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**WEATHER**

 Partly sunny to windy, 40% chance of rain

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## 5 Dems ply their political wares



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Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., applauds after the national anthem at the Democratic Hall of Fame awards dinner in Cedar Rapids on June 2. The dinner showcased short speeches by Rodham Clinton and four other presidential candidates. [GO TO DAILYIOWAN.COM FOR A PHOTO SLIDE SHOW OF THE EVENT](#)

Five Democratic presidential-nomination candidates made their way to Cedar Rapids on June 2 to attend the Iowa Democratic Hall of Fame awards dinner and woo Iowa voters.

**BY STEPHEN SCHMIDT**

THE DAILY IOWAN

The political pep rally spilled onto the street on the evening of June 2, as throngs of supporters marched in circles, yelling slogans at their rivals on the opposite sidewalk. The expectant crowd assembled to hear five presidential hopefuls outline their positions on such hot-button issues as Iraq and environmental policy.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., former vice-president

'Too many people in America today feel invisible.'

— Hillary Rodham Clinton, presidential hopeful

dential candidate John Edwards, Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, and Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., traveled to Cedar Rapids for the annual Iowa Democratic Hall of Fame awards dinner in the Crowne Plaza Five Seasons Hotel grand ballroom.

One by one, the candidates

thanked the Iowa Democratic Party for its support and attempted to garner applause from the crowd. The fanfare continued into the hotel hallway, where political signs coated the walls and volunteers formed a gauntlet of political enthusiasm.

A front-runner in national polls, Rodham Clinton used

her large, well-organized group of supporters to her advantage, often addressing them directly with call-and-response-style questions.

She touched on universal health care as a cornerstone of her policy, which, she said, will reconnect Americans with government.

"Too many people in America today feel invisible," she said. "There is no reason any American should be invisible to any of us — and not to our government."

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## City certifies 21-only petition

The Iowa City City Council will now consider the Committee for Healthy Choice's 21-only ordinance petition.

**BY STEPHEN SCHMIDT**

THE DAILY IOWAN

A 21-only ordinance submitted by a local group now has two possible destinations: directly into law or onto a November ballot.

On May 30, city clerk Marian Karr certified the Committee for Healthy Choices' 21-only petition, which would require people under the age of 21 to leave bars by 10 p.m. or face a \$250 fine.

The committee submitted 4,162 signatures on May 11 and wound up with 3,576 certified signatures — 243 over the required 3,333 — that Karr matched to an Iowa City list of registered voters.

Now that the city clerk has certified the petition, the City Council is required by the city charter to act on the matter within 60 days. Karr said the council will most likely

**THE 21-ONLY ODYSSEY**

**Feb. 7** — Two Iowa City residents, Richard Dobyns, a 2005 candidate for City Council, and Mark Martin, a pastor at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, filed an affidavit that allowed them to gather signatures for a petition.

**March 6** — The Committee for Healthy Choices, a group formed by Dobyns and Martin along with around 12 others, met to train members to collect petitions.

**March 30** — The committee reached approximately 500 signatures, as more than 100 circulated to garner signatures.

**May 11** — The committee turned in 4,162 signatures to the city clerk, with more than 200 people circulating petitions, said spokesman Jim Clayton.

**May 30** — 3,576 of the 4,162 total signatures were certified by the city clerk, which was more than the minimum 3,333 needed by the committee to force the City Council to consider the petition.

## Art suffuses downtown



Rebecca F. Miller/The Daily Iowan

Mark Flesch, Kiel Tucker, Michael Parkerson, and Mike Robins walk through the lanes of closed booths during the Iowa Arts Festival in Iowa City on June 2.

**BY MICHELLE SCOTT**

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Beyond the boundaries of "Road Closed" signs and under a sky continually threatening foul weather, white tents filled downtown Iowa City this weekend during the 25th annual Iowa Arts Festival.

More than 100 local and visiting artists participated in the event, lining downtown streets to showcase and sell items in various avenues of art, ranging from silk scarves to pottery. Musicians and local food vendors catered to visitors, and on Sunday, Children's Day capped off the

## Search nears finale

Presidential candidates to participate in an open forum with the public.

**BY ASHTON SHURSON**

THE DAILY IOWAN

With on-campus interviews for UI presidential candidates scheduled for a week from now, the search that became a saga could finish before the end of this month.

The UI presidential-search committee announced on June 1 that five finalists will visit the campus from June 11-15, one after the other. Each candidate will be named the day before her or his arrival.

"Everyone wants to move this process as quickly as possible," said panel head David Johnson.

The committee also discussed concerns over candidate confidentiality and other logistics it needs to work out before the five arrive at the UI.

The finalists will be in Iowa City the night before their interviews and meetings to tour the campus and eat dinner at the President's Residence. The next day, he or she will meet with various groups and people from the university, including the UI Faculty Senate and Council, Staff Council, interim President Gary Fethke, and UI Hospital and Clinics officials.

From 3:45-4:45 p.m. in the Old Capitol Senate Chambers on the day of the visit, the presidential hopeful will participate in an open forum. The candidate will be allowed time to introduce her- or himself, give a speech on a topic — possibly the future of public education — and answer questions from the audience.

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## News

# 14 more U.S. soldiers killed

**BY HAMID AHMED**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Fourteen American soldiers were killed in three deadly days in Iraq, the U.S. military said on Sunday, including four in a single roadside bombing and one who was struck by a suicide bomber while on a foot patrol southwest of the capital.

The blast that killed the four soldiers occurred Sunday as the troops were conducting a cordon and search operation northwest of the Iraqi capital, according to a statement. Two other soldiers from Multi-National Division — Baghdad were killed, and five were wounded along with an Iraqi interpreter in two separate roadside bombings on Sunday, the military said.

One soldier was killed June 1 after the patrol approached two suspicious men for questioning near a mosque, and one of the suspects blew himself up, according to a statement. The military did not provide more details.

Seven other troops were killed in a series of attacks across Iraq on June 2.

The deaths raised to at least 3,493 members of the U.S. military who have died since the war started in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

The latest round of bloodshed came as private talks were reported between the radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia and Iraqi government officials to win the release of five Britons kidnapped May 29 from Baghdad's Finance Ministry, an abduction

believed carried out by the Shiite militia.

Recent American and Iraqi military operations in east Baghdad are believed aimed at finding and freeing those hostages.

London's *Sunday Times*, quoting an unidentified senior Iraqi government official, said al-Sadr's representatives were demanding an end to assassination attempts against militia leaders, an end to British army patrols in the southern Shiite city of Basra, and the release of nine Mahdi officials from British and U.S. custody.

Al-Sadr's office denies involvement in the kidnappings of four security guards and a computer consultant. But the *Times* reported an al-Sadr official visited Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki to tell him the men were "safe and sound" but would not be free until the demands were met. Al-Maliki's office on Sunday denied a meeting took place.

In the southern city of Diwaniyah, as U.S. jets roared overhead, Mahdi Army militiamen battled with Iraqi troops and local police searching for two militia leaders. At least three people were killed and 24 wounded, official Iraqi sources reported.

Maj. Gen. Othman Ali, the commander of the Iraq army's 8th Division, said his forces captured one of the men, but he escaped when fellow militiamen came to his aid.

The fighting on the east side of the city, 80 miles south of Baghdad, took place with support from U.S. jet fighters and helicopter gunships skimming

over Diwaniyah's rooftops, police said.

Ali said his forces raided two locations in "fierce" fighting that lasted three hours. They didn't find their target suspects but did find weapons caches, he said.

Police and medical sources said 20 wounded Iraqis, including two policemen, were brought to the local hospital from Sunday morning's fighting. The clashes erupted anew around 1:30 p.m., and one soldier and two other people were killed and three civilians wounded, an army officer said on the condition of anonymity, because he was not authorized to speak with the media.

It could not immediately be determined how many of the reported casualties may have been Mahdi Army militiamen. The U.S. military had no immediate report on the action.

The Mahdi Army, under the stridently anti-American al-Sadr, has emerged as one of the strongest autonomous forces in U.S.-occupied Iraq, and has been implicated in the wave of sectarian killings — of Sunni Muslims by Shiites and Shiites by Sunni groups — that has bloodied Iraq.

American helicopter gunships also attacked targets in Mahdi Army-dominated Shiite east Baghdad, killing four suspected militants, the U.S. military reported, as the radical Shiite militia faced growing pressure to bow to central government authority.

The U.S. command said an Apache helicopter team was alerted to men setting up numerous rocket-firing

positions aimed at the Green Zone, home to the U.S. Embassy and Iraqi government offices.

Four men were killed and one vehicle and 10 rockets destroyed by the Apache fire, the military said, and six other suspects were captured by ground forces of the 82nd Airborne Division.

A recent increase in mortar and rocket attacks on the U.S.-controlled area has raised concern, especially because they are occurring during the U.S.-led crackdown in Baghdad.

American and Iraqi forces launched "Operation Black Eagle" approximately two months ago in Diwaniyah in search of five wanted senior Mahdi Army figures. Around 180 suspected members were rounded up, but none of the five, said Ali.

The two sides had agreed on a truce two weeks ago, an accord that broke down with this weekend's clashes.

In another of Iraq's unending terror bombings, meanwhile, a car parked near a police station and an open-air market exploded Sunday in Balad Ruz, northeast of Baghdad, killing nine civilians and one policeman and wounding 25 other people, police said.

In other violence Sunday:

- Gunmen at a fake checkpoint in Baqouba, 35 miles north of Baghdad, killed two passengers and wounded eight when they opened fire on minibuses that sought to flee from the highway trap.

- Police found eight bodies in an industrial area of the western city of Fallujah.

AP writer Qassim Abdul-Zahra contributed to this report.

## METRO

**Man charged with theft**

On June 1, Iowa City police charged Robert Daniel Kliff with second-degree theft, alleging that he purchased more than \$2,000 worth of books from the University Book Store and Iowa Book with checks from bank accounts he knew were closed between March 20 and April 4. Kliff, a 21-year-old native of Buffalo Grove, Ill., lives in Iowa City.

According to the police report, Kliff purchased \$2,555.39 worth of books and resold them to Beat the Book Store, Old Capitol Town Center, and Iowa Book, 8 S. Clinton St. The latter reported Kliff bought books from that store with the intent of selling them elsewhere, according to the report.

Kliff faces a charge of second-degree theft, defined in section 714.2 of the Iowa Code as "theft of property exceeding \$1,000 but not exceeding \$10,000."

Second-degree theft is classified as a Class D felony. If convicted, Kliff could face up to five years in prison, although the sentence could be suspended or deferred because the felony was not "forceable."

— by Stephen Schmidt

**Cambus hits car during driver training**

A Cambus crashed into a car while turning onto Park Road off Dubuque

**POLICE BLOTER**

**Sarah Bartels**, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged June 1 with the unlawful use of an ID and PAULA.

**Jade Beardsley**, 14, 2613 Friendship St., was charged June 1 with interference with official acts, third-degree criminal mischief, and criminal trespass.

**Sarmara Broughton**, 19, address unknown, was charged June 1 with disorderly conduct.

**Katheryn Berge**, 19, 1107 Wylde Greene Road, was charged June 2 with PAULA.

**Roger Brown**, 59, 1205 Laura Drive No. 17, was charged June 2 with assault on a peace officer and interference with official acts.

**Jose Coronado**, 25, 1205 Laura Drive No. 115, was charged June 1 with possession of cocaine.

**Marcus Crunwell**, 29, Gary, Ind., was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana.

**Christina Denton**, 21, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 3004, was charged June 1 with disorderly conduct and interference with official acts.

**Lashanda Denton**, 19, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 3004, was charged June 1 with disorderly conduct and interference with official acts.

Street in the rain on June 1.

The bus was not in service because the driver was training, said Cambus manager Brian McClatchey. The only people on the bus were the trainer and the trainee, and both were uninjured, he said; the woman driving the car was taken to an area hospital for minor injuries.

The Cambus driver went over the median and struck the car and a bridge railing, McClatchey said.

"The driver was inexperienced, and the accident was at the bottom of a hill with a lot of drainage," he said. "The trainer informed me the driver had been doing a good job and not going too fast; it was an unfortunate circumstance."

The UI is responsible for the damage and all medical costs associated with the incident, he said.

— by Clara Hogan

**Murder victim's sons to get restitution**

The two sons of Timothy Becker — the man Larry Babcock was convicted of murdering April 2 — will each be paid \$75,000 in restitution.

The damages were first granted in May, but a clarification was requested by the clerk of court's office to decide just how much in damages would be given to each son.

Babcock, charged initially with first-degree murder, was found guilty of second-degree murder in the death of Becker.

Becker was found dead in his mobile home in 2001; Babcock was charged five years later.

Babcock petitioned for a retrial in April on the grounds that the evidence presented at the trial was contradictory to the verdict reached, but that motion later was denied.

Becker will serve at least 35 years, a judge ruled on April 8. He is sentenced to serve 50 years, but he will be eligible for parole 15 years before his sentence is over.

— by Samantha Miller

**Trial set in suit against ex-coach**

A trial date for the civil suit case against ex-Hawkeye wrestling coach Joe Williams has been set for Sept. 8, 2008, according to court documents.

The civil suit stems from a Nov. 14, 2003, incident. According to the police report filed February 2005, Williams allegedly exposed himself and masturbated in front of Melissa Greazel in the hopes of having sex with her. She was the girlfriend of former Hawkeye wrestler Jason D'Agata.

Williams was initially charged with indecent exposure in 2005, but his defense argued that his genitals simply fell out of his boxer shorts. He was acquitted of the indecent exposure charge in August 2006.

Greazel and Williams are both seeking \$500,000 in damages against Williams and the UI. The

pretrial conference will be held Aug. 29, 2008.

— by Samantha Miller

**Council to consider fight nights**

In its work session tonight, the Iowa City City Council will discuss possibly regulating the Union Bar's fight night, held weekly on Wednesdays. One issue is whether the fights are classified as professional or amateur.

Though there are no state rules regulating amateur wrestling, mixed martial arts, or other amateur fights, any proposed ordinances would likely be similar to state rules governing professional and amateur boxing matches — with professional bouts seeing much more stringent regulatory statutes.

Under a strict interpretation, any prize, no matter how small, such as a free T-shirt or refundable cover charge, could constitute a reward, and thereby a professional match, which would subject the event to much stricter regulation, according to a city memo.

Also up for discussion is the possibility of using a 1 percent sales-tax increase to fund public-safety departments, most notably Fire Station 4. Councilor Regenia Bailey said that while this has been proposed, it will not be voted upon yet. Tonight's meeting, she said, will likely identify the "next step."

— by Ryan Gresavage

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UI PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

# UI search nears end

## SEARCH

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Much of the UI community stressed the importance of on-campus interviews and many are pleased with the plan.

"[The committee] has done a really good job so far," said Staff Council member Mary Greer, who was a member of the first search committee. "I'm excited to talk about and have an open forum. It's extremely refreshing."

The candidates will finish their visit with an "exit" interview conducted by the search committee.

After the finalists have visited the UI, Johnsen said, the panel hopes to quickly create a report to deliver to the state Board of Regents.

While the deadline to pick a president is July 1, Regent Robert Downer hopes to complete the process sooner. Once the committee has delivered its report, the regents will have an opportunity to speak with the candidates.

Downer said he is searching for a person with leadership

skills who works as a "team builder" and "someone who has had an excellent record in whatever he or she has done up to now."

Regent Bonnie Campbell said she also looks for a leader.

"[I look for] a person of vision," she said. "Someone who can focus on the big picture in a way that moves the entire university forward."

Campbell said she thinks the committee has done a good job staying on track.

"I'm very optimistic," she said. "I have a sense folks feel good about the qualities of the candidates."

This is the second search committee since former UI President David Skorton left in June 2006. The regents rejected the first search panel's finalists and disbanded the committee in November 2006.

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## OVERVIEW OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES' UI CAMPUS VISITS DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 11-15

- Tour of campus and dinner at President's Residence
- Following morning, meet with the dean of the Carver College of Medicine, CEO of the UI Hospitals and Clinics, collegiate deans, vice presidents, and the president's staff
- Meetings with the diversity group and UI Staff Council
- Lunch with students
- Meetings with UI Faculty Council and Faculty Senate, more faculty leaders, and interim President Gary Fethke
- Open forum and reception
- Meet with people in the athletics department, UI Foundation, and Alumni Association
- Dinner in the president's box at Kinnick Stadium
- Following morning, the candidate will meet with the search committee for an exit interview

# City celebrates the arts

## FESTIVAL

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excited to be a part of the festival for a second time.

"Iowa City is more culturally intellectual than most places I go to," he said, noting that he travels to around eight similar events each summer in cities ranging from Marshalltown to Minneapolis.

Murray defined his work as "representational impressionism" — the frequent rural scenes reminiscent of Iowa's common landscape characteristics. After more than 30 years in agricultural sales, he now focuses his energy on a lifelong dream to create art in his Wayuga studio. He named the space with a American Indian word meaning serenity.

"That's why I paint, serenity," he said, standing near his painting of a bright butterfly.

Murray, who typically spends

30-40 hours transforming photographic images into works of art, paints with watercolors on canvas and applies a spray-on UV light protectant that he said will preserve his paintings for 200 years.

Toting umbrellas and rain gear, the large crowd perused Murray's and others' artwork and merchandise, as children took advantage of a day aimed at them.

When thunder introduced a mid-afternoon shower, several families gathered under the tent at the UI Hospitals and Clinics and UI Children's Hospital-sponsored Family Stage for musical storytelling. Local musician John Lake and Deanne Wortman sang a rendition of "The Three Little Pigs," while other exhibitors scrambled to protect their wares with large blue tarps.

Next to the Family Stage, the Iowa Children's Museum helped youngsters create bright paper

flowers or choose from a rack of fancy dress-up attire for photo opportunities. Under another tent, kids collected materials from Dick Blick, Old Capitol Town Center, to "Paint the Town," adding personal touches on a cardboard castle.

The Iowa Arts Festival is one of many events planned for the city's Summer of the Arts. According to the Summer of the Arts website, the past weekend's events were partially funded via a \$50,000 donation from the city, approved by the City Council in June 2006.

Event planners could not be reached Sunday for comment about the festival's success or other funding. But it's clear that locals flooded the festival for an array of attractions — ranging from Japanese drumming to gyros — despite the cloudy skies.

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# Democrats descend on CR

## DEMOCRATS

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Although Rodham Clinton avoided saying how she would end the Iraq war, she emphasized the mistakes of the current president and the need to bring troops home.

One of her primary political rivals, former North Carolina Sen. Edwards, entered the hotel to the beat of a drum corps. He challenged Democrats to stand up for a range of issues, such as curbing poverty and stopping the violence in Sudan and Iraq.

"Now is not the time for careful, now is not the time for cautious, now is not the time for political calculation," he said. "It is the time for strength, it is the time for backbone, it is the

time for courage, it is the time for bold, visionary leadership in this country."

Dodd cautioned the crowd against waiting until Election Day "to stand up to" President Bush on his policy in Iraq. He also outlined his environmental policies and stressed the importance of the Iowa caucuses in selecting the next president of the United States.

"You give people like me a chance to be heard," he said. "You have a habit of proving the pundits wrong."

Richardson called for Congress to de-authorize the Iraq war before leaving for its summer session. He also called for a revolution in American energy use, such as a reduction in America's dependence on foreign oil from 65 to 10 percent by

the year 2020.

"I'm not a rock star; I don't have all the money in the world," he said. "But I want you to just take a look at me, and see that, whether in my heart, I am somebody who can lead this country. I believe I can."

Biden focused his speech almost entirely on the Iraq war, outlining a plan for ending the hostilities by separating the warring parties, soliciting support from the international community, and providing political stability to the region. He said his experience and knowledge of foreign affairs would make him the ideal candidate to deal with what he labeled as the problems created by Bush.

"Ladies and gentleman, there is a way to end this war, and it takes responsible political

## 21-ORDINANCE

# 21-only petition OK'd

Petition's sponsors, bar owner foresee further debate on long-disputed issue as the council ponders 21-only petition.



Lindsey Walters/The Daily Iowan

David Axinn (left) and David Gordon enjoy beers outside Bo-James on Sunday evening. Bo-James' bar is open only to 21-year-olds during the evening.

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discuss the issue during council meetings on June 18 and 19.

Rick Dobyns, a UI clinical professor of family medicine, submitted the petition as a co-sponsor in February. He said he was happy and relieved that the petition had been certified, and he said that no matter what the council decides, he feels it will further the debate on underage drinking.

"I think it will be a real opportunity [to educate people] on the issue if the council decides to put this on the ballot," Dobyns said.

Leah Cohen, the owner of Bo-James, 118 E. Washington St., said she opposes the 21-ordinance because she feels it would lead to an increase in

house parties that would strain the Iowa City police force. But she agreed with Dobyns that the following months will provide an excellent opportunity for both sides to educate the public on this long-disputed issue.

If the council decides not to implement the proposal within the allotted time, the issue will go to a public referendum for registered voters in Iowa City on Nov. 6. The measure would require a simple majority to become law.

At a candidate forum on May 2, Mayor Ross Wilburn said he supports the 21-ordinance because the state drinking law is 21, but he would like to see it come to a public vote.

City Councilor Regenia Bailey said she thinks the proposed ordinance does little to address problems with house parties and the overall

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— Rick Dobyns,  
UI clinical professor

climate of irresponsible drinking in Iowa City. However, she agreed with Wilburn that the council should let the public decide about the ordinance.

"I think [a referendum] provides a better forum for public discussion than just seven people talking about it," she said.

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## EDITORIAL

### The decline and fall of the left: Democratic majority doesn't live up to expectations

Not even massive approval of its Iraq-war policy could stop the Democratic Party from once again folding before the veto power of President Bush. The president vetoed a bill in early May that included deadlines for a gradual withdrawal of troops from Iraq. After threatening a second veto if Democrats refused to pass the bill without deadlines, the Democratic Congress relented. On May 24, only 14 senators dissented, less than one month after half of the Senate voted to institute withdrawal deadlines.

So what happened to the Democratic Party that so adamantly opposed the war last year? Facing massive public disapproval in November, Republicans nationwide fell to their antiwar liberal analogues, who promised to bring an end to the war in Iraq. Now that congressional Democrats have voted to fund the war through the end of September, many Americans are left thinking that Republicans could have, and probably would have, done the same thing.

Policy aside, one must admire the GOP's unwavering commitment to its message. In the House, only two Republicans voted against the war-funding bill, a sign of near-total unanimity within the party. Democrats, meanwhile, weren't so united: One-third of House Democrats voted to maintain war funding with no strings attached. Can this Congress honestly justify its dedication to ending the war in Iraq by trying just once?

The Democratic Party seems perpetually tangled in the "if you don't support the war, you don't support the troops" argument. Not only is that statement false, it's also insulting. The best way to support the troops is to

fight for their safe return home, so their families can attend their college graduations instead of their funerals.

Just last week a 20-year-old Tipton native was laid to rest after being killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq. Shame on this Democratic Congress for being too timid to stand up to Bush while such young men as David Behrle sacrifice their lives.

Americans may not agree with every decision a president makes, but indecisiveness is a frightening trait in wartime leadership. Americans want assurance that their leaders are focused on solving the problem, not politicizing it. Do Democrats truly oppose the war in Iraq, or did they merely say so in attempt to regain control of Capitol Hill? While history says it must be the previous, we find this new breed of Democrats more akin to the latter. It's worrisome to consider that Democrats might be more interested in courting votes than saving lives.

Republican congressmen and senators were tossed from office for standing by their beliefs. Too often it seems that these Democrats are willing to step in any direction in attempt to keep their jobs. But here comes the dilemma: Do they choose between a disgruntled, frustrated American public or a president hell-bent on "staying the course"?

Or do they unwillingly choose the third option? Stand in the middle, achieve nothing, and awake one day to find an unfamiliar face in the Oval Office.

### Summer breeze

Happy days are here again.

Real Iowa City residents are coming out of the woodwork. Families have reclaimed the Ped Mall during the evening; concerts every Friday night draw hundreds; the downtown area seems, for lack of a better word, *normal*.

Sidewalk seating is all the rage, smiling faces are around every corner, and it seems you run into five friends a day. Every night allows for carefree frolicking around town. The choices are limitless. Everything one could want to do during the school year, but simply doesn't have time to do, is at the fingertips.

Even school contributes to the relaxation. Summer classes, laid-back and mostly stress-free, allow for closer connections with professors and a tighter bond among classmates. For once, peers in classes are not random, awkward, and slightly off-putting.

The students who've fled can't understand the blessed days. Rare is the person who doesn't claim that summer is the best time in Iowa City. Bars are manageable, everyone is livelier, the doldrums of another school year have evaporated, and eating out feels incredibly more satisfying.

I'm not the biggest fan of Iowa City — blasphemy! — but I can't help but stroll down the streets with a smile on my face from June through August. For once, singing and humming in public doesn't draw curious glances. Social constraints are loosened, allowing for greater self-expression. The metaphorical glass is always half-full.

For it is summer, and it is Iowa City.

A reprieve from the chaos of the school year — and I'm not merely talking about a busy class schedule — is almost enough to quell my wanderlust. But summer is the time for vacations — visiting family who've moved away, journeying to see old friends, or taking road trips to satiate adventurous spirits seem necessary and are finally possible. The downtown scene, infinitely less chaotic, is entertaining. Gone are most displays of drunken idiocy. Apparently, binge drinking isn't as popular in the summer. It's not surprising — people are happier and are less intent on getting blind than — another gasp — imbibing responsibly.

Summers are the bridge between the innocent breaks of youth and the coming end of college. Chances are, few of us will run through sprinklers on a hot day or trap fireflies in our hands, but the memories of such experiences will be fresh. We are no longer kids — but summer reminds us of the best of childhood.

Until we finish school, it's easier to analyze our yearly growth by summer reflections, rather than trying to understand who we've become in January. School years define our character building — and summers allow us to put it in context.

It's time to soak up the sun, play rounds of golf (or frolf), explore greater Iowa City, and dive into swimming pools. The Farmers' Market is vibrant, brimming with fresh fruits, vegetables, and other assorted items. Skirts, ingenious T-shirts — thank you, Threadless — represent the lighthearted mood.

Irritation and anger drip out of our bodies, as the sticky humidity reminds us that little is better than a nice shower after an exhausting run. It's time to catch a ball game, grill out, and drink merrily. There's nothing better than brats, brews, and baseball.

Hell, I probably won't even incessantly bash Iowa City's drinking culture. I'll save that for when the freshmen (also known as "the kiddies" or "younglings") make their collective way into Iowa City. There is little like scaring newcomers into following the line.

We are, once more into the breach. Those not here shall think themselves accursed. We, the merry band of summer Iowa City brethren, have three months to look forward to. He who spends these months with me will forever have my friendship.

Make use of these months. Come late August, the spell will break. But for now, little can dampen our spirits. The end of college may be only a year or two away, and we must take advantage of these last few summers. ■

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### Grassley out of step

Illinois Sen. Barack Obama was right to encourage Iowans talk to Sen. Charles Grassley about ending the war. Fifty-four Iowans have been killed in Iraq and counting. Grassley needs to change his position, which is the same as President Bush's: Stay the failed course.

Instead of whining that Obama was "not senatorial" in raising the issue, Grassley should start listening to Iowans and vote to end the war now.

Sen. Joe Bolkcom,  
D-Iowa City

### Protect voting rights

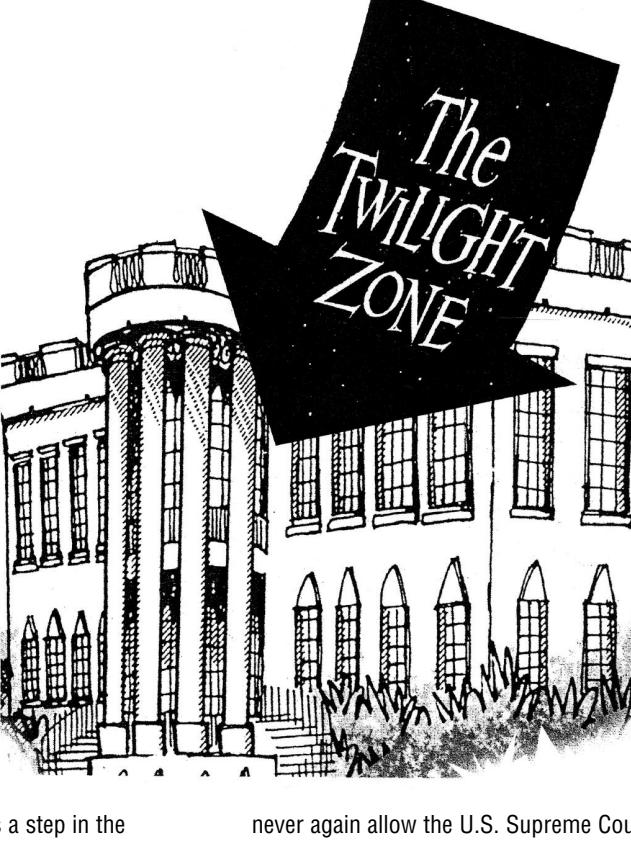
We would like to thank Reps. Bruce Braley, Dave Loebsack, and Leonard Boswell for co-sponsoring national legislation that requires a voter-verified permanent paper ballots for voting machines.

The full House will soon vote on the Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act, which would also require random hand-count audits to check electronic tallies, independent testing of voting systems, and — most importantly — the ability to conduct reliable recounts in close races.

In election after election, touchscreen voting machines have confused and disenfranchised thousands of voters across America. Protecting the



accuracy and security of our elections is critical in maintaining a strong democracy that was founded on the principle of one-person one-vote.



This legislation is a step in the right direction, and it will, if signed into law, protect the civil rights of each and every American. We must

never again allow the U.S. Supreme Court to decide the outcome of an election.

Trish Nelson and Ellen Ballas  
Iowa City and Coralville residents

## COMMENTARY

### No convenient analogy for Iraq war

Six in 10 Americans now believe that the Iraq war was a mistake, and the latest news offers scant evidence that the surge strategy is turning the tide. With 123 U.S. soldiers killed, May was the bloodiest month since the battle for Fallujah in November 2004. A new survey finds Iraq to be the most violent nation in the world — worse even than Sudan.

The drumbeat of bad news has become so routine that it is dropping off American front pages. It is agonizing nonetheless: On May 29 alone, at least 38 Iraqis were killed in separate car bombings, and 51 more corpses were found in the streets of Baghdad and in Diyala province, the new U.S. front in the war against Al Qaeda in Iraq. Over the Memorial Day weekend, insurgents shot down a U.S. helicopter in Diyala. They then fiendishly booby-trapped the site and the road leading there, blowing up six rescuers. And four Iraqi journalists have been gunned down in the last five days. Two of them worked in Kirkuk in northern Iraq, where ethnic tensions are worsening.

Perhaps most disturbing of all, 40 heavily armed guerrillas stormed the Ministry of Finance in broad daylight Tuesday, shouted "Where are the foreigners?" and hauled away five British hostages, who remain missing. There are ample grounds to believe that the kidnapping was an inside job, which suggests that Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki's efforts to stop the well-known infiltration of the security services by sectarian insurgents has so far failed.

President Bush's response was to suggest on May 30 that U.S. troops should

remain in Iraq for the long term to provide stability, but not in a combat role — much as the United States has left troops in South Korea since the 1950-53 war. It's true that many Americans probably wouldn't object to leaving troops in Iraq if their presence were as peaceful as U.S. deployments to South Korea have been for most of the last 30 years. But the South Korean analogy is false and dangerous, because it misreads the very nature of the Iraq conflict. In South Korea, the United States propped up a stable (though for a long time dictatorial) government against a fierce external enemy, Chinese-backed North Korea. In Iraq, the problem isn't external enemies, it's a weak central government seen as illegitimate by segments of the population, whose supporters have become participants in a multifaceted civil war. The U.S. choices are either to back the strongest faction — the elected but sectarian Shiite-dominated government — and hope that it ultimately prevails, or to try to foster meaningful political reconciliation that would allow the United States to plan a strategic and orderly disengagement from Iraq.

The latter is by far the wiser course, and there are signs that despite his infelicitous rhetoric, Bush is moving in that direction. The president spoke on May 30 with al-Maliki and the Sunni and Shiite vice presidents to urge reconciliation, oil-revenue sharing, and political reform. Without such progress, no number of U.S. troops can force peace upon Iraq.

This editorial appeared in the June 1 *Los Angeles Times*.

## ON THE SPOT

Which presidential candidate would you most like to see visit Iowa City?

"Stephen Colbert should run for president and come to the UI."

Audrey Cropp  
UI senior

"Obama, because I missed him the first time."

Chad Brudos  
UI senior

"Giuliani. I'd like to see his Secret Service 9/11 entourage."

Will Roseliep  
UI senior

"Obama. His views seem different."

Marty McDonald  
Iowa City resident



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# ARTS & CULTURE

# Knocking about in comedic vulgarity



## FILM REVIEW

by Soheil Rezayazdi

### *Knocked Up*

When:

12:45, 3:45, 6:45, and 9:45 p.m.

Where:

Sycamore 12

When:

1:15, 4:10, 6:50, and 9:30 p.m.

Where:

Coral Ridge 10

★★★½ out of ★★★★

"Good thing I'm drunk — this is lasting forever!"

"All I see is our baby being poked in the face by my penis."

"I wish I liked anything as much as my kids like bubbles."

For every two quips in Judd Apatow's comedy *Knocked Up*, we get one piece of poignant, straight-to-the-heart insight. Like his prior babies (*The 40-Year-Old Virgin* and "Freaks and Geeks"), Apatow mixes family values with straight-up raunch for a vision all his own.

What started wobbly with *There's Something About Mary* in 1998 ends now: Apatow has officially turned obscenity into an art form.

As with *Virgin*, *Knocked Up* benefits from a charming premise. Here, we witness a drunken one-night stand between Ben (Seth Rogen), an unemployed, ODB-blasting stoner, and Alison (Katherine Heigl), an attractive soon-to-be anchor for E! Entertainment. Eight weeks later, Alison finds herself vomiting on camera next to a grossed-out James Franco. Alison decides to

Judd Apatow, the writer/director of the 2005 smash *The 40-Year-Old Virgin*, returns with his regular cast of misfits for *Knocked Up*. Vulgarity never tasted so sweet.

continue the pregnancy and force a genuine bond with Ben, her affable though socially handicapped mate.

Apatow's characters, like most young men, speak in a pop-culture-infused lingo that's incomprehensible to the opposite sex. In one standout scene, Ben bonds with Alison's sister's husband, Pete (Paul Rudd), trading *Back to the Future* lines as their significant others sit unamused. Dropping every pop-culture reference short of ghost riding the whip, Apatow's men bond almost exclusively with references to *Swingers* and Jamie Lee Curtis' "cheaticles."

These are simple laughs, sure, but they also get at our culture in two significant

ways: They show the average male's reliance on films and music to interact with other males, and they create a sense of immediacy and relevance that makes *Knocked Up* feel like a summation of our times.

At 129 minutes, the film is an easy target for contrarians to cry "too long," as they did with *Virgin*. *Knocked Up*, for the most part, justifies its length. The film's dual focus as a pro-family heartwarmer and quotable stoner/buddy comedy would come off as ridiculous in a rushed 90 minutes. Its themes, addressing the inherent conflicts between the needs of men and women, would have been shortchanged if not axed altogether.

Apatow, however, has an

unfortunate tendency to pile on drama where it isn't needed. In *Virgin*, he soiled the film's finale with a silly plot device in which Catherine Keener believes Steve Carell is a murderer. Here, he throws every possible hurdle before Ben and Alison, shattering the film's tone and padding its questionable running time. After seeing Ben and Alison break up and get back together, do we really need a third-act spat with a surly doctor?

*Knocked Up* repeats *Virgin*'s mistakes, but it also grows on its strengths. Every bit as touching and playful, Apatow's second feature is the work of a comic legend in the making.

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## VEGAN BROWNIES

Prep time 15 minutes

- 2 mashed bananas
- ½ cup sugar
- ¼ cup broken walnuts
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ¾ cup unbleached white flour
- ¼ cup cocoa powder
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ cup vegan-friendly dark-chocolate chips
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Oil an 8x8 baking pan. Mix mashed bananas, sugar, and vanilla together. In another bowl, whisk cocoa, baking soda, flour, and salt. Combine the two bowls and mix well.

Mix in chocolate chips and walnuts. Spread into the baking pan. Bake 25-30 minutes.

Check back every Monday for another simple recipe courtesy of the D/I Arts and Culture staff.

# One-third of the way to excellence



## FILM REVIEW

by Anna Wiegeneistein

### *Mr. Brooks*

When:

1:45, 4:10, 6:50, and 9:30 p.m.

Where:

Sycamore 12

When:

1:15, 4:10, 6:50, and 9:30 p.m.

Where:

Coral Ridge 10

★★★ out of ★★★★

In a multiplex stuffed to the gills with big-budget "sure things," *Mr. Brooks* played quietly on the tiniest screen of the Coral Ridge 10. This juxtaposition is purposeful, I have to assume — director Bruce Evans wanted to lure viewers already wearied by summer three-queles into a tightly structured, darkly funny serial-killer flick.

It might have worked. Too bad *Mr. Brooks* chooses to shunt cohesion to the side three-fourths of the way through. It's always a little sad to use such phrases as "could have been" in a movie review, but *Brooks* justifies them completely — it's easy

to see the core of a genuinely excellent film here. It's just that you have to strip away about three layers of crap to get to it.

Earl Brooks (Kevin Costner) is well-liked in his hometown: a philanthropist, proud father, loving husband, etc. What no one knows about him: Earl likes killing people. He *really* likes it — so much that he's been forcing himself to attend AA meetings to stave off "the hunger." He introduces himself simply as "an addict," without specifying that his compulsion is killing people in a precise, methodical manner.

Of course, it's not easy to get clean with Marshall hanging

around all the time. Oh, forgive me — Marshall (William Hurt) is the devil on Earl's shoulder, poking at his psyche, reminding him how much fun killing can be. The dialogue between Costner and Hurt (invisible, obviously, to outsiders) is where *Mr. Brooks* goes right — they argue snarkily and hilariously. Even the outside complication of a thrill-seeking voyeur looking to tag along on a murder (Dane Cook, still delivering lines as if he's in the midst of *Tourgasm*) is interesting, simply for the ways it allows Marshall and Earl to interact.

Where Evans and company go wrong is with the addition of two plot threads, each equally

implausible and boring. First, we get to know the fairly unlikable Detective Atwood (Demi Moore), who's pursuing Mr. Brooks while in the middle of a nasty divorce. Earl becomes fascinated by Atwood, though the audience doesn't. Then Earl's college-age daughter comes home unexpectedly in an equally tiresome turn. Both subplots get twisted and convoluted in an attempt to bring things full circle when Evans would have been better off cutting them entirely.

I've never been a huge fan of Costner, admittedly. But his decision to green-light a potential sequel for the Earl Brooks char-

acter is a smart one — the role allows him to really work. He infuses Earl with all kinds of likability, from his sweet-sounding drawl to his taste for well-cut jackets. Hurt, too, would do well to revisit Marshall, if only because his enjoyment of performing is so clear in every shot.

There's around one-third of a great movie here — that portion I wouldn't mind revisiting. But Mr. Brooks could definitely teach the crew here a few things about method and execution.

And if they didn't wind up dead, they'd be much better for it.

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## horoscopes

Monday, June 4, 2007

— by Eugenia Last

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Your best achievements will come from things you do outside your home today. Travel, meetings with business associates, or learning something new will all make your day. Advancement can be yours.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Get involved in whatever will help you advance your career. Talk, network, and share your ideas and intentions. Love is looking very good, so put time aside for a little romancing late in the day.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Be careful what you share with others. Not everyone will be willing to help, and in fact, someone may even try to stop you from moving forward. You have to do the work yourself if you want it to be done right.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Your emotions will be hard to control, but if you put your efforts into something you enjoy doing, it will be easier to deal with what's going on around you. Nothing will be as bad as it seems, so stop fretting and start to enjoy your day.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): You can accomplish so much by approaching the appropriate people. Travel, learning, and getting ahead are prominent. Dealing with people who affect your life will help solve any problems that you have been coping with.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There are plenty of changes going on in both your personal and professional life, so stay focused. It is likely someone will try to stop you from doing what you want to do. Prepare to counteract any obstacles.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't worry so much about what the people you are close to are thinking. They don't understand what you are up against, and it will only slow you down to explain. Talks with the people who can help you out will go splendidly.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can make a dent in your work as well as get others to support what you are trying to do. An unexpected surprise will enable you to turn one of your projects into a profitable enterprise. A change in the way you think will broaden your horizons.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Yes, change is required, but once you face the facts and do what you must, everything else will fall into place. It won't be difficult to get on with your life once you take the first step.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take care of matters pertaining to your personal life, partnerships, and how you can spend more time with the ones you love. A few changes in your professional routine can make all the difference in the world to your happiness in the future.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't think about what you can't do, follow through with what you can. A change at home will help your state of mind. Money can be made through an opportunity that arises. Take action instead of waiting for things to come to you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Change is always an adventure of some sort, and you are overdue for a change of scenery. Love looks promising. You will be able to view your current situation more clearly, allowing you to make the necessary revisions.

## LIGHTS, CAMERA, AUDITION



Ariana McLaughlin/The Daily Iowan

Mike Saunders (left) of Prescribed Films and Dan Holmes of Bad Daddy Productions observe auditions for a movie about independent horror films at the Robert A. Lee Community Recreation Center on Sunday. Prescribed Films, Iowa's newest independent movie company, will film over the 2007 summer.

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- Coralville Roundtable**, 12 p.m., Iowa Children's Museum, Coral Ridge Mall
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- AARP Iowa Legislature Program**, 2 p.m., Senior Center
- League of Women Voters Board Meeting**, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- Argentine Tango Class**, 4:45 p.m., Senior

- Center
- Coralville Farmers' Market**, 5 p.m., Coralville Community Aquatic Center, 1513 Seventh
- Teen Summer Reading Program Kickoff Concert**, 5:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- North Liberty Telecommunications Commission Meeting**, 6 p.m., North Liberty City Council Chambers, 25 W. Cherry
- Story Time Monday**, 7 p.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth
- Open Mike**, with Jay Knight, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- Black Cobra**, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington

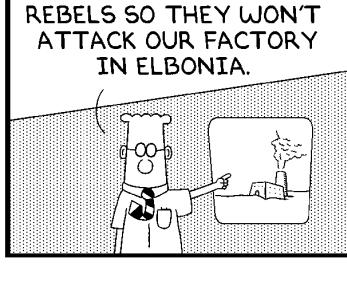
## UITV schedule

For complete TV listings and program guides, check out Arts and Entertainment at [www.dailyiowan.com](http://www.dailyiowan.com).

- 3 p.m. "Live from Prairie Lights," Masha Hamilton  
 4 Saturday Scholars, From Kabuki to Peter Pan: Cross Gender and Cross Cultural Theatre Costumes  
 5:30 Saturday Scholars, Through a Glass Darkly: Dark Energy and the Fate of the Universe  
 7 "Live from Prairie Lights," Masha Hamilton

- 8 UI Faculty & Guest Lectures  
 9:30 Saturday Scholars, Motherhood, Is it Bad for Your Health: What Your Mother Didn't Tell You  
 10:30 Saturday Scholars, Do You Hear What I Hear: Music Perception Through a Bionic Ear  
 11 "Live from Prairie Lights," Masha Hamilton

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## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

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Across	32 Des Moines native	63 Add liquor to, as punch
1	Like some 1930s design, informally	64 ET's craft
3	37 Identify exactly ... or a hint to this puzzle's theme	65 Mishmash
5	Mafia biggie	66 ___ of the D'Urbervilles"
9	Light from a lightning bug, e.g.	41 Lumberjacking tool
13	Gay (W.W. II plane)	42 Edgar Poe
15	Worm's place on a fishing line	43 It might be slapped after a good joke
16	Make over	44 Writer Stanley Gardner
17	3' x 5" aids for speakers	45 New Year's
19	Out of control	47 Fonzie's girl on "Happy Days"
20	Take to court	54 Surrenders
21	Formerly, old-style	55 Leo's symbol
22	Sky-blue	56 Ph.D., e.g.: Abbr.
23	Corporate office staffers	57 End- (ultimate buyer)
27	WNW's opposite	58 Head of a cabal
28	Elevator company	61 Doe's mate
29	Shut loudly	62 Tehran's land
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2	Boredom	44 Cabinet department since 1977
3	In secret language	45 E.P.A. subj.
4	Encouragement for a matador	46 Barn topers
5	Deep gap	47 Sauce in a ristorante
6	Main artery	48 Perfect
7	Pea holder	49 Arm bones
8	10-4's	50 Omens
9	Barely injures in passing	51 Murphy who's heard in "Shrek"
10	Cousin of a monkey	52 Stinks
11	Stinks	53 Meanies
12	Regained consciousness	54 Edge
14	Figure skating jumps	55 Wrath
18	Indian of the northern Plains	56 Fitting
22	Getting on in years	57
24	Record sent to a record producer	58
25	Hopeless, as a situation	59
26	all-time high	60
29	Site of mineral waters	61
30	Illumination unit	62
31	Dined	63
32	Bit of land in the sea	64

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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# Ceremony honors Iowa's fallen

On May 30, the Old Capitol bell tolled 59 times in remembrance of Iowans who have lost their lives in war.

BY SAMANTHA MILLER  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Fifty-nine tolls resounded May 30 from the Old Capitol bell in commemoration of Iowans who have lost their lives in Iraq or Afghanistan, along with all veterans from past wars who have died throughout American history.

The 59 rings specifically represented the 59 Iowa soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan who were killed in the current war — most recently, Tipton native David Behrle. Behrle died May 19 in Iraq when an explosive device went off near his vehicle during an insurgent attack. Hundreds showed up at his memorial service on May 29, which was held in the Tipton Middle School gymnasium, according to the Associated Press.

The Old Capitol commemoration brought together a crowd of roughly 30 people to the Pentacrest on May 30 — during the deadliest month of the war and on a day chosen for its significance as the original Memorial Day. That date changed in 1971 because of the National Holiday Act, which created three-day weekends for federal holidays.

The people attending the memorial found different ways to pay their silent respects during the 59 chimes; many bowed their heads, and some remained seated as the rings resonated throughout the Pentacrest. One man — Vietnam War veteran Randy Miller — stood erect and saluted the building during the entire tolling, which lasted for approximately 10 minutes.

Miller, a member of the UI Veterans Association — the



**Randy Miller of the UI Veterans Association, stands and salutes toward the Old Capitol during a memorial remembrance on the Pentacrest on May 30. Miller was a former Navy airman aboard the USS Enterprise from 1973-75.**

## IRAQ WAR — BY THE NUMBERS

- 3,493 total U.S. military deaths
  - 123 U.S. military deaths in May
  - 111 people deaths from self-inflicted wounds
  - 492 U.S. deaths so far in 2007
- Source: U.S. Department of Defense

organization that set up the commemoration — said he personally showed up that day to salute the Iowans who sacrificed in fighting in the various wars.

"I fully support all war

veterans who took the time to serve our nation, leave home, and do what they had to do when their nation called," he said.

Others who attended the bell ringing came for more personal reasons.

North Liberty resident Nancy Giesking came in remembrance of a grandson's friend who lost his life in Iraq — Kampha Sourivong, an Iowa City native who died Sept. 30, 2006, during an insurgent attack west of Baghdad.

Giesking said the event was something anyone could appreciate, whether he or she deliberately attended or was just walking by the Pentacrest

at the time.

"It is all about remembrance," she said.

In a letter to Gov. Chet Culver, UI interim President Gary Fethke wrote that the bell tolling would be a most worthy tribute and the UI is pleased to honor the request, according to a university release.

"We thought you would appreciate knowing of this tribute since your first executive order as governor called for both the United States and state of Iowa flags to be flown at half-staff throughout the state to honor fallen Iowa soldiers," Fethke wrote in the letter.

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# Tornado damage hits \$2.7 million

BY LUKE MEREDITH  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**DES MOINES** — The tornado that devastated portions of eastern Iowa on June 1 destroyed 39 homes and caused an estimated \$2.7 million in infrastructure damage, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management officials said on Sunday.

The infrastructure estimate includes costs for debris removal and damage to parks, recreational facilities, and public buildings, said Dave Miller, an administrator with Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Miller said the tornado destroyed 39 homes in Louisa and Muscatine Counties and caused major damage to 28 residences in the area and minor damage to 81 more houses.

The small town of Fruitland was hit the hardest by the storm. Of the 39 homes wiped out during the storm, 29 were in Fruitland, which has close to 1,000 people.

"Everybody's still in shock, but they're still motivated and

doing the cleanup work, doing what has to be done," said Fruitland Mayor Bill Brockert.

Miller, along with Lt. Gov. Patty Judge, the Homeland Security adviser to Gov. Chet Culver, will visit Grandview and Fruitland today.

Miller said that officials will decide whether to ask for President Bush for disaster declaration within the next day or so. If they decide not to ask for a presidential declaration, Miller said they will look into the Small Business Administration's programs or the state's individual assistance program, which it started after the ice storms of last winter.

"We've got some options available as we go through this," Miller said.

Cleanup efforts are ongoing in the area. They are being carried out by local crews, though Miller said that the state can offer assistance if needed.

"They are so devastating to the people that are involved, especially in those small communities," Miller said. "It takes a bit for them to recover."

## NATION

### Informant key to JFK airport plot

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A convicted drug dealer who agreed to pose as a wannabe terrorist among a shadowy group plotting to blow up John F. Kennedy International Airport secretly fed information to federal investigators in exchange for a lighter sentence.

His surveillance trips to the airport with the suspects, travels abroad to meet with supporters, and assurances he wanted to die as a martyr in the attack on an underground jet fuel

pipeline gave counterterrorism agents insight and evidence that was otherwise unattainable.

And his help once again demonstrated the growing importance of informants in the war on terrorism, particularly as smaller radical groups become more aggressive.

"In most cases, you can't get from A to B without an informant,"

said Tom Corrigan, a former member of the FBI-NYPD Joint Terrorist Task Force. "Most times, when an informant tells you what is going on, speculation becomes reality."

# Welcome Back, STUDENTS, FACULTY & STAFF!

Transit service is provided from 6 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 6 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday.

All Iowa City Transit routes except the East Side Loop arrive and depart from the Downtown Transit Interchange on Washington Street adjacent to the University of Iowa Pentacrest. Therefore, any Iowa City bus you board, except East Side Loop will take you to the downtown-central campus area. Free transfers are available from the bus driver allowing you to complete your trip across town.

31 day passes are \$25.00 and are good for an unlimited number of trips during the calendar month and are transferable to other family members.

With a qualifying purchase, the **Bus & Shop Program** will provide you a coupon good for one free ride on Iowa City Transit. When shopping, ask the store clerk for a Bus & Shop coupon.

Student semester passes are available to **University of Iowa students** and can be purchased at the Iowa Memorial Union parking ramp office. Student semester passes can be charged to your U-bill. Call Iowa City Transit at 356-5151 for more details. Student must be registered for the summer semester in order to purchase student bus pass.

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# SPORTS 'N' STUFF

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	35	20	.636	—
Atlanta	32	29	.571	3½
Philadelphia	28	28	.500	7½
Florida	27	30	.474	9
Washington	23	34	.404	13
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	32	25	.561	—
St. Louis	24	30	.444	6½
Pittsburgh	24	32	.429	7½
Chicago	23	31	.426	7½
Houston	23	33	.411	8½
Cincinnati	22	36	.379	10½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	33	23	.589	—
San Diego	33	23	.589	—
Arizona	34	24	.586	—
Colorado	27	30	.474	6½
San Francisco	26	29	.473	6½
Sunday's Games				
Arizona 4, N.Y. Mets 1				
L.A. Dodgers 5, Pittsburgh 4				
San Diego 7, Washington 3				
Philadelphia 9, San Francisco 8				
Milwaukee 3, Florida 0				
St. Louis 8, Houston 6, 10 innings				
Chicago Cubs 10, Atlanta 1				
Colorado 10, Cincinnati 9, 10 innings				
Toronto 10, Atlanta 9				
San Francisco (Zito 5-5) at Philadelphia (Lieber 2-3)				
Florida (Obermueller 1-3) at Atlanta (T.Hudson 6-3), 6:05 p.m.				
L.A. Dodgers (Lowe 5-5) at Pittsburgh (Maholm 2-7), 6:05 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Marquis 5-2) at Milwaukee (Bush 3-5), 7:05 p.m.				

Wednesday, June 6  
Ottawa at Anaheim, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, June 9  
Anaheim at Ottawa, 7 p.m., if necessary  
Monday, June 11  
Ottawa at Anaheim, 7 p.m., if necessary

## NBA PLAYOFFS

FINALS  
Thursday, June 7  
Cleveland at San Antonio, 8 p.m.  
Sunday, June 10  
Cleveland at San Antonio, 8 p.m.  
Tuesday, June 12  
San Antonio at Cleveland, 8 p.m.  
Thursday, June 14  
San Antonio at Cleveland, 8 p.m.  
Sunday, June 17  
San Antonio at Cleveland, 8 p.m., if necessary  
Tuesday, June 19  
Cleveland at San Antonio, 8 p.m., if necessary  
Thursday, June 21  
Cleveland at San Antonio, 8 p.m., if necessary

## BIG TEN BASEBALL

Sunday Games at NCAA Tournament  
Vanderbilt 10, Michigan 7  
Fresno State 11, Minnesota 6, Minnesota eliminated from tournament  
Texas A&M 10, Ohio State 4, Ohio State eliminated from tournament

## NCAA DIVISION I SOFTBALL

College World Series Glance  
At ASA Hall of Fame Stadium  
Oklahoma City  
Double Elimination

Thursday, May 31  
Washington 3, DePaul 1  
Northwestern 2, Arizona State 0  
Tennessee 2, Texas A&M 0  
Arizona 2, Baylor 1, 9 innings  
Friday, June 1  
Washington 9, Northwestern 0, 5 innnings  
Tennessee 1, Arizona 0  
Saturday, June 2  
DePaul 3, Arizona State 1, Arizona State eliminated  
Baylor 7, Texas A&M 4, Texas A&M eliminated  
Arizona 3, DePaul 0, DePaul eliminated  
Northwestern 7, Baylor 0, Baylor eliminated  
Sunday, June 3  
Arizona 2, Washington 0  
Tennessee 3, Northwestern 0, Northwestern eliminated  
Arizona 8, Washington 1, Washington eliminated  
Championship Series  
(Best-of-3)

Today's Game: Tennessee (62-6) vs. Arizona (48-13), 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, June 5: Tennessee vs. Arizona, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, June 6: Tennessee vs. Arizona, 7 p.m., if necessary

## MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

At Muirfield Village Golf Club, Dublin, Ohio  
Purse: \$6 million  
Yardage: 7,368; Par: 72

K.J. Choi \$1,080,000 69-70-67-65 — 271  
Ryan Moore \$648,000 66-69-71-66 — 272  
Kenny Perry \$348,000 69-74-67-63 — 273  
Rod Pampling \$348,000 65-68-68-72 — 273  
F. Jacobson \$210,750 68-68-70-68 — 274  
Stewart Cink \$210,750 69-71-65-69 — 274  
Sean O'Hair \$210,750 65-70-69-70 — 274  
Adam Scott \$210,750 70-62-72-70 — 274  
Geoff Ogilvy \$168,000 70-67-69-70 — 276  
Aaron Baddeley \$168,000 66-68-68-71-71 — 276  
Brett Quigley \$144,000 70-69-71-67 — 277  
Will Mackenzie \$144,000 67-73-65-72 — 277  
Billy MacKay \$120,000 68-71-71-68 — 278  
Matt Kuchar \$120,000 68-73-69-68 — 278  
Ernie Els \$93,000 66-75-71-67 — 279  
Vijay Singh \$93,000 69-72-71-67 — 279  
Jason Gore \$93,000 70-70-71-68 — 279  
Tiger Woods \$93,000 70-72-70-67 — 279

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	37	18	.673	—
Toronto	27	29	.482	10½
Baltimore	27	30	.444	11½
New York	24	30	.444	12½
Tampa Bay	23	31	.426	13½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	34	21	.618	—
Seattle	32	24	.571	2½
Minnesota	28	27	.509	5
Chicago	28	27	.481	7½
Kansas City	21	36	.368	14
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	36	22	.621	—
Seattle	28	25	.528	5½
Oakland	28	27	.509	6½
Texas	20	37	.351	15½
Sunday's Games				
Detroit 9, Cleveland 2				
Toronto 4, Chicago White Sox 3				
Tampa Bay 5, Kansas City 1				
L.A. Angels 4, Baltimore 3				
Seattle 11, Texas 6				
Oakland 4, Minnesota 2				
N.Y. Yankees 6, Boston 5				
Today's Games				
Kansas City (Meche 3-4) at Tampa Bay (Shields 4-0), 2:10 p.m.				
Toronto 3, Boston 2				
Baltimore (Tavares 3-4) at Oakland (Haren 6-2), 9:05 p.m.				
Baltimore (Bedard 4-3) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 3-3), 9:05 p.m.				
Minnesota (Bonser 4-1) at L.A. Angels (Jer.Weaver 4-3), 9:05 p.m.				

## NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

STANLEY CUP FINALS
Monday, May 28
Anaheim 3, Ottawa 2
Wednesday, May 30
Anaheim 1, Ottawa 0
Saturday, June 2
Ottawa 5, Anaheim 3, Anaheim leads series 2-1
Today's Game
Anaheim at Ottawa, 7 p.m.

## LEBRON IS 'LECTRIC

BY TOM WITHERS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND — As confetti danced in the electrified air around him and a feverish hometown crowd rocked and rolled the night away, LeBron James was handed a new baseball cap and T-shirt.

Perhaps a tasseled cap and gown would have been more appropriate.

Four years after skipping college to play in the pros, James earned his NBA degree in superstardom.

On June 2, with a ravenous city placing its hopes for a championship in his able hands, the Cavaliers' seemingly unguardable forward delivered his fourth-straight clutch performance as Cleveland eliminated the Detroit Pistons, 98-82, in Game 6 and advanced to the finals for the first time in its 37-year history.

"This is the first step to greatness," a dazed James said during a quiet moment sitting in front of his locker. "It feels like a fantasy."

But Sunday dawned with a startling reality: Cleveland, where kids learn at an early age that rooting for the local sports teams can lead to a lifetime of pain and suffering, is finally on top.

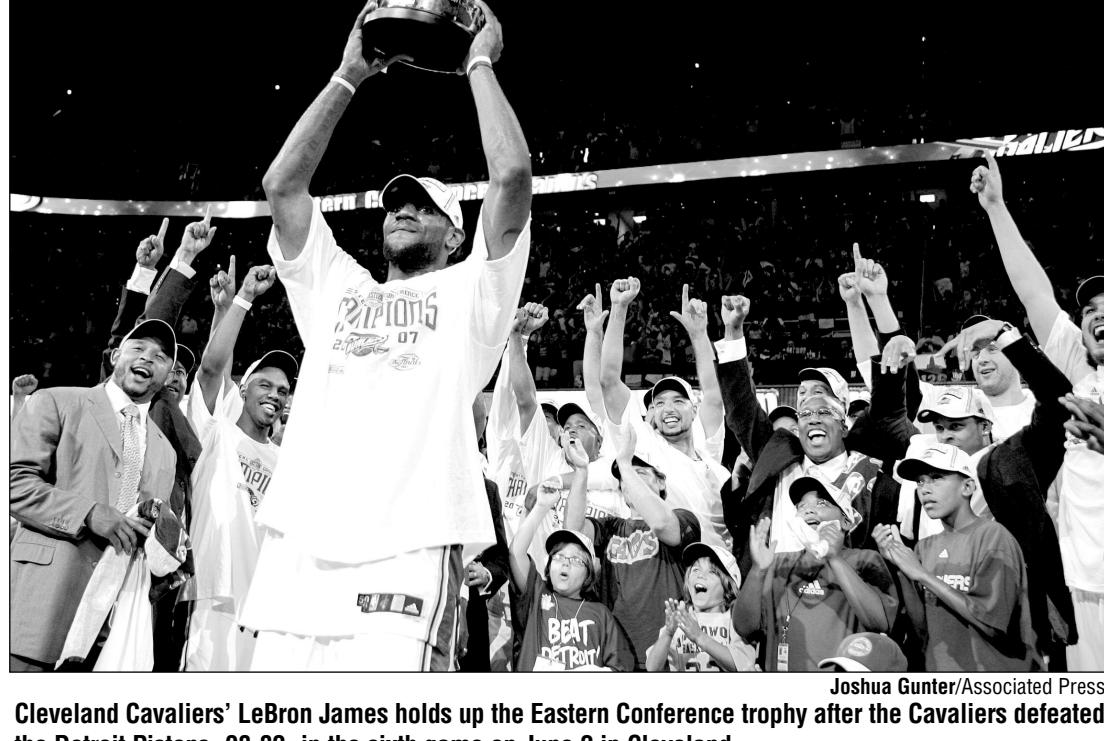
At least until Thursday, when the Cavaliers will face the San Antonio Spurs in Game 1 of the finals.

For now, James has given Cleveland a moment to savor just as he promised he would when the Akron high-school prodigy was drafted by the Cavaliers with the No. 1 overall pick in the 2003 draft.

"I said I was going to light it up like Las Vegas in Cleveland," James recalled following Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals.

There are no casinos or dancing water fountains dotting Ontario Street, which will never be mistaken for the Vegas Strip. But the wild scene of delirium — strangers high-fiving strangers and sidewalks overflowing with joyful Clevelanders — outside Quicken Loans Arena could rival almost anything happening on a Saturday night in the Nevada desert.

Four years ago, it would have been impossible to imagine the Cavs, a 17-win team the season



Joshua Gunter/Associated Press

Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James holds up the Eastern Conference trophy after the Cavaliers defeated the Detroit Pistons, 98-82, in the sixth game on June 2 in Cleveland.

before James' hyped arrival, playing for a title. But the 22-year-old, whose multimillion-dollar endorsement deals and rising celebrity have made him a dribbling, dunking American Idol, decided it was time to begin fulfilling his destiny by taking his teammates to new heights.

The Cavaliers became just the third team to overcome an 0-2 deficit to win the conference finals, a stunning turnaround after what happened in Games 1 and 2 at the Palace in Auburn Hills, Mich.

The opener ended with James deferring to teammate Donyell Marshall for the final shot, a wide-open 3-pointer that rimmed out and gave Detroit a 79-76 win. The Pistons won Game 2 by the identical score after James, criticized for not shooting after Game 1, failed to get a call or get off a clean shot in the closing seconds.

But in the final three games, James, who dropped 48 on the Pistons in a transcendent Game 5 performance, showcased his diverse and abundant skills, averaging 33.3 points, 10.6 rebounds, and 8.0 assists as the Cavaliers closed

out their Central Division rivals one year after losing a seven-game series.

Did he just grow up?

"I don't know why people say that," he said. "I'm still the same player. If I get double-teamed, and the game is close, I'm going to pass it again. If we make the shot, I'm on top of the world. If not, then I'm under a lot of trees and leaves. It's fine with me. I'll take the criticism that comes with it."

"I'm the leader of this team."

Unlike in Game 5 when he took over and carved up the Pistons by scoring Cleveland's final 25 points, James was patient in the series clincher. He attempted just two shots in the first half, but had five assists and seven rebounds and made 9-of-11 free throws.

After halftime, James seemed to toy with the Pistons. They sent one, two, and three defenders to try to stop him, and James made them pay by feeding rookie Daniel Gibson, who made 5-of-5 3-pointers and scored a season-high 31 points — 22 of them in a 27-10 spurt.

I told Daniel before the game, 'Detroit is going to

double-team me, triple-team me before I cross half-court, so get that gun, and get it locked and loaded, and just shoot it,' said James, who had 20 points, 14 rebounds, and eight assists.

"Don't second-guess yourself. Just shoot it." And when they closed out on him, he drove the ball to the rim and made free throws.

Gibson finished 12-of-15 from the line, and his emergence as a dependable scorer will give the heavily favored Spurs more to consider as they plan for James.

"LeBron told me to step into my shot and shoot it with confidence," Gibson said.

When the King orders, you obey.

In James' second trip to the playoffs, he came of age.

In the biggest games of his life, he dominated.

In a city without a major sports championship since 1964, he has given hope.

If he had been like any other teenager and enrolled at Ohio State or North Carolina after getting his diploma from St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, James would be winding down his final semester of college.

# Piniella suspended indefinitely

# Hawkeye fever warms coach

**LICKLITER**

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**DI:** You're from Indiana, graduated from Butler in 1979 and had the rare opportunity to coach the program you grew up around. How difficult was it to leave Butler and all the memories there, both as a coach and as a former student?

**Lickliter:** It's hard because I'm indebted to Butler. I appreciate everything they did for me at the university and the student-athletes that I was involved with. I have tremendous memories, but Iowa is a special place, and that's what I was looking for, a place that

had that same kind of family feel, but at the highest level. And that's what Iowa offers, so you're going to seize that opportunity.

**DI:** Other than obvious differences in overall size, Indianapolis and Iowa City are two very different places and markets. Unlike there, where the Colts in the NFL and the Pacers in the NBA, offer diversions from college athletics, Iowa City only has one market, and that's the Hawkeyes. Does that passion, especially for football and basketball, excite you as a coach in that the interest will be there each and every game of the season?

**Lickliter:** Without question. There's great passion, so it helps motivate you. We're motivated as a staff, and I know we're motivated as a team to succeed, but the support just adds to that. I've heard from so many people that Carver-Hawkeye is just a great venue and that the fans will pack in here. They're some of the best fans in America, so that's exciting.

**DI:** One thing I'm sure that played a big influence in your decision to come to Iowa was your immediate family. How have your wife and three sons — Ry, Garrett, and John — taken to the move, and have

they gotten over any anxieties they might've had about moving?

**Lickliter:** I think there's always anxiety when you change. We were pretty comfortable, but being comfortable isn't always the best thing in life. Again, the people here have been so welcoming, and that's been important. To be honest with you, I don't think that any of us have looked back. We've been really excited about this opportunity, and we're looking forward to living in Iowa City and being Hawkeyes.

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# NCAA snub roils Hawks

**SOFTBALL**

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As the shock waves were being felt across Iowa City, Blevins said, she received calls and e-mails from other coaches who were just as surprised about the omission.

"There were a lot of upset people," she said. "You come to Iowa expecting to be a part of the postseason."

Blevins was told that RPI and strength of schedule played big roles in the selection committee's decision to choose Big Ten counterpart Penn State over Iowa, despite the Hawkeyes' winning both meetings this season with the Nittany Lions and finishing fourth in the Big Ten.

Penn State finished eighth. But as the team gathered to watch the selection show, the future was clear but dissatisfying.

"Toward the end, we saw Penn State come up," Riemersma said. "We knew we were done once Penn State came up."

It didn't help that the Hawkeyes were without sophomore pitcher Brittany Weil for the first month of the season because of a head injury.

"We weren't at full strength, and I questioned the value of our conference season," Blevins said. "You take anyone's No. 1 out of the lineup, it definitely changes."

The season as a whole was unlike any she had been a part of, she said, and Weil's injury changed her views on softball equipment at the collegiate level. She also said she appreciated the way the Hawkeyes handled the adversity that came their way during the first half of 2007, calling it "remarkable."



Hawkeye softball players celebrate after Erin Riemersma's lead-off home run to start game two of a double-header against Michigan State on April 15 at Pearl Field. The Hawkeyes won both games, 6-2 and 7-2.

"We need to be more aggressive in our attitude, more focused. We're bringing a lot of people back, and we have high expectations because we'll be a more well-rounded team with more experience.

It's going to be a different season next year."

— **Erin Riemersma,**  
Iowa softball

"I don't know a lot of teams that would've handled it all that well, there's no doubt in my mind," Blevins said.

Although both Blevins and Riemersma said difficult defeats to Big Ten powers Michigan and Northwestern had the biggest ramifications, it will be those four second-inning Boilermaker runs leaving everyone unsettled.

"For whatever reason, it was a subpar inning," Blevins said. "If you reduce or

eliminate that inning, it's a whole different ball game.

"We've just got to take advantage of the opportunities we have."

Looking ahead to 2008, Iowa will only lose three seniors from this year's squad, and just three weeks after being snubbed, the Hawkeyes have begun summer training with chips on their shoulders.

Riemersma is among those already psyched for 2008, and she vowed that the Hawkeyes

won't leave their fate next year to a selection committee.

"We need to be more aggressive in our attitude, more focused," she said. "We're bringing a lot of people back, and we have high expectations because we'll be a more well-rounded team with more experience."

"It's going to be a different season next year."

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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Maybe not so magical

BY MARK LONG

ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Billy Donovan might not be done with the Florida Gators after all.

FoxSports.com, citing two anonymous sources, reported Sunday night that Donovan was having second thoughts about coaching the NBA's Orlando Magic and attempting to return to Gainesville.

Donovan agreed to a five-year, \$27.5 million contract with the Magic on June 2, but FoxSports.com reported that he has approached both sides about getting out of the deal. He has yet to sign the contract with the NBA team.

According to one of the sources, the Magic forced Donovan to make a rash decision.

Donovan said after taking the Magic job that he had always been intrigued by the NBA and that Orlando was the

perfect situation because it was an up-and-coming team and close to home.

The 42-year-old Donovan led the Gators to consecutive national titles the past two seasons, and he was slated to sign a seven-year deal worth approximately \$3.5 million annually. The deal was still in the process of being approved when he agreed to coach the Magic.

The Gators moved quickly to replace Donovan, contacting Virginia Commonwealth coach Anthony Grant soon after Donovan's decision. Florida Athletics Director Jeremy Foley had been scheduled to meet with Grant on June 2 in Richmond, Va.

But that meeting never took place, and Grant said on Sunday night that he hadn't been offered the job.

"I have been contacted by the University of Florida regarding its coaching vacancy," Grant said in a statement.

Arkansas' new basketball coach earlier this spring, then decided to return to Creighton two days later.

Altman's reversal was not without precedent. In 1993, Bobby Cremins accepted the South Carolina job, then reneged two days later and returned to Georgia Tech.

And in June 2006, Charleston hired Winthrop's Gregg Marshall, but Marshall told the Cougars one day later he was returning to Winthrop.

# Cubs take fight to the Braves

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Cubs came out swinging — and no, not at each other.

Mark DeRosa hit a grand slam, Alfonso Soriano and Derek Lee added solo homers, and the Cubs closed out a tumultuous weekend by beating the Atlanta Braves, 10-1, on Sunday to snap a six-game losing streak.

The win came after manager Lou Piniella got suspended indefinitely for his dirt-kicking tirade against an umpire on June 2. It also capped a series that began June 1 with pitcher Carlos Zambrano and catcher Michael Barrett fighting in the dugout and clubhouse.

Sean Marshall (1-2) allowed one run and six hits in 6 2/3 innings in his third start since being recalled from Triple-A Iowa. He walked one batter and struck out eight.

Lance Cormier (0-1) allowed eight runs and nine hits in four-plus innings in his season debut.

## Phillies 9, Giants 8

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Shane Victorino hit a game-ending homer in the ninth inning, and Ryan Howard's three-run shot in the seventh helped the Phillies outslug San Francisco.

With the score tied and one out, Victorino drove a 1-0 pitch from Kevin Correia (1-2) over the left-field fence for the first game-winning homer of his career.

The Giants made it 8-all in the top of the ninth on Kevin Frandsen's RBI single off Antonio Alfonseca (3-1).

Howard's 10th homer, off left-hander Jack Taschner, highlighted a five-run seventh that gave the Phillies an 8-7 lead. Chase Utley and Aaron Rowand also homered for Philadelphia.

Molina and Randy Winn hit home runs for San Francisco. Barry Bonds was rested by manager Bruce Bochy before entering as a pinch-hitter in the eighth and grounding out against Madson. Bonds has 746 home runs, nine shy of Hank Aaron's career record.

## Cardinals 8, Astros 6, 10 innings

HOUSTON (AP) — So Taguchi and Albert Pujols hit 10th-inning homers off Dan Wheeler, lifting St. Louis to its fourth win in five games.

Pujols also homered in the eighth off Chad Qualls, and David Eckstein hit his sixth career leadoff home run for the Cardinals.

With one out in the 10th, Taguchi hit Wheeler's first pitch off the left-field foul pole. Eckstein singled, and one out later, Pujols crushed a 3-2 pitch from Wheeler (0-2) high

off the brick facade in left-center for an 8-5 lead. Pujols' earlier homer gave St. Louis a 5-4 lead.

Astros rookie Hunter Pence tied it again in the bottom of the eighth with a solo homer off Ryan Franklin.

Jason Isringhausen (2-0) got the win despite allowing Mark Loretta's homer to lead off the 10th.

## Diamondbacks 4, Mets 1

NEW YORK (AP) — Doug Davis allowed a run and six hits in 7 2/3 innings, and the Arizona Diamondbacks won for the ninth time in 10 games.

The Diamondbacks concluded a successful six-game road trip through Philadelphia and New York, winning five of six. Meanwhile, the Mets lost a home series for the first time since April 15-17 against Atlanta.

After Jose Reyes lined Davis' first pitch into left field for a single, the left-hander retired 11 of the next 12 batters. Davis (4-6) had three walks and six strikeouts in winning his second-straight start. Jose Valverde picked his 20th save.

Met starter Oliver Perez (6-4) was outstanding early, facing the minimum through four. But he lost his command in the fifth, when he gave up two runs.

## Rockies 10, Reds 9, 10 innings

DENVER (AP) — Back in the lineup after being benched for two games, Garrett Atkins homered and singled in the winning run in the 10th to help Colorado rally past Cincinnati.

Kaz Matsui, who hit a bases-loaded triple in the eighth to lead Colorado's comeback from a six-run deficit, opened the 10th with a single off Victor Santos (1-1) and went to second on Santos' wild pickoff attempt.

After Matt Holliday struck out, Todd Helton was intentionally walked to bring up Atkins, who hit his fourth homer in the second inning after he was benched for two games for ineffective play.

Manny Corpas (2-2), the seventh Colorado pitcher, worked a scoreless inning for the win. The Rockies won their first home series since April 2-4 against Arizona despite trailing 8-2 following Brandon Phillips' three-run homer in the sixth. After the Rockies' four-run rally in the eighth put them ahead 9-8, closer Brian Fuentes failed to secure his 13th straight save.

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## IOWA BASKETBALL

### Lickliter gets oral commitment

First-year Iowa coach Todd Lickliter added another youngster to the class of 2008 over the first weekend of June.

Anthony Tucker — a point guard from Minnetonka, Minn. — orally committed to the Hawkeyes on June 2; he will join the Iowa program in the fall of 2008.

Tucker, listed at 6-4, 175 pounds, averaged 17.6 points and seven rebounds per game for the Minnetonka High School Skippers as a junior during the 2006-07 season.

The St. Paul Pioneer Press named Tucker to the Minnesota All-State second team.

Ranked by scout.com as the No. 28 high-school point guard in the country, Tucker joins shooting guard and Iowa City native Matt Gatens as the second commitment for the 2008 basketball class.

Scout.com ranks Gatens as the country's No. 12 shooting guard.

— by Lars Headington

## IOWA SWIMMING

### AquaHawks welcome 7

The Iowa swimming and diving program doubled the number of incoming freshmen for 2007 over the weekend.

In addition to seven prep who signed with the Iowa swimming program during the fall period — including Veronica Rydze, daughter of Hawkeye diving coach Bob Rydze — head coach Marc Long announced the signing of seven new recruits on June 1.

Molly Houlton, Katarina Tour, Alex Dragon, Conor Dwyer, Sean Hagan, Cameron Lennon, and Damjan Strbac signed to the women's and men's teams.

From Tucson, Ariz., Houlton will likely to compete as a Hawkeye in the backstroke, IM, and freestyle. Dwyer, a swimmer for Loyola



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Academy and a former member of the Lake Forest United States swimming championship team, holds times in the 100 and 200 freestyle that compare with Iowa's best.

A four-time high-school championship finalist and a competitor at the Junior and Senior Nationals, Strbac is a native of Zagreb, Croatia. The senior was of a member of the top three relay teams at the Croatian junior nationals.

— by Rebecca Seftor

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Cubs at Brewers, 7:05 p.m., CSN.

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**Hockey** — Stanley Cup Finals: Game 4: Ducks at Senators, 7 p.m., NBC

**Softball** — Women's softball, NCAA championship: Game 1, 7 p.m., ESPN2

# 'Coach Lick' finds welcoming arms

Part one of a five-part series | TODD LICKLITER: ONE-ON-ONE WITH THE DI

Last week, the *DI* caught up with the freshest face in the Hawkeye basketball family, head coach Todd Lickliter. Just completing his first month on the job, today marks the first installment of an exclusive five-part Q&A series, in which Lickliter discusses topics ranging from moving his family to team-first philosophy.

### FIVE-PART SERIES

This marks the first of a five-part Q&A series with Iowa men's basketball coach Todd Lickliter. While the first-year coach talks transition today, check back with the *DI* throughout the week to read what else the new head Hawkeye had to say in an exclusive one-on-one interview.

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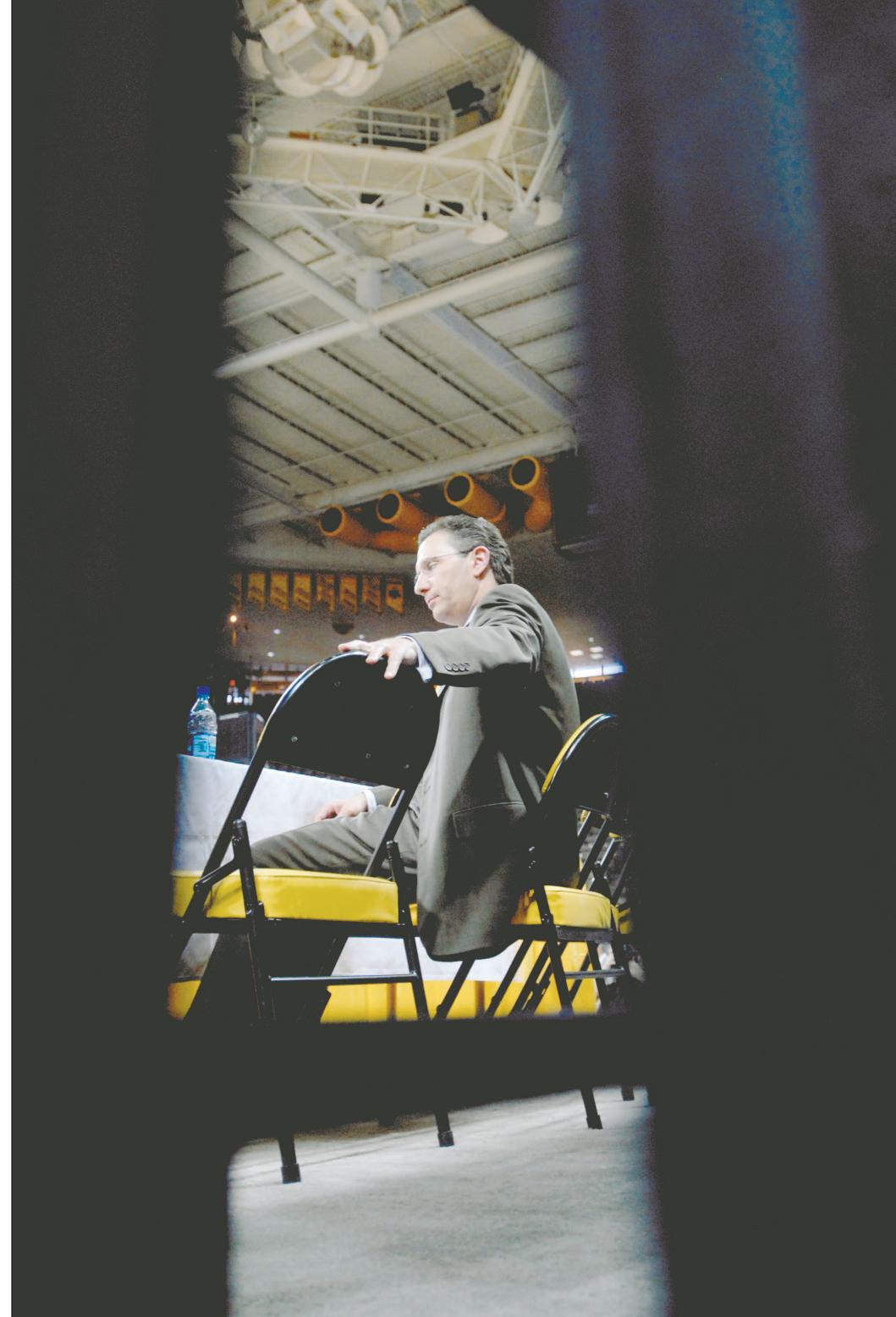
**DI:** I'm sure the past month has been an exciting experience as well as an overwhelmingly busy one. As we are now heading into the month of June, how has the transition to Iowa gone?

**Lickliter:** Because of the support, it couldn't have gone any smoother. Basketball, and athletics in general, and maybe life in general, is a people business, and I've just found the people of Iowa to be tremendous. Everybody has helped a great deal in making this a smooth transition.

**DI:** Staying with that question, has anything really surprised you about the change to Iowa City, whether it's the people or the weather or anything at all?

**Lickliter:** I guess maybe the enthusiasm. You know that there is great enthusiasm, but until you experience it, I don't think you could

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Ed Bornstein/The Daily Iowan  
Iowa men's basketball coach Todd Lickliter waits to speak at a pep rally in his honor at Carver-Hawkeye Arena on April 3. Lickliter was the former head coach at Butler University, where he posted a 131-61 record in six seasons.

### Tyler Smith officially at Tennessee

Former Iowa basketball standout Tyler Smith closed the books on his decision to transfer on May 30, when the University of Tennessee announced that the sophomore-to-be has been admitted to the SEC school and will join the basketball program.

"It feels great to get everything situated," Smith said in a release. "It has been kind of crazy since I announced I was leaving Iowa. It is great to be back home. To be able to hop in a car on a weekend to visit my father and my family is important to me."

While Smith is set to start summer classes today, it remains undetermined as to whether the ex-Hawkeye will lose a year of eligibility as a result of the transfer. The Pulaski, Tenn., native is expected to file an appeal for a hardship waiver of the NCAA's transfer rule, which would force him to sit out next season.

# SHOCKED SOFTBALLERS EYE FUTURE



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Hawkeye pitcher Brittany Weil throws against Iowa State at Pearl Field on April 3. Weil finished the game with four strikeouts in four innings of relief, helping Iowa defeat the Cyclones, 2-1.

With its 2007 season ending much sooner than expected, the Iowa softball team feels motivated to take care of what is considered unfinished business next season.

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It wasn't the way Iowa softball coach Gayle Blevins envisioned her team's season ending.

Even after losing 4-1 in the quarterfinals of the Big Ten Tournament to Purdue on May 11, it appeared as though the Hawkeyes had done enough throughout their campaign to lock up an at-large bid in this year's NCAA Tournament, and that one nightmare of a second inning wouldn't damage the collective body of work.

"I think we got a little shook up after that inning," said sophomore shortstop Erin Riemersma, who was the only Hawkeye player to receive first-team Big Ten honors. "We kind of broke down and didn't bounce back as well as we should have."

"I'm more of an optimistic person. We're a very known program, and I thought the way we played in the second half of our season would help."

But on softball's version of "Selection Sunday," that success during the latter part of the season and name recognition didn't prevent Iowa from getting snubbed by the NCAA's selection committee.

It's the first absence from postseason play for the Hawkeyes since 1999, and only the second time since 1995 that Iowa has been denied a shot at earning a spot in Oklahoma City.

"As a team, we set our goals really high," Riemersma said. "It's a blow, and you don't expect your season to come to an end like that."

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