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Gender gap in crime

BY EMILEIGH BARNES
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In the past 30 years, the number of men who are victims of aggravated and simple assaults have disproportionately dropped compared with the number of women, according to a study recently presented by a UI professor.

First-time research indicates a gender gap in victims of violent crime, which has fluctuated since the 1970s, said the two study heads, UI sociology Professor Karen Heimer and Janet Lauritsen, a criminology professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

"Nobody has looked at this," Heimer said on Tuesday. "Isn't that amazing?"

The number of females assaulted nationwide didn't begin to decrease until 1993, while the number of male victims has been on the decline for more than 30 years, according to their data.

"Looking at victimization data nationally, men's rates for crimes, including but especially aggravated and simple assault, have been dropping off since the '70s," Heimer said. "Women's rates didn't drop until '93."

The two discussed their study, titled "Gender, Violence, and Victimization: Female and Male Patterns Over Time," on Feb. 16 in San Francisco as a part of the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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STUDY FINDS

A study of nationwide crime showed several trends and sex differences that include:

- Female rates of victimization have remained higher than men for homicide and violence with intimate partners.
- Today, men and women are nearly equally at risk for robbery, aggravated assault, and simple assault committed by non-strangers.
- Victimization of men in aggravated and simple assaults began to decline in the 1970s.
- Victimization of women in aggravated and simple assaults began to decline in the mid 1990s.

Source: "Gender, Violence, and Victimization: Female and Male Patterns Over Time"

Culver works to keep caucuses first

BY COLIN BURKE
THE DAILY IOWAN

Gov. Chet Culver has vowed to keep Iowa first in the presidential-nominating process, even if that requires scooting up the date of its caucuses — a move some say could trigger other states to reorganize their election events.

During the National Governor's Association's winter meeting, which opens on Saturday, Culver will focus on the importance of ensuring that Iowa's caucuses — scheduled for Jan. 14 — remain first, said Brad Anderson, the governor's communications director.

Because the Democratic caucuses are scheduled by the Democratic National Committee, Culver would

have no power to change the date — any moves would have to come from the Iowa Democratic Party.

While Anderson did not elaborate on what the governor would discuss regarding the scheduling of the Iowa caucuses, the spokesman added that the governor would speak with New Hampshire Gov. John Lynch about the issue.

In the New England state, which holds the nation's first primary, the secretary of State has the power to set the date of the event. Meanwhile, Nevada will hold its caucuses on Jan. 19 — wedged between Iowa's Jan. 14 caucuses and New Hampshire's Jan. 22 primary.

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Culver
governor

NEEDLEWORK



Beth Skogen/The Daily Iowan

UI intermedia graduate student Shawn Reed embroiders in his studio at the International Center on Tuesday. Influenced by shrines and temples he saw in Japan, he will combine sewing, embroidery, knitting and volcanic sand on a wooden shrine-like table that he will construct for an exhibition at Little Cakes Gallery in New York in the late fall. Reed's idea came from the many drawings and sketches he has done, and he says there are interpretations of mythological and pseudo-religious themes present in the piece. "It is very much about the craft that comes from the interaction with the material," he said.

UISG VOTES TO SPLIT

UI Student Government passes controversial new constitution

BY DANE SCHUMANN
THE DAILY IOWAN



McElligott
UISG
president

The current structure of the UI Student Government would be in for a major change if a new constitution passed during its Tuesday meeting is implemented.

The new constitution, which would create one group representing undergraduate and another for graduate and professional students, passed amid numerous abstentions.

"It's completely irresponsible of most people in the undergraduate senate," said Graduate and Professional Student Senate member Taylor Heim. "[The new constitution] is a fundamental shift in how we function ... and they tried to railroad it tonight."

The new constitution, barring any judicial intervention, would create the Partnership of Shared Governments at Iowa, the overarching

bicameral entity. That would then be divided into the UISG, representing undergraduates, and the Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students.

According to the proposal, a committee was set up a year ago to "initiate formal separation between the undergraduate senates and the graduate and professional senate." The committee met during the past year to discuss UISG's possible new look.

Last night, the Student Assembly passed the new constitution after a flurry of debate and procedural moves.

But some undergraduate senators took issue with some of the procedural wrangling.

"[The constitution] was bullied through in the separations committee," said undergraduate senator Sean Brady. "It's against student interest."

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RIGHT-TO-WORK

Lawmakers consider fair-share measure

BY ERIC RODRIGUEZ
THE DAILY IOWAN

Gary Dunham, the secretary-treasurer for Teamsters Local 238, is frustrated at nonunion workers laughing at his fellow union members.

"I know most of the nonunion members take the benefits, and some of them make fun of [the union workers] for paying for it," he said.

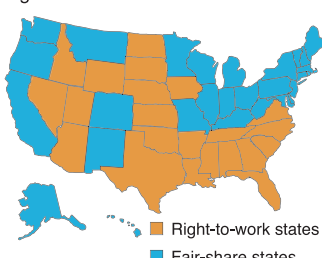
But that heckling may soon stop if fair-share legislation being discussed in the Iowa Legislature is approved; the measure would require nonunion members to pay a fee for union services.

What that cost would be is still up for debate in the Iowa House, but Dunham said it could be the same fee union members pay for membership, minus commissions for union donations and political activity.

Teamsters in the private sector pay two-and-a-half times the hourly wage per month to belong to the union, while Teamsters in the public sector pay two-and-a-quarter times the hourly wage. Public members pay less because they don't pay for strike benefits.

State Unions

Lawmakers are looking to reform Iowa's 60-year-old right-to-work law, which gives non-union employees in unionized workplaces the option of receiving union benefits without paying regular union dues. Iowa is currently one of 22 states with right-to-work laws.



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Clear to partly cloudy, breezy

WATER WORLD, ETC.

The UI's new recreation center will feature many aquatic facilities, in addition to fitness rooms, basketball courts, and a track. **1B**

PHOTOGRAPHY PRIZE

Danny Wilcox Frazier, a UI alum and *DI* photography coach, wins the Duke Center for Documentary Studies prize for photography. **3A**

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Fethke on attrition, fight song

The Daily Iowan sat down with UI interim President Gary Fethke on Tuesday for the first round in a semester-long series of question-and-answer sessions. Fethke commented on a variety of topics, ranging from the possible smoke-free campus to how he celebrated Valentine's Day. The DI edited for content.

Q&A with FETHKE

BY ASHTON SHURSON
THE DAILY IOWAN



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UI interim President Gary Fethke speaks in his Jessup Hall office on Tuesday about the new faculty the UI has acquired as well as those who are leaving. Fethke will give a "Condition of the University" address Thursday in hotelVetro.

Fethke: I've learned that sometimes what's presented by the press and what's talked about by the press can be quite different from some of the things that are going on that I care about. I think I would advise the next president to be quite balanced in his/her understanding of the things going on in the press and things going on elsewhere.

DI: There has been controversy surrounding the use of the "Iowa Fight Song" in the Iowa Lottery ads. What are your views on this? When is it appropriate to use?

Fethke: Let's first say we've had a long association with the lottery, and it is a state agency. We have benefited by lottery funding at the University of Iowa. I did not like the use of the "Iowa Fight Song" in that advertisement ... I think we're going to see a much better and much more controlled set up of advertisements in the future.

DI: With the UI presidential search taking place, what sort of lessons have you learned as UI interim president that you will pass on to the new leader?

Fethke: I've had some feedback from individuals, and I think what is happening here is there are people who have been annoyed by smoking who now are starting to feel empowered. We're not going to become

the smoking police, we're trying to signal the fact that smoking is going to be discouraged on campus and in campus buildings, and so on. It's a very difficult habit to break, and I feel a lot of sympathy for people who are struggling with that habit. I smoked myself for years, and I know how hard it is to stop, and I'm sympathetic to that. But you can see the campus is moving towards a no-smoking situation.

DI: What kind of higher education funding do you want to see from Iowa lawmakers currently in session?

Fethke: I'm optimistic this year that this administration is going to support a fair sharing of the burden of funding higher education. The appro-

priation and the student tuition complement are about equal in size in the general fund. We're asking approximately for 5.2 percent in the state and from students. So there's a more balanced sharing of that burden.

DI: Valentine's Day was last week; what did you do?

Fethke: We had alumni receptions in Phoenix and Tucson, so that's where [my wife and I] were. She enjoyed it, and I enjoyed it, and it was a nice experience; a very nice experience to meet people who are closely aligned with this place and care about it on any day, Valentine's Day or any day.

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METRO

Gilchrist's lawyer asks for clarification

Mary Gilchrist will ask a 6th District Judge to clarify his Feb. 16 ruling that denied her motion to be temporarily reinstated as the director of the UI Hygienic Lab, attorney Pat Ingram said on Tuesday.

Ingram said he will request Judge Denver Dillard to clear up whether his decision only rejected Gilchrist's request to return to the lab temporarily or if the ruling extended to the entire case.

Gilchrist is suing UI interim President Gary Fethke and Meredith Hay, the UI vice president for Research, contending the two illegally tried to hush her concerns about Iowans' public health, eventually firing her in October 2006.

Dillard concluded last week that Gilchrist acted as a lobbyist when she voiced concerns to lawmakers and the state Board of Regents about what she labeled insufficient funding for a new \$36 million Hygienic Laboratory and the Iowa Vanguard Program, a proposed initiative that would help quickly detect biological threats.

Ingram and Gilchrist maintained that the former director acted as a whistleblower communicating substantial risk to public health.

Bob Brammer, a spokesman for

the Iowa Attorney General's Office, said his office viewed Dillard's ruling as the end of the matter.

"We took the position that the case was concluded other than a possible appeal," he said on Tuesday.

Ingram said he will wait for the judge's clarification before making any decisions on how to proceed.

— by Kelsey Beltramea

Eye project gaining exposure

Project 3000 — an initiative that began last October — is gaining exposure as researchers aid more than 500 people afflicted with Leber's congenital amaurosis, said Luan Streb, a senior research assistant on the project.

The goal of the project is to identify and provide medical assistance to the 3,000 people believed to suffer from the eye disease nationwide, most of whom are children, Streb said.

"It's hard for you to know anyone with any type of blindness," the research assistant said. "It's much harder for you to know how that affects a child and their family."

The first steps in the project are to identify as many patients as possible and examine blood samples, she said.

Project 3000 — located at the UI Carver College of Medicine — is the first program nationwide "to offer genetic testing for any eye disease to every affected person," according to a press release.

The disease, which is a genetic disorder, often causes blindness. It can also increase sensitivity to light and eye clouding, and even cause hearing loss or mental retardation, according to WebMD.

Chicago Cub star Derrek Lee and Wyc Grousbeck, the Boston Celtic CEO and co-owner, helped start the project with the UI.

— by Kurt Hiatt

Supervisors report no problems with vote

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors canvassed the votes from the Feb. 13 school infrastructure tax vote on Tuesday, finding no problems that would warrant any changes in the results.

Supervisor Terrence Neuzil said the officials approved the tax-vote results and "did not recognize any changes as was reported on election night."

The Supervisors met at 3 p.m. Tuesday in a meeting that lasted fewer than 45 minutes, he said.

During a vote canvass, the supervisors randomly select precincts and

examine their results, comparing them with the auditor's records, which is a typical procedure, Neuzil said.

— by Kurt Hiatt

State appeals fraternity verdict

The Iowa Attorney General's Office on Tuesday filed a notice of appeal of a decision that required the state, the UI, and one of its top administrators to pay \$127,744.18 to the former UI chapter of Phi Delta Theta.

Judge Mitchell Turner ordered the defendants to pay the now-defunct fraternity chapter on Jan. 24 for legal fees and damages incurred when the university suspended Phi Delta Theta, using an illegally recorded audiotape as evidence, in 2002.

Phillip Jones, the UI vice president for Student Services, and other university officials used an unauthorized tape recorded by a former pledge in the fraternity's closed meeting room as proof to support hazing accusations, Turner wrote in his 17-page ruling.

The judge ordered Jones to pay \$5,000 for his continued use of the disputed tape to punish Phi Delta Theta after the allegations were dismissed in 2004, in addition to \$98,300 in damages and \$24,444.18 in the fraternity's legal fees issued to all defendants.

— by Kelsey Beltramea

POLICE BLOTTER

Craig Baker, 18, 2109 Quadrangle, was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana.

Andrew Bedell, 18, 2109 Quadrangle, was charged Monday with possession of marijuana.

Terrah Campbell, 19, Indianola, Iowa, was charged Feb. 17 with public intoxication.

Keith Garnant, 19, 2237 Quadrangle, was charged Sunday with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Matthew Glynn, 19, 2216 Burge, was charged Feb. 17 with public intoxication.

Ryan Hansen, 25, 2020 Hollywood Blvd., was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.

Matthew Jackowski, 20, 349 Slater, was charged Monday with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

Jeremiah Kromei, 30, Dearborn Heights, Mich., was charged Monday with possession of marijuana.

Raj Manoharan, 23, 605 Woodside Drive Apt. 8, was charged Monday with simple assault.

Samuel Marner, 19, 2237 Quadrangle, was charged Sunday with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

Cole McClelland, 20, West Des Moines, Iowa, was charged Tuesday with PAULA.

Jerry Myers, 39, 1282 Dolen Place, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

Ryan Nowicki, 19, Rockford, Ill., was charged Feb. 17 with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Steven Rasiarmos, 18, 4335 Burge, was charged Feb. 17 with public intoxication.

Chad Vandenhull, 20, Sheldon, Iowa, was charged Tuesday with PAULA.

Benjamin Willett, 18, 237 Blackfoot Trail, was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

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IN THE HEART OF IOWA CITY'S CULTURAL DISTRICT

Frazier wins prize

UI alum Danny Wilcox Frazier's photos exploring rural lifestyles have won the attention of noted individuals

BY MAGGIE ANDERSON
THE DAILY IOWAN



Wesley Cropp/The Daily Iowan

Photographer and UI alum Danny Frazier was selected from among more than 400 other photographers for Duke University's Center for Documentary Studies' 2006 Honickman First Book Prize in Photography. Frazier's prize-winning work concentrates on Iowa's agrarian rural life, which for the Le Claire, Iowa, native is both profound and emotional.

Many photographers, including Frazier, have considered Frank's own work crucial to their photographic development.

"I connected to it on an emotional level," said Frazier, who also works part-time at *The Daily Iowan* as a photography coach. "I just remember looking at [Frank's work] and thinking, that's my world."

Drawing from Frank's trademark wandering approach to documentary photography, Frazier began his project, which will become the book *Driftless: Photographs from Iowa*, while he was a UI graduate student.

Encounters with aging farmers and desperate-to-escape teens clued him in to the precarious status of traditional, agricultural lifestyles and prompted him to begin documenting.

"The agrarian rural life has been so important to this country, and to completely lose that would

have a really profound impact on the country as a whole," Frazier said.

A Le Claire, Iowa, native, Frazier has experienced firsthand many of these traditions.

"He's documenting the Iowa that he sees," said Judy Polumbaum, a UI professor of journalism and mass communication and Frazier's master's project adviser. "He doesn't claim it's the only Iowa or the grand truth. But it's people and activities he's known all his life."

Associated Press photographer David Guttenfelder, a friend of Frazier and classmate at the UI, said Frazier has been developing this highly intimate style from the very beginning.

"In the back of his mind, he wanted to do a book, but that wasn't what drove Danny," he said. "It was the experience. And you can see that in his pictures."

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Wilburn lauds city's progress

BY STEPHEN SCHMIDT
THE DAILY IOWAN

Asked afterwards what the difference was between his first State of the City speech and his second, Mayor Ross Wilburn thought for a moment and smiled.

"It wasn't as scary as the other one," said Wilburn, who is in the midst of his second year as mayor.

He delivered the speech Tuesday night during the Iowa City City Council's formal meeting, focusing on Iowa City's success in improving parks and public services, creating new building projects, and maintaining a vibrant downtown.

To begin his speech, the mayor reflected on the way people bound together in the face of the April 13, 2006, tornadoes, saying that the response continues to impress him.

"In many ways, the community response was our finest hour and a challenge to the very fiber of this community," he said.

On the legislative level, Wilburn said, Iowa City will push for the state to revise the current tax code, emphasizing the need to separate residential and agricultural property-tax valuations. He also said the state must do more to reduce the property-tax burden felt by commercial properties — of which 100 percent is taxed, compared with 45.55 percent for residential property.

In closing, Wilburn emphasized the role Iowa City could play in national politics.

"We have a great opportunity to drive national discussion on policy direction with the upcoming Iowa Caucus," he said. "Already, we have had



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Iowa City Mayor Ross Wilburn jokes with City Councilor Dee Vanderhoef during a meeting on Tuesday evening. In his State of the City speech, Wilburn described new projects and said the downtown was vibrant.

visits from presidential hopefuls visiting our state and our city, with many more visits to come."

Wilburn also described the fiscal 2008 budget as "balanced" and founded on "sound policies." Soon after his speech, people were invited to comment on the budget before the council cast its first official vote.

Kevin Morrow, one of several to venture forth, asked councilors to reconsider their decision to defer the Rocky Shore pedestrian bridge from fiscal 2008 to 2011. He said he is concerned that the nearby Peninsula Park, located at the west end of Foster Road, generates so much traffic that it has become a safety risk.

"As a homeowner, [the traffic] does give me concern about the safety of Foster Road," he said.

Aleda Feuerbach, the general manager of Pleasant Val-

ley Garden Center, 1301 S. Gilbert St., was also concerned about traffic. Her complaints centered on how her business would suffer because of the construction on Gilbert Street scheduled to begin in the spring of 2008.

"The changes as they are now won't allow us to operate, and if we can't operate, then we don't have a business, and that's the bottom line," said Feuerbach, who has managed the store for 20 years.

Despite the concerns, the first vote to pass the budget was 7-0. The council can still adjust the budget or reallocate the money to other projects, but it cannot raise the amount of money spent. The budget is a resolution and not an ordinance, so the council only needs to vote on it twice. The second and final vote will be held on March 5.

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Culver defends caucuses

Even if other states change their primary and caucus dates, the governor intends to ensure Iowa's first-in-the-nation status

CAUCUSES

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Colin Manning, Lynch's press secretary, said Lynch believes the DNC is wrong. If any primary or caucus dates were switched, that might result in front-loading — meaning that other states could try to move up their elections, which would crowd the calendar.

"Their attempts to change the calendar have backfired," Manning said.

But one official from the national organization said the changes allow a better nominee to emerge while maintaining Iowa's and New Hampshire's prominence.

DNC Deputy Press Secretary Amaya Smith said having

'We remain first in the nation. That's where the Iowa caucuses should be.'

— Erin Seidler, Iowa Democratic Party press secretary

South Carolina and Nevada events before Feb. 5 broadens the influence that voters and regions nationwide have in the ultimate selection of the 2008 presidential candidate.

In the last two years, the DNC calendar commission has looked at allowing other states to enter the pre-primary window, said Erin Seidler, the Iowa Democratic Party press secretary.

State law mandates that the next caucuses or primary be held at least eight days after Iowa's caucuses, Seidler said.

Other prominent leaders have also disagreed with the DNC's timetable. Seidler said former Iowa Lt. Gov. Sally Pederson, who was on the DNC's rules and bylaws committee, voted against the current schedule — which moved Nevada before New Hampshire — to show support for the nation's first primary state.

Still, Seidler said, she is satisfied with the order.

"We remain first in the nation," she said. "That's where the Iowa caucuses should be."

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Gender crime gap

CRIME

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No particular event sparked the research into crime trends, Lauritsen said, who had studied victimization for several years.

Lauritsen and Heimer have said their research is groundbreaking, in part, because it looks at women as a part of violence nationwide, not separate from violence against men.

"I think we were surprised because it's been generally thought in criminology that the gap [in victimization] would remain consistent," Lauritsen said.

One factor that could be linked to the drop in women's numbers since 1993 is the availability of services such as domestic-abuse shelters and rape hotlines.

"Maybe it wasn't going down in the '70s and '80s because these services weren't available," Heimer said. "That's something we want to know, because if that's the case, we want to keep increasing these services."

Lauritsen said she and Heimer are also planning to investigate trends in different ethnic groups, as well people in different economic levels.

"We don't know whether crime has declined for poor women or poor men, or for black women and black men on par with white women and white men, for example," Lauritsen said.

The next step regarding the data is to draft a paper for the National Academy of Science, which is due in its first rough version by the end of March, Heimer said.

The two also said they hope to get a grant from the National Institute of Justice to further study the issue.

Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said he wasn't surprised by the study's findings in violent victimization.

"Without knowing the numbers, I would agree with [the study]," he said.

He added that in his 21 years in law enforcement, he has also seen about the same number of female aggressors as males in violent situations.

"Violence is clearly not just the domain of the male sex anymore," Kelsay said.

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UISG may re-form

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Senators Brady and Jonathan Chaparro, as well as other members of the undergraduate delegation, said they planned to take their complaints to the Student Judicial Court for review.

"We question the constitutionality of how it was passed tonight," Brady said, citing that the adjournment of the meeting was never voted on. According

'We question the constitutionality of how it was passed tonight.'

— undergraduate senator Sean Brady

to some senators, a vote to adjourn is necessary for a meeting's business to become implemented.

The assembly was adjourned after UISG Vice President Addison Stark heard a motion and

second to adjourn. No vote was taken on the matter.

Chaparro said many members abstained because they wanted more time to establish undergraduate bylaws that would be used after the separation.

But Heim rebutted that argument, saying undergraduate groups had opportunities to put opinions forward and that the high number of abstentions was "ridiculous."

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Fair share considered

A new proposal in Iowa could change a 60-year-old right-to-work law by requiring nonunion members to pay a fee if they receive union benefits

UNION

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Marjorie Caruth, a registered dietitian at the UI Hospitals and Clinics and a bargaining member of the Service Employees International Union, said she supports the bill because she appreciates the benefits unions bring to workers.

"I hear from coworkers every day how unfair it is that some of their colleagues who aren't union members get the same raises and protections of the collective-bargaining agreement without paying dues," Caruth said on Monday in an e-mail to *The Daily Iowan*.

But not all lawmakers are on board with the fair-share deal. Rep. David Jacoby, D-Coralville, said the legislation needs to be revamped to better fit the needs of the workforce.

"The extremes are ruling the world when the answer is in the middle," he said.

He said he favored fair share in the private sector when a

UNDER THE CURRENT RIGHT-TO-WORK LAW

- Nonunion employees in unionized workplaces have the option of receiving union benefits without paying regular union dues.

Proposed fair-share legislation would require:

- Members working in unionized establishments to pay a fee for union services.

What the fee could be:

- The fee could possibly be the same fee union members pay.
- The fee does not include commissions for union political activism and charitable causes.

business is unionized, but he opposed the measure being used in the public sector. Instead, Jacoby wants a commiserate fee to apply to public employees who would pay the cost for union services.

The Coralville lawmaker also

called for reforming termination fees that can be used to fire employees.

Peter Fisher, a UI professor of urban and regional planning, said the proposal would help Iowa workers because the additional fees would make for stronger unions, making them more adept for better negotiations with companies.

"The legislation may increase [the unions'] ability to negotiate and raise wages," he said.

But Fisher believes that the measure plays a small role in Iowa businesses' success. Instead, he said, he would like to see more legislative moves to raise wages and retain workers.

If approved, the fair-share proposal would not shrink economic growth because the legislation has no cost that would deter new business from establishing themselves in Iowa, he said.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

NCAA rep criticizes fight song-lottery tie

BY ASHTON SHURSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

Members of the UI community disagree about the university's affiliation with the Iowa Lottery

The controversy over the use of the "Iowa Fight Song" in an Iowa Lottery ad has traveled from the UI Presidential Committee on Athletics to the UI Faculty Council, where an NCAA representative condemned the university's association with gambling during the council's meeting Tuesday.

Betsy Altmaier, the UI's Big Ten and NCAA representative, described the NCAA's standards on such affiliations and her opinion on the partnership between the university and the Iowa Lottery.

"I am utterly opposed to this tie," she said. "Iowa has a tie that under the NCAA standards is ill-advised at best."

The NCAA discourages colle-

giate affiliations with gambling, she said, noting that most of the UI's activities are fairly consistent with other NCAA standards.

"It's unfortunate the [university's] image would be used to publicly support playing the lottery," UI Faculty Senate President Sheldon Kurtz said.

Council member Steve McGuire echoed Kurtz's opinion but said Iowa Athletics Director Gary Barta was not being unreasonable. Barta has said he regrets his decision to allow the ad to air — which he didn't view prior to its being broadcast — but he believes the Iowa Lottery has been "a good partner" to the university.

"I am in complete agreement with Betsy [Altmaier]," McGuire said. "But Gary Barta's view was not an unreasonable one."

The ad, which aired for roughly one month, promoted a raffle for a Hawkeye-themed Dodge Caliber and featured the "Iowa Fight Song" with different lyrics, a depiction of Carver-Hawkeye Arena, and the Tigerhawk logo. The vehicle will be given away at the March 3 men's home basketball game.

Altmaier said she hoped to gather feedback from her constituents during Tuesday's council meeting to present during the next meeting of the UI

athletics committee — of which Altmaier is also a member.

The council decided to wait until it received more information from the athletics committee's head, Charles Lynch, before drafting an official stance on the controversy.

Members also discussed a proposed change to the Tenure

Clock Policy, which at present requires faculty to complete tenure in six years. Under the proposal, a UI college could decide if it wanted to extend its tenure-track to eight years. An additional two-year extension could be allotted if a faculty member had a child during the probationary period.

Faculty in some UI colleges, such as the UI Carver College of Medicine, need more time to earn tenure because of the time it takes to receive external funds for research, officials said.

"In our university, very few colleges have to make an adjustment," said UI Provost Michael Hogan at Tuesday's meeting. "But we'll address the issue and make a decision."

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Naps may be lifesavers

Daytime naps could help to reduce heart issues, a study suggests

BY LAURA KLAIRMONT
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At around 1:30 p.m. every day, UI freshman Kyle Kirkwood can be found snoozing on his dorm-room futon, though he has been known to sleep almost anywhere. According to a new study, his siestas could help him ward off heart disease — one negative effect of limited sleep is high blood pressure.

"I'd say my daily naps last about an hour," he said, adding that he typically gets as little as six hours of sleep a night but can nap in any location and under any conditions.

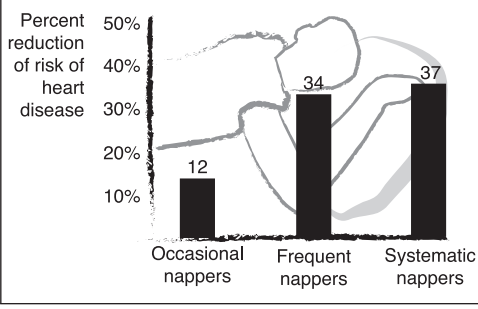
Eric Dyken, the director of the UI Sleep Disorder Clinic and the Sleep Fellowship Program, said those who clock fewer than eight hours in bed each night tend to live shorter lives and have more physical, social, and emotional problems. "We sleep less in order to get more done," he said. "There are many different neural transmitters that are negatively affected by not sleeping."

Napping could be a way to stave off health problems due to a lack of sleep, according to a study by the Department of Hygiene and Epidemiology at the University of Athens Medical School, published in February. Researchers studied 23,681 Greek men and women who had no prior history of coronary heart disease, stroke, or cancer for six years and found that those who took frequent naps had a 37 percent lower risk of dying from heart attacks and other heart problems than did those who didn't take frequent naps, according to the study.

"There is quite a bit of data showing how napping is help-

Napping touches the heart

New studies have found that taking frequent naps throughout the week may reduce your risk of dying from heart disease. People who scheduled 30-minute naps at least three times per week saw the most benefits.



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ful," said Brian Olshansky, a UI professor of internal medicine, explaining that the body requires a specific pattern of sleep and snoozing can lower blood pressure. "Middle of the day sleep resets the body from continuous stress. The body handles itself better if broken away from daily stress by napping," he said.

Bodies naturally have a bimodal curve: Body temperature peaks and then drops from approximately 1 a.m. to 3 a.m., and it experiences the same phenomenon from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. During this time, when one's body temperature lowers, that person tends to be at her or his sleepest, Dyken said.

And while crowds of UI students can be seen taking leisurely naps around that time in campus buildings, most turn to caffeine as a cure for their mid-afternoon sleepiness — an action Dyken warned against.

"Napping is better than turning to coffee, which helps you stay awake but doesn't improve

performance," he said. "It is better to get bulkier sleep at night instead of spreading it out throughout the day by taking naps."

Though he believes that naps improve performance, he was skeptical about the outcomes of the study.

"The study didn't talk about how much they were sleeping at night," he said, noting napping would only be beneficial if the study's participants weren't getting enough sleep at night.

But, if they were practicing the healthy eight- to nine-hour sleep regimen, the participants' daytime naps would signal something else, such as sleep apnea — when sleepers suddenly awake because of snoring and an inability to breathe, Dyken said.

One possible reason for Kirkwood's napping is that he might not be getting enough sleep at night.

"I discovered I snored when I fell asleep in class," he said.

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EDITORIAL

Where sex offenders live not the problem

The punishing of sex offenders has reached such heightened fervor that there is an expectation of agreement on whatever law or restriction is being proposed — regardless of how ludicrous or ineffective it may be. Imagine the poor politician who has to run with the record of being “soft on sex offenders.” It doesn’t matter how heinous or deplorable the criminal act may be, we are all still responsible for behaving as rational adults in how we handle it.

Herein lies the problem with Iowa’s residency restrictions, which prohibit convicted sex offenders whose victims were under the age of 18 from living within 2,000 feet of a childcare facility or school. A repeal of the law, which was enacted in 2002, has been gaining support in Johnson County because of the difficulties it has created for offenders trying to find a place to live. It’s good to see the county taking a stance against the residency restrictions, but the state Legislature needs to shift its focus to the implementation of more practical measures for handling sex offenders.

Schools and daycares abound in Iowa City and other areas of the state, resulting in few options for sex offenders looking for a place to reside. This causes problems for law enforcement and affects the community’s level of safety because the restrictions result in the clustering of sex offenders, or sex offenders fails to register because they fear not being able to have a place to

live. The behaviors of sex offenders are of obvious concern because of the high rate of recidivism, but that should mean that keeping track of them is more important than deciding where they can live. The law doesn’t prevent them from re-offending; instead, it only works to give a false sense of security.

We are not advocating a lax attitude on sex crimes but rather a common-sense approach to the issue. Offenders who have been released have already served their sentences and either been through a state-mandated rehabilitation program or been found not likely to re-offend. Others are also on probation and continually tracked after their release. Active methods such as these are more effective in preventing sexual abuse and can efficiently protect communities. Arbitrary residency limits are not the answer.

From a practical standpoint, the current restrictions are not reasonable. Sex crimes are a problem, but they aren’t the only problem. Frequently, rhetoric is used to appeal to people’s emotions without equal consideration for all the important things in life. We can’t run our state as if sex offenders were the gravest problem, and we apparently aren’t willing to fund it as such. The state needs to repeal this section of the law and focus on more measures that have been shown to be effective in reducing recidivism rather than trying to sweep the problem under the rug.

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U.S. should rethink priorities

Last month, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees estimated that there are 1.7 million Iraqi refugees in Syria and Jordan. (Our wonderful ally, Saudi Arabia, has refused to admit any, and Syria has recently indicated it cannot take any more). The United Nations says there are nearly another 2 million Iraqis displaced within Iraq.

Last week, George Bush put \$15 million in this year’s budget for aid to the refugees. How wonderful — we will devote one hour’s war expenditure to 1.7 million refugees. Here’s the math: \$70 billion for fiscal 2007 was approved for U.S. operations in Iraq and Afghanistan last fall. Another \$100 billion is being requested right now. Around 90 percent of these dollars are for Iraq, say \$150 billion.

Divide by 365, that’s \$411 million per day. Divide by 24, that’s \$17 million per hour. Maybe the refugee-aid budget could be raised to \$17 million so they could get \$10 per capita.

Where are our priorities? When will the war profiteers be called to account?

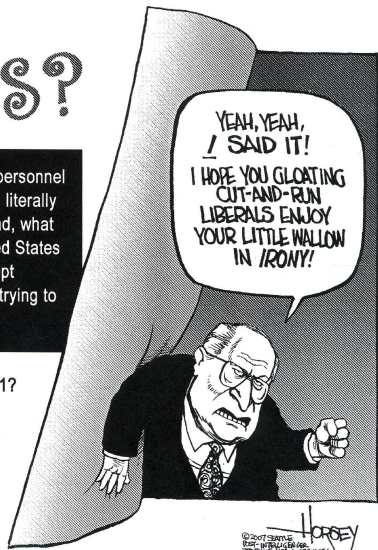
Ed Flaherty
Iowa City resident

Hey, folks, it's time to play
WHO SAID THIS?

"I think for us to get American military personnel involved in a civil war inside Iraq would literally be a quagmire. Once we got to Baghdad, what would we do?... I do not think the United States wants to have U.S. military forces accept casualties and accept responsibility of trying to govern Iraq. It makes no sense at all."

Who said this after the Gulf War in 1991?

- a) Sen. John Kerry?
- b) Sen. Ted Kennedy?
- c) Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney?



Loebsack is working for us

In response to the Feb. 20 letter “Loebsack’s party-line politics,” the issue is not whether Rep. Dave Loebsack accepted PAC money and defeated Rep. James Leach did not accept it. It’s ridiculous to compare legally operating PACs with the “cul-

ture of corruption” that existed in Washington during the former Republican-controlled Congress. Fortunately, Democrats, including Loebsack, voted to reform it.

However, to set the record straight, according to www.houseofscandal.org, Leach

accepted nearly \$14,000 from the energy industry. Subsequently, he voted against cracking down on price gouging that has kept consumer gas prices high at the pump (HR 3402). And he accepted more than \$4,000 from the drug industry. Leach voted in favor of Medicare Part D that bankrupts senior citizens but rewards filthy-rich pharmaceutical companies.

Moreover, the culture of corruption also included House ethics rules that Leach voted to weaken (HR 5) attempting to protect indicted former Speaker Tom DeLay from corruption charges associated with the illegal K-Street project and jailed lobbyist Jack Abramoff. That’s not only illegal, it’s immoral.

Notwithstanding the claim made by our former congressman that he did not accept PAC money, one obvious point stands out: James Leach managed to fleece 2nd District constituents nevertheless.

It’s the dawn of a new day. There will be no repeat performance. Loebsack is working for us. Watch his votes, not the money.

Ellen Ballas
Coralville resident

GUEST COMMENTARY

CAN THE SYSTEM BE SAVED?

The presidential public-financing system is probably dead for the 2008 campaign. Certainly, the notion that candidates would limit their spending during the primary season in return for receiving federal matching funds has become quaint; the limits are so outdated and the amount of funds that can be raised so great that no serious candidate will take that bargain. And, for the first time, it looks as if the second part of the post-Watergate financing reform — providing each major-party nominee with full financing for the general election campaign — is about to become extinct as well.

Top-tier candidates of both parties, including Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., and John McCain, R-Ariz., and former Sen. John Edwards, have already started raising money for a general election race. (They’ll have to give it back if they don’t win the nomination.) So has Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., but with a twist: Obama has asked the Federal Election Commission to rule on whether he could legally collect money for the general election campaign but ultimately decide to take public funding were he to win the nomination and his GOP opponent followed suit.

As Obama put it in his letter to the FEC, “Should both major parties’ nominees elect to receive public funding, this would preserve the public-financing system, now in danger of collapse, and facilitate the conduct of campaigns freed from any dependence on private fundraising.” The FEC

has said it is speeding up its review of Obama’s intriguing proposal, which turns, as a legal matter, on the question of whether the candidate would be deemed to have “accepted” money he is raising for the general election campaign if he keeps it separate and unused. If the money has been raised but not “accepted,” Obama argues, he could still choose to return it and take public financing instead.

Linguistically, this might be a stretch that only a former *Harvard Law Review* president could love. But as a matter of policy, it could salvage a failing system to promote the aims underlying the law. As Obama put it, “Congress concluded some 30 years ago that the public funding alternative ... would serve core purposes in the public interest: limiting the escalation of campaign spending and the associated pressures on candidates to raise, at the expense of time devoted to public dialogue, ever vaster sums of money.”

Interpreting the law in a way that would allow the nominees the chance to call off the fundraising arms race would further the purpose of the campaign-finance law and avoid the first fully privately financed presidential campaign since Watergate. The FEC should allow that, and Obama’s rivals in both parties should pledge, if they win the nomination, to help save the system, not destroy it.

This editorial appeared in the *Washington Post* on Tuesday.

ON THE SPOT

What do you think the state should do to better handle sex offenders?



“I think it should find better ways to identify them.”

Mike Anderson
UI sophomore



“More education for them.”

Dena Jansen
UI senior



“Make stricter laws for pedophiles.”

Shawn Knighton
UI senior



“I think the 2,000-foot law is good; also, sex offenders should get life in jail.”

Rachel Erb
UI senior

History repeated

WARNING: Extreme historical dorkiness on display. Please use protective eyewear and all appropriate safety equipment.

Picture England in the early 17th century. A devoutly religious king faces increasing resistance from Parliament over his conduct of an increasingly unsuccessful and expensive war. His handpicked general, the Duke of Buckingham, is so unpopular that his assassination is greeted with restrained jubilation. The war has practically bankrupted the treasury and needlessly killed many Englishmen. But the king’s belief in the rightness of his cause is unshaken. His attempt to govern without the guidance of Parliament having failed, his relationship to that body becomes more and more hostile.

Not like current events. Not at all.

There’s a lot to be said for strong leadership. A willingness to stand on principle is often the difference between good leaders and great leaders. President Clinton, for example, was brilliant, compassionate, a naturally gifted politician. It was his willingness to compromise with the most hateful and cynical of his opponents that tarnished his legacy, not that trumped-up farce of an impeachment. Clinton was the last Democrat who worried the Republican leadership, so they made an example of him. Since then, no Democratic leader has dared deviate from the vague and unexciting mantra of centrism.

This is where the historical parallel loses some steam: King Charles’ opposition was powerful, angry, and willing to go to the mat in order to get its way. Nancy Pelosi is no Oliver Cromwell. But let’s return to the present day.

President Bush is, in no uncertain manner, Clinton’s polar opposite. He is, by his own admission, no clever policy wonk. Bush’s major concerns in office seem to have been fantasy-based foreign policy, cutting money out of silly liberal pork-barrel projects such as health care and schools, and scaring the voters into re-electing him so he could continue to pursue the first two. He’s also, in sharp contrast to Bill, a horrible public communicator, coming off as smug, holier-than-thou, inarticulate, and callous — in various combinations.

But he’s decisive. By god, he’ll make his bad decisions and stick to them, come hell or high water. And if the public and Congress disagree with him, they’re wrong. King Charles had the view of his father, James, that kings were “little gods on Earth.” President Bush apparently believes much the same thing.

However, no matter how acrimonious things get between Congress and the president, there won’t be another civil war — our system of government, for all its faults, is pretty stable. But it’s instructive to remember what happened after Charles I stood on principle in much the same way: The entirety of the British Isles went berserk. Parliament raised its own army in opposition to the king. Fathers fought sons, brothers fought brothers. Tens of thousands of Englishmen, Scots, Welshmen, and Irishmen died in every corner of what is now the United Kingdom. A totalitarian dictatorship, backed by what we modern types would call a military junta, tyrannized the country for years.

It won’t happen here. It can’t. That’s how the evolution of stupidity has progressed: When powerful nations bicker internally, the resulting civil war happens in other countries. The people of Iraq are — by and large — the ones paying for our leaders’ arrogance and stubbornness. Although more than 3,000 of our troops have died and thousands more have been wounded, the death toll among Iraqis is thousands of times worse. A 2006 study in the British medical journal *The Lancet* estimates that 655,000 Iraqis have died as a result of the U.S.-led invasion.

And instead of the fiery leadership of a Cromwell, we get opposition leaders who can’t even push a nonbinding, completely symbolic resolution through two comparatively amicable legislatures. In short, these guys — who owe their jobs to an American public that is pissed off at the president — can’t even find it in themselves to say: “Er, Mr. President, we think you screwed up pretty badly.”

It’s time for us to do something differently. Anything. Twenty thousand more soldiers is insulting; we should have been in there with about 20 times that to begin with, but watch what happens if we just pull everyone out right now. The word “bloodbath” doesn’t come close. We’re not going to have real debate on Iraq until the White House grows a brain and Democratic leaders grow spines. I’d be shocked if either happened before a few thousand more people die needlessly. ■

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DI RECOMMENDS

Backing up your laptop. It's a pain, but it's worth it. During the arduous process, you may discover boy-band tunes from middle school, old papers you forgot you wrote, or the occasional old e-mails from an ex who loved *Varsity Blues*, too.

ARTS & CULTURE

COMMENTARY

Some drinking is afoot



VANESSA VEIOCK

Reef marketed this "Dram" model better anyway. Wouldn't you prefer to drink from a "polyurethane encapsulated canteen ... with screw cap" instead of the "Fanning's" "full 360-degree heel air bag"?

What gives with the air bag anyway? Is the alcohol supposed to be a woman's safety net or something? I know I don't need to carry a liquor cushion, but I guess the "air bag" might be helpful on an awkward date.

After all, there's nothing more attractive than tearing your shoe off your foot and guzzling from it grocery store rum.

And that's not the only kink. I mean, just how much booze can you fit in one heel? Unless you dig four-inch pumps, I can't imagine a flip-flop being capable of supporting a college alcoholic's habits.

Maybe the shoe is intended for the morning-after as a hangover preventative? That whole beer-in-the-shower-at-10 a.m. theory?

Seriously, though, I think I've found the subject for my honors research thesis. Do you know how many implications lie in flip-flop hidden flasks? It doesn't matter whether you're disgusted or elated by the idea because everyone is affected. Life will never be the same. You thought it was annoying to take your shoes off for airport security, now you're going to experience shoe

inspections at football games, concerts — maybe even class.

And think of the mayhem downtown. Police officers will ask to see your shoes before they even ask for ID. And if you're underage and standing too close to one of those flip-flops, you could be in violation of that annoying "alcohol within arms reach" rule and not even know it.

The more I think about it, maybe Reef didn't think this plan out very well at all. It was probably some drunken conversation that turned into a bet. One of those, "Yeah, right, man. If you figure out how to hide my whiskey in this shoe, then I'm buying the next 30 of Natty Light" kind of deals.

The only type of person I envision buying this shoe is probably the creator's best friend. I can't believe anyone in her or his right mind would be desperate enough to bring a traveled flip-flop to her or his lips for a sip of liquor.

If I'm wrong, I want in on this new market of clothing-turned-alcohol containers. I have big ideas, too. I'm talking watches with collapsible shot glass faceplates and drop earrings with hollow storage room. And padded bras with, well, special (drinkable) padding.

I think I could start a revolution, with my best, boozy foot forward.

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French films, sans les abstractions

BY BRIGID MARSHALL

THE DAILY IOWAN

So who doesn't think foreign films are a little pretentious? Yeah, me too, but suppose they aren't.

Tonight and every Wednesday night throughout the rest of semester, French Ph.D. student and teaching assistant Jennifer Howell intends to prove the foreign-film stereotype otherwise.

The French Language Film series kicked off on Valentine's Day featuring overseas feel-good blockbuster *L'Auberge Espagnole*, starring Audrey Tautou. The festival will conclude May 2, when *La Vie est un Long Fleuve Tranquille* airs, the last of a trio of French comedies spotlighted by Howell.

"Initially, the idea was to seduce more French majors and students in the department," said Howell, but she then decided to make it an event for all UI students.

So those outside the French curriculum can leave their French-to-English dictionaries behind without the translation worry. Howell said most of the films will include English subtitles, but as the series progresses into April and May, subtitles might be nixed.

"I'm assuming people who don't speak French are going to actually come," said Howell, which is why she littered the IMU, the Main Library and Phillips Hall with signs to promote the event outside the French department. The Ohio University alum also

aims to integrate the campus with French cinema to encourage more cultural diversity and understanding.

Howell said she wanted to introduce the other side of French cinema, trying to dispel the all-too-common idea that France only releases dense films filled with abstractions.

"In France, they have these kinds of blockbuster-type films, too," she said. "They're not always artsy."

French citizen and French literature Ph.D. student Marion Duval said, "We decided to show commercially public films so people could see what most people in France see."

Duval, also a French teaching assistant, promotes the festival in her classes.

Howell noted that while students' impressions of French films may be dictated by the less-accessible fare typical of indie-movie houses, seeing popular French films will lead to cultural discussions.

"I just think it's a great opportunity because the movies we see in class are really weird," said UI senior and fourth-semester French student Kerri Gembra. "So it would be interesting to see how they're different."

After each film, Howell will hold a discussion about the film's themes and their American parallels to audience members.

"One part of it is to have a relaxed atmosphere," she said. "I didn't want people to think it is just academic."

The festival also gives

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- March 21:** *Ni Pour ni Contre (bien au contraire)*
- March 28:** *Le Pacte des Loups*
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- April 18:** *Mensonges et Trahisons ...*
- April 15:** *Les Bronzés Font du Ski*
- May 2:** *La Vie est un Long Fleuve Tranquille*

French speakers the opportunity to convene and speak and watch French movies. Howell originated this idea while reflecting on her years at Ohio University, where she took part in a large French club. The group gave many opportunities for students to practice and learn more about the culture outside the classroom.

"There were a lot of ways for grads and undergrads to get to know each other [at Ohio]," she said. "I don't think that's the case at Iowa — so I thought it would be good to have an informal meeting program between students."

In the end, Howell means to prove that some things are just universal about French films — and not just Audrey Tautou.

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Firm asks credit union to discard 'Optiva'

Legal discussions loom in the future for the credit union as it struggles with a name change

BY MATT NELSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

The president of a financial institution called Optiva Mortgage in California is asking that the UI Community Credit Union's pending name change be stopped.

The request comes as a second vote — secured by a petition with 143 signatures — to change the credit union's moniker to Optiva approaches. Credit-union members first approved the name change in October 2006; the second vote will be held Feb. 28.

Jose Garcia of Optiva Mortgage, located in San Diego, sent a letter to credit union CEO and President Jeff Disterhoft and other board members, requesting that the name change be stopped because Optiva Mortgage is expanding to Missouri, which would serve adjacent states including Iowa.

Garcia told *The Daily Iowan* on Tuesday that although Optiva Mortgage did not hold the copyright to the name Optiva, the mortgage institution had used the name since October 2004.

"All our business licenses in the county of San Diego ... state we've been using this name since 2004," Garcia said. "We never thought anyone would use it."

Disterhoft said legal counsel for his credit union has tried to contact Garcia but have not yet reached him.

Communication between Optiva Mortgage and the credit union had not occurred because of a move in operations, Garcia said. The mortgage institution's CEO had received two voice mails from Disterhoft on Feb. 15 and 16, but he had only started returning calls Tuesday.

Meanwhile, according to public records regarding e-mail correspondence between Lawrence Lynch, the legal counsel for the credit union, and James Forney, the superintendent of the Iowa division



Students pass by the soon to be completed credit union on the IMU bottom floor on Tuesday. Controversy has been spinning about the credit union's proposed new name, which is already used by Optiva Mortgage of San Diego.

Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

of credit unions, disagreement arose regarding the validity of the petition that launched the Feb. 28 vote.

Forney disagreed with Lynch's assessment that the petition was "defective." Lynch had recommended that

a meeting be held to discuss the petition, but any votes in that meeting "cannot be binding upon the credit union or its Board of Directors."

Forney's review of the documents found that the petition presented to the credit

union adequately stated the purpose of the meeting — the critical requirement to guide the board to hold a second meeting about the name change.

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— Jose Garcia, Optiva Mortgage President

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New center to improve life aquatic

The university's new Campus Recreation and Wellness Center, set to open in 2009, is in the final stages of design and structural planning. Officials hope to begin construction on the \$69.7 million project within the next calendar year.

BY PAUL KAZMIERCZAK
 THE DAILY IOWAN

When Iowa students leave the south entrance of the Main Library and stroll through Gibson Square during the fall of 2009, they will no longer be faced with an uninspiring complex of parking lots and mundane structures.

Instead, a shimmering chateau of glass and red brick will stand on the same ground the UI police and maintenance facilities once occupied.

The new \$69.7 million Campus Recreation and Wellness Center, which will supplant the Field House as the centerpiece of the school's recreation and aquatics programs, is in the final stages of preparation, with bidding for the construction contract slated for next September.

For a mandatory \$219 fee, students will have access to a bevy of athletics and leisure facilities, said Recreational Services Director Harry Ostrander. In addition to an Olympic-size competition pool and diving well, the center will contain a leisure pool based on a water-park concept. The leisure-pool plan includes a zero-depth entrance, water spouts, lap lanes, and a current channel similar to a lazy river.

For special events, a proposed portable water slide will attach to the top of the diving tower and wind its way into the diving well.

However, aquatics are only half the story. The facility will also include a track, three bas-

UI's New Aquatic Center

The plans for the UI's proposed Aquatic Center include an Olympic-sized competition pool and diving well and a recreational pool with a zero-depth entrance, water-spouts, lap lanes, and a current channel. The facility will also include a track, three basketball courts, rock-climbing wall, and a fitness area. The facilities will be located on the corner of Burlington and Madison and will be available to all UI students and faculty members.



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ketball gyms, a 55-foot rock-climbing wall, and a 20,000-square-foot fitness area. By comparison, the two rooms of the Fitness Loft in the Field House total around 6,000 square feet.

While the new center will have a tremendous effect on student life, it will also completely reshape the landscape for the Iowa swimming and diving programs. The Field House

pool now used by the team was built in 1927 and survives on veritable life support. Although the water is constantly filtered, the pool hasn't been drained in years. With ancient plumbing

tenuously maintaining the required pressure, athletics officials don't know if the pool would hold water if refilled.

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Q: Who is the youngest man ever elected into baseball's Hall of Fame?

Answer on page 2B

ZAMBRANO

Zambrano, Cubs reach \$12.4 million deal

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Carlos Zambrano and the Chicago Cubs agreed to a \$12.4 million, one-year contract Tuesday, avoiding salary arbitration by striking the deal just before the scheduled hearing.



Zambrano pitcher

He would also earn bonuses for finishing among the top five in Cy Young Award voting, being named MVP of the World Series and League Championship Series, making the All-Star game, and winning the Gold Glove and the Silver Slugger award.

Zambrano earned \$6.5 million last season while going 16-7 with a 3.41 ERA and 210 strikeouts. He asked for \$15.5 million in arbitration, while the Cubs countered at \$11,025,000 — more than any player has been awarded.

DALLAS CLARK

Dallas Clark ejected from high-school game

BURNSIDE, Iowa (AP) — Indianapolis Colts tight end Dallas Clark was kicked out of a high-school girls basketball game after making "inappropriate" comments to a referee officiating the game, school officials said.



Clark tight end

Clark, a Livermore native and former Iowa football player, was asked to leave the gymnasium during a game Feb. 17 between Twin River Valley of Bode, where he attended high school, and Southeast Webster-Grand of Burnside.

Mike Jorgensen, the Southeast Webster-Grand superintendent, confirmed that Clark was asked to leave but said there wasn't a major disturbance.

"I didn't know it happened until after the game," he said. "It was not a real explosive thing."

BABINEAUX

Babineaux denies abusing dog

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. (AP) — Atlanta Falcon defensive lineman Jonathan Babineaux denied responsibility on Tuesday for the death of his girlfriend's dog, which led to felony animal-abuse charges against the former Iowa Hawkeye.

Gwinnett County police said officers were dispatched Sunday evening to the Animal Emergency Center, where the staff told them that 24-year-old Blair Anderson had arrived with a pit bull mix that was dead upon arrival.

Police said Anderson told them she and Babineaux, 25, had argued at their home. She said she went to the movies and, upon returning, found Kilo, her year-and-a-half old dog, in "severe physical distress."

Babineaux, a second-round draft pick from Iowa in 2005, met with officers at the hospital, where he said he was not responsible for the dog's death. Police said his account of what happened was inconsistent with the information about the dog's injuries provided by the animal hospital. He was arrested.

Brothers in arms



Katrina Hawthorne/The Daily Iowan

(From left) brothers and Hawkeye gymnasts Tom and Jon Buese wrap and scrub their grips for the horizontal bar on Monday. The two began their love affair with gymnastics watching the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona.

Beginning in Florida, Tom and Jonathan Buese have traveled a long and winding road together in hopes to reach their childhood goal of competing in college gymnastics. Little did they know that their career paths would merge in Iowa City.



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BY RYAN YOUNG
 THE DAILY IOWAN

It began in front of a television screen. They were two young tykes parked in front of the tube,

watching the 1992 Barcelona Summer Olympics in their Pennsylvania home.

Tom and Jonathan Buese, brothers, born two years apart in October, witnessed the events of the world games as they unfolded before them.

One was 6, and the other 4. One wanted to learn how to do a back flip — the other just wanted to be like his older brother.

Their brotherhood was apparent, and they were practically

alike. Because of the closeness of their ages, they were similar in size, stature, and relative development, making it easy for them to participate in the same activities.

In time, the Buese family moved to Gainesville, Fla., where their mother, Amy Buese, looked for an outlet to cultivate her sons' newly acquired ambitions for gymnastics. She found one at Sun Country Sports Center.

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IOWA (15-12, 7-6) VS. PURDUE (17-9, 6-6)

TODAY, AT CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA, IOWA CITY, 8:05 P.M., TV STATION: KGAN, RADIO: KXIC (800 AM)

VETS MAKE PURDUE TOUGH

Seniors Carl Landry and David Teague make tonight's 'must-win' difficult for Steve Alford's Hawkeyes

BY JASON BRUMMOND
 THE DAILY IOWAN

As more college basketball studs are dropping finance classes to negotiate an NBA contract, Purdue's two rarities could be the difference tonight against Iowa.

Fifth-year seniors Carl Landry and David Teague are among a dying breed, but they could land the Boilermakers in the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2003. Landry ranks third in Big Ten scoring with 19.2 points a game, while Teague earned conference Player of the Week honors after scoring a career-high 32 points against Indiana.

The game will tip off at 8:05 p.m. in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, and it pits two teams fighting to scratch into the NCAA Tournament.

"To have two fifth-year seniors with this ability has really been the catalyst for Purdue," Iowa coach Steve Alford said. "They're two of the better players in our league."

Purdue coach Matt Painter shared the same concern about Iowa's veteran leader.



Haluska guard



Alford head coach

Guard Adam Haluska leads the conference with 20.8 points a contest, despite hitting only 15-of-53 shots (28.3 percent) in the last three games. During that stretch, the Carroll, Iowa, native made only 4-of-24 3-point attempts.

Painter anticipates rotating Teague and freshman Chris Kramer to slow down Haluska, but he doesn't want to extend the defensive assignments any further.

"If we had to put our third guy on Haluska, that would be an unbelievable advantage for Iowa," Painter said during a teleconference this week.

Today's game has major implications for postseason berths, and it could help

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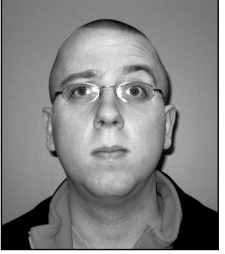
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“I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.”
— Will Rogers

the ledge

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ANDREW R. JUHL Re-examining a few more well-known sayings

• “I’ve got to piss like a racehorse.” What, on all fours?

• “A picture is worth a thousand words.” 1,170 words, Canadian.

• “Diamonds are a girl’s best friend.” And a dog is a man’s best friend? Men got screwed.

• “Those who live in glass houses shouldn’t throw stones.” They’re probably scared of tornados, too.

• “Looks like you bit off more than you can chew.” Gwo fufth yerselth.

• “A stitch in time saves nine.” I thought a stitch in time is what happened when the Matrix realigned itself after making changes. Or, at least that was what I used to think before realizing (1) there is no Matrix, and (2) this isn’t 1999, when that joke would’ve been remotely funny.

• “I can see the writing on the wall.” Of course you can! It’s on the WALL! It’s HUGE.

• “The buck stops here.” Translation: I take bribes.

• “Hold your horses.” Yeah. Hold ‘em. Just like that. Now pet them. Softer. Softer. Yeah. That’s niicie. Now kiss one ... slowly.

• “Judge not, lest ye be judged.” It’s probably more accurate to say “Judge not, lest ye desire a foot in thine ass.”

• “Money is the root of all evil.” And trees are the root of most money. Down with trees!

— Andrew R. Juhl knows that chaste makes waste.
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- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Electronic (e-file) Tax Filing**, 1 p.m., Public Library
- **Employment Series for International Students**, “The Job Search in the U.S.: Career Center Tips and Tools,” 3 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
- **Student Organization Orientation Meetings**, 5-9 p.m., 348 IMU
- **Live Action Shorts**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Mike and Amy Finders**, 7 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington

- **Scandinavian/Nordic Festival Lecture**, “Niels Bohr and the Origins of Modern Physics,” William Klink and the Maia Quartet, 7 p.m., Voxman Music Building Harper Hall
- **“Who Killed the Electric Car,”** 7 p.m., Public Library
- **Writing Workshop**, individuals are invited to join Barnes & Noble’s semi-monthly writing group, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall
- **UI Symphony Band, Iowa Brass Quintet, and UI Symphony Orchestra present the premiere of *Until the Walls and Rafters Ring***, by UI alumnus Timothy Mahr, 8 p.m., Hancher
- **Black Orpheus**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Talk Art Cabaret**, 9 p.m., Mill
- **The Jam**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

horoscopes

Wednesday, February 21, 2007
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take a fresh look at what you have to work with mentally and physically, and make some updates. If you look as though you are keeping up with the times and you sound as if you understand the dynamics of the world, you will be able to expand your goals beyond your expectations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): No one will expect you to take over or to get involved wholeheartedly today, so take everyone by surprise. You will have the ability to be a quick-change artist, and this alone will be what helps you get what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): As long as you don’t tell everyone what you are doing, everything will go according to plan. If you brag or share your intentions, you will have problems. Be smart, efficient, and quick to make your move.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don’t judge anyone by her or his looks. Delve deeper if you want to make the right decision on how to handle someone who opposes you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don’t count on anyone but yourself. You have to do the work and show everyone what you are capable of accomplishing. A love interest will develop or change in a beneficial way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may be surprised by the reactions you get from others. Be ready to go with whatever comes your way. If you show despair, you will lose the upper hand. Now is not the time to give in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don’t worry about what anyone else is doing. Once you establish your own game plan, the rest will fall into place. Don’t be afraid to be different. Travel and communication will lead to success.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You’ll be drawn to someone who can help you out, but be careful not to let this person take over. If you are too open and willing to share, you will lose credit for all the hard work you’ve put in. Don’t be deceived.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don’t let love cloud your best interests. Just because someone wants something doesn’t mean you have to give it to her or him. Talks will get you further ahead; prepare to negotiate your way into a good position.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may think you have everything all locked up, but when you aren’t looking, the game plan will probably be changed by someone you least expect. Stay on top of things if you want them to turn out your way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You’ve got an intuitive view of what’s actually going on, so don’t lose sight of your goals. Be strong. Someone who means a lot to you will judge your strength of character, so be on your best behavior.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A closer look at some of the things you may regret from your past will lead to what you need to do now. If you feel you have done someone an injustice, it’s not too late to make amends. It’s hard to move forward when you have too much baggage.



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Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

- 3 p.m.** “Live from Prairie Lights,” James Cañon
- 4 Santos:** The Virtual Soldier
- 5:15 UI Special Events Programs**
- 6 College of Education Presents Statistics Manipulation**
- 7 “Live from Prairie Lights,”** James Cañon
- 8 Santos:** The Virtual Soldier
- 9:30 DITV News, The Daily Iowan Daily News Update**
- 9:45 Iowa Basketball with Steve Alford**
- 10:30 DITV News, The Daily Iowan Daily News Update**
- 10:45 The Best of Music from “Java Blend”**
- 11 “Live from Prairie Lights,”** James Cañon

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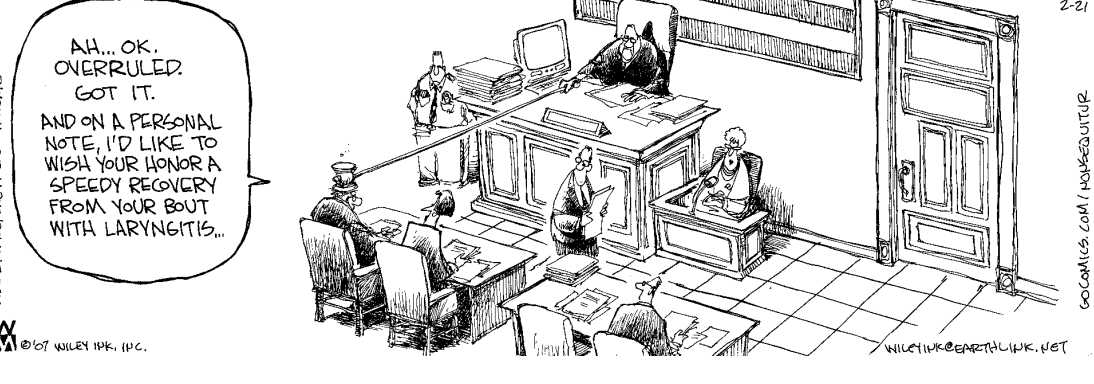
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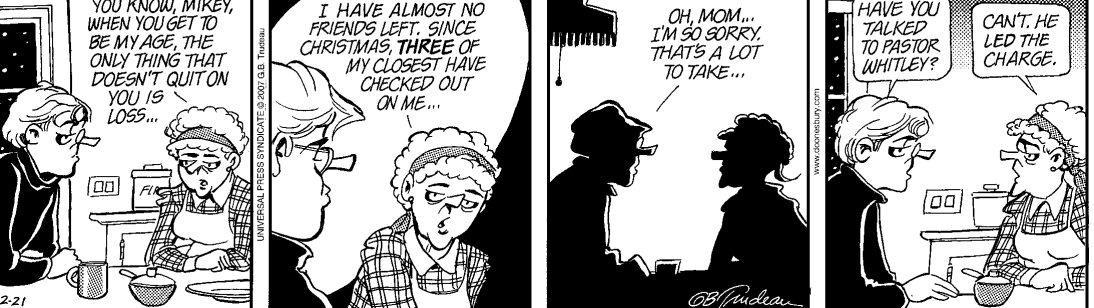
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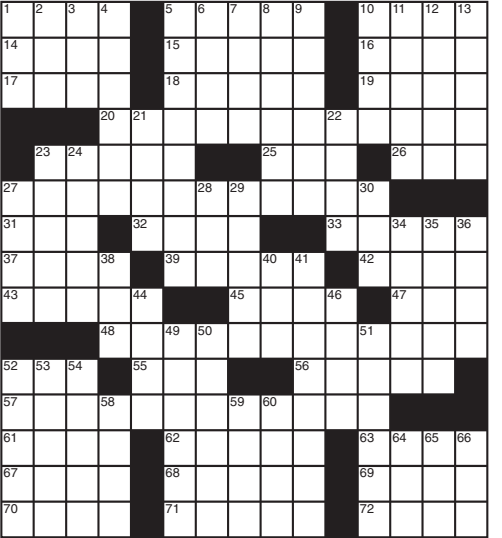


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- ACROSS**
- 1 Plotting
 - 5 Some hospital procedures
 - 10 1993 standoff site
 - 14 Gung-ho feeling
 - 15 Pull on
 - 16 Skater Michelle
 - 17 Product with earbuds
 - 18 Put down
 - 19 Hindu royal
 - 20 Speaker of the quip starting at 27-Across
 - 23 Choreographer Twyla
 - 25 Suffix with meth-
 - 26 Tee follower?
 - 27 Quip, part 1
 - 31 Parisian pal
 - 32 Mount Rushmore’s state: Abbr.
 - 33 Beer blast garb, maybe
 - 37 Quip, part 2
 - 39 “The Fog of War” director — Morris
 - 42 Quip, part 3
 - 43 Grain bane
 - 45 Speaking freely
 - 47 Versatile wheels, for short
 - 48 Quip, part 4
 - 52 Metric wts.
 - 55 Writer Santha Rama
 - 56 Hustler’s game
 - 57 End of the quip
 - 61 Common spread
 - 62 Shroud locale
 - 63 It has a warp
 - 67 Some palmtops, for short
 - 68 Circular seal
 - 69 Reason for an all-nighter
 - 70 Like a flea-market Gucci, probably
 - 71 Barcelona babes
 - 72 Largest lake in Australia
- DOWN**
- 1 AK-47 relative
 - 2 Zip
 - 3 “Way,” literally
 - 4 Behind the times
 - 5 Run wild
 - 6 Die, for example
 - 7 Food thickener
 - 8 West Indies capital
 - 9 Bud holders?
 - 10 Sitcom station
 - 11 Inundated
 - 12 Vacationer’s rental
 - 13 Cat-__-tails
 - 21 Sun, moon, etc.
 - 22 Hook up
 - 23 Surgeon’s target
 - 24 When doubled, a former National Zoo panda
 - 27 Green stone
 - 28 Compact, e.g.
 - 29 Home of the Rubber Bowl
 - 30 Summer Games org.
 - 34 Ill-fed
 - 35 “The Sopranos” restaurateur
 - 36 Appear to be
 - 38 Director Browning
 - 40 Not req.



- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**
- PAAR LECAR SWAB
AXLE IRAN OONA
SMALLTIMECROOKS
TAI ECCE HANDLE
ANNIEHALL KEYES
TWI EVER
SHULA TREE COE
HOLLYWOODENDING
YET ATMS ERATO
SERE TIVA
DECOR MANHATTAN
EXHORT TOED ELO
SCENESFROMAMALL
EERY ALINE FRET
XLII ROAST RYNE
- 41 Symbols of crowd psychology
 - 44 Famous Amos
 - 46 Noble element
 - 49 Home of Lafayette College
 - 54 The turf in “surf and turf”
 - 51 “Sense and Sensibility” director
 - 52 Random House imprint
 - 53 Ingrid Bergman’s last film “A Woman Called —”
 - 54 The turf in “surf and turf”
 - 58 Get checkmated
 - 59 One of the Waltons
 - 60 A round of golf, informally
 - 64 Acne treatment brand
 - 65 Chausson’s title
 - 66 Thurston’s tool: Abbr.

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