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'There is no specific reason why [Steven Sueppel] did this.' — Iowa City police Lt. Jim Steffen

## Death of a family



Peter Klopfenstein/The Daily Iowan

Iowa City police Lt. Jim Steffen speaks to reporters about the Sueppel family deaths at a press conference Tuesday at the city's water-treatment plant. Steffen said Steven Sueppel attempted suicide twice Monday before driving his car into a concrete post on I-80.

Officials don't have the complete autopsy results on Sheryl Sueppel and her four children, but all five did suffer from blunt-force trauma, police say.

By Kurtis Hiatt  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Authorities believe Steven Sueppel killed his wife and four children and tried to commit suicide twice before crashing his minivan, killing himself, officials said Tuesday. Police used voice mails and a letter to piece together the alleged crime.

"Evidence found at 629 Barrington Road at the crime scene suggests Steven Sueppel was the perpetrator of the homicide," Iowa City Police Chief Sam Hargadine said at a press conference.

The five Sueppels reportedly killed all suffered from blunt-force trauma, though officials did not yet have autopsy results to release official causes of death Tuesday evening. Asphyxiation is another possible cause of death, Iowa City police Lt. Jim Steffen said.

Officials conducting an

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autopsy positively identified Steven Sueppel as the driver of the minivan. His was also the eerie voice on a 911 tape telling authorities to "go ... immediately" to his home Monday around 6:30 a.m. before disconnecting with a Johnson County dispatcher.

Though the exact sequence of events between Sunday evening to 6:45 a.m. Monday is unclear, Steffen gave a likely scenario:

A friend visited the Sueppels at home around 8 p.m. on Sunday and saw at least one child alive, finding nothing out of the ordinary.

SEE KILLINGS, 3A

**Services set**

Funeral services for Steven and Sheryl (Kesterson) Sueppel and their four children, Ethan, Seth, Mira, and Eleanor, will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 302 E. Jefferson St., Lensing Funeral and Cremation Services has said.

The Rev. Ken Kuntz will officiate, and the six Sueppels will be buried after the service at St. Joseph's Cemetery, 1122 N. Dodge St.

There will also be a vigil service at the same church at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. Friends can call after 3 p.m. on that day.

Sunday parking applies for visitation and the funeral service.

Steven Sueppel, 42, is the son of William and Patricia (Tierney) Sueppel, and he is a graduate of Regina High School and the University of Northern Iowa, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in business.

Sheryl Sueppel, 42, is the daughter of John and Gisela (Frey) Kesterson, and she is a graduate of City High and the UI,

where she obtained a bachelor's degree in education.

The couple were married in June 1990 and eventually adopted four children.

Ethan, 10, was a fourth-grader at Longfellow Elementary School. He played the cello and liked to golf and play soccer.

Seth, 8, was a second-grader at Longfellow. He loved animals, music, and gardening vegetables and flowers.

Mira, who would have turned 6 Tuesday, was in kindergarten at Longfellow. "She loved to be the boss," the funeral service's website said.

Eleanor, 3, "was the little princess" who "loved to dress up and play with her Barbie dolls. She liked to wear her tights and tap shoes," according to the funeral service.

The family is survived by Steven's and Sheryl's parents, Sheryl's brother, and Steven's four brothers and three sisters, along with their 24 nieces, nephews, and cousins.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

**STUDY**

## On camera patrol

While a study raises doubts on the effectiveness of security cameras, local school officials see them as a deterrent.

By Clara Hogan  
THE DAILY IOWAN

City High Principal Mark Hanson believes security cameras prevent crime at his school, which is one of the reasons the Iowa City School Board awarded him \$100,000 on Feb. 26 to get more of them.

However, a recent study completed in San Francisco showed a vast majority of crimes continued even after cameras were installed.

A report completed by researchers at the University of California-Berkeley examined the 68 controversial cameras installed on San Francisco's most dangerous street corners.

The report said that although nonviolent thefts have gone down 22 percent within 100 feet of cameras since the devices were installed beginning in 2005, they have gone up in the areas the cameras don't monitor.

Also, other crimes, including car thefts and burglaries, have continued at regular pace, the report showed.



Arganbright  
West High principal

Iowa City West High Principal Jerry Arganbright said the results from the study may show the effect of the cameras on criminals in San Francisco, but it doesn't necessarily translate to high-school students.

There are five exterior cameras and four interior cameras at West High, all of which have helped solve problems, Arganbright said. Officials installed the cameras around two years

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**CLIMATE CHANGE**

## Something's 'a-soot'

By Melanie Kucera  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Soot just got a little bit darker. Caused by diesel fuel and bio-fuel exhaust, soot has been shown to warm the atmosphere three to four times greater than previous reports have shown.

The research, published in the Sunday online edition of the *Nature Geoscience* journal, was collected by UI Professor Greg Carmichael, a co-director of the Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research, and V. Ramanathan, an atmospheric scientist at Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California-San Diego.

The two have worked specifically on research with black carbon for around the past five years. Soot is a form of black carbon, which absorbs sunlight and in

turn causes more heat in the air — thus contributing to global climate change.

"Black carbon has the dubious honor of being the second culprit [of global climate change]," Ramanathan said, noting that carbon dioxide is known as the "major culprit or villain."

Carmichael noted that black carbon's "beauty" is that it not only warms the atmosphere but also worsens health conditions.

"By reducing black carbon, we will improve our health and reduce the warming," he said.

The UI professor also said another positive about attacking black carbon is that action can be taken in the near future — reducing something such as carbon dioxide, on the other hand, will take decades.

SEE SOOT, 5A

## Nite Ride to expand

Service will start an academic route, serving all UI buildings.



File photo/The Daily Iowan

UI police security guard Craig Nixon (right) and student guard Nick McCaw wait for passengers in the Nite Ride van on Oct. 26, 2007. Nixon said that the busiest times for the van are between 1 a.m. and 2:15 a.m., when students start leaving the bars downtown.

By Kelli Shaffner  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Nite Ride will expand its service to all UI buildings every Sunday through Thursday from 10 p.m. through 3 a.m., starting March 30. Service to the downtown area will remain the same.

Officials made the decision to expand, said Charles Green, the assistant vice president for UI police, because of comments from students, parents, and faculty members who wanted service to and from places other than the downtown area.

Previously, there was only one pickup point; starting Sunday, the service will respond to individual calls and pick up any where

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# District pressed on food

Some local parents team up to motivate the Iowa City School District to re-examine food in the classrooms and cafeterias.



Beth Skogen/The Daily Iowan

Deirdre Egan places apples on the table for her children after school Tuesday. Egan is one of the four founding members of the 96-member Better Iowa City School Food. The group's goal is to improve school food and to implement a district wellness policy.

By Brian Stewart  
THE DAILY IOWAN

When 10-year-old Kevin Egan came home from Longfellow Elementary last year and said he'd sacrificed lunch for two cupcakes provided as treats, his mother Deirdre Egan was concerned.

So concerned that the foods provided to her children at school — both during lunch, for birthday snacks, or other treats — were unhealthy, Egan asked for other parents' support in examining the district's food policies.

"I had talked with teachers and principals, and they said this is the way it is — this is the

food culture in Iowa," she said. "That's quite a tradition here. Every day it's like, 'Holy cow! We've got more candy!'"

Today, she is one of four founding members of the 96-member Better Iowa City School Food.

"We kind of began with the idea that food in schools needs to be improved," Egan said. "Right now, our overall goal is to get the wellness policy implemented."

The Iowa City district began implementing the code on July 11, 2006, but members of the parent group have been petitioning School Board members to complete the process.

Egan said the code's policies

— which range from nutritional value of foods to buying more locally produced foods to limiting treats brought in to classrooms — are "wonderful recommendations, but they haven't been implemented in full."

Diane Duncan-Goldsmith, the district's food-service director, said the policies related to food service are "essentially either implemented or in the process of being implemented."

She noted that the district has faced difficulties finding more local food sources and whole-grain products.

"It's a growing and learning process," Duncan-Goldsmith said. "I think once we get all the pieces in place, it will be really

## Better Iowa City school food

- A group of roughly 100 members aims to make food options in Iowa City schools healthier.
- Group members have initiated a letter-writing campaign to School Board members asking them to fully implement a district-developed wellness policy.
- The group will present letters to district administrators at a Johnson County Food Alliance school-food summit on April 24 at West High, 2901 Melrose Ave.

beneficial to students, staff, and parents."

Duncan-Goldsmith and local chefs, farmers, parents, teachers, and nutritionists helped develop the district's wellness code.

Egan, who grew up in Ireland, said American schools' attitude toward food is different from that in her native country.

"If we're going to give our children food at school, then it should be good, nutritious food," she said.

Roughly 5,500 eat school-prepared lunches in Iowa City schools on a daily basis. That figure doesn't include food from bake sales, in-class birthdays and celebrations, vending machines, or concessions at school events — all areas the group plans to address.

"It's an issue that a lot of parents were passionate about and disgruntled about, yet weren't actively doing anything," group member said Jennifer New, a mother of two. "The schools have a responsibility to set the standard and model the best we can be."

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## POLICE BLOTTER

**Lisa Mallard**, 41, 3558 Shamrock Place, was charged Monday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Larry Trudel**, 48, Cedar Rapids, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

'We've had property taxes, levy taxes, [local-option tax], and the state gives additional funding. Every area is being given attention.'

— Mike Thayer, one of the founders of VoteNoSILO

# School Board eyes budget

School Board shies away from decision on new school and reviews proposed budget.

By Alyssa Cashman  
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa City School Board postponed a decision regarding a new elementary school and went through a proposed budget that could mean an increase in property taxes.

After a lengthy closed session, board members decided to hold off on approving the purchase of land for a new elementary school. Specific details with the contract need to be reviewed, said board President Toni Cilek. A session in which a final decision could be reached is slated for next week.

The bulk of the meeting was

concentrated on the proposed budget for the 2008-09 school year. At a total of roughly \$106 million, the district's maximum budget authority will be \$5 million more than last year. This increase is due in large part to the district's growing enrollment.

The board is considering a property-tax increase of approximately 35 cents, raising the tax rate to 14.25 percent.

"It's not significant," Cilek said. "It's just enough to cover our needs."

Some of the additional money will be going to cover the increased number of people taking the early retirement option.

An additional \$6 million for "instruction" purposes is also being requested.

"If we don't increase taxes today, we would face this exact question next year," said Paul Bobek, the director of administrative services.

But some citizens are adamantly against such a tax increase.

Mike Thayer, one of the founders of the VoteNoSILO group last year that opposed the local-option tax, said the board and Superintendent Lane Plugge are being secretive about their plans for the money.

"Well, we've had property

taxes, levy taxes, [local-option tax], and the state gives additional funding," Thayer said. "Every area is being given attention."

Using terms like "bait and switch" to describe Plugge's money spending tactics, Thayer called for a change in command of the district.

"Lane Plugge thinks money grows on trees," Thayer said, who has three children in the Iowa City School District.

But Cilek, calling the budget fair, said additional money is needed for the district to focus on such problem areas as the special-education deficit.

The public will get the chance to air any concerns on April 8, when a public hearing will be held. Officials hope to adopt the budget the same night.

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# Coralville feels fiscally healthy

The Coralville City Council hears positive results in the audit report for fiscal 2007.

By Ben Travers  
THE DAILY IOWAN

After viewing the fiscal 2007 audit report for the first time, Coralville officials pronounced their city's economy healthy, with assets totaling more than \$78 million.

A little more than \$10 million of that total are unrestricted net assets that have not already been set aside for city projects.

Steve Duggan, a partner of the Hogan Hansen accounting and consulting firm, presented the information to the council in a work session before the regular council meeting.

Duggan told the council the report would have been delivered earlier in the year, but including statistics on the Marriott, a hotel and conference center, took longer than expected. The Marriott, located on the Iowa River Landing, opened in August 2006.

The hotel and conference center's \$27 million in net assets was the highest of all the city's major funds.

Coralville City Administrator Kelly Hayworth said he feels the project that started more than five years ago was a worthwhile expenditure for the city.

"We wanted a conference center and couldn't get it without

an attached hotel," he said.

Duggan said a city owning a hotel was an innovative approach that has been adopted in cities across the country.

"I'd expect you will see more and more of it," he said.

Hayworth said there were between 30 and 40 cities around the United States that owned hotels when Coralville officials began looking into it.

Besides the hotel's economic impact, Duggan also pointed to the city's more than \$5 million general fund as an indicator of the city's well-being.

"You have a very healthy general fund balance as of 2007," he

told the council. "This is an indicator of a healthy city."

The audit report is available to the public through the city clerk's office; it is expected to be online in a few weeks.

In other news, the council approved a \$325,000 engineering-services agreement with Brian Clark and Associates for a youth sports complex to be located near 12th Avenue and Forevergreen Road.

Sherri Proud, the director of parks and recreation, said the 47-acre complex is expected to house four baseball and softball fields, four T-ball diamonds, and three soccer fields.

The department hopes to begin construction in September, she said, and have the fields ready for play by May 2010.

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SECURITY CAMERAS



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A security camera hangs in the south gym in the Field House on Tuesday. A recent study completed in San Francisco showed that cameras don't necessarily deter criminal activity.

# Schools like cameras

SECURITY

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ago to help stop vandalism to cars and identify people involved in thefts, he said. "They are a deterrent because students are generally aware the cameras are there and are therefore less likely to do something they wouldn't want us to see," Arganbright said.

City High was given \$100,000 to upgrade its security cameras and West High \$100,000 to upgrade its exterior lighting on Feb. 26.

The two high-school principals' recommendations came after the district brought in its attorney to make suggestions on how to make six different schools safer earlier this year.

The attorney made several suggestions, but because there was a limited amount of funding available, Hanson and Arganbright each chose

Security cameras as a deterrent

San Francisco report shows crime doesn't cease

- The study looked at 68 anticrime cameras installed in the city's most dangerous street corners.
- Researchers examined 59,706 crimes committed within 1,000 feet of the camera locations between Jan. 1, 2005, and Jan. 28.
- Nonviolent thefts dropped 22 percent within 100 feet of the cameras, but the devices had no effect on burglaries or car theft.
- There was a small drop in property crimes within 100 feet of the cameras, but homicides sharply increased in areas within 250 feet to 500 feet of a camera.

Source: University of California-Berkeley

what they thought was top priority for their schools.

Hanson chose to upgrade the school's security cameras because he felt those currently in place do not help as much as they should. With the new funding, he believes the school will be well-equipped to deter those thinking of breaking and catch those breaking the law.

The UI has also recently spent money to install more cameras, said Brad Allison,

the UI police crime-prevention specialist.

In the last month, there have been four code-blue cameras and emergency phones installed on campus, which allow for people to press the buttons in case of emergencies, with a dispatcher then able to see them. The UI will probably add two more next year, Allison said.

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HOMICIDE

# Police describe deaths

KILLINGS

CONTINUED FROM 1A

Steven Sueppel killed wife Sheryl Sueppel first in their master bedroom, then took his children into his home's garage to kill them and commit suicide, probably by asphyxiation from a vehicle's exhaust fumes.

"When that failed, then the children were subsequently killed" in different rooms of the house, Steffen said, adding that officers who entered at 6:45 a.m. Monday found the bodies.

Seth, 8, and Mira, who would have turned 6 on Tuesday, were found dead in their bedrooms. Eleanor, 3, was in what Steffen called a "toy room" in the home's downstairs, and Ethan, 10, died in the home's living room but was then moved into Eleanor's bedroom.

Responding officers initially thought Eleanor might have had a pulse when they arrived, but she was pronounced dead after being moved into an ambulance, Steffen added.

After the reported killings — which police first said may have been a shooting but later corrected — Steven Sueppel drove to the Iowa River at Lower City Park to try to drown himself, Steffen said, but was "not able to sink."

Later, at roughly 6:37 a.m., according to an Iowa State Patrol crash report, Steven Sueppel crashed his minivan into a concrete support and sign pole between Iowa City and West Branch after driving westbound on I-80. The van was engulfed in flames, witnesses calling 911 said.

Between Sunday and Monday, Sueppel also left numerous short voice mails at Meardon, Sueppel,

Timeline in alleged killings-suicide

Police know few concrete times between Sunday and Monday — such as when Steven Sueppel reportedly killed his family and attempted suicide — but they have been able to confirm some details.

**Roughly 8 p.m., Sunday:** Friend visits the Sueppels at their 629 Barrington Road home, sees at least one of the children alive.

**11:30 p.m., Sunday:** Steven Sueppel leaves voice mail at Meardon, Sueppel, & Downer, a law firm at which his father and brother work; tells them his family is "in heaven."

**3:45 a.m. to 3:49 a.m., Monday:** Sueppel calls Hills Bank & Trust, leaves voice message.

**3:52 a.m. to 4:01 a.m., Monday:** Sueppel calls his home, leaves voice message.

**6:31 a.m., Monday:** Sueppel calls 911 to tell authorities to immediately respond to his residence, then hangs up.

**6:37 a.m., Monday:** Iowa State Patrol crash report shows this time as being when Sueppel intentionally crashed his minivan on I-80, killing himself after the vehicle is engulfed in flames.

**6:45 a.m., Monday:** Authorities enter the Sueppel residence and find Sheryl Sueppel and her four children dead, all in different rooms of the house.

& Downer — a law firm at which Sueppel's father and brother work — his former employer, Hills Bank & Trust, and his home.

Steffen said Steven Sueppel called the law firm at 11:30 p.m. Sunday, saying his family was "in heaven."

He then called Hills Bank between 3:45 a.m.

"[Steven Sueppel is] 'probably the only one who knew why he did what he did.'"

— Iowa City police Lt. Jim Steffen

and 3:49 a.m. Monday and his home at 3:52 a.m. and 4:01 a.m. Monday.

In these calls — made by Sueppel on his cell phone — and in a letter left on the kitchen table in the family's home, Steffen said Sueppel apologized "numerous times" and demonstrated despair with regard to his legal trouble and the publicity and embarrassment of losing his job as a vice president at Hills Bank.

Sueppel was accused of embezzlement and money laundering. A federal grand jury in Davenport indicted him Feb. 12, and he was to stand trial April 21 for reportedly embezzling nearly \$560,000. He allegedly admitted to stealing \$219,000, using most of it to buy cocaine, an investigator reported.

Even considering Sueppel's legal trouble, police still don't have a concrete motive for why Sueppel allegedly killed his family and himself — he did not have a history of mental illness or any recent domestic problems, nor did the day or manner seem planned, officials said.

Steffen said Sueppel is "probably the only one who knew why he did what he did."

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# When intelligent design is not

By Zhi Xiong  
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Politics and court cases — they sound like scandal, but sometimes plague the field of evolutionary biology.

For one thing, it's not your father or grandfather's creationism grappling for national attention these days, said H. Allen Orr, a geneticist and biology professor at the University of Rochester in New York.

His free public lecture, "Evolution, Intelligent Design, and Faith," packed the Kollros Auditorium in Biology Building East on Tuesday night. Though he said proponents of "intelligent design" have no scientific research to support their assertions, evolutionary biologists are often pushed into the political and legal arenas.

"It certainly forces us into a defensive posture," he said. "Somehow, we are always dragged into courts, but not the physicists."

After the notorious American "Scopes Monkey trial," the original "Young Earth" creationists — mostly Biblical literalists — fell out of vogue. Then came the scientific creationists of the 1970s and 1980s, who were for the most part engineers, Orr said.

Now the intelligent-design movement's loudest voices come from a few scientists, philosophers, and lawyers, he said.

"Their claims are more modest than many people believe," Orr said. "But here's why I think they're mistaken."

Much of the scientist and writer's Tuesday lecture appeared in "Devolution: Why intelligent design isn't," his article in a May 2005 issue of *The New Yorker*. The feature refuted intelligent-design arguments from several scientists, such as biochemist Michael Behe, the author of best-selling *Darwin's Black Box*.

Orr, with round, black Harry Potter-esque glasses, frequently drew laughter from the audience — peppered with faculty but packed with students and community members — with wry humor. He talked without a microphone, his voice carrying to those who stood against the walls for lack of empty seats.



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**H. Allen Orr delivers the lecture "Evolution, Intelligent Design, and Faith" in the Kollros Auditorium of Biology Building East on Tuesday. Orr, a professor of biology at the University of Rochester, spoke about the intersection of science and religion.**

Some even took notes from Orr's PowerPoint notes.

"I wrote down what I understood," said Sam Smith, a Kirkwood College alumnus. "Maybe I'll read up on authors he proposed."

Orr concluded with the thought that belief in evolution and religious faith are not mutually exclusive, naming five "founding fathers" of evolutionary biology who held myriad beliefs, including a communist, a Russian Orthodox Christian, and a "devout Anglican" who preached sermons.

Still, international surveys have shown Americans accept evolution less than many other Western countries.

"Our nation is deeply

religious," Orr said. "It's a hard sell if the public perceives evolution is synonymous with atheism."

His research focuses on the genetic basis of how new species arise. He co-wrote the book *Speciation*, which UI Associate Professor John Logsdon, who researches evolutionary molecular genetics, said is the latest and most authoritative work on the topic.

In a subsequent UI lecture on March 28, "The Genetics of Speciation in *Drosophila*," Orr will draw mainly faculty from the department, said Julie Rogers, a clerk in the biology department.

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# Miles, Barta address sports, regent relations

Iowa Athletics Director Gary Barta touches on success of student-athletes, and Regent David Miles discusses strong relationships with faculty.

By Ashton Shurson  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Stating goals for the future of the athletics department and higher education at the UI, two prominent state and UI officials addressed their concerns and thoughts to the UI Faculty Senate on Tuesday.

State Board of Regents President David Miles and Iowa Athletics Director Gary Barta each spoke about where they hope to take their programs and specifically their goals for the university.

Miles started off saying that he believes higher education is important for societal development and the regent universities create many opportunities for students and citizens.

He then praised the UI's many successes including high rankings, garnering \$382 million in research and education grants, the Writers' Workshop, and the UI Hospitals and Clinics.

"It's essential we maintain and enhance the quality of not only the UI but all three of our regent universities," Miles said.

He expressed his concern about affordable access for the state's neediest students. He also noted that 68 percent of students in Iowa graduate with debt — the second highest in the country.

"Regent institutions are truly the flagship of higher education in the state of Iowa," he said. "The Board of Regents should be the voice of higher education and perhaps all education in Iowa."

The regents should have a

strong working relationship with faculty at institutions, he said.

"The soul of any university is its academy," Miles said. "Faculty are the keepers of the flame."

Later at the meeting, Barta spoke about the athletics department and noted that athletics are not the most important thing that happens on campus.

"With that said, it is arguably one of the most public things that happens on our campus," he said.

He praised student-athletes for their graduation rates — 68 percent compared with 64 percent for the average student — and added that these rates are higher than their national peers.

The department's budget — at \$615 million, the sixth largest in the Big Ten — is self-generated, he said.

He also addressed the off-the-field problems athletes have had this past year. Barta said athletics officials have worked on meetings and mentoring programs to prevent such incidents from recurring.

"We've got to find a way to do a better job," Barta said. "But I've been pleased with the way Coach [Kirk] Ferentz has handled it."

He added that the media has a responsibility of reporting on the bad decisions athletes make, but should also cover the things athletes are doing right.

In other business, the senate voted to approve the revised consensual relationship policy that included changing the description of a faculty member to any instructor.

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# Nite Ride adds route

## NITE RIDE

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within the specified area. It will also now respond to University Apartments and Park-lawn.

However, the academic Nite Ride on weekdays will be considered alcohol free, and it will not give a ride to anyone suspected of drinking — unlike the Thursday through Saturday service, which pick up those who have consumed alcohol.

Green decided to expand the service because of concerns that Nite Ride only provided rides from downtown.

"It's to make sure we're not providing a drunk tank," he said.

Friday and Saturday nights are a different type of concern, he said, and officials trying to take care of all students, including those who don't drink.

Although this semester is a trial run for the expansion, UI Student Government Vice President Carole Peterson said she thinks it will pick up.

"I think having it during the week, when more people are out studying and participating in activities, will make it more effective," she said.

When originally discussing the idea of an expansion, Peterson said, officials were considering keeping the program only on the same days as the downtown route.

But she said university officials were quite receptive to her suggestions and opinion.

Funding for the expansion came from a one-time \$12,400

'I think having it during the week, when more people are out studying and participating in activities, will make it more effective.'

— **Carole Peterson, UISG vice president**

grant left from the now-defunct Safe Walk program.

"It was just sitting there," Peterson said.

Green said it's nice that the UI can provide a seven-day-a-week service.

"We couldn't at the time [of the first installment] because we lacked the resources," he said, noting that the first van was funded solely by his department.

Although he doesn't think the program will need to grow more than this latest expansion — mainly because he thinks Nite Ride is "doing a pretty darn good job already" — he would be open to the city's participation, he said.

"It's gotten much bigger," he said. "It includes all UI housing and still even a portion of downtown with apartments. I think it's quite adequate."

UI police will reassess the program after this semester to determine if it will be continued.

Green said he hopes people will not "be bashful" and use the service.

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# Soot implicated in climate change

## SOOT

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Initiatives are already beginning.

Black smoke from diesel trucks has been outlawed, so diesel engines built after Jan. 1, 2007, must have sophisticated control devices, said Charles Stanier, a UI assistant professor of biochemical engineering.

Ramanathan, who is originally from India, is trying to get people to cook using solar power. He said that hundreds of thousands in India have died because of the effects of black carbon — which include deaths from heart attacks and lung problems.

The leading method by which Americans produce black carbon is through transportation; construction work is another big contributor, Carmichael said.

Their data were collected by NASA satellites, aircraft, and ground stations, Ramanathan said.

The two noted that though they did not discover black carbon's significance, they did find how much more important it is to global warming.

The most recent data released about black carbon came from the International Panel on Climate Change in 2007, which received the Nobel Peace Prize. Ramanathan and Carmichael said the panel's data found that the effect of black carbon on the atmosphere to be about one-third less strong than what they had found.

Though the researchers' findings can be looked at a success, Ramanathan had a slight different outlook.

"I am worried that there is one more major problem we have to deal with and combat," he said.

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## NATION

### Virginia Tech families divided on proposed settlement

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Those close to the victims of the Virginia Tech mass shootings offered mixed reactions Tuesday to a proposed multimillion-dollar state settlement and whether it will properly honor their loved ones.

Families of the victims have until Monday to say whether they'll accept the settlement, which would give \$100,000 to representatives of each of the 32 killed and ensures that families will have the chance to talk to the governor and university officials about the shootings.

Under the proposal, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, \$800,000 would be available to injured victims. They and the families of those killed could seek additional money from a \$1.75 million hardship fund.

Roger O'Dell, whose son Derek was among two dozen wounded April 16, said while he considers the proposal a very reasonable offer, he is concerned about how the money would be split among

the survivors. The proposal only states that the money would be distributed "based on a matrix acceptable to the commonwealth, with a maximum payment of \$100,000 to any individual."

"I'm inclined to believe this will not be settled by April 15th," O'Dell said. "I think there are too many question marks in the proposed offer."

Seung-Hui Cho, a mentally disturbed student, killed two people in a dormitory just after 7 a.m. University officials did not send an e-mail alert until more than two hours later — just before Cho killed 30 others in a classroom building across campus and then committed suicide.

Twenty-two families have filed notice with the state that they may sue. They have until April 16 to file. Families of all deceased victims and the survivors would be eligible for a payout under the settlement.

By accepting the proposal, family members would give up the right to sue the state government; Virginia Tech; the town of Blacksburg, where Virginia Tech is located; Montgomery County; and the New River Valley Community Services Board, which provides mental-health services in the area.

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CLINTON & WASHINGTON

# Primary-care medicine feeling pinch

By Megan Stephenson  
THE DAILY IOWAN

The number of medical-school graduates going into primary-care residency programs is decreasing because of debt and lifestyle conflicts.

While health-care costs are on the rise and a projected shortage of nurses and doctors would seem to put the country's health care in a crisis, the UI's primary-care programs are getting hit the most.

Enrollment in primary-care programs, which include family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine, and obstetrics and gynecology, has decreased 22 percent since 1996 at the UI, according to the Office of Student Affairs in the Carver College of Medicine. Family medicine has been hit especially hard, said Roger Tracy, an assistant dean of the medical school.

Tracy said graduates aren't so much rejecting primary-care programs as increasingly choosing specialist programs, such as radiology and anesthesiology. These programs, he said, are more attractive because they are more lucrative and lead to a more stable lifestyle.

And after more than a decade of higher education, money is important.

Stacy McConkey, the director of the UI pediatrics residency program, said it is easy for a student to be \$100,000 in debt at the end of her or his medical education.

"When looking only at salary, there is a significant difference in income compared to an orthopedic



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UI medical student Amaris Anderson will begin a residency in primary care in St. Paul, Minn., after graduating from the Carver College of Medicine in May. "The most important thing is getting the opportunity to treat a variety of things," she said.

surgeon," McConkey said.

Lifestyle practices are also a consideration, she said, and historically, it would be normal to put in 100 hours a week in a primary-care area.

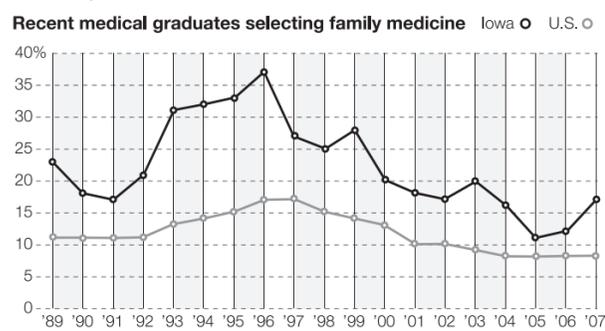
Nationally, the number of applicants for primary-care programs is down, but Iowa compares favorably with the national averages. Tracy, also the director of the statewide

clinical education program, watches data on residency programs around the country.

"The UI's primary-care programs are usually twice the national average and known for

## Docs get specialized

The number of medical students going into family medicine after graduation has been steadily decreasing in the last 10 years both nationally and statewide.



Sarah Van Amerongen/The Daily Iowan

filling the programs," Tracy said.

The national average for graduates selecting family-medicine programs, which is the largest in primary care, was 8 percent last year. Iowa was at 17 percent.

Pediatrics has also recently had a revival, with a rise in applicants both nationally and at the UI in the past 10 years.

One UI medical student is not letting income prevent her from going into family medicine. Amaris Anderson matched with a family-medicine residency

program at the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities, beginning in July. Because of the curriculum, including a primary care trends class in medical school, Anderson is aware of the country's crisis and is pleased to be going into this field.

"I wanted to be more than just a part of the health-care assembly line," she said, noting that family medicine allows doctors to take a general approach to the whole person.

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## STATE

### Culver threatens veto of bargaining measure

DES MOINES (AP) — Gov. Chet Culver threatened Tuesday to veto a bill giving public workers new bargaining rights unless backers can ease concerns about the measure's potential costs.

The Democratic governor's warning came a day after he asked the

Democrats who control the Legislature to delay passage of the measure, a request that was ignored. The Senate approved the bill on a party-line vote Monday and sent the bill to Culver.

"I am disappointed that our concerns were not addressed and the bill was pushed through anyway," the governor said at a Statehouse news conference. "I want to be clear

that there is a strong possibility I will veto this bill if a real effort to listen to the concerns of Iowans, local elected officials, and government stakeholders at all levels does not take place."

Culver didn't raise specific objections to the measure, but he said it had been rushed to approval before all sides had been heard in the dispute.

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# Still fighting

Another day, another gruesome milestone along the sand-choked road of the Iraq war. As the number of U.S. military dead passes 4,000, it behooves us to take a look back at the war thus far.

We were remarkably chipper back in 2002 and 2003, when this whole thing was spooling up, weren't we? Aside from a minor sect of hemp-necklaced, spoilsport hippies, the entire country was excited by the prospect of America on the march. We needed to feel like the big shots of the world again, after that terrifying moment of crisis mere months ago.

And here was our chance! Everybody knew Saddam Hussein was a bad guy, so off we went to go and depose him. We would be "greeted as liberators."

We were "fighting for freedom." Onward, Christian soldiers; marching as to war!

And, predictably, we "conquered" Iraq in roughly the time it takes to watch an episode of "24." Our tanks pulled down statues of Saddam in front of masses of liberated Iraqis. (Strong evidence exists that this and other images of the immediate aftermath of the fall of Baghdad were staged.) Our soldiers doled out D-rations and became instant heroes to the newly freed populace, just like Western Europe near the end of a very different war.

And then something very strange happened: We blew it.

In fairness, we'd blown it from the second we elected a president who was stupid and dishonest enough to betray the public trust in such a lurid fashion. We were lied to pretty much nonstop from the moment the debris at Ground Zero stopped smoldering. Could we have known the full horrors of a Bush presidency when we "elected" him? Some prophetic souls warned us. But we blew it on so many more levels.

Going to war at all is a good one. We ignored or, worse, squelched veteran military officers who warned that our troop levels were entirely insufficient for the task. We had almost no plan at all for what to do once Saddam was deposed, which, of course, led to many other immensely stupid moves at every level. We enabled and inflamed a multifaceted, constantly evolving insurgency by some of those aforementioned stupid moves, such as disbanding the army and "de-Baathifying" — read: "firing everybody who knows how anything works" — all of the civilian ministries, some of which are now fronts for those self-same ethnic cleansers and terrorists.

We were warned each and every step of the way by people who knew better. At every crossroads, those who counseled caution were said to be "against us." (Whoever "we" were supposed to be, at that point, is anyone's guess.)

It really has all gone to hell since then. Our troops (who deserve, perhaps, even more than their usual honors for fighting the incompetence and callousness of their civilian leaders simultaneously with an inventive, fanatic enemy) battle ably on, but their ability to control the political situation is limited to the further devastation they could wreak on Iraq with the precipitous pullout urged by many well-meaning antiwar advocates. Equivocation and cowardice at the top has taken its toll as well, as evinced by Abu Ghraib and the litany of smaller-scale horrors that are the terrible inevitability of soldiers at war.

And in 2008, nobody in this country says anything, except to score political points by the ostensible sincerity of their opposition or support for the war. (A delicate dance indeed, for two of the three remaining presidential contenders.) Even as 2007 goes into the books as the deadliest year yet for U.S. personnel, tough questions from the media decline under the groaning mass of primary coverage.

"This is thy negligence," fumes Oberon at Puck in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Puck had blown something involving either eye-drops or bestiality, both of which pale in comparison to what the negligence of President Bush and his cadre of arrogant jingoists — and, by some measures, of this entire nation — has brought to the world.

Four thousand dead U.S. soldiers, sailors, Marines, and aircrew since the beginning of this shocking comedy of errors. Anywhere from 100,000 on up to nearly 1 million dead Iraqis, depending on whose figures you believe. Most estimates tend towards the high end. This, Mr. President, is thy negligence. ■

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## Editorial

### Don't link piracy control to college funding

As the Internet continues to consolidate its role as the perfect medium for file sharing, the problem of illegal downloading has grown exponentially. What's worse, while media pirates of all shapes and sizes remain thoroughly unscathed by any would-be prevention, America's postsecondary institutions have been left to foot the bill.

The College Opportunity and Affordability Act — recently passed in the House by a 354-58 vote — aims to make postsecondary education more accessible. However, its misleading name hides a substantial and somewhat extraneous caveat: In order to receive the aid, colleges and universities must work to diminish illegal downloading by students. In response, many collegiate representatives are questioning the decision to include the stipulation in a bill whose purpose is to combat the costs of higher education. While working to make college more affordable is commendable, and the need to fight Internet piracy it clearly growing, the lack of any relation between these issues demands they be handled separately. Moreover, that fighting Internet piracy has effectively been made the responsibility of educational institutions is as inappropriate as it is irrational.

Without a doubt, the intended goal of the bill has no shortage of legal merit. As tuition prices continue rising in the shadow of our sluggish economy, the need for financial aid is quickly becoming paramount. To that end, the bill is sure to do a great deal of good. As such, an obvious question presents itself: Why limit the scope of these improvements by requiring colleges to control an illegal practice for which they are unequivocally blameless? After all, most postsecondary institutions (including the UI) have already taken steps to prevent illegal downloading on the many computers under their control. However, there is no shortage of private

Internet access, even among students living on campus. The potential for colleges to prevent such crimes is questionable, at best.

In light of these discouraging odds, the bill will also attempt to control illegal media downloads by providing a legal way for students to download media. As the saying goes: If you can't beat 'em ... join 'em. The bill asks schools provide alternatives to the widespread process of illegal file sharing. While it is not clear what form such an alternative would take, college officials say one thing is certain: It's not going to be cheap. When all is said and done, schools will be required to pursue an expensive array of deterrents and alternatives in order to receive some much needed financial aid. Oddly, the bill's intended purpose seems to be thwarted by its own mandates — a paradox still unacknowledged by those who would sign it into law.

To agitate the situation further, the only member of Congress to advocate the removal of such requirements was unable to make his voice heard. Rep. Steve Cohen's proposed alterations went by the wayside when tornadoes ripped across his home state of Tennessee, thereby ensuring the continuance of the bill's inbred sterility.

If the College Opportunity and Affordability Act is to succeed in its underlying purpose, it is essential that its assistance not be diluted by ineffectual and heavy-handed mandates. Of course, the prevention of illegal downloading is a necessary pursuit, but its execution is hardly the responsibility of colleges and universities. Both of the bill's long-run objectives requires legislation of their own, none of which should allow any particular group to be overburdened by misapplied demands. While illegal downloading is clearly unprincipled and deserving of adequate legal measure, to place so much of the burden squarely on academic shoulders is the worst sort of political misstep.

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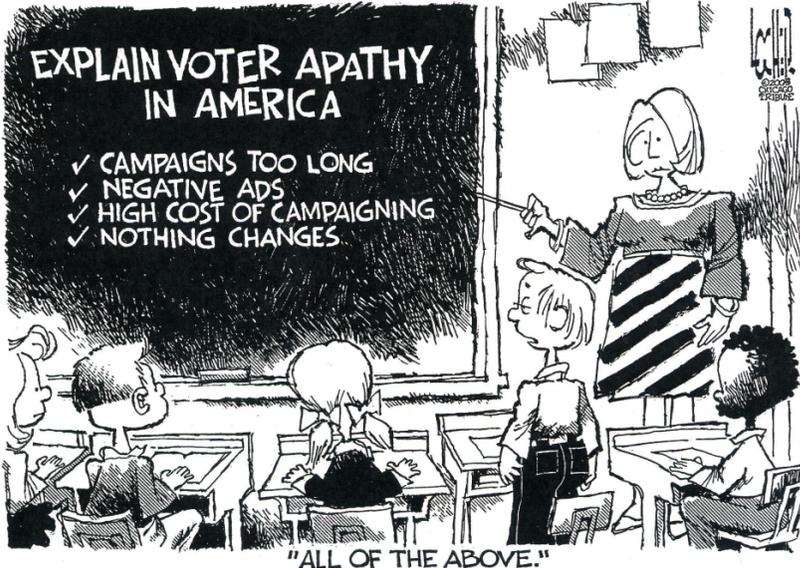
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### Vague and frightening

In reference to the use of Hawk Alert on Monday morning:

I appreciate that determining whether a true threat exists is very difficult. However, that decision does need to be made, one way or the other: Either cancel classes, or don't use Hawk Alert. At the absolute least, include cancellation status within the text of the alert. The middle ground — providing a vague warning and telling students to make their own decisions — is not helpful, and I would not want to be in the position of defending it if the threat turned out to be real.

Eric Burgess  
UI senior



## Guest Opinion

### Save our neuroscientists

This week, March 24-30, marks Brain Awareness Week, a movement meant to educate the public about the rapidly advancing field of neuroscience. Much of this movement has been propelled by the fact that unlocking the mysteries of the brain may lead to cures and treatments for many devastating neurological and psychiatric conditions, including stroke, Alzheimer's disease, depression, and anxiety to name but a few. Cognitive neuroscience, in particular, is an exciting new discipline that aims to elucidate the neurobiological mechanisms of how we think, feel, and act. Using state-of-the-art technology, we are able to study for the first time how the brain is capable of producing highly complex human behaviors, such as our ability to speak and communicate, make intricate plans for our future, recall specific memories from our distant past, and feel deep and complex emotions such as sympathy, hatred, and love.

Recent developments at the UI have put the Division of Cognitive Neuroscience in grave danger. Over the past five years, there has been an exodus of world-renowned cognitive neuroscientists leaving the UI for other programs. Just this week, two more researchers are being recruited to other universities. If the administration does not act quickly to hire new senior cognitive neuroscience faculty and retain those currently here, the entire cognitive neuroscience program may fall apart because of a lack of researchers and leadership. This article is the voice of more than 30 UI graduate students whose research and training is being jeopardized by this impending situation.

As a bit of history, the UI has built a reputation as a pre-eminent leader in cognitive neuroscience research over the past 25 years. We are the birthplace of the famous Benton Neuropsychology Laboratory, which continues to be a pioneer in the field of clinical neuropsychology. We are also the home to the "Iowa Patient Registry," a unique neuroscientific resource that contains the world's largest database of patients with focal brain damage and specific behavioral impairments. Research enabled by the registry has led to

important discoveries that have been published in the most prominent scientific journals, including *Science* and *Nature*. Moreover, the research has left its mark across a wide range of topics, including emotion, decision-making, language, memory, and consciousness. The UI's excellence and dedication to cognitive neuroscience research has also helped attract the best and brightest neuroscience graduate students from across the country.

In 2005 the Carver College of Medicine implemented a strategic plan that outlines the direction, vision, and goals for the future of the school. Among its top two strategies for maintaining the UI's stature as a center for excellence in research are to recruit and retain outstanding investigators and to focus on neuroscience as a specific area of research emphasis. Over the past five years, seven critical researchers in the Division of Cognitive Neuroscience (housed in the Department of Neurology) have left the UI. To date, a total of zero have been replaced. Moreover, intensive candidate searches for senior faculty have not been undertaken. What's more, another tenured faculty member is being recruited away from the UI along with another key investigator. Clearly, the Carver College of Medicine is NOT meeting its mission of recruiting and retaining outstanding investigators in the field of cognitive neuroscience.

A testament to true leadership requires following through with commitments. This is a pivotal moment in time for our university administration to step up and stay true to its commitment to neuroscience by undertaking numerous intensive candidate searches in order to replace the numerous junior and senior cognitive-neuroscience researchers who have left the Department of Neurology and directing its utmost efforts and resources toward retaining the key investigators who are being recruited away from the university. Please help us save the future of cognitive neuroscience at the UI!

Justin Feinstein and Rachel Casas  
UI graduate students

on behalf of the Coalition to Save Cognitive Neuroscience

## On the Spot

Should colleges have to control illegal downloading by students in order to receive financial aid?



"I don't think so."

Amber Engstrom  
UI senior



"No, it's unfair."

Rachel Sippy  
UI graduate student



"No, they're good ideas, but they shouldn't be connected."

Sarah Derry  
UI grad student



"No, it's the students' responsibility."

Alex Hinders  
UI junior



There once was a blog on the Iowan That held no affiliation Republi-can Nor Democrat, nor Green But into the scene Of musicians of whom we are fans (Cut me some slack, I'm a journalist with a dyslexic rhyming dictionary, not Robert Frost. But seriously, read our blog: [dailyiowanarts.blogspot.com](http://dailyiowanarts.blogspot.com)).

# Arts & Culture

## Making the pink bunny LOOK LIKE A QUITTER

For the past 30-odd years, British punk ensemble the Mekons hasn't let age slow it down. **THE BAND WILL PLAY AT THE PICADOR TONIGHT.**

By **Brigid Marshall**  
THE DAILY IOWAN



Publicity photo

The more than 30-year-old British band the Mekons will play at the Picador today at 9 p.m.

Langford joined the band when he was 19 years old. "I really think the story is a valuable one," said Marah Eakin, a publicist for Touch And Go/Quarterstick Records, in an e-mail. "Both as a lesson for new rockers and as a testament to the long history of punk and of awesomeness for real." "The Mekons started in '77, and the Clash had just come out,"

Langford said. "We weren't musicians. We were just some art students. We were the first band where our thing was that we were made up of people who didn't actually play any instruments." While the band gained a fan base in the 1970s and 1980s, Langford said, the members never desired to be ambitious. But the Mekons' discography would tell you otherwise. The

rockers have released 16 albums and nine compilations over the course of the last three decades. Langford said the "whole ethics of the band is that we have the right to do what we want to do," and that seems to be working out for the musicians. Many members partake in other activities outside of the Mekons, ranging from artists to writers and actors.

**CONCERT**  
**The Mekons,**  
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"We come together, and this is just part of what we do as people," the 50-year-old said. "We never made this the be-all, end-all of what we do. I mean this shouldn't be our 'job.'" Having signed with Fast Product, Virgin Records, A&M Records, and Quarterstick Records over the years, the performers know what it's like to be in the fast track to what's now a comfortable leisure activity for them. "People sign us because there's a critical sort of talent in the band, but they have no idea why we're obviously not commercially viable," he said. "I'm quite proud of that." Langford prefers the relaxed nature of the 30-year-long enterprise. "It becomes really difficult to make it," he said. "[The hobby is] healthy because it removes the pressure and leaves us able to chart our own course." E-mail //reporter **Brigid Marshall** at: [brigid-marshall@uiowa.edu](mailto:brigid-marshall@uiowa.edu)

### today's PLAYLIST



**VENISE BERRY**  
a UI associate professor of journalism and mass communication and author. Her fourth novel, *Pockets of Sanity*, will be released this year.

**After Tonight**  
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Jill Scott  
"Sexy and sassy, her usual forte"

**Cherch**  
Bebe Winans  
"That old-time religion with a new twist"

**The Gospel According to Patty**  
Patty Labelle  
"The title says it all"

**Funk This**  
Chaka Khan  
"A hip '70s style mix of funky tunes"

**Finding Forever**  
Common  
"A rapper with style and substance"

**Love Songs Collection**  
Al Jarreau  
"A basketball commentator would say: Nothing but net."

compiled by **Paul Asjes**

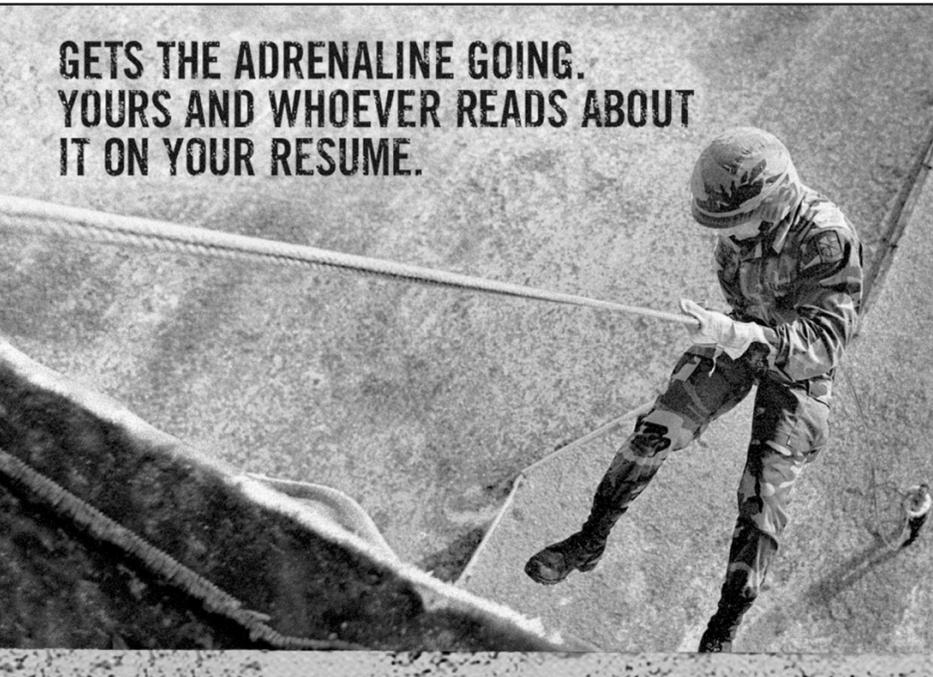
### CELEBRITY GENES

#### Celebrity link — Obama related to Pitt, Rodham Clinton to Jolie

BOSTON (AP) — This could make for one odd family reunion: Barack Obama is a distant cousin of actor Brad Pitt, and Hillary Rodham Clinton is related to Pitt's girlfriend, Angelina Jolie. Researchers at the New England Historic Genealogical Society found some remarkable family connections for the three presidential candidates — Democratic rivals Obama and Rodham Clinton and Republican John McCain. Rodham Clinton, who is of French-Canadian descent on her mother's side, is also a distant cousin of singers Madonna, Celine Dion, and

Alanis Morissette. Obama, the son of a white woman from Kansas and a black man from Kenya, can call six U.S. presidents, including George W. Bush, his cousins. McCain is a sixth cousin of first lady Laura Bush. "You'd think with all that singing talent in the family, she'd be able to carry a tune," said Rodham Clinton's senior adviser, Philippe Reines. "But now it makes much more sense how she snagged a Grammy." Rodham Clinton won for best spoken word Grammy in 1997 for "It Takes a Village." Obama also won a Grammy in that category this year for the audio version of his book, *The Audacity Of Hope: Thoughts On Reclaiming The American Dream*.

Genealogist Christopher Child said that while the candidates often focus on pointing out differences between them, their ancestry shows they are more alike than they think. "It shows that lots of different people can be related, people you wouldn't necessarily expect," Child said. Obama has a prolific presidential lineage that features Democrats and Republicans. His distant cousins include President George W. Bush and his father, George H.W. Bush, Gerald Ford, Lyndon Johnson, Harry S. Truman, and James Madison. Other Obama cousins include Vice President Dick Cheney, British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill, and Civil War General Robert E. Lee.



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# 2010 census faces big snags

### Technological problems could add billions to cost of 2010 census and hurt its accuracy.

By Stephen Ohlemacher  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Big worries for the nation's first high-tech census should have been obvious when tests showed some of the door-to-door head-counters couldn't figure out their fancy new handheld computers.

Now, officials say, technology problems could add as much as \$2 billion to the cost of the 2010 census and jeopardize the accuracy of the nation's most important survey.

Census officials are considering a return to using paper and pencil to try to count every man, woman, and child in the nation.

At more than \$11 billion, the

initial cost of the 2010 census was already the most expensive ever. Officials now are scrambling to hold down costs while trying to ensure the count produces reliable population numbers — figures that will be used to apportion seats in Congress and divvy up more than \$300 billion a year in federal and state funding.

"What we're facing is a statistical Katrina on the part of the administration," said Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y.

"Will it leave this mess for the next administration?" asked Maloney, a member of the House committee that oversees the census.

This was to be the first truly high-tech count in the nation's history, with census-takers using handheld computers to track and tally the millions of Americans who do not return the census forms mailed out by

the government. The Census Bureau plans to hire and train nearly 600,000 temporary workers to help.

But interviews, congressional testimony, and government reports describe an agency that was unprepared to manage a \$600 million contract for the handheld computers that will be vital. Census officials are being blamed for a poor job spelling out technical requirements to the contractor, Florida-based Harris Corp.

The computers proved too complex for some temporary workers who tried to use them in a test last year in North Carolina. Also, the computers were not initially programmed to transmit the large amounts of data necessary.

"This is a management problem. It's an organizational problem," Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez said in testimony this month before the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee.

## Home prices dive

### Spring home-selling season could be disappointing if new data on falling prices are an indication.

By Vinnee Tong  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Home prices plunged by record levels in January from a year ago, with almost no major cities immune from the spiraling market. Analysts worried that even the usually reliable spring selling season would fall flat.

The closely watched Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller index of home prices in 20 cities fell nearly 11 percent in January from a year earlier, the biggest drop in its two-decade history.

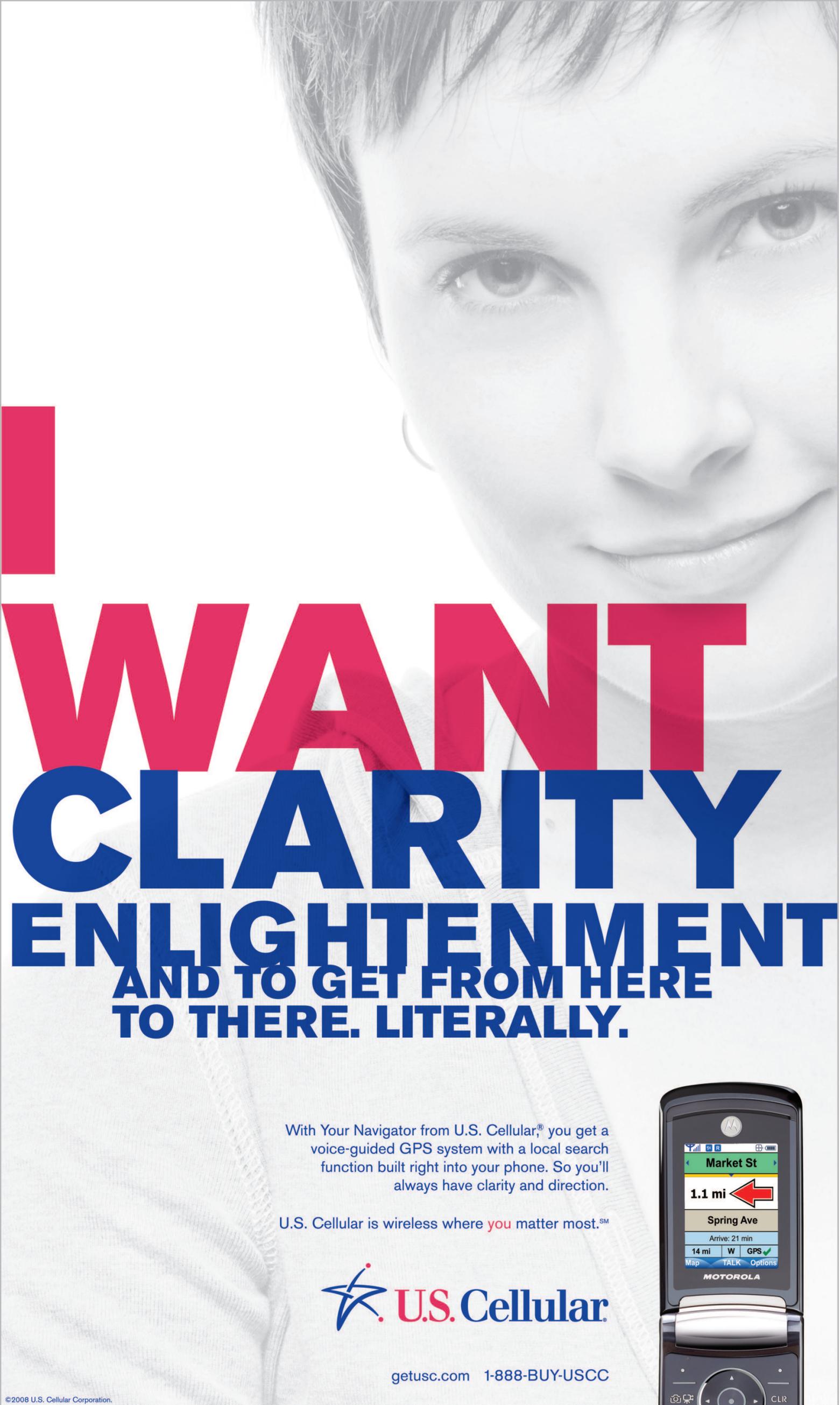
Prices were down approximately 20 percent in Las Vegas and Miami, both paying the price for especially rampant speculation and too much new construction during the housing boom. Fourteen other cities posted record declines in the Tuesday report.

The only bright spot was a 1.8 percent increase in Charlotte, N.C., where, real-estate agents say, prices rose more modestly during the boom years and the regional economy is relatively strong.

Everywhere else, mounting foreclosures, falling consumer confidence, and sellers slashing their asking prices are taking an increasing toll on the market.

"It's just a spiral that will end up taking this year to get out of," said Pava Leyrer, the president of Heritage National Mortgage in Detroit. The market there is not expected to improve until the spring of 2009, Layrer said.

In Las Vegas alone, nearly half the homes on the market have seen their prices reduced at least once, according to an analysis by ZipRealty, a discount real-estate firm.



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 Nashville 3, Columbus 0  
 Detroit 2, St. Louis 1

Calgary 3, Vancouver 2

## NBA

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# St. Louis woos wrestling

St. Louis wants to be the permanent site for the NCAA wrestling championship.

By R.B. Fallstrom  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — March Madness in St. Louis has taken on a whole new meaning in recent years — in wrestling, not basketball.

Next year, the city will host its second-straight NCAA wrestling championship and fifth this decade. Now, the city wants to make the event its own.

Wrestling goes head-to-head with the opening weekend of

the men's basketball tournament, a no-doubt-about-it loser in the national picture, yet a clear success in its own right.

Next summer, bids for the 2012-15 events will be accepted. St. Louis wants them all; it wants to become the college wrestling mecca.

"Whatever term they're offering, we'll take them all," said

Frank Viverito, the president of the St. Louis Sports Commission. "We'll shoot to set an attendance mark next year and ask the committee to make this an annual site."



Brands  
 Iowa coach

Coaches wouldn't mind that at all.

"Why not just go five years in a row, and then if it doesn't work out, then you can get out of it," said Tom Brands of national champion Iowa. "I think it's a great facility, there's a lot of familiarity here, and I haven't heard one person say it's not good."



Kirk Ferentz

## FOOTBALL

### Football season-ticket renewals available

Die-hard Hawkeye fans anxiously awaiting the 2008 Iowa football season won't have to wait any longer to ensure their seats at Kinnick Stadium for home games next fall.

The Athletics Ticket Office announced on Tuesday that it is accepting season-ticket renewal orders for the general public and Iowa faculty and staff who purchased tickets in 2007. According to the release, the deadline to renew season tickets is May 1; fans can order 2008 season tickets by logging online to their personal accounts.

In 2008, season tickets cost \$339 for the general public, \$275 for UI faculty and staff, and \$154 for UI students. Students who are purchasing season tickets for the first time will have that chance in early April, the release said.

Playing seven home games in 2008, Iowa will open its season with nonconference dates against Maine, Florida International, and Iowa State.

— by Charlie Kautz

## TRACK

### 5 distance runners sign with Iowa

The Iowa women's track and field and cross-country teams have signed five distance runners for the 2008-09 season.

Lindsay Anderson, Betsy Flood, Brooke Eilers, McKenzie Melander, and Danielle Berndt will join a Hawkeye team that finished 10th at the 2007 NCAA cross-country championships and a track and field team that has been ranked as high as 18th nationally this year.

"This is an outstanding group of young ladies, and I am very excited about having them join our program," head coach Layne Anderson said in a release.

The class is highlighted by Anderson, a two-time North Dakota Gatorade Athlete of the year as well as an 11-time state champion.

Also in the news Tuesday was Hawkeye senior Meghan Armstrong, who became the first Iowa runner in school history to be named Big Ten Track Athlete of the Week in the outdoor season. The honor comes after Armstrong placed first in the 1,500 meters (4:26.62) at last weekend's outdoor season-opening Shamrock Invitational.

— by Jeff Pawola

## HAWKEYE SPORTS

• Iowa softball vs. Northern Illinois, 5:15 p.m., Pearl Field  
 • Iowa baseball vs. Northern Illinois, 3 p.m., Banks Field

## TV TODAY

### HIGH SCHOOL

• McDonald's High School All-American Game, East vs. West, at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m., ESPN

### MLB

• Boston vs. Oakland, at Tokyo, 5 a.m., ESPN2

### NIT BASKETBALL

• Mississippi at Virginia Tech, NIT quarterfinal, 6 p.m., ESPN  
 • Dayton at Ohio State, NIT quarterfinal, 6 p.m., ESPN2  
 NBA  
 • Phoenix at Boston, 6 p.m., ESPN

## IOWA 7, WESTERN ILLINOIS 4

# Hawks take chilly home opener

By Ryan Young  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa baseball team improved its overall record to 7-8 on Tuesday night after beating Western Illinois, 7-4, in the Hawkeyes' home opener at Banks Field.

An evenly matched contest through five innings, Iowa eventually broke the night's third deadlock in the bottom of the sixth with a two-out single up the middle by the junior Kevin Hoef. The hit drove in two runs and gave the Hawkeyes a 5-3 lead — their second of the night.

The third-year infielder said his game-winning line drive was more the product of tweaks made in his plate approach by fifth-year head coach Jack Dahm than anything else.

"Coach, he's been working and trying to do a few things with my swing," Hoef said. "He just told me 'try to hit the ball hard, and try to shoot it back up the box.' I got a good pitch, and I drove it up the middle."

Five Hawkeye pitchers combined for six walks, four strikeouts, and three earned runs. Freshman right-hander Tony Manville started the game and gave up just one hit and struck out a pair in two innings of work.

Sophomore left-hander Michael Jacobs and junior righty Nick Erdman followed, then senior Brock Alberts collected the win after pitching on the mound prior to Hoef's single. Junior southpaw Ander Porter closed for the Hawkeyes, facing nine batters and only allowing one hit.

"One issue we've had is the big inning, and we stayed away from it tonight," Dahm said. "Our pitchers did a good job of staying away from the big inning, not letting situations snowball when maybe we made a bad pitch of walked a guy. We just played the game pitch-to-pitch."

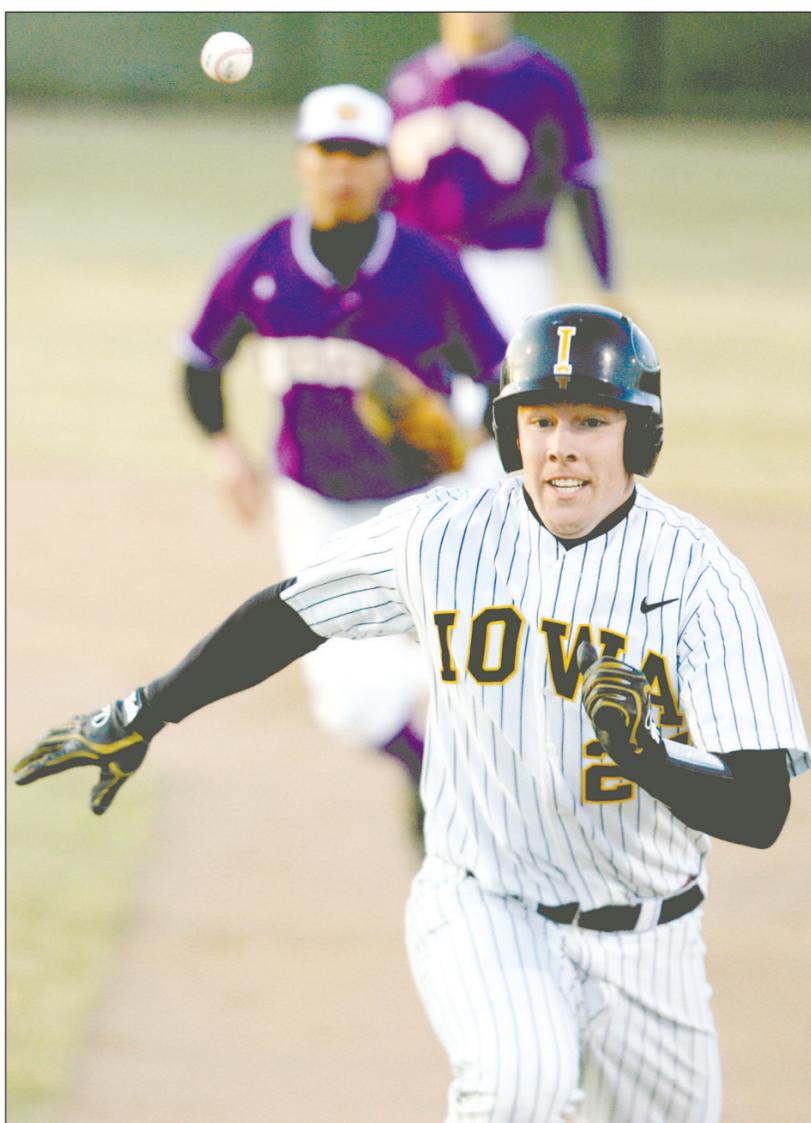
Iowa didn't manage its first hit until the third inning, when senior Matt Mossey doubled down the left-field line, which scored Hoef from first and tied the score at two runs apiece.

SEE OPENER, 3B

## IOWA 7, WESTERN ILLINOIS 4

Western Illinois	101	010	001	—	4	9	4
Iowa	101	102	20x	—	7	7	1

WP — Alberts (2-1)  
 LP — Fuch (0-1)



Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

Iowa catcher Tyson Blaser sprints back to first after an attempt to steal second against Western Illinois at Banks Field on Tuesday. The Hawkeyes won their home opener, 7-4.

SEE INJURY, 3B

# New Hawkeye expects V-ball success



Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

New Iowa volleyball coach Sharon Dingman laughs after putting on a Herky hat to make her new position official at a press conference in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Tuesday. Dingman served as head coach at Illinois State from 2000-07.

Hawkeye Athletics Director Gary Barta officially introduces new head volleyball coach Sharon Dingman on Tuesday at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

By Tim McLaughlin  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Prior to Tuesday, Sharon Dingman was just a new name at Iowa. By the end of a 20-minute press conference introducing her as the new head coach of Hawkeye volleyball program, however, she was sporting a brand-new look.

Out of a black bag, Dingman pulled a sponge hat with a Herky logo on the side, appearing as if she was in the front row

of an Iowa football game. After a three-month search, it was that moment it became clear that Hawkeye Athletics Director Gary Barta and Associate Athletics Director Mary Curtis had found a true Hawkeye.

Dingman arrives at Iowa with a winning tradition, something the Hawkeye volleyball team desperately needs. In 15 of 17 seasons as head coach at Auburn, Butler, and Illinois State, she has posted a winning record.

"She has proven that she can win at the highest level," Barta said. "When you take a look at her background you can see that she knows volleyball as well as anybody in the country."

Fielding questions about a wide range of topics, including the importance of academics, the current and future facilities on campus, and the challenges in revitalizing the program, Dingman spoke about her excitement in joining the Hawkeyes.

"It's unbelievable to be at a world-renown university at this point in my career. I am so thrilled to be here at a place where I can go anywhere in the world and people are going to know the University of Iowa," Dingman said.

SEE DINGMAN, 3B

# Catcher hurt; frosh shines

By Diane Hendrickson  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

While Iowa's home opener on Tuesday night at Banks Field may have been kind to the win column, it certainly wasn't friendly to one Hawkeye backstop behind the plate.

Starting catcher Tyson Blaser left Iowa's win against Western Illinois in the bottom of the fourth with a thumb injury. The sophomore, who has started 12 games for the Hawkeyes, is hitting .225.

With one out and a runner at third, Blaser swung at the first pitch from Leatherneck pitcher Mark DiBernardo, aggravating a nagging injury from the summer. While catching during the Hawkeyes' spring-break trip to DeLand, Fla., Blaser took a ball off his thumb, and he did the same in the first inning of Tuesday's game.

"When you're catching ... you jam it, and then when it's sore, you try to swing, and it irritates it," head coach Jack Dahm said. "I guarantee it's about three times the size it should be."

Blaser left the game immediately, surrendering the catching duties to Ben Geelan, who has split time with Blaser for most of the year. Geelan went 0-1 with a walk, later scoring on a Kevin Hoef two-run single in the sixth.

Dahm said Blaser will have the day off today against Northern Illinois; he should play this weekend against Michigan in Ann Arbor.

## Manville shows a promising start

Freshman Tony Manville started his first collegiate game against the Leathernecks, pitching two innings, giving up a hit and a run while striking out one.

He gave up two walks in the first inning but went 1-2-3 in the next frame.



# Sports

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Cleveland	0	0	.000	—
Detroit	0	0	.000	—
Kansas City	0	0	.000	—
Minnesota	0	0	.000	—
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	0	0	.000	—
Seattle	0	0	.000	—
Texas	0	0	.000	—
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### NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

**GREENSBORO REGIONAL**  
**Second Round**  
**Tuesday's Games**  
 At Ted Constant Convocation Center Norfolk, Va.  
 Old Dominion 88, Virginia 85, OT  
 At Bridgeport Arena Bridgeport, Conn.  
 Connecticut 89, Texas 55  
**Regional Semifinals**  
 At Greensboro Coliseum Greensboro, N.C.  
**Sunday, March 31**  
 Old Dominion (31-4) vs. Old Dominion (31-4), TBA  
 Rutgers (26-6) vs. George Washington (27-6), TBA  
**Regional Championship**  
 At Greensboro Coliseum Greensboro, N.C.  
**Tuesday, April 1**  
 Semifinal winners, TBA  
**NEW ORLEANS REGIONAL**  
**Second Round**  
**Tuesday's Games**  
 At Bridgeport Arena Bridgeport, Conn.  
 Louisville 80, Kansas State 63  
 At Ted Constant Convocation Center Norfolk, Va.  
 North Carolina (31-2) vs. Georgia (23-9), 8:30 p.m.  
**Regional Semifinals**  
 At New Orleans Arena  
**Saturday, March 29**  
 Oklahoma State (27-7) vs. LSU (29-5), TBA  
 North Carolina (32-2) vs. Louisville (26-9), TBA  
**Regional Championship**  
 At New Orleans Arena  
**Sunday, March 30**  
 Duke 67, Arizona State 59  
 At Hackney Arena West Lafayette, Ind.  
 Tennessee 78, Purdue 52  
 Notre Dame 79, Oklahoma 75, OT  
**Regional Semifinals**  
 At The Ford Center Oklahoma City  
**Sunday, March 30**  
 Texas A&M (28-7) vs. Duke (25-9), TBA  
 Notre Dame (25-8) vs. Tennessee (32-2), TBA  
**Regional Championship**  
 At The Ford Center Oklahoma City  
**Tuesday, April 1**  
 Semifinal winners  
**SPOKANE REGIONAL**  
**Second Round**  
**Tuesday's Games**  
 At Comcast Center College Park, Md.  
 Maryland 76, Nebraska 64  
**Regional Semifinals**  
 At Spokane Arena Spokane, Wash.  
**Saturday, March 29**  
 Stanford (32-3) vs. Vanderbilt (25-8), 6 or 8:30 p.m.  
 Stanford (32-3) vs. Pittsburgh (24-10), 6 or 8:30 p.m.  
**Regional Championship**  
 At Spokane Arena Spokane, Wash.  
**Monday, March 31**  
 Semifinal winners

### NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT

**Quarterfinals**  
**Tuesday, March 25**  
 Massachusetts 81, Syracuse 77  
 Florida 70, Arizona State 57  
**Today's Games**  
 Mississippi (23-10) at Virginia Tech (21-13), 6 p.m.  
 Dayton (23-10) at Ohio State (21-13), 8 p.m.  
**Semifinals Tuesday, April 1**

### At Madison Square Garden New York

Massachusetts (24-10) vs. Florida (24-11), 6 or 8:30 p.m.  
 Mississippi-Virginia Tech winner vs. Dayton-Ohio State winner, 6 or 8:30 p.m.  
**Championship Thursday, April 3**  
 TBD, 6 p.m.

### NCAA TOURNAMENT

#### EAST REGIONAL

**Regional Semifinals**  
 At Charlotte Bobcats Arena Charlotte, N.C.  
**Thursday, March 27**  
 Washington State (26-8) vs. North Carolina (34-2), 6:27 p.m.  
 Tennessee (26-8) vs. Louisville (26-8), 30 minutes following

#### SOUTH REGIONAL

**Regional Semifinals**  
 At Reliant Stadium Houston  
**Friday, March 28**  
 Texas (30-6) vs. Stanford (28-7), 6:27 p.m.  
 Memphis (35-1) vs. Michigan State (27-8), 30 minutes following

#### MIDWEST REGIONAL

**Regional Semifinals**  
 At Ford Field Detroit  
**Friday, March 28**  
 Davidson (28-6) vs. Wisconsin (31-4), 6:10 p.m.  
 Kansas (33-3) vs. Villanova (22-12), 30 minutes following

#### WEST REGIONAL

**Regional Semifinals**  
 At US Airways Center Phoenix  
**Thursday, March 27**  
 West Virginia (26-10) vs. Xavier (29-6), 6:10 p.m.  
 UCLA (33-3) vs. Western Kentucky (29-6), 30 minutes following

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New York	19	51	.271	36
Southeast	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Orlando	46	27	.630	—
Washington	36	34	.514	8 1/2
Atlanta	30	40	.429	14 1/2
Charlotte	25	45	.357	19 1/2
Miami	13	57	.186	31 1/2
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Detroit	50	20	.714	—
Cleveland	40	31	.563	10 1/2
Indiana	29	42	.408	21 1/2
Chicago	28	42	.400	22
Milwaukee	24	45	.348	25 1/2

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	48	21	.696	—
Houston	48	23	.676	1
San Antonio	48	23	.676	1
Dallas	45	26	.634	4
Memphis	18	52	.257	30 1/2
Northwest	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	47	25	.653	—
Denver	43	28	.606	3 1/2
Portland	38	34	.528	9
Minnesota	18	51	.261	27 1/2
Seattle	17	54	.239	29 1/2
Pacific	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	49	22	.690	—
Phoenix	47	23	.671	1 1/2
Golden State	43	27	.614	5 1/2
Sacramento	31	39	.443	17 1/2
L.A. Clippers	21	49	.304	27 1/2

x-clinched playoff spot  
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#### Tuesday's Games

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# Softball tries to rebound

The Iowa softball team will play its first two home games of the season this afternoon against Northern Illinois.

By **Brendan Stiles**  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

After having its annual Hawkeye Classic canceled because of inclement weather, the Iowa softball team found a way to sneak in a couple of home games before entering its Big Ten slate over the weekend.

The Hawkeyes will entertain Northern Illinois in a double-header this afternoon at Pearl Field, with the first game set to begin at 3 p.m. The Huskies were one of two opponents Iowa had scheduled to play in the Hawkeye Classic over Easter weekend before the tournament was called off.

Today's contests mark the first for the Hawkeyes on their home field after playing 28 games away from Iowa City. The players have been looking forward to the opportunity to play in their own surroundings again.

"It's huge when you're in your comfort zone, and you get to come out to your own field, and you know what everything feels like," sophomore Taylor Leichsenring said.

Iowa coach Gayle Blevins sees today's double-header as a significant step, especially considering the Hawkeyes will begin Big Ten play at Ohio State on Friday.

"I think from a morale standpoint, our team has been so excited to be back home and to have a chance to play on Pearl Field," she said. "No matter what the elements are, I know people are excited to see the team, will come out and support us."

Although the Hawkeyes haven't played since March 20, they spent their spring break not only playing nine games down in Florida but riding a roller coaster of emotions as well.

In the opening contest of the Stetson Spring Classic on March 14, Iowa had to play



File photo/The Daily Iowan  
**Hawkeye Callie Adreon looks to steal second on Northern Illinois University pitcher Taryn Hagemann on March 25, 2007, at Pearl Field. Iowa will host the Huskies in a hastily scheduled home-opening double-header today.**

"That's the beauty of being a part of a team. There's nothing more special than a team that pulls hard for each other and works hard together and is very single-minded in its purpose."

— **Gayle Blevins, Iowa coach**

short-handed because six players were suspended and one was dismissed from the team for what Blevins called "a violation of team rules."

The Hawkeyes responded by winning the classic to begin a nine-game stretch with a 4-1 record.

"We knew that going into spring break, it was going to be a struggle, and it was going to be a challenge," said junior Brittany Weil. "As a team, we

kind of made commitments to ourselves that we were going to move on and that we were going to be able to overcome anything that came our way."

Blevins was proud of the way her team handled the situation early on, and she liked how the six who were suspended responded toward their second chance.

"In spite of the difficulties that we faced, we grew as a team," Blevins said. "Those

kinds of tests do pull you together. Initially, they pull you a little bit apart, but then you find a way to pull yourself back together.

"That's the beauty of being a part of a team. There's nothing more special than a team that pulls hard for each other and works hard together and is very single-minded in its purpose."

While the Hawkeyes ended the trip on a four-game losing streak that has them sitting at 18-10 entering today's action, the players feel that going through adversity has brought them even closer together.

"Personally, I think those downs are going to lead us to the next big win," Leichsenring said. "Anything that's negative, every team goes through it, and I think it's going to make us stronger. Even though that happened over a crucial time, it's in the past now, and we're willing to move on and go to our bigger goals."

Today's opponent, the Huskies, is a familiar foe that Blevins described as "very scrappy." She gave three keys to success, both short- and long-term.

"It's pitching, it's solid defense with no extra at-bats, and then timely hitting," Blevins said. "If we get all those things firing, we're a pretty doggone good team to play against."

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# Hawks again rule the mats

After seven seasons of 'mediocrity,' the Iowa wrestling team turns in a dominating season in its return to glory.

By **Eric Mandel**  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

"The challenge is the same every year. The battle is in-state, the battle is Big Ten Conference, regional, the battle is national. The battle is planet Earth. And if they find life out there, then the battle will be universal."

Those words by the ever-competitive Tom Brands elicited a chorus of laughter during his Nov. 7, 2007 preseason press conference to kick off the wrestling season.

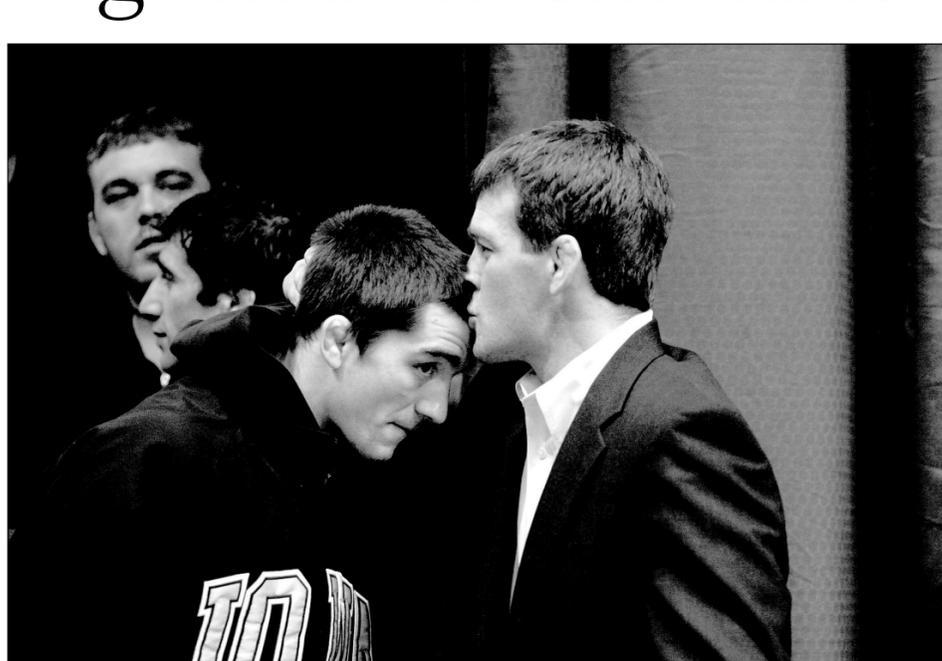
It wasn't that anyone doubted the second-year coach — whose fiery eyes and deep scowl could make a drill sergeant find himself in damp trousers — but it was assumed to be one of his many "I can't believe he said that" remarks to come during the year.

However, it proved one of his most prophetic.

Against in-state competition, Iowa finished 3-0, including a 20-13 win against then-No. 1 Iowa State. The Big Ten was much the same — the Hawkeyes went undefeated at 8-0 and earned the title of tournament champions.

Regionally, Iowa compiled an impressive 21-1 overall record and No. 1 ranking for a majority of the season. Last, Iowa stormed through nationals to a first-place finish with 117.5 points, 38.5 points ahead of second-place Ohio State.

This year's Hawkeye wrestlers were ready for all-comers, whether it was a



Peter Klopfenstein/The Daily Iowan  
**Iowa head coach Tom Brands kisses Brent Metcalf's forehead before the Hawkeyes go on stage to receive the NCAA wrestling championship on March 22 in St. Louis. Metcalf won an individual NCAA wrestling championship along with receiving the Outstanding Wrestler of the Championships Award.**

Wolverine, a Nittany Lion, or E.T.

"We feel like the program is in good shape; I feel good about the program," Brands said after winning the NCAA team title and being named the 2008 National Wrestling Coaches Association Coach of the Year. "There are always things that embitter you a little bit, that sour you. There are some guys who had some disappointment, and that's where that bitterness comes from."

"I mean, we're all competitive, and we all want to win, but these guys have bounced back all year and bounced back their whole life. And they're going to have to do it again."

When Brands accepted the position as head wrestling coach on April 5, 2006, replacing Jim Zalesky's fourth-place finishing squad, he planned to bring the Dan Gable dynasty back. No more second place, no more third place, and certainly no more fourth place.

Four starting Virginia Tech transfers — Joe Slaton, Dan LeClerc, Brent Metcalf, and Jay Borschel — who sat out a year after heading west with Brands were an integral part of the transformation to greatness. Each compiled more than 25 wins, with Borschel notching 36 wins and a third-place NCAA finish and Slaton earning a title shot.

Most impressive was Metcalf, who finished the season wearing an NCAA crown and hoisting the Outstanding Wrestler of the Big Ten and NCAA championship awards.

"We had a dramatic change from what we started with last year and what we have now," Metcalf said after defeating Bubba Jenkins, 14-8, in the NCAA finals on March 22. "Guys are buying in, and I love it. Just going into the practice room every day is something you look forward to."

Metcalf joined the podium with Mark Perry, who battled

through an injury-plagued season to defend his crown as NCAA champion. The tandem marked the first time Iowa crowned more than one NCAA champion since Doug Schwab and T.J. Williams won titles in 1999.

While Perry's — who was named TheMat.com Wrestler of the Week on Tuesday — and heavyweight Matt Fields' time on the Iowa wrestling mats is over, the team's core will return next season. Five wrestlers boasting more than 30 wins will snap back on the Hawkeye singlet in 2009 with something to prove.

"I think in our head, you know, you're working on next year three, four weeks ago and six weeks ago," Brands said. Heading into Brands' third year at the Hawkeye helm, Iowa appears poised to take on any UFO that will dare challenge the team's promising future.

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# Hawkeyes rally for chilly victory

**OPENER**

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The Hawkeyes foiled a Western Illinois surge soon afterwards. With runners on second and third, Iowa managed three consecutive outs after the

third-year righty Erdman opened the bottom of the third with a pair of walks.

That allowed the Hawkeyes to take the lead in their half of the fourth behind senior Kyle Riffel's sacrifice fly to right field, driving in senior Caleb Curry

from third. Western Illinois quickly evened the score, though.

With the bases loaded in the top of the fifth, Leatherneck senior T.J. Kistner popped out to Curry in center field. Tagging on the catch, Western Illinois

senior Brett Pendell took off for home, but Curry's throw to catch Pendell was slowed down after bouncing a few feet in front of the plate and allowed the go-ahead run to pass untagged.

The four-year outfielder Riffel

came through with heroics late in the seventh inning, being the last to add to Iowa's tally with a two-out, two-run bloop single in right field. The lazy hit provided insurance to the Hawkeyes' already standing lead.

"It just took us a little while to string together some quality at-bats," he said. "At the end of the game, we started putting some together and getting some runs in."

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# Frosh pitcher sharp

**INJURY**

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"I thought Tony was a little bit nervous, but he really settled in there and did a good job, gave up one run, but that's Tony — he's a competitor and went out and had a real good second inning," Dahm said.

The New Lenox, Ill., native had five appearances in relief before making the start, allowing three runs on 10 hits, while walking seven with a 2.45 ERA.

"He's been throwing the ball extremely well," Dahm said. "I'm very excited about

what he's going to be able to do for us. We've been bringing him and [Zach] Kenyon along rather slowly, and now they're getting thrown into the fire."

**Hoef shifted back to third**

After beginning the season as Iowa's starting third baseman, Matt Mossey moved back to shortstop, a position he played for three years at North Dakota State. Kevin Hoef goes back to third, where Dahm says he feels more at ease.

"Kevin just wasn't comfortable at short, and you could

tell," Dahm said.

Hoef, a junior, has made most of his career starts at third, but he was moved when Mossey transferred to Iowa. Dahm made the switch when the Hawkeyes headed south on March 15 against Rutgers.

"I felt like Kevin's defense playing shortstop was starting to affect his offense a little bit, so let's put him where he's comfortable," Dahm said.

Hoef went 2-for-4 against Western Illinois with a two-run RBI that broke the game open in the sixth.

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# V-ball faces tough road

**DINGMAN**

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"Every single person whom I met while I was here during the interview process made me feel very welcome."

Despite Dingman's inheriting a program that has struggled on the court — Iowa compiled just a 9-71 Big Ten record over the last four seasons — it's the academic side of student-athlete that Dingman highlighted Tuesday.

"I certainly believe that academics has to be at the forefront of any success that a student-athlete is going to have," she

said. "I think that's going to happen here. I know the volleyball team here does well academically, and we will continue to do very, very well."

With wrestling, both basketball programs, the volleyball team, and occasionally the gymnastic teams filling up the fall and winter scheduling in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, another topic of discussion throughout the interview process were facilities.

"Gary [Barta] talked about the renovation that's going to happen and some changes in facility that are going to happen.

I think that's critical," she said. "That was another very, very important piece of me wanting to be a Hawkeye, seeing what's on the horizon for facilities."

Hardly discouraged by the team's recent spate of losing seasons, she indicated that she's fully aware of the added workload required to begin a long climb up the conference standings.

"We will get this turned around," she said. "I expect success. The players need to expect success."

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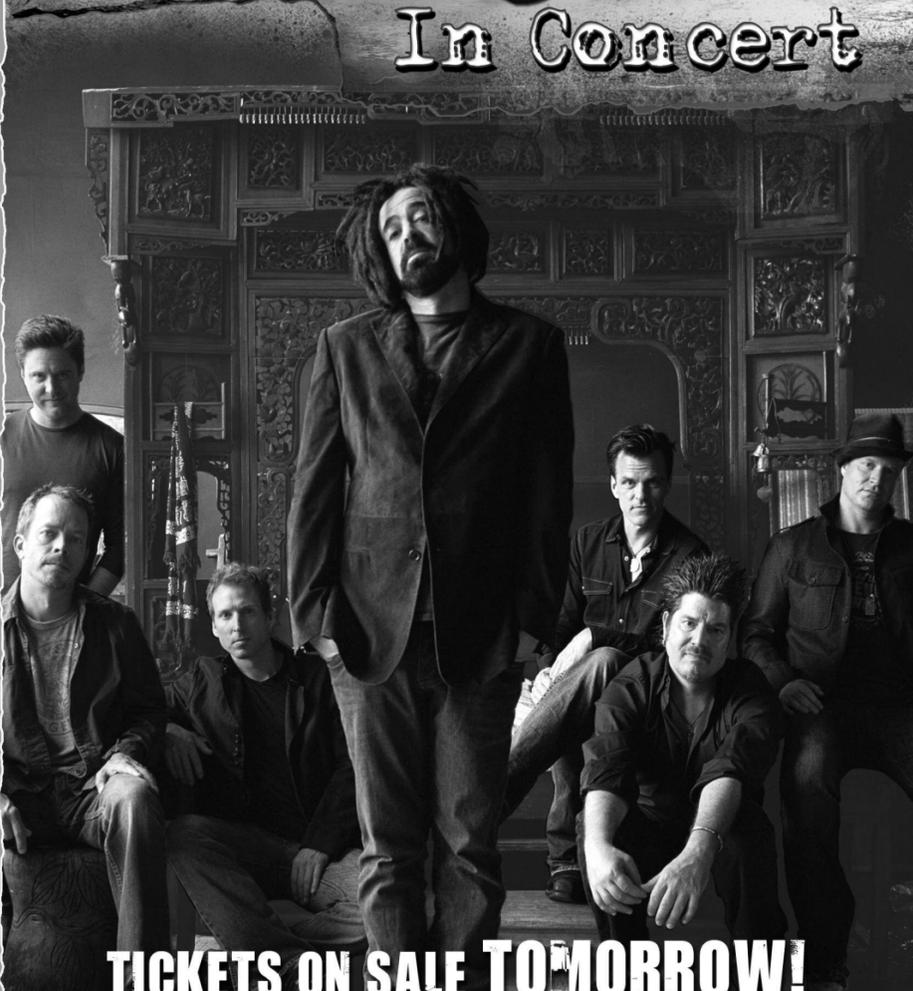
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HAWKEYE GOLF

Men's golf improves in Tucson

Improvement was the theme of the week for the Iowa men's golf team this week at the National Invitational Tournament in Tucson, Ariz., as the Hawkeyes took 13th place overall on Tuesday.

Iowa showed progress from round one to round two by shaving three strokes off its first day score, and the Hawks continued the trend on the final day of the tournament, eliminating six strokes to shoot a team-low score of 290.

Junior Cole Peevler and senior Dan Holterhaus provided the highlights. Peevler finished in the top 10 with two subpar rounds of 67 and 71, while Holterhaus came back strong from a second day slip-up with a three-under 69 on Tuesday.

Freshmen Vince India was solid down the stretch for the Hawkeyes, posting two-consecutive rounds of one-over 73, and seniors Adam Miller and Todd Larson mistaked to cut down some of their mistakes from Monday to Tuesday to card final-round scores of 79 and 77 respectively.

— by Sean Monahan

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