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DANCE MARATHON 2007

UI students bundle in scarves and mittens this week in a last-ditch effort to raise their Dance Marathon money

On marathon's eve, can-do

WHAT'S UP NEXT

A fifth-grader chopping it off in the name of altruism, last-ditch canning, a look inside the UIHC where the work of marathoners has paid off — experience these stories and more this week as this year's participants get ready to dance the night and day and night away.

Today
• UI dancers collect some last-minute donations, hoping to raise the minimum \$425 required to participate in the event on Friday and Saturday.

Thursday
• The Daily Iowan gets a tour of the Children's Hospital of Iowa, located in the UI Hospitals and Clinics, to see how money raised by Dance Marathon benefits sick kids and how the organization provides comfort year-round — nearly 300 volunteers work all year to help families cope with cancer.

• How some Dance Marathon volunteers have made caring for sick children a profession.
• The D/I tags along as a 10-year-old girl gets a haircut at the UIHC Volunteer Beauty Salon and donates the trimmings to Locks of Love.

Friday
• UI sophomore Stephanie Dockery, a Dance Marathon morale captain assistant, will dance for her younger brother, Sebastian, who passed away in 1998 from neuroblastoma.
• Learn more about this year's event, the logistics behind the entertainment, and how the organizers provide enough food for more than 1,200 people.
• How Dance Marathon has helped Ruth and Dan Ruley, whose son Doug passed away in December.

Feb. 5
• The D/I follows a UI student during the 24-hour Dance Marathon and finds out how the day of dancing affects a dancer's mind and body.



(From right) UI senior Jill Seelbach, freshman Morgan Olsen, and senior Allison Billhardt can to raise some last-minute money for Dance Marathon at the intersection of Dubuque and Washington Streets on Monday evening. Dance Marathon will begin Friday at 7 p.m. in the IMU.

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BY ERIKA BINEGAR
THE DAILY IOWAN

Though most UI Dance Marathon volunteers have clutched the now familiar, clear donation boxes since the fall, more than a dozen newly registered dancers are venturing into the frigid air for the first time this week, scrambling to make a last bit of cash.

UI senior Jill Seelbach is one of those who will linger downtown in freezing temperatures to raise about \$200 more — the amount she needs to meet the \$425 requirement to participate in the 24-hour dance-fest this weekend.

"I'm definitely kicking myself for waiting until 3-degree weather to be outside canning, but it's definitely a good cause," Seelbach said, describing asking for donations on the streets and via door-to-door with the small, plastic bins.

The newest batch of dancers have joined their counterparts in raising money to help children and their families affected by cancer.

"They're coming in quickly, so it's pretty exciting to watch," said Dance Marathon executive director Travis Bushaw, noting that the official registration drive ended back in October. "Probably in

the last three days, 10 to 15 more have registered."

The UI graduate said the marathon usually recruits around 600 dancers by the end of October — making up the majority of its dancing fleet. But this year, approximately 800 dancers signed up in that time.

And in the months leading up to the Feb. 2-3 event, more than 300 additional dancers have trickled onto various Dance Marathon teams.

"Usually, those numbers are actually a bit lower," Bushaw said, adding this is the first time the group has registered more than 1,000 dancers since the 10th-anniversary marathon in

2004. "This year, we have about 1,200 registered."

But that's still short of Dance Marathon's 1,500-person goal for this year. And it's still a possibility some of the registered dancers won't raise the cash in time, though Bushaw said most succeed.

"The ones who want to dance are going to be able to do it because we help them raise the money," he said, adding that \$130,000 alone in donations came from sending letters and soliciting cash last year. "It shows people are willing to give money away to strangers. It's pretty neat."

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Threat stops reading

The book *Abortion Under Attack: Women on the Challenges Facing Choice was to be the subject of a Prairie Lights reading*

BY EMILEIGH BARNES
THE DAILY IOWAN

Prairie Lights Books, an iconic Iowa City bookstore, closed early Tuesday evening after receiving a threat about a book about abortion that was to be the subject of that evening's "Live from Prairie Lights."

Krista Jacob, who edited the book *Abortion Under Attack: Women on the Challenges Facing Choice* had planned to read at 7 p.m., but the store had closed by 6 p.m. because of possible safety issues.

"I was really surprised, because I always have protesters at my events, but my events always happen," Jacob said Tuesday night, unwinding over a meal at Masala, 9 S. Dubuque St. "I just really would have liked the opportunity to talk about my book."

Lauri Wollner, one of the book's contributing writers and a former antiabortion activist, agreed.

"It's scary that 'pro-life' people are threatening lives," she said.

After the bookstore closed, several protesters gathered outside, toting signs in support of Jacob and free speech.



Jacob author

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UI GOLDEN GIRL — Diana Reed

UI looks for new 'Girl'

BY PATRICK BIGSBY
THE DAILY IOWAN

As do other athletes, the newest recipient of one UI athletics scholarship will have to adjust to hearing the roar of 70,000 faithful at Kinnick Stadium.

But she won't be wearing a helmet and pads. Instead, she'll take the field in the signature gold leotard of the UI Golden Girl.

For the first time in five years, the university is searching for a new performer to be the featured baton twirler during pregame and halftime shows.

The UI is one of only two schools in the NCAA to offer a full athletic scholarship to its twirler, the other being the University of Hawaii, according to the Golden Girl website.



'Performing as the Golden Girl means you have to be able to interact with a large audience and serve as a role model to Hawkeye fans and all young people.'

— Diana Reed, UI senior

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Brownback makes his pitch

Presidential longshot fights to make up ground, touting his conservative credentials



Ed Bornstein/The Daily Iowan

Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., speaks with members of the news media at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cedar Rapids on Tuesday afternoon. He discussed the war in Iraq, civil unions, and the importance of having more family units in American society.

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BY NEAL SAUERBERG
THE DAILY IOWAN

Nearly two years before the Iowa caucuses, some voters and political experts have already written off Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., as too conservative to win the Republican presidential nomination in 2008.

But the candidate said on Tuesday that he hopes his emphasis on family values

and strong religious faith can help him attract voters while in Iowa.

"The breakdown of the family is one of those big problems in our culture that needs to be addressed," he said during a Tuesday campaign stop at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cedar Rapids. "We need families being formed."

Because of this commitment, Brownback said, he could not support gay marriage or same-sex civil unions.

The senator also said that if elected, he would not concede ground on his antiabortion stance and would not support maintaining U.S. troop levels in Iraq indefinitely.

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ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Unfortunately for the Hawkeye hoopsters, their road hasn't exactly been like Willie's road. **1B**



HEAR THEIR VOICES

After some debate, the UISG Student Assembly votes to push for an undergrad representative on the presidential-search panel. **4A**

HOOKED BUT BAD

Arts writer Paul Sorenson has a shameful, secret obsession — one that will make the most stout-hearted hipster blush. **7A**

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Revered UI physician dies

BY LAWRENCE DE GEEST
THE DAILY IOWAN

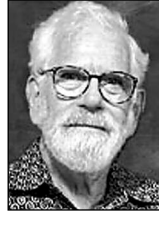
Thirty years ago, George Bedell began advising his patients to walk at least one mile each day to ensure they wouldn't have to see him too often in the future — for the wrong reasons.

Now, pulmonologists at the UI Hospitals and Clinics give patients the same advice.

That recommendation is one of many reminders of the influence Bedell left on the department that he spearheaded. The former UI faculty member died Jan. 20 at his Iowa City home from a prolonged illness, university officials said. He was 84.

He served as the director of pulmonary medicine at the UIHC from 1968 until he was succeeded by current head Gary Hunninghake in 1981.

"He was an absolutely spectacular teacher and role model for generations of students here at UIHC," said Hunninghake, also an associate dean of internal medicine.



Bedell former prof

Bedell became the UIHC's first pulmonary specialist in 1955, and he devoted much of his career to teaching and clinical and scientific work in pulmonary diseases and pulmonary physiology. Many of Bedell's colleagues define him as a visionary when it came to exercise and health.

His teachings on the importance of the humanistic side of medicine are also closely followed to this day. Joe Zabner, a member of the UIHC's pulmonary department and a colleague of Bedell for 16 years, said Bedell always taught him to view his patients as people before beginning to treat them.

"Before talking about symptoms or problems, he first met the patients and asked about their lives, their families, and their professions," Zabner said. "And when he saw them again, he would always ask them how things were going. His work had a strong human touch."

Bedell's personable nature left a large imprint on the department and those who worked with him, Zabner said.

"Students loved him," he said. "He was a great teacher, one who could speak with his residents on their level. It became tradition for them to come to his house each month for ice cream

and spend time with his family." Zabner added that Bedell's "beautiful family" inspired others in the department to start families of their own, and he said the doctor always lent his wisdom to anyone in need of advice.

For instance, Bedell would counsel Zabner on anything from family to investments during their regular lunches, Zabner said.

"He really knew how to balance his professional career with his deep family values, something that is not very simple in this practice," he said.

Bedell was born in Harrisburg, Pa., in 1922; his family moved when he was young to Cincinnati. He later returned to the University of Cincinnati's College of Medicine after earning a bachelor's degree from DePauw University.

Upon completing his medical studies in 1946, Bedell went on a two-year tour as an officer in the Army Medical Corps in Japan and Okinawa and later did a medicine residency at the UI in 1951. He continued to work full-time until his third and official retirement in 2004.

Bedell had a voracious appetite for politics, and he was an active and loyal participant in the Democratic Party, serving

as a Eugene McCarthy delegate at the 1968 Democratic Convention, in Chicago. He was also an enthusiastic gardener, especially fond of tulips and day lilies, and he devoted as much time to that passion as he could during his prolific career, friends and colleagues said.

Before he died, Bedell was writing the history of the UIHC's pulmonary department. Zabner expects the narrative to be finished from Bedell's remaining electronic files.

"He was visionary," Zabner said. "He was ahead of his time."

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FACTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Director of UIHC Division of Pulmonary Medicine, 1968-81
- President of Iowa Thoracic Society, 1962-63
- Member of American Lung & Heart Associations
- Delegate to the 1968 National Democratic Convention
- Avid family man, Democrat, and gardener

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THINKING GREEN



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Iowa City landfill and recycling center coordinator Jennifer Jordan takes UI Assistant Professor Monica Correia's Environmental Design 1 class on a tour of the facility on Tuesday. Jordan is working with Hillcrest in an effort to minimize food waste in landfills by creating a compost alternative.

METRO

Area woman charged with theft, fraud

North Liberty police have arrested a North Liberty woman, alleging that she racked up more than \$20,000 of debt using another person's credit card illegally during the summer.

Lindsey Gardiner, 23, was planning a Florida vacation with another person during June 2006 when she asked for the person's Social Security number and credit cards to "transfer airline miles," officers reported.

Authorities allege that Gardiner used the credit cards to charge approximately \$22,600; after a police search, officers reported finding credit cards and credit-card receipts in Gardiner's apartment.

Gardiner told police she planned to pay the person back and said she thought she owed the person around \$60,000, according to a police complaint dated Jan. 16.

She now faces a Class C felony charge of first-degree theft, a Class D felony charge of identity theft, and a

Class D felony charge of credit card fraud.

— by Emileigh Barnes

Sex offender released

A man who was convicted of third-degree sex abuse in 2004 has been released from prison.

Michael Alberts, now 46, spent the last two and a half years behind bars, but the state Supreme Court ordered the 6th District Court in October to determine whether claims omitted from the original proceedings merited a new trial.

The Iowa Supreme Court ruled that the district court abused its discretion by excluding evidence that may have shown Alberts' accuser made a prior false claim of sexual misconduct involving another man with whom she went skinny dipping.

Judge Amanda Potterfield decided earlier this month that Alberts would receive a new trial.

Instead of proceeding with the trial, scheduled for next week, Alberts pleaded

guilty to the lesser charge of assault with intent to commit sex abuse, defense attorney Paul Miller said.

Judge Douglas Russell ordered Alberts to spend two years in prison for the aggravated misdemeanor, and Alberts' sentence was discharged after he received credit for the time he already served at the Mount Pleasant Correctional Facility, according to court documents.

Alberts must now register as a sex offender for the next 10 years.

— by Kelsey Beltramea

Police chase ends in charges

A Tuesday morning police chase that extended from Coralville onto Interstate 80 led to the arrest of two Washington, Iowa, residents on several traffic offenses and burglary charges, officers reported.

Authorities said they were dispatched to Clear Co. Auto Body in Coralville after they received reports that a car was striking the building

repeatedly. When they arrived on scene and tried to stop the vehicle, the driver refused to stop and fled the area in the car, authorities said.

The chase continued down First Avenue and then eastbound on I-80 before authorities used a deflation device to stop the car at the 277-mile marker, police said.

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office and Tipton police officers aided the chase.

Joseph Short, 19, was charged with eluding law enforcement, driving under revocation, and eight other traffic offenses.

After further investigation into the incident, police have also charged Short with two counts of third-degree burglary, and a 16-year-old with two counts of third-degree burglary and one count of fifth-degree theft.

More information about the burglary charges was not released on Tuesday.

The 16-year-old was transported to the Linn County Detention Center, and Short was taken to Johnson County Jail.

— by Emileigh Barnes

POLICE BLOTTER

Jonathan Entin, 18, 1312 Burge, was charged Jan. 26 with possession of marijuana.

Samuel Gomez, 19, Waterloo, was charged Jan. 25 with driving while barred.

Alex Gemachlich, 20, 650 S. Dodge St. Apt. 5, was charged Sunday with

PAULA and public intoxication.

Esack Grueskin, 18, N122 Currier, was charged Jan. 26 with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Charles Halberg, 24, 414 Garden St., was charged Jan. 27 with second-

degree theft.

Jordan Hummel, 18, 4301 Burge, was charged Jan. 26 with possession of drug paraphernalia.

John Raife, 19, N134 Currier, was charged Jan. 26 with possession of drug paraphernalia.

brain damage, kicking tobacco," the *DI* incorrectly reported that Antoine Bechara was the lead author of the study, relying on information from the

Grant Stimart, 18, N201 Hillcrest, was charged Jan. 26 with public intoxication.

Messiah Tutson, 19, N155 Hillcrest, was charged Jan. 27 with OWI.

Sheryl Winland, 41, Fairfield, Iowa, was charged Monday with making false reports to law enforcement.

Associated Press and the *San Francisco Chronicle*. Bechara was the senior author, and Nasir Naqvi was the lead scientist. The *DI* regrets the error.

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Council searches for fire-station solution

The council asks the city manager to project the cost of building and staffing a fourth fire station

BY STEPHEN SCHMIDT
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa City city councilors took tentative steps toward constructing a fourth fire station Tuesday, but the main road-block remains: how to staff it.

Councilors asked City Manager Steve Atkins during a budget work session to calculate project costs so it could be placed in the city's Capital Improvement Program and given an estimate for bonding.

But the council's challenge is to come up with the additional \$600,000 a year that would pay nine extra firefighters.

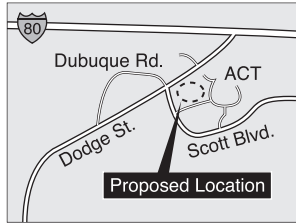
Pooling resources between the Senior Center and the Parks and Recreation Department was one suggestion to save the city money.

Councilor Amy Correia argued that the council should add the fire station and two new firefighters to the budget to force the city to find the money. She suggested taking money from the city's reserve funds or cutting other programs to temporarily pay for the additional firefighters.

Atkins discouraged using the reserves.

"I'm afraid if you do that, you'll dig such a hole for yourself that the next council will not have anything to work with," he said, adding he was convinced the city wouldn't be able to fund the nine firefighters this year without serious consequences in the future.

New Fire Station?



Nelle Dunlap/The Daily Iowan

Mayor Ross Wilburn suggested volunteer firefighters serve until the city finds money for full-time staff.

Iowa City Fire Chief Andy Rocca told *The Daily Iowan* on Tuesday that Iowa City needs a fourth fire station to match city growth.

Rocca said it can take city firefighters between eight and 10 minutes to reach northeastern Iowa City, falling short of the National Fire Protection Association benchmark — which suggests that at least 90 percent of all calls get responses in less than six minutes.

"We're not hitting the goal," he said. "We feel that we definitely need to do better."

City and Fire Department surveys have shown that Iowa City's firefighter-to-resident ratio is lower than similarly sized Iowa communities, which have 1.4 firefighters per 1,000 residents, Rocca said. Iowa City's ratio is 0.9 to 1,000.

City councilors will complete the city's fiscal 2008 budget on March 6.

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CORALVILLE

Developer presents river-landing plan

Coralville officials heard preliminary plans Tuesday night to privately develop the Iowa River Landing near Interstate 80; the facility would feature an Iowa River harbor and a 75,000 square-foot entertainment arena

'I think the council has come to a decision.'

—Deanna Trumbull, marketing consultant

BY COLIN BURKE
THE DAILY IOWAN

Three officials from the St. Louis-based commercial real-estate group DESCO presented preliminary plans for the Iowa River Landing near Interstate 80 that would include an entertainment arena, an Iowa River harbor, and a public transit facility with service to the UI.

At the center of the ideas, presented by architect Michael Mindlin, is the man-made lake with a main street surrounded by retail development. The plans also include a 75,000-square-foot arena

for collegiate and athletics events, as well as a harbor dock for boaters on the Iowa River.

The area was originally designated for a \$180 million indoor rain forest, partially funded by a \$50 million congressional grant secured by Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa.

Since then, the project has been dogged by controversy. Project officials decided to move the rain forest to Pella, Iowa, citing the need for demolition work and more acres than Coralville was willing to offer.

But now, Coralville wants to put the land surrounding the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center to use. City administrator Kelly Hayworth said cultivating the area was important because it is "rundown" but serves as

a gateway into Iowa City and Coralville.

Deanna Trumbull, a consultant in charge of marketing the Iowa River Landing project, said a city subcommittee gave serious consideration to 20 prospective developers.

"I think the council has come to a decision," she said before the DESCO officials took the microphone.

That city subcommittee is different from the Iowa River Landing Attractor Development Committee, composed of UI students and community volunteers, which delivered three ideas for the area to city councilors in December.

Among the group's recommendations included focusing on the Iowa Writers' Workshop, influential Iowa natives such as space researcher James Van Allen, or spotlighting historical

attractions such as the Devonian Fossil Gorge, which was discovered after the 1993 flood waters receded.

Committee co-director Josh Schamberger met with DESCO group representatives on Tuesday afternoon. He said he will pass the group's recommendations to the developer as a potential "planning tool."

Before the event, Mayor Jim Fausett hoped the chosen group would listen to the committee's concerns.

"They'll hopefully incorporate everything into their proposal," he said. He expressed confidence in the developers because they weren't simply focusing on "big-box" commercial real estate, such as a Costco or a Wal-Mart.

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NATION

Groups: Combat gay homelessness

NEW YORK (AP) — Two national advocacy groups Tuesday accused the federal government of neglecting what they described as an epidemic of homelessness affecting tens of thousands of gay and lesbian youth, many of whom leave home because of conflicts with their parents.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the National Coalition for the Homeless said gay, lesbian, and transgender youth make up at least 20 percent — possibly as much as 40 percent — of the total number of homeless and runaway youth, a fluid population which experts have estimated at 575,000 to 1.6 million each year.

"The national response to this epidemic has been nothing short of disgraceful," Matt Foreman, the executive director of the task force, told

reporters during a teleconference.

He urged Congress to increase appropriations for the federal Runaway, Homeless, and Missing Children Protection Act, which must be reauthorized next year, and said some federal funds should — for the first time — be targeted specifically at boosting programs to aid gay and lesbian youth.

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UISG: Put undergrad on panel

BY DANE SCHUMANN
THE DAILY IOWAN

In the first Student Assembly meeting of the new semester, the UI Student Government took on a variety of divisive issues, including whether the UI presidential search committee should have undergraduate representation.

After a number of procedural moves and heated opinions, the assembly passed a resolution calling for the state Board of Regents to add an undergraduate to the search committee. The panel currently has 13 members, including UI graduate student Sen. Sarah Vigmostad.

Because of Vigmostad's undergraduate history at the UI, opponents of the resolution said the search committee did not need an undergraduate representative. UISG President Peter McElligott went further, saying the resolution would "cut the legs out from underneath [Vigmostad]."

But many senators disagreed, saying a single undergraduate representative is necessary.

"It only seems right [to have someone] there to voice our concerns," said Sen. Maison Bleam, adding that an undergraduate would need to be friendly and willing to take time to listen to students' views.

The assembly also restored Priority 1 status to UISG. Prior to Tuesday's meeting, the organization only had Priority 2 sta-



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UISG Sen. Laura Westercamp speaks in favor of undergraduate representation on the UI presidential-search committee during the UISG Student Assembly meeting in the Old Capitol Senate Chambers on Tuesday evening. The group passed the resolution to add an undergraduate representative to the panel.

tus. Last night's vote restored UISG's ability to carry over its excess funds from year to year.

In the last agenda item of the evening, the Student Assembly debated a resolution declaring "opposition to President Bush's plan to escalate the [Iraq] war."

At one point the debate within the Old Capitol Senate Chamber became so fierce that the group censured one of its

members. Sen. Michael Currie, when debating the resolution, said American troops volunteered to join the military and that "contrary to popular belief, they're white middle-class and not ghetto trash."

"That was not the view I wanted to express," Currie said after the meeting had adjourned. "I'm planning on sending out an apology e-mail."

Despite amendments to tone down its language, the Iraq resolution did not pass.

Many members expressed reservations about involving UISG in the issue, saying they didn't believe the student government should express an opinion on such a political matter.

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NATION

Jury: Seattle violated protesters' rights

SEATTLE (AP) — A federal jury found Tuesday that the city of Seattle violated the constitutional rights of 200 protesters who were arrested during a demonstration during the World Trade Organization meeting in 1999.

The jury found the city liable for violating the protesters' Fourth Amendment rights against unreasonable search and seizure, but did not find a violation against their free speech rights under the First Amendment.

U.S. District Judge Marsha Pechman had already ruled that police had made the arrests without probable cause.

Attorneys for the city said they plan to appeal the decision.

The city has already paid more than \$800,000 in WTO lawsuits and settlements. Any damages from the latest decision will be set in the next phase of the trial.

The week of the arrests, approximately 50,000 protesters swarmed Seattle, overwhelming police and closing down the meeting. The mayor imposed a curfew and limited the downtown core to WTO delegates, police and emergency workers, store employees, residents, and shoppers.

The area became known as the "no-protest zone," even though shoppers, residents, and others allowed in the zone were not exempted from protesting.

The group of demonstrators were arrested when they marched within the zone, where they sat down, chanted, and sang.

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Woman reporting rape jailed on old warrant

BY PHIL DAVIS
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TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A woman who told police she had been raped was jailed for two days after officers found an old warrant accusing her of failing to pay restitution for a 2003 theft arrest.

While she was behind bars, according to the college student's attorney, a jail worker refused to give her a second dose of the morning-after contraceptive pill because of the worker's religious convictions.

The 21-year-old woman was released Monday only after attorney Vic Moore reported her plight to the local media.

"Shocked. Stunned. Outraged. I don't have words to describe it," Moore said. "She is not a victim of any one person. She is a victim of the system. There's just got to be some humanity involved when it's a victim of rape."

Moore said the woman was not allowed to take the second emergency contraceptive pill

until Monday afternoon, a day late, after reporters called police and jail officials.

Tampa police said they were changing their policy to give officers more discretion on when to arrest a crime victim who has outstanding warrants.

"Obviously, any policy that allows a sexual-battery victim to spend a night in jail is a flawed policy," police spokeswoman Laura McElroy said. "So our city attorney is writing a new policy right now."

The woman is not being identified by the Associated Press because she reported being the victim of a sex crime.

Moore said it was too soon to say if his client would sue. Her first priority was making sure detectives find her attacker.

"She is brave," Moore said. "We are going to work with police to catch this monster."

She was in Tampa on Jan. 27 for Gasparilla, an annual pirate-themed parade that draws thousands of people. She said she was walking

alone to her car when a man pulled her behind a building and raped her, McElroy said.

She reported the rape on the afternoon of Jan. 27, and officers took her to a rape crisis center, where she was given the first of two doses of the morning-after pill, McElroy said. The second dose is supposed to be taken within 24 hours.

Later, as she was riding in a patrol car trying to locate the crime scene in the dark, police found the warrant stemming from a 2003 juvenile arrest for grand theft and burglary. It said she owed \$4,585.

"They stopped the investigation right there" and put her in handcuffs, Moore said.

Authorities arranged a special bond hearing Monday. "When the chief's office learned we had a rape victim

in jail, we began working very aggressively to get her out," McElroy said.

Jennifer Dritt, the executive director of the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence, wanted more explanation from the jail, saying the woman's arrest "makes people think law enforcement doesn't have a victim-centered approach."

Moore said his client believes she paid the fine for what he described as a childish mistake. He didn't have details of that arrest, but the woman has no criminal history as an adult, according to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

The Sheriff's Office, which runs the jail, said in a statement Tuesday that it is investigating the complaint and declined to comment further.

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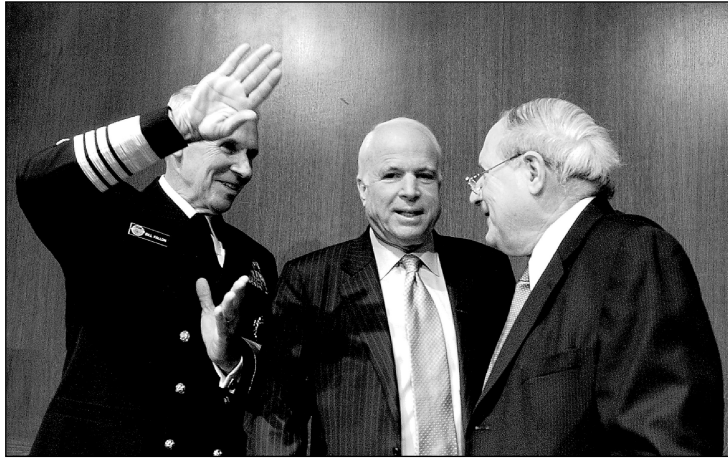
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New military head: Redefine Iraq goals

BY ROBERT BURNS
ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich. (right), and committee member Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. (center), talks with Adm. William Fallon on Capitol Hill on Tuesday, prior to Fallon's confirmation as the head of the U. S. Central Command.

WASHINGTON — It may be time to “redefine the goals” for Iraq, the admiral President Bush picked to lead U.S. forces in the Middle East told Congress on Tuesday as lawmakers of both parties maneuvered for leverage against Bush's proposed troop buildup.

“We have got to be doing, it seems to me, something different.” He did not say what might change under his command.

Meanwhile, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who has just returned from a trip to Iraq and Afghanistan, told a news conference on Capitol Hill that her delegation saw no sign that U.S. efforts in Iraq were moving ahead with urgency.

“We went with the hope and expectation that what we would see in Iraq was some coordinated effort to have political solutions, to relieve the civil strife and violence there, and diplomatic efforts to bring stability to the region,” she said. “We saw no evidence of either, sadly.”

The California Democrat praised the U.S. military's efforts but said more must be done on the economic and political fronts.

Rejecting Bush's troop buildup, Pelosi called for refocusing the U.S. military mission from combat to a combination of training Iraqi forces, protecting Iraq's borders and fighting terrorists.

Bush's declaration last week that “I am the decision-maker” on issues of war also ran into resistance, this time from a prominent Republican. Bush has said he intends to push

ahead with his plan to send an additional 21,500 U.S. troops to Iraq, regardless of any resolution the Senate may pass.

“I would suggest respectfully to the president that he is not the sole decider,” Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said during a hearing on Congress' war powers. “The decider is a shared and joint responsibility.”

There were approximately 132,000 U.S. troops in Iraq before the increase.

The question of how to try forcing an end to the war in Iraq, and under what conditions, is among the issues faced by the newly empowered Democratic majority in Congress, and some of the president's political allies as well.

James Baker III, the secretary of State during Bush's father's administration, told a congressional hearing Tuesday that the White House should find a way to negotiate with Iraq.

“A majority of Congress is ready to vote against a surge” in troops, Baker told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Baker was co-chairman of a

biartisan commission that recommended the administration pull out U.S. combat brigades by early 2008, launch new diplomatic initiatives with Iran and Syria and vastly increase the number of U.S. military advisers in Iraq.

Fallon, whom Bush nominated to replace Army Gen. John Abizaid as head of Central Command, told the Senate Armed Services Committee that he was not yet sure how he would go about changing the approach in Iraq.

“One of the things in the back of my mind that I'd like to get answered is to meet with the people that have been working this issue — particularly our ambassadors, our diplomats — to get an assessment of what's realistic and what's practical,” Fallon said.

“And maybe we ought to redefine the goals here a bit and do something that's more realistic in terms of getting some progress and then maybe take on the other things later,” he added without elaborating.

Iraqi attacks kill 58

BY BASSEM MROUE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Bombers struck Shiite worshippers in two cities Tuesday, and gunmen ambushed a busload of pilgrims in a series of attacks that killed at least 58 people as more than 2 million Shiites jammed major shrines for ceremonies marking Ashoura, the holiest day of the Shiite calendar.

The bloodshed took place despite heightened security following a battle with messianic Shiites who authorities said planned a large assault on Ashoura ceremonies. With security so intense at the main venues, extremists chose targets in smaller cities where safety measures were less stringent.

In the deadliest attack, a suicide bomber blew himself up among a crowd of worshippers entering a Shiite mosque in Mandali near the Iranian border, killing 26 people and wounding 47, according to police. At least 12 more died and 28 were wounded when a bomb exploded in a garbage can as Shiites were performing outdoor rituals in the largely Kurdish city of Khanaqin, police said.

In Baghdad, gunmen in two cars opened fire on a bus carrying pilgrims to the capital's most



Nabil al-Jurani/Associated Press

Iraqi Shiites mark the Ashoura on Tuesday in Basra, Iraq. Ashoura is the 10th day of Muharram, when Imam Hussein was killed in the Battle of Karbala in the year 680; the events following the battle led to the split of Islam to two major sects, Sunni and Shiite.

important Shiite shrine, killing seven and wounding seven, police said. Hours later, mortar shells rained down on two mostly Sunni neighborhoods, killing nine and wounding 30 in what police said appeared to be a reprisal attack.

One person was killed in a mortar attack on a Shiite neighborhood, police said. A Shiite man was shot dead in Baghdad, and two policemen were killed in a bombing in Mosul, police said. At an Arab League meeting in Tunisia,

Iraqi Interior Minister Jawad al-Bolani asked other Arab countries to set aside room in their hospitals for wounded Iraqi police.

Intense security prevented major violence in the Shiite holy cities of Karbala and Najaf, venues for the biggest and most important Ashoura commemorations. Police found eight bodies Tuesday of people slain by sectarian death squads in Baghdad, the lowest single-day total in months.

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COMMENTARY

LOUD THUNDER, epic lameness

Newly signed with Wichita Recording after its first venture as *Clap Your Hands Say Yeah*, the band released its second go-round, *Some Loud Thunder*, Tuesday. More than a year after the musicians dropped their indie-rock, self-produced debut album, the band's hype continues to snowball.

BY BRIGID MARSHALL
THE DAILY IOWAN

If every band strives to be great background music, then *Clap Your Hands Say Yeah* is a failure.

On its newest release, *Some Loud Thunder*, Alec Ounsworth's voice penetrates your thoughts, forcing you to listen to him — and only him. Whether the tracks are successful, *Clap Your Hands Say Yeah* commands attention.

The lead singer's vintage whine was never one to be ignored, but this time around, the band's musical instruments also play a more prominent role.

The five-member team made up of Ounsworth on guitar, Robbie Guertin and Lee Sargent on keyboard and guitar, Tyler Sargent on bass, and Sean Greenhalgh on percussion brings indie-rock another quality album. However, littered here and there, one finds some tunes less than worthy of placement on the group's sophomore release.

While this is the Brooklyn/Philly-based quintet's second go at a full-length, it's the band's first with its new label, UK-based Wichita Recordings.

The album combines Ounsworth's signature yelp with the group's classic yet eclectic mix of layered harmonies and tambourine touches.

However, *Some Loud Thunder* doesn't quite have the same flare as the group's first venture. While the album has been available for download at the Myspace music website for close to a month (in a move true to the band's web roots), the album dropped in stores Tuesday.

The computerized layering infused with piano on "Satan Said Dance" by far utilizes the best of *Clap Your Hands*. One feels as if he's slipping into an alternate universe by way of famed *Flaming Lips* producer Dave Friedman's production style. A cacophony of sounds break down into synthesized beats, paving the way for the lyrics, "Satan, Satan, Satan" followed by a shout of voices: "Said dance" over and over. The sound of Ounsworth's voice sounds more vodka-drenched than usual, and his words smear across the music, creating a well, likable discomfort.



CD REVIEW

Clap Your Hands Say Yeah
Some Loud Thunder
★★★★ out of ★★★★★

However, the band strikes a chord with "Goodbye to the Mother and the Cover." The building piano chords peak at the album's high point, a ballad on which Ounsworth's vocals become their most clear and therefore accessible. Opening with minimal sound, three notes harp like a toy piano. The layering in the tune exemplifies *Clap Your Hands'* meticulous songcraft.

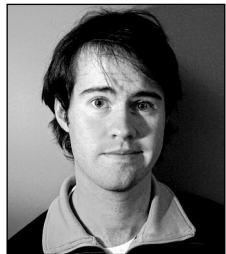
The intentional distortion of the title track remains true to its name. The clattering melody sounds as if it were just a dud-download off an illegal music site, but the track still works. The tune's crackling speakers evoke the unmistakable air of a downtown show venue.

Imagining yourself pushing off an excited hipster, the rest of the album mostly flows easily without the confusing dissonance created by the distorted opening.

While the second showing couldn't ever hope to create the same excitement as the band's debut, some songs on the 11-track disc stand out still, others dwindle onto the never-played list. The album closes with "Five Easy Pieces," which is doomed to be a non-hit. Harmonica, tambourine, an accordion, and droning voices melt into a never-ending unpleasant echo. Closing out at 6:47, the longest track was a mistake. Though *Some Loud Thunder* begins with experimental theatrics and ends with epic lameness, somewhere in between, the album is a bright, almost universally enjoyable listen.

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CONFESSIONS of a pop addict



PAUL SORENSON

My name is Paul Sorenson, and I have a problem.

It's a soul-sickening addiction, one that stuffs me with shame like a Pancho's burrito, one that threatens to slay any sense of good taste, one that would turn angels into alcoholics.

Yes, it's true — I'm hooked on bad pop music.

Looking back, the foreshadow of my fall was clear: the way I would sneak into dark corners to inject my fix of Brittany Spears' "Crazy," how I continued to listen to "Rich Girl" after the novelty of the *Fiddler on the Roof* reference was exhausted.

But these things were carefully hidden while I continued to promote my apparently refined musical palate. I stapled my Radiohead CDs to my chest as badges of honor. I professed my love to Sufjan Stevens before he became a populist whore (blame lies on the seducers, not the artist). I claimed to discover bands such as Danielson and A Silver Mt. Zion, in all their various nominative forms. I tried my best. But then, somehow, I was bamboozled.

Let me explain. A faraway country named South Africa beckoned me to visit for a semester. Soon after I was welcomed into its bosom, it introduced me to a previously only whispered form of music: house. Not any of this boring



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He made me do it.

old "Chicago" techno-based music, but something different, something colorful, something ... foreign. Hell, it could sound identical to the stuff you'd hear at trendy clubs in New York, and I wouldn't care. That it came from a distant, purportedly exotic country could only add to my clout.

Sure, the beats were generally uncreative — monotonous, as is the house-music standard. And yes, the lyrical content was disposable: recycled vocals about vague, everlasting love. But dammit, sometimes the words were in Zulu, and I had trouble pronouncing the DJ's name — therefore, it was unique.

Those were the days ... having my ears blown out by the killer sound systems in the mobile deathtrap of a minibus taxi, bouncing my near nonexistent ass to "Iwewe" (EE-way-way) in the middle of the dance

A tale more tragic than Romeo & Juliet and Crash's Oscar win combined, DI reporter Paul Sorenson tells of his shocking addiction to drum machines and recycled synthesizer madness

floor in a Sowetan club, living the rhythmless white-man's dream of having epileptic dance moves accepted because a foreigner is expected to be strange.

Eventually, I was forced to re-enter the over-worn pants of Iowa. I mourned the loss of the bass beat that gave me more life than my heartbeat. I turned on the radio to pass the time between sleeping and crying — and something unexpected happened. My feet began to jump as if connected to an electric metronome. My arms unfroze and made wavy motions in the air. I was dancing again, or doing whatever term of horror an onlooker would assign.

The song ended, and thus spoke the announcer: "You just heard 'My Love,' by Justin Timberlake."

No. No; impossible. I couldn't have fallen in love with a tune

from a former member of 'N SYNC. But it was too late. In the dark of night, I stole my little sister's copy of Justin's album and started to absorb. I learned how he had revived sexiness, how karma strikes back at hurtful exes, how many times the phrase "Damn, Girl!" can be repeated as a chorus (6½, apparently).

I attempted to resist. I hid *FutureSex/LoveSounds* in the new Decemberists album's CD case. I thrice denied having knowledge of a gender-specific cannibal by the name of Nelly Furtado — but then the cock crowed. My façade was dissolved. I come to you now with my confession.

Oh, gods of thoughtful, creative music! Forgive my aural transgressions! Do not deny me the kingdom of bliss, for I promise to dream of only indie labels forevermore!

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NEW 'GOLDEN' ERA

GOLDEN GIRL

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Although some have scoffed at an athletics allocation for the Golden Girl, current Golden Girl Diana Reed, feels those skeptics don't understand the time commitment that comes with the position.

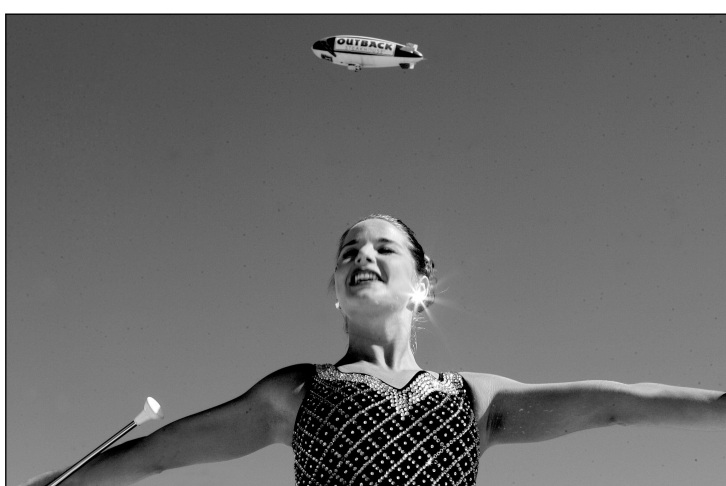
"I challenge anyone to come along with me when I go to the gym and work on my routines," she said. "I have been training for the last 18 years to reach this position."

Reed, a fifth-year senior in her final year as Golden Girl, has been twirling competitively since she was 6. Her daily regimen includes at least two hours of exercise and practicing her throws, as well as rehearsals and appearances with the Hawkeye Marching Band.

Despite the heavy workload, this year's Golden Girl search generated 12 applications from across the nation. Four will participate in the final audition round on Feb. 24, said Kevin Kastens, the director of the Hawkeye Marching Band. Although he can't reveal the hopefuls' identities until the auditions, the four finalists hail from New York, Indiana, Missouri, and Iowa.

"Every potential Golden Girl is a consistent contest winner and title holder," Kastens said. "In addition, they all possess excellent footwork, dance ability, and showmanship."

Following in Reed's footsteps will be a tall order for the next Golden Girl; her accomplishments include a National



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan
Iowa's "Golden Girl" Diana Reed puts some pizzazz into the Outback Bowl Beach Day while the Hawkeye Marching Band performs in Tampa, Fla., on Dec. 30, 2005.

'I challenge anyone to come along with me when I go to the gym and work on my routine. I have been training for the last 18 years to reach this position.'

— Diana Reed, Iowa's Golden Girl

Show Twirl Championship, a Junior Olympic gold medal, and the title of Collegiate Miss Majorette of the North.

But Reed isn't worried about her successor's abilities.

"The great thing about the job is that people can contribute their unique qualities and experiences," she said.

In fact, being able to be yourself might just be the most important qualification. Both Reed and Kastens — who serve on the search committee along with two band teaching assistants, UI Director of

Bands Myron Welch, and representatives from the Spirit Squad and UI Dance Team — stressed that the finalists' personalities will be factored into the final decision.

Reed agreed the art of field twirling involves more than just technique.

"Performing as the Golden Girl means you have to be able to interact with a large audience and serve as a role model to Hawkeye fans and all young people."

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Marathoners still canning

CANS

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Prizes such as iPods, free massages, and a dinner date with head football coach Kirk Ferentz encourage dancers to raise as much money as possible.

"They know what it's for," Bushaw said. "It's going towards the kids. Just knowing where it's going motivates the dancers."

But for Seelbach, the money-raising process stalled her full participation for almost two years.

The Springfield, Ill., native said she signed up for the event

as a sophomore but became frustrated and gave up after raising only \$60 while canning. Though Seelbach, who participated as a four-hour spirit dancer at last year's event, waited until Jan. 26 to officially sign up for a second try, she said she won't give up this time.

"It's such an amazing cause, it affects so many people; I would regret being at the University of Iowa and not doing it," she said, noting that she raised \$130 canning her first night out of the gate.

A trip to the Children's Hospital of Iowa at the UI Hospitals and Clinics also showed

Seelbach where the money has gone over the years.

The pre-physical therapy student — whose grandmother died of breast cancer in the early 1990s — said if she still needs donations by the end of the week, she'll write a check herself.

And Seelbach said she doesn't mind canning in the cold for the kids.

"I enjoy interacting with people I meet on the street, but I wish I hadn't waited [to register]," she said. "It's for a good cause; I shouldn't be complaining."

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Threat zaps reading

THREAT

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By 7:30 p.m., a hand-painted blue sign declaring Iowa City to be a free-speech zone was hanging on the door to Prairie Lights. Several would-be reading attendees gathered near the entrance and voiced displeasure about the cancellation.

"A fetus probably called in," one man said, turning away from the door.

Officials declined to discuss specifically what the Tuesday threats entailed.

Iowa City police Sgt. Bill Campbell said he didn't have

enough information to comment but said he thought the word "threats" might be too strong to describe the incident.

Once the reading was canceled, event security became a nonissue, he said.

Prairie Lights book buyer Paul Ingram said he was in the back of the store when the incident occurred, so he didn't have much information. Other Prairie Lights officials could not be reached for comment on Tuesday.

Jacob's book is a compilation of essays that focus on the complexities of abortions. Jacob has said she hopes to help people who do not have a strong

stance on the issue to join the women's rights movement.

The book also discusses the role of ethnicity, economic situations, and medical complications in abortions — areas that are often ignored during the issue's discussion.

"I was really upset to be censored," Jacob said. The book "is not militant on one side [of the issue]."

She said she'd still be open to holding a reading in Iowa City, but added it would be at the discretion of Prairie Lights managers.

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Senator faces battle

BROWNBACK

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Instead, the United States should focus on finding a political answer to the war in Iraq rather than relying on a military solution, he said. The key to any diplomatic success down the road, the senator said, is the division of Iraqi oil wealth among the nation's three major ethnic groups.

Distancing himself from the president's policy on Iraq, Brownback proposed a three-state solution that would weaken the Iraqi central government and strengthen regional leadership.

The senator also said Americans cannot afford to remain divided on Iraq.

"You cannot conduct a long-term war with one party for it and another against it," he said.

To find a middle ground, the senator said he supports implementing suggestions from the Iraq Study Group. The bipartisan report urged U.S. leaders to engage in diplomatic communication with Iran and Syria as a way

'You cannot conduct a long-term war with one party for it and another against it.'

— Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan.

to promote stability in the Middle East.

When asked whether he expects the Bush administration to pursue military action outside Iraq, Brownback said, "I don't see it militarily against Iran, but I do see it against Iranian surrogates in the area."

A Zogby poll conducted on Jan. 15-16 shows that Brownback garnered only 1 percent support from likely Republican caucus-goers. But Cynthia Michel, the secretary of the Johnson County Republicans, said she's interested in seeing how conservative presidential candidates such as Brownback plan to attract Iowa Republicans.

No candidate should be counted out this early, she said.

"[Presidential candidates] stand a good chance of increasing their poll numbers by coming and speaking to Iowans

and telling them where they stand on the issues," she said.

Peverill Squire, a UI professor of political science, said that in order to succeed, the Kansas senator must rely heavily on conservative Republicans to decide that they cannot back such front-runners as former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

As a result, Brownback may try to promote himself to voters as the "true conservative" option, the professor said.

"It is likely that many in the Christian right will be more comfortable with Brownback than with most of the other GOP candidates," Squire said. "If Brownback can secure most of their votes, it will position him to finish in the top three in Iowa and to continue on in the campaign."

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Q: Scot Skiles holds the NBA record for assists in a game with 30, set while with the Orlando Magic on Dec. 30, 1990. Who has the second most, and what is that figure?
Answer on page 2b



BLOGGING HAWKS

FORMER HAWKEYE STANDOUT JEFF HORNER IS CONTINUING HIS EXCLUSIVE BLOG FOR THE D/ THIS SPRING. CHECK OUT DAILYIOWAN.COM TO CATCH HIS LATEST ENTRY, IN WHICH HE DISCUSSES HIS TEAM'S PLAYOFF CHANCES, FACING OFF WITH OLD TEAMMATE GREG BRUNNER OVERSEAS, AND THE WHEREABOUTS OF MANY FORMER HAWKEYES STILL PURSUING BASKETBALL AROUND THE GLOBE.



RECRUITING

Football nabs running back

The Hawkeyes can officially cross one of their biggest needs off the recruiting board. Kirk Ferentz and his staff landed a commitment from Florida running back Jevon Pugh on Tuesday.



Pugh
running back

The Naples, Fla., native is rated a three-star prospect by Rivals.com, and he picked Iowa over scholarship offers from Kansas State, Maryland, and Toledo. The 5-10, 210-pound tailback rushed for 1,832 yards and 18 touchdowns last season.



Young
running back

"He compares with Albert Young — he's 210, so maybe even a little thicker than Albert," Tom Kakert of Rivals said. "He's kind of a power back with some shiftiness to him. He's a between-the-tackles back who can move the pile."

"I don't know if he has quote-unquote break-away speed like Damian Sims, but he's got a shiftiness to him."
The addition of Pugh — who has been timed at 4.6 seconds in the 40-yard dash — fills a major need for the Hawkeyes. He is the only running-back commitment thus far in the 2007 recruiting class, and Kakert said, his pledge to the Hawkeyes is huge.

"Last year, they really didn't go hard for a running back," he said. "This year, it became a need, and [the Iowa coaches] wanted to find one, maybe two."

Pugh is the 20th known commitment to the 2007 class. Expect the Hawkeyes to add a few more players before signing day Feb. 7.
—by Ian Smith

IOWA (11-10, 3-4) VS. MICHIGAN (16-6, 4-3)

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Hawks still looking for road victory

Heading into a four-game conference stretch that takes them to the far North and back, the Hawkeyes hope their recent road woes evaporate in Ann Arbor



Hawkeye Cyrus Tate fights for a loose ball with Penn State's David Jackson during Iowa's Jan. 24 win over the Nittany Lions in Carver.

Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

BY JASON BRUMMOND
THE DAILY IOWAN

Never underestimate a Big Ten road trip.

That's what Iowa coach Steve Alford wants to remind his young team, still searching for an elusive road victory with February just a day away. The Hawkeyes will travel to Michigan today for a 7:05 p.m. start in Crisler Arena.

Alford said his team's inexperience — more than half of Iowa's regular contributors didn't play a year ago, and the team has only two seniors — can be exposed away from Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

"I can remember as a player, early in your career, you're a lot more comfortable at home," the coach said. "You're staying at your own place, same routine, and it's a comfortable environment. It's a different animal on the road."

"Sometimes we want to take for granted that it's not that big of a deal to play in front of 15,000 people on the road. That's difficult, and they're going through it for the first time."

The environment won't be easy tonight.

Michigan (16-6, 4-3) is 14-1 at home this season, and it

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The twists, twirls of gymnastics

COMMENTARY

Over the top on FAN-FRIENDLY

The Iowa MEN'S GYMNASTICS TEAM is upping the ante to help increase attendance and make home meets more fan-friendly. Judging from Jan. 27's happenings, it looks as if it will do anything.



RYAN YOUNG

I never realized just how overly fan-friendly sports have become until I went to the Jan. 27 men's gymnastics meet against Illinois-Chicago. I figured I was in for a few hours of sweet tricks, flips, twists, and turns — little did I know, I was already in the running for a free pizza and a chance to catch an Iowa gymnastics T-shirt if a gymnast scored a 9.0 or higher.

As a poor college student, I'm always up for free food and clothes. And beggars can't be choosy.

Sports are a funny thing nowadays. Not funny ha-ha, but more in terms of when you go to a 4-year-old's birthday party, find a cliché clown pulling a string of handkerchiefs out of his sleeve, and making balloon animals for a cluster of rug rats twitching from sugar highs.

They're funny because it seems as though at sporting events, both collegiate and professional, there's always one thing you can count on — entertainment from the fan-friendly mini-games that take place during halftime and intermissions. You know, the ones so pointless and painfully easy, you can't help but be drawn to the action.

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Matt Ryerson/The Daily Iowan

Jenny Donar works on the vault during woman's gymnastics practice on Jan. 27. Donar and Rachel LaCasse are walk-ons for the Hawks, and they have been competing in matches.

Walk-ons surprise GYM HAWKS, coach

BY DIANE HENDRICKSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

Most walk-on athletes walk on the bench, hoping for any opportunity to participate. For two Iowa gymnasts, not only did they make the team, they have proven to be valuable assets.

"It's not like walk-ons make

the impact they have already," head coach Larissa Libby said. "Without them, we'd be in trouble."

Rachel LaCasse visited Iowa unofficially, but she wasn't up to the skill level the coaches were looking for. The St. Charles, Ill., native had given up gymnastics for two years because of nagging injuries.

Libby never saw Jenny Donar before she arrived on the Iowa campus. Assistant coach Jeff Richards was the only witness to her talent, which was a little sloppy.

Despite high-school success, many colleges overlooked Donar because they focus on

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SPORTS

Dance coach for a day

An aspiring young dancer just 9 years old, Sarah Rinehart found out exactly what it's like to be 'Hawkeye Coach for a Day,' thanks to a silent auction at her local grade school

BY BOB KONRARDY
SPECIAL TO THE DAILY IOWAN

A petite, pony-tailed 9-year-old girl darts onto the Carver-Hawkeye court during the women's basketball overtime with Minnesota on Jan. 25. Giving Iowa dance-team captain, Kate Sandy, the song-and-dance routine, she scurries back to the bench.

After the game, Iowa dance coach Erica Blackwell introduces her to coach Lisa Bluder, "This is Sarah, the dance-team coach."

Has the Spirit Squad changed its hiring policy?

Sarah Rinehart, a student at Wickham Elementary in Coralville, is the dance-team coach — for a day.

Her parents purchased the "Dance Coach for a Day" package at a charity silent auction. Rinehart, dancing since she was 4, experienced what it took to be a

'The best part was when the basketball game went into overtime. It was exciting.'

— Sarah Rinehart, 9-year-old student at Wickham Elementary

college coach during performances. Monday afternoon, she rejoined the team for a very physical practice session.

"Hi, coach," the squad said as she entered the room.

After changing into gray shorts and a yellow Iowa T-shirt, Rinehart and Blackwell led the squad in Field House laps, followed by a water break.

The team sweated through dumbbell training, floor exercises, pushups, sit-ups, more stretching, and water breaks. Rinehart soon learned that

water breaks are an important part of every workout.

Forming lines across the mirrored room, she took position with the last two dancers.

"I'm shy. I want to be back here," she said.

The lines jumped, turned, dropped to the floor, kicked, and pirouetted their way back and forth. Rinehart's years of experience showed as she kicked over her head, jumped competitively with her partners, and followed the instructions.

After practice, she joined the squad for news of upcoming events and rules for picking team captains for next year.

"She's definitely not shy at home," her father said when he picked her up.

Sarah's reaction — "The best part was when the basketball game went into overtime. It was exciting."

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