

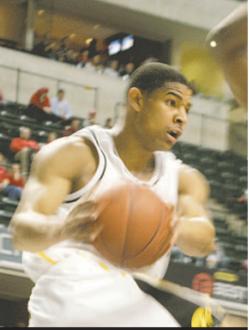
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While a couple of the provost candidates raise a few questions, their colleagues laud them.

By Bryce Bauer and Danny Valentine
THE DAILY IOWAN

Between interviews, public and private, résumé reviews, and dinner discussions, the finalists for the UI's new provost position are five well-screened and highly qualified individuals. And while colleagues, former and current, have mostly positive things to say, not all candidates are unaccustomed to controversy.

Two specific cases stand out: Camilla Persson Benbow for controversial research on sex differences in mathematics and Wallace Loh for a reverse-discrimination suit and distance education.



Read more about the candidates

Benbow's story starts in 1980, when she, along with a colleague, published an article in the journal *Science* that appeared to show that boys achieved substantially higher results on math-achievement tests than girls.

The study concluded "that sex differences in achievement in and attitude toward mathematics result from superior male mathematical ability." Subsequent studies by Benbow continued with this trend, with one showing a 12:1 male to female achievement ratio on high-scoring math-aptitude tests.

That research has been described as creating "a media field day" and elicited a "statement of concern" from the Association of Women in Mathematics when President Bush appointed Benbow, the current dean of education and human development at Vanderbilt University's Peabody College, to the National Mathematics Advisory Panel.

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Pets as foreclosure victims

By Samantha Miller
THE DAILY IOWAN

Lily, a outgoing tri-colored bassett hound, lived a comfortable life with her family. She ate expensive food, slept in the family bedrooms, and even attended doggy daycare. Her friendly nature allowed her to get along well with other cats, dogs, and the two children she lived with, ages 3 and 6. And she got to play with stuffed animals — she loves stuffed animals.

The National Mortgage Crisis

Iowa foreclosure rates
• Sept. 10, 2006 to March 10, 2007 — **2 foreclosures** in Johnson County
• Sept. 10, 2007 to March 10 — **22 foreclosures** in Johnson County
• Iowa has the 39th-highest foreclosure numbers in the nation.
• Iowa saw 473 foreclosures in the February.
Source: Johnson County recorder's website, Realty Trac website

But Lily was forced into a new home in late February — a cage in the Iowa City-Coralville Animal Care and Adoption Center. The chubby hound, who's around 4 or 5 years old, was brought into the shelter because her family's home was foreclosed, animal center assistant Susan Lay said.

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OPEN-ACCESS POLICY

Thesis policy sparks uproar

By Brian Stewart
THE DAILY IOWAN

Master's students in the UI Graduate College have become concerned about the fate of their theses, after a new policy seemingly requires students to sign over publication rights to their works in order to graduate.

The clause, part of a form graduate students must sign when submitting their theses, says the UI Libraries intends to make their work "freely available over the Internet at no cost to the end-user" and available "via search engines such as Google."

Officials declined to say when the open-access policy was expanded to include theses and whether the change came from the Graduate College or the UI Libraries.

Kembrew McLeod, a UI associate professor of communication studies, said the policy presents two main concerns.

"A lot of M.F.A. students don't see their theses as a final project — it's a work in progress, and sometimes writing they might not be as proud of," he said.

The second concern is that students may have issues with future publication; most scholarly journal editors won't accept work that is readily available online.

Graduate student Colleen Kinder, in her third year of the Nonfiction Writing Program, said she plans to revise the language on her form before signing it.

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Ethanol may be harming roads

The production of ethanol is changing the corn-hauling patterns in the state, some say.

By Dean Treftz
THE DAILY IOWAN

Rural roads in eastern Iowa are developing jostling ruts and becoming treacherous for drivers largely thanks to this winter's ice and snow. But an unlikely culprit may also be contributing — renewable energy.

Iowa's rural roads have been bearing the brunt of heavier loads traveling year-round on routes that previously had seen

little traffic, especially outside harvest season. This shift in hauling patterns can be attributed in part to farmers increasingly transporting their yields to renewable fuel plants.

"When you look at it and you look at the cost of putting the plant in there, you don't think about all the truck traffic and how it can wear down — especially county — roads," said Chad Hart, who heads the biorenewables policy division at

Iowa State University's Center for Agricultural and Rural Development.

Previously, farmers would unload their harvest at the local grain elevator, where it would usually be shipped out in rail cars.

"As time goes on, you see the evidence of [ethanol-related wear] a lot more in a lot more places," said Dan Waid, the county engineer for Hamilton County, which has one ethanol plant; there are several in neighboring counties. "We've been trying to cover more area with the same amount [of money]."

SEE ROADS, 3A



Steve Lexa/The Daily Iowan

A rural road in northern Washington County, 140th Street near Highway 218, is shown on Thursday afternoon. It is one of many rural roads suffering from extreme degradation. Many local residents contend that the increasing traffic by heavy trucks is to blame for the poor road conditions, while others say the harsh winter weather is at fault.



State bill would aid workers hit by layoffs

By Shawn Gude
THE DAILY IOWAN

Under federal law, businesses with 100 or more workers are required to notify employees of upcoming layoffs weeks in advance.

A bill in the Iowa Senate — the Iowa Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act — would lower that threshold further, to 25 or more.

“In a small community, it’s a big thing,” said Sen. Dick Dearden, D-Des Moines. “In Des Moines, 100 people get laid off, that happens every day. But in a smaller community, 50 people get laid off, it can really devastate the community.”

The bill isn’t designed to punish businesses, he said; rather, the intent is to encourage companies to contact Iowa Workforce Development in the event of a plant closing or layoffs.

“The big reason I like the bill is that if employers make a lay-off, Workforce Development comes in with rapid-response team and tell the people how to apply for jobs, tell them about the job market, the job opportunities in the area, and anything else the Workforce Development can do,” said Dearden, the floor

manager of the bill. “And really, in the long run, it’s a way to help those folks. It helps the community.”

Dearden is also the chairman of the Labor and Business Relations Committee, which approved the bill last week.

Lobbyist John Gilliland, who represents the Iowa Association of Business and Industry, said the business community is generally receptive to the idea — if additional considerations are met. One such alteration he favors: an amendment Dearden filed Monday that, if approved, would limit the monetary penalties for businesses, prevent employees from suing for their employer’s infractions, and deposit any fine money collected to the general fund of the state.

Gilliland also pointed to one other issue he asserts the bill must address: the time frame employers must notify their workers of an eminent closing or job cut. The lobbyist stressed that affected small businesses may not even know if layoffs will occur 60 days in advance, as the bill stipulates.

“We want to give as much warning as possible when the situations occur, but not be so

Pink slips

SF 2332, the Iowa Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act, would require employers to notify their employees of upcoming plant closings or layoffs. A potential amendment would loosen the some restrictions on the bill.

Original Bill

- Money from fines would go to Iowa Workforce Development.
- Businesses would be fined \$500 for each day of the violation.
- An employee can sue her or his employer for infractions of the act

With amendment

- Money from fines would go to Iowa’s general fund.
- Fines would be reduced to \$100 per day.
- Employees cannot sue.

Source: Iowa Legislature website

punitive on small employers,” Gilliland said. He favors a time frame of around 30 days, he said.

Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville, — who sits on the Labor and Business Relations Committee — said he would consider alterations Gilliland and other business groups favor.

“You don’t want to punish businesses,” he said.

Still, the Democrat said, his main concern is helping those hit with layoffs, not the businesses that give them the pink slips.

With the bill set to hit the Senate floor next week, Dearden said he expects both the amendment and the bill to pass.

Gilliland just hopes by that time, his preferred changes will be in the bill.

“It’s something that business, labor, and the Iowa Workforce Development will have to work together [on],” he said. “We’re just trying to work with everybody involved to make it a better bill before the Senate considers it.”

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METRO

Man pleads not guilty to 5 felony charges

The third man to be arrested for alleged gang activity pleaded not guilty to five felony charges.

Joshua Simmons, 23, was charged on Jan. 4 with first-degree kidnapping, a Class A felony, assault while participating in a felony and willful injury causing serious injury, Class C felonies, and criminal gang participation and extortion, both Class D felonies.

On Dec. 28, 2007, Simmons, along with three other men, allegedly tied a man to a chair with duct tape and beat him, pressuring the man to join their gang, reports said. The man was transported to the UI Emergency Treatment Center for serious head trauma.

Jarrod Lumsdon and Spencer Eicher, who were arrested one week before Simmons, were also charged with first-degree kidnapping, willful injury causing serious injury, assault while participating in a felony, criminal gang participation, and extortion.

The fourth suspect has not been arrested.

A Class A felony is generally punishable by life in prison, a Class C felony is generally punishable by up to 10 years in prison and up to \$10,000 in fines, and a Class D felony is generally punishable by up to five years in prison and up to \$7,500 in fines.

— by Olivia Moran

Sex-abuse trial reset for 3rd time

The trial of a man accused of third-degree sexual abuse has been reset for the third time.

Shawn Krantz, 29, will go to trial on June 9 rather than the anticipated trial date of March 24. He waived his right to a speedy trial on March 6.

Krantz was arrested on March 13, 2007, after he allegedly sexually abused a person staying the night at his house on July 30, 2006. Police allege that the woman woke up to Krantz performing a sex act on her without her clothes on. Krantz then allegedly followed her outside the residence, where she hid and called the police.

His pretrial conference is set for June 9.

Third-degree sexual abuse, a Class C felony, is punishable by 10 years in prison and up to \$10,000 in fines.

— by Olivia Moran

Man pleads not guilty to numerous charges

A Rockford, Ill., man who allegedly led police on a car chase last month pleaded not guilty to a slew of charges.

Corey Fuller, 23, is charged with eluding and a controlled-substance violation, both Class D felonies, OWI and leaving the scene of an injury accident, both serious misdemeanors, and carrying weapons, prevention of apprehension, and interference with official acts causing bodily injury, all aggravated misdemeanors.

Reports said an Iowa City police officer attempted to pull Fuller over on the 500 block of Riverside Drive for a traffic violation when Fuller sped out of the lot, striking an ambulance. He was eventually stopped on Burlington and Johnson Streets, then allegedly led police on a short foot chase before being apprehended, authorities reported.

Officials allege that they found marijuana along with \$3,800 in cash in the defendant’s car. A loaded .45-caliber Colt pistol was found along the route of the chase, reports said.

A Class D felony is generally punishable by up to five years in prison and up to \$7,500 in fines. A serious misdemeanor is generally punishable by up to one year in jail and up to \$1,500 in fines. An aggravated misdemeanor is generally punishable by up to two years in prison and up to \$5,000 in fines.

— by Olivia Moran

Coralville man pleads guilty to domestic assault

A Coralville man accused of striking his pregnant fiancée with a butcher knife has pleaded guilty to a lesser charge.

Tyrone Crosby, 45, was charged on Jan. 30 with willful injury causing bodily injury, a Class D felony, and domestic assault with intent or displays a weapon, an aggravated misdemeanor. Both charges were dismissed.

Crosby pleaded guilty to domestic-abuse assault causing bodily injury/mental illness, a serious misdemeanor. He was ordered to serve 30 days in jail, which he had served in the Johnson County Jail while awaiting trial. He will also pay \$315 in fines, said Quint Meyerdirk, Crosby’s public defender.

Reports said Crosby struck his fiancée numerous times in the left eye and that he used a steak and/or butcher knife to strike her in the neck. The woman had several cuts on her arms and hands, police reported.

Police also said the two have lived together for the past year, that they are engaged, and that the woman was pregnant with Crosby’s child at the time.

— by Olivia Moran

Attempted child abduction reported

Area police are looking for a man who, they said, tried to abduct a 7-year-old girl during recess Wednesday, Coralville Police Chief Barry Bedford said in a release Thursday.

According to reports, a student at Kirkwood Elementary School, 1401 Ninth St., Coralville, was approached and grabbed briefly by a man wearing a ski mask during recess.

She was able to flee to the school. The suspect is described as a white male, tall and skinny, wearing blue jeans and a long-sleeve green shirt and ski mask, possibly with a red coat.

Reports show the vehicle he left in could be a red four-door passenger car or small SUV.

School officials contacted the police about the incident, and the investigation is ongoing, reports show.

Police ask anyone with information about the incident to call the Coralville police at 248-1800.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Woman charged with child endangerment

An Iowa City mother put her 10-year-old daughter in danger when she refused to pick her up from school Wednesday, forcing the girl to walk roughly two miles to her residence, authorities said.

Monica Millbrook, 29, 919 N. Dodge St., was arrested and charged with child endangerment.

As of Thursday, she was not being held at Johnson County Jail.

According to reports, officers responded to Millbrook’s residence and located the 10-year-old, who had walked from Herbert Hoover Elementary, 2200 E. Court St., to the Dodge Street residence — roughly two miles, according to an online

directions site.

Police said Millbrook would not pick her child up and instructed her to walk home, then raised her voice at the girl in front of police, saying, “See what you caused,” reports show.

Millbrook also reportedly said she didn’t want her daughter anymore in the presence of the girl and police. She said she would send the girl to her father, who was recently released from prison, police reported.

Child endangerment is an aggravated misdemeanor, punishable by up to two years in prison and a fine of up to \$6,250.

Millbrook has previously been found guilty in Scott County of domestic-abuse assault without intent to cause injury and violating a no-contact or protective order stemming from two incidents in October 2006.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Iowa Senate passes strict smoking ban

Ignoring the Iowa House’s amendment on Wednesday, the Senate voted Thursday morning for a stricter form of the Smokefree Air Act.

The amendment, which was voted down 27-23, would have exempted bars, restaurants, and other establishments that admit only those 21 and over at the time smoking is allowed.

Staunchly antismoking senators balked at the change, though, and Sen. Staci Appel, D-Ackworth, brought the bill to the floor, confident she had enough votes to break with the House.

“I was very happy,” said Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City. “We worked hard to secure the votes. I’m looking forward to working with the House.”

Bolkcom said he and Appel lobbied other senators to obtain the necessary majority. And after no debate, the amendment was rejected.

Now the House must either accept the changes — which, Bolkcom said, is unlikely — or the two chambers will go into conference over the bill.

The Iowa City senator said he expects the House to confront the discrepancy “fairly directly” — possibly as early as next week.

If the two chambers can’t come to an agreement, the bill will die.

— by Shawn Gude

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POLICE BLOTTER

Bobbie Barkley, 22, address unknown, was charged Feb. 28 with public intoxication.

Kenpal Bryant, 27, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 1602, was charged Wednesday with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and preventing the apprehension, destroying evidence, or obstructing prosecution.

Jane Connell, 19, 2518 Burge, was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

Austin Fischer, 18, Des Moines, was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

Arlene Green, 24, 412 N. Clinton St. Apt. 3, was charged Wednesday with assault causing injury and pub-

lic intoxication.

Megan Greenwood, 20, E406 Currier, was charged Thursday with PAULA.

Sarah Hazelwood, 20, Wilton, Iowa, was charged Thursday with PAULA.

Alex Hopkins, 19, 529 Rienow, was charged Thursday with PAULA.

Christopher Kies, 23, 612 S. Van Buren St. Apt. 4, was charged Thursday with second-offense OWI.

Samuel Lepley, 49, Des Moines, was charged Wednesday with PAULA.

Amanda McCalmont, 19, 212A Mayflower, was charged Wednesday

with PAULA.
Brian Miller, 23, 203 Myrtle Ave. Apt. 113, was charged March 11 with fifth-degree theft.

Hannah Miller, 20, 118 N. Johnson St. Apt. 6, was charged Thursday with PAULA.

Robert Ozzello, 22, 1017 Sixth Ave., was charged Wednesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Megan Renner, 19, 444 Slater, was charged Thursday with PAULA.

Keith Riley, 32, 1667 W. Hemingway Lane, was charged Wednesday with interference with official acts and OWI.

Sean Robinson, 18, 2106 Quadrangle, was charged Wednesday with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

Raames Taylor, 32, 1211 Pine St., was charged Wednesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Ebony Thorne, 28, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 1602, was charged Wednesday with possession of a controlled substance.

Travis Varner, 19, 516 Rienow, was charged Thursday with PAULA and unlawful use of another’s authentic driver’s license/ID.

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

UI thesis ire grows

POLICY

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"The whole point of us coming to Iowa is to have an incubator period in which to experiment, to use feedback to test our approaches — publication is something we absolutely aspire to, but most of us aren't quite ready to commit to that," she said.

John Keller, the dean of the Graduate College, said UI Libraries officials have said in previous meetings they intend to scan all future theses for "electronic archiving."

But University Librarian Nancy Baker said the library does not currently have plans to scan the theses. She declined to comment further.

"There's been miscommunication about this, and we need to be clarifying it," Keller said.

Students with pending patents, publishing contracts, or approved circumstances may be granted a two-year

embargo on the release of their work.

The UI currently submits doctoral dissertations to UMI/Proquest, a national repository of dissertations.

"But most scholars love having their work circulated as widely as possible," McLeod said.

By signing the form, he said, master's students are giving publication rights over to the UI.

"It's not necessarily an infringement, but it's more like coercion that is forcing students to sign away their publishing rights in order to graduate," he said.

Nick Kowalczyk, a nonfiction graduate student, expressed his concerns in an e-mail signed by nine students.

He said his thesis is partially "memoiristic," and he hasn't "gone through it with a fine-tooth comb" to check all the material.

"If it were available on the Internet, I don't know what

kind of grief I would have to endure," he said.

And students who have translated work from another language as their master's projects are facing more serious concerns, said Russell Valentino, a UI associate professor of Russian.

"They don't have English-language rights to anything not in the public domain," he said, noting that students or the UI could be sued. "I don't know who would be liable, but I certainly don't want our writers to get in trouble."

Kinder said that publishing her work prematurely jeopardizes its integrity.

"I want to be wise about when I share my creative work with a wide readership," she said. "If I was going to sign away my rights to what I produced here, I should have been told that when I first got my acceptance letter."

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Hopefuls lauded

PROVOSTS

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Julianna Tymoczko, a UI assistant professor of mathematics, said that while she feels all questions are valid in an academic setting, her main concern was what sort of policy implications Benbow's research could have if they represent her ideological beliefs.

"There is a concern within the department," she said.

Benbow said the intent of the article was to highlight such divisions.

"I couldn't hardly believe it when I looked at the data," she said. "That's the problem — when you do research, you don't always come up with data the way you would like it to be."

In more recent years, she said, the disparity has decreased. Since that time, she has gone on to contribute to scores more articles and book chapters.

Wallace Loh, the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Seattle University, was sued while dean of the University of Washington Law School under allegations of practicing reverse-discrimination. After a drawn-out and well-publicized legal battle, the law school eventually removed ethnicity as a determining factor.

During his stint as dean, he

more than doubled minority enrollment, in part due to the use of ethnicity as a criterion in admissions. At Seattle University, the number of minority faculty members has tripled and women faculty has doubled since he began working there, he said on Tuesday.

Also, while serving as the director of policy for the governor of Washington state in the late-90s, Loh caused commotion among professors when he predicted digital instruction could become a much more important learning tool.

"My view is simple: To pretend that online education has no role in education is false," he said in an interview Thursday.

Despite this, faculty members familiar with his accomplishments and administrative style have called him an enormously skilled administrator.

"You might land on a few people who don't like him, but you'd be hard put to find anyone who says he isn't highly qualified," said Victor Reinking, the chairman of the modern languages and literature department at Seattle University. "He's extremely articulate, and he is able to articulate an institution's needs and visions."

Faculty familiar with the other three candidates also spoke highly of them.

"I like him very much; I think he is an effective leader," said

Tufts Associate Professor Harry Bernheim about Robert Sternberg, the dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at that Massachusetts university.

"I think he did a superb job in an environment where resources are limited," Bernheim said, recalling the work Sternberg accomplished in funding a new building.

Reza Moinpour, a professor of marketing at the University of Washington, also pointed out financial astuteness as a key quality of his school's candidate: Suzanne Ortega.

He said that the vice provost and graduate dean challenges faculty "to do more with no more money." A colleague, sociology Professor Robert Crutchfield, who has known Ortega since graduate school, said, "She is a good person and a good administrator."

Robert Schlauch, an associate professor at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, called colleague and provost candidate Arlene Carney "very loyal."

"I think you will be lucky to get her, and I hope you don't," he said of.

Today, the provost search panel is expected to forward its decision to President Sally Mason for her approval.

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Ethanol may hurt roads

ROADS

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Now, with grains increasingly going to ethanol and biodiesel plants, traffic patterns for those heavy loads have become less centralized and harder on the nearly 90,000 miles of county-run rural roads in Iowa, which were often built for less stress.

"If you think back before ethanol was spread well across the Iowa landscape ... basically, we saw the heavy traffic was around autumn," Hart said. "Now, with ethanol, you have a much more constant stream of trucks."

Because of plants' limited storage capacity, farmers hold on to their corn or keep it in storage facilities and send a steady stream of the previous fall's harvest to plants, Hart said. This can lead to problems for road-construction crews who want to close roads.

More weight on rural roads is a long-term trend, Hart said, but ethanol has vastly accelerated it.

Most of the evidence is largely anecdotal right now. The trend is so new, the Iowa Department of Transportation, in conjunction with Iowa State University's Center for Transportation Research and Education, is still in the process of commissioning a report to assess ethanol's impact on roads, with results expected in around 12 to 15 months.

"A lot of the decisions [on biofuels] have been made before a lot of the impacts" could be estimated, said Duane Smith, who oversees transportation research projects for the center.

Iowa has 42 ethanol and biodiesel plants in operation

right now, with another 18 on the way, according to the Iowa Renewable Fuels Association. Ethanol plants demand 775 million bushels of corn, and the biodiesel plants add another 175 bushels of soybeans.

The ethanol-affected road problem is statewide, but it's more concentrated in northwestern Iowa, with its abundance of ethanol plants, than anywhere else. But this year's bad weather has been particularly harsh in the southern and southeastern areas. Counties without a major city to provide tax revenue, such as Washington County, could have a rough warm-up this year.

Washington County engineer David Patterson is concerned that heavy winter precipitation on top of the long-run, ethanol-related problem of increased wear could make this a hazardous season.

The county has two biodiesel plants, which have recently switched fuels from soybeans to grease. Patterson said while it isn't corn traffic, the two plants create more heavy traffic for the county. Johnson County has no biodiesel or ethanol plants.

The increased load on gravel roads, along with rising rock prices, has caused the county go from spending \$350,000 on repairing gravel roads in 1994 to more than \$970,000 in 2007 and an estimated \$1.34 million in 2008.

Washington County recently passed a \$300,000 levy to pay for the repairs.

"You think about gravel being a hard object, being there forever, but it breaks down," County Supervisor Jim Miksch said.

After ice storms earlier this winter, he said, plows had to

take a fair amount of Washington County's gravel off along with the ice.

"It's going to be hard to tell the difference between a dirt road and a gravel road this spring," Patterson said.

Dennis Berger, who farms near Wellman in northwestern Washington County, said that while he hasn't seen any trucks stuck, he's heard stories from other farmers already and is a little concerned about moving out pigs in the upcoming spring. He added he hopes the county's levy can help the local roads, but he didn't think it would be a fix-all.

"When the frost goes out, [the roads] can really get bad," he said.

The county was declared a disaster area after numerous ice and snow storms, and it will receive Federal Emergency Management Agency aid for infrastructure repairs, but that may not be enough.

Miksch said that while the winter has done much of the immediate damage, an increase in corn production, driven by the ethanol-boosted prices, has contributed.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Iowa's statewide corn for grain production has grown from 1.7 billion bushels in 2001 to 2.4 billion in 2007.

With the levy that will increase rural property taxes, "we're going to go back to some of those same agriculture people," Miksch said.

It's likely they can afford it. The statewide value of that corn grew from just over \$3 billion to almost \$9.5 billion in the past seven years.

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Foreclosure hurts pets

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Lily is a statistic in an unusual trend this season at the area's primary animal shelter. Lay said the shelter normally only gets one or two calls a week during this time a year for people needing to bring in their animals.

Now, it's four or five a day.

"When you're getting evicted, you don't have a lot of options," Lay said.

These numbers are typical during "lease season" — the busiest season — she said, the time in late July when many renters are moving into new places.

But where lease season usually ushers in a younger crowd, the demographic for those bringing in pets has changed, she said — now it is older people with families taking their animals to the shelter.

This is following a national trend in states that have been hit hardest by the home-mortgage crisis, such as California. Some of these places have seen their animal shelters bustling from displaced animals.

Johnson County had 22 foreclosures in the half-year from Sept. 10, 2007 to March 10, according to the county recorder's website. Only two foreclosures were seen during the same time period the previous year. Iowa had 473 foreclosures in February, the 39th highest in the nation, according to Realty Trac, which follows foreclosure and mortgage trends.

Iowa Mediation Services



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Animal-care technician Stacy Dykema of the Iowa City Animal Care and Adoption Center holds Lily's leash on March 8. The center has seen an increase in the number of animals because of more home foreclosures.

employee Ginna Himschoot said people facing foreclosures often re-examine their budgets to see where money can be saved — sometimes large pet-budgets may be the first thing to be cut. In some instances people have removed their pets from their homes in an effort to slash costs, she said.

"There are some hard choices people need to make about expenses," Himschoot said.

Lay said that so far, the animal center has been able to accommodate all of the extra animals, though space has been tight. Only one dog cage is left open on the adoptable side, and the rest of the dog cages are full, she said.

When an animal is brought to the shelter for adoption, it

undergoes a physical and temperament evaluation, said Stacy Dykema — an animal-care technician at the facility. If an animal fails these tests, it is euthanized, she said. She guessed that this is the case for approximately 10 to 15 percent of animals.

Pets may also be euthanized in cases of severe overcrowding, Dykema said.

Lay acknowledged that in instances, such as Lily's, bringing a pet to the center for adoption isn't a welcome choice.

"I'm sure it's very sad for everybody," she said. "Nobody wants to do it."

And as for Lily's owner?

"It sounded like he really loved his dog," Lay said.

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Seeing opportunity in UI's challenges

Provost candidate Wallace Loh discusses 'insurmountable opportunities,' as defined by 'Peanuts.'

By Alyssa Cashman
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI provost candidate Wallace Loh began his speech Thursday afternoon with a reference to the cartoon strip "Peanuts."

He referred to a character's description of challenge as an "insurmountable opportunity."

And so Loh began his speech on the "insurmountable opportunities" facing the UI.

For an hour Thursday, he spoke to an audience of around 20 in the Old Capitol and answered anonymous questions from the audience members. He was the last of five finalists to visit the UI.

Loh is the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Seattle University. Born in China and raised in Peru, Loh moved to the United States nearly 45 years ago.

With an extensive résumé and many ideas about how a university should be run, he outlined the challenges and realities that the UI will have to face.

"The fundamental purpose [of a public university] is to create a future that will make life better for the citizens of that state," Loh said.

He presented four realities that universities must deal with — economic, demographic, political, and globalization.

In terms of economics, Loh said of UI must deal with



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UI provost candidate Wallace Loh listens to a question during public symposium in the Old Capitol on Thursday. Loh is a professor and the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Seattle University.

decreasing investment by the government in higher education. The biggest problem is that universities are now starting to become subject to market forces as they become more and more privatized, he said.

"Can we fulfill our public purpose if increasingly subjected to market forces?" Loh asked. "We're deluding ourselves if we think it won't affect us."

A "demographic revolution" also places demands on universities which Loh says must be met.

"In 30 years, there will be no minorities," Loh said.

"[Immigrants] are the future of this state."

Switching gears, he also reflected on the political issues facing the UI.

"One of the jobs of a provost is to reframe the conversation between legislators and faculty," he said.

He emphasized the need for state officials and university officials to work together toward the common goal of improving teaching and learning.

Finally, he touched on globalization, saying the UI needs to be a "university without borders."

Wallace Loh

- Born in China, raised in Peru
- Undergrad degree from Grinnell College in psychology
- Master's in psychology from Cornell University
- Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Michigan
- Law degree from Yale Law School
- Dean of the University of Washington law school in 1990
- Academic-affairs vice chancellor and law professor at the University of Colorado in 1995.
- Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in 1999 at the Seattle University

Loh himself is the product of international forces, from his upbringing to his fluency in English, Chinese, French, and Spanish.

Loh concluded his speech with an old Chinese story. An old man sends his children out to dig for a treasure that doesn't exist. But because the children dig up the soil, the next harvest was bountiful.

"I want to go out into the fields of Iowa and dig with you to improve the University of Iowa," he said.

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Going green for Palm Sunday

Some local churches will use eco-friendly palms on March 16, and church officials hope the idea catches on.

By Lauren Skiba
THE DAILY IOWAN

The recent warm weather isn't the only thing turning this spring green. This weekend, a couple Iowa City churches will convert their Palm Sundays into a more eco-friendly worship service.

"Our deacon has been really instrumental in leading the charge here," said the Rev. Rudolph Juarez, the pastor at St. Patrick's, 435 S. Linn St. "He's been helping us out in terms of becoming greener."

This will be the first year the service will use organic palms, he said, and even though they are more expensive than regular palms, it's definitely worth the extra expense.

"It's always going to take a little more to get the ball rolling to becoming greener," Juarez said.

He is hopeful that demand might bring the prices down in the future, he said.

But so far it doesn't look like the demand for eco-palms is rising very much. Of 18 churches in the Iowa City area, only two are using the palms, a *DI* survey shows.

"I don't think it's going to get more popularized," said Ross Helgevold, a secretary at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 123 E. Market St. "If you're interested in doing things differently, it's a good thing, but it's just a small gesture."

Juarez hopes differently. Since St. Patrick's was hit by the April 2006 tornado, he said, it is important for the church to do more to help the environment.

"If you look at the way things are going globally and with global warming, it's important for us to take care of our natural habitat the best we can," he said.

Helgevold ordered the eco-palms from an organization called the Lutheran World Release, which Gloria Dei and other churches support. The palms Gloria Dei ordered are harvested in Mexico, and the eco-palms also come from Guatemala, where they are grown in a "sustainable way."

That style of growing creates less waste and protects species that dwell in the palms. It also provides direct business for the harvesters, according to the their website.

"I kind of believe the rhetoric that palm celebration leads to deforestation, and so if this is done sustainably, then I do think that's better," Helgevold said.

And both churches believe that these small gestures will eventually have a big effect on the environment.

"Everybody has to do a little something," Juarez said. "And when everybody does a little something, it will become a big something."

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Tough times for research

Researchers see no end to National Institutes of Health funding trouble. They must keep young people interested in research or risk losing a generation of scientists, some say.

By Zhi Xiong
THE DAILY IOWAN

Scott Schachtele knows he wants pursue research. The sixth-year graduate student, who studies neuroscience, sees two choices: working in academia or for private industry.

But because of escalating competition for dwindling federal research money, not all young scientists are so enthusiastic about their career choice.

Since 2004, the National Institutes of Health has flatlined at around \$28 billion in funding. Adjusted for purchasing costs, the nation's scientists are looking at a shrinking pot of money.

Fierce competition has ensued, and some potential scientists are abandoning the research track, said Michael Artman, a professor of pediatrics. Efforts now go to keeping young scientists interested in research and teaching them how to survive a more competitive environment.

"They know it's already a difficult journey," Artman said. "If they're not able to get research grants, then they've invested a lot of time and effort for nothing."

Artman is the principal investigator for a mentor project that began in 1990 under the NIH. The university announced Tuesday that the pediatrics department received a \$2.1 million grant, renewing the program for another five years.

The "Molecular and Cellular Research to Advance Child Health" award comes from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. It teaches new professors and physicians basic research skills, such as using molecular

biology and genetics to study diseases, and the art of getting their own grant money.

Fred Lamb, a former trainee, or "scholar," stayed at the UI and became a professor in pediatrics himself. In 1994, the program created a sort of cocoon in which he developed research skills.

"It gets your feet on the ground without the pressure of getting that grant tomorrow," said Lamb, who is now a mentor for pediatrics Assistant Professor Robert Roghair.

Schachtele, a graduate-research assistant, said he has experience applying for grants because his mentor, biology Professor Steven Green, made his trainees apply for external funding.

While federal grant money is tight, Schachtele said, awards from private groups such as the American Heart Association, which once gave him an award, boost research funds.

Still, those awards are generally smaller and run out quickly, Schachtele said. He got \$48,000, which was enough to cover his tuition and living stipend from 2005 to 2007.

Based on the current political situation, the future of scientific research is uncertain and tinted with an element of fear, said Clark Stanford, associate dean of research in the UI College of Dentistry. He believes the UI's strength is in interdisciplinary research, which generates funding.

In fiscal 2007 the UI received more than \$12 million — the most out of 124 schools — from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, another NIH entity.

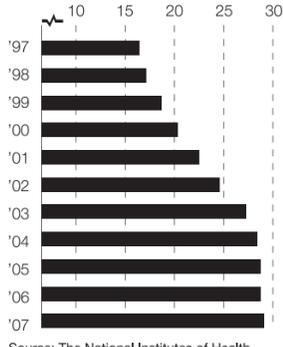
Jeff Murray, a professor of neonatology, pulled in nearly half

Research woes

Around the turn of this century, the United States was at the apex of medical research. Since 2004, funding at the National Institutes of Health has flattened out.

Increase in budget

National Institutes of Health budget in billions of dollars



Source: The National Institutes of Health

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of the money with his work on cleft lip and palate. It illustrated the importance of working with scientists from different departments, Stanford said.

"It's not just individual fiefdoms anymore, which used to be common in research," he said.

Still, the average age at which a researcher receives her or his first major grant for independent work continues to rise. One could be 42 years old before starting a lab, Stanford said.

Schachtele said he was unaware of the situation as an undergraduate. He heard from colleagues that he could get his first major grant soon after becoming faculty at a university.

"If I were to follow the academic track — which I may or may not do — it could take six years or so," he said.

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Bush pushes for farm-bill action

By Mary Clare Jalonick
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WASHINGTON — President Bush is urging Congress to keep current farm law for another year if lawmakers can't agree by April on a new bill to extend farm and nutrition programs — which is a possibility, given that congressional negotiations have stalled.

Bush said on Thursday that he will sign a one-month extension of the existing farm law passed by both chambers Wednesday, pushing expiration to April 18. The 2002 law originally expired Sept. 30; it has been extended repeatedly.

The president said lawmakers should stop relying on such short-term fixes and approve at least a one-year extension if it expires without a new law in place.

"I believe the government has a responsibility to provide America's farmers and ranchers with a timely and predictable farm program," Bush said in a statement.

The Bush administration has threatened to veto both the House- and Senate-passed versions of the five-year legislation that would provide \$286 billion to expand farm and nutrition programs such as food stamps and farmer subsidies. The administration contends that both chambers used tax increases and

funding gimmicks to pay for the bills, and lawmakers are scrambling to find new ways to finance the legislation.

House and Senate leaders have urged the two agriculture committees to finish the bill, but political pressure to produce the legislation has not been as strong as in the past. Prices have reached record highs for many crops, and many farmers would be pleased with an extension of current law.

Still, farm-state lawmakers say a new bill is necessary for the rural areas they represent. There may not be as much money to write a bill next year and the impact of a new president is unclear, especially if fiscally conservative Republican John McCain wins the post. The new legislation also includes more money for certain crops, increased dollars to protect environmentally sensitive land and new benefits for fruit and vegetable farmers.

Bush iterated Thursday that he will veto a bill that does not include stronger limits on government subsidy payments to wealthy farmers. The administration has suggested that no payments should be made to

farmers who have an average yearly gross income of \$200,000 or more, but the House and Senate bills set those limits much higher.

Members were hoping to have agreement on the legislation before Congress heads home for a two-week recess at the end of this week. But progress has been slow.

The process has been complicated by the absence of House Ways and Means Chairman Charlie Rangel, D-N.Y., who was hospitalized with the flu last week and has not yet returned to Washington. Rangel and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., have been charged with finding extra money for the bill.

Lawmakers have also disagreed on who has control over the legislation. Baucus and Iowa Sen. Charles Grassley, the top Republican on the finance panel, want their committee to control some farm programs along with finding the money for it. But Senate Agriculture Chairman Tom Harkin, D-Iowa., has said his committee should have total control over the bill.

Hawkeye drug use low

Hawkeye athletes with positive drug tests must complete eight-week course.

By Ashton Shurson
THE DAILY IOWAN

Despite what seems like an increase in athletes' drug arrests this past year, annual drug testing reveals low positive results once again.

At Thursday's UI Presidential Committee on Athletics meeting, UI staff member Sandra Gannon and Marvin Sims, a sports counselor in the sports medicine department, reported that only 1 percent of Hawkeye athletes tested positive for drugs.

In 2007, 940 drug tests were given at least once for all players, and some athletes were randomly tested throughout the year. The tests check for street drugs, steroids, and masking agents, Gannon said. The costs

for the program have remained stable over the years, she said.

"Our program promotes fairness and safety of all athletes," she said.

If an athlete tests positive, he or she must undergo counseling for eight weeks. The program focuses on prevention, education, and deterrence, Sims said. The athletes also take many tests to determine whether the drug use is habitual or a random occurrence.

A student-athlete must also pass tests or he or she will have to stay in the program for a longer amount of time.

While it's clear what steps should be taken if a student is caught using steroids or marijuana, Sims said, officials are working on what specific strategies to use for alcohol use.

Working on what to do for alcohol is the goal for the 2008-09 school year, he said.

The frequency of PAULAs given out downtown makes it harder to assess an athlete's alcohol use when he or she receives a PAULA, Sims said.

"Our focus will remain on the health and welfare of the students," he said.

Betsy Altmaier, the school's Big Ten and NCAA representative, said the university's drug-testing program is the most rigorous in the Big Ten. The school has the best counseling, as well, she said.

"I can't begin to tell you how much we stand out in the Big Ten in terms of testing," Altmaier said.

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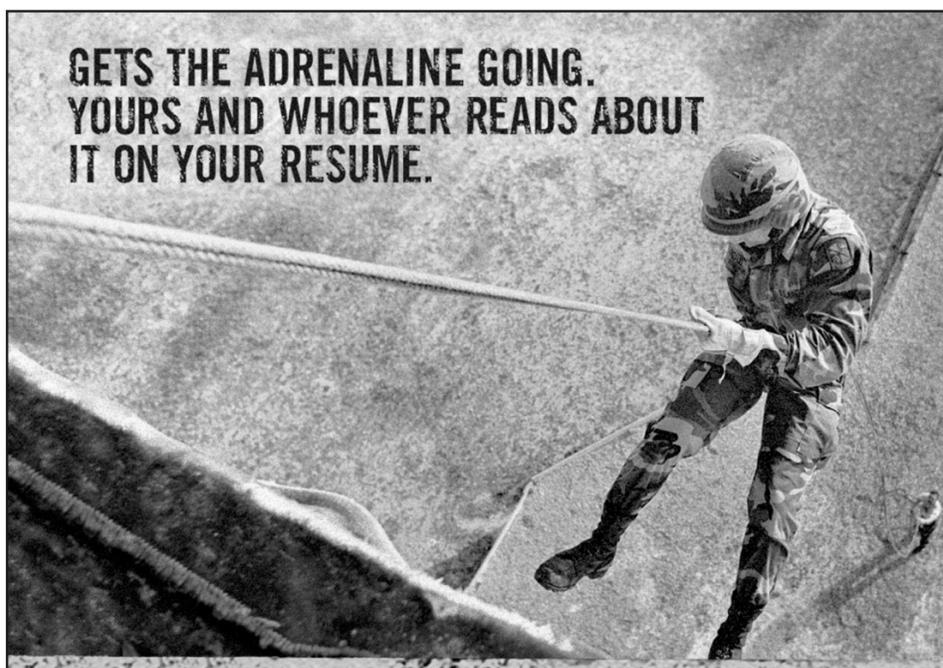
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Editorial

Ground control to FCC: Rethink all-digital TV

On Feb. 17, 2009, every television station broadcasting in the country will switch over from the old analog signal to a digital signal. Channel after channel of static will be created; a sea of open frequency, and with this transformation comes opportunity, according to the Federal Communications Commission. Because of the digital signal's ability to penetrate walls and travel long distances, it makes an ideal carrier for data, especially the Internet. Rural areas with little or no online access could benefit greatly from this, and tech companies will profit from the next generation of unlicensed portable wireless devices that consumers will begin gobbling up to access these "white spaces."

While the FCC is happy about these changes in the unlicensed spectrum, it is really licking its lips at the other effect that digital conversion will have on all those invisible waves flying over our heads in the licensed spectrum. Typical unlicensed devices range from garage-door openers, wireless phones, and keyless entry gadgets, but the FCC steps in with licensing for more significant items. Ever attentive for any situation where revenue lurks (it is, after all, a government agency), it is in the midst auctioning off a portion of the newly freed spectrum to the highest bidder. Such companies as AT&T, Google, Verizon, and hundreds of others are scrambling to shell out big bucks for what is essentially very expensive air, with \$20 billion expected to flow into the treasury as a result.

But there is a problem. It seems that these white spaces that the FCC is not auctioning, the frequencies available for unlicensed devices, don't play nice with digital-television signals. Sixty wireless heart monitors at Baylor University stopped working when a nearby Dallas television station began broadcasting in digital. Last year, the FCC tested a Microsoft-built device that was designed to block digital-signal interference from unlicensed devices. The dry run was aggressively hyped in the tech world, and the device failed miserably, which worried broadcasters that have invested heavily into the upcoming digital conversion.

The federal government is spending up to \$1.3 billion in consumer subsidies for analog-to-digital converters, \$1.3 billion that will have been wasted should these unlicensed devices ravage the new digital signals being used by broadcasters. But as broadcasters would point this out, tech companies poised to expand their markets would cry foul over the effect on net neutrality and public air space should these devices be barred by the FCC. Whatever the decision, whatever its effect, it is becoming evident that the FCC is guilty of poor planning. The time, effort, and taxpayer dollars invested in digital conversion are wasted if the aspect of interference is not accounted for. This could have been seen miles away, had the FCC not been so focused on the billions of corporate dollars just within its reach. If the commission wants to avoid a total breakdown in the form of a pissed-off public and a disadvantaged private sector, it will solve this problem before proceeding any further.

Letter

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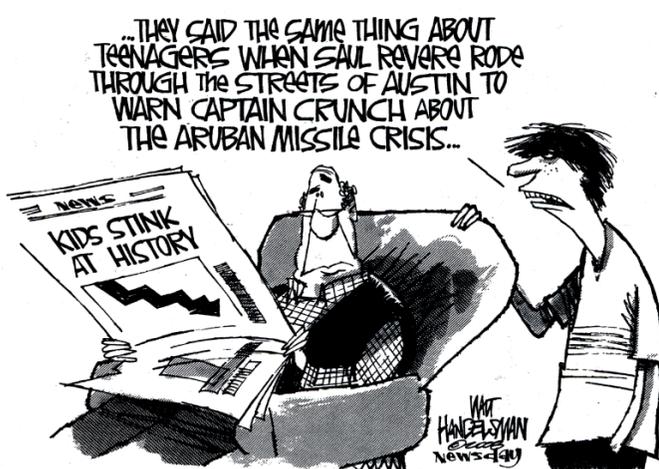
I was interested to read Terry McCoy's article "Keep the Faith?" (DI, March 11). Like Brad Prowant, I was raised devout Lutheran, abandoned the faith in college, and became a religious-studies major, immersing myself in the existential thought of Kierkegaard and Nietzsche. It was my academic study of religion that led me to Iowa City, where I joined the UI's School of Religion to study theology and ethics. During a party in graduate school, I overheard a professor declare that those who adopt new belief systems "will always return to the faith in which they were raised." It was never clear to me how deeply he believed this or whether it was just casual party banter, but I often have mused upon this statement.

I completed my studies with a master's degree because I realized I was confusing an academic pursuit for spiritual quest, and I didn't want that for myself. Nearly a decade later, I began studying with

Acharya Dawa Chhodak Rinpoche, and I have been a practicing Buddhist ever since. Since taking my vows four years ago, life has been terrifyingly brilliant. I continue to learn about brutal self-honesty, humility, seeking more heart in myself and others and to find courage to act with honesty and kindness. At a young 38, I have no doubt in the longevity of my Buddhist path; a return to the Lutheran faith is not in the cards.

I write not to disparage Western religion or promote my own beliefs, but rather to commend those who "question and seek" in our difficult climate. McCoy's article notes this trend for seeking something "other." I write this to incite those who seek greater meaning and the courage to make a difference. May we all be brave enough to find our way to a brighter and kinder place.

Kristin Baum
UI staff



The View From The Corner

In the corridors of power

Faculty members are vaguely aware that students have been politicking and voting — maybe they caught something in this very paper about UI Student Government elections, candidate slates with funny names, debates, online balloting; or maybe they heard about it from students who had to rush from class to campaign meetings.

Students are probably unaware, however, that faculty members are voting, too. These are under-the-radar elections. We could brag that faculty electoral response tends to be better than student turnout; typically, fewer than 6,000 students, something like 20 percent, vote over two days in UISG elections, whereas 30 to 40 percent of College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are likely to do their online thing. But they give us 12 days to get around to it. We're slow.

The Faculty Senate elections are lightning fast by comparison; somehow I got nominated and then elected for next year in the space of a couple of weeks. I didn't campaign; I didn't even tell anyone I was running; I have no idea how any of this happened.

Faculty candidates don't politick in public; it's considered unseemly. For some faculty committees and councils, though, nominees who deign to accept the honor (or perhaps it's a curse — if called upon to run, one never quite knows whether it's friends or enemies putting forth these names) are asked to provide statements.

Reasonable people straighten up and get serious at that point, explaining how their experience qualifies them to be on the Graduate Council or the Educational Policy Committee or Executive Committee.

I once, somehow or other, landed on Educational Policy Committee for two three-year terms, back when Fred Antezak was associate dean and led the meetings. They were amazingly constructive and fun. Fred's gone off to be a dean at a college in Michigan, where I'm sure he continues to lead meetings that are constructive and fun. This round, I got nominated for Executive Committee and decided, what the heck, to accept. With apologies to National Public Radio — and because I've discovered students don't listen to NPR, I have to explain that the reference is to a regular feature called "This I



JUDY POLUMBAUM

believe" — I wrote my campaign platform as follows:
I believe strongly in the centrality of a liberal education — in breadth as a context for depth. I believe in a student-centered university, but not in pandering, to students or faculty. I believe in making exceptions to rules when the rules unreasonably constrain; I also believe in having a predictable structure for decisions and actions and revising the guidelines as real-world considerations require, without ever setting aside ideals. I believe in answering well-intentioned e-mail and phone messages.

I believe this university operates largely on the backs of dedicated staff, and we should never forget that. I believe in starting the morning with NPR and ending the day with the *New York Times* (seldom time to read it any earlier). I believe in battling bureaucracy and foolishness and in being as constructive and reasonable as possible. I say what I think (sometimes to my own detriment). I will serve if called upon (as usual, and again, sometimes to my own detriment).

My statement was already posted when I learned my boss was in the running for the same seat. Then I started to feel competitive. How humiliating it would be if he beat me!

I did double-check what the committee does. Its role, says the liberal-arts school's policy manual, is, "To confer with and assist the Dean in the formulation of collegiate administrative decisions and judgments." There's a list of items it regularly addresses; also, its business may include, "To conduct such other business as may be assigned to it, except that it shall not assume or be asked to assume authority on any matter clearly delegated elsewhere."

I began to wonder: Why are these elections so low-key? It's said that battles in academia are so fierce because the stakes are so low. Might it be that faculty elections are so lame because the stakes are so high? Could it be that Executive Committee members, toothless as they appear, in fact wield vast (if secret) powers?

To be ready for any eventuality, I'm expanding my platform. Thus: I believe in reverse alphabetical order, so the A's don't always get to go first.

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On the Spot

Do you know anyone who watches analog TV?



"No."

Kevin McGurk
UI junior



"I just get local channels. They don't come in very well."

Adam Filarski
UI junior



"My Nana. That's the only person I know that does."

Jackie Alamillo
UI sophomore



"No. My Grandpa, maybe."

Erin Leigh
UI freshman

Vagabonds

There's lots to do after graduation. Just ask my friend Zach Kmiec, who picked up his bike last October and hasn't looked back. Except for getting caught in New Orleans for a few months (that happens to everyone), it's been pure pavement and bicycle touring. I was able to catch up with Zach and find out how his travels were faring. Here is the last, edited correspondence received from the UI's own 23-year-old heady traveler.

Zach got into bicycles through the assembly route. His mom landed him a job at a local Madison bike shop and after "spending all day putting bikes together and hanging out with bike geeks, then biking home or going on a lazy, beery group ride," he just fell for it. He came back to Iowa and after failing to find a shop that was hiring he joined the Bike Library, where he was able to continue working on bicycles.



JOHN LARUE

Bike touring isn't for everyone, but neither is the 9-to-5 job market. He needed something different after graduating and decided on the open road after "thinking about two good friends of mine who had forsaken academia to find their own paths. They were traveling all over the country, having real experiences, living off the fat of the land — you get the idea. I was in some dorm room trying to avoid doing real work, jealous of their vagabonding."

Of course, cycling isn't the only alternative route to "real-life" alternatives, but Kmiec chose to travel on two-wheels, because "going so slow is like zooming in on every detail; instead of big cities being the relative points of interest, individual counties become important. It's a good way." Anyone whose ever MapQuested a road trip knows that it takes a load of effort to encourage your computer to give you any route that doesn't involve an interstate or superhighway. It's nice to get away from the superfast. Besides, traveling in a car usually requires a bankroll — a bankroll lots of people don't have right now.

Money is a big problem for about everyone at present. So it was sort of a shock when I got this e-mail from him and found out he was still getting by without any financial problems. However, when you're not shelling out a monthly rent check, lots of things fall into place. While in New Orleans, he "worked for a little more than a month, flipping eggs and selling chocolate (two different jobs, mind you), and that got me pretty much set for the next leg of the trip. All my expenses were food-related. Peanut butter, peanut butter, peanut butter."

It hasn't all been easy going. America isn't exactly designed to accommodate vehicles rolling along at less than 20 mph. However, Tennessee has 7-foot-wide shoulders that are pretty nice when cars are zooming by at 65 mph. This made for a nice scenic route into his current abode, New Orleans. And aside from a Shell Oil refinery that looks like "the opening scene of *Blade Runner* and lots of shotgun "Creole Cottages," the culture shock has been mild. He's slept in farmers' fields and on porches, couches, and a rooftop.

That's where his journey has brought him thus far, but his adventures are not over. When I asked him where he thought he'd end up, he wrote back, "I'm headed for Georgia, apparently. Athens has been my imagined destination since I hit the road back in October. I've never had a reason for this other than I like the sound of the name and its location on the map. Recently, though, I've heard that there's a guy there who looks like me, so y'know ... now, that's why I'm going there."

It's important to realize that not everyone has to dive headfirst into the job market right after school. You're done. Enjoy it before you enter the cubicle farm. What's the hurt in taking a few months off to enjoy the fruits of your academic labor? ■

DI columnist John LaRue bought Zach a spork, which is a combination of a spoon and a fork. E-mail him at: john-b-larue@uiowa.edu



Before skipping town for warmer weather, tune your dials to KRUI 89.7 for "80 Hours on Air" today from 5-6 p.m. The leading ladies of the Arts section will play and discuss songs from the artists playing Iowa City over break, including the Ataris, Houston Calls, Sherwood, and Leslie Hall.

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TOP-FIVE THINGS TO DO DURING SPRING BREAK

Everyone's no doubt jazzed for a lovely week off, whether chillin' at home or soaking up rays as some lame drunkard accosts you on the beach — but if you haven't yet decided on your warm-weather plans, *DI* reporter Brigid Marshall has compiled a list of various activities that may or may not be traumatizing.

1. Go home — You can run into all your high-school classmates, have many an awkward conversation about life goals and an explanation of what you've been doing in under one minute.

2. Stay in Iowa City — There's nothing quite like being in a college town without any other college students.

3. Head south — Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Vallarta, Cancún, whatever — it's hot, and there's a lot of hot people around you.

4. Quality time with family — Whether you head to your family cabin or stay in the house you were raised in, spend time with your clan before you bust out the door and out of their lives forever — or at least for the next three months.

5. Play catch up — Midterms might be over and done with, but now you have to prepare for pending doom, I mean, finals, before getting a summer job or landing a foothold inside the door to a career.

Taking a break for music

It's spring-break time, y'all. You know what that means — being too broke to afford to go anywhere. Don't worry, though. As our Break Extravangaza calendar illustrates, there are plenty of things to do to keep your interest right here in IC.



TONIGHT
Sherwood Forest was, according to legend, the locale in which Robin Hood and his band roamed about redistributing wealth, as any fan of everything from Disney's animated classic to *Men In Tights* knows.

The band Sherwood may not be a fan of theft, but the members do know a bit about working with limited funds. And hey, their tunes are pretty merry to boot.

"On our first tours, we sold records at malls during the day to make enough money to continue touring while we promoted our show in town that night," lead singer Nate Henry said. "It was exhausting."

"The Get Up Kids meets Mineral meets Further Seems Forever," the band originally cited as its influences after forming in 2002. Add to that a healthy dose of pure pop sensibility à la the Beach Boys, and one starts to get a sense of the ear candy found on the group's latest full-length, *A Different Light*.

"I try to write songs people can like the first time they hear them," said Dan Koch, the guitarist and

CONCERT
Sherwood with Houston Calls, the Higher, We Shot the Moon
When: 6 p.m.
Where: Picador, 330 E. Washington
Admission: \$8 advance, \$10 door

backup vocalist for the band, who's also responsible for the lyrics. "But I also make sure that the way we arrange everything instrumentally makes each song enjoyable and interesting so people don't get stuck after a few listens."

The sweet sounds of Sherwood provide a upbeat start to 2008's spring break tonight at the Picador, 330 E. Washington St., in an all-ages billing alongside Houston Calls, the Higher, and We Shot the Moon.



FRIDAY MARCH 21
Leslie Hall has built a career on reinventing "cool" things written off as "lame" eons ago. Hideous sweaters festooned with rhinestones. Lamé pants. Ames. (Just kidding, Ames natives.)

After building an insanely successful Internet celebrity through years of her "Gem Sweater" project at lesliehall.com and numerous YouTube music videos ("Gold Pants Lullaby," for example, described simply as "Love and passion for gold pants"), Hall has now transitioned to live music performance. She and her all-girl backing band, the LY's, will perform March 21 at the Picador.

The self-described "cutting-edge lady rapper from Iowa" came to Iowa City almost a year ago, gem sweaters and all, and spoke to the *DI* about the passion for performing that keeps her on a stage, be it virtual or otherwise. "If I were an Internet celebrity for painting portraits of people's pets, I'd be doing that. However, it happens to be the gold pants and the lady jams that keep me in today's teenage dreams."

CONCERT
Leslie and the LY's with Grism
When: 6 p.m.
Where: Picador,
Admission: \$7



SATURDAY MARCH 22
CONCERT
Kris Roe of the Ataris with Plunket, Four Word Cause, and Backdrop
When: 5 p.m.
Where: Picador,
Admission: \$10 advance, \$12 at the door

Kris Roe wants to be known for more than just being the blond-haired punk who covered Don Henley's "The Boys of Summer" with his band, the Ataris. Roe is touring college campuses and other small venues throughout the country over the next couple months, playing full acoustic sets of the Ataris' second album, *Blue Skies, Broken Hearts ... Next 12 Exits*, released in 1999 and featuring high-school anthem "San Dimas High School Football Rules." The singer will play the Picador on March 22 at 5 p.m.

"The Boys of Summer" rocketed the Indiana band's 2003 major label debut *So Long, Astoria* to No. 24 on the Billboard charts.

But following the success of that album was difficult, and the Ataris didn't release another record until 2007's *Welcome the Night*, which received mixed reviews from fans and critics alike. The album departed from the Ataris' straight-up shredding punk, and instead presented a Killers-like compilation of tracks featuring buzz guitars and dark, distorted vocals.

While the tour is being touted as a full run-through of *Blue Skies, Broken Hearts*, it has been rumored that Roe also plays a few popular tracks from *So Long, Astoria*, including the title track and "In This Diary."

MONDAY MARCH 17

"All of our St. Patrick's shows have been a blast, but this one might even be better," the Yacht Club's website enthuses. All the necessary components are certainly there — green beer, doors opening at 7 a.m., and plenty of drinkin' music running from 3 p.m. till close. Featured artists include Celtic rockers the Vandom Arms, Hunab, Dr. Z's experiment, Kinetix, Homemade Headtrip, Say When, and Jesse White.

TUESDAY MARCH 18

You know how the *DI* is always running ads for the Yacht Club's Tuesday night dance parties? Maybe this time you should actually go. Cover doesn't get charged until 11:30 p.m., and you can dance away all the calories from the green-beer extravaganza of St. Pat's.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 19



The number of bands that have successfully survived the defection of an original lead singer are few and far between. Van Halen. Genesis. AC/DC.

Bedlight for Blue Eyes may not be on that same iconic level yet, but surely remaining viable after the addition of current lead singer Dan Rinaldi last year is a mark in the band's favor. The New Jersey pop-rock quintet will play the Picador on Wednesday for an all-ages show alongside opens the High Court, Asteria, and Give Away the Plot.

Formerly a band that favored more screaming in its tunes, Bedlight moved to a more melodic style with the release of its last album, 2007's *Life on Life's Terms*. Along the way, the band gained recognition for two well-known cover songs — Third Eye Blind's "Jumper," from the *Punk Goes*

CONCERT
Bedlight for Blue Eyes with the High Court, Asteria, and Give Away The Plot
When: 6 p.m.
Where: Picador
Admission: \$7

THURSDAY MARCH 20

Check out a flick over break. Movies opening this weekend include the Owen Wilson comedic vehicle *Drillbit Taylor* (of which you can read a fantastic review in the first *DI* back after break), the horror flick *Shutter*, starring Joshua Jackson (!), and the latest from director Tyler Perry, *Meet the Browns*, which features the return of Madea.

SUNDAY MARCH 23

Jesus Christ rolls away the stone and rises from the grave. Meanwhile, the Yacht Club hosts its weekly event titled "Dead Night," which isn't half as blasphemous as you might think. Unless you're *really* against Phish or Jerry Garcia.

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10. Juice

Florida Dems propose redo vote

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida Democrats on Thursday proposed a vote-by-mail presidential primary to solve the high-stakes delegate dispute while acknowledging the plan's chances are slim.

Democrats in Florida and Michigan have been struggling to come up with an alternative to ensure their delegates are seated at the national convention this summer after the party punished them for holding early primaries. The pressure to resolve the issue has increased amid the protracted fight for every delegate between Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama.

Karen Thurman, the chairwoman of the Florida Democratic Party, offered a mail-in/in-person proposal for voting and urged state leaders, the national party, and the presidential candidates to sign on. Under the plan, all of Florida's 4.1 million Democrats would be mailed a ballot. They could send it back or cast a ballot in one of 50 regional voting centers that would be set up. The election would end June 3, a week before a Democratic National Committee deadline to name delegates.

The estimated cost is \$10 million to \$12 million.

Asked if the plan will be implemented, Thurman said, "I have a feeling that this is probably closer to not, than yes."

Body of kidnapped archbishop found in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — The body of a Chaldean Catholic archbishop was found in a shallow grave in northern Iraq on Thursday, two weeks after he was kidnapped by gunmen in one of the most dramatic attacks against the country's small Christian community.

The sad discovery of Archbishop Paulos Faraj Rahho's body came on a day that saw more violence elsewhere in Iraq. A parked car bomb exploded in a commercial district of central Baghdad, killing 18 people and wounding dozens more, police said. Gunmen also killed five members of an anti-Al Qaeda group near Tikrit and a correspondent for a newspaper in Baghdad.

Pope Benedict XVI, President Bush, and Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri



Florida Democratic Party Chairwoman Karen Thurman discusses her party's latest plan for a "do-over" presidential primary at a news conference in Tallahassee, Fla., on Thursday.

Bill Cotterell, Tallahassee Democrat/Associated Press

al-Maliki all deplored the archbishop's death, with the pontiff calling it an "inhuman act of violence that offends the dignity of the human being and harms the peaceful coexistence of the dear Iraqi people."

Since the U.S.-led invasion in 2003, Iraqi Christians have been targeted by Islamic extremists who label them "crusaders" loyal to U.S. troops. Militants have attacked churches, priests, and businesses owned by Christians. Many Christians have fled the country, a trend mirrored in many dwindling pockets of Christianity across the Islamic world.

Rahho, 65, was seized on Feb. 29, just minutes after he delivered a mass in Mosul, a city considered by the U.S. military the last urban stronghold of Al Qaeda in Iraq. Three

Bush issues fresh veto threat against terrorist surveillance bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Thursday that the House Democrats' version of a terrorist-surveillance bill would undermine the nation's security and that if it reaches his desk, he will veto it.

Ratcheting up his rhetoric, Bush said, "The American people understand the stakes in this struggle. They want their children to be safe from terror."

Democrats launched their own broadside in response. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., suggested Bush's criticism was dis-

ingenuous. "The president has said that our legislation will not make America safe," she told reporters. "The president is wrong, and he knows it."

The third-ranking House Democrat, Rep. James Clyburn of South Carolina, called Bush's comments "absurd and outrageous."

Katrina victims complain firm getting rich on their misery

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Two and a half years after Hurricane Katrina, tens of thousands of miserable homeowners are still waiting for their government rebuilding checks, and many complain they can't even get their calls returned. But the company that holds the big contract to

distribute the aid is doing quite well for itself.

ICF International of Fairfax, Va., has posted strong profits, gone public, landed additional multimillion-dollar government contracts, and, it was learned this week, secured a potentially big raise recently from the state of Louisiana.

In the waning days of Gov. Kathleen Blanco's administration, state officials increased the management contract ceiling from \$756 million to \$914 million — this, after the Legislature wanted to fire ICF over its handling of the homeowner recovery program, called Road Home.

"I'm flabbergasted that this company could be so inefficient and could mess up so consistently and for so long," said Bill Yurt, 57, who

has been living in a FEMA trailer for 2½ years.

He said ICF hasn't sent an appraiser to determine the grant amount that will resurrect his gutted house in Gentilly. And his calls to an ICF caseworker have gone unreturned for a month.

Obama says McCain switched views on tax cuts

CHICAGO (AP) — Democratic Sen. Barack Obama said Thursday that Sen. John McCain reversed his position on President Bush's deep tax cuts in order to win the Republican presidential nomination, one of his sharpest criticisms yet of the Arizona senator he hopes to face this fall.

Criticizing GOP efforts to extend major tax cuts from Bush's first term and to eliminate the estate tax, Obama said: "These are all steps that John McCain rightly said were irresponsible when they first came up."

"He made a decision to reverse himself on that," Obama told reporters as he flew from Chicago to Washington for a series of Senate votes on budget issues.

"That was how, I guess, you got your ticket punched to be the Republican nominee," he said of McCain. "But he was right then, and he's wrong now."

McCain has said he supports extending the tax cuts, which he initially voted against, because the economy is struggling and tax reductions allegedly offer some stimulus.

Harvard says hacker exposed personal info

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Harvard University is notifying thousands of graduate students and applicants that their personal information may have been exposed by a data breach.

The Ivy League school says a computer hacker gained entry to its server last month.

Harvard says approximately 10,000 of last year's applicants may have had their personal information compromised, with 6,600 having their Social Security numbers exposed.

The school says it will provide the applicants with free identity theft recovery services and help them with credit monitoring and fraud alerts.

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SOFTBALL

Softball player hit with PAULA

Hawkeye softball player Amanda Zust, 19, was charged with a Paula early Thursday. Zust, one of the top pitchers in the Big Ten this season, was cited at Bo-James, 118 E. Washington St., at 12:20 a.m.



Zust

Zust, a sophomore from Des Moines, leads the conference with a 0.55 ERA and ranks second allowing a .142 batting average.

She finished 10-7 with a 2.23 ERA and 146 strikeouts in 2007, including a team-best 0.75 ERA in Big Ten play.

— by Jason Brummond

BASKETBALL

Westbrook carries Minnesota in Big Ten tourney

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Lawrence Westbrook scored 11 of his career-high 17 points in the second half Thursday, and Dan Coleman added 16 points as Minnesota rallied from a 16-point deficit to beat Northwestern, 55-52, in the first round of the Big Ten Tournament.

Lawrence McKenzie had 13 points for sixth-seeded Minnesota (19-12), which will play No. 22 Indiana in today's quarterfinals. The Gophers likely need to at least make it to the March 16 championship game to play their way into consideration for an at-large NCAA bid and extend coach Tubby Smith's streak of 14-straight appearances in the tournament.

Craig Moore's 15 points led Northwestern (8-22), but his desperation 3 at the buzzer wasn't even close. Kevin Coble and Michael Thompson added 13 each for the Wildcats, who failed to win a game in the Big Ten Tournament for the third-straight year.

Minnesota fell behind quickly in the first half and could never make any kind of a run with Northwestern shooting 65 percent from the floor.

TV TODAY

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 • Big Ten Tournament, quarterfinal, Indiana vs. Minnesota, in Indianapolis, 8 p.m., Big Ten Network
 • Big East Tournament, semifinal, Marquette vs. Pitt, in New York, 8 p.m., ESPN
 • ACC Tournament, quarterfinal, Clemson vs. Boston College winner, in Charlotte, 8 p.m., ESPN2

MICHIGAN 55, IOWA 47

HAWKEYES BOUNCED



Julie Brayton/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye forward Cyrus Tate's shot is blocked by Michigan's Anthony Wright during the first round of the Big Ten Tournament in Indianapolis. Iowa lost, 55-47, to end coach Todd Lickliter's first season.

Coach Todd Lickliter's first Hawkeye season ends in a first-round exit at the Big Ten Tournament.

By Charlie Kautz
 THE DAILY IOWAN

INDIANAPOLIS — Todd Lickliter's long first season with the Hawkeyes finally ended Thursday as Michigan bounced Iowa in the opening round of the Big Ten Tournament, 55-47, in Conesco Fieldhouse behind freshman Manny Harris' 19 points.

The Hawkeyes weathered a 16-minute field-goal drought and never got closer than eight points in the second half. It's the second-straight season — and the fifth time in seven years — that Iowa has failed to make the NCAA Tournament.

"Everyone's disappointed," said Lickliter, who finished 13-19 in his first season as Steve Alford's replacement. "It wasn't the year that we hoped for, but I don't think we really allowed that to affect our effort."

Iowa's ineffectiveness may be showcased by the second-half scoring lapse, but the Hawkeyes couldn't find a rhythm offensive all game, especially from beyond the arc. The Hawkeyes made just 2-of-17 from 3-point territory.

And even though Iowa out-rebounded Michigan, 29-27, the Hawkeyes didn't manage second-chance points until the second half.

"Did we have good looks? I believe that we did have some good looks," Lickliter said. "Cyrus [Tate] works incredibly hard, but he's really our only offensive rebounder."



Lickliter
 coach

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MICHIGAN 55, IOWA 47

MICHIGAN (10-21)			
Wright	3-9	0-0	9
Sims	5-10	2-2	14
Udoh	1-4	0-0	2
Harris	6-15	5-6	19
Grady	1-3	1-3	4
Lee	1-2	0-0	2
Merritt	0-1	0-0	0
Shepherd	0-0	0-0	0
Coleman	0-2	0-0	0
Gibson	2-5	1-1	5
Totals	19-51	9-12	55

IOWA (13-19)			
Tate	3-6	10-17	16
Gorney	1-6	2-2	4
Freeman	3-9	3-4	9
Johnson	2-12	0-0	5
Kelly	5-11	0-0	11
Bohall	0-0	0-0	0
Peterson	1-3	0-0	2
Looby	0-0	0-0	0
Totals	15-47	15-23	47

Halftime — Michigan 34-25
3-Point Goals — Michigan 8-24 (Wright 3-8, Harris 2-4, Sims 2-5, Grady 1-2, Lee 0-1, Merritt 0-1, Coleman 0-1, Gibson 0-2), Iowa 2-17 (Kelly 1-2, Johnson 1-9, Peterson 0-1, Freeman 0-5)
Fouled Out — None
Rebounds — Michigan 31 (Sims 10), Iowa 38 (Tate 11)
Assists — Michigan 11 (Grady, Harris 3), Iowa 4 (Johnson 2)
Total Fouls — Michigan 23, Iowa 17

Hawks fall to Michigan

Go to dailyiowan.com for a photo slide show from Iowa's 55-47 loss to Michigan in the Big Ten Tournament.



COMMENTARY

The ough in ugly



ALEX JOHNSON

INDIANAPOLIS — Todd Lickliter's squad did not play well. But that was nothing new.

Cyrus Tate was a monster inside, doing everything he possibly could to will the Hawkeyes to a Big Ten Tournament win — and doing so all alone, save a little aid from freshman Jake Kelly. But that's not big a surprise.

SEE COMMENTARY, 3B

Other than the duo of Tate and Kelly, the rest of the Hawkeyes were coming and going like days of the week. Not much of a shocker, either.

So the Iowa season is over, and it seems to be a disappointment.

I don't think so. If anything, thank the Wolverines.

What Michigan did was like throwing out a burnt steak instead of attempting to resuscitate it into some form of barbecue-doused beef jerky chop — which wouldn't be edible — and watching Iowa suffer on any longer wouldn't digest well, either.

Wrestlers remind Gable of his teams

By Eric Mandel
 THE DAILY IOWAN

A combined 20 national team titles — including runs of nine- and six-straight, 31 Big Ten championships, 74 NCAA individual titles, and six three-time and 13 two-time champions.

The numbers stand as a testament to Iowa's domain as king of the wrestling world for most of the last four decades. The return to glory seemed imminent after the top-ranked Hawkeyes rolled through the field en route to a 21-1 record,

but the Hawkeyes found themselves in a pickle during the conference championships last weekend.

After the first day, Iowa's name wasn't listed in its usual perch atop the standings; instead, it was housed in the second slot behind defending NCAA champion Minnesota.

Down, 106-93, Iowa needed to step up.

And like the Dan-Gable-coached squads before them, Tom Brands' team did.

SEE GABLE, 3B

NCAA WRESTLING

Hawkeyes eye national title

The top-ranked Hawkeyes look to capture their first NCAA title since 2000.

By Ryan Young
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Finishing high in the NCAA championships has not been a trait of the Hawkeyes in the past few postseasons.

The Iowa wrestling program has not won a national championship since 2000, when it went 18-0 under former coach Jim Zalesky. The Hawkeyes came close to titles in 2001 and 2004, when Zalesky's squads finished second.

That could change, though, when the top-ranked Iowa wrestlers vie for NCAA team title No. 21 in St. Louis on March 20.

"We've done a good job all year, and we need to pick it up," coach Tom Brands said after confessing he didn't even know the last time Iowa won the NCAA title. "That's it. You're not getting ready for the 21st title. You're getting ready for 2008 in St. Louis."

At the national tournament a year ago, Iowa was trounced by

rivals Minnesota and Iowa State, ending with 57 points, which meant an eighth-place finish — the worst since the 1972 11th-place Hawkeyes.

Iowa has nine qualifiers going to the Gateway City for this year's NCAAs. Only makeshift 197-pounder Chad Beatty failed to place seventh or better last weekend in Minneapolis during the Big Ten championships.

SEE WRESTLING, 3B



Sports

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

MEN'S BIG TEN TOURNAMENT
Conseco Fieldhouse, Indianapolis March 13-16
Thursday's Games
 Game 1- Michigan 55, Iowa 47
 Game 2- Illinois 64, Penn State 63
 Game 3- Minnesota 55, Northwestern 52
Today's Games
 Game 4- #1 Wisconsin vs. Michigan, 11 a.m. ESPN
 Game 5- #4 Michigan State vs. #5 Ohio State, 1:30 p.m.* ESPN
 Game 6- #2 Purdue vs. Illinois, 5:30 p.m.* BTN
 Game 7- #3 Indiana vs. Minnesota, 8 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

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 #2 Memphis 75, Tulane 56
 #3 UCLA 88, California 66
 #9 Georgetown 82, Villanova 63
 #10 Xavier 74, Dayton 65
 #11 Stanford vs Arizona, late
 #12 Pittsburgh 76, #13 Louisville 69, OT
 #25 Marquette 89, #14 Notre Dame 79
 West Virginia 78, #15 Connecticut 72
 #18 Vanderbilt 93, Auburn 82
 #21 Washington State 75, Oregon 70
 #24 BYU 89, Colorado State 62
Other Games
 Texas A&M 50, Iowa State 47
Women's Games
 #11 Texas A&M 65, Iowa State 53
 #18 Oklahoma State 75, Texas 72
Other Games
 Northern Iowa 75, Wichita State 45

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic
 New Jersey 41 24 6 88 184 166
 Pittsburgh 40 24 7 87 213 195
 N.Y. Rangers 37 24 9 83 186 171
 Philadelphia 35 27 9 79 217 204
 N.Y. Islanders 32 33 7 71 176 216
Northwest
 W L OT Pts GF GA
 Montreal 39 24 5 87 227 200
 Boston 36 27 8 80 185 198
 Buffalo 32 28 11 75 214 211
 Toronto 32 30 10 74 203 221
Southeast
 W L OT Pts GF GA
 Carolina 38 29 5 81 219 224
 Washington 40 25 7 82 207 198
 Florida 33 31 8 74 194 202
 Atlanta 31 33 8 70 194 239
 Tampa Bay 28 35 8 64 200 230
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central
 W L OT Pts GF GA
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 Anaheim 40 25 8 88 182 174
 Phoenix 36 30 6 77 187 187
 Los Angeles 28 38 6 62 204 235
 Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.
 x-clinched playoff spot
Thursday's Games
 Atlanta 6, Calgary 4
 Tampa Bay 3, Boston 1
 Detroit 5, Dallas 3
 Ottawa 3, Montreal 0
 Los Angeles 4, Nashville 1
 New Jersey 4, Minnesota 3, SO
 Colorado 2, Vancouver 0
 Phoenix 2, Edmonton 0
Friday's Games
 Chicago at Columbus, 6 p.m.
 Atlanta at Washington, 6 p.m.
 Carolina at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
 St. Louis at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

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 Washington 32 32 500 9
 Atlanta 26 38 406 15
 Charlotte 24 40 375 17
 Miami 11 52 175 29%
Central
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 x-Detroit 46 19 719 —
 Cleveland 37 29 561 10
 Chicago 26 38 406 20
 Indiana 25 39 391 21
 Milwaukee 23 42 354 23%
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Southwest
 W L Pct GB
 Houston 44 20 688 —
 San Antonio 43 20 683 —
 New Orleans 43 20 683 —
 Dallas 42 23 646 2%
 Memphis 15 49 234 29
Northwest
 W L Pct GB

Utah	43	23	.652	—
Denver	38	26	.594	4
Portland	34	32	.515	9
Seattle	16	49	.246	26½
Minnesota	14	49	.222	27½
W L Pct GB				
L.A. Lakers	43	19	.703	—
Phoenix	42	22	.656	3
Golden State	40	23	.635	4½
Sacramento	29	35	.453	16
L.A. Clippers	21	42	.333	23½

x-clinched playoff spot
Thursday's Games
 Washington 101, Cleveland 89
 Sacramento 96, Portland 85
 Golden State at Phoenix, late
Today's Games
 Utah at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
 Orlando at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
 Charlotte at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
 Indiana at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
 Toronto at Denver, 8 p.m.
 Minnesota at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.

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Baltimore	7	6	.539
Minnesota	8	7	.533
New York	6	6	.500
Chicago	8	9	.471
Cleveland	7	8	.467
Seattle	6	9	.429
Boston	5	8	.385
Toronto	5	10	.333

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Florida	12	6	.667
Atlanta	9	5	.643
Milwaukee	10	6	.625
New York	9	6	.600
San Diego	8	6	.571
Cincinnati	9	8	.529
Colorado	7	7	.500
Washington	7	7	.500
Houston	7	10	.412
Los Angeles	6	9	.400
St. Louis	6	9	.400
Arizona	6	10	.375
Chicago	6	10	.375
Pittsburgh	5	9	.357
Philadelphia	5	10	.333
San Francisco	4	11	.267

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.
Thursday's Games
 Atlanta 6, Detroit 6, tie, 10 innings
 Tampa Bay 3, Boston 3, tie, 10 innings
 St. Louis 6, N.Y. Mets 5, 10 innings
 Cleveland 9, Toronto 5
 Baltimore 3, Minnesota 1
 Houston 7, L.A. Dodgers 6
 Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Yankees 3
 Texas 6, Colorado 6, tie, 10 innings
 Chicago Cubs 3, San Diego 2
 San Francisco 3, Seattle 3, tie, 10 innings
 Milwaukee 8, Arizona 6
 Kansas City 6, L.A. Angels 5
 Florida 2, Washington 1
 Philadelphia 10, Cincinnati 7

TRANSACTIONS
BASEBALL
American League
 BOSTON RED SOX—Placed RHP Curt Schilling on the 60-day DL. Agreed to terms with RHP Lincoln Holdstock on a one-year contract. Released C Doug Mirabelli. Optioned RHP Pavement Haseck and OF Jonathan Van Every to Pawtucket (IL). Assigned RHP Lee Gronkiewicz, LHP Jon Switzer and LHP Michael Tejera to their minor league camp.
 CLEVELAND INDIANS—Optioned RHP Brian Leonard and LHP Tony Sipp to Buffalo (IL).
 SEATTLE MARINERS—Assigned RHP Phillippe Aumont, RHP Brodie Downs, RHP Stephen Kahn, LHP Robert Rohrbaugh, C Jair Fernandez, C Adam Moore, C Brant Ust, OF Bronson Sardinha and INF Mark Kiger to their minor league camp. Optioned RHP Joe Woerman, INF Yung Chi Chen and OF Bryan Laffair to Tacoma (PCL).
National League
 ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Optioned INF Javier Brito and RHP Max Scherzer to Tucson (PCL). Reassigned C Ed Easley to their minor league camp.
 NEW YORK METS—Assigned INF Michel Abreu to their minor league camp. Optioned LHP Willie Collazo and RHP Carlos Muniz to New Orleans (PCL).
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
 CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Signed C Lance Allred to a 10-day contract.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
 CINCINNATI BENGALS—Re-signed LB Roy Manning to a one-year contract.
 CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed DB Gary Baxter and FB Charles All.
 NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed LB Danny Clark to a two-year contract.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
 NHL—Suspended Pittsburgh F Georges Laraque three games, without pay, as a result of an elbowing incident in a game against Buffalo on March 12. VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Assigned D Nathan McIvor to Manitoba (AHL).

Brotherhood in Madness

by Aaron Beard
THE DAILY IOWAN

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Tyler Hansbrough doesn't pay attention to stats. Not his own, anyway. Obviously, North Carolina's star forward knows he has posted some record-book numbers, and knowing is good enough.

When it comes to how brother Ben Hansbrough is playing at Mississippi State, however, Tyler Hansbrough turns into a full-fledged statwatcher. "It's that relationship where you have to know what's going on with each other," he said. The Hansbroughs aren't the only siblings making significant impacts at different schools this season.

Just ask Joe Crawford (Kentucky) and Jordan Crawford (Indiana) or Nick Calathes (Florida) and Pat Calathes (St. Joseph's), brothers who are all trying to lead their teams to a memorable March — which could include a couple of uncomfortable family reunions in the NCAA Tournament along the way.

"I've thought about [a potential matchup] every day since we've been a lock in the tournament," Ben Hansbrough said. "That would be pretty neat. I'm not sure, I may throw him a pass by accident, because I'm not used to playing against him."

The Hansbroughs already figure to be set for the NCAA's. Tyler, a 6-9 junior, was the Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year after leading the league in scoring (23.1 points) and rebounding (10.5) to help the Tar Heels reach No. 1. Meanwhile, Ben, a 6-3 sophomore, averaged 10.4 points as a regular starter to help the Bulldogs win the SEC's Western Division title.

Jordan Crawford's Hoosiers are also headed for the tournament, with the 6-4 freshman averaging 10.1 points. His older brother Joe, a 6-5 senior, is Kentucky's leading scorer at 17.1 points per game, and the Wildcats appear likely to return to the tournament as well.

A brother-versus-brother matchup has already taken place for the Crawfords this year: Indiana beat Kentucky, 70-51, in December in a game that Jordan's Hoosier teammates dubbed "The Crawford Bowl."

When Billy met pitching

Billy Crystal strikes out in new career — no, really strikes out.
By Ben Walker
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA, Fla. — Billy Crystal better stick to his night job. The comedian, actor, and Oscar presenter struck out in his new career as a baseball player Thursday — and promptly struck out as the New York Yankees' new leadoff man. Wearing No. 60 a day before his 60th birthday, and cheered on by fellow funnyman Robin Williams, Crystal gave himself a chance in the first inning in his only at-bat.

Swinging late against Pittsburgh's Paul Maholm, Crystal bounced a chopper past first baseman Adam LaRoche that landed several feet foul. Crystal got ahead in the count 3-1, then swung over a pair of 88 mph fastballs. The crowd gave Crystal a standing ovation, and he raised his hand to salute the fans. Teammate-for-a-day Alex Rodriguez signaled Maholm, who tossed the ball toward the Yankees dugout for a souvenir.

Crystal's debut — and finale — followed the likes of Garth Brooks and Tom Selleck, other celebrities who played in spring training games. Johnny Damon took over the DH job from Crystal later in the game. Damon was in the spirit, saying it was fine that he sat at the start in place of Crystal. "He's been around longer," Damon said. "He's got credibility."

Before the game, Crystal worked out on the main diamond at Legends Fields. "I'm really relaxed, I really am," Crystal said after taking pregame infield practice. "That's until I see the 6-foot-2, 230-pound guy who's going to throw who's never been to a Seder." His only sign of nervousness: He chomped nonstop on bubblegum. While fans rooted for a hit, Crystal's actual goal was much more modest. "I just want to touch it," he said. And that he did.



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Hickey only Hawk in NCAAAs

Traveling solo for the NCAA indoor championships, John Hickey will compete for Iowa in the shot put.

By Alex Johnson
THE DAILY IOWAN

The NCAA indoor championships start today in Fayetteville, Ark., but for Iowa, it's not much of a team event. After a season that included six wins with a second-place finish in seven meets, thrower John Hickey is sporting the Hawkeye uniform all alone. "It's the first time we've had someone at nationals since 2002," the junior said. "I just want to represent the University of Iowa the best I can." Almost waltzing his way through the shot put for most of the year, Hickey has had few challengers, except at Washington, where he met the second-ranked thrower in the nation. He hopes to finish at least third this weekend. Hickey thinks the elite competition will make him even better.

"I am really excited," the Piermont, N.Y., native said. "This will be pretty much the first time all year that I've had a lot of competition that's better than me and guys who throw the same distance right around me." Along with his first real look at the best competition the nation has to offer, this will be the first time all year without any of his teammates throwing with him. Four times this year, senior Shane Maier finished one spot behind Hickey in second, also finishing third the one time Hickey was beaten. Hickey has said before the pair feed off each other's energy in competitions, but now the junior has to go it alone.

"It's going to be weird," Hickey said. "I haven't really thought about it too much but it's definitely going to be strange." Making the trip to the South will be exciting, but Hickey is, after all, the only Hawkeye traveling.

Head coach Larry Wiecezorek employs a standard for his athletes to compete in the Big Ten meet, and the team made the goal of 30 eligible runners, jumpers, and throwers. But the coach also sets the bar at 12 provisional qualifiers, the same number of scholarships he has to work with.

This year, the team only had four provisionally qualify.



Beth Skogen/The Daily Iowan

In the Recreation Building on Wednesday, Hawkeye junior John Hickey prepares for the upcoming NCAA indoor championships. Hickey is the first athlete from the men's track and field team to compete at nationals since 2002.

"I don't feel good about that," Wiecezorek said. "But we did have four provisional qualifiers, and that's a good performance. I feel good about those performances." Sixth-year senior Micah Vandenberg beat the mark in the 5,000 meters but didn't make the cut. Sophomore Adam Hairston twice broke the Iowa indoor 800-meter record but was still 33rd in the event nationally.

Perhaps the most disappointing was Maier missing out on indoor nationals for the third-straight year — this time by

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Hawks seek No. 21



Iowa 165-pounder Mark Perry questions the referee's call during a match against Illinois' Roger Smith-Bergsrud at the Big Ten championships on March 8 in Minneapolis. Perry will go for his second-straight NCAA title next weekend.

Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

WRESTLING CONTINUED FROM 1B

Top-ranked 149-pound sophomore Brent Metcalf and defending 165-pound national champion Mark Perry headline the Hawkeye qualifiers.

Metcalf ended as Iowa's only champion in the conference tournament, defeating Minnesota rival Dustin Schlatter. He has recently collected numerous accolades for the Hawkeyes.

In the post-tournament award ceremony on Sunday, the Big Ten honored Metcalf as the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler and Wrestler of the Year.

Perry's latest performance in the Big Ten tourney, however, was a disappointment in comparison with his success a year ago during the postseason, when he was the sole champion for Iowa at both the NCAA and conference champi-

onships.

Coming into his first match since undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery in mid-January, Perry pinned Michigan State's Rex Kendel before winning an uncharacteristic sudden-victory decision in the semifinals and losing a 3-2 championship bout with Michigan's Eric Tannenbaum on Sunday.

The loss, said legendary Hawkeye and former coach Dan Gable, is indicative of Perry lacking a mental edge.

"He needs a little boot in the butt and to get a little bit hungrier," Gable said. "Just because you've [won a championship] before doesn't mean it's going to happen again.

"You know what's interesting? He barely lost, that's how close he is. Just think if he wrestles."

Aside from Perry, the Hawkeyes' only other returning NCAA place winner is 125-pound junior All-American Charlie Falck, who got eighth.

Additionally, senior heavyweight Matt Fields, along with sophomores Ryan Morningstar and Phillip Keddy, who were among the other national qualifiers who did not place last year, will step into the national spotlight once again.

And with the Hawkeye having seven wrestlers ranked in the top eight, it would appear Iowa's only competition for the NCAA team title would be Minnesota, who gave the Hawkeyes a scare in the Big Ten Tournament.

But Iowa also has to be on guard against fourth-ranked Iowa State, which toppled No. 5 Nebraska and No. 6 Oklahoma State during the Big 12 championships in Stillwater, Okla. Those three rivals will send all 10 of their wrestlers to the upcoming national tournament.

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Gable likes comeback

GABLE CONTINUED FROM 1B

"This is a carbon-copy of a Gable-coached team, and I don't say that to pat myself on the back," Brands said after win. "I say that the tradition, going back in Gable's influence, is alive. And the way these guys were able to come back, you've got to write about it, that's the story."

Brands was referring to the Hawkeyes' circus act of landing back into the familiar pair of domination shoes after losing six of eight semifinal matches and blowing a 74-64 team lead over the Gophers.

While many of Gable's squads during his legendary run of 11 national titles in 12 years dominated from start to finish, the legendary coach said it's the way teams come back from adversity that defines them.

"Basically, [Brands] was saying there was a setback," Gable said. "Often times,

when a setback happens, it leads to another setback. But what he said is that it doesn't happen here.

"In a matter of 12 hours, they jumped back into their winning ways. A less-prepared team would have struggled with that."

The key to continued success is having a team believe it can come back from a slip up and never throwing in the cards, he said.

And this year's mat-mashers showed in their second day performance at the championships that they would not fold before the final hand by winning 12 of 15 matches down the stretch.

"You can't just think this is going to happen automatically," said Gable, who finished with a 355-21-5 record. "If it

does, you will cross that path when it comes, but you can't depend on coming back from the slip ups every time."

Now it's about doing what the Hawkeyes have done all year, duplicating their dominance for one more weekend and settling for nothing less than the top spot on the podium.

"They're good enough that this doesn't need to happen again," Gable said. "We've had a lot of gold medals but we've had a few silvers and bronze. But as I've said, very few of those were silvers and bronzes."

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Iowa 1 and done

MEN'S HOOPS CONTINUED FROM 1B

"We've got to make the shots we get. We probably got enough good looks that if we had shot the way we were capable, we would've been more competitive. When you're 2-for-17 from the 3, you're probably going to have some droughts."

The Wolverines themselves went 10 minutes in the second half without scoring — one of Iowa's finest defensive efforts of the season — but the Hawkeyes managed no field goals and just seven free throws during that stretch. During the run, Michigan's 15-point lead shrunk to 44-36 with fewer than six minutes left, but the Hawkeyes never got close enough for a serious comeback.

Michigan matched Iowa's intensity, effort, and screen-focused offense stride-for-

stride on the defensive end, Harris said, and the Wolverines confidently maintained their lead.

"We just went out and played tenacious defense," he said. "We weren't looking for the switches, we just held ourselves accountable for our man. If we can't score, we've just got to do an even better job defensively."

Tate — whose tough performance in the paint and trips to the free-throw line were the biggest reason Iowa stayed competitive — finished with 16 points and 11 rebounds.

"We just couldn't get in a groove, we couldn't knock down shots," said freshman guard Jake Kelly, who finished second on the team with 11 points. "I don't know what the deal was."

For Hawkeye seniors Justin Johnson, Seth Gorney, and Kurt Looby, it was their last

game in the Black and Gold.

"No one had any rhythm — both teams," senior Justin Johnson said. "We did a good job rebounding, but other than that, no rhythm. I wanted to keep on playing this tournament and hopefully get to the NCAA Tournament."

Their postseason hopes dashed by Michigan and mental psyches drained by a forgettable, grueling first season under a new coach, the Hawks were left looking forward to a future they feel can only get better.

"It's not the way any of us wanted it to go out," freshman Jeff Peterson said. "At the same time, I guess it's a learning experience, if you want to say that. There are some positive things that you can take out of it."

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Hawkeyes flat in finale

COMMENTARY CONTINUED FROM 1B

An eight-point run by Manny Harris in the first half made the difference. The nimble freshman nailed a pair of 3's before throwing down a one-hander to emphasize the run. He finished with 19 points.

The demise of Iowa started even earlier. Seeing Seth Gorney's slow, two-handed lay-up get swatted by Ekpe Udoh on the first possession of the game should've sent the message up front — the Hawkeyes were out-matched.

The Wolverines harassed the Hawkeye offense, blocking seven shots, stealing six balls and holding Iowa to 31.9 percent from the field. Michigan embarrassed Iowa, holding the Hawkeyes to just 2-of-17 from the arc.

"It doesn't take a very astute basketball individual to figure out that if you go 2-of-17 from the 3 and, you know, struggle from the line, you'd be amazed it's an eight-point game," Lickliter said. "They got on a run early, we couldn't stop

them, we missed early, and from there it was fairly even."

For 10 minutes, Michigan didn't score a point, starting the drought ahead by 14. Iowa could only close the gap to eight.

The Wolverines played tough defense, but in a do-or-die game, the seniors and key players have to manufacture points — scoring six over a 10-minute span in which the other team is essentially declining to play offense, that's just ugly.

I guess, of all the descriptors, that typifies what Lickliter's first season was — ugly.

Countless times throughout the year he sat on the bench, hands on the back of his fastidiously groomed scalp, looking utterly dismayed.

Thursday was the same. The Hawkeyes had many chances to take the momentum, but they capitalized about as well as an investor buying Enron stock.

Tate was easily the player of the game for Iowa, but even he could've done better. Not his effort, but his free-throw shooting. He

attempted an astounding 17, missing seven. But the forward from Chicago was already carrying the team on his shoulders, so asking the one player who unquestionably gave it his all just wouldn't be fair.

Tate's great effort was accompanied by the all-too-familiar missing pieces. Kelly was smooth, contributing knifing lay-ups and OK shooting for 11 points, but no other guards were doing anything, and fellow big-man Gorney added just four points.

Freeman did score nine but played just plain poorly. The junior missed five 3's, forced two turnovers with no assists. With the way Tate worked, shouldn't Freeman at least have one?

"[It's a matter of] making better decisions, being more of a point guard," Freeman said. "Not just that, but just taking what the defense gives me and just being patient and knowing when and when not to do stuff."

That goes for you and the rest of the Hawkeyes, Tony.

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Baseball

After being swept by Missouri State, the Hawkeye baseball team hopes to rebound against Rutgers and Stetson in DeLand, Fla. Iowa will compete in a three-game series against the 4-6 Scarlet Knights this weekend, take the day off on March 17, and take on the 7-7 Hatters on March 18-19.



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Stetson's explosive offense is hitting .305 with 12 home runs and 82 RBIs. The Hatters, who are 5-2 at home, are led by first baseman Jeremy Cruz, who has four home runs and 20 RBIs, batting .519 on the season. They fell, 7-3, to Central Florida on Wednesday.

The Scarlet Knights scored 10 runs in the fourth inning against New Jersey Institute of Technology on Wednesday en route to a 16-3 victory. Rutgers showed patience at the plate, taking advantage of 14 walks.

The Hawkeyes will open their home schedule on March 22 against Grand View.

— by Diane Hendrickson

Men's tennis

The 41st-ranked Iowa men's tennis team (6-3, 1-1) will take the "break" out of spring break with a loaded schedule in the heart of Texas next week.

Beginning on March 18 with a dual meet against Lamar in Beaumont, the Hawkeyes will then head to Houston for the Rice Invitational. There, Iowa will face No. 11 Rice on March 21, No. 62 San Diego on March 22, and No. 70 Middle Tennessee State on March 23.



Houghton
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"One of the goals on spring trip is to come back better prepared to play outdoors," said Iowa head coach Steve Houghton, whose Hawkeyes have completed exclusively indoors during the spring season.

In years past, the transition to outdoors was difficult for Iowa because of the stark contrast from the speedy and dated Recreation Center courts. But in the team's second season at the Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Center, the adjustment is less of a problem.

"It will help," Houghton said. "For sure."

— by Bobby Loesch

Men's gymnastics

Coming off their best meet of the year at home, the Hawkeyes look to take that success on the road in their last two meets to better position themselves for postseason competition.

First up is No. 11 Nebraska tonight in Lincoln, whose 341.483 three-score average this year is just behind the Hawkeyes' 342.183 mark. Iowa helped itself considerably in that department March 1 against Illinois in the Field House, when it posted a 349.4 — almost 11.9 points higher than the team's previous season-best.

Coach Tom Dunn said that the 349.4 wasn't a perfect meet for this squad and that the Hawkeyes can earn more points to solidify their national ranking.

"We're too close to the bubble as far as I'm concerned," he said. "But if we finish strong, we should be in the top-12."

Iowa will double up its Big Ten competition when it heads to Minneapolis on March 21 to face No. 8 Minnesota and No. 6 Illinois. It will serve as a good tune-up before the Big Ten championships on April 4-5.

— by Lars Headington

Women's gymnastics

The Iowa women's gymnastics team is gearing up for the March 29 Big Ten championships with a top-25 clash against Southern Utah.

The 25th-ranked Thunderbirds, who come into the weekend averaging 194.322 per meet, are led by Elise Wheeler's 38.647 average in the all-around, and they hold the edge over Iowa in overall average

and all events except floor.

Hawkeye coach Larissa Libby said the regular-season finale is an opportunity to get some gymnasts competition experience on events, while some regulars will get some rest before the Big Ten championships.

Still, a high team score on the road would be valuable in raising the GymHawks' regional qualifying score — and possibly their national ranking as they head into post-season tournaments — so the team will be taking the floor looking to post their fifth-straight win and 195-plus performance.

"We're going to see if we can play with some different people in the lineup, give some breaks a little bit," Libby said. "But at the same time, we have to make sure that we're scoring in that 195 high range, because we need away scores that are high."

— by Lars Headington

Men's golf

With the arrival of spring break, the Iowa men's golf team will get a chance to spend a week on the links. The team will set off today for Tuscon, Ariz., where it will practice for its first major competition of the season — the National Invitational Tournament.

Seven Hawkeyes will travel for the event — which will begin March 23 — led by senior Dan Holterhaus. Joining Holterhaus will be seniors Todd Larson and Adam Miller, juniors Cole Peevler and Zack Anderson, and freshmen Vince India and Dusty Koth. The team will undergo qualifying rounds to determine who makes it into the lineup for the three-day tournament. Having been out of action since the beginning of the month, the competition will be a welcome challenge.

"We're really excited just to have a competition coming up," coach Mark Hankins said. "We've been practicing hard, working out hard — we want to make sure that we're prepared mentally."

— by Sean Monahan

Women's tennis

Women's tennis has busier break than you do.

After a week of tests and term papers, what's awaiting the Hawkeyes? Sand? Sun? Nope, meets against three ranked opponents.

The only similarity between spring break and that of these Hawks could be the driving. Iowa will take a road trip west to face Kansas State and No. 55 Kansas (March 19-20) before doubling back to Bloomington and Columbus to meet up with No. 28 Indiana and No. 35 Ohio State (March 22-23).

"It'll be a long trip," said senior Jacqueline Lee said. "But we're excited, especially about playing Indiana and Ohio State."

The conference clashes are hugely important to the 36th-ranked Hawkeyes (8-1, 1-0), who find themselves muddled among four Big Ten teams hoping to establish themselves as the league's clear No. 2 behind Northwestern.

"Before the year, I would have said we were the second-best team in the conference," Lee said. "But a lot of the Big Ten teams are recruiting and playing really well. We'll be challenged at every position against them."

— by Brian Cardile



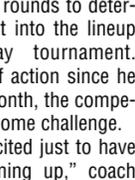
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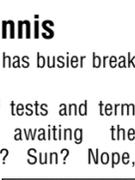
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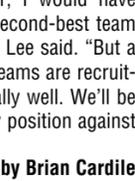
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APARTMENT

Daily Break

“ I had to face some very difficult spending decisions, and I've had to conduct sensitive diplomacy. That's called planning for a wedding.”

— President Bush, whose daughter Jenna Bush will be married on May 10 at her parents' ranch in Crawford, Texas.

the ledge

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MATT GORMAN

Spring-break ideas for people stuck in Iowa City

- Buy a Nintendo Wii.
- Attempt to get kicked out of every bar in downtown Iowa City.
- Gather all the homeless people in Iowa City, give them martial-arts weapons, and organize a Street Fighter-style tournament.
- Visit the historic site of where the Coralville indoor rain-forest project was going to go.

- Go to the Coral Ridge Mall and buy something from every store, then return every item.

- Go to the Natural History Museum and look at the giant sloth ... for seven-straight days.

- Throw things at random people on the Ped Mall.

- Go to class. Because nobody will be there, you can be the teacher. It's fun to pretend.

- Look at Facebook pictures of other people's past spring breaks and live vicariously through them.

- Go tailgating. Even though there's no game, it's still fun to get drunk outside in the cold.

- Go sledding.

- Go ice skating ... on the sidewalks.

— Matt Gorman will probably do a combination of the first and second ones ... and maybe the third if he can find enough nunchucks. E-mail him at: matthew-j-gorman@uiowa.edu.

Think you're pretty funny? Prove it. *The Daily Iowan* is looking for Ledge writers. You can submit a Ledge at daily-ian@uiowa.edu. If we think it's good, we'll run it — and maybe contact you for more.

horoscopes Friday, March 14, 2008

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Discuss any pressing emotional matters so they can be resolved. If you show you are interested in making a difference or an attempt to make things better, you will grab the attention of those you need to persuade.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get your priorities straight so you don't miss a beat when it comes to getting things done. If you have everything planned out to your specifications, you can be more creative and versatile — thus achieving the results you're after.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your persuasive talents will be at an all-time high, but don't go overboard offering something you cannot deliver. If you venture too far from the truth, you may be asked to do something you don't have a clue how to do.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): High energy, coupled with unique ideas and a little creativity, should move you in the right direction. A sensible approach to something you've been considering can now be put into play. Travel will bring better results than anticipated.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't sit idle when there is so much you can accomplish. Once you have laid out the ground rules with those whom you want to partner with, you will be free to move forward with confidence and assurance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Talk about your concerns, your dreams, and your plans with the people you feel most comfortable with. A close bond will form with someone you work with. Be careful that you aren't stepping into forbidden territory.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Refrain from getting into lengthy conversations that will cause upset. You may need to keep a secret. Overspending on home improvements or the people you live with will set you back further than you think.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Love is on the rise, and someone you think highly of will be able to offer you some very interesting suggestions for a project you are undertaking. Travel will help you resolve issues. An opportunity will come through an old friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't wait for someone's approval — move forward on your own. Emotional issues are bound to set off a feud, especially if you have left someone out of your plans. Be prepared to make concessions to accommodate someone important to your future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put a little extra effort into the creative side of whatever you are doing. Whether it is in your personal or professional life, taking a unique approach will surprise the people you deal with and help you get results. Love is in a high cycle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put your ideas to the test. Praise is in the picture, making it vital to present your ideas or something you have already completed. A passionate approach to life will capture someone's attention and will complement what you are doing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Put your feelings and emotions aside if you want to get ahead. Taking matters too personally will work against you and could even result in a loss if you aren't careful. Keep your secrets well protected from people who may use them against you.

SPRING BRAKES FOR IOWA



Robin Svec/The Daily Iowan
UI student Farfum Ladroma finishes some last-minute homework while enjoying the warmer weather on the Pentacrest on Thursday.

today's events

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

- **Electronic (e-file) Tax Filing**, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **English Conversation Group**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library Room E
- **Book Babies**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **"Java Blend," Steppin' in It**, noon, Java House, 211 1/2 E. Washington
- **Noon Knits**, 12 p.m., Hardin Library
- **Knitting Nurse**, 2-6 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **Catfish Dinner**, 4:30-7 p.m., United Presbyterian Church, 110 W. Elm St., Lone Tree
- **Friday Night Fish Fry**, 5-7:30 p.m., American Legion, 222 Main St., Solon
- **Lenten Fish Fry**, 5-7 p.m., Knights of Columbus, 4776 American Legion Road
- **Regina Friday Night Fish Fry**, 5-8 p.m., Regina Education Center, 2140 Rochester
- **Fish Fry**, 5:30-8 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 225 Highway 1 W.
- **Johnson County Republicans Spaghetti Dinner**, 6 p.m., Johnson County Fairgrounds, 4265 Oak Crest Hill Road S.E.
- **Pay It Forward Tour-Alternative Spring Break Trip**, 6 p.m., leaving from IMU
- **Sherwood**, 6 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **Crop Circles: Real, Remarkable & Worldwide**, 6:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Friday Night Magic**, 6:30 p.m., Critical Hit Games, 89 Second St. No. 5, Coralville
- **A Delicate Balance**, Iowa City Community Theatre, 7:30 p.m., Johnson County 4-H Fairgrounds
- **Ballroom Dance**, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **Karaoke, hosted by Klub Karaoke**, 8 p.m., Veterans of Foreign Wars, 609 Highway 6 E.
- **"Live at the Java House," Melanie Mausser**, 8 p.m., Java House
- **The Piano Lesson**, University Theatres Mainstage Production, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Mabie Theatre
- **The Who's Tommy**, Catalyst Acting Company, 8 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **Friday Night Karaoke, with Gemini Karaoke**, 9 p.m., American Legion, 3016 Muscatine
- **Mayflies**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Steppin' in It**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Retro Club Night**, 9 p.m., Speak Easy, 171 Highway 1 W.
- **Dance Party, with music by Rock and Thunder**, 9:30 p.m., Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville
- **No Shame Theatre**, 11 p.m., UI Theater Building



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SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

SOLUTION TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE

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UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

12:30 p.m. News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)
1 A Prairie Lights Reading from the UITV Archives, Matthew Rothschild
2 News from Germany (in German)
3 "Know the Score," March 7
5 Red Cedar Chamber Music from the Old Capitol, Feb. 24

6:30 The Best of Iowa Dance Department Performances
7 "Know the Score," March 7
9 2007 Dance Gala Performance from Hancker Auditorium
10:30 Red Cedar Chamber Music from the Old Capitol, Feb. 24



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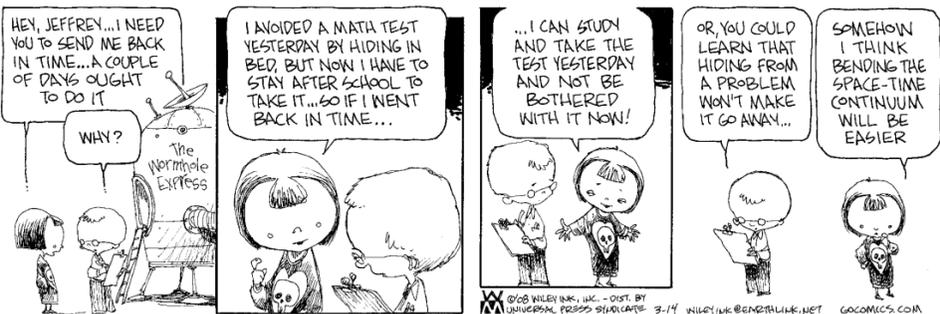
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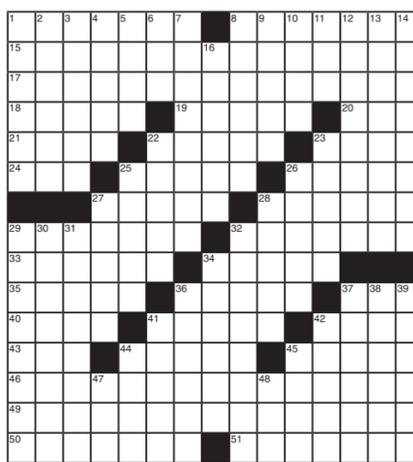


The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0201

- Across**
- Temper
 - Ape wrestlers
 - Be negative about
 - Hobbes in "Calvin and Hobbes"
 - Went to a lower level
 - Prefix with 6-Down
 - Body part above la bouche
 - Frames found in
 - Clubs: Abbr.
 - Señora's step
 - "A little ___ the fell!" Shak.
 - Actress Kimberly of "Close to Home"
 - Give away
 - Intimate
 - Tahini base
 - Well activity
 - Domesticates
 - Dramatic beginning
 - With 44-Down, Cajun dish with giblets
 - Polynomial components
 - Subject of some conspiracy theories
 - Prez's first name on "The West Wing"
 - Shot near the green
 - Little piggies?
 - Staff note
 - 42 Ad follower
 - Playboy's plea?
 - She's dangerously fascinating
 - They're not easily overturned
 - Stereotypically smarmy sorts
 - Without much wind
 - Tickled the most?
- Down**
- For one
 - Not at all sunny
 - Fit to be tried?
 - Id output
 - Mordant
 - Suffix with 19-Across
 - Going by
 - Fred of "The Munsters"
 - Hosts
 - Brand in a bathroom
 - Linguist Mario
 - Before being delivered
 - Unfrequent
 - Chief goals?
 - Smart
 - Exclusively
 - British meat pie
 - Actress Gray and others
 - ___-crowd (attendance booster)



Puzzle by Doug Peterson

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

P	A	S	S	L	A	V	A	A	C	B	S
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27 Make like Pac-Man
 28 They're bound to work
 29 "Heads up!"
 30 It stocks blocks
 31 Less lax
 32 Prepare for a shower, maybe

34 Foundations, often
 36 Aggressively ambitious
 37 Basso Hines
 38 Hosts
 39 "Who ___?"
 41 August
 42 Belarus's capital
 44 See 34-Across

45 Longtime columnist who coined the term "beatnik"
 47 Cloverleaf composition:
 Abbr.
 48 Second-century year

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