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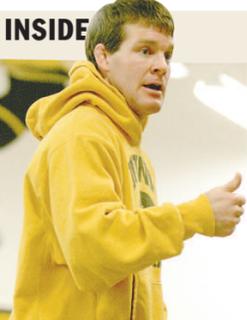
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## Flag at half-staff

All flags in the state will be flown at half staff today in honor of Army Spc. Chad Groepper, 21, of Kingsley, who died on Feb. 17 from wounds suffered in Iraq.



## 'Bubble' wrestlers aren't worried

With the NCAA meet fast approaching, Iowa's lesser-touted grapplers aren't buying into any talk of missing the tournament. **Sports, 1B**

## A contentious history

The Black Student Union holds a discussion on blackface after an incident last semester. **Campus, 4A**

## 2nd out of four ain't bad

UISG will adopt a different method of voting from that used last year. In the upcoming election, second choices will count. **Campus, 5A**

## Hawkeyes look for sweep

Todd Lickliter's team has a rare chance to sweep conference foe Penn State tonight. **Sports, 1B**

## Life is calling

Mary Ruefle hated her childhood, hates adulthood, but loves being alive — perfect material for the UI Visiting Professor's poetry. **Arts & Culture, 7A**



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## Today's webcast

- Highlights from Monday's UISG debate
- Women's basketball senior day
- Weather update

## WEATHER



Mostly sunny, windy, some wind chill early, maybe late, too, depending on Mother Nature's

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# Toe the line, OR BE TOWED



Beth Skogen/The Daily Iowan

Campus Towing employee Robert Bentley tows a car on Alder Court in Iowa City on Tuesday. The majority of recoveries for Campus Towing are jump-starts and removing cars from ditches and driveways.

An increase in snowfall this winter may be providing a tool for pinpointing street storage violators.

By Samantha Miller  
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI senior Liam Dale made a \$120 mistake this month when he parked his Mercury near College Green Park on Washington Street.

Numerous feet of snow buried his blue car in the days that followed. He received a ticket on Feb. 11 for street storage — an Iowa City ordinance that bans parking in the same spot for more than 48 hours — and on Feb. 13 he was towed for the offense. He didn't even realize his car was missing until Feb. 15.

"It was a huge pain," Dale

said. "Especially because I really needed the car when I went to get it."

This winter's inclement weather is proving to be a menace for downtown residents who leave their cars on non-metered streets for extended periods of time. The consistent snowfall has been an aid for red-flagging street-storage offenders, local officials say.

"Most of the time, [street storage] is very obvious when snow is plowed up and around it," Iowa City police Sgt. Kevin Heck said.

There has definitely been more downtown towing this winter than previous ones

because of the increase in snowfall and ice, he said.

"All the snow is making it easier for police officers to pinpoint street storage," he said.

Iowa City parking manager Chris O'Brien said that plowing has been more difficult this year because long-term parked cars on the streets are usually surrounded by ice and snow before they are finally moved.

"When we need to plow, it comes as a priority," he said. "Usually, the only time we will tow without notice is if it is a hazard."

SEE TOWING, 3A

## What do I do if my car has been towed?

### Tips for retrieving your car:

- Call the routine line 356-5275.
- Be prepared to give them your plate number and vehicle information. Officials will check the impounded-vehicle file and see if your vehicle has been impounded in Iowa City.
- Vehicles will be released to the registered owner or with the authorization of an on-duty watch commander.
- To obtain your vehicle, you will need to bring ID and exact cash to pay any unpaid parking tickets. The towing fee will include a minimum daily storage fee.

Source: icgov.org

### Let it tow

 Visit [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com) for an audio slide show of local towing scenes.

# Drug busters face funds cuts

Officials say significant funding cuts for Iowa's drug task forces will have many negative consequences.

By Olivia Moran  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Local drug dealers could soon be celebrating a \$115,000 drug-enforcement funding cut in Johnson County, said Iowa City Police Chief Sam Hargadine.

A federal bill passed in December 2007 imposed a 67 percent cut for drug task forces funded by the Byrne-Justice Assistance Grants, resulting in a 70 percent cut in the funds for Iowa, said Gary Kendell, the Iowa drug-policy coordinator.

Hargadine said the Johnson County Drug Task Force received \$153,360 this year, but the funding would drop to \$38,086 after the cuts. However, Hargadine said, he hopes it's not a done deal.

In a letter sent to Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, Hargadine wrote, "As in past years, I hope you continue to support the fight against illegal narcotics and dangerous drugs."

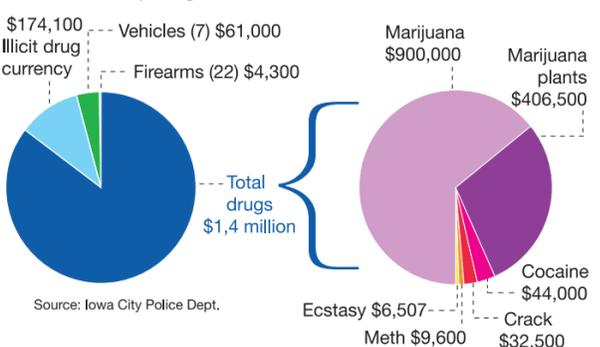
But Kendell said that as of now, the cuts are definite.

SEE DRUG BUSTS, 3A

## County drug seizures may go down

Iowa's drug-enforcement funding will be cut by \$115,000 as a result of a federal bill. The Johnson County drug team, which includes one Iowa City staff member, confiscated \$1.4 million worth of drugs last year.

### Johnson County Drug Task Force seizures, 2007



Nelle Dunlap/The Daily Iowan

# UISG loses on rent bill

By Kelsey Beltramea  
THE DAILY IOWAN

In a disappointing action for UI Student Government members Tuesday, the Iowa House Judiciary Committee drastically altered a bill that would have punished landlords who unjustly withhold rent deposits.

The changes now force the UISG-backed measure back to the Senate for approval, effectively killing it for yet another legislative session.

"This is incredibly disappointing," said Matt Pfaltzgraf, the UISG government-relations liaison.

He said he had hoped that students' two years of research and lobbying would result in a law that protected tenants, but the Judiciary Committee's amended the bill in a way that would make the current situation worse.

A version of the measure had passed the Senate in March 2007 that would have made landlords liable for compensation up to 1½ times the total deposit amount, plus the amount overbilled. This bill stalled in the House, though, and never made it to a vote.

SEE RENT, 3A

## Landlord-Tenant Bill

### Original version

- Applied to any landlord who "wrongfully" retained a deposit, or any portion of a deposit
- The tenant's compensation could equal up to 1½ times the amount of the rental deposit, in addition to the amount overbilled
- The landlord who "wrongfully" retained the deposit was subjected to punitive damages up to 1½ times the amount of the rental deposit

### House-modified version

- Applied to any landlord who retained a deposit or any portion of a deposit in "bad faith"
- The compensation could equal up to 1½ times the amount overbilled

# Peace Corps turns 47

By Megan Stephenson  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Eating brownies, sipping on drinks, and milling about the 25 or so people in attendance, past and present Peace Corps volunteers came together Tuesday night to discuss their experiences from and apprehensions about what was often described as the most fulfilling experience of their lives.

The U.S. Peace Corps is celebrating its 47th anniversary this week with dinner parties and a booth at this week's job fair at the UI, in addition to honoring past and present volunteers. The volunteers were toasted Tuesday at the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St.

Becky Bowman, the UI Peace Corps representative, said this once-a-year festivity is the organization's largest event. Bowman, a third-year law student and a veteran Peace Corps volunteer, taught English in Turkmenistan from 2003 to 2005.

SEE PEACE CORPS, 3A

# 'Soul food' for Fas Trac



Ariana McLaughlin/The Daily Iowan

During a fundraiser Tuesday night, the City High Stepping Club performs in front of friends and family. The fundraiser was held to benefit Fas Trac, a program to motivate black students to go to colleges.

By Briana Byrd  
THE DAILY IOWAN

The smell of fried chicken, the sound of children's laughter, and the sight of camera flashes filled the City High cafeteria Tuesday as the students put on their annual "soul-food" dinner. For the last six years, City High, 1900 Morningside Drive, has served a free "soul-food" meal for Black History Month, but this year, it is also being used as a fundraiser for Fas Trac, a program to motivate black students to attend educational institutions after high school. "Fas Trac has helped me a lot," freshman Deidra Williams said. "Tutors came to help us maintain a 2.5 GPA, and we also do fun activities to help us get away from the troubles in Iowa City. It's helping us stay off

the streets and get into colleges." The funds raised at the dinner will go toward visits to historically black colleges and universities and other activities sponsored by the group. "To change their thinking about education, the best way is to have them around African-American students like themselves who have struggled but taken control of their future," Fas Trac coordinator Henri Harper said. Some of the historically black colleges and universities they are planning to visit include Spelman College and Morehouse College, both in Atlanta, as well as some schools in Tennessee and Florida, Harper said. Foods including fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, corn bread, and baked beans were

served along with performances by the "Queen Steppers" from City High and children from a Salvation Army character-building program. "Hopefully, they'll get to take a little glimpse of their culture," said Deshawn Johnson, a social worker at the Salvation Army. "We all need to know a little bit about our heritage and traditions." The steppers, who stomped and clapped to reaffirming phrases, pumped up the crowd of dinner guests. "We're in charge, and that's no lie. We're steppin' to free our mind, open hearts, and change lives. Love, peace, and harmony get on up and step with me," they sang. Taylor Honore, a stepper and City High freshman, said that by joining Fas Trac, she was breaking stereotypes.

## City High's soul-food menu

The City High's annual Black History Month soul food dinner will provide funds for Fas Trac, a group for college-bound black students. Some of the foods served at the event included:

- Fried chicken
- Macaroni and cheese
- Corn bread
- Baked beans
- Stuffing
- Rice
- Spaghetti
- Brownies

"The group give off the image of, 'Just because I'm black doesn't mean I'm stupid,'" Honore said. "Joining Fas Trac has changed the way people look at me."

The program has also made positive impressions among students not involved with the program.

"I think the Fas Trac program is good because it teaches freshmen and sophomores how to handle difficult situations and lets them know that no matter what ethnic background you come from or your family history, you can accomplish your goals," said Johnny Patterson, a City High senior who plans to attend the UI next year.

Some of approximately 100 attendees came for a variety of reasons, including the food and the community offered at the event.

"I came because this is soul food and something cultural I want to be a part of," said Iowa City resident LaVerne Tutson. "I just enjoy being around African-American people, and it's rare that we get to have the chance to come together in a positive environment to celebrate unity."

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1. Tate comes alive, earns Big Ten award
2. UI alum wins Oscar 8 years after graduation
3. Letters to the Editor
4. Slates ponder alcohol, safety
5. Waiting for the word

## POLICE BLOTTER

**Dustin Dirksen**, 27, 405 Thornbury Ave., was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.  
**Timothy Hodges**, 33, 2239 Hickory Court, was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.  
**Katherine Menning**, 22, 141 Woodside Drive Apt. C4, was charged Tuesday with OWI.  
**Patricio Perez**, 34, West Liberty, was charged Monday with fifth-degree theft.  
**Jordan Wallace**, 18, address unknown, was charged Jan. 22 with simple assault.

# Board OKs maintenance funds

The Iowa City School Board reviews its quarterly report.

By Kelli Shaffner  
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa City School Board approved the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy appropriations proposal that would fund various maintenance programs on Tuesday night. But a \$100,000 recommendation for cameras at City High is a "best-guess round number" said Superintendent Lane Plugge. "We don't necessarily have a specific plan in mind yet or what the components of that plan are" for the cameras he said. "But we recognize we need to have some monies available

to advance and complete whatever recommendations come forward." Board member Paul Bobek presented the quarterly financial report to the board, which showed \$102 million in the general fund, mostly coming from property taxes. The Dec. 31 fund balance had a \$3.4 million deficit, up from the previous year's deficit of \$2.4 million, according to the report. "Yet, when we put the budget together, we assume we spend all of our spending authority, which we know is historically not the case," Bobek said. "We try budget our revenues conservatively."

He attributed that disconnect to two transactions; a slated \$1.4 million purchase of school busses will be handled by another part of the budget and a transfer from the health insurance fund to the general fund. These two will bring the deficit down to \$1.4 million, he said. "It would be about \$900,000 better than we were this time last year," Bobek said. He also focused on a new capital project fund — created to dole out some of the school-improvement local-option tax revenues. "We're looking at receiving upwards of \$14.5 million, with

budgeted expenditures of \$8.7 million," he said. These funds will pay for such projects as a family resource center, improving technology, renovating Southeast Junior High's gymnasium, and a \$3 million provision to start a new elementary school. The district's transportation and tuition fund also gained a significant increase from last year. "Twofold," Bobek said. "In addition, we are utilizing more buses — our summer schools [used more bus] transportation — and we do have some increases of tuition." E-mail *DI* reporter Kelli Shaffner at: kelli-shaffner@uiowa.edu

## METRO

### Man pleads not guilty in burglary/sex abuse/kidnapping

A man charged with first-degree sexual abuse, first-degree burglary, and first-degree kidnapping pleaded not guilty Tuesday, according to online court records. Micah Matthews, 32, is accused of breaking into a 50-year-old woman's residence on June 5, 2007, and sexually abusing her. Matthews allegedly threatened the woman with a handgun and forced her to drive to a local bank to withdraw money, Iowa City police said. When they returned to the woman's residence, she attempted to flee and led Matthews on a short chase. The woman said he then struck her with his gun and sexually abused her when she fell, according to police complaints. Police said the woman suffered from three fractured bones on her face. Matthews was arrested on July 31, 2007, for an unrelated burglary, reports said. While he was in custody, officials said, they matched his fingerprints to the other incident. First-degree burglary, a Class B felony, is punishable by up to 25 years in prison. First-degree kidnapping and first-degree sexual abuse are Class A felonies. A Class A felony carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison. A court date has not been set. — by Olivia Moran

### Gasby's robbed again

One week after it was robbed, Gasby's was held up by a masked man again Tuesday. Iowa City police responded to Gasby's, 2303 Muscatine Ave., at 1:05 a.m. Tuesday. The store employee told officers that a man entered the store, displayed a handgun, and took numerous items, including an undetermined amount of cash. He then fled on foot south on First Avenue. The employee described the man as black, taller than 6 feet, with a slender build. He was last seen wearing black clothes, gloves, and a mask with blonde hair. Police reported there were no injuries, and the robbery is still under investigation. Gasby's was robbed Feb. 19 when a man wearing a Michael Myers mask demanded cash from the store employee. Anyone with information on the reported robbery should contact the police department. Iowa City Crime Stoppers is also offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of the robber. — by Kurtis Hiatt

### 2 charged with third OWIs

Melvin Steffens, 26, 2913 Wayne Ave., are charged with third-offense OWIs. According to reports, Tucker was involved in a crash Tuesday but left the scene, went home, and "went straight to bed, nothing in between" according to reports. Though Tucker did well on field-sobriety tests, he recorded a .143 blood-alcohol concentration on a preliminary breath test. He registered a .151 blood-alcohol concentration on a subsequent breath test. Iowa City police pulled over Steffens in an Oldsmobile Cutless on Monday because he didn't have a brake light or front license plate. He refused all field-sobriety tests and breath tests. Steffens told police he had two drinks prior to driving, according to reports. Steffens was also charged with driving while barred, habitual offender. Police said Tucker and Steffens both smelled of alcohol and had bloodshot eyes. Third-offense OWI is a Class D felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$9,375. Driving while barred, habitual offender, is an aggravated misdemeanor, which is generally punishable by up to two years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000. — by Kurtis Hiatt

### 2 charged with third OWIs

undercover agent, Iowa City police recently reported. Christopher Montgomery, 25, address unknown, is charged with a controlled-substance violation, a felony. According to reports, the Johnson County Multiagency Drug Task Force and the Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement bought 1.7 grams of cocaine for \$100 on April 12, 2007, using a confidential informant and undercover agent. The pair allegedly met with Montgomery and co-defendant Romara Diaz and purchased the crack cocaine in North Liberty. Officials from the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation said the drug showed the presence of cocaine, weighing 1.47 grams without packaging. Montgomery has been convicted on two charges of possession of a controlled substance in October 2006 and August 2005. Montgomery's controlled-substance violation is a Class C felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$50,000. — by Kurtis Hiatt

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# A winter tow fest

**TOWING**  
CONTINUED FROM 1A

He acknowledged that it's hard to consistently find free parking downtown — which, he said, is a source of the plowing problem. Downtown residents don't have many places to store their vehicles, so when they park on the streets, then ice and snow accumulates on and around their cars, he said.

The city has made parking garages free on a few occasions

in an effort to get those violating the street-storage ordinance off the streets when plowers need to remove snow, O'Brien said.

Andrew Gilpin, who tows for Canterbury BP Amoco Service, said there has been at least a 50 percent increase in towing this winter — some of which he attributes to people parking their cars on streets such as Iowa Avenue and not moving them.

Plows have set routes; when cars aren't moved, the routes still have to be completed, he

said — adding that after a few passes by plows, a lot of snow will have accumulated around the cars.

Gilpin said that while he understands why some Iowa City residents violate the street-storage ordinance, it is ultimately not a chance worth taking.

"Do you really want to pay 80 bucks just to not risk your neighbor taking your spot?" he said.

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# Rent bill hung up

A measure docking landlords for unfairly keeping rent deposits gets hung up for a second time in the Legislature.

**RENT**  
CONTINUED FROM 1A

Back on the docket this session, UISG lobbyists pushed members of the House Judiciary Committee to adopt the bill in its original 2007 form and move it to the floor.

On Tuesday, they balked. The committee altered some of the wording and changed the amount of compensation tenants could seek.

"I guess this is just kind of a difference between having professional lobbyists, as the landlords did, and amateurs lobbyists, as we did at the university," Pfaltzgraf said. He noted that UISG encountered opposition from lobbyists of the

Iowa Landlord Association and the Iowa Bar Association, who represent the landlords.

In an eleventh-hour effort, Pfaltzgraf and others on UISG had attempted to reach the committee on Monday by holding a pseudo phone bank — calling some and sending mass e-mails to all state representatives.

Responses were promising, said Bennett Noonan, the UISG government-relations committee chairman — he didn't understand why the bill didn't go through unscathed.

"I'm just disappointed that we have representatives in the state that aren't willing to level the playing field for tenants," he said. "It's completely disheartening that this is going to take even longer to push through."

Pfaltzgraf said students will have to develop a plan to reinvigorate the issue next year, but he emphasized the progress they made without a precedent of other student governments that have drafted their own pieces of legislation and shepherded them to becoming law.

Now, UISG members say they are focusing on Thursday, designated "Student Day" at the State Capitol, when student representatives will discuss financial-aid initiatives.

The tenant-deposit issue, however, "is not dead by any stretch," Pfaltzgraf said. "It is still something we will continue to fight for."

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'After college, I got married, had a family. Now, the timing is right. I feel like I'm in my 20s.'  
— Rita Gervais, U.S. Peace Corps applicant



Steve Lexa/The Daily Iowan

Former Peace Corps volunteers describe their experiences to new applicants and new sendoffs in the Iowa City Public Library on Tuesday evening. Approximately 30 people attended the Sendoff Celebration, with many seeking information for possible volunteer work with the organization.

# PEACE CORPS LIVES ON

**PEACE CORPS**  
CONTINUED FROM 1A

"It's not for everyone," she said. "It's pretty challenging but also pretty amazing."

The UI usually sends around 20 students to the Peace Corps every year, and seven hopefuls were in attendance last night. A few were still in the application process, three had been nominated, and one had been invited to ship out in June.

John Tyler, a UI senior graduating in May with a bachelor's degree in international studies, got the word that the group had invited him to Mauritania not long after school ends. He said his desire to get into international service drove him to the Peace Corps, but he was still deciding whether to say yes.

"I'm expecting two years of frustration and difficulty but [to be] a little more sure of what I'm capable of," he said, adding it is unlikely he would say no.

Tyler said applying was a long process. He first applied, with a few essays, several references, and "what felt like my

## Peace Corps Quick Facts

**Established:** March 1, 1961  
**Number of volunteers to date:** 190,000  
**Number of countries served:** 139  
**Current number of volunteers:** 8,079  
**Current number of countries:** 68 posts in 74 countries  
**Gender:** 59 percent female, 41 percent male  
**Marital status:** 93 percent single, 7 percent married  
**Average age:** 27  
**Volunteers over age 50:** 5 percent  
**Oldest volunteer:** 80 years old  
Source: www.peacecorps.gov

entire life history" in August 2007. He then waited patiently for a nomination and interview with Bowman. When nominated, he completed his medical and dental clearance as the final step.

A few stages behind Tyler, Rita Gervais is a nontraditional applicant. She said now that

she's middle-age, her circumstances are better than when she was younger.

"After college, I got married, had a family," she said. "Now, the timing is right. I feel like I'm in my 20s."

The Peace Corps has sent American volunteers on two-year assignments for education, business, agriculture, and environment, health, and community development in less-developed countries since 1961.

Past volunteer Leah Clark advised the potential volunteers to not wall themselves off from a foreign community.

"The more you're integrated, the safer you'll be," she said. Clark worked on tourism service in Bolivia from 2002 to 2004. She had been thinking about joining the Peace Corps as a way to travel abroad with not much money, when she met a past volunteer on a flight layover in New York City who told her to "just do it."

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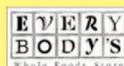
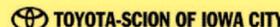
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## CORALVILLE CITY COUNCIL

# C'ville to see better water

### Coralville council discusses projects to improve water quality, city streets, and transportation.

By Ben Travers  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Coralville residents may not notice a dramatic change in the appearance or taste of their water this summer, but water quality is expected to improve after the City Council passed a resolution to install a new detention tank in a meeting Tuesday night.

The Coralville City Council unanimously approved plans, specifications, and the cost estimate for a second water detention tank to be installed at the city's water-treatment plant.

City engineer Dan Holderness said the project would also include repairing the existing 40-year-old tank.

The two tanks are designed to hold water and help impurities dissipate over time, he said. Bids for the project will be heard on March 4, with an estimated cost of \$330,000. Construction is expected to start at the end of March and be completed by early summer, Holderness said.

The City Council also decided to move forward with enhancements for the 12th Avenue and Forevergreen Road roundabout, located near North Central Junior High.

Holderness said the enhancements include planting numerous evergreen trees around the edges of the roundabout and limestone boulders in the center.

Construction is expected to begin in April and be finished before the new school year starts in August, Holderness added. The project is expected to cost \$315,000.

In other business, Councilor Tom Gill thanked Councilors Mitch Gross, Henry Herwig, and John Lundell for overseeing the City Council meeting two weeks ago while he and Mayor Jim Faussett were in Washington, D.C., discussing local issues with Iowa Rep. Dave Loebsack and Sens. Charles Grassley and Tom Harkin.

Gill said the much-discussed Coralville intermodal facility was brought up during the trip, and the response was positive.

"It's looking favorable that federal money will come for the intermodal facility," he said, noting that the complex was still in the conceptual stage.

Coralville City Administrator Kelly Hayworth said the facility would cost approximately \$1.7 million. Officials are starting to look for possible locations and designs, he said.

The intermodal facility would bring a short-line rail system to the community as well as a location for buses to dock between trips to Coralville, Iowa City, and Cedar Rapids.

There is no expected start or completion date for the facility, Gill said.

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# Facing up to blackface

### Following a slew of campus controversies over blackface costumes, the UI Black Student Union hashes out the issue with an academic panel.

By Zhi Xiong  
THE DAILY IOWAN

It happened at Yale University. The University of Mississippi. The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. A smattering of white students painting their faces black has touched nerves on campuses across the nation.

Two months after the UI Black Student Union boycotted Brothers Bar & Grill, 125 S. Dubuque St., for posting online photos of patrons in blackface, union members hosted an academic panel Tuesday night to discuss blackface's complicated legacy.

It is still a charged issue because blackface was and continues to be tangled in politics and social dynamics, said guest speaker Vershawn Ashanti Young, a UI assistant professor of rhetoric and African-American studies.

And he doesn't believe that students who dress in blackface are simply unaware of its history.

"I personally don't buy it," Young said. "It's not intellectual ignorance — rather, it is emotional ignorance."

For more than a century, entertainers — both black and white — smeared their faces with shoe polish or burnt cork to depict exaggerated sketches of black characters. One such caricature became synonymous with "Jim Crow laws" in the South.

Young illustrated the point with a video. It showed picture after picture of happy, foolish "Sambos" and shrill, voluminous "Mammies," images that were once splashed across stages, commercial products, and children's books.

The forum aimed to explore whether components of blackface and minstrelsy carried



Steve Lexa/The Daily Iowan

Vershawn Ashanti Young speaks to a group of students Tuesday evening about blackface, its historical background, and its modern significance. The Black Student Union held the public forum in the IMU to promote awareness of what blackface is and the effect it has on black society.

over to today's hip-hop culture. While different images of blacks were once manipulated to incite either peace of mind or fear in the public, one wonders why students are donning blackface today, Young said.

"What kinds of rhetorical function does it serve now?" he asked. "Maybe it's saying racism does not exist."

But we're not a post-racial society, said Tomorris Jocelyn, the president of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

The conversation soon turned to bars' dress codes, which many of roughly two dozen in attendance said discriminate against young black males. Several people shared anecdotes of being turned away from popular establishments

even when wearing similar attire as their white counterparts.

The roughly two dozen audience members did not include anyone from Brothers, though the Black Student Union hand-delivered an invitation to the bar, said Courtney Parker, a UI senior and the recruitment chairwoman for the Black Student Union.

"This wasn't to wag our fingers at Brothers," she said. "But it's in its interest, considering it was quite defensive."

With UISG vice-presidential contender Harrison Wheeler in the audience, Jocelyn suggested the student government candidates include ethnicity and dress-code issues in their campaigns to raise awareness.

## What happened at Brothers Bar & Grill

- The bar posted online photos of patrons in blackface and dressed in jerseys and a pimp outfit.
- The Black Student Union asked the bar to remove the photos and publicly apologize.
- Members of the group planned to boycott Brothers.
- The bar removed the photos but did not issue an apology.

"It can happen if people get behind them and make a conscious decision," he said.

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## STATE

### Iowa GOP names new executive director

DES MOINES (AP) — The Republican Party of Iowa has a new executive director who pledges to push a struggling GOP to success in the November elections.

Caleb Hunter, a former state party political director, was named to the post on Tuesday and will oversee day-to-day operations.

Hunter, a 2001 UI graduate, said a major focus will be highlighting Republicans' fiscal discipline and expose Democrats' excessive spending.

"The Democrats in Iowa, I think, have opened an opportunity to exploit some issues where they didn't campaign the way they are governing," he told the Associated Press shortly after the announcement. "They've given us an opportunity both here in Iowa and nationally as well."

Hunter, 28, could have a challenge ahead as party leaders have admitted that the GOP may have lost seats in Iowa in the 2006 elections because of what some saw as excessive spending under a

Republican administration in Washington. Democrats took both chambers of the Legislature in that election and held the governor's office, the first time they have had such control in 42 years. Democrats also picked up two congressional seats and now hold three of Iowa's five districts.

Asked about criticisms that Republicans haven't been able to put forward candidates to present serious challenges in some contests, Hunter said the GOP will work hard where it can to capture control.

"We intend to compete in every race that is contested in Iowa and compete as vigorously as we can," he said. "That's going to be my goal here — all the way from the presidential contest down to each legislative race."

Party Chairman Stewart Iverson, who was elected last month and quickly began making leadership changes, said Hunter brings political experience and a knowledge of the Iowa GOP to his new post.

"I think he's a good fit for the job and will do an excellent job for us," said Iverson.

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# UISG to use runoff

## UISG election system switch

**Instant runoff voting**

- Students rank their choices of UISG candidates March 3-4.
- If no candidate garners an outright majority after the votes are tallied, the candidate with the fewest number of votes will be knocked out.
- Those who voted for the eliminated candidate will have their second choices distributed to the remaining candidates.
- Process continues until someone has more than 50 percent of the vote.

By Clara Hogan  
THE DAILY IOWAN

In the past week, UI Student Government candidates have participated in a televised debate, handed out T-shirts, and mingled on campus, all in hopes of being a student's first-choice candidate.

But if that doesn't work, they'll be content as their second choices.

This year, UISG has switched to an instant runoff election, in which the winning candidate will need to get more than 50 percent to win, not merely the highest number of the votes, said Addison Den Hartog, the director of the Student Elections Board.

Students will decide among four slates — Alan Cosby's Dream Team, Maison Bleam's VIP Party, Vernon Jackson's Student Power Party, and Atul Nakhasi's Naked Party — March 3-4.

Instead of just picking their favorite candidate, students will rank their choices.

If no candidate garners an outright majority after the votes are tallied, the candidate with the fewest number of votes will be knocked out. Those who voted for the eliminated candidate will have their second choices distributed to the remaining candidates. This process is continued until someone has more than 50 percent of the vote.

UISG originally had this system implemented for the 2006 election but switched last year. Current UISG President Barrett Anderson ended up winning with 36.5 percent of the vote, only 1.6 points above the second-place candidate.

Many say the new system will encourage more students to vote.

"It's a more fair way of doing things," Bleam said. "Every student's vote then counts. Even if they don't get their first choice, their second vote will matter."

Nakhasi agreed, saying it will get as many students into the voting process as possible.

Instant runoff "elects the person who was ranked highly by all voters," he said. "It makes sense."

Cosby also liked the choice to switch back and noted it changes some dynamics in candidate's campaigns.

"It forces everyone to be positive, because no one wants to be hated by groups of people or last choice," he said. "You want to be well-rounded and reach as many people as you can."

But Jackson doesn't like the switch, saying his campaign won't benefit from it, estimating he will receive many first-choice votes but few seconds and thirds.

Elections held all over the world use instant runoff voting, said Jae-Jae Spoon, a UI assistant professor of political science. For instance, London, Australia, and San Francisco use the system.

The method may seem familiar to Iowans, because it reflects the ideals of a caucus, she said.

"Though it may be more confusing, just as caucuses usually are, it better represents the people in the end," Spoon said.

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# Sternberg balances diversity, excellence

UI provost candidate describes ways to recruit diverse students to universities.

By Ashton Shurson  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Holding a coin up to the audience, UI provost finalist Robert Sternberg tried to show how to make sure academic excellence and diversity aren't separated.

He said some people see it as two separate points, while others think the two conflict with each other, but he believes both academic excellence and diversity should work together.

"They are two sides of the same coin, and you can't have one without the other," he said.

Sternberg, the dean of liberal arts and science at Tufts University, in Boston, appeared before a crowd Tuesday during the second part of his interview — a public symposium on "the primary challenges facing research universities today."

He first spoke on ways to recruit diverse students. There are proactive approaches to getting people interested in coming to the UI, he said, followed by making sure they apply to the school.

"Next, how do you get them selected?" Sternberg asked. "Broaden your concept of what it means to be an academically excellent student."

He suggested helping these students learn to think creatively and increasing fundraising for financial aid. Once at the UI, provide transitioning students from rural and dense urban communities with mentoring programs, he said.

In addition, he noted, students enter the university with very diverse learning needs and skills that should be evaluated

beyond students' GPAs. Sternberg used his experience in an introductory psychology course as an example. He received a C in the class but later became the president of the American Psychology Association.

He also stressed recruiting diverse faculty.

He likes to look for people who have had an effect on the world or country, he said. Once they arrive at the university, he said, the school should ensure they are kept through proper salaries and intramural funding for research.

One audience member asked him about faculty development and teaching diverse students in a question-and-answer session after the speech. Faculty members should realize that

## Robert J. Sternberg

**A quick look at the UI provost candidate**

- Current position: dean of arts and sciences at Tufts University
- Education: B.A., Yale University; Ph.D., Stanford University; honorary doctorates from five different universities
- Research interests: intelligence, creativity and wisdom, relationship studies
- Publication and grants: has written more than 1,000 journal articles, has received more than \$18 million in grants and contracts
- Also: president of the American Psychological Association (2003), member of the Board of Directors of the American Psychological Association (2002-2004), member of the Board of Trustees of the American Psychological Foundation (2005-2009), and Eastern Psychological Association (2005-2007).

Source: Tufts University website

students come from diverse backgrounds and learning experiences and teach accordingly, Sternberg said.

UI Staff Council President Kathy Klein said that she appre-

ciated Sternberg's recognition of staff at the university level.

"His message was a good one that will fit well at Iowa," she said. E-mail [reporter@ashton-shurson@uiowa.edu](mailto:reporter@ashton-shurson@uiowa.edu)

# Some see 'stagflation' approaching

Worries grow for evils of 'stagflation' — stagnant economy, lost jobs, surging inflation.

By Jeannine Aversa  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — It's worrisome math: Slowing economic growth plus soaring prices could eventually equal "stagflation."

That's a toxic economic brew the nation hasn't tasted in three decades.

Already, paychecks aren't stretching as far, and jobs are harder to find, threatening to set off a vicious cycle that could make things even worse.

The economy nearly stalled in the final three months of last year, and it probably is barely growing or even shrinking now. That's the "stagnation" part of the ailment. Typically, that slowdown should slow inflation as well — the second part of the diagnosis — but prices are still marching higher.

The latest worrisome news came Tuesday: a government report showing wholesale prices climbed 7.4 percent in the past year. That was the biggest annual leap since 1981.

"We're in a slowdown," Press Secretary Dana Perino said at the White House, where the economics talk was still upbeat until recently.

Once the twin evils of stagflation take hold, it can be hard to break the grip. People cut back on their spending as they are stung by rising prices and shriveling wages. Businesses, also socked by rising costs and declining demand from customers, clamp down on their



Paul Sakuma/Associated Press

**A grocery checker bags groceries for a shopper at J.J. & F. Market in Palo Alto, Calif., on Tuesday. Consumer confidence plunged in February, as Americans worried about less-favorable business conditions and job prospects, a business-backed research group said on Tuesday.**

hiring and capital investment.

That would be a nightmare scenario for Wall Street investors, businesses, politicians, and almost everyone else. They're already looking to the Federal Reserve for help, but the Fed's job is complicated by the situation.

The mission of Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues is to nurture economic growth and keep inflation under control. To

brace the teetering economy, the Fed since September has been ratcheting down its key interest rate. Another cut is expected in March. However, to combat inflation, the Fed would be expected to boost rates instead.

"The Fed has its hands full. It is preoccupied with the economic slowdown at the front door, but inflation looks to be sneaking in the back door," said Greg McBride, a senior financial ana-

lyst at Bankrate.com. "If that trend continues, the Fed would need to show the economy some tough love, meaning higher interest rates to keep inflation from getting out of hand."

On the other hand, Brian Bethune, an economist at Global Insight, said Bernanke can fight only one war at a time, and the more pressing issue right now is to shore up the ailing economy. "That's the war that

needs to be fought. The war on inflation will have to come another day," Bethune said.

Maybe things won't be so bad. Stock prices rose for the day, continuing a recent mini-rally. The Dow Jones industrials closed up 114.70 points. And Federal Reserve vice chairman Donald Kohn said in a speech that he doesn't expect the recent elevated inflation readings to persist.

"But the recent information on prices underlines the need to continue to monitor the inflation situation very carefully," he added.

**Some numbers underscore the concerns:**

- Prices paid by consumers were up 4.1 percent last year, the biggest increase in 17 years. Those higher prices — especially for heating homes and filling up gas tanks — are taking an ever-bigger bite out of paychecks. Workers' weekly earnings are down 1.4 percent from January a year ago when adjusted for inflation.
- Oil prices galloped past \$100 a barrel to close at a record \$100.88 on Tuesday. Those lofty energy prices are a double-edged sword: They can spread inflation through the economy by boosting the prices of lots of other goods and services, and they can leave people with less money to spend on other things, thus slowing overall economic activity. There are signs high energy prices are causing some damage on both of those fronts.

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## Editorial

# Don't blame bars for the misdeeds of the drunk

Dram shop is a strange term, referring to a serious subject. Its name is, however, about as outdated as the laws it refers to.

Dram-shop laws are aimed at placing the blame of any actions by intoxicated persons on the establishments that served them. A dram is a fraction of an ounce, and it was once a serving measure for alcohol. Along with this relatively ancient measure of law — blaming bars for the actions of their patrons.

These laws focus on an individual being intoxicated. The Iowa Code reads: "A person shall not sell, dispense, or give to an intoxicated person, or one simulating intoxication, any alcoholic liquor, or beer." There might be a measure — .08 blood alcohol content — when operating a motor vehicle, but Iowa legal code does not define "intoxicated."

Nevertheless, most know it when they see it, especially if they live in Iowa City. There are a lot of factors that contribute to the iced Mardi Gras atmosphere downtown every weekend, and minimally regulated bars are one of them. That said, they are not inherently to blame for drunken crime.

Parallels exist between suing a bar over a drunkard's misdeeds and suing McDonald's because a fat man had a heart attack, but a quarter-pounder with cheese never directly killed anyone. Extending similar logic would hold the liquor distiller responsible, the bottler, the distributor, and on and on. Dram shop places the final peg on bars, holding them ultimately responsible as the last bastion of control. Bar servers, apparently, all double as psychologists and moral compasses.

The problem with this belief is that it's wrong. Bars do not have the final say in the matter. Individuals are responsible for their dress, their bills, their behavior. They keep appointments, attend classes or jobs, and make all decisions in their personal lives. How is it that, upon entrance to a bar, all of this is thrown out with the empty bottles? A patron may down half a bottle of crowls at home, find her or his way to the Saloon, muscle through the crowds to grab one drink, then go out into the world and cause harm. But because of that one Bud Light, he or she cannot be held totally responsible for her or his actions?

Barkeeps, bouncers, and the like are not baby-sitters. Their W2s are issued by the Piano Lounge, Summit, and the Mill, not Kinder Care and the Romper Room. They work in loud, dark, crowded, frantic environments not conducive to deep judgments of character or analysis of intent. Their controlled domain is a small building, not the streets, and although they need to exercise caution in performing their duties, they serve drinks, not disposition. Mojitos do not come with a chaser of moral character.

Dram-shop laws are outdated and vague, despite any good intentions they may have been created with. Debate on their effect is irrelevant; what matters is personal responsibility. Oddly enough, people change a lot easier than laws. Iowa City drinkers could employ a bit more tact, and a bit less of the *Iowa House* mentality that befouls the Ped Mall every weekend. The law cannot excuse stupidity and poor judgment, no matter which tap they issue from.

# Ouch

(I try not to inflict soccer columns on *DI* readers *too* often, but I'm occasionally *too* often, to help myself. Plus, this isn't just about soccer.)

Two days before Arsenal striker Eduardo da Silva's 25th birthday, a stupid, senseless fracas from Birmingham City defender Martin Taylor shattered his lower leg, which could have ended his young career. I've pointed out before that it's difficult to find places to watch my favorite team's games, but this is the first time I've ever been happy about that. I've seen pictures and clips on the Internet, though. It's really a hideous thing to watch, arguably worse than Joe Theismann's infamous injury. Eduardo's in obvious agony. His teammates are visibly shaken, calling frantically for assistance from the sidelines. (In fairness, Taylor's manager reported afterward that the big man was "shattered" to have caused such an injury. Experts said he could have lost his foot.)



**JON GOLD**

The one selfish little piece of joy I can take away from Eduardo's horrifying injury is that they keep describing him as young. I'm only a few months older than he is, so it's nice to remember when I could comfortably delude myself into thinking that I was a rising star or a young talent, rather than uncomfortably wondering why I haven't yet written my first novel or Oscar-winning screenplay. (Props to Diablo Cody: Though I can't help thinking of some kind of infernal cowboy when I hear your name, that was a good win for *Junio*.)

The arc of a life is a curious thing. Some people are prone to great peaks and troughs, like the tides. Mozart was perhaps the most gifted composer in history, but he died relatively young. Some muddle along at about the same level of happiness and success throughout their lives. Still others start slowly and blossom, like Nick Hornby, whose first novel, *Fever Pitch*, didn't come out until he was well past 30. (Yes, I've read *Fever Pitch* many times. Why do you ask?) I'll probably be remembering that one on my 30th, too.

I spent my own 25th birthday in a boring sort of vaguely depressive wallow. I drank, I'm sure; but nothing too notable happened. I probably spent a significant portion of the time asking myself silly little questions about my future. Would I stick with journalism as a career? Did I really have the talent to write professionally? (I suspect that getting drunk and being morbid about these things is one of the reasons that I haven't, in fact, done much in that line yet.)

Eduardo spent his 25th in a hospital, crammed full of painkillers and, most likely, asking himself much less silly questions about his future. *Will I ever score another goal? Is the team going to be all right?* *What if I can't play football anymore?* I cannot imagine a more terrifying thought for a young professional athlete. Some will think, "Oh, well; he's a professional athlete, he's got plenty of money, etc., etc." And some of that is true. He's not going to starve or anything. But people who try to brush this off, whether by dismissing its severity or by focusing on side issues, should ask themselves how they would feel if everything they'd worked for most of their life was teetering on the edge of oblivion.

Professional athletes play the game all their lives. They start as kids, discover that they're far and away more talented than the other kids that they play with, and they simply keep playing until, for whatever reason, they can't anymore.

The news of the past few days is good. It wasn't a double compound fracture, as was initially believed, but a fractured fibula and an open dislocation (!) of the ankle. Still gross, and he'll still miss out on playing for his adopted country of Croatia (he is a native of Brazil) in this year's European Championship, but he'll be back playing for Arsenal before the year is over.

There are bigger tragedies out there. But I thank my lucky stars that, on my 25th birthday, the biggest things I had to worry about were the annoyances of taking classes and finding a newspaper job.

I know this is somewhat obscene to many *DI* readers, but I'll refrain (this time) from trying to promote soccer itself. I'll just ask you, when you head out this weekend, to raise a glass to a tough young Crozilian called Eduardo da Silva.

Here's to you, Eduardo. Get well soon. ■

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## Nite Ride is UI police brainchild

Please allow me to apologize to *The Daily Iowan* and the UI police for providing incorrect information about the development and funding of the Nite Ride program ("Go West, Nite Ride," Feb. 26).

The correct information is that the UI police conceived, developed, staffed, and completely funded the Nite Ride program as it currently exists. The UI Student Government has been supportive of the program from the outset and has now approved funding for a second academic-route van that

will provide rides for women from university buildings to their residences within a certain area that has yet to be finalized. We hope to begin using the second van before the end of March.

By conceiving of Nite Ride and actually getting the vans on the street, the UI police have once again provided evidence of their commitment to concept of community policing. Chuck Green, the assistant vice president for the UI police, and his staff deserve credit for that.

**Steve Parrott**  
UI staff

The author is the UI's director of University Relations.

## DI blog

### All the news that prints in fits

To be sure, upon publishing a rather uncomplimentary article about Sen. John McCain, the *New York Times* found itself at the forefront of political conversation. Typically regarded as one of the world's finest newspapers, the *Times* is accustomed to unveiling the major stories. It is not, however, accustomed to finding itself as the subject of media attention. But, as they say, all good things must come to an end.

Make no mistake, it is not my objective to accompany right-minded media commentators in their efforts to out the *Times* as a partisan establishment, its mind set on conservative sabotage. No, Rush Limbaugh and the like, from what I can tell, seem no more effective in making this argument than any other. Rather, it seems that the criticism to be made is one of a singular (albeit substantial) lapse of judgment. As I see it, even the most trustworthy source loses much of her or his credibility upon requesting anonymity. Of course, a story of this magnitude must be covered, but perhaps it would be best suited to publish at

the expense of obstinacy. That is, without providing readers with the same evidence afforded to the story's authors, making such hard-line convictions is the sort of unjustified endeavor best left to men of the aforementioned Limbaugh's caliber.

Fortunately, the *Times* re-established much of its credibility upon publishing an editorial in opposition to the McCain article. However, the damage done to McCain's campaign is unequivocally tangible. The propriety of this damage, it seems, is a query now among the ranks of the article's anonymous sources, as all are now beyond our ability to ascertain. And, though I am quite assuredly not a supporter of McCain, I must believe that the *Times* ought to have produced the article as such. That is, the *Times* ought to have acknowledged the difference between *describing* accusations of indeterminable credibility, and thusly making them, as this distinction has since proven paramount. As such, it now seems obvious that, despite the implicative-weight of his work, a journalist is forever at the mercy of credibility.

— **Erik Hovenkamp**  
*DI* editorial writer

## Guest Opinion

# Rove the war criminal

Most people in the know agree that Republican strategist Karl Rove has built his political career by lying, obfuscating, and spinning the truth and by running hit jobs and smear campaigns against anyone who gets in his way. The recent "60 Minutes" exposé on Rove's politicizing of the U.S. Department of Justice was just the tip of the iceberg.

What is less-well known, however, is Rove's direct and intimate involvement with a neoconservative, far-right agenda to intentionally mislead the American people into a war for oil in Iraq. On Feb. 20, Rove told 1,200 students at the University of Pennsylvania that history gave America 9/11 so that the Bush administration could invade Iraq. "History gave a funny way of deciding things," the *Philadelphia Bulletin* reported Rove as saying. "Sometimes history sends you things, and 9/11 came our way."

Rove has documented ties to the founding members of the Project for a New American Century think tank, an organization that, in 2000, released a report calling for the strategic realignment of U.S. military bases across the globe and regime change in Iraq. In its report, it wrote: "The process of transformation, even if it brings revolutionary change, is likely to be a long one, absent some catastrophic and catalyzing event — like a new Pearl Harbor."

Rove was appointed senior adviser to the president in January 2001. Plans to invade Iraq and sell off its oil fields to private investors were discussed during President Bush's very first Cabinet meeting, according to "60 Minutes." Maps of Iraqi oil fields were passed around at energy-policy meetings attended by Rove and Vice President Dick Cheney, according to the BBC and Judicial Watch. Videos from early 2001 of both Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice stating that Iraq was contained and no longer a threat are easily accessible on YouTube. Hours after 9/11, aides to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld recorded that he wanted "best info fast. Judge whether good enough hit S.H. at same time. Not only UBL? Go massive. Sweep it all up. Things related and not," according to CBS News.

In July 2002, a high-level classified British government document, the Downing Street Memo, was written, which reads in part, "Bush wanted to remove Saddam, through military action, justified by the conjunction of terrorism and WMD. But the intelligence and facts were being fixed around the policy," according to the *Sunday Times* of Britain.

In August 2002, the secretive White House Iraq Group was formed to market and sell the Iraq war to Congress, the American public, and international allies, according to the *Washington Post*. Rove chaired weekly White House Iraq Group meetings throughout 2002 and 2003. Public rhetoric against Iraq was escalated by the group, which came up with such phrases as "We don't want the smoking gun to be a mushroom cloud."

The Bush administration made at least 935 demonstrably false statements to the American people about the threat posed by Iraq prior to the invasion, according to the Center for Public Integrity.

Independent reports estimate that between 150,000 and 1 million Iraqi civilians are dead because of the invasion and occupation of Iraq. At least 5 million are internally displaced or refugees outside of their country. Basic services such as electricity, running water, sanitation, health care, and education literally do not exist in most of the country, and a lake of sewage in Baghdad is so big that it is visible on Google Earth.

The evidence and facts speak for themselves, and this is an open-and-shut, clear-cut case. Rove is a traitor to the American people and a war criminal, and the only place he has a "right" to speak is inside of a courtroom. The UI Antiwar Committee has organized a "Karl Rove Welcoming Committee" coalition of student and community groups from across the state, and hundreds are expected to protest Rove's paid presence in our community beginning at 5:30 p.m. on March 9 in the IMU South Room (179). Iowa City is not a safe haven for war criminals.

**David Goodner**  
UI member

The author is a member of the UI Antiwar Committee.

## On the Spot

Do you think bars should be responsible for the acts of their patrons?



"To some extent, yeah."

**Shawna Paca**  
UI senior



"In Iowa City bars, no, because there are so many people."

**Jenny Soler**  
UI junior



"Only in the bar and if they've been there a long time."

**Jessica Zuerner**  
UI junior



"No."

**Danette Kapler**  
UI sophomore

There are bigger tragedies out there. But I thank my lucky stars that, on my 25th birthday, the biggest things I had to worry about were the annoyances of taking classes and finding a newspaper job.



**DI recommends**  
 Alternating DayQuil and NyQuil religiously to deal with that pesky flu thing you've got going. Just because the cycle of uppers and downers didn't work for Judy Garland doesn't mean it won't work for you.

# Arts & Culture

## Land of not enough poetry

A new reporter overcomes Mary Ruefle's computerlessness and interrupts the poet's dinner in search of what's behind her work.

By Tara Atkinson Gunyon  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

If you were to call Mary Ruefle around 7 p.m. on a Monday (as I did last Monday), you might interrupt her dinner of salmon, spinach salad, vanilla ice cream, and wine. She might tell you that what she loves about Iowa City is that everywhere you look there are bumper stickers and signs that say "It's great to be a Hawkeye."

"But when you think about it, it's terrifying," said Ruefle, a visiting faculty member in the Nonfiction Writing Program. "Nothing could be more terrifying for a human being than to be a hawk eye. I doubt that very few of us would make it past noon."

If you were to call Ruefle at 7 p.m. today, she won't be home — you would be interrupting her poetry and prose reading at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St.

But calling her at any time is not easy. She does not use e-mail, much less computers at all, if she can help it; I had to get her phone number from a friend who took her workshop last semester.

**READING**  
**Mary Ruefle, poetry and prose**  
**When:** 7 p.m. today  
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**Admission:** Free

Contrary to rumors, she is not a Luddite (a member of a movement that began in 1811 with the breaking of textile machinery by British textile artisans in protest of the Industrial Revolution). Luddites reject all technology.

"I'm not a Luddite," Ruefle said. "I just don't own a computer."

Knowing this information, I forwent e-mail and chose to slip a handwritten note under her door asking her to call me. A likely explanation for why she did not: The office houses the computer she does not like to use. She writes by hand and types the manuscript once completed.

Ruefle writes essays and prose as well as poetry, but she identifies herself as a poet. In 2006, she taught as a visiting poet in the Iowa Writers' Workshop.

On the distinction between poetry and prose, she said that before she writes a piece, "I hear it in my ear, and the sound I hear in my ear decides whether it is prose or poetry. Pieces of writing [prose] have very distinct spirits. That is why I give them right-flush margins. But they do not come from a different place."

"There is not enough poetry in my life. That is why I continue to write. I have very limited subject matter in my poetry. It is all based on the following three tenets: I hated childhood. I hate adulthood. And I love being alive. Whatever poetry I write is a variation on those three tenets."

The title of her latest book, *Indeed I Was Pleased with the World*, evokes all three. It is her 10th book, and, considering the fellowships she has been awarded — from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts, among others — it appears that many hope Ruefle, even at 10 books, never has enough poetry in her life. Or essays. Or prose.

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Publicity photo

Visiting UI Nonfiction Writing professor Mary Ruefle reads from her repertoire of poetry and prose today at 7 p.m. at Prairie Lights.

### today's PLAYLIST



**GREG THOMAS**  
 a.k.a. Frosty, is the DJ of the funk-music show "The Bomb" on KRUI Fridays from 7-9 p.m. He also is earning a master's degree in pathology doing cancer research.

**"THE REVOLUTION WILL NOT BE TELEVISED"**  
 Gil-Scott Heron  
 Funkiest. Song. Ever. Gives a very thorough list of many things that the revolution will not accomplish. Bonus points to those who can name the one thing the revolution will do, according to this great cut.

**"As"**  
 Stevie Wonder  
 A personal favorite. An often overlooked great track by the Master Blaster from Motown.

**"Hey Pocky A-Way"**  
 The Meters  
 Feel good funk from New Orleans' first family, the Neville's. Guaranteed to make you move.

**"What's Going On"**  
 Marvin Gaye  
 A song about the problems of poverty and an unpopular war in 1971. With today's corporate control over music production and radio distribution offering saccharin-sweet produced music, we don't have to hear about these problems anymore.

**"Shake Everything You've Got"**  
 Maceo Parker  
 This song is all about having a great time and purports to be nothing else.

## Riverside's wire act is back

Back for its ninth year, Riverside Theatre's *Walking The Wire* monologue festival sets its sights on the homestead.

By Anna Wiegenstein  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

For many Midwesterners, this region is place to escape from. Make it through your high-school years, through college, until you're 30 — then you can head for one of the coasts. That's where they keep the culture, you know?

For the operators of Riverside Theatre, though, their placement as a center of — believe it or not — the fine arts here in the middle of farmland was something to celebrate, not bemoan. In that spirit comes this weekend's ninth installment of the theater's monologue festival, *Walking The Wire*. This year's theme is "The Midwest: Beyond The Corn."

"There is something special about being from the Midwest," said John Baker, a former M.F.A. dramaturge student at the UI currently in residence at the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center in Waterford, Conn. Though recently moved to the eastern part of the nation, Baker worked the past two *Walking The Wire* festivals and aided in shaping this year's theme.

"We wanted the festival to celebrate Iowa more," he said. "The theme is a way for us to do that while still getting work



Whitney Wright/The Daily Iowan

Actor Leah Raulerson rehearses the monologue "Still Burning" at Riverside Theatre on Tuesday. Raulerson will perform the monologue, written by Carynn Trout of Columbia, Mo., at Riverside Theatre Thursday through March 2 as a part of *Walking the Wire: Monologues at Riverside*.

from all over the country." Indeed, though Baker pointed out that all the monologues in the festival are based on true occurrences from the writers living or passing through the Midwest, nearly 200 submissions were combed through to find the 12 that will be performed tonight at Riverside, 213 N. Gilbert St.

Writers from Texas to Pennsylvania to California make up the final cut, telling stories of

4-H club, political candidates, funerals, waiting tables, cowboys, and much more.

"We wanted it to be a diverse experience, one that takes people on a journey with some surprises," said Jody Hovland, the production's director.

This range of viewpoints was nearly the only criterion Hovland said she and Baker looked for.

"It's a way to explore the very natural diversity of any region

### WALKING THE WIRE: MONOLOGUES AT RIVERSIDE

**"The Midwest: Beyond the Corn"**  
**When:** Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and March 2 at 2 p.m.  
**Where:** Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert  
**Admission:** \$24 adult, \$12 youth, \$21 under 30 and over 60

of the country," she said. The soliloquies are what Hovland, who also serves as Riverside's co-artistic director year-round, terms a "greenhouse project" for the theater group, referring to the way in which new, longer works can often spring up from a monologue.

"With a monologue, you've got to intrigue the audience right off the bat and keep them there," she said. "Often, I've had writers say that a speech will give them the opportunity to develop a whole world for that character."

"It's a way for Riverside to be involved in the development of new work. On an annual basis, we get to launch something brand-new."

Along with developing talent, the *Walking The Wire* festival is a consistent crowd favorite, Hovland said, who points to the production's simplicity as a potential reason.

"It always reminds us of what the basics of theater are — an actor standing in a pool of light telling a story to at least one other person," she said. "There's not a much more intimate connection in the theater than an actor speaking directly to you."

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Afropop superstar Angélique Kidjo has a brand new Grammy and she's headed to Hancher Auditorium. Kidjo blends styles from all around the globe to create unforgettable music. Don't miss this funky, spunky, ecstatic diva in concert!

More than just a musician/ Kidjo travels the world as a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, speaking out on behalf of children who have been forced to become soldiers in various African wars.

Kidjo will discuss these issues in two events, both free and open to the public:

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# Florida outage affects 3 million

MIAMI (AP) — A problem with Florida's electrical grid caused a nuclear plant to automatically shut down Tuesday and intermittently cut power to up to 3 million people from Daytona Beach through the Florida Keys.

Authorities said there were no safety concerns at the nuclear plant. While many areas were hit hard, the outages were short-lived, and only 20,000 people lacked electricity during the evening commute home.

An equipment malfunction in a substation near Miami disabled two power distribution lines between Miami and Daytona Beach, and in response, the Turkey Point nuclear plant south of Miami stopped operating around 1 p.m., Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman Kenneth Clark said.

"We don't know the nature of the equipment malfunction," he said.

A Florida Power & Light spokesman initially said its nuclear plant caused the outages to about a fifth of Florida's population. But the utility's nuclear spokesman, Dick Winn, later said grid problems caused both reactors at the plant to shut down between 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. Two coal-burning power plants at Turkey Point also shut down, authorities said.

## McCain disavows talk-show host who called Obama 'hack' politician

CINCINNATI (AP) — Republican John McCain quickly denounced the comments of a radio talk-show host who, while warming up a campaign crowd, referred repeatedly to "Barack Hussein Obama" and called the Democratic presidential-nomination candidate a "hack, Chicago-style" politician.

Hussein is Obama's middle name,

but talk-show host Bill Cunningham used it three times as he addressed the crowd before the likely Republican nominee's appearance.

"Now we have a hack, Chicago-style Daley politician who is picturing himself as change. When he gets done with you, all you're going to have in your pocket is change," Cunningham said as the audience laughed.

The time will come, he said, when the liberal-leaning media will "peel the bark off Barack Hussein Obama" and tell the truth about his relationship with indicted fundraiser Antoin "Tony" Rezko and how Obama got "sweetheart deals" in Chicago.

McCain wasn't on stage or, he says, in the building when Cunningham made the comments, but he quickly distanced himself from the radio talk-show host after finishing his speech. McCain spoke to a couple hundred people at Memorial Hall in downtown Cincinnati.

## Senate advances legislation to cut off funding for Iraq war

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an about-face, Senate Republicans on Tuesday agreed with Democrats to advance an antiwar bill because they said the debate would give them time to hail progress in Iraq.

The change of heart came after months of blocking similar measures. But unlike most of last year, security conditions in Iraq have improved, and Republicans say they now feel they have the upper hand on the debate.

"We welcome a discussion about Iraq," Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell declared.

The measure, by Democratic Sens. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin and Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada, would cut off money for combat after 120 days. It had been expected to fall short of the 60 votes needed to overcome a procedural hurdle and move ahead.

But after Republicans agreed in a



Nigel Cook, Daytona Beach News-Journal/Associated Press

Port Orange community-service Officer Tom Wilson directs traffic along Clyde Morris and Reed Canal in Port Orange, Fla., after a statewide power outage knocked out power to traffic lights on Tuesday.

private meeting that the debate could help make their case, the Senate voted 70-24 to begin debating it in earnest.

## Moussaoui: Lawyers unfairly prohibited from discussing classified evidence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawyers urged Zacarias Moussaoui not to plead guilty to terrorism charges. They just couldn't tell him why. In newly filed court documents, Moussaoui argues that court-imposed secrecy undermined his ability to present an adequate

defense. His new lawyers say Moussaoui's guilty plea should be thrown out and a new trial should be convened for the man who once claimed to have been a part of the 9/11 terrorist plot.

Moussaoui was not allowed to see the classified evidence against him and was shut out from closed-door hearings in which that evidence was laid out. His lawyers could advise him, but they could not discuss everything — only the evidence approved by prosecutors or the judge.

Defense lawyers say they were barred from even discussing with Moussaoui evidence that could help prove his innocence. They say Moussaoui faced an unconstitutional

choice: plead guilty or go to trial without knowing the evidence.

## Army official: No reason to doubt Obama's story of ill-equipped troops

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gen. George Casey, the Army's chief of staff, said Tuesday he has no reason to doubt Barack Obama's recent account by an Army captain that a rifle platoon in Afghanistan didn't have enough soldiers or weapons. But he questioned the assertion that the shortages prevented the troops from doing their job.

Testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee, Casey said the incident would have occurred in 2003 and 2004 following the Iraq invasion. He said he remembers it as a "difficult time" trying to rush armor and other equipment to the troops.

"I have no reason to doubt what it is the captain said," Casey said. "This was 2003 and 2004, almost four and a half years ago. We acknowledge and all worked together to correct the deficiencies that we saw in that period, not only in Afghanistan but in Iraq. It was a period that we worked our way through."

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**BASKETBALL**

**Izzo on Big Ten Network: 'PR nightmare'**

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Tom Izzo has had enough. Michigan State's basketball coach has tried to spout the company line about the newly formed Big Ten Network even as it struggles to reach agreements with cable companies such as Comcast, effectively forcing fans to bars and restaurants to watch some games. But the flood of letters and calls to him from frustrated fans led to him speaking out. "I think it has been a PR nightmare," Izzo said on Monday. "And I think it has hurt all of us."

The Big Ten Network and Comcast each tried to be upbeat Tuesday in their responses to Izzo's comments. "We clearly know it's been a difficult situation for fans, and we are working very hard to reach agreements with other cable companies so that they can have access to the network," said Elizabeth Conlisk, the Big Ten Network vice president of communications. "Coach Izzo has been enormously supportive of the network. For him to express his frustration, it only makes us say we're not happy with the situation, either."

Comcast spokesman Patrick Paterno said the cable company has continued to negotiate with the Big Ten Network and Fox. "In fact, we have never stopped," he said. "As we have said previously, we would carry [the network] tomorrow on our Sports Entertainment Package, making it available to customers who really want it but not forcing it on customers who would rather not see it and pay more for it."

**FOOTBALL**

**UNI announces panel for new AD search**

CEDAR FALLS (AP) — Northern Iowa has appointed a 12-person committee to help in its search for a new athletics director.

The committee will be chaired by Joel Haack, the school's dean of the College of Natural Sciences. It plans to start advertising the position this week and select finalists by late March. On-campus interviews are slated for April. The school hopes to find a replacement for Rick Hartzell, who resigned last month, by May 1. Northern Iowa football coach Mark Farley is serving as the interim athletics director, but he will not be a candidate for the job.

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## Hawks look for complete game

An offense that has been all Cyrus Tate needs to grow quickly when the Hawkeyes take on Penn State tonight.

By Alex Johnson

THE DAILY IOWAN

With only three regular-season games remaining, the Iowa men's basketball team will travel to State College, Pa., today for a chance at a rare Big Ten season sweep of Penn State.

Tipping off at 6:05 p.m., the Hawkeyes (12-16, 5-10) ready themselves for what head coach Todd Lickliter described as the improved Nittany Lions, which



Lickliter  
head coach



Tate  
junior forward

sit 4-10 in conference and 12-14 overall.

"I think they have done a terrific job," Lickliter said. "I watched [Sunday], and they can put three or four shooters around [Jamelle] Cornley and make it really tough on you, and they do. They have great speed in the backcourt, and they are fairly young, but they are playing well."

To escape with a road win over the Lions and take their first two-game season series, the Hawkeyes need to play with

better defensive purpose and technique, Lickliter said. Fresh off Big Ten Player of the Week honors, junior forward Cyrus Tate is the likely focus of the Iowa offensive attack.

"I think maybe we'll start going inside a little bit more," senior guard Justin Johnson said. "[Tate] has been doing a good job on the inside and with the 17-footer."

The forward put up a combined 44 points and 20 rebounds against Northwestern and Michigan State. Tate dominated the paint for Iowa, and he continues to lead the conference in field-goal percentage at 72.4.

Even with his offensive breakout, Tate is still third on the team in points per game. Junior Tony Freeman leads Iowa in scoring average with 13.7, Johnson is in second at 12.2 — but the backcourt duo have been adrift recently.

Freeman, Johnson, and the rest of the Hawkeyes need to rally around Tate for Iowa to make progress.

"I have been saying that we want to get better and we want to grow, and we have seen some of that," Lickliter said. "[Tate] has really been complementing us in

SEE MEN'S BASKETBALL, 3B

## Grapplers play down records

After an unbeaten Big Ten campaign for the team, Hawkeye wrestlers visualize themselves qualifying for the NCAA Tournament despite the odds.

By Ryan Young

THE DAILY IOWAN

The only sweating 157-pound Hawkeye wrestler Ryan Morningstar has done lately has been in preparation for the postseason.

His 2-6 Big Ten record and past mental and physical lapses haven't tainted his confidence about qualifying for the NCAA Tournament in a week and a half.

"There's no worry about qualifying for the national tournament," he said. "I mean, I've wrestled the top guys in the Big Ten. I've beaten them before, and I'm not worried at all. I know what I'm capable of."

Through the eight-match Big Ten schedule this season, Morningstar managed just a pair of victories — a 5-4 road win against Ohio State's Jason Johnstone and a 6-4 home triumph against Northwestern's Andrew Nahid.

After his win in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, the former three-time Iowa state champion went on a five-match conference losing streak, falling to four top-10 wrestlers in his weight class.

Last season was more fruitful for the product of Lisbon, Iowa. Posting a 6-2 Big Ten record, he placed fifth at the conference championships, which earned him a trip to the NCAA meet.

But, Iowa wrestling coach Tom Brands said, appraising a wrestler by his record is flawed.

"Records — they mean something because it's an indication of how you've done or you're getting," he said. "But we have guys that know they're capable. I mean, some of those [past] matches at '57 and '41, we've given away."

But in judging wins and losses, the NCAA Tournament outlooks appear highly favorable for junior 125-pounder Charlie Falck, as well as sophomores Joe Slaton (133) and Jay Borschel (174), all of whom went 7-1 in conference dual matches.

Only 149-pound Hawkeye Brent Metcalf went through this season's Big Ten campaign undefeated, providing Iowa bonus points in nearly match — a feat likely earning him the No. 1 seed in his weight class.

At 5-3 overall in the Big Ten, Iowa 141-pound grappler Dan LeClere stands in a weight class touting eight Big Ten contenders ranked in the top 20.

SEE WRESTLING, 3B



Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

Iowa 157-pounder Ryan Morningstar runs laps in Carver-Hawkeye Arena to warm up for practice on Tuesday. With a Big Ten record of 2-6, he is preparing for the Big Ten championships in March.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

## Saying farewell

Five Hawkeye seniors will play in Carver-Hawkeye Arena for the final time Thursday night.

By Brendan Stiles

THE DAILY IOWAN

Last year, the Iowa women's basketball team had an unusual "Senior Day" — it did not have any senior players on its active roster.

The mood inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Thursday will be much different.

Five seniors — Stacy Schlappkohl, Krista VandeVenter, Jeneé Graham, Abby Emmert, and Johanna Solverson — will make their Carver curtain calls when the Hawkeyes take on Northwestern. Coach Lisa Bluder said during her weekly press conference Tuesday that all five players would be sorely missed.

"All of them have just had incredible roles on the team this year and fulfilled those roles," she said. "It's going to be a very, very tough thing to say goodbye to them."

SEE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, 3B



Graham  
senior

**DI'S SPRING SPORTS POWER RANKINGS**

**1 Wrestling (21-1, 8-0)**

No. 1 Iowa squashed No. 11 Illinois, 21-12, on Sunday. The grapplers will next take on the 2008 Big Ten championships in Minneapolis on March 8-9.

**2 Women's basketball (18-9, 11-5)**

Coming off a bye week, Iowa will take on Northwestern Thursday on Senior Night, as the Hawkeyes attempt to remain atop the Big Ten.

**3 Women's track**

The women's team won three events and recorded eight collegiate bests while competing in the Iowa Invitational last weekend. Iowa will next compete in the Big Ten indoor championships this weekend.

**4 Women's gymnastics**

After upsetting Michigan State and Illinois over the past weekend, No. 23 Iowa will host No. 27 Minnesota on Friday night.

**5 Softball (8-2)**

Iowa posted a 4-1 record at the Littlewood Classic, narrowly losing to No. 4 Arizona State. Iowa will next travel to Columbus, Ga., for the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Leadoff Classic.

**6 Men's track**

The men ran away with nine event titles at the Iowa Invitational, and they will next compete in the Big Ten indoor championships in Madison, Wis., over the weekend.

**7 Women's golf**

Continuing to take advantage of a monthlong break in competition, Iowa is preparing for the Gainesville Shootout on March 19 in Gainesville, Fla.

**8 Men's tennis (5-1, 1-0)**

No. 68 Iowa continued its sizzling start to the 2008 season by knocking-off No. 65 Western Michigan on the road over the weekend. It will face No. 52 Drake tonight in Des Moines.

**9 Men's basketball (12-16, 5-10)**

Iowa lost to No. 16 Michigan St., 66-52, last weekend despite a valiant effort by Big Ten Player of the Week Cyrus Tate. Iowa will travel to Penn State tonight.

**10 Men's gymnastics**

While upsetting No. 4 Michigan, Iowa took home the first-place trophy, winning the Pacific Coast Classic with a score of 336.700. Iowa will host Illinois on Saturday.

**11 Women's tennis (5-0)**

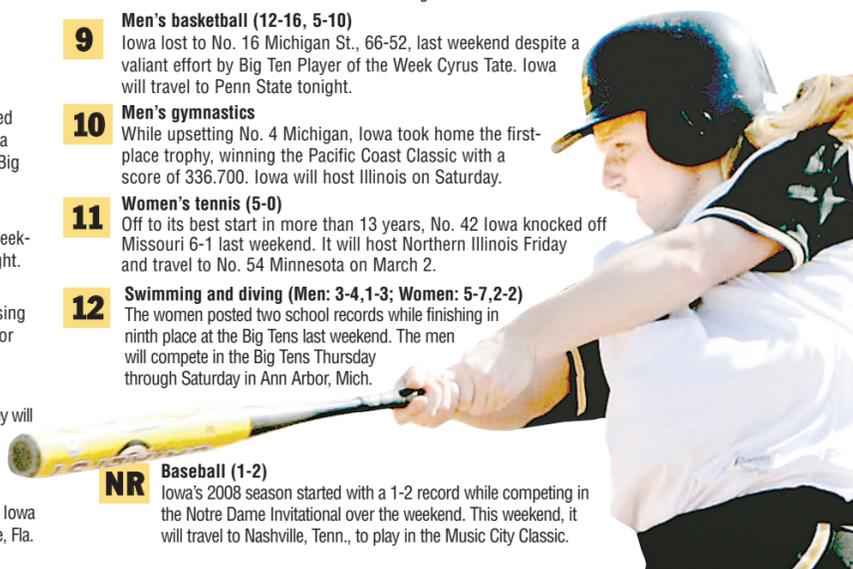
Off to its best start in more than 13 years, No. 42 Iowa knocked off Missouri 6-1 last weekend. It will host Northern Illinois Friday and travel to No. 54 Minnesota on March 2.

**12 Swimming and diving (Men: 3-4, 1-3; Women: 5-7, 2-2)**

The women posted two school records while finishing in ninth place at the Big Tens last weekend. The men will compete in the Big Tens Thursday through Saturday in Ann Arbor, Mich.

**NR Baseball (1-2)**

Iowa's 2008 season started with a 1-2 record while competing in the Notre Dame Invitational over the weekend. This weekend, it will travel to Nashville, Tenn., to play in the Music City Classic.





# Sports

## SPORTS 'N' STUFF

### Men's Big Ten Basketball

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Indiana	13	2	.867	24	4	.857
Wisconsin	13	2	.867	23	4	.852
Purdue	12	2	.857	21	6	.778
Michigan St.	10	4	.714	22	5	.815
Ohio St.	8	7	.533	17	11	.607
Minnesota	7	7	.500	17	9	.654
Iowa	5	10	.333	12	16	.429
Michigan	5	11	.313	9	19	.321
Penn St.	4	10	.286	12	14	.462
Illinois	3	12	.200	11	17	.393
Northwestern	1	14	.067	8	18	.308

### Women's Big Ten Basketball

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Ohio State	11	5	.688	20	7	.741
Iowa	11	5	.688	18	9	.667
Purdue	11	6	.647	15	13	.536
Minnesota	9	7	.563	18	10	.643
Michigan	9	7	.563	16	10	.615
Indiana	9	7	.563	16	12	.571
Michigan State	9	8	.529	17	12	.586
Wisconsin	8	8	.500	15	11	.577
Illinois	7	9	.438	15	12	.556
Penn State	4	12	.250	13	15	.464
Northwestern	1	15	.063	5	23	.179

### College Basketball

#18 Vanderbilt 72, #1 Tennessee 69  
 #12 Indiana 72, Ohio State 69  
 #15 Connecticut 79, Rutgers 61  
 Missouri State 86, #20 Drake 83

### National Hockey League

	Eastern Conference				
	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
New Jersey	37	21	6	80	171 150
Pittsburgh	36	21	7	79	190 173
N.Y. Rangers	32	24	8	72	166 158
Philadelphia	31	25	7	69	192 182
N.Y. Islanders	30	27	7	67	158 184
Northwest	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Ottawa	32	22	6	78	210 192
Montreal	34	21	9	77	231 181
Boston	33	23	6	72	169 167
Buffalo	30	24	9	69	188 178
Toronto	27	28	9	63	177 200
Southeast	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Carolina	33	28	5	71	196 208
Washington	29	27	8	66	181 197
Florida	28	30	7	63	175 189
Atlanta	29	31	4	62	170 208
Tampa Bay	25	30	7	57	177 203
Western Conference	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Detroit	42	17	6	90	203 144
Nashville	32	24	8	72	186 181
Columbus	29	26	9	67	156 166
St. Louis	28	25	10	66	160 176
Chicago	29	27	6	64	178 180
Northwest	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Calgary	33	22	5	73	182 181
Minnesota	34	24	5	73	171 172
Vancouver	32	22	8	72	167 157

Colorado	32	26	6	70	175 176
Edmonton	29	30	5	63	173 193
Pacific	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Dallas	40	22	5	85	199 164
Anaheim	36	23	7	79	167 163
San Jose	33	21	8	74	161 151
Phoenix	32	26	5	69	173 171
Los Angeles	26	34	4	56	186 212

### National Basketball Association

Eastern Conference				
Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	43	12	.782	—
Toronto	31	24	.564	12
New Jersey	25	32	.439	19
Philadelphia	25	32	.439	19
New York	17	39	.304	26 1/2
Southeast	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	37	22	.627	—
Washington	27	30	.474	9
Alliance	27	22	.407	12 1/2
Charlotte	19	37	.339	16 1/2
Miami	10	44	.185	24 1/2
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	42	15	.737	—
Cleveland	32	25	.561	10
Chicago	22	34	.393	19 1/2
Indiana	22	35	.386	20
Milwaukee	22	35	.386	20

### Western Conference

Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	38	17	.691	—
New Orleans	37	18	.673	1
Dallas	38	19	.667	1
Houston	37	20	.649	2
Memphis	14	43	.246	25
Northwest	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	36	21	.632	—
Denver	33	23	.589	2 1/2
Portland	29	28	.509	7
Seattle	15	41	.268	20 1/2
Minnesota	12	43	.218	23
Pacific	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	40	17	.702	—
Phoenix	39	18	.684	1
Golden State	34	22	.607	5 1/2
Sacramento	26	30	.464	13 1/2
L.A. Clippers	19	35	.352	19 1/2

**Today's Games**  
 Miami 107, Sacramento 86  
 Orlando 102, New Jersey 92  
 Phoenix 127, Memphis 113  
 Minnesota 111, Utah 100  
 Milwaukee 105, Cleveland 102  
 Houston 94, Washington 69  
 Golden State 105, Seattle 99  
 L.A. Lakers 96, Portland 83

**Today's Games**  
 Chicago at Indiana, 6 p.m.  
 Sacramento at Atlanta, 6 p.m.  
 Orlando at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Toronto, 6 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Boston, 6:30 p.m.  
 Charlotte at New York, 6:30 p.m.  
 Phoenix at New Orleans, 7 p.m.  
 Detroit at Utah, 8 p.m.  
 Denver at Seattle, 9 p.m.  
 Portland at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

ISU hopes to break ranked team losing streak against No. 6 Kansas.

# Cyclones need big win

'Obviously, we've had some near-misses against teams when they've been ranked. We take them one at a time.'

— Greg McDermott, ISU coach

By Luke Meredith  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — There might not be a better statistic that illustrates the challenges Greg McDermott has faced at Iowa State than 0-8.

That's the Cyclones' record against ranked teams the past two years. There have been a few close calls along the way, and one of the ranked teams Iowa State came inches from beating, No. 6 Kansas, will roll into Ames tonight.



McDermott  
 ISU coach

McDermott says he hasn't given his team's woes against the nation's elite a second thought. But there's little doubt whether a win over the Jayhawks (24-3, 9-3) would give Iowa State a major boost heading into next month's Big 12 Tournament.

Iowa State (14-13, 4-8) nearly knocked off the Jayhawks in Ames last season. Brandon Rush nailed a late 3 to force overtime, and Kansas, then ranked 6th as well, won, 68-64.

"Obviously, we've had some near-misses against teams when they've been ranked," McDermott said. "We take them one at a time."

Kansas is in a bit of a tailspin for the first time this season, having lost two of its last three. Most teams expect to go through patches like that, but the Jayhawks started the season 20-0.

It started at Texas, where Mario Chalmers missed a 3 as the buzzer sounded to give the Longhorns a 72-69 win. The Jayhawks then blasted Colorado, but they blew a late four-point lead at Oklahoma State on Feb. 23 and fell 61-60.

Coach Bill Self said the Jayhawks need to rally together in order to snap out of their February swoon.

"The reason we are not playing near as well right now is strictly intangibles. Things that have nothing to do with putting the ball in the basket. It has a lot to do with the mindset of putting the ball in the basket," he said. "It's disappointing to me that we are talking about intangibles right now, because it's the time when intangibles are the most important."

Kansas's struggles, however brief, opened the door just enough for Texas to grab hold of the Big 12. The Longhorns are now 11-2 in the league after beating Kansas State on Monday, and they will play their final three games against unranked Texas Tech, Nebraska, and Oklahoma State.

Guard Sherron Collins said

the goal is to finish out strong and enter the Big 12 tournament with a different mindset.

"Our focus hasn't been there. We just have to focus more. We know we are going to get everybody's best shot so we have to start playing like it," Collins said.

Iowa State's swoon has been much more significant. The Cyclones have lost seven of its last nine, including a 76-64 defeat at Texas Tech last weekend, and their hopes for post-season play are precarious at best. Beating a ranked team such as Kansas might not be enough for a postseason bid, but

it could serve as a springboard for the Big 12 Tournament and next season.

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# Hawks take aim at Drake streak

Tonight's Iowa-Drake tennis match strangely parallels last weekend's Memphis-Tennessee basketball game.



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Iowa's Christian Bierich focuses on returning the ball to Toledo's Sven Burus in a singles match on Feb. 16 at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Center. Iowa defeated Toledo, 5-2.

By Bobby Loesch  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Tonight, the 66th-ranked Iowa men's tennis team will travel to Des Moines for a showdown against Drake.

The Hawkeyes don't regularly play Iowa State in tennis, so 52nd-ranked Drake rises to the forefront as Iowa's biggest competition for best tennis team in the state. Though in recent years, Iowa has played the role of little brother, most recently losing a 4-3 meet to Drake at home last season.

And while this strong rivalry would have been there regardless, the 2008 version of Drake-Iowa brings a little something extra to the table.

First, Drake is the owner of the nation's longest regular-season winning streak. With 30 straight matches dating back to last season, Iowa would love

more than anything to bring it to a screeching halt.

The overall records of both teams are pretty impressive, too. The meet kind of gives off the same vibe as last week's men's basketball game between Tennessee and Memphis. Memphis was the undefeated mid-major, just like the 10-0 Bulldogs. Tennessee played the role of power conference team — and state darling — turned road underdog (see: the 5-1 Iowa Hawkeyes).

It might be easy to get caught up in the hype of Drake's undefeated record and impressive win streak, but one Iowa player isn't getting swept away.

"I don't think it means that much," said Iowa's No. 2 singles player, J.P. Ritchie. "[The Bulldogs] don't play very tough teams. They have a couple of good wins, but they've beaten a lot of teams that aren't that good."

Ritchie was quick to point out Drake's streak as a regular-season winning streak. The Bulldogs were eliminated in the postseason by Michigan last year. And in some ways, he's right, as the bulk of Drake's victories throughout the streak came against mid-major teams. But the Bulldogs also have victories against such power-conference teams as Minnesota, as well as a Nebraska team that defeated Iowa fewer than three weeks ago.

"I think it's going to feel great when we ruin their streak," Ritchie said.

While the senior considers Iowa the underdog on paper, he doesn't think there's any reason the Hawkeyes shouldn't win.

"I look at it, and I think that we're easily the better team," he said. "We just have to prove it." Iowa head coach Steve

Houghton said playing on the road could be a disadvantage for the Hawkeyes. After all, the only thing possibly more impressive than Drake's regular-season win streak is its 40-match home winning streak.

"Our guys, in general, respond well to road situations," he said.

The 27-year coach said giving his team a big speech won't be necessary to fire them up for the match.

"I don't think I have to say much," he said. "They're going to have a lot of incentive. Some of the matches we've played this year are going to be 'let's get even'-type matches, particularly for the seniors. Everybody will be fired up. The seniors? Double fired up."

First serve is scheduled for 6 p.m. today.  
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'I don't look at it whether we're going to qualify or not. I look at it more like we're competing for 10 championships. And from the outside looking in, that may not be realistic, but that doesn't concern me.'

— Tom Brands,  
Hawkeye wrestling coach

# Wrestlers eye tournament

**WRESTLING**  
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"I don't look at it whether we're going to qualify or not," Brands said. "I look at it more like we're competing for 10 championships. And from the outside looking in, that may not be realistic, but that doesn't concern me."

A blacker dark-horse label may be placed on makeshift 197-pounder Chad Beatty, who, Brands said, weighed in at 177 pounds his first bout.

But after posting a 3-5 record in the Big Ten, with his latest victory a 2-1 home thriller against Michigan, the Wilton, Iowa, native said evaluation based solely on success sounds fair.

"Yeah, that's fair, I guess," he said after pausing to mull over the thought. "It's more than that, but it's OK. It's fine. I don't care, really, what [outsiders] think as long as the coaching staff and I know it's possible."

When asked if he mentally pictures himself qualifying for the NCAA Tournament in late March, Beatty flashed a smile and said, "For sure."

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Hawkeye wrestling coach Tom Brands talks with the team before practice on Tuesday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The Hawks are preparing to compete in the Big Ten meet in March.

Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

# Hawks need consistency

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
CONTINUED FROM 1B

the inside, and now what we need is to complement him with the perimeter that we have had and kind of put that together.

"I think then we can eliminate some of those offensive droughts."

Lately, the Hawkeye offense has started like a bear in hibernation — Iowa failed to make a field goal in the first 10 minutes of its last two games.

With the Big Ten Tournament coming up and seeding among the day-in, day-out topics, Lickliter and the Hawkeyes want to get the whole team going.

"We are not thinking about seeding at all," Lickliter said. "We are focused on — again, the same thing — be better today, try to get rid of some of the offensive deficiencies, work better to complement one another, and prepare for what will be a tough test at Penn State."

Freshman guard Jake Kelly has been the only Hawkeye who took advantage of Tate's storm over the last two games, scoring 12 against Northwestern and nine at Michigan State. In order to get back on track, the rest of Iowa's offense could use some Elmer's.

**Lineups**

**Iowa (12-16, 5-10)**

F Cyrus Tate	6-8	Jr.	7.9
F Seth Gorney	7-0	Sr.	4.5
G Tony Freeman	6-1	Jr.	13.7
G Justin Johnson	6-6	Sr.	12.2
G Jake Kelly	6-6	Fr.	6.4

**Penn State (12-14, 4-10)**

F Janelle Cornley	6-5	Jr.	11.9
F David Jackson	6-6	Fr.	5.2
C Andrew Jones	6-9	Fr.	3.7
G Stanley Pringle	6-1	Jr.	6.7
G Talor Battle	5-11	Fr.	9.3

'We have a lot of players who come in and do their part. We need everybody working together to win.'

— Seth Gorney, senior

"We have a lot of players who come in and do their part," senior forward Seth Gorney said. "We need everybody working together to win."

The problems sound the same, and the proposed solutions vary just as little, but throughout the Hawkeyes' inconsistent play, the one constant has been effort.

"Our goal is to win every game," Johnson said. "We've been practicing hard these last couple of days and put everything we have into it. It's my last couple of games here."

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# 5 Hawkeye seniors to say adios to Carver

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
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Graham described her years playing at Iowa as a "whirlwind" and said it will be sad not to be able to play in Carver after Thursday's game.

"It has gone by so incredibly fast," she said. "I cannot believe it is almost over. I love it; it's amazing here, the coaches are amazing, my teammates are amazing, it's been fun. It's been exciting."

For Solverson, this will be the third time she will go through a senior ceremony. She was granted a sixth year of eligibility after missing the last two seasons with knee injuries.

She said she was unsure how emotional it will get this time around actually being able to play.

"You never know really until you get up there," Solverson said. "It could be. Knowing me, it probably will be. I have a little bit of an emotional side I get from my dad."

All five players talked about sharing experiences with teammates and being able to build close bonds with them.

"You come here thinking you're going to be best friends with the people that you went to high school with, but the people you meet here are the ones you're going to stay in close contact with," Schlapkohl said. "The teammates and the coaches are what's going to stick with me, and also the experience of running out in Carver and hearing the fans

cheering for you and supporting you. It's great."

Emmert, who along with Solverson were named the team's captains for this season, noted the maturation process that began when the players first arrived and the effect that has had on her personally.

"I think we've all just learned a lot about being better people, what it means to be a female role model in the community, and stuff like that," she said. "That's stuff that I didn't really have a good grasp on when I came here, and I think I'll leave here with a really good understanding of that."

Those are the types of characteristics that resonate with Bluder, who described the players embracing community service, such as visiting children in the hospital and signing autographs for fans after every game.

"They are tremendous people as well as great basketball players," she said. "To be quite honest, I'm probably more proud of their efforts as human beings, because that's what they're going to carry with them when they leave here. It's the type of person they are, not necessarily the wins and losses."

Bluder said the players' abilities to work as a team has been demonstrated "extremely well."

"The character of the women and how they've done what's best for the team is really quite amazing," she said. "They have given just a wonderful example to the people below them, to the grades below them, of how to act in those types of situations."



Peter Klopfenstein/The Daily Iowan

Johanna Solverson walks off the court during the Hawkeyes' 66-61 victory over the Wolverines on Jan. 27 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Solverson and four other seniors will play their last regular-season game in Carver on Thursday.

'I think we've all just learned a lot about being better people, what it means to be a female role model in the community, and stuff like that.'

— Abby Emmert, senior

Now, the Hawkeyes are in a position that, if they win their final two games, they will grab

at least a share of the Big Ten title. But even with a conference crown in sight, no one is looking

past the Wildcats, even though Northwestern finally got its first Big Ten victory on Sunday

and sits alone in last place. "Because we have five seniors, I think just that leadership will get the team ready to go on Senior Night," Vandeventer said. "I don't think we can overlook anyone at this point."

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**NCAA**

**Vanderbilt upsets No. 1 Vols**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Volunteers found out being No. 1 can be tougher than beating No. 1. Shan Foster scored 32 points and No. 18 Vanderbilt knocked off Tennessee 72-69 on Tuesday night — a day after the Vols moved into the top spot in the rankings for the first time in school history.

The Vols (25-3, 11-2 Southeastern Conference) beat then-No. 1 Memphis on Saturday night 66-62 on the western edge of Tennessee for their ninth straight victory to earn that spot themselves, then had to travel back to the middle part of the state to defend their top ranking for the first time.

Vanderbilt (24-4, 9-4) has hosted the No. 1 team nine times in its 56 years at Memorial Gym, and the Commodores improved to 6-3 overall in those games with victories in the past four, including then-No. 1 Florida last year. The Commodores also now have won all 18 home games this season and 31 of their last 32.

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# Stringer nears 800

## Rutgers' (and former Iowa) coach Vivian Stringer looks to join elite club with 800th win.

By Doug Feinberg  
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PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Mentor, leader, role model. Coach.

All of those, and more, have been used to describe Rutgers' C. Vivian Stringer, who is on the verge of joining an elite group.

With one more victory, Stringer will become the third women's coach to win 800 games, joining Pat Summitt and Jody Conradt. Her first chance to reach the milestone comes tonight against DePaul.

"Vivian obviously has done great things in this game," said Summitt, who beat DePaul for her 800th victory. "I'm just really proud of her. She's a winner. She's won at every place that she's been at, and she'll continue to win. I know that this is going to be a special moment for her, but she'll keep winning."

Obviously still going strong, Stringer has taken three programs to a Final Four in her 37 years of coaching.

"She's a great friend, and I have a great deal of respect for the program she's built," Conradt said. "Her 800 wins are very, very impressive. Pat and I did it really at one school each. What's so impressive is that she's done it at three. To do what she's done at three different schools is pretty incredible."

Only five Division I men's coaches have reached 800 wins. Stringer would be the first black coach to achieve the milestone.

"I don't think there's been a better role model," Conradt said.

Stringer got her start in 1973 at Cheyney State, sharing a cramped gym with legendary men's coach John Chaney. She took over a new program and in 12 years there

guided the school to the Final Four in 1982. "She's a special woman. I didn't know what took her so long to get there," Chaney said with a laugh about the 800 milestone. "The women just look up to her in so many ways. She's been involved in so many different things, fighting for equal rights for women. She helped get Title IX started."

Chaney won't be at tonight's game, but expects to be the first call when she eventually gets into the Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame.

"There better not be anybody else who should introduce her at the Hall of Fame. Definitely nobody else," said Chaney, who had 741 wins in a Hall of Fame career at Cheyney State and Temple.

After Cheyney State, Stringer moved on to Iowa, where she stayed for 12 seasons, taking the Hawkeyes to the Final Four in 1993 before leaving for Rutgers.

The Scarlet Knights have been her longest stop. She took over a foundering program and turned it into one of the best in the nation with two trips to the Final Four in her first 12 seasons.

Not only a coach, Stringer has also been a mentor and inspirational leader to her team. Last season after the Scarlet Knights lost to Tennessee in the national championship game, Stringer handled the ensuing media firestorm generated from Don Imus' sexist and bigoted remarks with class and grace.

"Players, past and present, look up to her not because of her wins but because of her teaching values," said Rutgers senior guard Matee Ajavon. "I am so happy for her, both as a coach to reach this milestone but also as a woman."

The dignity with which the 59-year-old Stringer handled the Imus situation helped recruit one of her best groups ever with five McDonald's All-Americans headed to Rutgers next season.



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-518 S.VanBuren	\$670
-412 S.Dodge	\$615
-402 & 406 S.Gilbert	\$710

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-601 S.Gilbert	\$725
-211 E.Church	\$633
-523 E.Burlington	\$615

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## the ledge

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## horoscopes

Wednesday, February 27, 2008  
 — by Eugenia Last

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Be more secretive about your finances. You will face emotional and financial deception that will leave you in a precarious position. Don't feel pressured to make a move if you aren't ready. You should stay busy.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You will be totally stressed out if you take the people around you too seriously. Separate and sort through the issues as they arise. The action you take now will determine what happens down the road.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't give in to someone who wants you to slack off when you have so much to gain by working hard today. You'll have some great ideas that will gain interest from people who can influence your future.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** An opportunity is there for the taking, but if you are reluctant to take a chance or make a change, you may miss out. Do all those things you've been talking about but haven't followed through with. Get serious about what you want.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Taking on more than you can handle will lead to emotional issues. If you decide to become aggressive, you aren't likely to win. You will put someone off with your demands. You are far better off taking care of yourself and chilling out.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Check out what others have to say and to contribute. Once you know where you stand, you can make a clear decision. An opportunity must be jumped on, especially if it will help you expand your circle of friends.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Organization will help you get what you want. A true relationship is taking an interesting turn. Don't get emotional, but do let your love feelings be known. A creative endeavor will be well-received and have the potential to make you some cash.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You won't be seeing things clearly today. Someone you are close to may try to ruin your plans. Be a little secretive about your comings and goings, and you will accomplish far more in the end.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Lean toward people who have a serious attitude, and you will get the help, information, or insight you've been searching for. A little fun mixed into your work will help those around you see you in a different light.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** A chance to settle something that has been pending will be made available to you. Don't feel you have to get it alone, especially when emotional issues are involved. A change will be as good as a rest.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Listen to what someone close to you has to say. You may not like what you hear, but there will be a certain amount of validity to the information given. Use this insight with your own strategy, and you will find your way.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Don't be fooled by a get-rich-quick idea. Instead, invest in a sure thing. The wrong choice will lead to arguments with family. An older or experienced individual will help you out.

## CRAM-MANIA



UI junior Kathleen Crose (left) and sophomore Lindsay Darling (right) cram in some last-minute studying just before their midterm in Legal and Ethical Issues in Communication in Van Allen Hall on Tuesday morning. Many students are feeling the pressure of the first round of spring midterm exams, taking advantage of any possible free time to study.



ANDREW R. JUHL

## Words I recently learned, their definitions, and what I originally thought they meant

- Jingoism (extreme nationalism, marked especially by belligerent foreign policy): a fervent religious belief in commercials.
- Quietus (final debt settlement): what my father used to do to my brother and I when we were being loud, usually with his belt in one hand and a bottle of Jack Daniel's in the other.
- Zeitgeist (the general intellectual, moral, and cultural climate of an era): a pimply ghost.
- Heterodox (unorthodox opinions or doctrines): wharfs for straight ships only.
- Ensky (exalt): the 14th letter of the Latin alphabet ... in Russian.
- Tchotchke (a knickknack or tricket): the sound old people make when you burn them.
- Malversation (a corrupt administration): what you call it when two people are malverspeaking to each other for an extended period of time.
- Deliquesce (to dissolve or melt away): fresher, tastier meat than prepackagedquesce.
- Discographer (a compiler of discographies): the guy who writes music and lyrics for Gloria Gaynor.
- Ashram (a religious retreat): a good way to end a Shaturday night with shomebody shpecial.
- Jerkwater (remote and unimportant): evian.

— Andrew R. Juhl thanks Merriam-Webster and his own bad vocabulary for helping with today's Ledge. E-mail him at: [andrew-juhl@uiowa.edu](mailto:andrew-juhl@uiowa.edu).

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## today's events

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- **Electronic (e-file) Tax Filing**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **"From Combat to Classes: Serving Veterans with Disabilities in Higher Education,"** Thomas Church, 11 a.m., 102 Center for Disabilities & Development
- **"Building Bridges of Solidarity: Strategies to Support Victims of Domestic and Dating Violence,"** to register, contact Gabriela Rivera ([gabriela-rivera@uiowa.edu](mailto:gabriela-rivera@uiowa.edu)), noon, Women's Resource & Action Center
- **"How to Make the Career Fair Work For You,"** noon, C130 Pomerantz Center
- **Simon Shaheen, Eclectic Mix of Eastern, Western, Classical, & Latin Music**, noon, UIHC eighth-floor solarium
- **Supporting Caregivers through the Course of Dementia**, 1-4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Molecular & Cellular Biology Immunology Group Seminar, "Mechanisms of Peripheral T Cell Tolerance,"** Adam Adler, 4 p.m., 283 Eckstein Medical Research Building
- **UISG Presidential Debate**, 4 p.m., Blank Honors Center south commons
- **Diversity Dialogue Circle**, 5:30 p.m., Diversity Focus, 205 Second Ave. S.E., Cedar Rapids
- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance**, 5:45 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Welcome Home Wednesdays**, 5:45 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society, 10 S. Gilbert
- **Great French Wine Under \$20 a Bottle**, 6

- **New Pioneer Co-op**, 1101 Second St., Coralville
- **"Night of Recovery," Eating Disorders Seminar**, 6 p.m., UIHC
- **Peace Corps Dinner**, 6 p.m., Thai Flavors, 340 E. Burlington
- **Simple Soup Supper and Evening Worship**, 6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 2701 Rochester
- **Lenten Meal and Prayer Service**, 6:15 p.m., First Mennonite Church, 405 Myrtle
- **Burlington St. Bluegrass Band**, 7 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Ernst & Young**, 7 p.m., S401 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Free Pool**, 7 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St. Coralville
- **Ingmar Bergman Film Series, Wild Strawberries**, 7 p.m., 240 Art Building West
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Mary Ruefle, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Oscar Animated Shorts**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Pay It Forward Tour/Organization Info Meeting**, 8 p.m., 347 IMU
- **Bread and Puppet Vaudeville Circus, with Escape the Floodwater Jug Band and Coyote Blood**, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E Washington
- **Comedy Night**, 9 p.m., Summit, 10 S. Clinton
- **Oscar Live Action Shorts**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Karaoke Night**, 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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**SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE**

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## UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

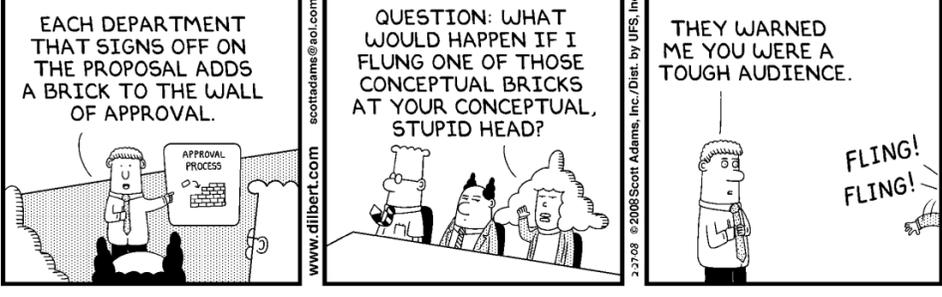
- 12:30 p.m. News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)
- 1 A Prairie Lights Reading from the UITV Archives, Shirley Damsgaard
- 2 News from Germany (in German)
- 3 "Live from Prairie Lights"
- 4 Creative Professionals Talk Creative Careers, Pomerantz Career Center
- 5:30 The Daily Iowan presents the UISG Candidate Debates
- 7 "Live from Prairie Lights"
- 8 Creative Professionals Talk Creative Careers, Pomerantz Career Center
- 9:30 News from Daily Iowan TV
- 10 Special Events at the UI
- 10:30 News from Daily Iowan TV
- 11 "Live from Prairie Lights"



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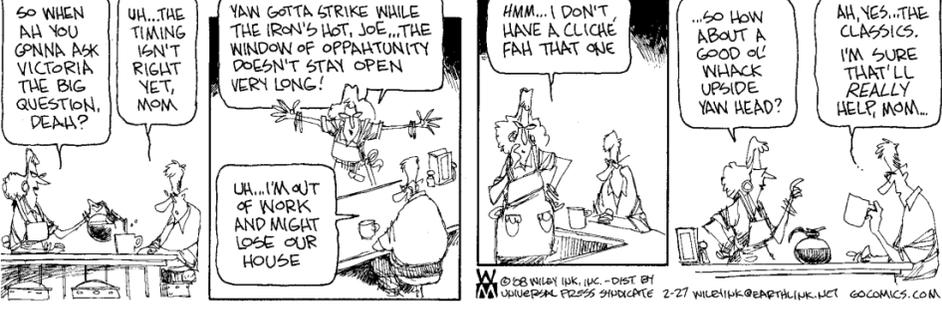
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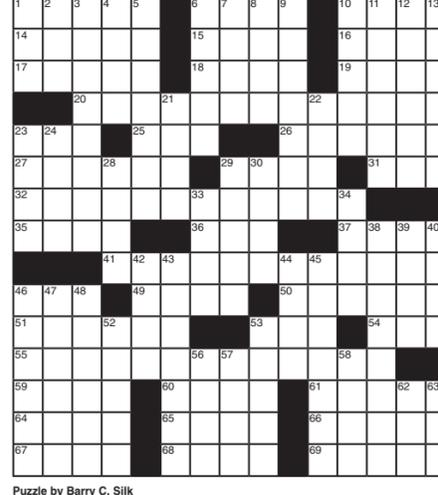
## The New York Times Crossword

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- Across**
- 1 Gets one's feet wet?
  - 6 Frizzy do
  - 10 Pop group whose music was the basis of a hit 2001 Broadway musical
  - 14 Hut material
  - 15 A lot of pizzazz?
  - 16 Rise of vermin
  - 17 Rid of social
  - 18 French chalk mineral
  - 19 Corporal punishment unit
  - 20 1999 Russell Crowe movie
  - 23 Something to shoot for
  - 25 N.R.C. forerunner
  - 26 Scorecard listing
  - 27 Fielder's cry
  - 29 Potter's need
  - 31 "The racer's edge"
  - 32 Parent's handful
  - 35 \_\_\_ Club (retail chain)
  - 36 Cyclotron particle
  - 37 Deplaned, e.g.
  - 41 Nickname for the National Security Agency
  - 46 The Nekees' "\_\_\_ Believer"
  - 49 Scholarship consideration
  - 50 Popped up
  - 51 "Groovy!"
  - 53 Orch. section
  - 54 QB stats
  - 55 W.W. II encryption device
  - 59 Fretted fiddle
  - 60 Whittle
  - 61 In a pique
- Down**
- 1 Tobacco buy
  - 2 Suffix with cannon
  - 3 Campus quarters
  - 4 24/7 auction site
  - 5 Shove off
  - 6 San Diego State player
  - 7 Goose bumps cause
  - 8 Depend (on)
  - 9 Last king of the united Sweden and Norway
  - 10 Travel aid
  - 11 Coarse sorts
  - 12 Two- or three-pointer
  - 13 Black key
  - 21 French noodle?
  - 22 Lounge
  - 23 Domino features
  - 24 Red Fort city
  - 28 Cookbook amt.
  - 29 Dress down
  - 30 "Die Frau \_\_\_ Schatten" (Strauss opera)

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

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Puzzle by Barry C. Silk

- 33 Baseball's Johnny, known as the Big Cat
- 34 Mustachioed Surrealist
- 38 End of the road, possibly
- 39 Like some coffee
- 40 Gymnastics coups
- 42 E pluribus \_\_\_
- 43 Fraternity founded in 1847 at New York University
- 44 Walkway
- 45 Stork's bundle
- 46 Assuming, hypothetically
- 47 1975 "Thrilla" city
- 48 Melodic passages
- 52 Looked libidiously
- 53 Public-to-do
- 56 Dojo accessories
- 57 Asia's \_\_\_ Sea
- 58 Campbell of "Three to Tango"
- 62 "\_\_\_ Beso"
- 63 Mafia figure

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