Judges convict teen of sexual abuse

Jonabalan Powell will not be tried on two other assault charges for allegedly attacking UI women last year because Tuesday’s verdict will already keep him in custody until he is 18.

His accuser testified earlier that she was attacked from behind and repeatedly threatened and sexually assaulted for more than two and a half hours near Voxman — an account Lewis called “com- pelling.”

Powell told a different tale on Tuesday.

BY KELSEY BELTRAMEA THE DAILY IOWAN

A judge on Tuesday convicted an Iowa City teen of sexual-ly assaulting a UI student in November 2006, saying the boy’s testimony was “proficient-ly lacking in credibility.”

After 15 minutes of delibera- tion, Judge Sylvia Lewis found Jonathan Powell guilty of sec-ond-degree sex abuse for attacking the freshman near the Voxman Music Building.

The 16-year-old was also con- victed of third-degree burglary for breaking into a car in a ramp on Newton Road in July.

Lewis ordered Powell, whom she tried as a juvenile, to be placed in a secured delinquent facility and receive treatment for youth sex offenders.

Youth serves in antiwar event

Antiwar protest provides opportunity for activism among younger generation.

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Brandingish signs saying, “War is for Suckaz” and “War is Wack,” antiwar activists, many clad in red T-shirts, walked out of classes to march on the Ped Mall.

And those students weren’t from the UI — they were from area high schools, participat-ing in the Missing May Day rally.

For more coverage of the Missing May Day Rally, check out CITY ON CABLE CHANNEL 17, CAMPUS 4 OR DAILYIOWAN.COM. ALSO WATCH A PORTION OF TUESDAY’S FESTIVAL IN ROBERT DORF’S VIDEO AT DAILYIOWAN.COM.

Political doom can be a gaffe away

BY NEAL SAUERBERG

Running for political office presents countless chal-lenges — an oral gaffe is just one of them.

Some politicians successfully explain away mistakes with the help of advisers and strategists. But others, unable to recover, doom themselves to defeat in a just a matter of seconds.

Mark Campbell, the national political director for former New York City Mayor Rudy Giu-liano’s GOP presidential-campaign, said, “You can’t just a-mend mis-stakes or make mis-takes when you are tired.”

Candidates usually can’t bid, said candi-date Liz Sasfranko, a 22-year-old and City High student. “It makes a huge differ-ence because the public is so hot right now.”

Seventy students walked out of class, at the risk of facing possible detentions.

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City High senior Schuyler Petersen leads fellow students on a march out of class Tuesday afternoon to participate in the May Day peace demonstration on the Ped Mall.

By Matt Nelson/ The Daily Iowan

That’s the coolest part of being a UI student,” said Lucas Williams, a UI junior and Candor member of the class of 2007.

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Sports/health complex a go

The state Board of Regents has OK’d the first phase of a new sports complex, but where to locate it remains a question.

BY TERRY MCCOY

After the state Board of Regents unanimously approved the first phase of a $550 million sports complex — which totals nearly $66 million in state funds and facility improvements — the question is no longer whether the university will build the complex but where.

But in the presentation rooms at the regents’ meeting Tuesday morning, whether the university should erect the Institute of Environmental Research and Rehabilitation near other critical facilities at the UI Hospitals Complex or closer to the university’s athletic facilities, would be a question of what’s more important to the university: its athletics facilities or its teaching facilities.

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Regent President Michael Gardiner said some hospital officials were wrong in their assumption that building the complex closer to the university’s athletic facilities would increase its accessibility; noting that most student-athletes and sports-related injuries don’t live in the same dorms and apartments as the current UIHC, and then another facility that will continue to grow over the sports complex was constructed.

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The student senate during the meeting.

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"I think maybe shopping in Baghdad. I had something really packed for you, dude," McCaul said. "You, it’s a nice little EID [improvised explosive device] to put on your desk."

Squire said voters seem unwilling to overlook comments that raise questions about a candidate’s core beliefs, but they are more forgiving in other circumstances.

"The context matters a great deal," he said. "You’re probably going to be given more flexibility for what you say when going on The Daily Show or The Colbert Report than if it was in another context."

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More and more researchers are finding that heavy drinking can lead to a plethora of health problems, including increased risk of influenza and heart disease later in life, even for college-age students. For instance, UI pathology Assistant Professor David Meyerholz found that excessive alcohol consumption has been linked with reduced ability for the body’s immune systems to fight infection — a study presented at Experimental Biology 2007 on April 28 in Washington, D.C. By using mice, the researchers found that alcohol altered a body’s ability to fight influenza. “We currently have a large research group working to understand the effects chronic alcohol drinking can have on the immune system,” Meyerholz said, adding that his research is more relevant regarding the recent public attention to bird flu.

More studies are being conducted at the UI Carver College of Medicine to see how alcohol affects one’s immune system. “What we’ve found could open the doors to understand how chronic alcohol use affects the immune-response system,” Meyerholz said.

Although the sample size of Donovan’s study was small, he said, it still matters. A lot of students feel they can walk away from the bar scene once they graduate from college, but in reality, it’s setting up a predisposition for substance abuse, he said. “What students do when they’re younger does affect how they’ll feel when they’re old,” he said. “It’s sometimes hard for people to think ahead.”

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Lower turnout mark immigration-rights rallies

BY PETER PRENGAMAN

LOS ANGELES — The immi-
gration-rights thaw that
was one of the more surprise-
ning developments of the past
year was noticeably thinner
Tuesday, leaving uncertainty
about how to go about reshap-
ing a system that both sides
admits has contributed to this report.

As the omnibus immigration act
passes in Congress, the nation’s 12
million illegal immigrants and their
supporters are facing a new reality:
their movement is slowing down.

After massive marches in the
spring and fall, the focus has shifted
from street-demonstrations to leg-
islative bodies. The federal immigration
bill that covered much of the past
year has languished since last
October.

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Higher-ed costs are skyrocketing across the country, squeezing many students out of colleges. Others — and not just underprivileged students — are likely to suffer because finding and finding such schools with good post-graduation success is becoming less common and affordable. The problem is becoming more alarming, the profit of lending companies is accelerating. In the Senate of the USA, a Republican proposed a measure which would prohibit the government from lending the money to students. This decision was debated, because Democrats contended that the amendment did not belong on a budget bill. Though they may have a point, the GOP's idea should be implemented quickly.

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On the other hand, it could be useful to note that the Iowa Student Loan board should continue to work on promoting peace — perhaps one madman intent on murdering as many people as possible, whether such a listener is true or false, the Iowa Student Loan board should continue to work on promoting peace.

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Hiking to the country called tranquility

Skeptics about green power be damned. Journey to the Indian Creek Nature Center and be enlightened, intrigued, and, once in a while, maybe even fall asleep.

I am a nature woman, a whole-food-grazer, and an aromatherapy aficionado. I hike through the woods, meditate, and eat carbs. I am green — and I am peaceful.

At least I was on April 28. For eight glorious hours, I escaped the bounds of my college life and forgot the stress weighing on me from fast-forwarded time. Barring a few true nature hikes, I have never experienced tranquility in the woods, I started to feel comfortable. I was an island amidst a vast sea of tranquility.

“The Sound of Music” is an amalgamation of outdoor recreation. Between lectures I enjoyed a massage and a whale-watching luncheon of tab-bread, budapest waffle, pearly, and tomatoes; three- hour, deep, and fresh. But little by little, after I hiked up hills, bumbled fallen trees, and almost stepped on a snake — a small kick in my belief in the beauty of nature.

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A recent UI survey concludes that students feel the need for improvement when it comes to diversity.

BY LAURA KLAIMONT
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI undergraduate students feel that overall diversity on campus is good but not perfect, according to a survey of 1,095 students conducted in spring 2005 and released this week.

Commissioned by the UI President’s Office, the survey was conducted by the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity and covered three areas — campus climate, diversity awareness, and quality of relationships among groups.

“We feel it is important to check the pulse of the student body to see how the climate is perceived by students,” said Jennifer Modestou, the director of campus relations in the UI President’s Office, the survey was conducted by the Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity.

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Recommendations from the report include improving communication for diversity-focused events and providing training for faculty and staff to help guide students to desired campus resources about diversity.

Follow-up focus groups are planned in response to this survey.

“We think by conducting these surveys, it will assist the university in enhancing the new information and to make sure that all persons are valued, valued, and supported in their academic careers,” Modestou said.

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THE REPORT’S FINDINGS

• Overall participation in organized activities was low, with female and young respondents tending to report higher levels of participation. Respondents age 26 and older were less likely to interact with students from diverse backgrounds and to participate in events involving diversity than younger respondents.

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SOFTBALL'S HIT STRETCH CONTINUES

IOWA (35-20, 9-7) VS. DRAKE (15-34)

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Hawkay coach Gayle Blevins cheers her team on during Iowa's contest against Upper Iowa University on April 18 at Pearl Field.

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The art of loving softball

BY BRENDAN STILES

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**Men's future looks bright**

**SPORTS**

Hawkeye Christian Biehler returns the ball in a singles match against Purdue on Feb. 16. Biehler lost the match, 4-3.

**MEN’S TENNIS**

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**WOMEN’S TENNIS**

The Hawkeye women turned floundering finishes into peak performances, ending the season on a high note in the Big Ten championships.

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The second ranking since the midseason win over the Buckeyes, Iowa fin-
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naments, including a 4-3 upset over the higher-ranked Purdue team. That followed a 6-1 defeat earlier in the season that eliminated the Hawkeyes a four-seed in the Big Ten tournament.

The team’s biggest accomplishment came toward the end of the season, when it won a 9-0 lead en route to another 

But after eight weeks had passed and failed and pulled out of the top-100 during the second inning, and White started the new pitcher with back-to-back singles to start the third. But a base-loaded pop-up to right-center by Matt Wooldrik got him out of the inning.

“An interesting point,” the Hawkeyes blew the game wide open.

“We are just going out there knowing that if we go out there and play our style of baseball, we can beat anybody.” — Travis Sweet, junior

**Women’s tennis bounces back**

**MLB**

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**BASEBALL**

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But those were all the runs Western Illinois could muster; Hawkeye pitchers shut them out the rest of the way.

“It was tough to pitch on a team that you know is going to try and run a game,” winning pitcher Brock Alberts said, after giving up only one hit over 2 1/3 innings of relief.

“We put up a six spot the inning before I went in, so you just gotta go in and attack the strike zone.”

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The Hawkeyes also suffered a three-week break between April 12 and 26 due to spring break in California, but also have a few days to recu-

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