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Ex-student dies in combat

Army Special Forces soldier and former UI student is killed by enemy fire in Afghanistan.

By Brian Stewart

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Former UI student and Army Special Forces weapons Sgt. Robert Miller was remembered by his family as an avid gymnast and frequent Hawkeye tailgater during his brief stint at the university.

Local soldier dies

 To learn more about former UI student Robert Miller, watch Daily Iowan TV at dailyiowan.com.

"He loved those — which is probably part of the reason he only stayed for a year," his mother, Maureen Miller, said

and laughed.

Robert Miller, 24, was killed by enemy fire on Jan. 25 while serving his second tour in Afghanistan, the Department of Defense announced on Jan. 26.

SEE SOLDIER, 3A

Robert Miller



- Born Oct. 14, 1983
- Died Jan. 25, 2008
- Special Forces weapons sergeant
- Awarded: Army Commendation Medal for Valor, Army Good Conduct Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, two Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbons, NATO Medal, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab, and Special Forces Tab

AUDITIONING FOR HIT TV SHOW 'SURVIVOR'



Ariana McLaughlin/The Daily Iowan

During a two-minute audition tape for "Survivor," Randy Cole of KGAN-TV tapes Amy Jo Westphal on Jan. 26 at North Liberty Core Fitness. More than 90 people auditioned.

Looking for survival instincts

By Clara Hogan

THE DAILY IOWAN

While recording a two-minute audition tape for "Survivor" on Jan. 26, UI junior Jenna Shatek told CBS producers how she would use her Iowa roots to win.

"I'd lie low for a while — people don't expect much from a 21-year-old Iowa girl," she said. "But then I'd pounce."

Shatek was just one of the 90 people to show up at Core Fitness in North Liberty to audition for the reality series in hopes of being one of the 800 who move on to the second round.

They will travel to one of the 15 audition sites and from there, 48 people will

CBS's 'Survivor'

The next season of the reality-TV series

- Located in Micronesia
- Will air on Feb. 7
- Hosted by Jeff Probst
- Will air Thursdays at 7 p.m.

continue to Los Angeles. The final 16 will be chosen in late June through mid-August.

Contestants came from across the state and ranged from 21, the minimum age requirement, to older than 50.

Organizers said more people showed

up than they expected, and they had to put those after number 80 on a waiting list.

Shatek didn't prepare a gimmick to use while recording her tape, but Decorah resident Sarah Nowak had prepared to woo producers with a poem she came up with that morning.

"I rapped about myself, told them I was a survivor," she said. "You have to show them a strong, fresh personality."

Though unlike most reality shows, she noted, "Survivor" takes more than personality; it takes proving one has physical and mental strength.

SEE SURVIVOR, 3A

Critics push to improve Iowa matrix

By Kelsey Beltramea

THE DAILY IOWAN

With the deadline quickly approaching, officials at the state's Department of Natural Resources are pleased with the number of county leaders that have agreed to use the "master matrix."

A total of 71 county Boards of Supervisors have said they'll use the formula for scoring proposed livestock-confinement locations according to their effect on air, water, and the surrounding community.

But Iowa environmentalists say its time for the 5-year-old evaluation plan to get its own reconstruction.

"I think it's kind of a dull tool," said Susan Heathcote, the water-program director for the Iowa Environmental Council. "I'd like to see us sharpen it to make it more useful."

The master matrix was developed in 2002 at the behest of the state Legislature to better evaluate proposed locations for animal-confinement feeding operations. The list of 44 questions allows producers to earn points for choosing sites and using practices that reduce adverse effects on the environment and community.

Producers must score 50 percent of the points to pass — a standard that needs refurbishing, said Andrew Hug, an environmental advocate for Environment Iowa.

"The master matrix inherently is a good idea," he said. "However, the matrix itself needs to be strengthened and criteria by which animal operation receives passing score needs to be strengthened."

SEE MATRIX, 3A



Phoebe Webb/The Daily Iowan
Three-fourths of Iowa's counties have adopted the master matrix, a program that helps decide the environmental impact of animal confinements. The Iowa Department of Natural Resources oversees the program.

SMOKING

UI hopes quitters win

The UI Student Health Service is offering smokers free nicotine patches and gum.

By Zhi Xiong

THE DAILY IOWAN

The UI Student Health Service will offer free samples of nicotine patches and gum to the campus.

But after two weeks, it's time for quitters to shell out the money to continue the process of quitting.

The price of quitting can be steep, however. A box of Nicoderm CQ patches, for instance, costs approximately \$50 online from CVS. Lozenges and gum cost about the same. Store brands are cheaper, from \$37.19 at Walgreens, at CVS to \$21.99 at Walgreens.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported cigarette smoking causes approximately 438,000 deaths each year — more than HIV, illegal drug use, alcohol use, and motor-vehicle accidents combined.

There are around 50 million smokers in the United States, and two out of three say they want to quit, according to WebMD. A 2006 survey of 875 UI students found 46 percent of smokers had made at least one attempt to quit in the previous year, according to Student Health.

People quitting nicotine suffer withdrawal symptoms when the supply is cut off, including headaches, anxiety, and nausea. Patches, gum, lozenges, and even nasal sprays containing nicotine tone down the effects of withdrawal for those who stop smoking or chewing tobacco.

SEE QUITTING, 3A

Free to quit

Steps UI students can take to get free products to help them kick the tobacco habit:

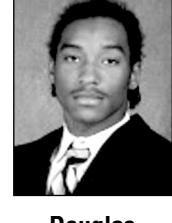
- Make an appointment with Student Health Service, 335-8394.
- Attend a consultation.
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- Those interested in using Chantix or Zyban must make an appointment with a physician/physician's assistant at Student Health as well in order to get a prescription.
- Continued support is tailored to the individual and is available through e-mail, phone, letters, and individual consultations.

Source: Student Health Service

News

Douglas gets probation

By Olivia Moran
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Douglas
ex-football player

Douglas pleaded guilty on Dec. 4, 2007, to the lesser charge of credit-card fraud, an aggravated misdemeanor.

He was ordered to pay \$221.53 in restitution to Hat World at the sentencing and \$625 in other costs.

The former wide-receiver was accompanied by his attorney, Matthew Petrelka, who asked the courts to forgive his client for mistakes kids often make.

"Dominique, in my mind, was a kid when this offense occurred," he said.

Petrelka reminded the

courtroom that Douglas was 19 years old when the offense occurred, and it was also the first mark on his record. He detailed Douglas's home life, stating he had no father figure at home but was a "leader in his community."

Judge Douglas Russell said the nature of the offense was minor and that probation would allow Douglas to rehabilitate out of jail.

If Douglas violates his probation, he will return to the courtroom, and he could face jail time.

"The responsibility for your future conduct is on your own shoulders," Russell said.

Hawkeye football coach Kirk Ferentz said Douglas would leave the UI on Dec. 17, 2007.

Petrelka said, after losing his football scholarship, the ex-Hawkeye could no longer afford tuition. He added that Douglas is currently enrolled at a community college in Detroit, where he now lives with his mother.

Douglas is best known as the leading receiver from the Hawkeyes' 2006 football season. He led the team with 49 receptions for 654 yards.

Before the final decision was made, Petrelka said if Douglas were to receive deferred judgment, he "will never forget the serious and foolishness of his actions." Douglas is now adult enough to realize his actions, he said.

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METRO

JCPenney worker charged with theft

A JCPenney employee is accused of stealing \$6,876 from the store, partially by refunding merchandise that was never sold, Coralville police have reported.

Adam Gibson, 18, Coralville, was charged Jan. 25 with second-degree theft, a felony, for allegedly stealing from the store at the Coral Ridge Mall.

A store manager called police after the store's surveillance cameras reportedly caught Gibson on tape stealing the money between Nov. 12, 2007, and Jan. 22.

Police allege that Gibson admitted to "partially taking some money by refunding unsold merchandise."

Second-degree theft is a Class D felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$7,500.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Trial moved back in sex-abuse case

A Coralville man accused of sexually abusing a woman will go to trial at a later date.

Curtis Cason, 44, was set to appear today, but he will now appear on May 5.

After an incident on May 1, 2007, a woman reported that Cason began "groping" her and forced her to perform a sex act on him.

The woman said Cason was let into her apartment to give information about moving furniture. He denied any physical or sexual contact with the woman, although DNA evidence allegedly contradicts him.

Cason was charged with third-degree sexual abuse in October 2007; he pleaded not guilty that same month.

Third-degree sexual abuse is a Class C felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and up to \$10,000 in fines.

— by Olivia Moran

Reed makes top 10 in Miss America

Diana Reed, Miss Iowa, placed in the top 10 at the Miss America 2008 competition on Jan. 26. She is 23 years old.

Miss Michigan, Kirsten Haglund, won the competition, which took place in Las Vegas.

Reed showed great promise early on in the competition when she won the Jan. 22 preliminary talent contest for her baton-twirling performance to "You Can't Stop the Beat." That accomplishment won her a \$2,000 scholarship.

However, she did not ultimately get the chance to move on the final phase of the competition.

In order to qualify for the Miss America event, Reed first won the Miss Iowa pageant on June 9.

Before becoming Miss Iowa, Reed served as golden girl for the Hawkeye Marching Band as she pursued degrees in business and performance-art entrepreneurship. She graduated in May 2007.

— by Christopher Patton

3 charged in pot bust

Area authorities stopped a black BMW on Jan. 24 on Interstate 80 and allegedly discovered 10 pounds of marijuana — \$180,000 worth of the drug in street value — according to reports.

The Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation had tipped off authorities that the vehicle may be traveling through the area.

At 7:15 p.m., the Iowa State Patrol, DCI, and Johnson County sheriff's deputies stopped the vehicle at the 229 mile marker on the interstate, charging each of its occupants, all Chicago natives, with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and drug-tax stamp violation.

The driver, Demetrius Johnson, 29, was already wanted in Johnson County on felony warrants for ongoing

ing criminal conduct, reports said.

Johnson, Tramaine McCray, 29, and Crystal Waters, 18, each face two felonies. They were taken to Johnson County Jail.

The investigation is ongoing, reports said.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Police charge woman after 2007 raid

Iowa City police charged a woman on Jan. 23 with drug-related offenses stemming from a May 2, 2007, search of her Burlington Street apartment, during which officers allegedly seized more than 52 grams of marijuana, authorities have reported.

Maegan Slechta, 23, is charged with a controlled-substance violation and failure to affix a drug-tax stamp, both felonies.

She was taken to Johnson County Jail on Jan. 24 and held on a \$10,000 cash-only bond.

According to reports, police served a search warrant at Slechta's residence, 605 E. Burlington St. Apt. 6 and allegedly discovered more than 52 grams of marijuana, 24 grams of hash, digital scales, packaging material, and other drug paraphernalia, police said.

Reports also assert that Slechta knew another person was selling drugs in her presence, and Slechta also made sales of the drugs.

A controlled-substance violation and failure to affix a drug-tax stamp are both Class D felonies, punishable by up to five years in prison and fines of up to \$7,500 each.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Man charged in cocaine bust

A Coralville man faces three felonies after authorities allegedly discovered he possessed cocaine on three different occasions, Johnson County sheriff's deputies have reported.

Reports also said Weinard has had two previous OWIs in the last 12 years.

Third-offense OWI is a Class D felony, which is punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$7,500.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Jeffrey Pickett, 31, is charged with two controlled-substance violations and possession of cocaine with intent to deliver. He was arrested Jan. 25 and taken to the Johnson County Jail.

On Jan. 14, Pickett reportedly sold 3.5 grams of cocaine base to a confidential informant who was working for the Johnson County Drug Task Force.

On Jan. 16, Pickett allegedly delivered 4.2 grams of crack cocaine to an informant working with the force, and when authorities made contact with him on Jan. 17, they reportedly found an additional 11.2 grams of cocaine base.

The controlled-substance violations and possession with cocaine with intent to deliver are all Class C felonies, each punishable by up to 10 years in prison and fines of up to \$10,000.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Woman charged with 3rd OWI

A woman faces a felony after she was charged with her third OWI on Jan. 26, North Liberty police said.

Police stopped a vehicle driven by Rochelle Weinard, 27, Coralville, at 1:27 a.m. Jan. 26 in North Liberty because it had a broken headlight.

An officer reported Weinard had bloodshot, watery eyes, poor balance, and a strong odor of alcohol.

She failed field-sobriety tests. A preliminary blood test indicated she had a blood-alcohol concentration of .203. Another test showed Weinard had a blood-alcohol concentration of .167.

Reports also said Weinard has had two previous OWIs in the last 12 years.

Third-offense OWI is a Class D felony, which is punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$7,500.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

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CRITICS: UPDATE MATRIX

MATRIX

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The Johnson County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution in December to use the master matrix this year to evaluate every construction applications, which will then be submitted with a recommendation to Natural Resources.

Legislation drafted in the Iowa House last year had included a provision to revamp master matrix standards, but the bill additionally pushed for a myriad of environmental improvements, such as increased minimum setback distances from confinement operations to other commercial and residential buildings.

Heathcote said she expected a striped down version of the bill, with the matrix updates intact, to be reintroduced this legislative season.

Gene Tinker, the coordinator of Natural Resources animal-feeding operations, said he thinks that the master matrix is doing what it was intended to do.

It raises the minimum standards for producers seeking construction permits in counties that use the matrix, and it also allows local residents to give input to their county Board of Supervisors scoring the proposed confinement site.

"Some say the master matrix is not doing anything, and others say it's too strict," Tinker said. "There was a lot of compromising when it was created, and anytime you have to compromise and not get what you want, you're probably going to state that it is not adequate."

In 2002, Natural Resources hired a federal mediator to oversee the master matrix's development. "When we formulated the master matrix and the scoring standards, we have very little information on which to base our criteria," said Heathcote, who represented the Iowa Environmental Council in the discussions.

"Now that we've used it for several years, it would be a good idea to go back and take another look at it," she said, noting possible issues with tourism-site proximity and air pollution. E-mail D/reporter Kelsey Beltrame at: kelsey-beltrame@uiowa.edu

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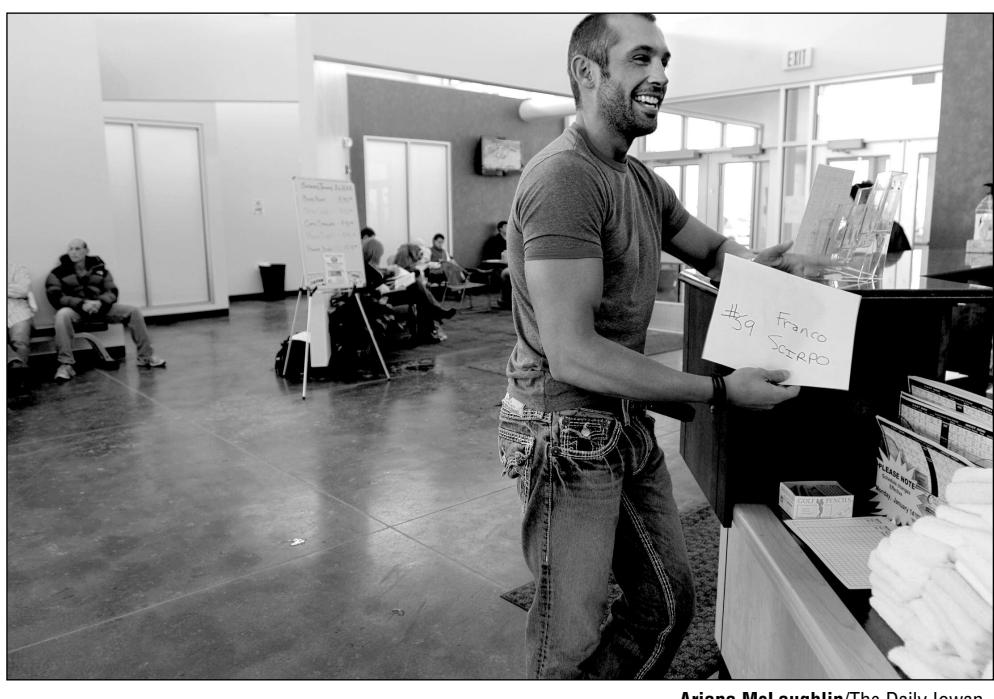
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TRYING OUT FOR 'SURVIVOR'



Ariana McLaughlin/The Daily Iowan

With fellow auditioners lining the wall waiting to shoot a two-minute audition tape for "Survivor," Franco Scirpo jokes with coworkers about his lucky number on Jan. 26 at North Liberty Core Fitness. Scirpo moved to the area from Boston a year ago and heard about the chance to audition through his job at Core Fitness. "I love the show; go Boston Rob," he said.

Hoping to survive

SURVIVOR

CONTINUED FROM 1A

Nowak decided to attend when she heard about the auditions on the news, and she said she wanted to go on the show for the challenge and the possible reward.

The \$1 million prize at the end of the season also encouraged Phil Shavers, 30, to attend the auditions.

"You can never win if you don't play," he said.

Shavers has watched the show on and off since it premiered in the United States in 2000. He said he wanted to see if it was as hard as the people on the show made it seem.

He said he is ready

'There's nothing real about most of those shows. But there's something real about "Survivor," and there's something very real about \$1 million.'

— Jared Breakenridge,
UI junior

and willing to eat "nasty stuff" and live on the bare necessities for the \$1 million prize.

Shaver's strategy for his audition was to be obnoxious, because that's what he believed the producers were looking for.

UI junior Jared

Breakenridge also thinks producers are looking for someone with spunk. And he thinks he has it.

Breakenridge, who is gay, thinks he will qualify for the show because he could diversify it and add flare. He thinks there should be more gay people on television.

He doesn't normally like reality TV, but "Survivor" has been one of the few shows he has enjoyed.

"There's nothing real about most of those shows," he said. "But there's something real about 'Survivor,' and there's something very real about \$1 million."

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Ex-student dies in war

SOLDIER

CONTINUED FROM 1A

Maureen Miller said her son originally went to the UI because he was enticed by the school's gymnastics program.

"He hoped to be on the gymnastics team," she said, while noting that he had also "always" been interested in the military.

Although Robert Miller was never a member of the Iowa gymnastics team, he was an active member of the gymnastics program. Maureen Miller said her son didn't feel like continuing at the UI after his freshman year, deciding to enlist in the Army instead.

Robert Miller, a resident of Oviedo, Fla., joined the Army in August 2003. He graduated from the Army's Special Forces Qualification Course in 2005, becoming a Green Beret.

He was first deployed to Afghanistan in 2006, during which time he was promoted to staff sergeant and awarded the Army Commendation Medal with Valor.

He received nine other military awards and decorations, including the Army Good Conduct Medal.

He was conducting combat operations with the Company A, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group near Barikowt, Afghanistan, when he suffered fatal wounds from small-arms enemy fire.

Born in Harrisburg, Pa., Miller is survived by his parents, Philip and Maureen Miller, brothers Thomas, Martin, and Edward, and sisters Joanna, Mary, Therese, and Patricia, all of Oviedo, Fla.

"We're proud of what he did, and we loved what we did," Maureen Miller said. "He died a hero."

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Quitters get help from UI

QUITTING

CONTINUED FROM 1A

Still, most people need several attempts before quitting, according to the CDC.

The nicotine-replacement samples are provided through Quitline Iowa, a telephone counseling hotline. A Quitline representative declined to comment when asked about the new program.

A full-strength patch contains 15 to 22 milligrams of nicotine. A new patch with less nicotine replaces the old one after a few weeks, gradually decreasing the person's nicotine level. It takes between six and 20 weeks to quit smoking by using the patch.

A nurse from the Iowa Health

Systems said although the quitting time varies based on a person's dosage and habits, one cannot quit using the patch in only two weeks.

It doesn't make much sense to cut off the supply so soon, she said.

"Maybe the two-week period can be motivation to get [smokers] going," said Kristin O'Conner, a counselor from Cedar Rapids-based Foundation 2 Crisis Center. "Then they might want to spend the money."

UI students can find more information from Health Iowa, while faculty can call UI Wellness. People can undergo consultation sessions to learn about methods of quitting and discuss specific goals.

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News

Class aids some TAs

UI students give new teaching assistants whose first language is not English an opportunity to learn about American culture.

By Carla Keppler

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Next week, some UI teaching assistants will have an opportunity to further their understanding of university students and the American way of life.

As part of an annual program to prepare graduate students whose first language is not English become TAs, the university offers an annual question-and-answer session between students and potential TAs.

In addition, the UI requires graduate students to pass two tests that measure their ability to speak and comprehend the language.

The first, the SPEAK test, assesses students' language and comprehension skills. The English Language Performance test, taken after students pass the SPEAK test, focuses on classroom presentation. Classes are offered to those who do not pass the exams.

To participate in the program, students need to be enrolled in a graduate program at the UI and must be hired as teaching assistants.

Each year, the program offers TAs a chance to attend a question-and-answer forum with undergraduate students to better acquaint them with American and UI culture.

Maureen Burke, the coordinator of the UI English as a Second Language program, said it is a great chance for new TAs to learn not only the basics of running a classroom but also for them to better understand what typical UI students are like.

"It sets the stage for some of the differences between this culture and other cultures and what each person's expectations are," she said.

Though the program is open to all who would like to get involved, the English-language program specifically works with the UI Student Government.

UISG Sen. Casey Koschmeder is a volunteer helping with the forum this year. He said he thinks it's important to go beyond simply learning the language and understand the way of life in their new environment.

"We, as students, don't get a lot of time with TAs outside of the classroom, but we spend a lot of time together," he said. "Why not have more of a connection with them?"

Burke said, overall, the annual forum helps with communication and understanding for both students and TAs.

Koschmeder agrees and sees the session as a chance for students to have their voice heard.

"A lot of times, students on campus are afraid of the system and think their voices don't matter," he said. "Instead of those higher up determining everything, the responsibility is in the hands of students. This is a chance to share ideas and become educators on what they know best: their culture."

The forum will take place on Feb. 5 and will be followed by a question-and-answer session with experienced TAs at the university.

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Water world in Coralville

In total, 144 teams attend Coralville's 33rd Annual Winter Water Fight.

By Lauren Skiba

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Firefighters from all over the state lured out on Jan. 26, when the weather hit 31 degrees — one of the warmest days of the year so far.

It was a good thing, too, because the firefighters were celebrating their 33rd-Annual Winter Water Fight, held at the Coralville Aquatic Center parking lot.

"We're up here having fun and drinking beer," said Todd Rodgers, a Russell, Iowa, firefighter.

The festivities started at 8 a.m., when teams from towns all around Iowa signed up for the water fights. In all, 144 teams gathered for the event.

Swinging from a wire held between two posts, a single red and yellow barrel swayed back and forth in the surprisingly warm winter air. The goal of each team was to use its fire hose to blast the barrel to the opposing team's side, creating an "X" of water across the wire.

"We gotta do something to pass the winter by," Rodgers said.

The women's water fight started at 11 a.m., with the men following. Polk City firefighter Jen Crozier said she didn't participate in the competition this year because she is suffering



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Firefighters from around Iowa spray water at a barrel suspended across a wire on Jan. 26. Coralville's 33rd-Annual Winter Water Fight took place in the Coralville Aquatic Center parking lot on one of this year's warmest days.

from walking pneumonia, but she usually does.

Once the men got going, Crozier and other firefighters stood on one end of the rope cheering but stepping back when the strong sprays of water got too close.

Brian Flaherty, the president of the Coralville Firefighters Association, said he has been attending the event for five years. Though he admitted he has never won, he said the day was not about the competition.

"It's about coming out here, and having a good time, and sharing camaraderie with fellow firefighters," he said.

Gathering on the final Saturday of each January — an almost sure bet to feel the brunt

of Iowa's winters — firefighters meet without fail to get colder and more wet.

"It's a little chilly when the water hits your face," said Brian Graham, a Parkersburg, Iowa, firefighter.

Graham has only been fighting blazes for a year now and said he got into it because of his friends.

"It's nice to meet other guys with the same interest here," he said.

Flaherty agreed it was a nice change to not be so serious for a day.

"It's a chance to just enjoy being a firefighter," he said.

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Teens with cell phones — beware

By Briana Byrd

THE DAILY IOWAN

If you don't have a full license yet, it soon might be a bad idea to pick up your phone next time you're behind the wheel.

A bill recently introduced in the Iowa House would mandate a \$30 fine for people with learner's permits or intermediate licenses caught talking or texting on their cell phones or other handheld devices while driving.

State Rep. McKinley Bailey, D-Webster City, who filed the bill, did so after a crash killed two high-school students in his district who were using their cell phones while driving.

"I have not read the bill, but the intent is to provide public safety for youth," said Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville. "We really do have to address this, because the biggest reason for youth having accidents on the road is their attention spans. We certainly want young people to be learning the safest way to drive a vehicle. It makes it more interesting because McKinley is an under-30 guy himself."

If ticketed, drivers with permits and intermediate licenses would be forced to wait a certain time period before they could obtain a full license. The fine does not apply, however, to drivers who are at a complete stop off the roadway, calling 911, law enforcement, or emergency-response agencies.

"This [bill] gives a little more clarity for people just learning how to drive," Bailey said.

According to the Iowa

Department of Transportation, in 2000, people between the ages of 15 to 24 had the highest crash percentages, 34 percent — almost twice that of people ages 25 to 34.

"The bill addresses the age-old question of personal freedom versus personal safety," Jacoby said. "It's one thing to have [the cell phone] in your ear, it's another to be looking down and typing away. There's a concern for drivers and passengers while on the road. While young people may have better reaction times, they also tend to make less-safe decisions. Texting while driving takes away from concentrating on the road."

Two Iowa City West High students, Jessica Hansen and Sammy Hladek, agree that the bill is a good idea, but they questioned how well it could be enforced.

"I think it's a good idea — I text and talk — which is not a good thing, but I think it's going to be really hard to enforce because it's such a little thing," said Hladek, who has as full driver's license and would not be affected by the bill. "I don't think it will be followed through very well."

Although Bailey agreed that enforcing the bill would be difficult, he pointed out that numerous other laws are challenging but can still be carried out.

"It won't be easy to enforce, but it won't be any easier or harder to enforce than any other provisions that go along with this graduated license system," he said.

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STATE

Bankruptcy filings increase in 2007

DES MOINES (AP) — A jump in the number of bankruptcy filings in Iowa could continue if the economy continues to falter.

The state had a record number of bankruptcy filings in 2005, when more than 18,000 consumers rushed to file before a new federal law went into effect. Proponents said the law's stricter rules would make the process more transparent and reduce abuses of bankruptcy laws. It also required more paper-

work and debtor education courses for those who filed.

Initially, the number of bankruptcies filed in Iowa dropped after the new law went into effect — 4,500 in 2006 — but the numbers rose to more than 6,700 in 2007. Given the country's economic troubles — with rising unemployment, sub-prime mortgage woes and falling stock prices — experts say the numbers will likely continue to rise.

"If in fact the economy is slipping into a recession, then you'd expect bankruptcy rates are going to continue to rise at least in the near term," said Peter Orazem, an

economics professor at Iowa State University.

The increase is caused, in part, he said, by people getting loans who don't have the means to repay them. But economic turns may be affecting people who would otherwise be responsible about paying their bills.

"Under those circumstances, you would expect bankruptcies either signal a downturn in the economy or follow a downturn in the economy," Orazem said.

More bankruptcies means banks could lose billions of dollars and be less likely to lend money, he said.



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News

The joy of caucus

While Iowans take their state caucuses' nationwide influence seriously, they also think participating in them is fun.

By Christopher Patton
THE DAILY IOWAN

Adding to their ongoing study of the Iowa caucuses, David Redlawsk and Caroline Tolbert, UI associate professors of political science, conducted a poll of the 2008 caucus-goers and found that nearly 86 percent of them enjoyed participating in the event.

"Both Republicans and Democrats had record turnout for their sides," Redlawsk said. "And despite long lines, a chilly night, and crowded rooms, people came away with a positive experience."

Although the vast majority of Iowans who caucused had fun, most of those the UI professors surveyed said they got involved for serious reasons — 95 percent felt caucusing was the right thing to do, 89 percent wanted to show support for a particular candidate, and 69 percent wanted to show support for their party.

Only 26 percent said they caucused because they felt doing so would be fun and social.

Like almost half of the roughly 346,000 Iowans who caucused in 2008, Ben and Tricia Bender had never participated in the event before. The Coralville couple were also typical in the high level of satisfaction they received from making their voices heard in the political contest.

The Benders helped organize Illinois Sen. Barack Obama's supporters in the Democratic caucus held at Kirkwood Elementary School in Coralville.

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— David Redlawsk,
UI associate professor

They both said they may not have participated in the event had it not been for the extent Obama was able to inspire them.

"We ended up having a much bigger role than we thought we would, counting and tallying supporters; we also both wound up being county delegates," Ben Bender said. He learned a lot about Obama on caucus night despite having already familiarized himself with his candidate because he had to answer undecided voters' questions about the senator, he said.

Overall, Ben Bender said, he believes the caucus format is superior to ordinary secret-ballot voting because it forces people to better educate themselves about the candidates. The political conversations that the Democratic caucuses encourage its participants to have makes people think through why they're picking one person over another, he said.

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Mike Currie, a UI junior majoring in political science, philosophy, and history, also caucused for the first time this year. While considering former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, he ultimately threw his support behind former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson.

Though he attended an Iowa Republican caucus in 2000, Currie could only observe that event because he was too young to vote. In explaining why he enjoyed his experience at the 2008 caucus, he said the caucus process is interesting because it is more dynamic than just going into a booth and voting.

"The caucus gives you the opportunity to vote for who you want," he said. "In the general election, you vote for whom you get."

Giving further support to the notion that the caucus process facilitates a uniquely high level of political involvement, Redlawsk and Tolbert found that more than half of Iowa caucus-goers had attended at least one of the candidates' numerous campaign events in the state prior to making their decisions. Additionally, more than 20 percent of caucus participants questioned reported having personally asked a question of a candidate.

"That's a huge number of people who said they participated to the extent of personally asking questions," Redlawsk said. "We would not see that in the general voting population except in Iowa."

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Researchers probe lead-mental decline link

Long-ago lead exposure, and possibly other pollutants, may hasten old-age mental decline.

By Malcolm Ritter
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Could it be that the "natural" mental decline that afflicts many older people is related to how much lead they absorbed decades before?

That's the provocative idea emerging from some recent studies, part of a broader area of new research that suggests some pollutants can cause harm that shows up only years after someone is exposed.

The new work suggests long-ago lead exposure can make an aging person's brain work as if it's five years older than it really is. If that's verified by more research, it means that sharp cuts in environmental lead levels more than 20 years ago didn't stop its widespread effects.

"We're trying to offer a caution that a portion of what has been called normal aging might in fact be due to ubiquitous environmental exposures such as lead," said Brian Schwartz of Johns Hopkins University.

"That it's happening with lead is the first proof of principle that it's possible," said Schwartz, a leader in the study of lead's delayed effects. Other pollutants, such as mercury and pesticides, may do the same thing, he said.

In fact, some recent research does suggest that being exposed to pesticides raises the risk of getting Parkinson's disease a decade



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Andrew Todd, who works in the Department of Community and Preventive Medicine at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York, explains the bone-lead measurement system on Nov. 13, 2007. The system measures lifetime exposure to lead, which could, in part, account for decreased cognitive function among senior citizens.

or more later. Experts say such studies in mercury are lacking.

The notion of long-delayed effects is familiar; tobacco and asbestos, for example, can lead to cancer. But in recent years, scientists are coming to appreciate that exposure to other pollutants in early life also may promote disease much later on.

"It's an emerging area" for research, said Philip Landrigan of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. It certainly makes sense that if a substance destroys brain cells in early life, the brain may cope by drawing on its reserve capacity until it loses still more cells with aging, he said. Only then would such symptoms as forgetfulness or tremors appear.

Linda Birnbaum, the director of experimental toxicology at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, said infant mice exposed to such chemicals as PCBs show

only very subtle effects in young adulthood. But more dramatic harm in areas like movement and learning appears when they reach old age.

Animal studies also show clear evidence that being exposed to harmful substances in the womb can harm health later on, she said. For example, rodents that encounter PCBs or dioxins before birth are more susceptible to cancer once they grow up.

Studying delayed effects in people is difficult because they generally must be followed for a long time. Research with lead is easier because scientists can measure the amount that has accumulated in the shinbone over decades and get a read on how much lead a person has been exposed to in the past.

Lead in the blood, by contrast, reflects recent exposure. Virtually all Americans have lead in their blood, but the amounts are far lower today than in the past.

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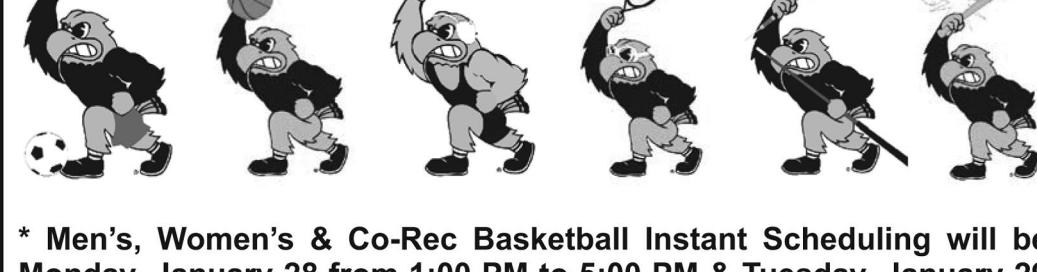
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U.S. soldiers stand near an armored Humvee in Kapisa province, north of Kabul, Afghanistan, on Sept. 27, 2007. The Bush administration has begun refocusing its terrorism-fighting efforts on Afghanistan — the original target of the post-9/11 military offensive — and neighboring Pakistan, where a sheltered Al Qaeda is posing new threats.

By Robert Burns
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — In a shift with profound implications, the Bush administration is attempting to re-energize its terrorism-fighting war efforts in Afghanistan, the original target of a post-9/11 offensive. The United States also is refocusing on Pakistan, where a regenerating Al Qaeda is posing fresh threats.

There is growing recognition that the United States risks further setbacks, if not deepening conflict or even defeat, in Afghanistan and that success in that country hinges on stopping Pakistan from descending into disorder.

Privately, some senior U.S. military commanders say Pakistan's tribal areas are at the center of the fight against Islamic extremism, more so than Iraq, or even Afghanistan. These areas border on eastern Afghanistan and provide haven for Qaeda and Taliban fighters to regroup, rearm, and reorganize.

This view may explain, at least in part, the administration's increasingly public expressions of concern.

At a Pentagon news conference last week, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said that while the United States respects the Pakistani government's right to decide what actions are needed to defeat extremists on its soil, there are reasons to worry that Al Qaeda poses more than an internal threat to Pakistan.

"I think we are all concerned about the re-establishment of Qaeda safe havens in the border area," Gates said. "I think it would be unrealistic to assume that all of the planning that it's doing is focused strictly on Pakistan. So I think that that is a continuing threat to Europe as well as to us."

The Pentagon says it has fewer than 100 troops in Pakistan, including personnel who are training Pakistan's paramilitary Frontier Corps in the

western tribal region along the Afghanistan border.

The U.S. military has used other means, including aerial surveillance by drones, to hunt Osama bin Laden and other senior Qaeda leaders believed to be hiding near the Afghan border. Ground troops on the Afghan side sometimes fire artillery across the border at known Taliban or Qaeda targets, and U.S. officials have said Special Operations forces are poised to strike across the border under certain circumstances.

In recent days, administration officials have said they would send more U.S. forces, including small numbers of combat troops, if the Pakistani government decided it wanted to collaborate more closely.

It is far from certain that U.S. combat troops will set foot in Pakistan in any substantial numbers. On Jan. 25, Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf said his country opposes any foreign forces on its soil. "The

man in the street will not allow this — he will come out and agitate," he said. Musharraf said the United States instead should bolster its combat forces in Afghanistan.

The top two U.S. intelligence officials made a secret visit to Pakistan in early January to seek Musharraf's permission for greater involvement of American forces in trying to ferret out Al Qaeda and other militant groups active in the tribal regions, a senior U.S. official said on Jan. 26.

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Editorial

Bush's State of the Union addresses: A retrospective

As a listless viewing nation ticks off another day on the calendar without writers for their favorite shows, tonight's State of the Union speech becomes the most intriguing thing in the channel lineup. While our commander-in-chief doesn't enthrall people like Eva Longoria, his past addresses have proven quite entertaining, if not substantive.

The president's first grand speechification (we're emulating him here) in 2001 was before 9/11 and focused mainly on domestic issues. He told America that education was his "first priority." As such, he pushed for No Child Left Behind, a screaming failure of a bill that passed with bipartisan support. Most presidential candidates want to completely overhaul it, some want to end it entirely. It's created a fine mess for whoever inherits the job.

The 2002 speech introduced the term "Axis of Evil." Though Bush correctly identified North Korea, Iran, and Iraq as future concerns, he also spoke about Afghanistan. "Our military has put the terror training camps of Afghanistan out of business." Six years later, we're increasing U.S. troop numbers in that country in response to increased Taliban presence, which is waging guerrilla war against the Afghan government. The American public was also warned about the potential of these "axis" nations to acquire and use weapons of mass destruction.

In 2003, he got the ball rolling in Iraq, and it's still rolling today. "The British government has learned that Saddam Hussein recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa," Bush told the country. The CIA a year earlier had sent former Ambassador Joseph Wilson to the African country in question, Niger, to investigate the British claims, but Wilson came home empty-handed. Shortly after Wilson wrote a July 2003

op-ed piece in the *New York Times* detailing his trip and accusing the administration of falsely pumping up the Iraqi WMD claims, his wife — a covert CIA operative — was somehow ousted, a mystery yet to be solved. (Kind of.) Nevertheless, the seeds of war were sown.

Bush was busy between his '03 and '04 addresses. A coalition was formed, invaded Iraq, found no WMDs but toppled Saddam Hussein, ushering Iraqis into a tumultuous period of fighting and violence that continues today. "Our coalition is working with the Iraqi Governing Council to draft a basic law, with a bill of rights. We are working with Iraqis and the United Nations to prepare for a transition to full Iraqi sovereignty by the end of June." Semantically accurate as ever, the president didn't specify June of 2004, 2008, or some other year.

Fresh off re-election, Bush focused on Social Security in 2005 rather than address his failed goals from the previous year's speech. "We must pass reforms that solve the financial problems of Social Security once and for all." Nothing of substance was reformed, and no WMDs were found.

The 2006 oration tried to sway focus from Iraq by approaching energy. "America is addicted to oil, which is often imported from unstable parts of the world," Bush said. Through failed foreign policy, we seemed to be doing our best to piss off our dealer. Another year, still no WMDs.

The 2007 sermon pleaded for patience, saying, "It would not be like us to leave our promises unkept," even though that's exactly what has happened.

Which will be more full of holes, the plot for the new "Lost" season or Bush's last State of the Union?

Clinto-phobia

Maybe Republicans were right.

I am too young to vividly recall the political battles of the 1990s. My memories of the 1996 presidential election are few and nonexistent for 1992. I remember reading about the impeachment of former President Bill Clinton. Most of all, I remember feeling a dislike for Republicans. These aren't exactly mature political thoughts.

Much has been made about the visceral hatred from the Republican Party toward the Clintons. They were investigated countless times, with little result. They were loathed for any number of transgressions, and the right wing did everything in its power to undercut the Clinton presidency.

ANDREW SWIFT

Until very recently, I had considered all of this a product of the irrational, hyper-partisan streak of today's GOP. The Clintons, however, are far from saints themselves.

You see, they're doing their best to alienate many core Democrats through their misinformation — read: lying — campaign about Sen. Barack Obama. Obama, who has been praised by countless nonaligned individuals as running a clean and honest campaign, has been subjected to blithering, dishonest assaults in recent weeks.

Following Obama's massive victory in South Carolina, it remains to be seen what the Clintons have in store. There is no doubt whether they'll continue their deceptive tactics into the near future.

These are the people who brought you the infamous line, "It depends on what the definition of 'is' is." How anyone can find them trustworthy is incredible — they will do anything, or say anything, for power.

It would be an understatement to say Hillary Rodham Clinton has reinvented herself on the campaign trail. In the early stages of the campaign, she refused to apologize for her war vote — a stance that won her some respect from me. Now, she is appealing to the most left-wing elements in the Democratic Party and advocating rapid withdrawal.

Indeed, her website says she will direct the Joint Chiefs of Staff, her secretary of Defense, and her National Security Council to "draw up a clear, viable plan to bring our troops home starting with the first 60 days of her administration." Not only is this insane, but she doesn't believe it. Nothing in her record demonstrates any willingness to disown this war — a war she and her husband supported from the very beginning.

The Clintons are frustrated by Obama's performance. Bill Clinton has repeatedly snapped at reporters, and the two have both deliberately misinterpreted a statement Obama made about Ronald Reagan. Rather than argue that Clinton had been a transformative political agent similar to Reagan — which simply isn't the case — they lied and stated that Obama supported Republican ideas.

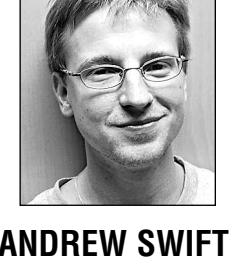
This coming from the presidency that declared the era of big government "over," and that supported the Defense of Marriage Act, and initiated "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," and that sided against labor again and again in free-trade deals.

But now they're outraged, because Obama has dared to challenge their legacy. Yes, Clinton was a tactically successful president. But anyone who argues American political ideology during the 1990s shifted away from the Republican mold either wasn't paying attention or works for the Clintons.

The Clintons have sat out the last eight years, biding their time for this moment. There have been plenty of chances to be legitimately outraged, but it seems apparent their pollsters didn't think anger at the excesses of the current administration played well politically. They care only for themselves — not for the good of the party and certainly not for the good of the country.

The presidential election this November should be a cakewalk for Democrats. The only way for Republicans to have a shot is to give them what they most want — another shot at the Clintons. If Rodham Clinton becomes the nominee, the Clinton machine will have slammed the door shut on the Democratic Party's greatest orator, most inspirational figure, and future.

I don't consider it fun when Democrats attack Democrats. Negative campaigning stinks, period — but intra-party feuds are downright disgusting. The Clintons will do anything it takes to save their legacy. But in the process, they are writing a negative future for themselves, their party, and their country. ■

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Guest Opinion

The new Middle East

In July 2006, while Lebanon was being decimated by the Israeli Air Force, and well into his sixth year in office, President Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice envisioned a "New Middle East." Rice explained the current turmoil in the Middle East as "growing pains." The perception of this administration was that peace, security, and prosperity would not be won without more bloodshed.

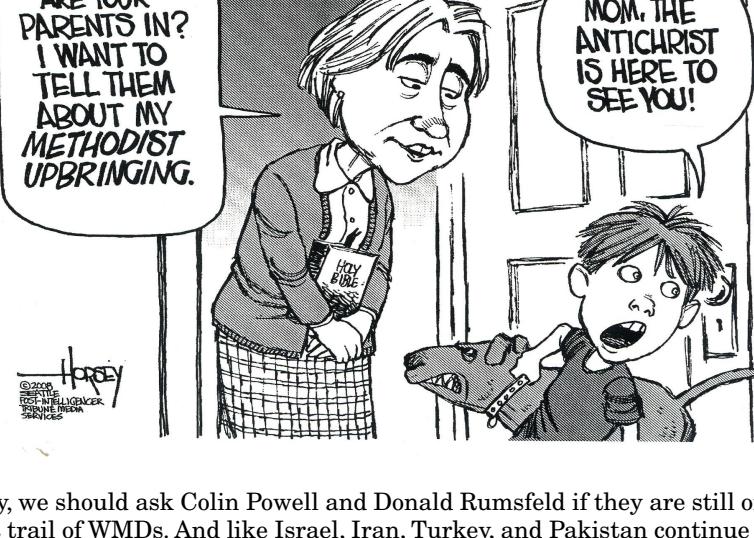
Let us look at the current Middle East and see how much further along we are. The July war of 2006 claimed 1,200 lives in Lebanon and 160 in Israel. The collective and disproportionate punishment by Israel amounted to more than \$6 billion, much of which has been picked up by the United States, Europe, and Arab countries. One and a half years later, millions of American-made cluster bombs are still scattered in the Lebanese country side, claiming innocent lives among farmers and children. The two kidnapped Israeli soldiers have not been returned. The Lebanese economy is teetering on collapse. There is still no president, and the government is divided between the majority supported by Europe and the United States and the opposition supported by Syria and Iran.

Had the United States intervened sooner in the 2006 July war on behalf of the Lebanese, our image in the Arab world would have been enhanced rather than badly tarnished. We sat on our palms, hoping the Israelis would eradicate Hezbollah. The opposition in Lebanon and parties allied with Hezbollah are stronger now than they have ever been. The rebuilding of Lebanon is far from over, but the opposition opposed to U.S. influence in the area has received much of the credit for rebuilding, and has grown even more popular.

To the south of Lebanon, Palestine (the West Bank) is in turmoil. The president, Mahmoud Abbas, and his prime minister operate out of the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip is controlled by Hamas. So much for our influence in favoring one party over the other. On Jan. 23, the Israeli-imposed stranglehold on Gaza was dismantled by the people. The barrier was brought down by the masses, and reportedly, 750,000 Palestinians have crossed into Egypt to buy necessities. The entire world except for our government has decried this incarceration imposed by Israel. The missiles fired by the Gazans should cease immediately, but Israel should stop looking for excuses for not implementing the road map for peace. Israel should stop illegal annexation of Arab territories and Jerusalem. Israel should stop illegal settlements and should provide compensation or the right of return for the Palestinian refugees it created and who have been living in U.N.-sponsored camps since 1948.

We still have nearly 150,000 troops in Iraq. Daily, we suffer casualties among our young men and women serving there in the name of the war on terror and weapons of mass destruction. To date, we have lost 4,000 soldiers, 30,000 wounded, and more than 1,000,000 Iraqis have lost their lives. By the

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way, we should ask Colin Powell and Donald Rumsfeld if they are still on the hot trail of WMDs. And like Israel, Iran, Turkey, and Pakistan continue their avid pursuit of nuclear weapons.

So much for the New Middle East and the growing pains. If this is the New Middle East, then our response to Madam Secretary is a resounding rejection. Our foreign policy is misguided and tardy. Only last week and in his last year of office did our president visit Israel and Palestine. This hot bed should have received immediate attention rather than putting it on the back burner for seven years. That is why a change in our foreign policy is badly needed. We are worse off now than we were seven years ago.

True, we cannot and should not assume responsibility for everything that goes wrong in the world. It is however incumbent on the world's only superpower to be fair, objective, and honest. Our Middle East policy so far is not. That is why our motives and intentions are suspect. We have fallen into disfavor because of our policies, not because our country is Christian, democratic, and a superpower.

— P. W. Hitchon

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On the Spot

With football over and the writers' strike still going, will you watch President Bush's last State of the Union tonight?

"No. I don't follow politics."

"Sure. Why not?"

"No. I have a class at night."

"I'm not into politics."



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Arts & Culture

today's RECIPE



EGG IN TOAST CUP WITH TOMATOES AND FETA

WHAT YOU NEED

One slice of bread
Egg
1 tsp. olive oil
cayenne pepper
salt
black pepper
5 grape tomatoes
2 oz. feta cheese

WHAT TO DO

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter muffin pan and squish one slice of bread into the muffin cup. Make sure that there are no holes or cracks or the egg with stick to the pan. Break egg into the bread cup. In a small bowl, combine olive oil with cayenne pepper, salt, and black pepper to taste. Add quartered grape tomatoes and feta cheese. Bake egg to desired done-ness, approximately six minutes for solid whites and 10 for set yolks.

And the winner should be ...

It might be easy to forget an important piece of movie news that hit Jan. 22 — the Oscar-nominations announcement. Though rightfully overshadowed by the tragic death of our man Heath, *DI* reporters Paul Sorenson and Anna Wiegenstein have recovered enough to give their thoughts on the coveted awards.



**ANNA
WIEGENSTEIN**



**PAUL
SORENSEN**

Anna: In what was an unusually strong year for film, hearts were bound to be broken by this year's nominees. But putting my own sadness that *American Gangster* was so quickly forgotten aside ...

Paul: Really, there aren't any huge surprises. Not much of my heart was broken. *No Country for Old Men* already gathered enough critical saliva to earn a must-nomination, as did *There Will Be Blood*. You have the few "unexpected" selections, meaning the "little" movie *Juno* was able to ride a late-year wave of popularity to perhaps unworthy noms. Oh well.

Anna: Let's start with our leading men. George Clooney and Daniel Day-Lewis had these nominations by their respective opening weekends. Depp gnaws the scenery enough to get attention but not enough to win the prize away from Day-Lewis.

Paul: It's going to be Day-Lewis. Clooney and Depp are handsome men, sure, but they've both been better elsewhere. The only dark horse that I'd like to ride is a Viggo Mortensen win, the single nomination for the solid, affecting *Eastern Promises*.

Anna: When it comes to the best-actress category, it

seems as though Academy voters truly slept through this one — Cate Blanchett in a reportedly terrible, definitely unnecessary sequel? Come on. Julie Christie gets a "thanks for continuing to act" nod, and anyone who walked out of *Juno* without thinking quirky-trendy star Ellen Page would get recognition needs his head checked.

Paul: I wouldn't be surprised if Ellen Page picked this up — *Juno* is nowhere near great, but it's not her performance that annoys me the most. That'd be the screenplay.

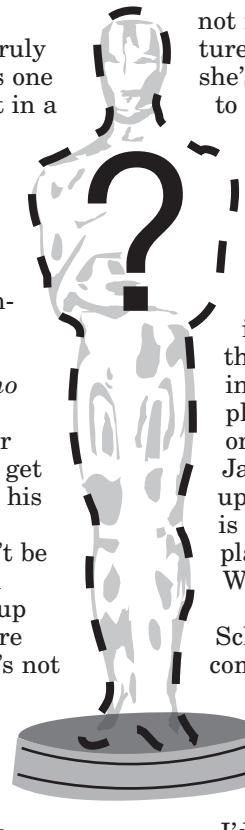
Anna: The first half-hour of *Juno* is like an endurance test — just how many quips can you take per minute? Writer Diablo Cody made such a unique, if

not necessarily deep, feature-length debut that she's almost guaranteed to walk away with the best original screenplay prize.

Paul: Yeah, *Juno* will pick up the award, though it doesn't have much competition (my pick is *Ratatouille*). It'll be the *Lost in Translation* indie-film award, but please dear God let it only get that. That Jason Reitman picked up a director nom for it is absurd, especially in place of *Atonement*'s Joe Wright.

Anna: Julian Schnabel is a strong competitor here, especially because his *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly* is largely shut out elsewhere. Still, I'd love to see Joel and Ethan Coen pick this up.

Paul: It's a toss-up between *Blood*'s Paul Thomas Anderson and the Coen brothers, just



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like (I pray) best picture is, too.

Anna: For as masterful a flick as *No Country* is, it's also dark, dark, dark, and the shiny-happiness of *Juno* could present a real threat. I'd love to see the Coens get the night's biggest honor, but I'm bracing myself for an upset by this year's "little indie" that could.

Paul: I have a feeling that *Blood* will be my favorite of the year, even though I have yet to consume it (thanks, Marcus Theatres, for sucking here). But *No Country* now holds my heart's No. 1, so no tears if it picks up the big one. My deepest fears tell me that it could split that competent Academy vote, giving *Juno* an unfortunate win — a teenage accident that wouldn't have a happy ending for the film world.

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Rambo is back with Violence of the Hams

John Rambo is back, leaving the plot at home in exchange for more ammunition.



REVIEWS

by Jarrett Hothan

Rambo

Where:

Sycamore 12, Coral Ridge 10
When:

12:35 2:45 4:55 7:05 9:15

12:50 3:10 5:20 7:50 10:00

★★ out of ★★★★

Head exploding! Leg exploding! Everything exploding! If I already have your undivided attention, you will probably enjoy *Rambo*. The movie fulfills the ever-increasing bloodshed that has grown along with the franchise's success, yet can barely piece together a story sturdy enough to hang a machete on.

For those poor souls who tend to avoid movies that utilize head explosions as opposed to "dialogue" and "emotions," the *Rambo* series has been Sylvester Stallone's counter *Rocky* Balboa since the early '80s — a cold, almost expressionless killing machine. These attributes definitely allow Sly to exist within his "comfort zone" as an "actor." Writer David Morrell, a former

UI English professor, created the character John Rambo in the novel *First Blood*. A Vietnam War veteran, suffering from posttraumatic stress disorder, is having trouble coping with societal norms upon his return to America. In the first three installments of the film franchise, we see Rambo dispose of police officers in the Washington wilderness, return to Vietnam to search for American POWs, and finally battle Soviets in Afghanistan.

The latest chapter, titled *Rambo* (a welcome simplicity over prospective titles like *Rambo IV: In the Serpent's Eye*) finds Rambo asked to rescue a group of Christian missionaries from the Burmese army's

clutches with the help of a talented team of mercenaries. The Burmese army is super mean, too, and the soldiers smoke cigarettes. The Christian missionaries are really nice and don't smoke cigarettes. That's pretty much the gist of it, the lack of plot complexity allowing the viewer to concentrate on hand-to-popcorn coordination and focus on anticipating the next head explosion.

If you didn't get the idea by now, the movie is extremely

violent. It far surpasses *Rambo III*'s 1990 *Guinness Book of Records* title for most violent movie ever, outdoing its predecessor 236 kills to 132, according to a *Los Angeles Times' Rambo Kill Chart*. That factors out to be 2.59 kills per minute, an astounding statistic even in a film era saturated with Eli Roth violent-to-the-point-of-pornography hackery.

Even though these stats are as synonymous to the Rambo name as touchdowns are to Tom Brady

or a double-double is to Kevin Garnett, it still gets to be a little too much. An orgiastic end battle scene is so saturated with slaying that it is almost puzzling to watch. Are these the good guys or the bad guys exploding? Where did all these soldiers come from? What's going on? Where are my Sour Patch Kids? At the end of the day, you just have to ask yourself, "Does it really matter?"

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- *Iowa Communications Network Broadcast*
Wednesday, January 30, 1-2 pm, Hancher Auditorium
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TRACK

Male tracksters please coach

The Iowa men's track team over the weekend was once again led by junior thrower

John Hickey, who had yet another shot-put-winning, NCAA provisionally qualifying toss of 61 feet from his second

victory in as many tries.

As a team, the Hawkeyes took 13 top-three finishes in the Jack Johnson Classic on Jan. 25-26 in Minneapolis, improving from last weekend in the mind of head coach Larry Wieczorek.

"I felt a lot better about this weekend than I did last weekend," he said. "I think we did a lot of good things and competed real well, and real scrappy, and real tough."

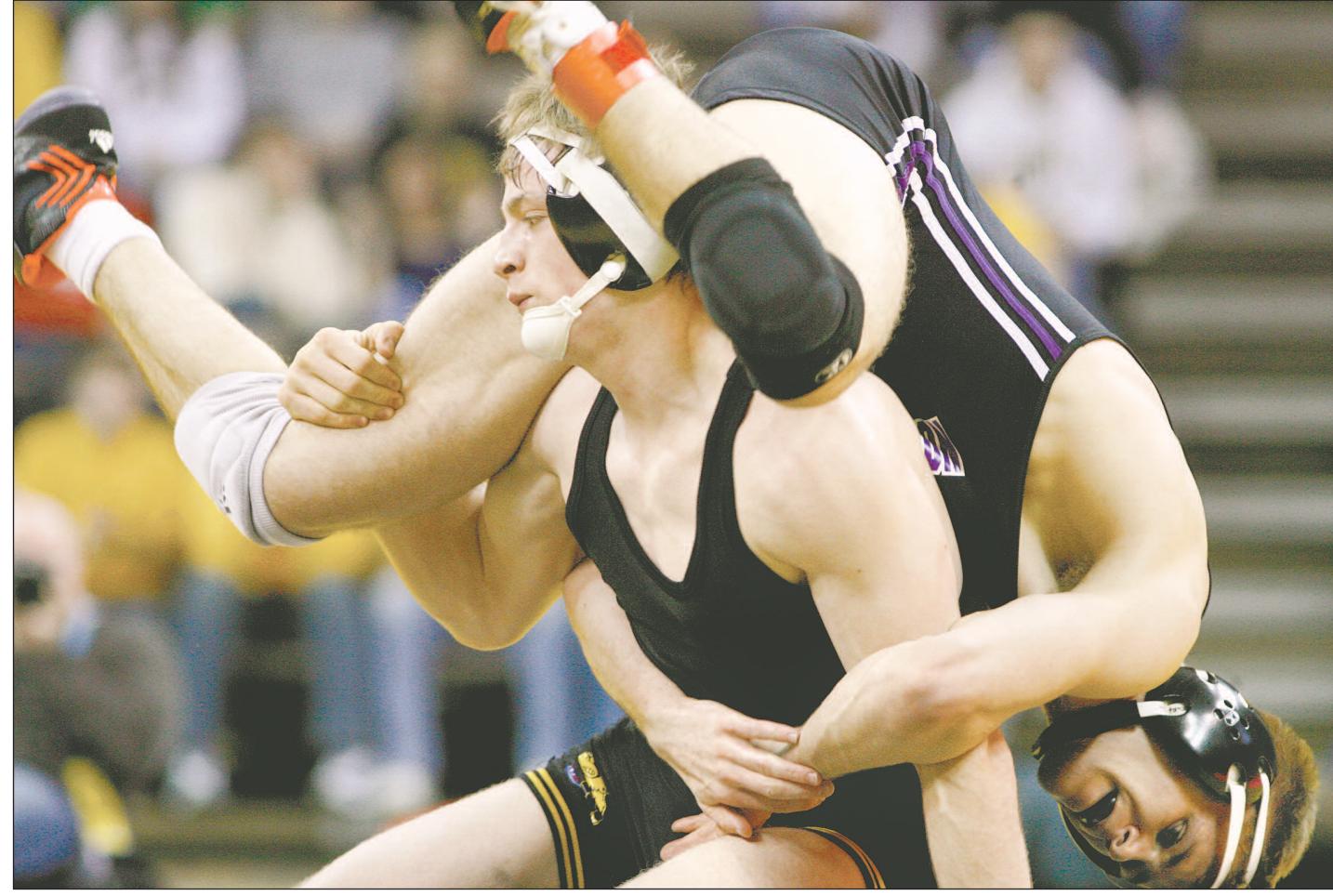
In addition to Hickey's win, sophomore Paul Chaney took the 200 meters in 22.09, freshman Chris Barton ran 49.59 in the 400, and junior Matt Gorman soared 23-3 1/2 in the long jump.

"I think we really accomplished our big picture goal for this weekend," Wieczorek said. "Everybody controlling his effort and his attitude and giving a great effort, and I think that's what we did."

— by Alex Johnson

IOWA 22, NORTHWESTERN 13

Slow start, but Hawks win



Julie Brayton/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Jay Borschel defeats Northwestern's Nick Hayes at 174 pounds during Sunday's dual meet in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The No. 1 Hawkeyes defeated 10th-ranked Northwestern, 22-13.

Hawks struggle, then rebound

Freshman Aaron Janssen gave fans something to cheer about as No. 1 Iowa edges No. 10 Northwestern, 22-13

By Ryan Young
 THE DAILY IOWAN

After learning he would take the place of Mark Perry, who has undergone surgery, Iowa freshman Aaron Janssen said he wanted to provide fans a show in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

And in the absence of the defending national champion, the 165-pounder gave the

Hawkeye wrestling faithful exactly what he desired to deliver during Iowa's 22-13 win over No. 10 Northwestern on Sunday night in Iowa City.

Though, it wasn't the type of entertainment he had hoped to display given the opportunity to enter the lineup.

Scoring just one takedown, and two escapes while awarded a stalling point, Janssen grappled defensively through the

first two periods. Not until the final 30 seconds did Janssen shoot for the takedown to tie his match, 5-5.

But after struggling to ride out the clock while dangling from Dominic Marella's back, the crafty Wildcat made a reversal with two seconds remaining to defeat Janssen, 7-5.

"I got the takedown, a couple escapes, but when I got that final takedown in the last few

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seconds, I don't know what the heck was going on — my body felt weak," said Janssen, who noted he had been working with a strength coach all week. "I felt good, you know? I came in with the mindset that I'm going to win, but the kid got the better of me, I guess."

SEE WRESTLING, 3B

ERIC MANDEL

A 22-13 win against the No. 10 team in the country with Mark Perry in street clothes looks like a nice victory on paper. But don't let that score fool you.

Through five matches, the Hawkeye wrestlers looked stale. They looked as if they were not ready for a battle. They didn't look like the No. 1 team in the country.

Taking nothing away from the feisty 10th-ranked Wildcats squad, but the Hawkeyes just didn't wrestle to their abilities.

"The bottom line is you get the team ready to wrestle," said head coach Tom Brands. "We don't need to tell our guys to pick it up with Perry out of the lineup, we just have to get them to put the nail in the coffin, so to speak."

SEE COMMENTARY, 3B

Hot Solverson sparks Hawks

The Hawkeyes' poor-shooting first half doesn't keep Johanna Solverson from lifting them in a crucial victory.

By Diane Hendrickson
 THE DAILY IOWAN

With her team locked in a battle for second place in the Big Ten and struggling to score from the start, Johanna Solverson played the game of her career in the 66-61 victory over Michigan.

The sixth-year senior, who missed the past two seasons because of ACL tears, kept an otherwise icy Iowa squad close to the Wolverines in the first period. With the Hawkeyes trailing 10-4, Solverson intercepted a pass and made a layup at the other end, breaking a four-minute scoring drought.

The next possession, her 3 made it a one-point game.

A 15-point outburst over the next seven minutes put the Hawkeyes up by three at 19-16. No other Iowa players scored during that period, until a Kristi Smith 3 with 3:11 left.

"Johanna kept us in the game that first half," said forward Wendy Ausdemore. The Hawkeyes went into the locker room trailing by one.

In the second half, Smith and Ausdemore, who had a combined five points at the intermission, added to the attack, eventually finishing with 12 and 11 points.

And Solverson continued to terrorize the Wolverines, who shut down Iowa's inside game but had no answer for the Lake Zurich, Ill., native.

"She's 6-2," said Michigan coach Kevin Borseth, who said his defense collapsed against Solverson. "She can shoot."

SEE SOLVERSON, 3B

IOWA 66, MICHIGAN 61

4 straight for Hawks

Thanks to senior Johanna Solverson's career-high 28 points, the Iowa women's basketball team extended its winning streak to four Sunday.

By Brendan Stiles
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Last week, Iowa women's basketball coach Lisa Bluder was grateful that because of the Big Ten's decision to add two games to the conference slate, her squad would get a second crack at Michigan.

The Hawkeyes took advantage of the opportunity and defeated the Wolverines at home, 66-61, on Sunday. It was the fourth-straight win for Iowa and the third in seven days.

The victory also kept the Hawkeyes in a three-way tie for second place in the Big Ten at 6-3, which could possibly be a four-way tie for first if Penn State pulls a shocker in Columbus, Ohio, tonight.

"Winning feels good no matter what," Bluder said. "But when you can do it for a couple of weeks in a row, that sustained action is really nice."

Leading the way for Iowa was sixth-year senior Johanna Solverson, who scored a career-high 28 points, including a



Peter Klopferstein/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Johanna Solverson goes up for a shot against Michigan on Sunday in Carver-Hawkeye. Solverson scored a career-high 28 points and led the Hawkeyes to their fourth-straight victory.

Solverson stamps Iowa win

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	Conference	All Games	
	W	L	Pct.
Indiana	6	0	.000
Michigan St.	6	1	.857
Wisconsin	6	1	.857
Purdue	6	1	.857
Ohio St.	5	2	.714
Iowa	3	5	.375
Minnesota	2	4	.333
Penn St.	2	5	.286
Illinois	2	6	.250
Michigan	1	7	.125
Northwestern	0	7	.000
Saturday's Games			
Iowa 64, Penn State 49			
Purdue 60, Wisconsin 56			
Connecticut 68, Indiana 63			
Ohio State 76, Minnesota 60			
Sunday's Games			
Michigan State 77, Michigan 62			
Illinois 70 Northwestern 37			
Tuesday's Game			
Ohio State at Penn State, 6 p.m.			
Wednesday's Games			
Iowa at Purdue, 6 p.m.			
Texas-Pan American at Northwestern, 7 p.m.			
Illinois at Michigan State, 8 p.m.			
Thursday's Games			
Minnesota at Michigan, 6 p.m.			
Indiana at Wisconsin, 8 p.m.			
Saturday's Games			
Ohio State at Iowa, 5:05 p.m.			
Purdue at Illinois, 2:30 p.m.			
Michigan State at Penn State, 7 p.m.			
Sunday's Games			
Northwestern at Indiana, 11 a.m.			
Wisconsin at Minnesota, 1 p.m.			

Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Los Angeles at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
San Jose at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

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Orlando	28	18	.609	—
Washington	23	19	.548	3
Atlanta	18	22	.450	7
Charlotte	17	27	.386	10
Miami	9	33	.214	17
Central	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit	31	13	.705	—
Cleveland	24	19	.558	6%
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Milwaukee	18	27	.400	13%
Chicago	17	26	.395	13%
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Utah	26	18	.591	½
Seattle	9	35	.205	17%
Minnesota	8	35	.186	18%
Pacific	W	L	Pct.	GB
Phoenix	33	15	.711	—
L.A. Lakers	27	15	.643	3½
Golden State	27	18	.600	5
Sacramento	19	24	.442	12
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Sunday's Games				
Phoenix 88, Chicago 77				
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Cleveland 94, L.A. Lakers 95				
Portland 94, Atlanta 93				
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Denver at New Orleans, 7 p.m.				
San Antonio at Utah, 8 p.m.				
Charlotte at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.				

Sunday's Games

Iowa 64, Michigan 61

Minnesota 81, Michigan State 69

Purdue 71, Illinois 59

Wisconsin 75, Northwestern 45

Today's Game

Ohio State at Penn State, 6 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Iowa at Northwestern, 8 p.m.

Minnesota at Purdue, 6 p.m.

Michigan at Michigan State, 6 p.m.

Wisconsin at Indiana, 6 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Indiana at Iowa, 1:05 p.m.

Wisconsin at Penn State, 1 p.m.

Purdue at Northwestern, 2 p.m.

Minnesota at Ohio State, 3 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

	Eastern Conference	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
New Jersey	28	18	3	59	125	115	
Philadelphia	27	16	5	59	128	130	
Pittsburgh	27	18	4	58	143	133	
N.Y. Islanders	24	20	6	54	124	141	
N.Y. Rangers	24	21	5	54	124	129	
Northeast	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Ottawa	31	15	4	66	174	145	
Montreal	26	15	8	60	154	136	
Boston	25	19	5	55	129	133	
Buffalo	21	21	6	48	142	139	
Toronto	20	23	8	48	142	164	
Southeast	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Carolina	24	24	4	52	158	170	
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Pacific	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Dallas	28	20	5	61	154	138	
San Jose	27	15	7	61	129	119	
Anaheim	27	20	6	60	135	137	
Phoenix	26	21	2	54	135	134	
Los Angeles	20	29	2	42	143	169	

TRANSACTIONS

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL—Finer New England NT Vince Wilfork \$5,000

for unnecessary roughness during the AFC championship game.

ATLANTA FALCONS—Named Terry Robiskie

receivers coach, Ray Hamilton defensive line coach,

Gerald Brown running backs coach and Glenn

Thomas offensive quality control coach.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Promoted Scott

Campbell to director of player personnel.

Canadian Football League

MONTRÉAL ALOUETTES—Signed RB Avon

Cobourne. Signed DB Randee Drew to a contract

extension.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled F Daniel Carillo

and D Matt Jones from San Antonio (AHL).

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Claimed F Kris Beech

off waivers from Washington.

COLLEGE

TEMPLE—Named Matt Rhule offensive coordinator

and Andrew Dees defensive line coach.

VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH—Named Mike Harris

assistant athletic director for communications.

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No. 1 Iowa rallies

WRESTLING

CONTINUED FROM 1B

Likewise, it was a less-thanideal start for the Hawkeyes, who lost the opening 197-pound and heavyweight bouts.

Facing No. 4 ranked Wildcat Mike Tamillow, Iowa sophomore Chad Beatty lost a 12-3 major decision before Hawkeye 285-pounder Matt Fields lost for the sixth-straight time against longtime nemesis Dustin Fox — the No. 1 ranked heavyweight in the nation.

Afterwards, the Hawkeyes managed a pair of decisions at both 125 and 133 pounds.

All-American Charlie Falck scored a last-second takedown to secure a 5-3 victory at 125 pounds and sophomore Joe Slatton brought the Hawkeyes within one point after notching a 11-6 win over Northwestern's Eric Metzler.

Then, 141-pounder Dan LeClere dropped a 10-3 decision before sophomore Brent Metcalf managed bonus points in his match against No. 4 ranked 149-pounder Ryan Lang, which tied the score at 10.

But it wasn't the type of

No. 1 Iowa 22, No. 10 Northwestern 13

197 — Mike Tamillow (NW) major dec. Chad Beatty, 12-3
Hwt. — Dustin Fox (NW) dec. Matt Fields, 2-1
125 — Charlie Falck (UI) dec. Brandon Precin, 5-3
133 — Joe Slatton (UI) dec. Eric Metzler, 11-6
141 — Keith Sulzer (NW) dec. Dan LeClere, 10-3
149 — Brent Metcalf (UI) major dec. Ryan Lang, 12-3
157 — Ryan Morningstar (UI) dec. Andrew Nahid, 6-4
165 — Dominic Marella (NW) dec. Aaron Janssen, 7-5
174 — Jay Borschel (UI) dec. Nick Hayes, 3-1
184 — Phillip Keddy (UI) pinned Adil Kolovic, 1:58

beginning Iowa coach Tom Brands envisioned having won the NWCA/Cliff Keen National Duals and recently defeating No. 7 Penn State handily.

"All we can say is we beat Northwestern, 22-13. That's all we can say," Brands said. "We've given [the Iowa wrestlers] enough excuses or reasons to be sloppy and put it on [the coaching staff]. I'm not doing it tonight."

"I want them to start pointing some fingers internally."

Sophomore Ryan Morningstar also had troubles with Wildcat freshman Andrew Nahid at 157 pounds.

Morningstar earned a 6-4 victory after scoring an escape and riding time.

Fellow sophomore Jay Borschel also edged out a victory, defeating Northwestern's Nick Hayes, 3-1, to put Iowa ahead, 16-13.

But facing a potential upset situation, 184-pounder Phillip Keddy seized the victory for the Hawkeyes with a pin in 1:58.

Still, his electrifyingly swift triumph didn't make up for the lethargic performance his Iowa teammates put together.

"I think the guys were ready to go for tonight, but I don't really know what it is. It's kind of a long day, these 7 o'clock matches," Metcalf said. "We just got to get guys consistent, you know?"

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Metcalf leads Hawks

COMMENTARY

CONTINUED FROM 1B

With Iowa's ever-troublsome 197-pound weight class coming quickly and ending poorly, the Hawkeyes looked for a strong showing from heavyweight Matt Fields, but one was nowhere to be found.

FIELDS dropped his sixth-straight match against top-ranked Dustin Fox without issuing a shot in the final 40-some seconds, all while trailing by just a single point. Then ninth-ranked Hawkeye Dan LeClere then fell to unranked Keith Sulzer, and Iowa officially had zero momentum.

That is, until Brent Metcalf stepped up with the proverbial mallet.

"I don't know if I'm looked to; I take it upon myself," Metcalf said about his role as the go-to guy for bonus points. "I like to go out, and get our crowd sparked, and get our team sparked, and get us going again. Yeah, I'll take that responsibility; that's fine with me."

With the team trailing 10-6, the 149-pounder took on fourth-ranked Ryan Lang in front of a stunned crowd. No doubt the match of the day, Metcalf found himself down 1-0 against the beach-blond battler.

Then the flurry began.

Despite the lead, Lang went inside to try to throw Metcalf, but the Davison, Mich., native ducked the attempt and took Lang to his back.

The score read 7-2 in a heartbeat, and Metcalf turned the slugfest into a slaughter and seemed primed for the Hawkeyes' first major decision of the night — all this coming against one of the premier wrestlers in the nation.

With or without Perry, Brands stressed the need for 10 guys to show up.

"[Metcalf's] the leader," the coach said. "We're asking a lot out of him, though. Every week are you going to ask that out of him? I mean, he's got [Minnesota's Dustin] Schlatter on Friday night. Are we going to need a major decision from Metcalf and a pin from [Phil] Keddy to win that dual meet?

"I don't think so."

Three of the four ensuing matches came up with W's after Metcalf's effort, with Aaron Janssen nearly riding the wave for his first win at Carver after a jitter-filled showing last weekend against Penn State.

And while Keddy dropped Adil Kolovic to finish the burial, those at Carver saw the first nail come where it usually does — in Metcalf's match.

"It's always helpful to go

out and do what he does best and have him go in front of me," said Ryan Morningstar, who followed Metcalf's lead with a 6-4 victory. "I need to use it more maybe as motivation; I need to worry about myself, too."

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Sports

Hawk men pound N. Illinois



Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan
Iowa's J.P. Ritchie returns the ball to Northern Illinois' Alex Friesen at the men's tennis season-opener on Jan. 26. Ritchie defeated Friesen in the singles match (6-2, 6-3) at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Center.

By Bobby Loesch
THE DAILY IOWAN

Flying out of the gates at a full sprint, the Iowa men's tennis team opened its spring season in style by mercilessly pummeling Northern Illinois into submission.

The only thing separating the Hawkeyes (1-0) between a sweep and its eventual 6-1 victory was the right thumb of No. 4 singles player Reinoud Haal. The sophomore won the first set of his match but retired because of injury.

Battling through some highly contested rallies, Iowa took two of the three doubles matches to secure the point heading into singles.

"In doubles, it was a case of some nerves," said Iowa head coach Steve Houghton. "It was a little shaky."

Houghton's players agreed.

"Even as a senior, I was kind of nervous," said No. 1 singles player Bart van Monsjou. "But we picked it up, and that's what you're supposed to do against teams you're supposed to beat."

Fortunately for the Hawkeyes, that shakiness didn't carry over into singles play.

Christian Bierich got the ball rolling with a 6-2, 6-1 victory in the No. 3 spot, and sophomore Tommy McGeorge followed suit with a 6-2, 6-1 win of his own at No. 5. With a

year's experience, opening day came a little easier for him this time around.

"Last year, I came to the match just so nervous, wanting to win so badly and prove myself as a freshman, but I got too tentative," he said. "Today, I came out with a much more aggressive mindset."

J.P. Ritchie put the meet away for Iowa with a blend of power and silky smooth strokes that enabled him to dispose of Alex Friesen in straight sets (6-2, 6-3). At points, the fiery senior made it look effortless, as he seemingly never took his foot off the pedal.

Not surprisingly, the best tennis was played in the No. 1 singles spot. Van Monsjou, who lost to Northern Illinois' Brian Livingston by a 6-2, 6-2 score last year, avenged the defeat with a

convincing 6-4, 6-2 victory.

"It was all preparation," van Monsjou said. "Last year, I didn't play as much as I did this winter break. I knew this was going to be my final season, so I was really pumped to play. This time, I knew I wanted to beat this guy so badly."

And it showed. The typically laid-back senior got into a few mild exchanges over calls with Livingston, but he was able to maintain his focus en route to a straight-set victory.

In the meet's last full match, Gregory Holm took out Diego Zegarra-Ballón (6-2, 6-3) to give the Hawkeyes a 6-1 lead before Haal's eventual forfeit.

While the Hawkeyes know they didn't play perfectly, the appreciation of the solid victory was evident.

"It was very decisive matches, up

and down the line," Houghton said. "After we won our first set, in general, we just continued to pound guys, which is something we've done sporadically in the past."

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HAWKEYE SPORTS

AquaHawks fall

The Iowa men's and women's swimming and diving team returned to Iowa City after a tough trip to Columbia, Mo., on Jan. 26.

The men lost to 19th-ranked Missouri, 183-117,

while the women lost to the 18th-ranked Tigers (156-86) and Kansas (144-89). The losses drop the men's record to 3-4 and the women's to 4-7.

Both teams were down a few swimmers because of a number of reasons, including red-

shirting, graduation, and injuries.

"Overall, being short-handed, I thought we

were racing well," AquaHawk head coach Marc Long said. "Obviously, we're never happy after losses, but we raced hard."

Freshman Conor Dwyer had a career day

against the Tigers, winning three individual

events and anchoring a win in the 400-freestyle

relay. He set career-best times in winning the 100 (45.97) and 200 freestyle (1:38.93), along with a victory in the 500 freestyle (4:38.86).

"That's an amazing job against tough competition," Long said.

Overall, the Hawkeye men won five of 14 events.

For the women, junior Alison Gschwend won the 200 backstroke with a career-best time of 2:02.07.

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— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): No one is going to come to your rescue, so face the facts, and plan your strategy. You've always been able to pull things together, and now is no exception. You are quick to react, and you like to be in control, so get on with it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You've got what you need to move forward. You can expand your ideas and seek out information that will help you go further. Distance yourself from the people who have become your biggest burdens.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Consider what you want to do with your life, and pursue it. A move or professional change is feasible. If you are unique, the more interest you will get, so don't be afraid to be different. A favorable response is likely.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You've got some great ideas that you must expand on. A trip will pay off. Someone may lean on you for help; don't let it cost you. Listen to complaints, and you will resolve emotional issues. Children may be difficult to handle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Do whatever you can to raise the value of your assets. Change things at home so you are happier with your surroundings. A professional change is possible, and a good résumé will lead to a better position.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Lighten up and have some fun. You'll be surprised by the caliber of people you meet if you put more entertainment hours into your busy schedule. A change in your status is looking positive. It's time to mix business with pleasure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take part in something unusual, and you will pick up valuable information. Travel — visit somewhere you have never been. You can take on any challenge and win.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Personal problems will hold you back. Deal with matters that will help you advance professionally. As soon as you give in to someone else's idea or way of doing things, you will lose ground.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Set the standard, and follow your own path even if someone wants to sabotage your ideas or change your course of action. Use your imagination, come up with original ideas, and you will confuse whoever tries to take over.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Money is in the picture, and gains can be made, so don't hold back. Collect old debts, invest, talk about plans, and set up meetings. Be careful not to let your personal life interfere with your progress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You've got the talent and the tenacity to get what you want. Once your plans are in place, you can finish what you start. A new deal is looking very positive, and if you use your ingenuity, you can get some additional perks.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Get rid of the stress in your life by making the changes necessary to help you build a solid base. Set up a budget. A job opening is apparent, but if you don't ask around or search the classified ads, you will miss out.

“We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now.”

— Martin Luther King Jr.

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ANDREW R. JUHL

A few notable *Playboy* Playmates of the Month

• **Marina Baker** (March 1987) became a journalist, then a children's book author, and then an English politician, holding several important posts in Brighton (near Sussex) — proving that Americans aren't the only people on Earth inclined to put huge boobs in important political offices.

• **Bebe Buell** (November 1974) is the mother of Liv Tyler and is famous for being somewhat of a ... um ... “groupie.” Let me put it this way: Eric Clapton has been in only about a 10th as many bands as have been in Bebe Buell.

• **Carmella DeCesare** (April 2003) married Jeff Garcia, quarterback for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Man, those signing bonuses just keep getting better and better ...

• **Shanna Moakler** (December 2001) starred in the USA Network's television series “Pacific Blue,” married former blink-182 drummer Travis Barker, had an illegitimate daughter with boxer Oscar de la Hoya, and probably did various other things that would be considered misdemeanors if I had my druthers.

• **Shannon Tweed** (November 1981) has been living happily with KISS co-founder Gene Simmons' tongue for the last 23 years.

• **Pamela Anderson** (February 1990) is a Canadian-born actress and former model for Labatt's. I had a hard time uncovering more information about this woman, as all conceivable Internet search permutations returned very few results.

— Andrew R. Juhl reads *Playboy* for all the well-written articles ... about naked women. E-mail him at: andrew.juhl@uiowa.edu.

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Some UI students from the Global Health Club enjoy dinner together at the Human Rights Potluck Dinner Sunday night at the Latino Native American Cultural Center. The potluck was part of Human Rights Week. It was sponsored by the Global Health Club, the College of Public Health Student Association, and the UI Center for Human Rights.

today's events

Want to see your super special event appear here? Simply e-mail the name, time, date, and location information to: dailyiowan@uiowa.edu.

• **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn

• **Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Week: Moving Forward Together Series**,

5:30-7 p.m., John Pappajohn Business Building Rm. W401

• **Auditions for A Delicate Balance**, by Edward Albee, 7 p.m., Robert A. Lee Recreation Center, 220 S. Gilbert

• “What is a Tree?” Analog Meets Digital/Art

Meets Math, 7 p.m., 116 Art Building West

• **UI Lecture Series, “The Battle for the Pentagon Papers,” Daniel Ellsberg**, 7:30 p.m., Hancher Auditorium

• **Jam with Kalimba Man and Iowa City Drum Circle**, with Nora Garda, 8-9:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26, E. Market

• **Open Mike with Jay Knight**, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington

• **Blues Jam**, 9:30 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

• **Free Pool**, 10 p.m.-midnight, Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville

• **UI Wellness Week Open House, Yoga and Pilates Classes, FREE drop-in classes**, times, and class schedules listed on website, Field House ONGOING

• **A Community of Writers: Creative Writing at the UI**, Old Capitol Museum

• **Angela Carlson: It's Cheaper than Therapy**, Bella Joli, 125 S. Dubuque

• **Delores De Wilde Bina**, UIHC eighth-floor Patient and Visitor's Activity Center Gallery No. 1

• **Depicting Legends, Art Strong**, Chait Galleries Downtown, 218 E. Washington

• **5 Women in Pastel**, Madeline Roemig Bendorf, Susan Coleman, Ruth Muir, Marcia Wegman, and Beppie Weiss, Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington

• **Greg Fuqua**, UIHC Patient and Visitor's Activity Center Gallery No. 3

• **Iowa's Space Explorer: James Van Allen**, Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum, 210 Parkside Drive, West Branch

• **It Starts With a Line**, John Schirmer, Phil Lichtenhan, Mary Merkel-Hess, and Cathy Patterson, Chait Galleries Downtown

• **Jordan Acker Anderson**, UIHC Patient and Visitor's Activity Center Gallery No. 2

• **Recent Ceramics: Jason Hess and Karl Borgeson**, AKAR Architecture and Design, 257 Iowa Ave.

• **Suzanne B. Aunan**, Iowa State Bank & Trust, 102 S. Clinton

• **William Blake at 250**, Main Library north lobby

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