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NATIONAL GUARD Pentagon under fire for extensions

State lawmakers are demanding increased pay and an explanation for why Iowa Guard troops learned their stay in Iraq would be extended from websites and families

BY ERIC RODRIGUEZ
THE DAILY IOWAN

Usually members of the Iowa National Guard are notified by the Department of Defense when their tour of duty is extended. But almost four weeks ago, soldiers in the 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry Regiment, learned of their 125-day service extension on news websites or from loved ones.

The botched notification effort by the Defense Department prompted 39 Iowa senators to sign a letter to Secretary of Defense Robert Gates demanding hardship pay and an explanation for why the public and the media were notified of an extension before the affected troops.

The lengthened stay came after the Bush administration's call for an increased number of troops to serve in Iraq.

In the letter, Iowa officials called for an extra \$1,000 worth of monthly pay and a retooling of the Guard's payment system to include a salary increase if soldiers are kept in service for more than a year. The proposed structure mirrors that of active soldiers who are not in the Guard.

In addition, the letter demanded funding and resources for families, employers, and home communities of the reservists who had their tour extended.

The senators pointed to the Alaska 172nd Stryker Brigade to justify the pay increase. The Alaska Guard unit had its tours extended by four months and received hardship pay, according to the senators' letter.

Iowa Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville, said the purpose of the letter was to increase the amount of aid Guard troops receive, making it comparable with active personnel.



Dvorsky
D-Coralville

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Mechanical problems may have caused fatal Iowa plane crash

BY EMILEIGH BARNES
THE DAILY IOWAN

Preliminary information shows that a mechanical failure may have caused a Feb. 2 plane crash near Grinnell that killed two Iowa City men, one of whom was a UI employee,

officials reported Tuesday.

But the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board could take as long as half a year to conclude what exactly caused the accident, according to the Poweshiek County Sheriff's Office.

"A final determination of what actually happened will be released as soon as the investigation has been completed," Poweshiek County Sheriff Thomas Sheets said in a statement.

Family members said Blane

Anderson, 34, and Joshua James Reynolds, 35, were on a return flight from Seattle. Around 20 minutes outside Iowa City, their Spencer Air Car crashed into a field south-east of Grinnell.

A statement from the

Anderson family described the plane as "not built by a commercial manufacturer" and that Anderson was flying the plane back from Seattle, where he had purchased it.

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ICED-SILO CLIMBING ON UPSWING



Brett Slezak/The Daily Iowan

Indiana University Ph.D. student Andrew Friedley (bottom right) and UNI graduate Forest Hoff (bottom middle) belay for climbers Nick Edmonds (left) and Jay Bowers (middle), while UI biology major Elliot Kelley starts his descent from the top of a silo on Feb. 3 on a farm near Cedar Falls. FOR MORE PHOTOS, GO TO DAILYIOWAN.COM FOR A PHOTO SLIDE SHOW.



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UI senior Elliot Kelley belays for a climber as UI graduate Ben Dalgaard looks on. Kelley had never gone rock climbing before he tried ice climbing, but now he goes out to Cedar Falls silos almost every weekend.

One college professor is helping promote the frozen recreation in pursuit of his dream to cover every silo with ice

BY LAURA KLAIRMONT
THE DAILY IOWAN

The scope of Iowa cornfields and rolling plains would seem endless if not for rocket-shaped structures that occasionally break up the monotonous scenery. Originally used for corn storage, these silos have a new use during the winter.

An instructor at the University of Northern Iowa developed the sport of ice-climbing in 2000 — involving harnessed climbers slipping and sliding their way to the tops of silos, which can sometimes be as high as 110 feet-tall.

Don Briggs, UNI instructor of outdoor pursuits, said he developed the idea to climb the silos

more than six years ago.

"It's different, and it offers people a chance to do something they enjoy," he said. "My dream is to have every silo covered with ice."

Briggs said the number of people asking about his iced silos prompted him to write *Silo Ice Climbing, Ice Climbing in the Midwest*, which was published by Standard Publishing Co. in July 2003, describing and teaching others how to scale the icy structures.

"It's easier than rock-climbing," he said. "We use ice axes. On our feet, we use clamp-ons, which are spiky little things so you don't slip on the ice."

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SLUMP BREAKERS

Last, the women hoopsters were mired in a skid when Michigan came to town and helped the Hawks put things right. The Hawks are hoping for more of the same. **1B**



NOT EGGS-ACTLY

Last fall, the university said it was going to change to so-called cage-free eggs. Not so fast, it turns out. **5A**

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Partly sunny, windy

Regents: Minority graduation rates still falling shy of goal

The state board says the regent schools need outside help

BY TERRY MCCOY
THE DAILY IOWAN

AMES — The measures the UI has implemented to raise minority graduation rates have fallen short of their targets, and the time has come to look for outside help, members of the state Board of Regents said Tuesday.

After peering over data, which detailed the regent schools' lack of progress in retaining minority students through graduation, the regents called for Iowa universities to seek external advice for ways to bridge the ethnic gap in the levels of students receiving their diplomas.

"My concerns have elevated since last year," Regent Teresa Wahlert said. "Our policies ... I don't know if they are right or wrong, but I think we need help."

One source of assistance may be institutions that are composed predominantly of minority students, she said. Though unaware whether such colleges more successfully retain and graduate minority students, she said, Iowa universities should consult them anyway.

"You need to steal as many great ideas as you can possibly find," she said.

In 2005, the UI had an 80.5 percent retention rate for minority students, 3.5 percent short of the university's target, according to a report detailing one-year retention rates by ethnicity for classes entering the UI in 2001-05.

UI Provost Michael Hogan contended that the UI has made "incremental progress," but he conceded that the predominantly white school needs

help to further that growth.

In general, he said, the university needs to become more culturally diverse to attract and retain more minority pupils. The university hired 23 minority faculty members last year — a move Hogan said he hopes will trigger further diversity efforts.

"You will not get minority students to come and stay very long just because other minority students are there," the provost said. "You need to bring in your curriculum and faculty, too."

Regents also prompted the three state universities to combine resources and push a joint effort to increase minority retention.

Of the three schools, the University of Northern Iowa shows the greatest discrepancies in graduation rates between

minority and white students, Regent President Michael Gartner said.

James Lubker, the UNI provost of academic affairs, said the Cedar Falls school's smaller number of students skews the percentages and thus the reality of the university's ethnic makeup.

"But that is not an excuse," he said. "We need to have more students. We need to graduate them. We need to retain them. And we are working on it."

Regent universities will draft a report within six months to determine what steps the schools should initiate, Hogan said. At least 18 months will pass before any marked improvement will show, the provost said.

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SPINNING THE SNOW



Wesley Cropp/The Daily Iowan

UI employee Marc Knottnerus uses a small tractor to clear the path outside Phillips Hall on Tuesday. The university has opted for brushes instead of scoops as the primary method for snow removal outside the facility.

METRO

Woman charged in cocaine bust

Coralville police have arrested a 38-year-old woman, alleging that a search of her apartment uncovered almost \$12,000 of cocaine.

Officers said Tammy Harris, a Coralville resident, had 11.8 grams of "white rock substance" in her 10th Street apartment when they conducted a search at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 26.

The substance had been separated into 100 individual bags, authorities reported. Field tests on one of the bags confirmed the substance was cocaine, police said.

Coralville Lt. Shane Kron said the amount of cocaine was unusual in a drug bust.

"That's quite a bit," he said. "That's a lot of bags."

Harris now faces a Class D felony charge of controlled-substance violation, a simple misdemeanor charge of possession of drug paraphernalia, and a felony charge of violation of the drug tax-stamp law.

— by Emileigh Barnes

Regents approve UI projects

AMES — The state Board of Regents on Tuesday unanimously approved a Burge Residence Hall addition, Art Building renovation and landscaping project, and a roof repair on the President's Residence.

The total estimated costs of all three projects will total roughly \$24 million, with the Burge Hall addition costing \$9 million and the Art Building renovation and landscaping project coming in at \$15 million.

The Burge addition will entail a five-story, 44,491-square-foot

structure that would house 104 student beds on four levels, according to the agenda.

"I think it will be a big improvement in what I consider a mediocre-looking residence hall," said Doug True, the UI senior vice president for Finance.

The Burge development will be funded by academic building revenue bonds, building renewal funds, and income from the treasurer's temporary investments, according to the agenda.

— by Terry McCoy

Liquor House drops lawsuit

The Liquor House has dropped a lawsuit against its former landlord, Hieronymi Partnership, in which the store claimed that the landlord wrongfully terminated its lease after the April 13, 2006, tornado damaged the property.

The suit, filed in September, said a two-year lease on the site at the intersection of Burlington and Clinton Streets had been extended until 2008, but the store received notice of termination shortly after the storm.

The plaintiffs claimed Hieronymi managing partner John Hieronymus breached contract when he terminated the lease, because his contractor reported the building's damage could not be repaired within 60 days. Liquor House President Jeremy Harrod solicited a second opinion that estimated the building could be fixed in two weeks, according to the suit.

Since this summer, the Liquor House has been located at 425 S. Gilbert St.

— by Kelsey Beltramea

After crash, man hit with OWI

Iowa City police have charged an Iowa City man with OWI, alleging that he crashed his vehicle into a house near River Street on Feb. 3.

Officers said Samuel Kienzle, 20, was driving his vehicle when he crashed into a house at 3:54 a.m. on Feb. 3.

Authorities said when they arrived on scene, Kienzle smelled of alcohol and had "bloodshot, watery eyes, halting, slow, and slurred speech."

He admitted to having driven the car, police said.

Officers said Kienzle's blood-alcohol content registered at .175 on the Datamaster.

Kienzle faces a charge of OWI, a serious misdemeanor.

OWI is defined as someone who "did operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage."

The total cost of damages to the house and car was not included in the police complaint.

— by Emileigh Barnes

Snow causes spate of accidents

Tuesday's snow storm caused a series of car accidents around Iowa City, police reported.

Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said officers had received reports of at least 11 accidents in the Iowa City area by Tuesday afternoon.

The first accident report came in at 7:24 a.m.; by 1:35 p.m., 10 more had been called in, Kelsay said.

Although the accidents were spread throughout the city, he said,

most occurred in high-traffic areas of town, and most involved two vehicles.

No injuries were reported in any of the accidents.

It's also possible several other minor accidents occurred and went unreported, Kelsay said.

Vehicular collisions when it is snowing can result in fewer injuries than other times because drivers are driving slower than usual, he said.

— by Emileigh Barnes

Plame Wilson to speak at UI

The University Lecture Committee has announced that former CIA operative Valerie Plame Wilson will lecture at the UI on March 26.

Wilson, a 42-year-old Anchorage, Alaska, native, was part of the scandal that followed President Bush's State of the Union Address in 2003. Plame was at the center of a special-counsel investigation involving the exposing of her covert status by Robert Novak in a syndicated column in July 2003.

Joseph C. Wilson — Valerie Wilson's husband and a former U.S. ambassador, wrote in a 2003 *New York Times* op-ed piece that the Bush administration had ignored his debunking reports of Iraq buying yellowcake from Niger.

The lecture will be free to the public.

Other lecturers scheduled for the semester include author Jane Smiley on Feb. 25 and American-Indian rights activist John Trudell and documentarian Heather Rae on April 12.

— by Brittney Berget

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POLICE BLOTTER

Rayshona Burgett, 22, 5732 Daum, was charged Sunday with a Scott County warrant: FTA Debtors Exam.

Molly Calcott, 21, Libertyville, Ill., was charged Feb. 3 with public intoxication.

Christopher Confer, 19, 2142 Quadrangle, was charged Sunday with fifth-degree criminal mischief.

Brendan Daily, 20, Ottumwa, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Sarah Minor, 18, Coralville, was charged Monday with possession of a fictitious driver's license/ID.

Jon Radecki, 45, transient, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Daniel Siciliano, 19, Naperville, Ill., was charged Feb. 3 with public intoxication.

Mark Smiddy, 23, 329 1/2 N. Dodge St., was charged Jan. 30 with disorderly conduct.

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Shelter House reports no crush

Despite freezing conditions, shelter officials say they've had fewer Iowa City homeless knock on the doors over the past few days

'Iowa City's good, besides needing more shelter space. It could be a lot worse; Iowa City's up there. I'd give it a 95 out of a 100 percent rating.'

—Scott Hovland

BY AMANDA BATTAGLIA
THE DAILY IOWAN

In past years, Scott Hovland has dealt with the bitter cold by staying inside, wrapping up in blankets and going to all-night coffee shops.

But Hovland has not just done these things at his leisure. He's done them to survive — he is homeless.

The 44-year-old plans to stay at the Shelter House, 331 N. Gilbert St., this winter to stay warm, just as he did last year.

"It's a great feeling when people you know are here, it's a feeling of stability," he said. "Iowa City's good, besides needing more shelter space. It could be a lot worse; Iowa City's up there. I'd give it a 95 out of a 100 percent rating."

Hovland said another homeless man who stays in the Shelter House came in the other night frostbitten. In his wheelchair, he had fallen into a snowy ditch.

The nonprofit Shelter House is the only facility of its kind in the county available to those in need. The facility houses 29 beds, free for those who sign up for a 90-day program. A drop-in time is offered from 5 to 10 p.m., when members of the homeless population can garner temporary shelter. But only those in the 90-day program can stay in the warm beds overnight.

"I know that the Shelter House is put under extra stress," said Bob Andrlik, the



Rachel Mummey/The Daily Iowan

Sean Slechta and Harold Howard (left to right) help themselves to coffee at the Shelter House on Tuesday. Slechta, who recently completed in-patient drug and alcohol treatment at MECCA in Iowa City, has been living off and on at a sober friend's house and the Shelter House. Howard says he has even slept in stairwells to stay warm.

executive director of Table-to-Table, 20 E. Market St. "The homeless can't be out and need to get indoors."

Table-to-Table, a nonprofit organization, gathers food from local businesses as well as the IMU to provide area shelters with food for the homeless.

Crissy Canganelli, the Shelter House executive director said most people who frequent the shelter have trouble finding jobs that pay, affordable housing, and medical insurance, and they suffer from mental-health and substance-abuse problems.

"It's very overwhelming; they don't know how to put the prices together, and that's why we're there," she said, adding that 20 to 25 people drop-in for a meal and shelter every night in addi-

tion to the 29 in the program.

Canganelli said as many as 430 people visit the Shelter House for residential service every year.

Because the Shelter House cannot accommodate the entire Johnson County homeless population, a number of homeless are directed to local churches that temporarily take in homeless in an overflow program during the winter months.

Canganelli said that despite the recent drop in temperature, fewer homeless people have arrived at the Shelter House's doors. She noted, however, that these numbers are never easily predictable.

"This is unexpected because it didn't happen last year," she said, adding that since Feb. 2, no extra homeless have been turned away. "Everyone was

surprised that no one used the overflow."

More than 21,000 Iowans were homeless at some point during 2005 — an increase of almost 3,000 people since 1999, according to the Shelter House website. But Canganelli said the recent trend in Iowa doesn't match up with city numbers. Approximately 1,000 people are homeless in Johnson County, according to the website.

Iowa City City Councilor Connie Champion sympathizes with those having to battle with the extremes, but commends the local churches that assist with the seasonal overload program.

"I feel for the people that don't have a place to stay," she said, "it's great a thing they're doing."

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IOWA CITY

Report: City finances fine

An independent auditor finds no areas of concern

BY STEPHEN SCHMIDT
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report was released Tuesday, bearing no bad news about the city's financial state.

City Manager Steve Atkins said the city's fund reserves are sound and that the independent auditor hired by the city found no areas of concern in an audit of the city's 2006 financial records.

"There was nothing for them to be concerned about. Everything is looking fine," Atkins said, adding that the city has been awarded for its excellence by auditors performing the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the last 20 consecutive years.

In addition to being required by law, he said, the reports are done in order to provide transparency for city financial records, and they are used when the city needs to do a credit analysis on its bonds.

State law requires the city hire an independent firm to perform the yearly analysis.

An auditor looks through the city's financial records and then makes comments to the city if there are any concerns.

The audit was performed this year by Eide Bailly LLP of Dubuque.

According to the report, city revenue exceeded

'There was nothing for them to be concerned about. Everything is looking fine.'

—Steve Atkins,
Iowa City city manager

expenses by \$14,773,000 in fiscal 2006. Iowa City took in \$112,154,000 in 2006, which included \$37,770,000 in property taxes, \$23,764,000 in intergovernmental and grant revenues, \$5,253,000 in interest and investment earnings, and \$40,269,000 in charges for services.

Expenses totaled \$97,381,000 million, an amount that included \$39,950,000 for business activities, \$16,690,000 for public safety, \$12,723,000 for public works, and \$11,458,000 for culture and recreation.

Next week, Mayor Ross Wilburn and City Councilor Regenia Bailey will spend Feb. 12, 13, and 14 in Washington, D.C., lobbying the Iowa delegation in Congress for federal financial help in completing some projects on the city's Capital Improvement Plan. Members of the Chamber of Commerce and other elected officials will also make the trip.

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Feb. 20.

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Agencies probe fatal plane crash

CRASH

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Anderson and Reynolds were flying to Iowa City on the morning of Feb. 2 from Rawlins, Wyo., after having been stranded for five days in Twin Falls, Idaho, because of mechanical difficulties, accord-

ing to the family's statement. Anderson was a licensed professional pilot with 10 years of experience. "He called here in the afternoon, and said could I go [to the Iowa City Airport] with the kids to pick him up," wife Heidi Anderson said in the statement. "But he didn't show up. I

thought maybe he was running behind." Bill Owen, the manager of the Grinnell Regional Airport, has declined to comment. Reynolds was employed in the UI psychology department as a senior systems administrator. Anderson had three children, 6-year-old twins

Ruby Jo and Eli, and 14-month-old RosaMae. Visitation for Reynolds is scheduled for today from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 2701 Rochester Ave., with a memorial service to follow. E-mail *DI* reporter **Emileigh Barnes** at: emily-a-barnes@uiowa.edu

Extensions raise some ire

NATIONAL GUARD

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Dvorsky added that Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, was in favor of supporting increased services for the troops stationed overseas. The senators' letter also demanded a 90-day reintegration program for troops, which would help them adjust to civilian life via "allowances, training resources, and contracted support." In addition, officials called for social services, such as counseling, for families of Guard troops. "It seems as if there are a lot of programs that go to the active soldiers and not the Guard," Dvorsky said on Tuesday.

Lt. Col. Greg Hapgood, an Iowa National Guard spokesman, said it was not the responsibility of the Iowa Guard to notify troops about their extensions because they were no longer under the Guard's command. Hapgood did say, however, that the Iowa National Guard notified the families of the 133rd, who then conveyed the news to their loved ones in Iraq. While some of the senators did not have direct contact with families of the 133rd, most knew Rep. Ray Zirkelbach, D-Monticello, who is serving in Iraq and has been affected by the extension.

IOWA SENATORS' REQUESTS FOR THE IOWA NATIONAL GUARD

- Explanation for not notifying the 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry Regiment of extended deployment
- An increase of \$1,000 to troops with extended leave or service in Iraq for more than a year
- A 90-day reintegration program to help troops adjust to civilian life
- Services to family members of National Guard units including counseling
- Funding and resources to families, employers, and communities of the brigade

Sources: Iowa senators' letter to Secretary of Defense Robert Gates; Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville

"You're certainly disappointed at first, but as a soldier, you're stoic and you finish your mission," Hapgood said.

While he said he was "extremely appreciative" of the support state officials have given the Guard via the letter, he said he had no comment on whether the Guard supported the letter's proposed measures.

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CLIMBERS LOVE AN ICE DAY

ICE

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Silo climbing had caught on across the United States before Briggs added ice to the mix. In Bloomington, Ill., for example, an entire business has been dedicated to silo climbing since 1995. Upper Limits rock gym and pro shop is a gymnasium built inside a 65-foot-tall silo.

"We were looking for any place with tall ceilings where you could put climbing walls in," said Upper Limits manager Shawn Watson, adding that silos were the perfect answer.

In the past, the facility offered ice-climbing but stopped in 2003 because of unreliable weather conditions, he said. Only Texas, Oklahoma, and New York offer similar silo-climbing gyms in the United States, he said.

In Carrollton, Texas, changing sea levels caused silos, historically used to store grain, to flood. Now, Stone Works Climbing Gym Inc. uses the abandoned silos for climbing adventures. Five silos are used at the indoor climbing gym, with the tallest standing 110 feet.

In Iowa, UI senior Elliot Kelley first trekked to the farm of Briggs's friend Nolan Dewall last winter in search of iced silos.

"I had no experience prior to [that]," Kelley said. "I had never rock-climbed or anything."

He described the climb as "physically straining."

"You have to use your forearms and wrists. It takes time to master," he said, adding that once he reaches the top, he's able to relax. "It is beautiful when you see the farmland around you. You can finally take a deep breath and allow yourself to take it all in, and try it again."

Once climbers reach the top, they can potentially see 10 to 15 miles out into the horizon, Briggs said.

There are four silos located on the Dewall's farm ranging from 55 to 70 feet tall.

A showerhead-like device and hose placed on top of each silo allows climbers to ice the cylindrical structures. The process often takes as many as four days of constant spraying to make a decent base to climb on. Each silo is deemed structurally sound after a self-supporting column of ice forms from top to bottom, Briggs said.

Briggs said he provides rope, ice axes, goggles, boots, and spikes, and doesn't charge climbers any fees but requires them to sign a waiver.

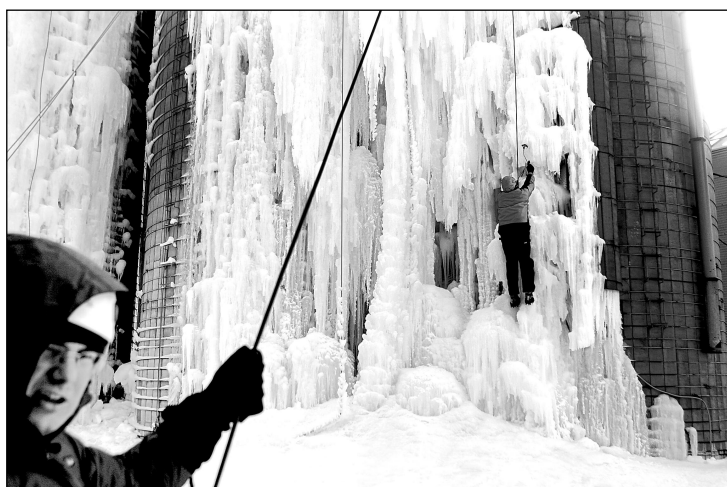
"All you need to bring is warm clothing," Kelley said, noting he's never been hurt in the five times he's made a climb.

This winter, he said, he



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Two pair of ice picks hang near Elliot Kelley as he prepares to scale an ice-covered silo on Feb. 3 near Cedar Falls. Climbers hold the picks in their hands and also attach the picks around their wrists in case a held pick slips out of their grip.



Brett Slezak/The Daily Iowan

Ben Dalgaard (left) belays for Elliot Kelley near Cedar Falls on Feb. 3.

tried a night climb, which he found more interesting than day climbs.

"You can see the lights of the farmhouses in the distance," he said, adding he now prefers twilight ascents. "There was a really big Moon out that night. It lit up the scenery and the countryside."

When asked what kind of people come to the farm near Cedar Falls in search

of a good ice-climb, Briggs said, "What kind of people? Crazy people! We're all

crazy, just not stupid."

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INDIVIDUALS INVITED:

People ages 25 to 60 with no history of neurological disorders are invited to participate in a driving simulation study. The purpose of this research study is to determine the effects of an anti-epileptic drug, phenytoin (Dilantin), on thinking, concentration, and driving performance.

Driving behavior will be tested in a driving simulator, an indoor automobile surrounded by large projection screens with a highly realistic, simulated highway road. During the study, you will receive phenytoin for one month, and a placebo (an inactive substance, similar to a sugar pill) for an additional month.

Participation involves five visits to the research clinic and will last for three months. We recommend that you avoid operating motor vehicles or dangerous machinery while participating in this study. Each visit will last approximately 4-6 hours.

Compensation is \$456.25 for completion of the study.

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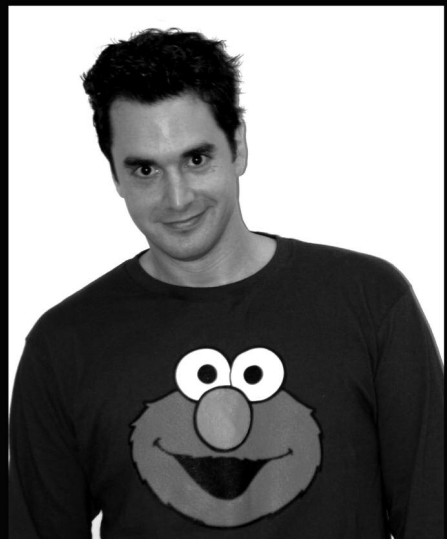
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Despite promise, UI eggs not so cage-free

Cage-free eggs finding their way to campus slower than expected

BY LAWRENCE DE GEEST
THE DAILY IOWAN

Despite promises last fall to replace regular eggs with those from free-range hens, UI Residence Hall cafeterias haven't made the expected change.

The UI Associated Residence Halls, which serves as the student government for UI residences, voted on Oct. 16, 2006, to request such eggs. The vote came after a pilot program in the spring of 2006, proposed by the UI student-led Farm Animal Welfare Network, which incorporated the eggs from free-range chickens. The pilot program cost the UI \$1,500, and if fully employed, it would create upwards of a \$4-\$5 increase in student meal plans per year, beginning next fall.

But since the vote, promises from Greg Black, the assistant

director of food services, to run the program full-time, and immediately throughout the university, have failed to materialize, said Will McBride, the president of the Farm Animal Welfare Network.

"Four months after the vote, and they haven't even located a supplier," he said in an e-mail to *The Daily Iowan*. "Not only did he not keep his word, but he has misled many on campus who have been under the impression that the eggs they are purchasing in their meal plans and consuming are from cage-free hens."

Black said the delay is due to "contractual difficulties." The UI holds a supply-agreement with Hawkeye Food Service of Coralville, which doesn't include providing eggs from cage-free hens. Black said a new supplier would need to be located — something he does-

n't expect for at least a few weeks.

"The whole process is difficult," he said. "There are very subjective criteria for what constitutes a cage-free egg, so a prime vendor contract, like the one we have with Hawkeye Food Service, will only be up for bidding in a few weeks when we finalize our criteria."

Jessica Hansen, a UI junior who mostly sees chickens as "food," said the humanitarian factor of serving cage-free eggs is comforting, but not necessarily important.

"I probably wouldn't care," she said. "As long as [the eggs] are fried, I'm all right."

Other students, such as UI freshman Eileen Foley, are frustrated to see the initiative trailing off course.

"My friends and I thought [the cafeterias] were serving cage-free eggs, and we thought

it was a major accomplishment," she said. "But we learned through the grapevine about a week ago that they aren't."

Both Black and Hawkeye Food Service declined to comment further on the UI food-service contract.

McBride pointed to Farmer's Hen House in Kalona, which provided the eggs during the pilot period, as a reliable supplier. Black also mentioned the company as a potential contract-holder for the upcoming fall semester, at which time he "guarantees" the new food plan will begin.

"My personal opinion doesn't factor into it," he said, adding that Associated Residence Halls approved the initiative by a "slim majority," and future costs may affect any final decisions.

Black also pointed to data from an Iowa State study that show no difference in nutri-



File photo/The Daily Iowan
Chickens roost in the hen house at the Sass Family Farm on Feb. 27, 2006. The eggs that the chickens produce are part of the Sass' community-supported agriculture business. They deliver nearly 30 baskets of fresh seasonal vegetables and fruit and eggs weekly to their customers in the area.

tion between the two sources of eggs and that the life-span for hens from both farms were the same — one year, and then they are destroyed.

"They're turned mostly into dog food," he said. "It's the same end either way."

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History of the UI Smoking Ban

- Feb. 28, 2006: Smoking Policy Review Committee recommends the health-science colleges go smoke-free
- July 1, 2006: UI Hospitals and Clinics bans smoking on its grounds
- Aug. 14, 2006: Ban on smoking within 25 feet of UI building entrances
- Nov. 15, 2006: Iowa House Hotel in the IMU bans smoking in all guest rooms
- Feb. 6, 2007: Faculty Senate approves a campuswide smoking ban

Possible Developments

- July 1, 2007: Ban smoking around campus buildings.
- Fall 2008 semester: University Apartments made smoke-free.
- July 2009: All UI buildings and property made smoke-free.

Faculty group backs total smoking ban

BY ASHTON SHURSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

The smoking-ban saga continued Tuesday when the UI Faculty Senate endorsed a campuswide boycott on smoking Tuesday in the Old Capitol Senate Chambers.

The most recent proposal, recommended by the Smoking Policy Review Committee, would not allow smoking around the perimeter of UI buildings, an addition to the current prohibition against smoking within 25 feet of building entrances.

If the new policy is accepted, the UI will be the first university in the nation to have a complete ban on smoking.

"This will be a big deal on campus, but it will be done in a humane way to accommodate

people addicted," said UI Faculty Senate President Sheldon Kurtz.

The project will take two years to implement, starting in July 2007. The two years would give smokers time and resources to quit smoking if they choose to quit, according to the committee's final report.

The committee recommended three main proposals: Increase the no-smoking space to encompass the entire perimeter of the building, make University Apartments smoke-free by July 2009, and ban smoking in theater performances. The latter of the three will also be reviewed by College of Liberal

Arts and Sciences faculty prior to July 2007.

Although faculty senators asked during the meeting about the use of smokeless tobacco products, Susan Johnson, a committee co-head and the associate provost for Faculty, said the policies primarily deal with reducing second-hand smoke exposure and would not affect such use.

Other senators said a campuswide ban would aid the smoking ban around the UI Hospitals and Clinics. Senator Bryce Plapp, a professor of biochemistry in the UI Carver College of Medicine, said that

when people can't smoke around the entrances to the health-science colleges, they move to other areas and create a "gauntlet," worsening the alleged problem of secondhand smoke.

"The only way to solve the problem is to ban it overall," he said.

Now that the senate has approved of the smoking policy, it will go to UI interim President Gary Fethke for further review.

Faculty senators also discussed the Council on Teaching's amendments to the UI Operations Manual for faculty

requirements pertaining to e-mail. If implemented, professors will have to explain on their syllabi their policies regarding e-mail.

The committee's head, Mark Young said during Tuesday's meeting that the new policies will eliminate misunderstandings and different expectations students might have about the e-mail accessibility of their instructors.

Kurtz said he doesn't believe this will be an issue with the faculty because "it's just giving information to students."

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EDITORIAL

Bills would damage democracy

American politics have long been tainted by efforts to disenfranchise voters. Gerrymandering, poll taxes, literacy tests, and other tactics are a black mark on our country's democratic process. It is depressing to see the foundations of democracy being undermined as part of calculated political maneuvering. Two bills recently introduced in the Iowa Legislature would negatively affect voter participation along these lines. These bills aren't as overtly malicious as poll taxes, but there is a sense the reasons behind them are just as disingenuous.

The first bill, co-sponsored by 18 Republicans, would close polling places two hours earlier — ostensibly because rural areas have difficulty retaining enough poll workers. The second, proposed by Sen. David Johnson, R-Ocheyedan, would require Iowa citizens to present a valid photo ID in order to vote.

Closing polls earlier is going to lower turnout. Proposing to close the polls two hours earlier threatens those who can't reach the polls until later at night because of school, work, or familial obligations. An exception in the bill would allow polling places to stay open later — provided a petition of at least 50 signatures from registered voters is received at least 25 days in advance. This hardly seems a real compromise. New regulations adding unnecessary complexities to the voting process will undoubtedly depress the number of voters.

Johnson's bill could potentially disenfranchise voters without photo

identification — or even those who merely forgot to bring it to their polling station. He has stated the current system is not adequate to prevent voter fraud, and his bill would attempt to address that. But his argument is incongruous — voter fraud is certainly not a widespread problem in Iowa. More disturbingly, minorities have been historically discouraged by identification requirements.

It may not be a coincidence these two bills have been put forth by Republicans. Surely, if the measures were bipartisan, we would not think so cynically. But these bills will make voting more difficult for those who do not have photo IDs or who vote later in the evening — perhaps because they are working second or third jobs. It may only be a mere coincidence that these voters tend to be overwhelmingly Democratic, but it certainly could be more than that.

The Legislature should not waste its time trying to depress turnout. Instead, it should spend its efforts on streamlining the voting process in hopes to increase turnout. America's voter turnout, at all levels, is already embarrassing; it would be criminal to enact laws guaranteed to lower it further. These bills only reinforce the cynics' view of politics, which in turn decreases voter confidence and political engagement. Both these bills are, at best, wrongheaded. We hope their author's intent is innocent. It is an unfortunate testament regarding our current political environment that we are forced to wonder.

Cirque du Super Bowl

I, along with almost everyone else, tuned in to watch the most American event on the planet Sunday. What says "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness" more than abnormally sized athletes, advertisements for beer and trucks, and French-Canadian acrobats?

Pro football is, and has always been, a business. A huge, money-minting, skyscraper of a business. That the action on the field is secondary to the actual profit-making and -taking is becoming clearer by the year. And the Super Bowl always provides the best evidence.

Now, before I launch into this little tirade, I'd like to make a caveat: I like football. I really do. I like most competitive sports, even those most Americans don't — such as soccer.

So I don't need the letters about how I'm some sort of wussy elitist. I know that already.

But really, the Super Bowl gets sillier each year. Whether it's the cultural impulse to make our public events as enormous and glitzy as possible or the unbelievable amounts of money that get spent on ads for products that everyone is going to buy anyway, there's always something ludicrous and dumb about the Super Bowl hype.

Tops this year was the Cirque du Soleil pregame show, which featured lithe people doing a marching band/interpretive dance hybrid in costumes that made them look like they'd been dragged by the heels through kindergarten arts and crafts. What this had to do with football, I don't know. And it wasn't all that confounded me.

Apparently, the Super Bowl organizers know something I don't, because their choice for both the pregame and halftime shows clashes with my idea of the target demographic for the Super Bowl. What I'm asking is: Who is responsible for subjecting us to a rain-dampened Prince prancing around on a purple-lit stage shaped like his self-indulgent little personal hieroglyph? It wasn't nearly as fun as watching Mick Jagger waving his little chicken wings at us last year, nor did it make half as much sense. The Stones: Rock, rebellion, leering, and fighting. Sure, they're practically geriatric and losing a bit of their edge, but at least they make sense in the context of a sporting event. Prince, though talented, just came off too effeminate — and weird.

And then, there were the ads. Scads and scads of ads. As per standard, some were funny, some were pandering and stupid, and all earned way too much attention. This is one of the biggest and most enduring mysteries of the Super Bowl: Why people who, on any other day mute or TiVo their way through this patronizing crap will, inexplicably, pay almost as much (if not more) attention to it than they do to the game. These ad guys have some racket going on Super Bowl Sunday: They don't have to cajole or hoodwink people into paying attention to them anymore. Careerbuilder.com even did pre-ads in the days leading up to the big game, giving us the critical information that it was going to drop its monkey-based spots as of Sunday.

Complicit in all this, unfortunately, are the news media. The *Chicago Tribune*, perhaps with some justification in that football-crazed city, was one of the worst offenders, peppering every section with Bears-related nonsense. There was even a piece on the front page of its "Tempo" section that compared the Colts' uniforms with the Bears'. (The Bears — big shock — were found to be better-dressed.)

Yeah, so maybe I missed the point of Lombardi Trophy hysteria. Certainly, we all deserve a national vacation from reason, especially in a year that will be devoid of the far greater weirdness of an election night. And it's not like the whole thing was totally barren of real meaning. Tony Dungy became the first black coach to win the Lombardi Trophy, a nice kickoff to Black History Month. Peyton Manning cemented his place in the game's firmament by proving, at last, that he can win the big game. And the first quarter of the game was wild enough to make up for an unfortunate surplus of rain-induced, lackluster play later on.

Now, we can take a step back, a deep breath, and remember: It's just a game. ■



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Put education first

The educational needs of our children are very important. But instead of giving the School District a blank check every time it asks for money, aren't we obligated to first review how the district has spent the money it has already been given?

I don't know about you, but I have to question why certain needs, such as handicap accessibility and safety/security concerns, get put off, but a \$1 million air-conditioning system gets approved and installed. Accessibility, safety, and security are lower priorities than two months of comfort.

Did you ever wonder why you have to donate paper, pencils, Kleenex, and other classroom supplies to your kid's teacher? It's not because the school budget is that tight, it's because the district would rather spend the money on hiring consultants (\$250,000) to tell it how to spend the proposed sales-tax money; \$250,000 would buy a lot of paper, pencils, tissues, and other classroom supplies.

Now is not the time to approve additional funding for the schools, now is the time to review how wisely the school district has spent the millions it has already been given.

Vote "No" on Feb. 13.

Filiz Thayer
Coralville resident

Spend where it counts

As Congress considers further deficit spending to pay for a surge of troops in Iraq, many Iowans are asking for more money for education, health care, job training, renewable-fuel research, and other critical social needs. These requests are consistently denied because there is not enough money.

Why does the Pentagon get a blank check while our children must go without such basic necessities as health insurance? More than half of the federal discretionary budget goes to the Pentagon every year. We spend more money on defense than the rest of the world combined.

That's why Iowans for Sensible Priorities is launching a statewide effort to engage caucus-goers on this important issue. I will work in Iowa City every day to spread the word about sensible federal budget priorities. We have the money to provide all of our kids with health care, to invest in renewable fuels, to make sure our schools are the best in the world; it's just a matter of priorities. We have the money. Let's spend our money where it counts — on our children.

Susan Junis
UI alum & Iowans for Sensible Priorities field organizer

Sponsors made trip possible

We recently spent two and a half weeks in Tamil Nadu state in southeastern India for an intensive UI course on microfinance and women-run enterprises. The purpose of our course was to enable face-to-face interaction with women participating in the growing movement of microfinance in India and to explore and learn about microfinance models and institutions, and the economic, social, health, educational, and environmental aspects and impacts of such operations.

One year of initial planning and conception by Professor Rangaswamy Rajagopal, six months of administrative research, content development, and fundraising efforts by Rajagopal and Edwin Brands of the UI geography department, and four months of meetings and readings by a diverse group of students were spent in preparation for the course. Our experience was enhanced by the presence and participation of Chris Brus, the director of Women in Science and Engineering, and Leah Cohen, the owner of Bo-James.

During our brief visit, we were struck by India's contrasts, beauty, and diversity. We were fortunate to learn directly from hundreds of proud, strong, and extremely competent women entrepreneurs. Rather

than impart knowledge upon those we visited, it was we who were blessed with the opportunity to walk alongside vibrant members of poor communities in India. We arrived with background knowledge of microfinance and departed with a wealth of connections, memories, and questions that will last a lifetime.

To finance our course and trip, we received generous support from numerous individuals, departments, units, and organizations, without which our experience would not have been possible. The UI: Office of Study Abroad, Honors Program, Continuing Education, International, Engineering, College of Engineering, Opportunity at Iowa, Graduate College, and the geography department. Local contributors: Bo-James, Mod Pod, Iowa State Bank & Trust, CARTHA, several anonymous individual donors. In India: Dr. N. Sethuraman, Mahasemam, and Gandhigram Rural Institute.

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GUEST OPINION

They're still keeping secrets

Slowly but surely, the National Security Agency's eavesdropping on Americans suspected of ties with foreign terrorists is being brought under the rule of law. But the Bush administration still won't just Congress but the country some straight answers about the program.

Last week, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales agreed to provide Congress details of the program's new arrangement for being monitored by a special court set up by the 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. Gonzales' latest concession comes a few weeks after the administration abruptly reversed itself and said it could, after all, conduct surveillance of international calls and e-mails under the court's supervision.

But the administration has still refused to spell out whether the court will approve individual requests for wiretapping authority — as it traditionally has done — or just sign off on more general requests. This is the crucial question.

A Justice Department official said last month that the new court orders are not "cookie-cutter" and were more specific than an "advisory opinion" on the overall program. That sounds encouraging, but the public deserves to know whether the administration is providing the court with probable cause about specific U.S. citizens.

Perhaps the answer to that question is in the documents Gonzales is turning over to Congress. If so, it should be shared with the public.

No one suggests that investigators should publicize the names or locations of people under suspicion or the technology being used to capture their communications. But it shouldn't be a state secret whether the NSA is getting case-by-case approval for surveillance of Americans or engaging in some less discriminate "data mining."

Two realities strengthen the hand of Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and other lawmakers who want to bring oversight to the program: The new Democratic-controlled Congress and a lawsuit that reached a federal appeals court in Cincinnati last week. Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who succeeded Specter as the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, is threatening new legislation if the documents of the administration hasn't achieved the "proper balance" between privacy and security. Last week, two of three judges on a panel of the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati reacted skeptically to the suggestion that a legal challenge to the original program was moot.

The attacks of 9/11 changed a lot of things in the United States — but not the meaning of the Fourth Amendment or the need for congressional oversight of the executive branch. The administration can show its respect for these principles by being more forthcoming with the American people about its activities.

This editorial appeared in the *Los Angeles Times* on Tuesday.

ON THE SPOT

Do you think having polls close at 7 p.m. instead of 9 p.m. will hurt voter turnout?



"Yes; I think people's schedules or work will carry past 7."

Cassidy Bos
UI junior



"Yes, if someone had something to do until 7."

Brigitte Fanning
UI freshman



"Yeah; for those who work later, they couldn't make it in time."

Mark McAllister
UI senior



"Probably; maybe some people aren't off work."

Dan Brinkheide
UI senior



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ARTS & CULTURE

COMMENTARY

Doing the Dance

Participating in Dance Marathon means a lot of things — helping those in need, joining others for a larger cause. But it's also about cheating. Yeah, I said it.

DI reporter Nate Ley dances with his friends in the IMU Ballroom during Dance Marathon's second hour on the evening of Feb. 2.



Lindsey Walters/The Daily Iowan



NATHAN LEY

Seven hours into Dance Marathon 2007, I sat in a restroom stall for some much needed rest and relief. In the stall next to me was UI freshman T.J. Anderson. In a steady voice he whispered to me, "Hey dude, if I don't come out of here for a few hours, don't worry. I'm fine."

Although I knew he was joking, I shared his sentiment. I wasn't even halfway through the event yet, and already I knew why guys said the two most important things you needed for Dance Marathon were plenty of rest the night before and a crate of Gold Bond.

As was expected, the first hours of Dance Marathon were filled with energized and excited dancers. But as the night wore on and the event hit small lulls, people found numerous ways to cheat — taking naps or just avoiding dancing. Much like a high-school dance, you could walk outside the IMU Ballroom and see kids playing Hacky Sack, apparently still thinking they looked cool while doing it at a social event. Of course, the restrooms were popular hot spots to take rests, and waiting in line usually gave

dancers a long-enough load-off anyway.

For a serious nap experience, though, some dancers didn't mess around. While conversing with two freshman males who asked to be unnamed, they informed me of a sleeping ground they had half-discovered and half-created. On the third floor of the IMU, they said, they had found an area of stacked chairs. Near the chairs was a couch, which they positioned to hide themselves from anyone walking by. Their plan for later included sneaking up to the third floor and crawling underneath the stacked chairs for a much-needed two- to three-hour nap. When the event was over, I learned that one of them had succeeded, while the other had been spotted during his mission up the stairs. I heard the cavity search was tolerable.

For the most part, the 23-hour dancing portion of Dance Marathon built up to one concluding "Power Hour." Now, this didn't involve shot glasses, a case, and a watch. This power hour involved hundreds of numbed, sweat-drenched people smelling of, yes, Gold Bond and Icy Hot, so strung out on adrenaline they'd probably cheer for a PAULA as long it meant they could sit down. In the final 60 minutes, attendees jumped, flailed, rotated their hips, and flung their arms in unnatural, nearly infathomable motions to music contrived by former 'N

SYNC members and one woman named Fergie.

I don't remember much about the hour of nonstop dancing. I know that perspiration was whipped in my face at the start of each new song. I know that a sea of arms swarmed around me, no matter the beat of the music. And I know that a 4-year-old could have written the song "Walk it Out."

But at the end of the 24 hours, none of that mattered. When I look back, I realize it didn't matter how much fake complaining or daydreams of sleep we indulged in. It didn't matter if we danced or just stood in the back hoping no one would see us. What mattered was that no matter how tired or sore people were, no matter if they had napped or wasted time in the restroom, no matter if they really did think Hacky Sack was still cool, they were there.

When tearful parents came onstage and explained their children's connection to Dance Marathon, all the slumping dancers stood tall, holding their breath in order to miss nothing. When they met the children they danced for, they talked, listened, and allowed the kids to be just that, kids. Because when all was said and done, like the slogan says, it's not about the cancer, and frankly, it's not even about the dancing. It's about the kids. And maybe some pain-killers. But mostly about the kids.

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VENUS RISES AGAIN

In Gary Kelley's hands, the time-tested goddess Venus is as vivacious as ever.

CHECK OUT A BRIEF VIDEO PREVIEW OF GARY KELLEY'S SHOW ON DITV — CITY CHANNEL 17, CAMPUS 4, OR AT DAILYIOWAN.COM.

BY MAGGIE ANDERSON
THE DAILY IOWAN



Lindsey Walters/The Daily Iowan

Il Bango Di Venus, a painting by Gary Kelley, hangs in the Hudson River Gallery on Tuesday afternoon. Kelley's show centered on Venus will be on display through March 10.

Venus, the ancient goddess of beauty and love, is no newcomer to visual art. From Roman temple deity to Renaissance artist Titian's subtle seductress and Manet's in-your-face Impressionist harlot, she has graced nearly every art scene. In fact, the image of this archetypical beauty has been recreated and recycled so many times that you might think an exhibition based around the good ol' goddess is no more than a fallback — an artistic been there, done that.

Yet Cedar Rapids native Gary Kelley turns this thematic old hat into something fresh with his current exhibition at the Hudson River Gallery, 538 S. Gilbert St. For the show, on display through March 10, he created a series of oil paintings and monotype prints linked by the goddess manifested in different forms and colors.

Kelley said the idea for the exhibition sprung from his past work as an illustrator for children's books and such magazines as *Vanity Fair* and *The New Yorker*.

"I've always enjoyed drawing and painting the human form," he said. "In my career as an illustrator for books and magazines, it was imperative that I also be a storyteller. In this exhibition, I wanted to create a body of somewhat narrative works unified by a common theme. Venus, the goddess of peace, beauty, love — and lust — seemed the perfect muse."

Perhaps part of Kelley's success in repeating such a familiar figure lies within his awareness of Venus's long, sordid past. He frequently references other artists' depictions of the goddess, but with a twist.

In one particularly prevalent and successful strategy, he plucks the goddess from the

ART EXHIBITION

Gary Kelley

When: Now through March 10

Where: Hudson River Gallery, 538 S. Gilbert

Admission: Free

More Info: Gary Kelley, a Cedar Rapids native whose illustrations have appeared in such magazines as *The New Yorker* and *Vanity Fair*, will exhibit a body of work centered on Venus, the goddess of beauty and love.

comfortable confines of another painting and places her into an unlikely scene.

For example, the largest painting in the exhibition — the monumental *Venus, The Bringer of Peace / You Transcend Death / You Hear with Forgetfulness / You Forgive Darkest Wrongs / You are Hope itself / Gustav Holst, The Planets* — does double duty transposing the goddess. The title plays on composer Holst's tone poems and musical suite dedicated to the planets, including Venus, and the picture draws on Italian Renaissance painter Botticelli's *The Birth of Venus*. But while Botticelli's goddess stands on a shell surrounded by other mythological figures, her flowing blond hair and hands covering her nude body, Kelley's Venus stands (her pose nearly

identical) in front of a group of soldiers at Verdun, the site of one of the longest and bloodiest battles of World War I.

Kelley's Venuses take on a decidedly cubist air, particularly in the structure of their faces — the elongated, angular nose, and the slanted eyes look like something straight out of Picasso's *Les Femmes d'Alger*. Other scenes have a more Impressionistic air, such as the smaller oil painting *Naked, you are blue as a Night in Cuba, Pablo Neruda*, which depicts a nude woman gazing out a terraced window. The streetscape in the background coupled with the figure's facing away, which places the viewer in the room (as a lover? a voyeur?), recall Impressionist works such as Gustave Caillebotte's *Young Man at His Window*.

Venus visits many other venues in the show — the Montreaux Jazz festival, a bathtub — and plays many parts: activist (a black Venus in the paintings *Venus on the Half Shell, Flamenco, and Serenata*), showgirl (the prints *Olivia* and *Her Master's Voice*) and Degas-like dancer (the print *Ballerina*). Together, the works are as good as a curriculum vitae for the goddess; Kelley has proven that, in the hands of a good artist, Venus is still a versatile, vital force today.

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Report: FEMA funded Katrina 'ghost' homes

BY FRANK BASS AND MICHELLE ROBERTS

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — In the neighborhood President Bush visited right after Hurricane Katrina, the U.S. government gave \$84.5 million to more than 10,000 households. But Census figures show fewer than 8,000 homes existed there at the time.

Now the government wants back a lot of its money.

The Federal Emergency Management Administration has

determined nearly 70,000 Louisiana households improperly received \$309.1 million in grants, and officials acknowledge those numbers are likely to grow.

In the chaotic period after two deadly hurricanes, Katrina and Rita, slammed the Gulf Coast in 2005 — Katrina making landfall in late August, followed by Rita in late September — federal officials scrambled to provide help in hard-hit areas such as submerged neighborhoods near the French Quarter. But an Associated Press

analysis of government data obtained under the federal Freedom of Information Act suggests the government might not have been careful enough with its checkbook as it gave out nearly \$5.3 billion in aid to storm victims. The analysis found the government regularly gave money to more homes in some neighborhoods than the number of homes that actually existed.

The pattern was repeated in nearly 100 neighborhoods damaged by the hurricanes. At least 162,750 homes that didn't exist

before the storms may have received a total of more than \$1 billion in improper or illegal payments, the AP found.

The AP analysis discovered the government made more home grants than the number of homes in one of every five neighborhoods in the wake of Katrina. After Rita roared ashore, there were more home grants than homes in one of every 10 neighborhoods.

The AP's investigation drew immediate attention Tuesday on Capitol Hill.

"Any time the government is handing out checks, there are going to be people who deceive us," Rep. Charlie Melancon, D-La., told colleagues at a House committee hearing on the federal response to Katrina. "And I hope they get every dime of it back and prosecute those they catch."

"This was a whole 'nother fiasco."

Rep. Gene Taylor, a Mississippi Democrat whose district was also battered by hurricanes in 2005, thanked FEMA officials

for helping but urged Congress to demand a "full public accounting" of all tax dollars spent on the recovery effort.

The lawmakers' remarks before the House Financial Services Committee likely won't be the end of the issue. A spokeswoman for Rep. Bennie Thompson, a Mississippi Democrat who leads the House Homeland Security Committee, said the panel will investigate improper and illegal payments made in the wake of the hurricanes.

Senate OKs school funds

BY MIKE GLOVER

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — A unanimous Senate stamped its approval on a \$107.8 million increase in basic state spending for the state's 365 local school districts, a move backers said is the first step in a big new investment in education.

"This really does provide a significant commitment while providing a balance," said Sen. Steve Warnstadt, D-Sioux City.

The Senate approved the spending package on a 50-0 vote, sending it to the House for certain approval.

"There's a hard reality," said Sen. Jeff Angelo, R-Creston. "There's a finite amount of dollars out there."

The Senate bill governs state spending for the 2008-09 school year and allows local school budgets to grow by 4 percent. That's the same increase last year's Legislature approved for the 2007-08 school year. Basic state spending on schools is approved a year in advance to allow schools to plan.

Republicans had indicated they were supportive of the increase in basic aid to local schools, but worried that lawmakers had plans to go far beyond that. In addition to allowing state aid to grow by 4 percent next year, lawmakers are pushing to spend \$70 million to increase teacher pay and another \$20 million for preschool program improvements.

Though they've worried about the level of education spending, Republicans sought to increase spending by 6 percent during Tuesday's debate, the increase sought by most major education groups. That had the effect of forcing Democrats to cast a vote against the higher school spending.

"It is what the educators are asking for," Angelo said. He said talk of spending more on other education programs was far from a guarantee that would happen.

"The talk about what is going to be spent on education is just that — talk," he said.

Under the measure, state spending on local schools would increase by \$213 per pupil. The new per-pupil level would be \$5,546.

"The next step will be to work on a teacher-quality package," said Sen. Brian Schoenjahn, D-Arlington.

A proposed teacher-pay package is designed to get the state to 25th in the nation within two years.

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Hawks look to bury Gophers

With new confidence, the Hawkeyes (13-10, 5-4) travel to Minnesota searching for an elusive third-straight win

BY JASON BRUMMOND
THE DAILY IOWAN

A pair of upset victories last week only adds importance to Iowa's trip to Minnesota tonight.

The Hawkeyes, searching for their second road victory of the season and the first at Williams Arena in three years, could still sneak into the NCAA Tournament with six more wins, but they probably can't afford to lose to the struggling Gophers, especially with a trip to No. 4 Wisconsin looming Saturday.

Iowa — one of only four teams with a winning conference mark — sits in fourth-place in the Big Ten after wins over Michigan and Indiana. Before the season, some national outlets picked the Hawkeyes to finish as low as ninth.

"It gives us confidence that we're respected now," sophomore Tony Freeman said. "As long as the coaching staff believes in us, it just gives us more confidence. When they believe in us, it gives us energy to believe in ourselves."

Tonight's game will tip at 7:05, and it could see the return of Minnesota center Spencer Tollackson, who missed the team's last seven games with an injury.

He broke two bones in his left hand a week before the Gophers came to Iowa City on Jan. 13. The 6-9, 270-pound junior averaged 23.5 points and 6.5 rebounds a game before missing the last month of action.

The center, who will wear a supportive cast, is expected to come off the bench tonight, but he won't be able to sustain long periods of playing time, Minnesota coach Jim Molinari said.

"I think if people are looking for Spencer to come back and all of a sudden be this special



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye guard Mike Henderson looks to pass during the first half of Iowa's 67-57 win in the first round of the 2006 Big Ten Tournament against the Minnesota Gophers on March 11 in Indianapolis. Though they won in the tourney last year, the Hawkeyes have not been so fortunate in Minneapolis, dropping their last two in Williams Arena.

COMMENTARY

On the limb



BOBBY LOESCH

Why do guarantees and promises from athletes make sports ob-so-much better?

On Feb. 1, I was interviewing J.P. Ritchie of the Iowa men's tennis team about an upcoming home meet against underdog Indiana State. The junior seemed pretty confident about his team's chances.

"My goal is to beat them 7-0," he told me. "I don't think there's any reason we shouldn't be able to do it."

I instantly felt a spark about the tennis meet that I hadn't felt before. Even as I was covering the meet, the feeling didn't fade. When Iowa went up 4-0 to officially win the thing, I was still captivated by the notion that the Hawks could go 7-0 ... or couldn't.

In the end, the Hawkeyes did, and Ritchie looked pretty smart, although he took a lot of heat from his teammates beforehand. Head coach Steve Houghton said afterward that

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No. 3 Ohio St. 76, Michigan 63

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Mike Conley Jr. scored a career-high 23 points, and Greg Oden created havoc at the defensive end to lead No. 3 Ohio State past Michigan 76-63 on Tuesday night.



Oden center

Conley was a constant for the Buckeyes (21-3, 9-1 Big Ten) as Oden battled foul trouble and sat out 8½ minutes of the second half.

The freshman point guard hit 9-of-12 shots from the field, including two 3-pointers, and he made all three of his foul shots. He also had six assists, one steal, and just one turnover in 38 minutes.

Oden added 15 points, eight rebounds, and six blocked shots — in addition to altering the trajectory of numerous other shots inside.

MCCARNEY GETS HIRED

Ex-ISU coach McCarney lands job

DES MOINES (AP) — Former Iowa State head coach Dan McCarney has been hired as the defensive-line coach and assistant head coach at South Florida, the school said Tuesday in a statement.



McCarney coach

McCarney resigned in November after 12 years as the Cyclones head coach. He led Iowa State to five bowl games in his final seven seasons, but he stepped down with two games left to the 2006 campaign.

McCarney worked as an assistant coach at Iowa from 1977-89. He was Wisconsin's defensive coordinator from 1990-94.

"I've known Coach McCarney since 1989, when I was a graduate assistant at Iowa," South Florida coach Jim Leavitt said. "He is absolutely the best defensive-line coach I've ever been around, and we are very fortunate to have him."

MVP DIES

'57 Series MVP

Low Burdette dies

WINTER GARDEN, Fla. (AP) — Low Burdette, the MVP of the 1957 World Series when he pitched the Milwaukee Braves to their only championship, died Tuesday. He was 80.

Burdette had been ill for an extended period with lung cancer. Family members were with him when he died at home, they told the Atlanta Braves.

A two-time All-Star and a member of the Braves' Hall of Fame, Burdette was 203-144 with a 3.66 ERA from 1950-67. He also pitched a no-hitter.

Burdette's greatest success came in the 1957 Series, when he went 3-0 with an 0.67 ERA while pitching three complete games against the New York Yankees. He capped his performance with a seven-hit shutout in Game 7 at Yankee Stadium, finishing off a run of 24-straight scoreless innings.

IOWA (11-12, 3-7) VS. MICHIGAN (10-14, 3-8)

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HAWKS HOPE TO END SKID

After losing 85-49 to No. 5 Ohio State on Sunday, the Iowa women's basketball team looks to bounce back Thursday evening when the Hawkeyes host Michigan at 7:06 p.m.

BY BRENDAN STILES
THE DAILY IOWAN



Bluder head coach



Schlapkohl junior

When the Iowa women's basketball team takes to the floor Thursday night, it hopes to end two different losing skids.

The Hawkeyes (11-12, 3-7) are on a five-game slide, having not won a contest of any sort since Jan. 11, when they won at Indiana. Iowa has also lost its last five games in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, having not held serve on its home floor since Dec. 3 against Samford.

On paper, Michigan may be the perfect opponent for the Hawkeyes. The Wolverines (10-14, 3-8) haven't won a Big Ten road game in more than three years, and last season, Michigan's first-round defeat capped an 0-17 mark in Big Ten play.

But as bad as Michigan has looked, Iowa coach Lisa Bluder still has her concerns going

into the contest, among those being depth; the Hawkeyes have only eight players available, compared with Michigan's 12.

"When I see a team like that warm up, I drool," she said. "They have 12 players who average 13 minutes per game, so they have weapons that can keep coming at you. That bothers me."

The only noticeable change to the Hawkeyes lineup will be junior Stacy Schlapkohl starting again in place of sophomore Megan Skouby. Skouby

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broke her non-shooting hand on Feb. 3, and Bluder said it will be at least two weeks before she attempts to return.

Bluder believes a strong performance from Schlapkohl is vital, considering that she will be guarding a 6-6 freshman center in Krista Phillips who has a major height advantage.

"She has lived through it on the opposite side of it," Bluder said. "It should be easy for her to grasp this lesson and make good use of it."

Schlapkohl said the experience Sunday at Ohio State gave her a good lesson when it comes to preparation.

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File photo/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeyes Krista VandeVenter (left) and Crystal Smith (right) block Michigan's Ashley Jones in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 19, 2006. Iowa beat Michigan, 67-55, to snap a two-game skid; the Hawkeyes would like to snap a five-game slide on Thursday in Carver against the Wolverines.

BASKETBALL

Hawks playing with confidence



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye Jeff Horner struggles to shoot while guarded by Minnesota's Zach Puchtel during the Big Ten basketball tournament in Indianapolis on March 11. Horner scored 26 points, forced four steals, and passed for six assists during the contest.

HAWKS

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player, where he was at when he left, it's unfair to him, unfair to the rest of our team," Molinari told the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*. "It's going to take some time."

Still, Tollackson's return can't hurt the Gophers, who have dropped six of their last eight games and are on schedule to miss the NCAA Tournament for the seventh time in eight seasons.

The Hawkeyes have struggled against offensive post players most of the season, but they held Indiana center D.J. White to six points last week after he torched Iowa for 23 points in Bloomington less than weeks earlier.

Iowa coach Steve Alford cited the continued development of Kurt Looby, Cyrus Tate, and Seth Gorney as a potential catalyst for a late-season run.

"If they can continue to mature," the eighth-year coach

LINEUP

Iowa (13-10, 5-4)

C Kurt Looby		
Jr.	6-10	4.0
F Cyrus Tate		
So.	6-8	4.5
F Tyler Smith		
Fr.	6-7	15.7
G Adam Haluska		
Sr.	6-5	20.5
G Tony Freeman		
So.	6-1	6.8

Minnesota (9-14, 3-6)

C Jonathan Williams		
So.	6-9	2.4
F Dan Coleman		
Jr.	6-9	14.7
F Jamal Abu-Shamala		
So.	6-5	6.0
G Kevin Payton		
Fr.	6-5	2.4
G Lawrence McKenzie		
Jr.	6-2	15.3

said, "that's going to be huge for us."

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Iowa hopes to end slump

"I believe in fundamentals 12 months a year. I think you need to work on fundamentals every single day if you want to be a great basketball player."

— Lisa Bluder, head coach

WOMEN'S HOOPS

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"I think it's just maybe getting back to knowing I'm going to be playing more minutes and just getting a feel of now everybody else has to also adjust to Megan being gone," she said.

Two other players whose roles have dramatically increased with Skouby out are sophomores Wendy Ausdemore and Nicole VanderPol. VanderPol will get more minutes off the bench, while Ausdemore will be more involved with the Hawkeyes' inside presence — a role she feels comfortable with, because she worked more inside at the beginning of the season when junior Krista VandeVenter was injured.

"With the loss of Skouby, we need more inside players and more inside the paint points," Ausdemore said. "I'll probably be taking the ball out of bounds more, and I'll have to



File photo/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeyes Crystal Smith (left) and Tiffany Reedy jump for a rebound in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 19, 2006, against Michigan.

LINEUP

Iowa Hawkeyes (11-12, 3-7)

G Kristi Smith		
5-6	So.	13.0
F Jeneé Graham		
5-10	Jr.	5.1
F Wendy Ausdemore		
6-2	So.	11.9
F Krista VandeVenter		
6-2	Jr.	7.8
C Stacy Schlapkohl		
6-3	Jr.	6.7

Michigan Wolverines (10-14, 3-8)

G Janelle Cooper		
5-9	Jr.	8.0
G Jessica Minnfield		
5-5	So.	4.1
F Stephany Skrba		
6-2	So.	3.6
F Carly Benson		
6-2	So.	6.8
C Krista Phillips		
6-6	Fr.	8.8

work on rebounding."

Despite the recent funk Iowa has been in on its own floor, the team feels good knowing that four of its final six regular-season games are in Carver-Hawkeye before the team goes to Indianapolis for the Big Ten Tournament.

"That will be really nice," VanderPol said. "Obviously, it's fun playing on your home court. We just got to go out there, play hard, and get a W."

Even with six Big Ten contests left, Bluder is still stressing to her players to be just as fundamentally sound as they are mentally focused

when they take the floor in front of the Iowa faithful.

"I believe in fundamentals 12 months a year," the coach said. "I think you need to work on fundamentals every single day if you want to be a great basketball player."

"Mentally, we've got to have confidence, and that's something we lose rather rapidly when we're on the floor."

Note: The Hawkeyes will recognize National Girls and Women in Sports when they face the Michigan Wolverines. Youths are encouraged to attend Thursday's contest wearing their team jerseys for the chance to win one of two

COMMENTARY

'Guarantees' guaranteed to spark interest

COMMENTARY

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statements such as Ritchie's typically end up bulletin-board material for the opposing team, but obviously, not so much in college tennis.

As for me, I couldn't stop thinking guarantees. Why did they make athletics contests so much better?

Well, there are a few reasons, starting with history.

Look at some of the best folklore from America's major pastimes. Babe Ruth's "called shot" and Joe Namath's "guarantee" to beat the Colts in Super Bowl III are perfect examples of how simple forecasts elevated a sporting event to an entirely different

plane. Those two calls added a special swagger to already prestigious career résumés — almost making the athletes bigger than the sports themselves. It was borderline cinematic.

From a logistics standpoint, a guarantee or promise is an athlete essentially making a bet with fans, writers, and the other team. It's like he or she is saying, "I'm so sure of this that it's going to take you to prove me wrong."

Also, guarantees are a rarity. You just don't have a good one coming around very often. This is probably because athletes know making such a specific statement, the result is going to be either glory or shame. There really is no middle ground.

It doesn't even have to be about the score. In October 2004, when Cincinnati Bengal wideout Chad Johnson sent Pepto-Bismol to Cleveland Browns defensive backs because he was going to "make them sick," I thought the gesture was hilarious. Pepto-Bismol even said it would donate money to the National Breast Cancer Foundation for every touchdown Johnson scored that month. Everybody was a winner.

Of course, there is a flip side.

When Seattle Seahawk Matt Hasselbeck said, "We want the ball, and we're going to score," to a referee after winning the coin toss of an overtime NFL wild-card

game, I remember being instantly excited and thinking he was going to look like a gunslinger or a dud. Unfortunately for Matt, he threw a pick-six to Green Bay Packer corner Al Harris and knocked his team right out of the playoffs.

Even with the embarrassing repercussions, it's easy to see why athletes go out on a limb from time to time; glory lasts longer than shame. Sure, my buddies and I quote ol' chrome dome's hilarious line — with Southern accents — every time the NFL has an overtime game, but as time passes, people will forget ... except maybe us.

Maybe that's why this year's Super Bowl seemed a little flat. With upstanding,

soft-spoken coaches such as Tony Dungy and Lovie Smith fronting teams who emulate their style, the media were pressed to find new angles to the big game. But unfortunately for the writers, the players weren't talking.

Unless you count "we just can't give enough credit to" and "we're just happy to be here" as threatening lingo.

That said, if I'm ever fortunate enough to cover an NFL team, and I hear a cocky wide receiver start a statement with "write this down" or end one with "print that," I'll be quick to the notebook.

Every time, you know it's going to be gold.

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IOWA RECRUITS



HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE

Iowa is expected to sign **21 RECRUITS** today — college football's national signing day — as the Hawkeyes look to rebound from a disappointing 2006 campaign. The prep stars hail from 10 different states, including six from Iowa. Coach Kirk Ferentz offered a scholarship to only one recruit from the Hawkeye State a year ago.

2007 IOWA HAWKEYES FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

SEPT. 1 — vs. Northern Illinois in Chicago (Soldier Field)
 SEPT. 8 — Syracuse
 SEPT. 15 — at Iowa State (Hy-Vee Cy-Hawk Series)
 SEPT. 22 — at Wisconsin
 SEPT. 29 — Indiana
 OCT. 6 — at Penn State
 OCT. 13 — Illinois
 OCT. 20 — at Purdue
 OCT. 27 — Michigan State
 NOV. 3 — at Northwestern
 NOV. 10 — Minnesota
 NOV. 17 — Western Michigan

HEADLINE RECRUITS FROM FERENTZ'S LAST FIVE CLASSES

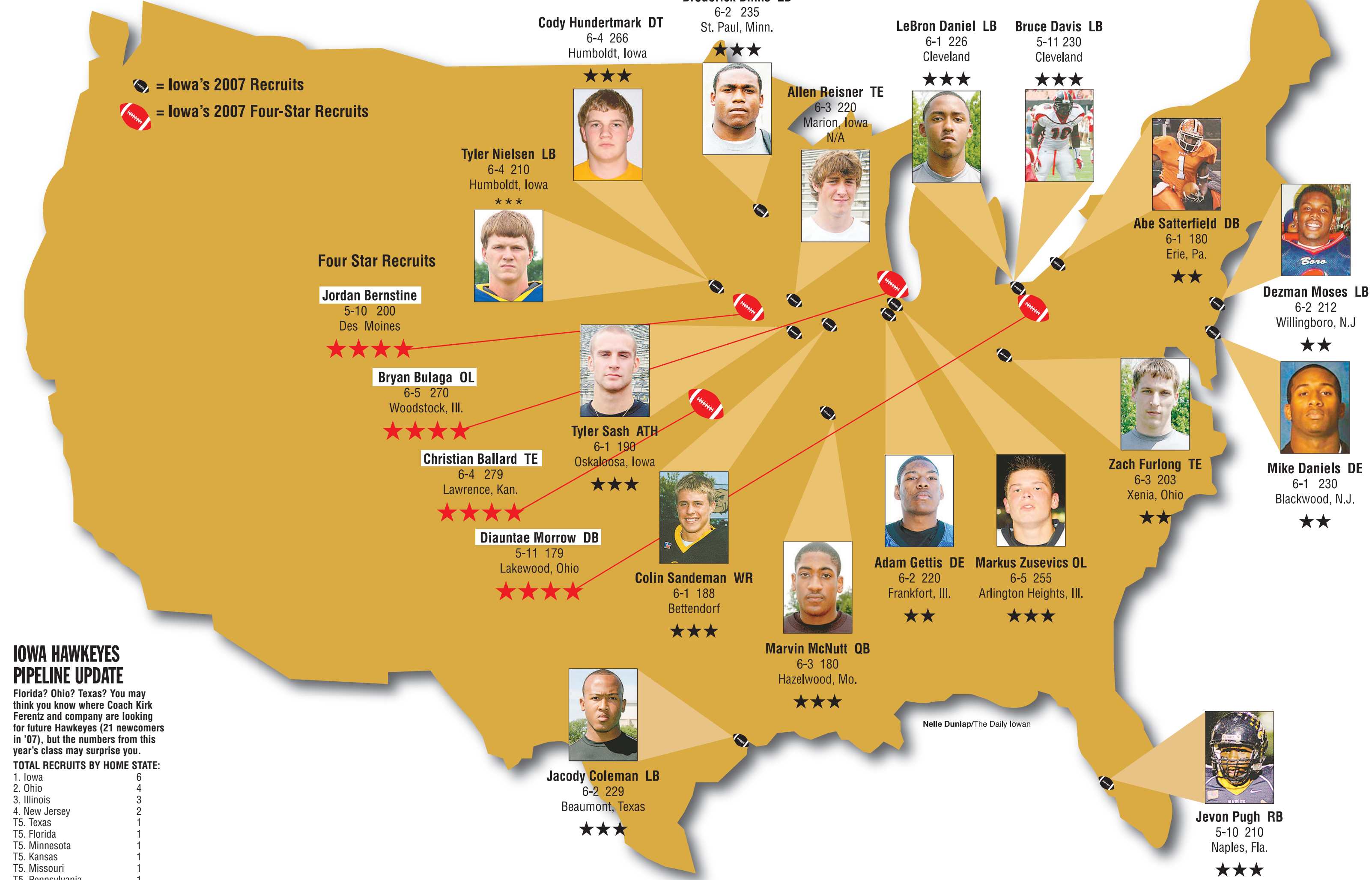
S JORDAN BERNSTINE
 One of the leading candidates to play early
 Year: 2007
 Class Rank: 28

DE ADRIAN CLAYBORN
 High expectations for 2007 freshman year
 Year: 2006
 Class Rank: 40

OL DAN DOERING
 Didn't see much playing time in first season
 Year: 2005
 Class Rank: 11

LB KYLE WILLIAMS
 Transferred to Purdue before freshman season
 Year: 2004
 Class Rank: 38

QB DREW TATE
 Finished career with 8,292 passing yards, 61 TDs
 Year: 2003
 Class Rank: 43



IOWA HAWKEYES PIPELINE UPDATE

Florida? Ohio? Texas? You may think you know where Coach Kirk Ferentz and company are looking for future Hawkeyes (21 newcomers in '07), but the numbers from this year's class may surprise you.

TOTAL RECRUITS BY HOME STATE:

1. Iowa	6
2. Ohio	4
3. Illinois	3
4. New Jersey	2
T5. Texas	1
T5. Florida	1
T5. Minnesota	1
T5. Kansas	1
T5. Missouri	1
T5. Pennsylvania	1

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Rivals' team rankings

- FLORIDA** — National champs didn't have to leave home state for much, but five-star DE Carlos Dunlap from South Carolina was worth the trip.
- TENNESSEE** — CB Eric Berry from Georgia headlines the Vols' highest-rated recruiting class since 2002.
- TEXAS** — Things don't get much easier for Mack Brown: Longhorns are expected to sign just one recruit outside the state's borders.
- MICHIGAN** — QB Ryan Mallett (6-7, 250 pounds) threw for more than 3,300 yards during his final prep season, and he is considered the best prospect from talent-heavy Texas.
- OHIO STATE** — The Buckeyes' small recruiting class isn't small on talent, including speedy RB Brandon Saine.
- ILLINOIS** — Ron Zook's legend continues to grow, nabbing WR Arrelious Benn from the nation's capital.
- PENN STATE** — Four-star LB Chris Colasanti should add depth to void left by All-American Paul Posluszny.
- IOWA**
- WISCONSIN** — Milwaukee OL Josh Oglesby (6-7, 350 pounds), coming off knee surgery, continues the Badgers' big trend up front.
- MICHIGAN STATE** — WR Mark Dell recorded 1,235 receiving yards and 18 touchdowns as a senior.
- MINNESOTA** — Signing DE Anthony Jacobs, the state's top prospect, helps make up for rough recruiting, partly because of coaching switch.
- NORTHWESTERN** — Three-star QB Dan Persa chose the 'Cats over an offer from powerhouse West Virginia.
- INDIANA** — The nation's top safety and Indianapolis native Jeremy Finch chose to stay close to home rather than play for Florida.
- PURDUE** — Snagged dual-threat QB Justin Siller against competition from Louisville and half the Big Ten.
- IOWA STATE** — Junior-college RB Jamicah Bass should help replace departed senior Stevie Hicks immediately.



JORDAN BERNSTINE, SAFETY ★★★★★
 Des Moines
 Other offers: Nebraska, Pittsburgh, Texas A&M, UCLA
 By the numbers — Clocked a blazing 4.3 in the 40-yard dash
 Expert says: "Jordan is an amazing athlete; that's the one thing that makes him stand out over any other safety in the country," said Jeremy Crabtree, Rivals.com national analyst. "He runs a 4.3 40 and combines that with an outstanding vertical leap that measures more than 40 inches. I expect him to have a high impact right away for the Iowa program."



BRYAN BULAGA, OFFENSIVE TACKLE ★★★★★
 Woodstock, Ill.
 Other offers: Michigan, Michigan State, Nebraska, Purdue, Wisconsin
 By the numbers — Bench Max of 380 pounds.
 Expert says: "In my opinion, Bryan is still one of the top two or three offensive tackles in the country," Crabtree said. "He is still a little lean, and he has played some tight end in high school, but his footwork is absolutely impeccable."



CHRISTIAN BALLARD, TIGHT END ★★★★★
 Lawrence, Kan.
 Other offers: Arizona State, Georgia, Kansas, Kansas State, Michigan, Oklahoma, UCLA
 By the numbers — At 279 pounds, Ballard is the biggest tight-end in the top-50 nationally, but runs a still-nimble 4.75 40-yard dash.
 Expert says: "He entered the year as the No. 1 player in the state of Kansas, but he had an up-and-down senior season," Crabtree said. "Anytime you've got a kid who is 6-4, 279 pounds and runs a 4.7 40, there is obviously loads of athletic potential. He could definitely be a guy who develops quickly at Iowa."



DIAUNTAE MORROW, SAFETY ★★★★★
 Lakewood, Ohio
 Other offers: Illinois, Indiana, Penn State, Purdue
 By the numbers — Combines impressive 35-inch vertical with 4.6 40-yard dash speed.
 Expert says: "Diauntae is one of the top safeties in the Midwest," Crabtree said. "He comes from an outstanding football program in Lakewood, and I believe he is going to be a real leader in the Iowa locker room someday."

PROPS TO THE '07 PREPS

While these talented youngsters won't play a down in Kinnick Stadium until at least next fall, we think they deserve some preseason recognition as key members of a promising Hawkeye recruiting class:

BEST CATCH: Bryan Bulaga
 A four-star offensive line prospect from Woodstock, Ill., Bulaga garnered scholarship offers from Michigan, Nebraska, and Wisconsin, among others. The 6-5, 270-pound tackle is considered the 70th-best prospect in the country, regardless of position.

IMMEDIATE IMPACT: Jordan Bernstine, Diauntae Morrow
 One — or both — of the safeties could slip into the two-deeps with the graduation of Marcus Paschal and Miguel Merrick. The four-star defensive backs may not crack the starting lineup, but coach Kirk Ferentz has shown he's not afraid to play true freshmen to help on special teams, such as linebacker A.J. Edds last fall.

SLEEPER: Bruce Davis
 The undersized linebacker from Cleveland didn't gain a lot of interest, with offers from Ball State and North Carolina, but a standout senior season may have helped perk Iowa's curiosity. Davis earned co-defensive player of the year honors in talent-rich Ohio, tallying 117 tackles and four sacks. At only 5-11, 230 pounds and possessing merely average speed, Davis may not have had the look some big-time programs wanted.

RELIEF EFFORT: Jevon Pugh
 Hawkeye coaches aimed at landing the Florida running back after striking out on a pair of highly touted ball carriers late in the recruiting period. In Pugh, who committed on Jan. 30 after gaining 1,832 yards and 19 touchdowns as a prep senior, Iowa found a much-needed running back with Albert Young and Damian Sims approaching their final season.

EASILY FORGOTTEN: Colin Sandeman
 In recruiting, fans find a new obsession each week. That's why Sandeman, Iowa's first commitment of the 2007 class, could be an intriguing pickup. The Hawkeyes landed a commitment from the speedy Bettendorf receiver last May — nine months before today's signing day — and the versatile 6-1, 190-pounder with dangerous moves in open space even filled in at quarterback during his final prep season because of injuries.

THROUGH THE CRACKS: Brian Smith
 The four-star linebacker picked the Hawkeyes in mid-August, but switched to Notre Dame — where his dad, Chris, played — on Jan. 30. Prospects are not bound to honor oral commitments. The first-team all-state selection from Kansas would have been considered Iowa's second best defensive recruit behind Bernstine.

