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Vintage, unrepentant Rove

Armed with a sarcastic humor and several quotations from prominent Democrats to support his claims, Karl Rove took on a UI audience of roughly 1,100.

By Kelsey Beltramea
THE DAILY IOWAN

To say Karl Rove's Sunday talk was emotionally charged would be an understatement.

Boos exuberantly punctuated the UI Lecture Committee's introduction and dozens in the audience stood, turning their backs when President Bush's former deputy chief of staff and top aide took the stage. A woman charged up an aisle, her hands shaking, as she called for Rove to be arrested. And in a row near the front, a veteran told a different 84-year-old veteran to "F--- off" when he asked him to stop shouting.

"I've lived in Iowa City more than 60 years, and I have never been more ashamed than I am tonight of the disrespect shown by these people," 84-year-old Bill Olin said.

Meanwhile, the "architect" on stage remained seemingly unshaken. Armed with a sarcastic humor and several quotations from prominent Democrats to support his contentions, Rove took on the audience of roughly 1,100 — telling a woman who yelled that that UI wanted the \$40,000 speaking fee they paid back, simply, "You can't have it."

He told another man his comment showed, "a simple, stupid mind, with all due respect."

"Look, you've had a chance to make your chants and protests and statements, and I want to have mine," Rove told the audience.

But his critics gave him very little chance, repeatedly interrupting him to call him a liar and war criminal.

Sharon Benzoni, the UI Lecture Committee chairwoman, said she had hoped bringing the controversial figure would generate conversation, and she was pleased with the result.

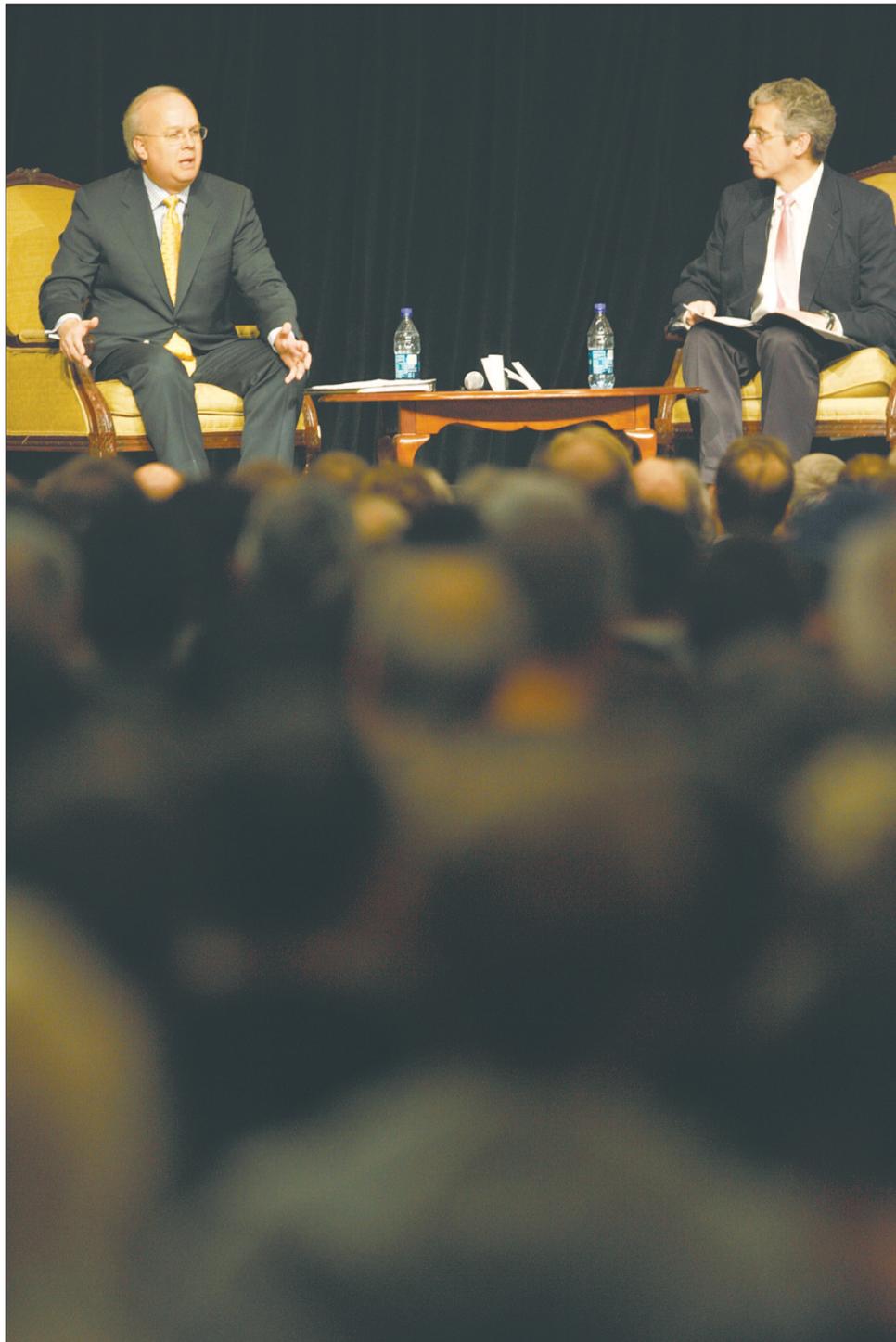
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Karl Rove visits UI

Watch Daily Iowan TV at dailyiowan.com to see UI associate professor Frank Durham interview Karl Rove on Sunday.

Exclusive interview with Karl Rove

Read about a question-and-answer session with the former deputy chief of staff, 3A.



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Former Deputy White House Chief of Staff Karl Rove is interviewed by Frank Durham, a UI associate professor of journalism, in the IMU Main Lounge on Sunday. Rove is currently a political analyst on Fox News since stepping down from his White House position in September 2007.

No love fest for Rove

By Lauren Sieben
THE DAILY IOWAN

Karl Rove protesters didn't stop at picket signs and chants to express their anger over the former Deputy Chief of Staff's UI appearance Sunday night.

Local protest group Seeds of Dissent and the UI Antiwar Committee held events protesting Rove's appearance at the IMU. Seeds of Dissent hosted a pre-Rove protest event at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St., and the Antiwar Committee held a press conference and protest in the IMU prior to Rove's lecture. The Antiwar Committee specifically protested Rove for his role in creating Iraq war policy, exposing CIA operative Valerie Plame, and the firings of 93 U.S. attorneys. The committee also protested the \$40,000 compensation Rove received from the UI Lecture Committee.

Greg Thompson, who performs with wife Jean Thompson in Seeds of Dissent, defined the group as an antiwar musical revue.

"We call ourselves the Seeds of Dissent because we hope to sow the seeds of dissent against the war and use our music as a tool against the war," Greg Thompson said.



Residents protest Rove speech

Go to dailyiowan.com to hear an audio slide show of local dissent against Karl Rove's Sunday lecture.

SEE PROTEST, 3A

Proximity crucial in meningitis

On average, 15 people fall ill with bacterial meningitis each year in Iowa, according to a March 7 report from the Iowa Department of Public Health.

One recent victim was Loras College student Audrey Fitzgerald.



Fitzgerald meningitis victim

By Zhi Xiong
THE DAILY IOWAN

Time and distance matter when it comes to spreading bacterial meningitis.

A Loras College student, 19-year-old Audrey Fitzgerald, apparently died from the fast-progressing disease. Some strains are contagious, and health officials at the school and state level

worked throughout the week to reach those who had close contact with her.

"Close contact" means spending at least eight hours within 3 feet of Fitzgerald, said Valerie Woerdehoff, an assistant to the college president. They contacted approximately 30 individuals from Binz Hall, Fitzgerald's dormitory, and her hometown of Independence, Iowa.

"It's not like SARS," said Lisa James,

an associate director of UI Student Health Service. "You have to actively have contact with someone to catch it."

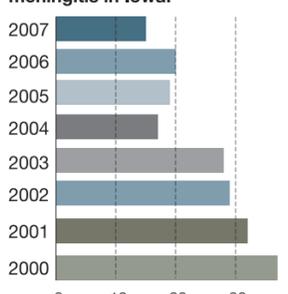
Bacterial meningitis is a severe infection of fluid that surrounds the spinal cord and brain. Those over 2 years old typically experience high fever, headache, and a stiff neck, and

SEE MENINGITIS, 4A

Meningitis

There are a reported 3,000 cases of meningitis across the nation each year, killing 10 to 12 percent of the victims.

Confirmed cases of meningitis in Iowa:



Source: Iowa Department of Public Health

Carli Schultz/The Daily Iowan



METRO

Man charged with 3rd OWI

An Iowa City man faces a felony OWI charge after registering a blood-alcohol concentration of .342, authorities reported.

Jeffery Erickson, 31, 755 Bayridge Drive, was charged with a third-offense OWI on March 8.

Iowa City police stopped Erickson in his Mazda Protege after a passenger in his vehicle had to grab the wheel to avoid a crash on the 1800 block of South Riverside Drive.

Erickson had a strong odor of alcohol, slurred speech, and a dazed appearance, police allege. He failed field-sobriety tests and registered a .342 blood-alcohol concentration.

Erickson has two previous OWI convictions from March 1998 and April 1998.

Third-offense OWI is a Class D felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$9,375.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Hitman threat a scam, authorities say

Iowa law-enforcement officials are informing the public that an e-mail threatening to kill the recipient is a scam.

The Iowa Department of Public Safety said March 6 that numerous people have reported receiving an e-mail that demands money or financial information or the sender will have a hit man kill the person.

"While it is disturbing to receive one of these e-mails, they are a scam," Eugene Meyer, commissioner of the Iowa Department of Public Safety, said in a statement.

Officials said that the e-mail demanding money or financial information — known as phishing — is a hoax. They remind residents not to reply to the e-mail and never to give our personal information unless they know where the information is being sent.

Authorities also ask citizens to file reports with police and at www.ic3.gov after receiving such an e-mail.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Area man charged with forgery

A Coralville man faces two felonies after allegedly passing two bad checks in the last month, Iowa City police reported.

Adam Melcher, 32, is charged with two counts of forgery.

According to reports, he passed a fictitious check to get \$1,015 on Feb. 8 at El Paso, 609 Hollywood Blvd.

On March 5, he then allegedly tried to pass another fake check worth \$2,352, but a store employee recognized Melcher and confronted him. Melcher left the area.

Police later identified him. Melcher said told authorities he got the checks from a man he knows as "Black," and said he thought the checks were "funny," reports said.

Each forgery charge is a Class D

felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$7,500.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Man charged in cab robberies

Police on Sunday arrested an 18-year-old who reportedly robbed two cab drivers in two days, authorities reported.

Edward Williams, also known as Eric Johnson or EJ, address unknown, is charged with first- and second-degree robbery in connection with the two incidents, reports show.

In the first incident, police responded to 1958 Broadway around 2 a.m. March 7 after receiving a report that a cab driver had been robbed.

Reports showed Williams and another person called the cab for a ride, arrived at the Broadway location, exited, then allegedly opened the cab driver's door and pointed a handgun at the driver. Williams reportedly took cash, then fled the area.

The next day, March Williams reportedly stole from a cab driver again around 11 p.m. at 2610 Bartelt Road.

Officers arrested Williams in the area of 333 Finkbine Lane after the driver — who sustained scratches to his wrist — identified him. Williams reportedly admitted to police he was in the cab with the victim that evening.

First-degree robbery is a Class B felony, punishable by up to 25 years in prison. Second-degree robbery is a Class C felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Inmate charged with sex act

A man in Johnson County Jail for an OWI was charged again after he reportedly performed a sex act on another person March 7, sheriff's deputies said.

Donald Clark, 39, 431 S. Scott Blvd., is charged with indecent exposure and second-offense OWI, reports show.

Authorities said Clark was in Johnson County Jail around 3:30 a.m. when he performed a sex act on someone in the view of another person or persons.

Clark "admitted he committed the sex act to arouse or satisfy the sexual desires of either party of the sex act," and he should have known the act was offensive to the viewer, deputies said.

Clark was originally taken to Johnson County Jail after he was arrested for OWI at 1:44 a.m. March 7. He smelled of alcohol, failed field-sobriety tests, and refused a preliminary breath test.

Indecent exposure is a serious misdemeanor, punishable by a year in jail and a fine of up to \$1,875. Second-offense OWI is an aggravated misdemeanor, punishable by up to two years in prison and a fine of

up to \$6,250.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Man charged in stabbing

A Chicago man reportedly stabbed another person during a dispute March 8, Coralville police reported.

Lorenzo Jones, 22, is charged with willful injury causing serious injury, a felony, reports show.

According to police, Lorenzo and some friends were involved in a fight at 941 Boston Way, Coralville.

Lorenzo allegedly stabbed someone with a knife and fled the scene.

He was later located and arrested by officers. The victim was transported to UI Hospitals and Clinics.

Willful injury causing serious injury is a Class C felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Man charged with burglary

Iowa City police reported a man who reportedly forced his way into an apartment March 8 faces a felony charge, reports show.

Michael Britton, 54, 1406 Spruce St., is charged with first-degree burglary.

Officers responded to 1100 Arthur St. Apt. M5 around 7:30 p.m. on March 8 on an assault call.

Police allege that Britton forced his way into the apartment when one of the residents had the door partly opened, pushing the person to the floor, causing injuries to the chest and hand.

Britton reportedly had the victim's cell phone and refused to return it.

He was polite and cooperative with officers, reports show, until the victim's phone started ringing.

Police obtained the phone and placed Britton under arrest, though he resisted.

First-degree burglary is a Class B felony, punishable by up to 25 years in prison.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Police seek help in spate of vandalism

Iowa City police are asking for help in apprehending the person or persons responsible for a recent surge in vandalism in the city.

According to reports, police have received more than 30 reports of vehicle vandalism since Feb. 28, authorities said March 7.

The incidents are normally reports of vehicle windows shot out sometime at night with BBs or pellets. The vehicles affected are normally parked on public roads during the incidents.

Most of the reports through March 5 happened on the West Side of Iowa City. Reports after that mostly occurred on the southeastern part of the city.

Area Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for the vandalism.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Final provost finalists to be on campus

The final two candidates in the UI provost search will speak this week, with the fourth one speaking today.

Camilla Persson Benbow, dean of education and human development at Vanderbilt University, will speak at a public forum at 3:30 p.m. today in S401 Pappajohn Business Building and in a public symposium at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Old Capitol Senate Chamber.

During Benbow's first appearance, she will answer questions from a panel and audience members. On Tuesday, she will give a speech titled "The Primary Challenges Facing Public Research Universities Today."

The second finalist this week, and final one overall, will be announced on Tuesday and will interview on Wednesday and Thursday.

The first three — Robert Sternberg of Tufts University, Suzanne Ortega of the University of Washington, and Arlene Carney of the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities — spoke during the week of Feb. 25.

The candidates are interviewing to replace former UI Provost Michael Hogan, who left in September 2007 to head the University of Connecticut.

— by Ashton Shurson

CR-area man charged with kidnapping, abuse

Iowa City police arrested a man who reportedly displayed a handgun and kidnapped a woman and her 2-year-old daughter on March 8, reports show.

Damian Forbes, 21, Cedar Rapids, was arrested and charged with two counts of second-degree kidnapping and domestic-abuse assault with intent or display of a weapon, police said.

According to reports, Forbes and the woman lived together in Cedar Rapids until the woman moved to Iowa City. They agreed to meet at Hy-Vee, 1720 Waterfront Drive, on the night of March 8.

Forbes reportedly displayed a handgun during the meeting around 9 p.m., and ordered the woman and her daughter into a car. As the woman tried to flee, he allegedly tried to take the child. The woman and child escaped, and Forbes fled the area.

Police later apprehended him in Marion.

The investigation of the incident is ongoing, and police expect additional charges to be filed.

Each count of second-degree kidnapping is a Class B felony, punishable by up to 25 years in prison. Domestic-abuse assault with intent or display of a weapon is an aggravated misdemeanor, generally punishable by two years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

STATE

House lawmakers look to health care

DES MOINES (AP) — Lawmakers will return to the Statehouse this week to a full slate of issues that survived the first legislative deadline.

Measures that made it out of committee and are eligible for debate include a couple of education reforms,

an effort to curb the hiring of illegal immigrants, a revamped bottle bill, and health-care expansion. Lawmakers also must work to reconcile different versions of House and Senate bills to ban smoking in public places.

House lawmakers are expected this week to tackle a health-care reform bill that would help all children and adults get covered by health

insurance within a few years.

"We have reason to believe that it will pass with overwhelming support from both parties," said House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, D-Des Moines.

House Minority Leader Chris Rants said it was bipartisan effort to get the health-care reform package out of committee.

There's less bipartisanship about what can be done to curb illegal immigration.

A bill that made it through the so-called funnel week in the House would subject employers who don't verify job applicants' identity with a valid photo ID to felony perjury charges, punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$7,500 fine.

POLICE BLOTTER

Rafat Alawneh, 29, Fort Madison, Iowa, was charged March 8 with robbery.

Benjamin Bennett, 32, 222 Hackney Court, was charged March 8 with public intoxication.

Brian Bergquist, 22, 222 E. Market St. Apt. 1, was charged Jan. 20 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Dustin Bixler, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged March 7 with disorderly conduct.

Sanel Causevic, 22, Coralville, was charged March 7 with disorderly conduct.

Dale Davis, 20, 929 Iowa Ave. Apt. 16, was charged March 8 with public intoxication.

Joshua Dennis, 20, 1032 N. Dubuque St., was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Kevin Dodge, 19, Naperville, Ill., was charged March 8 with urinating in public.

Brian Fox, 20, 1002 E. College St., was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Ivann Galvan, 20, Columbus Junction, Iowa, was charged March 7 with public intoxication.

Christopher Garner, 21, 804B Mayflower, was charged March 7 with public intoxication.

Anthony Hamilton, 19, 538 Rienow, was charged March 8 with PAULA.

Travis Hammes, 20, 932 E. College

St. Apt. 202, was charged March 8 with PAULA.

Brian Harken, 19, 746 Rienow, was charged March 8 with PAULA.

Leah Heick, 18, 209 Holiday Road Apt. 209, was charged March 7 with providing the sale of tobacco products to a minor.

Ryan Hetzler, 19, Muscatine, was charged March 8 with PAULA.

Christopher Kahle, 39, 1503 Sheridan Ave., was charged March 8 with OWI.

Todd Kelly, 43, 158 Arabian Court, was charged March 8 with second-offense OWI.

Joshua Koenig, 20, Muscatine, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Thomas Lopez, 19, Norwalk, Iowa, was charged March 3 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Dorsey Luckett, 25, 1404 Crosby Lane, was charged March 5 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Zeke McCartney, 20, 634 Westgate Drive Apt. 52, was charged March 8 with PAULA.

Nancy McFall, 43, 2018 Waterfront Drive Apt. 50, was charged March 6 with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Kyle McKay, 22, E146 Currier, was charged March 6 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Timothy Magaraci, 46, 846

Basswood Lane, was charged March 6 with violating a no-contact domestic-abuse protective order, public intoxication, and interference with official acts.

Marlon Medina-Rosado, 24, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 1801, was charged March 8 with public intoxication.

Adam Melcher, 32, Coralville, was charged March 5 with forgery by check/document.

Katie Norine, 23, 2785 Heinz Road Apt. 2, was charged March 7 with OWI.

Casey O'Rourke, 23, 1108 Oakcrest St. Apt. 10, was charged March 7 with public intoxication.

Michael O'Rourke, 19, Williamsburg, Iowa, was charged March 7 with public intoxication.

Samuek Page, 20, 405 N. Linn St., was charged March 8 with PAULA.

Anthony Pickart, 19, 537 Rienow, was charged March 8 with PAULA.

James Rashid, 19, 511 S. Johnson St. Apt. 10, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Matt Sabatino, 20, Normal, Ill., was charged Sunday with PAULA and possession of an open alcohol container in public.

John Schneiderman, 20, 308 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 1122, was charged March 7 with public intoxication and second-degree criminal mischief.

Aaron Schwen, 19, 2129 Quadrangle, was charged March 7 with public intoxication and possession of a fictitious license.

Tanner Seibold, 20, 406 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 836, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Keshondra Shaw, 23, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. K3, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Louis Slaughter, 22, Oskaloosa, Iowa, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Ryan Summers, 34, East Moline, Ill., was charged March 6 with OWI and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Yolanda Vanvoltenburg, 38, 249 E. Oak St., was charged March 5 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Jerome Watkins, 30, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Bailey Wilkerson, 19, Morning Sun, Iowa, was charged March 7 with OWI.

Edward Williams, 18, address unknown, was charged March 7 with first-degree robbery.

Ethan Wisner, 19, 1135 Rienow, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Amanda Wolcott, 20, 801 S. Gilbert Court Apt. 305, was charged March 8 with PAULA.

Mikko Wolf, 22, 1116 E. Burlington St., was charged March 8 with keeping a disorderly house.

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CORRECTIONS

Another side of Karl Rove

Rove sits down before the fracas and talks campaigns, immigration.

By Kelsey Beltramea
THE DAILY IOWAN

Before his formal UI appearance began on Sunday, Karl Rove jovially took his seat on stage filled with student media members who were anxious to get the political expert's backstory and take on the current presidential-nomination race.

The Student Video Productions-sponsored forum in front of members of the College Republicans offered a different perspective of a man who admits his status as controversial figure in politics.

But he wasn't always that way.

Rove vocally supported Richard Nixon at the age of 9, but the event that mostly shaped his professional life resulted when his high-school teacher — "a fussy little guy with a bow tie" — told him as a junior that everyone else would be able to achieve an "A for satisfactory completion of the course work," but Rove had to get involved in a political campaign.

"I'd always been interested in politics and government, but it was just the little kick I needed," he said.

He has since been lauded as a campaign expert by people in both parties. More recently, though, his highly successful "Rovian politics" tactics have been assailed by Democratic candidates.

New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton has accused Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois of taking a move from Rove's playbook, and Obama frequently claims he would end Rove-style politics.

"I'm filling a copyright infringement lawsuit against both of them asking for damages," Rove joked. "But you know, if you're running in a Democratic primary, you need a bogeyman, and I'm it."

He said Democratic Party ideology makes candidates feel obligated to pick out something they can demonize and criticize, and they choose him.

Rove also criticized the U.S. political system for its intensely long presidential-selection process. Candidates

'I'm filling a copyright infringement lawsuit against both of them asking for damages. But you know, if you're running in a Democratic primary, you need a bogeyman, and I'm it.'

— Karl Rove joked

spend too much time in aluminum tubes: either a van or an airplane, he said.

"We spend two years running these people into the ground, and then say, 'Raise your right hand and repeat after me,' and they're dog-tired."

Such states as Iowa, New Hampshire, and South Carolina also get to do all the work, he said — noting it may be good for Iowa but may be bad for the rest of the country.

He also addressed an issue that did not emerge in the formal discussion, telling the audience that illegal immigration is an issue very few people actually know the facts about because it doesn't get the same attention as other issues.

"It's just not sexy," Rove said.

He contended that most illegal immigrants are professionals who have overstayed their visas and are more likely to be employed than U.S. citizens.

"After five or 10 years, they wake up and say, 'I've lost every connection to that dusty town in Mexico, and I don't want to go back.'"

Additionally, Rove spent time discussing his adoration of former President William McKinley, whose legacy and support from the people was obvious following his death.

The Bush legacy — though centered on "big-idea issues" — hinges on what happens in Iraq, Rove said. And he is comfortable with his role in that legacy.

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Protesters vent anger



Peter Klopfenstein/The Daily Iowan

Protester Michael Perrone (right) stands outside the IMU Main Lounge before Karl Rove's appearance on Sunday. Protesters held banners and sang chants denouncing Rove, the war in Iraq, and the Bush administration.

PROTEST

CONTINUED FROM 1A

Seeds of Dissent features seven different acts. Andrew Alemao, a member of the Antiwar Committee, opened the show with an original song. His lyrics varied from broad attacks on the U.S. government to specific remarks about Rove.

"You can't be a traitor and call yourself loyal, hey Mr. Rove I hope you choke on your oil," Alemao sang.

Marv Hain Jr., a member of the Seeds of Dissent who performs under the name This Machine, said that his music focuses on social change.

"As a team, we noticed that not many musicians are focusing on social problems," he said. "We seek to fill that gap."

Several members of the UI Antiwar Committee attended the performance before their scheduled 5:30 p.m. protest at the IMU.

Freshman Dan Knutson said that when Rove's original appearance date was rescheduled because of inclement weather, it gave the committee more time to publicize its protest.

"Obviously, he's already coming here, so it's not like we're going to get the \$40,000 back, but we can show that people are not happy about this," Knutson said.

Ron Kinum, a retired military veteran and member of the UI Antiwar Committee, was also in attendance at the Mill.

"We want to show disapproval for Karl Rove — he's a criminal," Kinum said. "I'm here to protest the people who get away with evil."

The Antiwar Committee's protest featured speakers, a performance by the UI Radical Cheerleaders, and a DJ performance from the School of Flyentology.

Mikko Wolf, a DJ from the School of Flyentology, said he dislikes Rove but does not agree with the Antiwar Committee's belief that the UI should not pay him to speak.

"I hate Karl Rove: He is a war criminal, but I think it's great that he's speaking — \$40,000 is not that much to have the guy speak," Wolf said. "How much was Bill Clinton? \$70,000? And no one said anything then."

Regardless of dissenting views, the Antiwar Committee ensured that the crowd waiting to see Rove speak in the IMU was well aware of its opinions.

"We just want people to know that there's a big difference between free speech and being paid \$40,000 an hour," Knutson said.

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Rove unruffled

ROVE

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"We feel like we really accomplished our goal of stirring up dialogue both inside the lecture hall and outside as people were leaving," she said. "That's what we wanted to do."

As the president's most trusted political strategist, Rove was ensconced in the White House before his August 2007 resignation with a indisputable influence over Oval Office policy — an influence that generated allegations of misdeed in his final year.

Rove resigned while under fire for his alleged involvement in what some see as political terminations of several U.S. attorneys, which was a controversy that also fueled calls for then-Attorney General Alberto Gonzales to resign. The UI College of Law had invited Gonzales to give last year's commencement address, but officials said scheduling conflicts prevented his appearance.

Rove left the Bush administration after federal prosecutors decided they would not charge Rove with any crimes for his link to the outing for former CIA agent Valerie Plame.

Additionally, critics have lambasted Rove for his role in crafting communications leading up to the invasion of Iraq — which was the first item on the agenda for moderator Frank Durham, a UI associate professor of journalism tasked with conducted the on-stage interview.

Durham asked how the former aide would have helped him answer a phone call he received from a woman grieving the death of a soldier, a woman who also blamed Durham for sponsoring Rove's appearance.

Rove told him he's handled plenty of situations like that — getting flags for mothers and stepmothers of those killed in combat. "Have you ever shed a tear?"

Money for Rove

When the UI Lecture Committee announced it was bringing Karl Rove, a former deputy chief of staff and senior adviser to President Bush, message boards were flooded. Many opposed to the move lambasted the committee for bringing the controversial Rove to campus with taxpayer dollars.

So who is paying for Rove's \$40,000 speaking fee? UI Lecture Committee Chairwoman Sharon Benzoni said that the vast majority of the tab will be picked up by the private F. Wendell Miller Fund.

In a typical year, approximately 80 percent of the lecturers' speaking fees are paid for by student fees, while the remaining percentage is paid for by the F. Wendell Miller Fund and private donors. Benzoni said that this year, however, around 60 percent will be footed by student fees, with the rest coming from the aforementioned private fund and donors.

Benzoni said Hancher Auditorium and the UI Lecture Committee typically split annual dollars from the F. Wendell Miller Fund, but the committee requested the entire sum this year. Hancher will receive the entire funding next year.

The chairwoman also insisted that the system is fair for students, pointing to UI Student Government's hand in nominating individuals to serve on the committee.

— by Shawn Gude

a member of the audience yelled.

"I've shed lots of tears, but I've also been inspired because most moms and dads believe their son or daughter did not die in vain," Rove responded. He later added that he has seen great passion and commitment for the mission from loved ones of fallen soldiers — to which the audience boomed.

They booed, however, when Rove said Iraq "had nothing to do with 9/11."

"What it had to do was change the circumstances in the 20th century of transatlantic terrorism," Rove said.

The tense atmosphere was something Rove said he, as a controversial figure who worked for a controversial administration, expected before the talk.

He is so controversial that when officials at Choate Rosemary Hall, a Connecticut prep school, announced Rove would deliver the school's 2008 commencement address, angry student and parent reaction led the school's headmaster to change the forum to the question-and-

answer address that occurred last month.

The UI campus protests were long orchestrated, with six community coalitions allying to form "The Karl Rove Welcoming Committee" which called on Iowa City police and UI police to detain Rove for treason, war crimes, and crimes against humanity until U.S. marshals could be dispatched to arrest him.

Other antiwar protesters prepared for Rove's talk by gathering at a local restaurant to share original musical remonstrations, mostly inspired by 1960s protest songs by the likes of Bob Dylan and Pete Seeger.

But Rove, defending his own actions and those of the Bush administration to the end, said, "If we ignore the enemy and his plan, we do so at our own peril."

He said he would be satisfied that the war in Iraq is won when it is a "stable, democratic ally on the global war on terror."

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PUBLIC HEALTH

Meningitis not common

MENINGITIS

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other symptoms include nausea, vomiting, and rash.

Though the disease is rare — there are nearly 3,000 cases across the nation each year — it can be deadly and swift. Bacterial meningitis kills 10 to 12 percent of its victims, and survivors can suffer permanent brain damage, hearing loss, or learning disabilities.

One cannot catch bacterial meningitis as easily as influenza or colds. Though it is also spread through saliva and respiratory secretions, contagious strains of meningitis generally require more prolonged contact such as kissing or sharing eating utensils or cigarettes.

Woerdehoff said those who were exposed have a window of 14 days to get antibiotics. Early treatment with antibiotics slashes fatality rates to below 15 percent, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"What's wonderful is that the disease is not only rare, it's also very treatable," Woerdehoff said. "If you take the antibiotics, you have a good chance of survival."

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— **Valorie Woerdehoff**, assistant to the college president

Four people who had close contact with Fitzgerald have taken antibiotics by March 7, she said.

Meanwhile, UI Student Health cleared its schedule in preparation for a flux students asking for meningitis vaccinations. Surprisingly, only about half a dozen students got vaccinated, many of whom said they did it because of their parents' urging, James said.

"It's mostly been quiet," she said.

Though the UI does not require all students to present proof of meningitis vaccina-

tion, the CDC recommends it for people between 11 and 18 years old.

But available vaccines are not 100 percent effective against bacterial meningitis, and they also do not cover all strains in circulation. They do offer some protection because the available vaccines cover two types most common in the United States.

Fitzgerald, who played volleyball for Loras College, was in fact vaccinated. At least one report said she died of a strain that her vaccine did not cover, though Woerdehoff said the school is waiting for more details.

At-risk populations include college students who live in dormitories, scientists who work with meningococcal bacteria, and military recruits — those either have close contact with each other or with the disease.

The state has seen several sporadic cases of bacterial meningitis over the past two weeks, according to a March 7 report from the Iowa Department of Public Health.

This year's patients have ranged from 6 months to 55 years old.

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IOWA SUPREME COURT

UI flavor for court nominees

Three UI law-school graduates are nominated to the Iowa Supreme Court.

By Megan Stephenson
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa Supreme Court will keep its UI representation.

The State Judicial Nominating Committee nominated UI College of Law graduates Connie Alt, David Baker, and Thomas Waterman to the Iowa Supreme Court on March 7 to replace retiring Chief Justice Jerry Larson. Also a UI alum, Larson was appointed in 1978, and his 30-year tenure was the longest of any Supreme Court justice. He will end his duties May 17.

Alt, Baker, and Waterman were selected out of 17 applicants by the 14-person committee made up of lawyers elected by their peers and appointed citizens. Gov. Chet Culver now has 30 days to choose one of the three nominees. The Supreme Court justices serve eight-year terms, and stand for re-election after one year and every eight years afterwards.

The application process was "rigorous," Waterman said. All of the applicants filled out a detailed, written application and included letters of support. They were then interviewed by the nomination committee, chaired by Larson, and met on March 6 and 7 to review the applicants. They announced the three final nominations in the evening on the 7.

"It's a dream job," Waterman said. "The intellectual joys of a law professor but the real world impact of shaping Iowa's laws."

After receiving his judicial degree at the UI in 1984, Waterman began work at Lane & Waterman LLP in Davenport, where he is a fourth-generation attorney at the firm and is a partner.

Baker received a J.D. in 1979 and worked in private practice for 25 years in Cedar Rapids before applying to the 6th District court, which includes Linn and Johnson Counties, in 2004. In 2006, he was appointed to the Iowa

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Baker
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Alt
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Court of Appeals.

"Something has to be said [about] district judges on the Supreme Court" as opposed to attorneys, Baker said. "The view of the judicial system is different from the other side of the bench."

Alt graduated from the UI in 1985, and she is senior vice president at Shuttleworth & Ingersoll PLC in Cedar Rapids. She didn't return phone calls for comment on Sunday.

Both Baker and Waterman expressed admiration for all the nominees.

"Iowa is a small community," Baker said. "All the attorneys know each other. It makes this a little harder."

Baker and Waterman also said if chosen they would keep their current offices to stay close to their communities.

"It's important for Supreme Court justices to return to their home counties, to improve communication with the lower courts, the bar, and the public in general," Waterman said.

The UI College of Law has turned out 9,000 alumni since its founding in 1865. At present, 40 percent of its graduates practice law in Iowa.

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UI project just chilling

By Melanie Kucera
THE DAILY IOWAN

One year is almost up and still no completion.

The expected 2½ month North Chilled Water Crossing Project has turned into an almost 12-month ordeal because of unforeseen challenges.

The project's final date has been moved to May, officials said.

"We expect the project to go smoothly at this point," said Rodney Lehnertz, the director of planning and designing construction for UI Facilities Management.

He also said officials are "relying" on good weather conditions at this point.

The project began in March 2007, and officials believed the project would be completed by June 2007, when a cofferdam buckled on May 16 causing work to screech to a halt.

Working with cofferdam companies took time and patience.

"Part of the challenge was getting crews in there to one, evaluate and fix the dam failure, and then to actually get the new cofferdam stabilized," Lehnertz said.

In addition to the cofferdam troubles, the harsh winter added to the delay.

"Because of the cold weather, high snow levels, and high runoff of melting snow, we are sort of at the mercy of the weather conditions and the flows of the Iowa River," Lehnertz said.

Last year's high water levels made it extra difficult for the work crews, he said.

With another "cooling season" approaching in April, the university has sought out temporary chillers.

"Because [the cooling project] is not going to be ready, we are forced into a situation where we are going to have to bring in temporary chillers," said Glen Mowery, the director of utilities and energy management UI Facilities Management, noting that the renovation of the Chemistry Building is adding an "additional load" to buildings that need cooling.

Though Mowery did not know the exact cost of the chillers offhand, previous chillers have cost the university around \$400,000.

Both men said that despite the delays, there would be little additional cost to the roughly \$7 million original price tag.

The university has two separate cooling "loops" on the east and west campuses, and the project will connect the two loops and allow a more efficient system, Mowery said.



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The North Chilled Water Crossing Project construction site sits empty on Sunday afternoon. A harsh winter has slowed the work; the project's new completion date is set for May.

Prior to the cooling project, officials investigated how much a new chiller plant would cost on the east campus, and it totaled roughly \$40 million.

Though Iowa City has been bombarded with large amounts of snow, the Iowa River rising over the cofferdams is not a concern.

"The probability of a water

elevation so high that it would actually go over the top of the cofferdam sheets is extremely low," said Kenneth Lloyd, a senior engineer for UI Facilities Management. "[Workers] positioned those sheets so that they stand above the expected level of the river."

Lloyd said that workers usu-

ally build the cofferdams at least 1 to 2 feet higher than what the water elevation would be at.

The project is located near the English-Philosophy Building and the Iowa Avenue bridge.

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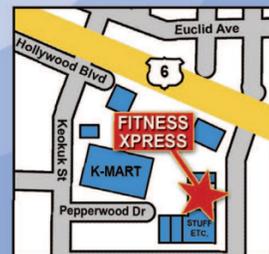
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Shelter wins in court

By Briana Byrd
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa City homeless people can expect 70 extra beds in the near future.

The Shelter House, 331 N. Gilbert St., a nonprofit organization that provides housing and support to homeless individuals throughout Iowa City, will build a new facility in southern Iowa City after a March 7 Iowa Supreme Court ruling. The court decided against the Hilltop Mobile Home Court and a variety of other business and property owners, who said the facility would decrease property value and increase crime.

The case also set a precedent on how much power is given to city boards of adjustment. A board of adjustment grants specific exceptions to city zoning laws.

"Prior to that decision, a decision by the board of adjustments on factual issues would be reconsidered and reviewed by a district court judge, and it appears that that is no longer the procedure in Iowa," said

Gregg Geerdes, an Iowa City attorney who represented a number of the businesses and property owners in the area against the additional Shelter House.

The new facility will be located at 429 Southgate Ave. and will provide housing for up to 70 people. The current Shelter House can hold only 29 people, and it turns away around 10 people per night.

The debate over gaining the zoning exception had been going on since the new property's purchase in 2004.

What may have made the difference this time was the large amount of evidence and number of testimonies that the Shelter House was in compliance with city ordinances.

Despite complaints from opponents, the Shelter House provided statistics indicating that its residents were had less violent crime arrests than those living the nearby mobile home court.

During the court hearing, two people living in the neighborhood in which the current Shelter House is located said that

'With the brand-new facility, [the shelter] could assist almost twice as many people. And just the change in architecture tremendously helps the staffing needs.'

— Christine Mullen, chairwoman of the Interim Homeless Overflow Shelter Task Force

aside from yard eyesores, such as trash cans and the lawn, the building didn't cause any problems in the neighborhood. The new shelter house will be required to have a landscape buffer and an 8-foot privacy fence, according to the ruling.

Aside from issues of property value and safety, a neighbor of the Gilbert Street location testified that the house did not cause an increase in traffic in the area. The Iowa City urban planner also cited national research that showed that property values do not necessarily decrease

Old vs. New

A comparison between the old location of the Shelter House and the proposed new one

- (Old) 331 N. Gilbert St.
- (New) 429 Southgate Ave.
- (Old) Houses 29 people
- (New) Could possibly house 70 people

Source: Shelter House

when housing establishments such as the shelter enter neighborhoods.

While the Shelter House has remained at its 29-person capacity, Johnson County has increased in size, and building the new facility will provide "the needed space for the clientele they get," said Christine Mullen, the chairwoman of the Interim Homeless Overflow Shelter Task Force.

"With the brand-new facility, [the shelter] could assist almost twice as many people. And just the change in architecture tremendously helps the staffing needs," she said.

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STATE

ISU considers outsourcing e-mail system

AMES (AP) — Iowa State University officials are looking into a plan that would outsource the university's e-mail system to a large technology company.

Officials say turning over the university's e-mail system to a firm such as Google could help cut costs, because the service would be free. But critics wonder how secure student information will be if an outside company oversees accounts.

Iowa State officials say the university spends around \$450,000 a year on its central e-mail system. Costs that go into maintaining the system such as spam software are

projected to increase. But officials said if a company takes over those concerns could be alleviated.

"It has the potential to save us a bunch of money in the future," said David Popelka, ISU associate chief information officer.

An information-technology team at Iowa State has been reviewing ideas for the last two years. It plans to come out with a proposal by June, and officials say outsourcing e-mail could be among the planned changes.

The team is also reviewing how the move could affect open records requests, how much access a company such as Google will have to student information, and if the company would use those details for advertising.

ISU journalism professor Michael Bugeja is skeptical about proposed

benefits of outsourcing the e-mail system.

"Free? How generous of Google and Microsoft. Nothing they do is for free," Bugeja said. "If we're not going to pay for it, we're going to lose our privacy because of it."

Other schools, such as the UI and University of Northern Iowa, have also considered similar proposals in the last few years but voted against them.

Steve Moon, UNI interim associate vice president of information-technology services, said the university looked into outsourcing its student e-mail to Google about a year ago.

The school decided not to go ahead since it had just bought a new campus e-mail product. Moon said there were also concerns about protecting student information.

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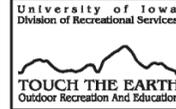
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City eyes panhandlers

The Iowa City City Council will debate proposed panhandling, soliciting, begging, and loitering downtown.

By Kelli Shaffner
THE DAILY IOWAN

Downtown Iowa City may change its feel, and appeal, to pedestrians, businesses, and shoppers if the Iowa City City Council decides on Tuesday to pass a proposed ordinance that would limit panhandlers, solicitation, and begging.

If passed, soliciting in an aggressive manner would be prohibited — a continuation of the current law — as would be sitting or lying down within 10 feet of a doorway. The ordinance brings proximity into play to help separate businesses from loiterers and solicitors.

The proposal focuses on concerns of aggressive behavior while panhandling — especially harassment, City Councilor Matt Hayek said. The measure also aims to rid downtown businesses of those who station themselves close to their entrances while panhandling. Panhandlers drive away

customers, said Cold Stone Creamery manager Sarah Rollinger. She contends that the establishment, 132 E. Washington St., has seen its share.

"We've actually had a lot of complaints," she said. "A lot of them smoke cigarettes, so when people walk by, they don't like that. Some of them have dogs, and people complain about being allergic to dogs."

On Sunday afternoon, a panhandler at the intersection of Washington and Dubuque Streets said he doesn't ask for money aggressively, and neither do any other panhandlers.

"If we were like that, then we wouldn't get anything," he said. "I don't tell people they have to give me money."

The council has had received numerous complaints from downtown businesses similar to Rollinger's, Councilor Connie Champion said.

Though Rollinger said it isn't just the customers' complaints that are bothersome.

"We have a sign that we set out there, and sometimes they move it next to the street or the garbage can," she said. "So we've had problems with them touching our stuff, too. They comply — to a certain extent — when we go ask them; but they always come back."

Though Rollinger said the store asks people camped outside the door to move, and it has sometimes contacted the Iowa City Police Department, the establishment does not own the sidewalk around the building and is limited in the action it may take.

Hayek said that if passed, the ordinance would be part of the answer; enforcing what's already in the books would solve the rest of the problem.

The current "begging" law prohibits asking for money aggressively, and right now the law only relies on complaints to be enforced.

The proposal is a balancing act, Hayek said, balancing First

Old vs. New

Panhandling rules in Iowa City:

- **Current law** — prohibits asking for money aggressively, can only be enforced through complaints

- **Proposed ordinance** — would continue to ban aggressive soliciting as well as prohibit sitting or lying down within 10 feet of a doorway

Amendment rights in public places with protecting businesses.

Another thing to consider is that local business provide monetary assistance to programs put in place to help those struggling financially.

"If those businesses are hurt because people are afraid to go downtown and shop, that has a ripple effect and can play out in many ways including those business being less able to contribute donations," he said.

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NATION

School promotes financial literacy, gives kids money to invest

CHICAGO (AP) — Like their peers elsewhere, the students at a one-of-a-kind public elementary school on the South Side of Chicago are dazzled by pop-culture stars — Beyoncé and Common, Kanye West and Lil' Wayne, LeBron James and Dwyane Wade.

ter at Ariel Community Academy, though, and you may hear unexpected references to uncool dudes such as Warren Buffett and Bill Gates. After all, these kids have their portfolios to worry about.

The Ariel school is an experiment in financial literacy with real-life oomph: Each incoming first-grade class gets \$20,000 that the children ultimately get to pick stocks for and manage. The goal is to add an I — investing — to the three R's, according to John Rogers Jr., the chairman and chief executive of Ariel

Capital Management, the Chicago-based money management firm that established the school in 1996.

At a time when pensions are being phased out and people must rely more on their own investment smarts, Rogers thinks saving and investment should be an integral part of the curriculum at schools across the country.

"It's important to have all the reading and writing and arithmetic skill sets, but we can't think of anything else more important than to be able to be financially viable and

competent as you start to build your working career," he said.

Experts say easy credit, aggressive marketing and the dizzying array of financial products and cashless spending options have led many American consumers astray, making it more essential than ever for kids to learn about money.

Iowa State University Professor Tahira Hira, a member of the newly formed President's Advisory Council on Financial Literacy, is among those advocating that personal finance be required teaching at every elementary school.

NATION

Farm bill expected to contain disaster dollars

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new program designed to compensate farmers for weather-related crop losses is expected to survive congressional negotiations over multi-billion-dollar farm legislation.

Farm-state members from drought-prone states in the West and Midwest have aggressively pushed the idea, saying they can't always depend on Congress or the White House to come up with emergency money when farmers lose everything they have due to drought or flooding.

Montana Sen. Max Baucus, the Democratic chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, created the \$5 billion disaster fund when his panel wrote its portion of the farm

bill last year. He said on March 7 that he has an agreement with Minnesota Rep. Collin Peterson, the Democratic chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, that at least \$4.2 billion will be dedicated for the fund.

A spokeswoman for Peterson said she could not confirm that number. Peterson was traveling and unavailable for comment.

Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin, the Democratic chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, confirmed that the disaster fund is expected to be part of the bill, though he didn't give a dollar amount. Harkin has opposed the idea, saying it could be vulnerable to abuse.

"There will be some funds for disaster in there," he said. "How much that's going to be, I don't know."



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Editorial

Nurses wanted: UI nursing school needs a booster

On March 3, Iowa Lt. Gov. Patty Judge announced the recommendations made by the Iowa Nursing Task Force, which was created to tackle the numerous problems plaguing the nursing field in the state. The shortage of registered nurses and nursing faculty, however, is also a nationwide concern. According to a 2007 report by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the country faces a shortage of around 340,000 nurses by 2020. Nursing schools that face faculty shortages are now accepting fewer students, resulting in a decline in graduating nursing students.

In December 2007, the state Board of Regents approved a planned admissions reduction at the UI College of Nursing. Statewide, there are 101 vacant faculty positions in the nursing field, as reported in *The Daily Iowan* last week. The Iowa Nursing Task Force has correctly pointed out the various problems nurses experience in our state, and we hope its recommendations lead to real change here.

Among the more troubling findings of the group's report is nursing salaries in Iowa. According to the report, Iowa ranks 52nd in national wage rankings, falling behind both Guam and Washington, D.C. Nursing students at Iowa universities cannot be blamed for fleeing the state after receiving their degrees; with better pay awaiting them in neighboring

states, they're almost certain to seek employment elsewhere. Iowa must offer incentives to students who choose to stay within our state's borders, including forgiving student loans. With the rising cost of tuition, more students are relying on loans to complete their education. Upon graduating, their first priority is often finding the best salary so they can begin repaying their debts.

Unfortunately, it's probably too late to replenish the lack of nurses in Iowa by relying alone on graduating more students from nursing programs. The task force indicates that half of all nursing faculty in the state plan to retire within the next 10 years. The panel's goal to begin competitive recruitment outside the state is the right one. To make this effective, however, salaries must be improved dramatically to entice potential candidates from choosing other destinations (such as Guam, for instance). Until Iowa can aggressively compete with its neighbors, registered nurses, nursing school faculty, and prospective students will not take our offers seriously. The Iowa Nursing Task Force's ability to recognize these problems, however, is encouraging. The state, then, must begin a comprehensive overhaul of the nursing field to make Iowa universities the first choice — not the last — for faculty and students. But this is only the first step: In the end we must persuade them to stay, a far greater challenge.

Phobic

Bill Foster is the new representative from Illinois' 14th District. A special election held March 8 flipped the former seat of ex-House Republican Majority Leader Dennis Hastert, who resigned from the seat in November of last year, to the Democrats. President Bush carried the district with 55 percent of the vote in both 2000 and 2004, and Hastert had held it since 1980. This was, in pundit speak, a solid Republican district.

Foster beat Hastert-endorsed Jim Oberweis, 53 percent to 47 percent. Republican presumptive presidential nominee Sen. John McCain had also backed Oberweis and helped in fundraising. The National Republican Congressional Committee chipped in nearly one-fifth of its cash on hand — a tad more than \$1 million — to prop up Oberweis' bid, to no avail.

The economy is in shambles, the war in Iraq is deeply unpopular, President Bush's approval ratings are hovering in the 20s — it's no surprise that the GOP is facing an increasingly unfriendly political terrain. Democrats have an opportunity this November to completely redefine the American polity.

Massive numbers of independents and disaffected Republicans are supporting Barack Obama for the Democratic presidential nomination. Hillary Rodham Clinton is disliked by independents and loathed by Republicans. Survey USA recently put out early state-by-state general election polling: Long story short, Obama performs a lot better than Rodham Clinton against McCain in the vast majority of states. This has huge ramifications for down-ticket races.

Obama took time out of the presidential primary race to cut an ad for Bill Foster and put his impressive online resources to work for the Foster campaign. Obama's get-out-the-vote operation — so impressive that *Rolling Stone* detailed its strengths — likely put Foster over the top in this "red" district. That's coattails.

Rodham Clinton didn't even bother to endorse Foster. There has been plenty of talk about "new politics" this election cycle, but we've missed one of the bigger points. Obama believes in fighting for progressive values. Hillary and Bill Clinton believe in fighting for themselves.

Obama stretches the map and puts McCain and Republicans on the defensive in such states as Texas, the Carolinas, and Nebraska. It is because of his work as a community organizer — which he has rightly claimed as his "greatest education" — that he understands the value of building infrastructure and investing resources where none existed previously.

Rodham Clinton believes in the tried-and-not-true strategy of 50 percent plus one. That her campaign thinks it could even achieve that shows the campaign officials' delusional state of mind. Her husband — a vastly more capable politician — never cracked 50 percent in a general election. If Ross Perot had not run in 1992, Bill Clinton never would have been president.

Those who merely want power for power's sake follow this strategy. Government, however, must no longer be about wielding power to bludgeon opponents into line but about weaving a fiber that connects Americans in a common purpose. The über-secrecy of the Clintons, and the campaigns' complete disregard for, well, more than half the country demonstrates that Hillary and Bill are not fit to rule.

This primary race is no longer clean, honest, or respectful. Rodham Clinton is appealing to low-information voters — but rather than educate and enlighten, she fearmongers like George W. Bush. Rather than raise the discourse, she has chosen to dumb down the nature of the problems America faces. Playing demographic groups off of each other is her only tactic. Instead of reassuring voters, she deliberately worries them.

The minute we "must win at any costs" is the minute, we have lost our principles. Rodham Clinton can no longer win this primary race with any dignity. If she truly cared about the Democratic Party, or the country, she would drop out. It is mathematically impossible for her to overcome Obama's pledged delegate lead.

I will never vote for a Democratic presidential candidate again if Rodham Clinton is the nominee in 2008 — which, for all intensive purposes, likely means I'll never vote for president again. Does Hillary want the Democratic Party to lose independents and the youth vote for an entire generation? ■

DI columnist Andrew Swift thinks the answer to that question is "Yes." E-mail him at andrew-swift@uiowa.edu if you agree.



ANDREW SWIFT

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Commentary

Farmed out: Congress dithers over agricultural subsidies

As Congress and the administration wrangle over a new farm bill before the current version expires Saturday, here are two numbers that may help clarify the issues: \$5.74 and \$92.3 billion. The former is the price of a bushel of corn on Wednesday, a historic high. The latter is the Agriculture Department's estimate for farm income; it is 4.1 percent above the \$88.7 billion farmers made in 2007 and 51 percent above the average for the past 10 years.

Yet in this flush time for farmers, House and Senate conferees are contemplating a farm bill that might cost \$10 billion more over the next decade than the current law would have. The tentative \$280 billion-plus price tag includes needed spending on nutrition and soil-conservation programs — but also around \$5 billion a year in cash transfers to corn, soybean, wheat, cotton, and rice farmers over the next five years. So far, there are no meaningful limits on the amount each farm enterprise can receive. Thus, plenty of this federal largess will be showered on people much richer than the average American, who is struggling with higher food costs.

The current discussion among the House, the Senate, and the Bush administration centers on how to finance the 10-year spending increase. Reported proposals range from tightening Internal Revenue Service rules on listing certain business expenses to tweaks in Medicare reimbursements for medical equipment. Presumably, negotiators think that they can sell such changes as neither tax increases — which the administration has said it will not allow — nor Medicare cuts. Agreement has so far proven elusive, and the bill, for the moment, is stalled.

The real point is that there is no justification whatsoever for spending billions more on agriculture, no matter how it's paid for. Instead, the bill should have been redrafted to reflect new economic realities. Congress should cut crop subsidies and cap payments to food-to-do farmers, devoting the savings to deficit reduction and increases in food stamps, so that the poor can afford higher grocery prices. Rep. Ron Kind, D-Wis., recently circulated a letter among his colleagues showing how this could be done through 10 modest changes to the law, among them a means test for subsidies that would still let farm households making up to \$200,000 a year get federal help. But cotton interests, represented powerfully in the Senate by Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark., have historically resisted any serious limitation on federal payments to growers of those crops. Meanwhile, the Bush administration is insisting on at least some form of means-testing. Hence the current standoff.

What goes up must come down; crop prices will moderate sooner or later. But growing food demand in developing countries such as India and China strongly suggests that grain commodities will stay relatively expensive for the near future, buoying farm income in the United States. This is the time to slash these wasteful and expensive subsidies, not lock them into law. Both reformers in Congress and the Bush administration must stand their ground.

This editorial appeared in Sunday's *Washington Post*.

On the Spot

How can Iowa fix its nursing shortage?



"Pay them more. Give them more responsibilities."

Walter Farwell
Cedar County resident



"They could increase the wages."

Jenna Griffith
UI junior



"Create vocational programs in high school so the younger generation can look at the possibility of nursing as a career field."

Alexandria Mack
UI freshman



"The No. 1 issue is pay. It what would make a nurse want to work in Iowa instead of a different state. Also, an attractive benefits package."

Gabriel Duque
UI staff



The alphabet of the city

By Meryn Fluker
THE DAILY IOWAN

The narrative goes something like this: A young boy grows up in the Bronx during the '50s and '60s, has a knack for writing dialogue, and goes on to achieve success in television, film, and literature. It's the skeleton of Richard Price's rich life. The bare facts alone are astonishing, and it all could have remained just a fantasy if not for author Hubert Selby Jr., proving even the most talented people need a little inspiration.

"Hubert Selby wrote about Red Hook, Brooklyn," Price said. "He made me feel like my own experience was valid grounds for writing."

Legions of fans seem to agree that those experiences were worth Price jotting them down. During the arc of his more than 30-year career, Price, 58, has

READING
Richard Price, fiction
When: 7 p.m. today
Where: Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
Admission: Free

drawn comparisons with Leo Tolstoy and Charles Dickens. His screenplays (for *Clockers* and *The Color of Money*) have turned into Academy Award-nominated films. Between writing words that come out of the mouths of Paul Newman and Robert De Niro, Price has also built a strong literary career. Tonight, he will read from his latest novel, *Lush Life*, at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St.

Lush Life takes place on the Lower East Side of Manhattan and looks at the interplay among

the various cultural and socioeconomic groups residing in the area. A murder sparks the novel's plot, but Price makes it clear that *Lush Life* is not asking readers to don detective hats.

"It's about the investigation into the crime. It's not a mystery in the sense of a genre. It's not a whodunit," he said. "It's more like using a homicide to explore all the worlds that are down there, in an orderly fashion, by following a police investigation."

One of the staples of Price's career is his fearlessness in tackling issues of ethnicity and class, which comes from his upbringing in an integrated housing project. Many of his books deal with how characters of different ethnicities interact and the effect this has on their perceptions of the world. Despite the complexity, Price isn't daunted by the task of exploring these issues in his work.

"As long as I don't have to come up with a solution for anything," he responded when asked if writing about ethnicity is intimidating. "Whoever I'm writing about, all I have to do is make things three-dimensional."

Price's propensity for writing about topics of class and culture may come from his close ties to his hometown.

"Where you're from, I think, is the deepest part of you," he said. "I mean, you can live many places in your life but you're always only from one place."

As someone who has done it all, worked with the greats, and benefited from the influence of his idols, Price's instant response when asked to offer advice to up-and-coming young writers was full of his signature dry humor and sarcasm.

"Don't do it."

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today's RECIPE



BANANA MILKSHAKE

After ignoring them for power bars and caffeine, the bananas you bought last week are looking a little too ripe for comfort. *D/reporter* Brigid Marshall falls into this predicament rather regularly, hence the delectable delight of milk-shake making gone bananas. Makes one small milk shake; multiply ingredients by number of slurpers.

WHAT YOU NEED

- 1 ripe banana (not black or brown, but just spotty)
- ¼ cup skim milk
- ¼ cup vanilla ice cream
- Add a squirt of chocolate syrup if you're feeling lucky

WHAT TO DO

Peel the banana, toss it in a blender. Scoop the ice cream, add it to the container, and pour in the milk. Close the lid to the blender, or you might find yourself wearing your shake. Blend for around one minute. Add more milk if the shake looks too creamy.

EVENT TONIGHT

Kalimba every mountain

"Kalimbaman." It sounds like a title fit for Rastafarian or maybe calypso gentlemen. But here in Iowa City, the only man responding to that name is Scotty Hayward, a kalimba master for more than 30 years.

He brings this popular African instrument to life every Monday at the Unitarian Universalist Society, 10 S. Gilbert St., with the help of the Yahoo Drummers, a drum circle in Iowa City, and some local dancers.

"We all get together every week and just jam," the part-time musician said. "It's participatory. It's not something to watch; it's something for people to actually do."

The event was created nine months ago by Hayward and the dancers. And before long, the Yahoo Drummers — which was already practicing at the facility on Monday nights — jumped on board and helped evolve the performance into the organic jam session that regulars have come to love.

DRUM CIRCLES

Kalimbaman and the Yahoo drummers

When: Mondays, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Unitarian Universalist Society of Iowa City, 10 S. Gilbert
Admission: Free

"There's always the core group of about half a dozen people ... and it's fun to play with whoever else comes, because they add different instruments," Hayward said.

Although many participants are skilled musicians, novices are also welcome.

"It's a fun thing to do," Hayward said. "It's a chance to get out and express yourself. There are professional musicians and total amateurs. But mostly, it's a chance for everybody to give it a try."

The dance jam is open to everyone, so bring your dancing shoes and shake out those wintry blues.

— by Emily Burney

Not your ordinary 'cybergrind'

By Jarrett Hothan
THE DAILY IOWAN

As a musician, combining two different styles is always hit-or-miss, with high risk and high reward. Let's look at some examples: R. Kelly blends R&B with a narrative soap opera in *Trapped in the Closet*. Divine. Limp Bizkit fusing rock music with Fred Durst's desire to be a rapper. Not so much. The latest band up to bat in terms of musical mergers is Philadelphia's Genghis Tron, playing at 9 p.m. today at the Picador, 330 E. Washington St. The trio fuses heaviness and speed with techno and computer-controlled creations, creating unanimously interesting results.

Genghis Tron formed in sleepy Poughkeepsie, N.Y., in 2004, a town better known for whale rendering than the experimental metal scene. After years of constant touring and honing its sound, the band is poised to finally break through. One problem though; nobody knows how to describe the music. Genghis Tron's blend of electronic creations and hard-core metal is difficult to categorize, even if you're in the band.

"It's really hard because there isn't a simple phrase that could



CONCERT
Genghis Tron, with Clouds, Shores of the Tundra, Spanish Harlem, Open Goat

When: 9 p.m. today
Where: Picador, 330 E. Washington
Admission: \$6, ages 19-plus

do it. Someone called us 'cybergrind' once," said Michael Sochynsky, one of the band's keyboardists. "I'd call it experimental metal. We're trying to do something that isn't too extreme, because that gets pretty old sometimes."

Tron's songwriting process is somewhat of an anomaly when compared with other bands, primarily because of the unique instrumental setup. The three-piece is led by vocals,

keyboards, and a guitar, noticeably missing a live drummer and bass player. Instead, the members take turns triggering electronic percussion during their live show to keep the rhythm and enhance the intensity.

"All the drums are programmed, so making a song is really fun but incredibly tedious," Sochynsky said. "Everything is done entirely on computers, so instead of just being able to tell the drummer to change something, we have to go back and restructure it piece by piece."

Tonight's show is the band's first of two appearances in Iowa City in the span of precisely a month — it will return to the

Picador on April 10 to open for legendary Massachusetts hard-core band Converge. Tron members struck up a friendship with their idols in recent years, even having Converge guitarist Kurt Ballou produce their latest album *Board Up the House*.

"The first time we ever got to record with him, we were really rushed and didn't get to know him," Sochynsky said. "He can be a little bit standoffish, but we all became friends nonetheless. He's a bro and a great engineer."

The two appearances will help fans get a better grasp on the daunting-to-label group, but just don't call the band "cybergrind."

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Tar Heel mourned

Hundreds remember slain University of North Carolina student president in her Georgia hometown.



Trevor Frey, Athens Banner-Herald/Associated Press

The family of Eve Marie Carson, father Bob Carson (left), mother Teresa Carson (center), and brother Andrew Carson leave her funeral at the First United Methodist church in Athens, Ga., on Sunday. Eve Carson was killed on March 5 in Chapel Hill, N.C., where she attended the University of North Carolina.

By Errin Haines
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS, Ga. — Heartbroken mourners searched soul and scripture Sunday to understand why someone would fatally shoot a popular University of North Carolina student president and cut short a life with such promise.

For the hundreds gathered at Athens First United Methodist Church, Eve Carson should still be at school, studying political science and biology, teaching science to grade-schoolers, and planning her next trip abroad.

"We should not be here this afternoon," senior minister Bill Britt said, angry that the 22-year-old was not instead celebrating spring break or getting ready for the Atlantic Coast Conference basketball tournament.

"It is too soon to be remembering the life of Eve Marie Carson," he told the mourners who gathered here in her hometown or came down from the university in Chapel Hill, N.C. Many wore Carolina blue ribbons in her honor.

During the nearly two-hour service, there were just as many references to her beauty, intelligence, and leadership as to her kindness, dedication to service, and concern for others.

"Eve Carson was truly a gift to Chapel Hill," North Carolina-Chapel Hill Chancellor James Moeser said.

She was in a four-year leadership development program for undergraduates, taught science at Chapel Hill elementary schools, and spent summers volunteering in such places as Ecuador, Egypt, and Ghana.

She was found on the morning of March 5 lying on a street about a mile from campus. She had been shot several times, including once in the right temple. Police are searching for a man photographed using her ATM card.

In Marietta, Ga., the hometown of slain Auburn University freshman Lauren Burk, a rabbi asked hundreds of people gathered at her funeral to turn their anger into something positive and let the justice system handle her killer.

Rabbi Steven Lebow said Sunday at Temple Kol Emeth that mourners should give blood or donate to charity in her memory.

"It would be easy to give way to our emotions this afternoon because there is a spectrum of feelings broiling and unsettling our souls," Lebow said. "The right thing isn't vengeance. The right thing is justice.

Burk, 18, was found shot on

the side of an off-campus road Tuesday night and her car was found burning in a campus parking lot. A man has been charged in her death.

Lebow said the person who took her life committed two unpardonable sins — murder and theft.

"He stole from Lauren's family the trust that all of us have that this is a good world, that Auburn is a safe town. He stole from all of us the sense of security that makes normalcy and life possible," Lebow said.

A white casket holding Burk's body was placed at the front of the sanctuary. Childhood and teenage pictures of Burk were displayed in the synagogue's lobby.

The mother of Courtney Lockhart, the man accused of killing Burk, offered an apology to Burk's family in a television interview, saying her son was an Iraq war veteran who was changed after his service.

"First let me say I'm sorry to the Burk family for Courtney taking, taking their child. ... My heart goes out to her family," Catherine Williams said in the tearful interview with Columbus, Ga., television station WTVM.

But she also said her son did not confess anything to her.

War cost shoots up

By Charles J. Hanley
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The flow of blood may be ebbing, but the flood of money into the Iraq war is steadily rising, new analyses show.

In 2008, its sixth year, the war will cost approximately \$12 billion a month, triple the "burn" rate of its earliest years, Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph E. Stiglitz and co-author Linda J. Bilmes report in a new book.

Beyond 2008, working with "best-case" and "realistic-moderate" scenarios, they project the Iraq and Afghan wars, including long-term U.S. military occupations of those countries, will cost the U.S. budget between \$1.7 trillion and \$2.7 trillion — or more — by 2017.

Interest on money borrowed to pay those costs could alone add \$816 billion to that bottom line, they say.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has done

its own projections and comes in lower, forecasting a cumulative cost by 2017 of \$1.2 trillion to \$1.7 trillion for the two wars, with Iraq generally accounting for three-quarters of the costs.

Variations in such estimates stem from the sliding scales of assumptions, scenarios, and budget items that are counted. But whatever the estimate, the cost will be huge, the auditors of the Government Accountability Office say.

In a Jan. 30 report to Congress, the GAO observed that the U.S. will be committing "significant" future resources to the wars, "requiring decision makers to consider difficult trade-offs as the nation faces an increasing long-range fiscal challenge."

These numbers don't include the war's cost to the rest of the world. In Iraq itself, the 2003 U.S.-led invasion — with its devastating air bombardments — and the looting and arson that followed, severely damaged elec-

tricity and other utilities, the oil industry, countless factories, hospitals, schools, and other underpinnings of an economy.

No one has tried to calculate the economic damage done to Iraq, said spokesman Niels Buenemann of the International Monetary Fund, which closely tracks national economies. But millions of Iraqis have been left without jobs, and hundreds of thousands of professionals, managers, and other middle-class citizens have fled the country.

In their book, *The Three Trillion Dollar War*, Stiglitz, of Columbia University, and Bilmes, of Harvard, report the two wars will have cost the U.S. budget \$845 billion in 2007 dollars by next Sept. 30, the end of fiscal 2008, assuming Congress fully funds Bush administration requests. That counts not just military operations but embassy costs, reconstruction, and other war-related expenses.

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MEN'S HOOPS

Tough
sledding
for Iowa

By Charlie Kautz

THE DAILY IOWAN

Watch your step, Coach Lick. The city of Indianapolis will look like the grounds you stomped for six years at Butler University, but that Big Ten Tournament bracket looming over your No. 8-seeded Hawkeyes doesn't promise to provide the comforts of home.

Earning the eighth spot and earliest game in this week's conference tournament, Iowa's Thursday matchup with No. 9-seeded Michigan came as a result of a pair of regular-season finales on Sunday.

Needing an upset win over No. 18 Indiana to secure the seventh seed and avoid slipping behind the Hawkeyes, Penn State shocked the Hoosiers in a 68-64 overtime win at home.

Michigan — facing another of the conference's ranked foes in No. 15 Purdue — fell hard at the hands of the Boilermakers, 72-58, to set up its third meeting of the season with the Hawkeyes.

Splitting the pair of regular-season meetings, each of which decided by eight points, home-court advantage didn't seem to matter when Michigan met the Hawkeyes.

Just as Iowa won, 68-60, in Ann Arbor Jan. 19, the Wolverines returned the favor with a heartbreaking 60-52 win on Valentine's Day at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Despite Iowa's struggles throughout the grueling Big Ten schedule, first-year coach Todd Lickliter said he hopes the winner-take-all tournament setting can offer great motivation for a team with only six conference wins.

Lickliter
coach

"I don't care what the situation is, you go into a tournament and you feel like you have an opportunity in front of you, and that is the way we will approach it," he said.

Having last defeated Northwestern, 67-62, on March 5, Iowa also looks to take advantage of its eight-day break from competition leading into the tournament Thursday.

With the postseason seemingly out of reach, Iowa likely needs to win four games in four days to earn a conference championship and a coveted automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament, but plenty of tough obstacles would lie ahead were Iowa to beat Michigan.

The winner of the opening 8-9 game has the "pleasure" of taking on top-seeded Big Ten champion Wisconsin — a Badger team that defeated Iowa twice by a combined 19 points in the regular season — on Friday at 11 a.m.

And with No. 2 seed Purdue, No. 3 Indiana, and fourth-seeded Michigan State acting as conference land mines in a dangerous top-heavy bracket, Iowa must first hope to find the magic that saw it race to tournament titles in 2001 and most recently, 2006.

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BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hawkeye rescuer



Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Brent Metcalf reacts after winning the 149-pound Big Ten title over Minnesota's Dustin Schlatter on Sunday in Minneapolis. Metcalf's victory helped the Hawkeyes capture their first team title since 2004.

Brent Metcalf saves the day in more
ways than one by capturing the
149-pound Big Ten title.More photos from
Minneapolis

Go to dailyiowan.com today to check out an exclusive photo slide show featuring all the Hawkeye action from Iowa's victory at the Big Ten championships Sunday.

By Eric Mandel

THE DAILY IOWAN

MINNEAPOLIS — Despite owning a lengthy catalogue of accomplishments in his first year as a Hawkeye, Brent Metcalf apparently decided he wasn't satisfied.

The 26-1 record and 23-match winning-streak didn't satisfy his hunger, so over the two-day Big Ten championships he added hardware for Big Ten Wrestler of the Year, Outstanding Wrestler of the Championships, and, of course, the 149-pound conference title.

Not only did the sophomore's individual championship earn a crown-fitting for himself, but his 5-3 decision over Minnesota's Dustin Schlatter also clinched the team title.

"Our philosophy is everyone worry about his own individual success, and the team accolades will come along with it," Metcalf said. "But with that said, I put it on myself. I'm not sure if it came down to that match or not. I know that it's close."

Metcalf became Iowa's 101st Big Ten champion after steam-rolling through the first day of competition, pinning his first two opponents and scoring a major decision against fourth-seed Bubba Jenkins of Penn State.

Sunday's championship matchup carried even more intrigue — the two-time defending conference champion, Schlatter, was the only Big Ten opponent Metcalf hadn't wrestled this season.

After giving up a takedown, Metcalf responded with two escapes. A third-period Schlatter escape and second stalling call knotted the score again.

But with fewer than 10 seconds left, Metcalf snapped down on his opponent's neck

and scrambled around for two points.

"It's another step," he said. "It just happens to be an NCAA champion and All-American in Dustin Schlatter, but really it's another match."

As the aggressor for much of the match, Metcalf found himself finishing most of his shots near the perimeter of the mat, even following through to Schlatter's back a few times after the whistle had blown.

"If I'm on the edge of the mat, I'm on a leg, I'm gonna finish," Metcalf said. "I'm not going to do it brutally, but I'm going to finish to let him know that I'm here to score points. That wears on a guy. You can't let him have a freebie just because he stepped out of bounds."

Minnesota's middleweight said he sprained his ankle during the match and didn't exactly appreciate the post-whistle activity.

"I felt like there was a lot of action back and forth, but regardless, I shouldn't put it in the ref's hands like that," Schlatter said about his second stalling warning. "When the ref blows the whistle, and he shoots a double and throws you, at some point it's getting a

SEE METCALF, 3B

Big comeback
saves HawksBy Ryan Young
THE DAILY IOWAN

MINNEAPOLIS — Almost everyone presumed the Hawkeyes to be dead Sunday at the Big Ten championships.

Trailing Minnesota by 12½ points after several shoddy semifinal performances the night before, Tom Brands and the Iowa wrestlers faced a daunting task during the last day of the conference meet with just two wrestlers in the finals — compared with four Gophers. But Minnesota's quartet was shut out in the finals, and six Iowa grapplers finished third or better to resuscitate the Hawkeyes, who stormed back to beat the Gophers, 127-112.5, for their first Big Ten title since 2004 and their 32nd overall.

Brands said his top-ranked team's victory came as no

Team Standings

1. Iowa 127.0
2. Minnesota 112.5
3. Michigan 97.5
4. Illinois 94.0
5. Ohio State 92.5
6. Wisconsin 85.5
7. Penn State 84.5
8. Indiana 80
8. Northwestern 80
10. Purdue 51.5
11. Michigan State 34.0

shock to him, likening the 2008 Hawkeyes to one from the era of legendary coach Dan Gable.

"You win team titles by getting back on the horse when you fall off," said Brands, who was named Big Ten Coach of the Year. "The way these guys came back, that's how you win a team title."

SEE WRESTLING, 3B



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MEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Wisconsin	16	2	.889	26	4	.867
Purdue	15	3	.833	24	7	.774
Indiana	14	4	.778	25	6	.806
Michigan St.	12	6	.667	24	7	.774
Ohio St.	10	8	.556	19	12	.613
Minnesota	8	10	.444	18	12	.600
Penn St.	7	11	.389	15	15	.500
Iowa	6	12	.333	13	18	.419
Illinois	5	13	.278	13	18	.419
Michigan	5	13	.278	9	21	.300
Northwestern	1	17	.056	8	21	.276

Staturday's Games
 Illinois 67, Minnesota 58
 Wisconsin 65, Northwestern 52

Sunday's Games
 Ohio State 63, Michigan State 54
 Penn State 68, Indiana 64, OT
 Purdue 72, Michigan 58

MEN'S BIG TEN TOURNAMENT

Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis March 13-16

Thursday's Games
 Game 1 - #8 Iowa vs. #9 Michigan, 11 a.m. BTN
 Game 2 - #7 Penn State vs. #10 Illinois, 1:30 p.m.*
 ESPN2

Game 3 - #6 Minnesota vs. #11 Northwestern, 4 p.m.* ESPN2

Friday's Games
 Game 4 - #1 Wisconsin vs. Game-1 winner, 11 a.m. ESPN
 Game 5 - #4 Michigan vs. Game 2 winner, 1:30 p.m. CBS
 Game 6 - #2 Purdue vs. Game 3 winner, 5:30 p.m.*
 Game 7 - #3 Indiana vs. Game 3 winner, 8 p.m.*
 Game 8 - #5 Ohio State vs. Game 4 winner, 12:40 p.m. CBS
 Game 9 - Game 6 winner vs. Game 7 winner, 3:05 p.m.* CBS

Sunday's Championship Game
 Game 8 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 2:30 p.m. CBS
 *Games times approximate

BIG TEN WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

Thursday's Games
 Game 1 - #7 Michigan 64, #10 Penn State 54
 Game 2 - #6 Indiana 74, #11 Northwestern 52
 Game 3 - #9 Illinois 73, #8 Wisconsin 58

Friday's Games
 Game 4 - #2 Iowa 58, #7 Michigan 37
 Game 5 - #3 Purdue 64, #6 Indiana 54
 Game 6 - #9 Illinois 64, #1 Ohio State 58
 Game 7 - #5 Michigan State 56, #4 Minnesota 51

Saturday's Games
 Purdue, 80, Iowa 73
 Illinois 55, Michigan State 41

Sunday's Championship Game
 Purdue 58, Illinois 56

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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 #9 Texas 62, Oklahoma State 57
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 #24 Clemson 70, Virginia Tech 69
 #25 Davidson 82, North Carolina Greensboro 52

Women
 #1 Connecticut 86, DePaul 67
 #2 North Carolina 86, #12 Duke 73
 #3 Tennessee 61, #7 LSU 55
 Louisville 57, #4 Rutgers 56
 #6 Stanford 78, UCLA 45

Pittsburgh 64, #9 Notre Dame 53
 #10 California 65, Arizona State 61
 Xavier 63, #13 George Washington 59
 #14 West Virginia 64, South Florida 42
 SMU 73, #18 UTEP 57
 #24 Marist 83, Iona 63

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Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Boston	49	12	.803	—
Toronto	34	28	.548	15½
Philadelphia	30	33	.476	20
New Jersey	28	37	.433	24
New York	18	45	.286	32

Southeast

W	L	Pct	GB	
Orlando	40	24	.625	—
Washington	30	32	.484	9
Atlanta	26	36	.419	13
Charlotte	24	39	.381	15½
Miami	11	50	.180	27½

Central

W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Detroit	46	17	.730	—
Cleveland	36	27	.571	10
Chicago	25	38	.397	21
Indiana	24	39	.381	22
Minnesota	23	40	.365	23

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest

W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	43	19	.694	—
Houston	42	20	.677	1
New Orleans	42	20	.677	1
Dallas	40	23	.635	3½
Memphis	15	47	.242	28

Northwest

W	L	Pct	GB	
Utah	42	22	.656	—
Denver	37	25	.597	4
Portland	33	30	.524	8½
Seattle	16	47	.254	25½
Minnesota	14	48	.226	27

Pacific

W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	44	19	.698	—
Phoenix	41	22	.651	3
Golden State	39	23	.629	4½
Sacramento	28	35	.444	16
L.A. Clippers	20	41	.328	23

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Sunday's Games
 Toronto 114, Seattle 106
 Philadelphia 119, Milwaukee 97
 Phoenix 94, San Antonio 87
 Detroit 113, Chicago 109
 Sacramento 114, L.A. Lakers 113

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 Atlanta at Orlando, 6 p.m.
 Boston at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
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 New Jersey at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
 Denver at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
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State Championship
 Western Christian of Hull 71, St. Edmond, Fort Dodge 61

3A State Tournament
 Consolation Final
 Adel ADM 79, Forest City 45

State Championship
 Dubuque Wheat 70, Harlan 67

4A State Tournament
 Consolation Final
 Marion Linn-Mar 67, Cedar Rapids Kennedy 64

State Championship
 Iowa City High 84, Davenport Central 54

HAWKEYE TENNIS

Buzz saw dooms Iowa

The Iowa men's tennis team doesn't have enough to take down No. 2 Ohio State

By Bobby Loesch
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Facing its most difficult test of the season, Iowa men's tennis coach Steve Houghton and his players aimed not to just play competitively but to beat No. 2 Ohio State outright. Unfortunately, for the sixth time in six years, the Buckeyes defeated the Hawkeyes by a 7-0 score.

This year's defeat had to be especially bitter for Iowa (6-3, 1-1). While casual onlookers might see the 7-0 box score and assume Ohio State flat-out dominated, this was hardly the case on March 7.

"We came out strong, and I thought we could have done some damage to them," said No. 2 doubles player Walker Grimes. "But we just didn't pull through when we needed to."

After swiftly grabbing the doubles point, Ohio State actually trailed in five of the six singles matches 45 minutes into the meet. Three of the six singles matches even went to three sets.

Iowa was clearly good



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Hawkeye fans cheer as Bart van Monsjou prepares to serve against the Buckeyes at on March 7 in the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex. Van Monsjou fell to Ohio State's Justin Kronauge.

enough to compete, but it wasn't clear if it had the talent to sustain the early leads.

"[The Buckeyes] don't make mistakes," said Iowa head coach Steve Houghton. "They've got guys that are, in general, quick. They cover territory real well and have no glaring weaknesses."

Gentry Kaegi, Iowa's five-star freshman recruit, made his debut in the singles lineup at No. 6, but his outcome was no different from that of the rest of the team. Ohio State's

Matt Allare, also a five-star freshman, defeated Kaegi in straight sets (6-0, 6-2).

Nothing epitomized the collective disappointment more than the match played at No. 1 singles. Iowa's Bart van Monsjou (ranked No. 109 nationally) put on a masterful performance in winning the first set against Ohio State's Justin Kronauge — the seventh-ranked player in the country.

But as the match developed, Kronauge regained his footing

— and his serve — to eventually overtake van Monsjou in the second set (7-6). Since the meet had been decided by the time the second set finished, a third set tie-breaker (won by Kronauge, 10-6) sealed van Monsjou's fate.

"They elevated their games," Houghton said. "It wasn't just them playing well. We fell off and didn't play as well; 7-0 wasn't a representative score."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Hoopsters wait for seeding

After a disappointing loss to Purdue, the Iowa women's basketball team now sets its sights on the NCAA Tournament.

By Brendan Stiles
 THE DAILY IOWAN

INDIANAPOLIS — With a share of the Big Ten's regular-season crown under its belt, the Iowa women's basketball team is a lock for this year's NCAA Tournament.

Right now, though, that's the only certainty.

Heading into last weekend's Big Ten Tournament, Iowa had been projected by ESPN's Charlie Creme as a No. 8 seed in the field of 64. But while the Hawkeyes didn't hurt their cause with a 58-37 win over Michigan March 7, losing 80-73 to Purdue in the semifinal round the next day probably didn't help their case for a higher seed.

"I think every time you win a game here, you go up a seed," coach Lisa Bluder said after the Purdue loss. "We wanted to be around and win a couple more games to improve our seeding for the NCAA Tournament."

What may also hurt Iowa when the selection committee convenes over the next week is despite their 21-10 overall record, they are without a single victory over an opponent ranked in the top 25 nationally.

Looking closer at this year's first- and second-round sites, one of the eight locations happens to be Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. But if Iowa State also makes the field, the Cyclones are guaranteed a spot in Des Moines because Iowa State is considered the host institution.

More from Big Ten tourney

Watch Daily Iowan TV at dailyiowan.com to hear more about the Hawkeyes' disappointing semifinal loss to Purdue, including postgame interviews with players and head coach Lisa Bluder. Also, check out the website for an exclusive photo slide show from the game on March 8 in Indianapolis.

"In my past years here, we have been on the bubble.

This has been a really rough time, and this loss is going to hurt us, but we're going to learn from it and practice hard for two weeks to get ready for whomever we will face."

— Stacy Schlapkohl, senior

The other seven possible destinations for the Hawkeyes are Bridgeport, Conn., College Park, Md., Norfolk, Va., West Lafayette, Ind., Palo Alto, Calif., Albuquerque, N.M., and Baton Rouge, La.

Iowa will learn where it's heading on the evening of March 17, when the bracket is announced on ESPN.

Wherever the Hawkeyes end up after "Selection Monday," the players are excited about the opportunity ahead of them, especially after finishing 14-16 a year ago.

"In my past years here, we have been on the bubble,"



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Iowa senior Stacy Schlapkohl attempts a shot as Michigan's Krista Phillips defends during Iowa's first Big Ten Tournament game in Indianapolis on March 7.

senior Stacy Schlapkohl said. "This has been a really rough time, and this loss is going to hurt us, but we're going to learn from it and practice hard for two weeks to get ready for whomever we will face."

The players stressed fundamentals and avoiding mental lapses such as the one against Purdue will be critical in how far Iowa could advance in this

year's tourney. "Realistically, at this point in time, it's one and done for us," senior Jeneé Graham said. "We're not going to have another opportunity to wear an Iowa Hawkeye jersey. That's really going to change our mindset and keep us focused."

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TRACK

Hairston tops own mark

Adam Hairston beat his own school record in the 800 meters as the Hawkeyes wrapped up their final team performance of the indoor track season at the Last Chance meet in Ames.

Cutting 0.23 seconds from his school mark from earlier in the season, Hairston ran 1:49.63, improving his provisional qualifying mark over the weekend.

"A second time under 1:50, a second time at 1:49, and he improves the school record," head coach Larry Wiecek said. "It proves that time was no fluke."

That may not be enough to put the Cedar Rapids sophomore into next weekend's national championships. Without updates from meets around the country over the weekend, Hairston still sits outside the top-18 times for the 800.

Shane Maier may also be left out of the meet. Currently ranked 15th in the shot put, the senior was

unable to improve on his provisional mark. Official reports on national qualifiers file in tonight.

Although there were no new provisional qualifiers, the weekend still proved beneficial — eight Hawkeyes ran collegiate bests — Ray Varner, Zach Splane, Chris Barton, Steve Willey, Connor Elmitt, Matt Rammelsberg, Max Milder, Cannon Dolan, and Bruce MacTaggart.

"We actually had a real good weekend," Wiecek said. "I think we became a better track team in the last week."

— by Alex Johnson

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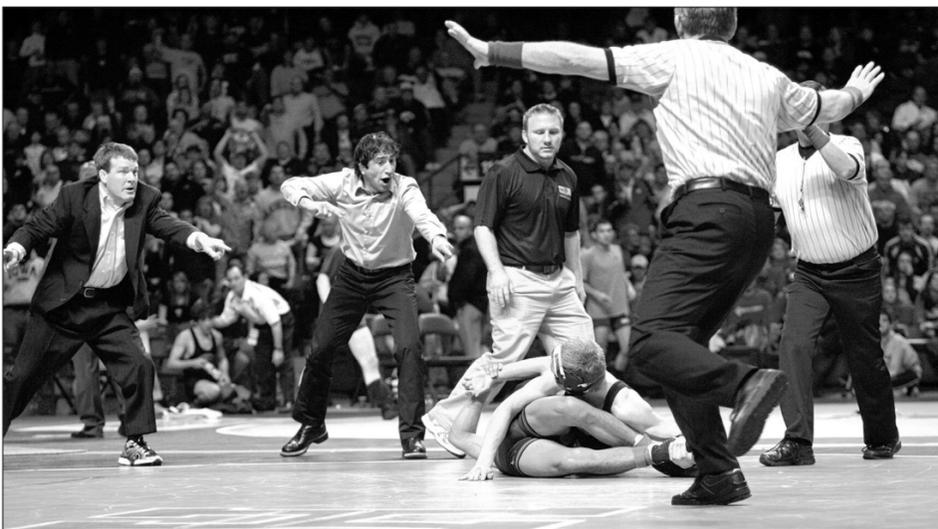
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Iowa surges on final day



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Iowa head coach Tom Brands (left) and assistant coach Mike Zadick (center) yell for a two-point takedown during 125-pound Charlie Falck's match against Illinois' Gabe Flores at the Big Ten championships Sunday in Minneapolis.

WRESTLING

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"I'm not surprised, because we've been able to bounce back. And we've bounced back on short turnarounds. This was the shortest turnaround — daylight-saving time."

Sophomore Brent Metcalf earned Iowa's only individual conference title at 149. Defending 165-pound national champion Mark Perry lost his finals bout, 2-3, against Michigan's Eric Tannenbaum in his first action since a knee surgery sidelined the senior in mid-January.

Four Hawkeyes finished third, and all in the all, Iowa will send nine to the NCAA championships in two weeks.

The much-hyped 149-pound championship bout between Metcalf and Minnesota's Dustin Schlatter sent sparks through the 7,271 fans in Williams Arena.

Though two periods, Metcalf failed to get a lead on Schlatter — a familiar prep rival. But referees gave Metcalf a point after two stalling calls against Schlatter, tying the match at 3-3 late in the third period. With 10 seconds left on the timer, Metcalf kept the border rivalry breathing in the 80-year-old arena, flurrying into a takedown to snatch a 5-3 lead and keep his undefeated Big Ten record alive. "We probably didn't have the

success that we wanted to have this weekend," Metcalf said. "But you know what's nice is that we have another chance to prove ourselves."

The war between the two schools — which have now claimed 34 of the last 35 conference titles — had been inflamed several matches earlier when Iowa sophomore Joe Slaton matched up against Minnesota's Mark Reiter in a crucial 133-pound third-place bout.

A stalemate through two periods, Slaton managed a swift reversal after beginning in the bottom position during the opening seconds of the third. Slaton's three minutes of riding time earned the Cedar Rapids native a 3-0 triumph.

After stripping off his red ankle bands, Slaton walked toward the Gopher fans and threw his arms into the air, belting a victorious roar.

Senior Hawkeye heavyweight Matt Fields also heightened tempers, beating Minnesota's Ben Berhow in double overtime, 4-1. He also needed a pair of overtimes to seize his third-place finish over Wisconsin's Kyle Massey.

"Even though we had one champion, there were a lot of positives from a win-loss point of view in how our guys came back in the back side of the bracket to give our fans something to cheer about and give them a reason to come on

Sunday morning," Brands said, his voice raspy from the day's competition.

"These fans travel a long way to see a team title."

Iowa sophomores Jay Borschel at 174 and Phillip Keddy at 184 also rebounded to take third. Junior 125-pounder Charlie Falck finished fourth after falling to Illinois' Gabe Flores at 125.

At 141, Hawkeye sophomore Dan LeClere earned a medical forfeit against Wisconsin's Kyle Ruschell of Wisconsin to take fifth place. Ryan Morningstar handled Purdue's Nicholas Berucci, 6-1, for a seventh-place finish at 157 and seal a trip to the NCAA meet.

While many of Iowa's grapplers came away wrestling above their seeds to qualify for the anticipated NCAA Championships, which begin March 20, Brands said the only thing the Big Ten team title provides is an easier transition into Monday's practice.

"There's not a lot of time," the second-year coach said. "But there is enough time to fine-tune and get better."

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Metcalf wins title

Hawkeye sophomore sparks Iowa comeback; Despite second-place finish, Mark Perry set to rebound at NCAA Championships in two weeks.

METCALF

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little ridiculous, but the biggest thing when you're out there is you don't want to get caught up in a shove match and start thinking about all that.

"You just want to try to block it out and wrestle. That's the main thing."

Iowa's other championship fighter, defending Big Ten and NCAA champion Mark Perry, lost a 3-2 decision to Michigan's Eric Tannenbaum in his first action since undergoing knee surgery in mid-January.

The loss marked Perry's third career runner-up finish at the conference tournament. He defeated Tannenbaum in last season's final.

Iowa coach Tom Brands said Perry's loss seemed less a sign of regression as much as an unin-

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— Tom Brands, Iowa wrestling coach

spired effort that lacked energy.

"Perry's going to bounce back because Perry bounces back," Brands said. "That's not how you want to wrestle and that's not how this coaching staff and program wants to be represented. I am going to hold my tongue, and we are going to build him."

"He's got to think the right way starting right now, and if he can do that he's going to be fine, and I think he will do that, because this was the second most important in his season

and that's how he looks at it."

But the day belonged to the new king of the Big Ten who handed the Hawkeyes their first team title since 2004. And while Brands would have liked to have 10 team champions, he couldn't find a better one.

"He represented us in the highest standard," Brands said. "The way he won one was a great testament to his guts."

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GYMHAWKS FLY PAST IOWA STATE

By **Lars Headington**
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Cy-Hawk rivalry spirit was alive and well in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on March 7 as the announced crowd of more than 1,400 — the largest turnout of the season — was decked-out in pink and filled with spirit and cheers.

And the Hawkeyes honored both their seniors and breast-cancer awareness with a 195.350-192.65 win over Iowa State.

With the GymHawks' familiar black uniforms were adorned with a special pink sequined ribbon stripe across their chests, the night began with a heartfelt tribute to Iowa assistant coach Talya Vexler's successful battle against breast cancer and ended with an emotional home farewell to Iowa seniors Katie Burke, Amanda Rudolph, and Ally Zipse.

"Since I've been here, I don't remember a crowd this big," Burke said. "It was so amazing to see everybody here supporting us and wearing pink and supporting Talya and the fight against breast cancer."

In between the ceremonies, there was an entertaining gymnastics meet.

Though the GymHawks came in still stinging from a 195.125-193.8 loss last month at Iowa State, this meet wasn't so much about payback as it was about putting up a solid score that the Cyclones weren't able to match. And that's just what Iowa did.

Head coach Larissa Libby was pleased with the consistency her team — currently ranked 19th in the nation — has established with its fifth 195-plus

performance in the past six weeks.

But for the first time since visiting Ames Feb. 22, Iowa failed to post a 49 in at least one event. Still, a resilience to in overcoming early setbacks was evident.

"The meet was not stellar for us — we made a lot of silly errors," Libby said. "But then, on the other side of that, I am continually impressed with their focus, and their determination, and their ability to get it back in, get it together, and make sure that nothing else occurs."

The GymHawks posted three-straight 9.8s to finish beam strong, including a meet-high 9.825 from freshman Rebecca Simbhudas to close the event.

"We had some big wobbles on beam, but you know the object — don't go down," Libby said. "I don't care what you do, don't go down, and they made sure that didn't happen."

Iowa came close to posting its first 49 of the year on uneven bars, notching a new team high of 48.95 on the event. Burke matched her season-high on the event, and Simbhudas posted her career-high in the as the two tied for first on bars with 9.85s.

"Larissa really whipped us into shape on bars," Burke said. "She said she was really going to push us, and we've been working really hard all week in the gym concentrating on the little things — landings, handstands. I think it paid off, and I think that it was phenomenal to see all of that hard work just come together in the meet."

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HAWKEYE SPORTS

Women's track
 The Iowa women's track and field team had an unsuccessful weekend at the Alex Wilson Invitational in South Bend, Ind., and at the Last Chance Qualifier in Ames. No additional athletes qualified for the NCAA meet.
 Junior Renee White, freshman Karessa Farley, and freshman Kimberly Stanford competed in South Bend and all ran in the 60-meter hurdles. Farley, White, and Stanford finished 12th, 13th and 14th respectively.
 White also competed in the triple jump and won with a leap of 41-11/4. Senior Erin O'Hern competed in Ames and finished eighth in the weight throw. While she did not qualify for the NCAAs, she did have a career best throw of 56-3.
 — by Jeff Pawola

Softball
 The Iowa softball team outscored their opponents by 32-1 over the weekend, beating Utah Valley State twice, as well as California-Riverside and Buffalo.
 On March 8, the Hawkeyes blanked host Cal-Riverside, 4-0, then followed that effort with an 11-0 victory over Buffalo. In the first contest, Brittany Weil was nearly unhittable, throwing a complete-game shutout and fanning 11 hitters on 87 pitches.
 In the rematch with Utah Valley State, freshman Chelsey Carmody had a career day, tying two single game Hawkeye records with two triples and four runs, as Iowa won its finale 11-1.
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— President Bush, addressing reporters at the annual dinner of the Gridiron Club in Washington, D.C.

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SCOTT PACANOWSKI What the TV shows we watch say about us

- “Moment of Truth”: We are a country full of liars and will lie for money.
- “Are you smarter than a fifth grader?”: We are not smart. Children know more than some adults do.
- “Tyra”: We love watching to see what sort of crazy things former supermodels do. Also proof that you don't need to be blond to be dumb.
- “The Office”: You enjoy good television and are secretly hoping that your life does not turn out to be duller than their lives are made to be.
- “The Gauntlet”: We know that these “reality stars” can't make it in the real world because of the stupid stuff they did on their seasons, so we need to support them.
- “Blue Collar TV”: You might be a redneck.
- “The Girls Next Door”: We actually can watch a show on mute and have it be better than if it had sound.
- “To Catch a Predator”: We have enough predators to necessitate an entire show, which is just pathetic.
- “TRL”: We let screaming teenagers decide what popular music should be, no matter how awful it may be.
- “It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia”: We enjoy good television shows. And we love to drink and laugh at Danny DeVito.

— **Scott Pacanowski** will be very happy when the writers strike ends. Don't tell him it already has at: scott-pacanowski@uiowa.edu.

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horoscopes Monday, March 10, 2008

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Avoid overbooking your time if you want to do a good job today. A power play may be in effect, so keep a close eye on what everyone else is doing. Charm, creativity, and good common sense will win out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't get bogged down with what everyone else wants you to do when you should be pushing your own talents and ideas. Discuss your plans with people in the know who want to help you out or even get involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can find your way to the top if you use ingenuity and imagination. Don't be fooled by anyone who is constantly changing her or his mind. Follow your own path; don't look back.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You have the power to push your way to victory. Your persistence coupled with your desire to get what you want will pay off. You don't have to go too far off the beaten track in order to find what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let love lead you astray or stop you from getting what needs to be done complete. Gauge what's important and what can wait if you don't want to lose ground. Take advantage of an opening or opportunity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll be persuasive, appealing, and very knowledgeable about what needs to be done. Your vision and powerful push for what you want will be victorious. Travel; invest in yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Watch where you spend your money. Bad deals surround you. Love is in the air. A new relationship can begin, or you can renew your vows with someone you are already with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Emotional matters will escalate, causing problems that must be dealt with. This is not the time to hide your true feelings. A chance to invest in something you believe in is apparent. Money is heading your way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can make changes and set a standard for all to follow, but be aware that someone is watching your every move. Do things right, and you will end up a hero for your accomplishments.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may know what you are doing, but don't expect everyone else to be in your corner today. People will ask questions, so be prepared to answer accordingly. Whatever support you need will be offered if you can prove you have a solid plan in place.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Money is in the picture if you use your imagination and creative ability to persuade others to help you out. You may question emotional issues from your childhood, but you mustn't let this limit what is done now. You can't live in the past.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't overspend on something that someone else is prompting you to get involved in. A secret matter is likely to entice you, but you will have regrets if you do something questionable. Fix whatever is causing you trouble at home and in your personal life.

OVER EASY



Beth Skogen/The Daily Iowan
UI freshman Bess Thomson gets ready to entertain children at the Iowa City Public Library on Sunday during the annual Delta Delta Delta egg hunt. After putting on the costume in the restroom, Thomson said, “It feels freaky, but it's fun. It's for the children.” The sorority holds the event every year for Johnson County children.

today's events

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- **Electronic (e-fine) Tax Filing training lab**, 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **International Mondays, “Coping with Natural Disasters in Bangladesh,”** Luke Juran, noon, Iowa City Public Library Meeting Room A
- **Nuclear and Particle Physics Seminar, topic TBA**, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall
- **Affirmationists Toastmasters Meeting**, 5:30 p.m., W401 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Control**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **“Live from Prairie Lights,”** Richard Price, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Passione e Crimine Film Series, Romanzo Criminale**, 7 p.m., 218 Phillips Hall
- **Willie Cole**, visiting artist in sculpture, 7 p.m., 116 Art Building West
- **Dance/Jam with Kalimbanam and the Yahoo Drummers**, 7:30 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society of Iowa City, 10 S. Gilbert
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness Meeting**, 7:30 p.m., 337 IMU
- **UI Lecture Series, Laurie Garrett**, 7:30 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Weekly Swing Dance Lessons**, 7:30-10 p.m., 515 Field House
- **Open Mike, with Jay Knight**, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **University Band, with Conductor Ward Miller, and Concert Band, with Conductor Kevin Kastens**, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall
- **Genghis Tron**, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **Billy the Kid**, 9:30 p.m., Bijou
- **Blues Jam**, 9:30 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Free Pool**, 10 p.m.-midnight, Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville
- **ONGOING**
- **A Community of Writers: Creative Writing at the University of Iowa**, Old Capitol Museum
- **Ambitiously Evolving: New Works by Mary Merkel-Hess**, Chait Galleries Downtown, 218 E. Washington
- **American Artists Abroad, 1900-1950**, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, 410 Third Ave. S.E.
- **Beautiful Gardens, Nicole Pietrantonio, Mod-ela**, 323 E. Market
- **Boobs, Boxes, Letters, Words, and Headlines: works by Satomi Kawai, Eric Ramirez, and Kristen Wegner, MC Ginsberg**, 110 E. Washington
- **Children's Art Exhibition**, Hancher Auditorium

- **Debra Kruse: Coldframe**, Iowa Artisans Gallery, 207 E. Washington
- **Doug Hanson, ceramics**, UIHC
- **Dreams, Memories and Other Destinations: Michael Kienzle**, Hudson River Gallery, 538 S. Gilbert
- **Emerging Artists: Works by Bao Pham, Matt Lyvers, Amanda Murphy, and Linda Lewis**, Chait Galleries Downtown
- **Five Women in Pastel**, Beppie Weiss, Ruth Muir, Susan Coleman, Madeline Roemig Bendorf, and Marcia Wegman, Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **From Prairies to Cornfields: Iowa's Children's Book Authors**, Old Capitol Museum
- **Here and Now**, Alexander Campaz, Alfredo Garcia, Leah Hebert, Zoe McCloskey, Cathy Mooses, Maki Okamoto, Martyna Szczepna, Pablo Diaz, Caitlin Gianniny, Ronny Quevedo, and Amy Westphal, Arts Iowa City, 103 E. College
- **Iowa Roots, Global Impact: The Life & Legacy of George Washington Carver**, African American Historical Museum/Cultural Center, 55 12th Ave. S.E.
- **Iowa State Bank & Trust Kids' Art Exhibit**, 102 S. Clinton
- **Iowa's Space Explorer: James Van Allen**, Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum, 210 Parkside Drive
- **Izaak Thompson: The Serious Side of Things**, United Action for Youth, 355 Iowa
- **James L. Schoenfelder: Works in Watercolor and Ink**, Bella Joli, 125 S. Dubuque
- **James Ochs: Facing Concepts Head On**, Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Malvina Hoffman: Rodin's Last Student**, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art
- **Matt Wagner: Firebrand**, Sheraton Hotel, 210 S. Dubuque
- **Michael Kienzle, photography**, UIHC Gallery I, eighth-floor Patient and Visitor's Activity Center
- **Recent Ceramics: Linda Christianson and Michael Connely**, AKAR Architecture and Design, 257 E. Iowa
- **Richard Sjolund: Around My World**, US Bank, 204 E. Washington
- **Roberta Williams and Deb Zisko: Landscapes in Miniature**, West Bank, 229 S. Dubuque
- **Shawn Sato, Joey P. Derse, and Corbin Bailey**, Cottage, 14 S. Linn
- **Suzanne B. Auman**, Iowa State Bank & Trust Co.
- **VOOM PORTRAITS Robert Wilson**, UI Museum of Art



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- 2 News from Germany (in German)
- 3 “Live from Prairie Lights,” Sheryll St. Germain
- 4 Saturday Scholars, Dancing with Termites, Barbara Stay
- 5 UIHC Heart Failure Seminar
- 7 “Live from Prairie Lights,” Sheryll St. Germain
- 8 Saturday Scholars, Dancing with Termites, Barbara Stay
- 9 2008 Physics Demonstrations Open House
- 9:30 News from Daily Iowan TV
- 10 Fine Arts Performances from the UI
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- 11 “Live from Prairie Lights,” Sheryll St. Germain

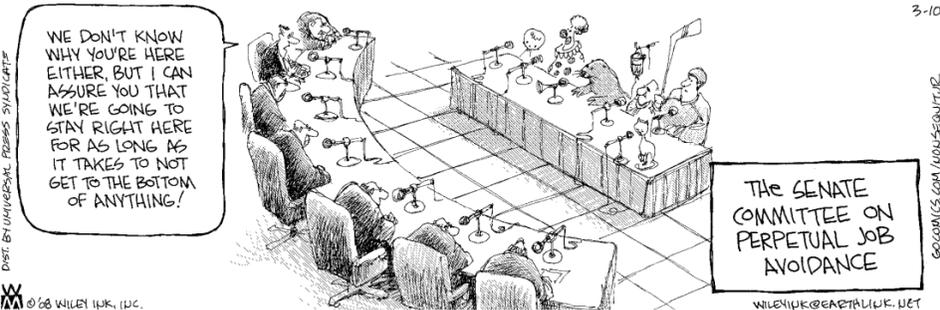
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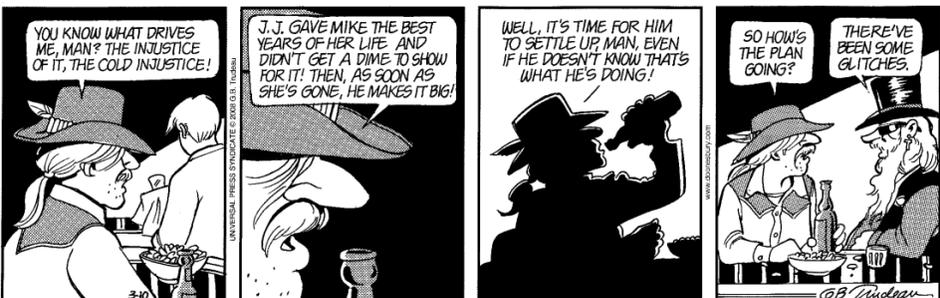
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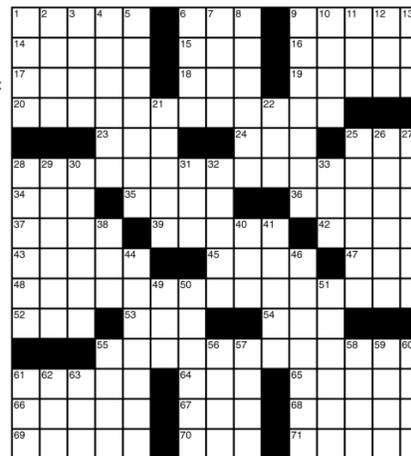
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- 1 Baby's first word, in Italy
- 6 Commercials
- 9 Touches
- 14 Temp ____ (lose tempo)
- 15 Tennis do-over
- 16 Katmandu's land
- 17 ____ firma
- 18 Mai ____ (tropical drink)
- 19 “Yum!”
- 20 “Future Shock” author
- 23 Prefix with -lithic
- 24 Wetland
- 25 Antique restorer's efforts, for short
- 28 Late hunter of Nazi war criminals
- 34 Comedian Philips
- 35 Aria singer
- 36 Brewing coffee produces one
- 37 Designer Christian
- 39 Semesters
- 42 Muslim holy man
- 43 Shake hands (on)
- 45 Former senator Trent
- 47 ____ dye (chemical coloring)
- 48 “Sister Carrie” author
- 52 Airport schedule abbr.
- 53 The 1919 Treaty of Versailles concluded it: Abbr.
- 54 Directional suffix
- 55 Singing group suggested by the starts of 20-, 28- and 48-Across
- 61 Dragon Ball Z game company
- 64 ____ Solo of “Star Wars”
- 65 Actress Papas or Ryan
- 66 Thesaurus author
- 67 Superlative suffix
- 68 Irish laugh
- 69 Bullwinkle, for one
- 70 Letter between pi and sigma
- 71 Actress Falco and namesakes
- Down**
- 1 ____ Hari
- 2 Brother of Cain and Seth
- 3 “____ Griffin's Crosswords”
- 4 Dolphins QB Dan
- 5 Finished
- 6 Choir voice
- 7 Like most users of sign language
- 8 Cadavers, slangily
- 9 Insect or radio part
- 10 Yogi, for one
- 11 FedEx competitor
- 12 Tit for ____
- 13 Crafty
- 21 Namely
- 22 Formerly executive lacocca
- 25 Clarence of the Supreme Court
- 26 Kind of class for expectant mothers
- 27 Noisy shouting
- 28 Anesthetize, say
- 29 “Put me down as a maybe”

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- 30 Tied down, as a boat
- 31 “____ changed my mind”
- 32 Country rocker Steve
- 33 Prefix with lateral
- 38 Old Olds car
- 40 “The ____ Squad” of ‘60s-TV
- 41 Throat problem
- 44 First American to walk in space
- 46 Orkin target
- 49 Be in the red
- 50 Wealthier
- 51 Accustomed
- 55 ____ chuc
- 56 Corned beef concoction
- 57 Absorbed by
- 58 Soda pop brand
- 59 Thigh/shin connector
- 60 Understands
- 61 Slot machine part
- 62 Excessively
- 63 In the past

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