Blader's Bunch wins Big Ten

The Hawkeyes won a share of their first regular-season conference crown in 10 years after a victory at Wisconsin. Sports, 19

Nahaski best of bad lot

And Nahaski (of the Nahaski Party is the least under-reported candidate. Opinion, 8A

Homeless vets

Some homeless Iowa City veterans could soon get homes if a formerly failed pilot program gets the OK. City, 4A

Provost search

The three provosts interviewing at the UI last week all stressed the importance of diversity. Opinion, 8A


The price of admission for the first time on Sunday, they thought someone was playing a sick joke on them. But it became quickly apparent that there was nothing funny about it.

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Sweet taste of success

By Brian Stewart

CEDAR RAPIDS — Iowans made pure maple syrup last weekend during the 25th annual Maple Syrup Festival.
The festival, held at the southwest corner of 25th Street and College Avenue, is one of several maple-syrup events held across the state each spring.

“Every year, we have a event, which usually draws around 1,000 people,” said Sarah Dietz, director of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Food. “It’s a really nice event that people really enjoy.”

At the festival, which is free to the public, visitors can learn about the maple-syrup-making process and taste freshly made syrup.

“Last year, we had over 1,000 people,” Dietz said. “It’s a great way to show people where maple syrup comes from.”

Maple syrup is made by boiling sap collected from sugar maples. The sap is then boiled down to concentrate the sugar, which is then refined and sold.

“Maple syrup is a natural, healthy product that people really enjoy,” Dietz said. “It’s a great way to show people the importance of conservation and the importance of protecting our natural resources.”

The festival also features live music, food, and a variety of activities for children.

“Last year, we had a lot of great activities for kids,” Dietz said. “We had bouncy houses, face painting, and a petting zoo.”

In addition to maple syrup, the festival also features activities related to other crops, such as corn and soybeans.

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Hate hits home

Hate crime
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Iowa City police Lt. Bud Jackson said the offense is being considered criminal mischief, and it has not yet been determined if there will be further investigation of the matter.

The Iowa Code defines criminal mischief as “any damage, defacing, altering, or destruction of property is criminal mischief when done intentionally by one who has no right to do so.”

The offense can rank anywhere between 10 years behind bars to only a $500 fine, depending on the degree committed.

Though Thomas and Talley angered about the offensive defacing of their dwelling, they are still able to make light of the situation just because of how “ridiculous” and “backwards” the situation was, they said.

“What century are we in?” Talley said. “I haven’t been called a ‘most-sting — ever.’

And the offenders’ semantics were not exactly.

“That’s a terrorist?” Talley joked.

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Officials seek aid for homeless vets

By Briana Byrd

Up to 35 Iowa City homeless veterans could soon have respite from the street if a federally funded pilot program gets the green light.

“The Housing and Urban Development’s Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program provides voucher assistance, along with case management and community health services,” if approved, the pilot program would be administered by the Iowa City Housing Authority and the Iowa City Veterans Affairs Medical Center, according to a memo by Steven Rackis, the Iowa City housing administrator.

“In Iowa City, we see even more homeless veterans because of the veterans’ hospitals,” Iowa City City Councilor Connie Champion said. “It’s going on really all over the country; this isn’t anything new.

Vietnam War veteran and Iowa City resident Len McClellan is thanking for his efforts by formerly homeless Iowa City resident Bill Liston on the Pedestrian Mall on Nov. 28, 2007.

I think we have a big problem in our country, where we don’t take care of our neediest people.”

This year the federal budget includes $75 million for voucher assistance for homeless veterans.

“If its application for the vouchers is approved, the Iowa City Housing Authority would receive up to 35 vouchers for housing and medical assistance for homeless veterans in Iowa City.

I don’t think that we’ve had a high number of homeless veterans, but we do have them here, and we’re trying to address the problem as best as we can — even one is too many,” said Leo Baier, the Johnson County Community director of veteran affairs.

The Johnson County Commission of Veteran Affairs provides financial assistance to local veterans, but it can only do so when the veterans have addresses, he said.

The U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs estimates that around 200,000 veterans are homeless, and each year, more than 100,000 veteran spouses experience homelessness, according to the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

Len McClellan, the co-founder of Vote Helping Vote, a local nonprofit organization that aids homeless veterans, said the program could “definitely improve” the current housing situation, but he was unsure by how much.

“The only kind of emergency or transitional housing is the Shelter House, and it doesn’t have a lot of a housing,” he said. “We have a situation with the general and veteran homeless population. We’re trying to establish veteran housing, which will unload those other situations.”

The more awareness there is of the problem, the more the community can come out and help, McClellan said.

The Shelter House, a local nonprofit organization that provides housing and support for homeless people, can hold up to 27 people, but because of a limited capacity, it turns away around 30 people per night, according to the Shelter House website.

“As a country, we don’t give (vets) very much support after they get out of their tour of duty,” Champion said. “I think some of the veterans are going to come to the City Council to ask about the old bus depot to use as a place to meet.”

Rainer, a Korean War-era veteran, said he had “mixed feelings” about why some homeless veterans do not seek assistance.

“Chemical and substance-abuse problems afflicted a lot of the Vietnam-era veterans, causing them to go into a shell,” he said. “A lot of these who should have sought help didn’t, and so they’re starting to age, it’s begun to take its toll. The VA’s extending (a helping hand) and trying to answer that need, but you can’t help people who don’t want help.”

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Museum turns quiet 150

The UI Museum of Natural History didn’t draw a big audience this Sunday with its featured documentary, but it continues its efforts to educate the public.

By Zhi Xiong

The upper floors of Macbride Hall were buzzing with excited babbling of museum-going children.

Down in the auditorium, half a dozen audience members occupied their Sunday afternoon with a free showing of the documentary America’s Lost Landscape: The Tallgrass Prairie, sponsored by the Natural History Museum.

Now 150 years old and still reclusively open seven days a week, the Museum of Natural History had a quiet birthday.

While some natural sciences disciplines increasingly align with the medical campus at the UI, the museum exhibits and workshops in science, technology, and architecture; and business administration.

“It’s interesting that we’re not in Macbride Hall ourselves, but stay relevant,” said Sarah Horgen, the museum’s education and outreach coordinator.

“If there’s a lot going on at Iowa that not a lot of people know about...”

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Horgen, who came from a less-well-off family with a welder father, said that although receiving scholarships was a critical factor for her, she argued, must provide more scholarships to students who might not be prepared as “we want them to belong.”

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She did say universities should have places for students who might not be in college careers. Universities should have students, faculty, and staff who look like the United States demographically.

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If interested or would like more information please call Megan Dotton at 319-335-4106, toll free at (877) 845-8571, or by email at megan-dotton@uiowa.edu.
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Juvie abuse alleged

Child advocates say conditions for juveniles in many correction centers is deplorable.

By Holbrook Mohr

COLUMBIA, Miss. — The Columbia Training School — pleasant on the outside, austere on the inside — has been home to 3 of the most troubled young women in Mississippi.

If some of those girls and their advocates are to be believed, it is also a cruel and frightening place.

The school has been used only in the past four years. One out brought by the U.S. Justice Department, which the state settled in 2005, claimed detainees were thrown into cells and forced to eat on their own vomit.

The second one, bought by eight girls last year, said they were subjected to "horrendous physical and sexual abuse." Several of the detainees said they were shackled for 12 hours a day.

Across the country, in state after state, child advocates have deplored the conditions under which young offenders are housed — conditions that include sexual and physical abuse and even deaths in restraint.

The U.S. Justice Department has filed lawsuits against facilities in 11 states for violations of civil rights. The department has filed lawsuits and asked for information on 25, 2007, photograph taken at the Columbia, Miss., school.

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"What precise foreign-policy experience will Hillary make her qualified to answer," Obama asked about the former first lady at a town-hall meeting. It was a reference to dealing with terrorism and over who would exercise superior judgment in responding to a national emergency in the middle of the night.

The Illinois senator also sought to assure imperfect-minded someone about his religiosity, in particular whether he was a closet Muslim.

"I am a devout Christian. I have been a member of the same church for 20 years. I pray to Jesus every night," he said.

As a result, sex education has not kept up with sexual activity, with some unwelcome consequences. High-school girls make up 80 percent of the patients at Ashkelon abortion clinics during one-week school holidays, state media reported last year.

As recently as the 1960s, a couple holding hands in public would draw stares. Now, a government that once had say over how and whom people could marry is more concerned about regulating interest rates. And rising incomes have allowed Chinese to pursue much more than marriage for a lifetime.

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Obama strikes back on foreign policy

Democratic presidential-nomination hopeful Sen. Barack Obama listens to a question from the audience during a town meeting at Westerville Central High School in Westerville, Ohio, on Sunday.

A dozen long-range rockets slammed into Ashkelon over the weekend, marking a significant turning point in the conflict and compelling Israel to strike back harder.

"Until yesterday, I never would have believed that I would see the things I saw," said Rachel Shimon, an 18-year-old student of Tze al-Khaim, a city of 120,000 people approximately 11 miles north of Gaza. Hamas raised the stakes considerably. It is one of the largest cities in southern Israel, home to Mediterranean beaches, a college, and such a cultural institution as an electric plant and a water-purification plant.

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Israel's military has managed to hit the outskirts of Ashkelon in rare instances in the past, but the latest fighting was the first time they've been able to do it on a regular basis.

Since this first rocket hit Ashkelon on Feb. 27 in retaliation for an Israeli strike that killed five Palestinians, Israeli's military has killed more than 100 Palestinians, according to Palestinian medical officials and militant groups. Three Israelis have also died in the violence.

Drought, sprawling growth bring Western talk of more mammoth dams

WASHINGTON, Wash. (AP) — The Western states’ era of massive dams may be over, as economic and population slowdowns, and oriented irrigation systems, have left the West with many environmental problems — effectively resulted in 1965 with the completion of Glen Canyon Dam.

The region’s looming population growth and climate change have governments once again studying construction of dams to capture more winter rain and spring snowmelt for use in dry summer months.
Nakashí is best of bad lot

With USG elections looming, UI students are confronted with a new group of presidential candidates. In the opinion of the DI Editorial Board, only Nakashí of the Naked Party seems to be the most worthwhile candidate.

However, in the traditional spirit of the UISG presidency, many of the candidates or platforms seem to be, at least in both their ability to commun-

nicate, and without any apparent desire or potential to enhance the USG’s limited capabilities, it seems the possibility will still remain intangible to the vast majority of students. The UI junior will publish only one letter per author per month. Letters will be chosen for publication by the editors according to space considerations. No advertisements or mass mailings, please.

EI reserves the right to edit for length and clarity. The UISG elections are underway, and the Naked Party plans to take advantage of the cab service. This would benefit the cab companies to give students a break with cab companies to give students a break. This would cut out the middle man and offer all students a slight break.

The UI Student Government has an immense responsibility in representing the students in many aspects of its day-to-day operations. The student government has many forms of representation, and student interest groups are supposed to be partially rooted in the inconsistent interests of the student government and its constituency. Reality, UISG presidential candidates seem to have no clear direction before election time than afterw.

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**MOVIE REVIEW**

**Semi-Pro**

By Jarrett Hothan


Will Ferrell is back in the game with another sports parody, leaving the laughs behind in exchange for attempted inspiration.

When: the year is 1976, and Ferrell set his sights on the professional figure skating, exposing the seedy underbelly of the sport.

**READING**

Joyelle McSweeney and Johannes Göransson

When: 7 p.m. today Where: Piazza Lights Books, 15 E. Dubuque St.

Joyelle McSweeney might have superhuman powers, but instead of flying or breathing fire, she is the poet, editor, publisher, and founder of McSweeney’s Quarterly Concern.

The yearly passage into spring brings with it many traditions. A young man’s fancy turns to love (as the saying goes), women break out the a-ttractive-looking galoshes to attempt to dodge puddles with style, and college students simultaneously and turns to love

**RECIPE**

Puppy Chow

By Tara Atkinson Gunyon

Puppy chow is the ultimate Midwestern snack food. It’s salty, sweet, and you can make it for under $10. (Jasper/Reporte Tara McSweeney) puppy chow is the perfect addition to any football party!

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Hawkeyes battle like champs

By Diane Hendrickson

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Iowa Athletics Director Gary Barta congratulates the women's basketball team on its 2008 Big Ten cochampionship on Sunday evening in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

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**Men spill return**

While the return of Matt Brothers was the story, Iowa head coach Steve Houghton showed seniority still rules.

By Bobby Loesch

DePaul head coach Matt Birch had several reasons the last six years at Iowa as an assistant under Steve Houghton. The first was the time came for an uprising head coaching opportunity of his own, the more talked about.

After his second year as an assistant, and his 27 years of coaching experience — spoiled the rookie head coach's debut at DePaul on Sunday, and the Hawkeyes declared the Blue Demons down, 61-41. For Iowa's veteran coach, it was not only exciting but not particularly sweet.

"It's always nice to win a game as I thought," Houghton said. "He not only matched ours, but he is one of the best of the Iowa I can't say I enjoyed it. I don't get any particular pleasure from our team beating something.

A tumultuous start to double

broke into a strong finish, where the Hawks shot just 16-40 (.400) Sunday.

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mate our talent — spoiled the rookie head coaching debut for Birch — and he put out a game that put the contest out of reach for the Blue Demons.

No. 4 Illinois senior guard Tony Snukoski has a head-to-head advantage over Iowa in the 1 through 3 spot, but he said, "As a team, we can't let that one slip away. We have to do a better job at the top to help a helpful contribution. Tony Snukoski

You know what you want to happen, but it's not just happening.

Disappointed with Iowa's fail-

ures at the 3-point line, where the Hawks shot just 36-62 against Illinois — and frustrated with a lack of com-

petitive energy freshman guard Tacio Lickter was crystal clear in outlining the Hawkeyes' biggest struggle.

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letting the games go. I could see the guy he played and how he was doing yesterday in the Big Ten Tournament.

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the lineup. Joe Saunders, OF Reggie Willits and RHP Ervin

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Renewed the contracts of SS Robert

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gling a lot with teams like these, tough teams.

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While scoring defense continue-

to be one of few strengths for Iowa — a statistic in which Iowa ranked sixth nationally before the loss to Illinois — the Hawkeyes have been held to fewer than 55 points in 10 of its last 15 games, going 3-8 overall during that stretch.

That, combined with Iowa's continued inability to limit turnovers and some business stretches, such as the 12-2 Illi-

nois run that proved huge in the 2nd half, and quick wins are nice to give confidence, it was more like a hurricane as he set me for a awakening.

"It's a good win," he said. "It's a kind of day you are more focused than ever."

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body and we were not competitive with anybody."

"What is that has happened to us?"
A 9-2 run with 13:42 left brought the Badgers to within four at 43-39, and they trailed by a basket three minutes later on a 6-16 3-pointer from Solleveld, who finished the contest with 15 points. When the Hawkeyes pushed the lead back to eight, they weathered another charge by the home team. At the 4:09 mark, the Hawks pulled within in one. Solleveld answered with a three at the other end, and Weidman responded another with one of her own — her only points of the game — two minutes later to give Iowa a five-point advantage.

“We were on the court, and we said, ‘We still got this,’” said Megan Skouby, who contributed 15 off the bench including a lay-up that put Iowa up seven with just over a minute left. “We’re not worried about anything right now, we just need to go out — and win both possessions.”

The game had a combined 55 3s — 35 in the second half — and free-throw shooting was crucial down the stretch. The Hawks shot 17 percent in 3-point tries to the charity line, while Wisconsin was 24-of-54 for 44 percent. Skouby, Bluley Jipsonholt, Kreeti Smith, and Chelsea Hamlin were all in foul trouble, each spending significant time on the bench.

“I was worried we were going to run out of people,” Bluder said. “I didn’t like the way it was going.”

Wisconsin’s Anderson finished her home career with 10 points, nothing like the Career Hawkeye Arena record of 42 she set when she two aquadomes fell in Iowa City in January. The Hawkeyes kept her off the scoreboard until 24 seconds remained in the first half.

“It was knowing how much she meant to (Wisconsin), and we were really trying to deny her hard and not let her have any open shots, contest every shot, get our hands up, and use our height against her to make hard shots for her,” Bluder said. “She said the campus was the first time we played them, and that was a little embarrassing. We wanted to make sure we didn’t have another career night against us.”

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By Mike Brownlee

**Commentary**

Sunday’s victory over Wisconsin was a microcosm of how Iowa won its first regular-season title since 1998.

**Basketball**

**Continued from 1B**

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Iowa comes close

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"The GymHawks then ventured on the road to the National Fast Pitch Coaches Association Leadoff Classic in Coralville, where they opened the weekend posting a new one to believe a suicide with a female occupant of 308 N. Clinton, 5-9, 165."

Undaunted after a 1-2 start to the weekend, the Hawkeyes now have their recent scores, a sustained gling at the edge of the top 10 with Minnesota March 21. Instead of dismantling hanging a "Mission Accomplished" sign on 4B gym, the Hawkeyes will take down the 54th-ranked Louisiana Lafayette — the highest they have experienced over the past week.

"The Hawkeyes now have something to build on with a two-game winning streak. We're confident now, and it's even more fun when your training gives you a goal this weekend, and obviously, we're competitors."

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