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Partly sunny, windy, turning cloudy later; 20% chance of light rain.

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UNI responds to threat

A suspect is in custody in the Des Moines area, officials said around 8 p.m. Tuesday.

By Emileigh Barnes and Kurtis Hiatt
THE DAILY IOWAN

At first, he thought it was a fire drill.

University of Northern Iowa senior Derek LaMaack had just stepped into his dorm room

Tuesday night to grab his backpack when the intercom clicked on.

Grabbing his keys and heading for the Dancer Hall stairwell, the 24-year-old soon realized the true nature of the announcement.

Go to your rooms. Lock the doors. Don't answer for anyone. Stay away from the windows, he heard.

"I was worried," the criminology major said. "I just wanted to figure out what was going on."

Officials gave students an all-clear around 8 p.m. Tuesday, a little more than two hours after they warned students through the university's new alert system that a gunman could be coming

to campus. As of Tuesday night, authorities had a suspect in custody in the Des Moines area.

A Dancer Hall resident first reported receiving a threatening message from her boyfriend, said James O'Connor, who works in UNI's marketing and public-relations department, in a televised interview.

Police then locked down all UNI residence halls and told students to stay away from the area, said Vicki Grimes, news and information coordinator for UNI's marketing and public relations department.

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WORLD ACCORDING TO IRVING

By Paul Sorenson
THE DAILY IOWAN

If John Irving were a deity — and within the literary realm, he's close — he'd sit atop Stratton Mountain near his home in Vermont and wrestle bears, pausing only to bestow advice to eager young writers, run off prescriptions for a repressed America, and perhaps ski with his children. His words might seem harsh, his reputation immense, but one thing's certain: you listen.

"Unlike a politician, it's a mistake for a writer to try to be everybody's friend. You're not," Irving told *The Daily Iowan*. "You don't make good friends that way. You're good friends to your friends, but your enemies stick it to you, so you stick them back. That's all. You keep doing it."

The 64-year-old writer, known for his bestselling *The World According to Garp* and *The Cider House Rules*, is in Iowa City today for a reading at 8:15 p.m. in Van Allen Hall Lecture Room I. While it's safe to say Irving invites his fair share of enemies — some *New York Times* critics among them — few if any can be found here, where he attended the Writers' Workshop as M.F.A. student in the late-60s and as a teacher in the mid-70s.

"There really was no other place I felt as important as a young writer," the former resident said. "An effort was made as a student and as a teacher to give me as much time for my own writing as possible, while I had something important to do with and for other people."

Since his departure, and his subsequent worldwide success — including a best screenplay Academy Award for *The Cider House Rules* — Irving returns around every five years. Today, he will read a selection from a novel in progress, *Last Night in Twisted River*, which draws on his experience as a student in the Workshop. "If there's an audience anywhere, it's Workshop students at Iowa," he said.

The reading, however, is only one of his visit's goals. He will speak to students about his writing process, another duty of the mentor-scribe, and spend much of the remainder with old friends. One is Tony Colby, a retired Iowa City physician, who met Irving at former Workshop Director John Leggett's home and has maintained his bond with the writer.

"I find it difficult to talk about because it's more personal than professional," Colby said, adding that they often interacted with their children — and were among the first to insist that their kids ride in car safety seats. "It's a very admirable aspect, part of his being I think, that in addition to paying attention to his craft, he pays attention to his kids and the people around him."

READING

John Irving

When: 8:15 p.m. today
Where: Van Allen Hall Lecture Room I
Admission: Free

Full interview transcript

 [Dailyiowan.com](#) holds even more of John Irving's wise words — a full, seven-page transcript in downloadable .pdf form.



Talking to John Irving is like discussing the world with a breathing incarnation of his novels — expect polemics on the interworkings of writing, moviemaking, America, and, of course, wrestling.

Nelle Dunlap/The Daily Iowan

SEE IRVING, 3A

ATHLETE CONDUCT

Legal woes irk Mason

By Clara Hogan
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI President Sally Mason said she was "not happy" with the Hawkeye student-athletes' misconduct this past year, but she was proud of the way the university handled each situation.

Mason discussed student-athlete behavior during the state Board of Regents' meeting in Iowa City on Tuesday while updating the regents on recent university accomplishments and issues.

There has been a string of legal incidents involving Hawkeye athletes over the past year. Football players have been charged with a range of crimes from drug possession to domestic violence as well as credit-card theft and fraud.



Mason
UI president

Three football players were also questioned in connection with an alleged sexual assault in Hillcrest residence hall. This investigation is still ongoing.

Mason told the regents that the UI isn't in reactive mode, and it has always spent time educating student-athletes on the appropriate way to behave.

The university provides many educational programs on drug and alcohol abuse as well as sexual harassment, she said. There is also a day-long orientation service at the beginning of the year that focuses on the school's expectations of student-athletes.

"We will continue to make sure that [the student-athletes] understand that competing for the Hawkeyes is a privilege," she said.

SEE MASON, 3A

UIHC gets go-ahead on project planning

Regents approved planning for UIHC's massive project Tuesday despite concerns about its location.



Gartner
regent



Robillaird
UI vice president for Medical Affairs

By Clara Hogan
THE DAILY IOWAN

Though the state Board of Regents gave permission to UI Hospitals and Clinics officials to continue planning on a \$700

million to \$850 million project, many regents expressed concern about its location.

The regents voted unanimously, with three regents absent, at the board's meeting in Iowa City on Tuesday. However, some

regents were concerned about too little focus on accessibility and convenience for patients as well as constructing an expansion in an already congested area.

UIHC officials will now seek architectural and construction

management and discuss cost, site, program, and design plans for a new children's hospital and a critical-care tower, as well as renovations to several existing facilities.

Regent Michael Gartner expressed concern about the congested hospital site, noting it's surrounded on all sides by neighborhoods, academic facilities, and athletics buildings.

SEE UIHC, 3A



News

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School Board deals with budget

The Iowa City School Board moved through a range of issues quickly on Tuesday night, including the technicalities of a proposed budget.

The budget is tentatively set to go before the board at the next meeting, March 25.

Paul Bobek, the executive director of the district's administrative services, said the increased enrollment this school year will have a positive effect on the budget during next school year, providing for more funding.

The School District saw the largest jump in enrollment in the state this year. This jump will lead to an extra \$250 from the state per student, around a 1.3 percent increase.

After the board makes revisions, a public hearing will be held on April 8.

Board members also touched on the number of retirees this year. Three teachers in the district are retiring, and 27 others will take the early retirement option.

— by Alyssa Cashman

Coralville approves budget

In the absence of the mayor, who was in Washington, D.C., on city business, the Coralville City Council approved the budget for fiscal 2009 Tuesday night during an hour-long meeting.

Finance officer Terry Kaeding briefed the councilors for 20 minutes before they unanimously approved the budget.

"It seems like a long time ago we started on this," Kaeding said before running through some key points.

Included in the budget is a 1 percent property-tax increase from fiscal 2008, raising the city's tax rate to \$13.41 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation.

The city's estimated general-fund revenue is approximately \$13.8 million, a 6 percent increase over fiscal 2008. The largest source of income is the property tax, which is expected to account for approximately \$8 million of the revenue.

Kaeding said the budget is balanced so the city's expenditures do not go over expected revenues. Also included is a \$3.6 million reserve fund.

This year's budget includes no proposed rate changes to the city's water, sewer, transit, and solid waste fees. Because of federal requirements, the city is increasing storm-water management fees. Residential fees will increase from \$2.50 to \$4, and apartment units will rise from \$1.25 monthly to \$2. Fees for commercial properties will be charged based on square footage. The new rates will take effect on July 1.

In other news, the council began or continued numerous road repair projects to prepare for spring and summer construction.

— by Ben Travers

Speech pathology changes name

The name of the UI speech pathology and audiology department was changed to the communication sciences and disorders department on Tuesday.

The state Board of Regents voted unanimously in favor of the switch, which department officials said is an attempt to boost understanding of the program.

The main reason for the change is people believe the current title only covers a fraction of all the school offers, said department head Paul Abbas.

The department has traditionally stressed the study of normal processes of speech and language to provide a foundation in understanding disorders, he said, and the

new name better reflects that philosophy.

There were some concerns with the switch, though. One was that the new name is similar to the communication-studies department already existing at the UI.

Abbas spoke with people in the communications-studies department earlier this year, and they agreed the switch was OK because the programs were so different.

Another reason for the switch was that most graduate programs have names similar to the department's new name, Abbas said.

Officials make more cab-robbery arrests

Authorities made another round of arrests in the third reported cab robbery since the beginning of March.

Lonnie Dennis Jr., 18, 2250 Taylor Drive and Edward Williams, also known as Eric Johnson or EJ, 18, address unknown, are charged with second-degree robbery.

According to reports, on the afternoon of March 1, Dennis and Williams took a cab to Burger King, then got back in after around 15 minutes. They took the cab to 845 Cross Park Ave., then exited. They reportedly grabbed \$280 out of the cab driver's hands, and the pair fled around 4:30 p.m.

Each of the men admitted being present during the robbery, police allege, but they each told police the other took the money from the driver.

No one was injured, and Dennis and Williams did not display a weapon during the reported robbery, police said.

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

These most recent charges stem from an incident that occurred before two other cab robberies. Williams has now been charged in all three cab robberies.

In the March 8 incident, Williams reportedly robbed a cab driver at 2610 Bartelt Road; he faces a charge of second-degree robbery.

In a March 7 incident, Williams and Kevin Weathersby, 15, of Chicago allegedly robbed a cab driver at gunpoint in the 1900 block of Broadway and fled with an unknown amount of cash. They are both charged with first-degree robbery for that reported robbery.

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

Williams has also been wanted on warrants for failure to appear to a sentencing and fourth-degree theft. He's also been charged with obstructing officers.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

3 teens charged

Iowa City police charged three teenagers after a possible 20-person riot March 2 on Broadway Street, authorities reported.

Officers believe the incident is one in a series of assaults occurring between "two self-identified girls' gangs."

Jasmine Horton, 17, 1311 Sandusky Drive, and Tymone Trice, 15, 801 Southlawn Drive, are both charged with rioting and assault causing bodily injury. Happy Horton, 14, 1311 Sandusky Drive, is charged with rioting and willful injury causing bodily injury, a felony.

According to reports, police responded to a parking lot at 1960 Broadway around 2:20 p.m. on March 2 after a caller told police that roughly 20 teenage people were fighting.

The alleged participants fled before police arrived.

The next day, March 3, police responded to Tate High School,

1528 Mall Drive, to meet with two students and their mother about the fight.

After an investigation and discussions with school and juvenile-court officials, the three girls were charged.

Jasmine Horton was taken to Linn County Juvenile Detention Center, where Happy Horton and Trice were already being held for unrelated charges.

Police said no other charges are expected.

Riot is an aggravated misdemeanor, assault causing bodily injury is a serious misdemeanor, and willful injury causing bodily injury is a Class D felony.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Man pleads guilty to sexually exploiting child

An Iowa City man accused of filming sex acts with a 16-year-old girl pleaded guilty on Monday to the charges.

Sheldon Evans, 22, is facing two counts of sexually exploiting children and failing to register as a sex offender.

Evans will be sentenced on April 25, online court records show. Police said Evans, along with brother Monteal Evans, had sex with the minor between June and July 2007 while recording the act on VHS.

Reports say the apartment where the act took place had hidden cameras and that the victim was not aware she was being recorded.

Sheldon Evans originally pleaded not guilty to the charges on Jan. 3.

Monteal Evans is also facing two counts of sexually exploiting children and with failing to register as a sex offender. He pleaded guilty on Feb. 14 and will be sentenced on April 4.

Sexual exploitation of children, a Class C felony, is punishable by 10 years in prison and up to \$10,000 in fines. Sheldon Evans' charge of failing to register as a sex offender is an aggravated misdemeanor, which is generally punishable by up to two years in prison and up to \$5,000 in fines.

— by Olivia Moran

Sentencing set in burglary, abuse

Sentencing has been set for a Cedar Rapids man who recently pleaded guilty to first-degree burglary.

Melchizedek Hayes, 26, will be sentenced on April 25.

He was arrested on Jan. 12 after he allegedly broke through the window of his ex-girlfriend's apartment. He was also charged with second-offense domestic-abuse assault.

Hayes jumped on top of the victim while she was sleeping and punched her in the face while holding her hands down. Reports say he also threatened to kill her. The two had lived together for the past year.

The woman sustained an injury to her bottom lip, reports said.

Hayes pleaded not guilty to the charges on Jan. 31, online court records show.

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

— by Olivia Moran

Boathouse to be named after Beckwith

The Hawkeye rowing team's boathouse, scheduled to be completed in May 2009, was named the "P. Sue Beckwith, M.D., Boathouse" on Tuesday.

The state Board of Regents voted unanimously to name the building after Sue Beckwith, an avid rower and former Hawkeye basketball player. She donated \$1 million to the

project, which is estimated to cost \$6.2 million overall.

The groundbreaking for the boathouse is today at 4 p.m. The location for the new facility will be on the east bank of the Iowa River, directly across from Mayflower.

Beckwith, a surgeon in Des Moines, graduated from the UI in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in psychology and an M.D. in 1984. She has contributed to several UI organizations including the President's Club, Kinnick Society, and the I-Club, and she was a founder of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's Advisory Board. Additionally, she was elected to the UI Foundation board of directors.

— by Clara Hogan



Abbas
head of UI speech pathology and audiology



Beckwith
UI grad

Miles, Evans re-elected

Regents David Miles and Jack Evans were re-elected president and president pro tem of the state Board of Regents for terms beginning May 1.

Tuesday's decision to elect both of the incumbents was made by a unanimous vote, with Miles and Evans abstaining in their respective elections. Regents Craig Lang and Rose Vasquez were absent.

Miles has been president of the board since Jan. 1, when former head Michael Gartner left his position early so that a new president would be in place for an entire legislative session. Miles lives in West Des Moines and is managing director of the Miles Group, a family investment business. Before elected president, he served as president pro tem.

Evans has been the president pro tem, the board's second-highest position, since he was elected at the regents' last meeting Feb. 7.

Evans, who lives in Cedar Rapids, is the president of the Hall-Perrine Foundation, a private philanthropic corporation. Miles' and Evans' terms will end on April 30, 2010.

— by Clara Hogan

Officials hope to wrap up exec search by May

Officials hope that the state Board of Regents' search for an executive director will be completed by May 1, said board President David Miles during the regents' meeting Tuesday.

The search committee, which is being led by Miles, is scheduled to interview several candidates April 14-15, he said.

The last meeting for the search committee was Feb. 15, during which members discussed the timeline for the search. The next meeting will be March 19.

At the last regents' meeting, in February, they voted unanimously to spend \$40,000 on a search firm to help find the group a new executive director.

The regents ratified a contract with Francis & Associates. The \$40,000 price tag will be further augmented by expenses and advertising fees for the search process.

The executive director position became vacant after Gary Steinke left in November 2007 to become president of the Iowa Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

— by Clara Hogan

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POLICE BLOTTER

Scott Andersen, 29, 1238 Fourth Ave. S.E. Apt. C, was charged Feb. 17 with fifth-degree theft.

Phillipp Degood, 19, Riverside, Iowa, was charged Monday with providing tobacco products to a minor.

David Elmquist, 23, 630 S. Capitol St. Apt. 401, was charged Monday with public intoxication and fifth-degree theft.

Jonathan Greenstein, 19, Buffalo Grove, Ill., was charged March 8 with public intoxication.

Tanner Haskin, 19, 929 Rienow, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Timothy Lanci, 19, Hawthorn Woods, Ill., was charged March 8 with public intoxication.

Aaron Minor, 24, Urbandale, Iowa,

was charged March 8 with third-degree harassment.

David Morgan, 46, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with first-degree theft, third-degree burglary, second-degree theft, and probation violation.

Michela Pioletti, 19, Eureka, Ill., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Joseph Stobart, 19, 658 S. Lucas

St., was charged March 8 with public intoxication and falsifying a driver's license.

Son Tran, 52, 169 Paddock Circle, was charged Monday with OWI.

Troy Wheeler, 18, Marion, Iowa, was charged Sunday with OWI. **Charles Wiggs**, 23, 722 E. Jefferson St., was charged Monday with fifth-degree theft and public intoxication.

UNI locks down dorms

THREAT

CONTINUED FROM 1A

"It had the potential to be a very dangerous situation," she said.

At 7:20 p.m., officials reported that they did not believe there was an imminent threat. Less than an hour later, a suspect was in custody.

UNI police, Cedar Falls police, and the Iowa State patrol responded to the incident.

The threat came a month after a deadly shooting at Northern Illinois University and about a month before the anniversary of Virginia Tech's massacre.

UNI, one of three Iowa regent universities, is located in Cedar Falls. Current enrollment is roughly 12,000, according to the College Board.

Students were "freaked out" when they heard about the gunman, UNI freshman Molly Grady said.

She was having dinner off-campus with a group of friends when she received a text-message alert from university officials.

When she returned to campus around two hours later, the area was inundated with patrol cars and news crews.

"Nobody seems too worried," Grady, 19, said. "There's a not a lot of hustle and bustle."

University officials will review the college's response today, Grimes said. The school had just tested its text-message alert system on Feb. 27, she said.

LaMaack lauded the university for its fast response and said the situation doesn't make him feel any more unsafe on campus.

"Any time you have a threat, you're going to be very relieved no one was injured," Grimes said.

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Athletes' actions concern Mason

MASON

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Mason said the university doesn't want to ignore the problems that have risen this year. She added she was pleased with the way officials have responded to each situation, in which an athlete is often dismissed from the team.

Regent Bonnie Campbell commended Mason on her comments, saying she appreciates her being upfront.

"It is very important that we not bury our heads in the sand," Campbell said.

Although there have been instances of misconduct this year, Mason noted there are hundreds of Hawkeye athletes who are great role models.

Campbell also said she was disappointed to learn there was limited information about student Orientation before the start of the school year. She said universities need to supply more information on this subject to students and parents.

Students receive a copy of the Black and Gold Handbook for New Students at Orientation, which has a section on advocacy and protective services. Also, first floor residence hall meetings are mandatory and cover personal-safety issues.

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IRVING HOUSE RULES

IRVING

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Talking with Colby affirms what Irving himself will tell you: that his children are of immense importance, that he takes writing seriously, and that nearly as much as the other two, Irving adores the sport of wrestling.

"The discipline I learned [in wrestling] was a great benefit for me as a writer," Irving said, pointing to his 20 years of competition from high school through post-college matches at the New York Athletics Club. "I learned how to work hard at wrestling, and I could apply that standard to writing when I began to be more serious about it."

The wrestling world soaks into much of his writing, including *Garp* and his most recent novel, 2005's *Until I Find You*, though Irving's interest is far from solely literary. Another mission of the visit is to meet with another friend, Iowa wrestling legend and former coach, Dan Gable.

"He's coming to town [Tuesday]. I definitely plan to get together with John. We'll probably get a workout in, shoot the bull together, share some good times, talk some business," Gable said. "We go back a long time — he's from the world of wrestling as well as the world of writing; I'm from the world of wrestling and the world of writing. We have that common thread."

Gable, still heavily engaged with Hawkeye wrestling despite retiring from an official position last year, talks fondly about how he met Irving. The writer approached him in the fall of '72 to write a story about him: a profile, "Gorgeous Dan," that would appear in the April '73 edition of *Esquire*.

"I decided to work out with him myself," Gable said, adding that, as a coach, "I didn't want to throw some guy into the cage without knowing what he would do to the wrestlers ... I was impressed with the workout, because he came back for more; he didn't just go through a normal workout there — he got beat up pretty good."

Apart from attending a wrestling practice, Irving also plans to talk about a potential feature film on Gable proposed by documentary filmmakers Jon Greenhalgh and John Hyams (*The Smashing Machine*). Irving does not have a hand in writing the film — he's only an advocate — but nonetheless still finds the movie industry's demands frustrating, even as an Oscar winner.

"It hasn't treated me badly, but it's a frustrating, slumbering beast that's controlled by a lot of group thinking," Irving

John Irving on America

"There's no question that the country is a far more timid, cowardly, sexually uptight, and politically correct place now than it ever was in the '60s, when I published the first novel. Ever. It is. It's a backward and regressive place. I can't go to a European country or any foreign country for a translation and not constantly be asked, 'What's the matter with your country?' And they don't just mean the war in Iraq, they don't just mean George W. Bush, they mean, 'When are you people going to wake up about gays? What are you so upset about gays for?' And all the rest of it. Just think of a list."

"What is so uptight about Americans that is completely not reflected by the rest of the world? I'm also aware that my most popular books in other countries are probably aided by the perception of them that they are anti-American. The two most popular of my books, in terms of largest number of readers, are *A Prayer for Owen Meany* and *The Cider House Rules*, and they are the only two of my novels that anyone could call actually political. They are the most popular, but not necessarily here. You have to recognize that's the way it is."

John Irving on publishing

"I'm sorry if I sound cynical. But my first published book was for Joe Fox at Random House, who published and bought my first novel [*Setting Free the Bears*] when it was only two-thirds completed and I was only a student. It was a novel about a number of Austrian university students, one of whom has a family history with the Nazi and Soviet occupation of Vienna — not a home-grown story."

"Shortly before Joe Fox died, he stayed with me in Vermont, and I said, 'Tell me, Joe: if a first novel by an unknown writer like that came across your desk today, would you publish it?' I tell people this story in this way: He hesitated for just about 10 seconds too long, before he said: 'Oh yes, of course I would!' And I said, 'No you wouldn't, Joe. That's what you're telling me.' And he put his head down and said, 'No I wouldn't. There's no way I could publish it today.'"

said. He worked for 13 years trying to get *Cider House* made, with little luck for other adaptations he's penned — "one sitting for 16 years and another a mere seven" — and a 10-year-old original work that seems to simmer in a perpetual state of production flux.

"I wouldn't tell people to write screenplays unless they have the capacity to realize that, as writers, the fact that you can write eight screenplays and six will spend their life in a drawer," he said. "Two will get made, 10 years later — if you're lucky."

Irving puts it this way: "If it were my day job, I'd shoot myself."

Instead, he spends much time nearly solitary, working on his next novel. Though he's only two chapters away from completing *Last Night in Twisted River* — a decades-spanning tale about a fugitive cook and his son — it probably won't be published until late 2009, after Irving's typical extensive revisions. Whenever it prints, however, *Twisted River* might have to work hard to transcend the negative critical fog surrounding his still-best-selling last outing, *Until I Find You* — opinions Irving largely dismisses.

"I'd rather have the readers. I'd rather be translated into 35 or 40 languages," Irving said. "What are you going to do — are you going to frame a review from the *New York Times*? You can't eat it."

It's likely Irving even counts the criticism as a blessing: it shows that he's upsetting the right people. Irving quotes his

fellow New Englander, Herman Melville: "Woe to him who seeks to please, rather than appall." And if your nastiest critics are your own countryman, Irving said, "you're saying something of a prickly nature about your society, your time and place, your country, and it rubs a lot of people the wrong way." It's a perception he wants to maintain.

"Maybe that's another thing wrestling has helped me with: I don't feel very thin-skinned about criticism," the writer said. "I lost some matches that have meant a great deal to me. I've been beaten very soundly, and compared to the feeling of those experiences ... about something you know you did a good job with for five or six years, well, come on. Just get over it. It's nothing to complain about."

It's this drive, along with what he ascribes as good luck, that delivered him to his current success. Gable, however, maintains that Irving always had fame in his sights.

Gable tells this story: While writing the *Esquire* piece, Irving "tailed with" him to a speaking commitment at a sports awards banquet in Solon. Afterward, when a stream of kids came up to get Gable's autograph, one slid his paper under John Irving's nose and asked for the writer's signature. "Why?" Irving asked. "I'm not anyone famous."

He paused. "But someday, I will be."

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The state Board of Regents listen to a presentation during a meeting in the IMU on Tuesday. The regents gave the UIHC permission to renovate and build new facilities.

Regents OK UIHC planning

UIHC

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years, Robillard said.

Regent Ruth Harkin asked if the hospital had been working with UI officials to see if academic buildings could be moved from the surrounding area. Robillard said they had, but the only logical place to expand was to the northwest corridor, where the Center for Disabilities and Disorders sits as well as parking ramp No. 1.

"The athletics department will continue to grow, and the hospital will continue to grow," he said. "At some point, I believe, the hospital needs a second campus. By making this decision today to move ahead with this, we are eliminating that, at least in my lifetime."

There will be off-site facilities in the future, said Jean Robillard, the UI vice president for Medical Affairs, but the project officials are working now on address the facility's immediate capacity problems.

At last month's meeting, he told the regents that hospital beds were full and the UIHC needed more room. Over the past two years, it has seen an increase in patients of 12 percent — 20,000 patients. Robillard wants to add 350 new beds over the next five years to help alleviate the problem.

Another goal for UIHC is to have only private rooms in the next 10 years, Robillard said. At present, nearly half of the 680 inpatient beds in the UIHC are in semiprivate rooms.

Ken Fisher, a UIHC associate director, told the regents that the funding for the projects would come from hospital revenues and philanthropy, and hospital officials would not ask the regents for any money.

In order to continue with additions and renovations of the children's hospital and critical-care tower, the UIHC parking ramp No. 1 will likely be demolished. Boyd Tower and General Hospital — the oldest parts of the hospital — will also most likely be demolished and renovated in the future, but not for at least 20

Officials have considered expanding east but dismissed the idea, noting that would require taking out several buildings, including the Field House and two residence halls.

Gartner also asked why the new children's hospital couldn't be separated from the main hospital site to save room.

Officials decided to leave the children's hospital within the main hospital to promote scientific and academic research in pediatrics, Robillard said.

"We decided we wanted the pediatric hospital to be a hospital that creates new knowledge," he said. "If you were to put the hospital three miles away, you would see the success in terms of making new discoveries coming down."

Robillard said ambulatory care would eventually be separate from the main hospital.

Gartner said he approved the request because he has faith in the UIHC officials, but he wants them to focus on making the children's hospital, parking, and navigating the hospital convenient for families while planning for the projects.

"This is the watershed moment because we are going to spend enormous amounts of money on a very congested area," he said. "I just wanted to make sure it's the right thing to do."

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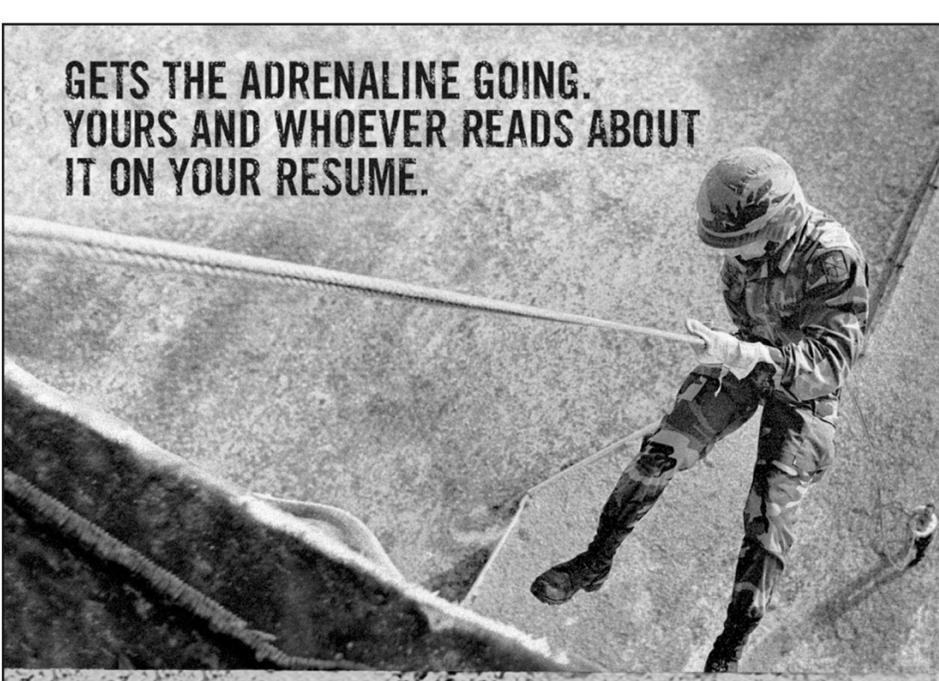
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Hopeful: Changed marketing

Provost finalist Camilla Persson Benbow speaks on tuition and other issues at her public address to the UI community.

By Bryce Bauer
THE DAILY IOWAN

With tuition costs rising as colleges and universities nationwide struggle for funding, UI provost finalist Camilla Persson Benbow said those institutions need to rethink how they market higher education.

“University education came to be seen as an individual benefit, not a public good,” said the current dean of education and human development at Vanderbilt University’s Peabody College. This helped justify the higher financial burden placed on students to attend college.

“Highly educated citizens are a common good,” she said.

Benbow spoke to approximately 25 people who came to see her address the topic of “the primary challenges facing public research universities today,” a subject all five potential provosts were asked to comment on as part of their two-day long campus visits.

During the 45-minute presentation — split about evenly

‘University education came to be seen as an individual benefit, not a public good.’

— UI provost finalist Camilla Benbow on why institutions need to rethink education marketing

between her speech and anonymous audience comments — Benbow said in the 1950s and 1960s a “compact” of support was developed between public universities and the community they served. As state coffers became more strained, that agreement began to fall apart, and public financing for colleges and universities began to diminish — leading to higher tuition.

She said to rein in rising tuition, she would work with lawmakers and others to establish an acceptable percentage of the median income a family should be expected to pay and then work to meet that goal.



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UI provost candidate Camilla Persson Benbow speaks in the Old Capitol Senate Chambers on Tuesday. Benbow lectured and answered questions about the primary challenges facing public research universities.

In addition to tuition, she also talked about competing for top faculty and students, engaging students, and the issue of accountability — something she referred to by saying: “It isn’t a four-letter word, but at times it seems that way.”

Benbow said she is prepared to address that issue, noting institutions charged with

teaching teachers have been under scrutiny for years. She said that while she considers the call of accountability “reasonable,” she said the higher-education community should set its own standards, adding that an overarching metric such as No Child Left Behind would be “devastating.”

To further engage students

with instructors, she pointed to programs at Vanderbilt, based in Nashville, Tenn., that encourage faculty members to take students to public events and then have a dinner discussion afterwards. The university also added a central café to encourage more mingling.

Prior to her Vanderbilt

Candidate holds second talk at UI

Watch Daily Iowan TV at dailyiowan.com to hear more about what UI provost hopeful Camilla Persson Benbow said Tuesday about tuition and other issues.

position, Benbow worked as a psychology professor and interim dean of education at Iowa State University. In noting her qualifications for the provost position, the UI has touted her scholastic production — some of which has caused controversy.

In 1980, Benbow, along with another researcher, published an article in the journal *Science* on the “large differences in mathematical reasoning ability” between males and females. “A media field day” resulted, noted the Association for Women in Mathematics in a statement of concern when President Bush appointed Benbow to the National Mathematics Advisory Panel.

Despite this, campus faculty members noted she, and all the candidates, were well-qualified for the position. Otherwise, they said, they wouldn’t be in the running.

Comments on the provost candidates will be sent to President Sally Mason on Friday morning, said Michael O’Hara, co-chairman of the search committee.

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Fate of 2 in UISG unclear

By Olivia Moran
THE DAILY IOWAN

Two UI Student Government leaders announced at Tuesday’s meeting that they would soon be terminated from their positions, but President Barrett Anderson said both were results of big misunderstandings.

Student-organization liaison Michael Charles announced that he believed his termination from the student government would take place next week. Charles said his eventual firing would come without a discussion with Anderson or Vice President Carole Peterson.

“I was never given due process,” he said. “I wasn’t informed by either Barrett or Carole.”

Charles said he expected the firing would come in an e-mail.

But Anderson said Charles will not be fired, emphasizing that he would never release a member through an e-mail. Anderson said the biggest disappointment was that Charles failed to confront him about the issue before relaying the information to the group, although he admitted there had been discussions about Charles’ performance.

There have been questions about attendance at mandatory meetings and about whether certain hours were

“actually being served,” Anderson said.

He said he cleared things up with Charles before the meeting ended.

“He has done some amazing things,” he said, adding that simply firing Charles would be a difficult task.

Government-relations liaison Matt Pfaltzgraf also expressed concerns about his future with the group.

After a visit to the State Capitol on Feb. 28 for Students’ Day, Anderson said comments Pfaltzgraf made to the media at the event regarding efforts of other student-government bodies have seemingly upset other universities.

“They put a lot of pressure on me,” Anderson said, adding the biggest disappointment was, again, that he was not contacted about the issue before the meeting.

Pfaltzgraf told the group that he didn’t mean to offend anybody with his comments, which questioned how big of an effect other student groups had on important issues.

Anderson said Pfaltzgraf has been given the option of either apologizing to those he offended or submitting a letter of resignation but said he doesn’t know what Pfaltzgraf plans to do.

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Supervisors pass '09 budget

Heated debate marks the discussion of the Johnson County budget.

By Briana Byrd
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Sparks flew among members of the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday during a discussion about the fiscal 2009 budget.

In a 3-2 vote, the supervisors voted to approve the \$75.8 million budget, despite hesitations and a mistake made during the final public hearing about the budget last week.

"This budget includes the most aggressive infrastructure projects in Johnson County history," Supervisor Terrence Neuzil said. "Whether you wait

a year, two years, or five years, it doesn't get cheaper to build projects. The reason we're aggressively pursuing these initiatives is because this is something the supervisors of the past didn't do."

Rich Claiborne, the Johnson County budget coordinator, said the tax-calculation mistake will not affect the 2009 budget but slightly affects the fiscal 2008 budget and will actually lower the county's budget by a couple hundred dollars.

Supervisor Sally Stutsman, who said she did not feel the budget was fiscally responsible,

suggested that the budget not be approved, projects be cut, and the public be given another opportunity to voice opinions because of the mistake.

Supervisor Pat Harney, who was also on the opposing end, was concerned.

"This is my eighth year on the Board of Supervisors, and this is the first year that I'm uncomfortable with the budget as is," he said, noting that the budget has increased by \$10 million since last year. "Naturally, we're growing, and there's a lot of progress and a lot of things going on. But, I too, have concerns about the impact of our aggressive building. Our projects are approximately \$42 million, and I think that's excessive within one year."

Supervisor Rod Sullivan emphasized that despite having more than a dozen open-work sessions, few people have showed interest in the budget.

"I would encourage folks to not let another year pass by when the papers don't cover it, and the public doesn't come, and talk about it until the day that it's supposed to be voted upon," he said.

But Neuzil emphasized something else — this is how government works.

"Did all get everything that they want? Certainly not. But that's government," he said. "This is the give and take of what it takes to put a budget together."

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Council mulls begging

By Kelli Shaffner
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The Iowa City City Council considered tweaking its proposed ordinance against aggressive panhandling to ensure Dance Marathon's late-night fundraising continued unhindered.

The council then voted to continue discussion at a later date. Still in its earliest stage, the proposed ordinance will be voted on twice more.

Under the original proposal, if passed, Dance Marathon members would not have been able to "can" outside of bars from 11:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. — an action that brought the organization what business director Travis Hiltrop estimated as \$20,000 to \$30,000 — because the provision would restrict panhandling from dusk until dawn.

"It was kind of unclear, and it wasn't really targeted toward organizations as a whole," Hiltrop said. "It seemed more general."

City Attorney Eleanor Dilkes said it's not uncommon to see other cities that have similar laws in place with the same limitations.

"Maybe in your judgment, downtown is not that kind of environment" that would need an ordinance, Dilkes said to the council, adding that the councilors could certainly take the nighttime restrictions out of the ordinance.

Abigail Volland, UI Student Government City Council liaison, repeated Hiltrop's concerns, adding that she recommended that council eliminate that part of the ordinance — especially because of Dance

Marathon's contribution to the community.

Although there was conversation in the work session beforehand about changing the "dusk until dawn" limitations to soliciting after 10 p.m., the council decided to completely get rid of the nighttime rule.

Councilor Amy Correia also expressed concern over wording that could raise questions on where it would be possible to sit downtown — specifically decorative planters in front of some businesses, such as Whitey's Ice Cream, 112 E. Washington St.

The councilors debated whether the planters would be considered a part of the sidewalk or a separate entity similar to a park bench.

"[People sit on planters] already, and I think we should let them," Correia said.

Dilkes said she felt the city needed to be specific about what would be included and excluded because she didn't want arguments about sitting on a blanket, stool, or anything else that could be between the person and the sidewalk.

Most of the councilors agreed that although the proposal — if passed — wouldn't completely solve the problem, it be a step in the right direction to be as equal as possible to everyone.

The council also discussed supporting a grant application for the \$2 million Sand Lake Recreation Area project, as well as questions concerning the effect the HOME project will have on certain schools' enrollment numbers.

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Board hears election complaints

By Carla Keppler
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Complaints concerning the recent UI Student Government election fell into late-night deliberation after a Student Elections Board hearing Tuesday.

The three complaints filed against the recently elected VIP Party came from Joseph Thomas, who advised the Dream Team on the election board's campaign code.

The first complaint alleged that the VIPs delivered a speech to a student organization prior to commencement of the campaign season, a violation of the code.

Thomas received information from a Dream Team supporter who attended the meeting. A signed affidavit claimed that Bridget Szeluga, the VIP vice-presidential candidate, specifically instructed members of the Public Relations Student Society of America to "vote VIP."

UISG President Maison Bleam argued that the party approached the student group seeking advice on how to better market itself, not garner votes.

Though Bleam said the basis of Thomas' complaint was "hearsay and pure speculation," Thomas said he was confident in the signed affidavit.

An unauthorized e-mail to the greek community was the act in question under the second complaint. Thomas alleged the VIP Party sent an e-mail to a member of a sorority with the intent of having it forwarded to the greek community as a whole.

Election-board member Stephen Mahieu said he found it troubling that Bleam addressed the recipient "dear member of the greek community" and said he was concerned with the intent of the message.

Bleam said he did not know the recipient, and he thought the salutation was appropriate.

The final complaint alleged that the VIP Party exceeded maximum allowable campaign spending.

UI Student Elections Board mulls grievances about recent student-government campaigns.



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Bryce Carlson and incoming UI Student President Maison Bleam listen to Student Elections Board members on Tuesday at an open forum to discuss the budgets UI Student Government parties. Joseph Thomas (right) lodged two complaints against Bleam's VIP Party.

Thomas said he "did some serious legwork" to investigate the spending of the VIPs. In gathering statistics and price quotations from local businesses that the party either directly purchased from or that had comparable products and prices, Thomas concluded that the winning party went over budget.

Bleam pointed to "fully disclosed" financial records to defend the party.

The second hearing of the night addressed a complaint from Bryce Carlson, who ran on the VIP ticket. Allegations of unauthorized use of a mass e-mail system were directed at Alan Cosby, the head of the Dream Team.

Carlson and Bleam said a message concerning student safety, sent on behalf of Cosby, was defamatory and slanderous.

Approximately 500 members of the greek community received one of two versions of the e-mail. One version read "Mace can't keep you safe on your walk home," while another replaced "mace" with "Mais," referencing Bleam.

Cosby said he approved the first version but was "extremely upset" with the changes made.

Election-board members and those involved with the complaint struggled to define "mass e-mail," which would likely sway the decision in one direction.

The board said a final decision would be made within 48 hours.

The Naked Party and Student Power Party also received complaints that weren't heard Tuesday night.

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Editorial

Expand Student Legal Services

Because PAULAs, OWIs, and public-intoxication charges are handed out regularly, UI students are not unfamiliar with the long arm of the law. An outlet for legal assistance, on the other hand, has traditionally been little more than a pipe dream for many of the students who truly need it.

An organization about which many students remain unaware, the UI Student Legal Services, has provided guidance and legal assistance to countless students, many of whom could not otherwise afford it. The service aids students in times of legal need, though its resources are being stretched thin. With only one lawyer among the program's ranks, the UI comes up dead last in the Big Ten with a student-attorney ratio of around 29,000 to 1. Fortunately, it appears that UISG actions will provide the service with an additional \$45,000 — enough to hire a second attorney. The UISG should be commended for its decision. Moreover, it must continue to regard the service with the utmost resolve because, while many students will need legal assistance, only a precious few can readily afford it.

The service's sole attorney, Greg Bal, understands the severity of the program's lacking capabilities. "My main concern is that students aren't getting represented when they really need to," he told the *DI*. "I think every student who pays the activity fee should have access to our service; unfortunately, students don't always get that because we fill up so fast."

That the service has been so successful in its early life is unequivocally bittersweet — its increased popularity has translated into a greater number of students being turned away. To be sure, the service's reputation has grown exponentially. However, its resources have remained stagnant.

While never-ending reruns of "Law & Order" seem to indicate that a lawyer's life is lived in the courtroom, this is rarely the case. Most students simply need advice from the service, actual representation being a weapon of last resort. While Student Legal Services employs several law students to assist in this process, it remains shorthanded overall. Andrew Henning, the service's undergraduate director, can attest to the programs limited ability to address student questions.

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

Clearly, the decision to increase funding for Student Legal Services was a good one. On a daily basis, the program helps UI students with a vast array of legal problems, all while having only one attorney on the payroll. It is essential that the service continues to receive adequate funding to provide assistance for every student who needs it, lest financial security remain a prerequisite of receiving legal advice.

Eliot Spitzer going to prostitutes? The Sheriff of Wall Street himself? Eliot Ness? It just seems impossible, doesn't it? It couldn't have really happened, right? It would be like J. Edgar Hoover cross-dressing or the Rev. Ted Haggard having meth-fueled binges of gay sex. Impossible.

Nevertheless, in one of the most squirm-inducing sex scandals since it was revealed that Rep. Mark Foley was sending steamy text messages to young boys, Gov. Spitzer apparently availed himself of the services of an organization called the Emperor's Club. (I think because the call girls can all shoot lightning out of their fingers, and you go see them in a giant, spherical cathouse. Or not.)

As I always do when I hear about something like this, I roll my eyes and try to figure out if this has anything to do with the scandal victim's job performance. Sometimes it does, sometimes it doesn't. I'm of the opinion that Bill Clinton's admittedly sordid philanderings didn't have much to do with the way he handled the duties of the presidency, but that Richard Nixon's entirely non-sexual molestation of the Constitution was a travesty. So I'm of the firm belief that some "scandals" are really just nonstories — vaguely invidious incidents blown out of proportion by a bloodthirsty opposition and a compliant press.

That said, I'm beginning to believe that some scandals occupy a middle ground, neither truly scandalous nor completely ephemeral. The three most recent Republican scandals, along with Spitzer, fall into this category. Hypocrisy is the key. Foley, Haggard, and Sen. Larry Craig were important figures in the social conservative movement, which is vociferously opposed to equal rights and fair treatment for gays and lesbians. Some of Foley's messages were illegal because of legislation he helped to enact. Haggard preached Old Testament fire and brimstone against gays. And, of course, Craig (in addition to sponsoring and voting for anti-gay legislation) famously scolded Clinton as a "nasty, bad, naughty boy." What would he have called Bill if he'd been caught trolling for anonymous sex in a public restroom?

Their own closeted homosexuality, then, became just as devastating as they had always said. Such are the wages of hypocrisy. If they'd simply accepted their own inclinations as normal and natural — except for Foley, of course — these would have fallen into the category of non-stories.

Perhaps the most accurate comparison to make in the case of Spitzer is to that of Louisiana Sen. David Vitter, who was outed as one of many important clients of the "D.C. Madam," Deborah Jeane Palfrey. Once again, if Vitter had simply been unfaithful to his wife, it wouldn't really be much of the public's beeswax. (Breaking the law by paying for sex, of course, is different.) But Vitter is one of many Republicans who screamed "foul" over the Lewinsky scandal and called for President Clinton's resignation or impeachment. Vitter's wife, amusingly, got in on the act, too, saying "I'm more Lorena Bobbitt than Hillary. If he does something like that, I'm walking away with one thing, and it's not alimony, trust me." The current location of Vitter's genitals is unknown, but I can only assume that they're still where ever Vitter is.

Seriously, though, we all tend to think of these scandals in the context of "gotcha" politics, but we shouldn't overlook the human cost. It can't be any fun at all for the jilted significant others, who have to stand up there at the podium in front of half the world's press while their hapless spouses detail their infidelities. Ditto the kids, if any. (Just when you thought middle school couldn't have been any worse.) But that's the result whenever families confront infidelity and lies, though publicity makes it worse.

The hypocrisy of Spitzer, whose entire public persona is centered on trustworthiness and hard-nosed honesty, coupled with an intolerance for corruption and lies, is politically significant, it's true. But our obsession with the moral furor created each time a public figure is caught in some sexual indiscretion doesn't do us much credit. If we studied the issues half as thoroughly as we study the foibles of the politicians, the country might be much better off. ■

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Letter

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Why'd we bring Rove, again?

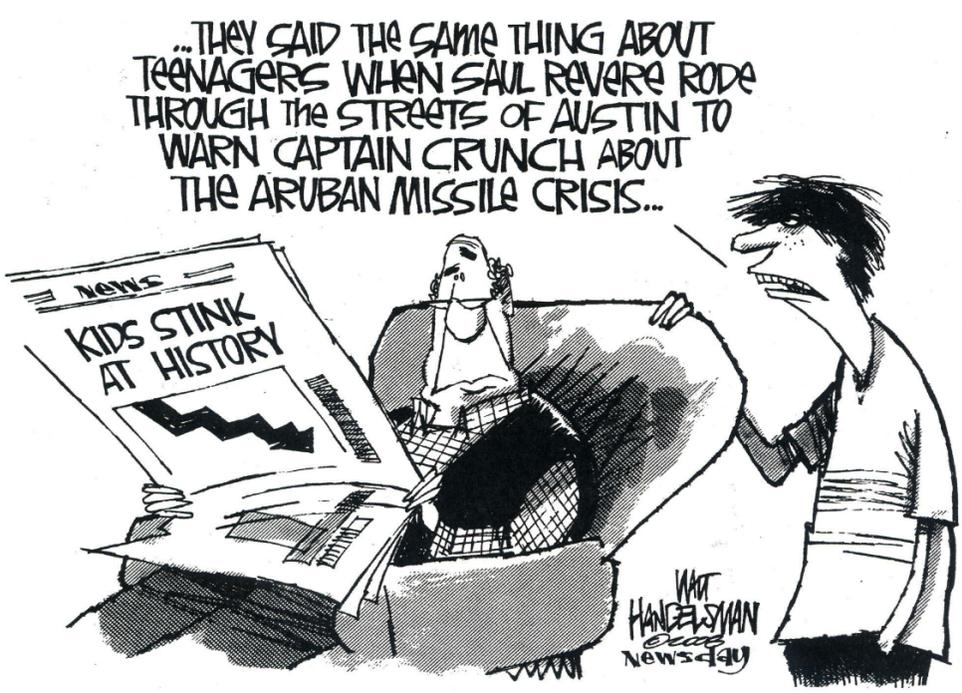
Thanks, UI Antiwar Committee for such a well-organized, effective protest before and during the Karl Rove incident at the IMU Sunday evening. And thanks to the many people not with the Antiwar Committee, but who protested in wonderful ways that night.

Your voices and actions were noted by the majority there supporting you and by Rove and the handful of supporters he had in the room. We let them know that very many of us have not forgotten his ongoing immoral crimes, will not rest until he is punished for them, and that we certainly don't want him in our town.

Also, thanks to the local music project Seeds of Dissent for its great antiwar folk music at the Mill to open the Rove protest.

And shame on the UI Lecture Committee for its actions. What's next, will you pay Michael Vick \$40,000 to discuss dog torture? That, too, would create controversy, and that, too, would be shameful. When the intent to spend university money to create a media spectacle outweighs your desire to make morally appropriate decisions, you become nothing more than Jerry Springer or paparazzi. You let our city down.

Marv Hain Jr.
UI alum



Commentary

Where terrorists hide

An ancient principle of warfare bears contemplating anew: No counterinsurgency campaign has ever succeeded when the insurgents had easy access to sanctuaries in which to hide, regroup, rearm, and plan new attacks.

Last week's news underscored the problem. In Afghanistan, Taliban fighters, who enjoy sanctuary in Pakistan, blew up a fourth telecommunications tower as part of a campaign to silence cell-phone service at night. In Pakistan, missiles of unknown origin smashed into a Taliban compound in what appeared to be the second unacknowledged U.S. Predator strike into that country this year. Turkey struck at Kurdish rebel enclaves over the border in northern Iraq. From Gaza, Hamas pelted Israeli towns with increasingly longer-ranged missiles. And Colombia, fed up with attacks by guerrillas from jungle camps in Ecuador, staged a cross-border raid and was denounced across Latin America for violating Ecuadorian sovereignty.

Wiping out terrorist sanctuaries after 9/11 wasn't supposed to be so difficult — except that it always has been. The Bush administration assumed that swift and massive U.S. military might, followed by democracy and massive infusions of money for development, would sweep the terrorists into the dustbin of history. It hasn't happened anywhere.

One person who understood the sanctuary problem in his bones was former Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, who learned the lessons of counterinsurgency in Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos. In 2001, Armitage went to Pakistan to negotiate with President Pervez Musharraf to ensure that Taliban fighters routed by the United States from Afghanistan wouldn't come right back. As the world now knows, Musharraf either couldn't or wouldn't deliver, the U.S. military turned its attention to Iraq, and the unresolved problem of the Taliban sanctuaries is now a topic in this year's presidential campaign.

No matter what the candidates tell voters, the options for the next U.S. president (and the leaders of Israel, and Turkey, and Colombia) are all bad. Option 1: Brave international condemnation and mount a cross-border blitzkrieg. But that's expensive, destabilizing, alliance-corroding, and probably

only a temporary fix. Option 2: Try yet again to seek political accommodation with the insurgents, offering promises of autonomy, development projects, and bribes. But that risks the stigma of being caught negotiating with terrorists and, because terrorists rarely keep their word, leaving the peacemaker humiliated as well as empty-handed. Option 3: Keep killing and bribing as many insurgents as possible and hope they wear out first.

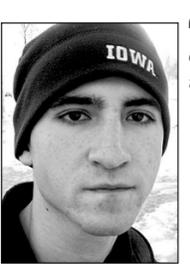
In Afghanistan, the United States has been pursuing Option 1, while hoping the Afghans and Pakistanis will have better luck with Options 2 and 3. But the Bush administration now seems uninterested in ideology and open to anything that works. While the United States appears to be continuing surreptitious strikes inside Pakistan, 3,200 additional Marines are deploying to reinforce British troops waging the counterinsurgency in Afghanistan's Helmand province, increasing the pressure on the Taliban from both sides of the border. Meanwhile, there is talk of trying to divide and conquer the insurgents by splitting the "tribalist" Taliban — who are primarily Pashtun nationalists interested in defending their traditional way of life against foreign incursion, their ethnic rivals and the central government in Kabul — from the "Qaeda" Taliban, foreign and home-grown ideological jihadists with whom political coexistence is impossible.

Identifying and separating the two groups won't be easy, if it is possible at all. Both groups have used terror, making it difficult to demonize some while negotiating peace with others. And Musharraf has already tried cutting a deal with tribal leaders, who promptly reneged. Still, some U.S. officials believe that the new Pakistani leadership might succeed in persuading some tribal leaders to stop fighting the Americans and to fight Al Qaeda instead — just as the Sunni Awakening movement in Iraq turned anti-American insurgents against Al Qaeda there. Given the paucity of other options, it seems churlish not to try offering the populations of the sanctuaries the one thing they can't win by war: peace.

This editorial appeared in Sunday's *Los Angeles Times*.

On the Spot

Do you think all students should have access to an attorney?



"Yes; most of us can't afford it."

Dave Stoermer
UI freshman



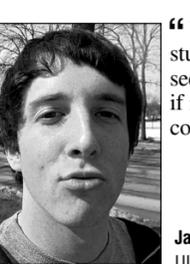
"Yeah; so many people don't know their rights."

Brekka Spellman
UI sophomore



"Yes; most students don't know much about the law."

Gina Romani
UI freshman



"Yeah; most students wouldn't see a lawyer if it would cost money."

James Moriarty
UI freshman



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Arts & Culture

today's PLAYLIST



PETE MCCARTHY
general manager of the Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

"BURNING DOWN THE HOUSE"
Euforquestra
I love the live version that's on the Yacht Club CD.

"Galaxy"
Blind Melon
I'm looking forward to the new album, with the group getting back together.

"Brighter Days"
Mofro
All of its stuff is great. This song from its CD release party keeps you looking forward to something.

"Comfortably Numb"
The Ggitch
My favorite song, played by one of my favorite local bands.

"Red Hot Mama"
Widespread Panic
I get into this song when seasons change, because I know it's time for a tour again.

— Compiled by Paul Asjes

Award-winning Southern cookbook author and food freelancer, Ted Lee, graduated from the Iowa Writers' Workshop and worked with brother Matt Lee on their James Beard Cookbook of the Year.

For a lack of boiled peanuts

By Brian Stewart
THE DAILY IOWAN

For brothers Ted and Matt Lee, it all began with the absence of boiled peanuts in New York City.

"We grew up in South Carolina and went to college in the Northeast," UI alum Ted Lee said. "We couldn't find the staple ingredients we grew up on — stone-ground grits, boiled peanuts."

So the Lee brothers decided to bring their Southern specialties to "Southerners and would-be-Southerners" nationwide with a mail-order catalogue launched in 1993.

Today, the two Lees are the award-winning authors of *The Lee Bros. Southern Cookbook*, a 225-recipe collection that took the duo six years to compile.

"It represents our childhood and how we came into food," Ted Lee said. "A lot of them are recipes we grew up with."

While the two grew up in Charleston, S.C., they split ways after high school — Matt Lee to study art history at Harvard, Ted Lee to Amherst College for French and creative writing. After Amherst, Ted Lee was admitted to the Iowa Writers' Workshop's fiction program.

"Everyone said, 'Oh my God — you being a food guy, what are you going to do there?' That was simply because the people I was around were so provincial," Ted Lee, 36, said. "[Iowa] is a place



Contributed photo/Charleston Food and Wine Festival
UI alum Ted Lee (right) and brother Matt Lee prepare a recipe from their award-winning cookbook *The Lee Bros. Southern Cookbook* in a demonstration at the Charleston Food and Wine Festival in the brothers' hometown of Charleston, S.C.

where people live very close to the food — I felt like I was living in Europe."

But his time in Iowa City, he said, helped shape his style of food writing.

"It was a very inspiring place to me," he said. "I was allowed the time to write and cook a lot. I think the other thing is because Iowans grow up around a lot of commercial agriculture, they also know how special noncommercial agriculture is."

After he graduated from the Writers' Workshop, the brothers began writing freelance stories for *Travel + Leisure*. Their freelancing

today extends to the Dining section of the *New York Times*, the *New York Times Magazine*, *GQ*, and a monthly wine column for *Martha Stewart Living*.

The Lee Bros. Southern Cookbook, published in October 2006, blends recipes with personal narratives from the brothers' experiences.

"What seems to have resonated with people in this book are the stories," Ted Lee said. "We didn't even scratch the surface of Charleston stories in that book."

The duo's culinary philosophy is based on experience — neither have any formal training — and

stresses improvisation and substitution as vital traits for a good cook.

"We really think recipes are suggestive architecture and people have their own styles of cooking," Ted Lee said. "Kitchens are really experimental arenas, and cookbooks just provide the spark on the Bunsen burner. The home cooks who are really performing are ones who have the confidence to take a recipe and make it their own."

The Lee's success ranges from the James Beard Foundation's Cookbook of the Year to appearing on Paula Deen's and Anthony Bourdain's Food Network shows.

Ted Lee hopes their cookbook will "inspire people to try Southern cooking tonight," noting that another Lee Bros. cookbook is in the works.

"I think people read cookbooks, they watch the Food Network, but when it comes to making a weeknight meal, they usually just punt," he said. "The more people watch food television, the less the actually sit down to sear a pork chop."

Matt Lee noted that the recipes in the cookbook are written for any level of expertise.

"The best thing about it is that it's a nice blend of writing, history, cultural studies, eating, drinking — the South is very diverse," he said. "But, above all, [Southern food] doesn't have to be fried."

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Butterbean Paté

- 2 cups water
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt, plus more to taste
- 2 cups fresh butterbeans (about 10 ounces)
- ¼ cup tightly packed fresh mint leaves (from about 6 stems), washed and dried
- ¼ cup tightly packed flat-leaf parsley leaves (from about 6 stems), washed and dried
- 2 tablespoons whole or low-fat buttermilk or sour cream
- ¼ cup olive oil
- ¼ cup lemon juice (from 1-2 lemons)
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste

1. In a small saucepan, bring the water and two teaspoons salt to boil over high heat. Add the butterbeans and let boil until just tender, about three minutes. Drain in a colander and rinse under cold running water for about two minutes to cool. Shake the colander several times to drain as much water from the beans as possible.
2. Place the beans and all the remaining ingredients in the bowl of a food processor and process to a smooth, thick puree, approximately three 30-second-long pulses. Between pulses, push any of the mixture that clings to the side of the processor toward the blade with a rubber spatula before pulsing again.
3. Season the paté to taste with salt and pepper and transfer it from the processor to a small bowl or plastic container. Cover tightly, and store in the refrigerator until ready to use, not more than three days. Serves 12 people with crackers for grazing, or six for sandwiches.

from the BLOG

By Meryn Fluker
THE DAILY IOWAN

Music, drugs, and pinball: The keys to a perfect Friday night? Possibly, or three of the elements setting the Who's *Tommy* apart as one of the quintessential rock operas. Ranking with Styx's *Kilroy Was Here* (rock fans might remember its famous tune "Mr. Roboto") and long before Green Day's *American Idiot*, there was *Tommy*. This weekend, almost 40 years after the original concept album's release, Iowa City's Catalyst Acting Company will perform the show for local audiences.

The story, which was turned from an album to a star-studded film in 1975 and a Broadway musical in 1993, centers on a boy named Tommy whose home situation is less than ideal. Tommy is left blind and deaf after witnessing the murder of his mother's lover by his father. From this trauma springs Tommy's warped journey toward recovering his senses and discovering enlightenment. In short: it's typical, light,

It's time to break out the eight-track this weekend as Catalyst Acting Company stages the Who's classic rock opera, *Tommy*, at the Englert Theatre.

musical-theater fare.

Jeff Shields, the director of the production and president of the Catalyst Acting Company, is well aware the show isn't in the vein of such stage classics as *Carousel* and *Oklahoma*. Shields said the show has the distinction of having, "one of the few soundtracks that actually choke me up." *Tommy*'s non-mainstream qualities are at the core of why Shields, 31, selected the play.

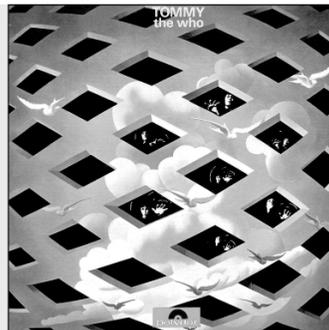
"I'd actually seen a couple productions of it that I liked, but I felt it was missing some different things," he said. "Of course, when you direct quite a few shows and you go see another show, you always think, 'This is how I would do it. Why didn't you do that?' But that's not really fair to them."

Shields has been a fan of *Tommy* since childhood and

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was familiar with its many incarnations. Once he decided to stage it, he was able to add his own signature touches into an already obtuse, or "fantasy acid trip" as he calls it, production.

"The arena-rock thing, being able to see the fixtures — that's going to be totally different from the way other organizations have done it," Shields

said. "We've got a very sparse set. It's very, very minimal, because quite a bit is going to be filled in with video projections, which you don't normally see."

Shields' interpretation of *Tommy* falls right in line with his goals for Catalyst Acting Company, which started up last year. The group likes to choose shows that are "off the beaten

path" and stage them in unconventional ways, he said. Previous Catalyst shows include *Godspell* and *The Sisters Rosensweig*.

Christopher Carpenter, who plays the role of Tommy's alcoholic and pedophilic uncle Ernie and is a veteran of the acting company is excited about the show's scale.

"It's a very ambitious idea. It's a big show in a big venue for Iowa City," he said. "The logistics of it are mindboggling to me."

Between the video projections and self-described "arena-rock lighting," it sounds like Catalyst Acting Company's version of *Tommy* has everything. Well, almost everything.

"We don't have Tina Turner freaking out and shooting up acid," Shields said, referring to Turner's famous role as the Acid Queen in the film. "I mean, there's nothing really scarier than that, because Tina can be very scary the way it is. I love her, but sometimes she goes a little crazy."

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Eating to help Israeli poor



Claire Theole, an Oasis employee, waits on a line of hungry customers on Tuesday. Oasis participated in America Eats for Israel, donating 10 percent of its gross to the organization.

Phoebe Webb/The Daily Iowan

By Briana Byrd
THE DAILY IOWAN

What started as a community-service project in Baltimore has spread throughout the nation and has made a stop at an Iowa City restaurant — Oasis.

The completely student-run organization, America Eats for Israel, encourages food establishments throughout the country to donate 10 percent of their gross revenue to the group that then uses the funds to help impoverished Israelis.

America Eats for Israel was started in 2004 by a high-school senior at Yeshivat Rambam Maimonides Academy of Baltimore, Avi Goldberg. Since then, it has expanded to include 103 participating restaurants all over the United States and Canada.

"When I get an e-mail from my friends in New York and see how far it has spread, it's great to see how big of an influence you really have," said Alex Porcelain, a high-school senior and national co-director of

An event started by high-school students in Baltimore makes its way to Iowa City.

America Eats for Israel. "It's so much responsibility, but it's incredible when we go around to the restaurants and see the people who are eating there."

In the past three years, the group has raised more than \$60,000, but he anticipates raising around \$30,000 this year, Porcelain said.

Local Middle Eastern restaurant Oasis Palafel, 206 N. Linn St., has always had an interest in donating to charitable causes, said Naftaly Stramer, the restaurant's owner.

"One of the goals was to be involved in the community. As time went on and we got requests from places like those, we agreed immediately," he said. "We are trying to be apolitical. We are Israeli, Arab, and American customers; we try not to involve politics with the restaurant."

Aside from previously donating 10 percent of the daily proceeds to Hurricane Katrina victims, Stramer said the restaurant also gives money to the community, UI student groups, and to help those affected by the conflict in Sudan.

"We do a lot of those things, so helping Israelis in need is definitely something we do," he said.

An added benefit to participating in the event is that by advertising causes such as

America Eats for Israel, other establishments could hear about it and participate.

"Even though our donation is a small one, when many people participate, it can add up," Stramer said. "It can help [needy Israelis] to get a piece of living a good life. We are advertising it everywhere, so when other establishments here about us, they think that maybe they should do that too."

For Porcelain, he has gained much more than leadership skills.

"There's no greater feeling than knowing that you helped to organize this whole thing, especially since it's for such a great cause," he said.

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ECONOMY

Mixed job news for IC

Iowa City may have lost 3,400 jobs in one month, but the area continues to measure up well next to state and national unemployment rates.

By Samantha Miller
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa City Metropolitan Statistical Area had 3,400 fewer non-farm jobs in January 2008 than in December 2007, the Iowa Workforce Department announced Tuesday.

But in a mixed bag of news, the agency also reported there are 2,200 more non-farm jobs in the area than in January of last year.

The decrease of non-farm jobs from December to January is a consistent with trends of previous years, said Ann Wagner, a labor-market economist for Iowa Workforce. She attributed the fall in non-farm employment as a possibly byproduct of the UI decreasing its number of employees over winter break — which took place this season from Dec. 22, 2007, to Jan 22.

In January 2008, there were 88,600 non-farm jobs in the area, versus 92,000 the previous month. January 2007 showed even lower employment numbers with only 86,400 non-farm jobs being filled — 2.5 percent fewer than January of this year.

"In the Iowa City area, where students go home and leave town, [the break] does affect employment trends in the area," Wagner said, adding that the new data specifically shows a reduction in government jobs, further reinforcing that the UI lowers employment rates in during this time.

Steve Parrott, the director of University Relations, said he is

unaware whether the university's employment decreases during winter break, but he doesn't rule it out.

Wagner said there appears to be a slowdown in every area of non-farm employment following Christmas because after the holidays many businesses lay off seasonal workers.

Despite the decrease in jobs in January, the Iowa City area is still in good shape compared to state and national unemployment numbers.

It has the second lowest unemployment numbers in January 2008 of the nine major metropolitan areas in Iowa. The city's unemployment rate stands at 3.2 percent, only passed by Ames in lower unemployment numbers. Dubuque has the state's highest unemployment rate at 5.2 percent.

Iowa City's 3.2 percent unemployment is unchanged from the same time frame last year, which is still .4 points lower than the state average and 1.7 points lower than the national average.

Iowa Work Force Director Elizabeth Buck said the Iowa labor market increased during the studied time frame, a positive sign when compared to national trends.

"The Iowa labor market grew at a moderate pace in January, while the national economy showed serious signs of faltering," she said.

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NATION

Fed announces \$200 billion in help for banks, leading Dow to biggest day in 5 years

NEW YORK (AP) — The Fed promised a \$200 billion booster shot for ailing markets — and Wall Street answered with its biggest bounce in more than five years.

The Dow Jones industrials shot up more than 416 points, the biggest single-day point gain since July 2002, after the Federal Reserve announced the move as part of a worldwide effort to help struggling banks and mortgage providers.

Hoping to ease the credit crisis,

the Fed — acting with the European Central Bank, the Bank of Canada and the Swiss National Bank — agreed to loan investment banks money in exchange for debt, including slumping mortgage-backed securities.

The idea is to create a market for assets that investors have recently been too scared to buy. That freeze in demand had sent asset values plunging and caused huge losses for some of the world's biggest banks.

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NBA

Haluska joins Energy, reunites with Horner

DES MOINES (AP) — Former Iowa Hawkeye guard Adam Haluska has been traded to the NBA Development League's Iowa Energy.

Haluska, a Carroll native, joins former backcourt mate Jeff Horner, a former Hawkeye guard who signed with the Energy in October.



Haluska
 ex-Hawkeye

Haluska was acquired Tuesday in a three-team deal from the Rio Grande Valley Vipers.

The shooting guard scored 1,847 career points for the Hawkeyes and was named a first-team All-Big Ten player in 2007. He was drafted by the New Orleans Hornets in the second round of the 2007 NBA draft and was traded to the Houston Rockets last month, then released.

NCAA

Davis named the Coach of the Year

DES MOINES (AP) — First-year Drake coach Keno Davis has led the Bulldogs to a storybook season. For his efforts, Davis has been named the Coach of the Year by the *Sporting News*.

Davis led the 16th-ranked Bulldogs to a 28-4 record and the Missouri Valley Conference's regular-season and tournament titles. Drake clinched its first bid to the NCAA tournament since 1971 by beating Illinois State, 79-49, in the MVC title game on Sunday.

"It's pretty unbelievable to be honored like that," Davis said. "If anybody deserves the credit, it's the student-athletes we've been fortunate to have at Drake."

Davis took over for his father, Tom Davis, after serving as an assistant for four seasons. That continuity helped ease Keno's transition to head coach, and the Bulldogs have displayed uncanny on-court chemistry ever since.

Davis tailored Drake's system to maximize its talented perimeter shooters and compensate for a smaller front-court. And it was all orchestrated by senior point guard Adam Emmenecker, who went from walk-on to Valley Player of the Year.



Davis
 Drake coach

IOWA TENNIS

Prize freshman waits



Peter Klopfenstein/The Daily Iowan

After a disappointing loss to start off his collegiate tennis career, Hawkeye freshman tennis player Gentry Kaegi is vying for a spot in the Iowa lineup. "I want to get in the lineup because I'm playing well, and the coach believes I can play well," Kaegi said.

Gentry Kaegi, one of the Iowa men's tennis team's two top freshman recruits, is biding his time as he works towards the coveted spot in the singles lineup.

By Bobby Loesch

THE DAILY IOWAN

After seeing no playing time in Iowa's dual meets for nearly a month and a half of the spring season, freshman Gentry Kaegi got a chance on March 7 against No. 2 Ohio State.

It didn't end well. Still, Kaegi is saying and doing all the right things to ensure a rebound from a 6-0, 6-2 loss that kicked off his collegiate tennis dual-meet career.

"I really just want to get

better and learn as much as I can," he said.

The recruiting side of college athletics has seen a popularity spike in recent years. Even casual football fans are familiar with such recruiting websites as Scout and Rivals. Video games such as NCAA football and basketball even include recruiting features to complement the play.

College tennis is no exception to this trend. Tennisrecruiting.net, the Rivals of NCAA tennis, carved out its own niche starting with talent evaluation in the '80s and an

online launch in 1997. The site listed Kaegi as a five-star recruit coming into his first season at Iowa. Fellow freshman Austen Kauss, who has played a sizable amount in doubles, was rated with four stars.

Though the system has its faults — including a lack of evaluations for some international players, who make up a fair amount of Iowa's roster — Hawkeye head coach Steve Houghton puts some stock into it.

"If an average person looked at it, there's some value," he said. "But all coaches know, whether

it's based on stars or based on rankings, you never really know how [players] are going to develop when they get here."

Houghton credited Kaegi's high rating to seasoned tournament experience as a junior player — which, he said, is usually a good predictor of a player likely to succeed in college tennis. The 27th-year coach doesn't see any particular weakness in Kaegi's game — but as any coach will tell you, there's always room for players to improve.

"The bottom line is he's already a good player, and it's very likely he's going to be a very good player," Houghton said. "It's not going to come easy. There's a big difference between junior-level tennis and college tennis."

SEE MEN'S TENNIS, 3B

Youth helps serve up Iowa women's tennis team's 8-1 start.

Youth serves well

By Brian Cardile

THE DAILY IOWAN

Two freshmen have helped Iowa's young season off to a great start. Impressive play from Alexis Dorr and Lynne Poggensee-Wei has contributed to Iowa's 8-1 mark, the team's best record after nine meets since 1994.

"We've gotten really good play from the freshmen this year," said Dorr's doubles partner, senior Jacqueline Lee. "I'm definitely impressed so far."

The total number of wins Dorr and Poggensee-Wei have already netted this season (38) surpasses their combined age (37).

"What they've done is impressive, especially for freshmen," Lee said.

Just like the Hawkeyes, both Dorr and Poggensee-Wei have had great starts to their seasons. The hard-hitting Dorr won her first six dual-meet singles matches while spending time at both the No. 3 and No. 4 positions.

"[Dorr] has really stepped up to the plate for us," Lee said. "And for a freshman to crack into the top-three spots is a big deal."

In her first dual-meet singles action, Poggensee-Wei saved her team from what could have easily been its first loss. In that meet (Feb. 16 against Alabama), the favored Hawkeyes

SEE WOMEN'S TENNIS, 3B

Rowing crew more than ready for water

With a long off-season almost over, the Iowa rowing team has high expectations for the season and the first competition over spring break.

By Tim McLaughlin

THE DAILY IOWAN

Not only will they need their tickets, their luggage, and a healthy competitive mindset, the well-conditioned and willing women of the Hawkeye rowing team will also need pieces of paper in hands as they board the airplane.

Spicing it up a bit before the spring season begins, head coach Mandi Kowal, in her 15th year at the helm, is going to allow the women to select who they believe should be in the first boat for opening competition at the Longhorn Invitational March 21-23 in Austin, Texas. With their new authority, the women will be responsible for submitting their lineups as they board the plane.

"Think of it as your boarding pass," Kowal told the team.

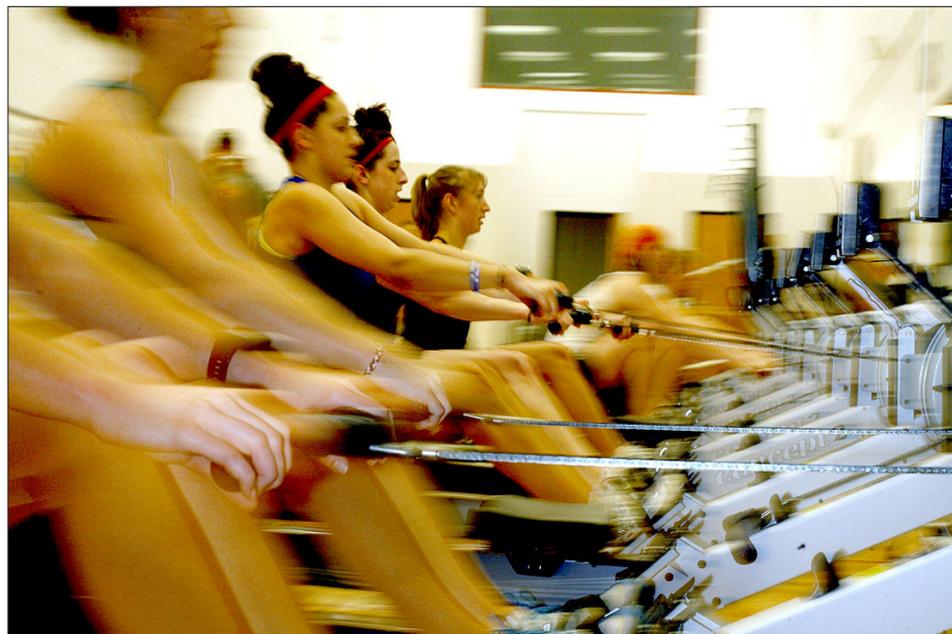
The keen crew, champing at the bit to begin competition, will depart for a 10-day trip on Friday, with the first item on the itinerary being a scrimmage with women of Wisconsin on March 15-16. The team will then have daily practice until the season commences this weekend with the launch of the Longhorn Invitational.

Upon their return from the warm Texas air, junior Laura Kanaris said the team will be more than ready to make the transition from the site of their current daily practice, the Field House, to the Iowa River — where they will row for the remainder of the spring season once all the ice melts. The trip to Texas and weeklong exposure to the water will help make that shift much smoother.

"Rowing on the water is a lot different from rowing on the machines," Kanaris said. "Being on the water helps us mold together as a crew and get our technique perfected."

Maintaining focus and perfecting that technique throughout a long winter training period has been difficult for the crew. So in an effort to aid in that process, Kowal did something each week during the off-season that she has never done before.

"Every week, I picked a boat because I wanted them to know that I don't just roll the dice. This is a process," she said. "This is a year-long selection."



Julie Brayton/The Daily Iowan

Members of the Iowa women's rowing team work on drills during 6 a.m. practice in the Field House on Tuesday. Coming off a long winter break, the Hawks are preparing for their first event Friday in Austin, Texas.

SEE ROWING, 3B

TV TODAY

NCAA BASKETBALL
 • Big East Tournament, first round, Syracuse vs. Villanova, in New York, 11 a.m., ESPN
 • Big East Tournament, first round, Providence vs. West Virginia, in New York, 1 p.m., ESPN
 • Big East Tournament, first round, Cincinnati vs. Pittsburgh, in New York, 6 p.m., ESPN
 • Big East Tournament, first round, Seton Hall vs. Marquette, in New York, 8 p.m. ESPN
 • Pac-10 Tournament, first round, California vs. Washington, in Los Angeles, 8 p.m., FSN
 • Pac-10 Tournament, first round, Oregon Stine vs. Arizona, in Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m., FSN

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SPORTS 'N' STUFF

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. Iowa-Michigan winner, 11 a.m. ESPN
 Game 5- #4 Michigan State vs. #5 Ohio State, 1:30 p.m.* ESPN
 Game 6- #2 Purdue vs. Penn State-Illinois winner, 5:30 p.m.* BTN
 Game 7- #3 Indiana vs. Minnesota-Northwestern winner, 9 p.m.* BTN
Saturday's Games
 Game 8- Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 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

MEN'S NCAA AUTOMATIC BIDS

Austin Peay, Ohio Valley Conference
 Belmont, Atlantic Sun Conference
 Butler, Horizon League
 Cornell, Ivy League
 Davidson, Southern Conference
 Drake, Missouri Valley Conference
 George Mason, Colonial Athletic Association
 Oral Roberts, Summit League
 San Diego, West Coast Conference
 Siena, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
 Western Kentucky, Sun Belt Conference
 Winthrop, Big South Conference

WOMEN'S NCAA AUTOMATIC BIDS

Chattanooga, Southern Conference
 Connecticut, Big East Conference
 East Tennessee State, Atlantic Sun Conference
 Marist, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
 Murray State, Ohio Valley Conference
 North Carolina, Atlantic Coast Conference
 Oral Roberts, Summit League
 Purdue, Big Ten
 San Diego, West Coast Conference
 SMU, Conference USA
 Stanford, Pacific-10 Conference
 Tennessee, Southeastern Conference
 Western Kentucky, Sun Belt Conference
 Xavier, Atlantic 10 Conference

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Boston	50	12	.806	—
Toronto	34	29	.540	16½
Philadelphia	30	34	.469	21
New Jersey	26	38	.406	25
New York	18	46	.281	33
Southeast				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Orlando	41	24	.631	—
Washington	31	32	.492	9
Atlanta	26	37	.413	14
Charlotte	24	39	.381	16
Miami	11	51	.177	28½
Central				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Detroit	46	17	.730	—
Cleveland	37	27	.578	9½
Chicago	26	38	.406	20½
Indiana	25	39	.391	21½
Milwaukee	23	41	.359	23½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	44	19	.698	—
Houston	43	20	.683	1
New Orleans	42	20	.677	1½
Dallas	41	23	.641	3½
Memphis	15	48	.238	29
Northwest				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Utah	42	23	.646	—

Denver	37	26	.587	4
Portland	34	31	.523	8
Seattle	16	49	.250	25½
Minnesota	14	49	.222	27
Pacific				
W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	45	19	.703	—
Phoenix	42	22	.656	3
Golden State	39	23	.629	5
Sacramento	28	35	.444	16½
L.A. Clippers	21	41	.339	23
x-clinched playoff spot				
Tuesday's Games				
Indiana 114, Seattle 107				
Washington 105, Milwaukee 97				
Portland 103, Minnesota 96				
Chicago 108, Utah 96				
Phoenix 132, Memphis 111				
Philadelphia at Detroit, 9:30 p.m.				
L.A. Lakers 117, Toronto 108				
Today's Games				
Houston at Atlanta, 6 p.m.				
L.A. Clippers at Orlando, 6 p.m.				
New York at Miami, 6:30 p.m.				
Cleveland at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.				
Cleveland at Boston, 6:30 p.m.				
Philadelphia at Detroit, 9:30 p.m.				
Utah at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.				
San Antonio at New Orleans, 7 p.m.				
Charlotte at Denver, 8 p.m.				
Memphis at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.				
Toronto at Denver, 9:30 p.m.				

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic		W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
New Jersey	40	24	6	86	180	163
Pittsburgh	39	24	7	85	206	192
N.Y. Rangers	37	24	9	83	186	171
Philadelphia	35	26	9	79	215	201
N.Y. Islanders	32	32	7	71	174	212
Northeast		W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Montreal	39	23	9	87	227	197
Ottawa	39	25	7	85	227	210
Boston	36	26	8	80	184	195
Buffalo	32	27	11	75	211	204
Toronto	31	30	10	72	200	219
Southeast		W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Carolina	37	29	5	79	218	221
Washington	32	30	8	72	203	209
Florida	32	31	8	72	190	200
Atlanta	30	33	8	68	188	235
Tampa Bay	27	35	8	62	197	229
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central		W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Detroit	46	18	6	98	220	155
Nashville	35	28	8	78	206	204
Chicago	33	30	7	73	202	182
Columbus	31	28	11	73	170	202
St. Louis	29	30	11	69	173	201
Northwest		W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Colorado	38	27	6	82	194	187
Calgary	36	23	10	82	195	190
Minnesota	37	26	7	81	187	190
Vancouver	35	24	10	80	185	174
Edmonton	34	31	5	73	195	214
Pacific		W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
San Jose	41	21	8	90	187	166
Dallas	42	25	5	89	212	176
Anaheim	39	25	8	86	178	173
Phoenix	35	30	5	75	185	187
Los Angeles	27	38	6	60	200	234
Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.						
Tuesday's Games						
Colorado 5, Atlanta 2						
Ottawa 4, Boston 1						
Detroit 3, Chicago 1						
Montreal 4, New Jersey 0						
Toronto 4, Philadelphia 3, OT						
Tampa Bay 8, N.Y. Islanders 4						
San Jose 2, Nashville 1						
Edmonton 4, St. Louis 3, OT						
Phoenix 3, Anaheim 2, SO						
Today's Games						
Calgary at Washington, 6 p.m.						
Toronto at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.						
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.						
N.Y. Islanders at Florida, 6:30 p.m.						
Carolina at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.						
Vancouver at Anaheim, 9 p.m.						

Breath of fresh air

By **Brendan Stiles**
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa coach Gayle Blevins knew what she was getting when Chelsey Carmody signed a letter of intent to play softball for the Hawkeyes.

After all, she and her coaching staff had only been targeting the Pacific, Mo., native since her junior year while playing for the St. Louis Chaos of the Amateur Softball Association.

"She had a number of opportunities," Blevins said. "She had a lot of other schools in the Midwest that were interested in her, other Big Ten schools and what not, and we were just very fortunate that we were lucky enough to hang on to her and have her be a Hawkeye."

Nineteen contests into the 2008 season, Carmody has had the type of effort Blevins had been seeking in a lead-off hitter.

In her Hawkeye debut Feb. 15, Carmody went 3-for-4 with a double and stolen base in Iowa's season-opening victory over Western Illinois at the Metrodome Tournament. At weekend's end, she was named to the all-tournament team along with pitcher Brittany Weil.

On Sunday during the Amy S. Harrison Classic in Riverside, Calif., Carmody tied two Iowa single-game records with two triples and four runs in the Hawkeyes' 11-1 victory over Utah Valley State.

She said she was informed about these feats at the airport as the team was traveling back to Iowa City.

"I was kind of taken back," she said. "I didn't really think I'd do anything like that, especially not right off the bat, but it was exciting."

Having started every game for Iowa at second base this season, Carmody has 23 hits in 67



Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

Iowa softball head coach Gayle Blevins talks to fans and members of the press during Iowa softball media day on Feb. 12 in the Kinnick Stadium press box.

plate appearances, leading the team in both categories. Seven of her 23 hits have gone for extra bases, and she is also third on the Hawkeyes with seven stolen bases.

Part of her immediate success, Blevins said, has to do with being a "coachable" player.

"She wants to figure out how to be as good as she can be, and that's such an important quality in a young player," Blevins said. "I think she shows a lot of maturity for a freshman, and she loves it. She absolutely loves Iowa, she loves to play, and it shows itself every time she gets on the field."

The ambidextrous Carmody — she bats left-handed and throws right — has embraced her role on the team as the team's lead-off hitter, something she has been from the season's start.

"It's a great opportunity for a freshman to step up like that," she said. "I enjoy it there, and I feel confident there, because my teammates have told me they're behind me every step of the way."

Not everything has been a piece of cake. She recently

played shortstop, and she made the transition to second base after arriving at Iowa — which she described as "a little tricky."

But Blevins said feels Carmody is showing promise at second base and that the experience will have her ready for when the Hawkeyes open up conference play.

"[Second base] might be the most challenging position on the infield," Blevins said. "There are just a lot of responsibilities that a true second baseman at this level has, and I've been pleased with the progress she has made."

Assuming that she continues to play at her current pace, Blevins isn't hesitant about saying where Carmody would rank with those who have worn the Iowa uniform.

"We knew the talent we had, and then you put that element of coachability and that attitude and desire, you put all that in there, you got a great combination," the coach said. "I think she's on pace with some of the finest young women that have been in this program."

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WOMEN'S HOOPS

Iowa State thrashes Colorado

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Heather Ezell had 25 points, including a Big 12-record seven 3-pointers, to lead Iowa State to a 76-50 win over Colorado on Tuesday in the first round of the Big 12 Tournament.

The eighth-seeded Cyclones, who have won a league-record 19 tournament games, will advance to play top-seeded Kansas State today.

Ezell had 16 points, including four 3-pointers, in the first half, all during the final eight minutes, to turn a 19-16 Cyclones lead into a 39-28 advantage at the break. She finished 9-for-16 from the field, including 7-for-11 from behind the 3-point line to tie Rene Hanebutt's single-game tournament record. Texas Tech's Hanebutt set the 3-point record in 1999.

While Colorado committed 20 turnovers, Iowa State (19-11, 8-9 Big 12) had only five, breaking the tournament record of six set by Baylor in 2002. The Cyclones, who came in averaging 7.5 3-pointers per game, also tied the tournament record for 3-pointers with 14.

Iowa State, playing with a large crowd advantage in Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium, led 60-46 midway through the second half and used a 16-0 run to take a 76-46 lead late in the game.

Jackie McFarland, the Big 12's third-leading scorer at 17.8 points per game, led the Buffaloes (16-14, 5-12) with 21 points.

She and Aija Putnina combined for Colorado's first 14 points and had 23 of the Buffaloes' 28 points in the first half. But Putnina didn't score after that, and McFarland made just six of her points in the second half.

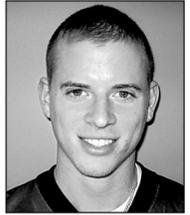
Colorado shot just 39 percent from the field.

Kelsey Bolte had 19 points for the Cyclones, and Alison Lacey added 13 points and 10 assists.

COMMENTARY

Short tournament for Hawkeyes?

Intensity and urgency are what Iowa's hopes are resting on for a Big Ten Tournament title — it will need more than that.



ALEX JOHNSON

At our best, we can beat anybody.

Maybe not the exact words, but that was the message from Seth Gorney, and that's the way the Hawkeyes are thinking come Thursday. Fellow senior Justin Johnson said more intense practices have the Iowa men's basketball team geared for a fierce Big Ten Tournament effort.

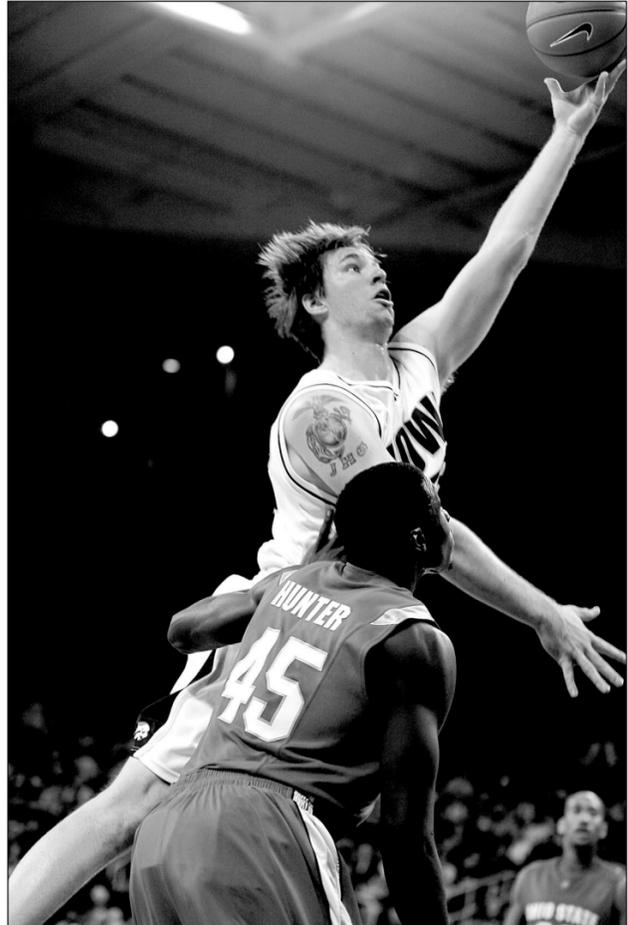
If I were recommending buying or selling that stock, I'd say take some green, because the return on investment is expected to be between 0 and 0.1. I calculated odds of Iowa winning four games — very roughly I might add — and that number is a little bigger. I won't go higher than 5 percent.

For the Hawkeyes, it's a tournament of even more numbers.

It starts at the top with nine.

That's the combined points per game of Iowa's two most significant bench players — Jeff Peterson's 5.3 and Kurt Looby's 3.7. What makes that even scarier is the pair together average 43.9 minutes on the court. That's one-fifth of a point per minute. Yeesh.

After nine, of course, comes eight. "Earning" the eighth seed in the tournament, Iowa's bracket lines it up against a Michigan team that smoked the Hawkeyes in the second half at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The Wolverines are more athletic, and they did something



Lindsey Walters/The Daily Iowan

Seth Gorney attacks the hoop against Ohio State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Feb. 2. Needing to win the Big Ten Tournament to reach the postseason, Iowa will first face Michigan on Thursday in Indianapolis.

Iowa never could — won consecutive games in conference play, taking three straight.

Seven is how many players have regularly been apart of the rotation. I can't imagine playing seven-deep will do well for overall freshness for four games in four days.

Then there's six. Iowa won six conference games out of 18. I know the Hawkeyes are

claiming attitude and intensity, but then again, the Tampa Bay Rays can play with all the intensity they want, a .333 win percentage remains a .333 win percentage, regardless of passion.

And I know this is kind of an aside, but how many times have teams said, "We're going to take it easy"? I come up with a goose egg for that head count. All teams, including .888

Gorney enjoying final season

DI Watch Daily Iowan TV at dailyiowan.com to check out an exclusive feature on 7-foot senior Seth Gorney as he relishes what could be the final week of his Iowa basketball career.

win-percentage teams like Wisconsin, play with intensity and attitude.

Five (technically 5.2) is the average boards per game for the Hawkeyes' leading rebounder, Cyrus Tate. His Big Ten production has been much better — the junior ranks third in the conference at 7.0 per game. I guess that's actually an upside, but Iowa has lost consecutive games on five separate occasions. That includes three separate skids of two games, another of two-consecutive losses, and one wipeout for four-straight to four non-NCAA Tournament teams.

Four is obvious, it's how many games Iowa needs to win to get just one more. It has exactly four days to do it.

Three is for the total number of double-doubles by any Hawkeye individual. Tate had two, and Johnson had one. Three is also the only kind of shot Johnson will make, and maybe the only point value any of his shot attempts could possibly net.

Two is for the number of games I believe Iowa will play.

One, well, is for a lot of things: the number of tournament wins to realistically anticipate, the number of years before Iowa will be in much better position come conference tournament time, and finally, for the number of players on the Iowa roster who are capable of creating their own quality shot consistently (Jake Kelly).

There's not a whole lot left except for zero, which is, of course, the number of

post-conference tournament games Iowa will play in for the second-straight season.

Numbers are not the Hawkeye basketball team's forte — they don't put up a whole lot of them.

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BIJOU THEATER NOW PLAYING MAR 7 - MAR 13:

CONTROL
 Directed by Anton Corbijn
 F-7:00, Sa-5:00 & 9:30, Su-5:00
 M-7:00, T-9:00, W-7:00, Th-9:00
 In CONTROL, Ian Curtis (extraordinarily performed by Sam Riley), the talented frontman for the renowned Manchester band Joy Division, is a person as disturbed as he is talented. Wrought with the emotional turmoil of love, regret, life, and art, he finds aesthetic release in music but can't seem to regain any control of his life.
 "A steady and moving memorial to a man who rarely felt comfortable in his own skin" (Boston Globe)

BILLY THE KID
 Directed by Jennifer Venditti
 F-9:30, Sa-7:30, Su-3:00
 M-9:30, T-7:00, W-9:30, Th-7:00
 Jennifer Venditti's directorial debut BILLY THE KID introduces the world to 15-year-old Billy Price. Billy, later diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome, doesn't fit in very well but is incredibly clever. This vertiginous portrait emerges as not just a look at one young man's life, but as a film that explores the tumultuous and universal experience of adolescence.
 "Billy the Kid is an unforgettable, distressing, riveting snapshot of a boy and his world at high-speed descent into pure impulse that should not be missed." —*Film*

Phenom bides his time

MEN'S TENNIS
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Hailing from Park Ridge, Ill., Kaegi understands his place in the lineup isn't guaranteed. The No. 6 spot has been a revolving door for the Hawkeyes —

Houghton has inserted junior Greg Holm, sophomore Patrick Dwyer, and Kaegi in the last three meets.

One might wonder if vying for a spot which upperclassmen are also targeting would divide the team, but Houghton doesn't see it as being an issue.

"I don't think they begrudge

other guys being in [the lineup] as much as an average person would," he said. "I give them credit for that."

While Kaegi aims high for himself and teammates, he seems ready to respect whatever decision his coach ends up making.

"I want to get in the lineup

because I'm playing well, and the coach believes I can play well, and it's what's best for the team," he said. "But when it comes down to it, you want your team to win."

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Frosh solid for Hawks

Early Returns — Wins by Hawkeye Freshmen

Name	Singles		Doubles	
	Tourn.	Overall	Tourn.	Overall
A. Dorr	3-0	10-2	1-0	9-1
L. Poggensee-Wei	3-0	8-2	3-0	11-1
Total	6-0	18-4	4-0	20-4

WOMEN'S TENNIS
CONTINUED FROM 1B

dropped singles matches at the Nos. 1, 3, and 5 spots, while Poggensee-Wei was locked in a dramatic, three-set scrap. Another loss would have given the meet to the Crimson Tide. But Poggensee-Wei gritted out a 6-3, 1-6, 6-4 victory to secure the win for Iowa.

"The Alabama match that [Poggensee-Wei] helped clinch was a big win," Lee said. "She won a critical match."

The pair has also dominated in doubles. Poggensee-Wei, consistently playing with senior Kayla Berry at the No. 3 position, is 8-1 in dual-meet doubles competition. Dorr, playing at the No. 1 spot with Lee, didn't lose until Sunday at Denver against the No. 49 doubles pair in the country.

"[Dorr] and I have similar styles of play," Lee said. "We set each other up well."

Dorr and Poggensee-Wei came to Iowa last year as part of a recruiting class that head coach Daryl Greenan called "one of the best ever in at Iowa." Dorr was an all-American in high school and was ranked as high as 25th nationally.

Poggensee-Wei is the daughter of two collegiate tennis players. Her mother played for Minnesota, her father at Northwestern. While attending high school in Lake Villa, Ill., she finished fourth at the Illinois State Tournament both her sophomore and senior years.

Both Dorr and Poggensee-Wei have made a successful jump from high-school star to impact freshman. And it's a good thing; the fate of the Hawkeyes' season depends on it.

"[The freshmen] make up a big part of the team," Poggensee-Wei said. "So obviously, we have to step up if we want to reach our goals this season."

"We would like to finish top two in the Big Ten, at least top-30 nationally, and qualify for the NCAA Tournament."

Right now, the 8-1 Hawkeyes are 1-0 in Big Ten play, ranked 36th, and in good position to earn an NCAA berth. The play of Dorr and Poggensee-Wei will help determine whether they finish the season as well as it has started.

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Rowing team to set sail

ROWING
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Evaluating the women on a weekly basis by selecting the eight rowers who will be in the lead boat has seemingly paid off, and the coach is pleased with her new tactic.

"I've seen some improvements in fitness, confidence, and an increase in competition," she said. "There has been some pretty healthy inner-squad competition, and anytime you have that, your team is going to be faster."

With the addition of some young and zealous freshmen,

complemented by a core group of experienced upperclassman, the team has high expectations for the spring.

"My expectation is that we do everything possible so that we are functioning near our 100 percent capability," Kowal said. "Where can we be at our optimum performance and that

involves every single part of our life? Are we up on top of school? Are we up on top of our sleep?"

"We should be taking care of our body, eating and refueling, knowing what our game plan is."

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Tall order for Cyclones

By Luke Meredith
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — It took Iowa State nearly three months to win four games in the Big 12. If the Cyclones want to extend their season beyond Kansas City, they'll have to win four games in four days.

Iowa State, losers of 11 of its last 13, will open Big 12 Tournament play on Thursday when it faces Texas A&M. The 11th-seeded Cyclones (14-17, 4-12 Big 12) would play Kansas State on Friday if they beat the Aggies.

Judging by the Cyclones' performance of late, that's an iffy proposition at best.

Iowa State hasn't won a game away from Hilton Coliseum since Dec. 22, and it sits at a lowly 170th in the NCAA's latest RPI. But second-year coach Greg McDermott saw glimpses of progress last week, which culminated in the

March 8 narrow loss to Kansas State.

Iowa State held Wildcats' freshman star Michael Beasley to 15 points, his lowest output in Big 12 play, and Kansas State coach Frank Martin said that the Cyclones defended his team as well as anyone had all year.

"I'm not sure how many teams could have played with the heart my team played with, especially with the situation we were in," McDermott said after the loss to Kansas State. "There are a lot of really positive signs that are really encouraging for the future of our program. Hopefully we can build on it for what's ahead on Thursday."

Texas A&M can ill afford a loss to Iowa State. The Aggies are, in many ways, the prototypical "bubble team" as far as the NCAA Tournament is concerned. Texas A&M spent much of the season in the top 25 — and was ranked 18th

when they thumped the Cyclones, 69-51, on Feb. 5 — but the Aggies stumbled to an 8-8 finish in the Big 12.

Given a chance to take out No. 5 Kansas in the regular-season finale, Texas A&M got crushed, 72-55, at home. Most pundits believe that the Aggies will still end up with an at-large bid, but that might change if they lose to the Cyclones.

"I think we have had a heck of a year. Our league is second is the RPI," Aggies coach Mark Turgeon said after losing to the Jayhawks. "Texas A&M has had only one win in the Big 12 Tournament, so we're going to go up there and try to double that and then just keep winning."

Barring a miracle run through the conference tournament, Iowa State will miss out on postseason play for the third consecutive season. The program was thrown into upheaval when former coach

Wayne Morgan was dismissed following the 2005-06, and McDermott had to scramble to put together a roster after the majority of the team's youngsters jumped ship.

But the Cyclones have begun to form a nucleus of talented players whose best days should be in front of them. Sophomore Wesley Johnson earned honorable mention All-Big 12 honors despite struggling through a foot injury, and freshman point guard Diante Garrett improved down the stretch.

Forward Craig Brackins will be just the third freshman to start every game for Iowa State when he takes the floor Thursday. He scored in double figures in 10 Big 12 games and figures to play an even bigger role next season.

"We're getting better. We come out and play hard every game, and in every practice we go hard at each other," Johnson said.

Butler heading to NCAAs

By Steve Herman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Just getting into the NCAA Tournament isn't a big deal for Butler anymore.

"We've done a lot so far, but we want more," guard Mike Green said.

Green matched his career high with 24 points Tuesday night, leading the No. 12 Bulldogs to 70-55 victory against Cleveland State in the Horizon League Tournament championship. Butler earned an automatic bid in the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2001. The Bulldogs have made the tournament as an at-large team twice since, but waiting for the selection committee to make up its mind isn't as much fun as getting into the field of 65 like this.

"This is what it's all about," guard Mike Green said.

Butler (29-3) blew a 14-point lead in the first half but pulled away midway through the second half and took control with a 17-3 run while a key Cleveland State player was out with an ankle injury.

"We stuck to our game plan," Green said. "We've been here before. We took everything they could throw at us, and we had the experience to carry it off."

The Bulldogs took a 60-44 lead with six minutes to go on consecutive 3-pointers by Drew Streicher and reserve Zach Hahn.

J'Nathan Bullock, who led Cleveland State (21-12) with 21 points, scored the next five for the Vikings, but they never came closer than 13 points the rest of the game.

Matt Howard added 16 points and Streicher scored a season-high 11 for the Bulldogs.

"We did a much better job in the second half," Butler coach

Brad Stevens said. "We weren't very good in the first half. They did a good job, and we needed to match that intensity in the second half."

The Bulldogs lost in the regional final last year to eventual NCAA champion Florida.

Cleveland State, which split a pair of close games with Butler in the regular season this year, came in as the Horizon's No. 2 seed behind the top-seeded Bulldogs and reached the championship game for the first time. The loss left the Vikings on the NCAA bubble, however, still needing help from the selection committee on Sunday to make their first tournament appearance since 1986.

An NIT selection is more likely, coach Gary Waters said.

"If we go to the NCAA, God is really shining on us," he said.

Waters said the Vikings

came in thinking they could beat Butler.

"We've still got a lot more basketball to play," he said.

"I told our guys to keep their heads up. One game doesn't change your whole season."

Everything went Butler's way the first seven minutes and again for the last seven.

Helped by repeated turnovers by Cleveland State, Butler took a 7-0 lead, widened it to 14-4 on a 3-pointer by A.J. Graves and took its biggest lead of the first half at 20-6 with consecutive 3-point baskets by Pete Campbell and Streicher.

The Vikings held the Bulldogs to two baskets and six free throws over the next nine minutes, however, and pulled within 30-29 on a rebound basket by Cedrick Jackson. Butler built the lead back to five, but Bullock hit one of two free throws, Joe Davis scored and

Jackson hit two foul shots to tie the game for the only time at 34.

Two free throws apiece by Green and Graves gave the Bulldogs a 38-34 lead at half-time.

The Vikings played most of the second half without Jackson, who re-injured his left ankle and left early in the final period.

Waters said that was the turning point.

"When you lose a player like that, it really hurts you. ... If Green would go down in the second half, what would happen to Butler? It took us a while to regroup."

SOFTBALL

Weil earns honor

For the second time this season, Iowa junior Brittany Weil was named Big Ten Pitcher of the Week honors.

Starting three contests for the Hawkeyes at the Amy S. Harrison Classic last weekend in Riverside, Calif., Weil finished with a perfect 3-0 mark. Pitching a combined total of 14 innings, she struck out 23 batters while only giving up three hits, three walks, and one run. Out of her 194 pitches thrown, 124 of them were strikes.

In Iowa's first contest at the tourney against Utah Valley State March 7, Weil and sophomore pitcher Amanda Zust combined to pitch a no-hitter, with Weil pitching

the first four innings while Zust pitched the final three. In her four innings of work, Weil struck out eight while only walking two batters.



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junior

Against Cal-Riverside March 8, Weil pitched a complete game shutout with 11 strikeouts without any walks and only giving up two hits in the contest.

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— by **Brendan Stiles**

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Sports

Ichiro 0 for spring

By Gregg Bell
Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — A swarm of fans six deep crowded around the screen that separated Ichiro Suzuki from the grandstand. "That was amazing," a teenage boy gasped when Seattle's perennial All-Star finished an impromptu autograph session. Ichiro spent 10 minutes exchanging balls and photos through a small opening at a gate one hour before Tuesday's game against Colorado. Eight rows above that scene, in Section N, a senior woman under a large Rockies' sun hat turned to a man two seats to her right. "He hasn't lost his popularity, has he?" she said. No, after the most successful start to a hitting career the major leagues has seen, "Ichiro-san" remains a revered, international superstar. Not even an 0-for-21 start to spring training can change that.



Ichiro All-Star

He has his own, full-time translator employed by the Mariners, Ken Barron. He's still as fresh as in 2001, when he arrived as Japan's first premier position player import. Still as hip as his chic, urban wardrobe of faded jeans, outlandish T-shirts that shrink-wrap his sleek body and shiny gold or silver sneakers.

A marketing initiative in Asia by San Francisco-based Levi's recently produced a limited line of designer jeans for the 34-year-old Ichiro. The 320 pairs reportedly sold out in six minutes.

So what's this? Ichiro is 0-for-spring training?

Yes, Tuesday brought another hitless day. He has the most at-bats without a hit for any player in baseball this spring. It is three short of his longest regular-season hitless streak, in 2005.

So what? It's March. "I don't understand what I need to be worried about," Ichiro said Tuesday through Barron, after a groundout to the pitcher, two lazy flyouts, and a sharp grounder on which sprouting third baseman Ian Stewart robbed him.

Ichiro's feet were propped onto the chair he was sitting in at his locker. His arms were resting on his knees. The look was decidedly unconcerned.

But nothing is ever so-what around this icon of Japan, the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

The pack of two dozen Japanese reporters who follow his every move are holding his breath for his first hit — so much so that Ichiro says he is feeling sympathy from others.

"I am very thankful that people when I am not hitting care so much about this," he said. "I am grateful."

NFL

Woman drops restraining order against Moss

MIAMI (AP) — A woman who obtained a restraining order earlier this year in a domestic violence case against New England Patriots star Randy Moss wants the case dismissed, court records show.

Rachelle Washington, 35, filed papers March 3 with the Broward County Circuit Court clerk's office requesting that the order be dissolved and the case closed. The restraining order had required the All-Pro wide receiver to stay at least 500 feet from Washington.

Moss, 31, has denied he harmed Washington as she claimed at her Florida home on Jan. 6 or that he prevented her from seeking medical attention. Moss did acknowledge there was an "accident" involving Washington, but he would not be more specific.

Moss attorney Richard Sharpstein said Tuesday his client was "extremely pleased" by the outcome. Moss plans to submit a claim to his insurance company for medical bills for services such as X-rays that Washington had for a hand injury, Sharpstein said.

"There has finally been acknowledgment that the injuries were not intentionally inflicted," he said.

An attorney for Washington did not immediately respond to a telephone message seeking comment.

The restraining order was issued Jan. 14 after Washington accused Moss of "battery causing serious injury" in a civil domestic violence case. It came just as the Patriots were making their playoff run to the Super Bowl and angling for an undefeated season, which ended in a loss to the New York Giants.

Days before the AFC championship game, Moss said the claims were "false allegations" and that Washington had demanded a payment of "six figures" before taking legal action. He acknowledged knowing the woman for around 11 years.

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