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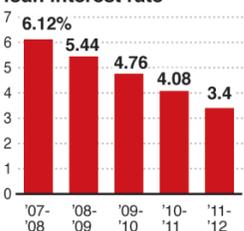
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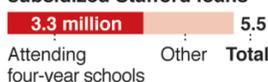
Loan rate cuts would help millions

The House passed an initiative to cut in half the 6.8 percent interest rate of some need-based federal student loans over five years.

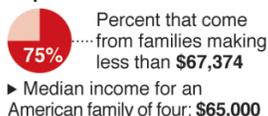
Subsidized Stafford loan interest rate



Students borrowing subsidized Stafford loans



Dependent borrowers



► Median income for an American family of four: **\$65,000**

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AP

BY DEAN TREFTZ

THE DAILY IOWAN

WASHINGTON — The U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation Wednesday that could reduce recent college graduates' debt over the next five years — an action touted by Democrats as a much-needed relief to students struggling to pay tuition that is rapidly outpacing the rate of inflation.

The College Student Relief Act of 2007 will ultimately halve the interest rate for federally subsidized Stafford Loans

'This is a very important piece of legislation and certainly something I support.'

— Mark Warner, UI financial-aid director

from the current 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent by July 2011. Last year, 7,653 UI students took out subsidized Stafford Loans; there were around 5.5 million nationwide.

"I was able to achieve the American dream because of legislation similar to the Student Relief Act," said Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, as he sup-

ported the measure on the House floor Wednesday morning. The Sioux City native had focused many of his campaign speeches on how the government assisted him after growing up in poverty.

Interest rates for subsidized Stafford Loans are at their highest point since the 2000-01 academic year and up from 3.37

percent just two years ago. Financial-aid specialists nationwide advised borrowers to consolidate loans and lock in a lower interest rate before last July's rate hike went into effect.

Statistics show that UI graduates are leaving college with more debt. Fifty-eight percent of graduates in the 2004-05 school year left the university with debt, according to Thomson Peterson's Undergraduate Financial Aid and Undergraduate Databases.

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JOHNSON COUNTY JAIL

Study finds flaws in jail



Brett Slezak/The Daily Iowan

An inmate sleeps in an individual holding cell in the Johnson County Jail on Wednesday. Small windows on cell-block doors are some of the "serious" problems in the Johnson County Jail, according to a National Institute of Corrections analysis.

BY EMILEIGH BARNES

THE DAILY IOWAN

A recent National Institute of Corrections analysis of Johnson County's perennially packed jail may help the public understand the need for a better facility in Iowa City, Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek said on Wednesday.

And county officials are hopeful of finally finding a solution that could ease the facility's overcrowding.

The report, whose completed version won't be available for about two months, said the jail must make some serious changes to bring security up to par.

An influx of inmates has plagued the 511 S. Capitol St.

correctional facility for years. Because the comprehensive justice system analysis of the jail shed light on "serious" problems, Pulkrabek said, he hopes Johnson County residents will be receptive to a new facility, even though they rejected building a new jail with a vote of nearly 70 percent in 2000.

"I think [the report] will continue to educate the public on the growing need" for a jail, the sheriff said. "It's not like we can wave a magic wand and make a new jail appear."

The analysis found "serious" issues with the facility's booking room, the small window on the door to one of its cell blocks, and its video-surveillance system, Pulkrabek said.

Also, because of the jail's bloated population, the county could be held liable in a lawsuit if an inmate were attacked, he said.

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors has sent proposals to several firms that could do site analyses for a new facility, he said, adding that county officials have supported further studies of a new building.

The firms would look at no fewer than three potential building sites around Iowa City, said Supervisor Rod Sullivan. The sites include land around the Courthouse, former county farm land west of Iowa City, and any other options they think would be good.

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Trio pleads for help in Darfur

'If you're in Darfur, and you don't have a gun and you're not from the Janjaweed, they do whatever they want to you.'

— Anwar Elnour, refugee

BY MASON KERNS

THE DAILY IOWAN

To qualify for rape, mutilation, or murder at the hands of the Janjaweed militia in Sudan's Darfur region, one need only be "African."

Arbitrary in essence, this distinction classifies Darfur civilians, who aren't "Arabs" like those wielding power in Sudan, as non-humans.

These conditions, which eerily mirror those that fostered the 1994 Rwandan genocide, forced Darfur refugees and now-Des Moines residents Mohamed Abdalla, Anwar Elnour, and Abdelmagid Yousif to flee the country in the midst of government-backed ethnic cleansing.

But details of the Darfuris' plight accounted for only half of their lecture to a small-but-informed crowd in 343 IMU on Wednesday. The other half was more poignant: If the United States or the United Nations do not act swiftly, Darfur will cease to exist.

The refugees' emotional tales and pleas for international intervention were part of a discussion on Darfur hosted by the Graduate Social Work Student Association, coinciding with the UT's celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Week. The timing was fitting, considering that an oft-quoted King mantra, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere," evolved into the event's theme.

Elnour, 40, spoke of how he doctored his name to obtain a passport so he could leave Darfur before the war escalated.

"If you're in Darfur, and you don't have a gun and you're not from the Janjaweed, they do whatever they want to you," he said, noting that in 1992, there were 9 million people in Darfur, which occupies a Texas-sized plot of land in western Sudan. Now, there are 3 million. "We need to call on the international community, or there's not going to be anybody left."

The Janjaweed — Arab fighters commissioned by the Sudanese government to attack non-Arab Darfuris — have killed between 260,000 and 450,000 civilians, according to estimates by human-rights groups. Hordes of Darfuri women are continually subject to gang rape and robbery, and the Associated Press reports that 2.5 million refugees have fled to other parts of Sudan and to neighboring countries, most notably Chad.

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'It's not like we can wave a magic wand and make a new jail appear.'



— Lonny Pulkrabek, Johnson County sheriff

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Cloudy, blustery, 20% chance of snow/freezing drizzle

Courts eye paperless system

By 2013, state officials expect all Iowa court documents to be online

BY KELSEY BELTRAMEA
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa Judicial Branch will soon begin a bidding process for software providers, launching the implementation of a statewide paperless court system, a state official said Wednesday.

Likely using a combination of technology providers, two unnamed counties in Iowa will begin testing an electronic filing system later this year, said Rebecca Colton, an assistant to the Iowa chief justice.

The proposed system will not only update state courthouse organization, it will also expand the depth and variety of information currently accessible online. In addition, the system will continue to allow those with Internet capabilities to access court documents round-the-clock.

"The efficiency of the computer system has made it a lot easier for people already who can access limited records online," said Lodema Berkley, the Johnson County clerk of court, noting the public's ability to pay fines online from home has already shortened out-the-door lines at the courthouse.

People can now pay fines, check child-support payment records, look up criminal back-

grounds, and read court schedules online — and pending the pilot counties' success — people will also be able to file and read comprehensive documents from wherever they have Internet access.

The paperless court system will first advance into the state appellate courts and will then be implemented in trial courts one district at a time within the next five years.

Chief Justice Marsha Ternus lauded the electronic data-management system in her first State of the Judiciary speech before a joint convention of the Legislature last week.

"E-filing means no more last minute dashes or long drives to the courthouse to file papers. Judges, court staff, lawyers, litigants, and others will have immediate and simultaneous access to court files," she said. "The pressure on clerks' staff to hunt down files and make copies will vanish."

And so will all the paper. When the system is employed, people will scan documents at the court house or send them electronically, so tangible paper copies will not be kept for records.

"I don't think there's any way to quantify the amount of paper it will eliminate, because courthouses are over-

flowing with papers that go back 100 years or more," Colton said.

Some courthouses have already begun to scan back-dated cases and save them in disc form, but many still have leased warehouses in which paper files are stored, the 20-year chief justice assistant said.

In Iowa, the proposed electronic system will only apply to cases initiated after the paperless method is implemented.

And computers won't replace the number of clerks needed in each office, because employees will be necessary for data entry and assisting the "not-so-computer-literate" members of the public, Berkley said.

"It's probably going to be a test on everybody there for a while," said Berkley, who served on a five-member state committee to study the system and draft logistic rules to accompany it.

The committee presented the rules to the high court last fall, and opened the forum for public comment last week, joining a handful of states readying for the technological advancement.

Colorado civil cases are paperless, and Wisconsin recently began a similar pilot two-county program.

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Wisconsin court information officer Tom Sheehan said that state's pilot project, limited to a few law firms' small claims cases, has been "very successful."

Though Berkley anticipates plenty of initial roadblocks, she is optimistic.

"I do think in the long run, we'll find it a lot easier filing in the office, and the people who are literate when it comes to computers will be able to do the majority of their work sitting at a computer at home or at work."

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THE DREAM LIVES



Brett Stezak/The Daily Iowan

UI junior Barrington Vaxter reads the "I have a dream" speech as part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration of Life in Shambaugh Auditorium on Wednesday. The presentation was a part of the UI Human Rights Week 2007.

METRO

Student charged in drug bust

UI police have arrested a student after they said he sold marijuana in a residence-hall room in November 2006.

An informant reportedly testified that Nicholas Morrone, 18, had made two sales of the drug in 2530 Burge, according to a police complaint dated Dec. 12, 2006.

Morrone allegedly sold the marijuana to an occupant of the Burge room, officers said. Police reported the buyer then called Morrone back to the hall so that the informant could also purchase drugs,

police said.

The freshman from Illinois was listed in the UI directory as a student in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and living in 1323 Burge.

Morrone now faces serious misdemeanor charges of drug unlawful gathering.

Drug unlawful gathering is defined as someone who "did promote, sponsor, or aid, or assist in the sponsoring or promoting of a meeting ... or assemblage with the knowledge or intent that a controlled substance be there distributed, used, or possessed."

— by Emileigh Barnes

Area man charged with forgery

Iowa City police have charged a Coralville man with forgery after they said he altered a series of receipts at Orscheln Farm and Home and took illegal cash refunds.

Officers said Kevin Johnson, 41, would take receipts, forge customer names on them, forge a clerk's signature on the receipt, and take cash from the register for the faked refund. In total, he pilfered more than \$4,000, police said.

Johnson, who was a manager at the business, forged documents numerous times between January

2006 and December 2006, according to a police complaint dated Jan. 16.

Police said Johnson later told officers he had taken the money to pay medical bills. He also told officers he had come up with the customer names looking in a phone book, authorities said.

Police said at least five customers and clerks verified they had not signed the receipts.

Johnson now faces a Class D felony charge of forgery and a Class D felony charge of second-degree theft.

— by Emileigh Barnes

POLICE BLOTTER

Brian Arnesen, 30, Kalona, was charged Sunday with possession of an open container of alcohol in public.

Evan Hudson, 18, 132 Stanley, was charged Monday with possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Kevin Johnson, 41, Coralville, was charged Jan. 30, 2006, with forgery by check/document and second-degree theft.

Brian Kirchner, 18, 908 Reinow, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

Dejuan Lundy, 19, Marengo, Iowa, was charged Sunday with warrant

from UI police: fourth-degree theft.

Leo Marlowe, 22, 417 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2322, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Laura Metz, 20, 631 S. Van Buren St. Apt. 8, was charged Jan. 13 with public intoxication.

Michael Naughton, 20, 29 W. Burlington St. Apt. 206, was

charged Jan. 13 with public intoxication.

Kipton Pedersen, 25, West Branch, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Charles St. John, 22, 2040 Broadway Apt. F, was charged Wednesday with second-offense OWI.

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Refugees ask for intervention in Darfur

Three refugees for the troubled area recount atrocities at the hands of the Janjaweed

'I try to call my family whenever I can, but the government, I think, shuts the cell-phone network on and off.'

— Abdelmagid Yousif, refugee



Concerned students and citizens watch a movie about the genocide in Darfur, Sudan, on Wednesday evening at the IMU. Three Sudanese refugees from Darfur spoke at the event, sharing their experiences and stressing the importance of saving Darfur before there are no people left.

Ed Bornstein/The Daily Iowan



Sudanese refugee Anwar Elnour speaks in the IMU on Wednesday evening about his experience with the genocide in Darfur, Sudan.

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Several peace deals brokered by the United Nations and United States — between the Sudanese government and some, but not all, of the rebel factions fighting against the Janjaweed — have failed to stabilize the region or stop the bloodshed, media reports from the region reveal. Aid workers in the area hope a recent cease-fire signed by the government and a faction of the Sudan Liberation Army will end the violence that emerged in 2003 from the North/South civil war.

Elnour, who like Yousif lived in a Darfuri village on the border of Chad, was fortunate enough to bring his wife with him to Des Moines. Abdalla and Yousif had to come alone.

"I try to call my family whenever I can, but the government, I think, shuts the cell-phone network on and off," Yousif said.

A few weeks ago, Yousif said, he received a call from his family

saying the Janjaweed had come to his house at 4 a.m. and took his family's money, jewelry, and cell phone. Luckily, his loved ones were spared.

But many Darfuris aren't so lucky.

Joelle Osterhaus and Sarah Traeger, the social-work group's co-chairwomen, and treasurer Andrea Folsom relayed some of the region's atrocities to an attentive audi-

ence through a detailed presentation and video featuring a U.S. Marine's firsthand accounts.

The women in internally displaced-persons camps risk rape every time they leave to search for much-needed food and supplies, Traeger said. But they go willingly; if their husbands run across a soldier of the Janjaweed, they will likely be castrated, then murdered. That families must

choose sexual assault over emasculation and murder is horrifying, she said.

Osterhaus said the driving force behind holding the forum was to devote much-needed attention to the Darfur conflict, since the U.S. and international media have failed in their roles. The event's press release noted that during June 2005 — two years into the war — the major

television networks devoted 50 times more airtime to the Michael Jackson scandal than

to the Darfur genocide.

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House moves on loan rates

LOANS

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While that's only 2 percent more in debt than 2000-01, the average debt per UI graduate rose by more than \$4,000 in that same time period.



Loeb sack
representative

Though a majority of GOP representatives voted for the measure — which reduces interest rates by .68 percent every year — many objected to the bill before doing so.

“How can a reduction in student-loan interest rates make college more affordable when the students do not feel the effects until they have left school?” asked Iowa Rep. Tom Latham in a floor speech, voicing a heavily emphasized Republican argument that the legislation will not expand access of college to more people but simply make it easier on those who are already in school.

Though he eventually voted for the bill, Latham also criticized Democrats for not allowing any amendments and not involving House Republicans — a common complaint among GOP lawmakers during the first 100 hours of the 110th Congress.

Critics also contended that the bill, which expires in January 2012, will only keep interest rates at 3.4 percent for six months.

The White House also voiced disapproval of the bill but did not go as far as promising to veto the measure.

To pay for the rate cuts, the government would increase fees to lenders who supply private subsidized Stafford Loans and only reimburse 95 percent of defaulted loans.

“There ought to be a net investment in higher education; we shouldn't just be shifting money around,” said Tom Joyce, a spokesman for Sallie Mae, one of the nation's largest subsidized Stafford lenders.

Though UI students who take out subsidized Stafford Loans deal with the federal government's direct-loan program, not companies, the increased costs to private lenders would have to be passed on to borrowers because of “razor-thin” margins on student loans.

Joyce also argued, as many Republicans did, that the bill's \$6 billion budget would be better spent on increasing funding for Pell Grants.

But Mark Warner, the UI's financial-aid director, said that while Pell Grants should be raised to make college affordable for more students, interest rates for loans also need to be reduced.

“This is a very important piece of legislation and certainly something I support,” he said. “We will have students who otherwise would not have chosen to go into graduate or professional study because they're not worrying about their undergraduate loans as much.”

Aides to the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions — of which Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, is a member — said the Senate is likely to first address the legislation in a Jan. 25 hearing on higher education.

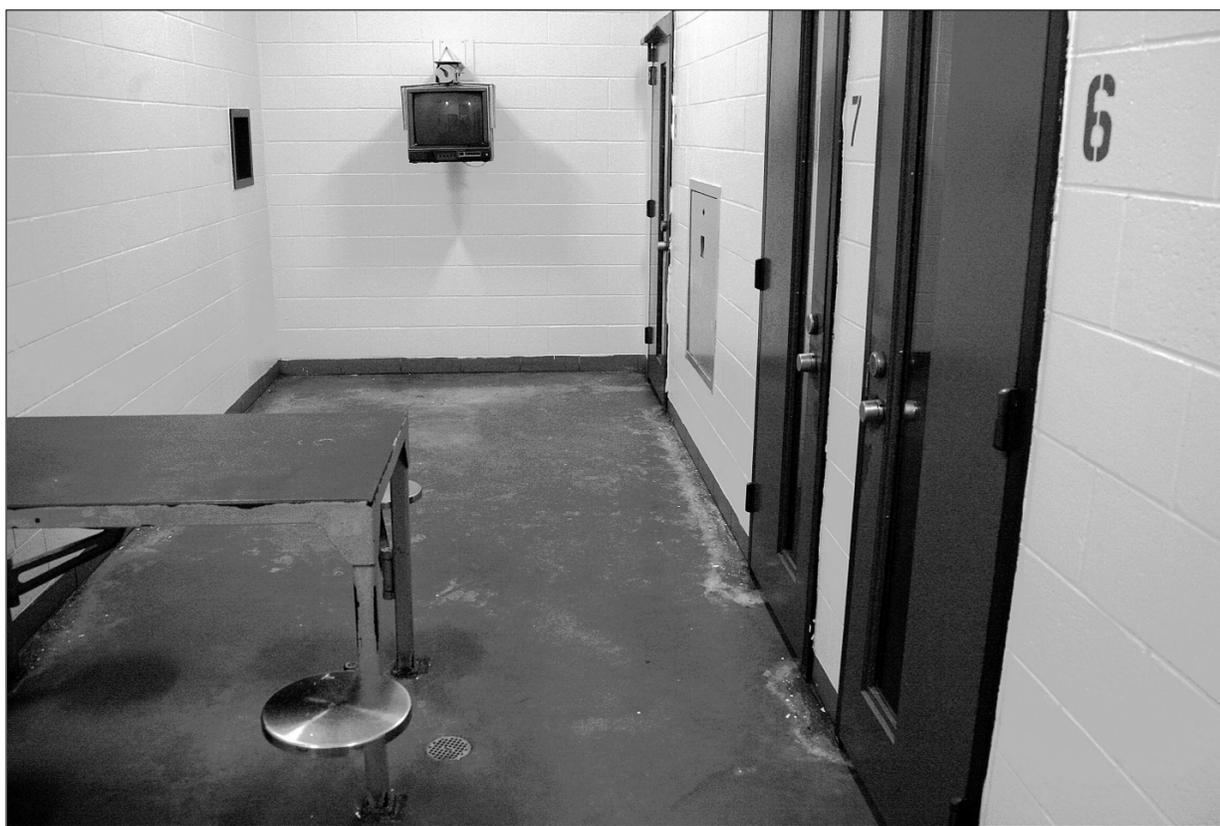
Loeb sack said he also wants to increase funding for Pell Grants, and as one of 10 Democratic freshmen on the House Committee on Education and Labor, he will have a front seat in the legislative debate over financial-aid issues.

“This is only the beginning,” he told *The Daily Iowan* after the vote. “This is a down payment.”

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Report details jail problems

Issues faced by the current facility include a problematic jail block and a video-surveillance system that needs updating



Brett Slezak/The Daily Iowan

A communal room sits outside the cells in the overcrowded Johnson County Jail on Wednesday. Johnson County residents rejected building a new jail in 2000.

JAILS

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“I think there's been a lot of assumption made that the location of the courthouse is the best bet,” Sullivan said. “I'm just not sure. I'm anxious to see an outside opinion.”

Carol deProse, a Johnson County resident who opposed the 2000 bond for a new jail, has said the “huge, mega-bed facility” wasn't accessible to

family or friends of inmates because of its proposed location in western Iowa City.

In 2001, officials resorted to shipping inmates to other facilities, a process that is both time-consuming and expensive.

In the five years that Johnson County has housed local inmates in Linn County's jail, it has paid the facility more than \$1.7 million. Often, the cost of housing people else-

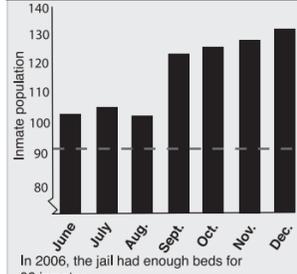
where can exceed \$1,000 each day.

Other inmates are sent to correctional facilities in Benton, Cedar, Dubuque, Iowa, Jefferson, and Muscatine Counties.

Pulkrabek has said a new facility could cost \$25 million, paid for — at least in part — with tax increases.

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Johnson County Jail Crowding



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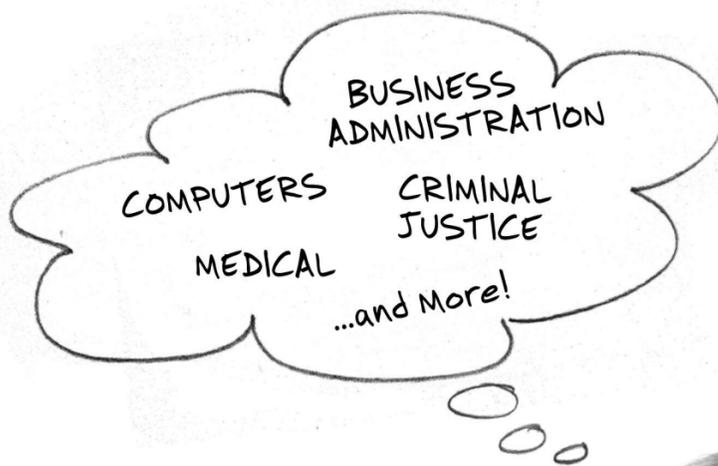
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State senator: All regents must go

A state senator calls for gubernatorial intervention in fixing the state Board of Regents

BY MATT NELSON
THE DAILY IOWAN



Zaun
senator



Culver
governor

A state senator called for Gov. Chet Culver to clean house in the Board of Regents on Wednesday, declaring the move necessary for a successful UI presidential search.

Sen. Brad Zaun, R-Urbandale, pushed for the resignation of each regent while on the floor of the Senate on Wednesday, citing a host of reasons — including what he called “out-of-control” hotel and travel expenses, secrecy from the public, and the board’s flawed procedure of selecting a president.

“I’m asking, ‘Where’s the oversight?’” he said on Wednesday night. “It is a totally flawed process. How can we recruit the best person to be the president of the university with the history of what happened with the Board of Regents?”

His remarks were the latest development in the search to replace former UI President David Skorton — a process that has been marred by controversy.

The first search committee, whose four finalists for UI president were rejected by regents, was disbanded in November 2006, leading to outcry among faculty, staff, and students.

After regents announced on

Dec. 7 they would relaunch the search, UI groups responded with votes of “no-confidence” in the nine-member board. The UI Faculty Senate voted first on Dec. 12, and it was quickly echoed with near-unanimous votes from the UI Graduate Senate, Staff Council, and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences assembly.

The UI Student Government went a step further by not only declaring no confidence in the regents but also in then-Gov. Tom Vilsack, who had attempted to mediate between the regents and UI groups after the search committee was dissolved.

But UI Faculty Senate President Sheldon Kurtz, an outspoken critic of the regents who himself asked for Regents Michael Gartner and Teresa Wahlert — the two leaders of the board — to resign, greeted Zaun’s proposal skeptically.

“With four [regents] going, I don’t think there’s a reason for the entire board to leave,” the law professor said on Wednesday, emphasizing that the regents’ leadership is what needs to change. “There are costs to having a whole new Board of Regents.”

Zaun said his call for change was not related to the actions taken by the faculty and staff or the university and its governance structure.

“I want to find the best president for the University of Iowa, and I think with all this history, we cannot find the best candidate,” he said. “That is why I’m advocating a change in the Board of Regents.”

Regent Amir Arbisser pointed out the benefits of the regent system and asked state lawmakers for a “measured response.”

Most of the regents would be willing to sit down with lawmakers to open the lines of communication, the Davenport-based regent said.

“I can certainly understand the frustration of legislators with the situation,” he said. “I think [replacing the board] is not an optimal outcome.”

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ACT requirement not needed, some say

Requiring all high-school students to take the ACT could be helpful but unnecessary, some officials say

BY KURT HIATT
THE DAILY IOWAN

A new bill in a Iowa Senate subcommittee that — if passed — would require all high-school students to take the ACT before they graduate has some Iowa City School District officials up in arms.

Some local educational officials say they have a problem holding each student to a standardized test they may not need to succeed in the future.

“The operative word [in the proposal] is ‘all,’ ” said Pam Ehly, the district’s director of instruction. “Not all of our students will be college-bound.”

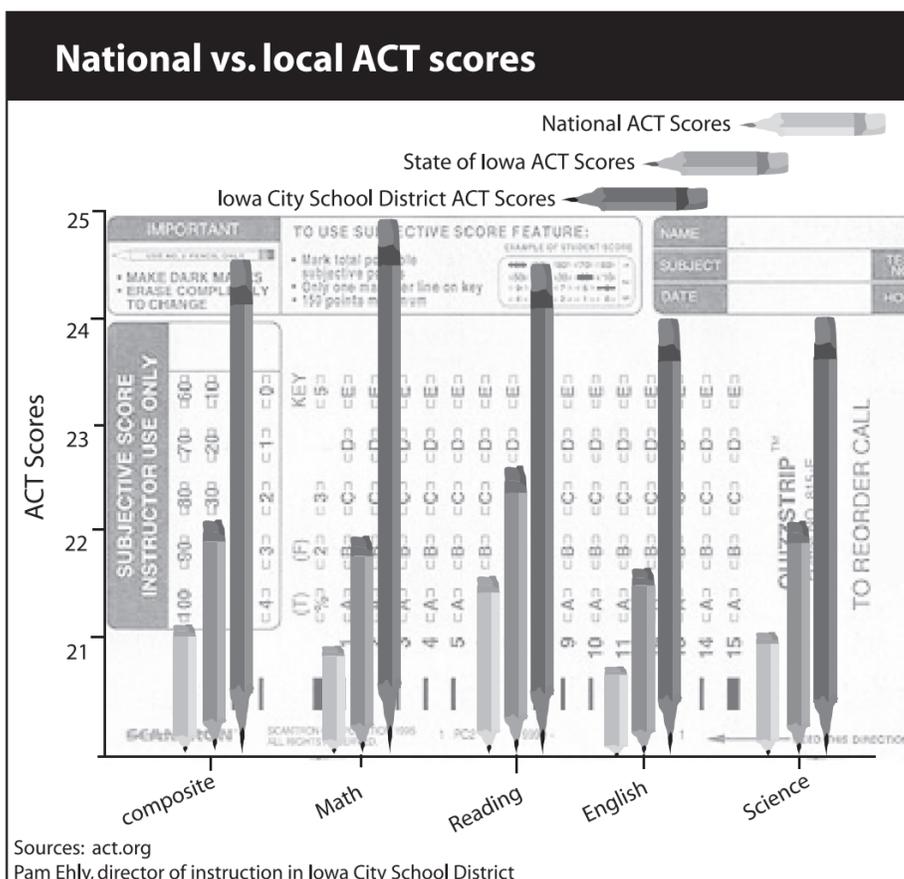
Sen. Paul McKinley, R-Chariton, who introduced the legislation earlier this session, lauded the ACT data as invaluable in gauging how well students will do in the real world.

Galen Johnson, an assistant vice president and regional manager for ACT’s Midwest region, said the Iowa City-based testing agency “would definitely support” the legislation. Ehly’s contention that not all students are headed toward higher education is an outdated reasoning, he said.

“It’s an argument that was used 15 years ago,” he said. “In the world as we see it today, virtually every student needs to transition to the workplace.”

And the way they should do this, he added, is through college.

Under the proposal, each school district would foot the bill but would later be reimbursed by the state Department of Education. Students



Sources: act.org
Pam Ehly, director of instruction in Iowa City School District

would be allowed one free test, and the score would be added to her or his permanent academic record, according to the bill.

If all 157,322 Iowa high-school students in 2005-06 were to take the test at a price of \$43 per exam, the state’s cost would total \$6,764,846. In 2006, 65 percent of Iowans took the ACTs, according to the testing agency.

Ehly said the ACT is not required for entrance to most community colleges and that the state shouldn’t force students with special needs or those with no interest in a traditional four-year school to take the test.

The proposed requirement, however, could open doors to students who hadn’t previously considered college as a post-high school option, she said.

And that’s what it did in Illinois, Johnson said. The neighboring state, which passed a similar bill in 2000, has seen a 20 percent increase in college-bound students, he said.

“Kids were in the game,” Johnson said. “They were part of the process. Students are realizing there is a choice. [The requirement in Illinois] gives them a little better

‘Kids were in the game. They were part of the process. Students are realizing there is a choice. [The requirement in Illinois] gives them a little better opportunity.’

— Galen Johnson, assistant vice president and regional manager for ACT’s Midwest region

opportunity.” But West High School Principal Jerry Arganbright said he believes students can decide on their own whether they want to take the exam.

“There’s no need for another comprehensive testing program,” he said, adding that West High students are already “in tune and in the loop” regarding their postsecondary choices. “I can’t imagine we miss anyone.”

Meanwhile, Dan Smith, the executive director for the School Administrators of Iowa, said the organization has not taken an official stance on the bill.

Though he sees both sides of the argument, he said, he remains wary about the cost to the state and questions whether the ACT requirement would help high school students.

Before anything becomes final, the bill “needs more study to understand its impact,” Smith said.

Students can dodge the requirement if they have a guardian-written excuse.

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NATION

Suit: Kuwaiti diplomat enslaved help

McLEAN, Va. (AP) — A Kuwaiti diplomat and his wife regularly beat and abused three domestic workers who were kept under conditions akin to slavery for months before they escaped, according to a civil lawsuit filed Wednesday.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Washington on behalf of the workers by the American Civil Liberties Union, also names the Kuwaiti government as a defendant for enabling the alleged abuse carried out by its employee.

The lawsuit claims violations of labor laws, anti-trafficking laws, and the 13th Amendment, which prohibits slavery. It states that the couple used diplomatic immunity to avoid criminal charges.

The three women, originally from India, said they came to the United States in the summer of 2005 to work as domestic help for Maj. Waleed Al Saleh, an embassy attache, and his wife, Maysaa Al Omar.

The lawsuit alleges they were subject to physical abuse — including death threats and a beating with a box of frozen chicken — and only given a fraction of their promised monthly wages of \$1,280.

The workers were also only allowed out of the McLean home once a month and had their passports seized, the lawsuit says. The couple also demanded that all their laundry be ironed — including underwear — and that their year-old triplets’ diapers be changed every two hours, soiled or not.

The women said in the lawsuit they were afraid they would be killed if they fled the home. One escaped in October 2005 to the home of a neighbor, who called police. The two other women fled a few months later.

“I was scared of my employers and believed that if I ran away or sought help they would harm me or maybe even kill me,” said Kumari Sabbithi, who fled in October after allegedly being knocked unconscious in a beating.



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Counterfeiters hit area stores

BY EMILEIGH BARNES
THE DAILY IOWAN

Counterfeiters, most likely experienced and just passing through the state, have struck at least three Iowa cities and flooded the market with fake \$50 bills, Iowa City police reported Wednesday.

So far, somewhere between 12 and 18 fakes have been identified in Iowa City and Coralville. Businesses that have been targeted include Hollywood Video, Cost Cutters, Mr. Movies, and several stores in the Coral Ridge Mall.

"This isn't somebody who's just doing this on a whim," Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said, noting the quality of the fabricated cash.

For instance, the fakes were created by bleaching a real \$5 bill and printing a fake \$50 on top of it, making it virtually indistinguishable from a real note.

Serial numbers identified on several counterfeit notes in the area are EG15548770B and GB318521A.

Authorities say the best way to identify a fake is to check the watermark by holding the note up to a light. The watermarked face on the right side of a bill printed from cash that has been bleached wouldn't match the printed face.

The counterfeits "look good," Kelsay said. "They certainly feel good."

Printed on bleached legal tender, they also have the same blue and red security threads, he said.

Hillary Kehm, a shift manager at Hollywood Video, said she and her manager both received counterfeit money from customers.

"It felt funny to me, so after the guy left, I looked at it again," Kehm said, adding



Photo illustration Rachel Mummy/The Daily Iowan

Iowa City police have reported between 12 and 18 counterfeit \$50 bills have been identified in the Iowa City and Coralville area.

that her manager then called the police.

Now, Kehm said she looks at large bills closer to ensure they're real.

"I hold them up to the light," she said. She isn't afraid to let customers know she's checking the money's validity, she said.

Although the department has seen other counterfeiting cases, catching seasoned criminals passing through Iowa City would be difficult, Kelsay said.

"It isn't local; they aren't just amateurish," he said. "I wouldn't be surprised if they were already out of the area."

By the time video surveillance is pulled, the criminals will most likely be long gone, and positively identifying those responsible would be unlikely, Kelsay said.

LOCATIONS FAKE BILLS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED

- Dubuque
- Coralville
- Iowa City

How the counterfeit cash is made:

- A \$5 bill is bleached
- A printer is used to print a fake \$50 onto the paper.

Law-enforcement officials may pass on this information to U.S. Treasury officials, who could potentially build a larger, federal case, he said.

He advised anyone who gets a \$50 bill to check the watermark. If it doesn't

match the picture on the bill, Kelsay said, cashiers should contact police, but only if they can do so without creating a potentially dangerous altercation with whoever passed the bill.

Kelsay said the most common bill that the department sees forged is \$20, but with prices of gas and other expenses on the rise, the bill of choice may become higher. Criminals will usually try to purchase a small item with the large bill, profiting on the change, he said.

Dubuque and Coralville police — who are also investigating counterfeit cases — did not return phone calls for comment on Wednesday.

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Legislators back vets' program

BY MIKE GLOVER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Lawmakers vowed Wednesday to pour an additional \$1 million into a program that provides assistance to veterans wanting to buy a home.

During 2006, the program provided \$2 million in assistance to veterans who were first-time home-buyers. The additional money being sought this year will help keep the program alive.

"This is about keeping the commitments we have made to veterans," said Sen. Daryl Beall, D-Fort Dodge, who heads the Senate Veterans Committee. "The home buying program is a success and these additional dollars will keep it in operation."

Under the program, veterans who have served since the 9/11 terrorist attacks are eligible for a direct grant of \$5,000 when they purchase their first home.

"When you serve overseas, your life is disrupted in many ways," said Rep. McKinley Bailey, D-Webster City. "Owning a home gives your family and yourself a real sense of security."

Bailey, who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, is in his first term in the Legislature.

Sen. Steve Warnstadt, D-Sioux City, a lieutenant colonel in the Iowa National

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Guard, has crafted many pieces of legislation dealing with veterans issues.

"By the end of December of 2006, 416 service members have received home ownership grants," he said. "Fifty-four of those grants went to families that had previously resided outside of Iowa."

He said the grant program is a solid way to lure young families to move into the state.

"This benefit is helping encourage young families to settle in Iowa," Warnstadt said.

Under the program, veterans must have served on active duty at least 90 days, and the home being purchased must be used as a primary residence and not an investment property. Single-family homes as well as condominiums are eligible for the benefit.

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NEWS

Cancer deaths down again

Experts attribute the decline to a decrease in smokers and better detection and treatment of tumors

BY MIKE STOBBE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — The tide has turned in the nation's battle against cancer.

Cancer deaths in the United States dropped for the second year in a row, health officials reported Wednesday, confirming that the trend is real and becoming more pronounced, too.

The news was cause for celebration among doctors and politicians.

"It's very exciting," said Dr. Felice Schnoll-Sussman, a cancer physician at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. "When we saw the first decline, the number wasn't that enormous. But once you start to see a trend like this, it obviously makes you feel like, 'We must be doing something right.'"

Cancer deaths in the U.S. in 2004 fell to 553,888 — a drop-off of 3,014 deaths, or 0.5 percent, from the year before, according to a review of U.S. death certificates conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics and released by the American Cancer Society.

Cancer deaths also fell in 2003, the first drop seen since 1930. But that decline was so small — just 369 deaths — that experts were hesitant at the time to say whether it was a triumph of medicine or just a statistical fluke.

Now, it appears "it's not only continuing; the decrease in the second year is much larger," said Ahmedin Jemal, an American Cancer Society researcher.

Experts are attributing the success to declines in smoking and to earlier detection and more effective treatment of tumors. Those have caused a

fall in the death rates for breast, prostate, and colorectal cancer — three of the most common cancers. The lung cancer death rate in men has also been falling, but the female rate has reached a plateau.

On a visit to the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., President Bush hailed the drop in cancer deaths as a signal that medicine — especially federally funded research — is making strides against a disease that still kills nearly 1,500 Americans a day.

The Cancer Society did not release cancer death data broken down by state or ethnicity. Those statistics are to be completed later this year.

The largest drop in deaths among the major cancers was in colorectal cancer. Colorectal cancer deaths dropped by 1,110 in men and by 1,094 in women. Experts said much of the credit goes to screening exams such as colonoscopies that detect polyps and allow doctors to remove them before they turn cancerous.

Some doctors say at least part of the success can be attributed to "the Katie Couric effect." A 2003 study found colonoscopy rates jumped more than 20 percent in the months after the "Today" show host underwent a colonoscopy on national television in 2000, after her husband died of colon cancer.

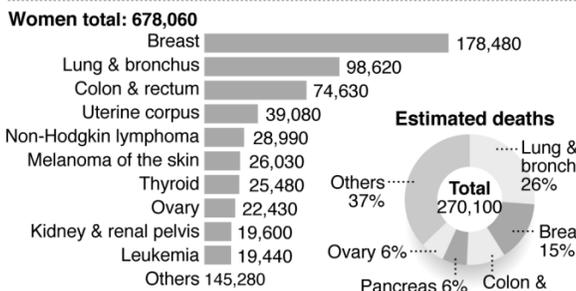
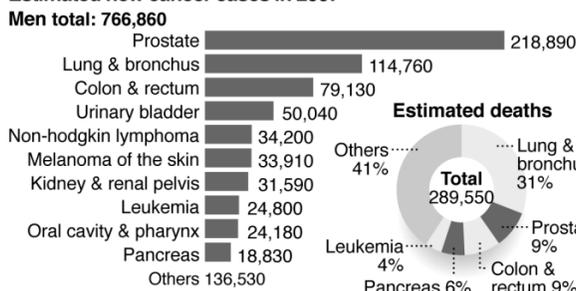
Increased insurance coverage of colonoscopies has also led to more diagnostic screenings, said Dr. A. Mark Fendrick, the University of Michigan physician who led that study.

For more than a decade, health statisticians charted annual drops of about 1 percent in the cancer death rate — that is, the number of deaths per

U.S. Cancer deaths drop

Cancer deaths in the United States have dropped for a second straight year while more than 1.4 million new cases and 559,000 deaths are projected this year, the American Cancer Society reported.

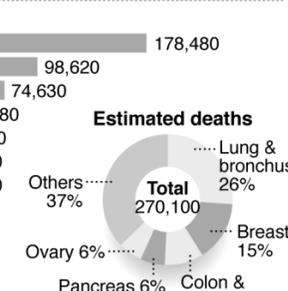
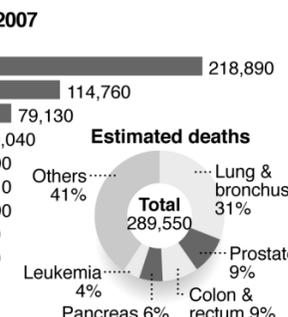
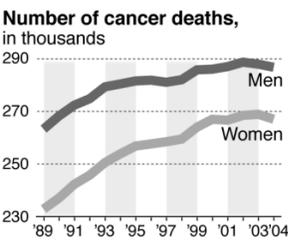
Estimated new cancer cases in 2007



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SOURCE: American Cancer Society

100,000 people. But the actual number of cancer deaths still rose each year because of the growing elderly population and the size of the population overall.

Then, in 2003 and 2004, the cancer death rate declined by about 2 percent each year, more than offsetting the effects of aging and population growth.



The American Cancer Society said it believes cancer deaths will continue to drop.

Others shared that optimism. "We're starting to see some real dividends" from screening, prevention and treatment efforts, said Dr. Otis Brawley, an Emory University researcher specializing in cancer epidemiology.

Bush agrees to FISA review

The panel of judges will oversee the administration's domestic surveillance program

BY LARA JAKES JORDAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration has agreed to let a secret but independent panel of federal judges oversee the government's controversial domestic spying program, the Justice Department said on Wednesday.

In a letter to the leaders of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court will have final say in approving wiretaps placed on people with suspected terror links.

"Any electronic surveillance that was occurring as part of the Terrorist Surveillance Program will now be conducted subject to the approval of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court," Gonzales wrote in the

two-page letter to Sens. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., and Arlen Specter, R-Pa.

"Accordingly, under these circumstances, the president has determined not to reauthorize the Terrorist Surveillance Program when the current authorization expires," the attorney general wrote.

The Bush administration secretly launched the surveillance program in 2001 to monitor international phone calls and e-mails to or from the United States involving people suspected by the government of having terrorist links.

The White House said it is satisfied with new guidelines the FISA court adopted on Jan. 10 to address administration officials' concerns about national security.

"The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court has put

together its guidelines and its rules and those have met administration concerns about speed and agility when it comes to responding to bits of intelligence where we may be able to save American lives," White House press secretary Tony Snow said.

Snow said he could not explain why those concerns could not have been addressed before the program was started. He said the president will not reauthorize the present program because the new rules will serve as guideposts.

The secret panel of judges, known as the FISA court, was established in the late 1970s to review requests for warrants to conduct surveillance inside the United States. The Bush administration had resisted giving the court final approval over the Terrorist Surveillance Program,

even when communications involved someone inside the country.

A federal judge in Detroit last August declared the program unconstitutional, saying it violates the rights to free speech and privacy and the separation of powers. In October, a three-judge panel of the Cincinnati-based appeals court ruled that the administration could keep the program in place while it appeals the Detroit decision.

Additionally, the Justice Department's inspector general is investigating the agency's use of information gathered in the spying program. In testimony last fall in front of the Senate panel, FBI Director Robert Mueller said he was not allowed to discuss classified details that could show whether it has curbed terrorist activity in the United States.

STATE

DNA leads to arrest in 20-year-old murder case

DES MOINES (AP) — A DNA sample has helped authorities find a suspect in a 20-year-old case of a slain woman in central Iowa.

Martin Duffy, 46, of Des Moines was charged Wednesday with first-degree murder, state investigators said. He is accused of repeatedly stabbing Karen Weber, 32, whose body was found April 20, 1986, near a gravel road northwest of Prairie City.

Authorities said Duffy provided a DNA saliva sample for a state database in 2005 after a drunken driving conviction.

The investigation into Weber's death was reopened last year after authorities found a match between Duffy's DNA and evidence found at the crime scene in 1986.

"It's a good feeling," said Jasper County Sheriff Mike Balmer, whose department assisted in the investigation.

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Pelosi to move on warming

The new speaker of the House is pushing for a special committee to draft legislation to cut greenhouse gases

BY JOHN HEILPRIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, intent on putting global warming atop the Democratic agenda, is shaking up traditional committee fiefdoms dominated by some of Congress' oldest and most powerful members.

She's moving to create a special committee to recommend legislation for cutting greenhouse gases, most likely to be chaired by Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., a Democratic leadership aide said Wednesday.

Markey has advocated raising mileage standards for cars, trucks, and SUVs, and he is one of the House's biggest critics of oil companies and U.S. automakers.

Pelosi has discussed the proposal with at least two Democratic committee chairmen: fellow Californian Henry Waxman of Oversight and Government Reform and West Virginia Rep. Nick Rahall, who heads the Natural Resources panel. Pelosi intends to announce the move this week, said the leadership aide, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because not all of the details have been worked out.

The move, to some degree, would sidestep two of the House's most powerful Democratic committee bosses, in shaping what's expected to be at least a yearlong debate on



Pelosi
House Speaker



Markey
Rep. D-Mass

global warming:

- Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman John Dingell of Michigan, a defender of the auto industry and at 80 the longest serving member of the House.

- New York Rep. Charles Rangel, who as the 76-year-old chairman of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee, would have to clear any tax on carbon-based fuels such as coal, oil, or natural gas, which have been blamed for warming the atmosphere. A chief advocate of such a tax is former Democratic Vice President Al Gore.

Rahall said he had spoken with Pelosi about the idea of a new select committee. Rahall's panel oversees energy development on public lands, including coal, oil, and natural gas as well as cleaner, non-carbon sources such as geothermal and wind-mills.

"I've been assured that no legislative jurisdiction would be taken away from any committee," Rahall said. "No legislative responsibility would be shifted

from any committee."

As chair of Energy and Commerce, Dingell oversees the Clean Air Act — and he would have the most to lose by letting another panel take the lead. The panel's staff chief, Dennis Fitzgibbons, a former auto-company lobbyist, said Dingell was philosophically opposed to Pelosi's plan.

"He has always been cool to the idea, because it undermines the fundamental idea for establishing committees in the first place, which is to acquire expertise in a certain area," Fitzgibbons said.

Dingell, asked about the new committee, said, "I have not been officially informed."

Waxman, like Markey a one-time protégé of Dingell, said Pelosi discussed the idea of a special committee with him several days ago. He, too, is a skeptic.

"I believe the existing committees can deal effectively with global warming," he said on Wednesday. "But I can also understand why the speaker believes it's important to highlight this issue."

A new committee would give Pelosi a vehicle to push a regulatory scheme for reducing greenhouse gases and pit her against President Bush, who plans to outline his global warming approach in his State of the Union next week. Bush has repeatedly opposed any mandatory reductions in carbon

dioxide emissions, instead advocating voluntary approaches and research on new technologies. Pelosi has supported mandatory reductions with specific target dates for achieving them.

"It's an issue that the speaker thinks is critical to address," said Pelosi spokeswoman Jennifer Crider.

Democratic officials said the committee would be responsible for advising the best legislative approaches while the actual bill-writing duties would likely still be done by Dingell's and Rangel's committees. Among the topics being negotiated are how long the committee should exist and how broad its focus should be, since global climate change affects virtually everything.

Pelosi hasn't shied from taking on other powerful House Democrats. She endorsed the losing effort by Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., to become majority leader over Rep. Steny Hoyer, D-Md. She also has approved of six-year term limits for committee chairmen over objections from Dingell and other senior Democrats.

She also has a history with Dingell, who backed Hoyer over Pelosi in a 2001 race for the party whip's post. Pelosi backed a Democratic primary challenger to Dingell's re-election the following year.

AP writers **Jim Kuhn** and **H. Josef Hebert** contributed to this report.

Tax breaks may delay wage bill

BY ANDREW TAYLOR
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WASHINGTON — Tax breaks aimed at easing the burden of a minimum-wage increase on small businesses sailed through the Senate's tax-writing committee Wednesday.

The unanimous voice vote by the Senate Finance Committee paves the way for the full Senate to consider boosting the minimum wage to \$7.25 over the next two years. The wage plan is next in line for debate after the Senate wraps up work on an ethics and lobbying overhaul.

But the committee's action drew protests from the House's No. 2 Democrat, who said it would "complicate and delay" passage of the minimum-wage increase. The House passed its version without any tax breaks for the small businesses, which typically employ the greatest number of minimum-wage workers.

The House also is guarding its right under the Constitution to initiate tax bills, and representatives say procedural gridlock might ensue if the Senate goes first.

"Minimum-wage earners have already waited nine years and four months for a raise. Congress should not make

them wait any longer," said House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md.

The tax provisions would help restaurants, retailers, and other businesses that hire welfare and food-stamp recipients as well as ex-convicts, the disabled, and others who might have difficulty landing a job.

In keeping with promises by Democratic leaders to accompany the tax cuts with balancing revenue increases, the measure would close tax loopholes and curb corporate tax shelters that have passed the Senate in recent years, only to die in the once GOP-dominated House.

The popularity of the wage increase meant easy approval of a narrowly written bill through the Democratic-run House. The bill would raise the wage in three steps, starting with an increase from \$5.15 to \$5.85 per hour.

In the notoriously balky Senate, however, Democratic leaders have opted to add the \$8 billion in tax relief. That would help ease passage by avoiding a fight with business lobbyists and the possibility of a filibuster by minority Republicans.

"A minimum-wage hike would likely not pass the Senate without small-business tax

relief," said Iowa Sen. Charles Grassley, the top Republican on the Senate Finance Committee.

The Senate's move probably will delay the minimum-wage bill, and it has generated hard feelings between House and Senate tax writers.

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Charles Rangel said the Senate is trampling on his chamber's right under the Constitution to initiate tax bills.

Rangel, D-N.Y., said the Senate must try to pass the bill as a stand-alone measure without the tax provisions. "We're not going to accept a tax cut of \$8 billion on our minimum-wage bill," he said. "It's a Senate problem."

House leaders want to avoid long delays in enacting the minimum-wage increase. They are sending signals privately that they ultimately will accept some tax provisions rather than risk deadlock.

The Senate measure also would scale back the ability of corporate executives to postpone paying taxes on deferred compensation plans, limiting the amount of deferrable income to \$1 million. This

would raise \$806 million over the next decade.

Rolling back the plans, which are popular with highly paid executives, led to objections from the business lobby.

All told, the Senate measure would provide about \$8 billion in tax incentives for small business by extending the ability of small businesses to defray the cost of equipment purchases. It would allow restaurant and store owners — who typically hire many minimum-wage workers — accelerated tax benefits on improvements to their facilities.

The measure would extend for five years the work opportunity tax credit. This gives businesses tax relief for hiring people that employers often are reluctant to take on — welfare recipients, ex-felons, the mentally and physically disabled and inner city youths, for example.

Under both the House and Senate bills, the minimum wage would rise to \$5.85 an hour 60 days after signed into law by the president; then to \$6.55 an hour a year later; and to \$7.25 an hour a year after that.

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Prom politics

The first thing I noticed as I sauntered into the Varied Industries Building was how much the Inaugural Ball resembled a gigantic high-school prom. Gossamer was woven in and out of the rafters, there was a huge expanse of red carpet, and the eerie red lighting had adroitly dressed up what was, in its usual capacity, a warehouse for farm machinery at the Iowa Fairgrounds.

As I soaked in the light of this gigantic punch bowl, I reflected with some discontent that perhaps life was nothing but a prodigious high school, a succession of ever larger and more fabulous proms. More disheartening, however, was the cost of the drinks and the equally expensive "fair fare."



TYLER BLEAU

Had I worn a tuxedo to eat corn dogs and funnel cakes? Still, I realized, what could be more democratic, or more Iowan, than this kind of food? This was especially true for the corn dog, which, in its delicate mélange of both corn and corn-fed pork, embodied the state's two primary products. I made a mental note to also find a flannel tux for next year.

Before long, I was drunk (thanks in part to our Iowa grain farmers), and it was time for Gov. Chet Culver and his wife, Mariclare Thinnies Culver, to take the floor for the Inaugural Dance. The First Lady's glossy pink evening gown looked as if it had been mended from the softest, most satiny swine in the state. And Chet Culver could have easily won first prize. As they proceeded to cut the red rug, I wondered what was in store for Iowa under Chet Culver's tenure. What would he be doing over the next four years with his big, soft, pillow-like hands, which resemble old-sty certain's mitts?

Culver's plans for higher education in Iowa, at least as they were articulated during the election, are laudable. Speaking at the Iowa Capitol on Jan. 11, Culver expressed a desire to "retain faculty [at state universities] through salary increases" and to bolster university research departments, which he holds as "the backbone of the higher-education instruction process."

The UI Research Foundation brought in \$64 million from 2001-06 from product sales, licensing fees, milestone payments, and equity associated with intellectual property developed by the university. Doing whatever possible to encourage this income-generating asset seems productive, although Culver's rhetoric about creating a "Silicon Valley of the Midwest" seems less so.

It will take much more, however, to address the deep and fundamental problems in the state university system and its flagship here in Iowa City. In an article written for the *Corridor Business Journal* in June, UI Provost Michael Hogan noted that "the nature of the partnership between states and their public universities is changing. As state deal with swelling expenses like Medicaid, K-12 education, and the prison system, public universities are feeling the pinch." From 2001-05, the UI's yearly budget was cut by \$36 million, 90 tenure-track positions were eliminated, and faculty salaries continued to slide almost to the bottom of our peer group.

Culver's increase in faculty salaries, then, seems like the right medicine. However, UI political-science Professor Peverill Squire cautions that much, if not all, of the apparent source for these increases — the current state budget surplus — has already been spoken for. While increasing access to affordable education sounds good, maintaining the quality of that education under such budgetary duress may be all but impossible given the resources available.

Culver's plans to "give all high-school seniors in our state the opportunity to earn a year of college credit before they graduate" and to establish an online university could relieve some pressure, but certainly not enough. Coupled with other expensive initiatives of sometimes dubious worth, including jumping on the "alternative energy" (read: ethanol) bandwagon, increasing state funding for health care, increasing teacher pay, and one of my favorite dead horses, farm subsidies, it is difficult to imagine how the continuing decline of Iowa's universities and other state services can be averted. The problem appears to be, in Hogan's words, "a byproduct of our inability to energize new industry or contribute meaningful support to opportunities for real economic development."

Iowa is like a Third World country whose economy is based on the export of protected, subsidized agricultural products. Unless this can be miraculously reversed and diversified, shortfalls in state programs and the dreaded "brain drain" will continue. ■

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EDITORIAL

ACT requirement suitable for Iowa high schools

The American College Testing program, also known as the ACT, is the preferred college-entrance examination of the Midwest, and it may become the new required test to graduate from Iowa's high schools. The Legislature is considering a bill that would call for high-school students to take the ACT in order to graduate. The expected benefit of this legislation is the ACT's reliability in evaluating student progress, and the requirement may also encourage more students to apply to college. We are in favor of this bill, provided close attention is paid to the details.

Making the ACT a required test, and one provided by the schools, will encourage students who were either not planning on or are unsure about going to college to apply. By streamlining the testing process and allowing students to see how well they would do without the time and monetary investments, they would have more educational opportunities within reach. This would clearly be beneficial to Iowa, especially given the projected need for college-level graduates.

The ACT as a measure of student progress will be valuable both for identifying areas students need to work on in school as well as for college. The test is regarded as a highly reliable standard for measuring future academic success as well as current skills.

The possible downside of such a requirement is the potentially prohibitory

effect on students only expecting to get their high-school diplomas. While this is not a guarantee, officials should expect that there will be students who will fail to take the test for whatever reason and will therefore be ineligible to graduate. It would be possible to waive the test requirement by written permission of parents or guardians. Requiring the test written permission for waiving something as important as a graduation requirement is a rather weak measure. Such a decision warrants more involvement and discussion with the parents and student than a mere note.

A greater concern, however, will be the cost of implantation of this standard as well as annual costs to pay for all Iowa high-school seniors to take the test. The current bill requires the schools to pay for no more than one examination for each student using money provided by the state. However, that by itself could be an extremely high cost each year. The current cost of the ACT is \$29, \$43 for the test with the writing portion. Even if a discount rate with ACT were agreed upon, the cost would still represent a significant amount of money needed from an already cash-strapped state education budget.

These potential costs are well worth the benefits of enacting this new requirement. Provided these aren't excessive, this will be a beneficial change for both Iowa schools and the state should it encourage more students to go on to college.

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Wrong idea with sales tax increase

I am strongly opposed to the proposed increase in the Johnson County sales tax, as I am similarly opposed to any other attempt to put a Band-Aid over a deeper wound. We have deep problems in our public-education system, and many other problems as a result, such as the perpetuation of the economic disparity in quality of public education, and thus the disparity in earnings.

If there is nothing to level the playing field from the beginning, then those who have the ability to shape things in their own favor from the get-go will have a lifelong advantage. It is up to those shaping the education system to shape it in a way that ensures equality of opportunity. Without that, there isn't a sale-tax increase in the world that would have even a slightly relevant effect on the quality of the education that the poorer children



receive, and certainly not one as small as 1 percent.

If this passes, what will happen is that schools will get an amount of money that will allow them to make relatively small changes that will temporarily and partially alleviate certain problems that will

only come back again later. In the meantime, it will increase the cost of living for everyone, including those who for the most part, are supposedly the ones intended to benefit from such action.

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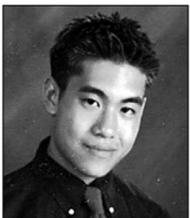
Political play of the week: speedy Democrats

Last week, the Democrats acted on their long-awaited and highly touted "first 100 hours," a detailed blueprint to raise the minimum wage by \$2.10 per hour to \$7.25. Also included in the package was legislation aimed at loosening the noose on stem-cell research, implementing the recommendations of the 9/11 commission, a proposal to allow the government to negotiate lower prices on prescription drugs on behalf of Medicare recipients, a plan to transfer federal incentives toward renewable energy and away from fossil fuels, and, for us students, a huge slash in student-loan interest rates.

To voters this represents a fresh start from what the *Congressional Quarterly* deems "a session squandered" — otherwise known as the 109th Congress. The article cites the failures, missed opportunities, and disappointments that plagued the session. What I found most interesting about the article was how it described the Republican majority's so-called "self-inflicted wounds and bad gambles," a prime example being the minimum-wage debacle of last year.

In a vain bid to appease moderate Republicans, the House GOP leadership decided to tie a vote on raising the minimum wage, but to please the conservative base, tied it with a slash in inheritance taxes on multimillion-dollar estates. *Congressional Quarterly* wrote that the move highlighted how little thought the GOP House put into the move, where it was defeated by members of both parties in the Senate because of the massive costs, both politically and financially.

Ask political scientists, and they will tell you that the passage of a finance bill to



JESSE TANGHPANYA

fund the government is one of the most basic functions of the U.S. Congress. Yet the last Congress, and "as a consequence, [lawmakers] had to pass a series of stopgap spending bills to put the rest of the government's funding on autopilot, and deferred final decisions until next year."

Have the Democrats learned from mistakes like this? For the time being, it looks as though they have. They have been talking to each other and opening up communication lines. The passage of the "first 100-hour agenda," was, for the most part, successful, resulting in a clear Democratic political victory. Anything said otherwise would simply be spin. But Democrats should be wary, because hard times are still ahead. The war in Iraq looms over their heads, and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has not truly been tested yet on whether she can lead a historically fractious Democratic coalition over the rocky terrain of a war-weary nation.

Unlike the Republicans, the Democrats appear to be less partisan (at least for now), focusing more on the day-to-day, practical concerns of Americans. Indeed, this may be what voters asked for when they kicked out the 109th Congress, which was a legislative session dominated by such polarizing politics as abortion, scandal, gay marriage, corruption, nominations, and the war in Iraq. Getting things done and avoiding partisan bickering led the week for the Democrats, and for that they get what they deserve: The Political Play of the Week.

Jesse Tangkpanya is a political-science and journalism major. Last Political Play Winner: Mitt Romney

ON THE SPOT

Do you think making the ACT a requirement to graduate from high school is a good idea?



"Yes, it would encourage kids to go to college, or at least not see high school as just an end."

Jensina Endresen
UI junior



"No, under-communities wouldn't be able to afford providing support for the test."

Dan Jason
UI freshman



"It's good to have that exposure; if they don't go on to college, it at least may change their view."

Andy Jorgensen
UI sophomore



"Yeah — it's a good test that helps out the students to know where they need help and getting into schools, and it helps the administration to know where the students need help."

Pratheek Koneru
UI freshman

Gates may want more troops in Afghanistan

The move would come after President Bush's proposal to increase troops in Iraq angered lawmakers on both sides of the aisle

BY ROBERT BURNS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan — Defense Secretary Robert Gates suggested Wednesday he would ask President Bush to send more troops to Afghanistan, an increase that could intensify pressure on a U.S. military already straining to wage the war in Iraq.

After two days of talks with American, NATO and Afghan officials, Gates said he was impressed with progress in stabilizing and rebuilding Afghanistan. Yet he also said military commanders want to add U.S. troops to the 24,000-strong American force now there, the highest level of a 5-year-old war.

While Gates used no figures, a senior official traveling with him said the prospective increase would not be large — possibly one or two battalions, no more than a couple of thousand soldiers. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because no decision had been made.

Gates stopped short of saying he would recommend the increase. Yet he offered a ration-



U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates pauses during a press conference at the presidential palace in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Tuesday. Gates told Afghan Defense Minister Gen. Abdul Raheem Wardak that the United States will not cut-and-run from its Afghan mission, an official said.

ale for reinforcing a war effort that has seen the quick toppling

of the Taliban rulers of a country that had been sanctuary for

only to have combat flare in

recent months with renewed Taliban attacks.

"I think it is important that we not let this success here in Afghanistan slip away from us and that we keep the initiative," he told reporters traveling with him. "There's no reason to sit back and let the Taliban regroup."

A U.S. troop increase in Afghanistan would come on top of Bush's decision to send 21,500 more soldiers and Marines to Iraq over the coming four months — adding to the roughly 132,000 already there. That boost had been opposed by many Pentagon uniformed officers, who worry that it would be too much stress on a force that is already sending soldiers to Iraq for numerous tours.

The two wars, each now longer than U.S. involvement in World War II, have stretched American land forces so thin that the Army and Marines are requesting tens of billions more in funding, and they have persuaded Bush to ask Congress to increase their size.

Gen. Peter Pace, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said new troop commitments for

Afghanistan would further strain the U.S. military in the short run. But if done as part of a successful strategy against the Taliban, it might hasten the day when the U.S. military can withdraw its combat forces altogether, said Pace, who joined Gates for part of his Mideast trip.

Gates said the number of extra troops "depends on different scenarios," which now will be examined.

Thomas Donnelly, a defense specialist with the conservative American Enterprise Institute in Washington, said the military could handle troop increases in both Iraq and Afghanistan, but, he added, "it would be an additional straw on the camel's back of American land forces."

Michael DeLong, a retired Marine lieutenant-general who was a commander during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, said he believed the military could sustain a relatively small troop increase in Afghanistan — but, he said, the need for the added troops signaled that the conflict was not going as well as hoped.

AP writer **Pauline Jelinek** contributed to this story.

Somali Parliament moves against speaker

BY SALAD DUHUL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOGADISHU, Somalia — The Somali Parliament stripped the speaker position Wednesday from a top lawmaker who was closely associated with the recently ousted Islamic movement, a move the European Union said was disappointing and could hurt reconciliation efforts in the restive country.

Diplomats said the fired speaker, Sharif Hassan Sheikh Aden, was capable of pulling together moderate elements in Somalia's Islamic movement. Wednesday also saw the government's disarmament efforts receive a boost with three major warlords handing over vehicles and men.

Deputy Speaker Osman Ilmi Boqore announced the move against Aden in proceedings broadcast live on HornAfrik Radio. Lawmakers cited his public criticism of a proposed African peacekeeping mission that Parliament had endorsed

and his meetings with Islamic movement leaders without authority from Parliament.

Boqore said only nine of the lawmakers present voted against the motion. Voting in favor were 183 lawmakers — 44 more than required — in the 275-member Parliament.

Aden's actions have been in "total violation of our transitional charter," lawmaker Mohamoud Begos told the Associated Press by phone from Baidoa, where Parliament is based.

Speaking from Rome, Aden said the lawmakers who voted against him were not acting freely.

"They have been ordered to vote me out by the president, Abdullahi Yusuf, who wants to rule Somalia through Ethiopian forces and through this Parliament. The president wants to crack down on all those who are against him," Aden said in a telephone interview. "I have been seeking reconciliation all over the world, and this vote tries to destroy the very thing

we have been looking for: reconciliation."

Aden had made several freelance peace initiatives with Somalia's Islamic movement before government forces — backed by Ethiopian troops — ousted them in December from the capital, Mogadishu, and much of southern Somalia.

In Belgium on Wednesday, European Union spokesman Amadeu Altafaj Tadio expressed disappointment at the Somali Parliament's move against Aden, who held meetings with EU officials in Belgium earlier this week.

"We saw him as a someone who could make a bridge with the moderate elements," Altafaj said. "We had encouraged him to go back to Mogadishu to carry out his job and bring together as many political players as possible."

Michael E. Ranneberger, the U.S. ambassador to Kenya, told reporters in Nairobi before the vote that Aden was "the kind of person who could pull people

together."

In the past year, Aden has differed with the president and Prime Minister Ali Mohamed Gedi over the location of the government and whether peacekeepers were needed. According to Somalia's transitional charter, Parliament has to vote on all major government decisions before they can be implemented.

On Wednesday, Gedi told Parliament he ruled out peace talks with the Islamic movement and hoped to see the first African peacekeepers in Somalia by month's end.

So far only Uganda has committed to contributing troops and few others have shown enthusiasm for a proposed 8,000-strong African mission to bolster the government's attempt to create law and order.

A peacekeeping mission could face some violence, something that may deter many countries

from committing soldiers.

There has been sporadic fighting since the government took over Mogadishu on Dec. 28. Leaders of the Islamic movement have pledged to carry on a guerrilla war as long as Ethiopian troops remain in Somalia.

A U.N. peacekeeping operation in Somalia in the 1990s saw clashes between foreign troops and Somali warlords' fighters, including the notorious downings of two U.S. military Black Hawk helicopters in 1993. The U.S. withdrew from Somalia in 1994, and that was followed a year later by the departure of U.N. peacekeepers.

Somalia has not had an effective central government since 1991 when warlords overthrew longtime dictator Mohamed Siad Barre and then turned on each other, reducing the Horn of Africa nation to anarchy and clan-based violence. The Yusuf-

Gedi government emerged from regional, U.N.-backed talks in 2004 and has since struggled to assert authority.

On Wednesday, three warlords who once held sway over parts of Mogadishu handed over at least 40 pickups fitted with machine-guns to the government.

One warlord, Mohamed Qanyare Afrah, said 700 of his militiamen had agreed to be absorbed into government forces. Another, Muse Sudi Yalahow, said his militiamen had also agreed to join government forces, though he declined to say how many.

The third warlord, Interior Minister Hussein Aided, said he had handed over pickups and his militiamen had joined government forces but did not say how many.

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Car bomb kills 17 in Baghdad

American woman civilian dies in an ambush in a Sunni neighborhood

BY KIM GAMEL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — A suicide car bomber killed 17 Shiites at a teeming Sadr City market Wednesday, while gunmen in a predominantly Sunni neighborhood of Baghdad shot up a convoy of democracy workers in an ambush that took the lives of an American woman and three bodyguards.

The attack on the marketplace came one day after car bombings killed scores of university students just two miles away, indicating that militants are bent on a surge of bloodshed as U.S. and Iraqi forces gear up for a fresh neighborhood-by-neighborhood security sweep through the capital.

Although nobody claimed responsibility for either day's car bombings, such attacks are the hallmark of Sunni militants, who appear to be taking advantage of a waiting period before the security crackdown to step up attacks on Shiites. There had been a relative lull in Baghdad violence since the first of the year.

An Iraqi army officer, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of security concerns, said the attack on the Western convoy took place in Yarmouk, a predominantly Sunni neighborhood in western Baghdad.

The three-car convoy belonged to the Washington-based National Democratic Institute, according to Les Campbell, the not-for-profit group's Middle East director. He said the four dead included an American woman along with three security contractors — a Hungarian, a Croatian, and an Iraqi. Two others were wounded, one seriously, Campbell said by telephone from Washington. Their names were withheld



Karim Kadim/Associated Press

People collect body parts after a car bomb blast in Shiite district of Sadr City in Baghdad on Wednesday. Seventeen people died and 33 were wounded in the blast, police said.

until their families could be notified.

"It appeared to be an attack with fairly heavy weapons; we don't know what kind," he said. "We have some information that a firefight ensued. Our security company responded to the attack."

The ambush took place at midday as the group returned from a program elsewhere in Baghdad, he said.

Few foreigners and even fewer women have been caught up in Iraq's recent wave of violence — many Western groups have left and those who remain have tightened security and curtailed their movements after a series of kidnappings and beheadings. The last known American female civilian to be killed was Marla Ruzicka, a 28-year-old rights activist from

California who died in a car bombing in April 2005.

Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki did not give a starting date when he announced plans for a new drive to tame the violent capital — the third attempt since he took office May 20. But U.S. and Iraqi reinforcements have started to arrive in Baghdad, and it was expected to begin in about two weeks.

The marketplace explosion took place just before 4 p.m. near a popular commercial area in Sadr City, a sprawling Shiite district of some 2.5 million people in eastern Baghdad.

The blast shattered the windows of nearby shops and restaurants, and blood pooled in the street. Angry Iraqis surrounded the charred mass of twisted metal, all that was left

of the explosives-packed car. They tipped the remains on its side and picked off pieces of blackened upholstery.

At least 17 people were killed and 33 people were wounded, police said.

In many parts of the capital, streets were crowded with cars and minivans carrying wooden caskets of the victims from Tuesday's car bombings, which killed at least 70 people and wounded more than 130 at Al-Mustansiriya University. Many vehicles were headed to the holy city of Najaf, where Shiites prefer to bury their dead. Other victims were taken to a Sunni cemetery in central Baghdad. The students were from all the country's religious sects.

AP writer **Lauren Frayer** in Baghdad contributed to this report.

Hostage let go in Nigeria

BY EDWARD HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAGOS, Nigeria — Militants in Nigeria said on Thursday that they released one of three Italian hostages seized last month in an attack in the country's oil-rich southern delta region.

The militant Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta, which has launched crippling attacks against the energy industry in Africa's oil giant since last year, announced the release in an e-mailed statement and identified the freed hostage as Roberto Dieghi.

Three Italians and one Lebanese man were seized in the Dec. 7 raid on an oil export terminal operated by Agip, a subsidiary of Italian oil firm Eni SpA.

The militant group had said Wednesday it was negotiating over the men's release with the local Bayelsa State government.

The statement said the release "had absolutely nothing to do with Roberto Dieghi's poor state of health. The release of Mr. Dieghi is an act of goodwill on our part that we hope will be reciprocated by the Nigerian government."

Dieghi was handed over to the government delegation, the statement said. It was not immediately possible to verify the claim, and there was no word on Dieghi's condition.

"There are no discussions on going about the release of the remaining two Italians and one Lebanese still in our custody. They are being held indefinitely," the statement said.

More than a year of stepped-up violence in the impoverished region of creeks and

swamps has cut nearly one-fourth of Nigeria's usual 2.5 million-barrel crude production, helping to send global oil prices soaring.

Amid the bombings of oil and military installations, some 80 foreign oil workers were seized last year. Kidnappings generally end peacefully with the hostages released after a ransom is paid. One Briton, however, died in a gunfight between his militant captors and Nigerian government forces.

As political jockeying starts ahead of general elections in April, there has been violence in the Niger Delta region unclaimed by the main militant group. Winners in Nigeria's notoriously corrupt political arena control oil revenues apportioned by the federal government. Much of the oil funds are stolen.

On Tuesday, 16 gunmen on two boats approached a vessel carrying 10 oil workers, including those from South Korea's Hyundai Heavy Industries Co., South Korea's Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

A Dutch national and two Nigerians were killed, and five others, including the South Korean worker, were wounded in the attack as they traveled from Port Harcourt to Bonny Island in the southern delta, it added. The gunmen removed goods from the boat after the attack.

It was unclear who opened fire first.

The Dutch victim and one of the Nigerians died Tuesday. Rivers State police spokeswoman Irejua Barasua said the other Nigerian died Wednesday of wounds suffered in the attack.

AP writer **Dan Udoh** contributed to this report.

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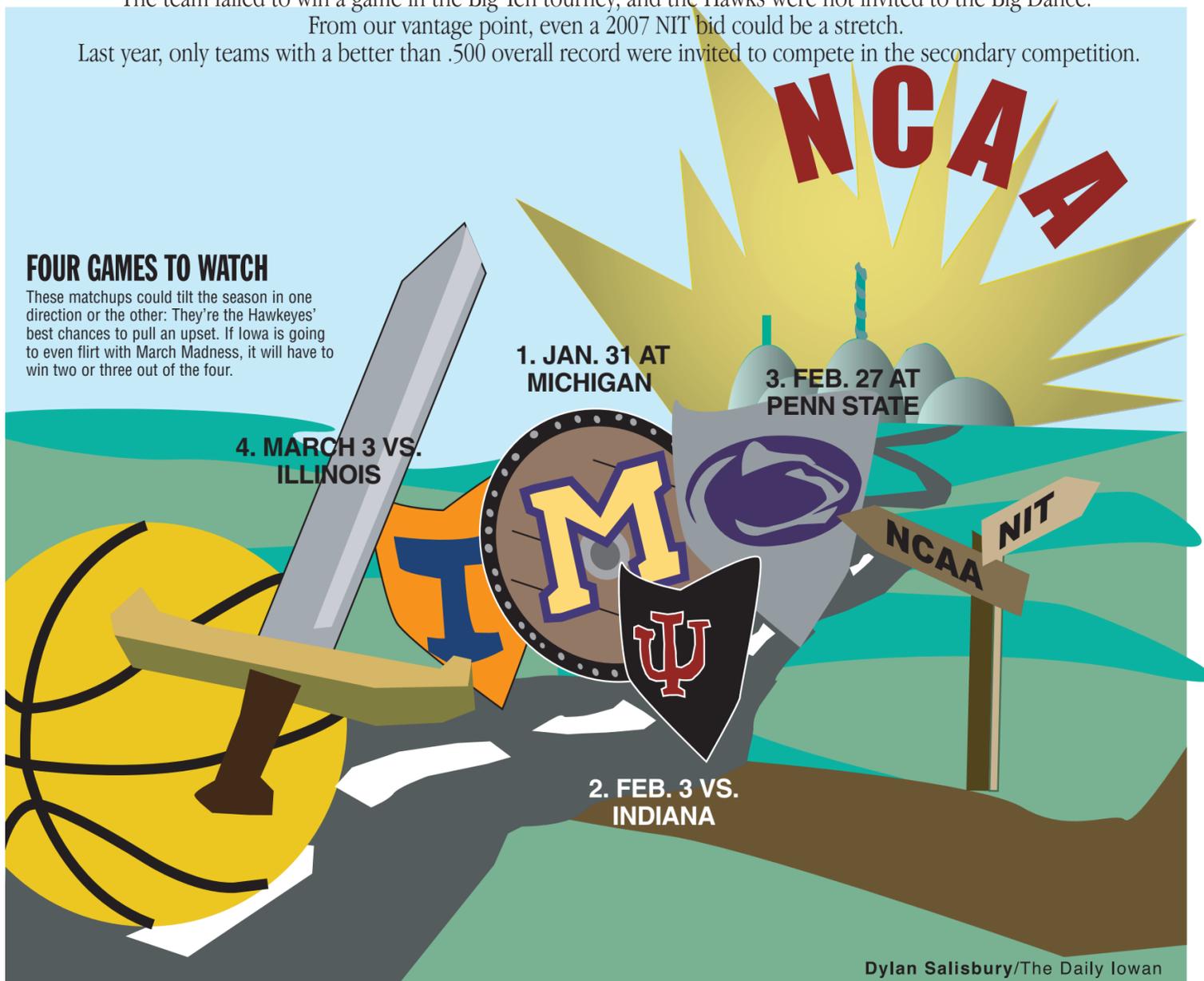
BY DAN PARR

Eighteen games down, 12 to go. It's not quite a midseason breakdown. You'll have to forgive *The Daily Iowan* — we were in the midst of our month-long hibernation at that point. Thus far, the Hawkeyes slogged their way to a .500 record in the Big Ten, and the remaining schedule suggests this is as good, or average, as it's going to get. It will take at least a 9-7 conference record, maybe even a 10-6 mark, and one win in the March 8-11 Big Ten Tournament for the squad to produce its third-straight NCAA Tournament appearance. There is some precedent for that forecast: Iowa finished 9-7 in conference play during the 2003-04 season.

The team failed to win a game in the Big Ten tourney, and the Hawks were not invited to the Big Dance.

From our vantage point, even a 2007 NIT bid could be a stretch.

Last year, only teams with a better than .500 overall record were invited to compete in the secondary competition.



STORY LINES THAT COULD TURN THE SEASON IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION

1. INJURIES TO ADAM HALUSKA OR TYLER SMITH

Haluska and Smith account for more than half of Iowa's 69.4 points per game average. Haluska leads the Big Ten in scoring with 20.3 per game pace, and Smith holds the eighth spot in the conference,

averaging 15.1. The Hawkeyes' next highest scorer is point guard Tony Freeman, who tallies 6.9 per contest.

2. GROWTH OR LACK THEREOF FROM THE 'BIGS'

The departure of last year's seniors, Greg Brunner and Erik Hansen, from the starting line-

up was expected to leave a gaping hole in Iowa's low post, and their replacements have proved that prediction correct. Sophomore Cyrus Tate, along with juniors Kurt Looby and Seth Gorney, are all experiencing extended minutes for the first time. Each has appeared primed to break out in some games, only to follow quality per-

formances with mistake-laden ones. The Hawkeyes are ninth in the Big Ten in rebounding margin, losing the battle for boards by 1.7 per game. That figure will have to improve if the squad wants to make a late-season run.

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NFL

Schottenheimer to return to Chargers

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Marty Schottenheimer will return as coach of the San Diego Chargers next season, but he turned down a one-year extension for 2008 worth \$4.5 million.

Three days after the talented Chargers melted down in a 24-21 playoff loss to New England, team President Dean Spanos announced that the embattled coach will be back for the final year of his contract.



Schottenheimer head coach

Speculation grew following Sunday's loss that Schottenheimer might be fired due in part to the front office's expectations of a Super Bowl run and to the coach's icy relationship with general manager A.J. Smith.

"I have decided that Marty Schottenheimer is the best person to lead the Chargers in the 2007 season," Spanos said in a statement Wednesday. "General Manager A.J. Smith and I agree on this fundamental point."

Spanos said Schottenheimer was offered a one-year, \$4.5 million contract extension, with a \$1 million buyout.

"He decided not to accept this extension, and I respect his decision," Spanos said.

Schottenheimer, the most successful coach never to reach the Super Bowl, didn't give a specific reason for declining the extension.

Coaches stay in shape, too

BY ERIC MANDEL
THE DAILY IOWAN

Winter break, a stretch overflowing with laziness at its finest. It's a time when many UI students could likely be spotted lounging around in their boxers, watching *SpongeBob* and eating a microwave burrito with chili cheese-flavored Fritos — how beautiful. But while some were bummin' around, most Hawkeye athletes were hard at work preparing for the final leg of their seasons, some even prepping for the one upcoming.

Without a doubt, staying conditioned throughout the year is a vital part of every athlete's routine. But what about the coaches who have paid their dues as athletes and now roam the sidelines? For many Iowa coaches, the switch from athlete to mentor doesn't mean the end of conditioning. The amount

and type of conditioning, however, varies from coach to coach.

Soccer coach Ron Rainey stays active by running steps in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, jumping on cardio machines, and running outside. He tries to lead by example, but he doesn't know if his conditioning has any effect on his athletes' work ethic. He mainly stays in shape for his own health.

"My No. 1 responsibility is the teaching and coaching aspect of it, but when you are fit, at least you feel that you aren't doing one thing and saying another thing," he said. "I feel my No. 1 thing is still the coaching."



Rainey soccer coach

Hard-boiled sparkplug

Senior ERIC LUEDKE leads the Hawkeyes both during meets and practices. The 5-9, 174-pounder is ranked No. 2 in the country.

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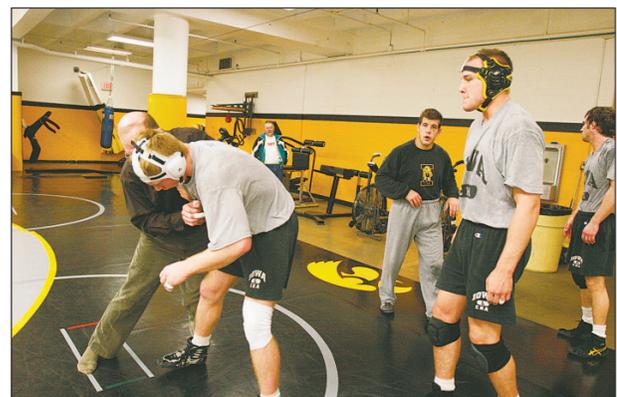
BY IAN SMITH
THE DAILY IOWAN

Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing — at least to Hawkeye wrestler Eric Luedke.

The senior is dominating his opponents on the mat this season and setting a dogged example for his teammates to follow.

"I don't like to lose anytime, in anything — whether it is wrestling, or Ping-Pong, or running," the senior said. "I don't like losing anywhere, so in practice I'm balls to the wall the whole time."

The 5-9, 174-pound grappler is now 17-1 on the season, 8-0 in



Rachel Mummey/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye Eric Luedke watches as assistant coach Dan Gable demonstrates a move on freshman Chad Beatty at the Gable Wrestling Complex on Wednesday. Luedke, who has moved up a weight class since last year, has a 17-1 record this season at 174 pounds.

dual meets. In the past three weeks alone, he has taken first in the Midlands Championships and led his team with a 5-0 record during last weekend's

NWCA/Cliff Keen National Duals, in which the Hawkeyes placed fifth.

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SPORTS 'N' STUFF

BIG TEN MEN'S BASKETBALL

Conference	WL		Pct.		All Games	
	W	L	W	L	Pct.	Pct.
Wisconsin	4	0	1.000	18	1	.947
Indiana	4	1	.800	13	4	.765
Ohio St.	3	1	.750	15	3	.833
Michigan	3	1	.750	15	4	.789
Michigan St.	2	2	.500	15	4	.789
Iowa	2	2	.500	10	8	.556
Illinois	2	3	.400	14	6	.700
Purdue	2	3	.400	13	6	.684
Penn St.	1	3	.250	10	7	.588
Minnesota	1	3	.250	7	11	.389
Northwestern	0	5	.000	10	8	.556

TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#	Team	W	L	Pct.
#2	Wisconsin	69	10	.875
#4	North Carolina	77	#19	Clemson
#7	Ohio State	73	Northwestern	41
	Vanderbilt	94	#10	Alabama
	#16	LSU	62	Mississippi
	#18	Butler	67	Mississippi
	Villanova	102	#20	Notre Dame
	Auburn	83	#22	Tennessee
	Florida State	82	#23	Virginia Tech

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE					
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB	
Atlanta	32	11	4	.65	
Nashville	28	14	4	.60	120
New Jersey	23	20	4	.50	139
N.Y. Rangers	20	17	7	.47	139
Pittsburgh	21	21	4	.46	133
N.Y. Islanders	11	30	4	.26	109

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Dallas	19	21	.475	—
Toronto	18	20	.474	—
New Jersey	17	23	.425	2
Boston	12	25	.324	5 1/2
Philadelphia	10	29	.256	9 1/2

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	19	21	.475	—
New Jersey	18	20	.474	—
New York	17	23	.425	2
Boston	12	25	.324	5 1/2

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	27	13	.675	5
Houston	25	15	.625	7
New Orleans	15	22	.405	15 1/2
Memphis	10	30	.250	22

Miami nice

While most students spent a long winter break relaxing, the Iowa swimming team was hard at work in South Beach

DITV CHECK OUT CITY CHANNEL 17, CAMPUS 4, OR DAILYIOWAN.COM TO CATCH VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS AND INTERVIEWS WITH THE MEN'S SWIMMERS AND COACHES AS THEY PREPARE FOR THIS WEEKEND'S OHIO STATE MEET.

BY PAUL KAZMIERCZAK
THE DAILY IOWAN

When Iowa students head down to southern Florida, it's usually to unwind after four grueling months of tests, papers, and homework. When the Hawkeye swimming team flew down to Miami over winter break, however, the Hawkeyes were all business.

Under the direction of third-year coach Marc Long, the squad swam to a combined first-place finish in the Golden Panther Invitational, hosted by Florida International University. The men's team splashed to a top finish with victories in the 500 freestyle relay (4:12.91) and the 200 butterfly relay (1:35.73), while the women placed second overall and scored a victory in the 200 free relay (1:38.52).

Although the victory over five competing schools certainly provided the team with a boost as it heads into the season's last two months, equally important was the unique training opportunity the trip afforded. During the school year, the team is limited to 20 hours of practice per week, and the antiquated Field House pool requires the team to split during practice because there isn't enough water to go around. Fortunately for the Hawks, training at the facilities of the University of Miami gave the squad access to more pools and a chance to practice as a unit.

"We were able to train and do sets as a team not just in a group, we had a lot of flexibility and I feel like we really grew as a team," Long said.

Unencumbered by practice limitations, the Hawkeyes pushed each other through intense training sessions. Some swimmers partnered to race up to 50 100-yard sprints, while others tested their endurance,

at times swimming 100 100-yard sets. That equals 5.7 miles of swimming, or 30,000 feet. In comparison, Mount Everest is a paltry 29,035 feet high.

Leaders began to emerge during the pool sessions. "Ashley Dell and Nick Divan are always very consistent," said Long. "We also had breakthrough performances from James Dragon and Stacia Johns."

The Hawkeyes also completed a high level of "dry-land" work, adding beach runs, lifting, and core exercises to their pool regimens. The Hawks hope the draining work will benefit them in upcoming meets.

"We break through those barriers, then when we step up to a big meet, they're ready to go," Long said.

While South Beach provided an array of distractions, the team remained focused. Swimmers had opportunities to hang out together and relax, but a curfew and packed itinerary prevented an inordinate amount of rabble-rousing.

"They were too tired," Long deadpanned.

Signed: Long also announced over break the commitment of seven recruits to the men's and women's teams. Swimmers Therese Bergstrom, Caitlin Carlyle, Kelsie Neubauer, as well as diver Veronica Rydze, the daughter of diving coach Rob Rydze, committed to the women's team. The men's team will add Bryan Hill, Richard Salhus, and Max Dittmer next season. Both groups look to add more talent in the upcoming months.

"We had a nice fall class and we're looking forward to firming up the spring class," Long said. "A lot of swimmers wait until the spring to sign."

Up Next: The Hawks will face Western Illinois Friday at 5 p.m. Iowa will resume Big Ten hostilities the following morning, when the women will take on Illinois and the men square off against 14th-ranked Ohio State.

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- Swimming and diving vs. Western Illinois, Fieldhouse Pool, 5 p.m.
 - Women's Track at Oklahoma State, 8 p.m.
 - Women's Tennis, Hawkeye Invitational, All day. Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Center.
 - Women's track at Arkansas Razorback Invite, TBA.
- Saturday**
- Swimming and diving vs. Illinois and Ohio State, Fieldhouse Pool. 11 a.m.
 - Men's Gymnastics at Michigan, 6 p.m.
 - Men's Basketball at Ohio State, 7:05 p.m.

- Men's Track, Jack Johnson Classic at Minneapolis, TBA.
- Women's Track, Jack Johnson Classic at Minneapolis, TBA.
- Women's Tennis, Hawkeye Invitational, Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Center. All day.
- Women's Gymnastics at North Carolina State also vs. Ohio State and Georgia, 1 p.m.
- Women's Basketball at Michigan State, 1:05 p.m.
- Wrestling vs. Northwestern at Rolling Meadows, Ill. 2 p.m.
- Women's Tennis, Hawkeye Invitational, Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Center. All day.

A: Jim O'Brien and Adam Vinatieri. O'Brien won Super Bowl V for the Baltimore Colts, and Vinatieri won Super Bowl XXXVI for the New England Patriots.

Winding road for GymHawk

DITV CHECK OUT CITY CHANNEL 17, CAMPUS 4, OR DAILYIOWAN.COM TO CATCH BRITTANY LOGAN AND FELLOW GYMHAWKS IN ACTION AS THEY GET READY FOR THEIR UPCOMING ROAD MEET AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE.

BY DIANE HENDRICKSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

GymHawk transfer Brittany Logan was hundreds of miles from home, in a different country, and she didn't know what to do. While competing for Central Michigan University, the gymnast hyperextended her knee on a dismount. Her coach, who refused to comment for this story, tried to take away her scholarship — even though her injury was not career-ending. "The coach didn't have faith in me that I could come back," Logan said. "I was pretty devastated. I was like, 'What do I do now? Do I go home? Or do I stay here?'"

Although her love for competition made her want to stay for another season, she ultimately decided she needed a change of scenery. She felt she couldn't trust her coach anymore.

"At first, actually, I was like well, I'm not wanted, so I'll just leave," she said. "But then, when I couldn't find another place to transfer to, I just decided maybe to go back for a year, and try it, and then transfer after that. But after a while, I realized why go back to a place I don't want to be at?"

Because of her late-summer decision, Logan had no choice but to return home and rehab at the Ortona Gymnastics Club, a group she had trained with since the age of 13. The Edmonton, Alberta, native also started scouring the



Brett Slezak/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye Brittany Logan practices on the uneven bars on Wednesday. Logan transferred to Iowa this semester after attending Central Michigan University.

United States for any collegiate scholarship openings.

Many schools said she could walk on, and initially, Iowa was no different.

But Logan, an uneven bar specialist, remained persistent. By early fall, a scholarship for one semester at Iowa opened up when another gymnast stopped competing because of injury.

"We were very up front with her," head coach Larissa Libby said. "She knew what she was coming to... She would be back to walk-on status next year. I tell everyone to come here only if

she sees her future being best."

When Logan came to Iowa, she said, "I felt like I fit in right away. 'I didn't know a team could be this great. Everyone just fits in, and they're so welcoming and helpful.'"

Logan will make her Hawkeye debut within the next couple weeks, possibly as soon as this weekend at North Carolina State. She will start competing only on bars, as she continues to practice other events.

"It's the place where we hurt the most," she said, noting that Logan could help the team on one or two other events as she

gets back into peak condition.

Even though she just arrived at Iowa, the Canadian may not be able to return next year. Her scholarship, only available for this semester, has already been promised to an incoming recruit. Without the scholarship, tuition is too expensive for Logan.

However, Libby is sure her gymnast can get academic aid. "She's very smart," the third-year coach said. "She's a very determined young lady. She works very hard and has enormous potential."

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Iowa coaches staying fit

'To be a good runner, you need to live the life of a runner. I tell myself that, even though I am not a competitive runner [anymore]. I think it helps me relate. It helps me be a better role model for them.'

— Larry Wiecezorek, Iowa track coach

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"I must admit I probably do [running with his players] much less as a 37-year-old than when I was a 25-year-old coach."

While Rainey feels he may be starting to slow down, former distance runner and current men's cross-country and track coach Larry Wiecezorek is still running with his group after 20 years. He does it because he loves it.

"I don't stay with them by any means, but they will go out for an hour and half, and I'll be out there for an hour and a half," said the 60-year-old. "I think it is good for a coach to be in shape and be a role model for fitness. To be a good runner, you need to live the life of a runner. I tell myself that, even though I am not a competitive runner [anymore]. I think it helps me relate. It helps me be a better role model for them."

Wiecezorek pointed to former University of Utah basketball coach Rick Majerus as an

example of a coach who doesn't necessarily need to lead by physical example to be successful. However, that's not quite his style, nor is it for his assistant, Joey Woody.

As a former four time All-American at UNI, and winner of a gold and silver medal in the World Championships, Woody works above and beyond what his athletes can perform. He even still thirsts for his first trip to the Olympics in 2008.

"I'm in a different training program just because most of the athletes wouldn't be able to handle the training that I do," said the 33-year-old, who is also training to make his fourth World Championship team this year in Osaka, Japan. "We are building them toward that. They keep me motivated with their competitiveness. Being around motivated people helps keep the fire burning."

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Bulls 99, Bucks 90

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Andres Nocioni scored 21 points, Ben Gordon added 20, and Luol Deng had 19 to lead the Chicago Bulls to their third-straight victory, 99-90, on Wednesday night against the Milwaukee Bucks.

It was Gordon's seventh-straight game with at least 20 points, and it helped give the Bulls a rare win in Milwaukee, where they had lost 15 of the previous 16 times. Milwaukee, which got a career-high 22 points from 19-year-old Ersan Ilyasova, committed a season-high 26 turnovers.

Still, Milwaukee led 73-65 late in the third quarter before Chicago went on a 20-3 run to take its first lead since the first half. Milwaukee missed its first 10 shots of the fourth quarter.

Milwaukee's only basket during the run was from Ilyasova, who hit a step-back 3-pointer to give the Bulls their last lead at 76-74 with 7:37 left.

Deng and Nocioni hit jumpers as Chicago retook the lead, and after two free throws by Deng, Gordon intercepted Andrew Bogut's pass and flung it 60 feet down court in stride to Kirk Hinrich for an easy lay-up.

On the next possession, Ruben Patterson was stripped, and Gordon hit a 3-pointer to give the Bulls an 85-76 lead with 5:12 left. Chicago extended that lead to 12 and the Bucks never got back with-

in striking distance.

Bulls center Ben Wallace returned to the starting lineup after missing two games with a sore lower back. He had 10 rebounds.

Milwaukee got 17 points from Earl Boykins, 12 from Brian Skinner, and 10 from Charlie Bell to go along with 15 points and 11 rebounds from Patterson. But the Bucks shot 4-of-22 from the field in the final quarter, sealing their fate.

Hinrich finished with 16 points and nine assists for Chicago, which played at the Bucks' frenetic pace for three quarters before re-establishing the defensive dominance the Bulls showed in allowing an average of 79.6 points in the previous three games.

It was supposed to finally be the dazzling home debut of Boykins, the second-shortest player in the history of the NBA at 5-5, after Saturday's game against the Hornets was postponed because of inclement weather.

He had scored 30 points in his previous outing at Charlotte and showed flashes of brilliance against the Bulls, but also committed five turnovers and failed to knock down timely shots.

Luedke known for competitiveness



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Hawkeye Eric Luedke wrestles Chad Beatty during practice on Wednesday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

LUEDKE

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Luedke, who admits his wrestling style isn't always pretty, is making a radical leap up the 174-pound rankings. He began the season as the No. 17 wrestler, according to the Inter-Mat rankings. Now, the health and sports-studies major finds himself riding shotgun as No. 2 in the most recent poll behind Missouri's Ben Askren.

Despite a marked improvement from last year's 23-15 record, Iowa head coach Tom Brands believes it isn't so much that Luedke has gotten significantly better; instead, it's his will to win that sets him apart.

"I am not sure it's improvement — I think he's always been good," Brands said. "He's competitive — he's a competitor in everything he does. He takes it very personal."

The first two years of Luedke's collegiate career were spent in his hometown of Colby, Kan., where he attended Colby Community College and wrestled. During the 2003-04 season, he

went 38-5 and won the NJCAA national championship at 157 pounds. The next season, the hard-nosed wrestler compiled a record of 42-5 and won another title, this time at 165 pounds.

All the success taught Luedke an important lesson he brought with him to Iowa.

"More or less, it is the end of the year that matters," he said. "Not the season — just what happens at nationals. That is the attitude I was taught in community college. Building the whole season."

The arrival of Brands and the comeback of Dan Gable have helped Luedke develop further as a wrestler and also keep him grounded. He knows he must get better at

scoring on his feet and achieving takedowns. Even when he is successful during a match, he realizes Brands and Gable expect more.

"It's more mental in that they push me more," Luedke said. "I do well, and I kind of look at them to see what they think, and they don't give you credit, so I feel like I have to do more, win by more points."

"They are keeping me on track, and they are keeping me pretty focused. Last year, I don't think I was really this focused, at least not every match — it was more up and down. This year, I just want to win every time, and I just want to dominate every time."

The tenacity Luedke brings to

each practice and match is something Brands hopes rubs off on his teammates. The first-year coach is trying to instill an aggressive, never-say-die attitude in his wrestlers, and Luedke is a perfect of example of what can happen if you buy into his system.

"He buys in because that's his fiber, that's what he's made out of," Brands said. "Really, we need a senior to do it, then we need the young guys to do it. If we have young guys doing it along with the veterans, then you know what — we're on our way."

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Bears' fate may rest on backs' legs



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Bear running back Cedric Benson (32) tries to break the tackle of Seahawk defensive end Grant Wistrom during the Chicago-Seattle NFC divisional playoff football game in Chicago on Sunday.

BY ANDREW SELIGMAN
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LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Their lockers are close, although anyone could be forgiven for assuming there's a fairly large gap in the relationship between Thomas Jones and Cedric Benson.

It seems that way at times, even though Jones wanted to put that thought to rest Wednesday.

"As far as I'm concerned," he said, "all the running backs have a great relationship."

The Chicago Bears would reach the Super Bowl for the first time in 21 years with a win over New Orleans on Jan. 21. And their chances may hinge on how well Jones and Benson perform.

The two are rarely seen talking, let alone engaging in the usual locker-room banter. They've acknowledged their relationship is professional, and Benson has made it clear he knows Jones' job.

"I want what I'm capable of," Benson said. "The Bears know what I'm capable of. If this is the way they want to go about trying to win the big show, I'm all for it."

For now, that means Jones remains the No. 1 running back and Benson the primary backup. And, it means coexisting.

Jones ran for 66 yards and two touchdowns as the Bears beat Seattle, 27-24, in overtime last week after a first-round playoff bye. Benson contributed 45 yards on 12 carries.

"I've always been a team player, and I'll

always be a team player," said Jones, who rushed for 1,210 yards during the regular season. "Cedric has come in and done some really good things. He's made some big plays for us, and he's helped us win football games. ... I feel as though I'm a leader of the running-back group, and I want to definitely lead by example, whether it's in the meeting room or on the football field."

Jones was stuck on bad teams in Arizona his first three years in the league, and he spent the 2003 season with a Tampa Bay team that went 7-9 before moving to Chicago. But the Bears have gotten better in each of his three seasons.

They went from 5-11 in 2004 to 11-5, an NFC North championship, and a playoff loss to Carolina last season. And they were 13-3 during the regular season and earned the top seed in the playoffs before beating Seattle 27-24 in overtime Sunday.

Now, Jones is close to reaching the Super Bowl — a notion that seemed unlikely a few years ago. No wonder he couldn't sleep Tuesday. He spent the evening speaking to relatives, watching film — and it was well past midnight before he knew it.

"I didn't go to sleep till about 1 or 2," Jones said on Wednesday. "You just can't help but think about it. It's a very exciting time for me, exciting time for our football team and the city of Chicago. We have the opportunity of a lifetime in front of us, and we understand that."

Once again, Manning one game away

BY EDDIE PELLIS
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INDIANAPOLIS — Jim Kelly or Troy Aikman. Fran Tarkenton or Terry Bradshaw. Dan Fouts or Joe Montana. Dan Marino or John Elway.

A few years later, Peyton Manning will be forever placed into one category of the NFL's greatest quarterbacks — those who have won Super Bowls and those who haven't. He's got to get there first, though, and his next chance is coming soon.

Will the Colt-Patriot game Jan. 21 amount to a defining moment, an all-or-nothing opportunity for Manning, who is currently the Greatest Quarterback to Never Make a Super Bowl? If he wins, maybe history will see it that way. If he doesn't — well, certainly he'll have other chances. Won't he?

His coach and teammates hate that it always seems to come to this.

"It's totally unfair to him," tight end Dallas Clark said. "He has his job to do, and he can't do anything else. It's sad, but that's why you guys do what you do. He handles it great. He's a professional."

Manning was not available for interviews Wednesday. The Colts chose to delay his availability until Friday, when he'll undoubtedly offer the candid, introspective, realistic thoughts on the subject that he has repeated many times over his nine years in the NFL.

It's a career filled with records, Pro Bowls, MVP awards. But he is 5-6 in the playoffs with an 0-2 record against New England's Tom Brady, the less-spectacular quarterback who has always been best when the stakes have been the highest. Brady is 12-1 in the playoffs with three Super Bowl rings.

Brady entered the league as a backup, a sixth-round draft pick in 2000 — the kind of player who comes with no hype or expectations. Manning was the first pick of the 1998 draft — the kind of player who has "legacy" attached to his name before he takes a snap.

"I don't know that he'll be judged against Tom Brady," Colts coach Tony Dungy said. "But every quarterback will be judged against Joe Montana, and Terry Bradshaw, and Bart Starr, and guys who have won Super Bowls. That's the way it is. I think we have appreciation now for Dan Marino, and Boomer Esiason, and Dan Fouts, and guys who haven't won it. But at the time, we talk about how many Super Bowls you've won. As time goes by, history is a little easier on you."

Manning, of course, is hoping he won't need friendly historians to cement his legacy. A Super Bowl ring is the easiest — maybe the only — way to avoid that.

Funny thing is that he finds himself on the cusp of the Super Bowl again — Manning's second appearance in the AFC championship game — after a most un-Peyton-like run through the playoffs.

He has 438 yards in two games, fewer than he recorded in his second playoff blowout over the Broncos in 2004. He has one touchdown pass and five interceptions. His quarterback rating is 58.3.

Yet just as he has struggled, the defense that has often derailed Indy's Super Bowl hopes has also been uncharacteristic — allowing only a single touchdown and an average of 63.5 rushing yards in two games.

"The NFL has a funny way of highlighting the quarterbacks, like it's Peyton versus Brady," defensive end Dwight Freeney said. "That's all right for the media, the fans and the game, but there's a lot more going on out there than just two quarterbacks going at it."

Still, as a defensive end — even a great defensive end — Freeney will never be held under the spotlight the way a quarterback would.

Especially a quarterback such as Manning. Nobody can stand at the line of scrimmage and dissect a defense better, and nobody has thrown for more yards over the last nine seasons than Manning, who is essentially on pace to own every significant quarterback record in league history if he plays five or six more years without injury.

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ANDREW R. JUHL

The Pros and Cons of being Jesus

- PRO: You can totally pull off wearing your hair long.
- CON: Jewish mother, absentee father.
- PRO: You have awesome cell-phone coverage, truly immaculate reception.
- CON: Roaming charges in Heaven are Hell.
- PRO: Gold.
- CON: Frankincense, myrrh.
- PRO: You know who really killed Kennedy.
- CON: You knew way beforehand that Kevin Spacey was Keyser Söze.
- PRO: You can rise from the dead.
- CON: ... but not in a cool, brain-eating zombie way.
- PRO: You're a carpenter.
- CON: You're nonunion.

- PRO: You're the subject of a rockin' Doobie Brothers' song.
- CON: *The Passion of the Christ*.
- PRO: X-ray vision.
- CON: Total hippie.
- PRO: You've been nailed at least three times.
- CON: Your most vehement followers have no sense of humor and will be really pissed about that last joke.

— Andrew R. Juhl doesn't care if it rains or freezes, as long as he's got his plastic Jesus.
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DITV

- St. Patrick's Church demolished after being heavily damaged in the April 13, 2006, tornado.
- The UI prepares to battle a possible mumps outbreak.
- Locals fend off the cold with cups of soup from the Bread Garden.

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VIDEO

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

PHOTO

- Day of the Dead.
- Hawkeye football 2006.

MP3s

- Local Bands

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- **Marc Irving Weber, guitar and piano, 9 a.m.**, Tait's Natural Foods, 225 S. Linn
- **Diabetes and Heart Health Food and Nutrition Tour, 10 a.m.**, Hy-Vee, 1720 Water-front Drive
- **Preschool Story Time, Snips, Snails, and Puppy Dogs' Tales, 10:30 a.m.**, Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Wee read Story Time, 10:30 a.m.**, Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth
- **Human Rights Week 2007, Human rights in the business arena, keynote address by Heather Shank, 11:30 a.m.**, W10 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Human Rights Week 2007, 1945 Court Case Mendez v. Westminster, film and discussion brown bag, noon**, 335 IMU
- **Pharmacology Graduate Student Workshop, "The Regulation of Transcription Factor NFAT in Sensory Neurons," Man Su Kim, 12:30 p.m.**, Bowen Science Building Spivey Auditorium
- **Human Rights Week 2007, Diversity in the Classroom: Best Practices, 3:30 p.m.**, Old Capitol Senate Chamber
- **Human Rights Week 2007, Community**

- **of Color Getting Connected, 4 p.m.**, Currier Hall multipurpose room
- **Human Rights Week 2007, movie, 5 p.m.**, 2189 Medical Education and Biomedical Research Facility
- **Master Class, Kyle Ketelsen, bass, and Marian Lee, piano, 5:30 p.m.**, 1077 Voxman Music Building
- **Iowa City Federation of Labor Chili Supper, 6 p.m.**, Coralville Public Library
- **League of Women Voters Movie Series, 7 p.m.**, Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Country dance, 7:30 p.m.**, Eagles Lodge, 225 Highway 1 W.
- **1964: The Tribute, 8 p.m.**, Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **Linda Melsted, violin, and Borys Medicky, harpsichord, 8 p.m.**, Trinity Episcopal Church, 320 E. College
- **Brian Jones Karaoke Jukebox, 9 p.m.** — 1 a.m., Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville
- **Campus Activities Board movie, The Hurricane, 9 p.m.**, 348 IMU
- **Dead Larry and Jemstate, 9 p.m.**, Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Scarlet Haze, 9 p.m.**, Q Bar, 211 Iowa

UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

3 p.m. "Java Blend," Music from the Java House, Patrick Bloom
4 UI Faculty & Guest Lectures
6:30 Hawkeye Basketball Head Coach Lisa Bluder's Weekly News Conference
7 "Java Blend," Music from the

Java House, Patrick Bloom
8 UI Faculty & Guest Lectures
9:30 DITV News, *The Daily Iowan* Daily News Update
9:45 Student Video Productions Presents Incompetent Sports Talk
10:30 DITV News, *The Daily*

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horoscopes

Thursday, January 18, 2007
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep looking until you find exactly what you want. Someone you asked to do something for you will probably let you down. Connect with someone from your past who should still be in your life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Things may be looking up, but don't be too trusting of someone who promises to do things for you. Take the initiative if you want things done to your own specifications. A change will turn out better than you thought.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take a very original approach to everything you do today, and you will reign supreme. Don't let personal issues that arise cause emotional stress. You are likely to overreact, given the chance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You've got a lot on the line today, and if you don't realize it, you better take a second look. Someone may be trying to take advantage of you financially. Stay in control by keeping close track.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may find your temperature rising if someone hasn't been honest with you or if you are caught in a lie or uncompromising position. Protect your interests by staying clear of anyone who may make your life difficult. A romantic opportunity is apparent.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do things with friends, your lover, or children. This is a great time to bond with the people you enjoy spending time with. A change in one of your personal relationships may leave you feeling confused or deceived.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If someone is looking for answers, reveal what you know. A deal that can help you develop one of your ideas looks very promising. Love is on the rise, so put time aside. If you don't, you may upset the very person you want to impress.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Travel, attending a seminar, or getting together with friends will all be better than dealing with the people you live with. You need to remain active if you want to accomplish anything at all today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Travel and communications may present a problem for you. A new idea or way of presenting an old one will enable you to make a career adjustment. Be true to your beliefs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Once you have everything in order, you will be in a better position to make suitable changes. You may feel a little on edge regarding a partnership. If you don't know where you stand, ask. You'll be relieved, and you will have a better sense of where you are heading.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Things are picking up, so there will be no room for error. This is not the time to make changes. A chance to get involved in a new project should be taken advantage of. Money can be made.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep a close eye on what everyone around you is doing and saying. A secret affair or private matter may be exciting, but it will probably result in a problem if you are the least bit underhanded.



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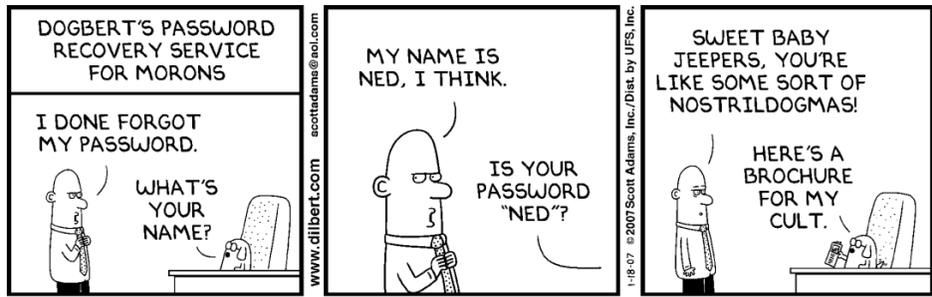
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9	5	4	2	6	7	8	1	3
2	1	8	3	5	4	6	9	7
1	2	9	7	8	5	4	3	6
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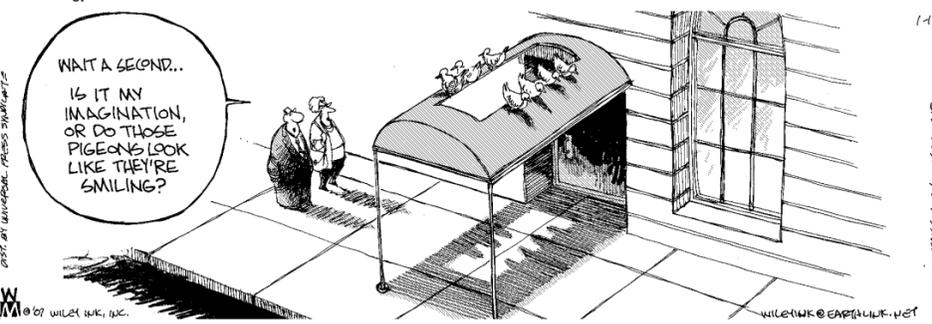
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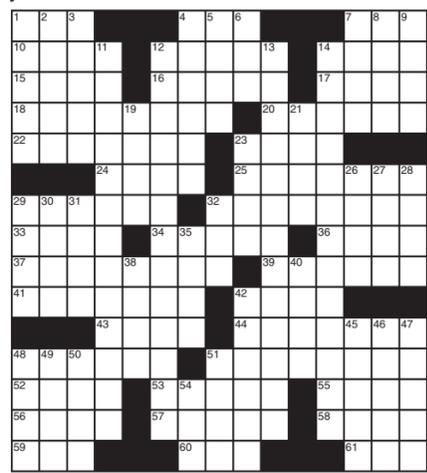


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- 1 Sounds in a coffee ad
 - 4 Sight in a coffee ad
 - 7 Clothe
 - 10 Hindu V.I.P.
 - 12 Gross unit
 - 14 Proceed with difficulty (through)
 - 15 Maintain
 - 16 Remorseful
 - 17 Something to click
 - 18 Studs
 - 20 Snub
 - 22 Addresses for churches
 - 23 "And she shall bring forth ...": Matthew
 - 24 "Anyone ___?"
 - 25 Like orchard trees
 - 29 Time off, maybe
 - 32 Semidry American white wine
 - 33 Run up ___
 - 34 Año nuevo time
 - 36 Brand with a giant target in its logo
 - 37 Mingle
 - 39 Louts
 - 41 Where to find Rosa Parks Boulevard
 - 42 Life ___ know it
 - 43 Deck officer
 - 44 Debark
 - 48 Hedy of "Ecstasy," 1933
 - 51 Tail
 - 52 Hospital administration?
 - 53 Spinachlike plant
 - 55 Pot over a fire
 - 56 Spanish "she"
 - 57 Bird with a harsh cry
 - 58 Bridge site
 - 59 "Makes sense, doesn't it?"
 - 60 AOL alternative
 - 61 Literary inits.
- DOWN**
- 1 Some show horses
 - 2 Montana college town named after a French port
 - 3 Say derisively
 - 4 Soup or salad
 - 5 Fearsome weapons
 - 6 Slammer
 - 7 Kind of shell
 - 8 Effluvium
 - 9 Intron and exon site
 - 11 Play down?
 - 12 Dummy up?
 - 13 Line up?
 - 14 Bear down?
 - 19 Hand (out)
 - 21 Joint problem
 - 23 Way out there
 - 26 Huey, Dewey and Louie, e.g.
 - 27 Prefix with spore
 - 28 Honor society no-nos
 - 29 Put into words



Puzzle by Kelly Clark

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31 Detective Houston

32 Census category

35 "In the Still of the ___" (Boyz II Men hit)

38 Arena sound

40 Dumbstruck

42 Depth charge, slangily

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46 Brings down

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ON THE WEB

See more of the new Writers' House in *DI* photographer Katrina Hawthorne's slide show at dailyiowan.com.



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BY JOHN C. SCHLOTFELT
THE DAILY IOWAN

The normally soft voice of Will Smiley is imbued with power and presence in an empty room on the third floor of 111 E. Church St. "I think this

would be great to house an undergrad creative-writing major," Smiley said about the building, his voice reverberating off the hardwood floors and bare walls.

The unfinished third floor doesn't look too dissimilar from the rest of the yellow house, which sits right across from the UI President's Residence. With sparsely furnished offices (each containing only a futon and a desk), the interior design seems to point to the uncertainty of the house's future.

Yet, somehow, the house is poised to unite the sometimes isolated elements of the university's multifarious writing programs and, as Smiley suggests, invigorate the undergraduate writing community. It's all to do with the "Writing University," a term the UI uses to talk about its efforts to strengthen the links among its cre-

ative writers, coordinate some kind of approach to undergraduate writing that will ensure B.A. students receive greater attention and resources, and put as much of the above as possible online. The Writing University is currently more a theoretical construct with a website than an actual thing — and that site was launched this month, replete with a nifty corn-cob-fountain-pen visual portmanteau. But this, the aptly dubbed "Writers' House," marks the concept's hesitant transition into physicality.

Hesitant because when the handsome yellow house was first made available by the Office of the Provost to be occupied by postgraduate fellows in August 2006, the intentions for the space were vague. The concept was to provide a mixed-use living, working, socializing, and learning place for visiting writers, graduate students across all writing disciplines, and undergraduates: a kind of intellectual commune for writers.

The first fellows to arrive, Kiki Petrosino and Mia Nussbaum, took bedrooms on the second floor and began organizing occasional events for International Writing Program writers. "We had an IWP cook-off," Petrosino said, flashing a gap-toothed grin from behind a long table in Shambaugh

House, the IWP home. Eventually, said Anjali Sachdeva, a provost writing fellow, current students will be welcomed as live-in members. And the diversity of the fellows — who at the moment are graduates who run the gamut of poetry, poetry, nonfiction, and fiction — is intended to be broadened.

It seems odd that the Writing University lacks a certain cohesion among its departments, but as Sachdeva said, "There's no specific reason for [the different branches] to interact." As it goes with many undergraduate majors, cliques form — it's not as though there's any animosity between the Playwrights' Workshop and the Nonfiction Writing Program, or between the IWP and the Writers' Workshop, but if no meeting place for the students is designated, then interaction is bound to be merely aleatory.

IWP head Christopher Merrill pointed out that most writing programs grew independently (usually out of the English program) and they "developed in their own ways, developing their own autonomy." All of these programs forged a certain independence in order to break away from their parent departments, and that independence still lingers.

SEE HOUSE, PAGE 2C

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE WRITERS' HOUSE

SALONS

Each salon follows a geographical theme, celebrating the literature and food of a given country. Faculty, graduates, undergraduates, and community members are welcome at the Writers' House to listen to recitations of literary works.

- Feb. 15: South Asian Salon
- March (after spring break, date TBA): Brazilian Salon
- April (date TBA): French Salon

READING RECEPTIONS

- April 20: Lyn Hejinian reception
- When Californian poet Hejinian visits Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque, for a reading, the Writers' House will host the reception afterwards.

For further updates, visit the Writing University website — a link can be found at dailyiowan.com
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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIR

Did you know the UI has more than 2,200 international students? Fourteen new exchange students joined the transcultural dance at the start of this semester. From jazz musicians to people looking for the "real" U.S.A., we ask what brought them to Iowa, and what they've found here so far. **3C**

IMU RENOVATES

If you've been down to the basement of the IMU recently, you'll know the Wheelroom — that awkward, riverside space crammed with too many mauve chairs and bedecked with a dated mural — has been transmogrified into something resembling a sports bar. The *DI* looks in on the renovations, which has cost SCOPE a performance space. **6C**

Giving writing a new home at the UI

HOUSE

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The Writers' House is destined to provide precisely the kind of intersection that long-treasured program independence has tended to accidentally withhold. Smiley and Sachdeva, the two fellows selected by the Office of the Provost, took offices in the house at the start of the fall semester. All four postgraduates are free to pursue their own writing, so long as they meet the conditions of their respective fellowships — Petrosino and Nussbaum work 20 hours per week at the Shambaugh House for the IWP, while Smiley and Sachdeva are entrusted with putting in place projects that use the Writers' House space and developing plans for the house's future.

This semester, the plans for the use of the Writers' House are being given their first, tentative public airing.

In the wide open space of 111 Church's living room — accented by a single framed print and one couch — Sachdeva introduced members of the UI writing community to the literary traditions of Kenya late last year. Along with recitations of Kenyan poetry and prose — as well as an original piece — guests were also treated to the country's cuisine and music: a figurative and literal taste of the culture.

Sachdeva is organizing more such "salons" this spring. The encounters fulfill one of the main goals of the Writers' House by having graduate students and faculty in the fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and playwriting departments converge on one location to experience the writing of another land. The February follow-up will concentrate on South Asia, with Brazil and France rounding out the semester.

One reason the Writers' House might be successful is simply because of its location. 111 Church is one of the cornerstones of the "writing corridor," a square completed by Shambaugh, the Dey House (home of the workshop), and the Writing and Learning Center in Stanley Hall. Merrill said planning meetings intended to study the use of space campuswide birthed the idea of anchoring writing in one location on campus. And it certainly makes sense: "It's a natural step to just go up the block to the Writers' House and hang



Katrina Hawthorne/The Daily Iowan

Mia Nussbaum (right) heats dinner and talks with housemate Kiki Petrosino Tuesday. Both have fellowships and live in the new Writers' House.

out," said Petrosino with a shrug. The Playwrights' Workshop and the Nonfiction Writing Program, located in the Theatre Building and the English-Philosophy Building respectively, are farther afield, but obviously the hope is that the writers will be curious enough to venture to the North Side of town nonetheless — or that the preponderance of resources on North Clinton will draw them. "It's central to a writing corridor, to a writing college," Nussbaum said.

Sachdeva sees 111 Church enhancing an already strong Iowa City tradition. "There's such a literary culture around you all the time," she said, although admitting that the primary exception is in the sporadically tended field of undergraduate creative-writing (although the university has been moving toward the creation of an undergraduate major, progress has been slow). In fact, Sachdeva and her housemates hope to see the facility provide a space not just to unite the graduate writers and provide a couch for foreign authors to relax on but as a

'The reason to have the house there, especially if you're an undergraduate, is to interact with professional writers.'

— Anjali Sachdeva, a provost writing fellow

potential base for the future undergraduate writing major.

The house already provides one fun service for the undergraduate writing community. For young poets unsure of the difference between a Shakespearean and a Petrarchan sonnet, or anyone desiring some reading recommendations, the fellows have an e-mail address, writing-fellows@uiowa.edu. Petrosino was excited about the e-mail service helping to create "a more dynamic undergrad writing community." Nussbaum, the housemate currently in charge of checking the mailbox, wants the resource to be used by more than just undergrads — she'd like questions about "anything about the world of writing ... open for anybody." To that extent, the e-mail address can also keep enthusiasts abreast of the most recent and up-to-date

info on salons and other house functions.

Wednesday, in a library full of empty bookshelves and large wooden tables, Smiley — with his kinky blond summer do, just in time for February — committed to a regular schedule of events and embraced UI undergraduate writing enthusiasts with more than e-mails. His fellowship project is a class he spent the past semester designing: It's about dreams and literature, and his aim is for each student to practice "not [to] let your waking mind intercede — inhabit, in writing, what that moment was like." Although upper-level nonfiction classes are regularly offered, Smiley's contribution, intended to operate at a different level from the usual array of Creative Writing Studio Workshop courses, is a rare blessing for

undergraduates whose tastes run to poetry and fiction.

In a creative-writing major or track, "postgraduate fellows would play an integral role, including instruction," Merrill said. Recent grads would be a stepping stone for undergraduates: less harried than M.F.A. candidates busy with theses and not as intimidating as some full faculty members might seem to a first-semester freshman writer.

"The reason to have the house there, especially if you're an undergraduate, is to interact with professional writers," Sachdeva said. She added, adamantly, with an analogy that may seem obvious, but often overlooked when it comes to the arts, "If you're going into business, you talk to a businessman; dentistry, a dentist. And if you want to be a writer, you talk to a writer."

Merrill agreed wholeheartedly, and he believes strongly in both the Writers' House and the creation of an undergraduate creative-writing major. He said with a smile, "This is a Writing University, after all."

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WHO LIVES THERE

Mia Nussbaum:

IWP Writing Fellow
Born in Colorado, Nussbaum graduated from the UI Nonfiction Writing Program in 2006. She is well-traveled, having spent time in Namibia and India. She also worked for Harper's while she taught high-school literature in New York City. She is in the midst of completing a novel, and she has had her poetry and prose published in *Notre Dame Magazine*, *Salamander*, and the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, to name a few.

Kiki Petrosino:

IWP Writing Fellow
Petrosino — whose cell-phone voice mail greeting is in both English and Italian — completed her undergraduate work in 2001 at the University of Virginia, her major in the first language and her minor in the latter. After a two-year stint teaching her two favorite languages in Lugano, Switzerland, she got a master's in humanities from the University of Chicago. In 2006, she walked out of the halls of the Dey House with an M.F.A. in creative writing. Petrosino has had or will have poems published in *BORN*, *42opus*, *Best New Poets 2006*, and many more.

Anjali Sachdeva:

Provost Writing Fellow
Sachdeva received a bachelor's degree in English from Yale. After cutting her teeth at two Pittsburgh papers, she found herself, like many of her housemates, abroad. She spent a few years in Ireland as a journalist, which fueled her fictional inspiration. In 2006, Sachdeva graduated from the Writers' Workshop with an M.F.A. in fiction. She has had some of her fiction published in *Barefoot Nuns from Barcelona and Other Stories*, a Northern Ireland anthology.

Will Smiley:

Provost Writing Fellow
A Cedar Rapidsian, Smiley has spent time in France, studied philosophy at the University of Chicago, and medieval literature at University College London. He came back home to earn his M.F.A. in poetry from the Writers' Workshop, graduating in 2006. Smiley is putting the finishing touches on his first manuscript of poetry, *I Saw a Theft Occur*.

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THURSDAY 1.18

MUSIC

- **Linda Melsted, violin, and Borys Medicky, harpischord**, 8 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, 320 E. College
- **1964: Tribute**, 8 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **Animosity and DJ Johnny Sixx, Kanser, Gladen, and 2MC's**, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **Brian Jones Karaoke Jukebox**, 9 p.m., Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville
- **Dead Larry and Jemstate**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Marc Irving Weber**, 9 p.m., Tait's Natural Foods, 225 S. Linn
- **Scarlet Haze**, 9 p.m., Q Bar, 211 Iowa
- **Twelve Canons**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington

FILM

- **League of Women Voters Movie Series, Outfoxed**, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn

THURSDAY 1.18

CONTINUED

DANCE

- **Country Dance**, 7:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 225 Highway 1 W.

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Iowa City Federation of Labor Chili Supper**, 6 p.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth

FRIDAY 1.19

MUSIC

- **Karaoke with Kirt and Deb Sickles**, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge
- **Jazz Extravaganza**, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall
- **Melanie Mausser**, 8 p.m., Java House, 211½ E. Washington
- **1964: Tribute**, 8 p.m., Englert
- **FunkDaddies**, 9 p.m., Mill
- **Paradise City**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- **William Elliott Whitmore, with Escape the Floodwaters Jug Band, and Ed Grey**, 9 p.m., Picador

FRIDAY 1.19

CONTINUED

THEATER

- **Love and Rage**, 8 p.m., North Hall Space/Place

DANCE

- **Friends of Ballroom Social Dancing**, 7:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market

SATURDAY 1.20

MUSIC

- **Bad Fathers**, 5 p.m., Picador
- **Fourth Anniversary Party with the New Beat Society**, 7 p.m., Yacht Club
- **OfTensemble, UI faculty/alumni jazz combo**, 8 p.m., Englert
- **Pine Boy Rhythm Review**, 9 p.m., Mill
- **DVSI, Sonar, THC, and Nate Unique**, 9:30 p.m., Picador

THEATER

- **Love and Rage**, 8 p.m., Space/Place

WORDS

- **Jeffrey Copeland Book Signing**, 1 p.m.,

SATURDAY 1.20

CONTINUED

Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall

MISCELLANEOUS

- **Euchre Tournament**, 1 p.m., American Legion, 3016 Muscatine

SUNDAY 1.21

MUSIC

- **Humans, Skies We Built, and Puritanicals**, 6 p.m., Picador
- **Hamburg Symphony**, 7:30 p.m., Hancher

LECTURES

- **"Less Safe, Less Free: Why We Are Losing the War on Terror," David Cole**, 7:30 p.m., IMU

MONDAY 1.22

MUSIC

- **Blues Jam**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club

TUESDAY 1.23

MUSIC

- **Applesed Cast with**

TUESDAY 1.23

CONTINUED

Asobi Seksu, 9 p.m., Picador

- **Throwdown Free Dance Party**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club

WORDS

- **"Live from Prairie Lights," Anthony Signorelli, nonfiction**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque

WEDNESDAY 1.24

MUSIC

- **Humans, Skies We Built, and Puritanicals**, 6 p.m., Picador
- **Hamburg Symphony**, 7:30 p.m., Hancher

WORDS

- **Congressional Accompaniment Project Tour to Israel-Palestine**, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **"Live from Prairie Lights," Anthony Swofford, fiction**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights



Larry died. That's right, but somehow **Dead Larry** has been making his way back from the dead to play a show at 9 p.m. today at the Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn, with Jemstate. Catch him before his journey takes him back to the underworld.

The *WORLD* visits Iowa

Parsing American culture and adjusting to a campus free of razor wire are not your typical syllabus-week tasks — unless you're one of the 14 new exchange students welcomed by the UI this semester

HEAR MORE

Student and musician Sid Rash talks to reporter Paul Sorenson about jazz, cultural misunderstandings, and why there are no chocolate cookies consumed in South Africa in the brand-new half-hour arts & culture radio show, "80 Hours On Air." Broadcast at 5:30 p.m. every Thursday on KRUI, 89.7 FM, and podcast from WWW.DAILYIOWAN.COM every Friday.

BY PAUL SORENSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

When South African exchange student Sidney Rash applied for his U.S. visa in order to come to Iowa, he was asked if he had "done something wrong."

"People kept asking me why I wanted to come to Iowa. I admit that at first I had to look up where it was on the map," he said. "But the more I learned about the scene here, the more keen I was about coming. The vibe seemed great."

While most UI students return in January expecting only the familiarity of tedious classwork and over-visited bars, Rash, one of 14 exchange students new to Iowa this semester (and one of 50 new international students who this week joined the overall UI international population of 2,200), arrived in Iowa City with little idea of what to expect.

"We give foreign students contacts, websites, and pam-

phlets before they arrive," said Lori Eiserman, the UI Office for Study Abroad exchange coordinator. "But most of the learning comes while they're here."

Some students, such as Rash, come for specific programs. Rash, a jazz drummer who recently played a three-week gig with a South African jazz saxophonist in China, came to Iowa to study music. But the primary reason most have for coming here, Eiserman said, is to look for the "authentic American experience," whatever that might be.

"I could have chosen schools on the East or West Coast, but I wanted to come to the real America, where most people live," said Janneke Jegen, an American-studies student from Nijmegen, the Netherlands. "I wanted a small-town American experience, [to] hear the 'regular American accent.'"

For all arriving international students, whether they come to obtain a graduate physics degree or simply spend a semester away from their home university, the Study Abroad Office and the Office of International Students and Scholars provide support to make sure the newcomers aren't buried under cultural snowdrifts.

"Many people have trouble learning the system, even dealing with the massive numbers of choices at the grocery store," said Scott King,

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the director of International Students and Scholars. "But very rarely do people want to go back home. Our office works very hard to try to put new experiences in the proper perspective. We help students get beyond the cultural pain of today and on to better things."

Not that the Iowa residents aren't welcoming. Rash said he was impressed by the openness of the UI campus and Iowa City in general — typical security in Durban tends toward razor wire and 8-foot fences. And Jegen has found Iowa Citizens friendly on the whole: "Aagje [Van Der Aa, another Dutch exchange student] and I were lost on campus, talking in Dutch and trying to find a building," she said. "There was a woman walking 10 feet in front of us who heard us, stopped, turned around, and asked if we needed help. People in Holland would only help if you asked and then walk away like you were a burden."

Both Rash and Jegen were looking forward to participate in a local organization called Friends of International Students, which pairs individuals

skating, sometimes on slang. It even runs a class in February on dating, "U.S. style." "We joke about it, but it really is important," said Helen Jameson, the assistant director for programming in International Students and Scholars. "Those types of relationships are so cultural. People need real views, not just what comes from television."

But even with all the safeguards in place, culture shock is still bound to occur. "I was walking back to Hillcrest from the Picador around 2 a.m. last Saturday, when all these people started spilling out of the bars," Rash said. "People just started yelling about whatever, just wearing T-shirts or skirts. You wouldn't last 10 minutes if you walked around downtown Durban [South

Africa] at 2 a.m. I won't lie to you."

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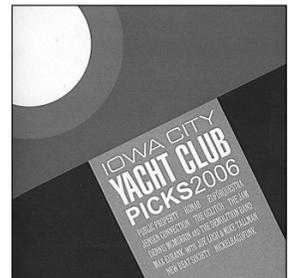
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NEW BEAT STILL MOVIN'

Iowa City's Yacht Club is almost ready for kindergarten — and it's releasing another CD to celebrate. The venue's grand fourth birthday party, featuring Iowa City's tight jazz/funk sextet, the New Beat Society, is a great way to dance away the stresses of syllabus week.



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Iowa City Yacht Club: Picks 2006

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- "Samba Momba #9," by Hunab
- "Concrete," by Max Eubank with Joe Losh and Mike Tallman

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See **New Beat Society** with Hunab, Max Eubanks and Joe Losh, and Caveman Spaceship, 7 p.m. Saturday, The Yacht Club Fourth Anniversary Celebration, 13 S. Linn St., \$5 — and the first keg is free.

Hear More

The New Beat Society is our featured artist this week in our brand-new half-hour arts & culture radio show, 80 Hours On Air. Listen to the New Beats' music and an interview with lead vocalist Kathy Ruestow. 80 Hours on Air broadcasts at 5:30 p.m. every Thursday on KRUI, 89.7 FM and is podcast from WWW.DAILYIOWAN.COM every Friday.



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New Beat Society vocalist Kathy Ruestow performs with the other members of the band at the Englert Theatre on Dec. 13, 2006.

BY BRIANNA RUNYAN
THE DAILY IOWAN

Funk, soul, jazz, beer, and food — what more could a jazz enthusiast or a plain old Iowa City entertainment connoisseur ask for with \$5?

The basement of 13 S. Linn St. will be filled with dancing revelers on Saturday, thanks to a certain local band that goes by the name of the New Beat Society.

The building's imposing red brick and white pillars will be the

entrance to a four-band show, including jam groups Caveman Spaceship and Hunab. Performers Max Eubank and Joe Losh will also take to the stage with acoustic music.

The headlining New Beat Society has performed at least eight times at the Yacht Club in the past year, with more show dates there in future. Lead singer Kathy Ruestow lovingly referred to venue, which turns 4 this weekend, as "home."

The band, which performs invariably in swanky formal

attire, mixes jazz, funk and soul. Saxophonist Chris LoRang and

trumpeter Brett Messenger form a tight duo, while guitarist Nick Gruber, drummer Justin LeDuc, and bassist Ben Soltau round out the group. Ranging in age from 18 to 25, the young musicians transmit in performance above all a sense of excitement about the possibilities of their genre-blending efforts.

Completing the sound is Ruestow's voice, as ethereal as it is powerful: whether she's belting out the big notes or whispering into the mike like a sultry friend, her smoothness never fully hides her instrument's edge.

Right now, the band's groove is contemporary R&B. "It's something we're all sort of exploring," Ruestow said enthusiastically. "It leaves us a lot of freedom — it's a huge genre."

But above all, the New Beat Society is a dance act — that rare band you just can't help but move to. An audience twisting to the rhythm is one of the members' main goals at each outing. The group improvises at every show, evidence both of the members' musical chops and sense of audience rapport.

The band, which formed in 2005, comprises musicians who attended either the UI School of Music or studied classical music or jazz at Kirkwood. The New Beat Society is also one of 10 bands featured on the Yacht Club's new compilation CD, *Iowa City Yacht Club: Picks 2006*, which will debut during the festivities this weekend. The album distills a year's worth of performances into 10 tracks and includes offerings from such Yacht Club regulars as Euförquestra and Public Property.

The New Beat Society hopes to release its own CD next month, possibly in time for a Feb. 9 show with Iowa City's soul mainstays The Diplomats of Solid Sound — now featuring the all-female vocalists the Diplomettes — which will also take place at the Yacht Club.

"[The CD will] be an example of what we have," Ruestow said. "And what's going to be coming in the future."

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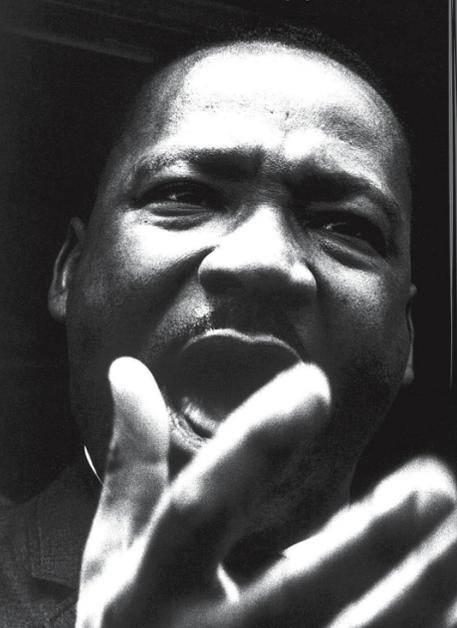
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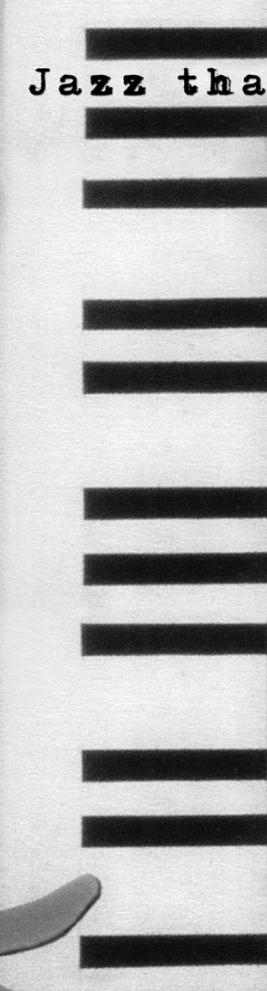
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Elizabeth Reaser as Inge and Tim Guinee as Olaf in Ali Selim's *Sweet Land*.

'The motivation is always storytelling. But in a film, you're asking the actors to partner with you, whereas in a commercial, you're kind of tricking them.'

—Ali Sellim, writer/director

and writing a symphony." He remained cheerful about his ad career and, indeed, about most everything in a recent phone interview, pointing out that his commercial work allowed him to provide for his family while saying making feature films was always at the back of his mind. "I enjoyed my time in advertising, but it's kind of a burnout," he said. "My legacy should not be the story of a low-fat potato chip." He moved then to a project he had been slowly working on since reading Will Weaver's short story "A Gravestone Made of Wheat," in 1990, and marking it as a potential for adaptation. The film is simply subtitled,

"A Love Story"; it tells the tale of a rather unusual couple — Inge immigrates to Minnesota with the intention of marrying Olaf, despite having never met him until the moment her train pulls in. Her German heritage causes problems for the potential union, given the film's post-World War I setting. Though Inge and Olaf are not legally married, they fall in love in the midst of a tough harvest. "I wanted my radar up to find something — a story, an article, whatever — that could become a film," Selim said. Reading fellow Minnesotan Weaver's short story provoked unexpected tears from Selim for the first time in many years. "I was a little more academic about reading,

rather than emotional," he said, noting his majors in English and philosophy. "But it moved me, and maybe that's enough to make it a story worth telling." Selim, who adapted the story and wrote the screenplay, said that while the unusually long process may have burned him out some, "I don't think I could've made this film 10 years ago ... I don't think I was ready." After *Sweet Land* premiered at the 2005 Hamptons International Film Festival (taking the Audience Award for Best Narrative Feature), the next year-plus was spent shopping the film around the festival circuit and searching for a distributor, who would then take over the marketing of the film.

SWEET LAND SCREENING
with writer/director Ali Selim
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This was one task the writer/director was happy to relinquish, despite having "the final word" on nearly every other aspect of the production. "It's really hard for a filmmaker to live with this for 15 years and then have to think, 'How can I market this?'" he said, adding that his advertising background couldn't really help him when it came to peddling his own wares. "I was hired because I wasn't the scientist who makes the aspirin," he said, using a hypothetical commercial spot as an example. Pushing his own product made him uneasy.

While he expressed bewilderment at what he called the "trailerspeak," or hyperbolic language films are often sold with, traveling with *Sweet Land* as it moves across the country is one public-relations move he's happy to do — eventually. "Initially, I was sick to my stomach, and I couldn't come in the theater," he said. Before long, though, the nervousness subsided, and while Selim still prefers to skip the actual screening — "I must have seen this film at least 450 times by now," he said with a chuckle — the Q&A remains a favorite with him. "I do enjoy connecting with the audience — it makes me a better filmmaker." E-mail D/ reporter Anna Wiegstein at: anna-wiegstein@uiowa.edu

Hear More
Learn more about *Sweet Land* by listening to Anna Wiegstein's radio piece on the film in the brand-new half-hour arts & culture radio show, "80 Hours On Air." Broadcast at 5:30 p.m. every Thursday on KRUI, 89.7 FM, and podcast from WWW.DAILYIOWAN.COM every Friday.

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Picture a man responsible for more than 850 television commercials. His job is to exaggerate, to stretch the truth, to seduce the consumer. However, the slimy huckster that may have just appeared in your mind bears little resemblance to the real thing. Meet Ali Selim: tall, blond Midwesterner, and former ad man.

More recently, Selim has been selling a very different kind of product, one that is nothing less than the result of 15 years of work — his first feature-length film, *Sweet Land*. Touring with the film as it opens from city to city, eventually aiming for it to be shown on 300 screens nationwide, Selim will land in the area Friday night, with *Sweet Land* screening at the Coral Ridge 10 to be followed with a question-and-answer session with him.

The "grass-roots campaign," as Selim described it, returns the one-time ad director to the most basic aspects of salesmanship — "You get in the bus, drive around, and say to people, 'Watch my movie.'"

Aside from the final marketing stages in the life of *Sweet Land*, the contrasts in directorial decisions were fairly vast. "The motivation is always storytelling. But in a film, you're asking the actors to partner with you, whereas in a commercial, you're kind of tricking them," Sellim said.

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12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20

CODE NAME: THE CLEANER (PG-13) **ENDS TODAY**
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12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:40

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12:30, 3:25, 6:20, 9:15

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12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40

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