement awarded by the UI to the credit union, which will change its name to Optiva Credit Union on March 1.

The UI accepted bids from those financial institutions interested in providing services to students, faculty, and staff and ultimately signed a contract with the credit union.

The credit union's quarterly newsletter said UI students will have the option this summer of tying their ID cards to an Optiva checking account so that the card will double as an ID and ATM card for fast cash or debit payment at stores.

The campus ATMs, which are already owned and serviced by the credit union, will remain surcharge-free for all users.

— by Kelsey Beltramea

### 2 hurt in 1-vehicle crash

Two people were injured in an accident at Riverside Drive on Jan. 13, Iowa City police reported Sunday.

Amy Bean, 22, was driving a vehicle in the area of South Riverside Drive and Mormon Trek Boulevard

when she lost control and spun out, eventually colliding with a guard rail, police reported.

Officers said that the accident, which occurred at 12:06 a.m., involved no other vehicles.

In the car with the Iowa City resident was 20-year-old Devin Macrander, a North Liberty resident, authorities reported.

Police said both Bean and Macrander were taken to UI Hospitals and Clinics for injuries; the extent of these injuries was not released on Sunday.

The Iowa City Fire Department, Johnson County Ambulance Service, and Iowa City police were present at the site of the crash.

— by Emileigh Barnes

### Man charged in alleged attack on woman

Coralville police have arrested a man they said drugged a woman with muscle relaxers and attempted to assault her on Jan. 6.

Officers said Conroy Merrival, 39, was at a 2028 9th St. apartment when he allegedly groped a woman's breasts and removed her pants and underwear without her consent.

Merrival, who had taken off his pants, was attempting to straddle the woman when a witness interrupted the alleged assault, authorities reported.

Officers said when they arrived on scene, the woman suffered from uncontrollable shakes and was "nearly incoherent."

She later accused Merrival of putting several muscle-relaxing pills into a mixed alcoholic drink, according to a police complaint dated Jan. 6.

Merrival faces felony charges of administering harmful substances and an aggravated misdemeanor charge of assault with intent to commit sex abuse — no injury.

— by Emileigh Barnes

### Supervisors pass rights ordinance

In a move to try to eliminate discrimination, the Johnson County Board of Supervisors approved a human-rights ordinance that went into effect Jan. 11, banning, among other things, ethnic, and sex bias.

The ordinance was based on Iowa City's policy against prejudice, Supervisor Sally Stutsman said on Sunday.

The supervisors approved the ordinance unanimously after the County Attorney's Office approved the proposed regulations.

"It basically is just the right thing to do," Stutsman said.

Distinct from Iowa's state laws, the ordinance also includes a prohibition on discrimination based on sexual orientation. It also covers discrimination based on ethnic, age, disability, and religion in public services, housing, employment, education, and credit transactions.

Coralville is considering adopting the same policy, Stutsman said.

— by Emileigh Barnes

### 2 charged in drug bust

Police have arrested two Iowa City

residents on several drug violations that stemmed from a narcotics investigation of an Iowa City residence on Jan. 8.

The drug bust is the second police have reported at 816 E. Market St. in under four months, although the defendants differ in both cases.

On Jan. 8, officers reported they found crack cocaine and marijuana at the residence as well as \$2,628 in cash, packaging materials, and scales. Authorities said they also located a BB gun inside the residence.

Police allege that Deshaun Lewis, also known as "Big Moe" or "Mo-Man," was using the building to sell illegal drugs. Another person, 18-year-old Whitley Weston, was identified as a tenant in the residence, police said. Weston admitted to having smoked marijuana prior to authorities' arrivals, officers reported.

Weston faces charges of possession of a controlled substance, a serious misdemeanor, failure to affix a drug tax stamp, a Class C felony, drug tax stamping, a use of a controlled substance in a structure or vehicle, an aggravated misdemeanor, and a Class B felony for controlled-substance violation.

Lewis, 20, faces a Class D felony charge of failing to affix a drug tax stamp, a Class B felony charge of possession of crack with intent to deliver, an aggravated misdemeanor charge of maintaining a drug house, and a felony charge of third or subsequent possession of a controlled substance.

## STATE

### Mediacom asks Congress to investigate Sinclair dispute

DES MOINES (AP) — Mediacom Communications Corp. is asking Congress to investigate the handling of its dispute with Sinclair Broadcasting Group by the Federal Communications Commission.

The request was made on Jan. 13 in a letter addressed to members of

Congress in 23 states where Mediacom has customers.

The New York-based Mediacom also has asked Congress to urge the FCC to take action to put Sinclair stations back on the Mediacom cable television system while the dispute is being resolved.

Sinclair, based in the Baltimore suburb of Hunt Valley, Md., pulled 22 of its stations from Mediacom in 13 states on Jan. 6. The move, made after a contract between the two companies

expired, left more than 700,000 cable subscribers without access through their cable subscriptions to network affiliated stations.

The Sinclair stations that were pulled include KDSM-TV in Des Moines, a Fox affiliate, and KGAN-TV in Cedar Rapids, a CBS affiliate.

Sinclair and Mediacom can't agree on how much Mediacom should pay to retransmit the stations' signals.

Court documents filed early in the dispute indicated the difference between

Sinclair's asking price and Mediacom's offer was approximately \$1 million.

The companies have declined in recent weeks to discuss how far apart they remain.

Barry Faber, Sinclair's vice president and corporate attorney, said Mediacom's request is a "desperate act by a company that doesn't want to get a deal done."

He said Mediacom has repeatedly sought government help to resolve a dispute between two private companies.

## BACK FOR MORE



Katrina Hawthorne/The Daily Iowan

Sophomore roommates Jessica Jew (left) and Megan Fassl return from break Sunday. The women filled two carts and dragged a large suitcase to their Burge Hall room.

## POLICE BLOTTER

Michael Alderson, 21, North Liberty, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Ashley Alford, 22, Williamsburg, Iowa, was charged Jan. 31, 2005, with second-degree theft.

Bradley Axmeier, 21, Tempe, Ariz., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Ryan Bass, 19, 319 E. Court St., was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Amanda Becker, 18, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with PAULA and presence in a bar after hours.

Mark Benner, 42, 100 Oberlin St., was charged Sunday with public intoxication and improper use of 911, joint criminal conduct.

Cody Black, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Jan. 13 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Shane Cassabaum, 22, West

Branch, was charged Jan. 13 with second-offense OWI.

Michael Close, 18, 509 S. Linn St. Apt. 7, was charged Jan. 13 with possession of an open container of alcohol in a vehicle and PAULA.

Tracy Cox, 30, 734 Bay Ridge Drive, was charged Jan. 12 with OWI.

David Daneil, 52, 1639 Dover St., was charged Jan. 13 with domestic-abuse assault.

Alec Ehlinger, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Richard Elliot, 23, North Liberty, was charged Jan. 12 with fifth-degree criminal mischief.

Kenneth Fortner, 43, 1131 Third Ave., was charged Jan. 13 with third-and-subsequent domestic abuse assault.

Catherine Hall, 20, Marion, Iowa,

was charged Jan. 13 with PAULA.

Brendan Herrig, 21, 5 Regal Lane, was charged Jan. 13 with OWI.

Kimber Hoffman, 19, 823 E. Burlington St., was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Timothy Larsen, 38, 758 Bay Ridge Drive, was charged May 15, 2006 with OWI and Jan. 13 with OWI.

Lester Malanowski, 22, Wauconda, Ill., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Kate Malott, 21, 112 E. Bloomington St. Apt. 3, was charged Jan. 12 with driving with a revoked license.

Nicholas Mineart, 19, 1956 Broadway Apt. C5, was charged Jan. 13 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

James Nimmer, 46, Denver, was charged Jan. 12 with possession of

drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

Matthew Schmidt, 22, 631 S. Lucas St. Apt. 1, was charged Sunday with urinating in public.

Ashley Simbo, 19, Des Moines, was charged Jan. 13 with PAULA.

Katie Vandendriessche, 20, Ames, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Stephen Wakeman, 18, 615 S. Governor St. Apt. 9, was charged Jan. 11 with fifth-degree theft.

Eric Walker, 21, 637 S. Dodge St. Apt. 4, was charged Jan. 13 with second-offense OWI.

Richard Woodburn, 44, 60 Phyllis, was charged Jan. 11 with disorderly conduct.

Adam Zwanziger, 30, 240 Marietta, was charged Jan. 12 with possession of an open container of alcohol in public and public intoxication.

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However, the story was about a UI parking-enforcement policy. *The Daily Iowan* regrets the error.

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# Police charge teen in assaults

## ARREST

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suspect," Berkson added. Powell, who is also charged with an attempted car burglary at the Newton Road parking ramp on July 7, is being held in the Linn County Detention Center. Police don't know whether Powell will be tried as an adult or juvenile. But under Iowa law, the young man could face up to 25 years in prison for sexual abuse in the second degree and up to \$5,000 in fines on the two charges of assault with intent to commit sexual abuse if charged as an adult, Berkson said. Powell's composite sketch does not match the suspect in a string of sexual assaults perpetrated in Iowa City last fall, and UI police haven't recently worked with city police in that investigation, Berkson said. He added that UI police want to reassure students returning from winter break that the campus is safe. Powell's arrest may ease some troubled minds, he said. "It'll bring comfort to people," Berkson said. "I feel the campus is in general a very safe place. However, one needs to take the responsibility of taking precautions." And one way to show that to potential attackers is by carrying a whistle, said Karla Miller, the executive director of the

## Rape Victim Advocacy Program.

The WhistleSAFE program, overseen by RVAP and UI police, provides whistles — free to students, faculty, and staff and \$1 for the public — that could help victims fight off attackers when they're unable to yell for help, Miller said. RVAP has already distributed more than 1,500 whistles from the available 6,000 to raise awareness about sexual abuse on campus and in the community. The group purchased the whistles with the aid of a \$5,000 grant from the UI Student Government. Each device is engraved with the Rape Crisis hotline and contains street safety tips. Rachel Luzbetak, a project assistant and UI senior, said students should not depend solely on the whistles to stop an attacker. But she noted it's an easy way to feel in control. "For me, this program is a way for women, and students in general, to say, 'This is something I can do,'" she said, adding that students can get a free whistle this week during lunches at Burge and Hillcrest Residence Halls. Whistles are also available at the RVAP office, 320 S. Linn St. Eight sexual assaults were reported in 2006, according to UI police — three more than the number reported in 2005. E-mail *D/ Metro Editor Erika Binegar* at: erika-binegar@uiowa.edu

# Fight over stem cells looming

## STEM CELL

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Opponents of the bill, which include President Bush, say it will aid in destroying human life. "I hope the White House and the president will really step back and change their approach," Harkin said at a Jan. 9 press conference with Democratic and Republican supporters of the bill. The federal legislation may add momentum for embryonic stem-cell research, now banned in Iowa, to return to the UI. A 2003 state measure banned the research in the state; the prohibition caused UI scientists, such as Mary Hendrix, who had led the anatomy and cell biology department, to leave Iowa in order to continue work in the field. But a newly elected Democratic majority in the state Legislature appears poised to repeal the ban. And Gov. Chet Culver has announced plans for a \$10 million regenerative medicine center at the UI, which could help Iowa officials reduce the purported "brain drain" stemming from the 2003 ban. When the U.S. Senate considers the issue in the next week or so, the bill appears to have 66 votes — counting Sen. Tim Johnson, D-S.D., who is recovering from brain surgery — if returning senators repeat their vote from the previous session

and new members stay consistent with campaign statements. Harkin said he believed the Senate would pass the bill with at least 67 votes, implying that at least one senator may change her or his stance. "We have the momentum; we have the votes; we have the support of the people," Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo., who sponsored the House bill, said at the conference. Though the House bill passed, 253-174, on Jan. 11, supporters did not get the requisite two-thirds majority — or 290 votes — needed to override a potential veto. No specific plans are in the works to gather the 37 additional votes, but DeGette is willing to talk with the White House on the issue and will continue pushing for the override if necessary, aides said. In the Senate, 66 votes are enough to pass, but an additional vote would override a potential veto from Bush, should the House somehow garner support from two-thirds of its representatives. Bush said in a Jan. 11 statement addressed to DeGette and the bill's co-sponsors that he will veto the legislation if it is placed on his desk. The previous Congress' version of the bill is the only piece of legislation so far that Bush has blocked in his nearly six years in office, but with Capitol Hill suddenly Democratic, the president may exercise his constitutional check on the legislature more

often. But even if the bill is vetoed, Democrats stand to gain from passing the bill by forcing opponents of embryonic stem-cell research to vote against a stance supported by a majority of Americans, UI political-science Professor Peverill Squire said. In a *USA Today*/Gallup poll conducted after Bush's first veto, 36 percent of Americans approved of the president's decision, while 58 percent disagreed. The stem-cell bill is "a chance for [Democrats] to put themselves on the popular side of an issue," Squire said. "Republicans did the same sort of thing when they had the majority." The press conference and ensuing House vote came on the heels of a report from Wake Forest University and Harvard University researchers who extracted stem cells from the amniotic fluid that surrounds a fetus in the womb. Embryonic stem-cell critics, including Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, have heralded the research as a breakthrough way to obtain stem cells without destroying human embryos. Iowa's senior senator said he prefers to fund research with an "established track record," rather than "unproven" research involving human embryos. "I continue to question why we should use federal funds for additional embryonic stem-cell research when the federal funding already allowed by the president

## HOW MEMBERS OF IOWA'S HOUSE MEMBERS VOTED ON THE STEM CELL RESEARCH ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2007.

- Democrat Rep. Leonard Boswell — Yes
- Democrat Rep. Bruce Braley — Yes
- Republican Rep. Steve King — No
- Republican Rep. Tom Latham — No
- Democrat Rep. Dave Loebsack — Yes
- How Iowa's senators will vote. Republican Sen. Charles Grassley — No
- Democrat Sen. Tom Harkin — Yes

has provided no valuable progress," Grassley said in an e-mail to *The Daily Iowan*. Currently, federal funding is allowed on stem-cell cultures extracted from embryos before Aug. 9, 2001. Harkin, however, dismissed the report, calling it "noteworthy" but not a breakthrough. E-mail *D/ reporter Dean Trefitz* at: dean-trefitz@uiowa.edu

# Dems move on agenda

## LEGISLATURE

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to that of other states. "We need to let the Feds set the wage and tie our rate to the national level," McKinley said. "We need to be on a level playing field, not at a disadvantage." • Iowans may also be forced to vote earlier in future elections. A bill awaiting Senate subcommittee approval would close precincts statewide at 7 p.m., as opposed to 9 p.m., barring petitions from local voters. • Another proposed law could force high-school students to take the ACT in order to graduate. McKinley, who introduced the legislation, said because data

harvested from the tests are invaluable in gauging academic progress, policymakers should pass the measure so they'll know how to help Iowa's students "compete in today's global economy." Meanwhile, a separate House bill, aimed at discouraging high-schoolers from dropping out, would raise the age for compulsory school attendance from 16 to 18. • Those frequenting the Coralville Reservoir and other water-recreation hot spots may soon be forced to abide by a .08 or less blood-alcohol content requirement to lawfully operate their boats. Currently, Iowa boaters are held to the .10 standard that automobile drivers had faced before the switch to .08 in 2003.

• Iowans may also be able to drive faster on primary highways, should a Senate bill introduced Jan. 8 reach fruition. The measure, which awaits approval by a transportation subcommittee, would raise the speed limit on highways from 55 to 60 mph, while keeping divided, multi-lane highway and rural interstate limits at 65 and 70 mph, respectively. • Democrats, who hold a 54-46 advantage in the House, have also moved on raising the cigarette tax to \$1 per pack. The revenue generated from the law would be funneled into programs to increase health-care funding for Iowans. E-mail *D/ reporter Mason Kerns* at: mason-kerns@uiowa.edu

# MALE ADOLESCENT MARIJUANA USERS

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# Culver pushes education



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Incoming Gov. Chet Culver greets friends and supporters during a celebration in the Old Capitol on Jan. 11. The new governor said one of his priorities is secondary education in Iowa.

## CULVER

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attending the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio.

"To me, he faces a challenge of vision, both financially and strategically," Fethke said. "But I'm confident he'll do well. [Culver's] a very inquisitive person."

The newly elected governor worked to ease concerns from students and state residents about rising tuition costs by proposing a number of programs designed to make college education more accessible.

To back up his emphasis on improving secondary education, Culver cited a study completed by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis that links an educated population to a state's level of economic success. During the 2006 campaign, Culver spoke repeatedly

"To me, he faces a challenge of vision, both financially and strategically. But I'm confident he'll do well. [Culver's] a very inquisitive person.'

— Gary Fethke, UI interim President

about the need to create a large, educated workforce led by students graduating from institutions of higher learning across Iowa.

But UI Professor Richard Hurtig said a state the size of Iowa, with a population just under 3 million, confronts unique challenges when attempting to fund three major universities.

"It's important to increase access to education for people who don't have the financial means, but how it's funded is really what's critical," he said. Ultimately, progress

depends on financial allocations provided to the regents.

Peverill Squire, a UI political-science professor, believes the upcoming education budget may be larger than in years past. Yet, he cautions, "The state is running a surplus, but with built-in funding increases for a number of programs, much — if not all — of that surplus is already committed in next year's budget."

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## REGENTS

# Panel coming together

## REGENTS

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dent Pro Tem Teresa Wahlert as its chairwoman.

Johnsen, who is the longest-serving dean at the UI and has led previous searches for other university administrators, was tapped last month to lead the new search.

The dentistry dean said he has already received at least several dozen suggestions — both in and outside academic circles — for the new UI president, who is slated to be named by July 1.

The choice to hold on-campus interviews for finalists — hallmarks of previous presidential searches that allowed the UI community to meet candidates face-to-face — will also be up to the committee, Johnsen said.

"That decision will be actively discussed both inside and outside committee," he said. "We will welcome that kind of discussion."

Johnsen declined to comment whether the four rejected candidates — which included current UI Provost Michael Hogan — would be reconsidered.

The search firm Heidrick & Struggles will again assist the dozen charged with sifting through those vying to become the next president.

Former UI College of Business Dean Gary Fethke is serving as the university's interim leader after previous UI President David Skorton left last summer to take the helm at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

Meanwhile, newly inaugurated Gov. Chet Culver has a chance to significantly alter the nine-member board, which governs the public universities in the state. The terms of current Regents Amir Arbisser,

'I think we've asked the dean to come back with his recommendations. I doubt regents will have anything to say about the matter.'

— Michael Gartner, UI Regents President

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- Jonathan Carlson, UI law professor
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- Linda Maxson, UI College of Liberal Arts and Sciences dean
- Paul Rothman, UI internal-medicine professor

tone," Anderson said. "Obviously, there have been some problems, and he wants to make sure his new picks can cooperate and work together."

Regents are citizen volunteers who are appointed to staggered six-year terms. At least one member has to be a full-time student at a state university when he or she is appointed, and no more than five regents can be of a particular political party.

The nominations need to pass Senate confirmation by April 15. Arbisser's, Becker's, and Wahlert's terms expire April 30.

Last week, the regents also approved Jean Robillard, the current dean of the UI Carver College of Medicine, as the UI's new vice president for medical affairs. In the three-year term, Robillard will report to the UI president in all UI matters related to health care.

The last person in a similar role was former UI Vice President for Health Affairs Robert Kelch, who left in 2003 to become the University of Michigan's executive vice president of medical affairs and head of the school's health system.

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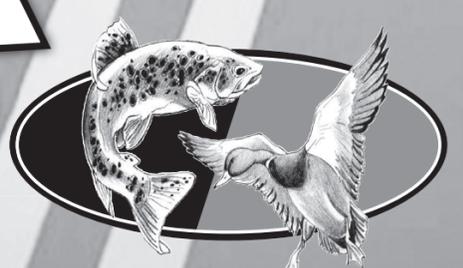
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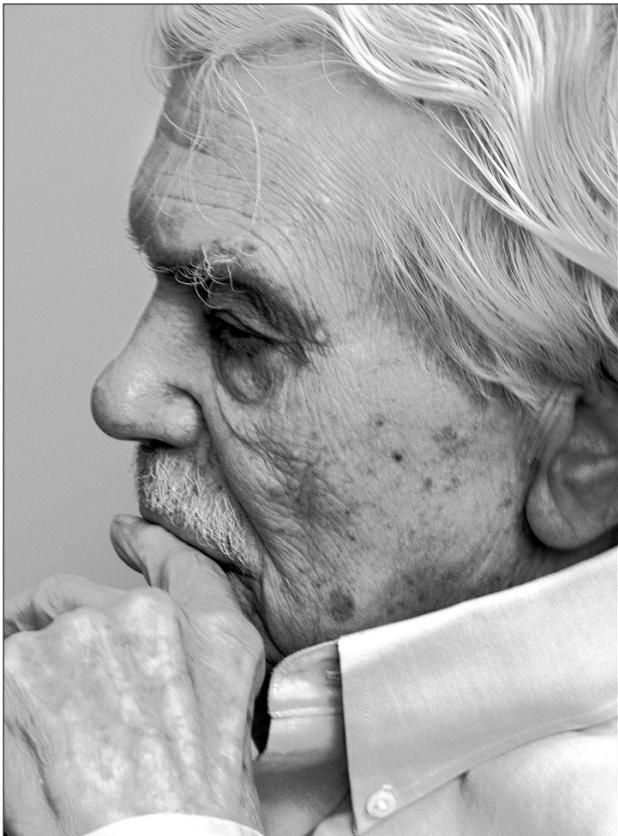
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# UI mourns death of renowned professor emeritus



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UI professor emeritus Arthur Benton, pictured above, died Dec. 27.

BY MATT NELSON  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Remembered both for his dedication to the mind and to music and noted for his charm and wit, Arthur Benton, one of the founding fathers of neuropsychology and the founder of the UI's neuropsychology laboratory, died of emphysema at the age of 97 in Glenview, Ill., on Dec. 27.

"Today, we have one of the most advanced neuropsychology departments, both clinical and research, in the country," said neurology Professor Robert Rodnitzky, who had worked with the UI professor emeritus of psychology and neurology both as a student and a colleague. "That's his legacy."

Born in New York City, Benton received a bachelor's and master's from Oberlin College, then received his doctorate in psychology from Columbia University in 1935, training as a psychologist at the Payne Whitney Psychiatric Clinic in the New York Hospital.

In early 1941, Benton volunteered for military service in the U.S. Navy, earning a commission of lieutenant in the medical department. He retired in 1945 at the rank of captain, then accepted a position as an associate professor of psychology at the University of Louisville.

Benton joined the UI in 1948 as a professor and director of graduate training in clinical psychology. Ten years later, he became a professor of psychology and neurology at the UI, and he was instrumental in the creation of the neuropsychology lab. The lab was officially dedicated and renamed the Benton Neuropsychology Laboratory when Benton retired in 1978.

One of Benton's major accomplishments in neuropsychology was his creation of the Benton

Visual Retention Test, which measures visual perception and memory by asking subjects to reproduce geometric designs after viewing them briefly. The test is used to diagnose brain damage or measure visuospatial memory.

Benton was also honored as a visiting professor in universities around the world from Israel to Japan, and he continued to publish and participate in research until 2002.

In 1992, Benton received a lifetime achievement award from the American Psychological Foundation for his work in "pioneering clinical studies of brain-behavior relations."

"Despite all his accomplishments and his international renown, he didn't wear it on his sleeve," Rodnitzky said. "He was humble beyond what was necessary."

His wife, Rita Benton, was a professor of musicology at the UI, where she was named first head of the Music Library in 1957. Arthur Benton met her in Paris, where they were vacationing separately, in 1939. They were married a month after returning to the United States that same year. After her death in 1980, the UI Music Library was renamed in her honor.

In his later years, Arthur Benton experienced some health problems. Though he had few hobbies in his youth — a symptom of career dedication — he moved to Illinois after a hip injury in 2001 and took up weaving and pottery, which he continued to practice even with failing eyesight.

"He cared about everyone," said daughter Abigail Sivan, a psychologist. "Didn't matter if it was the person who picked up the garbage at the office or a student or a colleague or his boss."

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## ARTHUR BENTON: A LIFE IN PERSPECTIVE

- Met wife Rita Benton in Paris while both were on vacation, and they were married fewer than two months later.
- Founded the Neuropsychology Laboratory at the UI.
- Received an award for life achievements from the American Psychology Foundation.
- Has two sons, Daniel, who works in the UI neonatology department, Ray, who graduated with a degree in law, and a daughter, Abigail Sivan, who holds degrees in psychology.
- Has two grandsons, Ofer and Ori Sivan, who both graduated from the UI with degrees in engineering.
- The Music Library is named after his late wife, who helped found the library and served as head up until her death in 1980.
- Took up pottery and weaving as his eyesight worsened in later years and continued to participate in research until 2002.

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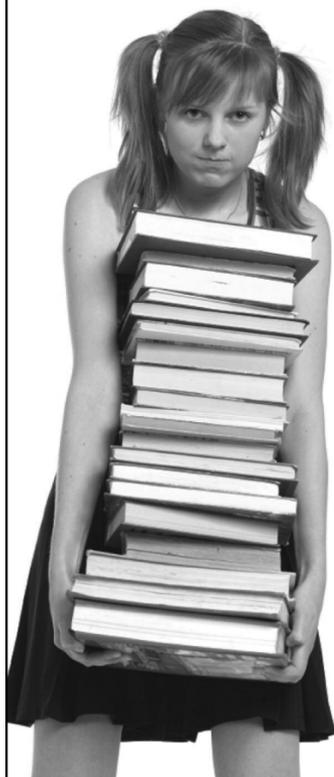
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# 3 fires hit city over break

Damages in the three fires, which occurred on Dec. 22, 23, and 29, will top \$90,000

BY EMILEIGH BARNES  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Despite three fires that torched Iowa City structures and caused one person minor injuries last month, fire officials say the holiday season was fairly calm for the department.

On Dec. 22, 23, and 29, fires burned at 2306 Friendship St., 2815 Heinz Road, and 145 S. Westminister St. respectively.

Winter months often bring an increase in the number of fires, but Fire Marshal Roger Jensen said the number of blazes was "a little less" than in most years. "I hope [residents] were just a little more careful with heating," he said.

Nationally, December fires have caused an average of 415 deaths, 1,650 injuries, and \$990 million of damage annually for the past three years, he said.

Major causes of holiday fires include cooking, heating equipment, and open flames.

The blaze at 2306 Friendship St. spread from the basement to the attic through the wall stud space. The fire, extinguished in 30 minutes, caused around \$50,000 in damages.

At 2815 Heinz Road, fire crews responded to flames at a mini-storage building. Crews forced entry into the area to fight the flames, but the contents of the unit were destroyed in the fire, officials reported.

Other storage areas sustained minimal smoke damage. No injuries were reported in the blaze; as of Sunday, the cause of that fire had not been released.

The cause of the 145 S. Westminister St. fire has been ruled accidental, starting when "nearby combustibles" caught fire, officials reported. The blaze was controlled in less than 10 minutes with damages to the single-family residence estimated at \$40,000.

One occupant received minor injuries in that blaze.

The Red Cross responded to



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On Dec. 23, 2006, a storage facility at 2815 Heinz Road caught fire. The structure still showed signs of damage on Jan. 13.

both the Westminister and Friendship Street fires.

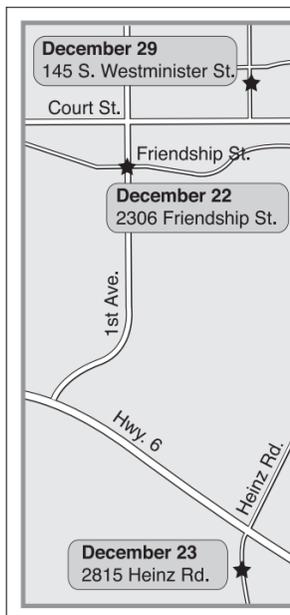
Kelly Sittig, the communications director for the American Red Cross Grant Wood Chapter, said that although the number of fires might have been down in Iowa City, the philanthropic organization has stayed busy with losses in nearby counties.

"For specifically around the holidays, it might have been slow, but I hate to even say that, because this year, we've had an active year," she said.

The Red Cross provides food, clothing, shelter, and mental-health services to victims of fires, filling "people's basic needs," she said, adding the organization arrives on scene soon after fire officials.

"Typically, the Fire Department pages our volunteers almost immediately," Sittig said.

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### Fiery Locations

Three fires have damaged property in Iowa City this winter. More frequent fires may be caused by increased use of heating appliances, such as space heaters, or holiday decorations, such as paper ornaments or strings of lights.

Another factor may be the use of wood stoves, fireplaces, and candles. The Fire Inspection Bureau of the Iowa Department of Public Safety recommends testing smoke alarms monthly and changing their batteries every year.

SOURCES: Iowa and Minnesota's Departments of Public Safety websites; <http://www.dps.state.ia.us>, and <http://www.severeweather.state.mn.us>

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# Details hazy in UIHC computer incident

BY MASON KERNS  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Regent Amir Arbisser said on Sunday he wasn't familiar with many details about a UI Hospitals and Clinics employee who reportedly broke policy to access information from a hospital computer.

Arbisser said he also didn't know whether or not the computer belonged to former UIHC head John Colloton, the name that came up after Regent President Michael Gartner requested the incident be investigated at a Jan. 11 state Board of Regents' meeting.

But Arbisser did question why Colloton, a respected UIHC administrator and donor who once held

the top post at the UIHC, retains an office on the first floor of the hospital unit that bears his name, the John W. Colloton Pavilion.

"He's not a current employee," Arbisser said. "I certainly hold him in high esteem as an administrator in his time, but I'm not sure what function he serves now that requires an office."

University Relations Director Steve Parrott, who said no patient data or other sensitive information were compromised in the incident,



Arbisser  
regent

declined to name an employee or employees responsible for accessing unspecified data on the computer, which Parrott wouldn't confirm was Colloton's. Parrott also wouldn't indicate if any employees would be reprimanded.

Neither Colloton nor Gartner could be reached for comment.

The computer incident marks the third involving rogue activity at the UIHC that has come to the fore in recent weeks.

In late December, a pair of professional thieves reportedly worked as a team to pick people's pockets on UIHC grounds.

Additionally, a Coralville man was charged Jan. 2 with using a series of fictitious identities to

obtain medical care. Between June 2005 and August 2006, Oly Sevan Hanson allegedly billed more than \$17,000 to various pseudonyms for treatment rendered at the hospital's emergency room, according to a police complaint.

For the incident and events relating to his subsequent arrest, Hanson faces charges of theft by deception, a Class C felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and \$10,000 in fines; preventing apprehension, an aggravated misdemeanor, punishable by up to two years and \$5,000; and three counts of tampering with records, also an aggravated misdemeanor.

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# Iowa City's proposed budget remains tight

Public safety tops the funding in the budget, but no personnel additions are planned for the police and fire departments

BY ASHTON SHURSON  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Consistency is a shining feature of Iowa City's fiscal years budget, and the recently released proposed budget for 2008-2010 is no exception.

"It's a status-quo budget," said Kevin O'Malley, the city director of finance. "Every year [things] cost more, and we're trying to maintain the same provisions and services."

The total revenue for fiscal 2008 is \$49.5 million, with total expenditures at \$49,584,321.

Roughly 63 percent of the city's revenue stems from property taxes. For fiscal 2008, property

taxes will increase 2.61 percent.

In a statement outlining the budget's highlights, City Manager Steve Atkins said one of the major changes this year affects projects funded by the State Road Use Tax Fund — which is accumulated through fees and taxes placed on vehicles.

In the letter, he said tax growth isn't keeping up with increasing costs of planned road improvements and daily operations.

"A critical review is necessary, as it relates to future capital projects and use of state road use tax monies," he said.

Another area concerning some city employees is the prop-

erty tax rollback — an assessment limitation order. Because the rollback keeps rising, the city doesn't receive as much revenue from property taxes because the owners don't pay as much.

But the lack of funds isn't only affecting everyday municipal tasks — other requests were denied because of funding issues.

Some departments — including police and fire — requested additional personnel for their departments, but O'Malley and Atkins said this has not been recommended.

Although extra patrol officers and firefighters are not an option

for O'Malley or Atkins, public safety has always been the most funded area of the city — police funds total \$9,668,398 and fire \$5,685,634 for fiscal 2008.

But for some city councilors and other city officials, this isn't enough.

"We are clearly needing to add more personnel," said Councilor Bob Elliott.

Iowa City Police Chief Sam Hargadine said the city's officers per capita is 1.1 per 1,000, and the national

average for cities Iowa City's size is 1.8 per 1,000. He added that the department is unable to conduct any crime prevention and education, community policing, traffic enforcement, or follow up on cases that do not merit an investigative reassignment.

"As long as that is the expectation, then I suppose I am happy with the budget," Hargadine said in an e-mail, adding that the department is conducting research on its size, officers per capita, and the services the force can provide with the resources it has.

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# Gilchrist pursuing UI lab complaints

BY KELSEY BELTRAMEA  
THE DAILY IOWAN

A public hearing will be held next month, as the former UI Hygienic Laboratory Director Mary Gilchrist brings a formal complaint against interim UI President Gary Fethke and Meredith Hay, the UI vice president for Research. The lawsuit alleges that Fethke and Hay illegally fired Gilchrist after wrongly attempting to limit her communication with state officials.



Gilchrist  
ex-director

Gilchrist says she was terminated Oct. 3 for being "too passionate"; she is suing the UI officials to get her job back, as well as to receive "nominal" damages and back pay. She has said she was

offered roughly six months' pay to stay quiet about her departure, a contention UI officials have neither confirmed nor denied.

The 11-year director had been vocal about what she believed was a lack of funding for the new state Hygienic Lab and the Iowa Vanguard Program, which was initiated to aid efficient detection of possible biological threats.

Gilchrist contacted public officials about the UI's mismanagement, according to the lawsuit, because she believed it presented a substantial danger to public health and safety.

In a number of e-mails referenced in the lawsuit, Hay reprimanded Gilchrist for the communications, advising Gilchrist on Sept. 28, 2005, that all of her correspondence with the Board of Regents, its staff, or any state official be directly through Hay.

But Gilchrist continued to share her concerns with state

representatives and Fethke, who — according to the suit — told Gilchrist to "do some endocrinology," then while firing her, said she needn't create "a sense of hysteria."

Gilchrist has said she was concerned the plans for the new Hygienic Lab did not reflect the best design. In order to meet a \$3.5 million budget shortfall, Hay cut more than 12,000 square feet that would have housed two bays to aid lab operations during possible epidemics, such as SARS, according to the suit.

Gilchrist's goal was to eliminate the budget shortfall with donations by the lab's scheduled 2009 completion date. Shortly after her termination, Gilchrist launched the "Iowans Want the Best Lab" campaign to attain funds to create a "better" design.

The matter will be heard in 6th District court on Feb. 8.

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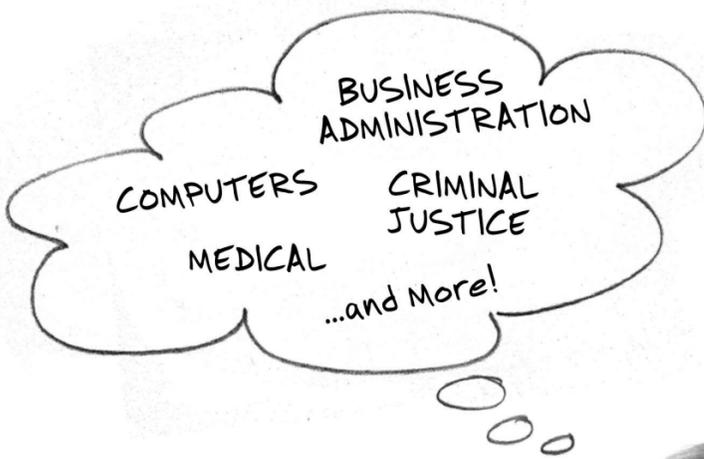
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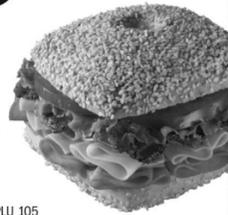
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## EDITORIAL

# Culver's regent appointments should move board in new direction

Recently inaugurated Gov. Chet Culver has an opportunity to have an immediate effect on the UI community. The terms Regents Amir Arbisser, Mary Ellen Becker, and Teresa Wahlert will expire April 30. Tom Bedell has already resigned, giving Culver a chance to restructure the outlook of the governing body of the three state universities. This Editorial Board is conditionally supportive of Arbisser and Becker, but Wahlert has worn out her welcome on the UI campus.

The now-stalled hunt for a new UI president has been marred with controversy, mostly centering on the bizarre behavior of the regents. Wahlert, the president pro tem of the board, has been particularly ineffective. The inability of the search committee to find a suitable candidate for UI president should weigh heavily on her, the head of the search panel. One only needs to remember her Nov. 7 e-mail to UI faculty, staff, and students to be witness to her incompetence: Apparently, she never learned to capitalize the beginning of her sentences.

Arbisser and Becker have been less of a problem, and it is likely that with new direction of the regents, they will find themselves more willing to accommodate the UI community's desires. Culver must maintain the mandatory guidelines for the makeup of the board: at least one full-time student of a regent university and no more than five members of a single political party. He must also keep in mind regional and occupational diversity. Arbisser is a physician from Davenport, and Becker is from Oskaloosa

and received her doctorate in educational administration from the UI.

More importantly, the future regents must realize that the state's public universities are not institutions of economic growth — and any economic benefits produced will be side effects of a more educated populace. A liberal education, as well as strong math and science skills, is necessary for the futures of Iowans.

Culver is planning to name Bedell's successor before he moves on to the status of Arbisser, Becker, and Wahlert. Nominations must receive Senate approval by April 15.

Even if Culver decides to clean the proverbial slate and make four new appointments, it is unlikely the contentious relationship the regents have with the UI will change. As long as Michael Gartner remains the board's president, the direction the regents will take is guaranteed to drift further and further from the wishes of the UI community. Bedell has said he wishes his vacant seat could be filled by a new regent president. We sincerely agree with him.

Unfortunately, Gartner has said he will not step down before his term expires, which is grating to the ears of the Iowa City community. However, Culver can remove any regent he wishes, with Senate approval. We hope he keeps this in mind if a Gartner-led board continues to refuse to compromise.

# Season's extinction

Winter is dead.

The break the university community has just returned from is ostensibly known as winter break. But those who stayed in the Iowa City area know the sad truth: The four seasons Midwesterners grew up with have been Plutoed.

It seems that only a few years ago, normal weather patterns reigned. Temperatures continually dropped through late fall and into winter. By semester break, all sane individuals wore coats, stocking caps, and scarves — and only those waiting in line to enter the bars

dared to brave the cold without seasonal attire. One's breath was visible through the air. The cold gusts of the night wind were livening. Intense arguments over what constitutes a mitten or glove raged throughout the land. All was well.



ANDREW SWIFT

But the changes in the fourth season have been all too rapid. The winters of yesteryear are gone, replaced with an eerie hybridization of fall and spring. Rome may not have been built in a day — but "sinter" (or "wring") came out of nowhere.

I was really hoping sinter wasn't a real word.

I already knew climate change was for real. But too much of the debate has centered on global warming. While the average temperature of Earth — and Iowa City — is indeed increasing, it is influencing disparate regions in sundry ways. The only constant: My beloved "seasonable weather" is out of style.

Midwestern weather has always been extreme. But it was at least predictable: The summers were sweltering and the winters arctic. True, this winter has been consistent, but a consistent Iowa winter with temperatures hovering around 50 degrees is not "nice weather." That phrase makes me cringe. I am pro-seasonal weather and not willing to accept the bastardization of my seasons.

Neither 80 degrees in October nor massive snowstorms in May would make Iowans flinch. But in the past, these were always freak events. Plants and animals survived these occurrences — but permanent change will endanger the fragile stability of the world's ecosystems.

Numerous times in the past couple months, I threw my winter coat on, expecting to be greeted with a brisk, cold wind when I stepped outside. But because of the prevailing heat, I damn near broke a sweat merely walking down the outdoor stairs. This needs to stop. But I had truly thought little of the weather situation until I witnessed a freak occurrence.

On Jan. 4, around 1 p.m., my mind was bogged. The signs outside of both US Bank and Iowa State Bank read the same temperature: 51 degrees. This was indubitably the only time in history these readings matched. Alas, the wonder ended after a mere few seconds. I was the only person to notice.

For more than two years, not once had I seen matching temperatures on the two bank signs. If these two temperatures were aligned, the weather pattern I was used to was lost forever. Only then, in that very moment, did the reality hit me: Climate change is happening — and happening fast.

Across the globe, human societies have struggled to adapt to such rapidly changing climates. Africa has been hit by both unusually dry and much-too-severe rainy seasons. Indeed, the cruel hand of Mother Nature has worsened political situations in both the Sudanese province of Darfur and Somalia. The obscenely powerful tsunami of 2004 in Southeast Asia was almost surely the product of much-too-warm ocean waters — similar to the warming of the Gulf of Mexico that spawned Hurricane Katrina. Europe has been hit by heat waves that have killed hundreds in the last few years.

Suddenly, spring training has taken on a whole new meaning.

My sister, who last summer moved to Seattle in part to escape the schizophrenic weather of Iowa, has seen this all too well. Upon returning to Iowa for the holidays, green grass and mild weather greeted her. Somewhere, the band was playing "The World Turned Upside Down."

While combating climate change is one of the great moral issues for our generation, it is necessary to form unlikely coalitions to combat the challenge. Both secular liberals and religious conservatives alike have taken the banner of protecting Mother Earth — proving that politics do indeed make strange bedfellows.

Climate change is altering Iowa City weather, but don't fret: We'll be able to break out those winter coats in May.

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## LETTERS

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### Increase bottle-handling fee

On July 1, 1979, minimum wage increased from \$1.80 per hour to \$2.35 per hour, and Iowa became a bottle-bill state. To encourage private investment in redemption centers, the Iowa Legislature created a handling fee of 1 cent per container, paid for by the wholesale beverage distributors. That fee has not changed since 1979. Once again, the new legislative session is about to begin, and nowhere have we seen or heard any plans for increasing the handling fee for redemption centers.

There are approximately 125 small businesses in Iowa depending on a handling-fee increase. With talk of increasing the minimum wage, many of these businesses will have to close without a raise. No other business in the world is forced to stay at the same rates for 27 years — not welfare, not Social Security, and not minimum wage. Thousands of jobs across the state depend on our legislators finally doing what is right for the future of Iowa.

The bottle bill cost the state nothing; it is totally self-funded. The beverage distributors would like you to believe that they are losing money. Not so. They not only keep the scrap aluminum, they also keep any unreturned deposits, which amounts to millions of dollars a year in windfall for them.

Redemption centers support the economy by employing thousands of people, including people with disabilities. They support individual groups with can drives, donation cages, etc. These donations help to ensure that food banks, animal-rescue leagues, church youth groups, and proms continue all over the state.

Call or write your legislators, and ask them to do the right thing and vote for an increase in the handling fee. You can also stop in most redemption centers and fill out a postcard to be mailed to your legislators.

Rosemarie Shepard  
Montezuma, Iowa, resident

### Represent students without bias

In an emergency meeting of the UI Student Government on Dec. 14, the representatives of the students of this university voted in large majority for a referendum of no confidence in the state Board of Regents' leadership. As a senator representing



the Graduate College, I know this vote of no confidence was widely supported by my constituents, and I voted as such. I am writing, however, not to congratulate UISG for this success but to criticize two failures that occurred in the same meeting.

During this meeting, UISG voted on a resolution that indicated the students have no confidence in now former Gov. Tom Vilsack's ability to select regents. In the approximately 24 hours between the time I received the resolution and the emergency meeting, I spoke with many of my constituents. The responses I received from these conversations was, "Why? Aren't the regents supposed to get a president?" That very question was asked at the meeting, and UISG President Peter McElligott quite passionately explained that Vilsack does indeed appoint the regents, and we should hold the leadership accountable. The leadership in question is not that of the governor but that of the regents. The question of my constituents was not answered. The vote was called, and I was the only senator in the Graduate and Professional Student Senate to vote against the resolution. I communicated with and stood by my constituents. Perhaps other senators should consider doing the same.

The second failure was when the student assembly voted to accept an "Expression of Gratitude for Provost Michael Hogan." The title of the resolution implies appreciation for Hogan's exceptional leadership at this university, which should be widely acknowledged by students. However, this resolution is worded to be another shot at the regents. Although Hogan's leadership and genuine concern for students would make him an excellent president, and although he was the only publicly named presidential finalist, the hidden agenda veiled in the resolution detracts from the spirit of gratitude of the resolution.

As I was so glibly reminded by a senator in the Undergraduate Activities Senate, UISG represents the students. I know students would agree that Hogan deserves thanks and support without hidden agendas. I will send him a personal note expressing my gratitude, agenda free, and I encourage my fellow students to do the same for any and all university faculty and staff members who deserve your gratitude.

In light of these failures, I would encourage my fellow senators to do what they were elected to do: Represent their constituents without bias or hidden agenda. Do what is right, and ensure you have

the confidence of the students who voted you into office.

Kristopher Thornburg  
Graduate & Professional  
Student Senate senator

### UI deserves stellar president

I am writing from wind- and rain-battered Seattle to comment on the recent dither at my alma mater, the UI. The UI is such a fine university, and this unfortunate situation is certainly not a "talking point" when the next search begins. I am so sorry that this has happened to so many fine people at the university, for they are the ones who will experience more stress from the conflict. I hope you are able to attract the stellar person that the UI deserves.

Recently, Elson Floyd, the president of the University of Missouri, accepted the position of president of Washington State University. We are delighted to hear of his acceptance at Washington State, and if he were one of the final candidates at the UI, it certainly is your loss. Oh, they have a Board of Regents, too! Seems the regents and Washington State get along just fine. Perhaps they should offer workshops on how to be grownups?

Shirley Nelsen  
UI alum

## ON THE SPOT

Are you ready for snow, or do you want it to warm up again?



"I love snow from a distance."

Brooke Budy  
UI graduate student



"It's already January 15 — I'm ready for snow."

Sarah Beiwel  
UI graduate student



"Snow is OK, but ice is inconvenient."

Michael Eckert  
UI associate professor



"I'm expecting snow, but when it warms up, I'm going to want it to be cold again."

Aaron Holmgren  
UI student, former *DI* employee

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**WORD OF THE WEEK**

**arcane** (adj.): known or understood by few; scarcely known  
 Sentence: "The success of 'Deal or No Deal' remains shrouded in arcane logic and secret meetings between producers and the Nielsen company — not to mention Howie Mandel's eternal youth."

# ARTS & CULTURE

## The once and future queen — sort of



**FILM REVIEW**

by Anna Wiegenstein

*The Queen*

**When:**

1, 3:10, 5:15, 7:15 and 9:50 p.m.

**Where:**

Campus 3

★★½ out of ★★★★★

Did you know that Queen Elizabeth II, reigning monarch of no fewer than 16 sovereign states, including the United Kingdom, is supposedly an excellent mimic? How about that she only allows one world leader — France's Jacques Chirac — to drink his favorite beer while dining at Buckingham Palace?

See — you'd think I was smart about things like this, wouldn't you? But, really, my first thought on walking into the lovely Campus 3 theater was, "God, I am so not going to get this movie." I don't understand the way the British monarchy operates. I don't remember feeling bereft at the sudden death of Princess Diana — the catalyst that drives the events of Stephen Frears' *The Queen*.

I got my Elizabeth II trivia from an intense Wikipedia session, which took place immediately after returning home from the film. This is both good and bad. Obviously, anything that encourages learning outside the classroom is to be valued and blah blah blah, but seriously — the subject matter is intriguing. However, as I scrolled through pages of who-married-her-or-his-second-cousin-once-removed and so forth, I couldn't help but feel more entertained by my own research than the award-adorned *Queen*.

Moments after the opening quotation (from Henry IV, no less), we are introduced to the heart, soul, and title of the movie — Helen Mirren as Her Royal Highness. She gazes

steadily out at the audience as the title appears on screen. Throughout the film, we are treated to tiny glimpses into what Elizabeth, the person, is like, some of them a little more overtly "movie-ish" than others. Yet Mirren's official credit is as "The Queen," and thus, the story never feels quite complete.

Obviously, the world is well-aware that on Aug. 31, 1997, Diana died in a car accident, years after separating from Prince Charles and the monarchy as a whole. This rift is treated with far more humor than any of the somber previews would lead one to believe, complete with quips from the Queen Mother mere moments after the accident occurs. Frears stops quite a way

from black comedy, though, keeping the feelings of the mostly obscured Princes William and Harry at the forefront of all conversation among the family, giving what Her Majesty describes several times as "a private matter" the sadness it warrants. But Diana was nothing if not a public figure, and the newly elected Tony Blair attempts to advise Elizabeth as best he can in the wake of anti-monarchy sentiment.

But, really, the film's title is where the focus lies — it's not about Diana dying so much as it's about Queen Elizabeth, a woman who has led a life I can barely fathom, even with the help of the Internet.

Here, Mirren does her duty in transforming into the figurehead

of England admirably, allowing emotions to register through her face and body rather than relying on her striking physical resemblance. She seems rather on her own — the excellent James Cromwell seems wasted as Prince Philip, and both Blair and Prince Charles seem a touch too squirrely to be believed.

It's easy to see why a simple, single-character drama could be embraced in awards season, especially with Mirren as the lead. However, the pieces of not only an amazing subject but also a talented actress seem to never quite fall together in a satisfactory way. You're better off Googling for info, sad to say.

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## MOST DEFINITELY NOT CHILD'S PLAY

In recent interviews, Mexican director Alfonso Cuarón has repeated the same lament: "Cinema has become a medium that you can watch with your eyes closed."

Cuarón isn't thrilled about this, and it's easy to tell. In his new dystopian thriller, *Children of Men*, closing one's eyes would be a sin. Together with cinematographer Emmanuel Lubezki (*The New World*), Cuarón packs his images with more visceral and intellectual stimuli than most directors conjure up in a career. He leaps from one genre to the next, hitting us with equal force in the mind and in the heart.

The film transports us to a nightmarish England in 2027, when, due to some unknown ailment, women are no longer fertile. In this world, immigrants are locked in cages, and bombs explode for an array of political causes.

Amid the hysteria, we follow a political activist turned bureaucrat (Clive Owen), his ex-wife, a militant leader demanding equal rights for immigrants (Julianne Moore), an immigrant looking for transit papers (Claire-Hope



**FILM REVIEW**

by Soheil Rezayazdi

*Children of Men*

**When:**

1, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, and 9:50 p.m.

**Where:**

Campus 3

★★★★½ out of ★★★★★

Ashitey), and a jolly political cartoonist (Michael Caine) who lounges around smoking pot and listening to Radiohead and Aphex Twin. An unmentionable plot point ignites the narrative, turning these characters into prey for right- and left-wing extremists.

A blend of world-gone-wrong

drama, action flick, and war film. *Children of Men's* most inspired moments stem from Cuarón's virtuosic use of the long take. He allows his camera to roam for minutes on end through choreographed carnage, resulting in a startling sense of realism and wonderful rejection of the action genre's worst tropes.

Cuarón reinvents the action film, prying it away from the grips of such directors as Tony Scott (*Domino*) and Michael Bay (*The Island*). Where those directors veil their films' lack of substance with bombastic style (i.e., constant cutting, jittery camera-work, overly saturated colors), Cuarón's style engrosses us in his story without ostentation.

Cuarón films his quieter moments with as much care as his loud ones. Take, for example, a haunting series of scenes at a farmhouse in the film's second act. Lubezki and Cuarón create dense spatial environments with a blend of interior and exterior shots, forming a three-dimensional vision of the farmhouse in our minds. From there, we feel as though we're actively involved, which makes Cuarón's suspense

sequences come alive in two of the most shattering action sequences you'll ever see.

In terms of content, Cuarón rejects action-movie standards by, well, incorporating actual content. He keeps the specifics in *Children of Men* intentionally vague (Why are women infertile?), allowing us to draw allegorical parallels to present-day conflicts. They're pretty obvious.

Cuarón criticizes Western xenophobia while blasting political extremism from both camps. His images — a helpless woman motioning toward her mouth for food, a pathetic Caine remaining joyful in the face of despair — cut through his political prophesies and jolt us right where it hurts.

Despite some clunky expository dialogue and questionable third-act sentimentality, *Children*

*of Men* stands as one of the very best films of 2006 and the current high point in Cuarón's career. You may never be able to sit through another Tony Scott film again, but, with all the nuances and slight touches that Cuarón affords his work, you'll probably be satisfied just watching *Children of Men* again.

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# Kurds train for Baghdad combat

BY YAHYA BARZANJI  
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IRBIL, Iraq — Cradling his automatic rifle, Iraqi soldier Sarbat Karim took a break from the intensive training in urban combat his unit is getting before joining in the military crack-down announced for Baghdad.

The 22-year-old ethnic Kurd said he was ready for the assignment. "Wars bring destruction to humanity, but we have to sacrifice for our nation," he said.

Karim is one of the 3,000 soldiers in the Iraqi 2nd Division's 1st Infantry Brigade, which, officials say, will soon move to the capital to try to stem the sectarian violence tearing the city apart, although they don't give a specific date.

"It is an honor for us as a Kurdish force to go help in restoring security in Baghdad," said Karim, wearing a beige camouflage uniform and a black wool cap. "We have to contribute and give sacrifices in order to preserve security in our country."

The soldiers are training at the Canni Kershawa camp on the outskirts of Irbil, a city in Iraq's Kurdish region approximately 220 miles north of Baghdad. Under the close supervision of U.S. officers, they are taking target practice, engaging in mock fights, and firing heavy machine guns.

Capt. Adham Ahmed, 27, said the brigade's soldiers will work to make Baghdad as secure as the northern Kurdistan region, which is mostly calm and safe, unlike the rest of Iraq.

Ahmed said the troops train for at least eight hours a day, getting lessons in the complexities of urban warfare.

"Since we were asked to go to Baghdad within days, the soldiers have been concentrating on how to deal with civilians and how to protect their lives and properties, how to set up checkpoints, and how to identify terrorists," he said, without giving details.

A beefed-up force of Iraqi and American troops is expected to sweep Baghdad neighborhoods in an effort to root out Sunni Arab insurgents and Shiite militias, such as the Mahdi Army of radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. The Mahdi Army has been blamed for much of the past year's sectarian killings.

The brigade's commander, Brig. Gen. Nazir Assem Korran, said that while his men are mostly ethnic Kurds, his troops are part of the Iraqi army and do not belong to local Kurdish militias known as peshmergas, as some Iraqi media reports have claimed.

# Bush, Cheney talk tough on troops

BY BEN FELLER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Digging in for confrontation, President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney said they will not budge from sending thousands more U.S. troops to Iraq, no matter how much Congress opposes it.

"I fully understand they could try to stop me," Bush said about the new Democratic-run Congress. "But I've made my decision. And we're going forward."

A defiant Cheney said on Sunday that majority Democrats have offered no credible alternative to Bush's revised war strategy. Cheney said withdrawing from Iraq would mean giving in to Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden and other U.S. enemies.

"They're convinced that the United States will, in fact, pack it in and go home if they just kill enough of us," Cheney said. "They can't beat us in a standup fight, but they think they can break our will."

The aggressive White House reaction comes as both the House and Senate prepare to vote on resolutions that oppose additional U.S. troops in Iraq. Cheney said those nonbinding votes by Congress would not affect Bush's ability to act as he sees fit.

"You cannot run a war by committee," the vice president said.

Those postelection promises of bipartisanship seem quite distant today.

The White House, also seeing some GOP support peel away for the war plan, went all-out to regain some footing. Bush gave his first interview from Camp David, airing Sunday night on CBS' "60 Minutes," while Cheney and national-security adviser Stephen Hadley made the rounds of the morning talk shows.

Lawmakers hardened their stance, too, pledging to explore all ways possible to stop Bush.

Beyond the promised votes in opposition to the president's approach, the Democratic leadership is considering whether, and how, to cut off funding for additional troops.

"You don't like to micromanage the Defense Department, but we have to in this case because [the administration is] not paying attention to the public," said Rep. John Murtha, a Pennsylvania Democrat who helps oversee military funding.

"We need to look at what options we have available to constrain the president," said Democratic Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois, a possible White House candidate in 2008. Democrats are wary, though, of appearing to undermine the troops that are already in Iraq.

It is unclear how any effort by Congress would affect

Bush's plan to send more troops to Iraq. Hadley said the White House already has money appropriated by Congress to move the additional forces to Iraq, "and the president will be doing that."

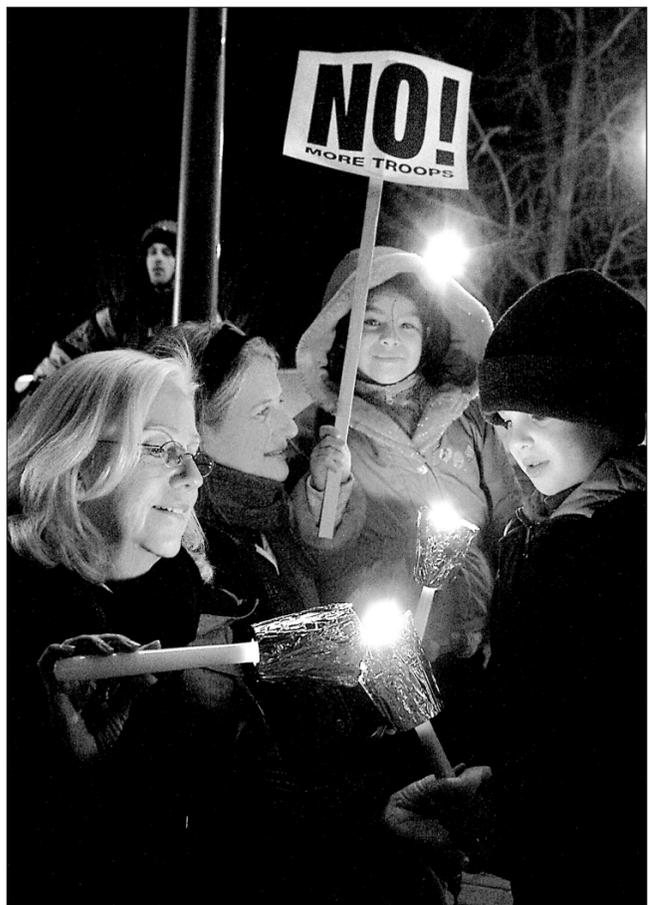
GOP Sen. John McCain of Arizona, a potential 2008 presidential contender who endorses Bush's call for more troops, said votes to express disapproval were pointless. "If they're dead serious," he said about those fighting Bush's strategy, "then we should have a motion to cut off funding."

The Bush administration had hoped that the president's overhauled bipartisan unity lead to some bipartisan will. Or, in the least, that it would get an extended hearing and debate before legislative leaders made up their minds.

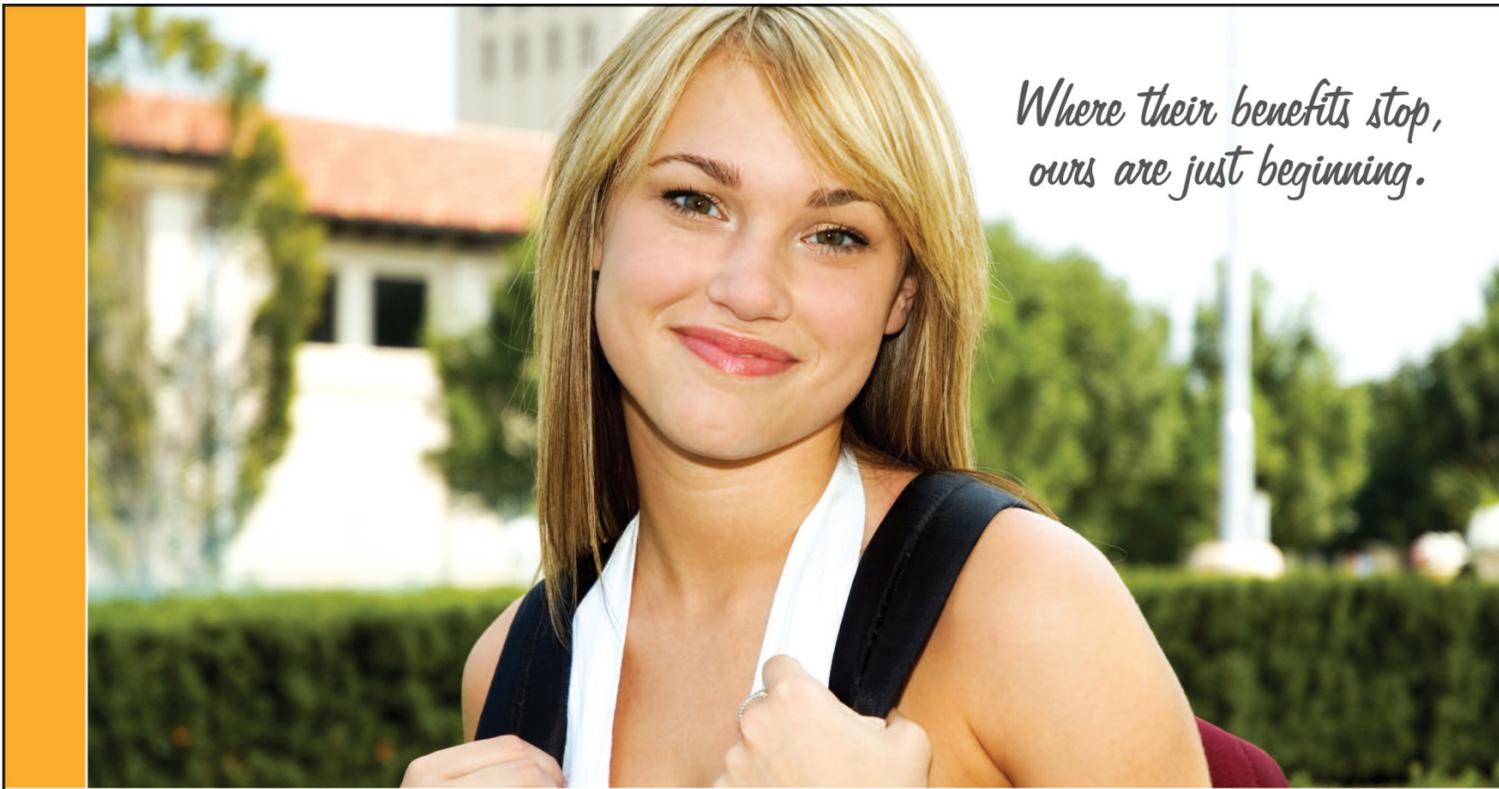
Instead, the White House encountered a Congress — and a public — that vastly rejected the military and political ideas he announced last week in a nationally televised address.

Most Americans oppose sending more troops to Iraq. The war was the dominant issue in the November election, in which Republicans lost control of the House and Senate.

"It's a complete absurdity to be pursuing the notion that somehow troops are going to resolve the security issue," said Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass.



Gary Warren, Los Alamos Monitor/Associated Press  
Jeanne Bridge (left) and Morgan Light (second from left) assist Elisa Cirigliano and Samuel Cirigliano on Thursday in Los Alamos, N.M., as they light candles prior to a march protesting President Bush's plan to send additional troops to Iraq.



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**Q:** What was the highest number of points Michael Jordan had ever scored in a single game?

**Answer on page 2B**

## IOWA WRESTLING

### Wrestlers finish 5th

The Hawkeyes completed a busy weekend of wrestling by placing fifth in the NWCA/Cliff Keen National Duals in Cedar Falls. The grapplers defeated Hofstra, 26-10, on Sunday, after winning three out of four matches a day earlier.

Hofstra came into the dual as the tournament's No. 2 seed, but the Hawkeyes used victories by Matt Fields and Mario Galanakis to set the tone for the easy win.



**Galanakis**  
Iowa wrestler

Iowa opened the tournament by destroying California-Davis, 41-4, on Jan. 13. Mario Galanakis recorded a 13-2 major decision over Kyle Bank for his 30th career victory, and Charlie Falck, Mark Perry, and Eric Luedke each notched pins for the Hawkeyes.

Later on Jan. 13, Iowa met Oklahoma State in the championship quarterfinals and suffered a 22-13 loss, with the Cowboys winning six of 10 matches. No. 1 ranked 165-pound Johnny Hendricks beat Perry for the second time this season with a 9-1 major decision.



**Luedke**  
Iowa wrestler

In the consolation rounds, Iowa defeated Nebraska, 30-5, and Northwestern, 22-18, to advance to Sunday's fifth-place matchup.

Luedke led the way for the Hawkeyes throughout the duals, winning all five of his bouts. The 174-pounder is now 17-1 on the season, 8-0 in duals.

Perry and the Hawkeyes will get another crack at Oklahoma State on Friday, when they travel to Stillwater to meet the No. 4 Cowboys.

— by Ian Smith

## IOWA GYMNASTICS

### GymHawks improve against LSU but lose

The Iowa women's gymnastics team opened its season against ninth-ranked Louisiana State on Jan. 12. In the second Breast Cancer Awareness meet, the Hawkeyes fell, 194.875-192.525.

LSU dominated the top spots in every event — only Iowa's Kara Pinjuv prevented a shutout with a second-place finish in floor exercise. She was also the Hawkeyes highest finisher on beam and uneven bars.

Jenifer Simbhudas scored a 9.775 on vault, which helped propel her to third place in the all-around.

Ashleigh Clare-Kearney of LSU won the all-around with 39.425 points.

Despite the final margin, Hawkeye coach Larissa Libby was thrilled by the performances in the team's first outing.



**Simbhudas**  
Iowa gymnast

Her squad finished more than four points higher than in last year's opening meet. The GymHawks also narrowed LSU's margin of victory from four points last season to two.

"This is a completely different team," Libby said. "They made mistakes and moved on. That was a problem last year."

The Hawkeyes impressed their coach by hanging with the Tigers on vault and floor, but they weren't as "crisp."

On uneven bars, however, Iowa fell well short of expectations, something that will be a focus before its next meet.

With a matchup against top-ranked Georgia this weekend, the Hawkeyes will need their best effort to compete with the national powerhouse.

"I'm confident they can be better," Libby said. "They're leaps and bounds above last year. They had a four-point increase [over last year], and they're not satisfied."

— by Diane Hendrickson

# Hawkeyes look to next season



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Iowa QB Drew Tate is tripped up by Texas defensive tackle Roy Miller after a seven-yard run in the fourth quarter of the Alamo Bowl on Dec. 30 in San Antonio. Tate rushed for 10 yards in his final game as a Hawkeye.

## NEAR MISS IN ALAMO BOWL

*A strong showing in the loss to Texas adds excitement for next season*



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BY JASON BRUMMOND  
THE DAILY IOWAN

SAN ANTONIO — Iowa won't forget this Alamo.

Although the Hawkeyes fell short, 26-24, of a major upset against talented Texas in the Alamo Bowl on Dec. 30, Kirk Ferentz's team shook off a late-season funk with arguably the best performance of a tough 6-7 season that began with Big Ten championship aspirations.

With 14 returning starters, including the entire defensive line and all but one offensive playmaker, Ferentz hopes the grueling practices leading up to the bowl game showed his squad what to expect in the future.

"The guys worked extremely hard, and if we can carry that with us for the next 11 months, we'll all be a lot happier next November," he said. "We have a lot of steps along the

way, but at least the direction we're moving is the right direction."

A nine-point underdog against the Longhorns, the Hawkeyes grabbed a 14-0 first-quarter lead before Texas scored 20 unanswered points — thanks in part to a Drew Tate interception in the end zone with fewer than five minutes remaining in the first half that led to the Longhorns' first touchdown.

Needing a field goal to

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— Kirk Ferentz, Iowa head coach

win late in the fourth quarter, the usually conservative Ferentz called for a reverse pass that would eventually spoil the chance for late-game heroics. Despite the loss, many in Iowa's locker room saw positives from their performance.

"It's definitely a success, from the standpoint that we came out and played a way that we haven't played all

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## IOWA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Spartans swamp Hawks

*The Iowa women's basketball team lost at home Sunday to No. 20 Michigan State, their fourth straight in Iowa City*

BY BRENDAN STILES  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Home-court advantage is nowhere to be found for the Iowa women's basketball team.

After dropping their third-straight Big Ten home game to No. 20 Michigan State on Sunday, 83-63, the Hawkeyes have now lost six of seven contests at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, including four straight. The lone home victory since Thanksgiving break came on Dec. 3 against Samford.

The loss dropped Iowa to 11-8 overall and 3-3 in the Big Ten. While the Hawkeyes have managed to win all three of their conference road games thus far, coach Lisa Bluder has become disgusted with the team's recent performances on its own hardwood.

"It's strange. I think we play harder on the road. I don't know why that is, and we need to apologize to our fans for that — because they deserve to see a better product on the floor than they're seeing."

— Lisa Bluder, Iowa head coach

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The game against the Spartans was back-and-forth early on, and with 10½ minutes remaining in the first half, Iowa held an 18-15 lead. Unfortunately for the Hawkeyes, that was their high point of the game. Michigan State finished the first half on a 19-6 run, and in the second half, the Spar-

tans broke the game wide open and had a lead as big as 27 points late in the game.

"They just outplayed us in every facet of the basketball game, including just competitive nature," Bluder said. "I can handle losing, but I can't handle losing in this manner."

Iowa was led by sophomore forward Wendy Ausdemore. While she only shot 3-for-11 from the field, she led the

SEE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, PAGE 3B



Matt Ryerson/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye Jeneé Graham goes for a pass near the end of the second half against Michigan State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday. The Hawks lost, 83-63.

## Hawks full of question marks

*Coming off the 26-24 Alamo Bowl defeat, the Hawkeyes have plenty of lingering questions heading into the 2007 season*

BY JASON BRUMMOND  
THE DAILY IOWAN

SAN ANTONIO — If Iowa's shaky season left questions and more to be desired, take a glimpse at the projection for the 2007 campaign, with a handful of unknowns at major spots. *The Daily Iowan* examines the 10 most intriguing questions for next fall's squad.

**With the end of the Drew Tate era, who steps in at quarterback?**

Sophomore-to-be Jake Christensen, who threw for 256 yards and two touchdowns in his only start, against Northern Illinois, is the clear front-runner. Red-shirts Arvell Nelson and Rick Stanzi don't have the game experience but could push Christensen for the starting nod.

**Will the defensive line return to old form, circa November 2005?**

The always improving front four of two seasons ago couldn't regularly pressure the quarterback in 2006, and they were hampered by a couple of serious injuries. Iowa recorded just 21 sacks — eighth in the conference — and totaled only 68 tackles for loss in 13 games, compared with 82 in 2005's 12 contests. Ken Iwebema, Bryan Mattison, and company look for a 2007 rebirth.

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# SPORTS

## SPORTS 'N' STUFF

### BIG TEN MEN'S BASKETBALL

| Conference   | All Games |   |       |
|--------------|-----------|---|-------|
|              | W         | L | PCT   |
| Wisconsin    | 3         | 0 | 1.000 |
| Indiana      | 2         | 1 | .750  |
| Ohio St.     | 2         | 1 | .667  |
| Michigan     | 2         | 1 | .667  |
| Iowa         | 2         | 1 | .667  |
| Michigan St. | 2         | 2 | .500  |
| Purdue       | 2         | 2 | .500  |
| Penn St.     | 1         | 2 | .333  |
| Minnesota    | 1         | 2 | .333  |
| Illinois     | 1         | 3 | .250  |
| Northwestern | 0         | 4 | .000  |

| Conference   | All Games |   |      |
|--------------|-----------|---|------|
|              | W         | L | PCT  |
| Iowa         | 3         | 2 | .600 |
| Wisconsin    | 3         | 3 | .500 |
| Indiana      | 2         | 4 | .333 |
| Penn State   | 2         | 4 | .333 |
| Michigan     | 2         | 5 | .286 |
| Northwestern | 0         | 5 | .000 |

### NFL PLAYOFF GLANCE

**Divisional Playoffs**  
**Saturday, Jan. 13**  
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 New Orleans 27, Philadelphia 24  
**Sunday, Jan. 14**  
 Chicago 27, Seattle 24, OT  
 New England 24, San Diego 21

### Conference Championships

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**AFC**  
 New England at Indianapolis, 5:30 p.m. (CBS)

### Super Bowl

**Sunday, Feb. 4 Miami**  
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### BIG TEN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

| Conference     | All Games |   |       |
|----------------|-----------|---|-------|
|                | W         | L | Pct.  |
| Purdue         | 5         | 0 | 1.000 |
| Ohio State     | 4         | 0 | 1.000 |
| Michigan State | 4         | 1 | .800  |
| Minnesota      | 3         | 2 | .600  |

## HAWKEYE SPORTS

### Alexander's record run leads women

Kineke Alexander shattered the school and Recreation Building record in the 600 meters as the Iowa women's track team opened its indoor season on Jan. 13 at the Hawkeye Invitational. The Hawkeyes took on 11 teams and won nine event titles.

Alexander's collegiate-best time of 1:27.84 bested the previous school mark of 1:30.77, set by Senta Hawkins in 1987. It also ranks higher than the Rec Building mark set in 1994 by Michigan's Katie Erdman.

The junior sprinter — last year's NCAA indoor champion in the 400 — ran a 1:28.71 in the 600 at the intrasquad meet in December, but the time did not count because it was an intrasquad meet.

In the weight throw, Becca Franklin broke her own school record with a throw of 54-0. Her old

mark was 53-0 1/4.

Iowa's Renee White took the top spot in the 60-meter dash, followed closely by teammate Megan Clarke.

Clarke also finished second in the 200 behind freshman Rhonda-Kaye Trusty.

Tiffany Johnson and Tammilee Kerr finished back-to-back in the 60-meter hurdles. Johnson then went on to win the long jump.

Kerr also placed second in the long jump, only behind 60-meter champ White.

In the distance events, 2006 indoor All-American Meghan Armstrong easily won the 800 in a time of 2:12.79.

Junior college transfer Diane Nukuri placed first in the mile, followed by Krista Anderson and three other Hawkeyes.

The Hawkeyes' next meet will be the Razorback Invitational on Friday and Saturday.

— by Diane Hendrickson

# Winning ugly

*A minimalist strategy and quality free-throw shooting was just enough to lead Iowa over Minnesota*

BY DAN PARR  
THE DAILY IOWAN

It might be hard to tell from the signature snappy suit and stiff gel-coated hair, but Steve Alford has some pals in low places.

Iowa's 60-49 home win over Minnesota on Jan. 13 — which featured enough errant passes, missed shots, and botched rebounds to make you wonder if it were really a Big Ten game — reminded him of one buddy.

"It's kind of like an old childhood friend of mine when I first got the job at [Indiana's Division-III] Manchester," Alford said. "My first game I go in, and he's written my advice on the board. I'm a rookie coach in my first game, and it was real simple. Put it in one end; keep it out of the other end."

"That's pretty simple philosophy."

And one that worked for the Hawkeyes (10-7, 2-1) against Minnesota (7-10, 1-2), which played without injured center Spencer Tol-lackson, third on the squad in scoring, for the first time this season. Juniors Lawrence McKenzie and Dan Coleman combined for 36 of their team's points. Adam Haluska led all scorers with 22, and Tyler Smith chipped in 15 for the Hawkeyes.

team's worst shooting of the year.

"When the game turns ugly, you've got to do a couple things," he said. "You have to make foul shots, and you've got to guard. I thought those were two things we did."

The Hawkeyes marched to the free-throw line and shot 22 of 27, while Minnesota made only seven trips, connecting on five. In the final four minutes of the contest, Iowa shot 11-12 from the stripe, allowing the Gophers to get no closer than within six during the stretch.

Iowa is shooting nearly 77 percent at the line for the season, placing it at the top of the Big Ten.

Rebounding, however, continues to be a struggle for the Hawkeye big men. Minnesota won the glass battle, pulling down 40 to Iowa's 38. The Gophers had numerous second and third chances after offensive rebounds. The Hawkeyes turned to 6-1 point guard Tony Freeman to be the leader on the boards, and he snatched a team-high nine. Cyrus Tate, Kurt Looby, and Seth Gorney each had four.

Iowa led 22-16 at halftime, shooting just 31 percent from the field and 9.1 percent from the 3-point line. The Hawks looked better offensively in the second half, upping their shooting to 34 percent, still far below the season average of 39.9. Alford called it his

"We're not getting our guys blocked out," said Haluska, who also landed four rebounds. "A lot of long rebounds we're missing out on. I got to be getting rebounds. Today, I didn't have a whole lot."

"I got to start putting that effort in, and try to be a leader on that team, and start getting everybody to buy into getting rebounds."

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A: While he did score 63 against the Celtics during the 1986 playoffs, he scorched the Cleveland Cavaliers for 69 points in a regular-season game on March 28, 1990. Poor Cleveland!

## PATRIOTS 24, CHARGERS 21

# Pats stun Chargers

BY BERNIE WILSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Chargers gave Tom Brady one chance too many, and that's all the three-time Super Bowl-winning quarterback needed.

Brady and the New England Patriots shocked league MVP LaDainian Tomlinson and the Chargers on Sunday, winning 24-21 to move within one win of their fourth Super Bowl trip in six seasons.

Brady overcame three interceptions, his career playoff high, to lead the Patriots to 11 points in 3:26 late in the game. He and coach Bill Belichick now have a 12-1 postseason record and are heading to Indianapolis for the AFC championship game on Jan. 21.

While the Chargers respected the mystique Brady and the Patriots had built with Super Bowl wins following the 2001, 2002, and 2004 seasons, they hoped to be the ones raising the Lombardi Trophy in Miami on Feb. 4.

San Diego had nine players voted to the Pro Bowl team and five to the All-Pro team. And it had been supercharged by Tomlinson, who became the most prolific scorer in one season in NFL history with 31 touchdowns and 186 points while winning the rushing title with 1,815 yards.

But Brady is the one who's been there before. And nearly always has won.

He left behind some frustrated Chargers, including Tomlinson, who went after an unidentified Patriots player when the game ended. Tomlinson ran for 123 yards and two scores and caught two passes for 64 yards.

Tomlinson said he was upset that some Patriots were dancing on the Chargers logo at midfield after they had silenced the record crowd of 68,810 at Qualcomm Stadium and wrecked the Chargers' season.

## BEARS 27, SEAHAWKS 24

# BEARS SLIP PAST SEATTLE

BY RICK GANO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Robbie Gould won it after Rex Grossman didn't lose it, and the Chicago Bears are back in the NFC championship game for the first time in 18 years.

Two swings of the foot by their All-Pro kicker — the final one a 49-yard field goal 4:58 into overtime — offset any shortcomings in Grossman's passing and pushed the Bears to a 27-24 victory over the Seattle Seahawks on Sunday.

The oft-criticized Grossman did come through in overtime, delivering a clutch completion to set up the winning kick.

The Bears will host the Saints on Jan. 21 in the NFC championship. Chicago has not been to the Super Bowl since January 1986; New Orleans never has been that far.

"We win one game, we're in the Super Bowl, two wins away from having a ring on my finger for the rest of my life," Grossman said.

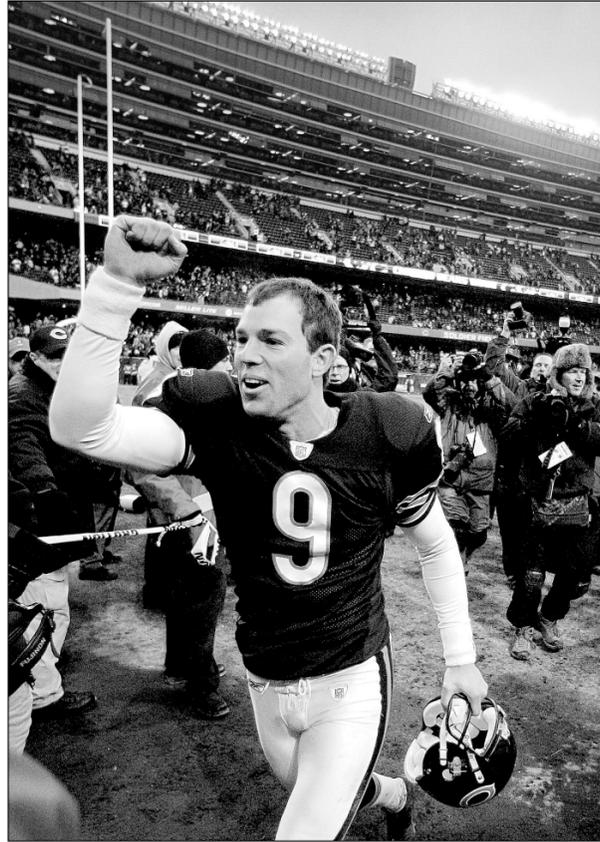
Seattle got the ball first in overtime, but Chicago's Israel Idonije forced an 18-yard punt by Ryan Plackemeier with a strong rush. Grossman hit Rashied Davis for a third-down pass of 30 yards to the Seattle 36, and the Bears (14-3) moved into position for the winning points.

"I've learned that [Grossman] knows how to bounce back from tough situations," coach Lovie Smith said. "He's been roasted the past couple weeks over all different kinds of things. He is our quarterback. ... There was a lot of pressure on him and our entire football team, and I thought they handled it well."

Gould, who entered the NFL as an undrafted free agent and is now headed to the Pro Bowl, hit the 49-yarder, setting off a wild celebration at Soldier Field. Earlier, he tied the game at 24, with a 41-yarder with 4:28 left in the fourth quarter. He made his first 24 field goals this season, and 32 of 36 overall.

"I didn't even watch the end of it. I hit it right where I wanted it to go," Gould said.

The Bears had won a division



M. Spencer Green/Associated Press  
Chicago Bear kicker Robbie Gould celebrates as he leaves the field after kicking a 49-yard field goal to defeat the Seattle Seahawks in overtime in the NFC divisional playoff football game in Chicago on Sunday.

title and earned a first-round bye in their previous two playoff appearances, only to lose their first game at home, so their elation was tinged with relief. They won their first playoff game since Jan. 1, 1995.

The Seahawks (10-8), ravaged by injuries throughout the season, got a strong performance from Shaun Alexander. Alexander, who missed the first meeting between the teams, a 37-6 Chicago win in October, gained 108 yards and gave the Bears' defense a tough time. He had a pair of touchdowns runs.

"It's hard to say 'If we had this or that,'" Alexander said. "It was, 'Nah, we came up short.'"

Grossman, whose season has been up-and-down since a hot start, completed 21-of-38 for 282 yards with an interception. It was quite an upgrade from his final performance of the regular season, when he had a quarterback rating of 0.0 in a loss to Green Bay.

Late in the fourth quarter, the Bears stacked up Alexander on a third-and-1 for no gain at the Chicago 44, and the Seahawks decided to go for it. But Matt Hasselbeck bobbled the snap, and Lance Briggs threw Alexander for a two-yard loss, turning the ball over to the Bears with just under two minutes to go.

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# Footballers face questions

## QUESTIONS

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**Can receivers relieve the pressure on the new quarterback?**

Things can't be worse than last September, right? Standouts Dominique Douglas and Andy Brodell came on at the end of the year and gave Iowa a dangerous 1-2 punch. If just one of Iowa's four redshirts — or little-used Anthony Bowman — contributes consistently in 2007, watch out.

**What, if any, coaching changes take place?**

Kirk Ferentz has only lost four assistant coaches during his tenure, but Iowa's first losing season since 2001 may warrant a move. Defensive coordinator Norm Parker, 65, who battled health problems in 2004, told reporters in San Antonio he doesn't plan on retiring.

**Can Iowa rely heavily on the tight end, as did schemes in previous seasons?**

NFL-bound Scott Chandler — Iowa's second all-time leading receiver at tight end — won't be easy to replace. Tony Moeaki, who caught three touchdowns this season, struggled at times in the passing game, and he is followed in the depth chart by three players with minimal experience.

**Who fills the vacancies on the offensive line?**

Three Hawkeyes return with starting experience, which should help ease the loss of three graduates with pro potential. Look for big grabs in Iowa's 2005 recruiting class,



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

**Hawkeye wide receiver Andy Brodell cuts across the field and scores his second touchdown in the third quarter in the Alamo Bowl on Dec. 30 in San Antonio. Going into the fourth quarter, Iowa held a one-point lead.**

along with impressive walk-ons Rob Bruggeman and Travis Meade, to jump in.

**Will a new kicker and punter lead to problems?**

Austin Signor probably assumes the kicking duties, while former prep All-American Ryan Donahue could likely start at punter. Struggling special-team units from last year can't take further hits with mediocre kicking, putting big pressure on two underclassmen.

**Does Shonn Greene tackle as well as he breaks them?**

The graduation of safeties Miguel Merrick and Marcus

Paschal leaves a significant void at the back end of Iowa's defense, which could partially be filled by Greene. The once promising running back switched to safety during bowl preparation and could form an all-New Jersey safety combination with rising star Marcus Wilson.

**Is there valuable leadership on both sides of the ball?**

The Hawkeyes weren't the same after a shocking loss at Indiana — a downward spiral some seniors publicly accepted accountability for as Iowa struggled late in the season. Next year's group, including

Bryan Mattison, Mike Klinkenborg, and Albert Young, should learn from the last four months.

**Can the Hawkeyes take advantage of a lighter schedule?**

No Ohio State. No Michigan. Iowa just hopes the schedule break turns out better than Purdue's 2005 run that began with Big Ten title aspirations and ended without a bowl trip. Still, the Hawkeyes travel to Camp Randall to face a talented, veteran Wisconsin team that may be the favorite to win the Big Ten.

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# Team moves ahead

## ALAMO BOWL

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'To end the season like this and to get the confidence back and to get the doubts out of our system is a good jump-start to next season.'

— Adam Shada, Iowa cornerback

season," senior Miguel Merrick said. "We were consistent. Guys were flying to the ball, and I'm sure everyone in the stands could see that."

Iowa's sixth-straight bowl game provided more than enough to look forward to in 2007.

Sophomore receiver Andy Brodell raced to a pair of touchdowns and totaled 159 receiving yards — an Alamo Bowl record, adding a highlight on one of the season's most underwhelming positions. Brodell and freshman standout Dominique Douglas, along with a handful of other young receivers, should ease the loss of three-year starter Tate.

On defense, the Hawkeyes lose just three starters, and they should be more effective up front with a healthy, deep defensive line. Iowa graduates safeties Marcus Paschal and Merrick, but veteran cornerbacks Adam Shada and Charles Godfrey should help shore up any adjustment period.

"Obviously, the goal was to get a win to carry us into next year, but we fell short of that," Shada said. "But there are a lot of positives things that we can take from this."

"To end the season like this and to get the confidence back and to get the doubts out of our system is a good jump-start to next season."

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# Hoopsters drop home game

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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Hawkeyes with 12 points, six rebounds, and five assists. The Hawkeyes had three others score in double-digits as well.

Ausdemore said the run Michigan State had at the end of the first half didn't deflate the Hawkeyes' confidence, primarily because Iowa had overcome bigger deficits in victories this season.

"At halftime, we were confident," she said. "We came out in the second half, and it just wasn't there."

One big factor in this game was turnovers. Even though the Hawkeyes only had five more giveaways than the

"We know we didn't play well today, and we have a lot of things to work on, so we'll go there and give it our best shot."

— Wendy Ausdemore, Iowa forward

Spartans, 20-15, Michigan State managed to get 15 steals, while the Hawkeyes only had four.

"They were quarter-court turnovers, not full court," Bluder said. "But we had 20 of them, and it led to 30 of their points."

The other big concern from this contest came in the paint during the second half. Michigan State freshman Allyssa DeHaan had a game-high 20 points in the win, but what made the 6-9 center's

performance impressive was that 16 of those points came in the game's final 20 minutes.

If there are any positives that could come from the game, one is that Iowa and Michigan State play each

other again on Jan. 21 in East Lansing, something the players hope to use as motivation.

"We have all week to prepare, focus on them, and go to their place," Ausdemore said. "We know we didn't play well today, and we have a lot of things to work on, so we'll go there and give it our best shot."

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# SPORTS

## HAWKEYE SPORTS

### Men gymnasts disappointed

The Iowa men's gymnastics team left Chicago slightly deflated after placing fifth in a six-team field at the Windy City Invitational on Jan. 13. The Hawkeyes scored 198.4 points, leaving them significantly behind first-place finisher Michigan, which posted a 212.750.



Dunn men's coach

The result from the weekend left Iowa coach Tom Dunn disappointed. "I felt like we just weren't ready to go," he said. The coach admitted that with a long season ahead of them, the Hawkeyes were not overworked during the holiday break. He feels as though the team is where it has been in past years at the beginning of the season, and he attributes the finish this past weekend to the Hawkeyes' opponents being more developed in the early stages of the season.

The team will show progress throughout the upcoming week, he said. Dunn plans to tinker with the lineups and possibly implement some new routines leading up to a showdown with the Wolverines on Saturday.

While he admits that there weren't a lot of good things that happened this past weekend, he said the Hawkeyes aren't panicking.

— by Sean Monahan

### Men's track opens with bang

The Hawkeyes men's track team opened its 2007 indoor season Jan. 13 by hosting the Iowa Open in the Recreation Building. The Hawkeyes competed in 15 events, winning 10. Junior Shane Maier headlined the meet with a NCAA provisional qualifying performance in the shot put. He reached 18.12 meters, clearing the 17.75 meters necessary.

In the 60-meter dash, Iowa took the top three spots. Junior Lee Elbert spearheaded the trio, finishing in 6.96 seconds. Max Milder, who beat Elbert in the preliminaries, finished ahead of his teammate for a victory

in the 200-meter dash in 22.35. Senior David Pierre took first for Iowa in the 400 meters at 49.22. The 800-meter crowned another black-and-gold champion in freshman Adam Hairston, taking first in 1:57.29. Fellow rookie Jesse Luciano won the mile in 4:19.75, showing more of what made him a force during the 2006 cross-country season.

Senior Jeff Kent showed his experience, winning the 3,000 meters in 8:31.24. Other Iowa victories included the 4x400 relay (3:22.58); the high jump, won by junior Jeremy Petsche, (2.09 meters), and the weight throw — senior Adam Hamilton reached 19.48 meters.

Iowa settled for second in the 600, led by freshman Zach Splan at 1:21.28. Jacob Koczman, competing unattached, won the race in 1:18.11. Iowa's top finisher in the pole vault was junior Jeff Raymond at fifth. Junior Aaron Reed took second in the long jump. No Hawkeyes finished in the triple jump.

The Hawkeyes will travel to Minneapolis on Saturday for the Jack Johnson Classic.

— by Alex Johnson

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Free parking, on-site laundry, utilities, cable. Less than one mile from campus. \$275/ month. Call (319)337-8665.

### QUIET, close, furnished- \$385, full bath \$450.

In private home, \$400- \$500. Utilities paid. (319)354-8118.

### ROOMMATE WANTED FEMALE

**EXCELLENT** value near downtown. Own bedroom in house with three others. Very close to campus. \$290/ month, utilities paid. On street parking. Available immediately through August. (319)330-8242.

### FEMALE roommate wanted.

Own bedroom in two bedroom apartment. Free reserved parking. Serious student/ grad student preferred. Walking distance to campus. Available January 2007. \$315 includes H/W. (563)542-4529.

### ONE bedroom in two bedroom apartment, free parking, on Cambus routes.

\$155/ month. (309)631-2311.

### ONE room in three bedroom apartment. No pets. Parking.

Three blocks from busline. \$299/ month. (712)539-1392.

### OWN bedroom in four bedroom. W/D. Market St. Free parking.

\$375 plus 1/4 utilities. (319)631-4545.

### SPRING and summer semester. Bedroom in two bedroom on Westside Dr.

\$395 plus utilities/ month. \$395 deposit. Quiet building, big kitchen, garage, W/D in unit. Call (319)354-3903.

### ROOMMATE WANTED

**ARE** you a fun, clean, and tidy person? Come share two bedroom, two bathroom condo with lake view. Full appliance package. \$350 plus 1/2 utilities. 10 minutes from downtown. Available end of December. (319)936-4794.

**HAVE** one room available beginning January 1, 2007. Rent \$365 plus utilities. Nice place. Call (319)329-1979.

### APARTMENT FOR RENT

**ALWAYS ONLINE**  
[www.dailyyowan.com](http://www.dailyyowan.com)

### EFFICIENCY / ONE BEDROOM

**1 bedroom** plus study. Furnished, spacious, fireplace, non-smoking. Overlooking park. 10 minutes walk to UI. \$880 includes H/W, cable and wireless. [www.collegegreen.typepad.com](http://www.collegegreen.typepad.com) (319)530-7445.

### ALL utilities included; cats welcome; large windows, hardwood floors;

(319)621-8317.

### AVAILABLE January 1, 2007.

One bedroom, one bathroom in Coralville. Water paid. A/C, laundry on-site, off-street parking, on Cambus route, deck, fireplace, spacious. Call (319)296-5916.

### AVAILABLE now. Starting at \$448/ month.

Westside locations. [jandjapts.com](http://jandjapts.com) (319)338-7058.

### AVAILABLE. Downtown apartment. Furnished or unfurnished.

532 S. Dubuque St. \$600/ month. Free parking. \$50 signing bonus. (630)254-0502, (319)621-6750.

### BEAUTIFUL one bedroom apartment four blocks from downtown.

Historic District. H/W paid. Off-street parking. (319)338-4774.

### BLACKHAWK APARTMENTS.

One bedroom with den. Downtown, available now. \$720/ month. Lincoln Real Estate, (319)338-3701.

### CLEAN, quiet, large efficiency. H/W paid. Laundry. Busline. No smoking? pets.

Coralville. (319)337-9376.

### CORALVILLE. One bedroom. H/W paid. Newer carpet, appliances, parking, laundry on-site.

\$475 single, \$495 couple. (319)330-7081.

### EFFICIENCY apartment, hardwood floors in well maintained turn-of-the-century building close to downtown.

(319)338-8343.

### EFFICIENCY apartment. Close-n, pets negotiable.

Available now. (319)338-7047.

### EFFICIENCY apartment. No smoking. In quiet house and neighborhood. Close to park.

Off-street parking. Pets? (319)331-1120.

### EFFICIENCY. S. Johnson. \$375, H/W paid. First month free.

Available after Fall semester. (515)290-8718.

### ALWAYS ONLINE

[www.dailyyowan.com](http://www.dailyyowan.com)

### LARGE one bedroom. Quiet, no smoking, no pets. A/C. Parking, yard. \$495, utilities paid.

After 6p.m. (319)354-2221.

### LARGE, beautiful one bedroom apartment for rent January 1.

New carpet and appliances. Free parking and across from bus stop. \$520. (319)573-0369.

### moengroup DOWNTOWN one bedroom sublets available now.

-221 E. College (Plaza Towers) \$1900. Contact Marc 430-0310 or [marc@moengroup.com](mailto:marc@moengroup.com)

### NOW available efficiency apartment for rent.

Corner of Burlington and Linn. Near downtown. One bathroom. \$500/ month. Call (515)321-0777.

### ONE bedroom apartment. 590 Foster Road. Pets allowed.

Appliances. On-site laundry. Water paid. \$555/ month. Thomas, (319)930-0183.

**ONE bedroom, Oakcrest St.** cats ok, off-street parking, A/C, busline, [jandjapts.com](http://jandjapts.com) (319)338-7058.

**ONE bedroom, one bathroom.** Great location. 10 minute walk to law building. \$490/ month. Call (319)341-7179 or (917)547-9854.

**PRIME** downtown location, partially furnished, one bedroom, one bathroom, parking included, price negotiable, W/D. (630)854-3033.

**SPACIOUS** one bedroom with bonus room. Large bright living room, galley kitchen, full bathroom, private entrance, off-street parking. 310 N. Clinton. (319)331-7487.

**SUBLET** one bedroom. West Iowa City. \$510/ month, H/W included. Available end of December. (760)994-8360.

### TWO BEDROOM

**2 bedroom** on Westside, close to Melrose. Quiet neighborhood. On busline. Available now. Flexible lease. Call Lincoln Real Estate, (319)338-3701.

**205 Fifth Street, Coralville.** Three blocks to Iowa River Power, two bedroom, \$625 plus utilities, W/D, fireplace, available December. (319)530-8700.

### TWO BEDROOM

**942 23rd Ave. Place** in Coralville. Two bedroom, \$625 plus utilities. W/D, fireplace, skylights, available January. (319)530-8700.

### ANDOVER GARDEN on Haywood Dr.

Great space with 1-1/2 bathrooms, C/A, lower level or 3rd floors. No pets. \$575-625. Ivette Rentals, (319)337-7392.

### AVAILABLE ANYTIME.

Iowa City. New two bedroom. \$700. (319)594-3559.

### AVAILABLE now. Two bedrooms downtown.

Starting at \$750/ month. Off-street parking, A/C. No pets. [janjapts.com](http://janjapts.com) (319)338-7058.

### EMERALD COURT has two bedroom sublets available immediately.

\$585 includes water. Across from Horn School and close to Hospital and Dental School. Call for more details.

### FIRST month free. Two bedroom in Coralville, garage. C/A. Busline.

\$550. Call (319)936-0617.

### PARK PLACE and PARKSIDE MANOR in Coralville have two bedroom sublets available immediately.

\$565 includes water. Laundry on-site. Close to library and Rec Center. Call (319)354-0281.

### REMODELED two bedroom units on Westside, close to football stadium, medical, dental schools and U of I hospital.

Heat/ water paid. \$575- 595, flexible lease. Call Lincoln Real Estate, (319)338-3701.

### SUBLEASERS NEEDED!! Nice two bedroom/ one bath on S. VanBuren.

Usual appliances, free parking, \$620. Graduating and need to move. Contact Ryan (641)777-0485 or [ryan-beary@uiowa.edu](mailto:ryan-beary@uiowa.edu)

### SUBLET two bedroom townhouse. \$775, includes water, garage, dishwasher, W/D hook-ups.

Westside, close to UIHC, available January 1st. (319)688-5137.

### TWO bedroom, Coralville, available in January. \$565 plus utilities, free parking, laundry on-site, located by the law school.

(319)354-2233 for showings.

### TWO bedroom, top floor. \$600/ month. K-Mart area.

545-2075-1.C.

### TWO bedroom, two bathroom, two balconies. Close to downtown, overlooking swimming pool.

Free garage parking. Laundry, elevator, all appliances. Central A/C and heating. Call ASI (319)621-6750.

### TWO bedroom, two bathroom. Near UIHC, W/D, garage parking, Lincoln Avenue; \$865/ month.

(816)590-7837.

### TWO bedroom. 2551 Holiday Road, Coralville. \$540/ month. January rent free. January- June sublet. Year lease option. Pets okay.

(319)931-4878.

### TWO bedroom. Secured building. W/D, dishwasher, C/A, water paid.

(319)338-4774.

### THREE / FOUR BEDROOM

**FIRST MONTH FREE 620 CHURCH STREET**  
4 bedroom, close to campus, C/A, \$1400. SouthGate (319)339-9320 s-gate.com

### THREE bedroom apartment. New paint, vinyl, and appliances.

On busline. 961 Miller Ave. Available immediately. \$745/ month, H/W paid. (319)337-2685 or (319)430-2093.

### THREE bedroom townhouse near City High, W/D, no pets, lease, \$750 plus utilities.

(319)621-4653.

### DUPLEX FOR RENT

**\$600.** Eastside, quiet two bedroom, easy walk, parking, C/A, W/D. 102 Clapp. (563)528-1202. [gary.sloat@gmail.com](mailto:gary.sloat@gmail.com)

**AVAILABLE** January 1. Large two bedroom, two bathroom townhouse. W/D. Close-in, no pets, great preferred. Page St. \$600. (319)330-0220 or (319)354-5631.

### DUPLEX FOR RENT

**THE NICEST** duplex in Iowa City. Three bedroom, 3-1/2 bathroom, 3 car garage, geothermal heat and A/C. New in 2005. 10 blocks east of Pentacrest. No smoking and no pets. Available August 1. Rent is \$1550. Call 631-1236 or visit: [www.parsonsproperties.net](http://www.parsonsproperties.net) for more info.

### TWO bedroom, east Iowa City, C/A, W/D hook-ups, no pets, smoking.

\$570. (319)338-6990.

### CONDO FOR RENT

**FALL 2007 OPEN HOUSE**  
January 15 thru January 19  
10:00-12:00 Noon  
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• 916 & 926 Harlocke Street • Look for Open House signs • W/D, DW, C/A, Fireplace • LARGE Closets, Close to UIHC, Law & Medical Bldgs. Professionally Managed, Pet & Smoke Free • **Same Day Maintenance** Limited # Available • **Rae-Matt Properties** [rae-matt.com](http://rae-matt.com) 319-351-1219

### 804 BENTON DRIVE. Two bedrooms, \$500/ month, water included.

Parking, busline, A/C, W/D hook-ups and laundry on-site. No pets. (319)337-8544.

### AVAILABLE now. Three bedroom townhouse with garage, C/A, dishwasher. Near UIHC.

Law School. \$891/ month. No pets. [jandjapts.com](http://jandjapts.com) (319)338-7058.

### BEAUTIFUL townhouse, two bedroom plus den upstairs.

Great room with fireplace. Two car garage. 709 Scott Park Dr. December 1. \$1150 plus utilities. (319)337-7392. [www.ivetteapartments.com](http://www.ivetteapartments.com)

### FURNISHED. 2003 condo for sale or rent in North Liberty.

Two bedroom, 1-3/4 bathroom, 1020 s.f., top floor, next to Community Center (bus to UIHC/ VAMC/ downtown IC). W/D, dishwasher, garage, deck, secured building. (319)321-4901.

### LARGE three bedroom townhouse, two baths, skylight, off-street parking, W/D, C/A, yard, internet. No smoking, no pets.

After 6:30p.m. (319)931-4878.

### SPACIOUS two bedroom condo at 1011 Rochester Ave. Available January 2007.

Eight blocks from campus, close to yet to Mercy Hospital. Two stall garage, W/D. Flexible lease available. \$850/ month. (319)330-1313, (641)430-8088.

### TWO bedroom, one bathroom. Air, W/D, dishwasher, carport. Eastside. \$595/ month.

(319)330-7368, (319)337-7368.

### HOUSE FOR RENT

**2, 3, 4, 5, 6** bedrooms, multi bathrooms, free parking, W/D, C/A, dishwasher, busline, close-in. Leasing for fall 2007. (319)341-9385.

### 3 extra large bedrooms. Unusual place, quiet area, close, no pets, no smoking, references. \$950.

(319)331-5071.

### 4 bedroom. 1030 E. Jefferson. \$1600/ month plus utilities.

Available August 1. [www.buxhouses.com](http://www.buxhouses.com) (319)354-7262.

### AUGUST 1, 2007. Very large remodeled four bedroom house, two bathrooms

# DAILY BREAK

“ We don't see things as they are, we see them as we are. ”  
— Anais Nin

## the ledge

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ANDREW R. JUHL

### Know your Ledge author:

- Unlike most people, I'm not afraid of dying alone. (Mostly because there are several safeguards already in place to ensure I take at least a handful of people with me.)
- I am chubby and would much rather be called “chubby” than “big boned.” I would much rather be thought of as someone who's lazy and lacking self-control than someone who's a freakish anomaly of osteopathic science.
- I jog, but I jog on a treadmill. At a gym. In front of a TV. A TV usually tuned to E! Entertainment Television. The donkey-chasing-carrot imagery is hard to ignore.
- I really enjoy old black & white movies (such as “Guess Who's Coming to Dinner”).
- I'm not rich, poor, handsome, ugly, dumb, or brilliant; I'm average. And that's a sad commentary on the current state of average in American society.
- People who say such things as, “I hate everyone in who's in a frat,” or, “I hate everyone who's pre-med,” really piss me off. Personally, I hate everyone who has categorical hatreds.
- About a week ago, I read that day's “Garfield” in a newspaper somebody left on the bus and it made me giggle. I haven't slept well since.
- If I were to ever be on a big ol' jet airliner that crash-landed on a remote, desolate island, I would make no attempt whatsoever to become leader of the ragtag group of survivors. I would, however, totally bitch about how whoever was elected the leader ran things.

— Andrew R. Juhl has a hard time purchasing or eating any food marketed as “hearty.”  
E-mail him at: [andrew-juhl@uiowa.edu](mailto:andrew-juhl@uiowa.edu)

## horoscopes Monday, January 15, 2007 — by Eugenia Last

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Use whatever is made available to you to put your plans into play or resolve an issue that is holding you back. You may have to go the distance to talk with someone face-to-face, but if that's what it takes, it will be worth it.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Don't be too quick to make changes. Things aren't likely to turn out as planned, especially if you are too stubborn to compromise. An older or younger person in your life will probably cause you some grief.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Make your move, but take the straight route in doing so. You don't have to be unique today — that will only confuse the people around you who may be able to put a damper on your plans. An emotional partnership will offer you a better perspective.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You may not like all the progressive ideas and changes going on around you today, but if you try to fight them, you will accomplish little. Listen, be prepared to adapt to whatever change comes your way, and you can secure your position and your future.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** This can be your day if you play your cards right. Nothing should hold you back from doing what is required to put your dreams into play. Connect with people from your past who can help you now.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Acceptance will be the key to maintaining your position. The more readily you can process and deal with change, the better off you'll be. Someone may bring up an emotional concern to confuse you.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You can make a difference today for both the young and old in your life. Short trips, shopping, or making changes to your home will help position you for the future. Someone from your past should be able to help.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't let someone else's disgruntled attitude stop you in your tracks. Talks may be difficult, but they can also help you strengthen your position. Take a totally different approach than what is expected of you.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Just sit back, wait, and watch. Everything will fall into place as long as you don't instigate unnecessary change. Today is about gathering and taking in all the information you can.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You may feel a little overwhelmed by everything going on around you. If you sit back and let things unfold naturally, you will be able to take advantage of some interesting secret information.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You've got the power and wherewithal to enforce any change that is necessary to help you advance. You will be on top of things and be able to make a good impression just by following through and doing what you promise.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** There is too much going on that you aren't aware of. Do not make a decision that will limit you should the dynamics of the situation change. You can expect to have problems with colleagues, parents, mentors, or anyone you look up to.

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- Methamphetamine in Iowa.
- Coverage of the start of Vilsack's presidential campaign.
- Interview with Nicki Petersburg.
- Interview with Iowa Ice-Hawks head coach.

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- The highs and lows of a 24-hour tailgate.
- The No. 1 football team in the nation, and the Hawkeyes.
- Highlights of the soccer team's split.
- Roommates gone crazy.
- Day of the Dead.
- Hawkeye football 2006.

### MP3s

- Local Bands

### PHOTO

- Day of the Dead.
- Hawkeye football 2006.

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## today's events

To submit events e-mail [daily-iowan@uiowa.edu](mailto:daily-iowan@uiowa.edu), please put date of event in the subject and follow the format in the paper.

- **Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service**, 8:30 a.m.
- **Celebrate Hero Day**, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m., Iowa Children's Museum, Coral Ridge Mall
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Young Readers, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Kids read about Dr. King**, 1 p.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall
- **School's Out Special, Paint-a-Mug Ceramic Workshop**, 1 p.m., Public Library
- **Ghandi, King, Ikeda Exhibit**, 4:30 p.m., IMU second-floor ballroom
- **Human Rights Week 2007 Martin**

- **Luther King Jr. Convocation, “Day of Unity,”** 4:30 p.m., IMU Ballroom
- **New Year's Resolution Seminar, Dr. Freya Schafer**, 5 p.m., Gold's Gym, 401 Oakdale Blvd.
- **Volunteer Meeting for Coralville's Summer 4thFest**, 5:15 p.m., Coralville City Hall
- **Story Time with Sara**, 7 p.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth
- **Open Mike with Jay Knight**, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Waka Winter Classic Battle of the Bands, 19 and older show**, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington

## UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

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| <b>3 p.m.</b> “Live from Prairie Lights,” Tom Lutz       | Update  |
| <b>4</b> UI Faculty & Guest Lectures                     | <b>9:45</b> TBA   |
| <b>6:30</b> TBA  | <b>10:30</b> DITV News, <i>The Daily Iowan</i> Daily News |
| <b>7</b> “Live from Prairie Lights,” Tom Lutz            | Update  |
| <b>8</b> UI Faculty & Guest Lectures                     | <b>10:45</b> TBA  |
| <b>9:30</b> DITV News, <i>The Daily Iowan</i> Daily News | <b>11</b> “Live from Prairie Lights,” Tom Lutz            |

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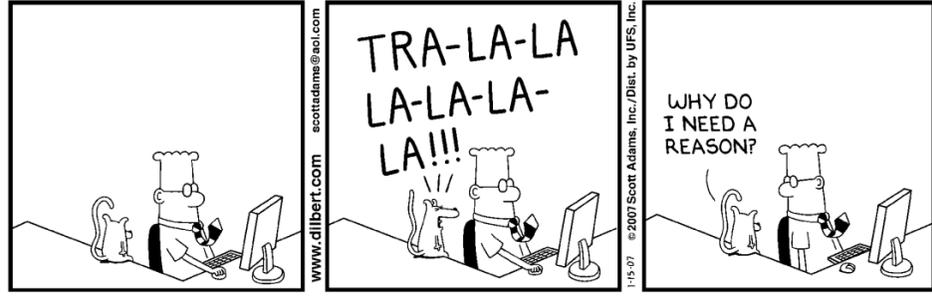
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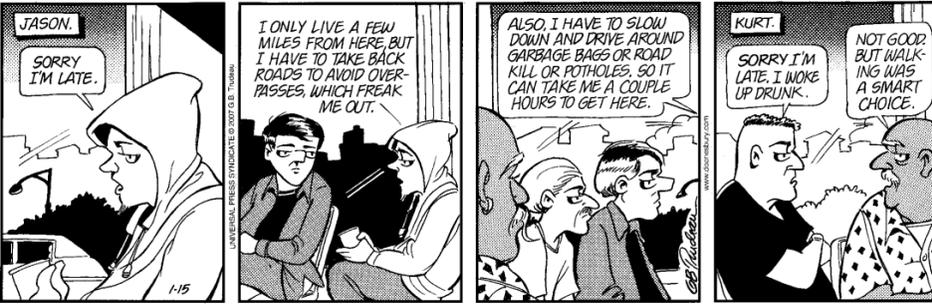
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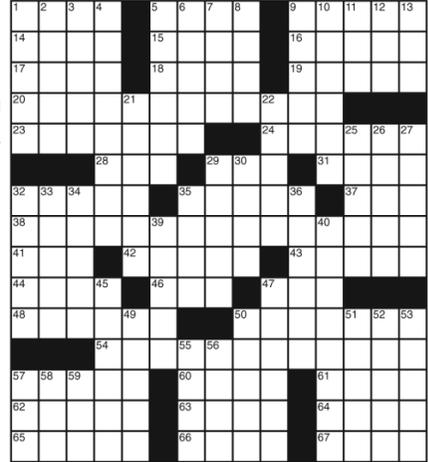


## The New York Times Crossword

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  - 5 Actress Rowlands
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  - 15 Patron saint of Norway
  - 16 Dog's restraint
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  - 18 Not all
  - 19 "Heavens to \_\_\_!"
  - 20 "Sahara" co-star, 2005
  - 23 Capital of New Mexico
  - 24 Lagasse of the Food Network
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  - 29 Up to, briefly
  - 31 Prefix with tiller
  - 32 Luggage attachment
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  - 37 Ukraine, e.g., once: Abbr.
  - 38 Trip to Tahiti, for example
  - 41 What andirons support
  - 42 Blocked from sunlight
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  - 46 "Pick a card, \_\_\_ card"
  - 47 Getting on in years
  - 48 Shooting star
  - 50 Italian city on the Adriatic
  - 54 Groups collecting litter
  - 57 Ones attracted to flames
  - 60 \_\_\_ Hashanah
  - 61 Landed (on)
  - 62 Sharpshooter Oakley
  - 63 "Puppy Love" singer Paul
  - 64 Heredity unit
  - 65 All gone, as food
  - 66 Ship's petty officer, informally
  - 67 To be: Lat.
- DOWN**
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  - 21 Guffaws
  - 22 Archaeological find
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  - 27 Sophia of "Two Women"



- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**
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- 20** or less, at a bar
- 45** Computer whiz
- 55** Syrian or Yemeni
- 56** Taboo
- 57** Sex kitten West
- 58** Go \_\_\_ rampage
- 59** Explosive letters

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