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 Election 2008

Obama touts education initiatives



Illinois Sen. Barack Obama reaches to shake a supporter's hand after giving a speech on Feb. 10 at a town-hall meeting in Cedar Rapids. Obama arrived at the Kennedy High School gymnasium just hours after he formally announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination in Springfield, Ill.

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BY NEAL SAUERBERG
THE DAILY IOWAN

CEDAR RAPIDS — Braving frigid temperatures, full parking lots, and a sea of roughly 2,600 people, Charisse

Cox crowded into a packed gymnasium with the hope of witnessing "something special."

"I wanted to be a part of making history," Cox said, a teacher at the Johnson School of the Arts in Cedar Rapids.

The message that she soon heard was the exact one that the educator wanted to hear. Hours after formally announcing his entrance into the race for the 2008 Democratic presidential nomination, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., rushed across the Mississippi

River to bring his message of education reform to Iowans.

At Kennedy High School in Cedar Rapids, Obama pledged to improve how the nation educates young people — especially those in low socioeconomic areas — pointing to what he labeled as flaws in the Bush administration's education policy as the reason behind his call for change.

A major focus of the senator's message revolved around providing adequate resources to support improvements.

"We need funds," he said. "No Child Left Behind left the money behind."

Part of the proposed education-funding increases would go toward raising salaries at schools across the United States.

"If we're going to succeed, we're going to have to pay teachers more," the Democrat said. "The people who have the most important jobs in the country aren't getting enough to get by."

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Gartner

regent president

NEW POLICY
Regents open up a bit

The regents just became more transparent with a new e-mail policy that will disclose electronic communications among five or more of its members

BY TERRY MCCOY
THE DAILY IOWAN

The state Board of Regents has taken another step to make its actions more transparent with a new measure instituted by Regent President Michael Gartner that will make some internal e-mails available to the public.

With a click of a button on a link, called Regent E-mail Communications, on the regents' website, inquisitive individuals can sift through e-mails sent from one regent to another.

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Bar, restaurant owners uneasy about fire code

BY COLIN BURKE

THE DAILY IOWAN

All downtown liquor establishments may need some costly upgrades to their sprinkler and fire-alarm systems — much to the dismay of their owners.

The Iowa City Board of Appeals will hear from local bar and restaurant owners during a Tuesday public meeting about possible changes to the city's fire code.

Among the proposed alterations include mandatory fire sprinklers and voice-alarm systems. Specifically, city officials are calling for bars and eateries that can hold more than 300 customers to install automatic sprinklers and widen door widths to allow two-thirds of a crowd to exit in an emergency.

If passed, those requirements must be met in five years.

Businesses holding 100 to 299 customers would be required to implement the entrance/exit mandates and the sprinklers within 10 years.

PROPOSED FIRE CODE CHANGES

For businesses holding 300 or more customers:

- Installation of a fire sprinkler system
- Entrance/exit widths for two-thirds of occupancy
- Voice alarm systems
- Must be implemented within five years after passage

For businesses holding 100-299 customers:

- Installation of a fire sprinkler system
- Entrance/exit widths for two-thirds of occupancy
- Must be implemented within 10 years after passage

Fire Chief Andy Rocca said these ideas will promote public safety and preserve the property for future use.

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COMMENTARY Angling for some icy bites



TERRY MCCOY

I have been waiting for this for two weeks. This morning, it finally arrived.

But now, all I could think was — why did it have to be today?

After enduring abominable temperatures, ninja-esque ski masks, and incessant thoughts that weather.com's "forecast" of 35-degree temperatures 10 days from now was just a ploy to keep Iowans from becoming drastic, it warmed up.

Temperatures soared on Sunday, but my disposition plummeted; I was sent out onto hard water to cover an ice-fishing symposium in Kent Park.

Luckily, event organizer Brad Freidhof announced to us brave ice-fishers that the frozen water was roughly 12 inches thick, and so we could shelve our trepidations.

On the ice, I expected Freidhof, a



Katrina Hawthorne/The Daily Iowan
Ron Alberts and Greg Allen of Tiffin ice-fish on the lake at Kent Park on Sunday. The two started their day around 9 a.m. at Lake Macbride, and they enjoyed the (relatively) warm weather.

Kent Park ranger, to equip me with a gargantuan rod as my sword of justice in battling the Herculean fish that swam beneath my feet.

Instead, I was offered a foot-long jig, little enough to double as a utensil in case I needed help to devour any caught fish.

"The jig is small because fish are pretty lethargic during the winter time," Freidhof said. "You need to be able to feel the bites."

And the fishers felt many such bites.

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The Hawkeye wrestlers flatten the Spartans with the help of a linebacker turned wrestler.



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NEWS

Council holds line on taxes

Property taxes for fiscal 2008 will remain at the present level, the council decides on a 6-1 vote

BY STEPHEN SCHMIDT
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa City City Council has agreed to change the proposed 2008 budget to keep next year's property-tax rate at the current level.

With an informal 6-1 vote, the council directed City Manager Steve Atkins to implement the suggestions that he and finance director Kevin O'Malley presented to the council in a memo released Feb. 8. City Councilor Dee Vanderhoef was the sole dissenter.

The proposed hike would have raised property taxes by 2.8 percent in fiscal 2008 to \$17.78 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed valuation. But with

the vote, property taxes will now likely remain at the current rate of \$17.30.

Councilor Bob Elliott said the meeting was quick and easy, crediting Atkins and O'Malley for how they responded to councilors' concerns.

"I thought they did a very good job of listening to the councilors and coming up with a solution that provided what we were asking for," Elliott said on Sunday.

In the Feb. 8 memo, Atkins informed the council that keeping the property tax at this year's rate would require the city to replace the \$1.15 million that the proposed increase would generate.

To do this, Atkins and

O'Malley suggested the city eliminate \$230,000 from the city's emergency levy and also use a one-time payment of \$920,000 from the city's debt-service levy — the latter a part of the city's larger reserve fund of \$15.7 million.

Vanderhoef said on Sunday that she voted against the decision because it decreased the city's ratio between reserves and expenditures too much.

"To vote to move it below 30 percent is something that I'm just not comfortable with," she said.

Paying down the debt-service levy will reduce the city's general-fund cash balance between reserves and expenditures to 29 percent this year — a

reduction from the projected 32 percent before the change. Maintaining the cash balance at a rate near 30 percent or higher saves the city hundreds of thousands of dollars a year in lowered interest rates on bond payments.

Because of this, the city has a policy that sets a goal for a minimum ratio of 30 percent each year. In the memo, Atkins said the city could safely make the payment at this time, as credit rating agencies "will look favorably" on the money being used to keep taxes at a lowered rate.

A public hearing on the budget vote will be held on Feb. 20.

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SKYWALKER



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EA All-Stars team member Jason Baron (bottom right) looks on from the bench as Dave Daniels of the B-Team All Stars elevates to catch a pass during intramural basketball play Sunday in the Field House. The B-Team All Stars won, 53-43.

METRO

Coralville police charge man with theft

Coralville police have charged a Kalona man with second-degree theft, alleging that he tried to steal more than \$1,000 worth of jewelry from Kohl's on Feb. 8.

Officers said Smaji Ferhatovic, 61, put jewelry into his coat pockets around 8 p.m. on Feb. 8 at the 2795 Commerce Drive business. Loss-prevention officers reportedly saw him put the items in his coat, according to a police complaint dated Feb. 8.

Ferhatovic then left the store without paying for the jewelry, valued at

\$1,141.40, police said.

Later, he admitted to officers that he had taken the jewelry and said he was planning to sell it for a profit later, authorities said.

Ferhatovic now faces a charge of second-degree theft.

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

— by Emileigh Barnes

Local jewelry store to aid pets

Bella Joli Unique Jewelry and Gifts, Plaza Centre One, has announced its plans to hold a Mardi

Gras celebration in an attempt to raise money for the Humane Society's relief efforts in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Following the 2005 flooding of New Orleans, thousands of domestic animals were abandoned. Many of the animals turned feral and faced injury or death.

The situation led the Humane Society and other animal groups to lobby successfully for passage of the PETS act, an initiative requiring cities and states to consider animal welfare in evacuation plans. Store manager Mariah Lubinus said the animal crisis in New Orleans has been overlooked.

"There are still problems going on in New Orleans, but not a lot of attention has been paid to the thousands of animals affected by the hurricane," she said.

From Feb. 20 through Feb. 28, in conjunction with the observation of Mardi Gras, Bella Joli will offer prize giveaways, New Orleans refreshments, and jazz to encourage customers to shop at the store. During this period, 5 percent of every sale will be donated directly to the Humane Society to aid in helping provide for the safe care of the 173 million cats and dogs in the United States.

— by Patrick Bigsby

POLICE BLOTER

Jordan Angell, 19, Mason City, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and PAULA.

Penny Baird, 33, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Ashley Belle, 19, West Des Moines, was charged Feb. 10 with PAULA.

Stanley Catchings, 35, 2312 Friendship St., was charged Sunday with driving while barred, OWI, violating a no-contact domestic-abuse protective order, assault causing injury, and second-offense domestic assault.

Nicholas Dettmann, 19, Morrison, Ill., was charged Feb. 10 with possession of drug paraphernalia and OWI.

Mary Esdorn, 19, 130 E. Jefferson St. Apt. 8, was charged Feb. 10 with interference with official acts and public intoxication.

Robert Friedgen, 51, 320 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 603, was charged Feb. 9 with public intoxication.

Eric Godwin, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Feb. 8 with unlawful use of

another's driver's license/ID and PAULA.

Josue Gomez-Aguilar, 18, 1681 Tofting Ave., was charged Jan. 17 with criminal trespass.

Eric Green, 20, Arlington Heights, Ill., was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Ashlie Hames, 19, Cedar Falls, was charged Feb. 9 with PAULA.

Robert Hankins, 18, Bettendorf, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Michael Hannigan, 26, address unknown, was charged Feb. 10 with criminal trespass.

Justin Hardersen, 20, Marengo, Iowa, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Paul Haresky, 38, Coralville, was charged Feb. 10 with fifth-degree theft.

Samuel Harger, 18, Peoria, Ill., was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Emily Herman, 21, Tiffin, was charged Feb. 10 with OWI.

Carlie Mau, 20, 500 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 11, was charged Feb. 10 with PAULA.

Jamie Hunt, 21, 4233 Napoleon Lane, was charged Feb. 9 with

obstructing an officer, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of cocaine.

Eric Jackson, 18, 2104 Quadrangle, was charged Feb. 9 with PAULA, public intoxication, and possession of an open container of alcohol in public.

Nicholas Johnston, 23, 811 E. Market St., was charged Feb. 9 with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and an Iowa drug tax-stamp violation.

Katelyn Kelly, 20, 128 E. Bloomington St., was charged Feb. 9 with PAULA.

Jaelyna Kluber, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Feb. 8 with PAULA.

John Leopold, 19, Polk City, Iowa, was charged Feb. 8 with public intoxication.

Eric Mahoney, 19, 619 S. Johnson St. Apt. 1, was charged Feb. 9 with urinating in public.

Carlie Mau, 20, 500 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 11, was charged Feb. 10 with PAULA.

Jose Verdinez-Hernandez, 37, 5 Arbandy Drive, was charged Feb. 10 with second-offense OWI.

Sean McMahon, 18, 504 Slater, was charged Feb. 9 with public intoxication and possession of a fictitious driver's license/ID.

Dominique Money, 21, 2650 Roberts Road Apt. 1A, was charged Feb. 9 with fifth-degree theft.

Alexander Pischalnikov, 19, Aurora, Ill., was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Derek Plate, 19, 303 N. Riverside Drive, was charged Feb. 10 with PAULA.

Meredith Repke, 19, Champaign, Ill., was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Kristen Sheble, 19, 815 E. Burlington St., was charged Feb. 10 with public intoxication.

Brian Simonsen, 18, N368 Hillcrest, was charged Feb. 9 with public intoxication, fourth-degree theft, and PAULA.

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FIRE CODES

Code changes worry some

The Iowa City Board of Appeals will hear concerns from local bar and restaurant owners on Tuesday regarding possible changes to the city's fire code



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Iowa City firefighters inspect a ventilation unit that caught fire behind the Deadwood around midnight on Dec. 9, 2004.

BARS

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During an emergency, people tend to ignore a standard fire-alarm system but are more responsive to spoken warnings, Fire Marshal Roger Jensen said. For example, the devices could play a recorded message alerting customers, or a bar staffer could announce over a microphone that a fire had been discovered and tell patrons where to exit.

As for sprinklers, the extinguishers have prevented life loss in restaurants, bars, and nightclubs, Jensen said. Meanwhile, the entrance/exit widths are necessary because customers usually leave buildings the same way they came in, the fire marshal said.

But one downtown businessman feels the sprinkler recommendations should apply to all businesses, not just those serving alcohol.

Jim Mondanaro, the owner of Givanni's, Micky's, and Joseph's, cited past downtown fires that started in other establishments but were reported by Micky's.

He said the owners aren't reckless.

"We're responsible business people," he said. "We don't have fires that erupt during the course of operations."

'We're responsible business people.'

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— Jim Mondanaro, restaurant owner

Micky's and Givanni's would cost \$25,000 and \$27,000 respectively, Mondanaro told the Board of Appeals during a Jan. 18 meeting.

He added that even if sprinklers were set up, they wouldn't protect his businesses from fires that started elsewhere.

While Jensen confirmed that the systems would not stop spreading flames, other deterrents were in place, such as structure walls between the businesses.

City staffers would favor installing sprinklers in all downtown establishments,

not just singling out those that serve alcohol, he said.

"We would certainly support and endorse that initiative," he said.

Yet what the Fire Department is focusing on is a higher likelihood of fires and the potential for a loss of life at such establishments.

City Councilor Bob Elliott said he's taken interest in the code changes but is still undecided about the issue.

He noted the city has a responsibility to public safety, but also to be fair with city businesses. He mentioned possible incentives for the

businesses could include tax breaks.

"I'm hoping that there will be some common ground," Elliott said.

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OBAMA

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In coming years, retiring baby boomers leaving jobs as educators will likely create a shortage in people qualified to teach children in America, Obama said. His plan attempts to solve this problem by creating attractive incentives for students pursuing a career in education.

Another major flaw in No Child Left Behind, he said, is its dependence on standardized tests to evaluate the progress of both schools and individual students.

This commitment to rethinking education policy resonated with Cox, as well as with many fellow teachers who attended the afternoon event.

"It should be about growth [students] show," she said about accountability standards for students. "Not just tests."

But Obama did not limit his address to elementary education.

Citing his college experience, the senator said government funds committed to student loans traverse a path lined with middlemen.

And because roughly half of all student loans go through banks, which charge a fee, this ends up costing college students nationwide.

\$2 billion per year, he said.

"[But] students are not sufficiently outraged enough to change the situation in Washington," Obama said.

He emphasized that eliminating the filtered loan process would be one way to make college more affordable.

For Richard Dengler, the senator's message sounded "great." The Kennedy High School senior said he plans to attend Kirkwood Community College for two years to save money before heading to the UI.

"[Obama] seemed like he actually cared about education and cutting student loans," Dengler said.

Following the senator's address, Kennedy student Amanda Seu said she still felt a sense of awe about having seen Obama in her high-school gym.

"I've seen him before on 'Oprah,' but to see him in my high school is really crazy," she said.

Despite his celebrity status, Obama said, he wants to be taken seriously by voters.

"I don't just want to win," he said. "I want to transform this country."

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METRO

Area man charged with OWI, leaving the scene

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office has charged a North Liberty man with OWI and leaving the scene of an injurious accident, alleging that he crashed his vehicle and fled to the Mid-River Marina in Swisher, Iowa.

Barry Eden, 18, was westbound on Interstate 380 at about 4:54 a.m. on Dec. 31 when he crashed near the Swan Lake Road overpass, according to a police complaint dated Feb. 4. When deputies arrived, they said Eden

and a passenger had left the area.

The two were later located at the Mid-River Marina in Swisher, and Eden was transported from that location by ambulance to a hospital for treatment of injuries he sustained during the crash.

Deputies said Eden's blood alcohol content was .143, and he had red, watery, bloodshot eyes, and smelled heavily of alcohol when they found him at the marina.

Eden now faces a serious misdemeanor charge of OWI and a serious misdemeanor charge of leaving the scene of an injury accident.

— by Emileigh Barnes



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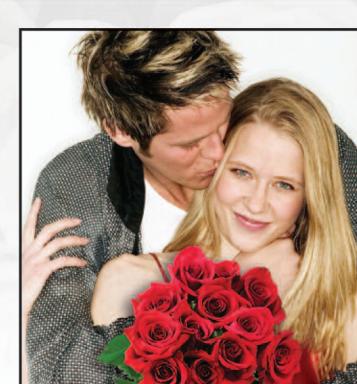
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NEWS

Regents to open e-mails

'If this softens the controversy, so be it.
If it heightens it, so be it.
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I believe to be right.'

— Michael Gartner, regent president

REGENTS

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Any e-mail that is sent to five or more regents — or from the board office — will be made public. The regents will have the choice to display e-mails sent between or to fewer than five regents.

This new policy is not a reaction to the controversy surrounding last year's UI presidential-search committee but simply an attempt to make the regents more public, Gartner said.

"If this softens the controversy, so be it," he said on Sunday. "If it heightens it, so be it. I am not guided by the controversy. I am guided by the law and by what I believe to be right."

In November 2006, the regents voted 6-2 to reject all four UI presidential candidates nominated by the search panel, leading to the disbandment of the original group.

Gartner said the regents only meet six times a year, and they are forced to communicate largely via e-mail. Because so much information is sent electronically, the messages need to be public, he said.

The only two messages in the "e-mail file" as of Sunday were two notes detailing the new policy.

Regent Jenny Connolly said she hopes the added transparency will help others to view the regents more favorably.

"I hope people can trust us, and if this helps, that is great," she said.

But not all e-mails will be completely public, she said.

Connolly said she recently emailed the Des Moines-based regents to ask them where she and her friends should go out to eat while visiting the capital city. Such notes, because they do not detail regent business, would not be made public, she said.

Both regents said they thought the board was plenty open before this implementation but are happy with the new policy.

But Mark Anthony Dingbaum, a UI Student Government senate executive, said even with this addition, the regents may not be public enough.

"There needs to be a lot more shared with the public than e-mails between members," he said.

He added that he is, however, content that regents are making strides in their attempts to quell fears and hopes this measure is the first in a series.

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WINTER RECREATION

Anglers love icy reception

Twelve inches of ice won't keep those fish safe

ICE FISHING

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The roughly 50 people who trekked across the ice harvested numerous fish from the depths of Kent Park's acre-sized pond.

With some technological assistance, of course.

Park ranger Dan Campbell hurried around, eagerly showing off a Vexilar LCD depth finder that displayed an explosion of blinking greens, blues, and reds that pinpointed the location of the fish under the ice.

He said he found it ironic that ice-fishing technology has never proved so helpful, but the number of people who participate in the sport decreases every year.

"Thirty years ago, we were in a high cycle of ice fishing, and we didn't have the electronics then," he said. "The interest just isn't there anymore."

But even with the help of computers, ice fishing is not without its hazards.

While he was ice fishing on Diamond Lake in Poweshiek County 15 years ago, Campbell underwent one of the worst scares of his life: He was out on the middle of the lake when the shore ice melted, leaving a narrow divide of freezing water between him and land.

He leaped and fell short.

"It's like someone knocks the wind out of you, but it is a lot more painful," he

ICE FISHING SAFETY TIPS

- Never ice-fish alone.
- Only ice-fish ice thicker than 4 inches.
- If submerged, strip off all clothing to make it easier to kick out.
- If submerged and pulled out, don't stand — roll across the ice in the direction you came.
- Do not drink too heavily while ice fishing.

recalled. "Fill a bathtub full of ice and jump in. That is what it feels like."

Most novice ice fishers falsely believe drowning is the worst fate that could strike, but in fact, hypothermia will kill more rapidly than asphyxiation, Campbell said.

"You got about 20 minutes before hypothermia will get you," he said.

But few let such concerns ruin the afternoon as sounds of shrieking children and slurps of hot chocolate filled the otherwise silent air.

And one girl, who stayed on the corner of the pond silently peering down at the circle of uncovered water at her feet, said she was enjoying the event.

"This is different from a bunch of other stuff" 8-year-old Emily Klein said. "This is much better than sitting and playing Nintendo."

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Ron Alberts of Tiffin sits inside an ice-fishing tent at the lake in Kent Park on Sunday. Alberts, who had two poles in the lake, said the ice was 12 inches thick.



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Panel sends letters to possible UI-head candidates

In third meeting since its formation, the new UI presidential-search committee hears from UI officials on what to look for in a new president



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The UI presidential-search committee meets with UI interim President Gary Fethke and faculty members to discuss issues relating to the search process. Fethke said he often spends 18 hours a day working as he gave the committee a picture of what his job is like.

BY DANE SCHUMANN
THE DAILY IOWAN

The new search committee filtering candidates for the UI presidency has sent letters to 20 individuals, asking for their permission to be considered more closely for the leadership role.

The letters, which were dispatched last week, asked for consent of the recipients — who are all anonymous — to be discussed in future meetings as potentials for the position, committee head David Johnsen said on Feb. 9.

More letters could be sent to other candidates, whose names are all being kept under wraps to avoid media attention.

"Interesting people are being recommended," said Johnsen, the dean of the UI College of Dentistry.

The 13-member panel also

discussed ways to recruit diverse candidates in the third of its regular meetings on the presidential search. Marcella David of the UI Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity urged the committee to look at candidates outside of the larger, more mainstream institutions in order to promote a diverse pool of candidates.

"[The] president's office is a good place to start in terms of accountability," she said about the UI's goal to increase diversity.

The group also heard from UI interim President Gary Fethke about the duties of a university president.

The former dean of the Tippie College of Business said a president is responsible for "setting

the strategic agenda of the institution" and must provide some "top-down guidance" while letting a school develop from the bottom up.

"My job as president is to bring other people to their full potential," he said.

He also described the character a president should have, telling committee members to consider people "being

'My job as president is to bring other people to their full potential.'

— Gary Fethke,
UI interim president

pulled [to the UI], rather than being pushed from some other place."

The interim university president has held the position since June, when he filled the position left vacant

by David Skorton, who left the UI to become president of Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

The quest to find Skorton's replacement has sparked controversy, especially when the state Board of Regents disbanded the previous search committee in November and voted down the four finalists for the job.

The new committee hopes to have a president named by July 1.

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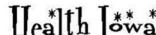
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Unblurring the lines of identity

UCLA Assistant Professor Mignon Moore delivers the lecture "Who Wears the Pants? Household Decision-Making in Black Lesbian-Headed Families" at Seashore Hall on Feb. 9. Moore is writing a book titled *Invisible Families: Gay Identities, Relationships, and Motherhood Among Black and Latina Women in New York.*



Lindsey Walters/The Daily Iowan

BY BRITTNEY BERGET

THE DAILY IOWAN

Mignon Moore says the most important value for people struggling with their sexuality is being true to themselves — something that's true for everyone.

"Sometimes, decisions people make aren't what others have in mind for them," said Moore, who shared the results of a two-year study with a crowd of around 50 on Feb. 9.

Moore, a University of California-Los Angeles assistant professor of sociology and African-American studies, said it takes a while to accept one's identity, so it's perfectly natural if others struggle with that personality.

"People need to do what feels right in their hearts and be brave," she said.

Moore's lecture — "Who Wears the Pants? Household Decision-Making in Black Lesbian-Headed Households" — was sponsored by the UI sociology, women-studies, and sexuality-studies departments, and focused on leadership in black lesbian households.

She drew from her observations of 100 lesbian women in New York City during a two-year interval spent interviewing, studying, and observing those women's roles in the home. She chose to look at relationships in which either one or both partners were black to better understand competing identities.

"These women had a racial identity, and I wanted to see how that influenced their sexuality," Moore said, sharing her

observations of about five couples with the audience. "There are expectations set for social interactions in relationships."

The goal was to see what factors — other than income and gender — affected which female played the dominant role in lesbian families. Moore also looked at factors that affected which partner assumed more child-rearing responsibilities, took care of financial matters, and completed household chores.

"The question I'm asking is, in the absence of sex divisions, what creates hierarchy?" Moore said, adding her book *Invisible Families: Gay Identities, Relationships, and Motherhood Among Black and Latina Women in New York* contains a chapter showcasing the

study's results.

Moore found that lesbian-headed families were often greatly affected by children. "Biomoms" — the women in the family that gave birth to the children — were generally the ones who were in charge of raising the kids. She added that some women pooled their money for joint responsibilities, such as purchasing a house or a car, but mostly kept expenses separate.

But all cases were different, and there were always exceptions to the rule, she said.

As one of the first to conduct such a study, the Human Right's Campaign is honoring Moore as a black leader promoting gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered equality.

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Police: Assault report unfounded

Iowa City police say an accused male West High School student will not be charged for a criminal act

BY EMILEIGH BARNES

THE DAILY IOWAN

A reported sex assault on two female students at West High School last week has been deemed unfounded by Iowa City police, officials said.

Officers investigated one female's Feb. 8 report, saying she and another student had been assaulted by a male West High student on Feb. 7 during the school day, Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said.

But the subsequent investigation led authorities to the conclusion that the allegations were unfounded and that no assault had occurred at the 2901 Melrose Ave.

school, Kelsay said.

"I think it would be safe to say it's not uncommon to receive allegations that, as we investigate [them], turn out to be false," Iowa City police Sgt. Bill Campbell said on Sunday. "It's something that we see with some frequency."

Kelsay said the male will not be charged for any criminal act.

Campbell added on Sunday that he was unsure if officers were pursuing a false-report charge against the female student who reported the incident.

"The bottom line is, making a false report — that is, a crime that did not occur — is against the law," Campbell said.

Officers are still investigating the false report, Kelsay said.

Karla Miller, the Rape Victim Advocacy Program executive director, directed inquiries about the speed with which police closed the case to the officials who were in charge of investigating the incident and Johnson County Attorney Janet Lyness.

"How long an investigation takes has a lot of variables," Miller said on Sunday. "When

the police determine the facts don't match up with the report, then it's deemed a false report. Who knows what the specific circumstances were in this case and what factors went into that decision."

West High Principal Jerry Arganbright declined to comment on the incident when it was first reported but said he might later make a statement.

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Seeking vision and vigor for the Congo

Congolese reach out to eastern Iowa to help their home country

BY LAWRENCE DE GEEST
THE DAILY IOWAN

The diamond is the hardest material known on Earth. But it's nothing compared to the pressure it takes to resurrect a war-torn nation where jewels are considered more valuable than humans — and that's what people such as Falanga Sula are trying to do for her homeland of Congo.

Sula welcomed local citizens to Coralville's Heartland Inn to learn about the struggles of her native Democratic Republic of Congo and brainstorm ideas to try to aid its suffering population — 50 percent of whom are under the age of 16. Sula, the organizer of the Feb. 9 lecture and discussion, is the founder of Homeland Care International Inc. — a nonprofit organization that runs a school of 500 pupils in the Congo.

"We are all part of the common stock of humanity in a globalized village," she said. "We can all help with our views and ventures."

The former Zaire gained independence from Belgium in 1960, but it has only recently emerged from the throes of a bloody civil war that claimed more than 3.5 million lives, according to the CIA World Factbook. The war shook Congo to its foundations; the nation is now struggling — in the face of negative media coverage in the West — to rebuild its infrastructure for its vastly young population, said panel moderator Paschal Eze.

The media presents



Beth Skogen/The Daily Iowan

Falanga Sula (right), the founder of Homeland Care International Inc., describes the organization at the Heartland Inn in Coralville on Feb. 9. The goal of the event was to get others to support the nonprofit organization and to educate people about the Congo and its resources.

Africa as a hopeless continent," he said. "People either see starving children or children with guns. There is so much beauty and life and possibility that is never witnessed."

The evidence was everywhere in the lecture room Feb. 9, where smiling Congolese women in bright green-and-black dresses jabbered in French and showed interested locals native wood carvings of exotic animals, such as the Bonobo — a sophisticated arboreal chimpanzee.

Eze wants the Congo to

form a new economy separate from the violent diamond market that continues to thrive — a 143-carat diamond was sold on Feb. 10 to a Lebanese businessman for \$1.4 million, according to *Independent Online*, a South African publication. He also said he hopes Westerners will invest and even visit the large nation.

"We are ambassadors of Africa, here to present the good elements," Eze said. "People won't come to Congo if they are soaked in fear, thinking a lion or a militant will leap out of a bush and

eat them."

The Nigerian-born Eze presented new investment possibilities with Sula's father, Pierre Sula, and suggested that local citizens recycle clothing and computers to help Congolese children climb back up the world curve.

"Help is good in the beginning," Pierre Sula said, adding that Congo needs more than money to get back into motion. "We need to be independent. We don't need the U.S. to give Congolese

guns. Give them a chance instead."

Eze said he hopes the lecture struck a new chord in locals to begin taking action to help.

"We don't want people to

see Congo and say, 'Oh, that is bad,'" Eze said. "We want them to take a step. Vision is not enough; we need to have vigor."

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Paschal Eze introduces three panelists to discuss issues in the Congo at the Heartland Inn on Feb. 9. The event was to support the nonprofit Homeland Care International Inc.

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Ex-envoy remembers Cambodia

Kenneth Quinn discusses his role in bringing the infamous Khmer Rouge to justice

BY DREW HENNING
THE DAILY IOWAN

Kenneth Quinn, the president of the World Food Prize Foundation and a former ambassador to Cambodia, urged listeners to honor the victims of the Cambodian massacre by seeking international justice for those responsible for mass atrocities.

As a Foreign Service officer during the Vietnam War, he saw firsthand the effects that the Khmer Rouge — the communists in control of Cambodia

from 1975-79 — had on the people of Cambodia.

"I remember sitting on the Vietnamese borders, watching thousands of Cambodian refugees spilling over the borders to Vietnam," he said. "Whole families and communities were wiped out within weeks."

Quinn took those experiences in Cambodia and Vietnam with him as he pursued his quest for international justice. When he was appointed U.S. ambassador to Cambodia in 1996, he made it a top priority to bring the Khmer Rouge to justice.

Under his tenure, the last remaining Khmer Rouge general was captured in 1999, and he is now in the process of being prosecuted for the slaying of more than 2 million Cambodians.

Although the Feb. 9 lecture focused on international issues, Quinn also touched on his Iowa roots, noting a lack of money blocked his enrolling in the UI's

College of Law.

"My dream was to one day get my law degree here," he said. "However, as a young man with hopes of seeing the world, I didn't even have enough money to take the entrance exams, so I went on to graduate school instead."

His career has taken him to numerous parts of the globe and several high-level government positions, including a member of former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger's National Security Council staff, narcotics counselor at the U.S. mission to the United Nations office in Vienna, and interpreting for former President Gerald Ford during meetings at the White House.

The former ambassador encouraged students to become engaged in international issues.

"Don't get discouraged with such critical issues; keep going,

and know that the work you do is benefiting the global community in some way," he said.

Including the Iowa City community in the global debate will further the fight against genocide, he said.

"If I can contribute my global experiences and expertise to help the victims of genocide and mass murder, then the process of engaging in discussion on global issues allows for the evolution of international law in a small way," Quinn said.

First-year UI law student Rupal Vora took the opportunity to engage with the noted Southeast Asian ambassador.

"It is important to have events that bring together the greater Iowa City community, undergraduates, and graduate students to deal with topics so pertinent to current affairs," she said.

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City to hire market-analysis firm

The City Council wants a niche-market analysis performed to assess the potential for business growth in the area

BY ERIC RODRIGUEZ
THE DAILY IOWAN

To make Iowa City a firm economic fixture in both the state and the nation, city officials will call upon a company to analyze ways to improve downtown economic activity — but the price of doing business won't be cheap.

Either Marketek or Economics Research Associates will get the green light to assess the potential of economic growth in Iowa City, city officials decided. The operation is an effort to help the city woo top businesses from across the country.

The selected company would conduct a niche-market analysis of the downtown area, which will focus on such factors as socioeconomics, commercial markets, local residents, opinion research, interstate visits, and surveys.

The council will then use the report's findings and try to implement the suggestions for retail, office, and entertainment establishments.

Marketek would charge the city an estimated \$65,000 for its analysis, while Economics Research has an estimated budget of \$54,800, not including the optional \$10,899 survey.

The steep potential costs have some officials, such as City Councilor Bob Elliott, concerned that the price of doing business with the surveying companies could be a careless use of funds.

"It's the city government's responsibility that taxpayers' funds are used in the most



Beth Skogen/The Daily Iowan
Cottonwood Canyon sits empty on Feb. 4 after going out of business last fall. The City Council is looking to hire a firm to analyze Iowa City's business climate.

'We don't have empty spaces downtown, but we're concerned.'

—Connie Champion, City councilor

thoughtful, cost-effective way," he said.

But some view the analysis as a worthy investment that will make Iowa City a robust center for business.

Councilor Connie Champion said downtown Iowa City is known more for entertainment attractions, as opposed to office

and retail spaces. She said she hopes the analysis will help draw a more diverse set of establishments to downtown.

"We don't have empty spaces downtown, but we're concerned," she said.

Councilors also said they were trying additional means to bring more business to Iowa

City. Officials mentioned the possibility of cutting taxes, lowering rent, or passing a self-supporting municipal-improvement tax.

The optional tax would draw funds from local business owners, who could later use it for purposes such as advertising.

The City Council Economic Development Committee will meet in March to discuss a set of meeting times with the companies.

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STATE

Insanity defense to be used in homicide trial

CEDAR RAPIDS (AP) — Attorneys for a Cedar Rapids man accused of killing two women say they intend to use an insanity defense when the trial begins in May.

Kyle Marin, 20, is charged with two counts of first-degree murder. He was arrested after Molly Edmondson and Katrina Hill — 18-year-old cousins — were found beaten and stabbed to death April 23 in Edmondson's apartment in Cedar Rapids.

Marin's attorneys — Thomas Diehl and David Cmelik — say in

court documents that their client's fate will rest on defenses of insanity, diminished capacity, and intoxication. They say Marin attempted to kill himself April 3 and was on antidepressants and anti-anxiety medication at the time of the slayings.

Diehl and Cmelik described Marin as a "mentally frail youth."

According to court documents, Marin had been friends with Edmondson and Hill, and he had been to a party with them the night before their deaths. Edmondson also reportedly aided Marin after his attempted suicide and persuaded him to go get help.

District Judge Thomas Koehler on Feb. 9 granted Linn County Attorney

Harold Denton's request that Marin undergo a psychiatric examination at the Iowa Medical & Classification Center at Oakdale when a space is available.

Marin's attorneys are also seeking to suppress statements Marin made to jail staff and police the night the victims were found dead. Marin's attorneys argue the statements should not be allowed because he did not waive his right to have an attorney present.

"Some of the evidence gathering was about as offensively invasive as can be imagined," Diehl and Cmelik wrote.

The attorneys allege jail staff interviewed Marin without informing

him of his rights to remain silent and to have a lawyer present. Marin was then questioned by Cedar Rapids police at the jail, again without having been read his rights.

According to the attorneys' motion, Marin was informed about his rights about an hour later, before a videotaped interview.

Police asked Marin if he wanted to talk without a lawyer, and Marin responded, "I don't really feel like talking."

Police then asked Marin to sign a form that he understood his rights, but the form was actually a waiver of his rights, his attorneys contend.

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Iowa group wants to cut back military spending

High level of defense funding hurts other areas, Iowa officials say



'The bottom line is that up-and-down, across-the-board cuts are directly due to the war in Iraq. Our president has supported a military surge, even though the majority of Americans, and Congress, are against it. Basically, our representative government has fallen short.'

— Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City

BY MASON KERNS
THE DAILY IOWAN

Amid the controversial U.S. war in Iraq and an unprecedented push in the efforts of international terrorists, several Iowa-based officials have a bone to pick with the U.S. Department of Defense.

Espousing the notion that excessive Pentagon spending is sapping money from programs vital to Iowans, a trio of Iowa City/Coralville-area Democratic state lawmakers — Sens. Bob Dvorsky and Joe Bolkcom and Rep. Mary Mascher — have joined Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, and former Gov. Tom Vilsack in supporting Iowans for Sensible Priorities, a nonprofit group urging the United States to significantly scale

back its overall military budget.

President Bush and pro-military funding groups have argued that as the world's sole superpower, hefty defense spending is required to keep terrorists at bay. But according to the Iowa group — whose website exposes the immense stockpile of Cold War-era nuclear missiles that still draws U.S. funding — the money could be better spent educating children, paying down the record national deficit, and affording health-care coverage for all Americans.

Mascher said military budgets have effectively "tied the hands of state government," noting that "excessive" military spending most adversely affects human-

service programs and education initiatives, such as college Pell Grant funding.

Nobel laureate economist Joseph Stiglitz and Harvard budget analyst Linda Bilmes predict that had U.S. leaders not initiated the Iraq war, the government would have had an extra \$2 trillion in the till.

Assuming the war, nearing the end of its fourth and most precarious year yet, lasts another year, the \$2 trillion equates to an average annual cost of \$400 billion to American taxpayers over five years. The figure comprises costs that are both present — tanks and planes, active-duty and reservist pay, Iraq government- and infrastructure-rebuilding costs — and future, such as injured veterans' disability pay and, most

significantly, the lost dollars in economic development, according to the scholars' January report.

It would take \$100 billion per year to allot comprehensive, universal health-care coverage to the 15 percent of Americans currently without any such insurance, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation, a nonprofit policy-analysis group.

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directly due to the war in Iraq," Mascher said. "Our president has supported a military surge, even though the majority of Americans, and Congress, are against it. Basically, our representative government has fallen short."

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seven times more on its military than China, far and away its nearest competitor, which at 1.3 billion has a population four times that of the United States, according to the CIA World Factbook.

The bottom line is that up-and-



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Harvard hires first woman president

BY JESSE HARLAN
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CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Harvard University on Sunday named historian Drew Gilpin Faust as its first female president, ending a lengthy and secretive search to find a successor to Lawrence Summers and his tumultuous five-year tenure.

The seven-member Harvard Corporation elected Faust, a noted scholar of the American South and the dean of Harvard's Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, as the university's 28th president. The 30-member board of overseers ratified the selection.

Faust, 59, recognized the significance of her appointment.

"I hope that my own appointment can be one symbol of an opening of opportunities that would have been inconceivable even a generation ago," Faust said at a news conference on campus. But she also added, "I'm not the woman president of Harvard, I'm the president of Harvard."

With Faust's appointment, half of the eight Ivy League schools will have a woman as

president. Her selection is noteworthy given the uproar over Summers' comments that genetic differences between the sexes might help explain the dearth of women in top science jobs, comments that sparked debates about equality at Harvard and nationwide.

Faust oversaw the creation of two faculty task forces, formed in the aftermath of Summers' remarks, to examine gender diversity at Harvard. She has been dean of Radcliffe since 2001, two years after the former women's college was merged into the university as a research center with a mission to study gender issues.

"This is a great day, and a historic day, for Harvard," said James Houghton, the chairman of the presidential-search committee.

Some professors have quietly groused that — despite the growing centrality of scientific research to Harvard's budget — the 371-year-old university is appointing a fifth-consecutive president who is not a scientist. No scientist has had the top job since James Bryant Conant retired in 1953; its last four have come from the fields of classics, law, literature and

economics.

Faust is the first Harvard president who did not receive an undergraduate or graduate degree from the university since Charles Chauncy, an alumnus of Cambridge University in England, who died in office in 1672. She attended Bryn Mawr College and the University of Pennsylvania, where she was also a professor of history.

Faust pivots from managing Radcliffe, a think-tank with 87 employees and a \$17 million budget, to presiding over Harvard's 11 schools and colleges, 24,000 employees and a budget of \$3 billion. The Harvard presidency is perhaps the most prestigious job in higher education, offering a pulpit where remarks resonate throughout academic circles and unparalleled resources, including a university endowment valued at nearly \$30 billion.

"Faculty turned to her constantly as someone whose opinion is to be trusted," said Sheldon Hackney, a former president of The University of Pennsylvania and southern historian who worked closely with Faust. "She's very clear, well-organized. She has a sense of humor, but she's very even-keeled. You come to trust in her because she's so solid."

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EDITORIAL

Tax increase right choice to raise money for schools

On Tuesday, voters in Johnson County will decide whether to increase the local sales tax by 1 cent, from 5 cents to 6 cents on every dollar. The money from the school-infrastructure local-option sales tax will be used by the district's schools for upgrades and renovations. This Editorial Board fully supports the tax increase as a measure that seems perfectly apt to address concerns within the Iowa City School District.

The 10-year plan is looking to address continuing and projected problems the schools in Johnson County may face. Johnson and Linn are two counties out of the 99 in Iowa that have not implemented some kind of sales-tax increase. Already, the state Legislature is pushing for statewide legislation in this manner, and it is even creating incentive plans for the counties that do implement the tax increase. If Johnson County does not implement the tax before July 1, 2008, it risks losing half of the money it collects during the first five years of the new sales tax.

A number of dissenters have spoken out against the tax, but their reasoning is a bit shortsighted. Johnson County has always been an education-first area, and this tax would address problems that lie outside the scope of the annual school budget. The biggest concern, and rightfully so, is that the referendum is for a regressive tax affecting lower-income families. However, as any market-savvy consumer may surmise, most daily essentials are included in a tax exemption: unprepared food, automobiles, motor fuel, prescription drugs, resale items, and even agricultural machinery.

It would be unfair to say that some portion of income will be taken from everyone involved, and the bulk of that money would most likely come

from luxury items. Consumers would pay an extra \$10 on a \$1,000 purchase, only \$5 on a \$500 purchase, and so on, meaning that the tax on smaller items such as fast food would literally be pocket change. This helps put in perspective the real cost of the tax, instead of twisting the numbers through use of a 20-percent-increase label.

Iowa City's population is growing, and projections show an influx of 1,000 new elementary students in the next 10 years. With the money from a local-option tax, two new elementary schools will be built to address the resulting overcrowding. The tax would also allow the School District to explore the possibility of building a new high school to ease reported overcrowding.

Money from the tax would be used to create new science labs in Southeast Junior High, Northwest Junior High, and West High, along with an important new fine-arts wing for both West and City High. Technology would be upgraded in appropriate five-year cycles, and, most importantly, for those citing lower-income families, money will go toward family-resource centers as well.

It is worth noting that, though six local state representatives support the tax, it was not a ballot issue in November's election. Instead, more tax dollars are being spent to hold this special vote on Tuesday. The rationale for this decision must be examined further to ensure that both current and future tax dollars are spent appropriately.

The intentions behind this tax deserve the necessary funds to be carried out; if Johnson County voters decide in favor of the tax, school officials must stay true to their word and implement the changes promised.

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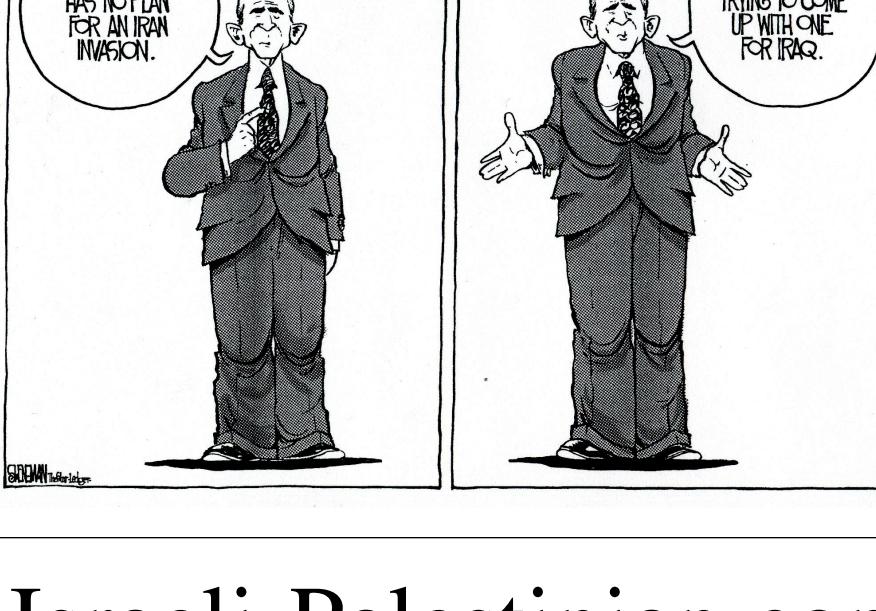
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UI not keeping promise

It is frustrating to know that despite the outcome of a vote last October and the promise to replace regular eggs with those from free-range chickens, UI residence-hall cafeterias haven't made the change. The policy was supposed to go into effect immediately following the vote count, but it has been several months, and it has not even been initiated.

I'm discouraged by the handling of this situation on the part of the university. If Greg Black was aware of "contractual difficulties" in finding a cage-free supplier, then officials should not have promised that the policy would take effect immediately.

Abby Reiter
UI student



GUEST OPINION

Another side to Israeli-Palestinian conflict

The opinion piece by James and Lindsay Eaves-Johnson related to the Palestinian refugees and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict relies largely on a particular narrative with which they seem to be familiar ("Hyperbole counterproductive on Israeli-Palestinian conflict," Jan. 25). There is another narrative readers of *The Daily Iowan* deserve to be aware of.

First, on the issue of the right of return of Palestinian refugees, the authors argue that U.N. Resolution 194 affirming the right of Palestinian refugees for repatriation or compensation is "nonbinding."

The right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties is actually based on eight international resolutions, none of which Israel has implemented. These are: the Universal Declaration Of Human Rights of 1948, Article 13; the International Covenant On Civil and Political Rights of 1966, Article 12; the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949, Article 49; the U.N. Mediator, Count Bernadotte's, Sept. 17, 1948, Report to the U.N.; the U.N. General Assembly Resolution 194, Dec. 11, 1948; a "binding" Security Council Resolution 237 of June 14, 1967, that states, "The Security Council calls upon Israel to facilitate the return of those displaced in the 1967 war"; the U.N. General Assembly Resolution 2452 A of Dec. 17, 1968, which "calls upon Israel to take effective and immediate steps for the return without delay" of those who became refugees; and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

It is also important to recall that the U.N. General Assembly resolution that admitted Israel membership required that Israel abide by the obligations of the international body's previous resolutions, including those related to repatriation of Palestinian refugees or their compensation. So the claim that Israel is not bound by U.N. resolutions to repatriate Palestinian refugees is factually dubious. Instead of abiding by international resolutions pertaining to refugees' return, Israel made it impossible for them to return by destroying the Arab villages in which these displaced Palestinians had resided for generations.

As part of their repatriation argument, the Eaves-Johnsons lump together Palestinian refugees and Jewish citizens of Arab countries who

fled to Israel. The two populations are hardly comparable. The dispossession of Palestinian refugees was part of a plan to terrorize and expel them from Palestine, as documented by historian Benny Morris in *Birth Of The Palestine Refugee Problem: 1947-1949*, and more recently and in more detail by the Israeli historian Ilan Pappe in *The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine*. In contrast, most of the Jewish citizens who left Arab countries did so voluntarily.

The Eaves-Johnsons lay the blame for the refugee problem solely on the Arab countries for not settling their Palestinian brethren among their midst. Actually, out of approximately 5.9 million Palestinian refugees, some 2 million have been largely integrated into the host countries' economic, political, and social structure. Most, if not all of the host countries have economic and political problems that preclude massive integration of refugees. Furthermore, the majority of refugees still yearn to return to their homes and property in Palestine. Finally, the authors describe the Palestinian Arabs who chose to remain in Israel as receiving "full citizenship." The December 2006 document articulated by the Heads of the Arab Local Authorities in Israel titled "The Future Vision of the Palestinian Arabs in Israel" seems to contradict the Eaves-Johnsons assertion about their "full citizenship." Commenting on the document, Amal Helow writes, "When a state affords democratic rights to only some of its citizens, it is not democratic..."

The piece ends with a call for realistic options to ensure a lasting peace. Indeed, Israelis and Palestinians deserve such peace. Both peoples share a history of victimization on the hands of others, and both deserve to achieve their national aspirations. One step forward is for the Israelis and Palestinians to listen to each other's narrative, even if disagreeing with certain historically documented aspects of it, and search for ways to allay each other's legitimate concerns and fears. Accepting responsibility for the dispossession of Palestinians does not weaken Israel's cause. It would enhance its moral standing and open the door for a historic reconciliation.

Adel K. Afifi
UI professor

ON THE SPOT

Would you support a 1-cent increase on the sales tax to help fund Iowa City schools?

"Yes — I would pay it because it is for a worthy cause."

Nicole Kutsch
UI freshman

"Yes — I'm not going to do anything else with a cent, so it might as well go to something positive."

Patch Cebrzynski
UI freshman

"Yeah, I would. I would support Iowa City schools."

Chad Heitz
UI freshman

"Yes — I want to improve the public-school system, but I come from a smaller town that knows the pains of a local-option sales tax."

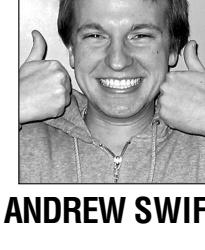
Travis Rupp
UI graduate student & Southeast Junior High teacher

Third

wheeling

Valentine's Day is a mere two days away. Barring any unforeseen events, I will likely spend it staring at my Facebook profile at Java House. Indeed, Valentine's Day is the only guaranteed day off of the year for third wheels.

Depressingly, Wikipedia has left me searching for a proper origin and definition of the most overlooked but integral part of the world of dating. When querying the subject, the only relevant entry for "third wheel" is that of an indubitably terrible 2003 movie starring Luke Wilson and Denise Richardson titled, originally enough, "The Third Wheel." Even worse, Wikipedia provides the tagline: "The only thing they didn't have on their perfect date ... was any privacy." Utter nonsense.



ANDREW SWIFT

I ventured to guess, then, that a more proper definition lay under "fifth wheel." I had remembered this was a dreadfully bad reality show — I'm embarrassed to admit I know that factoid — and prayed the online encyclopedia would show me the light.

Sure enough, the dating show popped up. Also under the disambiguation was something to do with semi-trailer trucks, which I figured was irrelevant in my quest. But still, I found no hints of where the term actually originated.

Thus, the defining task falls to me.

Regardless of the aforementioned crappy movie, third wheels are not wreckers of dates or destroyers of relationships. They do not inhibit the blossoming of romantic feelings. Quite the opposite indeed: Good third wheels are in the business of creating love. Arguments are not accepted — I have recent, specific cases to reference in support of my claim.

It is not easy to play the role. One must, of course, be single — and for that matter, have no prospects or potential significant (perhaps insignificant) others. But this is merely a minimalist qualification.

Not all mateless souls can man (or woman) the post. A unique personality is required. The third wheel can be neither too dominant nor too timid. Indeed, while with the respective suitors, the third-wheeler must be able to recognize when random blather is needed to fill awkward silences or when idle gazes toward the wall are needed during times of connection. Conversation topics need to be random but not even necessarily specific to either of the date's interests. One could muse on Barack Obama, argue why the NBA is better than college basketball, or provide sorrowful rants on the wait (a whole year!) for a new season of "The Wire" to start. This takes practice.

Third-wheeling is perhaps one of the most selfless acts in all of 21st-century society. At least we feel good about ourselves after donating to charity. But coming back alone on a Friday or Saturday night after trying to match two people together guarantees little more than darkly humorous introspection. The third wheel must even know when to act annoying or unpleasant in order to make the potential couple feel better about each other. Chivalry is not dead — but only third wheels utilize it.

The third wheel must be available at a moment's notice to throw her- or himself into virtually any activity: Movies of myriad genres, coffee-shop conversations, study sessions. Chances are if you ask any designated driver, you'll discover her or him to be a competent third wheel.

Only positive energy can be brought to the table, no matter how terrible the third wheel's day may be. After all, in 10 years, you won't remember your favorite cat that died — but you will remember the marriage you helped forge while mourning Fluffy.

Many social commentators wonder why more marriages are ending in divorce. The peculiar trend of insisting a partner becomes nothing less than both best friend and (hopefully) best lover probably contributes to this phenomenon. Those who have given their vows tend to isolate themselves more from their old friends — and indeed, their social lives increasingly revolve around get-togethers with other couples.

Perhaps third wheels should be used to save marriages. Spending time with either a common friend or a common enemy — and they can be the same person — can do wonders for any relationship, even the allegedly terrible status of marriage.

Wiki... here I come. ■

E-mail your best third-wheel story to *D/I* columnist Andrew Swift at andrew-swift@uiowa.edu.

WORD OF THE WEEK

cognoscente (n): a person with very special knowledge
Sentence: "You memorized the Grammy Award nominees, Chester? Really? That is not special knowledge. You are not a cognoscente."

ARTS & CULTURE

Stripped-down Almodóvar still intricate



FILM REVIEW

by Soheil Rezayazdi

Volver
 ★★★★ out of ★★★★★

More of a slow burner than a blitzkrieg of visual delights, Pedro Almodóvar's *Volver* doesn't wallop the viewer with its own cleverness. The same could not be said for the director's last 16 outings. For perhaps the first time ever, the words "Almodóvar" and "restrained" can be used in the same sentence. As in, Almodóvar's *Volver* is a somewhat restrained film

given the director's flair for irresistible gaudiness — if at least for the first hour.

One of the most bankable and beloved names in world cinema, Almodóvar continues his exploration of noir and melodrama in *Volver*, a passion that reached its zenith in 2004's *Bad Education*. Here, melodrama does most of the talking, hurtling the narrative down a path of familial friction, infidelity, and jealousy.

Less immediate than his last three films, *Volver* takes a while to kick in, but once it does, its emotional impact supersedes any of the Spanish-born director's past work. Because Almodóvar saves the vital backstory for the second hour, our empathy for his characters does-

n't arrive until late in the film. This makes for some stale viewing through *Volver*'s first hour, yet, the pop favorite that he is, Almodóvar supplies a poignant payoff, a refreshing accompaniment to his bizarre storytelling and master styling.

It's tough to summarize *Volver* without a visual aid diagramming who cheated on whom, who killed whom, and who molested whom. In short, you can split *Volver* into two threads: In the first, we follow Raimunda (Penélope Cruz) as she consoles her daughter Paula, who kills her lecherous father by accident; in the second, Raimunda's mother, Irene, comes back from the dead to visit Sole, her daughter, and fix the mistakes from her past.

From there, Almodóvar's yarn shape-shifts and respawns as characters' motivations and past traumas come into focus.

What separates *Volver* from a soap opera? For one, Almodóvar's unexpected humor. Going for absurdist, dry, and touching laughs, he can make even a fart joke oddly endearing.

Second, despite being plot-driven, *Volver* has room to breathe, so to speak, as Almodóvar focuses on the searing small moments. The teary-eyed distress on Cruz's face as her husband masturbates beside her in bed, for example, or Cruz's euphoric song number both cut through the melodramatic form to arrive at something more like pure agony or pure catharsis.

In line with those examples,

Volver's ace performances and script squander any potentially tempting Telemundo comparisons. While a few subplots lead nowhere (i.e., Cruz's flirtation with a film crewmember), Almodóvar's script achieves that ever-sought balance between the minutely structured and the organic.

Trumping all these strengths is Almodóvar's genuine care for his characters. In *Volver*, characters aren't just means to an end for the director's twisty-turny narrative. Going against the tendencies of any lazy writer, Almodóvar gives equal weight to character profiles as he does their progression. He shows a concern for women and their struggles without condescension,

unlike most male-directed "women's pictures" from the classical Hollywood era to the present (*Think Because I Said So*).

Could we stamp out misogyny worldwide if men were forced to watch such Almodóvar films as *Volver*, *All About My Mother*, and *Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown*? Perhaps that's a stretch, though I'd be willing to vote for such a measure. Through the frame of a murder/melodrama/ghost plot, Almodóvar reaffirms his status as a mega-talent devoted to the marginalized. Cinema is still a heterosexual man's world, but it seems less so with each new Almodóvar release.

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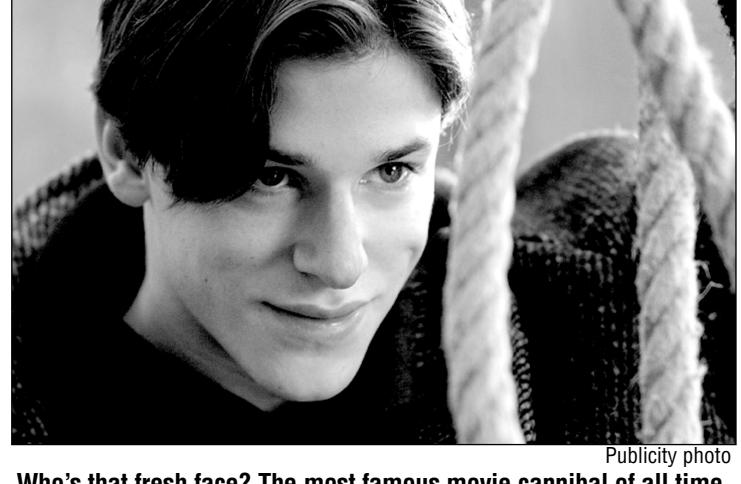
Hannibal falling prey to clichés

Dr. Hannibal Lecter is a name instantly associated with class, charisma, and cannibalism. It's hard to undo the effect of *The Silence of the Lambs* on modern horror. *Hannibal Rising* tries its hardest anyway.



FILM REVIEW

by Anna Wiegeneistein

Hannibal Rising
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 Sycamore 12
 ★ out of ★★★★★
 

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Who's that fresh face? The most famous movie cannibal of all time. Gaspard Ulliel stars as a young, pre-fava-bean Hannibal Lecter in *Hannibal Rising*.

This movie lucked out. Were it not for my recently learning of the existence of *Are We Done Yet?*, the upcoming sequel to the Ice Cube vehicle *Are We There Yet?*, the title for "Most Pointless Film in Recent Memory" would be a lock for *Hannibal Rising*.

Honestly, is there anything less appealing than a feature-length psychoanalytical session

of Dr. Hannibal Lecter? While I suppose natural curiosity demands that the audience of *The Silence of the Lambs* wonders about Lecter's origins, one of the most appealingly evil characters in modern culture certainly deserves better than this.

More importantly, the mystery was the point. Lecter was memorable because he was brilliant, cultured, and completely

insane — a combination that remains mostly inexplicable. Until author Thomas Harris and director Peter Webber got a hold of it, I guess.

So here is 117 minutes of Hannibal (Gaspard Ulliel, formerly seen much more romantically in

Freudian gobbledegook is hard to cast aside, no matter how hard it tries to earn the "grisly violence" label stuck to it by the Motion Picture Association of America.

One can almost sense Harris reaching out as far as he can, attempting to bring a host of influences into the adolescent Lecter's life that could have possibly resulted in the chained psychopath who tormented Jodie Foster so. A dash of Asian influence there, by way of a semi-incestuous aunt (Li Gong), a job at a medical center

handling corpses all day here, and so on.

By the time Webber has resorted to cheap visual allusions to the Lecter so indelibly portrayed by Hopkins, there's a sense of a futility that hangs heavily over *Hannibal Rising*. Of course it can't be as good as *Silence* or, hell, even *Red Dragon*. So, it goes for broke on both faulty psychology and gore, neither of which does a good film make.

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— Zane Galvach, 1st Lt. with the Army's 2nd Division



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BY STEVEN R. HURST

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — U.S. military officials on Sunday accused the highest levels of the Iranian leadership of arming Shiite militants in Iraq with sophisticated armor-piercing roadside bombs that have killed more than 170 American troops.

The military command in Baghdad denied, however, that any newly smuggled Iranian weapons were behind the five U.S. military helicopter crashes since Jan. 20 — four that were shot out of the sky by insurgent gunfire.

A fifth crash has tentatively been blamed on mechanical failure. In the same period, two private security company helicopters also have crashed, but the cause was unclear.

The deadly and highly sophisticated weapons the U.S. military said it traced to Iran are known as "explosively formed penetrators."

The presentation was the result of weeks of preparation and revisions as U.S. officials put together a package of material to support the Bush administration's claims of Iranian intercession on behalf of militant Iraqis fighting American forces.

Senior U.S. military officials in Baghdad said the display

Artillery shells that were used to make a car bomb lay gathered by Iraqi police near the scene of a car bomb blast in central Baghdad on Feb. 10. Serial numbers and other markings on bombs suggest that Iranians are linked to deadly explosives used by Iraqi militants, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said on Feb. 9.

was prompted by the military's concern for "force protection," which, they said, was guaranteed under the U.N. resolution that authorizes American soldiers to be in Iraq.

Three senior military officials who explained the display said the "machining process" used in the construction of the deadly bombs had been traced to Iran.

The experts, who spoke to a large gathering of reporters on the condition that they not be further identified, said the supply trail began with Iran's Revolutionary Guards Quds Force, which also is accused of arming the Hezbollah guerrilla army in Lebanon. The officials said the weapon in question was first tested there.

The officials said the Revolu-

tionary Guard and its Quds force report directly to Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

The briefing on Iran was revised heavily after officials decided it was not ready for release as planned last month.

Senior U.S. officials in Washington — cautious after the drubbing the administration took for the faulty intelligence leading to the 2003 Iraq invasion — had held back because they were unhappy with the original presentation.

The display appeared to be part of the White House drive that has empowered U.S. forces in Iraq to use all means to curb Iranian influence in the country, including killing Iranian agents. It included a power-point slide program and a handful of mor-

tar shells and rocket-propelled grenades that the military officials said were made in Iran.

The centerpiece of the display, however, was a gray metal pipe about 10 inches long and 6 inches in diameter, the exterior casing of what the military said was an explosively formed penetrator, the roadside bomb that shoots out fist-sized wads of nearly molten copper that can penetrate the armor on an Abrams tank.

"A normal roadside bomb is like a shotgun blast. But these are like a rifle. They're focused, and they're aimed. ... It's going to take anything out in its way, go in one side and out the other," said 1st Lt. Zane Galvach, 25, of Dayton, Ohio, a soldier with the Army's 2nd Division, based in Baghdad.

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U.S. artillery fires into Pakistan

U.S. officials contend that they have the right to target Taliban elements in Pakistan who have attacked U.S. troops

BY ROBERT BURNS

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan — Asserting a right to self-defense, American forces in eastern Afghanistan have launched artillery rounds into Pakistan to strike Taliban fighters who attack remote U.S. outposts, the commander of U.S. forces in the region said on Sunday.

The skirmishes are politically sensitive because Pakistan's government, regarded by the Bush administration as an important ally against Islamic extremists, has denied that it allows U.S. forces to strike inside its territory.

The use of the largely ungoverned Waziristan area of Pakistan as a haven for Taliban and Qaeda fighters has become a greater irritant between Washington and Islamabad since Pakistan put in place a peace agreement there in September that was intended to stop cross-border incursions.

Army Col. John Nicholson, the commander of the 3rd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, said in an Associated Press interview that rather than halt such incursions, the peace deal has led to a substantial increase.

Pakistani border forces, which had been active in stopping Taliban incursions into Afghanistan as recently as last spring, stopped offensive actions against them once the peace deal took effect, he said.

"That did relax some of the pressure on the enemy," Nicholson said.

The Pakistan army's top

spokesman said Sunday that coalition forces operating in Afghanistan are not allowed to fire into Pakistani territory, but he acknowledged that artillery fire from the coalition had landed inside Pakistan in recent days. Pakistan also plans to seek "clarification" about Nicholson's comments.

Members of Nicholson's brigade, which is based at Fort Drum, N.Y., recently were told that instead of going home this month after a yearlong tour, they will stay for an extra four months, until June.

Nicholson told the Army's vice chief of staff, Gen. Richard Cody, that this news hit soldiers and their families hard but that they are now adjusting well. Cody is traveling in Afghanistan.

The brigade of approximately 3,500 soldiers is being kept in Afghanistan because senior commanders decided they needed more forces to deal with an anticipated Taliban offensive this spring. The offensive is expected to focus not only on eastern Afghanistan but also the south, where the traditional Taliban stronghold of Kandahar is seen as a prized target. NATO forces operate in that area.

Nicholson described the fighting along the border, particularly in Afghanistan's Paktika and Khost provinces, as intense. In some cases, he said, the Taliban have crossed the border at night, using wire cutters to breach the perimeter of small U.S. outposts, "trying to get hand grenades into our bunkers."

AP writer Sadaqat Jan contributed to this report.

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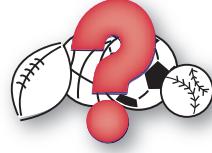
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Q: Before Albert Young led the Big Ten in conference rushing in 2005, who was the last Hawkeye to do so?
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VEGAS TRIP

4 men gymnasts compete in Vegas

A TV commercial says that what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas. Four current members of the Iowa men's gymnastics traveled to the land of mystery last week for the Winter Cup, but their performances will not be kept secret.

Senior gymnast Jacques Bouchard finished the highest of all the Hawkeyes over the weekend with a 14.500 point still-ring performance — placing him seventh out of all competitors.

Team co-captain Curtis Kleffman had his highest-place performance of the weekend in the vault with 21st-place finishing score of 14.650. Kleffman also placed 22nd on the floor exercise, 26th on the pommel horse, and 31st on the still rings.

Freshman Jonathan Buese also made the trip to Las Vegas and took home 17th place in the all-around competition with a score of 75.950. Geoff Reins traveled to the Winter Cup but did not place in any event.

In addition to the four current Hawkeyes who took part in the competition, a familiar face to the men's gymnastics family made an impact at the Winter Cup — former Hawkeye Michael Reavis won the floor exercise with a score of 15.200.

— by Sean Monahan

MEN'S TRACK

2 distance men run well

Iowa men's track, or at least most of the squad, competed at the Iowa State Classic on Feb. 10, while two senior distance runners, Jeff Kent and captain Micah VanDenend, ran in the Husky Classic in Seattle.

VanDenend hit 14:08.06 in the 5,000-meter run, and Kent, who clocked 14:18.86, ran a career best.

"[We had] real good performances from those two guys," head coach Larry Wieczorek said.

VanDenend became the third Hawkeye to provisionally qualify for the NCAAs, joining fellow captains Adam Hamilton and Shane Maier. Wieczorek said the team's fourth captain, David Pierre, is close to the mark.

While the senior distance duo was enjoying the Seattle scenery, the rest of the team was busy in Ames.

Iowa's top finishers were a pair of 11th places, achieved by the 1,600-meter relay team in 3:12.64 and John Hickey in the shot put with a throw of 54-8.

Junior Jeremy Petsche (high jump) and freshmen Adam Hairston (800 meters) and Zach Splan (600 yards) all placed 14th in their respective events.

— by Alex Johnson

WOMEN'S TRACK

White bests Hawks' triple-jump mark

Hawkeye sophomore Renee White set a school record in the triple jump as the Iowa women's track team took on 42 other teams at the Cyclone Classic in Ames over the weekend. Her leap of 41-05 $\frac{1}{4}$ bested the old mark of 40-10 $\frac{1}{4}$ set in 2006 by teammate Tiffany Johnson.

Meghan Armstrong won the mile and provisionally qualified for the NCAA championships with a time of 4:44.55. This is her second provisional berth for the finals, her other coming Feb. 3 in the 3,000 meters.

Diane Nukuri — who also provisionally qualified in the 3,000 last weekend — earned her second potential spot in the national championships by posting a 16.24.5 in the 5,000 meters.

In the 60-meter hurdles, Johnson tied for second and provisionally qualified with a time of 8.41.

The Hawkeyes will next compete at home on Feb. 16 in the Iowa Invitational.

— by Diane Hendrickson

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BIG TEN SWIMMING

Youth catches up with Hawks

Inexperience showed in the Iowa women's swimming team this past weekend in Minneapolis; it finished 10th in the Big Ten championships for the second-straight season



Dell
sophomore

Long
Iowa coach

BY PAUL KAZMIERCZAK
THE DAILY IOWAN

After three days of grueling competition, the Iowa women's swimming team finished 10th out of 11 teams at the Big Ten championships on Feb. 10. Indiana University powered to victory at the University of Minnesota Aquatic Center, posting 715.5 points. The Hawkeyes managed a score of 108, topping only Michigan State's 44.

Despite the team's disappointing finish, the squad accomplished at least one of its objectives. Before the outset of the trip, head coach Marc Long emphasized the need for strong individual performances. He also stressed "coming back at night" — meaning a top-16 finish in morning preliminaries required to compete in the evening finals.

Aided in part by three weeks of rest and hydrodynamic body suits, worn for the first time all year, the Hawkeyes responded with several season-best swims.

Freshman Christine Kuczek raced past 49 competitors in the 100-freestyle prelims, placing 15th and earning her a return visit to the water that evening. In the finals, Kuczek swam a season-best 50.74, vaulting her to a 12th-place finish.

Kuczek also scored a 16th-place finish in the final of the 50 free (23.35) after placing 14th out of 86 swimmers in prelims. Hawkeyes Julie deBruin (22nd) and Robin Samples (33rd) also finished in the top half during prelims.

BIG TEN TEAM RESULTS

1. Indiana 715.5
2. Michigan 562
3. Penn State 537.5
4. Minnesota 442
5. Wisconsin 413.5
6. Purdue 302
7. Northwestern 301
8. Ohio State 187
9. Illinois 176.5
10. Iowa 108
11. Michigan State 44



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BY IAN SMITH
THE DAILY IOWAN

Jordan McLaughlin likens wrestling to riding a bike. The linebacker-turned-wrestler took only 6:33 to remove the training wheels and record his first victory since the 2004 Iowa state wrestling championships.

In his first collegiate match, McLaughlin pinned Michigan State's Nick



'I tell you what, that crowd when McLaughlin pinned that guy,

I FELT BETTER.

I felt better sitting in that chair.'

— Tom Brands, Iowa coach

Palmieri with 27 seconds remaining on the clock as Iowa rumbled over the Spartans, 33-9. The crowd of 5,053 exploded in a raucous frenzy as football teammates Mitch King, Mike Elgin, Bryan Mattison, and Rob Bruggeman stormed the floor to greet the victorious sophomore.

"I tell you what, that crowd when McLaughlin pinned that guy, I felt better," Iowa coach Tom Brands said. "I felt better sitting in that chair."

Trailing 8-4 with under a minute left in the third period, McLaughlin — who won a state title as a senior —

wrenched his arms underneath Palmieri's and slammed him down on his back for a two-point takedown. As the Carver-Hawkeye faithful watched, McLaughlin stuck Palmieri's shoulders to the black-and-gold mat seconds later for the pin.

"I was going to shoot, but he got in deep on me, and I was like, I might as well try it now even though Coach [Dan] Gable said don't try throwing anything out there," McLaughlin said. "I was down, and I wanted to try it."

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COMMENTARY

Not the same as beating Gophers

Even though the Hawkeye wrestlers whipped Michigan State, they still have plenty of work to do if they have any championship aspirations



**ERIC
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We beat a team we were supposed to. It's that simple.

OK, it isn't entirely that simple, but at this point in the season, with the wrestling team we hope we have, it should be something of an expectation.

I don't mean to soften the buzz, but a 33-9 thumping of Michigan State isn't a cure-all to Iowa's wrestling woes.

For a squad still focused on winning a national championship, there is still a ton of work to be done just to place in the Big Ten's top four.

For the Hawkeye mat warriors, there hasn't been enough of what Charlie Falck has done for the last two weeks, which is defeat an opponent who is "supposed" to win. How did he do it? Simple,

he threw out the rankings and took it to 'em.

"It feels good for me to beat a higher-ranked opponent," said the 125-pounder. "I didn't win necessarily how I wanted to win, but a win's a win, I guess."

That's right, Charlie. A win is a win. So while we can enjoy the W for a day,

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BIG TEN MEN'S BASKETBALL

Conference	All Games				
	W	L	Pct.	W	L
Wisconsin	10	1	.909	24	2
Ohio St.	10	1	.909	22	3
Indiana	7	3	.700	17	6
Iowa	6	5	.545	14	11
Michigan	5	5	.500	17	8
Illinois	6	6	.500	18	9
Purdue	5	6	.455	16	9
Michigan St.	4	6	.455	17	8
Minnesota	3	8	.273	9	16
Northwestern	2	9	.182	12	12
Penn St.	1	9	.100	10	13
Saturday's Games					
Wiscon 7, Iowa 4					
Ohio State 63, Purdue 56					
Indiana 65, Illinois 61					
Northwestern 53, Penn State 51					
Michigan 82, Minnesota 80					
Tuesday Game					
Michigan at Michigan State					
Wednesday's Games					
Northwestern at Iowa, 7:05 p.m.					
Ohio State at Penn State, 6 p.m.					
Indiana at Purdue, 6 p.m.					
Wisconsin at Minnesota, 7 p.m.					
Penn State at Wisconsin, 11:17 a.m.					
Indiana at Michigan, 3 p.m.					
Sunday's Games					
Ohio State at Minnesota, 12 p.m.					
Northwestern at Illinois, 2 p.m.					

BIG TEN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Conference	All Games				
	W	L	Pct.	W	L
Ohio State	12	0	1.000	23	1
Purdue	10	2	.833	21	5
Michigan State	10	2	.833	19	6
Wisconsin	7	6	.538	18	8
Illinois	6	6	.500	16	8
Minnesota	6	7	.462	14	12
Penn St.	5	7	.417	12	14
Iowa	4	8	.333	12	13
Indiana	4	9	.308	15	11
Michigan	3	9	.250	10	15
Northwestern	1	12	.077	7	19
Sunday's Games					

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA	
					W	L
New Jersey	34	16	6	74	149	133
Pittsburgh	29	17	9	67	190	171
N.Y. Islanders	26	22	8	60	164	160
N.Y. Rangers	27	24	5	59	166	163
Philadelphia	14	33	8	38	138	207
Northeast	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	38	15	4	80	212	163
Ottawa	32	22	3	67	191	154
Montreal	29	22	6	64	165	168
Toronto	27	22	7	61	181	184
Boston	25	25	4	54	153	202
Southeast	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta	30	20	9	69	181	185
Tampa Bay	31	24	2	64	179	173
Carolina	28	23	7	63	177	184
Washington	23	26	8	54	173	200
Florida	21	25	11	53	164	187
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	38	16	3	79	196	146
Detroit	36	15	6	78	177	137
St. Louis	25	25	9	53	140	170
Chicago	22	27	7	51	141	170
Columbus	29	25	5	49	139	175
Northwest	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	29	19	8	66	174	148
Vancouver	31	21	4	66	147	143
Minnesota	31	22	4	66	162	147
Edmonton	28	24	4	60	156	162
Colorado	26	25	4	56	175	172
Pacific	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	33	15	8	74	182	143
San Jose	35	19	1	71	170	132
Dallas	34	20	2	70	152	137
Phoenix	25	29	2	52	151	189
Los Angeles	19	30	9	47	163	203
Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shoot-out loss.						
Sunday's Games						
Dallas 7, Colorado 5						
Chicago 5, Columbus 4						
Tampa Bay 4, New Jersey 1						
Detroit 7, Calgary 4						
Edmonton 5, Atlanta 1						
Tuesday's Game						
Edmonton at Boston, 6 p.m.						
Los Angeles at Carolina, 6 p.m.						
Florida at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.						
Phoenix at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.						
N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.						
San Jose at St. Louis, 7 p.m.						
Anaheim at Colorado, 8 p.m.						
Atlanta at Calgary, 8:30 p.m.						

A: Dennis Mosley, in 1979.

WOMEN'S HOOPS — WISCONSIN 84, IOWA 73

A little bit too much Badgers

BY ALEX JOHNSON

THE DAILY IOWAN

Hawkeye coach Lisa Bluder's team played like a slinky at Wisconsin last night — the Badgers were on one end, Iowa the other, and each time Wisconsin would distance itself, the Hawkeyes would shrink the deficit, bouncing closer and farther with each and every step of the game.

But Iowa couldn't get the ends to meet in the 50th meeting of the Badger-Hawkeye series, dropping the contest, 84-73. The Black-and-Gold still own a 30-20 advantage against Wisconsin, despite Sunday's disappointment.

Nicole VanderPol came up with a big night, posting 15 points in what turned out to be a career scoring night for the sophomore.

"[VanderPol] did a great job off the bench," Bluder said. "She gave us a spark and played with confidence."

Iowa's biggest performance came from sophomore Wendy Ausdemore. The forward came up big with a 21-point second half to finish the game with a career-high 27.

"Nicole and Wendy sparked us tonight," point guard Kristi Smith said. "They really picked us up."

But it just wasn't enough. The Badgers dominated the boards, 38-24, boxing out opponents like Muhammad Ali.

"We did not do a good job," Bluder said. "Wisconsin out-rebounded us by 14. I was disappointed in a rebounding effort tonight."

The rest of the statistics tell the story, too — Iowa shot 44.8 percent, Wisconsin shot 50. The Hawkeyes hit 55.6 percent behind the arc, the Badgers fired at 61.5 percent. Bluder's team made 16-of-19 free throws, Lisa Stone's squad sunk 24-of-32.

Everything Iowa did well, Wisconsin did better, frustrating the Hawks for 40 minutes of catch-me-if-you-can.

One of the toughest things for Iowa is the continuing trend of poor shooting defense.

"Wisconsin shot above its average," Bluder said. "Which has been a typical occurrence for us lately."

Although the Badgers turned the ball over 21 times, Iowa's 15 seemed to come at the worst of times.

"We got to within two points at the 4:20 mark. After the media timeout, we had three crucial turnovers," Bluder said. "Instead of a chance to execute, we gave it right back to them."

For Wisconsin, a pair of junior guards in Jolene Anderson and Janese Banks led the way with 29 and 16 points.

"We did not do a good job of keeping track of Anderson," Bluder said. "[She's] a great player. Our defense lost track of her."

Wisconsin's lead was in jeopardy four times in the second half, with Iowa pulling to within three twice and two a pair of times as well. The last occasion came just outside the four-minute mark, thanks to Ausdemore. But like the rest of the night, all the eight-deep Iowa roster had, the Badgers had that much more.

For Bluder and her players, the road to the postseason is now tilted like a seesaw pairing of Shaq and Verne Troyer. The Hawkeyes are now 12-13 and 4-8 in conference play with a very tough contest at Purdue left on the schedule, making even a .500 Big Ten record seem out of reach.

Iowa will return to action at home against Illinois on Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

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HAWKEYE SPORTS

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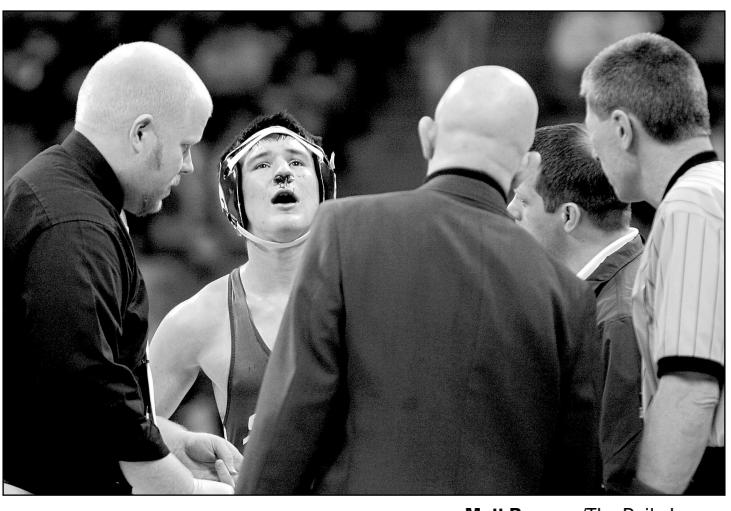
Freshmen came up big for the Iowa women's gymnastics team when it took on the University of Alaska-Anchorage over the weekend.

On Feb. 9, the Hawkeyes prevailed 192.125-189.675, despite being without one of their top gymnasts, Kara Pinjiv, who was injured during warm-ups.

In her first collegiate vault, walk-on Jenny Donar posted a 9.9 to win the event. On beam, freshman Nikki Page scored a 9.725 to finish in a three-way tie for first.

Tucker reached the 2,000-point mark with his first basket of the game. He said when he looks at his chances to become Wisconsin's leading scorer, he includes a potential run to the Final Four.

COMMENTARY



Matt Ryerson/The Daily Iowan

Michigan State wrestler Jeff Wimberley gets a bloody nose attended to during his match against Iowa wrestler Alex Grunder on Sunday in Carver-Hawkeye.

LOTS OF WORK FOR WRESTLERS

COMMENTARY

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We're going to need more — from everyone. Don't get me wrong, the forfeit at 141 pounds makes for a nice outcome on paper, but fourth-ranked senior Andy Simmons would have been a strong challenge and opportunity for the Hawkeyes' No. 6-ranked Alex Tsirtsits to jump on the Falck-train.

One of the great things about wrestling is that almost anyone can beat anybody at any time. While it may seem as though the strongest will always prevail, that's not the case. Sure, being stronger is nice, but every match comes down to fractions of seconds, imperfect shifts in body weight, a minuscule slip during a shot — as corny as it sounds, it comes down to the will and passion to win the 50-50 battles.

While tennis god Roger Federer may go months without losing a set, anything can happen in wrestling. Of

course, there are the Dan Gables and Cael Sandersons who go whole careers with basically no lapses, but in order to achieve greatness as a team, the rankings can't decide the outcome.

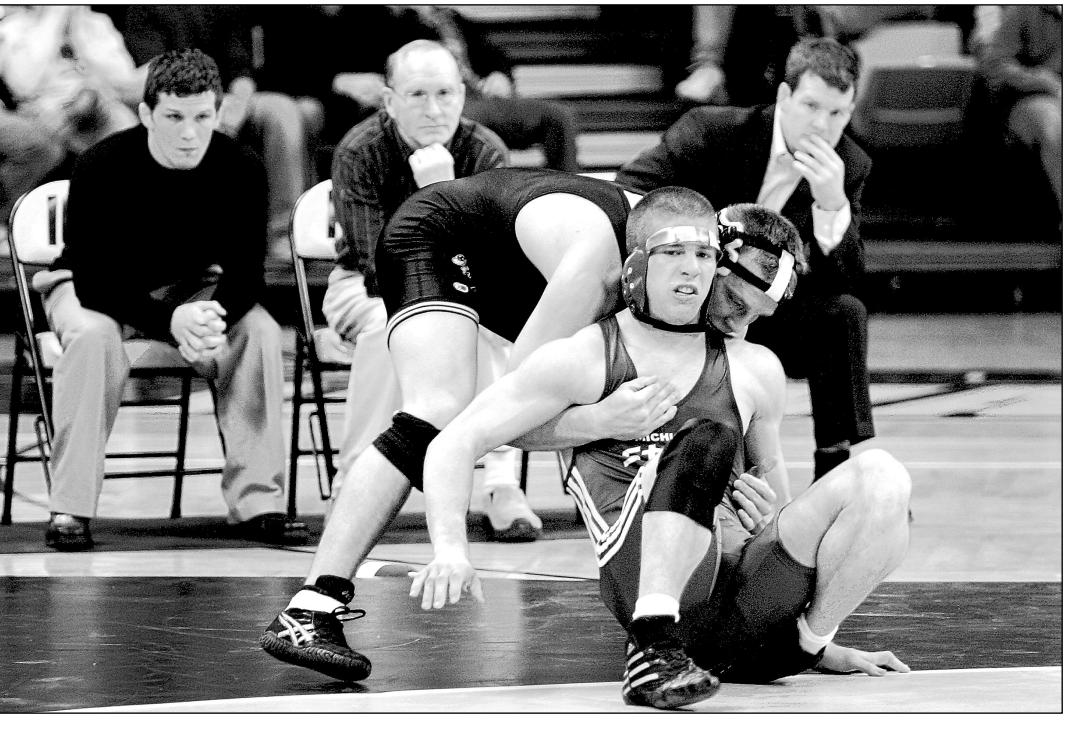
If a random, snot-nosed, 6-year-old can peer at the pre-match preview and correctly predict the outcome of a weight class based on rankings, then something is wrong.

If the guessing mirrors the box score when top-ranked Minnesota comes in town on Feb. 18, then the Hawkeyes are going to come off the mats with gopher-sized welts kicked into their singlets.

The Hawkeyes will be individually outranked against the Gophers at every weight class except for 165 (Mark Perry), 174 (Eric Leudke), and 197, where neither school has a ranked athlete. That means it needs to be that time when the team stands up, steps out of the rankings, and just wrassles.

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Hawks smack Spartans

Matt Ryerson/The Daily Iowan
Iowa wrestler Eric Luedke gets pushed out of the ring as he tries to maintain control of Michigan State wrestler John Murphy during the meet in Carver-Hawkeye on Sunday.

WRESTLING

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The Belmond, Iowa, native lost more than 30 pounds from his 6-0 frame in the four weeks since he joined the team during winter break. Brands said Kirk Ferentz had no problems allowing McLaughlin to join the wrestling squad following Iowa's appearance in the Alamo Bowl.

"He's fresh air in that room," Brands said. "He wanted to make sure when he came out that it wasn't a workout-partner situation. I was like, 'Maybe he just wants to hobby into it,' but that wasn't the case. I knew we were dealing with somebody we could relate to, from my point of view."

The No. 10-ranked Hawkeyes 13-4 (4-2) won eight of 10 matches en route to the win over Michigan State, including a crucial victory by No. 8-ranked Charlie Falck

over No. 5 Franklin Gomez. As the clock ticked down in the 3-3 tie, Falck freed his leg to get around Gomez just as the horn sounded. Referee Chuck Yagla counted the takedown to give Falck a 5-3 win.

The suddenly intimidating Falck attributes his success during his eight-match winning streak to doing things the right way in his life outside the Dan Gable Wrestling Complex.

"When you lose to people you know you can beat, it just kind of eats at you," the 125-pounder said. "It's just little things you can change that make you turn the corner; I just got sick of losing to guys I know I could beat."

"It's a big deal," Brands said about Falck's spark. "You got a guy like Charlie Falck, who is a natural because of his weight class to be the first way to go out a majority of the time, and he's doing well. He's holding up, and that's what we need."

The Hawkeyes also used a big night by 149-pound Alex Grunder to secure the victory. After scoring a reversal, Grunder pinned the Spartans' Jeff Wimberley with 1:28 remaining in the match. Mark Perry, Eric Luedke, Ryan Morningstar, Matt Fields, and Alex Tsirtsits — who won by forfeit — accounted for the rest of Iowa's points.

Not everything went as well as planned for the Hawkeyes on Sunday, though. Senior Mario Galanakis suffered an apparent injury to his left leg and couldn't finish his 133-pound match.

Also, despite the wide margin of victory, Iowa only recorded seven takedowns during the dual. Brands said his team needs to address a lot of concerns before next weekend's duals with Ohio State and No. 1 Minnesota.

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Some Hawkeyes fare well in meet

SWIMMING

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Freshman Margie Chamberlin swam her fastest 100 butterfly of the year (55.96) in the prelims and finished 15th in the final (56.15).

Ashley Dell continued the trend of season-best times in the 1,650 free (17:03.56), but the sophomore

just missed the cut, finishing 18th in the morning swim.

Iowa also recorded respectable finishes in several relays. The team of Alison Gschwend, Emmy Haeger, Chamberlin, and Kuczek finished seventh in the 200-medley (1:45.61) and 400-medley (3:47.56) relays. The Hawks secured eighth-place in the 400 free (3:26.35).

In the diving well, freshman Deidre Freeman (23rd) finished in the top half of the 1-meter diving competition in the prelims.

The Iowa women placed 10th in the Big Tens for the second-straight season, despite recording fewer points (108) in Minneapolis than the 2005-2006 group (163.5) scored in Columbus, Ohio. Last season's team, however, was led

primarily by upperclassmen, while this year's group is predominantly freshmen.

Given their youth and a solid fall recruiting class, the team looks poised to move up the ladder in the Big Ten. The climb won't be easy, however. Indiana (No. 8), Michigan (10th), Penn State (15th), Wisconsin (17th), and Minnesota

(21st) are all ranked in the top-25 nationally.

Up next: With their Big Ten slate over, the women will swim at the Iowa Senior Championships March 2-4. The men's team will head to the campus of Ohio State for the Big Ten championships Feb. 15-18.

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“I hope my appointment can be one symbol of an opportunity that would have been inconceivable even a generation ago. But I’m not the woman president of Harvard, I’m the president of Harvard.”

— Drew Gilpin Faust, the new president of Harvard.

See story, page 9A.

horoscopes Monday, February 12, 2007

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You could use a vacation or a change of scenery. If you can't afford to take a trip, switch your routine a bit. Talking to people with experience could lead you to a new hobby, vocation, or circle of friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Someone may try to persuade you to spend money or invest in something that will benefit her or him. Be strong; use your will power to make more money or to improve your health. Now is not the time to be wishy-washy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can please some, but you can't please everyone. With that in mind, make choices that help you fulfill your own goals. A partnership may turn sour if either one of you is trying to take advantage of the other.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't trust someone to do a job for you. If you put in extra effort and go it alone, you will be the one to advance. A romantic opportunity is present, but don't get involved with this person if it will affect your financial future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't be fooled by someone who wants you to invest in her or his future. You can do far better looking out for your own interests. Networking and socializing with people on the same path will give you some great ideas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take things one step at a time. Someone may try to ruin your plans. If you want an honest answer, ask precise questions. Your own relationship may be on shaky ground if you have neglected your responsibilities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You should be able to make things happen if you aren't lazy and try to get others to do things for you. Put in an all-out effort. A meeting with someone you consider to be knowledgeable will give you some new financial ideas.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll have the discipline to pull off a deal that you've been wanting to launch for some time now. Don't let anyone stand in your way. Emotional matters must not be allowed to interfere in your progress.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Re-evaluate your motives, and go about your business with integrity. Being underhanded will only come back to haunt you. A love connection is likely to cause you upset. Don't exaggerate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Not everything will be out in the open. Don't get taken for a ride by someone painting a good sob story. Do your research, and make your decision based on what's feasible. Anger will not solve any problems.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can affect people's decisions if you paint an honest picture of what you are trying to do. Someone you love may not be in total agreement with you. Listen to what this person has to say — it may be valid.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stay calm; don't let emotional issues cloud what you know you must do. A problem with overindulgence will lead to arguments or, even worse, breakups. Look at things realistically: It can't always be the other person's fault.

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ANDREW R. JUHL

How to figure out your date's name without admitting you forgot it

- Order drinks, but let it slip to the waitress that

your date might be underage. Then, glance at your date's driver's license when he or she gets carded. (Not advised if you or your date is, in fact, underage.)

• Surreptitiously steal your date's cell phone, find the contact labeled "MOM'S CELL" and text "U R A WHORE" to that number. MOM will call back. MOM will chastise. MOM will use your date's full name.

• Call the person "Batman" instead. He or she will love it. Who doesn't want to be Batman?

• Posit the idea of getting each other's names tattooed on your asses. Go first.

Check the mirror.

• Don't bother. Instead, refer to your date solely by either "Guy" or "Babe" (depending on sex). This has the added advantage of working especially well if your date happens to be a 15th-century Catholic radical or the greatest female athlete of all time.

• Tell them you took a handwriting analysis class and offer to analyze how they write their name. Make something up about the pen strokes signifying a truthful soul. People eat that crap up.

• Keep calling them "assface" until they politely correct you.

• Just make out; that way, you won't have to talk. (Besides, it's why you went on this date in the first place — just admit it.)

• Wait until morning and check the waistband of the balled-up underwear on the floor.

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Level:

1	2
3	4

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

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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

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| 3 p.m. "Live from Prairie Lights," Christa Jacob | 7 "Live from Prairie Lights," Christa Jacob |
| 4 David Cole, Less Safe, Less Free, Why we are Losing the War on Terror | 8 MLK Human Rights Week: Celebration of Life |
| 6:30 Coach Steve Alford's Weekly News Conference | 9:30 DITV News, <i>The Daily Iowan</i> Daily News Update |
| | 10:45 Iowa Basketball with Steve Alford |
| | 11 "Live from Prairie Lights," Christa Jacob |

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Puzzle by Randy Sowell