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Flag at half-staff

The Old Capitol flag will be lowered to half-staff today in honor of Associate Professor Emeritus Michael Balch who passed away on Jan. 28, Professor Emeritus Harold Schedl, who passed away on Jan. 31, and Professor Emeritus M. Paul Strottmann, who passed away on Feb. 3. Balch was an associate professor of economics at the Tippie College of Business and retired in June of 2004. Schedl was a professor of internal medicine. Strottmann was a professor of internal medicine and retired in June of 2002.



INSIDE



Perry returns to practice

Out since mid-January, 165-pound Hawkeye wrestler Mark Perry returns to practice this week for the first time since undergoing knee surgery. **Sports, 1B**

Snow! Snow! Snow!

Some area business officials revel, some lose money during this winter's snow onslaught. **City, 4A**

Bar headed to court over little-people fight

The Union Bar will be in the courts next week to settle with Iowa's labor commission over a dispute. **City, 3A**



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Today's webcast

- Iowa City roads
- Landlord bill
- Lisa Bluder talks No. 500

WEATHER



Mostly sunny, breezy, turning cloudy in the evening, 20% chance of light snow late; our old pal wind chill will be around in the morning.

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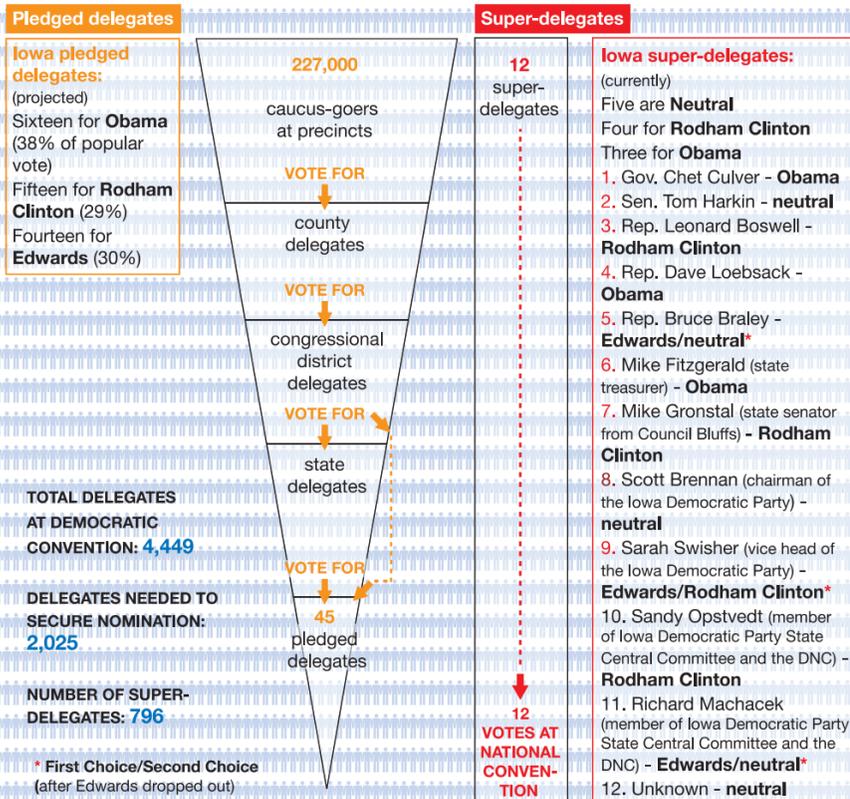
Supers feel the power

The Iowa Democratic caucuses are more than a month in the past, but the process leading to selection of a nominee still has a ways to go. Iowa will send 57 delegates to the national convention: 45 pledged delegates – who primarily vote according to caucus results, and 12 super-delegates – who vote based upon their own preferences. Although the choices of the 227,000 caucus-goers affect the votes of the 45 pledged delegates, they do not affect the votes of the super-delegates – even though the votes of both are counted equally. Thus, each super-delegate's vote is equal to the votes of 5,044 caucus goers.

5,044 caucus-goers = One delegate

Iowa national delegate-selection process

45 pledged delegates + 12 super-delegates = 57 total delegates voting for the Democratic nominee



Super-size all of us

By Christopher Patton

THE DAILY IOWAN

Though Iowa Democrats caucused for their favored candidates on Jan. 3, most of the state's delegates to the national convention have yet to be chosen.

Ordinary Iowans indirectly select 45 of Iowa's 57 national delegates through a process involving precinct caucuses, county conventions, congressional district conventions, and a state convention, but the other 12, known as super-delegates, are chosen independently of that process. Eleven of these individuals get their seats because they are elected officials or other important party leaders; those participating in the state convention select the 12th super-delegate during that event.

Because approximately 227,000 people participated in Iowa's 2008 Democratic caucuses, each of the 45 delegates selected at the congressional district and state levels will represent around 5,044 Iowans. Super-delegates' votes at the national convention are weighted equally to those of the elected delegates.

"The purpose of the super-delegate system was to ensure that the party leadership would be at the convention," said David Redlawsk, a UI associate professor of political science. "When this system was

created almost 30 years ago, it was a means to make sure that a small primary electorate didn't take the party in an odd direction, way off to the left."

Until now, the super-delegates' choices rarely have been decisive, because since the current system's inception, one candidate has almost always accumulated an overwhelming majority of the popularly elected delegates by the time of the convention.

Tentatively, four of Iowa's super-delegates are supporting New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, three are backing Illinois Sen. Barack Obama, and five are not publicly supporting an active candidate.

Michael Fitzgerald, the Iowa state treasurer and a Democratic super-delegate and Obama supporter, said the national media are blowing out of proportion any controversy about the undemocratic implications of super-delegates possibly being swing votes at the national convention.

"I think the Democratic Party has the right to select its nominee however it wants to," he said. "We super-delegates are professional politicians — we have a lot invested in the party being strong and putting forth the best candidate."

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Hay a finalist at Davis

This is Hay's third finalist designation for a position outside the UI since February 2007.

By Kurtis Hiatt

THE DAILY IOWAN

UI Vice President for Research Meredith Hay is a finalist for the University of California-Davis provost position, while still being considered for a job at another college.

Davis officials said Hay is one of four finalists, and she will be the second one on that campus Thursday for an open forum, including a question-and-answer session and reception.

Hay declined comment via e-mail Tuesday afternoon. Linda Kettner, an associate

director of University Relations, said, "We have very talented employees who are in demand in the country. We would hate to lose Vice President Hay but certainly understand why she would be a very competitive candidate in any number of job searches."

On Jan. 23, officials announced Hay as one of three finalists for a provost position at the University of Arizona. That position has still not been filled.

Hay is up against officials at universities around the country for her most recent finalist designation.

They include: Pramod Khar-gonekar, who is a dean at the University of Florida's College of Engineering; Andrew Wachtel, a dean of the Graduate School at Northwestern University; and Mriganka Sur, who is the head of the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



Hay

UI vice president for Research

SEE HAY, 3A

Rove visit sparks protest

The UI Antiwar Committee plans to rally against the former White House aide during the Feb. 17 event.

By Shawn Gude

THE DAILY IOWAN

It was Feb. 7, and UI Antiwar Committee member David Goodner had just been informed that President Bush's former deputy chief of staff and aide, Karl Rove, was coming to Iowa City for a Feb. 17 talk.

And he was infuriated.

"I can't remember the last time I was that angry," he said. "I was, like, just seeing red. It wasn't even that he was coming here, it was that he was being paid \$40,000 to come here."



Goodner

UI Antiwar Committee member

SEE PROTEST, 3A

LECTURE

Karl Rove in an onstage interview with Frank Durham, UI associate professor of journalism

When: Feb. 17, 7:30 p.m.

Where: IMU Main Lounge

Admission: Free

THE PROTEST

What: The UI Antiwar Committee will protest Rove and the decision to bring him here the night of the event. Other groups have also said they will participate, including the Des Moines Catholic Worker Community, Des Moines IndyMedia, and the Johnson County Green Party, as well as other Iowa City citizens.

When: 5:30 p.m. Feb. 17 outside; inside the event at 7:30 p.m.

Where: IMU

ROAD CONSTRUCTION



Robin Svec/The Daily Iowan

In 2001, the Iowa Department of Transportation gave a series of roads to Johnson County and also gave the county \$220,000 a year for 10 years of upkeep. However, the estimated cost of maintenance on the roads over the next five years is \$8.4 million.

'Gift roads' irk county

By Briana Byrd

THE DAILY IOWAN

When Johnson County residents ask why their roads aren't fixed, it could be because of a "gift" from the state.

In 2001, the Iowa Department of Transportation ceded jurisdiction over a series of roads to Johnson County because they weren't serving state traffic.

However, the roads have now caused frustration among the members of the Johnson County Board of Supervisors as they review their five-year construction plan.

Roads in need

Former state roads under the construction plan and their maintenance costs:

- Iowa River bridge to 120th Street: \$350,000 and \$1.65 million
- Highway 921 to Hills city limits: \$1.6 million
- Over Crooked Creek in Section 33, Township 78N, Range 6W: \$200,000
- Hills city limits to Washington County line: \$1.1 million
- Interstate 80 to southeast corner of Section 3, T79N, R5W: \$950,000
- Southeast Corner of Section 3, T79N, R5W to County Line: \$1.8 million

Source: Johnson County five-year construction program

SEE ROADS, 3A



C'ville OKs property lease for proposed fire station

The Coralville City Council approves a lease for a new fire station and designates its future location.

By Ben Travers
THE DAILY IOWAN

Coralville Mayor Pro-Tem Henry Herwig kept the mood light and the pace quick at Tuesday night's City Council meeting, and a half-strength council passed two resolutions involving the new fire station. The three-person council passed a resolution approving a lease between the city and the state Board of Regents for the location of the new fire station on Holiday Court.

"This is a 99-year ground lease," Herwig said during a discussion laced with brevity. "At the termination of the lease, none of us will be around to worry about it."

The council also passed a resolution approving the future lot on which the fire station will be built.

The council also unanimously approved the plans, specifications, and cost estimate for the city's 2008 street-repair program. This year's rehabilitation project will include Fifth

Avenue between Fifth and Sixth Streets, Third Avenue north of Sixth Street, Eighth Avenue from Sixth to 10th Streets, and Eighth and Ninth Avenues north of Eighth Street.

Herwig and Councilors John Lundell and Mitch Gross worked through the 35-minute meeting despite the absence of Mayor Jim Fausett and Councilors Tom Gill and John Weihe. The absent councilors, as well as City Administrator Kelly Hayworth, are working with the state's congressional delegation

in Washington, D.C., along with representatives of the Iowa City and Cedar Rapids Chambers of Commerce.

Herwig said the annual trip to the nation's capital helps a great deal to push the Corridor agenda at the state level.

"It provides a very focused working environment," he said. "We identify priorities and support them as a Corridor."

One of this year's priorities was the often-discussed intermodal facility, he said. He said the project focuses on bringing a short-line rail system to the area; it could become a focal point of the community.

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Obama, McCain sweep

By David Espo
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Barack Obama powered past Hillary Rodham Clinton in the race for Democratic convention delegates Tuesday on a night of triumph sweetened with outsized primary victories in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

"Tonight, we're on our way," Obama told cheering supporters in Madison, Wis. "But we know how much further we have to go," he added, celebrating eight-straight victories over Rodham Clinton, the former first lady now struggling in a race she once commanded.

The Associated Press count of delegates showed Obama with 1,210. Rodham Clinton had 1,188, falling behind for the first time since the campaign began. Neither was close to the 2,025 needed to win the nomination.

MSNBC, which does not count super-delegates, as does AP, gave Obama 1,017 and Rodham Clinton 942.

His victories were by large margins — he was gaining around 75 percent of the vote in the nation's capital and nearly

two-thirds in Virginia. In Maryland, he was winning close to 60 percent.

By contrast, Rodham Clinton was attempting to retool her campaign in the midst of a losing streak. Her deputy campaign manager resigned, the second high-level departure in as many days.

Campaigning in Texas, where she hopes to triumph on March 4, she said she was looking ahead, not back.

"I'm tested; I'm ready. Now, let's make it happen," she said.

Republican front-runner John McCain won all three GOP primaries, adding to his insurmountable lead in delegates for the Republican nomination. He congratulated Mike Huckabee, his sole remaining major rival and a potential vice presidential running mate, then turned his focus on the Democrats.

"We know where either of their candidates will lead this country, and we dare not let them," he told supporters in Alexandria, Va. "They will paint a picture of the world in which America's mistakes are a greater threat to our security than the malevolent intentions

of an enemy that despises us and our ideals."

Interviews with voters leaving the polls showed Obama split the white vote with Rodham Clinton in Virginia, though she won it by 10 percentage points in Maryland. He won 90 percent of the black vote in Virginia and almost as much in Maryland. She won a majority of white women in both states, though by less than she is accustomed to. He won among white men in Virginia, and they split that vote in Maryland.

In all, there were 168 Democratic delegates at stake Tuesday.

Obama moved past Rodham Clinton in the delegate chase on the basis of the day's primaries and newly released results from last Saturday's Washington caucuses. Additional delegates still to be allocated from his new victories were certain to add to his lead.

McCain's victory in Virginia was a relatively close one, the result of an outpouring of religious conservatives who backed Huckabee.

Four in 10 Republican voters said they were born again or

evangelical Christians — twice as many as called themselves members of the religious right in 2000 — and nearly 70 percent of them supported Huckabee, an ordained Baptist minister.

Virginia voters could vote in either primary in their state. In a twist, Huckabee was running slightly ahead of McCain among independents, who cast about a fifth of the Republican votes there.

There were 113 delegates at stake in the three GOP races.

The AP count showed McCain with 789 delegates. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who dropped out of the race last week, had 288. Huckabee had 241 and Texas Rep. Ron Paul had 14.

It takes 1,191 delegates to clinch the Republican nomination, and McCain appears to be on track to reach the target by late April.

"Until someone gets that magic number, we still have an election process and there is no nominee," Huckabee said. "And once that happens, we've got a nominee, it's time to rally around him."

METRO

Man charged with assaulting nurse

An emergency-room patient at the UI Hospitals and Clinics is accused of grabbing a nurse inappropriately, UI police have reported.

Coralville resident Jeffrey Davenport was charged Monday with assault on a peace officer/others.

As of Tuesday, Davenport was being held at Johnson County Jail on a \$2,500 cash-only bond.

According to reports, on Sunday, Davenport "grabbed and squeezed the left breast" of a nurse who was trying to administer an IV to him in the UIHC Emergency Treatment Center.

Davenport allegedly told the nurse, "You know you wanted it," police said. The nurse did not give Davenport permission to touch her, according to police reports.

Assault on a peace officer/others is a serious misdemeanor, punishable by up to a year in prison and a fine of up to \$1,500.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Ex-Hills Bank official charged

A former vice president and controller for Hills Bank & Trust in Johnson County is accused of stealing more than \$559,000, according to a release from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Following a joint investigation by the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and the FBI, a federal grand jury in

Davenport indicted Steven Francis Sueppel, 42, on one count of embezzlement and six counts of money laundering to conceal the embezzled funds.

According to reports, Sueppel "embezzled bank funds and subsequently conducted financial transactions to launder the stolen funds" between July 2000 and September 2007.

As a result, the indictment seeks \$559,040 from Sueppel — the amount he allegedly stole.

Reports noted that no accounts of Hills customers were affected by Sueppel's alleged embezzlement.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Trial set in burglary, abuse case

A trial date has been set for a man accused of breaking into his ex-girlfriend's home and assaulting her.

Melchizedek Hayes, 26, will go on trial April 14; he is charged with first-degree burglary and domestic-abuse assault with intent.

He pleaded not guilty to the charges on Jan. 31.

On Jan. 12, Hayes allegedly broke through the bedroom window of his ex-girlfriend's apartment and jumped on top of her. He then allegedly held her hands down and started to punch her in the face while threatening to kill her, according to police reports.

The woman received injuries to her bottom lip and left ear.

Reports also show Hayes locked

himself inside the apartment for five hours after the woman escaped and called police. The two reportedly lived together as a couple within the past year.

First-degree burglary is a Class B felony, punishable by up to 25 years in prison, and domestic-abuse assault with intent is an aggravated misdemeanor, punishable by up to two years in prison and \$5,000 in fines.

Hayes' bond-review hearing is set for Friday.

— by Olivia Moran

Not so salty after all

The UI campus could be getting a little more slippery in the upcoming weeks if measures aren't taken to replenish the UI's salt supply.

Because of the winter weather, more salt has been used this year, nearly depleting the UI's salt supply before the season is over. Of 600 tons of salt purchased for this winter, only 45 tons remain, university officials said.

Approximately 25 to 30 tons of salt is used for an average snowfall, according to a UI press release. Officials said in the release that they are exploring every viable option because their current salt supplier cannot guarantee any more salt will become available.

Approximately 300 tons of salt is usually used by the UI each year, but because of the circumstances this year, the university has employed the most salt ever, beating 2000 by 155 tons.

The UI Facilities Management is

rationing the road and sidewalk salt in an attempt to conserve the supply.

According to the release, Iowa City has received almost 51 inches of snow this season, double what is normal.

Forecasters have predicted that snow will fall on Thursday and Feb. 21, according to weather.com. At present, the UI is using salt from a local supplier to balance the depletion in the contracted supply.

— by Briana Byrd

Sex-abuse trial pushed back

An alleged sex offender waived his right to a speedy trial Monday, pushing his trial to May.

Kunte McKinney, 30, was set to appear in court Feb. 18; that date was reset to May 5.

McKinney was charged with second-degree sexual abuse on Aug. 21, 2007. He allegedly committed a sex act with a person under the age of 12 on Sept. 16, 2006.

He pleaded not guilty on Dec. 20, 2007.

The girl's mother has alleged that McKinney removed her child's clothes and rubbed lotion on the victim's genitals and anus. Around the time the defendant was arrested, other family members came forward to testify about the incident, police reports said.

Second-degree sexual abuse is a Class B felony, punishable by up to 25 years in prison.

— by Olivia Moran

POLICE BLOTTER

Haylee Burma, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Feb. 8 with OWI.

Jerome Cook, 43, Cedar Rapids, was charged Feb. 4 with violating a no-contact, domestic-abuse protective order.

Terry Douglas, 21, 2404 Bartelt Road Apt. 2B, was charged Monday

with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Quintin Frazier, 43, 2203 Hickory Court, was charged Tuesday with third or subsequent domestic-abuse assault.

Juliette Geller, 20, 512 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 6, was charged Tuesday

with PAULA.

Corey Lerman, 20, Wheaton, Ill., was charged Feb. 9 with PAULA, possession of marijuana, disorderly conduct, and public intoxication.

David Munz, 58, address unknown, was charged Monday with public

intoxication and criminal trespass.

Vasilios Siolidis, 19, Normal, Ill., was charged Feb. 9 with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Yingqing Wang, 33, 309 Finkbine Lane Apt. 9, was charged Monday with domestic-abuse assault.

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MTV PARTY!

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WHERE: The Lodge Apartments in Iowa City

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After all the fun at The Lodge...join the MTV stars downtown at The Summit

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GM posts record loss

By Dee-Ann Durbin
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DETROIT — For all the good in GM's 2007 results — the near-record worldwide sales, the reduction in labor costs and in retiree health obligations — there is no getting around the \$38.7 billion in red ink.

The largest annual loss in the history of the auto industry signals that even with a garage full of hot vehicles and a historic new labor contract, GM has little hope of making a profit again before 2010 as the weak U.S. economy and competition eat away at its gains.

GM reported the record-

setting loss on Tuesday and promptly offered a new round of buyouts to 74,000 U.S. hourly workers in hopes of replacing some of them with lower-paid employees.

Chairman and Chief Executive Rick Wagoner said the company made significant progress last year, reducing structural costs in North America, negotiating a new agreement with the United Auto Workers, and expanding aggressively in emerging markets such as Latin America and Asia.

The company managed to hold onto its title as the world's largest automaker last year — selling just 3,000 more cars than Toyota — and it was prof-

itable in every region outside North America. It introduced such hit products as the Chevrolet Malibu and a trio of new crossovers.

But GM was hit by continuing losses in its home region, obligations to its former parts division Delphi Corp. and troubles at its partly owned GMAC Financial Services, which is reeling from the U.S. mortgage crisis.

"We're pleased with the positive improvement trend in our automotive results, especially given the challenging conditions in important markets like the U.S. and Germany, but we have more work to do to achieve acceptable profitability

and positive cash flow," Wagoner said in a statement.

In addition to the weak U.S. economy and high commodity prices, GM's decision to reduce low-profit sales to daily rental companies by 110,000 in 2007 hurt U.S. sales, Wagoner said.

The company doesn't expect to see significant earnings until at least 2010, as it reduces its work force and labor costs and transfers its retiree health care costs to a new UAW-run trust.

"We need to get all the structural costs down," Chief Financial Officer Fritz Henderson said. "We need to step on the gas in terms of how we're performing in the market as well."

UI ready for Rove

PROTEST
CONTINUED FROM 1A

UI Lecture Committee Chairwoman Sharon Benzoni said the tab for Rove was a "bargain" compared with the \$50,000 the committee spent on bringing former President Clinton a few years ago.

Fellow Antiwar Committee member Megan Felt's thoughts are similar to Goodner's.

At the meetings, they had internal debate on the extent of the protest. Some argued the group should disrupt Rove, while others argued a show of opposition without conflicting with the event was more appropriate.

Monday night, the group — which has around 45 to 50 active members — decided not to disrupt the event, instead opting for a street protest, Goodner said.

"He definitely has a right come and speak," she said. "But I really don't think it's OK to pay a war criminal."

Goodner and Felt assert it's not Rove's conservatism that irks them, its Rove's actions — which the student group argues has established the man as a war criminal and traitor. Goodner pointed to Rove's involvement in the exposing of CIA covert agent Valerie Plame, the lead-up to the Iraq war, and the politically motivated firing of U.S. attorneys as evidence.

"We ended up deciding that we wanted to respect the Lecture Committee and what it's doing, but also facilitate a space where people opposed to Karl Rove can express their First Amendment rights and express their freedom of speech and show their dissent and opposition," Goodner said.

That space will be inside the IMU, where Rove is speaking, but Goodner said other details are yet to be determined. Among them: if signs will be permitted in the section.

Benzoni said that although she respects the group's viewpoint, the event could actually be a good opportunity to question Rove's ideals.

"You don't necessarily always want to celebrate [the lecturers'] achievements — although that is sometimes the case," Benzoni said. "But sometimes we're, in a sense, calling on them to explain themselves and to answer to us as citizens."

Felt estimated that a little fewer than 100 people will participate in the protest.

"We've done a lot of research to back [our opinion] up," Goodner said, whose sources include the *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, and *downingstreetmemo.com*, among others. "Whether you agree or disagree, we have a very legitimate point of view."

This isn't the first time Rove has been met with opposition. When officials announced he would speak at a Connecticut prep school's commencement, some students complained. The graduating speech was dropped; Rove spoke Monday at the school instead.

The Antiwar Committee began planning the protest last week after members voiced unanimous disgust over Rove's visit.

"Karl Rove being a 'war criminal,' in their words, is not necessarily something that came up when we discussed this," Benzoni said. "There was some discussion on the controversy surrounding his name, but I think what we were really interested in was ... how influential he has been and how timely this lecture will be."

'It's very frustrating to have to tell our residents that a lot of their tax dollars are going to help out with what the state should have been fixing in the first place.'

— Supervisor Terrence Neuzil

Roads trouble supervisors

Frustrations rise within the Johnson County Board of Supervisors over roads handed over by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

ROADS
CONTINUED FROM 1A

The Iowa DOT gave Johnson County \$220,000 a year for 10 years for road upkeep, Supervisor Rod Sullivan said during the meeting.

Cathy Cutler, a transportation planner for the Iowa DOT, said the agency only ceded the roads after determining which routes it felt belonged with local jurisdictions.

"It can depend on the county population," she said.

"The only problem is that it isn't enough money to maintain the roads that it gave us," said Al Miller, a Johnson County assistant engineer.

The total estimated cost of maintenance on the former state roads over the next five years is \$8.4 million, excluding the estimated costs for trail construction along the roads. While federal funds will also help, much will come out of the county's pocket, said Supervisor Terrence Neuzil during the meeting.

"This is a very frustrating issue, not just among all of us but certainly for a lot of residents who have been saying 'How come my road hasn't been

fixed?'" he said. "It's because the state of Iowa gave us these roads that are obviously used the most ... it's very frustrating to have to tell our residents that a lot of their tax dollars are going to help out with what the state should have been fixing in the first place."

Supervisor Larry Meyers said that the state cited financing difficulties and sparse traffic when handing over the roads.

"It's just a reflection of everybody's short funds," Supervisor Sally Stutsman said. "The state's having problems trying to keep up with its roads. I don't agree with what it did, but I can fully understand what it did."

Meyers agreed that, while giving the roads to the county may "lift [the state's] burden," it did not supply the needed amount to fix the bad conditions of the roads.

"The unfortunate part is that the roads weren't in good condition when it gave them to us, and the money it sent along with the road falls far short of what it actually takes to redo a road," he said. "It gave us money, but it didn't give us anywhere near enough."

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Wrestling lands bar in court

By Olivia Moran
THE DAILY IOWAN

After hosting a little-people wrestling exhibition and failing to file the correct paperwork before doing so, the Union Bar has landed in court.

The downtown bar, 121 E. College St., didn't notify the State Labor Commission about its event on Dec. 7, 2007, during which a group called Half Pint Brawlers participated in a wrestling event, according to court documents.

Half Pint Brawlers consists of a group of little-person wrestlers who "bleed for your enjoyment," according to the site.

According to court documents, the labor commission has the authority to regulate a public wrestling exhibition in which performers are paid.

The bar was required to submit information on the number of tickets sold, which law-enforcement officials were present, and what types of advertising and posters were used.

After first failing to file a written report of the event, Union Bar didn't respond to a subpoena issued on Jan. 2.

In a letter sent to the bar's attorney on Jan. 22, the State Labor Commission's attorney said compliance with the subpoena was overdue — the deadline was Jan. 16.

A representative of Union Bar was then ordered on Feb. 8 to appear in court on Feb. 22.

The contract between Half Pint Brawlers and Union Bar shows that the wrestlers were paid \$3,000 for the event.

In the past year, Union Bar has been the focus of attention because of another fighting event.

In 2007, Iowa City city councilors expressed concern about the Union Bar's Fight Night, an event nearly anybody could participate in.

The councilors said a main concern was that participants could be under the influence of alcohol. Union Bar required the fighters to undergo a pre-fight physical and sign a three-page waiver.

In June 2007, the City Council unanimously banned any amateur fighting in an establishment that serves alcohol. Only a few supporters of the event were present.

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Davis provost group includes Hay

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Khargonekar is also a candidate for the University of Arizona's provost position with Hay.

In February 2007, Hay was a finalist for the University of

New Mexico presidency, but the job went to then-President and CEO of Oklahoma State University David Schmidly.

While Hay is out of the office for her interviews, Kettner said her duties are covered by associate vice presidents.

"She has a very capable

staff," she said. "[They're] able to handle her duties when she is out of the office."

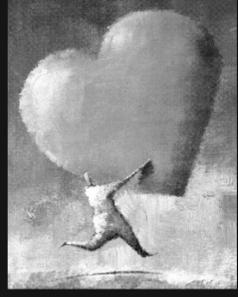
The provost at Davis is the chief academic officer of the campus, responsible for a \$2.6 billion budget, among many other duties, according to officials there.

According to the school's website, the university is a top public research university located near Sacramento, with a student enrollment of approximately 30,000.

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'Those of us that choose to live without religion have thought more about morality than people think.'

— Lydia Hartunian, Kirkwood Community College Professor

Saluting Darwin

Atheist group hails the author of *The Origin of Species*.

By Megan Stephenson
THE DAILY IOWAN

Charles Darwin

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Maybe one day, humans will evolve to the point that 199th birthdays are common.

Charles Darwin was given a 199th birthday celebration at the Atlas Bar & Grill, 127 Iowa Ave., where members of Atheists United for a Rational America gathered to relax, converse, and celebrate the life of Darwin on what is known as Darwin Day.

It was the first formal event hosted by the group, a nonprofit group founded by Kirkwood Community College Professor Lydia Hartunian.

"I think it's important people celebrate the scientific method instead of being afraid of it," said Hartunian, who teaches humanities and philosophy. "Everything is tied to the scientific method in some sense."

She wanted to celebrate this year because of Darwin's contribution to science.

"[We] can use Darwin as a platform to advance all kinds of discussions," she said.

Around 10 friends, former students, and members of the public joined Hartunian in the leather booths in Atlas' basement grotto.

There have been celebrations, festivals, and events held sporadically on both the day of Darwin's birth and death since he died in 1882.

The first formal posthumous event to celebrate Darwin's life and work was in June 1909. Scientists and notable figures

from 167 different countries met at Cambridge University to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth and the 50th anniversary of the publication of *Origin of Species*.

The group at Atlas used a website called darwinday.org, which is dedicated to the education of evolution and helping communities across the country organize and publicize Darwin-related events.

Atheists United for a Rational America and Kirkwood for Reason held a morning event as well in Kirkwood's art gallery. Students from Coe and Cornell Colleges were among the 17 people to listen to Hartunian's reading and afterwards engaged in a discussion about nature's cruelty.

Hartunian thinks the biggest misconception about Darwinians and atheists is they are immoral people.

"Those of us that choose to live without religion have thought more about morality than people think," she said.

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Winter arches over businesses

Some Iowa City businesses have the winter blues, while others are red hot.



Phoebe Webb/The Daily Iowan

A Bobcat snow sweeper clears sidewalks downtown on Tuesday. Despite the city's best efforts to keep roads and sidewalks clear, some area businesses have seen a decline in shoppers during the winter months.

By Janessa Ensinger
THE DAILY IOWAN

Even local for-profit snow removers are praying for spring.

Area business owners have experienced some of the worst winter weather in recent history, which has lowered sales for some and caused business to skyrocket for others. But even those who are reaping the benefits of winter say heavy snowfall has left them exhausted.

Nathan Villhauer, the owner of Nate's Lawn Care, clears snow throughout Iowa City and Cedar Rapids. This winter, he said, he has needed extra help clearing the snow off of roads, parking lots, and driveways. He works up to 20 hours a day, sleeps for around four hours, and then gets right back out on the roads, he said.

"[The job] is extremely stressful and nerve-racking," Villhauer said. "I'm getting ready

'Products are going quicker than we anticipated. We're a little worried about spring-break ski trips.'

— Dave Nerad, manager of Active Endeavors

for spring. All the money isn't worth it."

But from a business standpoint, his sales are amazing, he said — this is one of the first good winters he has had.

"I've been doing [snow removal] for six years, and finally, I can take time off in the spring," he said.

Business is also booming at Active Endeavors in Iowa City, said store manager Dave Nerad, whose store specializes in outdoor supplies. The only thing he said he is concerned about is the supply of the establishment's ski equipment.

"Products are going quicker than we anticipated," he said.

"We are a little worried about spring-break ski trips."

Sales for the month of January were up from last year's sales, which were already high, Nerad said.

Fleece, coats, and boots are all bestsellers this winter. However, the store already has spring items on its sales floor, he said.

Nerad said his philosophy is, "Let it snow; it's better to have a white winter than a brown winter."

However, some local businesses are feeling a little icy about the winter. The Vortex in downtown Iowa City had a few slow days because of the weather, said owner Pamela Sabin. The

store had to close early on a few occasions to make sure its employees made it home safely, she said.

Its sales are down slightly compared with last year, and Sabin is counting on this week to even them out for the quarter.

"This week, with Valentine's Day, is the determining factor in whether we have to catch up," she said.

The store is trying many approaches to get customers in the store, everything from new products to big sales.

Even in the cold and snowy weather, Sabin said, Vortex will still have customers coming in on their lunch breaks. Part of that, she said, is because of the atmosphere in the store.

"It is a very relaxing place, especially when the weather is bad and customers are feeling down," she said.

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New collection focuses on black women at UI

Writing black women back into the history books.

By Abby Harvey
THE DAILY IOWAN

Black women at the UI now have access to digitized information highlighting their sisters' histories at the click of a button.

The UI libraries' new digital collection, "African American Women Students at the University of Iowa, 1910-1960," features 150 digitized artifacts and is also available online.

Most of the information was drawn from a collaborative arrangement among the Iowa Women's Archives, the UI archives, the African American Historical Museum, the Cultural Center of Iowa, and the State Historical Society of Iowa.

"African Americans are often written out of the history," said Jennifer Wolfe, a metadata librarian. "We're just trying to put them back in."

Shawn Averkamp, a graduate fellow in the School of Library Science, chose the topic and led the project for her interest in women's history.

"I think the collection is important for everyone to see — African American women in particular," she said. "Their histories have not been recorded as much as other students, so we don't have a lot of documentation in the yearbooks and newspapers."

Included in the digital collection are such artifacts as photographs, correspondence, audio clips, scrapbooks, and dance cards. The small paper booklets were used at the UI as a means to mingle with the opposite sex. Inside, blank lines were printed for young men to, essentially, "sign up" for a dance.

"Guys used to make a reservation to dance with women at some point in the evening," said

Kristi Bontrager, the public-relations director for the UI Libraries. "These were from African-American students who were on campus from the '20s to the '60s. [The dance cards] give us a good look at not only how an African American women's life was during that time period, but also what was going on at the UI at that time."

"I was most impressed by the African American Women's archive website," said Courtney Parker, the recruitment chairwoman of the Black Student Union in a UI blog. "It makes me proud to look upon the faces of and read the stories about women who have made a difference for women like me."

The dance cards are just one example of the many preserved pieces of the UI past. The new digital library provides opportunities for students to get a clear, interactive image of history. It is

African American Women

The UI Libraries' new digitized collection, "African American Women Students at the University of Iowa, 1910-1960," was completed last week; it can be found online at <http://digital.lib.uiowa.edu/aaws>.



the latest addition to the Iowa Digital Library, which contains more than 95,000 digital objects.

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METRO

Fas Trac members push for support

City High sophomore Parisha Williams said she's seeing a color-blind grade-boosting effect from a minority-minded higher-education initiative.

Fas Trac is a program specifically designed to motivate 23 black students to want to go to educational institutions after high school.

She and four others, including the founder of the program, Henri Harper — all dressed in T-shirts stating "My future is mine to have" — addressed the Iowa City School Board to ask for financial support for the program.

"All I can do is keep stomping the ground, because I believe in these guys, and they trust in me," Harper said. "I just got to keep plugging along."

The remaining expected budget

for Fas Trac this school year is \$16,750. The members are relying on fundraisers — such as cookie sales and proposed three-on-three basketball tournaments in the summer — for their budget to visit colleges in Georgia, Tennessee, and Florida.

Harper said that if he doesn't receive financial support from the School Board, he'll have to go somewhere else.

But he stressed that the monetary

support would be a one-time occurrence; he expects the group to become self-sufficient by the end of this summer.

School Board member Patti Fields thanked the group for its presentation, although the board is not yet set to discuss or make any decisions.

"It helps to hear and see from those of you that are benefiting from the program and excited about the program," she said.

— by Kelli Shaffner

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Bill kills faith

Over the last month or so, I've had the curious experience of forcefully rejecting a childhood idol. I met the man once, for about five seconds 10 years ago. I introduced myself and said that I was a tenor saxophonist, too. We exchanged pleasantries, and he moved on. I don't remember exactly what was said, because I was too busy thinking "Wow! It's Bill Clinton!"



JON GOLD

Of course, I also used to believe in the Easter Bunny, Santa, and the gold standard (just kidding, I never believed in that last one), so scales are falling from our eyes pretty much all the way along life's journey. But for a kid raised with almost no religion, losing a lot of faith in Bill Clinton was a painful, troubling experience. I grew up with this guy in the White House, and the world seemed a better, safer place than it has been since he left.

It seems odd to think about our most demystified, demythologized president in such a way, until you realize his very openness; the sheer volume of what we know about him is unique. That his weaknesses were often as great as his undoubted — and myriad — gifts makes him seem a little like the hero of a Greek tragedy, though Sophocles never dreamed an incestuous snake pit like modern Washington. Carl Bernstein's recent biography of his wife makes Clinton's serial philandering look compulsive and pathological. More importantly, he often allowed his groundbreaking ideas on issues of gay rights and health care to fall prey to his degree-perfect sense of which way the political wind was blowing.

But for all that, I thought that he was a fundamentally good and decent guy, with a brilliant head for policy and a real understanding of how to move the country forward. For all his flaws, he was an undeniably successful chief executive who accomplished great things.

It's stunning to think that this same man, ever since the Iowa caucuses, has been the most pernicious factor militating against a return to the kind of leadership that he himself provided. He has appealed to many of the same ugly, base impulses that Southern Democrats stirred up in the bad old days. Hillary Rodham Clinton's campaign people realized, after losing mostly white Iowa to Barack Obama, that they could not win the battle of rhetoric, nor could their "experience" argument carry the day alone. So they tried, not-so-subtly, to turn the debate to race, and used Bill Clinton to do it. I would be embarrassed, if I'd been called "the first black president," to participate in such a slimy, cynical campaign. I'm embarrassed on his behalf, in fact.

Although, seriously; what else is he supposed to do? Not support his own wife's presidential bid? The one that she's been preparing for years? He owes Hillary in a big way for sticking by him during the worst of the Lewinsky witch hunt and more broadly for putting her under the unflattering microscope of the White House press corps. Hillary has always been at least as much a politician as Bill, and she could quite possibly have reached her present position without having been a presidential spouse, which Obama partisans would do well to remember the next time that they're tempted to slam Hillary for riding Bill's coattails. Bill also takes flak for not being as "statesmanlike" as former presidents are supposed to be, but that's frankly silly. His non-profit organization in New York finds and distributes pots of money to combat climate change, poverty in Africa, and all sorts of other things. That, to me, is statesmanlike.

From Bill's point of view, this campaign has to suck. The best political virtuoso the Democratic Party has had in decades has to spend his time campaigning against his spiritual successor. It can't be his idea of a good time. Perhaps that's why he seems so cranky these days. It's a real shame.

So, too, is the disastrous effect that this campaign has had on his reputation among people who grew up rooting for him. While he might not have much choice in the matter, Bill's recent rhetoric was, frankly, disgusting. It's his tragic flaw rising to the surface again: He's so alive to the political necessity of supporting his wife that he's dead to the Sturm und Drang that he's spreading among his own party.

On that Teutonic note, *auf Wiedersehen*. Bill-I-always-liked. *Guten Tag*, Bill-like-the-rest-of-them. ■

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Editorial

Online shopping opportunities could ease strain on student budgets

Every college student understands the frustration of finding and purchasing textbooks. A bill proposed in the Iowa Legislature attempts to alleviate this difficulty by requiring all colleges within the state to provide detailed textbook information. In a list located on campus and online, the titles and International Standard Book Number (ISBN) of each course textbook would be given well before classes begin. Students would have ample time to find their textbooks at the lowest possible prices. Thus, while every student stands to gain from the bill, its only apparent victims would be campus bookstores, which have effectively monopolized local textbook sales. As such, the bill's only real flaw would appear to be its unfashionably late arrival.

According to the bill's description, the UI and Iowa State University already provide textbook information, though this may come as a surprise to many students attending said schools. (It's on the University Book Store's website, in the UI's case.) But many other colleges across Iowa do not offer the information.

Colleges would incur the bill's costs in two forms: those directly associated with gathering and presenting the information and the opportunity costs associated with that process. According to information provided by Iowa colleges in response to the proposal, the former should be relatively slight. That is to say, posting textbook information does not seem to be very expensive. On the other hand, the absence of this information often proves to be quite costly indeed, because students rarely have a chance

to seek out alternative suppliers. Aware of this, campus bookstores are free to inflate prices without much worry of lost sales. After all, it is difficult for students to realize the extent to which textbooks are overpriced if they have no basis for comparison. Fortunately, the explicit cost of providing the information itself is largely insignificant.

In regard to the bill's projected opportunity costs, it seems prudent to finally welcome campus bookstores to the intractable world of fair trade. It is true that there will always be opportunity costs associated with abstaining from anticompetitive business practices — just as we all sacrifice a little something by not stealing from the church collection plate. Unfortunately, such plaintive moaning would be unlikely to squeeze any sympathy from even the most benevolent consumers — let alone oft-squeezed students at colleges across Iowa. So, while the opportunity costs likely to be incurred by colleges are indisputably real, they don't merit much consideration.

Hence, the textbook bill is clearly in the best interest of college students, if not the campus bookstores that traditionally sell to them. However, such bookstores are not being burdened unfairly. They are merely being introduced to the same conditions under which most products are sold — namely that consumers have the freedom to make their purchases elsewhere. It then seems that, bizarre as it may sound, students may soon be looking at textbook receipts with smiles on their faces (or, at the very least, with a more manageable feeling of nausea).

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Give fake polling the push

In response to Nate Whitney's remark regarding placing a cap on the funds candidates allocate toward so-called "push polls" (*DI*, Feb. 8), the Marketing Research Association agrees that push polls are simply persuasion calls. They are quick sales efforts, not the collection of unbiased responses to legitimate polls or surveys. Whitney should be applauded for his zeal to limit these types of calls, to which we refer as "political telemarketing."

However, we remind voters that not all calls with negative information are push polls. Researchers and political campaigns often test the effectiveness of possible messages about opponents and even themselves. That's legitimate surveying, and citizens should feel confident about participating in such efforts.

Certain characteristics distinguish "push polls" from legitimate surveys: The former are general short (one or two minutes); they usually ask one or only a few questions and then read a statement (usually negative) about a candidate/issue (there is no attempt to collect opinions); and the organization or call center making the call may not be identified (or uses a phony name).

Legitimate researchers would tell you it's not worth your time responding to a push poll. But if you want your opinion to count, respond to legitimate surveys.

Bruce R. Mendelsohn
director of communications,
Marketing Research Association Inc.



Guest Opinion

Mason: UI Foundation works to lower tuition

Can the University of Iowa do more to ease the financial burden of attaining a college degree, as urged by a recent *DI* editorial ("UI can do more to reduce college costs," Jan. 30)?

The answer is an unequivocal "Yes." Providing affordable and accessible higher education is an integral part of the university's mission.

We are fortunate that our alumni and friends have allowed us to build an endowment approaching \$1 billion. As the *DI* correctly states, those funds are of no use unless we spend them. However, it is important for everyone to understand that having an endowment of \$1 billion does not mean that the UI has those funds at its immediate disposal. The purpose of endowment funds is to generate income for UI support over a long period of time.

People who donate to the university's endowment do so with the expectation that the funds will be invested and that only a percentage of those funds will be available for spending. These donors have decided that they prefer their gift to be used over a long period of time as opposed to donors who give for a specific project, such as a new building. (We are fortunate to have generous donors in both of these camps!) Ninety-nine percent of all gifts are

directed to a specific purpose, e.g., support for faculty, medical research, and other areas of interest and need, including student aid.

Because the investment market can be volatile, our endowment-spending policies balance long-term objectives with predictable and sustainable income. With that in mind, the spending rule for both the UI and UI Foundation is an annual rate of 5 percent.

Though not directly related to endowment spending, it's important for students to remember that the university also devotes a significant portion of tuition revenue to student scholarships and grants. This year, \$48 million in tuition revenue is being used for that purpose. The combination of student aid from gifts and tuition set-aside has significant, positive effects: 1) nearly 40 percent of UI students graduate without any debt; 2) our average student debt is below the state average, and 3) our students have a loan-default rate of less than 2 percent.

I want students to know that we have been working hard to do all we can to provide a high-quality education at a reasonable cost. We can do more, and we will do more. In particular, I will work with the UI Foundation to insure that our efforts to raise private funds continue to put great emphasis on scholarships.

Sally Mason
UI president

On the Spot

How do you buy your textbooks?



"I buy them off Amazon.com. You get them for 50 percent off. It's always way cheaper."

Jenni Stumpff
UI sophomore



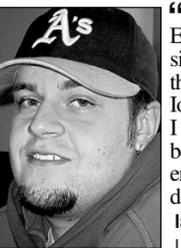
"I just go to the bookstores and buy them the day before classes start."

Lisa Mendenhall
UI sophomore



"I either go to the IMU or Iowa Book. Sometimes I go to Amazon.com to compare prices. If it's cheaper, I'll get that."

Karisa Denker
UI senior



"Amazon.com. Every time. It's considerably cheaper than the IMU or Iowa Book. It's how I sell them, too, because I get considerably more on the dollar every time."

Ian Price
UI senior

The *DI* recommends off-setting Thursday's holiday of love by using today to renew old hatreds.



Arts & Culture

today's PLAYLIST



AMBROSE BALL-HARNEY

UI sophomore and member of The Dig Angees, a local band that will play at the Yacht Club on March 28.

"WHITE LIGHT"

Gorillaz
It's one of the more rockin' songs off *Demon Days*, plus it has a sweet bass line.

"Mean Machine"
The Vigilantes
An awesome tune about a horrible day at work. What's not to like?

"Say it Ain't So"
The Thrills
One of the most upbeat songs about someone leaving you.

"The Romance"
The Rosefield Rivals
It has sweet guitar licks and a good combo of rock and pop punk.

"The Beast and The Harlot"
Avenge Sevenfold
Even if the song is a bit heavy for your taste, you have to admire the talent every member has.

"Got Ma Nuts from a Hippie"
The Fratellis
The song is a perfect ballad of how I fell in love with a hippie.

Many funny returns

By **Brigid Marshall**
THE DAILY IOWAN

Comedian and writer Scott Long last visited the UI, his alma mater, "maybe five years ago, six tops."

But the standup comic, who has traveled across the country performing, thinks a show in Iowa City is long overdue.

He will take the stage at the Summit, 10 S. Clinton St., at 9 p.m. today.

"I just sort of threw this together," Long said. "It's been forever since I've been to Iowa City — I just haven't had time to work my way back there yet."

He just barely squeezed in a journalism degree from the UI, graduating in 1988, before living out his unintended dream job.

"I think I graduated, but I don't really know for sure," Long said. "I know I went to graduation, but I never got a diploma, and I don't know if I passed that last Spanish test — maybe that says something about me."

Funny man and UI (possible) graduate Scott Long plans to yuck it up at the Summit's Wednesday night standup-comedy event.

Qualifying his unsure educational career, Long said whether he obtained a degree or not isn't a contributing factor to getting more standup gigs. His current career path was something he simply fell into.

Laughing on the phone, the Altoona, Iowa, native said he wouldn't trade what he's doing now for more money somewhere else.

He entered standup comedy because of a lack of freelancing opportunities; he had intended to become a sports columnist while at the UI.

"When I got out of school, I wasn't finding any real jobs in the field," he said. "So I just went into a comedy club one



STANDUP COMEDY
Scott Long
When: 9 p.m. today
Where: Summit, 10 S. Clinton

night, and I was like, as many people are, 'I'm funnier than this guy,' and I was dumb enough to think I really was funny, but, hey, I ended up being right."

Along with performing live routines at such prestigious laugh boxes as IMPROV Baltimore and Baton Rouge's Funny Bone, Long wrote a book, *Dysfunctional Thoughts of a 21st*

Century Man, has had guest spots on ESPN and Fox Sports radio, and is a creative consultant for the "NFL Pregame Show" on Fox. Long specifically writes the comedy sketches for Frank Caliendo on the Sunday program.

"It's become pretty big time," said the 42-year-old. "He's the top impressionist in the world right now, best known for his impression of [NFL color commentator] John Madden."

While Long's standup features some of his Fox one-liner-style writing, he said he sticks more around topical politics and his dysfunctional family growing up in what he dubbed the "Cornstalk Ghetto."

"If I were female, I probably would have become a stripper," Long said, joking. "It's pretty similar to standup — you're performing in a dark club in front of drunk people under spotlights."

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Back to the UI gardens

Even with more than a foot of snow, UI groundskeeper Mary Stigers will present a virtual tour of the campus gardens.

By **Tara Atkinson Gunyon**
THE DAILY IOWAN

There may be a foot of snow covering the ground, but those with a love of flora need not be content with houseplants and supermarket flowers. The Iowa City Landscaping and Garden Center will host a series of lectures on winter Saturdays to keep gardeners occupied while waiting for the ground to thaw.

On Saturday at 10 a.m., UI groundskeeper Mary Stigers will present a virtual tour of the gardens and flower beds on campus. Admission to the event is \$5, and upon completion, participants will receive a \$5 gift certificate to the Iowa City Landscaping and Garden Center. Registration is requested. Stigers will show slides of the gardens in full bloom as part of the virtual tour.

As far as flower beds and planters go, she is the person responsible for the beautiful displays throughout campus. She does it all: designs the beds, tills the ground, plants, waters, and weeds, overseeing the plantings from beginning to end every season. Stigers also fights off the gardens' biggest enemy: nibbling rabbits (don't worry — no bunnies are harmed by the smelly Liquid Fence that she uses to protect the plants).

The virtual tour Saturday will show many of the areas on campus, including the plantings on the Pentacrest, near the library, and at the UI President's Residence. A favorite of hers is the IMU fountain. Another is the President's Residence, because, among other reasons, she can risk placing a few statues and other landscaping elements on the grounds without fearing that they will be stolen.

LECTURE AND VIRTUAL TOUR

The UI Gardens

When: 10 a.m. Saturday
Where: Iowa City Landscaping and Garden Center, 520 Highway 1 W.
Admission: \$5, registration requested: 319-337-8351

Outside of that, Stigers said, gardening on campus is not really that different from gardening at home. Because of some of the large spaces, she uses more mass plantings in order to be visible from far away, but the basics remain the same.

Even though it's the dead of winter, she remains busy with a variety of tasks.

"A lot of shoveling," she said. That isn't all, however: In February, the flowers most of us are thinking about are those we will send to our sweethearts on Valentine's Day. But not Stigers. During the winter, she begins planning and ordering plants for the spring. There is also a greenhouse on the Oakdale campus where she starts some seedlings and saves a few plants, such as the water lilies in the IMU fountain, to be reused from year to year. It's a job she doesn't mind at all. She likes the chance to be creative and do work that others can enjoy.

Perhaps you've wondered, as I have crossing campus around lunchtime, about those tiny ornamental hot peppers planted on the portico behind the Old Capitol — the answer is yes, they are edible. But for more answers to potential campus plant mysteries, you'll have to take the virtual tour Saturday and see.

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CONCERT TONIGHT

Far past geese on a cloudy day

"Whenever we ask people whom they would like to see at the Englert, Leo Kottke's name is always at the top of that list," said Sean Fredericks, the Englert Theatre managing director.

Well, there is finally good news for those hankering to see him: Leo Kottke will return to Iowa City tonight to share with the audience his famous fingerpicking guitar style. The last time he played here was in 2005.

The show will start at 8 p.m. at the Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington St. Tickets are \$32.50.

Kottke is not the most likely of musicians; a mishap with an errant firecracker left him partially deaf in his left ear, and an accident in firing



Publicity photo

practice when he was in the Naval Reserve caused permanent damage to his right ear.

But these setbacks did not stop Kottke from becoming one of the world's greatest guitar virtuosos.

CONCERT

Leo Kottke

When: 8 p.m. today
Where: Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
Admission: \$32.50

"He's an amazingly gifted guitar player," Fredericks said. Throughout his career, Kottke has created 30 albums and worked with such recording artists as Lyle Lovett and Mike Gordon of Phish.

"[Kottke's] style of music is a perfect fit for a space such as ours — both intimate and majestic, Fredericks said. "People are close enough to see his face and watch his fingers fly, but it's still a theater setting."

— by Emily Burney

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Drug cards underused

Countywide discount cards have saved customers \$130,000 in prescription drugs.

By **Janessa Ensinger**
THE DAILY IOWAN

With a presidential election just around the corner, and candidates' promises of universal health care, several counties in Iowa offer a program that may help families with financial burdens when it comes to prescription drugs.



Lyness
Johnson County Attorney

The Johnson County Prescription Discount Card is sponsored by the National Association of Counties, Caremark, and the county. It is available to anyone who does not have prescription-drug insurance.

"This is just making a small dent in a health-care issue such as prescription-drug cost," said County Attorney Janet Lyness.

'We have had a good response from pharmacies and really good participation [from the pharmacies].'

— **Janet Lyness, Johnson County Attorney**

of all ages and income have had the opportunity to use the cards, but low use numbers in the county have Lyness trying to do more.

The prescription discount card is for anyone who does not have health insurance to give prescription drugs a cheaper-than-retail price. "We are trying to get more information out there," she said.

The highest number of people in Johnson County to use the card in one month was 304 transactions in October 2007. The average monthly use is 215 to 300, and Lyness said she would like to see that average around 600.

Counties in Johnson County's vicinity have seen similar use

rates. Linn County has an average of 255 per month, while Scott County is significantly higher at 1,459 per month. Lyness said Scott County's average is outstanding, and she wants to see Johnson County hit that number one day.

Since use of the card began, people have saved around \$130,000, an average of 23.5 percent each time the card is used, Lyness said.

"[The discount card] can have an effect," said Randy McDonough, the owner and pharmacist at Towncrest Pharmacy, 2306 Muscatine Ave. But "we don't know what kind of discount until we run it through the computer," he said.

At Towncrest, employees keep

the cards on the pharmacy counter, and people who don't have drug coverage can pick the card up and use it on a regular basis for everyone in their families.

There is no application process for the card. It can be picked up at more than a dozen participating pharmacies in Johnson County and also at many government buildings, including the Johnson County Courthouse, Lyness said.

"We have had a good response from pharmacies and really good participation" from the pharmacies, she said.

Those who use the cards will not know the price of the medication or if a particular medication is covered until the pharmacy puts the card and prescription information in the system, McDonough said.

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STATE

Culver OKs 4 percent boost in school funding

DES MOINES (AP) — Gov. Chet Culver signed into law Tuesday a measure that allows public schools to increase their funding by up to 4 percent.

The measure, which won broad bipartisan support in the Legislature, includes an extra \$112 million in basic state funding and up to \$45 million more in local property taxes for the 2009-2010 school year.

Each school district has the authority to decide whether to seek more property taxes.

"As a teacher and coach and parent of two young children, I want to be the education governor," Culver said. "We are very proud of our commitment to education. The Legislature has obviously made it an absolute priority."

While Republicans backed the 4 percent increase, they sought to modify the measure to allow all of the money to come from the state.

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FOOTBALL

Report: Former Michigan coach to join Iowa

Former Michigan receivers' coach Erik Campbell will take over the same position at Iowa, according to the *Detroit News*.

Campbell, a former Wolverine player who spent 13 years under Lloyd Carr, was fired on Dec. 20 by Rich Rodriguez.

"[Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz is] a good person to work for," Campbell told the *Detroit News*. "And there are great people on the staff."

Iowa's running-back coach Carl Jackson retired on Monday, creating an opening on the staff. Hawkeye receivers coach Lester Erb is expected to move to running backs.

Ferentz could not be reached for comment but said Monday he expected to move quickly to replace Jackson.

— by Jason Brummond



Tyrette Metzendorf

GOLF

Metzendorf leads golfers

Helping the Iowa women's golf team win its first championship since last year's Hawkeye Invitational, junior Tyrette Metzendorf shot a 224 (plus 8) on the par-72 Bajamar Resort Golf Club en route to her individual title in the first tournament of the spring, the Baja Invitational.

This marks the first time Metzendorf has won a tournament since she shot a 220 in the 2005 Hawkeye Intercollegiate.

In a season in which the Winter Haven, Fla., native has placed in the top six individually in four of her five tournaments, she picked up where she left off in the fall — a season that was highlighted by her breaking the 18-hole school record with a 68 in the Mary Fossum Invitational in September.

The Hawkeyes — who as a team shot a 941 (plus 77) — were also included junior Becky Quinby (235, plus 19) and seniors Melanie Boyles (242, plus 26) and Jill Marcum (245, plus 29).

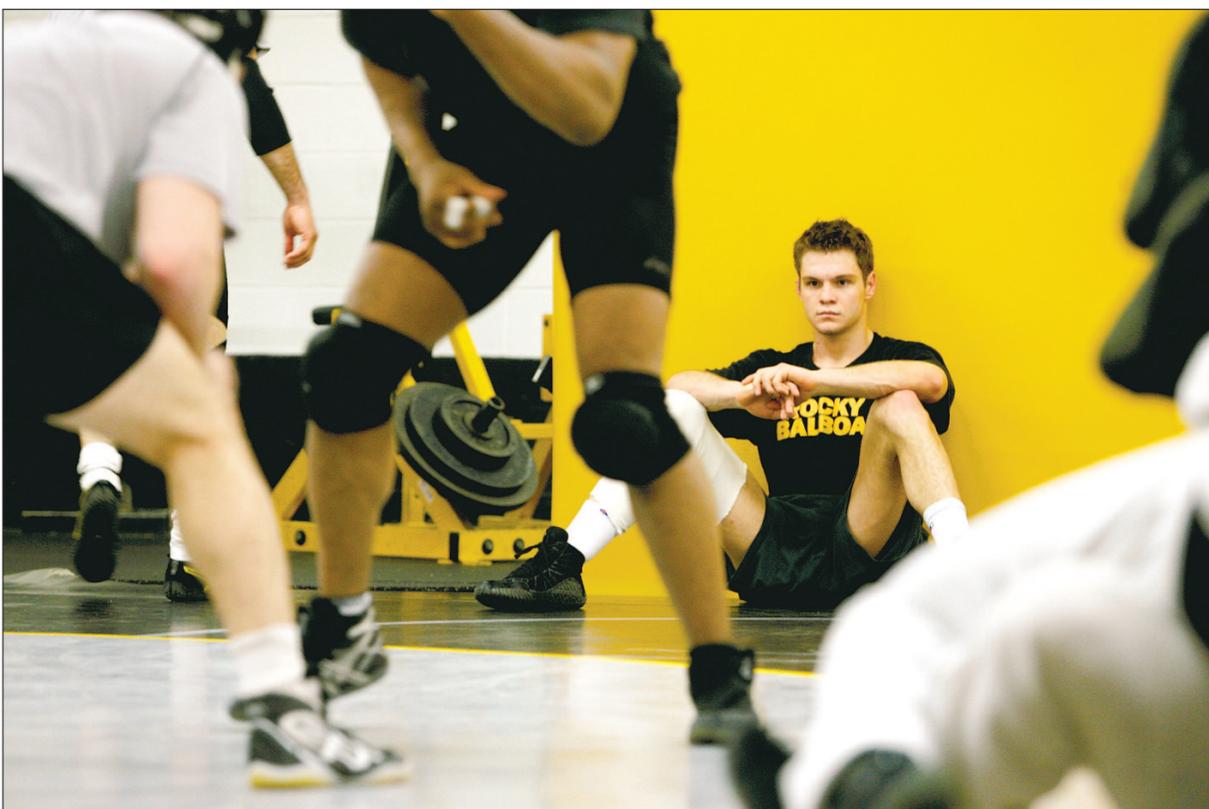
Next up for the team is the Gainesville Invitational in Gainesville, Fla., March 13-15.

— by Scott Miller

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Perry not quite ready



Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye senior 165-pounder Mark Perry watches as teammates practice in the Iowa wrestling room on Tuesday. Perry returned to practice Monday after being sidelined since mid-January with a knee injury.

Mark Perry is making a comeback with the Iowa wrestling team three meets away from the Big Ten championships.

By Ryan Young
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Four weeks after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery, top-ranked Iowa wrestler Mark Perry went through a morning practice session on Monday, and he is feeling well, Hawkeye head coach Tom Brands said.

Listed as day-to-day, Brands said he anticipates that the 165-pound defending national champion will continue training and conditioning through the remainder of the week.

But the coach indicated there was still uncertainty

about whether Perry would compete against Illinois on Feb. 24, two weeks before the Big Ten championships.

For certain, the second-year coach said, Perry won't make a mat appearance this weekend for either of his final meets inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena, when Iowa hosts No. 17 Indiana or No. 6 Michigan.

Redshirt freshmen Aaron Janssen and Jake Kerr remain as Perry's replacements in the upcoming duals despite neither having won a match filling in for their star teammate. Together, Janssen and Kerr have compiled an 0-8

record since mid-January.

Janssen was the original heir apparent to the 165-pound weight class when Perry was first held out during the finals of the NWCA/Cliff Keen National Duals. But a pair of poor home performances and one on the road against Wisconsin pushed Brands to swap wrestlers.

Kerr was given the lineup spot during both of the Hawkeyes' road contests last week. He lost, 3-1, in sudden victory to Arizona State redshirt senior Patrick Pitsch and was defeated, 2-1, in his matchup with Boise State freshman Kurt Swartz.

"That's a coaching decision," Brands said. "This is something we evaluate, and the reason why Jake Kerr is in there, right now, is because he gives us our best chance at every position.

"So far, we haven't been right as a staff. But we haven't been as a staff with either guy, and really, we're waiting for someone to assert himself there, and neither has done it.

"We want them to take [the decision] out of our hands."

But while the three-time All-American Perry is seemingly on a beeline toward becoming tournament-ready in March, teammates are expressing faith Janssen and Kerr can contend for the Hawkeyes in the vacant slot.

"The team will definitely be stronger when we have our national champion in the lineup," said sophomore 157-pounder Ryan Morningstar, who defeated both his opponents over the weekend. "But I mean, Kerr and Janssen are both tough kids. They're learning

SEE PERRY, 3B

The Iowa softball team is motivated to make improvements from last season. Hawks primed for a comeback

By Brendan Stiles
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Shocked. Disappointed. Feeling distraught.

These were some of the feelings members of the Iowa softball team had last May as they watched the "NCAA Selection Show," only to see their name not called despite finishing fourth in the Big Ten. In the process, they watched Penn State, which finished eighth in the conference, make it.

"I know that when we all got together and watched in front of the big screen, it was really

"Our group collectively has a lot of energy, a real strong sense of 'team.' That's going to be the difference for us this year."

— Gayle Blevins, coach

hard," sophomore outfielder Taylor Leichsenring said.

But, while it was difficult to accept that missing the tourney for only the second time in 13 years, the players who are back in 2008 believe not being there last year is enough to fire them up.

"Once we realized we weren't in, that was Day One," junior shortstop Erin Riemersma said. "It has been a huge motivational factor for us. Through the summer workouts, through the fall, winter, we were reminded of that feeling on that day."

More from Media Night

Go to dailyiowan.com to check out an exclusive photo slide show from the Iowa softball team's media night Tuesday in the Kinnick Stadium press box. Also, to read a season outlook for Gayle Blevins' softball squad, turn to page 3B in today's *Daily Iowan*.

After watching her players put in the time and effort during the off-season, coach Gayle Blevins said that while improvements can still be made through the course of the season, she likes what she has seen.

SEE SOFTBALL, 3B

BASKETBALL

Bluder makes mark

Lisa Bluder joins a prestigious club with her 500th victory.

By Diane Hendrickson
 THE DAILY IOWAN

For coach Lisa Bluder, the number 500 doesn't matter as much as eight or one.

Eight, as in wins in a row for her Hawkeyes, and one for sole possession of first place in the Big Ten. Those eight propelled Iowa into first place and gave the coach her 500th career win on Sunday, 73-65 at Penn State.

"Every time you get a chance to coach, it's special," said Bluder, who came into the season 17 shy of the 500 plateau. "But to me, the more enjoyable story in this whole thing is the way our team is playing right now."

The humble coach, 34th in all-time wins in women's basketball, played down the accomplishment and instead focusing on the good times.

"Anytime you have a milestone ... it's not the number that's significant, it's the memories you have of the past, it's the memories that you have with your staff and with your players."

— Lisa Bluder

"I've been really blessed that I've been doing this for a long time."

Point guard Abby Emmert grabbed the game ball for her coach after time expired in State College, Pa., and the team made signs spelling out "Five Hundred!" in the locker room.

"It's a great accomplishment for the team and for Coach Bluder," sixth-year senior Johanna Solverson said. "I think she really deserves it."

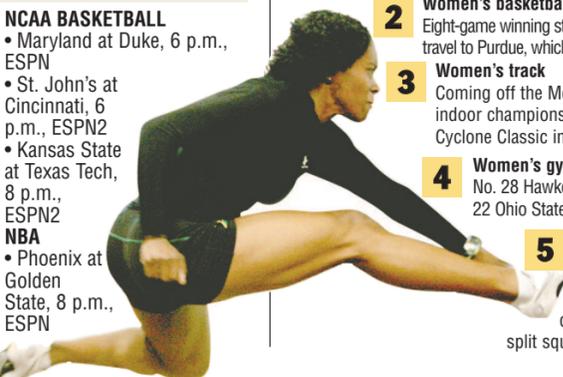
When Bluder returned to Iowa City, her office was flooded with cards, flowers and e-mails.

"That's what's overwhelming in this whole situation is hearing from your former players, or people who care about your program, or you've been affiliated with for a number of years," she said. "Every time you get an e-mail from one of your former players, it brings up the time that you were able to coach them or be a part of that team."

SEE BLUDER, 3B

DI'S SPRING SPORTS POWER RANKINGS

- 1 Wrestling (18-1, 5-0)**
On the road last weekend, the No. 1 Hawkeyes rolled over Arizona St. (39-3) and Boise State (30-9), running their dual meet winning streak to 11.
- 2 Women's basketball (17-7, 10-3)**
Eight-game winning streak has Hawkeyes in sole possession of first-place in the Big Ten. Iowa will travel to Purdue, which is tied for second-place, on Thursday.
- 3 Women's track**
Coming off the Meyo Classic, in which four runners provisionally qualified for the NCAA indoor championships, the team will have athletes at two meets this weekend — the Cyclone Classic in Ames and Husky Classic in Seattle.
- 4 Women's gymnastics**
No. 28 Hawkeyes put together highest score since 2005 with 195.400 in a tie with No. 22 Ohio State last weekend. Iowa is off until Feb. 22, when it will travel to Iowa State.
- 5 Men's track**
Sophomore Adam Hairston highlighted the men's performance at the Meyo Classic, winning the 800 meters with a school record and NCAA provisionally qualifying time of 1:49.86. The team will send split squads to Ames and Seattle this weekend.
- 6 Men's basketball (11-14, 4-8)**
Twenty-one turnovers and only two offensive rebounds equaled disaster for Iowa last weekend at Minnesota, sending the Hawkeyes to their second loss in a row. Iowa will take on Michigan at home Thursday night.
- 7 Men's tennis (3-1, 1-0)**
Iowa went 1-1 over the weekend in Lincoln, Neb., defeating the host Cornhuskers (5-2) but falling to Denver, 5-2. The young season will continue when the Hawkeyes host Toledo on Saturday.
- 8 Men's gymnastics**
The Hawkeyes edged Depaul at home last Sunday, 4-3, to earn their second win of the season. Iowa will stay home again this weekend, hosting Alabama on Friday and Mississippi on Feb. 17.
- 9 Women's tennis**
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- 10 Swimming and diving (Men: 3-4, 1-3; Women: 5-7, 2-2)**
Both teams are taking time off to prepare for the Big Ten championships. The women's meet will begin Feb. 21 and the men's will begin Feb. 28.





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MEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

Conference	All Games		
	W	L	Pct.
Purdue	11	1	.917
Indiana	9	1	.900
Wisconsin	9	2	.818
Michigan St.	8	3	.727
Ohio St.	7	4	.636
Minnesota	5	6	.455
Iowa	4	8	.333
Penn St.	3	8	.273
Illinois	3	9	.250
Michigan	2	9	.182
Northwestern	0	10	.000

Tuesday's Games

Purdue 60, Michigan State 54
Illinois 84, Minnesota 60

Today's Games

Wisconsin at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Ohio State at Northwestern, 8 p.m.

Thursday's Game

Michigan at Iowa, 7:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Minnesota at Wisconsin, 1 p.m.
Purdue at Northwestern, 3 p.m.
Illinois at Penn State, 6 p.m.
Michigan State at Indiana 8 p.m.

Sunday's Game

Ohio State at Michigan, 12 p.m.

WOMEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

Conference	All Games		
	W	L	Pct.
Iowa	10	3	.769
Ohio State	9	4	.692
Purdue	9	4	.692
Minnesota	8	5	.615
Indiana	7	5	.583
Michigan	6	6	.500
Illinois	6	7	.462
Michigan State	6	7	.462
Penn State	4	8	.333
Wisconsin	4	8	.333
Northwestern	0	11	.000

Thursday's Games

Iowa at Purdue, 6 p.m.
Michigan State at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Penn State, 7 p.m.
Michigan at Northwestern 7 p.m.
Illinois at Wisconsin, 7 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Minnesota at Iowa, 3:35 p.m.
Michigan at Indiana, 11 a.m.
Michigan State at Penn State, 1 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 18 Games

Purdue at Ohio State, 6 p.m.
Wisconsin at Northwestern 8 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#5 North Carolina 75, Virginia 74
#9 Butler 83, Wisconsin-Milwaukee 75, OT
#19 Purdue 60, #10 Michigan State 54
#22 Pittsburgh 82, Providence 63
#23 Louisville 88, DePaul 68
#24 Vanderbilt 93, Kentucky 52

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlanta W L Pct GB
Boston 40 9 .816 —
Toronto 27 23 .540 13½
New Jersey 23 29 .442 18½
Philadelphia 22 30 .423 19½
New York 15 36 .294 26
Southwest W L Pct GB
Orlando 32 21 .604 —
Washington 24 27 .471 7
Atlanta 21 27 .438 8½
Charlotte 18 34 .346 13½
Miami 9 41 .180 21½
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Cleveland 29 22 .569 9
Indiana 21 31 .404 17½
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Milwaukee 19 33 .365 19½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

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New Orleans 35 15 .700 —
Dallas 34 17 .667 1½
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Houston 31 20 .608 4½
Memphis 14 37 .275 21½
Northwest W L Pct GB
New York 33 19 .635 —
Denver 32 19 .627 ½
Portland 28 23 .549 4½
Seattle 13 37 .260 19
Minnesota 10 40 .200 22
Pacific W L Pct GB
Phoenix 36 15 .706 —
L.A. Lakers 34 17 .667 2
Golden State 31 20 .608 5
Sacramento 23 27 .460 12½
L.A. Clippers 17 32 .347 18

Tuesday's Games

Detroit 94, Atlanta 90
Boston 104, Indiana 97
Denver 104, Miami 113, OT
New Jersey 92, Minnesota 88
Memphis 107, Sacramento 94

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	32	19	5	69	167	152
New Jersey	31	21	4	66	147	134
Philadelphia	30	21	5	65	178	160
N.Y. Rangers	28	24	7	63	144	147
N.Y. Islanders	25	25	7	57	138	167
Northwest						
Ottawa	34	19	4	72	197	169
Montreal	29	19	9	67	178	163
Buffalo	27	21	8	62	170	157
Boston	23	25	5	61	147	153
Toronto	23	25	9	55	157	184
Southeast						
Carolina	28	27	4	60	171	187
Washington	27	25	5	59	164	176
Atlanta	27	27	4	58	157	186
Florida	26	27	5	57	158	166
Tampa Bay	24	27	6	54	164	187
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	41	13	5	87	194	130
Nashville	30	22	6	66	169	156
Columbus	26	23	9	61	141	148
St. Louis	25	22	8	58	142	159
Chicago	24	25	6	54	150	160
Northwest						
Minnesota	32	21	4	68	157	152
Calgary	29	20	8	60	149	137
Colorado	30	22	5	65	163	156
Vancouver	28	22	7	63	149	145
Edmonton	26	27	5	57	155	172
Pacific						
Dallas	35	20	5	75	176	148
Anaheim	32	22	7	71	150	151
San Jose	31	17	8	70	149	137
Phoenix	28	25	4	60	155	159
Los Angeles	24	32	3	51	167	194

Today's Games

Carolina 3, Boston 2
Tampa Bay 3, Montreal 2
N.Y. Islanders 4, Philadelphia 3
Buffalo 5, Ottawa 1
Nashville 4, Detroit 2
St. Louis 4, Los Angeles 2
Edmonton 4, Minnesota 2
Anaheim 2, Colorado 1
Calgary 4, San Jose 3, OT

Today's Games

Ottawa at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Montreal at Florida, 6:30 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League
MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with RHP Livan Hernandez on a one-year contract.
TEXAS RANGERS—Signed OF Kevin Mench to a minor league contract.

National League

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with INF Olmedo Saenz on a minor-league contract.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Named Ray Callari, Brad Cameron, Lou Colletti, Chuck Hensley and Hugh Walker scouts.

National Basketball Association

SEATTLE SUPERSONICS—Recalled G Mickael Gelabale from Idaho (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

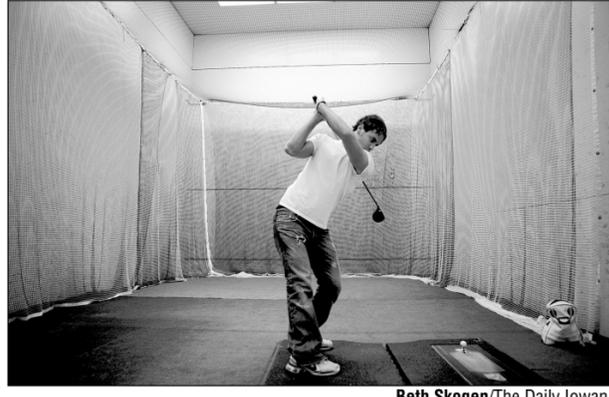
National Football League
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Named Greg Mattison linebackers coach, Chuck Pagano secondary coach, Bob Rogucki strength and conditioning coach, John Dunn assistant strength and conditioning coach, and Marwan Maalouf assistant special teams coach.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Re-signed K Martin Gramatica. Named Aaron Kromer running backs coach and Travis Jones assistant defensive line coach.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed LB T.J. Slaughter.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed P Jeff Fagles to a two-year contract.

COLLEGE

ARMY—Announced the retirement of Jerry Quiller, track and field coach, at the conclusion of the 2008 outdoor season.
MARIETTA—Named Ben Halder interim football coach.
VMI—Named Sparky Woods football coach.

Yoga meets golf

With winter weather limiting Iowa to indoor training, the Hawkeyes look to unconventional methods to prepare for spring.



Beth Skogen/The Daily Iowan

By Sean Monahan
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa junior Cole Peevler takes a swing during golf practice in the Field House on Tuesday.

Home is where the heart is, unless you're on the Iowa men's golf team.

In a sport in which warm temperatures and year-round practice are optimal, the freezing grip Mother Nature has on Iowa City's winters is a deterrent. For head coach Mark Hankins' athletes, this makes a winter break trip down South more than just an escape from the freezing rains and heavy snows eastern Iowa has experienced this season.

While the NCAA doesn't sanction team trips, the golfers are encouraged to take any opportunity to roam real fairways and putt on actual greens. "Anything you can do to see the ball fly — hit off grass instead of just hitting off mats like we're doing right now — is good," said senior Dan Holterhaus, who spent a week in central Florida over winter break.

For Hankins, getting out of the snow and onto the links takes the highest priority. If one of his student-athletes had the opportunity to get out of town for a few rounds over the weekend, they would get the green light no matter what he had planned. "I'd be like, 'Go for it,'" he said. "Golf is far more important than yoga, weight lifting, running, any of that. Playing golf is the most important thing."

The inclusion of yoga in the team's off-season preparation is new. Hankins implemented it during his tenure at Michigan State, and he is now testing it out on the Hawkeyes.

"Hitting the ball far is a lot about flexibility; hitting it consistently is a lot about flexibility as well," he said.

The new training isn't just about hitting the ball, either. Hankins likes the focus that yoga puts on breathing techniques and relaxation. When you're on the course for as long as 36 holes, concentration is a must. With the yoga training, Hankins' athletes should be able to avoid mental fatigue and finish their rounds off more consistently.

From the head coach's perch, he sees the new exercise as something his athletes are enjoying.

"I think they're all willing to try new stuff to get better," he said. "One of the things that I want to try to do is kind of push them a little bit in areas where they haven't been pushed before. This is definitely one of them — we have some pretty inflexible guys for being 19-, 20-, 21-years-old."

Holterhaus doesn't seem to mind testing his body's limits. "I really enjoyed [yoga], and I think the other guys on the team did, too," he said.

During the winter months, the senior said, it's difficult to get the necessary muscles into midseason form. That tightness in their muscles can make it difficult to redevelop a fluid golf swing. With the off-season coming to a close, Holterhaus doesn't see the team becoming too entrenched with yoga, but he does see it benefiting the team's coordination, balance, and strength.

Iowa will get to test the results of its new training regimen when it heads to Scottsdale, Ariz., for its opening competition on Feb. 23.

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Iowa women's trackster Renee White is carrying a strong finish from last year into the start of this season.

Jump-starting her season

By Jeff Pawola
THE DAILY IOWAN

You might think that people who find themselves injured would not be driving the ambulance. This is not the case, however, for Renee White, a junior jumper for the Iowa track and field team.

Because she was sidelined by a stress fracture in her shin as a freshman and suffered a strained hamstring as a sophomore, success often seemed a distant shore.

Initially discouraged, she somehow managed to finish her sophomore season unexpectedly strong. She placed second in the Big Ten championships in the triple jump with a school record of 42-1½ and took 12th place at the NCAA regional meet.

"I didn't even expect to get second. It wasn't even on my mind," White said. "Before the Big Ten meet, I was very discouraged, but finishing second really brought back my focus."

Her focus from last year has carried over to this season and led to early success — a lot of which she credits to eating less junk food during the off-season and more jogging.

"The strides she has made comes from her running in the off-season," said Iowa assistant coach Victor Houston, who coaches primarily field events, sprints and hurdles. "She has gotten a lot fitter."

Already having provisionally qualified for the NCAA championships with a season best jump of 42-0½, White has bigger goals



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Iowa junior Renee White warms up before practice in the Recreation Building on Tuesday. The native of Jamaica holds two school records in the outdoor and indoor triple jump.

for this season. "I want to jump more than 43 feet and be a Big Ten champ," she said.

A major difference for her this year, other than being free from injury, has been her composure. In previous seasons, her lack of composure led to inconsistent meets.

"She let emotion get the best of her," Iowa head coach Layne Anderson said. "She's been more consistent, and she is starting to overcome and perform under pressure."

Despite all of her recent success, Houston still feels there is room for improvement.

"She needs to clean up her approach and get more consistently on the board," he said. "She has had long jumps in the past, but they were faults."

White thinks she has been able to handle the pressure and is continuing to improve because the way she treats practice.

"I'm a lot stronger and more focused this year," she said. "I'm starting to treat practice the

way I treat competitions."

A native of Jamaica, she hopes to compete for her home country in the Pan American Games after she graduates. But before then, she wants to be remembered as the Jamaican who broke 44 feet in the triple jump and won three Big Ten championships.

In order for that to happen, she has to hope that she'll remain as the driver of the ambulance, not as a passenger.

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Softball ready for some NOISE

By Eric Mandel
THE DAILY IOWAN

Home-run queen Emily Nichols won't need to shoulder the load in 2008, and the well-rounded Iowa softball team is primed to rebound.

When the preseason rankings came out, all the Hawkeye softball players and coaches could do was laugh.

After a one-year hiatus from the NCAA Tournament last season — only the squad's second miss in the past 13 years — the Hawkeyes will return seven starters from last year's group, which finished fourth in the Big Ten and 37-21 overall.

And where was their name on the rankings? In the "Additional Teams Receiving Votes" category, with a lone digit as company.

"We laughed about being a little blip," said head coach Gayle Blevins, who is going into 21st season. "[The team was] looking through the names, and I said, 'Keep looking, keep looking.' And we had one vote ... I said, 'It's OK

to be there now. We've got lots of opportunities to make a statement for our program."

The seemingly forgotten Iowa squad knows all about being overlooked after surprisingly being bypassed by the tournament-selection committee last season. Disheartened, but certainly not devastated, the Hawkeyes are motivated to make some noise on the back of its returning veteran leadership, a strong freshman class, and a clean bill of health.

Senior catcher Emily Nichols comes in as the center of attention after being slotted on the 2008 USA Softball Player of the Year Watch List.

The Portland, Ore., native batted over .400 throughout the

entire 58-game 2007 season and compiled a 28-game hitting streak — the longest tear in Big Ten history.

"What Emily does well is she keeps everything very simple," Blevins said. "She doesn't keep stats in her head; she doesn't keep things in her mind that could potentially complicate the whole situation. She just keeps things real simple. She doesn't get too high or too low, and I think that's why she plays the game so well."

With 33 career home runs, Nichols is Iowa's career home-run record-holder, but she still expects to bring her game to a whole new level.

To do that, she plans to wash

away all the acclaim that came during 2007.

"I'm just going to do the same things I've always done," she said. "Just go day by day, game by game, at-bat by at-bat. I'm not going to think about what I did last year; I'm just going to think what I want to do right now."

Junior Brittany Weil leads a duo of highly praised hurlers after posting an 18-8 record and 1.69 ERA en route to a second-team All-Big Ten selection.

The season didn't come easy for the right-hander, though — she was struck in the head by a line drive in practice one week prior to opening day and missed the first 25 games of the season.

"It was rough," Weil said. "It

was tough going through the preseason not being able to play, but at the same time, it was a good experience for the freshmen."

"... You kind of think about it a little bit too much at times, and you just have to take yourself back and be like, 'How many times is the ball really going to come back and hit you? — you've been doing this for your whole life.' You kind of have to put things into perspective."

While Blevins said Weil and Amanda Züst are set to pitch 95 percent of the games this season, the rest of the diamond is a flooding with depth.

Junior Colleen McGlaughlin flashed her versatility in 2007, sprouting up all over the diamond

like the most-valuable weed. She, along with freshman Chelsey Carmody and first-team All-Big Ten selection Erin Riemersma, can play two positions and are "swing players" who are vital in case of injury or illness.

While its path is littered with 13 NCAA Tournament qualifiers, Blevins said she thinks this year's squad is stronger than last season's and that these Hawkeyes have found the right recipe to make a bang too loud to go unheard.

"We definitely have potential to win the Big Ten Tournament, the Big Ten title, go to the NCAA Tournament," Nichols said. "We have all these things we can do as long as we live up to what we can do. That would be a very successful season."

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Bluder joins exclusive club

BLUDER

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"You don't think about those on a day-to-day basis, but that forced me to do that yesterday, and that was very welcome. I'm amazed at all the wonderful human beings that I've been able to be around over the last 24 years, and what they're doing now, and what great people they are," she continued.

Bluder also praised her coaching staff, two of whom — associate head coach Jan Jensen and assistant coach Jenni Fitzgerald — have been with her for "300 of these wins," she estimated.

"They're just so much more than assistant coaches. They're my best friends; they're people I enjoy going to work with every day. We are a really great team, we work really well together ...

Those guys work so hard, they put so much heart in this."

Bluder, a three-year starter at UNI in the early '80s, got her start in coaching at St. Ambrose in Davenport in 1984. There she established the Fighting Bees as a powerhouse in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. In her six years, her teams appeared in four-consecutive national tournaments, including back-to-back Final Four appearances in 1989 and 1990.

In her final season, she was named the NAIA Converse Coach of the Year, and the Bees were ranked No. 1, going 34-1.

For the 1990-91 season, Bluder moved west to coach at Drake for 10 seasons. She was at the helm for four NCAA Tournaments and one WNIT appearance. Bluder won three Missouri Valley Tournaments — and three MVC Coach of the

Year honors — and two conference titles outright, guiding the Bulldogs to five 20-plus win seasons in her final six years.

Bluder took over at Iowa in 2001, after former coach Angie Lee was fired after a 9-18 campaign. Immediately, she led the Hawkeyes to a Big Ten Tournament championship, going 21-10 and garnering a number of Coach of the Year accolades. Iowa lost in the second round of the NCAA Tournament to 17th-ranked Utah and to UConn the following season.

In two of the next three years — sandwiched around a first-round loss in March Madness — the Hawkeyes played in the quarterfinals and semifinals of the WNIT, compiling a 23-10 record in 2004.

Bluder, in her eighth season at Iowa, has led the Hawkeyes to the postseason in every year except last season. After a rocky

start to this season, the eight-game climb has Iowa poised for its first outright Big Ten title since the 1996-97 season with five games to go.

Although she has too many memories over her 24 years to pick a favorite, Bluder said this year's squad is making its mark.

"Sometimes, you have teams that, just everything goes well right from the beginning," she said. "This wasn't like that. This was a team that, we really had to work through some issues at the beginning of the year. We lost some close games to some really good people, and a lot of people didn't have a lot of faith in us at that point. We always, as a team, kept the faith, and I think that's what's making this year so enjoyable."

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Perry back at Hawk practice

PERRY

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and getting better every time they step on the mat."

Meanwhile, Iowa's 184-pound grappler, Phillip Keddy, is recovering from the flu — an ailment he took to the mat during his pair of road matches. Vanquishing No. 15 Brent Chriswell of Arizona State, 7-4, and No. 8 Kirk Smith of Boise State, 3-2, Keddy improved to 19-6 overall.

Additionally against the Sun Devils and Broncos, the Hawkeyes (18-1, 5-0) won by the largest point

margin since they won the National Dual title. Iowa surrendered a combined 12 points over the three-day trip out West — A revealing sign that Brands and his No. 1-ranked band of toppers are peaking and separating themselves in the wrestling world.

"We started off strong, and we're continuing to be strong," 141-pound sophomore Brent Metcalf said. "We're starting to see a small glimpse of guys going beyond just winning, and really putting opponents down, and really embarrassing them."

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Using disappointment as a spur

SOFTBALL

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"Our group collectively has a lot of energy, a real strong sense of 'team,'" she said. "That's going to be the difference for us this year, that ability to always put the team first and make that the first thing that we focus on."

"I feel like our group has done a real good job in its off-season of just making progress in its game."

As Iowa prepares to start its 2008 season in the Twin Cities over the weekend in the Metrodome Tournament, not a lot appears to be expected — the Hawkeyes come in unranked, while three Big Ten teams — Northwestern, Michigan, and Ohio State — are all nationally ranked.

But that doesn't mean the players don't feel the expectations come with wearing the Hawkeye uniform.

"I think everybody feels like we are the underdog now," Leichsenring said. "We're going to be the underdog in every tournament, so I think there is a little bit more pressure, but I think



Iowa junior Erin Riemersma speaks to a camera crew during Iowa softball media day in the Kinnick Stadium press box on Tuesday. The Hawkeyes will start the season on Friday against Western Illinois in Minneapolis.

it's a good pressure, because it makes us feel like we can do it."

Among the areas the team looks to improve on from last season is placing an emphasis on early season games. Prior to 2007, they didn't have as much of an effect on Iowa's status, because it was a perennial tournament squad.

"We realize that some of the things we didn't do last year we need to do this year," Riemersma said. "We took the preseason games and didn't put as much focus on those as we needed to, and in the end, that really hurt us."

"We want to come out from Day One and play our A game."

The Hawkeyes don't, however, feel as though they have a chip on their shoulders — the only impressions that need to be made are on themselves.

"I don't think we have anything to prove because people know that we're good," senior catcher Emily Nichols said. "I just think that we really need to prove to ourselves, 'You know what? We can do this. We can go far in that we have the capability of doing all these things.'"

Blevins believes this year's team will be fun for her to coach, and she is confident that 2008 can be a successful campaign for Iowa.

"We feel like we are on that path, and we are ready," she said. "We want to take this team back to the [College] World Series, and we feel like that's something legitimately that we can go after."

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BASKETBALL

Iowa to host '09 early round tourney

Iowa was selected as one of 16 first- and second-round hosts for the 2009 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament, the NCAA announced Tuesday.

Carver-Hawkeye Arena has held women's games in 11 years since 1986, when it hosted the regional final. Four regional finals and the nine first and second rounds have been played at Iowa. The last time the Hawkeyes hosted the tournament was 1998.

"We are thrilled to have the opportunity to host the first and second rounds of the NCAA championship in 2009," coach Lisa Bluder said. "This will give our Iowa fans a great opportunity to witness the national tournament firsthand. It has been a long time since Iowa has hosted the NCAA championship, and we are excited to bring the competition and atmosphere back to Carver-Hawkeye Arena."

— by Diane Hendrickson

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BIG TEN

3 Hoosier football players arrested

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Police arrested Indiana wide receiver James Bailey and running back Demetrius McCray on misdemeanor disorderly conduct charges after complaints of loud music from their apartment.

A teammate, freshman linebacker Darius Johnson, also was arrested over the week-end on misdemeanor charges after police said he was found passed out in a residence hall stairwell and later struggled with medics inside an ambulance.

Indiana football spokesman Jeff Keag said Tuesday that school officials were aware of the arrests and that any team discipline would be handled internally.

Bloomington police officers were called late on Feb. 9 to the apartment where Bailey and McCray, both 21, live. Officers ticketed them for noise-ordinance violations and told them to quiet down, Sgt. Jeff Canada said. Bailey and McCray were arrested around 3 a.m. Sunday following another noise complaint, Canada said.

Campus police officers found Johnson, 18, passed out early on Feb. 9 and called an ambulance to take him to a hospital, Indiana University police Lt. Jerry Minger said. Johnson began kicking his legs and swinging his arms at the ambulance crew and was restrained to the gurney but later knocked over items inside the ambulance, Minger said.

He faces preliminary charges of resisting arrest, illegal consumption, and public intoxication.

MLB

Pitcher Livan Hernandez, Twins agree

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Right-hander Livan Hernandez and the Minnesota Twins agreed Tuesday to a \$5 million, one-year contract that could earn him an additional \$2 million in performance bonuses.

The Twins are short on experience in their rotation, after trading Johan Santana and losing Carlos Silva as a free agent this winter. Hernandez will join a handful of young starting pitching candidates, including Francisco Liriano, Scott Baker, Boof Bonser, Kevin Slowey, Nick Blackburn, and Phil Humber, when pitchers and catchers have their first official spring-training workout Feb. 18 at Fort Myers, Fla.

Last season, Hernandez made \$7 million while going 11-11 with a 4.93 ERA in 33 starts for Arizona. He pitched for the Diamondbacks in the NLCS.

Hernandez, a native of Cuba, has been quite durable over 10-plus years in the majors, logging at least 199 innings each season since 1998. As a rookie in 1997, he won a World Series with the Florida Marlins.

Clemens suit against McNamee moved to federal court

HOUSTON (AP) — Roger Clemens' defamation lawsuit against former trainer Brian McNamee has been moved to federal court.

Clemens filed suit last month in Harris County District Court in Houston, but McNamee's attorneys had it moved Monday to U.S. District Court in Houston. In their motion, McNamee's attorneys wrote the court has jurisdiction because the case is between residents of two states and that Clemens will likely seek more than \$75,000 in damages — two criteria needed for such a transfer.

An initial pretrial conference is set for April 4.

In the Mitchell Report, McNamee claimed he injected Clemens with steroids and human growth hormone at least 16 times in 1998, 2000, and 2001. The seven-time Cy Young Award winner claimed in his suit that the statements McNamee made were "untrue and defamatory."

McNamee's attorneys have not filed their response to Clemens' suit. Clemens and McNamee were set to testify Wednesday before a congressional hearing on the Mitchell Report.

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Daily Break

“Nothing endures but change.”
— Heraclitus

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ANDREW R. JUHL

Another 20 perfectly innocent names and words that make me giggle

- analgesics
- Archibald Cox
- Balzac
- Candy Cummings
- climax locomotive
- crotchety
- Deadwood
- dishonorable discharge
- Gentianella
- Heraclitus
- invagination
- kumquat
- manholes
- Minnehaha
- nosegay
- penal servitude
- red snapper
- Super Monkey Ball
- Uranus
- woodscrews

— Andrew R. Juhl thanks various friends for contributing to this list of giggle fits. E-mail him at: andrew-juhl@uiowa.edu

Think you're pretty funny? Prove it. The Daily Iowan is looking for Ledge writers. You can submit a Ledge at daily-juhl@uiowa.edu. If we think it's good, we'll run it — and maybe contact you for more.

horoscopes

 Wednesday, February 13, 2008
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Implement one of your ideas into something that can turn into a moneymaking project. Love and romance will develop through the conversations you have regarding your interests and intentions. Be honest with others but be discerning.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't hold back: Be forceful and direct, and you will gain respect and make an impression. Once you disclose your ideas, it will be easy to dedicate your time and effort to obtaining your goals. Believe in what you are doing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do your thing, but don't rely on anyone else to help you. Motivation will be the key to your advancement, and hidden secrets will lead to your demise. A burden may develop at home; don't make promises.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The only thing to fear is rejection, but at least you will know where you stand and what you have to do to satisfy your own needs. Pleasing others allows you to keep the peace, but it isn't always what's best for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The moment you show your emotional weakness, you will be vulnerable to someone else's agenda. If you have to be evasive, you may want to rethink the connection you have with the people you are being secretive with. A job that comes up will be worth doing well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Love, intrigue, and travel are all up for grabs. Plan your actions, and follow through. Your strength and participation will take you to the winner's circle, no matter what you face or want to pursue.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't be fooled by what others do. You are better off putting your efforts into your surroundings and altering anything that is making your life unhappy. Self-improvement projects and creative endeavors will be favorable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It's time to share your thoughts with the outside world and form alliances with people who have an interest in what you are doing. Don't be daunted by those close to you. Go the distance to ensure everything goes according to plan.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Listen to advice being offered by someone with experience. Learning the rules and sticking to regulations will help you avoid a costly mistake. Family and friends will be of help if you are honest about your current position.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Money, investments, and making changes to your home and your personal life should be on your agenda today. You can solve problems that will protect you from losses in the future. Honesty will be what counts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Refuse to let anyone dictate what you should or shouldn't do. Take a dominant role. Emotions will cause sorrow, but if you act out of love and are patient, you will win in the end.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stick to what you know; don't let anyone talk you into anything different. As long as you have a handle on reaching your goals, you will. Anger and arguing will be a waste of time. Put your energy into something that will bring results.

FLANKING



Peter Klopfenstein/The Daily Iowan
Zach Krus moves one of his units during a game of Axis & Allies at Critical Hit Games on Tuesday. Players have been coming to the store for around 10 months every Tuesday to play the small-scale tactical miniature game based on a version of the older board game.

today's events

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

- **Electronic Tax Filing**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Story Time for Preschoolers**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Creative Professionals Talk Creative Career Panel Discussion**, 11:30 a.m., C230 Pomerantz Center
- **Race Matters: African Americans on the Web Following Hurricane Katrina, Project on Rhetoric of Inquiry**, 11:30 a.m., 106 Bowman House
- **History for Lunch**, 12 p.m., State Historical Society of Iowa, 402 Iowa
- **New Student Organization Leader Meetings**, noon, Office of Student Life, 257 IMU
- **“Concept Maps: Learning Made Visible,” Center for Teaching**, 12:30 p.m., Main Library Information Arcade; limited space — to register, call 335-6048 or go online at teaching@uiowa.edu
- **Free Lunch and Condoms, Women's Research and Action Center**, 12:30 p.m., 345 IMU
- **Arts, Entertainment, and Media Fair**, 1 p.m., C310 Pomerantz Center
- **Valentine's Program for Kids**, 3:30 p.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St., Coralville
- **Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity Informational Meeting**, 5:30 p.m., Lucas Dodge Room IMU
- **Welcome Home Wednesdays**, 5:45 p.m., Unitarian/Universalist Society, 10 S. Gilbert St.
- **Chocolate Desserts For Your Sweetheart**, 6 p.m., New Pioneer Co-op, 1101 Second St., Coralville
- **Early Spring Fashion ... for a great cause**, 6 p.m., Redhead Restaurant, 240 S. Main St., Solon
- **Simple Soup Supper**, 6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 2701 Rochester
- **Story Time for All Ages**, 6 p.m., North Liberty Community Library
- **“What Is A ‘Normal’ Heart Rhythm?” UIHC**, 6:30 p.m., Holiday Inn Conference Center, 1220 First Ave., Coralville
- **Burlington St. Bluegrass Band**, 7 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Eraserhead**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Free Pool**, 7 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville
- **“Live from Prairie Lights,” Robert Hellen-ga, fiction**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Second Ingmar Bergman Film Series, To Joy**, 7 p.m., Intermedia/Maia String Quartet, 240 Art Building West
- **Physics and Astronomy Demonstration Show**, 7:30, Van Allen Hall Lecture Room 1
- **Leo Kottke**, 8 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **Pay It Forward Tour/Organization Info Meeting, Student Today, Leaders Forever**, 8 p.m., 347 IMU
- **Four Word Cause with Nothing Real, Backdrop**, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **Terror's Advocate**, 9 p.m., Bijou Theatre
- **Karaoke Night and Quadro Ultraprem-ium Vodka Party**, 9:30 p.m., Saloon, 112 E. College
- **The Jam**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Poetry Slam**, 10 p.m., Mill



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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

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UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

- 12:30 p.m. News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)
- 1 A Prairie Lights Reading from the UITV Archives, Susanna Clarke
- 2 Hawkeye Coach Todd Lickliter's Weekly News Conference, live
- 2:30 News from Germany (in German)
- 3 "Live from Prairie Lights," Mary Relindes Ellis
- 4 Duarte Dance Works Concert from Space/Place
- 5:30 Collaborative Dance Concert
- 6:30 Hawkeye Coach Todd Lickliter's Weekly News Conference
- 7 "Live from Prairie Lights," Mary Relindes Ellis
- 8 Human Rights Week, Darwin Justice Theater: A Look at the Presence of Justice
- 9:30 News from Daily Iowan TV
- 10 Hawkeye Coach Todd Lickliter's Weekly News Conference
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- 11 "Live from Prairie Lights," Mary Relindes Ellis



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by Scott Adams



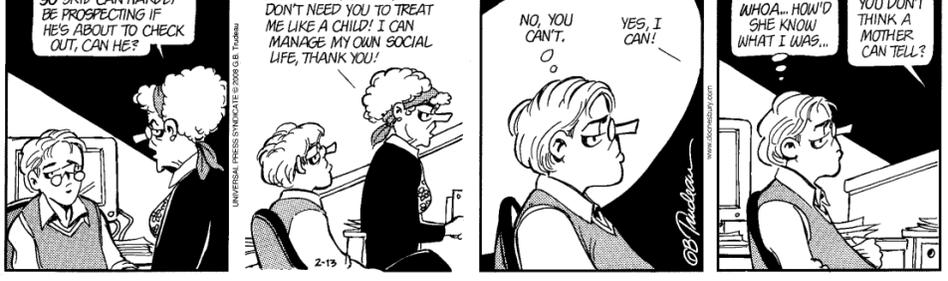
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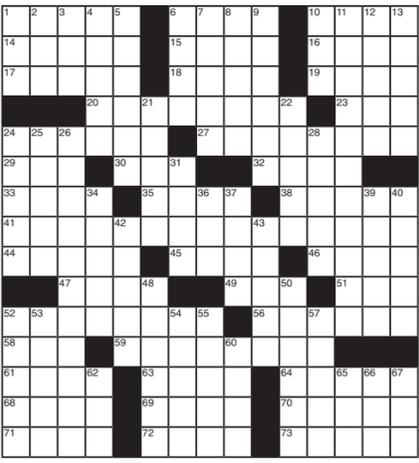
BY GARRY TRUDEAU



The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0102

- Across**
- 1 Rivera of the original "Chicago"
- 6 "Dragnet" force, in brief
- 10 Org. for which a D.V.M. might work
- 14 Southwestern shepherders
- 15 Mythical king of the Huns
- 16 Press
- 17 Unending pain
- 18 Ayatollah's land
- 19 N.Y. neighbor
- 20 With 59-Across, hint to this puzzle's secret
- 23 Grp. that conducts many tests
- 24 Honeycomb suite feature
- 27 Souvenir from a bad trip?
- 29 Le Figaro article
- 30 Epigram
- 32 See 65-Down
- 33 "Come here often?," e.g.
- 35 Chewy candy
- 38 River to the Rhine
- 41 What to do after completing this puzzle, with four straight lines
- 44 Children's author Blyden and others
- 45 Chief Whitehorse, e.g.
- 46 Subject of illicit trade
- 47 Japanese leader of the 1960s
- 49 "The Gift of the Magi"
- 51 Ample shoe width
- 52 Promoted
- 56 Gwen of the original "Chicago"
- 58 Berlin cry
- 59 See 20-Across
- 61 "Yikes!"
- 63 Like some hands
- 64 ___ Gay (W.W. II plane)
- 68 Some votes
- 69 Cain of "Lois & Clark"
- 70 China company
- 71 Secy.
- 72 Dry
- 73 Jim-dandy
- Down**
- 1 Half a dance with "on"
- 2 Keep all to oneself
- 3 New issue on Wall St.
- 4 Color faintly
- 5 Sanctuary
- 6 Dragon's (early video game)
- 7 Central courts
- 8 Alternative if things go wrong
- 9 Bread for burritos?
- 10 Order to attack, with "on"
- 11 Made a killing, say
- 12 Individually owned apartment
- 13 Former U.N. chief Kofi
- 21 Multiple-choice choices
- 22 Kind of approval
- 24 Actor Tom of "Amadeus"
- 25 Bialy flavor
- 26 Some court attire
- 28 Violinist Schneider, informally
- 43 Pope after John X
- 48 ___ Foods, Inc.
- 50 Instruments for drawing angles
- 52 Animals
- 53 Spanish skating figures
- 54 Cain vis-a-vis Abel
- 55 ___ Lama
- 57 Freshen
- 60 Be inclined
- 62 Post W.W. II pres.
- 65 With 32-Across, a ball game
- 66 Response to a joke in an I.M.
- 67 Rocker ___ Rose



Puzzle by Patrick Blindauer

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

A	B	B	A	D	R	I	V	E	L	O	A	N		
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