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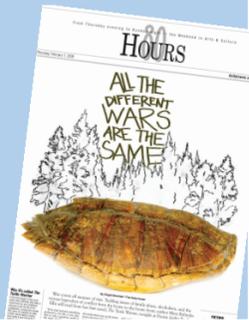
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**Today's webcast**

- Heavy snow hits Iowa City
- UI cancels Wednesday classes
- Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz talks recruits

**WEATHER**

  
Mostly cloudy, windy, 30% chance of snow. Winter's running out of imagination.

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The snowstorm Wednesday shut down classes, but some of the UI kept chugging away.

## Winter slaps around classes



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UI students Kelly Hepner (top), Hannah Miller (middle left), Jenna Smith (middle right), and Abby Prescott (bottom) enjoy the snow on the west lawn of the Old Capitol on Wednesday afternoon. Wednesday's cancellation of classes was only the fourth time UI classes have been suspended in the last 10 years.

By Kurtis Hiatt  
THE DAILY IOWAN

For the second time in fewer than three months, UI officials have canceled classes because of inclement weather.

"We don't want to miss class," said Steve Parrott, the director of University Relations. "But sometimes you just have to go along with Mother Nature."

The next couple of days look free from snow, and forecasters say the rest of the week and weekend should be mostly cloudy, with highs hovering in the 20s, then dropping to single digits on Feb. 10. Lows Saturday night will be below zero.

While the majority of students were off the hook for the day, students in health-science colleges with patient responsibilities were encouraged to contact supervisors and report to work if necessary.

Some university buildings closed

**Snow's Effects**

Closings and Cancellations Wednesday:

- UI classes canceled
- Iowa City School District canceled
- Iowa City Transit's Downtown Shuttle service stopped; other bus services abbreviated
- Iowa City Public Library closed at 3 p.m.
- Iowa City Spells postponed until Feb. 23
- All Iowa City Recreation Division programs and activities canceled
- Iowa City refuse pickup postponed until today
- Intramural soccer postponed to Feb. 25
- Macbride Nature Recreation Area closed
- UI Recreation Building closed at 7 p.m.
- Parts of the IMU closed immediately or early

early, and athletics officials offered free admission to UI students at the Wisconsin game last night.

"We never close down the entire university," Parrott said. "There's so many things that go on here that we can't stop," such as the UI Hospitals and Clinics and the residence halls.

Phillip Jones, the UI vice president for Student Services, initiates the cancellation process on days such as Wednesday. Jones, Charles Green, the assistant vice president for the UI police, interim Provost Lola Lopes, and UI President Sally Mason make a final, group decision on whether to cancel classes.

Forecasters had predicted a 100 percent chance of snow and an expected accumulation of 10 to 14 inches Wednesday. The storm was expected to leave the area by 6 p.m.

One department keeping its doors open was the UI Student Health Service.

Lisa James, an associate director of Student Health, said the snow day was busy, but the facility wasn't short-staffed.

At least five of the staff who normally commute from Cedar Rapids or Muscatine stayed in Iowa City Tuesday night to ensure they could make it to work Wednesday.

"It's amazing; I'm so impressed," she said. "They're a dedicated group. I'm very proud of them for taking the initiative to do this."

And operating during its normal hours, Student Health was busy

SEE WEATHER, 3A

## Jakes-city fight continues on

A story of a few inches, a few hundred dollars, and allegations of political retribution.

By Bryce Bauer  
THE DAILY IOWAN

"I think they actually called it a 'death trap,'" Iowa City City Councilor Connie Champion, said.

She was repeating fire officials' arguments at a Jan. 29 City Council meeting, in which One-Eyed Jakes' liquor-license renewal was denied.

The downtown bar's future as an alcohol establishment was put at risk, but the debate over its safety has gone on much longer.

The Issue: In February 2006, Iowa



Champion  
Iowa City City Councilor

**Dispute documents**

Check out [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com) to find PDFs of documents related to the case between One-Eyed Jakes and Iowa City.

City cited the downtown bar, located at 18-20 S. Clinton St., for two code violations stemming from the establishment's staircase width, holes in its third-floor ceiling, and the type of finish on that surface.

**The Arguments:** Fire officials say the narrowness of the bar's staircase, which is under the 44 inches required by the city code for new construction, poses a distinct hazard to life. Mike Porter, the establishment's owner, disagrees, saying once a sprinkler system is installed, no such threat exists.

SEE BAR, 3A

**NEW STUDY**

## HPV tied to oral cancer in males

By Melanie Kucera  
THE DAILY IOWAN

A new spotlight is being put on men and the effects of human papillomavirus, a virus traditionally associated with women.

Results from a recent study have shown that the virus, known as HPV, increasingly causes oral cancer in males, according to researchers.

The study, published in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology* on Feb. 1, used data from the National Cancer Institute covering more than 30 years. Researchers sorted each case into a group, one that had HPV as the cause of the cancer and another in which it was unrelated.

The results found that HPV-related oral cancers increased in men over the 30-year period, while unrelated oral cancers declined significantly.

"This study doesn't surprise me," said

**Human papillomavirus in men**

**Study findings**

- Researchers looked at the relationship between human papillomavirus, a sexually transmitted virus, and oral cancers
- 30 years of data analyzed in the study
- Researchers found oral cancers increased in men with human papillomavirus
- Human papillomavirus-unrelated oral cancers declined

Source: *Journal of Clinical Oncology*

Mukund Nadipuram, an oncologist at Covenant Cancer Center in Waterloo. Because human papillomavirus can cause cervical cancer in women, he said, there is no reason for it not to increase oral cancer in men.

SEE STUDY, 3A

# UI striving for 'green'



Beth Skogen/The Daily Iowan

UI Facilities Management engineer Eric Foresman holds the schematic drawings for the biogas generator sets on Wednesday at the Oakdale Power Plant. The Adsober chillers will heat, cool, and supply electricity for four new buildings at the Oakdale campus. The university saved \$500,000 last year on conserving energy.

## The UI's energy conservation efforts will be highlighted in a Board of Regents meeting today.

By Briana Byrd  
THE DAILY IOWAN

As renewable and sustainable energy gains popularity in the United States, the UI is pushing to bring the movement here, officials said.

During 2007, the university saved approximately \$1.5 million because of recently implemented energy-conservation efforts, including \$750,000 from an oat-recycling project with Quaker Oats in Cedar Rapids.

In today's state Board of Regents meeting, the UI will report on this and other measures it is taking in attempt to become a leader in the renewable energy industry. The report, titled "Campus Sustainability," will also feature measures Iowa State University and University of Northern Iowa are taking.

"It seems like we're doing a lot, but we don't advertise all the good things we're doing. We've actually reduced our output of carbon," said Eric Foresman, a Facilities Management engineer. "Other people talk about it, and we're actually doing it."

The UI is one of the first universities to be placed on to the Chicago Climate Exchange," he said.

An important measure the university has taken to conserve energy involves encouraging people to turn off equipment when not in use, said Janet Razbadouski, a Facilities Management engineer.

"[Energy conservation] really is part of our management plan," she said. "One of our major goals is to reduce our energy consumption by 10 percent by the year 2013. We have a strong commitment to green

### UI Energy Challenge

Goals to achieve by 2013

- Reduce energy consumption by 10 percent
- Increase the use of renewable energy to represent 15 percent of the total energy portfolio

Source: UI Facilities Management

renewable energy and energy conservation."

Although those who have been working to conserve energy have noticed the efforts to minimize the UI's carbon footprint, some students have remained less aware.

UI senior Seo-Young Lee said she hadn't seen any institutional attempts to conserve energy but thought that it was good that officials were "making an effort." "I think conserving energy should be second nature, rather than having a system to award others for recycling," she said. "But there are probably more efforts being made by the university."

Other significant conservation efforts have been taken on the Oakdale campus, Foresman

said. Four projects are in the design phase.

The projects involve switching from 7,200 volt overhead wire to 13,800 volt wires buried underneath the ground and placing biogas generators on the campus to produce electricity from locally available renewable energy resources. Officials are also utilizing heat previously used for electricity to heat buildings and use used hot water to make chilled water for air conditioning.

Facilities Management, in conjunction with the College of Engineering, recently created the Green Power Task Force. It is designed to expand the capacity of steam production and place the UI as a leader in green power, Razbadouski said. The steam is used primarily for heating the university campus and processing needs, such as sterilization and humidification.

"We're trying to expand the Power Plant without significantly increasing our carbon footprint," said Glen Mowery, a co-head of the task force.

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# House panel goes after smoke

A bill that would almost completely ban smoking across Iowa was recently introduced in the House.

By Kelli Shaffner  
THE DAILY IOWAN

A day after the UI announced it would go smoke-free, the Iowa House Commerce Committee passed a bill that would ban smoking statewide inside or within 50 feet of any place of employment.

The move against public smoking may have had some influence on the Smoke-free Air Act, the anti-smoking bill being considered in the Iowa Legislature, said Ed Haycraft, a UI Student Health Service substance-abuse counselor.

"I imagine they looked at the fact that the university just decided to go smoke-free," he said.

But Rep. Tyler Olson, D-Cedar Rapids, who led the discussion of

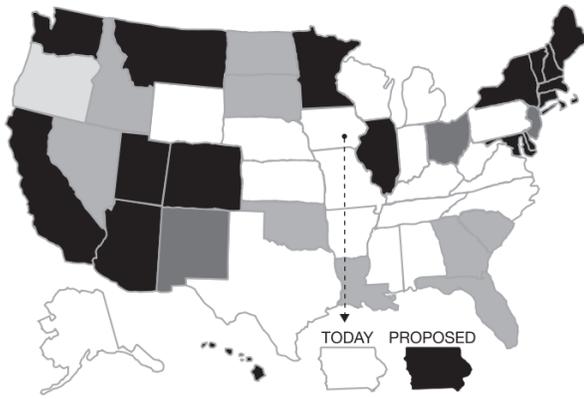
### More smoking bans

The Iowa House Commerce Committee passed a statewide bill Wednesday to prohibit smoking inside or within 50 feet of any place of employment. The bill still needs to be passed by the Senate and the full House and signed by the governor before it can become law.

#### U.S. smoking bans

Smoking is prohibited in a number of these areas: casinos, bars, restaurants, private workplaces, government buildings

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the bill, said the legislators on the committee and UI President Sally Mason most likely had the same reasons for wanting to decrease amounts of smoking.

It is mainly because of the reported problems that second-hand smoke allegedly causes,

Olson said. There are 22 other states that have adopted similar laws, he said, and he thinks even though the bill hasn't been discussed in the entire House, it has a good chance of passing. Rep. Bob Kressig, D-Cedar

Falls, said violations would be handled by the Iowa Department of Public Health rather than law enforcement.

But fees could reach up to \$500. Don McCormick, a spokesman for Public Health, said other states with similar anti-smoking laws have reacted by educating, not fining — a practice the Iowa health department wants to emulate.

Examples of what other states have done, he said, were web pages, signs for businesses, and radio advertisements, among others.

"Our goal is compliance," McCormick said. "Nobody has a crystal ball. We don't know how many complaints there could be, and we don't foresee a huge problem. But then again we don't know what future brings."

After all, he said, the job of Public Health employees is to make sure business owners and the public understand the interpretation of the law.

But there are other bills "floating around" in the House, said Susan Buckley, the UI associate vice president for Human Resources, and the movement to abolish secondhand smoke is active on various fronts.

"We're not first, but we're out front," she said.

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### POLICE BLOTTER

**Jacob Burgers**, 19, 3320 Mayflower, was charged Wednesday with possession of a fictitious driver's license/ID and PAULA.

**Matthew Joyce**, 36, 2401 Hwy 6 E Apt. 4811, was charged Tuesday with keeping a disorderly house.

**Chris Kelly**, 26, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. N1, was charged Wednesday with third-degree harassment.

**Katherine Lemkau**, 22, 20 Lincoln Ave. Apt. 10, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

**Kyle McDowell**, 18, 537 S. Van

Buren St. Apt. D, was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

**Dujan Merkson**, 27, 2005 Taylor Drive, was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Daniel Sussna**, 19, Winnetka, Ill.,

was charged Wednesday with PAULA and unlawful use of an authentic driver's license/ID of another.

**Haley Tomlinson**, 20, 422 Church St., was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

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3. Ingram chooses 'Bama, not Iowa
4. Iowa's Alexander ineligible
5. UIHC ER getting crowded

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'I think they actually called it a "death trap."'  
 — Connie Champion, Iowa City City Councilor

# License battle goes on

**BAR**  
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**The Pique:** Porter, who also owns The Summit Restaurant & Bar, contends that officials are punishing him for his political involvement.

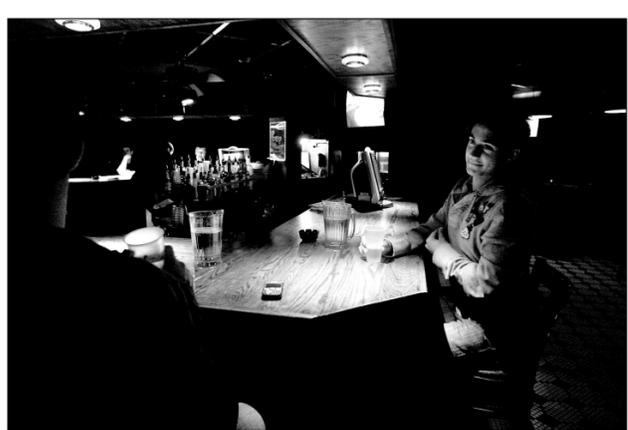
**The Story:** Under the International Fire Code, which Iowa City has adopted as its own, staircases for new buildings with a capacity of more than 50 people must be at least 44 inches wide. One-Eyed Jakes is approved to hold 299 people.

However the code — which was adopted in 2004 and updated in 2007 — allows existing buildings to avoid this requirement as long as doing so does not "constitute a distinct hazard to life."

And therein lies the issue. These problems, fire officials said in a letter to the City Council, pose "imminent life, health, and safety concerns" and therefore does not comply with the code. However, Porter, who has operated the bar since it opened in 1990, said that within the next two months, he plans to install a sprinkler system.

"There is no case of a building with fire sprinklers where there has been a catastrophic loss of life," Porter said. Furthermore, he said, it would cost around \$100,000 for him to widen the entryway the required 8 inches and that doing so would also require construction that would interfere with Milio's Sandwiches, 20 S. Clinton St.

Historically, the bar has



Peter Klopfenstein/The Daily Iowan  
 UI junior Max Crowley enjoys one of his first legal beers after turning 21 at One-Eyed Jakes on Nov. 5, 2007.

quickly rectified problems found during a fire inspection, an analysis of those reports shows.

Porter argues that the city's action is political. Recently, Porter was a key opponent of the proposed 21-ordinance, but he says he has been involved with many other issues affecting restaurants and bars over the years, including debate about mandatory voice-alarm systems.

Mayor Regenia Bailey said she voted against the renewal because of safety and said she didn't feel politics was involved, adding "our staff is not political."

Champion, who, along with Councilor Mike O'Donnell voted to renew the license, said she also felt the allegations of political retribution were false.

Iowa City Fire Chief Andy Rocca denied to comment for this story, citing an ongoing lawsuit.

While the City Council did vote 6-2 to deny One-Eyed Jakes a license renewal, the ultimate decision to do so actually resides with the state's Alcoholic Beverages Division, which is reviewing the city's recommendation.

Politics or not, the issue will most likely be decided in the judicial system. After the February 2006 citation, Iowa City took the establishment to court. There, it must ultimately prove the stairway and ceiling constitutes a "distinct hazard to life."

The case has yet to be decided by a judge.

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# UI has snow day

**WEATHER**  
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Wednesday, James said, both because of sicknesses this time of year and because of canceled classes.

"We do notice it when classes get canceled, we do get busier," she said. "Students have time to come in and get things checked out."

Local authorities also felt the effects of the snow storm, though they were somewhat

limited. Nancy Sereduck, Iowa City emergency-communications director, said the nine weather-related incidents officers dealt with by Wednesday afternoon were "nothing."

"It's not a big number," she said. "We could have nine accidents on a sunny day."

Sereduck noted there were no injuries, and most accidents were small.

Green said his two officers and supervisor on duty had responded to 10 weather-related

incidents around the UI campus by Wednesday afternoon, mostly accidents or motorist assists.

"I think it's tapering off a bit," he said.

Green also said his officers are encouraged to be careful in severe weather.

"I don't want them to take unusual chances," he said.

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# Study fingers HPV

**STUDY**  
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Nadipuram said he has seen an increase of oral-cancer patients, primarily men. However, he said, he does not check for human papillomavirus in patients, so he was unable to judge whether there was a direct correlation.

There is no HPV vaccination for men, only women. The vaccination, Gardasil, became approved for use in the U.S. in 2006 by Merck & Co, said Heather Collins, a spokeswoman in the global communications department at the company.

Gardasil has been at the center of debate on whether it should be made mandatory for young females. Opponents say that would encourage sexual activity.

Merck is conducting studies to

see how efficient Gardasil would work in men, Collins said, and it is set to submit the men's version of the vaccination for approval to the FDA before 2009.

"We want to get our ducks in a row before submitting any types of data," she said.

Human papillomavirus is the leading cause of cervical cancer in women and can cause penile and anal cancer in men as well as genital warts, Collins wrote in an e-mail.

HPV is just as common in men as in women, and most sexually active Americans will have human papillomavirus at

some point in their lives, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Karen Kubby, the executive director of the Emma Goldman Clinic, which conducts sexually transmitted disease and infection tests for men, noted how crucial it is for people to be cautious about HPV.

"It is really, really important for people to know that an STI that you have genitally can be passed orally," Kubby said. "You can't say 'It's south, and I'm OK, it is staying south.'"

Making a vaccination against HPV for men would be a "lovely thing for males," she said, and she fully supports women's use of Gardasil, which is offered at Emma Goldman.

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# Proposed bill would toughen dog law

A proposal in the Iowa House would make watching an animal fight, now a misdemeanor, a felony.

By Janessa Ensinger  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Watching a dog or cock fight in Iowa may become a felony.

House File 2005 would change watching an animal fight from a misdemeanor to a Class D felony punishable by up to five years in prison and up to a \$7,500 fine.

Rep. Jim Lykam, D-Davenport, introduced the bill on Jan. 14; it now sits in the public-safety subcommittee of which Lykam is the chairman.

"I hope it moves out of my committee and we debate it on the House floor," Lykam said.

The Humane Society of the United States brought the proposal to him, he said.

Forty-six states prohibit being a spectator at an animal fight, and it is considered a felony in 19 states, according to the Humane Society's website. The organization ranked Iowa as the 32nd-worst state for dogfighting laws.

In 2004, the state approved legislation to increase the penalty for being a spectator at an animal cruelty event from a misdemeanor to an aggravated misdemeanor.

Spectators go to animal fighting events for numerous reasons, but most attend to gamble, according to the site.

"[Dogfighting] is a very

'Except in rare circumstances, making a criminal penalty harsher rarely influences the behavior of people. Politicians love to vote for harsher penalties for most anything, but such moves rarely represent sound public policy.'

— Ben Stone,  
executive director  
of the ACLU of Iowa

underground secret society," Lykam said.

He said he thought the tougher law would lead to spectators cooperating with law-enforcement officials and possibly giving the names of participants involved with fighting the animals.

But, "I am under no false pretenses we will have more convictions," he said.

However, Lykam did say if there were nobody to bet on dogs, there would be no reason for people to conduct fights.

It is difficult to prosecute animal fighters with the current misdemeanor law on the books, according to the Humane Society. Iowa's current law creates a loophole that makes it difficult to tell who is a

spectator and who is a participant.

Under the proposed bill, everyone at the location would face felony charges.

In Nebraska, spectators at dog fights or bird fights are charged with a felony. In neighboring Illinois it is a misdemeanor, along with Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin.

Opposition to the bill includes several lobbyist groups: the Iowa Trial Lawyers Association, the Iowa Sportsman Federation, and the American Civil Liberties Union of Iowa.

They are opposed to the bill because it does not protect the unrelated people who happen to be at the location of the animal fight, said Lisa Davis-Cook, a co-director of the Iowa Citizen Action Network. However, this could be cleared up by changing the wording of the bill to distinguish who is a spectator, she said.

The ACLU merely thinks it won't work, and therefore doesn't see the increased punishment as justified.

"Except in rare circumstances, making a criminal penalty harsher rarely influences the behavior of people," said Ben Stone, the executive director of the ACLU of Iowa. "Politicians love to vote for harsher penalties for most anything, but such moves rarely represent sound public policy."

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State	Dogfighting: a Felony or a Misdemeanor	Loophole: Being a Spectator at a Dogfight
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Alaska	Felony	Misdemeanor
Arizona	Felony	Felony
Arkansas	Felony	Misdemeanor
California	Felony	Misdemeanor
Colorado	Felony	Felony
Connecticut	Felony	Felony
Delaware	Felony	Misdemeanor
Florida	Felony	Felony
Georgia	Felony	Legal
Hawaii	Felony	Legal
Idaho	Misdemeanor	Legal
Illinois	Felony	Misdemeanor
Indiana	Felony	Misdemeanor
Iowa	Felony	Misdemeanor
Kansas	Felony	Misdemeanor
Kentucky	Felony	Misdemeanor
Louisiana	Felony	Misdemeanor
Maine	Felony	Misdemeanor
Maryland	Felony	Misdemeanor
Massachusetts	Felony	Misdemeanor
Michigan	Felony	Felony
Minnesota	Felony	Misdemeanor
Mississippi	Felony	Felony
Missouri	Felony	Misdemeanor
Montana	Felony	Legal
Nebraska	Felony	Felony
Nevada	Felony	Felony
New Hampshire	Felony	Felony
New Jersey	Felony	Felony
New Mexico	Felony	Felony
New York	Felony	Misdemeanor
North Carolina	Felony	Felony
North Dakota	Felony	Misdemeanor
Ohio	Felony	Felony
Oklahoma	Felony	Misdemeanor
Oregon	Felony	Misdemeanor
Pennsylvania	Felony	Felony
Rhode Island	Felony	Felony
South Carolina	Felony	Felony
South Dakota	Felony	Misdemeanor
Tennessee	Felony	Misdemeanor
Texas	Felony	Misdemeanor
Utah	Felony	Misdemeanor
Vermont	Felony	Felony
Virginia	Felony	Misdemeanor
Washington	Felony	Felony
West Virginia	Felony	Misdemeanor
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# Dems, GOP differ on illegal immigration

By Shawn Gude  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Democrats and Republicans in the Iowa Legislature have two very different approaches to solving what many perceive as a problem — illegal immigration.

While the Democrats' plan — HF 2026 — focuses on punishing the businesses that hire undocumented workers, the GOP proposal looks to beef up enforcement of current laws and cut off services for undocumented immigrants.

That's one of the positive virtues of the Democrats' proposal, according to one anti-illegal-immigration activist.

"I am happy they're trying to get a bill to go after the businesses," said Craig Halverson, the director of the Iowa chapter of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps. "It's the CEOs who have been breaking the law."

But he made it clear he wanted more done to help stem

the flow of undocumented workers into the country: "They need to put the meat in [the bill]," he said.

The main provision of the Democratic bill would impose a \$10,000 fine on businesses that knowingly hire illegal immigrants. It also deals with the classification of independent contractors, which has led to some Republican grumbling about the real intent of the bill. Independent contractors are different from regular employees in that they usually work on a limited, nonregular basis.

"The penalty side of it is kind of a smoke screen to get to the independent contractor's status, which is a job-destroying piece of legislation," said Sen. Paul McKinley, R-Chariton. "So it's taking two diverse concepts and trying to package them."

The Democratic bill has a somewhat unlikely coalition of supporters, which becomes clear when talking to a co-sponsor of the bill, Rep. John

Whitaker, D-Hillsboro, who takes a decidedly less-abrasive stand on illegal immigrants compared with Halverson's organization.

"My feeling is that it's not the fault of the people coming here and looking for a job," said Whitaker, the assistant majority leader of the House. "It's the people who are willing to hire them and drive down wages in doing that."

UI graduate student Michael Ridge, the president of the Latino Graduate Student Association, is concerned the bill might have negative consequences for Latinos.

"I worry about the implications for those who are here either legally, or are U.S. citizens," Ridge said in an e-mail. "I worry that it may stigmatize Latino workers, by making them seem to be 'suspect.'"

In addition, he sees the bill as difficult to enforce — and if enforced, detrimental to both the Latino community and the economy as a whole.

The GOP plan would train state troopers to aid in arresting undocumented immigrants, as well as cut non-emergency services to those individuals, according to Sen. Republican Sen. Jeff Angelo's blog. McKinley asserted that the federal government hasn't done a satisfactory enough job in ending illegal immigration, and the Democratic plan doesn't, either.

"I think that Iowans have overwhelmingly decided that the problem is that the law is not being obeyed," said McKinley, who is one of three Iowa Republican senators assigned to a task force on the issue. "So that's what we intend to do. Does that mean that it will go smoothly? Does that mean that there won't be sad stories? I think everybody knows better than that. But we believe disregard for this law creates disrespect for all laws."

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# McCain piling up delegates

The Arizona senator is nearing an unbeatable lead for the GOP nomination, while the two Democratic contenders are nearly tied.

By David Espo  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Sen. John McCain padded his commanding delegate lead in the Republican presidential race Wednesday and urged conservative critics to cut him some slack. In a Democratic surprise, Hillary Rodham Clinton disclosed she'd lent \$5 million to her cash-short campaign.

"And I think the results last night proved the wisdom of my investment," said the former first lady, one day after trading victories with Barack Obama in a Super Tuesday string of contests from coast to coast.

The competition for Republican delegates was a runaway.

Nearly complete returns from Super Tuesday left McCain with 707 delegates, nearly 60 percent of the 1,191 needed to win the nomination at the national convention in St. Paul, Minn., this summer.

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Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney had 294, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee 195, and Texas Rep. Ron Paul 14.

Despite steadily lengthening odds, neither Romney nor Huckabee offered any hint they were ready to exit the race.

McCain, the Arizona senator, said the nomination was his, though, and added he recognized there was work to be done to unify the party after acrimonious campaigning.

"I do hope that at some point we would just calm down a little bit and see if there's areas we can agree on," he said, one day in advance of an appearance before conservative activists who have shunned his candidacy.

The Democratic delegate count lagged, the result of party rules that shunned the type of



McCain  
707 delegates

Romney  
294 delegates

Rodham Clinton  
834 delegates

Obama  
838 delegates

winner-take-all primaries in states such as New York and New Jersey that helped McCain build his advantage.

On Tuesday's busiest primary night in history, Rodham Clinton and Obama were separated by 26 delegates, with 139 yet to be allocated.

Overall, that left Obama with 838 and Rodham Clinton with 834. A total of 2,025 are needed to secure the Democratic nomination.

With little time to rest, both Obama and Rodham Clinton

pointed toward the next contests, primaries in Louisiana, Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia plus caucuses in Nebraska, Washington, Maine, and the Virgin Islands in the next week. In all, those states offer 353 delegates.

At a news conference in Chicago, Obama claimed victory on Super Tuesday, saying he had won more states than the former first lady for the day and would wind up with more delegates by the time all were tallied.

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## Editorial

# Taxing tax breaks?

We all work. Well, most of us. We work for money, and what we earn is what economics professors and financial theorists call "income." Our government takes a percentage of this income through taxes, and in some cases, it even gives some of us a part of its percentage back. Thus the cycle ends.

Or not. It all depends on a host of factors, chief among them how you file your returns. According to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, if you itemized deductions last year and then received a refund of state or local taxes, you may have to include all or part of the refund as income on your return this year. Essentially, your income is taxed, some of it is returned, and that same income is taxed again.

Last week, Gov. Chet Culver met with leaders from both parties in the Iowa Legislature. They discussed the current downturn in the nation's economy and how Iowa's economy is affected. "I asked the Legislature to quickly pass legislation to ensure any federal rebate check Iowans may receive is 100 percent tax-free," Culver told reporters afterwards. "They agreed and I look forward to signing that bill in the near future."

When Culver uses the term "any" in describing federal rebate checks, he means to include checks issued through the national stimulus package being hammered out in Washington. Transferring money from

federal coffers into state coffers will do little to stimulate the economy, so it only makes sense that all of the money intended for taxpayers should actually go to taxpayers. More importantly, outside of the stimulus package, Iowans shouldn't be taxed on the same money twice, which is what Culver's proposal would remedy.

The cycle outlined in this editorial's first paragraph benefits the tax collectors more than the taxpayer. Workers have a hand held out, while the government has both hands held out. Why not extend the cycle; give taxpayers a refund on the taxed refund money? Why not make more work for the Internal Revenue Service and further fuel the economy? We can create two tax seasons. Twice the broken calculators, twice the heartburn, twice the filing fee, twice the fun every year.

The *Daily Iowan* doesn't endorse this idea. It's as crazy as the concept of taxing the same income twice, a practice being employed by our government. Rather than asking for some of it back again, let's hope that Culver's suggestion catches on in Des Moines. The Legislature has an obligation to assist in aiding our floundering economy, but it has a bigger obligation to the voters who put the lawmakers in office. Protect taxpayers' pockets, don't worry about lining your own; pass this legislation, and stop being the middle-man between Iowans and the IRS.

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## Commentary

# Voting counts again

It's hard to say what prompted Americans to stop caring about their president, but it might have been Richard Nixon. Voter turnout for presidential elections was north of 60 percent in the 1960s but dropped to 55 percent in 1972, and it has never climbed above that mark since. The cynicism may be nearing an end, however; huge turnout in many primary races, including the Super Tuesday contests in California and 23 other states, shows that the nation may finally have gotten over Watergate. As candidates from both parties relentlessly drive home the message that each will be an agent of change in Washington, voters have a glimmer of hope that they're telling the truth.

It isn't just the turnout numbers that are rising. Presidential debates this season have become

mind-numbingly common. Each party has held around 20 since last April, most of them relegated to cable or local TV. Yet viewership has been surprisingly high. The *Los Angeles Times*/CNN/Politico Democratic debate on Jan. 31 attracted the highest ratings of any primary debate in cable TV history — 8.3 million people tuned in, enough to qualify as a modest hit even on a broadcast network.

There is undoubtedly more than one explanation for this. Turnout is usually higher when there isn't an incumbent involved, and this is the first time since 1952 when there has been neither a president nor a vice president in the running. This election is also in part a referendum on George W. Bush's leadership — polls show that large majorities of Americans think the country is on the wrong

track. Little wonder that "change" is the 2008 campaign watchword, one that even Republicans are adopting.

Yet more than anything else, it is the candidates themselves who are injecting rare excitement into the contest. On the Republican side, Mike Huckabee entices evangelical Christians, Mitt Romney hopes to be the choice of fiscal conservatives, Ron Paul brings up the libertarian wing, and John McCain ... well, the difficulty in pinpointing his position on the conservative spectrum probably explains his newfound popularity. He pleases many but satisfies few.

The Democrats have far narrower choices — Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama are all-but identical on the issues that matter. Yet it's clear from turnout numbers that the Democrats are far more energized

than Republicans, and it isn't hard to see why: Electing either a woman or an black man to the presidency would be a historic first, and these candidates carry that promise with grace.

More than that, though, these candidates have intrigued young voters. Savvy use of the Internet by their campaigns gets some of the credit, but much of the youth groundswell has been spontaneous and grass-roots. Generation Y, for whom Watergate might as well have happened in the Middle Ages, will pay the bills for their elders' irresponsible handling of Social Security, the environment, and the national debt. Their participation in this year's election couldn't be more welcome.

This editorial appeared Wednesday's *Washington Post*.

## The View From The Corner

# The snowblower of discontent

We are entering the year of the mouse — or rat, take your pick, because the word is the same in Chinese — under odd conditions. Feb. 7, the first day of the lunar new year by China's traditional calendar, should be the height of family reunions and celebrations in the most populous country on Earth. Instead, freakishly harsh weather in central and southern China has disrupted holiday plans for millions. Regions that never see snow got buried in it; places without central heating are frigid; rail lines are snarled, roads jammed, utilities out.

In Iowa, too, global warming seems to have reversed itself, with the elements making up for lost time. For some of us, this winter recalls a much snowier childhood; and, guiltily, we rejoice on those rare occasions when snow surmounts Iowa's ridiculously high threshold for canceling classes.

Among the few things I learned growing up in small-town New England, an appreciation for the rhythm of seasonal labor has served me especially well in Iowa. Chores that used to be obligatory have become second nature; as an adult, I actually enjoy the outdoor exertions of manual raking and shoveling and the visible accomplishments such concerted action produces. Sanctimoniously, I refuse to get a leaf-blower or snowblower. I may expire in my own yard, but there are worse ways to go.

So on Wednesday, I relished being snowbound, marveling that phone and furnace and electricity and even the Internet continued to operate, feeling generally fortunate and comfortable, waiting for the precipitation to taper off before tackling the walks and driveway.

Meanwhile, I contemplated coming off Super-Duper Tuesday with no finality to the presidential primaries and, again, echoes of my childhood. Change is in the air, so it's said — evidence on the Democratic side being enthusiastic caucus and primary turnouts of new, young and diverse voters supporting Barack Obama, and on the Republican side, the folksy upstart shoestring operation of evangelical Mike Huckabee.



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Actually, Huckabee resembles no politician of my childhood; he's a product of the rise of the evangelical right from the late 1970s on, coinciding with the Reagan years. I was in my mid-20s and teaching in China when Reagan unseated Carter; I remember overhearing some Brits in Beijing guffawing about the Americans electing a second-rate actor. Reagan presided over two terms of policies of meanness — privatization, deregulation, red-baiting, and union-busting. It's taken the regime of George W. Bush to make those times look positively benign.

Obama, on the other hand, consciously appeals to nostalgia for a central political figure of my childhood (and from my home state of Massachusetts), John Fitzgerald Kennedy. In truth, my personal fixation was on Carolyn: I wanted to be blonde and cute like her. But the adult world was smitten with JFK and Jackie's style and charisma. Kennedy was a social and economic liberal, as is Obama. Both represent a test of voters' tolerance: one for being Catholic, the other for his mixed race.

The parallels are obvious, if overdrawn; the pitfalls are seldom mentioned. Obama says going to war in Iraq should never have been authorized — yet he talks tough on national security and defense. Kennedy forged ahead with a CIA-backed invasion of Cuba, the Bay of Pigs fiasco, which failed to overthrow Castro but set the course for the subsequent decades of blockade and dirty tricks. Kennedy set the course for our morass in Southeast Asian wars as well; U.S. military advisers in South Vietnam rose from 1,000 to 16,000 during his administration, laying the grounds for dispatch of combat troops in the next.

JFK's assassination cut him down before he could realize what might have been — for good or ill, we'll never know. We do know, however, that even "the best and the brightest," as the late journalist David Halberstam called the Kennedy brain trust, can lead us into folly and tragedy. Change is not enough. Constant vigilance will be required.

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## On the Spot

Iowa might impose taxes on the proposed federal refund. How should the state spend the money?



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“Infrastructure — highways and bridges, so it goes back to the state.”

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“Education. They should be focused on making sure teachers are paid well.”

Nick Zerlentes  
UI senior

# Whence Iraq?

The Super Tuesday media extravaganza has left me perplexed. Many states have yet to hold their primary or caucus, but the two current front-runners remain: John McCain and Hillary Rodham Clinton. This was somewhat expected, but my bewilderment stems from a different election back in November 2006 (ancient history in today's information age.)

The 2006 midterm election was all about the Iraq war. Does this ring any bells? War?

Afghanistan? Do these words mean anything to you? The war is still going on, so unless the majority of Americans suddenly support the war, it appears to be out of sight — out of mind for 2008.



KATHLEEN WATSON

The antiwar sentiment in 2006 took a political toll on incumbent Republicans. An unpopular war and an even more unpopular president reaped rewards for the Democrats; Joe Lieberman was excommunicated from his party; and many good Republicans lost their seats in Congress. Our own congressman at the time, Jim Leach, had never supported going to war, but the "R" after the candidate's name was all that mattered in many of these campaigns. It didn't matter if it was Jim Leach or Donald Rumsfeld, independent and moderate voters went to the polls, looked for the "R," and kicked the bums out. Determined to "hold their feet to the fire," the American public put democracy into action and handed the Congress over to Democrats in hope of finally ending the war. No surprise, the new majority was unable to fulfill its campaign promise after being rendered impotent with a few strokes of the almighty veto pen. The president, not Congress, serves as commander-in-chief of the armed forces.

Now, fast-forward back to present-day. Super Tuesday has ended, and the country is growing closer to selecting a new commander-in-chief. Once again, record numbers of people are coming out to vote. This election should be a perfect means to an end of the war — Americans need only hand the veto pen to someone else. And now, many of the same moderates and independents who voted the Republicans out of Congress in 2006 are now supporting ... John McCain?

Only 15 months have passed since the so-called "referendum on the Iraq war," and the two current front-runners for commander-in-chief are McCain and Rodham Clinton. McCain has always been outspoken in his support for the war, and it was not so long ago that Rodham Clinton angered antiwar Americans by refusing to support a timeline for withdrawal. Since then, she's chosen to support "phased redeployment" rather than a timeline. (You may need to check the Rodham Clinton Style Manual to find the distinction between a phase and a timeline. Similar grammatical rules explain why oral sex is not sex and why the word "is" has a variety of definitions.) Despite the use of political rhetoric, both front-runners have been the "stay the course" senator for their party.

How does this happen? You can see for yourself. Turn off your TV, stop reading tabloid magazines, and start to use your brain. The media aren't talking about Iraq anymore. Whether it's because the surge is working, because the antics of Brittany Spears' has edged it off the front pages, or the 2008 election eclipsed the most important battle of our generation, Iraq has clearly escaped the minds of voters.

In fact, a recent *Washington Post*-ABC News Poll reveals the most important issue for voters right now is the economy — 39 percent of those polled ranked economy/jobs as their single most important issue, while only 19 percent ranked the war in Iraq No. 1. Somehow, the election platform went from "It's the Iraq war, stupid" to this year's encore presentation of "It's the economy, stupid."

How fickle are we? Perhaps we should lower the presidential term to two years. Four years is an eternity in American culture. Who knows what we'll think is important by then? The fear of recession could subside, and Jeffrey Skilling can run for president!

Let me be clear. I don't take issue with the positions these candidates have taken on the war; my frustration is with the population of attention-deficit voters. More people are getting involved in the political process these days, but it's not difficult to see how important decisions are made. What drives millions of people to rush to the polls and rally behind a specific issue or a particular candidate?

It's the media, stupid. ■

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# Twisters kill at least 55 in South

LAFAYETTE, Tenn. (AP) — One man pulled a couch over his head. Bank employees rushed into the vault. A woman trembled in her bathroom, clinging to her dogs. College students huddled in dormitories. Tornado warnings had been broadcast for hours, and when the sirens finally announced that the twisters had arrived, many people across the South took shelter and saved their lives.

But others simply had nowhere safe to go, or the storms proved too powerful, too numerous, too unpredictable.

At least 55 people were killed and hundreds injured Tuesday and Wednesday by dozens of tornadoes that plowed across Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Alabama. It was the nation's deadliest barrage of twisters in almost 23 years.

"We had a beautiful neighborhood. Now, it's hell," said Bonnie Brawner, 80, who lives in Hartsville, a community about an hour from Nashville where a natural-gas plant was struck by a twister and erupted in spectacular flames up to 400 feet high.

The storms flattened entire streets, smashed warehouses, and sent tractor-trailers flying. Houses were reduced to splintered piles of lumber. Some looked like life-size dollhouses, their walls sheared away. Crews going door-to-door to search for bodies had to contend with downed power lines, snapped trees and flipped-over cars. Cattle wandered through the debris near hard-hit Lafayette. At least 12 people died in and around the town.

## Obama: GOP will have a dump truck of dirt on Rodham Clinton

CHICAGO (AP) — Sen. Barack Obama predicted Wednesday that Republicans will have a dump truck full of dirt to unload on Hillary Rodham Clinton if the former first lady wins the Democratic presidential nomination. Obama said he offers the party its best hope of winning the White House this fall, a claim the New York senator also made.

At a news conference on the morning after Super Tuesday, Obama offered some pointed advice to members of Congress and other party leaders who will attend the national convention this summer as delegates not chosen in primaries or



Gary Cosby Jr., Decatur Daily/Associated Press  
James Devaney searches through the debris of his daughter's home in the Aldridge Grove, Ala., on Wednesday. Devaney's daughter Becky Coleman was killed, as was her son, Gerreck, and her husband, Greg, when a tornado hit at 3:06 a.m. Wednesday.

caucuses.

He said if he winds up winning the most delegates in voting, they "would have to think long and hard about how they approach the nomination when the people they claim to represent have said, 'Obama's our guy.'"

Rodham Clinton, in a news conference at her campaign headquarters in Arlington, Va., said, "If voters start to think about who would be the best president, to be commander in chief on Day One, to turn the economy around and who would be the best Democratic nominee to win in November, I am very comfortable with the answers to those questions."

Obama won primaries and caucuses in 13 states on Tuesday, including his home state of Illinois. Rodham Clinton won eight states, including her adopted home state of New York, and American Samoa. Obama and Clinton were in a tight race in New Mexico.

## White House defends waterboarding

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House on Wednesday defended the use of the interrogation technique

known as waterboarding, saying it is legal — not torture as critics argue — and has saved American lives. President Bush could authorize waterboarding for future terrorism suspects if certain criteria are met, a spokesman said.

A day earlier, the Bush administration acknowledged publicly for the first time that the tactic was used by U.S. government questioners on three terror suspects. Testifying before Congress, CIA Director Michael Hayden said Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, Abu Zubayda, and Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri were waterboarded in 2002 and 2003.

Waterboarding involves strapping a suspect down and pouring water over his cloth-covered face to create the sensation of drowning. It has been traced back hundreds of years, to the Spanish Inquisition, and it is condemned by nations around the world.

Hayden banned the technique in 2006 for CIA interrogations, the Pentagon has banned its employees from using it, and FBI Director Robert Mueller said his investigators do not use coercive tactics in interviewing terror suspects.

Senate Democrats demanded a criminal investigation after Hayden's revelation.

## Military: Qaeda videos show boys in training

BAGHDAD (AP) — Boys in soccer jerseys don black masks and grab weapons. They scramble over mud-brick walls, blast down doors, and hold guns to the heads of residents inside. The U.S. military said videos seized from suspected Al Qaeda in Iraq hideouts show militants training children who appear as young as 10 to kidnap and kill.

It's viewed as a sign that the terror network — hungry for recruits — may be using younger Iraqis in propaganda to lure a new crop of fighters.

"Al Qaeda in Iraq wants to poison the next generation of Iraqis," said Rear Adm. Gregory Smith, a U.S. military spokesman. "It is offering children as the new generation of mujahideen."

The video, shown to reporters Wednesday, depicted an apparent training session with black-masked boys — ammunition belts draped across their small chests — forcing a man off his bicycle at gunpoint and marching him off down a muddy

lane. An off-camera voice, speaking with an Iraqi accent, instructs children how to take firing positions with assault rifles.

At one point, the boys huddle in a circle on a cement floor, solemnly pledging allegiance to Al Qaeda.

## Military confirms secret lockup for top detainees

GUANTÁNAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — Somewhere amid the cactus-studded hills on this sprawling Navy base, separate from the cells where hundreds of men suspected of links to Al Qaeda and the Taliban have been locked up for years, is a place even more closely guarded — a jailhouse so protected that its very location is top secret.

For the first time, the top commander of detention operations at Guantánamo has confirmed the existence of the mysterious Camp 7. In an interview with the Associated Press, Rear Adm. Mark Buzby also

provided a few details about the maximum-security lockup.

Guantanamo commanders said Camp 7 is for key alleged Qaeda members, who must be kept apart from other prisoners to prevent them from retaliating against long-term detainees who have talked to interrogators. They also want the location kept secret for fear of terrorist attack.

Many operations have been classified since the detention center opened in January 2002 in the wake of the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. More than four years passed before the military released even the names of detainees held on this 45-square-mile base in southeast Cuba — and it did so only after the AP filed a Freedom of Information Act request.

Detainees have been held in Camp Echo and Camps 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Journalists cleared by the military have been allowed to tour some of these lockups, where 260 men are held, but aren't allowed to speak to detainees. Some lawmakers and other VIPs have passed through, and the International Red Cross has access, but doesn't divulge details of visits with prisoners.

## Study: Remove clot before implanting stent

NEW YORK (AP) — New research suggests that more people survive major heart attacks with fewer problems if doctors use a mini-vacuum to clear out an artery blockage instead of pushing it aside to restore blood flow.

The Dutch study is the largest to date to show that suctioning out the clot before implanting a stent has big benefits, and could lead to wider use in heart attack treatment. Previous smaller studies of various devices had mixed results.

"This study suggests that it is worth doing," said George Vetrovec, a heart-disease expert at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

Most heart attacks occur when a buildup of plaque in a coronary artery ruptures, and a blood clot forms, blocking the flow of oxygen-rich blood to the heart. The preferred treatment is an angioplasty to quickly reopen the artery.

Doctors snake a tube through a blood vessel to the blocked artery and use a small balloon to compress the blockage and restore blood flow. A tiny metal-mesh stent is put in place to keep the artery open.

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# Deaths halt study

Unexpected deaths stop a study's aggressive treatment of diabetics with heart disease.

By Lauran Neergaard and Randolph E. Schmid  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — It seemed reasonable. Because diabetes increases the risk of heart disease, aggressive efforts to lower blood sugar might help heart patients.

But the government abruptly stopped part of a major study of diabetes and heart disease after a surprising number of deaths among patients who pushed their blood sugar to super-lows — a result that called into question a growing movement in diabetes care.

"Clearly, we did not anticipate the findings," said Elizabeth Nabel, the director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

Wednesday's move doesn't affect health guidelines for most Type 2 diabetics, but it raises concern about a particularly vulnerable group: patients at especially high risk of heart attack or stroke.

The 10,000-patient study, dubbed ACCORD, was supposed to answer a big question: Could pushing blood sugar to near-normal levels, below today's recommended target, help protect these high-risk patients' hearts?

Instead, the National Institutes of Health took the rare step of halting part of the study 18 months early — citing 257 deaths among aggressively treated patients compared with

203 among diabetics given more standard care.

That translates into an extra three deaths for every 1,000 participants per year, and researchers were at a loss to explain why. Diabetics' blood sugar wasn't too low, a condition known as hypoglycemia. And a close look at the numerous medications patients used, including Avandia, which is suspected of being heart-risky, showed no sign that any were to blame.

Ironically, the study's death rate was well below what doctors usually see in Type 2 diabetics, probably due to the extra care and monitoring the patients received as part of the research.

Moreover, the aggressively treated patients suffered about 10 percent fewer heart attacks overall than their counterparts, said Dr. William Friedewald of Columbia University, who helped monitor the study.

"However, it appeared that if a heart attack did occur, it was more likely to be fatal," Friedewald said. "In addition, the intensive treatment group had more unexpected sudden deaths, even without a clear heart attack."

So for now, the NIH's message: Diabetics with heart disease shouldn't strive for near-normal glucose but aim for a level long described as optimal for all diabetics — around 7 on a measurement scale known as the A1C.

"We obviously were surprised. We were hoping for a positive outcome, but the reason we do this research is we don't know that," said study researcher Dr. Hertzell Gerstein of Canada's McMaster University.

The findings contradict previous research suggesting that the lower diabetics can make their blood sugar, the better. That had specialists cautioning Wednesday that it's too soon to know if the finding among heart patients was a fluke, or a real sign of how exquisitely tailored to each patient's risk factors diabetes care must be.

"Everything else has suggested, for 50 years or more, that tight control was good," said Dr. James Dove, president of the American College of Cardiology. "We've got half a century of literature that is put on the back burner right now by one study. ... It may not be the final decision."

Some 21 million Americans have diabetes, meaning their bodies can't properly regulate blood sugar, or glucose. Diabetics already are at increased risk of heart disease. Type 2 diabetes, the most common form, is linked to obesity, which in turn harms the heart. Plus, high blood sugar over time damages blood vessels.

The A1C test tracks average glucose levels over two or three months. People without diabetes have A1C levels as low as 5.

The American Diabetes Association has long recommended that diabetics aim to get their A1C level below 7. Every point-drop lowers the risk of serious complications, such as blindness or kidney failure, by 25 percent to 40 percent.

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Recent research shows that about half of U.S. patients have succeeded, and that "this overall level of glucose control appears to be of great benefit rather than harm," the ADA said Wednesday.

Getting a higher number down far below an A1C of 7 is very difficult, and very few patients outside of research studies succeed. The NIH study aimed to have aggressively treated patients dip below a level of 6, into near-normal range. Only half got below 6.4, compared to an A1C of 7.5 among study volunteers getting standard treatment.

Wednesday's announcement does not change the general guideline. Rather, the NIH's National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute added the nuance that diabetics with heart disease stop at a level of 7 rather than dip below, while researchers try to figure out what happened. They have switched all the study participants to standard therapy, and will track their health until June 2009.

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Women's basketball: Hoopsters look for payback, 2B

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**NO. 8 WISCONSIN 60, IOWA 54**

# Hawks' rally falls short

By Charlie Kautz  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Late foul trouble, missed free throws, and an eight-minute second-half field-goal drought prevented Iowa from up-ending No. 8 Wisconsin on Wednesday night at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in 60-54 loss.

The Hawkeyes rallied to take a three-point advantage at the midway point but couldn't escape with its second monumental upset of the season in front of 12,342 fans, losing a game in which they held a halftime lead for only the second time this season.

With under a minute remaining and Iowa trailing by three, Tony Freeman forced up a weak shot in the lane and Wisconsin sank two free throws for a 56-51 advantage.

A clutch 3-point basket from freshman Jeff Peterson gave the Hawkeyes a glimmer of hope with 25.6 seconds remaining. Still down two, Iowa again fouled on the inbound, but Wisconsin's Joe Krabbenhoft drained both foul shots and Justin Johnson's ensuing 3-point try rimmed out.

"They made plays, and we didn't — that's the bottom line," said Freeman, who led all Iowa scorers with 18 points but finished just 5-of-16 from the field.

SEE MEN'S HOOPS, 3B



Peter Klopfenstein/The Daily Iowan

Iowa guard Tony Freeman's shot is blocked by Wisconsin forward Marcus Landry in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Wednesday. Freeman led all scorers with 18 points; Landry led the Badgers with 16. The Badgers won, 60-54.

NO. 8 WISCONSIN 60, IOWA 54	
<b>WISCONSIN (19-3)</b>	
Landry 6-12 4-4 16	Butch 4-9 2-4 12
Hughes 1-6 1-4 4	Flowers 4-7 0-0 9
Krabbenhoft 3-6 2-2 8	Bohannon 1-2 6-6 9
Leuer 0-1 0-0 0	Stiemsma 1-3 0-0 2
Totals 20-46 15-20 60.	
<b>IOWA (11-13)</b>	
Tate 4-6 7-9 15	Gorney 5-7 0-0 10
Freeman 5-16 3-4 18	Johnson 1-9 0-0 3
Kelly 0-2 0-0 0	Peterson 1-5 3-4 6
Looby 1-3 0-0 2	Totals 17-48 13-17 54.
<b>Halftime</b> — Iowa 29-26	
<b>3-Point Goals</b> — Wisconsin 5-11 (Butch 2-3, Bohannon 1-1, Flowers 1-3, Hughes 1-4), Iowa 7-20 (Freeman 5-13, Peterson 1-1, Johnson 1-5, Gorney 0-1)	
<b>Fouled Out</b> — Butch, Peterson	
<b>Rebounds</b> — Wisconsin 31 (Krabbenhoft 8), Iowa 35 (Tate 8)	
<b>Assists</b> — Wisconsin 5 (Krabbenhoft 2), Iowa 11 (Peterson 4)	
<b>Total Fouls</b> — Wisconsin 15, Iowa 18	
<b>A</b> — 12,342	

## COMMENTARY

# Almost, again



ALEX JOHNSON

First it was Justin Johnson's 3's seemingly taking Iowa to each and every win. Then Tony Freeman took the reins. Now, it's the crossed forearms of Seth Gorney and the Greg Brunner-like hustle of Cyrus Tate.

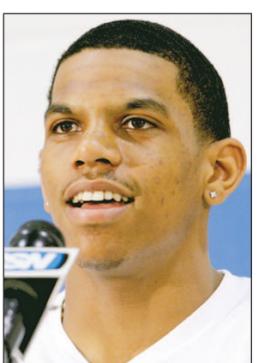
Gorney isn't just making a transition from the left lane to the right, it's more like an eighth-grader's 10-inch growth spurt in one summer — it came out of nowhere, and everybody noticed. For Tate, it was a matter of finding composure and comfort, and right now, he couldn't get more of either out of a Tempur-Pedic mattress.

Gorney scored eight points in the first 14 minutes to spark what was an excellent first half. Tate hustled in seven of his own, and Freeman had 12 on four deep balls to lead Iowa in the period.

No matter what the group did, it ended in a heart-breaking six-point loss, a game that easily could have ended in Iowa's favor.

By halftime, Iowa had everything going for it — Gorney, Tate, Freeman, and the lead. The Hawkeyes were 10-1 when leading at the break before Wednesday night — now that's 10-2.

SEE COMMENTARY, 3B



Terrelle Pryor

## RECRUITING

### No choice yet for top recruit Pryor

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Terrelle Pryor's news conference is going on as planned, but the highly touted prep quarterback won't make any head coach very happy on signing day.

The Associated Press sent Pryor a text message Wednesday morning, a few hours before he was to address the media at Jeannette (Pa.) High School, asking if he would announce where he would attend college.

"No, I'm not," Pryor replied in a text message to the AP.

Ohio State and Michigan were regarded as the front-runners for Pryor, but Penn State's push to keep him closer to home and a hectic schedule has led to his delayed decision. Oregon, LSU, and Florida were possible destinations for him, and they might get back in the running for his talents now.

The 6-6 Pryor is rated as the No. 1 recruit at any position by Rivals.com and Scout.com, 16th by Tackle.com and was the MVP last month in the U.S. Army All-American game in San Antonio.

## MLB

### Ryan to become Rangers' team president

DALLAS (AP) — Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan has agreed to become the Texas Rangers' team president, a person with knowledge of the negotiations told the Associated Press.

In recent years, he has been a consultant for the Houston Astros, a former team, and part owner of the Astros' minor-league teams in Texas.

The person spoke Wednesday on the condition of anonymity because the team had not yet made an announcement.

Ryan, who had a record seven no-hitters, won 324 games in 27 seasons, the last five with the Rangers.



Ryan  
 Hall of Fame pitcher

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 • Cleveland at Houston, 7:15 p.m., TNT  
 • Chicago at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., TNT

# Recruits please Ferentz

Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz discussed the 2008 recruiting class at a national signing day press conference Wednesday.

By Scott Miller  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz trudged the snow-filled Iowa City roads Wednesday to deliver a familiar message to the media: Nothing has been established for next year, and newly inked recruits have as good of a shot as any to make an impact.

"I think everybody has a shot at anything right now," he said. "You talk about our football team, we haven't established anything certainly."

"... What all of our players expect is that the job will get decided on the field. Our biggest concern right now is what we're going to do to give ourselves the best chance to win next year."

A specific position that could be decided on the field is at running back, where the Hawkeyes see three prospects — junior-

### Ferentz discusses '08 signees

Watch Daily Iowan TV at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com) for more from Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz's national signing day press conference Wednesday and hear his insight on the Hawkeyes' incoming recruits.

college transfer Nate Guillory, Florida native Jeff Brinson, and 2,000-yard back Jewel Hampton. "Nate's on campus right now," Ferentz said. "I hate to say he's Damian Sims, but he's more like a Damian Sims-type player. He's an elusive player. He's a tough competitor, too."

"Jeff Brinson, you know, when I first saw his statistics, I thought maybe he was playing against an elementary school. The guy was averaging about eight yards a carry. He ran for a million yards."

The coaching staff had talked

about moving current players to running back to fill the hole, he said, but decided that getting prospects through recruiting was the best route.

"We talked about a few things, but nothing really stayed up on the board, nothing that serious," Ferentz said. "I think our staff did a good job of addressing roster needs, and I think we felt it was imperative to do a good job there."

Some critics would say after the season that much-maligned signal-caller Jake Christensen had last year, quarterback was one of the things needing to be addressed in this class.



Ferentz  
 Iowa coach

SEE FERENTZ, 3B

## Q & A WITH HAWKEYE RECRUITING COORDINATOR ERIC JOHNSON

# Hawks focus on RBs, secondary

By Charlie Kautz  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

**DI:** First off, a lot of people don't realize how much effort is put into a single recruiting class that commits on national signing day. Could you talk about the overall process and maybe when you started building this year's class?

**Johnson:** It's an interesting question, because it's really hard to see where a recruiting class begins — you know where it ends. We've already started on

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Johnson  
 Hawkeye recruiting coordinator

next year's class. It's just a constant circle that keeps going and going and there's really no beginning to it necessarily.

Usually at this point in the season, which is signing day [Wednesday], for next year's class we have about 2,600 kids in the database. And so that whittles down to the 24 that we've got signing letters of intent today.

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	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Wisconsin	9	1	.900	19	3	.864
Purdue	9	1	.900	18	5	.783
Indiana	7	1	.875	18	3	.857
Michigan St.	7	2	.778	19	3	.864
Ohio St.	7	3	.700	16	7	.696
Minnesota	4	5	.444	14	7	.667
Iowa	4	7	.364	11	13	.458
Penn St.	3	7	.300	11	11	.500
Illinois	2	8	.200	10	13	.435
Michigan	1	9	.100	5	17	.227
Northwestern	0	9	.000	7	13	.350

**Wednesday's Games**  
 Wisconsin 60, Iowa 54  
 Minnesota 92, Northwestern 72  
**Today's Game**  
 Indiana at Illinois, 8 p.m.  
**Saturday's Games**  
 Iowa at Minnesota, 1 p.m.  
 Penn State at Michigan, 3 p.m.  
 Northwestern at Michigan State, 6 p.m.  
 Penn State at Wisconsin, 8 p.m.  
**Sunday's Games**  
 Indiana at Ohio State, 12 p.m.

## WOMEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Ohio State	8	3	.727	17	5	.773
Iowa	8	3	.727	15	7	.682
Purdue	8	3	.727	12	10	.545
Indiana	6	4	.600	13	9	.591
Minnesota	6	5	.545	15	8	.652
Illinois	5	6	.455	13	9	.591
Michigan	5	6	.455	12	9	.571
Michigan State	5	6	.455	13	10	.565
Penn State	4	7	.364	13	9	.591
Wisconsin	4	7	.364	11	10	.524
Northwestern	0	10	.000	4	18	.182

**Wednesday's Games**  
 Michigan State at Iowa, 7:05 p.m.  
 Northwestern at Indiana, 6 p.m.  
 Penn State at Michigan, 6 p.m.  
 Ohio State at Purdue, 7 p.m.  
 Illinois at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
**Sunday's Games**  
 Iowa at Penn State, 11 a.m.  
 Indiana at Illinois, 1 p.m.  
 Northwestern at Minnesota, 2 p.m.  
 Ohio State at Wisconsin, 3:30 p.m.

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 #8 Wisconsin 60, Iowa 54  
 #12 Texas 64, Oklahoma 54  
 #19 Connecticut 63, Syracuse 61  
 #20 Kansas State 74, Nebraska 59  
 #22 Notre Dame 95, Seton Hall 69  
 #23 Vanderbilt 67, Georgia 59  
**Women**  
 #10 Oklahoma 64, Missouri 57  
 #15 Pittsburgh 64, Seton Hall 44  
 #20 Utah 82, UNLV 53  
**Other Games**  
 Iowa State 66, Texas Tech 58

## NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

	Eastern Conference				
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Philadelphia	30	18	5	65	172 150
New Jersey	30	20	4	64	140 131
Pittsburgh	29	19	5	63	155 144
N.Y. Islanders	27	23	6	60	139 140
N.Y. Islanders	24	24	6	54	128 156

	Western Conference				
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Ottawa	32	18	4	68	185 159
Montreal	29	16	9	67	173 150
Boston	27	21	5	59	139 142
Buffalo	25	21	7	57	158 150
Toronto	21	25	9	51	150 180

	Central				
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Detroit	41	10	4	86	185 115
Nashville	28	21	5	61	155 145
Columbus	25	23	7	57	136 142
St. Louis	24	21	7	55	135 149
Chicago	23	25	5	51	145 156

	Northwest				
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Minnesota	30	19	4	64	149 143
Colorado	29	21	5	63	156 152
Calgary	27	19	8	62	156 157
Vancouver	26	21	7	59	142 136
Edmonton	25	26	5	55	150 166

	Pacific				
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Dallas	32	20	5	69	167 145
San Jose	29	17	7	65	140 129
Anaheim	28	22	7	63	139 146
Phoenix	28	22	4	60	150 149
Los Angeles	22	30	3	47	155 181

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.  
**Wednesday's Games**  
 Buffalo 3, New Jersey 2, SO  
 Washington 4, Philadelphia 3  
 Edmonton 4, Chicago 1  
 Colorado 3, San Jose 1  
**Today's Games**

Vancouver at Atlanta, 6 p.m.  
 Toronto at Montreal, 6 p.m.  
 Anaheim at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.  
 Florida at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.  
 Los Angeles at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.  
 N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.  
 Dallas at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Nashville, 7 p.m.  
 Columbus at Phoenix, 8 p.m.  
 Chicago at Calgary, 8 p.m.

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	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division	37	9	.804	—
Boston	26	21	.553	11½
Toronto	20	29	.408	18½

	Southwest			
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	19	30	.388	19½
New York	14	35	.286	24½
Orlando	32	19	.627	—
Washington	24	24	.500	6½

	Central			
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	21	24	.467	8
Charlotte	18	31	.367	13
Miami	9	38	.191	21

	Northwest			
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	35	13	.729	—
Cleveland	27	20	.574	7½
Indiana	20	30	.400	16

	Midwest			
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	19	29	.396	16
Milwaukee	15	31	.380	17

	Southwest			
	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	33	15	.688	—
New Orleans	33	15	.688	—
San Antonio	31	16	.660	1½

	Northwest			
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	28	20	.583	5
Memphis	13	35	.271	20

	Pacific			
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta 98, L.A. Lakers 95	34	15	.694	—
L.A. Lakers	31	17	.646	2½
Golden State	29	19	.604	4½
Sacramento	22	25	.468	11½
L.A. Clippers	15	31	.326	17½

**Wednesday's Games**  
 Orlando 100, New Jersey 84  
 Atlanta 98, L.A. Lakers 95  
 San Antonio 85, Washington 77  
 Detroit 100, Miami 95  
 Indiana 103, New York 100  
 Boston 111, L.A. Clippers 100  
 Utah 118, Denver 115, OT  
 New Orleans 132, Phoenix 130, 2OT  
 Portland 98, Chicago 97  
 Seattle 105, Sacramento 92  
**Today's Games**  
 Miami at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Houston, 6 p.m.  
 Chicago at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.  
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 L.A. Lakers at Orlando, 6 p.m.  
 L.A. Clippers at Toronto, 6 p.m.  
 New Jersey at Charlotte, 6 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.  
 San Antonio at New York, 6:30 p.m.  
 Boston at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
 Portland at Detroit, 7 p.m.  
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 Washington at Denver, 9:30 p.m.

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 Jeff Brinson RB 5-11 215 St. Petersburg, Fla. (Northeast)  
 Greg Castillo CB 5-11 170 Mount Laurel, N.J. (St. Joseph's Prep, Pa.)  
 J.D. Griggs TE 6-5 225 Piscataway, N.J. (Piscataway)  
 Nate Guillory RB 5-10 180 Houston, Texas (Coffeyville CC)  
 Jewel Hampton RB 5-9 200 Indianapolis, Ind. (Warren Central)  
 Brad Herman LB 5-5 225 Metamora, Ill. (Metamora)  
 William Lowe CB 5-9 165 Cleveland, Ohio (Glennville)  
 Casey McMillan OL 6-4 295 Billings, Mont. (Central Catholic)  
 Trent Mossbrucker K 6-0 190 Mooresville, Ind. (Mooresville)  
 DeMarco Paine CB 5-10 175 St. Louis, Mo. (Hazelwood East)  
 Shane Prater WR 6-1 170 Omaha, Neb. (Central)  
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 Riley Reiff DE 6-6 250 Parkston, S.D. (Parkston)  
 Jason Semmes DE 6-3 218 Clarkston, Mich. (St. Mary's)  
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# 2 Hawks off to Vegas

By Lars Headington  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa men's gymnastics team will send two representatives to the 2008 Winter Cup Challenge in Las Vegas today, one of two national meets that play a part in individual qualifying for the U.S. national team.

"If you do well, you can qualify for the summer nationals, then you qualify for the final Olympic trials and the Olympic Games," Iowa coach Tom Dunn said. "It's kind of the first step."

At the competition, sophomore Jon Buese and freshman Ben Kettelsen will compete among a field of 84 gymnasts, including the current members of the U.S. national team.

Kettelsen is ranked 25th in the nation with an 82.15 average in the all-around, and he looks to compete in all six events at Winter Cup.

He qualified for the meet based on his competition in the senior division of last August's U.S. Championships — the Winter Cup's summer counterpart.

The 6-foot freshman competed in the second session of the event last year with his Lancaster, Ohio, club team, Hocking Valley Gymnastics, but he feels his college experience has bettered prepared him for the prime time competition.

"I noticed my hit percentages are a lot higher — I'm actually hitting my routines at the meet," Kettelsen said. "I haven't really done that good at these past [nationals], but I think through experience I've gotten a little bit better at handling the pressures."

"So I think I'm going to compete a little bit better at this one."

Buese, who will compete in all events but pommel horse, will represent the Hawkeyes for the second time at Winter Cup. He placed 17th in the all-around at last year's meet. The Florida native has also competed there previously with Gainesville's Sun Country Gymnastics club.

Ranked in the top 10 nationally in the all-around last year,

Buese was selected after a "greatest hits" tape of his routines was compiled and submitted by the Iowa coaching staff to the U.S. gymnastics board that selects Winter Cup participants.

"It's a few routines from Black & Gold and then basically the best routines you've got on tape," Buese said. "The routines I didn't hit on at the Black & Gold meet we filmed here in practice."

Kettelsen and Buese will open competition today in the first of two qualification sessions from which the top 42 gymnasts will advance to finals competition on Saturday. Final scores will be cumulative through both days of competition with points given for high-rankings in each event.

Unlike a typical head-to-head meet, there will be simultaneous competition on all the events as the Hawkeyes try to perform their own routines, but it's not an environment they're unfamiliar with.

"There are a lot more things going on," Kettelsen said. "At the Windy City, we had pretty much the same situation where there's someone on each event doing something, so I don't really think that effects us that much."

The event does involve different elements of focus and crowd influence than a typical college meet.

"It's a lot more individual than a team meet here," Buese said. "You don't have to think about a team or the four scores that count, you just kind of focus on yourself more at those meets."

The last Hawkeye to qualify for the national team was Michael Reavis in the 2006 Winter Cup.

"Their chances of making one of those seven spots it's going to be real tough," Dunn said. "If they have the meet of their life, possibly."

"But it's a good experience — I mean they're both young — for the future, to kind of get in that mix and see how they do."

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## MICHIGAN STATE (13-10, 5-6) AT IOWA (15-7, 8-3)

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# Hoopsters look for payback

By Diane Hendrickson  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

The Hawkeyes' most embarrassing loss of the season was their last one, a meltdown in East Lansing, Mich., on Jan. 10. But that game proved to be a watershed for Iowa, which has rattled off six wins in a row, ascending to a tie for the top spot in the Big Ten.

With the Spartans rolling into Carver-Hawkeye Arena tonight for a rematch, the Hawkeyes are ready for revenge.

"We're ready for big payback," Hawkeye forward JoAnn Hamlin said.

"This one, it really sticks in our craw a little bit," head coach Lisa Bluder said. "I don't know if I've ever been a part of a game where we played so well for 32 minutes and had everything fall apart in the last eight. It was just a situation where we dominated them in the first half, and in the second half, the first 10 minutes we kind of just hung even with them there, and the last eight minutes, it fell apart."

Iowa held a 13-point advantage at the half against the Spartans but imploded in an ugly second half that saw the Hawkeyes commit 17 turnovers, which Michigan State turned into 28 of its 51 points. Iowa neutralized the Spartans' leading scorers — their post-players — including the sixth-leading scorer in the conference, 6-9 Alyssa DeHaan, who was in foul trouble for most of the game.

But the Hawkeyes couldn't stop Michigan State's guards. Freshman Birttney Thomas scored a career-high 18 points — 16 of those in the second half



Iowa women's basketball coach Lisa Bluder addresses the Hawkeyes, who are tied for first in the Big Ten, during a time-out in the Indiana game at Carver-Hawkeye on Sunday. The Hawkeyes pushed their winning streak to six games after beating the Hoosiers, 81-65.

— and Courtney Davidson added 18.

"We did a great job containing their inside game, a tremendous job," Bluder said. "... but their guard play reached new heights in that game."

After the contest, a disappointed Iowa squad, 2-3 in the Big Ten at the time, reassessed the direction the season was heading.

"The coaches had left, and we sat as a team and said, 'We've got to start now,'" senior Johanna Solverson said. "We can't say, 'Oh, we'll get them next time,' because next time isn't going to count anymore."

We need to start winning now."

Since that day nearly a month ago, Michigan State has gone 3-3, and the Hawkeyes have done nothing but win, each time more convincing against better opponents. The Hawks have also rose to the penthouse of the conference, making the transition from a middle-of-the-pack team to one distancing itself as one of the elite.

"I think it really surprised a lot us," Solverson said. "That was the first time we realized, 'We are better than this team.' We should have killed this team." The game also proved the

Hawkeyes needed to play the full 40 minutes, which hurt them early in the season, point guard Kristi Smith said.

"I don't think it's going to take a lot to get our team focused for practice the next two days," Bluder said. "If something positive can come out of a loss — as you always have to search for something positive in a loss — this is definitely been one that we can point a finger at and say, 'Since this point, we've been playing a lot better basketball.'"

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# Badgers escape with win

**MEN'S HOOPS**  
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The Badgers used four-straight free throws from Iowa native Jason Bohannon and a tough lay-up in traffic to extend the lead, 54-51, with 1:32 left.

Trading buckets to start the second half, Iowa coach Todd Lickliter signaled for an early time-out to compose his upset-minded Hawkeyes, but the quick team huddle hardly steadied the tempo. Relinquishing the lead fewer than three minutes out of the locker room, Iowa battled back-and-forth with the Badgers before clinging to a one-point lead with 11:38 left on the clock.

Peterson's free throw with 7:14 left tied it back up before

the teams exchanged leads for the fifth and sixth time in the second half. Foul trouble wrecked the Hawkeyes rhythm with just over six minutes left in the contest, however, and Wisconsin went back on top by four points, 48-44, and looked to be in the driver's seat.

Smothered all night by Wisconsin's stiff defense, Johnson was held scoreless in the first half on 0-of-6 shooting but he found his stroke when Iowa needed it most — burying his first long ball of the night to trim the lead back to one, 48-47.

That was the closest the Hawkeyes got in the game's closing minutes.

Sloppy shooting plagued the game's first 11 minutes — Iowa and Wisconsin started a

combined 7-of-22 from the field — but by the 7:29 mark in the opening half, the Hawkeyes were getting the better end of the bad-shooting bargain, leading 13-10.

Scoring the team's next four points, Seth Gorney helped ignite a sizable home crowd on a snow-slammed night in Iowa City, but his first foul at the 4:15 mark erased a four-point lead and sent him to the bench for a quick breather.

A thunderous alley-oop throw-down from Kurt Looby and a pair of NBA-range triples from Freeman helped Iowa surge to its largest lead of the night, 29-24, before an easy Badger bucket cut the halftime lead to three points.

Coming off a game in which he fired a clip of 1-of-8 from

beyond arc, Freeman found his stroke and helped the Hawkeyes jump all over the Big Ten-leading Badgers in the first half.

"I like what [the Hawkeyes are] doing; they're playing hard," Wisconsin coach Bo Ryan said. "But it's tough. It's the Big Ten."

Missing a rare opportunity for an upset and next heading north to Minneapolis on Saturday, Iowa hopes to regroup quickly to gain another road win.

"I'm proud of our guys because our guys played to win," Lickliter said. "We'll bounce back."

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# Iowa keys on running backs

**JOHNSON**  
CONTINUED FROM 1B

The way we do that is through tape evaluations, getting information from high-school coaches, junior-college coaches, and camp evaluations. So about at the end of June, when we have our final camps, we'll try to get our final working number for the current guys that we're recruiting down to 125. So there's a dramatic decrease in prospects from 2,600 to 125 within four months.

**DI:** When a lot of outsiders look at this year's class, they see the number of running backs coming in and also at a couple other specific positions, and it seems like your staff tried to fill some holes and added depth in certain areas. Was filling holes an emphasis?

**Johnson:** Our primary focus in this year's class was at the running-back position, because we were coming back with just one guy on scholarship at the running-back position in Jevon Pugh. That was definitely an area that we were going to stress this year, and then the secondary was another area that we felt we had a great need for. Those were two areas that we tried to address, and then we tried to sure up some other areas.

We took two quarterbacks in this class to provide competition for the guys we have here on campus. We're going to lose a bunch of lineman here in two years offensively, so we're starting to try to balance that class — we took a couple last year, we took some this year.

Like you said, at the other positions we're primarily trying to add depth. But hopefully, those guys will come in and try

to compete for those positions, too, because you always want the guys you're bringing in to at least try to compete with the guys you have on campus.

**DI:** Last season, a record number of freshmen under Ferentz saw playing time. Do you feel like in this year's class — maybe you don't have those three or four higher-profile, if you will, four-star recruits — do feel like some of these three-star guys can come in and make an impact?

**Johnson:** We're hoping so. And I think if you look at the history of classes, we don't necessarily get a lot of four- and five-star guys. We've always been a program that's kind of done our own evaluations. And you know, time always tells whether recruiting classes are good or bad — you can never tell by the class' immediate impact, but you can usually tell three or four years down the road how good a class necessarily was or might be.

It's been well-documented, a class we had a couple years ago, that was so highly ranked, there have been a lot of guys who haven't stayed with the program or performed yet to those expectations. There's still a lot of time for that class to mature and get to be the class that we wanted it to be.

But there are other classes that are ranked very low that have produced some tremendous players, you know — Bob Sanders, Robert Gallery. But we've stuck with our evaluations, and we were fortunate at a couple positions to get the guy that were the first guys we offered at those positions. We felt very comfortable with the guys we have in this class.

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## COMMENTARY

# Hawks, again, just miss upset

**COMMENTARY**  
CONTINUED FROM 1B

Unlike most of the slug-for-slug battles between dairy and pork countries, fouls were limited for much of the game — Iowa and Wisconsin combined for 17 in the first 28 minutes. That didn't stop the Badgers and Hawkeyes from duking it out, one punch at a time — the biggest lead before Wisconsin's final free-throw was just five, accomplished three times by Iowa. But the Hawkeyes weren't ahead when it counted most.

I give Todd Lickliter and his staff a lot of credit for their team's performance against Bo Ryan's well-schooled squad. Iowa matched the Badgers, if not controlled the game in two areas I'd have anticipated Wisconsin to run the show — in the paint and on the free-throw line.

Ending the game with a combined 25 points, Tate and Gorney played right with Brian Butch and Marcus Landry, who totaled 28. From the charity stripe, the Hawkeyes dominated before Wisconsin's 10 in the game's backstretch gave the Red and White a 17-20

edge. Not bad, considering Iowa had no free throws in a game earlier this season against Drake and came in with 60 fewer attempts than the Badgers.

Free throws and post players drove much of the game for the Hawkeyes, but like any well balanced act, there's a third leg — in this case, the 3. Freeman made five of them, and Johnson's in-transition swish from long-range put Iowa down by just one inside four minutes to play.

The most impressive part of Iowa's game had to be the play of Tate. He hit big free-throws all game, finishing

7-of-9 from the line to complement his 4-of-6 from the field. He pulled in rebounds, finished off lay-ups, and really bruised the Badgers for all 34 minutes he was on the floor.

It wasn't enough. What appeared as a possible big-time upset for Iowa ended in the all-too familiar close call. Just like at home against Drake, and Indiana, and at home and away against Purdue — yeah, it was one of those.

In the end, it was just another heartbreaker.

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# Ferentz excited by class

**FERENTZ**  
CONTINUED FROM 1B

Of the three incoming quarterback prospects — John Wienke, James Vanderberg, and David Blackwell — Wienke and Vanderberg had impressive statistics, combining for 6,578 yards, 83 TDs, and 10 interceptions in their senior seasons. Blackwell did not play his senior season because of a knee injury.

"Our plan, generally, is to just take one [quarterback] a year," Ferentz said. "We didn't go into the recruiting season intended on signing three guys. We were very impressed with all three of the guys."

Though Ferentz had to go as far as Montana and southern Florida to get recruits, the ninth-year head coach didn't have to leave his own living room to sign his son, James Ferentz.

"It was like the old days — [Wednesday] I went home at lunch and signed him," Ferentz said. "I got a ham sandwich out of the deal, too."

Along with his son, the Hawkeyes got Iowa City prospect Jake Reisen and Des Moines recruit Adam Robinson as grayshirt commitments.

"The [grayshirt] concept first came to me a couple of years ago," Ferentz said. "With the right prospects, I think it's a win-win situation. It's more so about what our immediate needs are."

With the combination of needs being met and quality recruits being signed, he is excited about this class' future.

"We feel real good about this class. We probably say it every year. If there's a downside to way the season went, we didn't play in a bowl game. The upside is it gave up a lot of time to focus on recruiting."

"... The fact that we've got 21 of the 24 captains in high school is something that speaks very highly of this class."

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# Santana arrives



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**New Met pitcher Johan Santana (second from left) poses for photographs with Met general manager Omar Minaya (left), chief operating officer Jeff Wilpon (second from right), and manager Willie Randolph (right) during a news conference Wednesday in New York. The Mets acquired Santana from the Minnesota Twins for four prospects and signed him to a \$137.5 million, six-year contract.**

## New ace Johan Santana should help the New York Mets move past 2007 collapse.

By Mike Fitzpatrick  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Johan Santana arrived at Shea Stadium on Wednesday, put on his No. 57 New York Mets jersey for the first time, and said he anticipated little difficulty in adjusting to pitching before some of baseball's most demanding fans.

"I think the game is the same," he said. "I'm not going to let that affect what I do on the field."

The Mets introduced Santana with a choreographed news conference, one that began with video highlights and Latin music. After an extended period for still and video cameras, and a brief statement by Santana, the Mets turned up the house lights of Shea Stadium's Diamond Club for questions.

Santana answered many with clichés, saying he would take things one day at a time, that success was a team effort, and that he will have to make adjustments to pitching in the National League. He understands that Mets' fans demand a World Series championship — or at least an NL pennant — immediately following last year's September collapse.

"Of course, it has to be this year and beyond," he said as his wife and father looked on.

Santana walked in past a gift shop already stocked with replicas of his new jersey in home pinstripes and black, and in children's sizes.

Mets general manager Omar Minaya introduced Santana, who agreed on Feb. 1 to a \$137.5 million, six-year contract that allowed his trade from the Minnesota Twins to be completed the following day. Minaya pronounced it was the start of "a great era of Mets baseball."

"Welcome to the city of baseball," Minaya said. Manager Willie Randolph, having acquired an ace for his staff, looked on from his front-row seat.

"You should be happy, Willie," Minaya said. Ten days before the first spring-training workout for pitchers and catchers in Port St. Lucie, Fla., Santana's teammates were excited.

"Somewhat it allows us to officially, kind of completely shut the book on '07," Mets third baseman David Wright said Tuesday. "It kind of takes away from, I guess, kind of the aura of what happened at

the end of last year. We can kind of put that behind us. And when your superstars have a fresh attitude, looking ahead rather than behind, I think that that rubs off on the rest of the team."

Santana, a two-time AL Cy Young Award winner, was just 15-13 last year and lost seven of his last 11 decisions as his ERA rose from 2.60 to 3.33 ERA, his highest since 2001. He allowed a career-high 33 homers — the most in the AL.

"I don't know, man. It's part of the game. You're going to have slumps, I guess," he said. "I don't really have an answer for it."

His agent, Peter Greenberg, revealed that the deadline for the Twins to make a trade was mutually agreed to with Minnesota general manager Bill Smith around Jan. 22. The initial deadline was Jan. 28, but the sides agreed to push it back a day because executives of some of the interested teams weren't available.

Santana had a full-no-trade clause, which meant he could control his destination. Greenberg said the Mets were Santana's first choice but that all three bidders were acceptable.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JOHNSON COUNTY, IOWA  
CITICAPITAL COMMERCIAL CORPORATION, BY and through its INGERSOLL-RAND FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVISION,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
BERNARDAS URVAKIS,  
Defendant.  
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:  
You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of the clerk of this court naming you as a defendant in this action, which petition prays for an order granting immediate and permanent possession of the Collateral to Plaintiff, CiticCapital Commercial Corporation.  
The name and address of the attorney for the Plaintiff is Donald L. Swanson,

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## the ledge

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SCOTT PACANOWSKI

### Signs that tell you, you are a loser

- You have ever made a sign for a concert. If it was a country concert, it is worse.
- You watched “I Love New York” from start to finish and were really happy they did a second season.
- You eat free at every bar that holds Guitars Hero contests because you win them all.

You think their is nothing wrong with this sentence.

You have been to a NASCAR event.

You only get your news from Fox.

You tuck in your shirt when you don't dress up.

You think pocket protectors are practical.

You have “Barbie Girl,” by Aqua, on your iTunes.

You ever played Dungeons and Dragons. And if you still play this game, it's time to re-evaluate your life.

The opposing team scores more than the team you are on.

— Scott Pacanowski is a loser baby, but please, don't kill me.  
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Think you're pretty funny? Prove it. The Daily Iowan is looking for Ledge writers. You can submit a Ledge at [daily-iowan@uiowa.edu](http://daily-iowan@uiowa.edu). If we think it's good, we'll run it — and maybe contact you for more.

## horoscopes Thursday, February 7, 2008

— by Eugenia Last

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** It may be difficult to get the people you are trying to impress to recognize your talents, so don't waste your time. Support the underdog or a cause. Your kind and generous actions will capture attention.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Put time aside for love, romance, travel, or anything else exciting and fun. Plan to meet new friends or take part in activities that interest you. Set the stage for new beginnings. Serious progress can be made personally.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Offer your services to those who may be willing to pay top dollar for them. You have more to offer than you realize, so don't wait for things to come to you. Show your worth, and ask for what you feel you deserve.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Position yourself so you can view or experience other life choices or ethnic or cultural differences. The more you are subjected to new concepts, ideas, and lifestyles, the easier it will be to define what you want. Travel will spark renewed hope for your future.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Conclude the deal, develop partnerships, settle differences, or even sign a new contract. If you take action, you will get what you want. You can build a great support system. Cover your back, and do what's necessary.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Look around — you will realize how much you actually have. By being assertive, you can manipulate whatever situation you face. This is no time to let anger or jealousy step into the picture, causing havoc.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Reassessing what's going on around you will nudge you to make changes. Be creative; you will find solutions. New pastimes, hobbies, or even a new approach to how you deal with your lover, friends, or relatives will set a positive direction.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Be smart about what's going on around you. If you let your heart lead the way and trust your emotions, you will make mistakes. You are likely to overreact to a situation today.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Everything should be about pleasure, entertainment, and finding new people, places, and things that amuse you. Getting too serious about anything at this particular time will be a waste. Learning how to have fun will remind you what life is actually about.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You will have no shortage of good ideas or plans to get underway. Your goal to achieve personal and financial freedom is within reach if you take action. By incorporating your plans, you will speed things up, leaving a great impression on your peers and superiors.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Get involved in the action. Physical activity or making adjustments that will enhance your looks or bring you greater appeal should be scheduled in. You will be quick to respond to whatever anyone challenges you with.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You may find that you are alienated if you keep secrets from the people who love and trust you. Be careful — you may not be able to reverse a situation once you put it into play. Focus on building stronger relationships.

## ASH WEDNESDAY



Phoebe Webb/The Daily Iowan  
Father Jess Belger marks the sign of the cross on Minji Kim's forehead with ashes on Wednesday. Kim, a UI law student, attended Ash Wednesday services at the Newman Center to celebrate the first day of Lent.

## 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](mailto:dailyiowan@uiowa.edu).

- Junior Engineering Technical Society Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science Competition, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Seamans Centerr
- Bowl For Kids' Sake Fundraiser Information Table, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Big Brothers Big Sisters at Iowa, IMU ground floor
- Electronic (e-file) Tax Filing, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 5:15-9 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- Preschool Story Time: Chinese New Year Story Time, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- Project Marrow Donor Registration Drive & DeGowin Blood Drive, 10:30 a.m., 351 IMU
- Thursday Wee Read, 10:30 a.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- Pharmacology Graduate Student Workshop, "Regulation of L-type Calcium Channel Cav1.2," Mingxu Zhang, 12:30 p.m., 2 Bowen Science Building
- UI Center for Teaching Workshop, 12:30-2 p.m., Main Library Information Arcade
- Behind the Scenes at the UI Museum of Art: Off the Beaten Path, 2 p.m., UI Museum of Art
- Teen Tech Zone, 2:30-5 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- Molecular & Cellular Biology Workshops & Seminars, "Make or Break Decisions: Neuronal Survival and Mitofusin 2 Phosphorylation," Shanna Nifoussi, 4 p.m., Bowen Science Building Watzke Auditorium

- South Asian Studies Program Seminar, "Languages and Cultures of Northern Pakistan," Elena Bashir, 4 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
- Urban & Regional Planning Open House, 4:30-6:30 p.m., 327 Jessup Hall
- Lust, Caution, 7 p.m., Bijou
- Geneva Lecture Series, "Facing East: A Pilgrim's Journey into the Mystery of Orthodox Christianity," Frederica Mathewes-Green, 7 p.m., 348 IMU
- "Live from Prairie Lights," Mary Ellis, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- B.B. King, 7:30 p.m., Hancher
- Black Student Union General Assembly Meeting, 7:30 p.m., IMU River Room 1
- David Gier, trombone, Mark Weiger, oboe, Volkan Orkhon, bass, Alan Huckleberry, piano, Scott Conklin, violin, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall
- 14, by John Cameron, 8 p.m., University Theatres Mainstage Production, Theatre Building Thayer Theatre
- Ten-Minute Play Festival, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Theatre B
- Campus Activities Board Event, Ha Ha Tonka, music, 9 p.m., IMU Black Box Theatre
- Gemini Karaoke, 9 p.m., Speak Easy, 171 Highway 1 W.
- Thursday Night Karaoke, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Charlie's, 450 First Ave.
- Margot at the Wedding, 10 p.m., Bijou



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## SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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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, Adrienne Miller  
2 News from Germany (in German)  
3 "Java Blend," Music from Eli Jones & Stefanie Berez  
4 Fine Arts from the UI  
5 Photographs by Danny Wilcox Frazier  
6:30 Coach Todd Lickliter's Postgame News Conference  
7 "Java Blend," Music from Eli Jones & Stefanie Berez  
8 Winter Ballet, *The Nutcracker*  
9:30 News from Daily Iowan TV  
10 Incompetent Sports Talk from Student Video Productions  
10:30 News from Daily Iowan TV  
11 "Java Blend," Music from Eli Jones & Stefanie Berez

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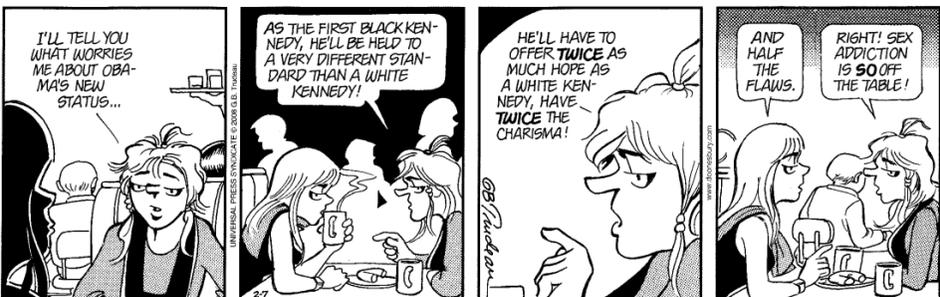
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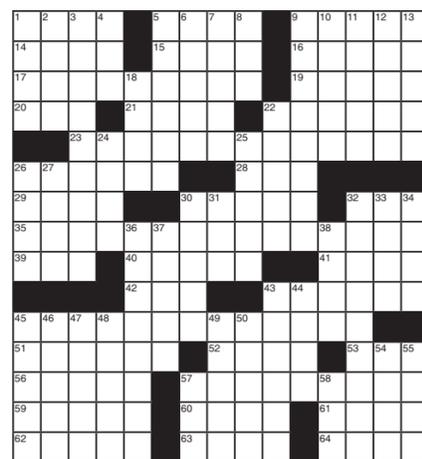
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No. 1227

- Across**
- Palms (off on)
  - Egyptian symbols of royalty
  - Casino equipment
  - "the Agent" (old comic strip)
  - Place
  - "If \_\_\_ you ..."
  - Certain marine biologist's test?
  - Gainsay
  - Kooser, former U.S. poet laureate
  - Cultural stuff
  - Tops
  - One way to get into a gang's headquarters?
  - Splits
  - F.D.R. acyt
  - Wrinkly fruit
  - "Breaker Morant" people
  - Lived
  - Eskimos in an igloo?
  - Many a person on the U.S.S. Enterprise: Abbr.
  - Stomach contents
  - "Starts With F" for a thousand,
  - Cartoon pooch
  - Prepare trout, in a way
  - Pictures of Slinkys?
  - Part of A.S.A.P.
  - Prefix with -phile
  - canto
  - Wombs
  - Witches' pots, pans, etc.?
  - Cling Plus brand
  - Novelist Seton
  - Kiss in Kensington
  - "\_\_\_ we all?"
  - Zest
  - 1910s heavyweight champ \_\_\_ Willard
- Down**
- "Is that a \_\_\_?"
  - Poulenc's "Sonata for \_\_\_ and Piano"
  - Coos and hoots
  - Triton's realm
  - Red lights and flares
  - Musical interval
  - pudding (British dish)
  - Arithmetic exercise
  - Beef cut
  - Hebdomadally
  - Five-Year Horse of the Year, 1960-64
  - Verdi aria
  - "What \_\_\_ thou?" (biblical query)
  - Word with bus or memory
  - Dried coconut meat
  - Poet who wrote "At night there is no such thing as an ugly woman"
  - Windblown deposit
  - Time-honored name
  - Expressionist Schiele
  - Thin pancakes
  - Let pass
  - Poisonous flower
  - Who has won an Oscar for Best Actor three times
  - "Fiddler on the Roof" role
  - Carrier of a bow and arrows
  - Stamina
  - Climax
  - Financial paper: Abbr.

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Jim Leeds

- Western Hemisphere Abbr.
- Like most adages: Abbr.
- finalis (purpose, in law)
- Massive, very hot celestial orb
- French frigate that carried the Statue of Liberty to the U.S.
- Nautical acronym
- Who has won an Oscar for Best Actor three times
- "Fiddler on the Roof" role
- Carrier of a bow and arrows
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- Climax
- Financial paper: Abbr.

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## B.B. King

February 7

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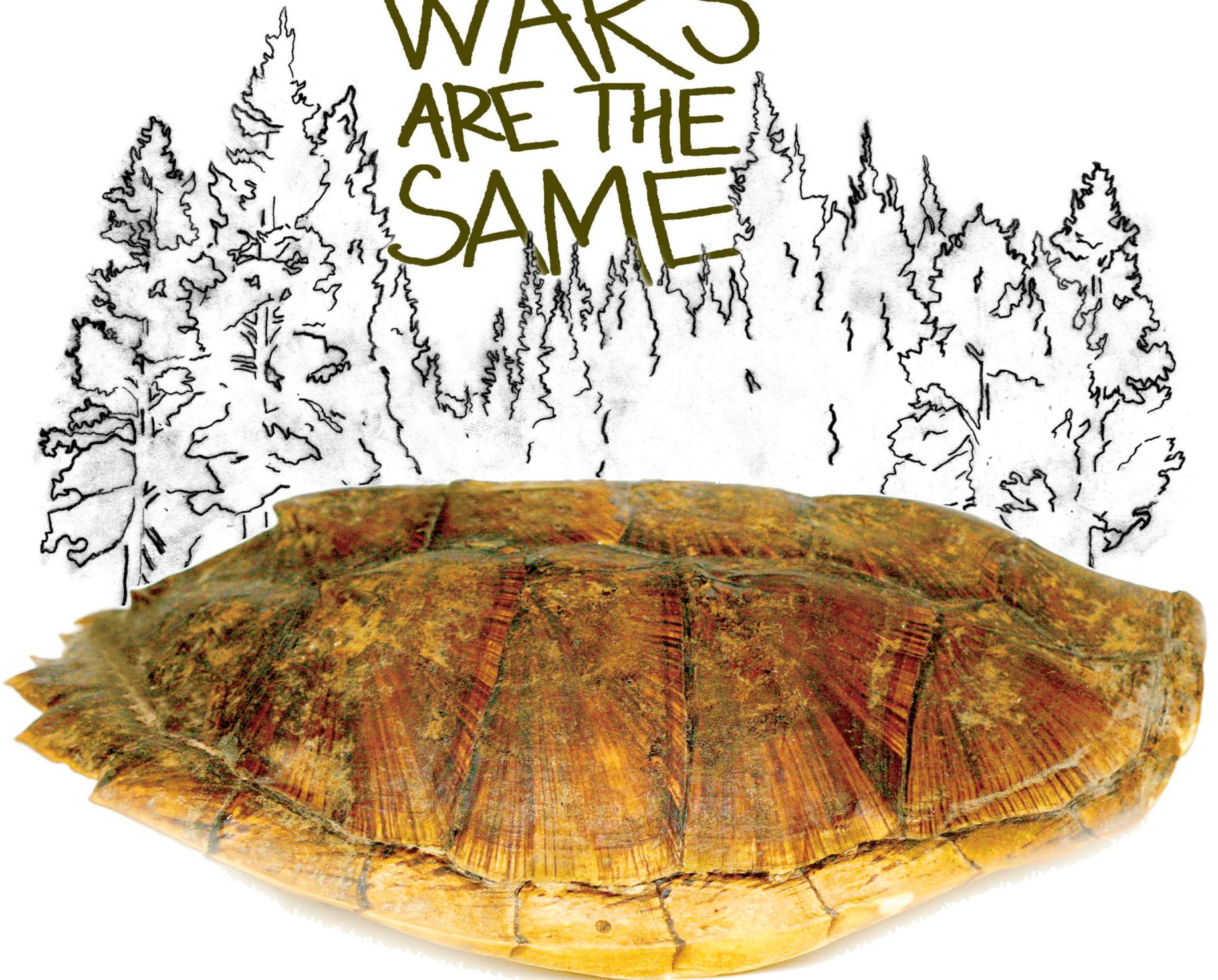
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## ALL THE DIFFERENT WARS ARE THE SAME



By Brigid Marshall • The Daily Iowan

War covers all manner of sins. Tackling issues of family abuse, alcoholism, and the vicious byproduct of conflict from the home to the home front, author Mary Relindes Ellis will read from her first novel, *The Turtle Warrior*, tonight at Prairie Lights Books.

**FICTION**  
**Mary Relindes Ellis,**  
*The Turtle Warrior*

**When:** 7 p.m. today  
**Where:** Prairie Lights Books,  
 15 S. Dubuque

### Why it's called *The Turtle Warrior*

In the first chapter of the novel, author Mary Relindes Ellis takes a scene from her own childhood and puts it into the life of her protagonist, a young boy named Bill Lucas. He watches as older brother James lights a match, then holds it near firecrackers lodged in the jaws of a mother snapping turtle. Bill begins to cry. The "turtle warrior" of the story ends up being Bill, as he fends off the pain and family abuse that plagues his house in Wisconsin's northern-most region. Ellis writes about the cruelty James displayed toward the ancient turtle, left helpless without his snapping jaws. The story turns into metaphor following Bill around as he uses the shells of dead turtles as shields blocking away the reality of his situation.

"If he had learned something profound in his life, it was this: that to ask a question could be the most rebellious of acts and the most necessary. That allowing words to go unspoken could cause not only harm to oneself but harm to another."

"He tasted it every day in his mouth. As though he had bitten down on a prickly ash berry. The sudden infusion of wild citrus flavor before it numbed his gums and tongue. Not even water seemed to wash it away. Bitterness."

The words of first-time novelist and Iowa Writers' Workshop student Mary Relindes Ellis in *The Turtle Warrior* brings out

the truth about war on the home front and away from the proverbial nest. Ellis will read from her work, which paints a vivid picture of family abuse at home translating into the wars abroad, today at 7 p.m. at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St.

"You have to laugh to survive in this world," said Ellis as she sipped a coffee in the Washington Street Java House. "If you don't take that outlook, then it won't happen."

Calm and collected, the 48-year-old Iowa City resident takes a seat in the downtown coffee shop. Since her acceptance by the workshop this past fall

and subsequent move to Iowa City, Ellis said, she still has trouble finding everything from classrooms to coffee shops.

"People ask me, well, aren't you doing it all backwards?" she said. "I first got a book published, then went back to school, and ironically, I wasn't even trained in fiction. I studied poetry."

Ellis graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1986 with a B.A. in English literature, and she is now attending the Writers' Workshop with the aim of teaching writing at the university level.

"It's fascinating to see young writers start out," she said. "You don't need an M.F.A. to write,

but I've been very fortunate to have been accepted here."

Her long black hair falls loosely past her shoulders and frames her face as the dim floodlights cause her hair to shimmer. Looking at her, you wouldn't guess the life she's led or the life she creates for her fictitious characters, including those in her novel.

"The world that she is writing about is a terribly poverty-stricken, brutal world," said Kathryn Court, Viking/Penguin publisher and president. "It sort of becomes the norm. It's cruelty against cruelty. People who were beaten will beat. It's a terrible cycle of violence. It's a very hard

world to read through."

"It's not a feel-good romance," Ellis said. "It's very much gritty, but there's redemption in the end — but it's not that sort of Disney redemption."

Because she is a woman writing about war and family brutality, along with issues ranging from violence associated with alcoholism to the Vietnam War, she said, readers might expect something different.

SEE ELLIS, 3C

photograph by Chris Vanderwall, graphic by Dylan Salisbury/The Daily Iowan

## coming up THIS WEEKEND

Check out 2C for a complete list of Iowa City events

### Return of the King

B.B. King arrives at Hancher Auditorium tonight to bring his trademark blues style to Iowa City. He's a living legend, no question — see him while you still can, and read Claire Lekwa's story inside, 2C



### There Will Be Radio

In fact, there'll be radio every Friday from 5-6 p.m. on the UI's wonderful KRUI audio-extravaganza. Tune into 89.7 to hear Meryn Fluker go on an extended rant on TV "women" and two of our own discuss the mysteries of the new season of "Lost."



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# weekly calendar of events

## Today 2.7

- MUSIC**
- **B.B. King**, 7:30 p.m., Hancher Auditorium
  - **David Gier, trombone; Mark Weiger, oboe; Volkan Orhan, bass; Alan Huckleberry, piano; Scott Conklin, violin**, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall
  - **Tony Brown and 608 Rid-dim Section**, 8:30 p.m., George's, 312 E. Market
  - **Amino Acids, The Horse-shoe Spatulas, and The Puritanicals**, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
  - **Birthdays Bash for Mr. Johnny 4 Eyes**, featuring Coolzey, Sarah Cram and the Lovedrops, Buckets, and dance party with DJ Supa Rusty, Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- WORDS**
- **"Live From Prairie Lights," Mary Relindes Ellis, fiction**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque

- THEATER**
- **Doubt**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert
  - **14**, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Thayer Theatre
  - **Ten-Minute Play Festival**, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Theatre B
- LECTURES**
- **Geneva Lecture Series, "Facing East: A Pilgrim's Journey into the Mystery of Orthodox Christianity," Frederica Mathewes-Green**, 7 p.m., 348 IMU

- MISCELLANEOUS**
- **Goodtime Karaoke**, 8 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville
  - **Gemini Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Speak Easy, 171 Highway 1 W.
  - **Thursday Night Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville



Publicity photo

Most birthday parties feature clowns, cake and ice cream. But tonight at the Mill, Mr. Johnny 4 Eyes is celebrating another year on Earth with artists including Cedar Rapids' Sarah Cram with her band the Lovedrops.

## Friday 2.8

- MUSIC**
- **"Java Blend," Mary Ellis**, noon, Java House, 211½ E. Washington
  - **"Live at the Java House," Frankie the Poet**, 8 p.m., Java House
  - **Midwest Composers Symposium Concert**, 8 p.m., Clapp
  - **Illinois John Fever, Coyote Blood, and Macon Greyson**, 9 p.m., Picador
  - **Willy Porter**, 9 p.m., Mill

- WORDS**
- **"Live from Prairie Lights," Elizabeth Crane and Achy Obejas, fiction**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights

- THEATER**
- **Doubt**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre
  - **She Loves Me**, 7:30 p.m., Johnson County Fairgrounds, 4265 Oak Crest Hill Rd. S.E.
  - **14**, 8 p.m., Thayer Theatre
  - **City Circle Shorts**, 8 p.m., Iowa Children's Museum, Coral Ridge Mall
  - **Ten-Minute Play Festival**, 8 p.m., Theatre B, Theatre Building
  - **No Shame Theatre**, 11 p.m., Theatre Building

- LECTURES**
- **Geneva Lecture Series, "Freelance Writing as a**

- Career," Frederica Mathewes-Green**, 1:30 p.m., 304 English-Philosophy Building
- **"An Endangered River Runs Through It: Three Iowa River Events," Jacques Leslie**, Main Library
  - **Geneva Lecture Series, "Faith, Film, and False Assumptions: Christians and the Transformation of Culture," Frederica-Mathewes-Green**, 7:30 p.m., Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium

- DANCE**
- **Sock Hop!**, 7 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
  - **Ballroom Dance, featuring music by the Rod Pearson Quintet**, 7:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
  - **Dance Party, with music by Rock and Thunder**, 9:30 p.m., Charlie's

- MISCELLANEOUS**
- **Friday Night Magic**, 6:30 p.m., Critical Hit Games, 89 Second St. No. 5, Coralville
  - **Snowflakes and Heart Strings Wine Gala and Auction**, 6:30 p.m., hotelVetro, 201 S. Linn
  - **Friday Nite Karaoke with Gemini Karaoke**, 9 p.m., American Legion, 3016 Muscatine Ave.
  - **Retro Club Night**, 9 p.m., Speak Easy

## NEW MOVIES OPENING THIS WEEKEND



**Fool's Gold**  
Sycamore 12, Coral Ridge 10  
Matthew McConaughey and Kate Hudson are together again, but this time they're married and on a hunt to find hidden treasure. It might be worth \$8 to see McConaughey without his shirt on. Or maybe you'd rather stay home, rent something else he's been good in (we can't think of titles), and spend the extra cash on something real, like chocolate. You decide.



**Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins**  
Sycamore 12, Coral Ridge 10  
Martin Lawrence is ... back? ... as a talk-show host who goes back to his simple Southern past to probably discover the meaning of family and bask in the deep, deep voice of James Earl Jones. Whether Tyler Perry makes an appearance is undetermined, but it's certain that Cedric the Entertainer will... anyone up for more broad stereotypes?

## AT THE BIJOU



**Eraserhead**  
Showtimes vary  
David Lynch's film debut will haunt the Bijou's screen. Although he's better known for his work on *Elephant Man* and *Blue Velvet*, *Eraserhead* follows Lynch's cinematic trademarks. It's an atmospheric and generally creepy fare, featuring a screaming potato-alien baby in its first and last supporting role.

## Saturday 2.9

- MUSIC**
- **Midwest Composers Symposium Concert**, 10:30 a.m., Clapp
  - **Midwest Composers Symposium Concert**, 2 p.m., Clapp
  - **Midwest Composers Symposium Concert**, 4 p.m., Clapp
  - **Blues Night Out for Food, Health, Shelter, featuring the Dan Knight Trio and Spontaneous Combustion**, 7 p.m., Old Brick
  - **Midwest Composers Symposium Concert**, 8 p.m., Voxman Music Building Harper Hall
  - **Co-CD Release Parties, Nikki Lunden and Kate Kane, with the Trollies and the Torpedo Darlings**, 9 p.m., Mill
  - **CD Release Party, Wayne Western, with The Wheel and The Fence, Yamoto, and Emerge Again**, 9 p.m., Picador
- THEATER**
- **Doubt**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Theatre
  - **She Loves Me**, 7:30 p.m., Johnson County Fairgrounds
  - **14**, 8 p.m., Thayer Theatre



Jacqueline Cieslak/The Daily Iowan

Singers, songwriters, and Iowa City dwellers Nikki Lunden and Kate Kane will join forces at the Mill on Saturday night, where they both will celebrate the releases of their forthcoming albums. For more on this estrogen-powered event, check out Arts reporter Anna Wiegenstein's preview in Friday's *Daily Iowan*.

- **City Circle Shorts**, 8 p.m., Iowa Children's Museum
  - **Ten-Minute Play Festival**, 8 p.m., Theatre B
- DANCE**
- **Dance Party, with music by Rock and Thunder**, 9:30 p.m., Charlie's

- MISCELLANEOUS**
- **A Garden For All Seasons, Chuck Porto**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Landscaping, 520 Highway 1 W.
  - **Euchre Tournament**, 1 p.m., American Legion
  - **HeroClix**, 1 p.m., Critical Hit Games
  - **Rock and Roll/Country Night**, 9 p.m., Speak Easy



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Iowa City Community Theatre presents *She Loves Me*, a tale of love set against the backdrop of 1930s Europe. The musical explores what happens when two people with feuding businesses fall in love with each other and have no idea they did. The story may sound familiar; it inspired the films *The Shop Around the Corner* and *You've Got Mail*.

## Sunday 2.10



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The Picador showcases fast, loud metal on its stage Sunday night when it welcomes Three Inches of Blood alongside The Black Dahlia Murder, Hate Eternal, and Decrepit Birth to Iowa City.

- MUSIC**
- **Gil and Orli Shaham**, 2 p.m., Clapp
  - **The Black Dahlia Murder, Three Inches of Blood, Hate Eternal, and Decrepit Birth**, 6 p.m., Picador
  - **Tony Guzman, guitar; Maurita Murphy Mead, clarinet; James Dreier, director, Latin American Jazz Ensemble**, 8 p.m., Clapp

- THEATER**
- **Doubt**, 2 p.m., Riverside Theatre
  - **14**, 2 p.m., Thayer Theatre
  - **She Loves Me**, 2 p.m., Johnson County Fairgrounds
  - **Ten-Minute Play Festival**, 2 p.m., Theatre B
  - **City Circle Shorts**, 6 p.m., Iowa Children's Museum
- MISCELLANEOUS**
- **Sharpless Antique Flea Market**, 8 a.m., Sharpless Auction

- Complex, 5049 Herbert Hoover Highway N.E.
- **Bicyclists of Iowa City Valentine's Day Ramble**, noon, Hy-Vee, 1201 N. Dodge St.
  - **Historic Valentine Workshop**, 1 p.m., 1876 Coralville Schoolhouse, 310 Fifth St.
  - **4thFest Basket Auction Fundraiser**, 4 p.m., 1506 Eighth St., Coralville
  - **Old Brick Taize**, 5 p.m., Old Brick
  - **Pub Quiz**, 9 p.m., Mill

# If it wasn't for real good King, THERE'D BE NO KING AT ALL

The 82-year-old blues guitarist B.B. King is undoubtedly a legend.

By Claire Lekwa  
THE DAILY IOWAN

For Vanessa Shelton, 52, the melodic blues of B.B. King brings her all the way back to the days of elementary school. She remembers listening to his music in Grenada, Miss., during evening picnics with her grandparents and hearing his early songs on the Memphis and St. Louis radio stations. Shelton, the director of the Quill and Scroll Honorary Society for High School Journalists, based in the Adler Journalism Building, said her favorite B.B. King song was "Why I Sing the Blues."

Now as an adult, many years since she first heard King's music as a child, Shelton plans on seeing B.B. King play "Lucille," his famous guitar, live for her first time at the concert today in Hancher at 7:30 p.m. Like many others attending the show, even though she does not own any of the 82-year-old musician's albums, she knows one thing — B.B. King is a legend. Freshman Michael Blackmon knows only little about King's music, but he said he is ready for a spectacular show. "How often do you get to see a legend in concert? Especially one who has lived so long," he said. Blackmon and his floormates in Stanley are going to the show together — some might know his music well, some simply appreciate his

status in the music world as an inspiration to the like of Eric Clapton, George Harrison, and Jeff Beck. Rob Cline, the Hancher marketing director, first saw King live when Cline was a UI student 15 years ago. "His concerts are very memorable, because not only does he play great, but he has this wonderful rapport with the audience," he said. "He's impossible not to love." Hancher will be an appropriate venue for King, Cline said, because it allows him to draw a big crowd but also remain intimate with a 2,533-person audience. The tickets are selling rapidly, he said, and he expects the show to be sold out by the night of the concert. The Iowa City event is one of three stops

King will make in Iowa; the blues great will play at Prairie Meadows in Altoona on Feb. 10 and at Harrah's Casino in Council Bluffs on May 30. B.B. King-fan Chris Cinco said he became hooked on King when he saw him live last summer in Chicago at Eric Clapton's Crossroads Guitar Festival. "His stage persona is amazing," Cinco said. At the performance he saw, King played enthusiastically even though he had to sit because of his age — a hindrance that did not impede on his ability to express his love for the music. With a music library full of classic rock and blues artists, Cinco has a grasp on why King's name ranks among the legends. He said King's unique guitar

**MUSIC**

**B.B. King Concert**  
When: 7:30 p.m. today  
Where: Hancher Auditorium  
Cost: \$45-\$50;  
UI students \$32-\$36

solos have been especially influential, through his use of single notes instead of chords and techniques such as bending notes. But even for those who simply call themselves "music appreciators," such as Shelton, and may not be experts on guitar technique, will be able to enjoy the show tonight purely for the mood B.B. King creates. "I can't say I ever have the blues when I listen to the blues," Shelton said with a smile. E-mail DI reporter Claire Lekwa at: [claire-lekwa@uiowa.edu](mailto:claire-lekwa@uiowa.edu)

## DI RECOMMENDS

Acting out this year's Democrat presidential race with your old *Star Wars* figurines. Barack Obama can be Luke Skywalker, and Hillary Rodham Clinton can be Han Solo or Darth Vader — depending on your preference.

## QUOTABLE

"Everyone says I'm like the girl next door ... Y'all must have really weird neighbors."  
— Kelly Clarkson, who will make an appearance by your next door when she visits Iowa City on April 18.



BURTNSKY - CHINA

what are you READING?  
Each week, the DI finds an individual in Iowa City raving about her or his favorite book of the moment. This week, we talked to John Kimmich, a UI photojournalism professor, who recommended flipping through *China*, a photo book by Edward Burtynsky.

No.2: **DailyIowan.com** found Wednesday's online lair, complete with the depressed day complaining that no one ever called it "super." Together, they hold a caucus to determine whether a cucumber or a tomato would win in a knife fight.

# 80 HOURS

## COVER STORY

# Of turtles & war



Chris Vanderwall/The Daily Iowan

**The Turtle Warrior** is Iowa Writers' Workshop student Mary Relindes Ellis' first novel. She is working on her second, tentatively titled *Geese*.

**ELLIS**  
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"Sometimes, people see 'feminism' as a dirty word," she said, lifting her long fingers into small quotation marks. "Because of the connotation that it means 'man hating,' when it doesn't. In my opinion, young women today are suffering from a terrible lack of self-esteem."

She talks about her ex-husband's two nieces and how she wishes she could have had her own daughters and sons and about the one brother she keeps in touch with. And she describes the genesis of her novel. Through the family life of young Bill Lucas, the novel's protagonist, Ellis allowed herself to express some of the tumultuous life she also experienced in her own family growing up with six siblings.

"So I had a rough childhood," she said with no self-pity. "My mother got a divorce, and both sides were very Catholic, and it started this enormous war. I went through periods of personal strife ... I had a very bad marriage, and I left that in 2000."

Suddenly able to write about the pain from a violent father to her mother's divorce from the marriage as a German-Catholic to other detrimental topics that have flowed through her life, Ellis said she used "this well, this little boy" as her voice.

"You've probably heard the phrase, 'Write about what you know,'" said Writers' Workshop Director Samantha Chang in an e-mail. "For many writers — and some of the best — this strategy is highly successful."

Ellis' voice resonates with Midwestern values and a love for the land and people around her. Her characters have given voice to the terrible truths of her own life as a young child living in what felt like a million miles from anyone or anywhere.

*The Turtle Warrior*, the self-given superhero name of Bill Lucas who uses old snapping turtle shells as his shield from

violence, takes place in the far North of the United States as well, which is touted as one of the novel's greatest strengths. Ellis knows the time and scenery well: Her older brother was sent to Vietnam.

"I was moved to tears when I read the first draft," said Toni McNaron, an English professor at University of Minnesota. "I was drawn right into the setting — the way she's able to write across each generation about these issues — violence at home is simply a smaller version of war on an international scale."

"The book has a lot of darkness in it," said friend and English Professor Shirley Garner, an associate dean of the University of Minnesota Graduate School. "But the thing that really impresses me about the genesis of this book was that she wrote it as a full-time employee."

Ellis spent countless nights writing the novel while working at that university as the associate administrator in the English department during the day. After getting fiction pieces printed in *The Wisconsin Academy*, *Glimmer Train Magazine*, and various other publications, Ellis wrote *The Turtle Warrior*, which won the Wisconsin Library Association's 2005 Banta Award for Literary Achievement, the state's most prestigious award for literary pieces.

Although the novel was released four years ago by Penguin books, during the strong pro-war mindset of many Americans, it has since seen a "grass-roots revival," the author said — with much thanks to the coming presidential election.

"I didn't publish this book as an antiwar book," Penguin's Court said. "You can't sit there waiting around for the world to change, because maybe it won't change."

As for the reading at Prairie Lights, book buyer Paul Ingram said the event should be well-attended even though the novel can't be found in the new release section.

### From small-town Wisconsin to literary-giant Iowa City

- January 1960 — Born in Glidden, Wis.
- She moved to Minneapolis to attend the University of Minnesota, where she earned a B.A. in English literature in 1986.
- At age 24, Ellis decided to pursue her dream of becoming a writer, following the lead of her Uncle Mel Ellis, who had published both journalistic work and fiction.
- From 1986-2007, Ellis took much part-time work to afford her time to write, such as assisting her mother in public health care, cleaning cabins, as well as formerly owning a 100-acre farm.
- In 1998, she became the associate administrator in the University of Minnesota English department, where she first began writing *The Turtle Warrior* as a short story. She extended it and published *The Turtle Warrior* in 2004 with Viking/Penguin Book Publishing.
- She was accepted by the Iowa Writers' Workshop in 2007.

"It's so irregular for us," he said. "But its irregularity makes people interested."

Since Ellis' enrollment in the workshop, she has built relationships with other writers and her students.

"It's so unusual to have someone in the workshop who's already published a novel — it just doesn't happen," Ingram said. "She's a local person, and local people have a lot of opportunities to get others interested in coming."

The mounting issues regarding the effect of war on families and on a global level remain topical in today's political atmosphere, he said.

"War starts at home," Ellis said, holding her right palm to her cheek. "We're a nation in pain right now, and it's painful to be a part of that."

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# LIPSTICK IS MORE THAN A JUNGLE



MERYN FLUKER

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Emmy gold. While the successful single female is no longer a revolutionary presence, either in reality or on television screens, she doesn't look as she used to. A new show, "Cashmere Mafia," gives us a glimpse of Mary Richards 2.0. She is a corporate executive cloaked from head-to-toe in designer duds, loves a good martini after work with her girlfriends, and is more aggressive than ever. Whereas the original shrunk in the presence of her boss, Lou Grant, the women of "Cashmere Mafia" are the bosses, and they aren't afraid to call the shots. She can take the form of a single woman who is sexually assertive (or, in the case of Samantha Jones of "Sex and the City," near the territory of a four-letter word *I would*

On the day of the premiere of NBC's new female-centric dramedy series 'Lipstick Jungle,' a viewer asks: Is television celebrating the evolution of the working woman or making her into a caricature?

never use to describe a sexually insatiable woman) or a married mother of two, such as the "Cashmere Mafia" character Zoe Burden. All of this should feel like progress, but there's a bizarre cognitive dissonance that comes from being a driven woman who is also a television junkie. I can't stop watching "Cashmere Mafia," which had its debut in January on ABC. The show relies on what now feel like clichés of female executives in the new millennium. These archetypes were given life, much more imaginatively, on "Sex and the City," which shares writers and producers with "Cashmere Mafia." The show plays on my desire to be the

smartest woman in the room, make all of the decisions, and still (one day) be able to be a good wife and mother, all while wearing Jimmy Choos and power-walking through the Big Apple. Yet the viewer in me knows that the characters are flat, the plots are stale, and the dialogue is just too easy (I mean, calling pre-business-trip sex a "bone voyage" hardly takes an intellect developed beyond the high-school level). In the world of complex and well-developed female characters, designer originals such as McBeal and Bradshaw make the ladies of "Cashmere Mafia" look like knockoffs. They'll get you by until you can afford the real

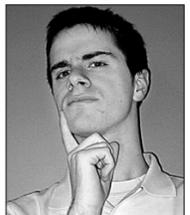
thing, but ultimately they'll end up on the closet floor hidden from houseguests. The death knell for "Cashmere Mafia" is its lack of believability. The characters are too shallow and thus aren't relatable. They feel like trend-bots; well-dressed female cyborgs who regurgitate fourth-rate quips and are incapable of conveying genuine human emotion. The truth is that most real women don't have it all, and they struggle every day to keep it together in world in

which they can't flinch in front of male colleagues and can't lose it in front of anyone. The show that depicts that female experience, complete with cognitive dissonance, emotional conflicts, and witty dialogue, will be the true heir to Mary Richards' throne. Tonight, viewers may judge if "Lipstick Jungle" is a step in the right direction. If not, at least there are always reruns.

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## Letters to Louis

# Beyond Britney, there's ... SOMETHING



LOUIS VIRTEL

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**Dear Louis, I'm over Britney. Give me something else to think about.**  
— Mark  
Dear Mark, I know what you're getting at, but I'm actually not allowed to post nude pics of myself here. Last I heard, rogue columnist Beau Elliot is still figuring out how to broadcast those tastefully. And that's fair, because he took them himself. It was his "personal photo project." I guess I don't understand why he insisted on taking them using a webcam at 4 a.m. under the screen-name "NaughtyEditorBear," though. Art is art — I guess? As I explained to him then, I don't go nude for much — but I will for the Fourth Estate!  
P.S. Beau, I really want to know what you're doing with those, and no, I still don't own a Sailor Moon uniform. So, lie low on the Facebook messages.  
Mark, you're certainly a snippy, demanding little gay. Maybe you're not gay?

Sorry, something about "I'm over Britney" implies wrist-flick. You may be onto a gold mine though: *Could it be* that something deserves more concentrated thought than our fallen, "Over-protected" Kentwood-ite. I tried hard, but here's all I could scrounge:  
• **The decline of Paula Abdul:** Screw Britney. She could never dance. Paula, however, brought out my inner Laker girl and my outer MC Skat Kat. She could do no wrong (besides, of course, Arsenio Hall), but she performed largely flawless as a fired-up pop star and occasional role model. Ugh, then, like the inevitable gunfight outside the saloon in a Western, prescription drugs came into the picture. Or, excuse me, "exhaustion." Did we even see "American Idol" last week? OK, honestly, I didn't either — but I saw Iowa grad Leo Marlowe (a.k.a., my awesome new Facebook friend!) successfully audition in an online clip. Paula threw up her arms at him and yelled "Touchdown" — which would've scared me enough, I'm sure, but she also did it like a cartoon gorilla. Read: Not like a Laker girl. She's set to release a new CD, and if one iota of it reminds me of "Cold-Hearted," I'll be elated, straight-up.  
• **The ascent of Alicia Keys:** Everyone needs to

stop caring again about Alicia Keys. Right now-ish. I understand she can sing and play a piano. I understand she is gorgeous. But the infallible jury of talent that is Louis Virtel has returned a verdict, and I don't think belting awful, cliché soul lyrics constitutes actual relevance, or even coolness, for that matter. See, Paula Abdul never tried for relevance. She was just fun and feathered. Alicia Keys does this whole "I'm the new Aretha Franklin, except without tantrums" thing, and I've never bought the hype. Exhibit A: "I keep on falling in and out of love with you. I've never loved someone the way that I love you." Alicia Keys = Olivia Newton-John? Exhibit B: "When the rain is pouring down / And my heart is hurting / You will always be around / This I know for certain." Wow, Diane Warren IS IMPRESSED. I was so worried there weren't any appropriate lyrics left for a Milli Vanilla comeback. Thank you, Alicia Keys. And Satan.  
• **The fame of Louis Virtel:** I get so worried that journalism doesn't pump out sex symbols anymore. William Randolph Hearst, anyone? Fire. Problem is, it's hard to rise in the ranks of newspaper popularity when I don't have a real instinct for landing scoops.

I'm really into things like — thinking about the Bravo network. Or watching javelin accidents on YouTube. Any internship ideas for this kind of skill set? I'd ask my editor, but of course he's still crying about not having "long, pretty hair." Feel free to send in your ideas. I'll go ahead and consider them, lose interest, get confused, and decide you're hitting on me.

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# Reading goes to THE DOGS

Assisting children in their quest toward literacy, five therapy dogs not only relax them but encourage kids to learn.

By Cole Cheney  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Luke has seen it all. Rescued from a meth lab when he was only 7 months old and suffering from dwarfism, the beginning of his life was marked by inadequate food, education, and care. Fortunately, through his incredibly warm personality and formal education, he has become one of the most popular aides in Iowa City's war against illiteracy — all before he reached the age of 5. A beautiful Alaskan malamute, the canine therapist intellectually strengthens and physiologically heals children much better than many of those with the ability to speak.

The Iowa City Reading Assistance Education Dogs program, which features therapeutic listening dogs such as Luke every Sunday, looks to increase the number of children who read willingly and proficiently by having them read to dogs. Starting at 2 p.m. and ending at 4 p.m. at the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St., the new program looks as if it's here to stay.

"Nearly every parent, administrator, principal, teacher, librarian, and student have been so supportive and accommodating for the program," said Maggie Winegarden, the head of the nonprofit group. Combining her numerous interests in children, reading, and dogs proved to be

'When children first begin to read, they are very cautious and self-conscious in their reading. Dogs will not judge, mock, or belittle children for their mistakes.'

— Maggie Winegarden,  
head of the Iowa City Reading Assistance Education Dogs program

a natural grouping that has resulted in an outstanding community use of the service.

The relevance of a canine listener is important in two main ways, Winegarden said. "When children first begin to read, they are very cautious and self-conscious in their reading. Dogs will not judge, mock, or belittle children for their mistakes," Winegarden said. "At the same time, they provide an active audience member for children to address."

Beyond the psychological factor, physiology proves to be also quite important. Using the "calming animal phenomenon" — a researched and scientifically acknowledged tranquility resulting from pet therapy — anxious readers utilize contact with the dogs to ease their nervousness. If children are lucky, they might even score a "kiss" from one of the dogs.



Bella Wolfe, 6, reads to Zoe, a 4-year-old golden retriever, as sister Kate Wolfe, 4, and Zoe's owner, Karla Kimerer, listen in at the Iowa City Public Library on Sunday. The Iowa City Reading Assistance Education Dogs program started more than a year ago.

"I was embarrassed to talk to a dog," said Reese Hill, a 5-year-old who had her first session Sunday. "First, I read 'White Snow, Bright Snow' and then 'Dogs' Noisy Day.' It was fun."

Though not a nervous reader — she cited PE as her most nerve-racking class — Reese can't wait to come back, a sign of success for the staff at the reading program. Oddly enough, the calming effect seems to have a reciprocal property.

"When I put on his 'Therapy

Dog' vest, Luke gets very excited," said Keri Neblett, Luke's owner and a member of one of five owner-canine teams. "When the kids start reading, though, he goes into complete relaxation — almost to sleep."

Having racked up more certification and training hours than the average teenager, Luke is a member of the Delta Society — a group of the best-tempered pets — certified by Intermountain Therapy Dogs, certified by Disaster Situation, and possibly certified as a Pet

Detective in the near future (seriously). Resulting from all this education are some of the best well-trained dogs in the world. Fellow therapists Timber, Baily, Annie, and Lucy each aid in reading at Lucas Elementary, Iowa City Public Library, Kirkwood Elementary, and Mann Elementary.

"The program is great for dogs such as Luke and just about every kid who is learning to read," said Misha Goodman, the director of the Iowa City Animal Services, Licensing, and Adoption

Center. She was key in the extraction of Luke from his unsafe home environment. Years after that, Goodman now takes her 3-year-old to read with the malamute, who enjoys the event.

"We love to see kids jumping off the wall when they come in to read with one of the dogs," Winegarden said. "Depending on the child's age, some take time at the end of each page to show their dog assistant the pictures."

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# ROBOTS, RUSSIANS, AND INTEGERS

By Louis Virtel  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Toss your textbooks. Just take notes during the UI theater department's upcoming annual 10-Minute Play Festival and call it an education.

Some potential test material:  
1) Theater is about diversity — of robots.

2) Writing a play based on the Romanov family Wikipedia entry is a legitimate exercise.

3) Substantial set pieces are too difficult to move — just use the communal couch and stop being selfish.

You graduate.

There's not much room for life-altering profundity in 10-minute snippets, but the festival, now in its 10th year, offers what it can — eagerly and for cheap. Beginning today, this year's roster of eight plays, selected from a pool of 55 by playwrighting faculty member Kate Aspengren and associate Eric Burchett, includes senior Nat Gruca's "PG," which follows the comic persecution of a woman who talks loudly in a movie theater, and Jeff Weisman's "Anti-Depressants," which mingles two mismatched psychiatric patients and their half-full (or half-empty) takes on day-to-day life.

Three of the six other plays are a crapshoot.

"I thought, 'Wouldn't it be funny if Anastasia survived the Romanovs and she boarded the Titanic?'" said senior Alisa Rosenthal, the playwright of the festival piece "Anastasia Aboard the Titanic." Crisscrossing fragments of history is a personal joy for Rosenthal, who wrote plays for the last two 10-minute play festivals, including last year's "Passover With the Stars."

"I took all my favorite clichés from watching *Titanic* when I was 12 and re-appropriated it to Russian history or things I

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'Wikipedia-ed' on Russian history," she said. She also noted a Russian royalty-theme party she threw last summer, complete with accents and fur coats, as inspiration.

The resulting play combines all your favorite *Titanic* moments — the iceberg, the clamoring rich white people — and the mystique of Russian imperial teen Anastasia for a hammy, blindingly inaccurate rendering. The show's director, UI alum Tim Grady, first read the play last summer, and he was forced to cope with the play's limited stage directions and Theater B's even more limited space. One stage direction read: "The Titanic sinks."

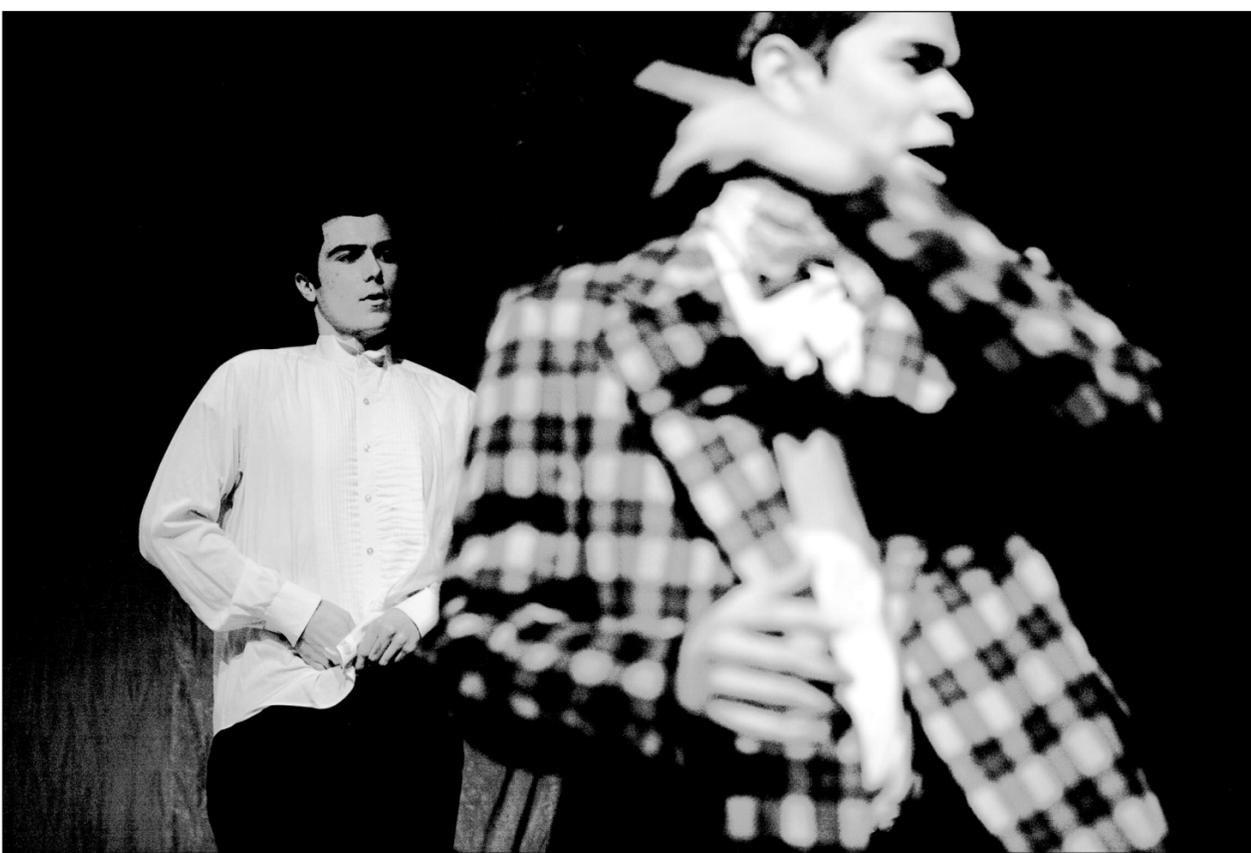
"There's loud thudding, and they're floating in water," Rosenthal said. "It's actually really cute how he did it."

Junior Sam Miller is more interested in the future — that's where the robots come in. His play, "Tinman," directed by friend and senior Brooke LeWarne, concerns the parcel delivery of a robot to an unwelcoming family in the year 2100. They already have a better robot named Jeeves.

As of Monday night, robot costumes still weren't completed, but anyway, the play's about being human.

"I realized there was a lot of dramatic potential in that the robots are played by real people," Miller said. As such, these 'bots won't sport the wires and bolts of yore. Rather, think used-car-salesman sleaze or tuxedos. LeWarne, another festival regular, said she told all

auditioning actors to ditch their preconceived ideas of robots the minute they picked up scripts.



UI junior John Michael Rohret (left, as Jeeves) and freshman Brian Quijada (right, as Ivan) rehearse "Tinman" for the 10-Minute Play Festival Wednesday night. Reeves and Quijada play two robots in a piece set in the 23rd century about questioning humanity.

numbers," said Harpole, another three-time festival playwright. Luckily for his protagonist and a befuddled audience, a translator enters the picture and soon IDs the woman.

Harpole also calls his play, directed by sophomore Emily Larson, a casual experiment in

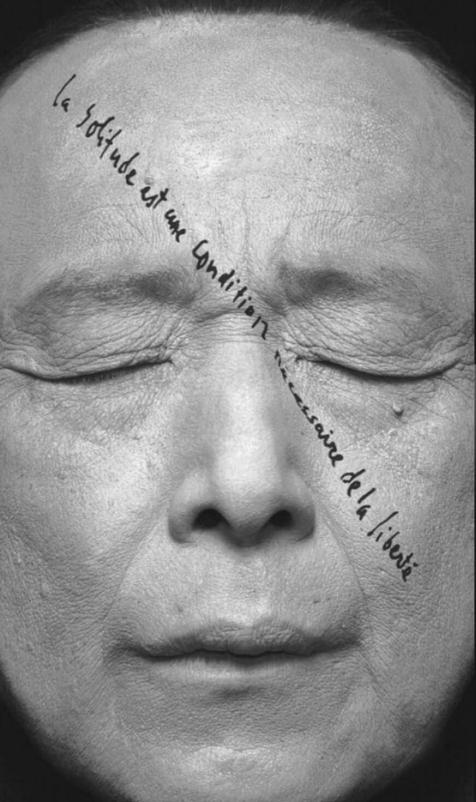
acting, because the integer-mumbling woman must use inflection to convey actual dialogue. The work's "self-effacing melodrama" is enough of a challenge to direct, but still, as in all hastily assembled festival works, there are bigger problems to worry about.

"At this point, actors still [need to learn] lines," he said, naming his foremost concerns.

"And I haven't seen all the plays yet," he noted. "So I don't know if my couch is being used more than once."

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