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Bleam, Szeluga win



Julie Brayton/The Daily Iowan

Members of the VIP Party jump for joy after they were announced as the winners of the UI Student Government election in the IMU on Thursday. After three rounds of runoff tallying, the VIP Party won with 56.8 percent of the vote.

After weeks on the campaign trail and a series of university debates, the VIP Party will take control of the UI Student Government.

By **Carla Keppler**
THE DAILY IOWAN

After a record-setting voter turnout and three rounds of elimination, Maison Bleam and Bridget Szeluga captured 56.8 percent of the vote to secure the leadership the UI Student Government.

Cheers, jumps of joy, and the "VIP" chant rang throughout the IMU Hubbard Commons following the Thursday evening announcement.

"Honestly, I feel like I could throw up," President-elect Maison Bleam said between hugs and comments of congratulations from fellow VIPs and opposing parties.

Bleam said his first order of business was passing his 6 o'clock midterm.

Then, he said, "we're going to set out to do what we said we would do and finish our platform."

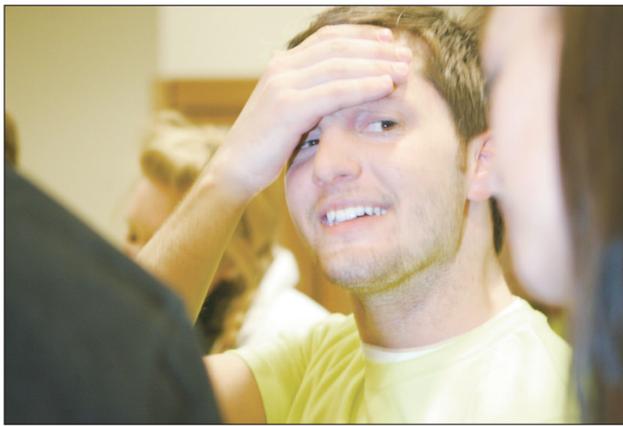
Incoming Vice President Szeluga simply said, "I feel great."

Nearly all newly elected senators ran on the VIP ticket.

"I have complete faith in Bridget and Maison," said Sen. Michael Currie who ran on the winning ticket. In his mind, he said, the VIP Party campaigned more effectively than other tickets by taking the campaign to the streets and knocking on doors.

Currie said he was ecstatic about his election: "I lost last year, and to come back and win, I couldn't feel better. I'm on top of the world."

A record-setting 32.53 percent of eligible students voted in the UISG electronic runoff ballot, casting 6,357 votes.



Julie Brayton/The Daily Iowan

Maison Bleam, the newly elected UISG president, shares his excitement with party members and friends after his party, the VIP Party, was announced as the winner. UI students elected the VIP Party by voting online.

The results are in

Watch Daily Iowan TV at dailyiowan.com to see how the candidates reacted to Thursday's election results.

"[The turnout is] great," vice-president hopeful Emily Grieves said. "But it's a little expected with the increase in political involvement. All parties really tried to get the vote out this year."

Though Grieves — who ran with Atul Nakhasi and the Naked Party — said she was disappointed that her slate placed third, she maintained confidence in the party's efforts.

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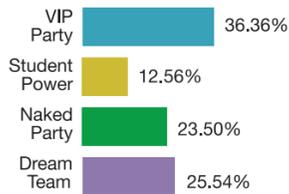
Election results

This year's UISG elections used instant-runoff voting — a method that was also used in 2006.

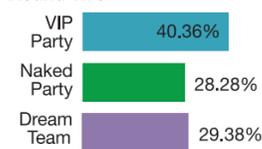
2008 Instant-runoff voting

- Votes are tallied in three rounds
- The party with the lowest percentage of votes is eliminated each round
- Voters were able to rank parties online
- Votes for eliminated candidates are applied to voters' second and third choices

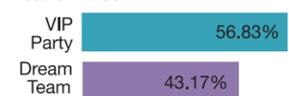
Round One



Round Two



Round Three



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Legal woes

UISG may set aside money for an additional legal representative.

By **Carla Keppler**
THE DAILY IOWAN

With one of the worst student-to-attorney ratios in the Big Ten, the UI Student Legal Services hopes an extra \$45,000 for an additional legal representative will help in remedying the problem.

A single attorney advises the UI's 29,000 students.

Numbers gathered by Student Legal Services from seven Big Ten universities and several national institutions found the UI had the worst student-to-attorney ratio in the Big Ten and second worst nationally.

The organization stumbled upon these statistics in January after submitting its annual budget to the UI Student Government.

"My main concern is that students aren't getting represented when they really need to."

— **Greg Bal**, Student Legal Services attorney

SEE **ATTORNEY**, 3A

LAWSUIT

Woman sues UI for firing

By **Olivia Moran**
THE DAILY IOWAN

Discrimination complaints in the UI are some of the most common, officials said, but one unique type of discrimination recently entered the legal system.

In a civil lawsuit filed in late February, an ex-university employee contended that she was unfairly terminated from her position as a research assistant and project coordinator in the UI radiology department for a single reason — she was pregnant. In 2007, the UI's Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity received only two such allegations, reports show.

However, the number of discrimination complaints as a whole in 2007 was not as low.

"There are more complaints of discrimination than there are on any basis," said Tiffini Stevenson Earl, the Equal Opportunity Office compliance specialist.

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UI student eyes Statehouse run

Matt Pfaltzgraf is seeking to become the Iowa House's youngest member.

By **Christopher Patton**
THE DAILY IOWAN

While most UI students are planning for spring break, political-science and finance major Matt Pfaltzgraf is strategizing for his political campaign.

And it's not a UI Student Government position the 23-year-old Democrat has set his sights on. Rather, it's the

state-representative seat from Ankeny, which is his hometown. Though his campaign is still in its early stages, he said meetings regarding fundraising and strategy are already taking up much of his time.

"Some people have brought my age up, but not many," he said. "A lot of older people are excited to see a young person get involved."

Seeking elected office at Pfaltzgraf's age has unique benefits and drawbacks, said David Redlawsk, a UI associate professor of political science.

"Some voters may think he's too young and not experienced enough, but others will probably say he'll be able to bring a fresh, new perspective," Redlawsk said. "But what anyone running for office wants is for people to pay attention, and his youth will probably help with that."

SEE **PFALTZGRAF**, 3A

Matt Pfaltzgraf at a glance

The UI student has been active in politics since high school

- Interned with Gov. Tom Vilsack
- Interned with Rep. Leonard Boswell
- Served as delegate for the Young Democrats of America
- Worked in Iowa Attorney General's Office
- Serves as UI Student Government state government-relations liaison





Dorm fees may rise

Residence-hall fees may increase by nearly 6 percent, while the buildings will stay over occupancy.

By Clara Hogan
THE DAILY IOWAN

The tradition of over-capacity residence halls and increasing costs to live in their rooms will remain next year under a proposal scheduled for presentation to the state Board of Regents on March 11.

The report requests a 5.9 percent increase in room and board — from \$6,685 to \$7,079 — in double-occupancy residence rooms with full board. It also projects 101 percent capacity in the buildings, 61 people over the limit.

Von Stange, the director of University Housing, said the increase is due to jumps in salaries and benefits, ongoing projects, inflation, and food costs.

Of the last seven years' fee increases, this hike is the median, he said, noting fees ultimately vary depending on living options and meal plans.

The UI came up with the 5.9 percent increase by looking at the projected expenses for the upcoming year, he said. The

housing department spoke with different entities involved with residence halls, from electrical companies to food suppliers and construction agencies.

The rises are standard for UI officials, but to incoming students the increase is troublesome.

Stephanie Mulstay, a senior at Hoover High School in Des Moines, will be a freshman at the UI in the fall and plans to live in the residence halls. She will rely on student loans to pay for her tuition as well as her room and board fees, she said.

She said the hike is upsetting because it means it will take longer for her to pay off her loans.

Mulstay also noted it seems living in apartment may be cheaper, something she believes is unfair.

"It seems we are paying more to have less," she said.

However, fee boosts are necessary to help with the housing department's ongoing projects, including the 100-bed addition to Burge Hall, which is projected to be finished by the fall of 2009.

The UI is also working to get card access to all residence halls. Quadrangle, Parklawn, and Rienow are the only existing halls that require students to use a card to enter the building.

Iowa State University, University of Northern Iowa, and the UI will present the report to the regents March 11, but the regents will not vote until their April 30-May 1 meeting.

The regents have already approved hikes to tuition on Dec. 5, 2007. Tuition will rise for in-state residents by 3.2 percent, while the out-of-state hike is 6 percent.

If the proposal is passed, the total fees — including tuition and a double-occupancy dorm room with full board — will together rise by \$645.

The report also notes that the UI is the only regent school whose dorms will be over capacity, and they are projected to exceed capacity through 2013. Despite this, Stange said, the school is not looking to build a new dorm because it would cost students a large amount of money.

"We always have students in

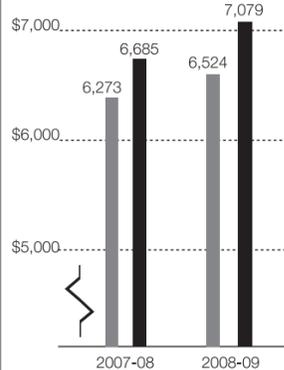
UI costs rising

Next year's proposal for the Board of Regents requests a 5.9 percent increase in the cost of room and board. Tuition will also increase.

Tuition and fees
Room and board fees

Cost of tuition vs. room and board

Costs are for in-state double occupancy with full board



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temporary housing," he said. "Unfortunately, we're going to have them again."

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Still no room in the jail

A new jail or justice center could cost between \$40 million and \$60 million, officials say.

By Kurtis Hiatt
THE DAILY IOWAN

The jail is overcrowded. That's what leads every report from jail officials to update the Johnson County Board of Supervisors on the status of the county jail, Supervisor Sally Stutsman said.

"[Officials] do a good job of managing with what they have right now," she said. "But they are constantly reminding us: This is not getting any better. This situation is not going away."

Jail officials are going to have to wait at least a couple more years before they see any changes, as the price tag could be between \$40 million and \$50 million and voters have rejected a new jail before, supervisors said.

The Johnson County Jail was originally built to house 46 inmates, then was "double-bunked" to hold 92, though all resources — including the kitchen, laundry room, and exercise room — remained the same size. Today, the jail houses roughly 80 inmates during the day, but that figure can bulge to more than 100 at night, said Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek.

Such a high concentration of inmates reflects national incarceration trends. According to a report released Feb. 28 from the Pew Center on the States' Public Safety Performance Project, one in every 100 adults in America — more than 2.3 million at the start of 2008 — are in

jail or prison. This is the highest ratio in history, according to a news release from the center.

In Johnson County, officials said they have been able to divert a number of possible inmates to such alternatives as treatment centers, though there are still a large number of violent criminals whom, Pulkrabek said, "society needs to fear" and should lock up.

The next step for discussing building a new jail rests now on a report this spring from a consulting company that is exploring space and location options for the project, including the possibility of a justice center, Supervisor Terrence Neuzil said.

The justice center would combine cells and courthouse functions in one building; Neuzil said the courthouse is also running out of space.

Stutsman said a new jail is always on the minds of supervisors, but officials are in the midst numerous other infrastructure projects, including a joint communications center and a health and human services building.

And Neuzil said the "monster of a project" jail or justice center will need more taxpayer support this time — especially since it was voted down before.

"We need community buy-in to be able to move forward," he said. "These are very expensive projects. There's a heavy toll on taxpayers. Taxpayers can only swallow so much."

So officials want to be prepared the next time they bring



Ariana McLaughlin/The Daily Iowan

Car lights are visible outside the Johnson County Jail from Capitol Street on Thursday. A recent report showed that one in every 100 Americans is in jail or prison, and Johnson County is feeling the effects of overcrowding.

Jail overcrowding

Johnson County continues to pay to transport inmates to and incarcerate them in other counties' jails because of continued overcrowding in the Johnson County Jail.

Number of inmates incarcerated in the Johnson County Jail and elsewhere

Date	County Jail	Housed elsewhere	Cost per day to house elsewhere
2-25-08	83	37	\$1,915
2-26-08	80	35	\$1,805
2-27-08	87	34	\$1,750
2-28-08	92	34	\$1,750
2-29-08	81	34	\$1,750
3-1-08	94	34	\$1,750
3-2-08	98	34	\$1,750

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the jail issue to community members.

"We want to have everything in place before we go back in front of voters to ask them to support this," Neuzil said.

Pulkrabek agreed, saying rushing into building a jail isn't the best idea.

"I don't know that I would say that [a new jail is] an absolute urgency right now," he said.

However, Pulkrabek still

noted the jail's linear setup is outdated and that officials expect to spend \$800,000 to house inmates out of county, not including transportation, in the next fiscal year.

Once that number tops \$1 million, in the next couple of years, though, Pulkrabek thinks voters will be more apt to support building a new jail.

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METRO

2 minors charged with gun violations

Two Iowa City minors face felonies after authorities charged them with possessing stolen firearms, Johnson County sheriff's deputies said.

Ethan Johnston, 17, IWW Road

S.W., and Tyler Carter, 17, 2065 Little Creek Lane, are charged with trafficking in stolen weapons.

According to reports, an investigation allegedly showed Johnston and Carter were in possession of stolen handguns they obtained from a Cedar Rapids gun show.

Johnston reportedly had a semi-

automatic handgun, and Carter allegedly had a .45-caliber gun.

They were also each allegedly in possession of "one handgun that was obtained in Johnson County that was traced to a burglary in Muscatine County." Johnston reportedly obtained his from Coral Ridge Mall in Coralville and Carter

obtained his at or near Broadway Apartments in Coralville during late summer or early fall in 2007.

Trafficking in stolen weapons is a Class D felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$7,500.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

POLICE BLOTTER

Jacob Belay, 19, 929 Rienow, was charged Wednesday with PAULA and unlawful use of another's authentic driver's license/ID.

Andrew Blake, 20, 941 Rienow, was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

Joseph Burns, 18, 416A Mayflower, was charged Thursday with PAULA.

Matthew Casaletto, 19, Barrington, Ill., was charged Sunday with unlawful use of another's authentic driver's license/ID and public intoxication.

Martin Duggan, 19, N112 Hillcrest, was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

Aaron Jaspering, 23, Washington,

Iowa, was charged Thursday with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

Seth Libe, 23, Washington, Iowa, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

Steven Libe, 21, Washington, Iowa, was charged Thursday with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

Constance McKinnon, 19, 815 E. Washington St., was charged Sunday with unlawful use of another's authentic driver's license/ID and public intoxication.

Colton McMaster, 20, 319 Heron Circle, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Gabriel Middaugh, 23, 627 Orchard Court, was charged Thursday with OWI.

Nathaniel Nielsen, 19, 609B Mayflower, was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

Katherine Peck, 18, 306A Mayflower, was charged Thursday with unlawful use of another's authentic driver's license/ID and PAULA.

Leslie Peterson, 19, Fort Dodge,

Iowa, was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

Stephen Siegel, 18, Orland Park, Ill., was charged Thursday with PAULA.

Gina Sperando, 18, 427 Slater, was charged Thursday with presence in a bar after hours.

Scott Thompson, 40, address unknown, was charged Dec. 13, 2006, with forgery by check/document.

Gregory Witt, 20, 222 E. Market St. Apt. 35, was charged Thursday with PAULA.

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UI senior Matt Pfaltzgraf stands on the stairs of the Old Capitol on Wednesday. The UI political-science and finance major is running for the state representative seat from Ankeny. If elected, he would be the youngest member in the Iowa Legislature.

Student takes aim at DM

PFALTZGRAF
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When anyone asks him about his age, Pfaltzgraf said he stresses the experience he's accumulated through his involvement with politics thus far, which stretches back to his high-school years.

During his junior year he served as the only high-school intern for then Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack. Later, he spent 10 weeks interning in Washington, D.C., for Rep. Leonard Boswell, D-Iowa.

Pfaltzgraf then spent the summer of 2007 in the Iowa Attorney General's Office, working with the consumer-protection division. Currently, he serves as the UI Student Government's state government-relations liaison, representing the UI students for the Iowa Legislature.

If elected, the 23-year-old would be the Iowa House's youngest member, but not by much.

Rep. Matt Windschitl, R-Missouri Valley, holds that title. Though he's 24 now, he was only 22 when elected.

"Being the House's youngest member was pretty intimidating at first, but no one gave me any problems," he said. "A lot of people see that young representatives

bring a unique perspective — we're focused on our future and our children's future in the state."

Despite his deep-seated interest in the political process, Pfaltzgraf said, he didn't initially foresee running for office so early in life. However, he decided to throw his hat into the ring when he learned Ankeny's current state representative isn't seeking re-election.

Since gaining the support of the Iowa Democratic Party and the Ankeny Area Democrats, the UI student has been spending about four days a week in Ankeny, talking with community members and working to gain their support. His primary campaign issue is managing Ankeny's rapid population growth, specifically in securing sufficient funds to support the city's quickly expanding school system.

"We need to maintain Ankeny as a place you can raise a family," Pfaltzgraf said. "I really want to be active on this and make sure my family grows up in a good place."

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Legal office seeks aid

ATTORNEY
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Since Bal's arrival in May 2007, the legal office has seen a 28 percent increase in clients, according to statistics provided by the organization.

Employees attribute this "fairly significant" boost to a combination of advertising, word of mouth, and informational presentations given to UI students.

This means heavier workloads for the staff.

As the sole attorney supervising one part-time and four full-time law-student interns, Bal is responsible for overseeing all of the office's activity — from initial meetings with clients to final proceedings in court.

Bal said that with only one lawyer covering an increased number of incoming students, the work has become less efficient in terms of services the office can and should provide students.

"I'm not as interested with the statistics as I am in giving students what they're entitled to," he said. "I think every student who pays the activity fee should have access to our service; unfortunately, students don't always get that because we fill up so fast."

While some students must wait up to two weeks to receive legal advice, the office handles emergency situations by coming into work early, staying late, or working on weekends.

Andrew Henning, the undergraduate director of Student Legal Services, said that operating under a single lawyer is "inconvenient" and makes it "very difficult to make sure that students receive information" they need.

The two agreed that an additional attorney would not only lighten the workload for current employees but also ensure that UI students receive adequate legal assistance.

Because of the increased use of service and poor national ranking, the UISG's Student Assembly Budgeting and Allocating Committee decided to allocate more funding to the group.

Panel Chairman Maison Bleam said the committee was impressed with the reports of increased use of Student Legal Services, as presented in its

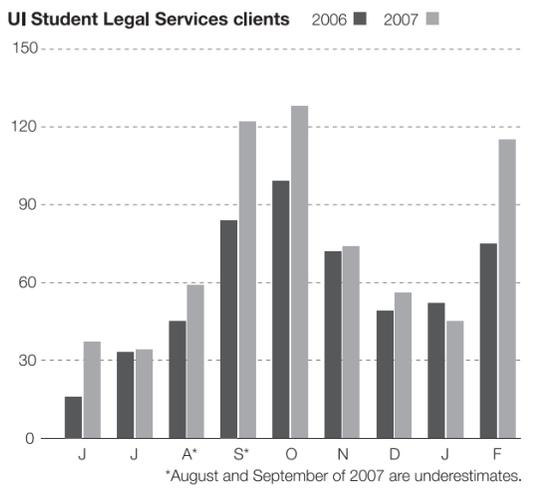
UI students may get another lawyer

After seeing rising numbers of clients and one of the lowest ratio of students to attorneys in the Big Ten, UI Student Legal Services may get money from the UI Student Government for an additional legal representative.

Student Legal Services in the Big Ten

(some schools not reporting)

School	Student/attorney ratio	Number of attorneys
Iowa	29,000:1	1
Ohio State	27,500:1	2
Illinois (Urbana)	12,500:1	2
Michigan State	10,500:1	4
Michigan	9,290:1	4
Indiana	7,600:1	5
Minnesota	7,000:1	6



Peter Klopfenstein/The Daily Iowan
Greg Bal, shown here on Wednesday, is the sole UI Student Legal Services attorney. Bal is hopeful that an extra \$45,000 allocated to the UI in the spring of 2007, Bal has seen a 28 percent increase in clients, putting a strain on his ability to handle all the cases.

annual budget. The committee was dismayed with the high student-attorney ratio, "especially with the culture of Iowa City and the number of students who get in trouble and need legal representation."

While the added attorney position would be "a great step for Student Legal Services in the long term," Henning said, the allocation of additional funds has not yet been completed. Funding will be officially decided in April.

Bleam said the office receiving the \$45,000 is contingent upon whether UISG balances

next year's fiscal budget and if it gains control of leftover funds from this year.

"It shows from statistics that other universities have utilized services more effectively and managed their budget more efficiently," Henning said. "With additional students and additional needs, the student government has taken a proactive approach to make sure students' needs are being met. They should get an efficient level of service; that's students' right to have."

Though his fingers are crossed for the extra help, Bal said that if additional funding

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— **Greg Bal, Student Legal Services attorney**

fails to materialize, business will continue as usual and Student Legal Services will continue representing students to the best of its ability.

Like Bal, Henning remains confident in the work of the office but says it seems more urgent that another lawyer be incorporated.

"There are a lot of complex legal issues that Student Legal Services deals with on a daily basis. It's crucial to have adequate staff in our office to make sure that when students come in, we can give the best advice possible," he said. "With another supervising attorney, we can make sure we're able to address every single student issue that walks in the door."

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UI adapts to plagiarism buster

Many at UI are content with an online plagiarism-detection program.

By Ashton Shurson
THE DAILY IOWAN

No qualms with
turnitin.com

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UI sophomore Brooke Duval is using turnitin.com for the first time this semester, and it doesn't bother her at all. "I understand that cheating is prevalent," she said. "I don't think [turnitin.com] is a big deal."

But Duval's attitude is different from that of other students across the country.

A handful of high-school and college students have refused to submit papers and some have even sued the plagiarism-finding program because of alleged violations of intellectual property rights.

Some have felt that their secured copyrights were unfairly submitted to the website and they were upset about iParadigms — the company that puts out Turnitin — profiting from their papers.

Turnitin.com has roughly 40 million student papers in its database and profits from its vast selection.

"I'm skeptical about the students' copyright-infringement claim," said Mark Janis, a UI law professor in an e-mail.

Turnitin contends that it is protected by the transformative aspect of the fair-use doctrine — which would allow copyrighted material to be used for things including finding plagiarism.

Janis said the company could also claim a license defense — meaning that when students turn in their own copyrighted papers for class, students are licensing their professors under the copyrights to do certain things with the papers, including turning them in to turnitin.com.

Although some students and professors across the country are hesitant to use the program because it undermines trust and copyright, here at the UI,

students seem content using the website.

In the 2006-07 school year, more than 300 UI professors and 12,000 students used turnitin.com, said Maggie Jesse, an instructional service manager at Information Technology Services. It also costs the UI \$20,000 a year to renew the service.

"I don't mind it all," said UI senior Charlie Strader, who said he has used it for many classes.

And many professors who use the program said they use it for its intended purpose — to detect plagiarism.

Kelly Kadera, a UI political-science associate professor, said she started using the program because it's faster than checking every paper by herself and with the Internet, it's easier to plagiarize. She has also never received a complaint about the program from a student.

"It's just a practice to keep up with the demands of contemporary styles of teaching," Kadera said.

Through the program, she has caught students who were plagiarizing, and she expects any professors who use the service have as well.

Jennifer Glanville, a UI sociology associate professor, is one of those professors. She said she has caught around 10 people through turnitin.com. She, too, has never had a student complain about the program.

"My reason for using it is because there is a lot of evidence that plagiarism is a big problem in college classes," she said.

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Rocky road ahead

Potholes will cause problems through spring, transportation officials say.

By Janessa Ensinger
THE DAILY IOWAN

The frigid temperatures and the amount of snow that fell this winter have caused many roads to crack under the elements, and the condition could persist until spring.

Not only did freezing temperatures and moisture cause potholes, but the cleanup did as well. More than 60 inches of snow this winter had to be cleaned up using salt, sand, and plows, all of which damaged the pavement.

The Iowa Department of Transportation estimated it may not have all the roads patched until well into spring, said Jack Patterson, the District Six operations manager for the agency.

"It's unfortunate we have so many," he said.

Patterson said this year the department has been working around the clock to fix the holes on the roadways. It spent March 1 fixing I-380 and Highway 6 in Iowa City/Coralville, he said.

Snow falling at least once a week this season has kept workers from fixing the holes earlier. The holes can only be fixed when the roads are clear of ice, snow, and slush, all mainstays of this winter.

Roads are fixed based on the traffic values. For example, I-80 and I-380 have been some of the first roads repaired with a cold patch premix because of the high number of drivers on those interstates. Other roads will be fixed as soon as the major roadways are free from hazards.

Shortages of the cold patch premix should not be a concern for the agency. Later this year, road crews will fill the patched holes with concrete or asphalt — asphalt is not ideal for cold temperatures.

"We know it is a temporary repair," Patterson said. "It's going to take a long time to fix



Steve Lexa/The Daily Iowan

Iowa City street-repair crew member Mike Sansen scoops out the heated hopper as Bob Conley shoves the steaming mix down to him on Thursday afternoon. The pair used around 2 tons of the asphalt mix to fill in potholes on South Riverside Drive on Thursday.

"We have had a ton of damage from the potholes. This is the worst I have seen, and I've been here for 22 years."

— Paul Morano, general manager for Linder Tire Service

Fixin' a hole

Check out dailyiowan.com for an audio-photo slide show and a video from Daily Iowan TV about the area's pothole problems.

for Linder Tire Service, 632 Riverside Drive, said the damage is the worst he has seen in a long time.

"We have had a ton of damage from the potholes," he said. "This is the worst I have seen, and I've been here for 22 years."

Damages have ranged in problems from as small as messed-up alignments to blown-out tires to bent rims or wheels. Depending on the damage, the cost of the repair can be expensive, he said.

In one day at Linder Tire, three different vehicles came in with damage from traveling on I-380. Morano speculated that

perhaps the same pothole was doing the damage. In the end, he said his customers paid between \$275 to \$625 for the repair work.

"It's been a good for us, but I'd rather sell things in a different way," Morano said.

The transportation agency has received a few complaints from drivers about damage to their vehicles, Patterson said, adding that he thought people understand potholes are not the agency's fault.

Until the roads are fixed, the best way to avoid any damage is to keep an eye on the road. Patterson said his goal was to keep everyone safe.

"We are out there, look ahead and be aware, the potholes are there."

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NATION

N. Carolina student president fatally shot

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — The University of North Carolina student president was found shot to death on a city street in what police said Thursday appeared to be a random crime, stunning the campus community who knew her well.

Thousands of students gathered silently on campus to mourn Eve Marie Carson, whose body was discovered around a mile away early Wednesday. The 22-year-old senior from Athens, Ga., had been shot several times, including at least once in the head, police said. Officials said there are no suspects and no arrests have been made.

"We have lost someone whom we cherish and love," university Chancellor James Moeser told a massive crowd on the school's Polk Place quad. "We're all in a state of shock."

Police found Carson's vehicle, a blue 2005 Toyota Highlander with Georgia plates, about a mile from

where her body was found after receiving a tip Thursday afternoon from a witness who spotted it near the main drag through the popular college town.

Toby Rice of Chapel Hill told the Associated Press his wife discovered the car and called 911.

"We saw it on the news, and we heard the woman is the president of the student body, and she goes, 'Oh my God, I just found the car,'" Rice said.

Carson's body was found on the street at an intersection after neighbors reported hearing shots about 5 a.m. Wednesday in an upscale residential area. It was not clear why she was in the area, which does not have student housing.

Police publicly identified the shooting victim as Carson on Thursday, and Police Chief Brian Curran said her death appeared to be a random act. Police had no evidence other than her car, and the medical examiner said they was no indication that Carson had been sexually assaulted.



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Voters to decide on land preservation

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors approve adding a \$20 million bond to the general-election ballot in November.

By Briana Byrd
THE DAILY IOWAN

Johnson County voters can expect to see a \$20 million bond referendum on the ballot in November.

On Thursday, the Johnson County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to add the bond for land-preservation funding to be included the 2008 general-election ballot.

"There have been people advocating for it, but there have also been people who've been advocating against it, and I think [voting to place the issue on the ballot] is the fair way to do it — let the public debate it and decide on it," Supervisor Larry Meyers said.

The issue was first presented during a county land-use meeting in the summer of 2006, said Harry Graves, the executive director of the Johnson County Conservation Board.

According to the U.S. Census, Johnson County's population grew by 6.3 percent from 2000 to 2006, the seventh-fastest rate in Iowa.

"The tremendous amount of growth in the county has caused citizens to express concern about the continuing loss of the natural environment," Graves said. "It is the Conservation Board's duty to address those issues."

The panel manages natural resources in the county, including prairies, wildlife habitats,

river access, and community parks, according to the Johnson County website.

Placing the decision in the hands of the public would ensure that the taxpayers are using their money for issues that they felt were worthwhile, Supervisor Terrence Neuzil said.

"We're putting this issue in the hands of the citizens, and the citizens are going to have to decide that they want to invest a few dollars out of their own pockets to protect our environment, to protect our wetlands, to protect our creeks, to put money into trails, and, of course, land preservation in general," he said.

Supervisor Pat Harney, who also stressed the importance of giving power to the public in county matters, said that it was "only prudent that the board allow the voters to make the decision for themselves."

"It's part of the democratic process," he said.

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Senate toughens toy bill

After the past year saw a record number of toy recalls, the Senate gives toy inspection some new teeth.

By Laurie Kellman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Responding to record recalls of products that sickened children, the Senate passed legislation Thursday that would toughen inspections of toys and other playthings made outside the United States.

The bill calls for a public database of consumer complaints, bolsters the Consumer Products Safety Commission to help it certify the safety of overseas products, bans lead in children's goods, and sets new standards for safe toys.

It won approval by a 79-13 vote after four days of debate. The Bush administration and other critics said the database unfairly could taint manufacturers. But President Bush stopped short of threatening a veto.

Both the Senate and House versions passed with veto-

proof margins, increasing the chances a compromise would draw similar support.

"Even though [Bush] doesn't like it, I think he's going to have to take it," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., told reporters during a conference call.

Congress has much to do before Bush has the chance to make that decision.

"The hard work starts" now, said Sen. Mark Pryor, D-Ark., with negotiators from each chamber working to reconcile their differences. He managed the bill with Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn.

The House's version has many differences, including a lower cap for jury awards.

The congressional debate was thick with emotion. The mothers of two boys sickened by toys tearfully urged Congress to speed the legislation to the president, saying many provisions would have helped

her children and prevent others from similar dangers.

For Colton Burkhart's parents, it was a medallion from a gumball-type machine that cost just a quarter, but nearly took his life.

Colton, then 4, swallowed the trinket and almost died from the lead it contained. Four years and a battery of tests, surgeries and therapy later, the Redmond, Ore., boy still has elevated levels of lead in his body.

It was his case — and hundreds like it — as well as the recalls last year of millions of Chinese-produced toys, from Barbie doll accessories to Thomas the Tank Engine, that led Congress to overhaul the agency responsible for ensuring that toys and other products pose no hazard.

The Senate bill would nearly double the agency's budget and increase its staff to nearly 500 people by 2013.

UI grants and scholarships up

By Patrick Futtner
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI students received \$80 million in grants and scholarships during the 2006-07 school year, an increase of 8.3 percent over the 2005-06 school year.

"It is important the university increases its grants and scholarships to students," said Mark Warner, the director of UI Student Financial Aid. "We have to make an effort to push an increase."

The UI has been allocating a significant amount of tuition revenue to support grants and scholarships in the university. During the 2006-07 school year, \$41.8 million in tuition revenue was designated for undergraduate, graduate, and professional students.

The amount was increased to \$47.5 million for the 2007-08 school year, an increase in 13.7 percent.

"From what I have seen, [the university is] good at rewarding scholarships and giving second chances," said Hannah Schultz, who was awarded the UI Freshman Tuition Scholarship and is also on work-study. "I know a lot of people whose GPAs have dropped below the minimum, and they were given a second chance."

Scholarships at the UI

The university awarded \$80 million in scholarships and grants in the 2006-07 school year

- Federal funding — \$17.3 million
An increase in 2.67 percent from 2005 to 2006
- State funding — \$2.3 million
A decrease in 2.4 percent
- UI and private funding — \$60.5 million
An increase of 10.5 percent

The UI has recently created numerous new scholarship and grant opportunities for students. These are mainly designed to help economically disadvantaged, underrepresented, and first-generation students while also recognizing academic accomplishments.

The Iowa Pathways Program uses a combination of federal, state, and university grants to help financially disadvantaged yet academically strong undergraduate students from Iowa. This scholarship has been awarded to 50 first-year students for a total of \$100,000.

The Iowa Heritage Awards are designed for nonresident students who have a parent, stepparent, legal guardian, or grandparent who graduated from any of the UI programs, which has been awarded to 122 students for more than

\$182,000.

The Advantage Iowa Awards are given to first-year students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents and are interested in diversity within learning. This has been given to 232 students for a total of roughly \$1.8 million.

The Iowa Promise Scholarship will combine with the new Iowa Opportunity Scholarship, to give new high-need students during the 2007-08 school year who have a UI GPA above 3.0 an opportunity to have their tuition and fees paid for.

"We know that by awarding these grants and scholarships will minimize debts students have to pay every year," Warner said. "There is no question the tuition set aside will increase for the 2008-09 school year."

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Teen Health Research Study

The University of Iowa's Department of Pediatrics invites youth aged 13-18 years in Johnson, Iowa and Cedar counties and surrounding areas to participate in a research study. This study will include four hours of focus group discussions and completing brief questionnaires. Teens are asked to provide feedback that will be used to develop an experimental video doctor intervention, which will be used in health care clinics to give feedback to teens who may put themselves at risk due to their alcohol use or other risk behaviors. Compensation is available.

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Editorial

Milk labels do a consumer good

Got rBGH? If you've had a glass of milk today, chances are the answer is yes.

Recombinant bovine growth hormone, also known as recombinant bovine somatotropin, allows for greater milk production when injected into dairy cows. Though banned in Europe, Canada, Australia, and Japan, the hormone is widely used in America.

Credit it to the "natural foods" craze, or chalk it up to consumers just not wanting extra additives in their bodies, but many dairies are now going rBGH-free. In February, Iowa's own Anderson Erickson started selling milk with the label "rBST-free." Missouri-based Heartland Creamery also sells similarly labeled products in Iowa. With ever-increasing worries about product safety, giving customers more information about what they purchase would seem to be a good idea. And, to most, it is. But not the makers of rBST, Monsanto, which sell it under the trade name Posilac.

Monsanto and other critics of the "rBST-free" label point out that the FDA considers the hormone completely safe and that the injected hormones are biologically identical to those normally produced in cows.

They also believe that the use of the label "rBST-free" makes customers believe that the hormone is dangerous or unhealthy. To quash this argument, Anderson Erickson places this on its product as well: "No significant difference has been shown between milk derived from rBST-treated and non-rBST-treated cows." Because of an FDA ruling, the disclaimer is

required on any product sold on American shelves labeled "rBST-free," preventing the insinuation that there's anything wrong with a product such as Posilac.

But this still doesn't satisfy Monsanto. It has used its considerable lobbying muscle to set up "grass-roots" groups and influence state legislatures and governors in seven states to consider restrictions on labeling any product "rBST-free." These groups would lead you to believe they aren't worried about Monsanto's profits as much as consumer happiness. Their argument is that permitting the "rBST-free" label to be used would allow consumers to think that milk without such labeling is dangerous, the same way a bag of chips without the words "salt free" would send shoppers screaming out of supermarket doors.

Monsanto has a justifiable interest in protecting its product's "good name." If a small farmer has an equally small stock to milk from and needs rBST to keep milk production at profitable levels, then that's the farmer's prerogative. However, a milk customer has equal justification in wanting to know precisely what he or she is buying. At issue is something more important than Monsanto's image and farmer's rights, and that is members of the American public being entitled to know exactly what they are purchasing, especially if it goes into their bodies. Corporations have no right to keep product information from consumers, and neither does the government. If something is in our milk, whether someone else says it's safe or not, we have a right to know if it's there.

What price humor?

Pressing my hand to my hip I feel the blood rushing out of broken veins and into the surrounding tissue. The bleeding starts to cramp my hip flexor, and I trot around in a circle whispering through clenched teeth, "Oh shit, oh shit, oh shit, oh shit."

"John, are you OK? That didn't look too good."
"You might want to sit down for a second, man."

I look back at my riding partners and grimace. "Just give me a second, I'll be fine."

I crawl onto my single-speed Fugli with a basket and start to ride, using only my right leg. The rushing sensation becomes more intense as we near the crest of College Street. And I think to myself, "Dammit, am I going to have to go to the emergency room?" An ensuing jolt of electrified bear-trap pain says, "Yes, yes you are."

The UI Hospital and Clinics ER makes do. Upon arrival, my comrades in two wheels helpfully lower me and my expanding hip tenderly into a chair at the receptionist's station and I painfully let her know my situation.

"I was riding my bike, and I hit an ice patch, and now I'm here. I have a pre-existing vascular disorder in my left leg that makes me susceptible to clotting and internal bleeding. Could I please see a doctor as soon as possible?"

It all seems a little overwhelming to her. "Do you have a photo ID?"

Jesus, I'm going to bleed out in a waiting room. After my initial screening, in which my vitals are taken (blood pressure 163/85, heart rate 97) I'm called upon by the receptionist.

I drag my wounded appendage looking like a 100-year-old man, not a 22-year-old cyclist, back into a family waiting room turned examination room. There I shakily rest on a sofa from a Brady Bunch garage sale until the doctors come through. My friends have stayed by my side the whole time. Hospitals are scary, systematic places, and it's always comforting to have someone there to let you know when you're hanging out of your gown.

After an hour or so I'm visited by a vascular surgeon who has some knowledge of my ailment.

She sits close by and asks me questions about the accident.

"Describe the pain, one being no pain and 10 being excruciating."

"Three."

"Has anything like this ever happened before?"

"Once, in rec basketball."

"Have you been drinking?"

"I'd had a beer about an hour before the accident."

"You know drinking can have an effect on a number of activities, including bike riding."

"Yes, I'm aware of that."

"I'm checking your blood levels to find out whether or not you were intoxicated."

"That's fine."

A sort of nervousness hung over the room after she got up and left, but I wasn't sure why. I hadn't been drinking, the blood test would come up zero, but why did I feel like a shitbag?

A few reasons came to mind. I felt bad for this lady because I'm guessing a large percentage of the student clientele in the hospital on a Friday night are probably straight-up blotto.

From a medical standpoint, maybe it's safer to assume guilty until proven innocent. I'm sure alcohol can interfere with a number of treatments and diagnoses. Wouldn't want to be euthanized because of excess Guinness.

However, the largest and most gripping reason for my feelings of dejection is because I'd scared the hell out of my parents for a dumb reason. (Really dumb. —ed.) Talking to them on the phone at 2 in the morning after being admitted to a room for observation, they sounded like they were giving me my last rites. I haven't told them this yet, but I'm sure they'll find out. You see, when I fell off my trusty bicycle that night, I was out of the saddle and angling for the front of the group so I could crop-dust the other riders. Forgive the scatology, but in case you're unaware, crop-dusting, in its most basic definition, is farting while walking. However, in my case, it was farting while riding, and it nearly turned out to be lethal. Why I'm telling you this I do not know. Perhaps it is the copious amounts of Vicodin flowing through my veins, which — ironically — makes you constipated. Lesson learned. So ride safely this winter. ■

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JOHN LARUE

DI Blog

Big fireworks from China

The plane tickets are bought, the meeting rooms are booked, and as I write this, the big, silver platters are being hoisted on the tables and prepped for a feast. This weekend, the UI will host a sprawling three-day conference on China, the Olympics, and the global media. Complete with laminated name tags and flavored coffees, the conference will pull in a who's-who list of journalistic heavyweights. Journalists from the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, and nearly every other Pulitzer-winning publication will trek to campus and flock to the Adler Journalism Building. And while they exchange small talk, relate stories about past Olympics, and complete intellectually straining discourses on the role the media play in hyping and framing the Olympics, a half world away, in Beijing, the Olympic torch is being paired with a ballistic missile.

The 2008 China Military Report, released earlier this week by the Chinese government, reveals a country sprinting toward militarization. The report shows that the Chinese government spent close to \$140 billion modernizing its army last year. That figure is represents a staggering 300 percent increase over 2006, and it is widely believed to be grossly underestimated. The debate is over. China is emerging as a global economic and cultural colossus. But so far, its military has remained relatively tame. Compared with that of the United States and many of its Western allies, the Chinese military lacked cutting-edge weapons systems, its soldiers were often poorly equipped and underpaid, and a relatively small percentage of China's total GDP was devoted to its military. Now, the tide has turned. When faced with the choice between guns or rice, the officials in Beijing chose the barrel.

And what does this mean to the West?

China's government is a seemingly unsolvable paradox. It embraces Western-style capitalism as a means of enriching its masses and building its coffers yet remains very much a centrally planned system. It endorses internal and international human-rights reforms yet subjugates large portions of its population to egregious human-rights abuses. If it shows a smile, a frown is stirring underneath. Is the current military buildup a sign of belligerence or unprompted aggression? What does China have in mind? Is an all-out assault on Taiwan out of the question?

It seems clear that China is a country both proud of its past and confident about its role in the future. While it hopes to use the 2008 Olympics as a springboard to international glory, if back flips and breaststrokes fail, tanks and bombers will succeed. The cold, hard truth is that military might matters. If China wants to fill its perceived place among the world's elite superpowers, it knows it needs an advanced military, fueled by a large pocket-book. While its exact aims are uncertain, its overarching goal is clear. China is mighty now, and it will only grow mightier.

— **Nick Compton**
DI editorial writer



Letter

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Don't drop abstinence-only

Promoting teen promiscuity is an odd way to try to reduce the number of teen pregnancies and STDs. The only 100 percent effective method is abstinence, and the only time abstinence doesn't work is when it isn't tried. It's not rocket science, but the *DI* Editorial Board still hasn't figured this one out as it tries to equate the life lessons of balancing one's checkbook and doing laundry with the decision to have sex-education-inspired "safe" sex that could lead to HIV, syphilis, gonorrhea, cervical cancer, and genital warts, just to name a few.

And I wouldn't give any profiles in courage awards to the state of Iowa or

Gov. Chet Culver for rejecting federal funding for abstinence-only education. For all its merits, abstinence has the unfortunate side effect of not costing anything — no need for condoms, treatment for STDs, or abortions. Planned Parenthood, you will not be surprised to hear, opposes abstinence-only education. Planned Parenthood is heavily involved in Democratic Party politics and fundraising. Planned Parenthood of Central Iowa endorsed Culver when he was running for governor. It would be intellectually dishonest to see Culver's decision as anything other than a gift to a political backer as he diverts our tax dollars to

promote teen promiscuity that in effect will be subsidizing Planned Parenthood. I agree with the *DI* that "without knowledge there is only ignorance," so people should know why liberal Democrats and liberal editorial boards oppose abstinence-only education. As the abortion industry and the Democratic Party become two sides of the same coin, programs that challenge sexual license and don't profit the abortion profiteers must be cast aside. Ignoring that fact doesn't make it go away.

Jeanne Bryson
UI staff

On the Spot

Do you support requiring hormone labels on milk cartons?



"Yeah, so people know what they're buying."

Erin Crowley
UI senior



"I don't really care."

Tom Cramer
UI senior



"Yeah. It's good to know what's actually in the food I eat."

Tommy Morgan
UI sophomore



"I think they definitely should."

Jordan Flesch
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Arts & Culture

DIRTY & ROTTEN on the Riviera

Hancher brings the popular film comedy *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* to the stage — only this time there's music and even some dancing.

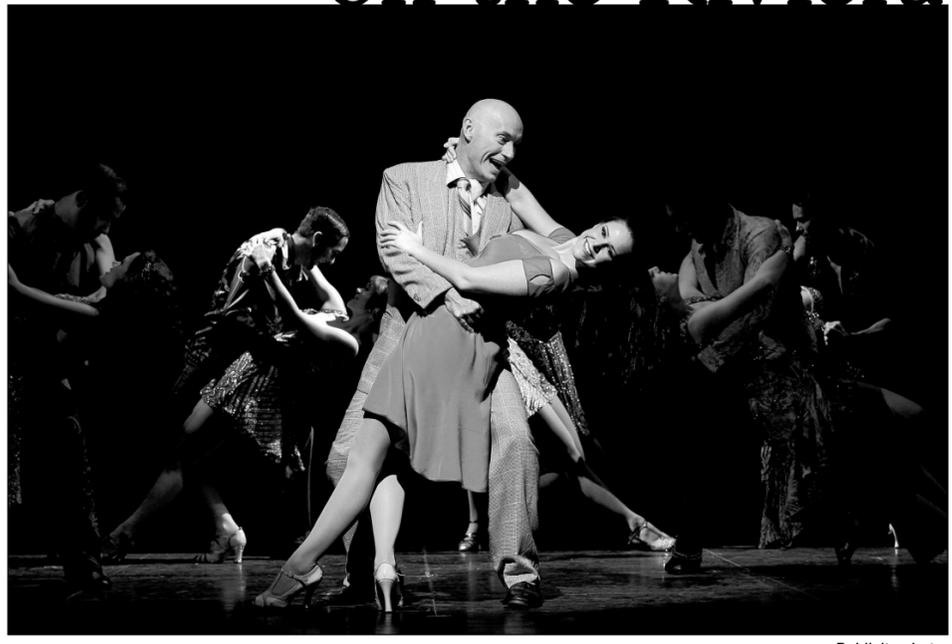
By Meryn Fluker
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Speaking with an actor about a musical involving con artists feels like traversing some sort of fourth dimension. It is hard to tell where the fact begins and the acting ends, and trying to decipher it all raises the question about the real world: Are we all merely actors?

Existential queries aside, Jen Jenkins sounds as if she's quite the actor. If her interview with *The Daily Iowan* is any indication, this woman knows her craft. Jenkins plays the role of Jolene in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, a musical comedy coming to Hancher Auditorium for three performances this weekend.

"That's the great thing about the show — no one is who they appear to be at first," Jenkins said. "That's what I think is so much fun for the audience but also for the actors, because your character is not just one thing. Your character is numerous things that you get to allow the audience to discover as the night goes on."

Dirty Rotten Scoundrels tells the story of two con men on the French Riviera who compete to



Publicity photo

The musical comedy *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* comes to Hancher Auditorium this weekend.

swindle \$50,000 from a young heiress. The musical has some rather big dancing shoes to fill courtesy of Sir Michael Caine and Steve Martin, who starred in the 1988 film. Jenkins said the stage version's script stays close to the dialogue of the original, and fans of the film shouldn't worry that the musical inclusions dilute the plot.

"David Yazbeck, who wrote the music and the lyrics, has a very distinct style. It's a very modern style of writing, and his lyrics are things that you'd never expect someone to sing," she said. "The show's a little risqué. It's definitely *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*. You know, it's not Rodgers and Hammerstein."

As close as the two may be in script, there's one large stylistic difference between them: the addition of music. Jenkins,

DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS
When: 7:30 p.m. today and 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday
Where: Hancher Auditorium
Admission: \$42.30-\$57

a fan of the 1988 film, said the stage adaptation is still able to retain the original film's spirit, style, and sophistication while adding some tunes to the action.

"I feel like, in a musical, that emotion is just heightened, and it's displayed, and portrayed, and expressed in a song," she said. "It shows you a little bit more of the character. It's just a different medium. In the way that movies can use

camera angles, and environments, and locations [while] shooting, musicals can use songs, and choreography, and costumes, and an ensemble of dancers to express that emotion."

Jenkins said the costumes, set pieces, and backdrops do a lot to transport the audience to the balmy French Riviera, even while performing in chilly theaters and snowy weather.

"It has the look of the original Broadway show. I think we do a fairly good job [of portraying the French Riviera]," she said. "The lighting, the palm trees, and the actors too ... give off that air of sophistication."

It sounds like *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* is playing a con of its own.

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staff FAVORITES



TOP SONGS FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

February was legitimately the Monday of all months this year, and Mother Nature has been one crabby old biddy. Making it to March means one thing: The end is in sight, and mosquitoes are on the way. There is not a thing you can do to stop this weather, so Ann Colwell's compiled a set of commiseration songs to listen to as you feel bitter against the dreaded "wintry mix."

1. "20 YEARS OF SNOW" BY REGINA SPEKTOR — More like 20 weeks. Same dif.
2. "DRY THE RAIN" BY THE BETA BAND — "I will now sell four copies of *The Three EPs* by the Beta Band," Rob Gordon told us in *High Fidelity*. To that, Ma Nature replied, "I will now send you 4 more inches of ice to slip on."
3. "A HARD RAIN'S A-GONNA FALL" BY LEON RUSSELL — the rest of the song is not about rain at all, but setting that aside, he is right on with the title lyric.
4. "STORM COMING" BY GNARLS BARKLEY
5. "COLD WIND" BY BLACK REBEL MOTORCYCLE CLUB

CONCERT THIS WEEKEND

Student composers strut their notes

Many have heard of the UI's world-famous Writers' Workshop, but humming under the radar is the UI School of Music's Composers' Workshop. A free event on March 9 in Clapp Recital Hall will highlight the students' compositions of all-acoustic chamber music.

John Griffin, a third-year Ph.D. candidate, is one of the composers whose works will be showcased Sunday.

"My piece is a trio for piano, violin, and cello called 'Rigadoo,' which is based on an old Irish folk song called 'Beggar Man,'" he said.

The concert, one of four installments this year, is a rare opportunity to hear new music created by students in the program.

"You can use any instrument you want to as long as you can

CONCERT Composers' Workshop

When: 8 p.m. March 9
Where: Clapp Recital Hall
Admission: Free

find someone who can play it," Griffin said. "Some pieces in the past have actually been completely generated electronically or have used taped segments."

Other performances include "Chants of the Ocean," a duet for tuba and piano by Tim Davis, the piano trio "His Branches Run Over the Wall," by David Devasto, and "Borasco," a string trio by Christopher Gainey.

— by Jarrett Hothan

Doubling down in Prairie Lights

By Brigid Marshall
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Kate Northrop's first reading at Prairie Lights ended in disaster. Then a student in the Iowa Writers' Workshop, she left the podium halfway through the reading — it was just too much pressure for the young poet.

Tonight, she returns for a second chance, and this time, she's not the novice. Kate Greenstreet, a fellow poet, will accompany Northrop at 7 p.m. today in Prairie Lights Books, 15 N. Dubuque St.

"I was so terrified when I was at the workshop," the 1995 graduate said. "I was such a young writer — it's just surprising to me that I'll be at Prairie Lights, where one of my worst readings [occurred]."

While the poets hardly know each other, they each have an admiration for the other's writing.

"I think the reading will work out, even though we haven't planned much," Northrop said. "I love Kate's work. Sometimes, I feel like there are some of the same obsessions [on similar topics] in a way."

The two first met at a reading last year in Laramie, Wyo., at the University of Wyoming, where Northrop will teach next year.

"We actually all went out to dinner after the reading," Northrop said. "But I was all the way at the other end of the table, so we didn't end up talking much."

But that didn't stop the two from eventually meeting and now joining up for this reading.

"It's funny when you are in this place in life and you meet people in that place, and when you see them again, it feels like another life," Greenstreet said. "It's almost like resetting the theater."

Northrop took the initiative to bring the two together as poets, but Greenstreet was the one who asked Northrop to read with her.

"I wrote to her and told her how much I liked her book and her reading," Northrop said. "And then she said to me, 'I didn't realize you were Kate Northrop. I know your work.' For her to know my work was really exciting to me because, let's face it, there isn't a huge audience for poetry."

READING
Kate Greenstreet and Kate Northrop
When: Prairie Lights Books, 15 N. Dubuque
Where: 7 p.m. today
Admission: Free

While the two haven't collaborated in their art, neither use poetry as their only form of financial gain. Greenstreet freelances as a designer and painter, and Northrop holds an English professor position at West Chester University in Pennsylvania.

"For about 10 years, I kept putting a lot of writing into my paintings," Greenstreet said. "I'd put it in typeface and labor for hours to get it just right, and then I thought, why don't I just write?"

Since that moment of realization in 2000, she has published her first book of poems, *case sensitive* (2006) and three chapbooks, and she has nearly completed her second book, *The Last 4 Things*, set for release next year.

Northrop's record looks just as impressive with her first collection, *Back Through Interruption*, published in 2002, which received the Stan and Tom Wick Poetry Prize from Kent State University Press. She holds the position of contributing editor at *The American Poetry Review*, and she most recently published *Things Are Disappearing Herein* 2007.

Both are excited to join the ranks of successful writers who have shared at the bookstore.

"Prairie Lights is like a Mecca for poets," Greenstreet said. "Everyone wants to read there."

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VIP wins UISG

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"We ran a really good run," she said. "It's a disappointment, but either way, it was a great experience."

Vernon Jackson, another presidential aspirant, said the only thing that disappointed him was his belief that the VIP platform fails to align with UI student needs.

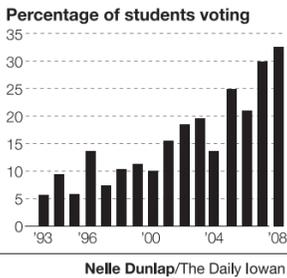
Jackson's Student Power Party was eliminated in the first round of the runoff.

"I feel all parties put forth an excellent effort," he said. "The VIP just had a good number of insiders who knew how to campaign well and were well-funded. They deserved to win."

As the winner of a nursing-senator position and member of the Dream Team ticket, a teary-eyed Molly Djuric also expressed dissatisfaction about

More votes

The number of students who vote in UISG elections has steadily increased over the last 15 years.



Nelle Dunlap/The Daily Iowan

the outcome of the election but noted her enthusiasm of her new role on campus.

"I'm excited to represent the College of Nursing," she said. "I just want to make sure their voices are heard."

The reaction from Alan Cosby, UISG presidential candidate

and leader of the Dream Team, leaned in a slightly different direction.

"I'm not disappointed [with the results]," he said. "Tonight we'll go to sleep and feel like we did everything we could; we can't do anything pass that."

Though his days in UISG are over, he said, he hopes to remain active in UI student life.

Current UISG President Barrett Anderson will pass the torch to Bleam at next week's UISG meeting and hopes for a successful year under the new leadership.

"It's a tough job to represent the student body," he said. "I expect they'll do a fine job."

The Student Elections Board will review campaign budgets and violations of the parties on March 9. An open forum is set for March 12 to solicit feedback on this year's election process.

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UI sued over termination

LAWSUIT

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In 2007, the year's complaints were based on 75 allegations of discrimination, harassment, or other policy violations, according to an annual report of complaints filed. The most common was discrimination because of a disability.

In the UI's most recent lawsuit, Rhonda Bender claims she was treated differently once her she announced she was pregnant. She contends that her supervisors expressed concern about her work and the department's studies because of her pregnancy.

Bender's attorney wrote in a complaint that she was soon "left out of important research

meetings" and that her ideas "were no longer taken seriously."

Her supervisors repeatedly expressed concerns that a new mother would be unable to perform research duties, she wrote. Witnesses allegedly overheard the Bender's superiors expressing concerns about her calling in sick because "babies get sick," the complaint showed.

On Feb. 26, 2007 — after her maternity leave — Bender was officially terminated because of "non-immaculate" research paperwork, although she claimed the research sponsors had never had any objections to her performance.

"Before an employee is terminated, there is usually a paper trail detailing her performance or a lack thereof," said Lyombe Eko, a UI associate professor who

teaches a law and ethics class in the journalism department.

During her pregnancy, Bender said, a department doctor told her she would not be allowed to return to work because she had chosen to pursue her education, although she wrote in the complaint that she never had any intention of doing so.

Bender's attorney has filed a petition demanding a jury trial, but no trial dates have been set.

Steve Parrott, the director of University Relations, said the university is directing all comments to the court system; Marcus Mills, the UI vice president for Legal Affairs, was unable to comment on the case because he will be absent from his office until March 10.

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FOOTBALL

2 football players dismissed

Twelve days following their arrests on separate drug charges, Hawkeye football players James Cleveland and Arvell Nelson have been dismissed from the team, Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz announced Thursday.

"It's disappointing anytime one of our players doesn't complete his career with our team and go on to earn his degree from Iowa," Ferentz said in a release. "That being said, we wish both James and Arvell success in the future."

Cleveland and Nelson, both 19-year-old redshirt freshmen, were arrested at their Hillcrest dorm room on the morning of Feb. 23 by UI police.

Cleveland, who started 11 games to become the second-leading receiver for the Hawkeyes last season, was charged with two counts of unlawful possession of prescription drugs and a tax-stamp violation — a Class D felony.

Nelson, a backup quarterback who also worked out as a wide receiver last season, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana.

While Ferentz said the program made staying out of trouble a "major point of emphasis" late last season, Cleveland and Nelson became the 13th and 14th Hawkeye football players to be cited or arrested by police since April 2007 — totaling 26 criminal charges.

The news of Cleveland's dismissal comes as a major blow to a young Hawkeye receiving corps heading into 2008 spring camp.

— by Charlie Kautz

BASEBALL

Baseball heads for Missouri State

The Iowa baseball team will begin its three-game road series against Missouri State on Saturday at 2 p.m. in Springfield, Mo.

The Hawkeye will play a single game first and follow up with a double-header on March 9 beginning at noon. Each game is schedule to go at least nine innings.

Iowa (3-3) will face a 5-2 Bear team that went 23-34 overall and 7-17 in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Last weekend, Missouri State went 2-2 against the University of Central Arkansas. Bear right fielder Nolan Keane batted 8-for-15 in the series.

The Hawkeyes also had a star coming out of their tournament in Nashville, Tenn., last weekend. Wes Freie went 9-for-12 in the three-game tourney and 4-for-4 against No. 7 Vanderbilt.

Right-hander Brock Alberts will pitch on Saturday after throwing five scoreless innings in relief against Xavier on Feb. 29.

Lefty Mike Jacobs is expected to take the mound in the first game of the double-header on March 9. Junior Nick Erdman will follow in the second game.

— by Ryan Young

TV TODAY

NBA

• Chicago at Boston, 7 p.m., ESPN
• San Antonio at Denver, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

MLB

• Preseason, N.Y. Mets vs. Cleveland, at Winter Haven, Fla., noon, ESPN

Bluder's Bunch ready



Hawkeye Stacy Schlapkohl grabs an offensive rebound against Georgia Tech in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Nov. 28, 2007. The Hawks lost to the Yellow Jackets, 76-57.

Julie Brayton/The Daily Iowan

The regular season Big Ten co-champ Hawkeyes kick off their quest for a second title this weekend against Michigan today.

By Diane Hendrickson

THE DAILY IOWAN

Anything can happen in the conference tournament. Odds are, anything will happen in this weekend's Big Ten games, after a muddled, down-to-the-wire regular season.

Iowa just hopes it ends up on top once the dust clears.

The co-champion Hawkeyes will open competition today in Indianapolis against Michigan, the No. 7 seed, which advanced with a 64-54 win over Penn State on Thursday. The Wolverines have lost eight of their last

12, but no one on the Iowa bench will take them, or any other team for granted.

"This year, it feels like everybody has beaten someone in the conference that they're not supposed to beat or have been beaten by somebody that they should have," center Stacy Schlapkohl said. "On any given night, any team can beat anybody, so that's why everybody has got to bring her A game."

"I think this tournament is as wide open as any we've seen," coach Lisa Bluder said. "I think this conference is so balanced this year, I think any one team can really explode and do some

great things ... On the other hand, I like our chances against anybody, as well."

The Hawkeyes split the season series against Michigan, losing a two-point halftime lead en route to a lopsided 63-46 loss at Ann Arbor but avenging that with a 66-61 victory at home.

Despite the early morning wake-up call for the 11:30 tip-off — Iowa declined a 6 a.m. central time shoot around — the Hawkeyes, the only team in the Big Ten with a winning record on the road, benefit from having the day off on Thursday.

SEE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL, 3B

Men face mighty Bucks

The Iowa men's tennis team (6-2, 1-0) faces its biggest test of the season against second-ranked Ohio State.

By Bobby Loesch

THE DAILY IOWAN

If you happen to be in Iowa City today and see the ground shaking, lightning bolts bursting out of the sky, or maybe hear children screaming in terror, fear not.

No, it's not Armageddon. It's not even the monster from *Cloverfield*. It's just the juggernaut that is the No. 2 nationally ranked Ohio State men's tennis team.

In the last five years, two-time defending Big Ten champion Ohio State has defeated Iowa five times. More impressive is the margin of victory — 35-0 in that time-span. The last time Iowa beat Ohio State outright was the late during years of the Clinton administration.

This year's Ohio State team is seemingly better. After marching through a brutal nonconference schedule featuring six of the top 11 teams in the country (and coming out at 5-1, with the only loss coming to top-ranked Virginia), the Buckeyes seem poised to defend the Big Ten crown and contend for a national championship.

Still, hearing Iowa talk about Ohio State leaves listeners with one word to describe the team's collective attitude going into the meet: undaunted.

"Never enter a match like this with the idea of 'let's give them a good match or play them close,'" said Iowa head coach Steve Houghton. "You enter this match with the idea of winning. If you don't, you've got problems."

Iowa (6-2, 1-0) is off to a solid start in its own right. The Hawkeyes made a huge leap in the national rankings, from No. 66 to No. 47, after thrashing DePaul last weekend. Its two losses came away from Iowa City against No. 37 Denver and No. 33 Drake.

The Buckeyes are a team that sparks accolades. While it sports four nationally ranked singles players and two nationally ranked doubles teams, Iowa senior Bart van Monsjou is most impressed with the team's overall talent level.

"The depth makes them



Houghton
coach

Wrestlers look for title

With a team led by only a few veterans, postseason experience isn't a worry for wrestling coach Tom Brands heading into the Big Ten Tournament.

By Ryan Young

THE DAILY IOWAN

Of the 10 starting Hawkeye wrestlers expected to take to the mat for the Big Ten championships in Minneapolis on Saturday, exactly half have been through a postseason crusade.

Of those five, only heavy-weight Matt Fields and 165-pounder Mark Perry — both seniors — have been in Big Ten and national battles more than once. The rest have never competed in a postseason tournament.

In the past weeks leading up to March, wrestling coach Tom Brands has had to answer inquiries regarding Iowa's youthful grapplers.

He's gotten an earful, but he

has talked just as much, despite not wanting to compare his team from a year ago with the one he's cultivating now.

"It's one of those things that has been brought to our attention via message boards or questions like that," Brands told media on Tuesday. "That's something that I don't buy into, so to speak."

"These guys have been wrestling postseason competitions their whole careers. That's how you get to this level — state championships, junior national championships."

Last year, the Hawkeyes placed third in the Big Ten meet, qualifying eight wrestlers for the NCAAs. The only time Iowa got close to qualifying all



Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

Iowa 125-pounder Charlie Falck receives two points after taking down Michigan's Michael Watts in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 17. Falck defeated Watts, 15-3.

of its wrestlers for the national tournament was in 1983, when the Hawkeyes sent nine.

Fields and Perry, along with 125-pound junior Charlie Falck, and sophomores Ryan Morn-ingstar and Phillip Keddy were among those who advanced last year, and they will vie for another

trip to nationals as top-ranked Iowa tries for its 32nd conference wrestling title in Williams Arena.

Even though the Golden Gophers have won five of the last seven Big Ten crowns,

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Sports

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

Bulldogs set for run

By Luke Meredith
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — The nets have been snipped, the streamers have been swept, and the ticket windows have been shut at the Knapp Center.

The rest of 20th-ranked Drake's remarkable season will be played away from the arena it has helped re-energize. Normally, the Bulldogs finish up the postseason before anyone knows they've left Des Moines, but it's shaping up to be no ordinary March.

Drake (25-4, 15-3 Valley), which has never been higher than a No. 3 seed in the Missouri Valley Tournament, enters this year's tourney as the top seed, and it is considered a lock for the NCAA Tournament, no matter what happens in St. Louis.

Drake will face the winner of Indiana State-Wichita State today. A date against either Bradley or defending champions Creighton looms in the semifinals.

It's been a grueling season for the Bulldogs, who have taken everyone's best shot for the past two months. But one of the benefits Drake has earned by winning the Valley's regular-season title is a day off.

The Bulldogs, usually mainstays in the opening round, haven't gone past the quarterfinals since 1993.

"Maybe the most important thing is having fresh legs," Drake coach Ken Davis said. "To be able to win three games in three days, you've got to

have your guys as healthy as possible. We're using this time to try to get fresh."

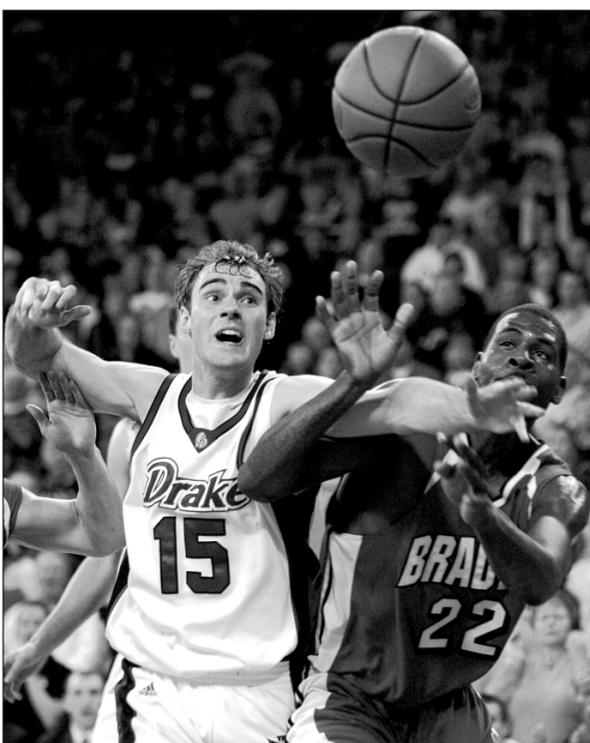
Drake should be a fascinating team to watch this postseason, if only because nobody knows how far it can advance. The Bulldogs stormed through the early part of the Valley season on a hot streak that had folks from Carbondale to Omaha shaking their heads in disbelief. The streak ended at Southern Illinois on Feb. 13, and Drake has since come back to earth, alternating wins and losses in their final six games.

That's led some to wonder if the Bulldogs have cooled off for good, but Davis sees things differently. By building up such a strong résumé from November through mid-February, Drake has earned the luxury of playing the Valley tournament with a clear head.

"I actually feel pretty confident coming in because of the success we've had all year, that we can play pressure-free, to some extent," Davis said. "We've made our case for the NCAA Tournament, so we can come in there and see how hard we can play."

The numbers support Davis' thinking. The last 14 Valley regular-season champions have earned a bid to the NCAA Tournament, and few of them had as strong a résumé as Drake. The Bulldogs are 15th in this week's RPI, a key element in the selection committee's criteria for an at-large bid.

But history points to second-seeded Illinois State, not



Charlie Neibergall/Associated Press

Drake's Adam Emmenecker (15) fights for a rebound with Bradley's Matt Salley (22) on Feb. 19 in Des Moines. Emmenecker was named the Missouri Valley Conference basketball player of the year on Tuesday.

Drake, as the favorite this weekend. The top seed in the Valley hasn't won the conference tournament since 1998, and five of the last six winners have been seeded No. 2.

Davis isn't too worried about that, though. After all, the

Bulldogs have been answering their critics all season. "I'm not concerned with the No. 1 seed having not won that tournament for a while," Davis said. "We've done a lot of firsts this year."

BIG TEN WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

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Game 2- #6 Indiana 74, #11 Northwestern 52
Game 3- #9 Illinois 73, #8 Wisconsin 58
Today's Games
Game 4- #2 Iowa vs #7 Michigan, 10:30 a.m.
Game 5- #3 Purdue vs. #6 Indiana*
Game 6- #1 Ohio State vs. #9 Michigan*
Saturday's Games
Game 7- #4 Minnesota vs. #5 Michigan State*
Game 8- Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 5 p.m.
Game 9- Game 6 winner vs. Game 7 winner*
Sunday's Game
Game 8 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 4:30 p.m.
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MEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

	Conference		All Games			
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Wisconsin	15	2	.882	25	4	.862
Indiana	14	3	.824	25	5	.833
Purdue	14	3	.824	23	7	.767
Michigan St.	12	5	.706	24	6	.800
Ohio St.	9	8	.529	18	12	.600
Minnesota	8	9	.471	17	11	.621
Penn St.	6	11	.353	14	15	.483
Iowa	12	333	13	18	.419	
Michigan	6	12	.294	9	20	.310
Illinois	4	13	.235	12	18	.400
Northwestern	1	16	.059	8	20	.286

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#3 UCLA 77, #7 Stanford 67, OT
St. Joseph's 71, #9 Xavier 66
Providence 85, #13 Connecticut 76
#17 Michigan State 59, Illinois 51
Georgia Tech 80, #24 Clemson 75
Women
#20 Oklahoma State 72, #8 Baylor 68
#17 Texas A&M 73, #11 Oklahoma 59
#16 Old Dominion 91, Hofstra 71
#23 Georgia 71, Alabama 62
Other Games
Drake 61, Missouri State 58

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta	38	24	7	83	202	190
New Jersey	38	23	6	82	176	157
N.Y. Rangers	35	24	9	79	182	169
Philadelphia	34	26	8	76	208	196
N.Y. Islanders	32	30	7	71	169	200
NORTHWEST						
Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	37	22	9	83	217	192
Citrus	33	25	7	81	219	207
Boston	35	25	7	77	181	189
Buffalo	32	27	9	73	206	197
Toronto	30	29	10	70	195	214
SOUTHEAST						
Team	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	36	29	5	77	212	218
Carolina	32	28	8	72	200	203
Florida	31	31	8	70	187	198
Atlanta	29	32	7	65	181	225
Tampa Bay	26	34	7	59	185	218

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE					
Team	W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlantic	47	12	.797	—	
x-Boston	37	22	.550	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Toronto	28	33	.459	20	
Philadelphia	26	35	.426	22	
New Jersey	26	35	.426	22	
New York	18	43	.295	30	
Southeast					
Team	W	L	Pct	GB	
Orlando	40	23	.635	—	
Washington	29	31	.483	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Atlanta	24	35	.407	14	
Charlotte	22	39	.361	17	
Miami	11	47	.190	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Central					
Team	W	L	Pct	GB	
Detroit	44	17	.721	—	
Cleveland	35	27	.565	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Chicago	25	36	.410	19	
Indiana	24	38	.387	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Milwaukee	22	38	.377	21	
WESTERN CONFERENCE					
Team	W	L	Pct	GB	
Southwest <td>43</td> <td>17</td> <td>.717</td> <td>—</td>	43	17	.717	—	
San Antonio	41	17	.717	—	
New Orleans	41	19	.683	2	
Houston	41	20	.672	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Dallas	39	23	.629	5	
Memphis	40	46	.246	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Northwest					
Team	W	L	Pct	GB	
Utah	40	22	.645	—	
Denver	36	24	.600	3	
Portland	31	30	.508	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Seattle	16	45	.262	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Minnesota	12	48	.200	27	
Pacific					
Team	W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	43	18	.705	3	
Phoenix	40	21	.656	3	
Golden State	37	23	.617	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Sacramento	27	34	.443	16	
L.A. Clippers	20	39	.339	22	

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Chicago at Boston, 7 p.m.
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Portland at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
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San Antonio at Denver, 9:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

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American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with RHP David Aradima, LHP Craig Breslow, RHP Clay Buchholz, RHP Bryan Craig, RHP Manny Delcarmen, RHP Devorn Hansack, RHP Kyle Jackson, LHP Jon Lester, RHP Edgar Martinez, RHP Jonathan Papelbon, RHP David Pauley, C Dusty Brown, C George Kottaras, INF Chris Carter, INF Argenis Diaz, INF Dustin Pedroia, OF Jacoby Ellsbury and OF Brandon Moss on one-year contracts.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Optioned C London Power to Sacramento (PCL). Assigned RHP Arnold Leon, LHP Jay Marshall, LHP Ryan Wing and RHP Brad Ziegler to their minor league camp.
National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with LHP Bill Bray and RHP Gary Majewski on one-year contracts.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Assigned RHP Rick Asadoorian, RHP Fernando De La Cruz, LHP Brian Shackelford, RHP Alfredo Simon, C A.J. Ellis and C Gabriel Gutierrez to their minor league camp.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Assigned RHP Josh Sharpless and C Piaros Maldonado to their minor league camp.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Assigned RHP Josh Geer, RHP Edwin Moreno, LHP Mike Megrew, LHP Cesar Ramos and INF Kyle Blanks to their minor league camp.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Agreed to terms with LB Brendon Ayanbadejo on a four-year contract.
DENVER BRONCOS—Signed LB Boss Bailey, JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Re-signed OL Maurice Williams. Waived WR Charles Sharon.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed CB Jesse Sanders and S Tank Williams.
NEW YORK JETS—Signed FB Tony Richardson.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Released LB Takeo Spikes.
ST. LOUIS RAMS—Re-signed G Adam Goldberg. Agreed to terms with TE Anthony Becht.
TENNESSEE TITANS—Agreed to terms with DE Jevon Kearse.

BIG TEN

Hoosier QB Lewis suspended

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana's record-setting quarterback Kellen Lewis was suspended indefinitely Thursday for violating team rules, leaving the Hoosiers with another big hole heading into spring practice.

Team spokesman Jeff Keag would not give details about what rules Lewis violated.

"He will not participate as we begin spring practice," coach Bill Lynch said in a statement. "Kellen needs time away from the program, and we look forward to his

return at some point in the future."

Keag said Lynch would make no additional comments on what precipitated the suspension or when Lewis might return to the team.

Losing Lewis leaves one of the Big Ten's top offenses from 2007 without its leader.

Lewis threw for 3,043 yards and 28 touchdowns and rushed for another 736 yards and nine more TDs while starting all 13 games and leading the Hoosiers to their first bowl game in 14 years. And with his favorite target, receiver James Hardy, leaving a year early for the NFL, Lewis was expected to use this spring to build new bonds

with receivers such as Ray Fisher and James Bailey.

Instead, the Hoosiers will spend the spring adjusting. Practice will begin March 25.

Lewis' backup last year, Ben Chappell, who will be a sophomore, now inherits the starting job even though he has thrown only two passes in college. Chappell played in three games last season, completing 1-of-2 passes for 14 yards.

Another complication is that Indiana's only returning backup, Teddy Schell, who did not play as a freshman in 2007, is expected to miss the entire spring with an elbow injury.

GymHawks think Senior Night, 'Pink'

The Iowa women's gymnastics team will host Senior Night tonight.

By Lars Headington
THE DAILY IOWAN

Tonight at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, the ambience will be at once reflective, celebratory, and intense as the Iowa women's gymnastics will be there to "Think Pink" for breast-cancer awareness and celebrate Senior Night — all while hosting Iowa State.

The surging GymHawks have their eyes on the March 29 Big Ten championships, but they won't be overlooking Iowa State.

The last time they met, Feb. 22, Iowa State brought its best performance of the year to hand the GymHawks a 195.125-193.8 defeat in Ames — Iowa's only loss in the past six meets.

The GymHawks' score was also their lowest mark during that span. En route to the win, the Cyclones bested Iowa on both vault and balance beam and matched the GymHawks on floor. Iowa head coach Larissa Libby said the meet came down to execution.

"They had fewer falls than we did last time," she said. "They deserved to win."

Libby said she took the Hawkeyes into that meet with the wrong focus — that they should win — which affected their concentration on execution and overall level of gymnastics.

"This week, we're really trying to focus less on beating Iowa State and more on performance and coming up with a good score," Libby said. "We've really done a fantastic job over the past four weeks, and we've seen a significant improvement



Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

Iowa assistant coach Jeff Richards congratulates Brandi Loffer after her uneven bars performance in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 24. Loffer received a score of 9.775, and the Hawks defeated both Illinois and Michigan State.

in the team's focus and their level of competition — and we'd like to keep it that way."

Ranked 19th in the nation, Iowa holds a 194.880 regional-qualifying score behind three-straight 195-plus scores.

The 32nd-ranked Cyclones' regional qualifying score is at 193.735. Iowa State is led by Nikki Dilbert, who is No. 26 in the nation with a 39.005 all-around.

The GymHawks have been led this season by junior Jennifer Simbhudas, whose all-around regional-qualifying score of 39.140 is best on the team and 20th in the NCAA. Simbhudas also carries the year's best Iowa averages on the vault, floor, and balance beam.

While the GymHawks hold court to Iowa State, they will also hold their annual "Think Pink" meet to raise awareness

of breast cancer.

The event has special resonance for the Hawks.

While a 23-year-old gymnast at the University of Georgia, third-year Iowa assistant coach Talya Vexler was diagnosed with breast cancer. The school's alumni and the gymnastics community rallied around her to hold a "Think Pink" meet fundraiser for Athens Regional Hospital, where Vexler received treatment.

"Think Pink" meets are now held once a season by each Division I women's gymnastics team.

On Feb. 25 this year, Vexler marked her 25th anniversary of her cancer diagnosis, technically having beaten the disease.

"It's been a hard couple months for her knowing that that timing was coming up, and it's been touch and go for all of us that are close to her and have

watched her go through what she's had to go through," Libby said. "We want to honor and celebrate all of the women in Iowa, across the state and across the country who have fought and lost, or fought and won their battle win breast cancer, as well."

It will also be an emotional home floor farewell for seniors Katie Burke, Ally Zipse, and Amanda Rudolph, who will be under the Carver lights for the last time.

"When they started, we were not good," Libby said. "It's been a rewarding experience to watch them grow up, mature, and finally be rewarded for their hard work and the dedication they've put into our program.

"It'll be a hard night, overall." E-mail DI reporter Lars Headington at: william-headington@uiowa.edu

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Hoopsters on roll

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
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"I think it's a real advantage to the top-three seeds to get that bye because the games are going to be so much more competitive this year than what I've seen in a long time," Bluder said, noting the Wolverines are not very deep. But the Iowa bench has the bodies its lacked in previous years. "I think that's a big key to success in the tournament, when you're playing three or four games in a row that close together," the Big Ten Coach of the Year said. "You don't have a

lot of time to rest your legs. So I think a deep team is very, very beneficial in this." After winning 11 of its past 13 games and beating every team in the conference except for Ohio State, Iowa is on a roll that has been nearly impossible to stop. "I'm very confident, and I think a lot of my teammates are as well," Schlapkohl said. "We've got a good record behind us, we're still off the hunger of the Wisconsin game and being Big Ten champs. Mentally, we're focused. I think we're ready for the next challenge, our next goal to come."

Bluder seconded her sentiments. "I think you get so much confidence from winning — which we've done this year versus the last couple years — and you get a lot of confidence going there as co-champs," she said. "I think you've earned the right to walk in there with a little bit of a swagger. Now, you have to back up that swagger."

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Wrestlers ignore youth

WRESTLING
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Brands said, he doesn't mind his squad once again venturing into the 80-year-old locale where Iowa won a month ago, 20-13. "Enemy arenas have always been, I guess attractive — my way of thinking — when you're invading someone," he said. The Hawkeyes have had significant success in tournaments and opens so far this season. Iowa had six champions at the Kaufman-Brand Open last

November, four champions and a first-place finish at the Midlands Championships in December, and it came out as the victor in the NWCA/Cliff Keen National Duals in January. And with each regular-season tournament win, Brands said, the confidence level has expanded exponentially. Although, he said, that frame of mind is a product of both their environment and past preparation. And the result is the perception, Iowa is peaking. But Brands noted that just because his wrestlers appear to

be capping themselves at the correct time of year, that doesn't mean they're safe from upsets or early exits. "We're at an even slate right now," the second-year head coach said. "That means our No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 seeds that appear to be automatics — there is no automatic. "You can rise to the occasion and shock some people — shock the world."

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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Are conference tournaments good for the NCAA Tournament?

YES — BY LARS HEADINGTON
With the NCAA Tournament's 34 at-large bids largely going to teams from the six major conferences, most unproved programs of the other 25 Division I conferences can only hope to win their respective conference tournament — and its automatic bid — to get a taste of the national spotlight. If I'm a bubble-dwelling at-large hopeful mid-major such as the University of Houston, fallen behind mighty Memphis in the Conference USA standings, at this point I need the hope of a possible conference tourney win. But the NCAA Tournament sells the notion of hope that anyone can win it all, and that's what makes this now 65-team scrum for the title such a national phenomenon every year. Like most of the sports hype we buy, the Cinderella myth the NCAA loves to promote doesn't hold much water. Sure, previously unnoticed major conference teams occasionally catch fire and come out to win the whole thing over the Dukes and North Carolinas of the world (think Syracuse's flash in 2003). But aside from George Mason's improbable 2006 march into the Final Four, only major conference schools get to even sniff the semifinals. Though the modest successes of mid-major schools in the tournament serve as mere peripheral eye candy to the inevitable coronation of a major conference team, these runs are fun to watch because, briefly, we believe the little guy might keep on winning. The essence of sport should never be reduced to just the cold math formula of at-large selections. I want to believe no matter how slim my team's odds, it's as good as the big guys at getting into the Big Dance. Keep the conference tourneys alive and the madness of March deafening.

NO — BY BOBBY LOESCH
It's probably time to take a cue from the eggheads in the Ivy league. We have to face facts, people: Conference tournaments are not good for the overall quality of the NCAA Tournament. For fans, conference tourneys are great. The Iowa men's basketball team's only chance to make the Big Dance this year rides on the Hawks somehow running the table in the Big Ten Tournament. Regardless of how this tumultuous season has been, even casual fans will probably tune in to see how the Hawkeyes fare in Indianapolis. Would a Big Ten Tournament championship be thrilling? Miraculous? Incredible? Yeah, definitely. But fair? Eh, not so much. A team's body of work throughout the regular season should be more than enough to evaluate its merit when it comes to a NCAA bid. These teams play 28-plus games the regular season. It's such a stark contrast to the NCAA's other cash cow, college football, where just one slip-up sends you packing. How many second chances do these programs get? Maybe conference tournaments are still around because the premise just hasn't been properly exploited yet. Imagine if some last-place teams won the conference tournaments. It would be awful, awful, awful. Colorado, Rice, Northwestern, and Oregon State combine for four conference wins, but don't worry, all four are still eligible for the postseason. Bids to unqualified teams hurt scrappy bubble teams such as Syracuse, New Mexico, Kentucky, and Ohio State — which have all put together solid résumés and could actually make noise in the NCAA Tournament. The bottom line is the conference tournaments are a fun supplement to the regular season, but they're simply not necessary, and the existence of them adds an unnecessary strain to an already complicated selection process.

Tennis faces juggernaut

TENNIS
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got some of that, but the main thing they have is solid players ... guys who have a good, consistent base to their game with no particular weaknesses." If the Hawkeyes have anything going for them, it's home-court advantage and a big "what if" from last year's meet; van Monsjou, Iowa's No. 1 singles player, sat out with an injury. His absence forced the entire singles lineup to play one spot higher, and the challenge took a toll on the Hawkeyes. But now, the senior leader is back, and with virtu-

ally no roster changes from last season, a year of experience should serve Iowa well. "I'm positive we have a better chance to win this year than we've had in any of the previous years," van Monsjou said. "If it's going to happen, it's going to happen this year." Iowa gets its chance today at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Center, with first serve scheduled for 3 p.m.

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Mets band together

High-tech teaching: Mets use rubber bands to keep pitches low in strike zone.

By **Mike Fitzpatrick**
ASSOCIATED PRESS



File photo/Associated Press
Lefty Johan Santana and the rest of the Mets' pitching staff have used rubber bands this spring to keep the ball low in the zone.

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Johan Santana stepped on the mound for his bullpen session, peered in at the catcher and noticed something new. There was a thin rubber band stretched across home plate, representing the bottom of the strike zone.

Aim for that rubber band, the New York Mets instruct their pitchers — from Cy Young Award winners to low-level prospects. That's your visual guide. "It's very different. I've never seen anything like it before," said Santana, the left-handed ace who was acquired from Minnesota last month. "It helps you focus on keeping the ball down."

The Mets cite statistical research that shows big-league batters hit .220 against pitches at the bottom of the strike zone, so they want all their hurlers constantly working to keep the ball down. Fastballs, curves, changeups — doesn't matter. Aim low, win big.

That starts in spring training with the rubber bands, fastened around poles or stakes that are planted in each batter's box in the bullpens at Tradition Field. The rubber bands are set at knee-level for an imaginary hitter and are thin enough that the ball's flight isn't altered before it hits the catcher's mitt. In this elaborate era of computer scouting and video evaluation, the Mets still use a tried-and-tested teaching tool that you can buy at any corner drug store. "High-tech — rubber bands," bullpen coach Guy Conti said with a smile. The Mets certainly didn't invent this method of tutoring pitchers. The 65-year-old Conti,

who has been coaching in pro ball for 25 years, said he first saw the Los Angeles Dodgers setting up strings at the plate to school their pitchers about 1963. Sandy Koufax, Don Drysdale — not bad. The Mets began using the rubber bands when pitching coach Rick Peterson arrived from the Oakland Athletics before the 2004 season. Peterson, who also noted that the Dodgers have done this for years, employed the rubber bands to help train Tim Hudson, Barry Zito, and Mark Mulder when they were at their best as Oakland's Big Three. The A's led the AL in ERA twice under Peterson, in 2002 and 2003.

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Sports

HAWKEYE SPORTS

Softball

The Iowa softball team will once again packs up the cleats, bats, gloves, and sunscreen, then head to California for the Amy S. Harrison Classic. On the bill for the Hawkeyes is California-Riverside, Buffalo, and a double dose of Utah Valley. The Hawkeyes (10-5) are hoping

to improve on last weekend's 2-3 showing in the National Leadpitch Coaches Association Fastpitch Classic, in which stiff competition sprang around every corner. Despite dropping games to No. 23 North Carolina and No. 16 DePaul, coach Gayle Blevins' crew upset No. 16 Louisiana-Lafayette. This weekend's competition might not offer the same bite,

but it will be another chance for pitchers Brittany Weil and Amanda Zurst to continue their domination on the pitching mound and awaken the slow-starting Hawk hitters. The potent pitching goes into the weekend with a combined 0.72 ERA; the sluggers have only scored 40 runs through 15 games. — by Eric Mandel

Men's track

The Iowa men's track team will try to add some more qualifiers for the March 14-15 NCAA indoor meet in Fayetteville, Ark., when it heads for Ames to compete in the Last Chance Qualifiers beginning 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Junior John Hickey is the only provisionally qualified Hawkeye whose mark (shot put) has a safe spot in the national competition. Senior Shane Maier (shot put) and sophomore Adam Hairston (800 meters) are both targeting season bests for better provisionally qualifying performances. Junior A.J. Curtis (shot put), and sophomores Dan Rolling (high jump) and Ray Varner (400) and the 4x400 meter relay team are hoping to become Iowa's newest additions on the provisional list. "We've got guys with a legitimate chance of using it as a last chance NCAA qualifier," head coach Larry Wiczorek said. "Then we're taking just a few other guys and see if they can't extend their season a little bit and end on a positive note." — by Alex Johnson

Women's tennis

The 7-0 Iowa women's tennis team has its first major test of the season March 9, when it plays at 24th-ranked Denver (10-0). The Hawkeyes are off to their best start in 14 years, but only two wins have come against ranked foes (No. 45 Minnesota, No. 51 DePaul), and six of seven meets have been at home. "We haven't done anything special yet," senior Jacqueline Lee said. "We've just done what we were supposed to do. "This is our first opportunity to beat a really good team. We're fired up." Lee and her fellow seniors are 0-3 against Denver, but their last two losses have been 4-3 affairs. Before its showdown with Denver, the team will face 3-2 Colorado State tonight. — by Brian Cardile

Women's track

The Iowa women's track and field team will compete in the Alex Wilson Invitational in South Bend, Ind., and the Last Chance Qualifiers meet in Ames on Saturday. This will be the Hawkeyes' last opportunity to qualify for the NCAA indoor meet in Fayetteville, Ark., on March 14-15. Senior Erin O'Hern, junior Renee White, freshman Karesa Farley, and freshman Kimberly Stanford will be the only competitors for the Hawkeyes, with O'Hern as the only one competing in Ames. White is ranked 24th nationally in the triple jump; she needs to enter the top 16 in order to qualify for the NCAA championships. — by Jeff Pawola

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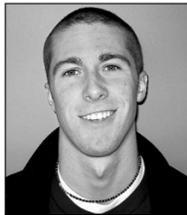
124- 126 N. CLINTON: Newly remodeled student rooming house, located across the street from campus, rooms starting at \$400 all utilities included! (319)3

Daily Break

“Cynicism is often the shameful product of innocence.”
— A.J. Liebling

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MITCH FICK Myths Packer fans believe about Brett Favre

- He created the heavens and the Earth.
- He lives on a strict diet of Cherry Skoal and pond water.
- His entire wardrobe consists of hunting jackets and Wrangler jeans.
- He is the father of 73 percent of Green Bay children born after 1992. The other 27 percent were immaculately conceived by Vince Lombardi.
- He wrestled a grizzly bear and made it cry (unlike Jackie Moon. *Semi-Pro* sucked.)
- His urine is 240 proof.

• He has played every game since 1998 with a concussion, a torn throwing shoulder, and no left kneecap.

• He has formed a colony of his clones in Mississippi so he can finally hunt the world's most dangerous game: himself.

• A clone of Favre killed him in 2005. While replacing him, the clone threw 47 interceptions in two seasons and lost 20 games.

• Favre brought himself back to life in 2007 and killed his clone, going 13-3 for the Packers while throwing for 28 touchdowns and only 15 interceptions.

• A defective clone somehow took Favre over overtime of this year's NFC Championship game, threw an interception that cost Green Bay a Super Bowl trip, and then retired in Favre's place.

• The real Favre will come back and destroy the defective clone, judge the living and the dead, and give his followers everlasting life before playing another 14 seasons in Green Bay.

— E-mail **Mitch Fick** at: mitchell-fick@uiowa.edu.

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horoscopes Friday, March 7, 2008

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Problems will surface; however, if you stay calm, they won't be too difficult to rectify. Should you overreact or let your temper flare, you will put yourself in a vulnerable position. There will be a hidden agenda to uncover.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be careful how you delegate your time, or someone will take advantage of you. You have to be the one to make the final decision. Stand up for your rights, and you will avoid getting stuck with responsibilities that aren't yours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take the time to do well whatever you have on your agenda, or someone will criticize you. Your charm, coupled with wit and a little good storytelling, will seal any deal you are working on, providing you've stayed within workable boundaries.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Deal with emotional issues head-on. A little Cancer charm coupled with attention and affection will put you in a prime position for a warmhearted encounter. A suggestion or offer will lead to a better-paying position.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Someone will offer you something you can't refuse or pay back a favor or debt owed. Love is in the stars, but be sure that you are correctly reading the signals being sent. Ulterior motives are likely.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your vision may be clouded because of emotional ups and downs, making it very important that you gear any encounters you have toward positive affirmation, not negative complaints. A change at home will bring about good results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Have some fun, explore new avenues, pick up skills, hobbies, or new friends — but don't be lazy and miss out. Take your time — haste and anger must be avoided. Someone may get a little pushy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you don't push for change now, you will probably miss out on an opportunity that is within your reach. You may have to rid yourself of some of the people in your life who have not come through for you. Don't hold onto something that isn't working.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone will be on to you if you exaggerate or make someone else look bad. Stick to the rules, and avoid any backlash. Change is likely from someone who isn't happy about the way you are dealing with emotional issues.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take the most unusual path, and you will fool anyone who may be trying to beat you at your own game. It's a matter of understanding the situation and acting accordingly. A chance to fool is apparent. Move swiftly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't be fooled by someone who is being overly nice to you. This person is probably trying to hold you back. You have to make everyone aware of what you need to do so you aren't burdened with other people's responsibilities.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't hesitate to let everyone know how you feel about the emotional issues in your life. Once you open up, adjustments will be put into play to suit your needs. Make appealing alterations at home.

DAY OF THE LIVING PED MALL



Steve Lexa/The Daily Iowan
Stef Shusto (near) and junior Joe Scott (far) relax on the Ped Mall on Thursday afternoon. Many Iowa City residents have begun to return to public gathering spaces, which (probably you noticed) were covered by snow and ice all winter.

today's events

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

- “Who Get’s Grandma’s Yellow Pie Plate?” 9 a.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- Electronic (e-file) Tax Filing, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- English Conversation Group, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- Book Babies, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- Diabetes Education, 10:30 a.m., Melrose Meadows Retirement Community, 360 Dublin
- Finding God at Iowa Lunch Forum, “The Music of Lent and Easter: A Theological and International Approach,” Koi Hin Samuel Kwok, noon, IMU River Room No. 1
- “Java Blend,” the Nadas, noon, Java House, 211½ E. Washington
- UI Dance, noon, UIHC Colleton Atrium
- Iowa Olympic Ambassadors Project, China, the Olympics, and Global Media, 2-5 p.m. W401 Pappajohn Business Building
- Essential Cinema, *The Passion of Joan of Arc*, 3:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- West High Dance Team Tryouts, 4 p.m., West High, 2901 Melrose Ave.
- Beautiful Gardens Opening Reception, 5-8 p.m., Modela, 323 E Market
- Gallery Walk, 5-8 p.m., Downtown Iowa City
- “Know the Score Live,” with Iwan Kjaer and David Plowden, 5 p.m., Musuem of Art
- Lanten Fish Fry, 5-7 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 4776 American Legion Road

- Fish Fry, 5:30-8 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 225 Highway 1 W.
- Kid’s Night In — March Madness, 6-10 p.m., Van Allen Elementary, 170 Abigail Ave.
- Shabbat Across America/Canada, 6-10 p.m., Agudas Achim Congregation, 602 E. Washington
- First Friday Fellowship, 7 p.m., First Mennonite Church, 405 Myrtle
- “Live from Prairie Lights,” Katherine Northup & Kate Greenstreet, poetry, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- Philharmonia Orchestra, 7 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall
- “Sandra Cisneros and the Lessons of the Iowa Writers’ Workshop,” Mark McGurl, 7 p.m., Old Capitol Museum
- Cedar Valley Dance Club, 7:30-11 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, 7:30 p.m., Hancher
- Dancers in Company, 8 p.m., North Hall Space/Place Madison and Davenport St.
- 23rd-Annual Graduate Art History Symposium, “Winslow Homer, the Adirondack Mountains, and the Great Camps: Scenes of Instruction, Predation, and Play,” Margaretta Lovell, 8 p.m., 240 Art Building West
- The Piano Lesson, University Theatres Mainstage Production, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Mabie Theatre
- World Day of Prayer, 9:15 p.m., Christ the King Lutheran Church, 325 Morman Trek Blvd.



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SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE

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Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

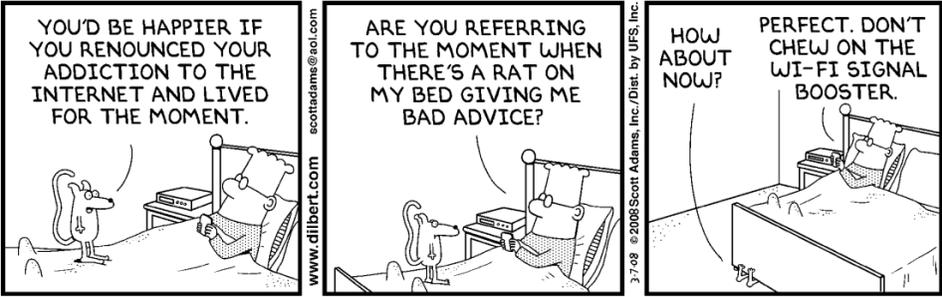
- 12:30 p.m. News from China, Beijing (in Chinese)
- 1 A Prairie Lights Reading from the UITV Archives, Dennis Cass
- 2 News from Germany (in German)
- 3 “Know the Score,”
- 5 Piano Sundays from the Old Capitol, Feb. 17
- 6:30 Faculty Dance Concert from Space/Place
- 8 Fine Arts Performances from the UI
- 9 Piano Sundays from the Old Capitol, Feb. 17
- 10:30 Faculty Dance Concert from Space Place



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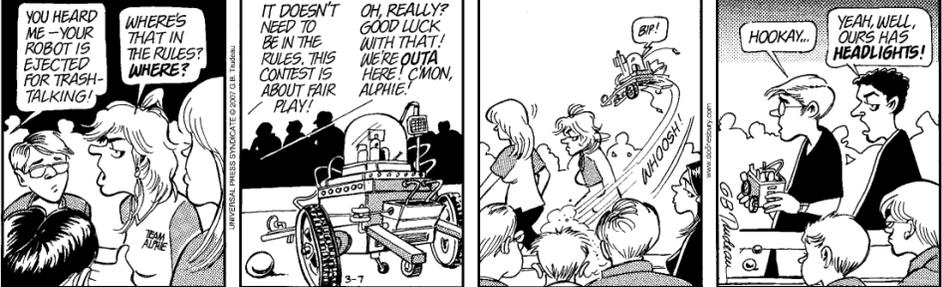


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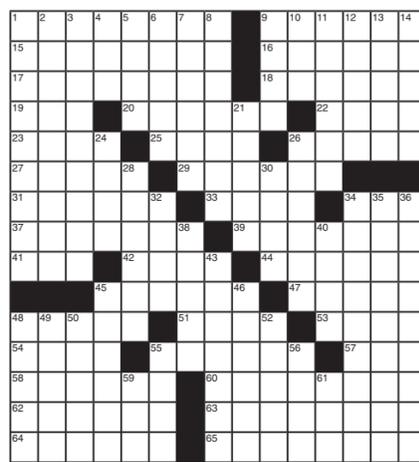
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The New York Times Crossword

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- 1 War-torn Baghdad suburb
- 9 23-Across and others
- 15 One and only
- 16 Weather Channel topic
- 17 Fleet runner of myth
- 18 Key that doesn't include 58-
- 19 Up to
- 20 Ape
- 22 Habit
- 23 Shade shade
- 25 Biblical miracle setting
- 26 Powerful piece
- 27 Boarding spot
- 29 Call from home
- 31 1936 N.L. leader in slugging percentage
- 33 Brooklynese pronoun
- 34 Pilot's place
- 37 Part of Manhattan's Alphabet City
- 39 “Be honest”
- 41 Onetime Serbian capital
- 42 Show some spunk
- 44 Drops in a theater
- 45 Japanese model sold from 1970 to 2006
- 47 Meccan pilgrim
- 48 Some speakers
- 51 Abbr. before a date
- 53 Underhand?
- 54 Zip
- 55 Spotter's confirmation
- 57 Polit. label
- 58 It's almost a B, scorewise
- 60 Pilot's place
- 62 Apple application
- 63 Fancy haberdashery item
- 64 No longer in
- 65 Judge of films



Puzzle by David Quarfoot

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- 30 Zoo de Madrid beasts
- 32 Shade of blue
- 34 Enter gently
- 35 Head of state known to his people as “Dear Leader”
- 14 Archaeologist David who found the lost Roman city of Kourion
- 21 Made some waves?
- 24 Word in some British place names
- 26 Put out
- 28 School exercises
- 40 Piehole
- 43 Sweet Pea's creator
- 45 Edmond Rostand hero
- 46 Calm
- 48 Composed
- 49 Direcciona sailed by Columbus
- 50 British poet Tate
- 52 Track-and-field equipment
- 55 ___ dixit
- 56 1982 film title role for Bruce Boxleitner
- 59 Traffic stopper
- 61 School dept.

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