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Students gather to watch election results and root for their favorite candidates.

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UI juniors and John McCain supporters Sarah Milani (left), Katherine Morrison (center), and Angie Kudron await results from the Super Tuesday contests at the IMU Hawkeye on Tuesday. The event, sponsored by both the UI College Republicans and the UI Democrats, brought together students from both parties to observe the results of 24 primaries and caucuses that took place across the country.

By Christopher Patton
THE DAILY IOWAN

08 ELECTION COVERAGE

As snow fell outside, the level of excitement rose throughout the evening among the UI students gathered in the IMU to watch news coverage of the Super Tuesday primaries and caucuses.

Members of the UI Republican and Democratic student organizations sat together around a big-screen TV as results came in from the 24 states that voted on Tuesday.

Atul Nakhasi, the president of the UI Democrats, said the bipartisan event was unusual. "Getting together like this is only possible because it's not the Democrats versus the Republicans, but it's still intraparty fights that we're trying to resolve," he said. "Don't expect it to be like this after March."

Given that the primary contests have remained

competitive longer than most students have seen before, Nakhasi said he wouldn't be surprised if the race to the White House remains in an ambiguous state even after all of Tuesday's votes are counted. However, the UI junior seemed to be enjoying the drawn-out process as he basked in the pure political gamesmanship of it all and talked excitedly about the upcoming primaries in such states as Ohio, Texas, and Pennsylvania.

Though he personally

caucused for Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., Nakhasi said, his ultimate goal as head of the UI Democrats is to mobilize students behind the Democratic nominee, regardless of who it might be. The diversity of opinion within the organization was on display as several students wore pins for their candidates, including Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., and even Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., who has dropped out of the race.

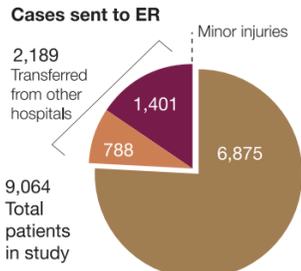
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UIHC ER getting crowded

Some community hospitals are a little too zealous about sending their emergency patients to bigger hospitals, according to a study of more than 9,000 patient visits.

Larger hospitals inundated with patients

According to a recent study published by the *Journal of the American College Surgeons*, not all the cases that go to trauma centers should be there. One possible contributing factor could be a relative lack of compensation for emergency-care physicians.



Source: *Journal of the American College Surgeons*

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By Zhi Xiong
THE DAILY IOWAN

Thirty years ago, the UI Hospitals and Clinics emergency room was built to hold 20,000 patients each year. Last year, 42,000 visits passed through the ER. As one of Iowa's two level-one trauma centers, it is meant to handle the toughest cases from 115 other hospitals. But perhaps not all cases that go to those trauma centers should be there, according to a

recent study published in the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons*. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services found that more than 84 percent of Americans can get to a level one or two trauma center within an hour. Major trauma centers get flooded with patients transferred from community hospitals — many with only minor injuries, the study found.

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Ruling may affect suits

Supreme Court decision could affect contractors

See Daily Iowan TV at dailyiowan.com to learn more about the ruling that will allow homeowners to sue contractors who worked on their house before they bought it.

By Kelli Shaffner
THE DAILY IOWAN

Although Iowa City home-builders may be slightly more immune to customer lawsuits because of quicker realty turnover, this advantage could be fleeting because of a recent decision made by the Iowa Supreme Court.

A Feb. 1 ruling enables second- or third-generation homebuyers to sue the original home contractors for problems. The case stemmed from a Clive, Iowa, couple's lawsuit against the builder of their previously owned home — instead of against the first owners of the home — for water damage.

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The trek to Mecca

By Brian Stewart
THE DAILY IOWAN

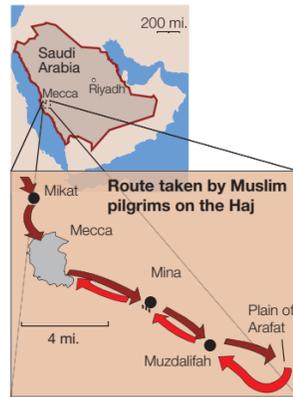
For UI alum John Aminzay, his first haj to Mecca, a religious journey that all capable Muslims are expected to make at least once in their lifetimes, was an overwhelming experience.

"When you see the haj today, this is what people from all over the world are doing," he said. "It's not an Arab thing, it's not a black thing or a white thing, it's everybody, literally."

SEE MECCA, 3A

Path of the haj

The haj is a Muslim pilgrimage that is conducted every year. This year, it took place from Dec. 18-23. All able-bodied Muslims who can afford to do so are obligated to carry out the pilgrimage at least once in their lifetimes.



Source: csmnitor.com

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Local Red Cross not hurt by national woes

The Red Cross headquarters plans to lay off more than 1,000 employees, but a local office expects an upside.

By Carla Keppler
THE DAILY IOWAN

With a \$200 million budget deficit staring it in the face at the beginning of the new year, the American Red Cross opted to lay off approximately 1,000 employees at its national headquarters.

But the layoffs may result in benefits at the local level, said Jennifer Packer, the regional director of communications at the Grant Wood chapter of the Red Cross.

"The Red Cross is working on plans to be more cost-effective and still deliver community service," she said. "Its plan is to really focus on people in the field — just like our Grant Wood chapter. The reeducation could be good thing locally."

A recent article in *The Chronicle of Philanthropy* suggested "lazy" fundraising, staffing issues, and misallocation of money as possible explanations for the deficit.

Red Cross sees national cutbacks

Watch Daily Iowan TV at dailyiowan.com to find out more about how the changes could help area chapters.

National spokeswoman Carrie Martin said there was not one specific reason for the money shortage, but a fundraising decline in recent years was a particular problem for the disaster-relief organization.

Though funds at the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City offices are stable, Packer said, collecting donations is a constant challenge at both the local and national level.

"We can't just run on nothing," she said, adding that the Grant Wood office seeks donations from the local community regularly to avoid running up a deficit.

"We're a child of the national organization," Packer said. "But



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Debris lie strewn about Iowa Avenue on April 14, 2006, the day after a tornado hit major parts of Iowa City.

we focus on the local—on being neighbors helping neighbors."

In addition to the lack of monetary donations, Martin said, various spending decisions proved to be financially unsustainable over the long term, and the organization required restructuring.

The primary reason for change, she said, is to reinvigorate the organization and focus support on local chapters where

the organization's service is actively delivered.

Susan Shullaw, the vice president of communications and campaign support for the UI Foundation, said the plan of the Red Cross made "perfect sense." In her opinion, it is important to maintain stability in funding in order to respond to emergencies.

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Council defers inspection plan

By Kayla Kelley
THE DAILY IOWAN

Despite winter-storm conditions, the Iowa City Council met for the second consecutive week and focused on changes in the housing-inspection process.

At the councilors' Monday work session, housing and inspection officials presented the council with a resolution that would increase the price of housing inspections and put them on a two-year cycle, instead of the current three-year cycle.

Doug Bootroy, the director of housing and inspection services, and Norm Cate, the senior housing inspector, spoke to the council about the changes. They said the inspection team is more

efficient because of technology advances, allowing employees to maintain their current costs despite the proposed uptick in the number of inspections.

They also told the council the changes would only end up being a 9 percent increase in the inspection rate charged to businesses over a two-year period—a lower rate jump than any given in the past six years.

The increases were proposed to help relieve a \$54,000 housing-inspection department deficit and deal with such problems as over-occupancy and nuisance complaints, Bootroy said.

While housing-inspection officials told the council rates will only increase by 9 percent, landlords says the real increase is between 50 and 66 percent.

Charlie Eastham, a landlord

who is part of the Greater Iowa Housing Fellowship, told the council his expenses would increase from \$3,706 to \$6,142 for his 140 units.

The councilors agreed that requiring the inspections to be done every two years is a safe move and would enhance rental properties in the Iowa City area.

"This is something that will be phased in," Cate said. "We won't see it [fully in effect] for another two years."

Still, there was also concern among councilors that the increased frequency of inspections coupled with the higher prices could cause rents to go up due to rent-controlled housing.

Landlords say they are also being asked to pay more fees other than housing inspections,

to keep their dwellings to code. Higher property taxes, new smoke detectors, and required fire extinguishers will also push the rents up higher.

The council decided to defer a decision on the resolution, because there were several questions that could not be answered at that time.

Councilors Connie Champion and Any Correia were both interested in the effect of just the two-year cycle without the price increase.

In other business, the council also passed a resolution to allow the Fire Department to set fees that would be assessed to owners of buildings with more than two false fire alarms.

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Faculty group OKs research track

By Ashton Shurson
THE DAILY IOWAN

After a 29-27 vote, UI colleges can now request to add research-track faculty to their rosters.

In the wake of a heated discussion lasting more than an hour and a half at Tuesday's UI Faculty Senate meeting, the group used a secret ballot to vote.

Research-track faculty will hold faculty rank at various degrees of professorship but will only contribute to the UI's research mission. They are also not eligible for tenure and will not teach.

The measure prohibits research-track faculty from being funded by the UI's general education fund — they must rely on outside grants.

Individual colleges can request the senate to add the position to their college. If the Faculty Senate approves the measure, it will go to the provost and finally to UI President Sally Mason.

"For this university to move forward, it's very important for us as faculty to endorse this proposal," said UI art-education Professor Steve McGuire.

The idea for the position began in the UI Carver College of Medicine, where many find the track beneficial to the college.

Many senators noted that 19 of the top 20 universities have this track and the UI should adopt it if it desires to be in the top 20 or higher. UI dentistry Professor David Drake said the UI has to compete with these schools for National Institutes of Health funds as well.

However, it has often been argued that the position will undermine tenure.

UI history Professor Shelton Stromquist said there is no evidence that having research-track faculty causes schools to be ranked higher.

UI history Professor Jeff Cox said it will devalue tenure and academic freedom and the research-track faculty will compete with tenure-track faculty for grants. He doesn't believe the NIH will give grants just based on the professor title, he said.

UI biochemistry Professor Bryce Plapp said the proposal is not different from the research scientist track already in place at the UI. He said the position will diminish what it means to be a professor.

"If we vote no, it won't make

any difference to the research at the university," Plapp said.

Others who supported the track said they believed it would help the UI's mission and rankings.

"My own perspective is that part of the mission of this university is to expand the research enterprise," said UI psychology Professor Michael O'Hara, who added that the position would help attract good faculty, undergraduate, and graduate students.

In other business, O'Hara gave an update on the provost search and said that after the finalists have been interviewed, the search committee would give its report to UI President Sally Mason, on March 14. She eventually will name her pick.

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METRO

Coralville officials move forward with fiscal 2009 budget

In a work session late Tuesday night, Coralville city councilors listened to last-minute remarks from the city administrator in order to move forward with the

final stages of the budget for fiscal year 2009.

Before the meeting, finance officer Terry Kaeding said she had spoken with councilors regarding any issues they may have with the budget.

Kaeding said councilors thought the budget "looked good." She said did not foresee any problems cropping up during discussion.

The administration wanted final feedback on Tuesday in order to disclose a budget report to the public via radio and television broadcasts, Kaeding said.

The proposed budget includes a 1 percent property-tax increase over fiscal 2008, which would generate an estimated \$93,000 in additional

funds for general fund-supported departments.

The summary report states the property tax in Coralville accounts for 59 percent of the city's general fund revenues, a fact that makes the 1 percent increase significant for city development.

— by Ben Travers

POLICE BLOTTER

James Blunt, 39, Milwaukee, was charged Tuesday with fifth-degree theft.

Jose Coronado-Gonzales, 23, 845 Cross Park Ave. Apt. 2D, was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.

Amy Davis, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Feb. 2 with PAULA.

was charged Sunday with OWI and possession of drug paraphernalia.

James Farmer Jr., 45, 121 N. Van Buren St., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

James Goodwin, 66, 902 Newton Road Apt. 31, was charged Feb. 2 with public intoxication.

with urinating in public.

Sarah Laster, 19, 712 Carriage Hill Apt. 4, was charged Feb. 2 with PAULA.

Kyle McKay, 22, E146 Currier, was charged Feb. 2 with public intoxication.

Conrad Schwabe, 21, 29 W. Burlington St. Apt. 203, was charged June 20, 2007, with possession of marijuana and possession of a schedule II controlled substance.

Priya Shah, 20, Burlington, Iowa, was charged Feb. 2 with PAULA.

Peter Ulstad, 18, 2224 Quadrangle, was charged Feb. 2 with public intoxication.

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2. Ex-Hawk Roth charged with public intox
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4. Johnson County death ruled murder, suicide
5. Instructor-student relationships eyed

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by John Cameron

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Campaigns excite locals

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"Some people may think that when your candidate drops out, you'll quickly jump to someone else, but that's not necessarily the case," Nakhasi said, noting that many students who supported candidates who have quit the race have been reluctant to gravitate toward either Rodham Clinton or Obama.

Sam Braun, a UI senior political-science major, couldn't participate in the Iowa caucuses because he was out of the country, but he said at the time he was wavering between Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney. However, now he is solidly behind McCain.

"One of the key things was the debates," he said. "I thought McCain handled himself incredibly well during the debates."

Braun said his prediction for Tuesday night was that McCain would be the winner. He based that belief on polls and statements from political analysts who have in recent days noted that McCain seems to have positive momentum

throughout most of the country. "I think Barack Obama would be the toughest person for any Republican to actually beat," he said when asked which Democrat he thought would be strongest against McCain in the general election.

And though he considers the situation in Iraq to be one of the most important issues this year, Braun doesn't think it would play a central role in a showdown between McCain and Obama because McCain has consistently backed a continued U.S. presence in Iraq, whereas Obama has consistently opposed it. Thus, he said, the two candidates are unlikely to be vying over the same voters among those who care strongly about U.S. involvement in Iraq.

Mike Currie, the College Republicans' secretary, caucused for former Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., but said he is leaning toward McCain following his candidate's withdrawal from the race. "McCain's not the most conservative candidate," he said. "But right now, he's the most consistent and that's what's appealing."

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Ruling may affect homes

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Therefore, homeowners may now have more of a warranty on their home, even if they are not the first owner, said Dan Smith, the government-affairs director for Iowa City's Home Builders Association.

"With the demographic you get in Iowa City and how the community changes hands, it allows the contractor to get away from the owner quicker," said Tom Bockenstedt, who owns a local construction company.

But Bill Schiefer, the owner of Building Inspectors of Eastern Iowa, feels that the court should focus on making it easier for original homeowners to take the contractors to court. He said it is hard enough for the original owner to get a case — by the time the second or third owners try to sue, it will be near impossible.

"It's just plain ridiculous," he said. "It would be nice if they make a ruling just for first homeowner cases."

Schiefer said he's seen many instances in which a contractor will come back if any problems arise, so the owners don't see the need to get a written warranty.

So, in the end, if irresponsible contractors don't want to come back, they won't, he said, though a good contractor will fix a problem up to 40 years later.

Iowa is not the first state to make a ruling of this sort, and UI law Professor Pat

Bauer said the delayed reaction could possibly be because of Iowa's relatively small population, its stable home market, or that Iowa contractors build better quality homes than other states.

Ruben Arsate, a senior building inspector for Johnson County Building Inspectors, said this decision will make things better in the long run, and Bauer said he sees this decision as one that will "level the playing field."

"A better builder, one who does things right, doesn't have anything to worry about," he said. "But if you got some yahoo, who does slaps-base construction, with shoddy work, [they're] going to have to pay the price."

But many owners and contractors prefer not to go to court because they don't want their names in public records, Schiefer said, thus, preventing potential buyers to learn about the house's deficiencies and keeping contractors' histories clean.

Proving who is at fault is difficult, Bauer said, especially after the first owner has moved out.

It might not be a question of how well it was built, but how well it was maintained, he said.

"Some may not understand the importance of keeping the gutters clean," Bauer said. "All this decision is saying is that [subsequent owners] can now take the case to court and the court can decide."

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UIHC's ER is filling up

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"Maybe their local physicians don't take care of that type of injury," said Sandi McIntosh, the director of emergency services at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids, a level-three trauma center.

The study reviewed more than 9,000 patient visits, approximately 2,000 of which were transferred from other hospitals. Minor injuries and flesh wounds, which the study authors said community hospitals should be able to treat, constituted 64 percent of the transferred cases. Furthermore, the number of trauma centers closing from overcrowding correlated with a high volume of transfers.

"People come because they deemed their situation an emergency," McIntosh said. "We can only see them so fast."

One factor for the influx of transfers could be a relative lack of compensation for emergency-care physicians, according to the study. Transfer patients were older and had injuries that are not typically linked to patients who can afford to self-pay, putting more financial burden on the hospital or clinic.

Low-income Iowans who are on IowaCare, an expanded Medicaid program, have to get care at clinics or the UIHC, a state-run hospital, said Hans House, a UI clinical associate professor of emergency medicine.

"Sometimes, they skip the clinics, and it drives people here," he said.

But reimbursement rates are not the issue, said John Fiedler, the head of trauma in the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services in the Iowa Department of Public Health.

Fiedler said that the Emergency Medical Treatment and



Natalia Salazar/The Daily Iowan

Construction of the new emergency room at UIHC is still underway Tuesday night. Construction for the new section of the hospital has been going on for about two years; the facility will be bigger and better for emergency-room patients.

Active Labor Act, essentially an "anti-dumping" law that prohibits inappropriate patient transfer, should be taking care of the problem.

"You can't get a patient in, find out they can't pay, and say 'Let's get them out of here,'" he said.

The emergency medical treatment statute defines when and how patient transfers should occur. Hospitals with specialized facilities, such as burn, shock, and neonatal intensive-care units, are obligated to accept most transfers because their abilities surpass those of referring hospital.

But the rule makes it nearly impossible for large hospitals to turn away any cases, even in cases where the community hospital is able to treat the minor injuries, the study

authors pointed out.

Smaller hospitals argue that not everyone can afford to provide specialized care. Many emergency-medicine physicians are not even specifically trained in the field — they tend to be family practitioners or studied general internal medicine, Fiedler said.

"It's not cost-effective for a hospital that sees 100 patients to have a neurosurgeon who does nothing," he added. "Maybe [the study] is true in other states, but not here."

Fiedler said one major contribution to Iowa's emergency-physician numbers is UI's special residency program, created four years ago.

Before that, the state had no residency program that specifically trained emergency physicians. Medical students looked

elsewhere for such training, another headache for a state with a doctor and nursing shortage.

"A study published recently shows anywhere with a residency program, there are more trained emergency physicians in the state," said House, director of UI's Emergency Medicine Residency Program.

The first class, consisting of eight residents, graduated last year.

Approximately 60,000 patients are expected to come through the UIHC ER in a few years. To make room for ballooning patient volume, the hospital is working to triple its original 21,000 square feet. The construction and renovation is projected to wrap up in 2009.

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UI alumnus impressed by haj

MECCA
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The haj is the pilgrimage to Mecca, Saudi Arabia, which begins on the eighth day of the 12th month, the Dhu'l Hijja, of the Islamic calendar. More than 2 million Muslims make the journey each year.

"It's a very big deal to Muslims; you're doing the same rituals that the Prophet Muhammad used to do years ago," Aminzay said.

The 2007 haj lasted from Dec. 18 through Dec. 23 (on the Western calendar). It has occurred annually since it was first ordained by Allah during the life of the Prophet Abraham, according to Islam.

Although Aminzay, a 2005 UI civil and environmental engineering graduate, said he had seen the haj depicted in the media in the past, taking his first trip was entirely different.

"Even though you see it on TV, when you see it in person and feel the peace and tranquility there, it's like you've never even seen it before," he said.

Aminzay, the first member of his immediate family to make the pilgrimage, said the second day of the haj, Arafat, particularly stood out to him.

"On that day, it felt like an entirely different world, like a whole other planet, you could just feel the difference," he said, so moved recounting the ordeal that he took brief pauses to cry. "It was something that I appreciate because it shows you that if there is one really powerful thing in the world, it's religion."

On the Arafat, the main day of the haj, Aminzay said, slightly after midday, the sun began to set and a light red hue fell over the dry land.

"I was walking outside of

John Aminzay

Age: 27
Hometown: Cedar Rapids
Profession: Working in information technology
2005 UI civil and environmental engineering graduate

my tent, and all these people were just all standing there, all doing the same thing — they're not calling on anyone but God," he said.

After completing his first haj, Aminzay traveled through the Middle East, making stops in Amman, Jordan, and Egypt.

"It's pretty amazing when that you go to their country and you have people all over who consider you a brother," he said. "They want to invite you over for food and take care of you — they try to make you very happy."

While Aminzay said he is unsure if he will be able to make the haj next year — "only God knows best" — but he hopes that the rest of his family can make the quest someday.

"Haj is something I feel that people should do when they're young," Aminzay said. "It can open their minds and their hearts."

Aminzay said that while on the haj, pilgrims wear Ithram clothing — although varying for women, men don a universal attire of two white cloths and shave their heads.

"You can't tell the difference between people," he said. "There's no classes or anything like that; it's just people trying to worship God."

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Super Tuesday

McCain big winner; Dems split

STATE-BY-STATE RESULTS

STATE	DEMOCRATS	REPUBLICANS
Alabama	Obama 56% Clinton 42%	Huckabee 41% McCain 37%
Alaska	Obama 73% Clinton 27%	Results unavailable
Arizona	Clinton 51% Obama 41%	McCain 47% Romney 34%
Arkansas	Clinton 69% Obama 28%	Huckabee 60% McCain 21%
California	Clinton 54% Obama 33%	McCain 44% Romney 25%
Colorado	Obama 66% Clinton 33%	Romney 60% McCain 19%
Connecticut	Obama 51% Clinton 47%	McCain 52% Romney 33%
Delaware	Obama 53% Clinton 43%	McCain 45% Romney 33%
Georgia	Obama 68% Clinton 32%	Huckabee 34% McCain 32%
Idaho	Obama 81% Clinton 17%	(Democrats only)
Illinois	Obama 65% Clinton 33%	McCain 48% Romney 29%
Kansas	Obama 73% Clinton 27%	(Democrats only)
Massachusetts	Clinton 56% Obama 41%	Romney 51% McCain 41%
Minnesota	Obama 67% Clinton 32%	Romney 42% McCain 22%
Missouri	Obama 49% Clinton 48%	McCain 33% Huckabee 32%
Montana	(Republicans only)	Romney 38% Paul 25%
New Jersey	Clinton 54% Obama 44%	McCain 55% Romney 28%
New Mexico	Clinton 42% Obama 38%	(Democrats only)
New York	Clinton 57% Obama 40%	McCain 51% Romney 28%
North Dakota	Obama 61% Clinton 37%	Romney 36% McCain 23%
Oklahoma	Clinton 55% Obama 31%	McCain 37% Huckabee 33%
Tennessee	Clinton 54% Obama 41%	Huckabee 34% McCain 32%
Utah	Obama 56% Clinton 40%	Romney 89% McCain 6%
West Virginia	(Republicans only)	Huckabee 52% Romney 47%

08 ELECTION COVERAGE

By David Espo
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Sen. John McCain seized command of the race for the Republican presidential nomination Tuesday night, winning delegate-rich primaries in all regions of the country. Democratic rivals Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama traded victories in an epic coast-to-coast struggle with no end in sight.

Rodham Clinton won the biggest state, California, for the Democrats, capitalizing on support from Latino voters.

McCain led the Republican race in the Golden State, hoping to inflict a crushing blow on his closest pursuer, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney.

"We've won some of the biggest states in the country," McCain told cheering supporters at a rally in Phoenix after pocketing victories in all regions. An underdog for months, he proclaimed himself the front-runner at last, and added, "I don't really mind it one bit."

With 497 delegates, the Arizona senator was more than 40 percent of the way to the 1,191 needed for the nomination — and far ahead of his rivals in that competition that counted most.

Even so, Mike Huckabee and Mitt Romney said they were staying in the race.

The two dozen contests Tuesday were delivering 1,681 of the 2,025 delegates needed for the Democratic nomination, but "we don't have any idea what the delegate count is," Howard Dean, the chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said in an interview with MSNBC's Chris Matthews. "This is not going to be decided tonight."

Neither Rodham Clinton nor Obama proclaimed overall victory on a Super Tuesday that sprawled across 23 states, with good reason.

"I look forward to continuing our campaign and our debate about how to leave this country better off for the next generation," said the former first lady, looking ahead to the primaries and caucuses yet to come.

Obama was in Chicago, where he told a noisy election night rally, "Our time has come. Our movement is real. And change is coming to America."

McCain, the early Republican front-runner whose campaign nearly unraveled six months ago, won in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Missouri, Delaware, and his home state of Arizona — each of them winner-take-all primaries.

Huckabee, the former governor of Arkansas, won a series of Bible Belt victories, in Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee as well as his own home state. He also triumphed at the Republican West Virginia convention and told the Associated Press in an interview he would campaign on.



Charles Dharapak/Associated Press

Republican presidential-nomination hopeful Sen. John McCain greets supporters at a campaign stop at Rockefeller Center Plaza in New York on Tuesday.



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Democratic presidential-nomination hopeful Sen. Barack Obama talks to reporters after he and wife Michelle Obama voted in the Illinois primary at the Shoemith Elementary School in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago on Tuesday.



Stephen Chernin/Associated Press

Democratic presidential-nomination hopeful Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, followed by former President Bill Clinton and daughter Chelsea, waves upon her arrival at the Douglas Grafflin Elementary School in Chappaqua, N.Y., on Tuesday to cast their votes in the New York Democratic primary.

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UI officials change RA hiring

By Lauren Skiba
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI resident-hall officials are being forced to dramatically alter their hiring process, and UI sophomore Alex Dougherty has felt the effect.

In November, the business major found out that an RA position was open in Burge Hall, and she jumped at the chance she had been looking for.

"For once in my life, I was in the right place at the right time," she said.

As a result of a low number of alternate RAs, the UI is frequently forced to search for new RA candidates outside of the extensively vetted group. Already this spring semester, for example, at least four women's floor RAs have been hired following phone interviews.

For Dougherty, the process of getting her dream job was different from those hired



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UI sophomore Alex Dougherty (right) visits with friends on her floor, freshmen Lindsay Supple (center) and Katie Ortmann in Burge on Tuesday. Dougherty recently became a residence assistant on the fifth floor of Burge.

previously. In most cases, the application process starts when students find advertisements

and applications around campus and turn them in by Dec. 31 of the year prior to the academic

year in which they wish to work.

A team of officials reviews potential RAs' applications and trims the pool of 250 people to between 130 and 150 in a weekend dubbed "Super Saturday," said Greg Thompson, the manager of Residence Life Administration.

On that day, applicants are split up into small groups for meetings and interviews. From there, the students may go on to the individual interviews where positions will be filled — usually around 50 to 60 slots.

The alternate pool, Thompson said, is designated for people clearly qualified to be RAs but who the organization doesn't have enough space for.

"We use the pool when we find out that current RAs get internships or study abroad halfway through the year," Thompson said.

Dougherty, however, was not in the pool — that had run out long before she found out there was an opening.

This year, either the applicants from November 2006 decided against becoming an RA or everyone else from the pool had been hired.

So information about a special hiring process was advertised, Thompson said.

That was the process that Dougherty went through: an individual phone interview instead of the competitive Super Saturday.

"Throughout the process, I learned a lot about myself

because you have to show what you are in a nutshell," Dougherty said. "I am a face-to-face person, but when you're on the phone, you have to show all your personality and your characteristics on the phone."

Dougherty said she had wanted to apply for the RA position last November, but her busy schedule kept her from going through with the intense process.

"I don't envy anyone who has to go through it, but it's definitely a good learning experience," she said.

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Prescription-drug abuse eyed

On Sunday, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy initiated its first \$14 million effort to educate parents on teenagers abusing prescription drugs.

By Patrick Futtner
THE DAILY IOWAN

Prescription drugs are becoming the substance of choice for a growing majority of teenagers across the country, and government agencies are now making an effort to educate parents about the issue.

The White House Office of Drug Control Policy concluded that only 36 percent of parents have discussed the risk of prescription-drug overdoses with their children.

In Iowa City, parents and councilors have become increasingly aware of this growing problem.

"Teenagers believe that prescription drugs don't hold as much danger as drugs such as meth," said Kelly Vanderwerf, a prevention supervisor at the Mid-Eastern Council on Chemical Abuse in Iowa City, 430 Southgate Ave.

Prescription drugs hold more glamor, said Vanderwerf, a former counselor at City High, 1900 Morningside Drive.

On Sunday, The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy initiated its first \$14 million effort to educate

parents on teenage prescription-drug abuse, a collection of drugs that more commonly exploited than methamphetamine, cocaine, and heroin combined.

The group, along with the Partnership for a Drug Free America, hope the campaign will contribute to lowering the number of teenagers turning to pharmaceuticals as a "safer" way to use drugs.

The campaign began with television ads during this year's Super Bowl, and it will continue with broadcast, print, and online advertising, as well as community outreach and online research for parents.

"Parents are the most important influence in helping teens make healthy choices, and talking about the dangers of intentional prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse must be at the forefront of parent-teen conversations," said Steve Pasierb, the president of the Partnership for A Drug Free America in a statement.

Steve Steine, a certified additions counselor at MECCA, believes that "pharming," the mixing and experimenting of prescription drugs, is the main danger to

teenagers. "Teenagers begin to mix and experiment with prescription drugs and begin experimenting with drugs and alcohol as well," he said.

One in five teenagers has abused a prescription painkiller, according to an annual study by the Partnership for a Drug Free America. Also, one in five report abusing prescription stimulants and tranquilizers, while one in 10 have abused a cough medication.

Drug-treatment admissions

due to prescription medication have increased more than 300 percent from 1995 to 2005, according to the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Teenage drug use is lower overall nationwide, however. The only substance abused more than prescription drugs is marijuana.

"Drug use is part of our culture, and if we deny it, we are fooling ourselves," Steine said. "We can not be realistic to say that we can stop all drug use; however, we have to make it more accepting in order for people to come for help."

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Regents aiding UIHC search

By Terry McCoy
THE DAILY IOWAN

Last week, two members of the state Board of Regents were appointed to the search committee to find a new UI Hospitals and Clinics leader, raising questions of micromanagement and whether the regents are repeating previous mistakes by helping a university job search. The regents endured harsh criticism in 2006 after several members sat on the first presidential-search committee to find a replacement for former UI President David Skorton; the regents rejected all four finalists selected. As a result, the university lost nearly \$200,000 and months of time.

But Regent Robert Downer, who — along with Regent Jack Evans — was selected to join the search to find a successor for former UIHC head Donna Katen-Bahensky, said he's not worried this search will end in

the same way.

"Jack and I, we have enough knowledge with regard to the hospital and a sufficient rapport with the committee members that we feel we can make a positive contribution," he said.

Downer said the first presidential search failed because dissent emerged among committee members over what the characteristics a president should possess. This time, he said, he doesn't see any differences in goals between regents and the other 19 people on the panel.

"With regard to the first presidential search, I think, frankly, there were some people on there who thought the UI was broken and needed to be fixed, and other people didn't feel that way," he said. "But I don't see [past problems with regent involvement] being an issue here. We're all looking for common attributes."

Other job searches at other

regent institutions have also had trouble with regent involvement, Downer said, but this time he's positive.

Paul Rothman, the head of the UI internal-medicine department, stressed that Downer and Evans will be equals with the rest of the committee and will merely serve as a source of expertise. Searching for a leader of a medical center is very different from a presidential search.

Also, it's tradition, he said. The search panel that found Katen-Bahensky, who was recently chosen to lead the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics, had several regents.

"I think this is going to be positive," Rothman said. "I've heard no one say that the regents aren't going to be a help to the committee."

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Happy faculty equal happy school, UI says

The UI is doing more to make faculty members feel comfortable.

By Clara Hogan
THE DAILY IOWAN

From upping salaries to creating extra jobs, UI officials are stepping up efforts to attract and retain faculty members.

A UI human-resources report, which will be presented to the State Board of Regents on Thursday, notes several ways the university is attempting to make new and female faculty feel comfortable once they arrive on campus, in addition to keeping compensation at competitive levels.

The top budget priority for 2008 is the faculty salaries, according to the report.

Don Szeszycki, a UI associate vice president in the Provost's Office, said this has been a major priority since former Provost Michael Hogan was at the UI.

Just a few years ago the university's salaries were near the bottom of the Big Ten and group of universities deemed comparable with the UI, Szeszycki noted. He hopes the UI will be towards the middle of the group this year.

"We think being in the middle is realistic," he said. "It would be a big achievement."

Several of the ideas to attract faculty were sparked by the UI Gender Equity

Keeping compensation competitive

Salaries at the three regent universities

Average faculty salaries and their increase from 2007.

- The various points go here.
- UI — \$89,475, an increase of 6.9 percent
 - Iowa State University — \$81,891, an increase of 6 percent
 - University of Northern Iowa — \$66,455, an increase of 3 percent

'We don't interfere with active searches; we instead usually create a brand new job or lecturing position.'

— Susan Johnson,
UI associate provost

Task Force's recommendations; one of those being to invest \$250,000 to help potential faculty members' partners find a job at the university.

In the past, if a college or department dean was interested in hiring someone and that person's partner was also interested in being employed at the university, the Provost's Office tried to find the partner a position.

However, this process has been fairly informal, and officials now want to create written guidelines along with funding the process better.

Money from the Provost's Office is needed if the department in which the partner wants to work is not looking to hire. In this case, there is a collaboration to create a position between the originally recruited faculty's department, the department their partner would like to join,

and the Provost's Office.

At first, the two departments split the bill for the partner or spouse's salary with the provost office pitching in for 30 percent of their pay for up to three years.

In the end, the process is optional for departments.

"We're not taking an advertised position and telling a department to hire someone's wife or husband," said Susan Johnson, a UI associate provost. "We don't interfere with active searches; we instead usually create a brand new job or lecturing position."

Currently, the budget for the program is \$50,000 to \$100,000, and the UI wants to increase it to \$250,000.

Another priority is to understand how new faculty members on the tenure track are coping at the UI by hiring someone to help them with their career goals, Johnson said.

Last semester, the UI created a position to specifically help junior faculty by developing and coordinating a career program that involves releasing a newsletter, preparing an orientation, and holding workshops regarding academic writing, time management, and leadership skills.

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WORLD

Maharishi Mahesh Yogi dies

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, a guru to the Beatles who introduced the West to transcendental meditation, died Tuesday at his home in the Dutch town of Vlodrop, a spokesman said. He was thought to be 91-year-old.

"He died peacefully at about 7 p.m.," said Bob Roth, a spokesman for the Transcendental Meditation movement that the Maharishi founded. He said his death appeared to be due to "natural causes, his age."

Once dismissed as hippie mysticism, the Hindu practice of mind control that Maharishi taught, called transcendental meditation, gradually gained medical respectability and

attracted a large following in Iowa.

He began teaching TM in 1955 and brought the technique to the United States in 1959. But the movement really took off after the Beatles visited his ashram in India in 1968, although he had a famous falling out with the rock stars when he discovered them using drugs at his Himalayan retreat.

With the help of celebrity endorsements, Maharishi — a Hindi-language title for Great Seer — parlayed his interpretations of ancient scripture into a multi-million-dollar global empire.

After 50 years of teaching, Maharishi turned to larger themes, with grand designs to harness the power of group meditation to create world peace and to mobilize his

devotees to banish poverty from the earth.

Maharishi's roster of famous meditators ran from The Rolling Stones to Clint Eastwood and new age preacher Deepak Chopra.

Director David Lynch, creator of dark and violent films, lectured at college campuses about the "ocean of tranquility" he found in more than 30 years of practicing transcendental meditation.

Some 5 million people devoted 20 minutes every morning and evening reciting a simple sound, or mantra, and delving into their consciousness.

"Don't fight darkness. Bring the light, and darkness will disappear," Maharishi said in a 2006 interview, repeating one of his own mantras.



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More bad news: service sector down

Recession fears heighten; 'the number's so terrible it's almost beyond belief,' says one expert.

By Vinnee Tong
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Lingering hopes that the U.S. economy might avert a recession withered Tuesday after the nation's service sector — its banks, travel companies, contractors, and stores, among others — shrank for the first time in five years.

It was unwelcome news for many investors, who were beginning to believe that the Federal Reserve might engineer a way out of the worst economic slowdown since 1991. Stocks tumbled, with the Dow Jones industrial average losing 370 points, its biggest point drop since August.

Much of the talk was not about whether there would be a recession, but about how bad it might be.

"The number's so terrible it's almost beyond belief, especially among the optimists," said Scott Anderson, senior economist at Wells Fargo & Co. "I think the writing's on the wall. More and more economists are talking about recession, and whether it'll be a severe or mild one."

The January reading from the Institute of Supply Management "was about as big a shock as you can probably get," said Joel Naroff, the chief economist

at Commerce Bancorp.

Anderson said he believes January may end up being the official start of a recession. Many businesses already suspect as much.

Moving company Allied Van Lines filed for bankruptcy on Tuesday, saying it had fallen victim to the downturn in the housing market and its own heavy debt load. Charming Shoppes Inc. — which runs the Petite Sophisticate and Lane Bryant clothing stores — said it would cut 200 jobs and close 150 stores.

Stocks of rental car companies plunged Monday after Dollar Thrifty Automotive Group Inc. slashed its 2007 earnings guidance. The company said it sees weak demand in the travel market and soft used-car sales.

Ryan Kaminski, who runs a Mexican restaurant in Sarasota, Fla., said the squeeze he has felt as both a business owner and a consumer since last summer is growing worse. The restaurant's traffic started thinning out last summer, pulling 2007 sales down 10 percent from a year earlier, and so far

this year sales are down 15 percent from a year ago.

"I used to be able to find a person from any trade — carpenters, electricians, plumbers — in the restaurant every day," he said. "Since the housing market crashed, it's just dried up. Those type of customers are just gone."

Kaminski, 31, said he and his wife don't spend much anymore either. "We've cut out eating out, and we didn't go on vacation last year," he said. "It's getting bad."

AP reporters Dave Carpenter, Emily Fredrix, and Madlen Read contributed to this report.

Flight delays rise

Airline delays in 2007 were second worst ever.

By Dan Caterinicchia
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A quarter of domestic flights failed to arrive on time in 2007 — the industry's second poorest performance on record — and analysts say it is likely to get worse.

More than 26 percent of commercial flights in the U.S. arrived late or were canceled last year as rising passenger demand and an industry preference for smaller planes intensified congestion in the skies and on runways. The air-travel logjam, reported Tuesday by the Department of Transportation, comes as a growing number of air-traffic controllers near retirement age — a trend the controllers' union says will magnify the problem.

The only time passengers had more difficulty getting to their destinations on time was in 2000, when more than 27 percent of flights were tardy or canceled. Back then, there were 31 percent fewer flights than in 2007, when carriers operated nearly 7.5 million one-way trips.

Excluding cancellations, however, 2007 was the worst on record for flight delays, with 24.2 percent arriving late, compared with 23.9 percent in 2000, according to government statistics that date back to 1995. The worst month of the year for the nation's 20 largest airlines was December, when more than a third of all flights were late or canceled, mostly because of the weather.

There is no sign of improvement on the horizon, analysts said, because airlines continue to replace larger aircraft with smaller ones. The practice is intended to maximize profit margins by flying with fewer empty seats, but it also means more flights and more congestion and delays.

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Editorial

Endorsements a mixed blessing for contenders

In a frantic society filled with fast-flowing news tickers, drive-through Starbucks, and 30-second speed dates, it's no wonder Americans seem to have little time for politics.

We want political platforms condensed into two-word slogans, viewpoints conveniently bulleted, and hard-earned résumés squeezed into a tight, linear paragraph.

Consumed by the daily grind of staying employed, keeping fed, and caring for loved ones, many Americans have had little chance to analyze political advertisements, dissect debates, or pick through nuanced platforms. When we aren't certain about a politician's electability, however, a host of our elected officials, national celebrities, and opinion leaders are. This election cycle has seen a record number of political endorsements and with the recent flood of prominent politicians and celebrities espousing their own political viewpoints, the trend shows no signs of slowing.

The fully charged run up to the "Super Tuesday" national primaries can best be described as an all-out political blitz. While the once-muddled Republican and Democratic fields have both been whittled down to two front-runners apiece, Americans have been bombarded on all sides by politicians hoping to win their loyalties and earn their support. Not surprisingly, the nuanced divisions that distinguish one political campaign from the next have been largely obscured under catchy slogans, glitzy appeals, and gimmicky ads. Along with these flash points has come a booming surge in celebrities and politicians of all types voicing their political preferences.

Allowing celebrities and other uninformed voices to serve as our electoral surrogates, dictating who to vote for, is a risky proposition. Recently, Sylvester Stallone offered a grunt of support for John McCain. Stallone can patriotically pound stone-faced Soviets into red, white, and blue puddles, but he is far from an informed elder statesman. Likewise, Oprah Winfrey, whose vocal support of Barack Obama has been a boon to his campaign, can pinpoint a thrilling paperback, but she shouldn't have the power to handpick politicians.

Not all of the political endorsements pouring in have stemmed from illegitimate or uneducated sources. Last week, after dropping out of the Republican race, Rudy Giuliani threw his support behind front-runner John McCain. Obama also got an instant surge earlier last week when JFK's daughter, Caroline Kennedy, vocalized her support for his campaign, comparing his charisma with that of her father.

Political endorsements do, indeed, carry real clout. With the ability to mobilize entire groups of voters — blacks for Obama, women for Hillary Rodham Clinton, evangelicals for Mike Huckabee — endorsements must not be taken with a grain of salt. Although our celebrity-obsessed culture cannot help but lend Chuck Norris a sympathetic ear when he stumps for Huckabee and discusses "roundhousing terrorists," endorsements made by informed politicians should hold far more weight. Calculated neutrality, as practiced by recent-dropout John Edwards, is a noble initiative, but intelligent, logic-backed appeals to voters are a service to society and important function of democracy.

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Commentary

Senate speeds stimulus along

It's looking all but certain that Congress will pass an economic-stimulus bill before mid-February, which isn't necessarily good news; it's questionable whether handing taxpayers a few hundred bucks each would really jolt a sluggish economy, yet there's no doubt at all whether it would increase an already scary national debt. Still, some stimuli are more appealing than others, and if we must have a bill, the Senate has a better plan than the House.

President Bush and House leaders are pleased with the compromise they worked out last week, which calls for about \$150 billion in tax rebates and incentives. They're less thrilled with the package subsequently approved by the Senate Finance Committee, which would cost more (how much is a subject of debate), aid the poor, and boost the clean-technology industry. That plan, drafted by Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., is expected to come to the Senate floor today.

The Senate's plan extends unemployment insurance by an additional 13 weeks, provides rebate checks to around 20 million seniors living on Social Security and approximately 250,000 disabled veterans (neither group would get a penny under the House version), and expands home-heating subsidies. Jobless people and those on fixed incomes are much more likely to spend their rebate checks quickly than those in the middle class, so if the goal is to stimulate spending, this is precisely the population Congress should be targeting.

The Senate also addresses one of the biggest failings of last year's energy bill. Wind and solar power installations are growing at a sizzling pace, but

that growth is fueled by production tax credits that expire at the end of the year. An extension was stripped from the energy bill because of an unrelated dispute over taxing oil companies. The credits must be extended as quickly as possible because investors won't pump money into clean power if there's a danger of losing their tax incentives. Renewable energy reduces reliance on foreign oil while cutting greenhouse gases and other pollutants; green technology is also an extremely promising growth industry that could help make up for the loss of manufacturing jobs.

The Senate vote has been happening until today, mainly so that the two Democratic senators still in the presidential-nomination race, Barack Obama of Illinois and Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York, will have a chance to return to Washington after the Super Tuesday primaries in order to weigh in (both are expected to support the Baucus plan). That would put the count of those expected to vote in favor at either 58 or 59, according to lobbyists — just shy of the 60 needed to avoid a filibuster. Which means the plan's success or failure could depend on one man, who has kept mum about his stance: Republican candidate John McCain of Arizona.

McCain has made much during the campaign about his determination to combat global warming. If he's the man of conviction he claims to be, he should return to Washington and back the Baucus bill.

This editorial appeared in Tuesday's Washington Post.

On the Spot

Would you vote for someone based on whom your first-choice candidate endorses?



"No, I'd make my own decision, not based on what he said."

Stephanie Hyink
UI junior



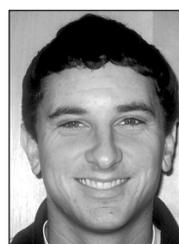
"No, because I've invested that much time in the first candidate. Or if the candidate advocates the other person for a lack of voters and not because of actual belief in the candidate."

Adam Gulley
UI freshman



"Yes, I'd trust my first choice to make the best decision."

Clare Bridgford
UI junior



"I would support the original person to choose who is best for the job."

Michael Janson
UI senior

Butt in

(Please note: The DI's Opinions deadline is 6 p.m., right when the first Super Tuesday primaries close, so no matter how much DI Opinions Editor Jonathan Gold wanted to write about them, he was unable to do so. After we coaxed him down off the roof, he wrote this.)

I need a cigarette. Right now. And for all the talk of smoking bans, the UI isn't stopping me.

Smoking bans are cropping up everywhere. Most U.S. states (though not Iowa) have some form of legal restriction on smoking in public places. But the clean-air crusade is making headway here. In addition to the smoking ban just imposed on the UI campus, a bill in the Iowa Legislature is scheduled for consideration.

I'm torn. I'm not a heavy smoker, but banning smoking in bars would certainly cramp my style. There is nothing finer, to my mind, than a cigarette and a pint of beer at the end of the day. But the studies on pre- and post-ban health effects on bartenders and servers are pretty unequivocal. Cigarette smoke, even secondhand cigarette smoke, is bad for you. End of story.

My argument then changed to "Well, if you don't like cigarette smoke, don't work in bars!" There aren't enough jobs to go around as it is. What if the only job you can get is one that requires you to work in what is inarguably an unhealthy environment? We banned asbestos, after all.

Then I argued on behalf of the poor, suffering bar owners whose businesses would wither and die if people couldn't smoke (and wither and die) in them. Couldn't we all take one in the alveoli for the team? And then I realized that I was making the same argument that every corporate slug makes to justify the pollution that her or his company creates. Business concerns are trumped by matters of public health.

In short, even though I'd be personally inconvenienced, I can't really see any way around workplace smoking bans. And I think they're going to happen soon. However, blanket bans on *all* smoking, including that which happens outside, are a joke.

The UI ban, which goes into effect in July 2009, is the product of a vague, good-hearted impulse gone very much awry. It's self-evidently a public-relations move, which the administration cheerfully admits. UI spokesman Steve Parrott, quoted in Tuesday's *DI*, said that the university "support[s] a healthy living and learning environment."

Uh, well; great. What's banning smoking *outdoors* (sorry, this brings out the italic in me) going to do about that?

There's a certain segment of the population with a pathological aversion to cigarette smoke. I'm not for a moment saying that cigarette smoke is harmless nor that there aren't people with serious allergies. I won't hassle those people, because I know that the onus is on me to be courteous enough not to smoke around them. But there are people out there who get a little paranoid about it. I once stepped outside of a nice family house north of the highway to light up. Nothing out of the ordinary. Then the lady who owns the house comes out, and, in a voice tight with barely suppressed fury, told me that her kid was sleeping upstairs and would I mind *please* moving farther from the house?

Of course I did, and without comment. Again, the onus is on the smoker. But seriously, lady, the fumes from my Camel light aren't going to reach in the window and throttle your kid. Nor will they asphyxiate you if you walk past my immediate vicinity outside.

The fuss over smoking "within 25 feet of entrances," "within 25 feet of buildings," etc., is paranoid and nonsensical.

That said, I'd be a lot angrier about it if the UI was planning to do anything meaningful to enforce the ban. Officials have said explicitly that they won't recommend enforcement by UI police. There's no fine and no sentencing guidelines. It's as toothless as a lifelong tobacco chewer. There's already a complete smoking ban on the health-sciences campus, but you wouldn't know it if you walked around on it. There are little clots of smokers everywhere. The silly 25-foot rule hasn't been followed, either.

The UI does a number of things right when it comes to tobacco. It has set up quality quit-assistance programs and offered them to students and staff with big price cuts. And even a barely reconstructed smoker like myself realizes that most places should be smoke-free. But pointless "tough on smoking" displays won't clear the air any faster. ■

DI Opinions Editor **Jonathan Gold** is off to watch the Super Tuesday results, maybe with a pint of beer.
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JON GOLD



DI Recommends
Listening to The Format. The Arizona-based two-some announced Tuesday that they are taking an indefinite hiatus and will not record another album (read: breakup bumper). Visit dailyiowanarts.blogspot.com for links to the music that will, in our opinion, change lives (or at least brighten up this yucky winter day).

Arts & Culture

No shelter from the 'Accident'

Ben Chasny seems like a genuinely friendly guy; the kind of musician you'd want to meet and whose hand you'd like to shake. He'll bring his surreal and intimately guitar-drenched music to the Picador today at 9 p.m.

By Ann Colwell
THE DAILY IOWAN



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that that's the image he emanated. "Actually, [bandmate Ambrosio] reads more than any person I've ever met in my entire life. It's totally insane. Elisa actually read *In Cold Blood* at age 7. She says she was really into true crime, but I was like, '7? And she said, 'Yeah. It was scary.'"

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True story, full of lies

UI Associate Professor John Cameron's world-première play, *14*, makes a significant, if imperfect, début, striding the difficult line between a dark, repressive story and necessary emotional levity.

By Paul Sorenson
THE DAILY IOWAN

It's difficult to watch an intense, personal tale without being acutely aware of the story behind the story. John Cameron's *14*, which opened Feb. 2 and continues through Feb. 10, is the UI acting program director's meta-fictional account of his own dark narrative — undergoing electroshock therapy at Brigham Young University in the '70s to try to "reverse" his homosexuality.

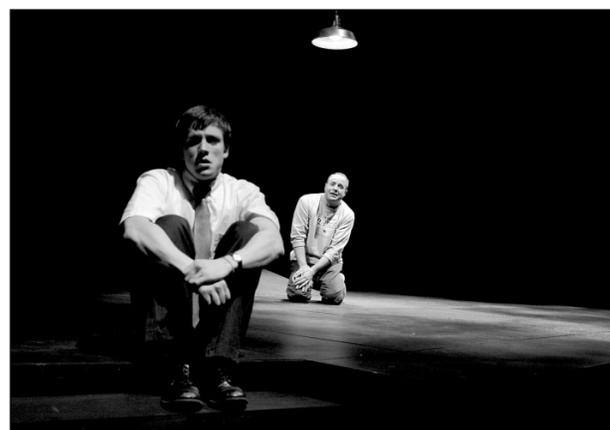
Heavy stuff, sure, and if the world première of *14* was unveiled as a lackluster retelling of the events, it would be hard to rebuke Cameron, its director and playwright who we know is somewhere in the theater watching us. Luckily for the production, *14* needs no such excuses — on the whole, it's a bold and engaging play, certainly an important one for Cameron and the Iowa City theater community.

It begins with the declaration that we're about to see "a true story, full of lies" — unsteady ground to plant a truth-seeking audience, but I suppose that's the point. Ron Sorenson, Cameron's stand-in (played by Jim VanValen), is confronted by the ex-Mormon journalist Judy (Jessica Bocade) and asked about his

experience at BYU. We're in the year 2000, when the sarcastic and evasive Ron holds an English professorship at a "Midwestern university." Confronted with the events, and particularly fueled by BYU's cover-up, Ron takes a quite literal journey into his past to meet his 20-something self and learns to accept the psychological (and physical) torture and embrace his identity.

It'd be easy for the thread to divulge into too-serious melodrama — it is, after all, a real life account of *A Clockwork Orange*-style jolt — but Cameron somewhat surprisingly injects *14* with a healthy amount of levity. Rarely will you encounter a spectator who doesn't recount the songs throughout: chorus-style outbursts of Mormon hymns. They speckle the first act with laughter amid psychological Dumpster-diving, a worthwhile distraction that highlights the light side of Ron's eventually dark Mormon past.

Not all such moments work quite as well. VanValen, while certainly a charismatic lead, often seems to be a comic actor stuck in a dramatic work when his flippancy just seems discordant. And the appearances of the ghost Paul (John Watkins) in various drag compositions seem too *Angels in America* —



Lindsay Walters/The Daily Iowan

Aaron (left, Brian Bentz) and Ron (Jim VanValen) practice a scene during a rehearsal for *14* in the Thayer Theatre on Tuesday evening. *14* opened on Feb. 1; it will run through Feb. 10.

he even recognizes himself as an exhausted gay fantasy.

Nothing, however, is able to take away the propulsion of the core story. The interaction between the old and young Ron is particularly strong, and Aaron (Brian Bentz, the past self) nails the emotional struggle. Poignant, too, is Aaron's relationship with Marla (Helen Kim), an all-too-common get-away girl for hiding repressed sexuality. Credit is also due for Cameron's treatment of Mormonism — it never falters by demonizing the faith, which

makes its eventual turn to homophobic torture even more affecting.

In the end, I'd forgotten the framework emphasis on the impossible-to-grasp nature of personal or historical truth, instead reeling from *14*'s portrayal of the worst of human intolerance and the best of our struggle for reconciliation. It isn't the smoothest ride, but drifting through such treacherous emotional water, we're lucky to come out so intact.

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today's PLAYLIST

JUSTIN LEDUC, member of the Brent Sandy Quartet and Johnson County Landmark

"PRESSURE SUIT"
Aqualung
The greatest strength of Aqualung is its song-writing and lyrics. Sit back and let this track move you.

"Boyz"
M.I.A.
Check out this Sri Lankan pop singer and her bizarre electronic beats (this CD features a collaboration with Timbaland).

"Harmony"
Public Property
This local favorite is on its way to stardom. "Harmony" showcases its greatest assets: driving reggae beats and smooth, soaring vocals.

"Chaos"
Mute Math
This upbeat hit from electro-rock group Mute Math showcases the band's sampling capabilities as well as its aggressive sound.

"Yawn at the Apocalypse"
Andrew Bird
This tune is reminiscent of Debussy, seeking to create a mood rather than astound the listener with musical technicalities.

"Love, Love, Love"
As Tall as Lions
This is a feel-good love song, great for slow dancing and romantic evenings.

"Egg Radio"
Bill Frisell
Something out of the ordinary, "Egg Radio" blends electric guitar and symphonic instruments to create a flowing jazz vibe.

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BASKETBALL

Alexander ineligible

Freshman Kachine Alexander is academically ineligible and will sit out the remainder of the season, coach Lisa Bluder announced Tuesday. The guard saw her minutes increase as she played in the Hawkeyes' first 18 games, through a 60-58 victory at Illinois on Jan. 21.

Alexander, a defensive specialist, nabbed 10 steals and averaged just under three rebounds per game. She pulled down 10 boards in an overtime win against Wisconsin. The Minneapolis native averaged 2.2 points per contest, scoring a career-high nine against Ohio State.

"We don't have as much depth," Bluder said. "The defensive presence we miss, and she was an excellent rebounder, so we miss that as well."



Alexander freshman

This is the second academic issue the Hawkeyes have had in the past two years. Freshman Zoraa Quoie sat out the second half of last season because of academic ineligibility and later left the team.

Bluder said Alexander will continue to practice with the team; she plans on returning next season.

— by Diane Hendrickson

NFL

Packers sign McCarthy

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — The Green Bay Packers signed coach Mike McCarthy on Tuesday to a five-year contract that runs through the 2012 season.

"We have accomplished some of our goals over the past two seasons, but there remains much left to be done," McCarthy said in a statement. "I am excited by the opportunity to meet those challenges and someday return another Lombardi Trophy home to Green Bay."



McCarthy coach

McCarthy, who had a year left on his original three-year deal, reportedly agreed in principle last month to the new contract, which is worth about \$4 million per season.

"Mike brings tremendous passion, work ethic and structure to his position," general manager Ted Thompson said. "These are the traits we saw in him when he was hired, and we're very happy for the success we have had under his guidance."

McCarthy, the franchise's 14th head coach, tied a Packers' franchise record with 13 regular-season victories on the way to an NFC North Division championship and bye in the first round of the playoffs despite having the NFL's youngest team. After beating Seattle in the NFC divisional playoff round, the Packers lost 23-20 in overtime in the NFC championship game to the eventual Super Bowl champs, the New York Giants.

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Consistency key for Hawks

Hawkeyes hope to break alternating win-loss trend tonight against No. 8 Wisconsin.

By Charlie Kautz
 THE DAILY IOWAN

If Iowa's game against No. 8 Wisconsin tonight were played on paper, recent trends, season statistics, and one prior meeting would indicate the Hawkeyes are headed for a low-scoring loss at the hands of Bo Ryan's Badgers.

After all, Iowa's alternating win-loss pattern in its last

seven games has been consistently inconsistent, often following one failure with a tightly contested triumph, most recently a 53-48 victory over Ohio State last weekend. Taking the trend and the



Lickliter head coach

Hawkeyes' 13-point loss to Wisconsin on Jan. 5 into account, one could make a pretty fair assumption in expecting another letdown loss for first-year coach Todd Lickliter's team this evening.

But that's the thing. When it comes to the 2007-08 Hawkeyes — owners of an 11-12 overall record, the second-best scoring defense in the Big Ten, and one of the year's most

Hawkeyes look for two straight

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improbable upsets over then-No. 6 Michigan State — the only fair assumption is that there are no sure things.

"I think we just have to come out prepared, as we did for Ohio

State," 7-foot senior Seth Gorney said on Monday. "You know, come out playing aggressive, playing smart like we have been over the past couple games and I think we'll have a really good chance against [Wisconsin]."

"We just have to learn that, you know, we won one game, we've got to keep winning, I guess. That's what we're struggling with right now."

SEE BASKETBALL, 3B

Though the Iowa's 2008 recruiting class doesn't boast a bona-fide star, it adds much-needed depth at key positions and appears solid throughout.

Classy, with extra heartbeat

SIGNING DAY CENTRAL 2008
 HAWKEYE FOOTBALL

By Scott Miller
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Since 2002, at least one four- or five-star recruit has signed with Iowa on national signing day. On Tuesday, four-star athlete Mark Ingram announced he will attend Alabama next fall, leaving the Hawkeyes "starless" for the first time in seven years.

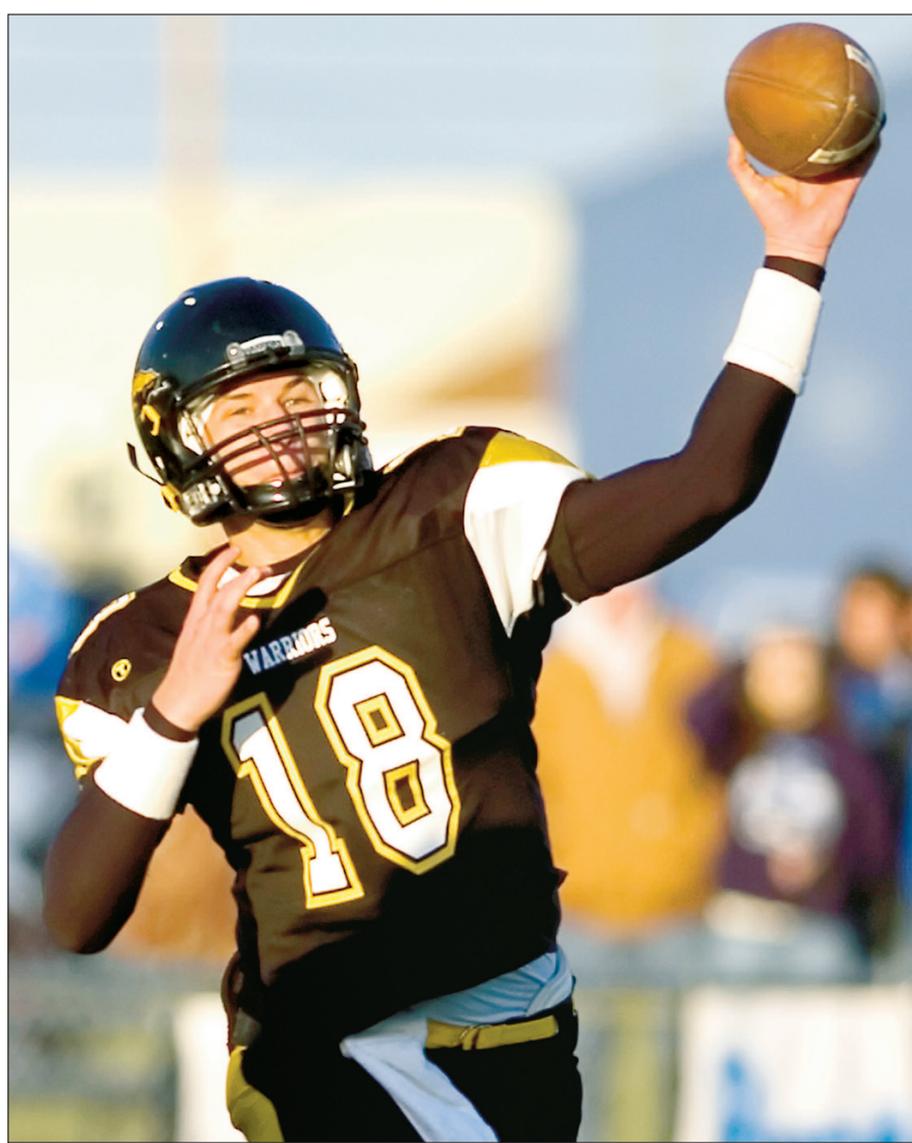
With that said, several recruiting analysts — including Jeremy Crabtree, the recruiting editor of Rivals.com, and Tom Kakert, the publisher of Hawkeyereport.com — have taken note of the Hawkeyes' class, which boasts 26 prospects and ranks 51st in the nation and eighth in the Big Ten, according to Rivals.com.

"I think it's a solid class," Kakert said. "It's not a star-studded class, but it's a solid class. It fills a lot of needs, and you're getting a lot of guys that are coming in ... a little bit under the radar."

"A lot of them [have] a little bit of a chip on the shoulder, and that's really the backbone of what Iowa football was built on back in 1999, 2000, and 2001 that led to the success of 2002."

While Iowa did get some prospects who were considered to be under the radar — namely Khalif Staten (the No. 85 wide receiver) and Bran Herman (the No. 41 tight end) — it also signed some players who were highly recruited by big-name schools.

Riley Reiff (the No. 25 defensive end) snuck away from Nebraska. Elite-11 quarterback John Wienke escaped the grasp of Michigan. And Jeff Brinson (the No. 45 running



Contributed photo by Stephen Haas/Decatur Herald & Review

One of 26 prospects expected to sign with Iowa today, Elite-11 quarterback John Wienke is one of 13 three-star commitments in the Hawkeyes' 2008 recruiting class.

Ferentz, Johnson address '08 class

Watch Daily Iowan TV at dailyiowan.com tonight to hear what Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz has to say about the Hawkeyes 2008 recruiting class in his 4 p.m. national signing day press conference. Also, go online Thursday for an exclusive, full-length one-on-one video interview with Iowa recruiting coordinator Eric Johnson in which he discusses this year's class in detail.

back) committed to the Hawkeyes before Florida State could lure him in for a visit. At the same time, all of these players are three-star prospects by Rivals.com's

rankings. Kakert contends this is because a lot of Iowa's prospects don't "wow" analysts with their natural athletic ability.

"Just looking at the film, it's really an aggressive class," Kakert said. "It's guys who

SEE RECRUITING, 3B

COMMENTARY

Back to basics

By Sean Monahan
 THE DAILY IOWAN

While it may seem like a year without Santa Claus, an Iowa recruiting class without a four-star is nothing to shed tears about.

Headlining the list of future Hawkeyes are three-star quarterback John Wienke and three-star running back Jeff Brinson.

Wienke is an Elite-11 quarterback who was originally deemed worthy of a scholarship at Michigan. Because of the retirement of Lloyd Carr and the lack of any need for a drop-back passer in Rich Rodriguez's run, run, and run some more spread offense, the Tuscola, Ill., native walked into the welcoming arms of Iowa's coaching staff.

In his senior season alone, the 6-4 lefty passed for more than 2,800 yards and 34 touchdowns and led his team to the state title game.

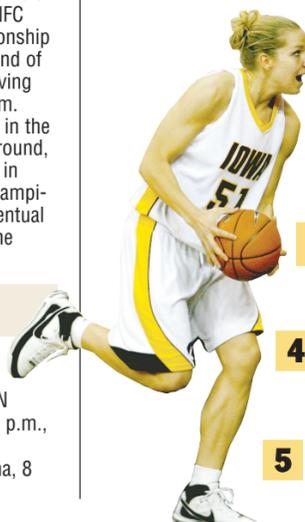
Thanks, Lloyd. Brinson brings the bruising, between-the-tackles presence that Hawkeye fans have always prided themselves on. He was a first-team all-Florida performer for Northeast High School — contributing 1,900 yards on the ground this season — and more importantly, spurred offers from Florida and Florida State to come to Iowa.

Both recruits are certainly worthy of higher consideration, but that won't stop Kirk Ferentz from smiling in his press conference later today.

These are the types of players he built his reputation on — hard working, high-character athletes who enter college wanting to make their fan base proud.

SEE COMMENTARY, 3B

DI'S SPRING SPORTS POWER RANKINGS



- 1 Wrestling (16-1, 5-0)**
 Ranked atop the nation, the Iowa wrestling team is coming off of a victorious weekend road trip, winning its eighth- and ninth-consecutive duals over No. 3/4 Minnesota and No. 11 Wisconsin.
- 2 Women's basketball (15-7, 8-3)**
 The Hawks used back-to-back double-digit wins over Northwestern and Indiana to remain tied for first in conference play. Hoping to extend its six-game winning streak, Iowa will host Michigan State on Thursday.
- 3 Women's track**
 Already having qualified two distance runners for the NCAA indoor championships, the women are preparing for their trip to the Meyo Classic this weekend.
- 4 Women's gymnastics**
 Katie Burke and Brandi Loffer claimed the top two spots in the all-around, propelling Iowa to an upset win over No. 23 Southeast Missouri State. Iowa will host Ohio State Saturday.
- 5 Men's basketball (11-12, 4-6 — After a midweek meltdown at Purdue (L, 51-50))**
 Iowa rebounded Feb. 2 to upset Ohio State, 53-48. It will host second-place Wisconsin tonight in its first event.



- 6 Men's track**
 At the UNI Invitational, Iowa ran away with seven first-place finishes as well as 24 collegiate bests. The men will join the women when they compete in the Meyo Classic this weekend.
- 7 Men's tennis (2-0, 1-0)**
 Making its first appearance in the power rankings, Iowa is undefeated with wins against Northern Illinois and Indiana. Iowa will next travel to Nebraska to take on the Huskers and the University of Denver.
- 8 Men's gymnastics**
 Despite freshman Ben Ketelsen's first-place finish in the all-around, the Hawks lost to Michigan, 341.950-338.60 at home over the weekend. Two Iowa gymnasts will travel to Las Vegas this week for the Winter Cup Classic.
- 9 Women's tennis**
 The women's last match, against Duke, was postponed because of inclement weather, but Iowa hopes for a strong home performance against Marquette on Friday and DePaul on Feb. 10.
- 10 Swimming and diving (Men: 3-4, 1-3; Women: 5-7, 2-2)**
 Winning every event of their meet with UNI, the Iowa women out-swam the Panthers on Feb. 1, earning the 132-70 victory. Iowa will next compete in the Big Tens later this month.



Sports

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

Signing day gets dicier

Predicting which recruits will pan out made tougher by early commitments.

By Rachel Cohen
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Their fax machines still warm from the letters of intent that poured in during signing day, many of the nation's elite college-football programs will go a long way toward filling next year's recruiting classes in the coming weeks.

As the commitments pile up, some of the beneficiaries may be the less marquee schools who get left out of this early scramble. As anybody who has been around teenagers will attest, they can change a lot in a year, so the trend of recruits committing earlier and earlier complicates coaches' already difficult task of predicting which ones will pan out.

"What's happened is it's kind of helped even things out," said David Yost, Missouri's quarterback coach and recruiting coordinator, in a phone interview.

The nation's top five classes heading into today's signing day, as ranked by Rivals.com, belonged to Florida, Alabama, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, and Georgia. Florida had many late commitments, but for the other four, 62 of the 90 players had committed by the end of August, according to the recruiting website.

Compare that with the class Missouri signed last February. Six players had committed by the end of August; 13 committed after the start of November.

The Tigers were one of college football's biggest surprises last season, putting themselves one win away from playing in the national championship game.

Later commitments were also the norm for other unexpected 2007 success stories such as Kansas and Illinois.

"It's made for more mistakes by some of schools," Yost said of the trend toward earlier commitments at big-name programs.

Many players who commit early change their pledges

before signing day, and teams try to leave open spots in their classes for any late bloomers who emerge during their senior seasons. So it's not as though schools that get a lot of early commitments are completely locked into their classes many months before signing day.

But a team with many early commitments may have a tough time wooing a player who came out of nowhere to have a great senior season because it already has a lot of recruits at his position. And there are certainly cases of athletes who seem to peak when they're juniors in high school, then are unimpressive during their senior seasons.

"One year can do a lot of good for a player or have a minimal effect," CSTV recruiting analyst Tom Lemming said.

Lemming cited Iowa, Boston College, and Purdue as three programs that do a good job of evaluating talent and making the most of late commitments, helping to keep them competitive with bigger-name schools.

"They wait until the big guys get done and then pounce on guys they know are great," he said.

Programs don't want to pull the scholarship offer and develop a bad reputation among high schools, said former Miami coach Larry Coker.

"That gets around pretty quickly," he said.

Coker and former Mississippi coach Ed Orgeron said there are many tricks for trying to predict how a high-school player will develop, even 18 months before he'd enroll in college.

Coaches take into account everything from shoe size to relatives' heights to the kids' diets. They talk to school counselors, ministers, teachers.

The recruit's opportunities in high school can make a big difference. One with access to sophisticated coaching and training programs may have less room to improve than one who isn't even getting three square meals a day.

Top 10 Recruits

College football's signing period begins today, and most of the top players are expected to ink scholarships. Here's a list of the top 25 players in the country, according to Rivals.com, and where they have orally committed to play. Oral commitments are nonbinding:

1. Terrelle Pryor, QB, 6-6, 235 pounds, Jeannette (Pa.) HS, uncommitted.
2. DaQuan Bowers, DE, 6-4, 267, Bamberg-Ehrhardt HS, Bamberg, S.C., Clemson
3. Mike Adams, OL, 6-7, 308, Coffman HS, Dublin, Ohio, Ohio State
4. Julio Jones, WR, 6-4, 215, FOLey (Ala.) HS, uncommitted.
5. Patrick Johnson, DB, 6-1, 195, Ely HS, Pompano Beach, Fla., LSU
6. Darrell Scott, RB, 6-0, 204, St. Bonaventure HS, Ventura, Calif.
7. Marcus Forston, DT, 6-2, 286, Northwestern Miami (Fla.) HS
8. Baker Steinkuhler, OL, 6-6, 290, Lincoln (Neb.) Southwest HS, Nebraska.
9. A.J. Green, WR, 6-4, 184, Summerville (S.C.) HS, Georgia.
10. Will Hill, athlete, 6-3, 203, St. Peter's Prep, Jersey City, N.J., Florida

MEAN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

Conference	W		L		Pct.	GB
	W	L	W	L		
Purdue	9	1	900	18	5	7.83
Wisconsin	8	1	889	18	3	8.57
Indiana	7	1	875	18	3	8.57
Michigan St.	7	2	778	19	3	8.64
Ohio St.	7	3	700	16	7	6.96
Iowa	4	6	400	11	12	4.78
Minnesota	3	5	375	13	7	6.50
Penn St.	3	5	300	11	11	5.00
Illinois	2	8	200	10	13	4.35
Michigan	1	9	100	5	17	2.27
Northwestern	0	8	000	7	12	3.68

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#6 Georgetown 63, South Florida 53
 #7 Tennessee 104, Florida 82
 #10 Butler 71, Valparaiso 60
 #15 Drake 73, Illinois State 70
 #18 Texas A&M 69, Iowa State 51
 #24 Purdue 67, Penn State 53

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	30	17	5	65	169	146
New Jersey	30	20	3	63	138	128
Pittsburgh	29	19	5	63	155	144
N.Y. Rangers	27	23	6	60	139	140
N.Y. Islanders	24	24	6	54	128	156

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	32	15	.681	—
New Orleans	32	15	.681	—
San Antonio	30	16	.652	1 1/2
Houston	28	20	.583	4 1/2
Memphis	13	35	.271	19 1/2

BASEBALL

American League
 BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with 1B Sean Casey on a one-year contract and RHP Matt Miller and INF Junior Spivey on minor league contracts.
 DETROIT TIGERS—Traded OF Michael Hernandez to Texas for RHP Armando Galarraga.
 NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with RHP Brian Bruney on a one-year contract.
 TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with OF Alex Rios on a one-year contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with RHP Mike Lincoln on a minor league contract. Named Julio Garcia special assistant to player development and Brian Pender 2nd-year scout.
 COLORADO ROCKIES—Agreed to terms with RHP Alberto Arias, RHP Darren Clarke, RHP Brandon Hynick, RHP Zach McClellan, RHP Greg Reynolds, LHP Sean Thompson, RHP Casey Weathers, RHP Victor Zambrano, INF Christian Colonel, INF Chris Nelson, OF Sean Barker, OF Dexter Fowler, OF Joe Gaeth and OF Scott Podszus on minor league contracts.
 HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with SS Richard Paz on a minor league contract.
 PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with 2B Freddy Sanchez on a two-year contract.
 ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Extended its working agreement with Quad Cities (MWL) through the 2010 season.
 SAN DIEGO PADRES—Claimed RHP Enrique Gonzalez off waivers from Washington.
 WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Agreed to terms with LHP Katsuhiko Maekawa on a minor league contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
 BUFFALO BILLS—Named Ray Brown assistant offensive line coach.
 CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed P Danny Baugher to a two-year contract.
 GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed Mike McCarthy coach to a five-year contract.
 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed G Dan Connolly, WR C.J. Jones, CB Tim Mixon and OL Jimmy Martin to future contracts.
Canadian Football League
 WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS—Re-signed WR-KR Willie Foster and DL Matt Kudu. Released WR Chris Brazzell.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Recalled D Duvie Westcott from Syracuse (AHL).
 COLORADO AVALANCHE—Assigned G Michael Wall to Lake Erie (AHL).
 LOS ANGELES KINGS—Activated F Michael Cammalleri from injured reserve.
 MINNESOTA WILD—Recalled G Nolan Schafer from Houston of the AHL.
 NEW YORK RANGERS—Recalled F Dane Byers from Hartford (AHL).

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic	36	9	.800	—
Boston	26	21	.553	11
Toronto	20	28	.417	17 1/2
New Jersey	19	30	.388	19

Iowa tracksters honor Grant

In honor of late former Iowa women's track coach James Grant, the Hawkeye women's track team will wear yellow ribbons during competition.

By Jeff Pawola
THE DAILY IOWAN

Despite his having passed away more than six months ago, the legacy of former Hawkeye women's track and field head coach James Grant still lives on through the team. It's almost impossible not to; Grant coached at Iowa for 23 years, serving as an assistant for the first 11.

As a tribute, the team members will wear his memory on their sleeves.

Literally. For the remainder of the season, each athlete will wear a yellow ribbon on her sleeve in memory of their former coach.

"We wanted to have the ribbon to represent something; similar to the Virginia Tech situation," said senior distance runner Molly Esche, who coordinated the design for the team. "We picked yellow because we want it to stick out in contrast to our black jerseys."

Not only was Grant a track coach, he was also a friend and father. This holds especially true for the athletes who are from the Caribbean — Grant was a native of Jamaica.

"He was a coach, a friend, and a father figure," said Renee White, a junior that Grant recruited from Jamaica. "I didn't really have anyone up here to look up to, and he was a person I could look up to."

White's sentiments were echoed by former Hawkeye All-American and current interim assistant coach Shellene Williams.

"Coach Grant to me was a father, a friend, and a coach,"



Beth Skogen/The Daily Iowan

Iowa distance runners practice in the Recreation Building on Tuesday. The team members will wear yellow ribbons on the sleeves of their black jerseys as a tribute to their former coach, James Grant, who passed away last year.

she said. "He was someone you could talk to and have a joke with."

The team has found solace in former assistant and current interim head coach Layne Anderson. Having been the head cross-country coach for the previous five seasons, Anderson embraced his role and is helping the team move forward.

"We will run to honor [Grant's] memory and the hard work that he did while he was here," Anderson said. "The best way to carry on his legacy is to

go out, work hard and succeed."

Which is exactly what Iowa has done thus far, provisionally qualifying three athletes to the NCAA championships after only two meets. Grant's legacy is also alive because Anderson reminds many of his predecessor.

"Coach Anderson really reminds me in some parts of him [Grant]," White said. "He does some of the same stuff that Coach Grant did."

Williams also felt that Anderson was similar to Grant in

regards to leadership. She said that he really stepped up and took charge of the team while Grant was struggling through everything last season.

Although Anderson has helped make the transition smoother, no one is ready to close the door on Grant for good.

White said Grant really focused on teamwork; as a team, the Hawkeyes are working together to get through these difficult times.

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'Solid' class of recruits

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you're not getting too caught up [and say], 'Wow, that guy is doing some amazing things on film in terms of athletic ability.' But they're above-average athletes who play with that extra heartbeat.

"That's kind of been the symbol of Iowa football over the years, and that's a tremendous positive and a good fit for Iowa."

A good example of this mentality is Reiff, who Crabtree calls the best high-school player in the Hawkeyes' class. The defensive end describes himself as a player offensive linemen don't want to face.

"Yeah, I'm mean [on the field]," Reiff said. "I just get after it. I play with an attitude. That's what I'm going to bring."

Along with aggressive players, Iowa is also getting prospects with good attitudes, according to Kakert. It should come as no surprise that this comes after a year in which 12 Hawkeye players were arrested.

"You're getting a lot of good-character kids — kids who are going to do a good job in the classroom, kids who are going to come in and play hard," Kakert said.

Wienke, the quarterback prospect, exemplifies this team-first attitude of which Kakert speaks.

"I just want to help the team out as much as possible and be apart of a winning team," Wienke said. "I want for the

program to continue to succeed and for us to do as well as we possibly can in everything that we do."

On top of this, Ferentz's class is full of players recruited to fill a specific need. DeMarco Paine (No. 66 athlete) could replace departed Charles Godfrey and Adam Shada in the defensive backfield. David Blackwell (No. 78 athlete) could try to make it at quarterback or wide receiver. Nate Guillory (No. 44 among junior-college player) and Brinson — along with three other running back prospects — look to come in and fill the gaping hole left by Albert Young and Damian Sims at running back.

"They knew that they needed to get some quarterbacks to push [last year's starting quarterback Jake] Christensen and make things interesting there, and they've done that," Crabtree said. "They needed to get some good running backs, they needed to get a couple of receivers. You know, they got a lot of good quality kids, they just have to go out there and now go play."

Still, in a ratings-obsessed sports culture, Iowa's class will hardly turn heads. After all, the Hawkeyes' class is the only one in the top-51 without a four-star prospect.

Crabtree says that regardless of the rankings and the Hawkeyes' lack of stars, Iowa picked up some solid players and added some much-needed depth to the roster with its 2008 recruiting class.

Mark Ingram

Four-star athlete Mark Ingram put four hats down on the table: Iowa, Alabama, Michigan State, and Wisconsin. And with a big smile on his face, the 17th-ranked athlete in the class of 2008 chose to play his college ball in Tuscaloosa.

Joining what could become the nation's No. 1 recruiting class later today if the Tide pick up wide receiver Julio Jones, Ingram said in his press conference that he's prepared to compete for playing time next year.

If he had committed to the Hawkeyes, Ingram would have been the headliner of head coach Kirk Ferentz's class — a class that has no four-star prospects.

Without him, Ferentz is looking at five incoming running backs — including junior-college transfer Nate Guillory and Florida back Jeff Brinson — and returning players Jevon Pugh and Paki O'Meara to replace the production of former Hawkeye backs Albert Young and Damien Sims.

— by Scott Miller

"It's not going to rank up there as one of the top-five classes in the Big Ten, but overall, I think Coach Ferentz is going to step back on signing day and be pretty pleased of the depth that they added at the key positions where they needed it," Crabtree said.

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A change in attitude

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It's not as if Iowa hasn't "gotten by" on less-heralded players before, either.

The most successful years of the Ferentz era were provided by overlooked and unheralded recruits such as Desmond "Bob" Sanders, high-school quarterback/athlete Chad Greenway, and fullback recruit Jonathan Babineaux — the list is long, and the story is old at this point.

Then came the class of 2005, loaded with more stars than an Academy Awards after-party, and Iowa finally had hit the big-time. It had the on-the-field product and now the off-the-field results to fuel a stay at the top.

Wrong. The results since have been as disappointing this year's Miami Dolphins' highlight reel.

Kalvin Bailey and Ryan Bain no longer attend Iowa. Jake Christensen is Hawkeye public enemy No. 1. Injuries have hampered the progress of starlinemen Dace Richardson and Dan Doering, and they ended Alex Kanellis' career.

In the wake of the stellar class, Iowa has since fallen to a subpar record of 19-18.

The blame shouldn't fall on those individuals, but on a teamwide attitude. A good coach can override a "lack" of talent if his team works as a unit. Each athlete needs to care as much for himself as he does for the man standing next to him.

That hasn't happened at Iowa recently. It has seemed more like a next-man-out-the-door policy than next-man-in.

A look at the police blotter and attrition rates suggest the Iowa attitude has been missing in recent memory. Seven athletes have run afoul of the law

since last summer, while only 11 of the 23 members from the 2005 class remain.

It's an illustration of selfishness, a concern of only the individual, no matter the teamwide ramifications.

These incoming recruits have the potential to regain the old attitude. They have seen a struggling Iowa team, and yet they want to be here. It is not because Iowa was the biggest name to come in for them. They met the staff, and wanted to be a part of Ferentz's Iowa program.

The class may not provide the instant impact desired in the what-have-you done-for-melately world of college football, but the desire and raw tools are there for Ferentz to build another successful team in the coming years.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Stinnett leads Creighton past UNI

OMAHA (AP) — It was one of those games that neither team saw coming.

PAllen Stinnett scored a career-high 24 points and Creighton cruised to an easy 74-50 win over Northern Iowa Tuesday, handing the Panthers their worst loss in five years.

Northern Iowa had played well for three weeks, while the Bluejays (16-6) had to come from 15 down to beat struggling Wichita State to snap a three-game losing streak in their last outing.

The Jays improved to 7-5 in the Missouri Valley Conference. UNI

(14-9) dropped to 6-6 in league play. Naturally, the one-sided outcome came as a shock to both teams.

"This wouldn't have crossed anybody's mind," said UNI coach Ben Jacobson, whose team lost for the ninth-straight time to Creighton.

The Panthers had won four of five coming in. But they turned the ball over on five of their first nine possessions and scored a season-low 18 points in the first half.

Stinnett, on the other hand, had 17 points before intermission on 7-of-10 shooting. The freshman hit 10-of-15 in the game, including four of seven attempts from 3-point range.

Creighton scored 21 of the game's first 28 points and led 33-18

at the break. The Jays trailed only once, at 3-2, and led by as many as 32 points in the second half.

It was Creighton's first game in two weeks that was decided before the closing minutes.

"It's never predictable with our group," Jays coach Dana Altman said. "To say if I thought we were ready to explode ... no."

Creighton shot 52 percent from the field (28-of-54) and hit nine of its 16 3-point attempts (56 percent).

Booker Woodfox had 11 points, including seven straight at one point in the second half, to join Stinnett in double figures for the Jays.

Hawks want 2



Julie Brayton/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye Jake Kelly drives toward the Iowa hoops against Penn State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Jan. 26. Kelly was 3-of-4 in 3-point field goals and finished the game with 11 points. The Hawks defeated the Nittany Lions, 64-49.

BASKETBALL

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Staring Lineups

No. 8 Wisconsin (18-3, 8-1)

F Marcus Landry	6-7	Jr.	11.0
C Brian Butch	6-11	Sr.	12.8
G Trevon Hughes	6-1	So.	13.6
G Michael Flowers	6-2	Sr.	9.1
G Joe Krabbenhoft	6-7	Jr.	7.7

Iowa (11-12, 4-6)

F Cyrus Tate	6-8	Jr.	6.2
F Seth Gorney	7-0	Sr.	3.9
G Tony Freeman	6-1	Jr.	14.6
G Justin Johnson	6-6	Sr.	13.4
G Jake Kelly	6-6	Fr.	6.3

Driven by a strong defensive effort and a remarkable shooting night from Justin Johnson, Iowa's 36-point swing between meetings with Ohio State didn't happen overnight, but it did require the good fortune of an abysmal shooting night (3-of-21 combined 3-point shooting) for the Buckeyes. Losing just four turnovers in the first half, an emphasis and ability to take better care of the basketball was also a key to the team's fourth conference win.

In order to find similar success in trying for a second-straight win, Iowa must crack the nation's top-ranked scoring defense (54.1 points per game) and put a stop to an efficient Wisconsin offense coming off back-to-back wins of 13 or more points.

"Wisconsin's as good as everybody says," Lickliter said. "[The Badgers] space the floor extremely well and play great position defense. They play high-percentage basketball, and they get to the line a great deal more than anyone else in the league."

Tonight's game also marks a homecoming for former Marion,

Iowa, standout Jason Bohannon, who has been an integral part of Wisconsin's depth this season, averaging 6.6 points per game coming off the bench. Praised by Lickliter for the Badgers' ability to score in transition, defending Wisconsin's "swing" offense has also been a key focus point this week for Iowa.

"[Wisconsin] runs just about every kind of action you can run, but with the floor spaced," Lickliter said. "[Ryan]'s players are skilled passers, and I think they understand where each other is going to be, so that puts you in a tough spot. He has more than one person who passes really well out of the post, so now if you don't

double them, it's isolation. If you do double them, he passes out of it."

Sitting two games behind fifth-place Ohio State in the Big Ten standings, a win tonight won't shift Iowa's conference position, but it would boost the Hawkeyes back to the elusive .500 overall mark that has escaped them the last two months — a confidence-booster that cannot be overvalued as Iowa heads down the home stretch of the regular season.

"We've got to come back and respond now to a little bit of success that we had on [Feb. 2] and play better," Lickliter said.

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MOST OVERLOOKED: DEMARCO PAINE

Listed as an athlete in the recruiting world, Paine is just that, a pure athlete. Projecting to play corner at Iowa, the 5-10, 175-pound prospect has the necessary speed (4.44 40-yard dash) to stick with Big Ten wide receivers.
"This kid might be one of the bigger steals in the class," Crabtree said. "He's a kid that was very heavily recruited in the state of Missouri for a while and kind of snuck away from some of the Big 12 schools. I just feel like this is going to be a good get."

IMMEDIATE IMPACT: NATE GUILLORY
Guillory comes in hailed as one of the best junior-college players in the country. On top of that, the 5-10, 180-pound running back is already enrolled at Iowa, giving him time to learn the playbook and get adjusted to college life.
And with the open competition at the tailback position, Guillory could have an advantage over other incoming prospects, such as Jeff Brinson, Jewel Hampton, William Lowe, and grayshirt Adam Robinson.

BEST CATCH: JEFF BRINSON
Iowa snagged the St. Petersburg, Fla., native before Florida State was able to persuade him to take an official visit. The 5-11, 203-pound prospect, who ranks as the 44th-best running back in the class of 2008, was named one of the top-five sleepers in the country, at any position, by Rivals.com.
Brinson could eventually join Guillory in the backfield as a good two-back combination.

THROUGH THE CRACKS: JASON FORD
The indecisive prospect committed to Iowa last summer, but in October, he switched his commitment to a "soft oral." In early November, the three-star running back re-committed to Iowa and seemingly closed down his recruiting.
But Ford wasn't finished flip-flopping: Right after Thanksgiving, he switched his commitment to Big Ten rival Illinois. As touted a prospect as Ford was, maybe the Hawkeyes are better off without this insecure running back.

EASILY FORGOTTEN: JAMES FERENTZ
Sure, he's the son of Iowa's head coach Kirk Ferentz, but the 6-2, 250-pound center committed way back in April.
2007. It's hard for Hawkeye fans not to forget about Ferentz, even if he is the 16th-ranked center in the class of 2008.
With Iowa's entire offensive line returning next year, the Iowa City native should get some time to gain weight and work on his technique.

Kirk Ferentz welcomes the next group of Hawkeyes today on national signing day. Iowa is expected to ink at least 26 recruits — some of whom may provide immediate help against Maine in the 2008 season-opener.

BRAD HERMAN ★★ ★★
TE/6-5/220 lbs.

JOHN WIENKE ★★ ★★
QB/6-4/196 lbs.

WILLIAM LOWE ★★ ★★
RB/5-9/165 lbs.

JAKE REISEN ★★ ★★
LB/6-2/205 lbs.

JAMES FERENTZ ★★ ★★
OL/6-2/250 lbs.

JASON SEMMES ★★ ★★
DE/6-3/218 lbs.

STEVE BIGACHI ★★ ★★
LB/6-3/220 lbs.

JOE GAGLIONE ★★ ★★
DE/6-3/212 lbs.

KHALIF STATEN ★★ ★★
WR/6-3/219 lbs.

GREG CASTILLO ★★ ★★
ATH/5-10/158 lbs.

J.D. GRIGGS ★★ ★★
DE/6-4/220 lbs.

JEWEL HAMPTON ★★ ★★
RB/5-9/195 lbs.

DAVID BLACKWELL ★★ ★★
ATH/6-2/207 lbs.

JACK SWANSON ★★ ★★
DB/ 5-11/173 lbs.

DEMARCO PAINE ★★ ★★
ATH/5-10/175 lbs.

TRENT MOSSBRUCKER ★★ ★★
K/ 5-11/195 lbs.

SHANE PRATER ★★ ★★
WR/6-0/158 lbs.

SHAUN PRATER ★★ ★★
DB/5-10/159 lbs.

JAMES VANDENBERG ★★ ★★
QB/6-2/176 lbs.

NATE GUILLORY ★★ ★★
RB/5-10/180 lbs.

DAVID CATO ★★ ★★
DB/5-10/190 lbs.

JONATHAN GIMM ★★ ★★
TE/6-3/ 235 lbs.

JEFF BRINSON ★★ ★★
RB/5-11/203 lbs.

CASEY MCMILLAN ★★ ★★
OL/6-4/285 lbs.

RILEY REIFF ★★ ★★
DE/6-6/250 lbs.

ADAM ROBINSON ★★ ★★
RB/5-9/185 lbs.

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T3. Texas
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T4. Kansas — 1
T4. Michigan
T4. Missouri
T4. Montana
T4. New York
T4. South Dakota

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Sept. 27 — Northwestern
Oct. 4 — at Michigan State
Oct. 11 — at Indiana
Oct. 18 — Wisconsin
Nov. 1 — at Illinois
Nov. 8 — Penn State
Nov. 15 — Purdue
Nov. 22 — at Minnesota

Rivals' Team Rankings
1. Florida — With Heisman winner Tim Tebow on board for 2008, the Gators reeled in another freakishly talented class featuring four blue chips and top-ranked athlete Will Hill.
2. Alabama — Nick Saban's rock-solid inaugural class at Alabama features 18 four-star recruits, two more than any other program in the nation.
3. Notre Dame — After a 3-9 season, Irish offensive behind five-star renaissance trio Dayne Crist, Michael Floyd, and Kyle Rudolph — oh, and four other top-100 prospects.
4. Ohio State — Five-star offensive line tandem of Mike Adams and Michael Brewster headline another touted recruiting class for sweater-vested salesman Jim Tressel.
5. Michigan — Already boasting a star-studded class, the only thing better than upsetting Florida would be winning the Terrelle Pryor sweepstakes Wednesday.
6. Minnesota — Spreading his class across 13 different states, Tim Brewster snatched three-star RB Kevin Whaley last week and continues to build for bright future.
7. Illinois — If one thing remains true, it's that Ron Zook can recruit. The Illini's '08 class features six four-stars, including 320-pound monster Graham Pocic.
8. Penn State — Fronting the second tier of conference classes, JoePa's Nittany Lions continued their reputation as Linebacker U. in '08 — four of their top-five recruits are linebackers.
9. Wisconsin — Dual-threat quarterback Curt Phillips is the prize catch of another strong class for Bret Bleilema's Badgers.
10. Michigan State — Detroit speedster Fred Smith hopes to bring flash, flair to East Lansing and Spartan offense.
11. Iowa
12. Purdue — Rapid-running Ohio wideout Roy Roundtree should fit right into Joe Tiller's air-it-out shotgun offense.
13. Northwestern — An in-state quartet of three-star offensive linemen anchor Pat Fitzgerald's low-profile class.
14. Iowa State — With a 4.47-second 40-time, Jerome Tiller fits recurring dual-threat mold of Cyclones QBs Bret Meyer and Seneca Wallace.
15. Indiana — Hardly a Hollywood class, Bill Lynch and the Hoosiers continue to build after comeback 2007 season earned a rare bowl bid.

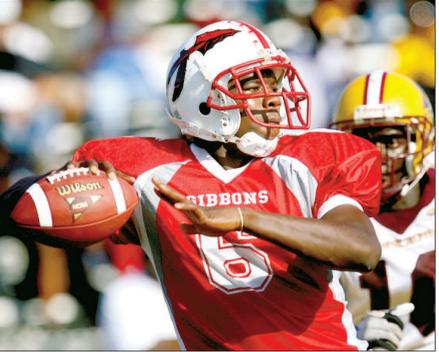
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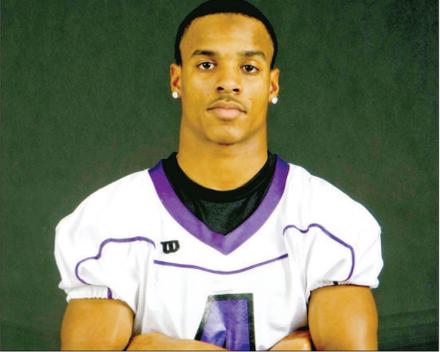
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JOHN WIENKE ★★ ★★
Quarterback, Tuscola, Ill.
By the numbers: Touted for his precise accuracy, Wienke's touchdown-to-interception ratio was an outstanding 34-3 his senior season.
Expert says — "John's a left-hander who was an Elite-11 quarterback," said Jeremy Crabtree, a national recruiting analyst for Rivals.com. "He's a big, strong kid that has a really good arm. He can get the ball into tight spaces. He's very accurate. He's just a really good get."

JEFF BRINSON ★★ ★★
Running Back, St. Petersburg, Fla.
By the numbers: With a bench-press max of 305 pounds and a 4.5-second 40-yard dash, Brinson's strength-speed combination is unmatched by few others in this year's Hawkeye class.
Expert says — "He's just a big, physical kid who can run over you, but he's also got some nice speed that can make him a home run threat in the future," Crabtree said.

DAVID BLACKWELL ★★ ★★
Athlete, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
By the numbers: Blackwell's 4.5-second 40-yard dash even more impressive considering his size.
Expert says — "[Blackwell's] not going to play running back" said Tom Kakert, publisher of hawkeyereport.com. "He's going to end up and try to make it at quarterback, but I think eventually, he'll end up at wide receiver. I don't know if he's as explosive of an athlete as Derrrell-Johnson Koulianos, but I think he's near that."

SHAUN PRATER ★★ ★★
Defensive Back, Omaha, Neb.
By the numbers: A lockdown cover corner, Prater's leaping ability (38 inches) and speed (4.5-second 40-yard dash) should translate to the next level.
Expert says — "He's another guy that came on strong late during his senior season, and kind of proved that he was one of the best defensive backs in the Midland region," Crabtree said. "He will need to add some weight — but when he gets into a good college weight program, he's going to be just fine."

RILEY REIFF ★★ ★★
Defensive End, Parkston, S.D.
By the numbers: At 6-6 and 250 pounds, Reiff is quite nimble coming around the edge — clocking as low as 4.8 seconds in the 40-yard dash.
Expert says — "Riley I think is probably the forgotten guy in this class," Crabtree said. "... And South Dakota has had a pretty good track record here of producing some big-time players who have gone on to the NFL. It wouldn't shock me if Riley is the next in line to do that."

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— Deborah El, a 64-year-old diabetic who will exhaust her 26 weeks of regular unemployment benefits this month. Last week, the number of laid off workers filing applications for unemployment benefits soared by 69,000 to 375,000.

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If musicians redid their hit singles today

- "S%#t I forgot underwear again," by Britney Spears
- "My Career Went Bye Bye Bye," by Chris Fitzpatrick
- "Mo Money Mo Making the Band episodes," by Puff Daddy
- "I Drink Till I am Blind," by Paris Hilton

- "Living on a song we wrote 30 years ago," by Bon Jovi

- "Let's Ruin Crazy Train," by Lil' Jon

- "One Step Closer to Sinking Park," by Linkin Park

- "Sugar Our Record Sales are Goin Down," by Fallout Boy

- "Black or White (As long as you're under 14)," by Michael Jackson

- "Nobody (Listens to us anymore)," by Backstreet Boys

- "Scotty is actually pretty well informed," by Lustra

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Whatever you offer to a cause or someone in need will result in an interesting new relationship. The riches you receive will come from the most unexpected source and in a rare but heartwarming way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't take life too seriously today, even if someone is pressuring you to do something you don't want to do. Concentrate on love, travel, and the fun things in life; don't get involved in someone else's melodrama.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It would be a shame to miss out on something good because you are lazy or unmotivated. Information that should help you make an important decision will be made available to you. It's your indecisiveness that will hold you back.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): There is plenty to contend with if you want to make headway. Talks will be vital to the outcome of a situation you are concerned about. Don't overreact if you want to solve problems and make changes. Listen to advice.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Clear up any old debts whether owed to you or by you. By working out a budget or payment plan, you can control the stress you are enduring regarding money matters. A partnership may be on the line.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make some changes at home that are geared toward comfort and entertainment. The adjustments made will help to bring you closer to the ones you live with. Don't forget to send out résumés or push for advancement.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be a participant, and you will discover a host of things about yourself that you hadn't realized. Let your findings prompt you to sign up for a course or do the research necessary to achieve your goals. A trip should be considered.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Someone isn't likely to give you a straight answer, especially if he or she is trying to spare your feelings or hide something from you. Be direct, but do play on the emotions of others in order to get to the bottom of things. In the end, you will find solutions that work for everyone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A trip or social gathering will help you learn more about something you may want to pursue professionally. A serious talk with someone who has experienced what you want to do will help you make a future-altering decision.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look for any opportunity to close deals, end arguments, or sign contracts. Now is the perfect time to open up new friendships or talk to someone you love about future plans. A positive change is apparent.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't feel pressured by all that is required of you today. Take on one thing at a time until you finish, and you will feel the satisfaction of accomplishment instead of frustration. Now is the time to complete things of the past.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will be extremely changeable because of uncertainty about what's going on in your life. Don't be too critical or quick to make a decision. You must feel confident that you are doing what's best for you personally.

GETTING FAT WITH IT



Waiter Michael Ryan stands outside the Deadwood on Tuesday. The bar celebrated Mardi Gras in the evening with costumes, free beads, and prizes.

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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.

- **Electronic Tax Filing**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Story Time for Preschoolers**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Center, 520 W. Cherry
- **Preschool story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Immunology Group Seminar, "What We Learn from Atomic Resolution Studies of Host-Pathogen Interactions," Ramaswamy Subramanian**, 4 p.m., 283 Eckstein Medical Research Building
- **Delta Sigma Pi Professional Business Fraternity information session**, 5:30 p.m., W10 Pappajohn Business Building
- **What's Happening in Johnson County?** 6 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Free Pool**, 7 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville
- **Iowa City Spells, 11th-annual spelling bee for adults**, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library

- **Margot at the Wedding**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **She Loves me**, 7:30 p.m., Iowa City Community Theatre, 4625 Oak Crest Hill Road S.E.
- **14**, by James Cameron, 8 p.m., University Theaters Mainstage Production, Theatre Building Thayer Theatre
- **eXchanges Launch Party**, 8 p.m., Sanctuary, 405 S. Gilbert.
- **Pay it Forward Tour info meeting**, 8 p.m., 347 IMU.
- **Hawkeye Basketball Party, Free prizes and pizza specials during the game**, 8:05 p.m. Speak Easy, 171 Highway 1 W.
- **Lust, Caution**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Six Organs of Admittance**, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington.
- **Karaoke night**, 9:30 p.m., Saloon, 112 E. College.
- **Talk Art Cabaret, Writers' Workshop**, 10 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington.
- **The Jam**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn.

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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

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UITV schedule Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

- 12:30 p.m.** News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)
- 1** A Prairie Lights Reading from the UITV Archives, Jane Guill
- 2** News from Germany (in German)
- 3** "Live from Prairie Lights," Abigail Foerstner on James Van Allen
- 4** Special News Conference with Football Coach Kirk Ferentz, live
- 5** Faculty and Guest Lectures from the UI
- 6** Special News Conference with Football Coach Kirk Ferentz
- 7** "Live from Prairie Lights," Abigail Foerstner on James Van Allen
- 8** Faculty and Guest Lectures from the UI
- 9:30** News from Daily Iowan TV
- 10** Special News Conference with Football Coach Kirk Ferentz
- 10:30** News from Daily Iowan TV
- 11** "Live from Prairie Lights," Abigail Foerstner on James Van Allen



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- ### Loudest Shouts
- Shout out to the guy who shouted out to himself. Maybe you didn't get the girl because you do things like that?
 - Shout out to the apartment above for jumping on their beds. Every night. Loudly.

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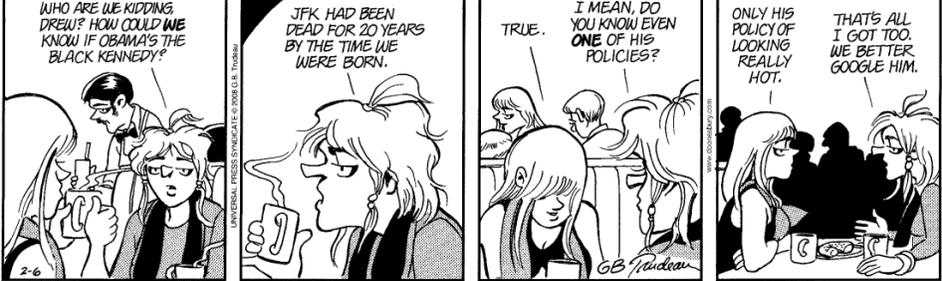
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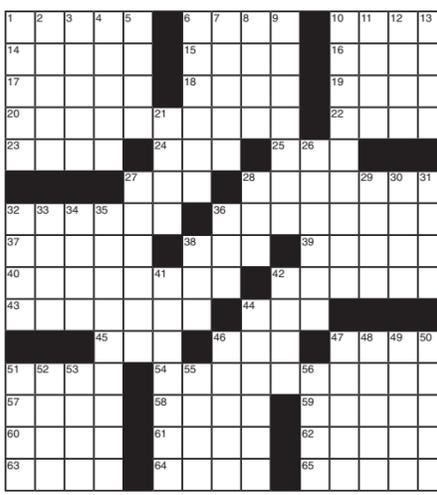
The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1226

- Across**
- 1 Wrong
 - 6 Study hard and fast
 - 10 Daunt
 - 14 Game follow-up
 - 15 Solo
 - 16 Orsk's river
 - 17 Like Green Beret units
 - 18 The triple in a triple play
 - 19 Just beats
 - 20 "The Defiant Ones" co-star, 1958
 - 22 Rocket launcher
 - 23 Many an M.I.T. grad: Abbr.
 - 24 Brillo rival
 - 25 The second Mrs. Michael Corleone
 - 27 Felipe Calderón's land: Abbr.
 - 28 Sony music player introduced in 1984
 - 32 Delineated, with "out"
 - 36 Movie chase scene, e.g.
 - 37 Yo-yo
 - 38 Song from 65-Across that's hidden in 20- and 54-Across and 10- and 35-Down
 - 39 Just beat
 - 40 Hashish source
 - 42 Messages
 - 43 Some socks
 - 44 Would-____ (aspirants)
 - 45 "____: Miami"
 - 46 Cross-referencing word
 - 47 Organ piece
 - 51 Pale hue
 - 54 Cornmeal dish often served with maple syrup
 - 57 Gore Vidal historical novel
 - 58 Langston Hughes poem
 - 59 Back biter?
 - 60 Not discounted
 - 61 Terse denial
 - 62 Trims in Photoshop, e.g.
 - 63 Itinerary data: Abbr.
 - 64 Heroic exploit
 - 65 Hit Broadway musical based on a comic strip
- Down**
- 1 Glacial ridge
 - 2 Deep pink
 - 3 Hockey no-no
 - 4 Rakish sort
 - 5 Something risky to work on
 - 6 Bleach brand
 - 7 One-sided contests
 - 8 Not backing
 - 9 Field utensils
 - 10 2003 Kentucky Derby winner
 - 11 Andrea Bocelli delivery
 - 12 Microwaves
 - 13 "Lohengrin" role
 - 21 Hand-me-down
 - 26 Quakers in the woods
 - 27 Most are good conductors
 - 28 Boxing Day mo.
 - 29 Prefix with bucks
 - 30 Nailed
 - 31 Beatty and others
 - 32 Easily split mineral

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- Puzzle by Jim Page
- 33 Month after Shevat
 - 34 Unwelcome auto noise
 - 35 Vehicles at a petting zoo
 - 36 Part of S.S.S.: Abbr.
 - 38 Grafton's "____ for Noose"
 - 41 2008 Olympics host
 - 42 Razor-sharp
 - 44 1984 gold-medalist marathoner Joan
 - 46 Scoring attempt
 - 47 Show contempt toward
 - 48 Kite's clutcher
 - 49 Six-foot-tall African animal
 - 50 As such
 - 51 Fit for duty
 - 52 Conk out
 - 53 "Superman II" villainess
 - 55 Oklahoma tribe
 - 56 Workout locale, for short

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