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Firms vie in contest

One local company gives the Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center competition a second go-round

BY KURT HIATT
THE DAILY IOWAN

For one local software company, the second Iowa Business Plan Competition provides a second chance to win up to \$25,000.

Steven Davis, the president and head programmer of Bio::Neos, 322 N. Clinton St., was one of seven finalists last year in the UI Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center co-sponsored competition.

While he and his team didn't make the final cut, they're giving it another go this year — equipped with an updated application that they hope will push them into the final ring.

"We want to earn some seed money to take our business to the next level," said Davis, who earned bachelor's and master's degrees at the UI.

Bio::Neos creates computerized software to aid researchers in their work in any section of the life sciences, Davis said.

For the competition this year, Davis said he and his colleagues will focus on building a better presentation than last year's. He added he is confident about the "fairly solid" written plan for the business, which is required in the competition's application process.

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Culver: Rescind stem-cell restriction

The state's current regulations on some types of embryonic stem-cell research hurts the UI by limiting its ability to attract and keep top researchers

BY SEUNG MIN KIM
THE DAILY IOWAN

Gov. Chet Culver urged state lawmakers on Thursday to repeal the state's restrictions on embryonic stem-cell research — a move the Democrat said will bolster the state's medical research by enticing top scientists to Iowa while possibly unveiling cures for millions afflicted by various maladies.

The recently inaugurated governor also said he will ask the state Legislature for \$12.5 million that would help establish the Center for Regenerative Medicine at the UI. The proposal would accompany a legislative maneuver to ax the state ban on a certain type of embryonic stem-cell research, which scientists contend could yield remedies for such diseases as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, cancer, and diabetes.

"Iowa ties the hands of the best researchers," Culver said to a crowd clustered in the atrium of the UI Medical Education and Research Facility. He added that "this will allow us to get back in the game of cutting-edge research."

Democrats Sen. Joe Bolcom and Rep. Mary Mascher, both of Iowa City, will propose legislation as early as next week that would rescind the state's current ban on therapeutic cloning, which in theory can create human embryonic stem cells.

Both Culver and Bolcom said Thursday the state's restrictions on human cloning will remain intact.

Meredith Hay, the UI vice president for Research, said the state's ban has hampered the university's ability to recruit and retain top scientists, who flock to such neighboring states as Wisconsin, Illinois, and Missouri —



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Gov. Chet Culver greets supporters at the UI Medical Education and Research Facility on Thursday. Culver said he wanted to make Iowa competitive with neighboring states in the field of embryonic stem-cell research.

which lack similar legislative restrictions.

"Other states have spent hundreds of millions of dollars in biomedical research," Hay said. "Iowa needs to catch up."

UI officials will have discretion on how to allocate the \$12.5 million — which Culver called a "modest" investment — toward building and infrastructure expenses, as well as recruitment endeavors and program development.

Once the initiative begins, officials hope that it will spur federal aid and private

investments to generate funding for the center, the governor said.

The interdisciplinary center — which will tentatively be adjacent to the Carver Biomedical Research Building — will combine experts from various UI colleges to develop therapy for human diseases, said Paul Rothman, the head of the UI internal-medicine department, who will help spearhead the center's development.

Bolcom said that aside from possible medical benefits, allowing the

research to take place could also prove to be an economic boon to the state by generating jobs and business in the medical-research arena. Other states with similar ini-

tiatives are spending "far more" than Culver's \$12.5 million proposal, the senator added.

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IOWA'S LAWS ON STEM-CELL RESEARCH

- There is no ban on adult stem cells.
- Researchers may legally produce new embryonic stem cells from in vitro fertilization embryos if no federal funding is used.
- Therapeutic cloning is banned.
- There is no access to any future clinical trials or new therapies derived from therapeutic cloning technology.

Source: UI Health Science Relations

MYSFACE UNDER SCRUTINY AS SEXUAL-ASSAULT SOURCE

BY BRITTNEY BERGET
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Internet has long been used as an instrument by predators, but recently, the popular networking website MySpace.com has been singled out and placed under the microscope as the source of numerous sexual assaults — one in Iowa.

Scott Seehawer, 24, and Winston Ramsdale, 20, both of Walker, Iowa, were jailed Wednesday and charged with third-degree sexual assault after they allegedly used the site to lure a 14-year-old Hiawatha girl to their home on Dec. 28.

Similar cases have occurred all over the United States, and in the past week, the 3-year-old company has been sued by five families of young girls who were allegedly sexually assaulted by men they met on the site.

Local experts believe, however, MySpace shouldn't take all the blame.

"MySpace is working with law enforcers to correct this problem," said Stephen Bogle, the

state Division of Criminal Investigation director. "Nobody wants to see children hurt."

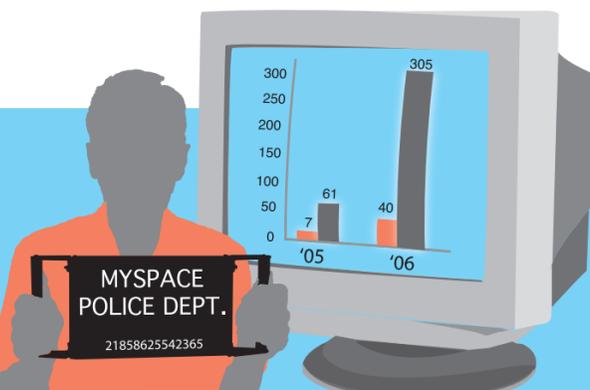
On Jan. 23, the website struck a deal with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to add Amber Alerts in an attempt to safeguard users.

Although MySpace has drawn heat in the past several years for not doing enough to keep members safe, the site has only gained popularity in Iowa in the past 12 to 18 months.

Bogle said MySpace's growing popularity has to do with the expansion of the Internet as a whole. And because of the increasing audience, Iowa has developed the Iowa Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, aimed at keeping children safe from child predators. Since the start of the task force in 2005, nearly 50 arrests have been made, and officials have given almost 400 presentations, aimed at educating children and adults on Internet safety.

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Sexual-Predator Prevention



■ Since the Iowa Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force was created in 2005, it has actively worked to find and arrest sexual predators on the Internet as well as to give presentations educating children and adults on Internet safety.

Arrests Presentations

Source: Iowa Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

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Iowa balances corn demand

BY MATT NELSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

The United States requires fuel to feed its belly, to power its engines, and to light its streets. In his State of the Union speech Tuesday night, President Bush mandated an increase in the use of alternative and renewable fuels — 35 billion gallons by 2017.

And as the nation turns toward fields to fuel its consumption, Iowa is leading the way in coping with increasing demands from the livestock industry — which uses corn-based feed to fatten cattle and hogs — and ethanol refineries driving up the demand for the yellow grain.

The struggle between livestock and corn reached a head in Nebraska in late 2006, when the Nebraska Cattlemen Association announced a policy opposing any federal or state mandates for ethanol use and production. But in Iowa, ethanol

has been embraced by farmers. "Indirectly, it helps the livestock prices," said Roger Knoblock, a Lyon County farmer who raises hogs, cattle, and corn. "Corn is too cheap at a \$1.50."

What Knoblock describes is a situation all too common — slumping corn prices lead to market dips that are a loss for farmers.

"In September, we could've bought all the corn we wanted in northwest Iowa for \$1.80," Knoblock said. "And now it's \$3.60, \$3.70."

What keeps cattle farmers going with elevated corn prices is the production of dry- and wet-distilled grains. A byproduct of the ethanol process, the distilled grains are a high-protein concoction when mixed with conventional feed, and they can compose up to 50 percent of the feed for cattle.

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↓ 18 °C



Mostly cloudy, windy

HOME WOES CONTINUE

The Hawkeye women hoopsters had one of those "so close, yet still too far" games. **1B**

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Water, alcohol really won't mix

Officials are pleased that water and roadway blood-alcohol limits will probably soon be aligned

BY MASON KERNS
THE DAILY IOWAN

In a move that could slow the diffusion of the tethered pontoon and jet boats that have permeated summer life on the Coralville Reservoir, Iowa lawmakers will likely approve a measure to lower the blood-alcohol content allowable for boat operators on Iowa waters.

While nothing, aside from evolutionary forces, will now forbid drunken revelers from somersaulting — beer in hand — into “Party Cove,” those operating large watercraft on the lake must remain under a .08 alcohol level, down from .10. The move will bring the boat law in line with that applying to automobile drivers in the state, which was switched to a .08 standard from .10 in 2003.

Officials charged with enforcing the proposal — which sailed through a Senate committee but still must pass a roll-call vote in

‘We’ve had our officers pull boaters over who’ll potentially be released, and then they’ll pack up and get on the road — and be legally intoxicated driving home.’

— Susan Hager,
boating-education coordinator for the natural resources agency

both chambers — say they’ll welcome the increased safety the measure will purportedly bring.

To attain a blood-alcohol level of .08, a 170-pound male would have to consume four or five drinks, without eating, in an hour, and a 130-pound female would have to consume three or four drinks under the same conditions, according to the Iowa Department of Public Safety.

So, given that studies show 70 percent of UI students binge drink occasionally and 40 percent do so frequently, it isn’t difficult to see how local natural-resource officials doled out dozens of boating OWI tickets last summer. The drop to .08

may mean a few more boaters who push the envelope will be snagged by the lake patrollers — and OWI fines are far more significant than, say, a citation for not having enough lifejackets on board.

Under current Iowa law, operating a motor- or sailboat while under the influence of alcohol, first offense, is classified as a serious misdemeanor, punishable by two days in jail, up to \$1,000 in fines, a loss of boat-operating privileges for two years, and enrollment in a mandatory alcohol-treatment class.

Susan Hager, the boating-education coordinator for the natural-resources bureau, said

her department had been pushing to align the water and roadway standards for years.

“We’ve had our officers pull boaters over who’ll potentially be released, and then they’ll pack up and get on the road — and be legally intoxicated driving home,” Hager said, adding that 22 percent of all boating accidents in Iowa involve alcohol.

And those accidents are many times deadly — such as the 2004 Coralville Reservoir accident that claimed the life of UI medical student Aaron Hill.

Sen. Dennis Black, D-Grinnell, the chairman of the Senate Natural Resources and Environment Committee, said his years spent as a conservation officer exposed him to plenty of reasons to support the legislation.

“People who are intoxicated and driving a boat ... it’s unbelievable what they’ll do,” he said.

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GETTING THEIR KICKS



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Martial arts instructor Bruce Heppner-Elgin (right) helps Iowa City residents Saurabh Shukul (left) and Jay Harding (center) during a kickboxing class at Core Fitness in Coralville on Thursday night. Heppner-Elgin has been studying martial arts for 22 years and teaching it for 16 years.

METRO

Area man charged with forgery

North Liberty police have charged a 30-year-old with forgery, alleging that he faked checks in August 2006.

Police report that Eldon Clinton, a North Liberty resident, deposited checks in his Hills Bank account for \$2,500 and \$3,800 on Aug. 7, and the \$3,800 check didn’t clear.

Then, Clinton cashed checks worth a total of \$1,307 to another person at Holiday Foods, where Clinton was employed, according to a police complaint dated Jan. 16.

Authorities said two of the checks were returned as invalid; when managers confronted Clinton, he paid cash for the forged checks.

In total, Clinton forged more than \$7,600, police allege, and he now faces

charges of forgery, a Class D felony. If convicted, he could face up to five years in prison and \$7,500 in fines.

Forgery is defined as someone who “did so execute/cash a check which ostensibly evidences an obligation of the person who purportedly executed it or authorized its execution.”

— by Emileigh Barnes

Another fake \$50 found

Iowa City police picked up another counterfeit \$50 bill, this time at the Java House on Thursday, officers reported.

Authorities said they received reports at 12:04 p.m. that a customer paid with the fake currency at 211½ E. Washington St. business.

Sgt. Troy Kelsay said employees at Java House said the bill likely came from a regular customer who received the bill from another source.

“It was the staff’s feeling that it wasn’t somebody trying to pass a counterfeit bill so much as it was somebody who was in possession,” Kelsay said.

The bill matched the serial number — GB318521A — of one set of fakes that floated into area circulation recently.

So far, more than 12 counterfeit \$50 bills have been identified in Iowa City and Coralville. Businesses that have received the fake bills include Hollywood Video, Cost Cutters, Mr. Movies, and several stores in the Coral Ridge Mall.

The other set of bills carried the serial number EG15548770B. Outside of Iowa City and Coralville, the fake cash has been found in Burlington.

— by Emileigh Barnes

POLICE BLOTTER

Austin Bailey, 21, 2100 Broadway Apt. K, was charged Thursday with OWI.

Scott Jensen, 19, 4224 Burge, was charged Jan. 24 with fifth-degree theft.

CORRECTIONS

In the Jan. 25 story “Indianola man guilty of sex abuse,” the *DI* incorrectly reported Andrew Ohnemus’ conviction. A jury found Ohnemus guilty of assault. The *DI* regrets the error.

It was reported in a Jan. 18 story, “The Write Stuff,” that Mia Nussbaum worked at *Harper’s* and taught high school in New York City. The possible implication that these were simultaneous is incorrect. Nussbaum taught high school following her time at *Harper’s*. The *DI* regrets the implication.

as part of the man’s complaint about the effectiveness of the product.

The Lucas Building was closed to incoming or outgoing traffic for 90 minutes, Saunders said.

He said anyone planning on mailing such substances should contact the recipient to find out if they want the substance mailed and if so who to send it to, Saunders said.

STATE

Dietary supplement leak prompts lockdown

DES MOINES (AP) — A crushed dietary supplement pill leaked from a package mailed to the Iowa attorney general on Thursday, causing the temporary lockdown of a state office building.

The employee followed state protocol by calling the Iowa State Patrol post with jurisdiction over the Capitol complex, which includes the Lucas Building, the home of the attorney general’s offices.

The Des Moines hazardous materials team, Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation agents, and U.S. Postal Service inspectors responded.

The person who mailed the letter was contacted by investigators, and officials confirmed that the powder was a dietary supplement that had been mailed as a pill, but had been crushed in the mail.

It was sent to the attorney general

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Expert: E. coli outbreak certain

Months have passed since the last E. coli outbreak, but the infection will never disappear

BY TERRY MCCOY
THE DAILY IOWAN

With absolute certainty, another E. coli outbreak will explode, a visiting lecturer said Thursday.

Though a recent outbreak was traced back to spinach grown in California, E. coli is not limited to the leafy plant. It is becoming prominent in a number of substances, said John Besser, a clinical laboratory manager for the Minnesota Department of Health.

Last fall, an E. coli outbreak ripped across the United States, killing three and causing 31 cases of hemolytic uremic syndrome, which shuts down the kidneys.

"If you look at what has happened over the last few years with E. coli, it is no longer limited to just undercooked meat," said Mary DeMartino, a UI public-health microbiologist. "We are finding it in spinach, lettuce, vegetables, and juices. The number of foods we have found it in has increased."

The spread of the bacteria is attributable to mass production and transportation of all food, she said. But such dissemination has no direct correlation to genetic engineering of food, she said.

Stacy Webster, a shift supervisor at the New Pioneer Co-op, 22 S. Van Buren St., said his store has profited from outbreaks such as this, because the Co-op offers foods that are locally produced rather than items that are transported from different states and countries.

"That is why this business

E. Coli Prevention: Not So Drastic Measures

- Wash your hands carefully with soap for at least 30 seconds before you start cooking.



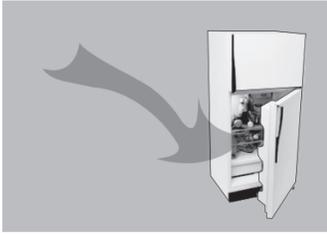
- Use hot water and soap to wash cutting boards and dishes if raw meat or poultry have touched them.

- Cook ground beef until you see no pink anywhere.



- Cook all hamburgers to at least 155°F. A meat thermometer can help you test your hamburgers.

- Refrigerate leftovers right away, or throw them away.



- Defrost meats in the refrigerator or the microwave. Don't let meat sit on the counter to defrost.

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exists in the first place," he said. "We try to circumvent problems that the unnatural-food world has created. The more you can buy from local food producers, the better the environment is."

Dee Jurgens, a manager at John's Grocery, 401 E. Market St., said the business is only now putting the fear of E. coli-laden spinach behind it. Thursday was the first time spinach graced its shelves since the September outbreak. Those individuals affected

in last years' health scare suffered debilitating intestinal illnesses.

The E. coli virus travels through the stomach and small intestine for three to four days before attaching itself to the inside surface of the small intestine and causing severe inflammation. This induces biting abdominal pain and cramps that become into watery and bloody diarrhea, according to About E. coli, a branch of OutBreak Inc.

After five to 10 days, the E. coli infection passes, but for

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some elderly and young people, the malady turns into hemolytic uremic syndrome, which is a serious illness, DeMartino said.

"It is not the E. coli infection that kills, but the hemolytic uremic syndrome," she said.

She added that 102 Iowa victims reported E. coli infections in 2006, with 23 coming from the Johnson County area. But it is impossible to determine if more Iowans were struck with the bacteria, DeMartino said.

Doctors rarely ask for stool samples from patients and that is the only way to tell whether someone has an E. coli infection, she said.

Though scientists' methods to combat the infection will improve over time, the problem will always persist, Besser said in his lecture.

"The relationship between germs and people is a long one, and it looks like we will never eliminate the problem of it."

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Supervisors skeptical about annexation

North Liberty's proposed action is seen by some as a ploy to block Coralville's growth

BY DAN BUSH
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors on Thursday expressed skepticism about North Liberty's proposed annexation of approximately 900 acres of land located on the border between North Liberty and Coralville.

"People seem up in arms over the size of the property," Supervisor Rod Sullivan said. "The county typically only annexes about 200 acres of land per year."

The supervisors noted that they have always tried to support town's annexation plans aimed at urban growth, but that North Liberty's plan doesn't seem to have that interest in mind.

"We don't plan to change much," said North Liberty city administrator Brian James. "Much of [the land] will remain the same, and we will just continue to let it grow."

But some supervisors were still skeptical.

"The only thing I can see motivating [the annexation plan] is to stop the city of Coralville from growing," Supervisor Sally Stutsman said.

The North Liberty City Council unanimously opposed Coralville's proposal to annex the 386-acre Scanlon Farm, which is bordered by North Liberty Road and Dubuque

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— Brian James, North Liberty city administrator

Street north of Coralville., on Oct. 17, 2006.

David Paul, who lives in North Liberty, voiced his concern about the lack of political representation during Thursday's meeting.

Supervisors "are dealing with the land as if no one lives there," Paul said. "If we're a part of North Liberty, we have a voice in government."

Yet, if the decision falls in Coralville's favor, the rural land will expand both residentially and commercially, with the addition of single-family homes, condominiums, and mini-malls.

Though the state Supreme Court also has to act on the decision, the supervisors are clear about one thing.

"No matter what the Supreme Court decides, the relationship between the two cities has to remain strong," Supervisor Terrence Neuzil said.

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Undergrad creative-writing plan moving slowly

The committee in charge of creating the major has yet to meet

BY LAWRENCE DE GEEST
THE DAILY IOWAN

A proposed UI creative-writing major for undergraduates is moving along, albeit slowly, and officials hope to establish a program similar to the world-renowned Iowa Writers' Workshop.

However, the committee that is charged with formulating a plan for the major has yet to hold a meeting, and there is no guarantee that a program will be ready to accept applicants by the fall semester.

In December, Jonathan Wilcox, the chairman of the English department, presented a student-written proposal to his colleagues, who approved it

with "massive support," he said. Since then, the department has organized a committee to work on the proposal.

The panel is led by English Professor Ed Folsom, and it includes English-faculty members Dee Morris, Doug Trevor, and Loren Glass, along with Writers' Workshop Professor James Galvin and workshop Director Lan Samantha Chang.

Maryann Rasmussen, the Honors director for the English department, helped draft the student-written proposal.

"I thought [the proposal] was great, but it's just the first step in the process," she said, adding that "I'm confident the English department will really come up

'The committee plans to meet with English students sometime, but its primary goals are creating a curriculum for the program and then forming the new teaching positions necessary.'

— Jonathan Wilcox,
English department chairman

with something great."

Although no undergraduate or graduate students are on the committee, Wilcox said the curriculum is being built with a

close eye to the original proposal.

"The committee plans to meet with English students sometime, but its primary goals are creating a curriculum for the program and then forming the new teaching positions necessary," Wilcox said.

The structure of the course offerings will follow a tiered format, with workshop students teaching the entry-level classes and advanced courses taught by English faculty.

The student proposal followed the suggestion of the UI Writing University Task Force — co-chaired by International Writing Program Director Christopher Merrill and Vice Provost Pat Cain

— of expanding the prestigious Writers' Workshop programs to the undergraduate level.

"[Creative writing] was the major I wanted, but English was the closest I could get," said Cathryn Spinler, a UI freshman. "I looked at a few other schools with similar programs, but I felt I had the best chance here."

Sarah Kolman, also a UI freshman, said she hopes to see an undergraduate creative-writing major to gain more experience for work and education after college.

"I think [an undergraduate major] would definitely help me get in the UI graduate program," she said.

The student group that

composed the original proposal is revising it for the English department for further recognition, said Kelly Anderson, a recent UI graduate who worked with Rasmussen and other students on the piece.

No timetable for the committee is yet set, and officials have not determined how competitive and selective a potential major will be.

The new student proposal is expected to be released within the next few weeks, and the English department is planning to meet with the committee on April 12 to discuss the future of the program.

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Culver signs wage bill

BY MIKE GLOVER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Flanked by cheering lawmakers and a couple of low-wage workers, Gov. Chet Culver signed into law on Thursday a package raising the state's hourly minimum wage to \$7.25 by Jan. 1, 2008.

"You have fought for many years to see this day come," the governor said during the ceremony at the Statehouse rotunda. "I thank you for keeping the faith."

Culver, signing his first bill, cheered the broad bipartisan support for the measure, noting that 119 out of 150 lawmakers voted for the increase — including floor leaders of both parties.

The state's minimum wage of \$5.15 an hour will increase to \$6.20 on April 1 and \$7.25 on Jan. 1.

Several interested parties attended the ceremony, including Tonya Gibson, who has worked at a series of minimum-wage jobs and is seeking her high-school equivalency at Des Moines Area Community College.

"I'll be able to provide for my children better, and I'll be able to get things that they need," said Gibson, a mother of five.

"I'll be able to pay rent, bills, buy clothes, food, and stuff like that."

The governor said wages will

increase for nearly 260,000 Iowans who work at or near the minimum wage — roughly 18 percent of the state's work force.

"This is a real improvement in the quality of life for many Iowans," said Culver, who campaigned hard for an increase, telling lawmakers he wanted the bill on his desk in the first 100 days in office. Lawmakers beat that deadline, with the minimum wage being the first measure approved by the Legislature this year.

It won overwhelming support, clearing the House 79-19 on Tuesday and the Senate 40-8 Wednesday night.

Culver, speaking to those workers who will benefit from the new law, said, "For a decade, you have waited patiently for a raise, and today you will get one."

After cheering the signature, dozens of lawmakers — virtually all Democrats — serenaded Culver with a chorus of "Happy Birthday."

"This is quite a birthday present," he said. "It is my 41st birthday, and I can't think of a better gift."

He used 18 pens to sign the measure, passing them out to lawmakers who played a key role in the debate.

Culver harked back to his

days as a teacher and coach at a Des Moines high school.

"I saw firsthand how tough it was for student and families working at the minimum wage to make ends meet," he said.

Congress is debating a measure that would increase the federal minimum wage to \$7.25, but backers of the measure Culver signed said the Iowa law gets the wage to the higher level a full year earlier than what's being debated in Congress.

Critics worried that the minimum-wage increase would hamper small businesses, particularly in rural Iowa, where wages tend to be less than in urban centers. To deal with that concern, the measure Culver signed exempts businesses with gross revenues of \$300,000 a year or less.

The new law also boosts the training wage that businesses are allowed to pay new workers for a brief period, taking that \$4.25 an hour rate to \$6.35 by Jan. 1.

A proposal to allow the wage to automatically increase with inflation was not included in the final version lawmakers approved.

But workers such as Gibson didn't appear dismayed at the ceremony.

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Cheney aide says she told Libby about Plame's job

BY MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney's spokeswoman testified on Thursday that she told I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby that a prominent war critic's wife was a CIA employee earlier than Libby has said he first learned it from a reporter.

On the third day of Libby's trial, Cathie Martin became the first member of Cheney's inner circle to contradict statements by Libby that led to the charges he lied to the FBI and a grand jury investigating who leaked the wife's identity to reporters in 2003.

Theodore Wells, a defense lawyer for Cheney's former chief of staff, quickly sought to limit any damage from the testimony of Cheney's former assistant for public affairs.

Wells got Martin to acknowledge that she herself could not recall for sure whether she relayed the information about CIA operative Valerie Plame, wife of Iraq war critic Joseph Wilson, to Cheney and Libby on June 11, 2003, or as late as July 6, 2003.

The date is important because Libby told investigators he first heard of Plame's job from NBC reporter Tim Russert on July 10. Libby claims that because he was preoccupied with pressing national-security issues, he simply forgot he had earlier learned about her work at CIA from government officials.

Besides Martin, one State Department and two CIA officials testified earlier about conversations with Libby on Plame before July 10, 2003. The defense tried to show each had imperfect memories.

On Thursday morning, a legal argument between Wells and prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald outside the jury's presence increased the likelihood that Libby will testify. Fitzgerald argued that Wells was trying to get the memory defense into evidence "with no guarantee of



Pablo Martinez Monsivais/Associated Press

I. Lewis Scooter Libby, the former chief of staff for Vice President Dick Cheney, gets out of his vehicle after arriving at the U.S. Federal Court in Washington on Thursday.

Mr. Libby testifying" and being subject to cross-examination about his memory.

But U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton warned, "I will not permit the defense to argue the memory defense at closing if Mr. Libby does not testify."

Martin provided an inside look at how intensely Cheney, Libby, and other administration officials worked on responding to the firestorm of criticism that developed months after the war began in March 2003 when Wilson called into question President Bush's justifications.

Wilson and the CIA have said questions Cheney asked the CIA were the reason Wilson was sent by the agency to Niger in 2002 to investigate reports Iraq tried to buy yellowcake for nuclear weapons. But Wilson said he debunked the story long

before Bush used it in his State of the Union address in January 2003 to help justify the war. Also, the ex-ambassador said he assumed Cheney was aware of his conclusions.

Fitzgerald got Martin to testify that Cheney personally wrote out statements and talking points for Libby and other aides to give to reporters to deny he was behind Wilson's trip or ever learned about Wilson's conclusions.

Martin testified that Cheney also wanted to tell reporters that U.S. intelligence agencies concluded in a formal National Intelligence Estimate in October 2002 that Iraq did seek uranium.

Plame actually conceived the idea for the trip in response to interest from Cheney and the State and Defense Departments, a CIA witness has testified.

Fitzgerald says Libby discussed

Plame's job and role with reporters as part of the White House effort to discredit Wilson.

But under Wells' cross-examination, Martin testified she had no knowledge that Libby ever discussed Plame's job with any reporter. She also said Cheney ordered her to get all the facts out, but she did not think Plame's role was part of the story she had to tell.

METRO

Woman charged with arson

An Iowa City woman has been charged with starting a fire in a local apartment on Wednesday.

Andrea Paterson, 18, has been charged with first-degree arson and animal neglect for allegedly starting a working structure fire that caused an estimated \$25,000 in damages and killed a resident's pet cat at 1100 Arthur St.

The blaze, which the firefighters responded to at 11:11 a.m., was

extinguished in 30 minutes and was confined to Paterson's apartment, officials said.

First-degree arson is a Class B felony carrying a maximum of 25 years in prison, and animal neglect is a serious misdemeanor with a possible one year prison sentence and a fine of at least \$250.

Paterson was arrested for starting a fire at the BP Amoco, 1905 Keokuk St.; she pleaded guilty in October 2006 to serious misdemeanors of reckless use of fire and interference with official acts.

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Beirut under curfew after deadly melee



An injured Lebanese man lies on a hospital bed in the emergency room after confrontations between government and opposition supporters in Beirut on Thursday. The groups clashed around Beirut University, battering each other with sticks, stones, and even pieces of furniture.

Associated Press

BY BRIAN MURPHY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIRUT, Lebanon — It started with a lunchtime scuffle in a university cafeteria. Within minutes, angry Sunnis from nearby homes had moved in, and their Shiite Hezbollah

rivals were using walkie-talkies to call in reinforcements armed with clubs and stones.

Some eight hours and a deadly melee later, Beirut was under curfew for the first time in a decade.

The violence Thursday underlined what Lebanese have feared for months: that the con-

frontation between Hezbollah and Sunni backers of the U.S.-supported government could rage out of control.

At least three people were killed and 169 were injured before army troops, backed by tanks and firing barrages of warning shots into the air, dis-

persed most rioters.

But the fallout reached far beyond the casualty count. The clashes reinforced fears that Lebanon's sectarian divisions are erupting into violence as they did during the 1975-90 civil war.

"We are afraid about the future of the country. We are

afraid about civil war," said Mohammed Abdul-Sater, a 21-year-old Shiite student.

It was the third-straight day of violence, sparked by a Hezbollah-led strike Tuesday that came ahead of a crucial gathering of donor nations in Paris. The conference Thursday raised pledges of \$7.6 billion to help Prime Minister Fuad Saniora's U.S.-backed government rebuild after last summer's devastating Israel-Hezbollah war.

The money and show of international support could boost the embattled Saniora. The Iranian-backed Hezbollah has vowed to bring him down unless the opposition is given more power.

The chaos has paralyzed the

government. Hezbollah leader Sheik Hassan Nasrallah said on Wednesday that donors were backing the wrong party in the standoff and that he could topple Saniora at any time.

In Paris, Saniora pleaded to his countrymen to "distance themselves from tensions."

"No one can help a country if the people of this country don't want to help themselves," he said. "I call on your wisdom and reason."

Leaders on all sides called for calm. Nasrallah — who has insisted in recent days he does not want Lebanon to tumble into civil war — went on TV in the evening to tell followers it was a "religious duty" to get off the streets to allow security forces to keep order.



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Iraqi leader pledges to crack down on terrorists

BY BASSEM MROUE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Iraq's prime minister insisted on Thursday there will be "no safe place in Iraq for terrorists," hours before a suicide car bombing killed at least 26 people in the Shiite neighborhood of Karradah and two rockets slammed into the heavy fortified Green Zone not far from the U.S. Embassy.

Angry Karradah residents took to the streets, chanting, "We want the Sunnis out," after the blast, the second suicide bombing in three days in the neighborhood. The explosion destroyed three minivans, 11 cars, and dozens of shops, as well as the local post office, a resident said.

Seven charred bodies were visible in one of the vans, including that of a woman who was half out a window in an apparent attempt to escape the inferno. Another woman dressed in black was seen screaming in front of her son's shop, where he was killed. Ambulances raced from the scene, at least one with the back door still open and bodies stacked in the back.

A second huge explosion later rattled the capital, but police said it was a controlled blast to destroy a second car explosive that had been disabled before its suicide bomber could detonate it.

As the rockets fell and bombs exploded across the Tigris River, the public-address system

inside the Green Zone compound could be heard warning in English that people should take cover because "this is not a drill."

Five people were wounded in the rocket attack, none seriously. Mortar and rocket attacks hit the zone frequently but reported casualties are rare.

The attacks came on a day that police reported 61 killed in sectarian violence nationwide, including the bodies of 22 torture victims dumped in Baghdad, and a parliamentary debate was suspended briefly after arguments broke out between Sunnis and Shiites over security.

Parliament held yet another raucous session, this time witnessing a heated exchange

between Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki and Sunni legislator and cleric Abdul-Nasser al-Janabi, who accused the Shiite-dominated government of carrying out purges against Sunnis, the minority sect in Iraq.

The prime minister was seeking support for his and President Bush's plan to crush sectarian violence in Baghdad.

Al-Maliki gave no details for the plan, which he named "Operation Imposing Law," nor did he say when it would begin. U.S. officials have indicated the security operation, to which Bush has pledged an additional 21,500 American soldiers, should start in earnest about Feb. 1. A brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division already has arrived for the mission.

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ARTS & CULTURE

LOCAL INFOTAINMENT

Living in the aftertaste of the aftershock

With band members including a beer-bellied, mullet-headed lead singer, a transsexual electronics expert, and a child-molesting robot, Human Aftertaste brings its live show to the Picador on Saturday, one that you'll never forget — even if you try really, really hard.

BY PAUL SORENSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

When I first set my eyes on Count Jabula, the lead singer of Human Aftertaste, "the one and only meat-canning organization and musical act in one," Velveeta Shells & Cheese dripped out of his mouth and down his chest as he spastically rooted for his hero, Dale Earnhardt, on his black-and-white television.

It was love at first sight. "I move fast like Dale," Jabula said. "No. 3, not No. 8 — No. 8 ain't so great. I pretty much get the inspiration for the music by channeling Dale through the Ouija boards."

Human Aftertaste, an Iowa City-spawned band that "infotains" with a variety of music, video, and live-show ventures, will make another visit to town at the Picador on Saturday.

"We come to IC whenever we want to bring the meat, whenever the folks call us to bring the meat," Jabula said. "It's like a bat signal for the meat — they just put it up, and we're there."

The "meat," if you wish to know, refers to the Human Aftertaste product itself — which Jabula describes as canned meat spiced with "vinerals and mitamins," the first product ever to contain them.

"We give cans of Human Aftertaste away free at shows," Jabula

said. "It's like drugs — you get the meat in the can once, and you have to keep on getting meat in the can. If somebody gets E. coli, that's what happens — they probably had it before, anyways."

Confused? Disgusted? It's all part of the Human Aftertaste mission — after, of course, pure infotainment. While the band's main outlet is, well, music (its third album, *Loose Ends*, was released April 2006), its Myspace page and website, www.humanaftertaste.com, contain videos of live shows, exploits, and even the group's very own sitcom.

The sitcom, as Jabula puts it, is like watching "both the history and the present at the same time." The story reveals the origins of the Human Aftertaste Corp.: the hiring of Count Jabula as blackmailed spokesman for the corporation, the transformation of the scientist Professor Protus into a transsexual and dildo-wielding sidekick, and finally the discovery of Perp-a-tron, a child-molesting robot forged in the bowels of a Jesus-juice-powered Vatican (he also plays the keyboard).

"Child molestation is completely legal if a robot does it," Jabula said. See the sitcom for more details. Seriously; it's in there. "I'd say he touches children 300 percent better than priests. I can't give him more credit than that, though. It'd be misleading."

Along with Jabula, Perp-a-

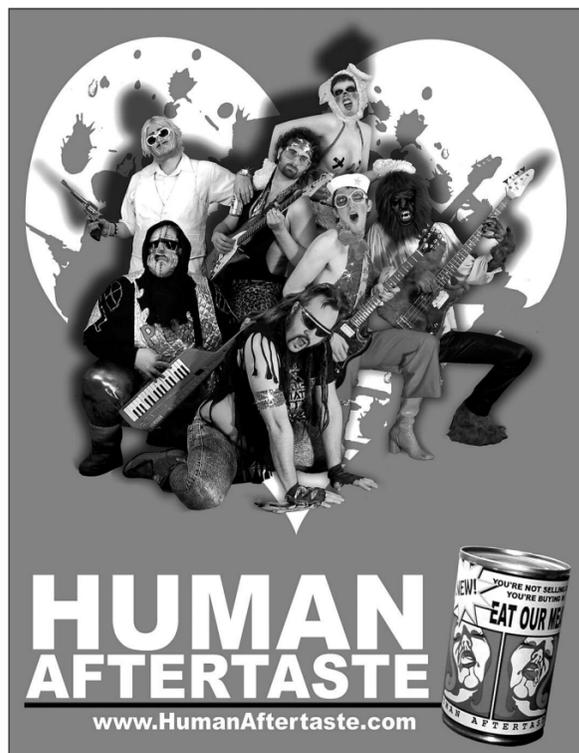
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tron, and Protus — who plays the trans-keyboard, sampler, and guitar — the band consists of Gorgeous George on drums, Tiffany Fang, and Lillydo. Jabula said Fang is "mysterious Wild West disco. I'm not sure if he's really in the band." Lillydo is a werewolf-like thing — disappointing to Jabula, who wanted more of a Dracula.

The band's music is very solid, a dark yet fun industrial gothic rock. Jabula calls it, "Dungeons and Dragons meets gangsta rap." But even if the music ain't your type, it still provides an excellent energy boost in the band's live shows. With such songs as "Gay Satan Sex Orgy," who can go wrong?



Press photo

The band brings its disgustingly refreshing pose to an unprepared Midwest. Clockwise from bottom left: Perp-a-tron, Gorgeous George, Lillydo, Titty Bear, Tiffany Fang, Protus, and Count Jabula.

But wait, there's more! To ensure that the show will rock your world "like two dolphins shootin' ice cream out of their

blow holes," the band tours along with its Pep Squad to "bring a little spice to the meat." The squad brings AIDS Mon-

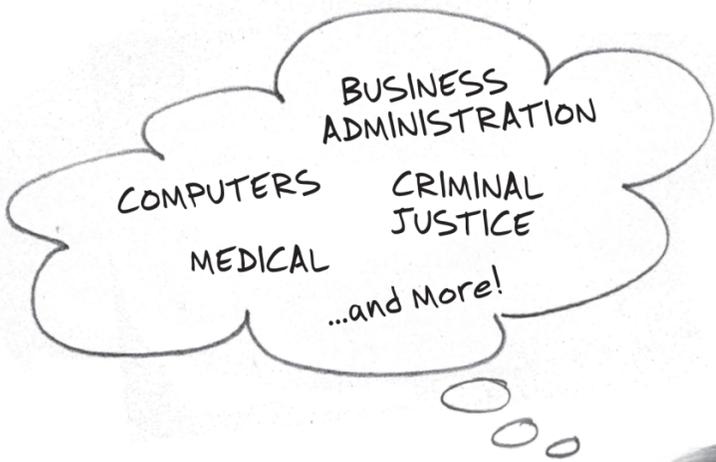
key, who has AIDS and thus "has nothing to lose"; Titty Bear, who was designed for frat-party use, as beer comes off a tap in her "no-no" zone; Ass Chicken, who reaches up chicken's butts and occasionally gets a prize (Jabula has never seen a prize, but he insists it's something they have to tell people); and Sanjula, who with a single can of human aftertaste can push bicycle spokes through his face, drink vats of Jabula's tobacco spit, and inflict various other types of live infotainment upon himself.

If you feel that Human Aftertaste strikes — hell, breaks through — the depths of bad taste, you do not misunderstand. Human Aftertaste IS bad taste — that's why it is so strangely entertaining. The band members exaggerate the trashy, seedy side of America to such a degree that you can do nothing but laugh and nod. It's like watching a train full of drunken, naked clowns crash into Wal-Mart the day after Christmas. Bizarre, tragic, but also absolutely amazing.

"People who say they hate us are really just hiding secret love," Jabula said. "They want to eat the meat, but they're afraid of what will happen when they do, 'cause they'll never be the same again. It's kinda like your first time eating Velveeta — you're scared but also hot and sticky at the same time."

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EDITORIAL

UI must show stability as education leader

The reputation of the UI is in a precarious position, and administrative cooperation between the UI and the state is crucial to maintaining the university's stellar image.

With the newly named presidential-search committee ready to go and approved by the state Board of Regents, it is a time for action. Despite the absence of an undergraduate student on the search committee, it appears the new committee is poised to move forward and successfully find a new UI president by July. Lawmakers, regents, faculty, and students alike must open up communication lines and learn to compromise in order to restore Iowa's academic climate.

When representatives of the three state universities met with Iowa's legislators, it seemed as if the UI's previous presidential-search failure tainted some lawmakers' enthusiasm. The proposal for an increase in the joint appropriation for school funding by \$72.8 million was met with skepticism by some because of the trust lost from the aforementioned search.

Beyond the search, recent events have brought to the surface the idea that the UI is a steppingstone university for those seeking positions of greater prestige, and, ultimately, higher salaries. Former UI President David Skorton's departure to Cornell is a prime example. Now, the botched presidential search has exposed other possible departures. The openness, or

at least exposure, post-search showed that the UI was in danger of losing two other prominent members of the administration. Meredith Hay, the vice president for Research, has just been announced as a finalist for the presidency of the University of New Mexico. Provost Michael Hogan was among two finalists for the presidency at the University of Delaware. Linda Everett, a UIHC senior associate director and the chief nursing officer, will move on as well.

The UI must show stability as the leader of public universities in Iowa. Lawmakers, however, must begin to get it through their heads that the deterioration of higher education is a real problem. Universities require faculty, and at this time, faculty members are beginning to realize that their monetary worth may be better realized outside the state. If Iowa wants to maintain its reputation as one of the finest education states in the nation, then action must be taken. Petty bureaucratic fighting has paralyzed education.

Iowans often pride themselves on being education-first citizens. Now, lawmakers, regents, and the UI search committee have to sit down, take a collective big breath, and realize that it's going to take everyone to save education in Iowa — and to save face before our rival states take advantage of our disarray.

Networking nightmare

It's 6:30 a.m., and the wave of sound from my alarm clock rips my eyelids open. Another day of my beginnings. My carefully fitted khakis from a sale at Express droop from a shrunken waistline — product of a recently adopted principle: bikes before food. On my 11th attempt, the psychodelic tie forms an arrow that rests carefully in the middle of my belt buckle. The costume fits me well, and I make the face in the mirror I always make when I think I look good.



JOHN LARUE

It is not until I arrive at my office in Chinatown that all previous thoughts of confidence are willed away when my boss reminds me it is a violation of dress code to tuck your shirt into your underpants and wear white socks with black pants and shoes. Blushing, I blunder through the rest of my day and try to remind myself that I'm not here to be perfect, just good enough. "Good enough" is not a policy that is encouraged at the Washington Center, my internship program. Crouched in my cubicle — my last defense — I flash back to Friday's orientation.

"You are professionals," preaches a carefully costumed gentleman, "You're in D.C., not Des Moines."

The definition continues: "This means, suits and ties for men, light on the cologne, and well-groomed hair. For you women, makeup and perfume and no revealing clothing. We are not here to see your midsection. We are here to work. You all have one chance to make an impression on your superiors. How do you want to be remembered?"

The chancellor of the uncool breathes fire into my liberal ears as he reaches the climax of his speech, accented by an erect finger, "And most importantly, say NO to drugs and alcohol. Say YES to networking!"

I guess you can no longer tell your parents you've been networking at FAC.

As if willing him off the stage with my eyes, he tumbles backward. The spell is broken, and the terrifying reality sets in: People are products. They are carefully collected into Blackberries, Palm Pilots, and Treos, ready to be utilized at a moment's notice. Contact replaces friend, boss replaces professor, and Folgers-bossed teeth are shown as badges of honor for those who've "paid their dues."

Well, I don't want to be a product or a number or a title. This is a declaration to making myself known as a human being. While we are a fragmented and fluid culture, we are still sensitive creatures. We are not Pokémon, to be collected and thrown in a little red ball at various tasks and problems. Please do not put me in your little hand-held device. I am a human being and ought to be treated like one. I am John, the guy who tucked his shirt into his underwear. I ought to be treated like that. People have histories and experiences that have, in massive and minute ways, defined them up to the very moment you encounter them. These pasts should be treasured, not taken. But will it always be people doing the taking?

Networking is not inherently evil. "Social networking" sites (Facebook, MySpace) and digital rotary files (Blackberry, etc.) contain an idea that is compelling and useful, but the template commodifies us. A list of all your friends is a useful thing to have and is probably important, especially to those people who experience frequent brain fade.

These lists are not substitutes for the real thing. They should be the golden trampolines that propel us into physical spaces. For the moment, they are glorified baseball cards, but there will come a time where computers know us better than we do. People will tire of the arbitrary, repetitive nature of the contact/friend roundup, and we will eventually be directed artificially toward each other.

I'm feeling a little sci-fi right now, so I predict that eventually we will never log onto a Facebook account. Instead, those categories that define us will be filled in through careful surveillance of our digital lifestyles. Then, according to our geographic location, interests, people we hang out with, etc., our friends will be added accordingly. You might not see the real list, but the next time you fly home for Christmas, you find yourself seated next to someone the computer calculated as compatible with your personality, based on its observations.

The real question then is: Is this creepy or convenient? ■

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Consider Staff Council

Being on Staff Council changes everything. It did for me, anyway.

I want to encourage all 5,405 UI professional/scientific and merit supervisory exempt staff members not covered by bargaining units to consider running for Staff Council. It will make a difference in how you view your coworkers, supervisors, and ultimately, your employer.

Three years ago, as I was beginning year 18 of my career at the UI, Lisa Baum e-mailed and told me she was nominating me for Staff Council. "Right," I said. "As if I will get elected." The director of my work area at the time said, "You should do this, Mary. You will really like this." So, I participated in the 2004 elections and was voted in.

At the conclusion of my first meeting, I recall contacting one of the presenters with a number of questions. "So we voted on the salary policy, and that's it?" I asked. "No," she kindly responded. "The Board of Regents ultimately decides on the salary policy." "Oh yeah," I recall responding. "Them." "Yes, she replied, mimicking me. "My."

And so began my pioneering adventure into the world of the university staff. Salary policies, benefits, communication, work life, committees. With each meeting,

I learned something new that my 18 years had yet to teach me.

During my first year, I learned about furlough options, educational options for staff, and concerns regarding research funding. The second year brought with it a union effort, a successful push to carry over family-care-giving leave, and dismal funding. This third year launched me into the leadership scene with many meetings and opportunities to hear from staff throughout the university on a number of concerns.

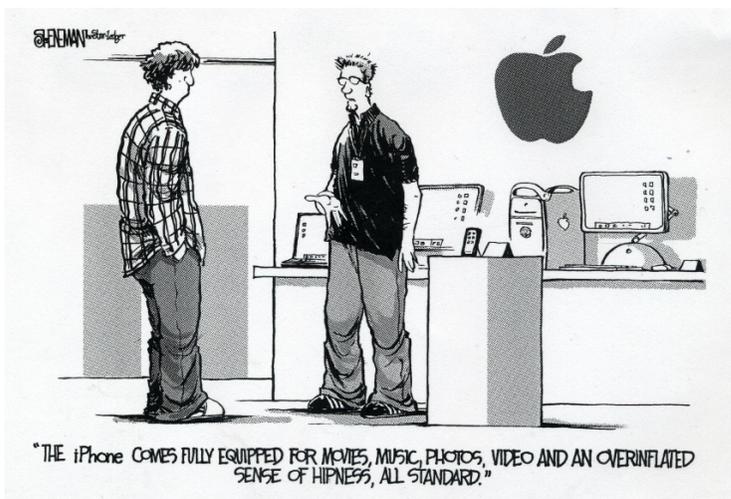
I had been well-known for telling coworkers that "friends don't let friends go to meetings." But the interaction with Staff Council brought the wide world of the university closer to me, allowing a sense of camaraderie similar to that of great team projects on which I have worked.

My term will end March 31, so consider nominating yourself or a coworker for Staff Council. Nominations are accepted until Jan. 30 and can be found at: <http://www.uiowa.edu/~staff>.

Mary Greer
UI Staff Council president, 2006-07

Healthy living options

As Jon Gold discusses in his Jan. 24 column, "Dietary decline," eating healthily can be challenging for college students.



Health Iowa/Student Health Service, the students' wellness program, provides free nutrition and fitness consultations to UI students.

Consultations are tailored to individual needs. We are also launching a new health-incentive program called "Passport: Round Trip to Health." This is an online, six-week program that provides structure, motivation, and incentive (free prizes!) to make healthy eating choices and participate in

physical activity. The program is free and operated through ICON. It will begin Jan. 29 and run through March 11.

More than 500 UI students have already registered for the program. Check it out by going to <http://www.uistudenthealth.com/passport>. I hope that UI students will give this program a try for a healthy start in 2007.

Amy Fletcher
fitness specialist
Health Iowa/Student Health Service

GUEST COMMENTARY

Political play of the week: a humbled president

Weakened by low poll numbers and a bruising midterm election, President Bush delivered a State of the Union speech peppered with popular domestic items on Tuesday night. Half of his speech was dedicated to these proposals, and the other half was dedicated to his foreign policy. Unlike previous years, in which he trumpeted his foreign policy first, he held off on Iraq until the end.

Several aspects of Bush's speech are worth noting, and the energy issue is always one that puzzles me. It is one of the single issues that I think the Republicans and Democrats can genuinely work on together. Republicans want to end the United States' so-called "addiction to oil," and Democrats want to use the Earth in an eco-friendly way, using renewable resources. Last year, Bush asked Congress to give him the power to overhaul fuel-efficiency standards for passenger cars. This year, he not only renewed it, he blew it out of the water. Bush did an excellent job, appealing to Americans to reduce gasoline use by 20 percent over the next decade, primarily by working off of past proposals. He is also requiring 7.5 billion gallons of alternative and renewable fuel to be used by 2012 and 35 billion by 2017.

In respect to the budget, Bush all but called for a complete halt of congressional earmarks. I can't explain what exactly happened at that moment in his speech, but I felt I was watching Nancy Pelosi in Bush's place. He also asked for a balanced budget within five years, which is optimistic but not realistic. In short, I

liked what I heard but was a bit skeptical about a president who has never vetoed a legislative item overflowing with hidden congressional earmarks.

Notice anything odd? During much of his speech, Bush gave moderate to progressive stances, a far cry from the red meat of past State of the Union speeches. This article hasn't even cited any of his immigration stances, in which Bush seemed more comfortable aligning with his opposition than his friends.

A nonpartisan *Congressional Quarterly* reporter on "The Chris Matthews Show" Tuesday night said he sensed something "Machiavellian afoot." He explained to the audience that he believed the president was simply bringing these issues to light and moderating his stances for two reasons: First, to call the Democrats' "bluff" about working together on bipartisan issues, and second, to get them to shut up about Iraq. Does he have a point? Perhaps.

Most of my Democratic friends agree. They say it could have been staged, that the president was playing politics. Do you want to know what I saw? On Tuesday, I did not see Bush as usual, and I certainly did not see a Machiavellian trickster. I saw a tired, weary-eyed man, and a humbled president. A humbled president who earned the political play of the week.

Jesse Tangkhpanya is a political-science and journalism major.
Last political play winner: The Democrats

ON THE SPOT

Do you think it will be difficult for the university to find a president given past problems with the search?



"No, I think the university is pretty reputable, so it won't be too difficult."

Joshua Lee
UI senior



"It shouldn't be, because it's an important position. Finding a prestigious person for the position shouldn't be hard."

Austin Allison
UI sophomore



"The longer the search takes, the worse the situation is going to get."

Tom Griffin
UI junior



"I think now [the panel members] have time, they'll be able to figure a better way to find a president."

Alyssa Rodriguez
UI junior

THE D/I RECOMMENDS

Gary Kelley. The artist, a Cedar Rapids native, has done illustrations for *The New Yorker*, *Rolling Stone*, and *Vanity Fair*, among others. You might also see his murals in, oh, every Barnes & Noble nationwide. He will have work on display at the Hudson River Gallery, 538 S. Gilbert, beginning Jan. 29, with an opening reception from 6-8 p.m.

ARTS & CULTURE

WAPSI ALMANAC

A resounding 'no' to the glossy & glitzy

BY VANESSA VEIOCK
THE DAILY IOWAN

Digital graphics and electronic word processors feel too artificial for Timothy Fay.

Rather than submit to the glitz of technology, the Anamosa publisher prefers to charm his 1,500 readers with content rather than design. By printing his yearly magazine on a letterhead press, a machine run by hand and constructed from Dumpster finds across Iowa, he insists that his creation focuses on distinctly Midwestern writing.

Founded in 1987 to create an outlet for celebrating reputable writing with local flair, *The Wapsipinicon Almanac* details everything from commentary on virginity pledges and DNA pendants to thoughtful reflections on living in Iowa. To classify *The Almanac* in a genre would dilute the scope of subjects and interests.

The latest edition begins with "Four Season Mini Almanac," a mix of both witty, contemplative narrative briefs and tips for better living. Raymond Tinnian, an Iowa City attorney, and Elizabeth Rae Wisnosky, a UI graduate in English, confess even their most trivial thoughts.

"I get an idea about every day," Tinnian said in a phone interview. "I write them all down, and then at the end of the year, we choose."

Among the quick spouts of advice that made the page, the authors write, "Clarity never comes from hackneyed phrases. Avoid them like the plague."

Following the pattern of short and simple, Marge Hummel steps up in "Cultural News" and delivers playful commentary on odd and ironic news stories. "Undertakers in Underwear" announces that Iowa City's own Mike Hanes appears in this year's Men of Mortuaries charity calendar for breast cancer. She smoothly transitions into a report on the complications of obesity (such as lower gas mileage) and the possibility of ethanol used as food-grade alcohol.

The Almanac begins with briefer, easily palatable portions of homespun poetry and prose and gracefully moves on to the longer, more analytical book reviews, stories, and essays — all of which are still swift and easy



Brett Slezak/The Daily Iowan
Timothy Fay binds together one of 1,500 Wapsipinicon Almanacs in his home in Anamosa, Iowa, using a Boston Wire Stitcher on Thursday. Fay estimates the machine to be around 50 years old.

enough to hold reader's attention and lure them in for more.

In "Demolition: The Sixth Season in the City of Five," editorial writer Beth DeBoom of the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* questions Iowa's policies on big businesses' sweeping destruction of traditional architecture, specifically the acquisition of a historic "four-flat" built in 1912 to make way a possible medical center. She writes, "Are preservationists just bleeding-heart idealists who are stuck in the past?" Later, she realizes the conflict is more complex, "with emotions on one end and purely economic decisions on the other." Not only does DeBoom strike hard on the local chord of urbanization, a hot topic in towns across the state, she also abstractly touches on the struggle between tradition and modernization — the very essence of *The Almanac* itself.

By forgoing the elaborate style of many modern publications, Fay preserves a timeless feel that showcases the writer's craft rather than a design team's. "I don't like slick, glossy stock. I don't like the glare," he said. He believes overly processed publications cheapen the literature they are made to share. "So many magazines now are too much like television," emphasizing focus on visual stimulation rather than contemplative writing.

The Almanac, with a tight circulation that Fay believes is perfect, offers an organic appearance that centralizes

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readers on the substance behind the black and white. "I like the earthy feel," he said.

But don't be fooled if *The Almanac* seems old-fashioned. Fay nails an effective balance between preserving his little piece of letterpress history and keeping up with current issues. As Tinnian said, "It still has a lot of bite to it."

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'Kind of a lark' turns into stealth-adult career

Hardly just one more lesson after class, musician and 'Be an Artist' creator Darden Smith has been a force in Texas for the last 20 years. The Austin-based singer/songwriter is touring through the Midwest, bringing to Iowa City children his award-winning program before he steps onto the Englert Theatre stage.

BY BRIGID MARSHALL
THE DAILY IOWAN

We've all met one of those cracked-out old guys who tries so desperately to teach us something we don't want to learn. Actually, it's happened at least once or twice, right?

But that isn't the case with Texas musician Darden Smith, who has toured the globe one classroom at a time for the last three years with his "Be an Artist" program. On Jan. 28 at the Iowa Children's Museum, Coral Ridge Mall, Smith, with guitar in hand, will bring his workshop to the Midwest. Following the show, the artist will head to the Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington St., playing solo for an all-ages show featuring his blend of Lyle Lovett-style rock and Latin percussion.

The singer/songwriter, upon sharing his music with his daughter's preschool class in 2003, found an untapped creative resource. He said that often, children learn math, science, and reading, but their creative sides are not explored enough.

When his daughter's teacher asked him to come into class and perform a song or two, Smith got the idea to deliver children a message of creative energy.

"I've always gone to talk to kids,

and I got bored talking about myself when I was talking to them," said the 44-year-old rocker. "So what I'm talking to them now is ... to be like themselves."

From the doorway of his own child's classroom to venues across America and Europe, his vision of bringing art to the masses of candy-driven kiddies has become a reality.

"It was kind of a lark," said the father of two. "You know, when I was off not touring."

Bouncing between his career as a performing musician and teaching, Smith still pursues his own music, recently adding playing the piano to his list of talents. In 2006, he released his fifth full-length album, *Field of Crows*, and he has six other releases.

His musical career took off in the '80s during his four years at the University of Texas, where he earned an American-studies degree. "I started playing music really early," he said, "Playing music first and doing school second."

Though he signed to Epic Records in 1987 as a solo artist, Smith has since signed with Dual Tone Music (2000).

Now that his "Be an Artist" workshop has become a more prominent role in his career, the multi-instrumentalist is beginning to switch gears.

EVENTS

Darden Smith's workshop for kids
Where: Iowa Children's Museum, Coral Ridge Mall
When: Jan. 28 at 2 p.m.
Admission: Free with museum admission

Darden Smith
Where: Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
When: Jan. 28 at 3 p.m.
Admission: Adults, \$10; Children, \$5

"When I started writing songs with [kids], everything totally changed," said the Austin native. He said it became more about bringing out in children what they already have in them, innately — an individual perspective.

"I'm not trying to convert them into being a musician," he said.

Since the program's conception, he has won the E-chievement Award presented by NPR's etown radio. And of course, he said, this is only the beginning.

"I'm not trying to be a role model who's not a teacher or a parent, but a stealth adult," he said.

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Culver: Dump stem-cell ban

CULVER

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With a Democratic majority in both state chambers, the proposed repeal will likely meet a better fate than similar legislation introduced by Bolcom last year, which Republican opponents of the bill blocked from debate.

"There's certainly bipartisan support, but whether it is widespread remains to be seen," Bolcom said.

Opponents of embryonic stem-cell research argue that using such stem cells for research purposes destroys human life. And while UI scientists acknowledged they don't know whether embryonic stem-cell research will lead to cures, they nonetheless touted the benefits of employing the method.

"Because we have no idea what can work, no one can say what is sufficient," Rothman said. "We need to continue to use new approaches and do everything we can to find something that will work."

UI scientists are conducting stem-cell research with federally funded human embryonic stem cells created from in-vitro fertilization embryos gathered before Aug. 9, 2001. One such study, underway at the UI Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Cooperative Research Center, focuses on using gene-targeting strategies to produce embryonic stem cell lines with specific muscular dystrophy mutations, university officials said.

Researchers are also legally allowed to produce new embryonic stem cells from such embryos if no federal funding is used. UI scientists have also launched studies and treatment involving adult stem cells.

Federal lawmakers are also battling both sides of the embryonic stem-cell research debate in Washington.

The House has passed the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007, which eases restrictions on federally funded scientists who use embryonic stem cells in research. The Senate has yet to vote on the legislation, which President



Rachel Mummey/The Daily Iowan
Gov. Chet Culver speaks at the UI Medical Education and Research Facility on Thursday, calling for the Legislature to drop its ban on therapeutic cloning. The ban restricts Iowa's scientists from using a certain type of embryonic stem cells.

Bush has vowed to veto should it pass the full Congress.

Regent Amir Arbisser asked for the center's leaders to remain sensitive to those who object to embryonic stem-cell research but, he said, Culver's initiative will bolster the development of the UI and its

research capacity.

Thursday also marked Culver's first public comments on his budget proposal, which the governor will unveil to lawmakers on Jan. 30 in Des Moines.

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State supports livestock, ethanol



Matt Ryerson/The Daily Iowan
A table full of meat arranged by chef Chris Henning sits in the prep room in Joseph's Steak House on Thursday. President Bush's call for using more alternative fuels included ethanol, which could drive up the cost of corn and raise livestock prices.

CORN

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"Historically, livestock is our No. 1 corn market," said Mindy Williamson, the director of the communications for the Iowa Corn Growers' Association. "But the great thing about ethanol production is the co-production of [distilled grains]."

The Iowa Corn Growers' Association is working with ethanol producers to ensure the quality and standardization of distilled grains across the state.

But if producers switched to a grass-based feed, as might happen with inflated corn prices and distilled grains not meeting demand, the quantity of the meat would be affected — livestock would have a lower weight-per-head.

Ethanol has proven to be a boon for farmers such as Knoblock, who straddle both sides of the fence, producing corn and livestock.

In Iowa, corn and cattle prices have risen consistently together, while Nebraska and Kansas prices have lowered — even with Nebraska

"Historically, livestock is our No. 1 corn market. But the great thing about ethanol production is the co-production of [distilled grains]."

— **Mindy Williamson**, director of the communications for the Iowa Corn Growers' Association

poised to become the second-largest ethanol producer in the nation.

Knoblock is benefiting from the constant demand for corn that ethanol has created — an advantage that keeps the corn market level.

"Basically, I like the price of corn where it is," he said. "This helps balance everything."

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Firm tries again in contest

CONTEST

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Winning any of the three prizes — which range from \$10,000 to \$25,000 — could significantly benefit the company, he said. With that amount of money, the company could hire part-time assistants to work on more research projects, he said.

The application process will help Davis tweak his business. He and his colleagues will seek assistance from the Entrepreneurial Center, which, he said, has supported Bio:Neos with the contest.

Using outside help for this competition — which is open to all Iowans, ages 18 and older, with new start-up companies — is something that Shannon Latham, vice president of marketing for Latham Hi-Tech Hybrids in Sheffield, Iowa, would highly recommend.

It's how her company won \$10,000 in last year's competition, with a presentation that took approximately three months to prepare, she said. Hi-Tech Hybrids was third out of 84 original applicants.

While the prize was "a really nice gift" and went toward sales and marketing for the

company, she said, "we didn't do it for the money."

Latham, who got a master's in business at the UI, said the competition prompted her company — which puts herbicides and pesticides directly into various seeds — to "dust off the business plan," improve it, and assess where the company was going.

She is happy to hear the competition is back this year, she said, and encouraged all entrants to start the application process early.

Lynn Jahn, the Entrepreneurial Center assistant director, said the competition has more to offer than just a monetary prize

for the top three entries. The competition can connect budding entrepreneurs with resources in their business area, Jahn said.

Entrepreneurs can apply between March 1 and April 30; those who move on will be notified May 15. If a team makes the next cut, it will be invited to present its formal plan Oct. 10 in Des Moines.

Applicants for the contest can also gain a "more thorough analysis of business opportunities before money is invested," Jahn said.

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MySpace works to stop predators

MYSFACE

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"[The task force] is successful because it combines a well-balanced forensics analysis with an aggressive outreach program," Bogle said.

Local schools are aware of the problem and are doing their part as well.

Jim Behle, an associate superintendent of the Iowa City School District, said area schools try to educate children on the potential dangers of the Internet.

With the growing popularity of MySpace, many institutions are looking for new ways to educate and protect young users from possible dangers on the Internet

"The school computers are to be used for educational purposes only," he said. "And children are always being monitored when they're using computers at school."

He also stressed the importance of telling students not to have sexual screen names, share personal information, or display

suggestive pictures. The schools also have appropriate-use policies for the Internet, aimed at keeping children safe.

Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said that although police don't have the staffing for a cyber-crime unit, investigators occasionally take such cases.

He emphasized the vital role

parents have in keeping children safe when it comes to the Internet.

"Parents need to do their part by monitoring e-mails and the websites that their children visit," he said.

Bogle agreed and said there is nothing more important than keeping the lines of communication open with children.

"If children tell you something, you need to listen and not fly off the handle," he said. "We can't arrest our way out of this problem."

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Q: Who was favored in Super Bowl III, when Jets QB Joe Namath made his famous guarantee?

IOWA ATHLETICS

Women's tennis to play in Milwaukee

After putting on a clinic at last weekend's Hawkeye Invitational, the Iowa women's tennis team will take the show on the road for the first time in '07 when it travels to Milwaukee for two matches.

The 36th-ranked Hawkeyes will take on Louisville (ranked 70th) Saturday at 10 a.m. and square off against unranked Marquette on Jan. 28 at 10 a.m.

Coming off a meet in which his squad won 28 of 29 matches, head coach Daryl Greenan expects some momentum to carry over into this weekend.

The third-year coach said both teams present challenges — although his team has yet to play Louisville and defeated Marquette, 7-0, last year.

"They're both good teams," Greenan said. "Louisville is nationally ranked, and Marquette has improved a lot from last year, when it was missing some players who were sick."

Greenan said his players may experience some "jitters" this weekend but accepts it as long as they can persevere.

— by Bobby Loesch

Women's track heads to Champaign

The Iowa women's track team — except for the distance runners — will travel to Champaign, Ill., to take on eight teams at this weekend's Carle Health Alliance Classic.



Roach
senior

Hosted by the University of Illinois, the field includes DePaul and Lincoln University of Missouri, the Division-II national champions two of the past three years.

In the latest unofficial rankings by trackwire.com, the Hawkeyes are tied for 14th in the nation.

They placed first in four events at the Jack Johnson Classic on Jan. 20. Peaches Roach won the 60 meters and high jump, provisionally qualifying for the NCAA meet with a leap of 5-10.

Kineke Alexander took the top spot in the 600 meters, and Tiffany Johnson won the 60-meter hurdles.

Head coach James Grant is looking for some more athletes to provisionally qualify for the national championships, while also preparing for the Big Ten finals.

— by Diane Hendrickson

Men's track off to Bloomington

The Iowa men's track team will travel to the Gladstein Invitational in Bloomington, Ind. Competition will begin today at noon and end Saturday afternoon.

Events including the decathlon and heptathlon will open the meet, followed by field events at 3 p.m. and runs at 5 p.m. The multi-events will continue Saturday at 10 a.m. and running events at noon.



Maier
junior

This will be Iowa's first time competing in multi-events on the year. Frank Prill, Mark Mankivsky, and Bobby Windauer will represent the Hawkeyes.

Wieczorek is expecting continued success from NCAA provisional qualifiers Shane Maier and Adam Hamilton, and he said senior distance runner Micah VanDenend will make his season debut.

— by Alex Johnson

IOWA 78, MINNESOTA 80 (OT) Hawkeyes' miracle falls just shy

The IOWA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL team almost pulls off a big-time shocker at home on Thursday, only to lose in overtime to Minnesota, 80-78

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BY BRENDAN STILES
THE DAILY IOWAN

What looked to be a major blow to the Iowa women's basketball team's season almost became one of the biggest comebacks in school history.

The Hawkeyes overcame a 60-38 deficit in the second half to take Minnesota to overtime, but when it counted most, the Golden Gophers prevailed, 80-78.

It was nearly similar to the first time Iowa and Minnesota battled this season, last month in Minneapolis. In that affair, the Hawkeyes overcame a 17-point deficit to beat the Golden Gophers, 58-56.

For Iowa (11-10, 3-5), the defeat in Carver was painful to swallow. The loss extended the team's home losing streak to five, including an 0-4 mark against the Big Ten, leaving coach Lisa Bluder with some questions.

"I appreciate our battle back, but I just don't understand why we continue to get down so much and have to put forth so much effort to get back," she said. "It was a wonderful second half. We outscore them by 20, but not enough when you get outscored by 20 in the first half."

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Lindsey Walters/The Daily Iowan

Kristi Smith drives against Minnesota in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Thursday evening. The Hawkeyes, down 40-20 at halftime, came back but lost 80-78 in overtime. Smith led the team with 25 points.

COMMENTARY



ALEX JOHNSON

Riding the roller coaster

If school didn't begin two weeks ago for Lisa Bluder's Hawkeyes, it started last night in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Iowa didn't make a field goal in the first five minutes — just part of the reason the Hawkeyes trailed Minnesota 11-4 at the 14½-minute mark.

Two and a half minutes later, Lisa Bluder's squad was shooting 29 percent and down 10.

Overly aggressive on offense and a lackadaisical, loose defense had Iowa shooting off-balance and turning the ball over, and the Gophers firing at will — hitting 70 percent in the early going.

SEE COMMENTARY, PAGE 3B

Wrestlers look for two wins

'I think everyone is excited to come back home and try to put on a good performance.'

— Charlie Falck, sophomore

BY IAN SMITH
THE DAILY IOWAN

The cushy plane sat idle, plush hotel rooms remaining empty. Instead, the Iowa wrestlers endured a *Planes, Trains, and Automobiles*-style road trip to Northwestern Jan. 21 for their Big Ten opener.

This weekend, Tom Brands' squad hopes their travel plans don't include a canceled flight, a 15-hour drive, and a 3 a.m. arrival as the team faces conference foes on back-to-back nights.

The Hawkeyes (10-2, 1-0) will journey to Purdue tonight before returning home to face Wisconsin Saturday at 7 p.m.

"It was good to show even when we hit adverse situations, we can still beat pretty good teams," junior Matt Fields said about the 24-14 win over No. 9 Northwestern. "It builds your confidence a



Fields
junior

little and gives you something going into the small break we had."

The unforgiving schedule pits Iowa against the Boiler-makers and Badgers in less than a 24-hour span. Unfortunately for Purdue (10-2, 0-2), it hasn't been able to beat Iowa in their last 21 meetings — a drought that's lasted since 1961. Last season, the Hawkeyes manhandled the Boiler-makers, 28-11.

While the Hawkeyes certainly can't overlook Purdue, the Saturday showdown with Wisconsin should give Iowa a real test — especially after a late trip back to Iowa City.

The Badgers enter the meet undefeated (15-0, 1-0) and tied with Northwestern at No. 9 in the latest InterMat rankings. Wisconsin head coach Barry Davis — a three-time NCAA champion at Iowa — leads a talented bunch, including No. 3 Craig Henning and Zach Taneli. Both wrestlers storm into Iowa City undefeated in dual competition.

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NO. 2 WISCONSIN AT IOWA

JAN. 28, 12:05 P.M., CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA, CBS, KXIC (800 AM)

Streaking Badgers roll into Carver

Looking for a home upset against No. 2 Wisconsin, Iowa (11-9, 3-3 Big Ten) turns to Mike Henderson and better rebounding

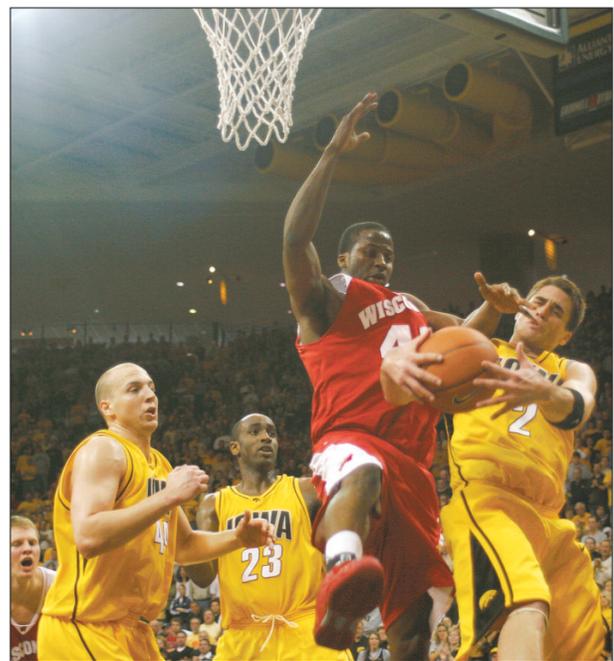
BY JASON BRUMMOND
THE DAILY IOWAN

A Sunday afternoon on national television against a Big Ten rival holding the nation's longest winning streak.

Iowa's showdown with No. 2 Wisconsin, featuring the Big Ten's two leading scorers, could provide the opportunity of the year for the Hawkeyes. An upset or close game could launch the Hawkeyes into their next tough stretch, while an embarrassing setback may prevent Iowa from staying in the league's top half.

The Jan. 28 game will start at 12:05 p.m. on CBS.

"It doesn't get any bigger



File photo/The Daily Iowan

Then-Iowa point guard Jeff Horner pulls a rebound away from Wisconsin's Alando Tucker during the Hawkeyes' 59-44 win over the Badgers on March 3, 2006, in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

than that," Iowa coach Steve Alford said. "Our guys are excited about it."

SEE WISCONSIN, PAGE 3B

SPORTS

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

BIG TEN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Purdue	8	0	1.000	19	3	.864
Ohio State	7	0	1.000	13	1	.947
Michigan State	6	2	.750	15	5	.750
Minnesota	5	3	.625	13	8	.619
Illinois	4	3	.571	14	5	.737
Wisconsin	4	4	.500	15	6	.714
Iowa	3	5	.375	11	10	.524
Penn St.	3	5	.375	10	12	.455
Indiana State	2	6	.250	13	8	.619
Michigan	1	7	.125	8	13	.381
Northwestern	0	8	.000	6	15	.286

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Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic	21	22	.485	—
Toronto	20	23	.465	1
New Jersey	18	26	.409	3½
New York	13	30	.302	8
Philadelphia	12	29	.293	8
Boston	12	29	.293	8
Southwest	12	29	.293	8
Washington	24	17	.585	—
Orlando	23	17	.573	2
Miami	19	23	.452	5½
Atlanta	14	26	.350	9½
Charlotte	14	27	.341	10
Central	24	16	.600	—
Detroit	24	16	.600	—
Cleveland	24	18	.571	1
Chicago	25	19	.568	1
Indiana	22	23	.491	3
Milwaukee	17	25	.405	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Southwest	35	9	.795	—
Dallas	30	14	.682	5
San Antonio	26	16	.619	8
Houston	16	25	.391	17½
New Orleans	11	25	.256	23½
Northwest	28	15	.651	—
Utah	22	17	.564	4
Denver	22	17	.564	4
Portland	18	25	.419	10
Seattle	16	26	.381	11½
Pacific	16	26	.381	11½
Phoenix	34	8	.810	—
L.A. Lakers	27	15	.643	7
L.A. Clippers	21	21	.500	13
Golden State	20	23	.465	14½
Sacramento	17	23	.425	16

BIG TEN MEN'S BASKETBALL

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Wisconsin	6	0	1.000	20	1	.952
Ohio St.	5	1	.833	17	3	.850
Michigan St.	4	2	.667	17	4	.810
Michigan	4	2	.667	16	5	.762
Indiana	4	2	.667	14	5	.737
Illinois	3	4	.429	15	7	.682
Iowa	3	3	.500	11	9	.550
Purdue	2	4	.333	13	7	.650
Penn St.	1	5	.167	10	9	.526
Minnesota	1	5	.167	7	13	.350
Northwestern	1	6	.143	11	9	.550

THURSDAY'S GAMES

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 Chicago 102, New Jersey 101

TODAY'S GAMES

Atlanta at Orlando, 6 p.m.
 Boston at Toronto, 6 p.m.
 Cleveland at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
 Miami at New York, 6:30 p.m.
 Memphis at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
 Sacramento at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
 Washington at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Phoenix at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
 Portland at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
 Denver at Utah, 8 p.m.
 Minnesota at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
 Charlotte at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Toronto at Indiana, 6 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
 Utah vs. New Orleans at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
 Portland at Memphis, 7 p.m.
 Miami at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
 Sacramento at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
 New Jersey at Denver, 8 p.m.
 Charlotte at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Phoenix at Cleveland, 12 p.m.
 New York at Milwaukee, 2:30 p.m.
 San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 2:30 p.m.
 Washington at Boston, 4 p.m.
 Indiana at Detroit, 5:30 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 8 p.m.

TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#3 UCLA 62, California 46
 Washington 89, #7 Oregon 77
 #10 Duke 68, #19 Clemson 66
 #14 Butler 70, Loyola-Chicago 66, OT
 #18 Nevada 83, Louisiana Tech 87
 #20 Washington State 70, Oregon State 55
 Stanford 65, #25 USC 50

WOMEN

#1 Duke 73, Florida State 60
 #3 Maryland 76, Clemson 62
 #4 Tennessee 67, #15 Vanderbilt 57
 #5 Ohio State 72, Indiana 62
 #8 LSU 70, Arkansas 53
 #9 Stanford 86, Arizona 76
 #10 Arizona State 66, #20 California 54
 #12 Purdue 72, Northwestern 30
 #14 Georgia 69, #22 Mississippi 60
 Penn State 69, #23 Michigan State 58

Gymnasts look for win

Having defeated the University of Illinois-Chicago in the Windy City Invitational Jan. 13, the Iowa men's gymnasts are busy preparing to defend home gym in round two with the Flames on Saturday

BY RYAN YOUNG
THE DAILY IOWAN

For the past two weekends, the Iowa men's gymnastics squad had the unpleasant privilege of becoming acquaintances with many Midwestern roads and highways — ones nothing more than unwelcoming.



Dunn coach

But on Saturday, the Hawks will play host to the University of Illinois-Chicago in the season's home-opener at 2 p.m. in the Field House North Gym. The team hopes to ring up its first victory of the year.

Iowa defeated Illinois-Chicago, 198.40-196.15, in its fifth-place finish at the Jan. 13 Windy City Invitational. The team is 37-4 all-time against the Flames.

"We've changed our workout scheme this week, trying to do a few more routines, and hopefully limit our falls and get our percentage up," Hawk coach Tom Dunn said. "And I think we will."

With the team being at home, he said, the Hawks have the advantage of being familiar with equipment, which he hopes will reduce mistakes made in the pommel horse, parallel bar, and vault routines, on which the gymnasts have struggled.

Junior Tom Buese agrees,

adding that there is extra incentive to perform well in front of friends, family, and the Iowa fans.

"Sometimes, you can go to a meet and the equipment will feel off, but here we know how it's going to feel, and that will help us do better," the Gainesville, Fla., native said. "You never want lose, and at home, it's not fun, either."

In the past few weeks, the Flames have had difficulty competing with the Hawkeyes in their home gym. Although, Dunn said, with Illinois-Chicago having a freshly developed team, he isn't taking any chances.

"In the case of last week, Michigan was a very formidable opponent, and this week Illinois-Chicago is not as good as Michigan" he said. "In either case, it's better to focus on our own performance."

While the excitement has been building for the Hawks during practice, co-captain Bryan Bourland said that aside from the pressure the gymnasts put on themselves, there isn't much focused on the meet. That will come during the Big Ten and NCAA championships, he said.

"They're definitely going to be an improved team even though we beat them in Chicago, but we can't really rely on that because they've had two weeks, just as we had, to improve upon," Bourland said. "Hopefully, our preparation will take over, and we'll get the job done."

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HAWKEYE SPORTS

GymHawks hope to taste Champaign

The Iowa women's gymnastics team will continue conference competition this weekend, traveling to Champaign, Ill., to take on the Fighting Illini.



Turcotte freshman

The No. 26 Hawkeyes are 1-0 in Big Ten action after beating Ohio State in a four-team meet at North Carolina State on Jan. 21.

At N.C. State, Iowa finished third but improved its point total from the previous meet by more than a point.

Freshman Katie Turcotte posted a 9.9 on the vault, tying for second place. Katie Burke and Kara Pinjuv tied for third in the all-around.

After a solid showing on bars a vault last week, the Hawkeyes are looking to add strong performances in the two other events.

"We've come on real strong in the past few weeks," head coach Larissa Libby said. "But it's still going to be hard to beat them."

The Illini, ranked 31st in the nation, have made huge strides in the past few years, despite a setback at last year's conference meet.

"It depends on who hits," Libby said. "We're pretty equal, talent-wise ... We're just going to go in and try to walk away 2-0."

— by Diane Hendrickson

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Men's tennis set to serve

The Hawkeyes will start the season and break in their new facility — the West Campus Tennis and Recreation Center — against Northern Illinois on Jan. 28

BY BOBBY LOESCH
THE DAILY IOWAN

Four weeks of layoff. Two weeks of practice. One new facility.

Even though Iowa men's tennis is coming off a month-long winter break, senior Scott Elwell says the team members may be in the best shape of the season — possibly because the Hawkeyes rendered the final portion of "break" obsolete.

"Everybody got back a week before school even started," Elwell said, "They were unofficial practices, but everybody was going out hitting. A lot of the guys were going out twice a day. Most of us are playing better than we were in the fall."

Even with the long layover, head coach Steve Houghton wasn't shocked to see his players return in condition.

"I was looking for signs of guys who weren't in shape," he said. "But it doesn't surprise me with this group."

He said the condition of his players is the team's biggest strength.

"They've really been good on attitude from beginning to end," he said. "This group really seems very self-motivated. There aren't any slackers on the team. Everybody's really fired up for the first match."

Elwell, who should see the court in doubles competition, is expecting a collective effort from his team this weekend.

"We have to make sure there are no individual lapses," he said. "It's one thing to win the match; it's another thing to be playing well from top to bottom."

Iowa defeated Northern Illinois, 6-1, last season in Iowa City, but that doesn't mean the Hawkeyes are taking the Huskies lightly.

"All the teams we're playing are good squads," Elwell said. "Any-



Hawkeye tennis player Mat Sawin hits the ball during practice on Sept. 26, 2006, at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Center's outdoor courts.

body can present a challenge."

The men's team was forced to play in the university Recreation Building in previous seasons, and the subpar, uncharacteristically speedy courts actually helped out the Hawkeyes because most opponents hadn't seen anything like it.

"We were able to adjust our games to how fast [the courts] were," Elwell said, "But most teams hadn't played on a surface like that, and they didn't know how to handle it."

After four years at Iowa, the Lawrence, Kan., native is excited to finally play a home

meet in the \$12 million facility he's been hearing about since he arrived on campus.

But as important as numbers can be, Elwell and Houghton may value a letter above all else: a W.

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'We shoot free throws every day in practice, and just if that one would have went down, we could have won the game.'

— Krista VandeVenter, forward

Hawks nearly overcome abysmal half

HOOPS

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Leading the way for the Hawkeyes was sophomore guard Kristi Smith, who went from scoring four points in the first half to finishing the game with 25 points. The other notable bright spot for Iowa was sophomore forward Wendy Ausdemore, who finished the contest with her first career double-double — 14 points and 11 rebounds.

"All around, our shots just started to fall, and we got more confident," Smith said. "I knew eventually that if I kept shooting, they'd start falling."

The Hawkeyes overcame an abysmal first half by putting on a shooting clinic in the second half with 52 points, and they even put themselves in a position to win the game in regulation when junior forward Krista VandeVenter, a Minnesota native, went to the charity stripe for a pair of free throws. After missing the first, VandeVenter nailed the second to tie the game and send it to an extra five-minute session.

She was quite displeased about only making one of the two attempts.

"It sucks," she said. "We shoot free throws every day in practice, and just if that one would have went down, we could have won the game."

In spite of going 1-for-8 from the field in overtime, Iowa had

an opportunity to tie the game in the final 3.4 seconds. But Smith's potential game-tying shot came up short, and Minnesota escaped with the victory.

"I had a pretty good look at the basket," Smith said. "It would've been nice if it had went in."

Things could've been different, however. With slightly more than two minutes remaining in regulation, sophomore center Megan Skouby fouled out on a questionable call, and the Hawkeyes were without her services for the game's final seven minutes.

"It was a big impact," Bluder said. "She's our biggest target, she was shooting 50 percent, and I think it was a big loss when we lost her."

Now it only gets tougher for Iowa. The Hawkeyes play their next two on the road, and while its upcoming opponent, Penn State, has been surprisingly insufficient thus far, the Nittany Lions come in just beating a nationally ranked Michigan State squad Iowa had fits with over the past week.

"[Beating Michigan State] was a tremendous win for Penn State," Bluder said. "[The Nittany Lions] play much better at home, but they've had their ups and downs this year as well."

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Hawks light up 2nd

COMMENTARY

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Iowa slowly turned its defense around, forcing Minnesota into shot-clock buzzer beaters. But the Gophers refused to miss, sinking numerous shots with fewer than 10 ticks on the clock.

The Hawkeye offense never got on track in the first half, turning the ball over repeatedly and committing at least four travels. And the Hawkeyes continually put up shots that hit everything but the nylon.

If I wanted to show you how the game felt in the first half, it'd look something like a tie-dye T-shirt — hectic, splattered, and lacking any real form.

Unless you're talking about Minnesota's stroke — the Gophers shot 52 percent from the field, including 50 percent behind the arc.

A combined 60 points in the first half made an exciting 20 minutes, but for the home fans, down 40-20 somewhat soured the

sweetness.

Minnesota's full-court press gave Iowa headaches, putting the handles in the palms of post players — not something most coaches want to see.

Megan Skouby was the only constant for Iowa until she fouled out down the stretch. The center made jump shots and lay-ups, and above all, she was perfect from the free-throw line — exactly what made her a preseason All-Big Ten selection.

Kristi Smith, like the rest of the Hawkeyes, was far from a constant. Instead, she was a second-half firestorm — Smith ripped nets with lights-out shooting down the stretch, including 6-of-8 from the field, 4-of-4 from 3-point land, and 3-of-3 from the free throw line.

Amid the fireballs and thunderbolts, Iowa scored 30 points in a 10-minute stretch in which the Gophers managed just nine. After the 40th minute expired, it was a tie ball-game.

The difference?

Ball movement, rebounding, and nearly perfect high-pressure defense.

The Hawkeyes weren't quite as voracious in the extra period, but stayed neck and neck with the Gophers. Their shortcomings were due to the sudden ice-cold 1-of-8 field-goal shooting in OT.

What looked like a massacre became a championship bout, but the Gophers stood tall with grit and timely free-throws.

The Hawkeyes who came down the stretch were what everyone expected at the beginning of year. It almost looked like the Alamo Bowl of women's basketball, finally living up to all the hype. And as in San Antonio, the Black and Gold fell just short.

No matter how you look at it, the Hawkeyes showed their true colors: brilliance and mental lapses — the inability to play all 45 minutes.

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Tough Badgers loom in big test for Hawks

WISCONSIN

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The Hawkeyes (11-9, 3-3 Big Ten) have won 12-straight conference home games — a Carver-Hawkeye Arena record — and received a much-needed boost from senior Mike Henderson this week.

Henderson, who missed seven games with a broken finger, scored a season-high 12 points against Penn State on Wednesday. Sporting a freshly shaved head, the Waterloo native dished out three assists and committed just one turnover — personal bests for him during the Big Ten campaign.

With established offensive tandem Adam Haluska and Tyler Smith alongside, Henderson could evolve into the third scoring threat many expected him to be before the season.

"This might be a breakout game for him," Haluska said after Iowa's 79-63 win over the Nittany Lions.

"I don't know if it's the shaved head or what," he joked.

The Badgers (20-1, 6-0) extended the nation's longest winning streak to 16 games Wednesday night against Michigan, breaking a 66-year school record. Forward Alando Tucker, who ranks second in the conference with 19.2 points per game, said his teammates aren't satisfied.

"We can't stop now; it's only a taste of what we want," Tucker

'We can't stop now; it's only a taste of what we want. We get that taste right now, but we know we have a chance to go so far, and if we keep working hard we can get there.'

— Alando Tucker, Forward

PROBABLE LINEUPS FOR SATURDAY'S DUAL WITH WISCONSIN

- 125 — No. 13 Charlie Falck (I) vs. Collin Cudd (W)
- 133 — No. 15 Mario Galanakis (I) vs. Zach Tanelli (W)
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- 149 — Alex Grunder (I) vs. No. 6 Tyler Turner (W)
- 157 — No. 17 Ryan Morningstar (I) vs. No. 3 Craig Henning (W)
- 165 — No. 4 Mark Perry (I) vs. Jake Donar (W)
- 174 — No. 2 Eric Luedke (I) vs. Mike Felling (W)
- 184 — Phillip Keddy (I) vs. No. 15 Trevor Brandvold (W)
- 197 — Rick Loera (I) vs. No. 11 Dallas Herbst (W)
- Hwt/ — No. 6 Matt Fields (I) vs. Kyle Massey (W)

said after helping Wisconsin knock off the Wolverines, 71-58. "We get that taste right now, but we know we have a chance to go so far, and if we keep working hard we can get there."

Wisconsin freshman guard Jason Bohannon, a Marion native who passed on the Hawkeyes last year, will make his debut return to his home state. Bohannon averages 4.4 points a game, hitting 10 points on two occasions as one of the team's 3-point threats.

The Badgers lead the Big Ten

in rebounding, which doesn't bode well for Iowa. The Hawkeyes surrendered 27 offensive rebounds against the Nittany Lions and may turn to a bigger lineup with Cyrus Tate against Wisconsin. More importantly, with games at Michigan and against Indiana looming next week, Alford's team could use a spark as it prepares for the middle of the conference slate.

"That's a big game for us," Smith said. "And a great test."

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Wrestlers want two victories

WRESTLING

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Saturday's dual marks the first time Iowa will wrestle in front of the home faithful since Dec. 7. Weary from the team's recent travels, sophomore Charlie Falck is ready to compete on the black and gold mat after a 49-day span between home meets.

"It seems like forever," the 125-pounder said. "I think everyone is excited to come back home and try to put on a good performance."

One area the Hawkeyes continue to work on is finishing guys off when they have the chance. The continued practice is something Iowa hopes pays off in the near future.

"We're slowly starting to get there — we're not there yet," Fields said. "There's certain guys who practice it every now and then, but it's inconsistent right now. We need to be more consistent with it."

Any memories remaining from last season's embarrassing 4-5 record in the Big Ten can be wiped away if the Hawkeyes can make a statement with two victories this weekend. Fields is certain the Hawkeyes will be ready to take the mat.

"It's going to be tough, but I think we are pretty confident in ourselves," he said. "I think if we work hard and stay on task we are going to do all right."

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STATISTICS

Iowa (11-9, 3-3)			
C Seth Gorney	Jr.	7-0	6.0
F Cyrus Tate	So.	6-8	4.4
F Tyler Smith	So.	6-7	15.6
G Adam Haluska	Sr.	6-5	20.3
G Mike Henderson	Sr.	6-3	5.8

Wisconsin (20-1, 6-0)			
C Brian Butch	Jr.	6-11	9.9
F Jason Chappell	Sr.	6-10	4.0
F Alando Tucker	Sr.	6-6	19.2
G Kammron Taylor	Sr.	6-2	13.3
G Michael Flowers	Jr.	6-2	7.7

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SPORTS

Many ties to Colts, Bears for Grossmans



Charlie Neibergall/Associated Press

Chicago Bears quarterback Rex Grossman throws a pass against the New Orleans Saints during the NFC championship football game on Sunday in Chicago.

BY MICHAEL MAROT ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — This Super Bowl is all about family to Maureen and Dan Grossman.

Their son, Rex Grossman, is the Chicago Bear quarterback, but the family has strong ties to football in Indiana going back to the 1940s.

On Super Bowl Sunday, though, their allegiance will be with the Bears.

"We're excited, nervous, and proud," Maureen Grossman said Thursday. "There's a lot of love for Rex in Bloomington, and I think everyone is wishing him well."

Maybe not too well, though. When Chicago beat the New Orleans Saints on Sunday, and the Colts pulled off the greatest comeback in conference championship history later Sunday night, it set up a

dream matchup for the Grossmans and their friends.

But to many others in Bloomington, a city of approximately 70,000 where the Grossmans still live, the game tugs at their deepest loyalties.

The younger Rex Grossman's high-school coach, Mo Moriarity, has a solution.

"I'll cheer for the team with the ball," said Moriarity, now the coach at Carmel High School near Indianapolis. "You know I have as much respect for Tony Dungy and Peyton Manning as you can have for anyone, and I sure wouldn't be upset if they won a Super Bowl. But when you coach somebody, you always root for that person to do well, too."

Many remember the younger Rex Grossman as the talented quarterback of Bloomington South High School. He led the school to a state runner-up finish in 1997, his junior season, then won a state title and Indiana's Mr. Football Award in 1998.

Some also remember him for leaving Indiana to play at the

University of Florida, and now he's added another chapter to his storybook career by leading the Bears into a game some have dubbed as the Interstate 65 Super Bowl, even though the highway doesn't actually go into Chicago.

Even the Bear quarterback has gotten caught in the middle.

"The only thing that stands out is my grandfather played fullback for the Baltimore Colts," he said. "The Colts were my team growing up."

The elder Rex Grossman was drafted by the Colts on the 29th round in 1948.

For the younger Rex Grossman's parents, it's been an interesting time. They bristled at the criticism their son took during the second half of the season and celebrated when he got the Bears into their first Super Bowl since the 1985 season.

This week, they've fielded dozens of phone calls and nearly as many ticket requests, and they have spent time scrambling to make travel plans to Miami.

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the ledge

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ANDREW R. JUHL

How I made cupcakes for a going-away party

- Googled “cupcakes” (4,190,000 hits).
 - Bookmarked a few sites.
 - Turned child-safe search filter on.
 - Googled “cupcakes” (1,480,000 hits).
 - Found recipe for triple chocolate cupcakes, copied recipe, went to store.
 - Bought ingredients, mixing bowl, and two muffin pans (\$28.37).
 - Came home, unpacked groceries, cackled wildly.
 - Combined enough ingredients for 30 triple chocolate cupcakes.
 - Consumed enough batter for 10 triple chocolate cupcakes.
 - Baked 20 triple chocolate cupcakes (18 minutes).
 - Ate two cupcakes straight from the oven.
 - Washed cupcakes down with milk.
 - Absorbed milk with another two cupcakes.
 - Ate the six cupcakes that were misshapen (quality control).
 - Sugar coma.
 - Upon waking, realized that roommate had eaten four cupcakes.
 - Frosted the six remaining cupcakes.
 - Ate the six remaining cupcakes.
 - Sugar coma.
 - At the party, chipped in \$5 for pizza.
- Andrew R. Juhl knows where the crème filling is. E-mail him at: andrew-juhl@uiowa.edu

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- The Virtual Soldier Research Program is publicly unveiled for the first time.
 - Female politicians discuss the need for more women in Iowa politics.
 - A preview of the Ice Hawks' next matchup.
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- 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.
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- PHOTO**
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- **Poster Sale**, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 256 IMU
- **English Conversation Group**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Henry B. Tippie's 80th Birthday Celebration, question and answer session with Tippie**, 11 a.m., S401 Pappajohn Business Building
- **“Java Blend,” Josh David Band**, noon, Java House, 211½ E. Washington
- **Spontaneous Combustion, New Orleans jazz band**, noon, UIHC Coloton Pavilion Atrium
- **Henry B. Tippie's 80th Birthday Celebration, Tippie trivia challenge live finals, Tippie College of Business**, 3 p.m., W151 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Henry B. Tippie's 80th Birthday Celebration, reception, Tippie College of Business**, 3:30 p.m., Pappajohn Business Building Howe Galleria
- **“Know the Score Live,”** 5 p.m., UI Museum of Art and KSUI
- **Akeelah and the Bee**, movie, 6 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Venus Exhibit, by Gary Kelley**, 6 p.m., Hudson River Gallery, 538 S. Gilbert
- **“Live from Prairie Lights,”** Tim Fay

- and friends, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **West High S.P.I.T. one-act performances**, 7 p.m., West High School, 2901 Melrose Ave.
- **Guys on Ice**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert
- **Into the Woods, UI Mainstage Production**, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Mabie Theatre
- **Second City**, 8 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **Skursula**, 8 p.m., Java House
- **Cross Canadian Ragweed**, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **An Uncommon Eye: Paintings by Louis Picek, Senior Center**, 28 S. Linn
- **As Long As Conditions Permit: Science Fiction Fanzines During World War II**, Main Library
- **Lonna Keller Designs: Simple and Elegant, Bold and Provocative**, Bella Joli, 125 S. Dubuque
- **Mother's Day Too Soon, photography exhibit**, UIHC
- **New Year's Resolution: Have More Fun, eclectic artwork**, Chait Galleries Downtown, 218 E. Washington

horoscopes Friday, January 26, 2007 — by Eugenia Last

- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Take a fresh approach to something you have done in the past, and you will get better results. Don't overreact, or give your true feelings away, but file away the information, giving you a powerful weapon for future discussions.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You will let things get to you, especially if you have to work in conjunction with others. If you don't like the way things are going, let others take responsibility, and stay in the background. Then, when the time comes, you will have the knowledge and information required.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** The less everyone around you knows about what you are doing, the more successful you will be. It's the element of surprise that will help you leave a lasting impression. An older, experienced person you respect will give you privileged advice.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You can count on someone's advice, but don't count on getting the physical help promised. A problem with truthfulness will be at the root of what you encounter today. Don't lend or borrow money.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Don't let mixed emotions lead you down an unforgiving path. Address personal issues straight on. If your interests are changing, let the people who are in your life know what you plan to do. Keeping secrets will not be to your advantage.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Someone will come to your rescue. A partnership will move in a new direction, leaving you confused about where you actually stand. Changes at home will be sudden, and they should be dealt with before things get out of hand.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You will be the receiver of a gift; however, it will come through unusual means. A get-together with people you find inspiring will be a positive experience. Children will have an interesting perspective on what's happening and how you are handling the situation.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You may feel pulled in several different directions, but no matter what others want you to do, you have to do what you want. If you deviate or give in because of others, you will never be able to forgive and forget.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Not everyone will like how you handle people and situations, especially if you are extravagant. Concentrate on bringing money in, not spending it. A problem with a friendship should make you question your motives.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Focus on home and family, and put your work on the back burner today. Take the day to talk things through with the people you love and care about before making a decision about your future.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Don't let anyone play emotional games with you. As soon as you give in to what others try to dictate, you will lose control. An opening will appear for a position or an event you want. Your patience will pay off.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Keep things to yourself even if you are dying to tell someone. You can only prosper if you are smart about a deal you are trying to put into play. A fresh look at an old idea will give it greater substance.



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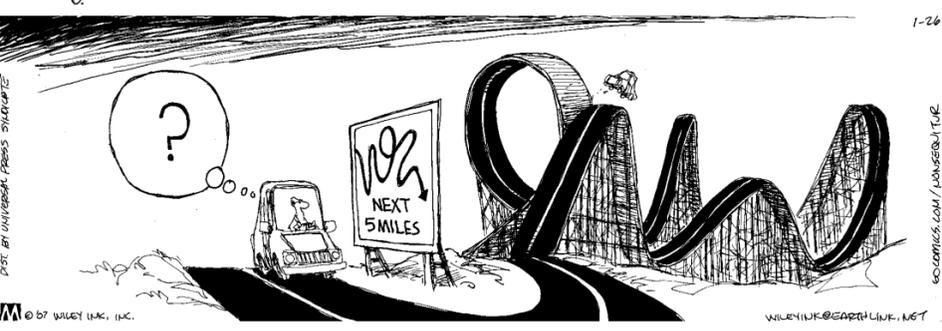
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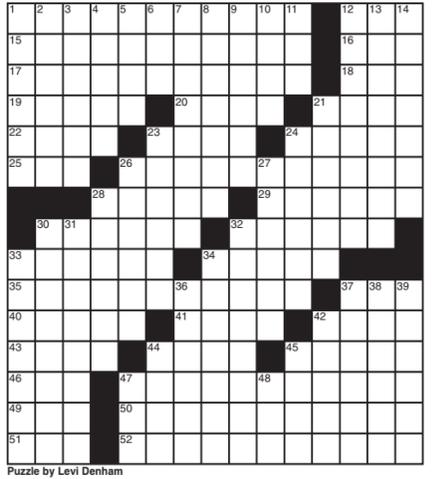


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No. 1215

- ACROSS**
- Threatening to sue, maybe
 - Portrayer of Clouseau's superior, in film
 - Versatile modern device
 - She played Eloise in “Mogambo”
 - Stalled
 - Tapping target
 - Knock-down-drag-out
 - “Where ___ was thickest fight”: Milton
 - Adder's-tongue or Venus's-hair
 - “Je vous en ___ (“You're welcome”: Fr.)
 - “Take ___,” 1985 #1 hit
 - Words before may or might, in verse
 - Final finisher, in Falmouth
 - Not buying it
 - Bavarian keepsake
 - Yet
 - Multiplication table, e.g.
 - Under the table
 - Prominent Quebec City daily, with “Le”
 - One target of Rachel Carson's “Silent Spring”
 - Mysterious swimmers
 - Ran
 - Crash sites?
 - Kind of score, for one doing postgrad studies
 - Classic PC's
 - Mayor who co-wrote “Murder at City Hall”
 - Pink-pulped produce
 - Air Tahiti ___ (carrier to Papeete)
 - Soon to be heard
 - Coast Guard figure: Abbr.
 - Go downhill
 - Ally's roommate on “Ally McBeal”
 - Mysterious swimmers
- DOWN**
- Seafood entree
 - Supplies
 - Charlotte ___
 - Ally's roommate on “Ally McBeal”
 - City on Presque Isle Bay
 - Piper topper
 - Add-on
 - Procter & Gamble brand
 - Junks
 - One may be technical: Abbr.
 - It'll easily pass you
 - Like some resorts
 - Budget figure
 - Blow up
 - Seafood entrees
 - “Beyond the Horizon” writer
 - Like many aprons
 - Recipe amounts
 - They may take a toll
 - Allen and Rossi
 - Stagnant
 - Fearmonger
 - Line on an application
 - Convention roll call
 - Profit
 - “No Escape” star, 1994
 - Tar, e.g.
 - Dweller on the Yodo River
 - TV host with three Emmys
 - Part of a board: Abbr.
 - Gonitis target
 - 45 Tar, e.g.
 - Some E.R. cases
 - Part of a board: Abbr.



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